

Stitch Yourself Into The Fabric Of Shearith Israel

First Meeting: Tuesday, September 17 | 9:30 am | Elias Room

Open to all adult and responsible teenage members with some sewing experience

The Sisterhood is excited to announce the relaunching of its historic **Sewing Circle**. Its mission is to repair synagogue vestments and textiles including Torah cloaks, *Tebah* covers, *Talitot*, and more. At our initial meeting, Z. 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.

ONLY 7 SPOTS LEFT!

Shabbaton at the Touro Synagogue

With Rabbi Soloveichik

Veterans Day Weekend, Friday-Sunday, November 8-10

Come with us to Newport where we will join our friends from Congregation Jeshuat Israel for a full Shabbat experience at the Touro Synagogue and lots more! Pricing options include: round-trip transportation, meals, a major symposium on Mtsa'ei Shabbat featuring Prof. Jonathan Sarna and other scholars, and a Sunday excursion to the Breakers mansion.

To register, visit shearithisrael.org/touro-shabbaton.

Register NOW for the Fall Weekday Toddler Program

Begins THIS Wednesday, September 4 | Mondays and Wednesdays

9:30 am-11:30 am | For Ages 16-34 Months

Parent or caregiver attendance required.

Shearith Israel's popular Toddler Program focuses on learning colors and shapes, creating arts and crafts, singing songs, exploring Jewish holidays, music and more. For more information and to enroll, go to shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rabbi Soloveichik met with Pope Francis at the Vatican in a delegation led by Rabbi Isaac Sacca of the Sephardic community of Buenos Aires. The delegation included Shearith Israel members Mitchell Presser and his son Daniel ("DJ"), and Shearith Israel trustee David Sable. The delegation gave Pope Francis a beautiful leather-bound Spanish translation of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik's classic *The Lonely Man of Faith*. Rabbi Soloveichik had the opportunity to discuss the book with the Pope.

Condolences to Melissa Epstein (Jackson) on the passing of her father, Arthur Epstein.

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.

THE TRAVELS OF THE TORAH:

FROM SPAIN TO PORTUGAL, FROM AMSTERDAM TO AMERICA

Tuesday, September 10

See back for details.

GET IN GEAR FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

Your High Holiday To-Do List

Rosh Hashana begins on September 29—don't forget to:

- ☐ Make your **seating reservations**—members must opt in or out
- ☐ Make your holiday **offerings**
- ☐ Make **youth programming** reservations for your children
- ☐ Order your **lulab and etrog**

You can take care of all of these at shearithisrael.org/high-holiday-forms.

The deadline to submit your seating requests is September 5th.

Intro To Shofar with Z. Edinger

THIS Wednesday, September 4 | 7 pm | *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.

LESS THAN ONE WEEK AWAY!
AN UNMISSABLE *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.
Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$25 at the door.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Reeh

August 30-31, 2019 | Rosh Hodesh Elul

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 799; Haftarah p. 818
Rosh Hodesh: p. 695
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 924; Haftarah p. 1232
Rosh Hodesh: p. 814

CANDLE LIGHTING | 7:14 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

YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | **Portico**

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

DEBAR TORAH | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

KIDDUSH | Elias Room

SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | 6:05 pm | "The Dual Identity of
Shofar" | Levy Auditorium

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 7:05 pm

HABDALA | 8:07 pm

Our offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday & Monday (Labor Day): 8:00 am

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 am

Evenings: Sunday-Thursday (Minha, Arbit, & *Selihot*): 6:30 pm

Selihot at Shearith Israel

Starting at evening services THIS 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.

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