

THE TRAVELS OF THE TORAH:
FROM SPAIN TO PORTUGAL, FROM AMSTERDAM TO AMERICA
Tuesday, September 10
See back for details.

LIMITED SPACE — REGISTER NOW
Shabbaton at the Touro Synagogue
With Rabbi Soloveichik
Veterans Day Weekend, Friday-Sunday, November 8-10
Pricing options include: round-trip transportation (note: bus capacity is limited so sign up now), meals, a major symposium on Motsaei Shabbat, and a Sunday excursion to the Breakers mansion.
To register, visit shearithisrael.org/touro-shabbaton.

Stitch Yourself Into The Fabric Of Shearith Israel
First Meeting: Tuesday, September 17 | 9:30 am | Elias Room
The Sisterhood is excited to announce the relaunching of its historic **Sewing Circle**. Established in 1896 to sew and distribute garments to the poor, the Sewing Circle expanded its mission to repair synagogue vestments and textiles including Torah cloaks, *Tebah* covers, *Talitot* and more. Newer members who enjoy crafting or think they might be interested in stitchery now have a chance to become a link in this historic chain. Long-time members can engage in the same loving service once performed by their mothers and grandmothers.
At our initial meeting, Zachary Edinger will show us what is in need of repair and we will plan how best to fix these items. If you are interested, **please RSVP to Rose Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com**, even if you cannot attend the initial meeting, so we can include you when planning future meetings.
For further information or to participate in this project, please contact Rose.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
We welcome new members Riki & Robert Rimberg to our growing Shearith Israel family.
Mazal tob to **Serge & Jean Naggat** upon their grandson, Ben Naggat, becoming a Bar Mitzvah in Seattle.
Mazal tob to **Barbara H. Smith** upon her granddaughter, Josie Herz, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
Mazal tob to **Rivka & Marc Wiznia** on the *berit mila* of their son, Lev Yedidya.
Thank you to **Ari Sherizen** and **Eric Fleisher** for overseeing Tot Shabbat this week.
Condolences to **Dana Werner** on the passing of her brother, Jacob Yeffet.

Our next public tour is Wednesday, September 11 at 11:00 AM	Meet with Our Parnas Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit by email: parnas@shearithisrael.org .
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GET IN GEAR FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS
Your High Holiday To-Do List
Seating reservations. We ask ALL members to opt-in or opt-out for seating online at shearithisrael.org/high-holiday-forms. You will also be able to make other selections such as *youth program reservations*, *offerings*, and *lulav and etrog orders*. If you have difficulty with the online registration, please contact sgross@shearithisrael.org.
Offerings. It is our custom to make offerings during Kippur and Succot. These offerings are a beautiful way to memorialize or pay tribute to loved ones and are a vital source of funding to help maintain our synagogue. Members have been sent email notices regarding the High Holidays. The deadline to submit your seating requests is **September 5th**.

Intro To Shofar with Z. Edinger
Wednesday, September 4 | Open to males and females of all ages
Learn about the customs and laws of blowing the shofar: Who can blow shofar? What makes a shofar kosher for use? What are the types of sounds to be produced and their different lengths? What are the blessings made over the shofar? (A variety of different shofars, and techniques of blowing will be demonstrated.) For those who are curious about becoming a ba'al tokeah, or simply want to understand more about this special mitzvah.

Tefillot of Kippur—A 2-Part Series Taught by Rabbi David Silber
Wednesdays, September 11 & 18 | 11:30 am
A study of the core themes of Kippur as reflected in the classical texts of the Kippur service. A careful study of the basic components of a complicated service should allow for a more meaningful and reflective experience. Tuition is \$100, but Shearith Israel members are eligible for a 25% discount. Register at shearithisrael.org/silber-kippur.

Hebra Hased va'Amet's Communal Beth Olam Cemetery Visit and Tour
Sunday, September 22 | 10:00 am at Beth Olam Cemetery
2 Cypress Hills Street, Ridgewood (Queens), New York
Transportation (by registration) from Synagogue at 9:00 AM
Join us for our annual visit to Beth Olam Cemetery where members can visit the graves of loved ones before the High Holidays and participate in a memorial service in the Calvert Vaux-designed "*metaher* house." A highlight of the visit is an illuminating tour given by our sexton, Zachariah Edinger. Register at shearithisrael.org/beth-olam-trip5780.

A YEAR OF YEARS EVENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019



*Congregation Shearith Israel invites you
to participate in an unmissable event featuring an
historic ceremony and lecture by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik*

THE TRAVELS of the TORAH: *from Spain to Portugal, from Amsterdam to America*

THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

A reunion between the descendants of the Portuguese rabbinic giant,
Don Isaac Abarbanel and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Braganza

A majestic rededication ceremony welcoming a newly and
meticulously restored centuries-old American Torah

The unprecedented return of our three Myer Myers rimonim,
which will be exhibited together for the first time

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Myer Myers Rimmonim Exhibit
an extraordinary one-hour viewing opportunity

followed by

Rededication Ceremony of our Historic Torah Scrolls
with accompaniment by the Shearith Israel choir

Special Program hosted by Rabbi Soloveichik
featuring his keynote lecture

Register today and take part in the Historic Torah Scrolls Restoration
Project at shearithisrael.org/capstone2019.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Ekeb *August 23-24, 2019*

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 780; Haftarah p. 794
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 904; Haftarah p. 1228

CANDLE LIGHTING | 7:25 pm

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 6:45 pm | Little Synagogue

ZEMIROT | 8:30 am | Levy Auditorium

SHAHARIT | 9:15 am

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room | *Liz & Shanade are away
this week. Parents are welcome to supervise their own toddlers in the Fidanque Room. PLEASE
maintain cleanliness and tidy up before leaving.*

YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room

JR. CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue

KIDDUSH | Elias Room | *Sponsored by Faith Fogelman in memory of her parents, Theodore
and Miriam Watkin.*

NO SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS THIS WEEK

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 7:15 pm

HABDALA | 8:19 pm

Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 am | Monday-Friday: 7:15 am

Evenings: Sunday-Thursdays (Minha & Arbit): 6:30 pm

Selihot at Shearith Israel

Starting at evening services on Sunday, September 1

The Sephardic custom is to prepare for Rosh Hashanah by reciting *Selihot* during the
entire month of Elul. Unlike other communities, however, the Spanish & Portuguese
custom is to recite a very short form of *Selihot* following Arbit every evening. This custom
was a matter of great debate in the 17th & 18th centuries with Rabbi Moses Zacuto and
Hayyim Yosef David Azulay (Hid'A) strongly advocating against our custom based on a
mystical/kabbalistic understanding of the appropriate time for the recitation of *Selihot*. As

a result, our community is virtually the only one left in the entire world that still
recites *Selihot* in the evening service after Arbit. You can help keep this rare minhag alive
by attending our daily evening services.