



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

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# RABBI SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

from our Officers, David J. Nathan, Parnas, Michael I. Katz and Louis M. Solomon, Seganim  
(abbreviated as announced on June 3, 2013)

**O**n behalf of a unanimous Rabbinic Search Committee and a unanimous Board of Trustees, it is our great pleasure to announce that the Board has hired Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik as the Congregation's Rabbi. We are also pleased to announce that the Board has established the position of Shearith Israel Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow and that Rabbi Richard Hidary will be our Shearith Israel Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow.

Rabbi Soloveichik is considered one of the leading Jewish thinkers and intellectuals in the modern Orthodox world, lecturing and speaking widely. He obtained his rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and holds a Ph.D from Princeton University in Religion. Rabbi Soloveichik is currently Director of the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University and prior to joining us has been Associate Rabbi at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in New York. As a scholar in residence at Shearith Israel, delivering a multi-part series over the past year, Rabbi Soloveichik's deep appreciation of American Jewish History as well as his singular insights into the role of Jews and Jewish thought and of our Congregation specifically in shaping the American experience became clear, as did his enthusiasm for our living *minhag*. Rabbi Soloveichik is married to Loyaliza. They have five children.



Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik

We are equally enthusiastic that Rabbi Hidary will be our inaugural Shearith Israel Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow. Prior to joining us Rabbi Hidary has been Assistant Rabbi at the Sephardic Synagogue of Brooklyn, where he served for eight years under the mentorship of Rabbi Moshe Shamah and demonstrated the very qualities and talents most valuable to us at Shearith Israel. Rabbi Hidary is Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University and is the author of *Dispute for the Sake of Heaven: Legal Pluralism in the Talmud* (Brown University, 2010). His outstanding scholarship has focused in the areas of Talmud and Second Temple Era Jewish History. Rabbi Hidary studied at Yeshiva University and Yeshivat Har Etzion. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Israeli Chief Rabbinate at the Shehebar Sephardic Center in Jerusalem and earned his Ph.D in Hebrew and Judaic Studies from New York University. Rabbi Hidary is married to Esther. They have four children.



Rabbi Richard Hidary

We are thrilled to welcome our Rabbi and Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow and eagerly look forward to our community growing and flourishing. Building on and paying homage to our past, we are embarking on a new period in our Congregation's illustrious history with zeal and excitement. We look forward to the opportunity for every congregant to meet Rabbi Soloveichik and Rabbi Hidary. We will be organizing introductory and welcome events over the summer leading into the High Holiday season. We know that our membership, the Shearith Israel family, will welcome them warmly.

# IN MEMORIAM: EDGAR J. NATHAN, 3<sup>RD</sup> (Z"l)

*Michael Katz, Segan*

**S**hearith Israel mourns the passing of our beloved Parnas Emeritus, Edgar J. Nathan, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Edgar's family was among the first founders of our Synagogue and has continued to serve our community, New York City, and our nation in many important and distinguished ways. Edgar's grandfather, Edgar J. Nathan, and father, Edgar J. Nathan, Jr., were important members of our community and Board of Trustees and his father and uncle, Henry Hendricks, Jr., each served as Parnas for many years. His cousin, Benjamin Nathan Cardozo, was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and an active member of Shearith Israel. Edgar's son, David J. Nathan, is our current Parnas.

Edgar served as Parnas of Shearith Israel from 1968 – 1990. He was a wise and capable leader during his 22-year tenure. Edgar oversaw a quiet but steady and progressive transformation of Shearith Israel to greater strength and inclusiveness. Significantly, it was under his tenure that women first became electors of the Congregation and services by and for women were first held. As an attorney, Edgar provided a role model of wisdom and fairness for his colleagues as well as being a counselor and advisor to his clients that all lawyers should aspire to. He was a leader of many organizations, large and small, in the larger Jewish community and beyond and his reputation for fairness, wisdom and thoughtfulness was

renowned and inured to the benefit of Shearith Israel. He leaves his wife, Ruth Gottesman Nathan, brother, Frederic S. Nathan, daughter, Sara E. Nathan, son-in-law, Joel Kazis, son, David, daughter-in-law, Rebecca Chaplan, grandsons, Joshua and Saul Nathan Kazis, and Aaron, Daniel, Jonathan and Benjamin Nathan.

In many ways the names of Congregation Shearith Israel and Edgar Nathan 3<sup>rd</sup> were synonymous. Edgar represented all that is the best of Shearith Israel. The character of a synagogue and community reflect the combined strengths of its members, but at times it can also exhibit (and even magnify) errors, vanities, and short sightedness. Edgar, however, was the best among us and urged and taught us by example how to be more wise, more fair, more decent, more dignified, and, of course, more elegant. He showed us how to be proud of our American heritage and Judaism but to do so with humility and without arrogance. Edgar always did it better than we could, individually and/or collectively, but he never let us know that and, if he lost patience with us, he never scolded or lost confidence in us. As a leader, but more as an individual, he was beloved by everyone and Shearith Israel was known by and reflected his goodness, wisdom, leadership and dignity. We will, of course, carry on and strive to live up to his standards, but we will miss his voice, his wisdom, his walk, his smile and his goodness.



Edgar J. Nathan, 3rd

# THE CEMETERIES OF SHEARITH ISRAEL

Zachary Edinger, Shamash

**F**requently, tour groups and visitors to our synagogue learn about our early history while sitting on pews dating back to 1730 in the Little Synagogue. There one can look at many relics of our congregation which are, quite amazingly, still in daily use. Much less familiar to visitors and congregants alike are Shearith Israel's cemeteries. These hidden gems are just as important as the relics of the Little Synagogue to the preservation and transmission of our congregational story. Three historic and one active cemetery are maintained by the congregation and each of them has a tale to tell.

In July 1655, less than a year after their initial arrival, the leaders of our community petitioned Governor Peter Stuyvesant for the right to purchase a cemetery. The response to this petition was that a suitable cemetery location would be found for the Jews only when the need for burial arose. The next year, in February 1656, the community again requested the right to purchase a cemetery. This petition was granted and "a little hook of land situate outside the city" was granted to the Jews as a burial place. This was the very first cemetery of Shearith Israel. Unfortunately, almost no records of this "little hook of land" exist. We no longer know where it was located or even who was buried there.

## CHATHAM SQUARE CEMETERY (1682)

The oldest of our extant cemeteries is known as the Chatham Square Cemetery. It is located in Chinatown at 55 St. James Place. The land was originally purchased in 1682 by Joseph Bueno de Mesquita. Fittingly, the first interment in this cemetery was that of his relative Benjamin

Bueno de Mesquita in the year 1683.

Many people working in the financial district are familiar with New York's oldest cemetery, the Trinity Churchyard located at the end of Wall Street and Broadway. Most people, however, are unaware that the *second* oldest extant burial ground in Manhattan is Shearith Israel's Chatham Square cemetery. Only the most northern section of Trinity's Churchyard predates it.

At the time of the American Revolution, the cemetery was in a strategic location on a hill overlooking the East River. Writing in March of 1776, Major General Charles Lee wrote to the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, George Washington, the following:

*The command of the Sound must be ours... The East River, I am persuaded, may be secured in such a manner that [British] ships will scarcely venture into it... A battery for this purpose is planned at the foot of the Jews' burying ground. To protect this battery from the near approach of ships, guns in barbet placed on the heights of the Jews' burying ground in correspondence with a battery on an opposite commanding knoll in Long Island, will certainly be sufficient.*

When the British conquered New York, they too made use of this strategic position. It is also said that British soldiers removed several leaden epitaph plates from headstones in the cemetery in order to produce bullets.

A quaint and very special ceremony is held at the cemetery each year on the Sunday before Memorial Day. At this ceremony, we recite memorial prayers and plant flags at the graves of patriots of the American Revolution. Included among these patriots are our *hazzan*, Reverend Gershom Mendes Seixas,

Benjamin Mendes Seixas, Simon Nathan, Jonas Phillips, and Hayman Levy among others. Descendants of these families are still active in our congregation today and frequently participate in these special services.

The small plot of land currently found at Chatham Square was once much larger. Erosion in the topology and the expansion of New York City caused several instances in which the congregation was forced reduce the size of the cemetery and, sadly, to disinter many of the remains buried there. Some of our earliest *halakhic* questions, directed to the Bet Din of the Spanish and Portuguese congregation of London, related to the permissibility and procedures of re-interment. Unfortunately, the issue recurred several times in our congregation's history. This is probably the source for our custom today to declare burials in our cemetery as merely conditional. The size of the Chatham Square cemetery was severely reduced in the year 1855, when the expansion of the Bowery resulted in taking a large portion of the cemetery by eminent domain. Two hundred and fifty six graves had to be reinterred to accommodate the city's expansion.

Well before this major change, a city ordinance in the year 1823 prohibited burial below Canal Street. As a result, the congregation moved to its second burial ground. Even so, a few burials still took place at Chatham Square after 1823.

## ELEVENTH STREET CEMETERY

Although several locations were initially considered for the Congregation's second cemetery, the land ultimately selected was located on Milligan Street in the heart of what we know as Greenwich Village on West 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

In its initial years, the Eleventh Street cemetery was used primarily to bury victims of communicable diseases like yellow fever and malaria, as well as for those Jews who passed away in New York but were not members of the Congregation (until 1825 Shearith Israel was New York's only synagogue and therefore provided for the needs of *all* of the city's Jewish residents.) After 1823 it became the congregation's only burial ground and was used much more generally.

If you visit the Eleventh Street cemetery today you will find a tiny triangular piece of land with well-worn and mostly illegible monuments. Among those buried here are the Revolutionary war veteran, Ephraim Hart, and the noted painter, Joshua A. Canter.

By the year 1830, the increasing expansion of New York and the development of the "grid" street system resulted in the taking of a large part of the cemetery for the creation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. This required the disinterment and re-interment of many of those buried in this cemetery. In addition, because 11<sup>th</sup> street was graded significantly higher than the cemetery – it also required the filling in of many cubic feet of earth in order to keep the cemetery level with the street. Thus the graves in the eleventh street cemetery are unusually deep. Yet again the city's expansion resulted in the search for a new cemetery.

## TWENTY FIRST STREET CEMETERY

In August of 1829, Shearith Israel's third cemetery was consecrated. It was located on Twenty First Street just west of Sixth Avenue. There is an interesting anecdote related to the first interment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Street cemetery which highlights the religious piety of some of our members.

According to rules of ritual purity, *Cohanim* are prohibited from coming into contact with the deceased (except for their immediate family.) This means that ordinarily *Cohanim* cannot participate in any of the *mitzvot* related to burial. One particularly commendable priest, Mr. Lewis I. Cohen, realized that the consecration of a new and unused cemetery afforded him an opportunity to participate in a *mitzvah* usually off limits to *Cohanim*. So it was Mr. Cohen who volunteered to dig the first grave for the first burial of the new cemetery in November 1829.

Some of the notable persons laid to rest in the 21<sup>st</sup> Street cemetery were Moses Levy Maduro Peixoto and Isaac Seixas, ministers of our congregation, and Harmon Hendricks, founder of one of America's first great industrial companies and whose descendants are still members of our congregation today. Perhaps the most influential person to be buried in the 21<sup>st</sup> Street cemetery was the great Jewish diplomat and proto-Zionist, Mordecai Manual Noah.

In 1851, the city prohibited burial in Manhattan below 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Rather than continue to look north (as Trinity Church did), the Congregation searched outside of Manhattan for its next burial ground. Together with Bnai Jeshurun and Shaarei Tefila, the congregation purchased a large plot of land in Ridgewood, Queens.

## BETH OLAM – OUR ACTIVE SHEARITH ISRAEL CEMETERY (RIDGEWOOD, QUEENS)

The purchase of a large plot of land in Queens turned out to be a very prudent acquisition. This land has provided for the burials of our congregation since 1851 and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Walking through the rows here you will find important persons from the synagogue's past as well as recent history. Emma Lazarus and Benjamin Cardozo are both buried here as are many of our ministers and *hazzanim*, Jacques Judah Lyons, Henry Pereira Mendes, David de Sola Pool, Louis C. Gerstein, and, Abraham Lopes Cardozo of blessed memory, among many others.

The naval commodore, Uriah Philips Levy is also interred here. At his death he requested that a life-size statue of his likeness be erected over his grave. This request caused the congregation some discomfort. While it is important to honor the wishes of the deceased, it is also prohibited by *halakha* to erect a statue in human form. In denying the creation of this monument, the synagogue cited responsa by leading European rabbis of the time, including both Zacharias Frankel and Samson Raphael Hirsch, respectively the founders of the "positive-Historical" and "Neo-Orthodox" movements, among others, who had written responsa to a similar question about a monument for Judah Touro in New Orleans just a few years earlier.

Another feature of our cemetery in Queens is its beautiful chapel, also known as the *Metaher House*. It was designed by Calvert Vaux, a designer of Central Park,

# CLASSES, LECTURES, AND PROGRAMS

and is his only known religious building. From time to time, this beautiful chapel is still used for small funerals.

Many lessons can be learned by visiting any one of our cemeteries. Even from its earliest days our congregation included a mix of Sephardim and Ashkenazim. This is evident not only in the names encountered, but also through more subtle clues such as the freely mixed use of both upright headstones (Ashkenazic) and flat ledger stones (Sephardic.) We also encounter the regular use of Portuguese, Hebrew, and English inscriptions (sometimes together on the same monument!). These stones testify to the various cultural identities of our forebears. A visit to our cemeteries not only honors our forebears but is also a trip through our congregational history and the history of New York City.

Cemeteries require constant maintenance. This work is provided for by the congregation with the assistance of the *Hebra Hased vaAmet* and the 1654 Society. Our superintendent, John Quinones, keeps the historic cemeteries in good order while our cemetery in Queens is maintained by a professional maintenance company from a nearby cemetery.

We have recently started to plan a major project to restore, beautify, and open up our historic cemeteries. For more information, or to help with this important task, please speak with Zachary Edinger or Alana Shultz.

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### LITERARY LUNCH

THURSDAY, JULY 11

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Join our monthly gathering where we read and discuss a variety of works (fiction, nonfiction, memoir, personal essay, poetry) from across the ages and around the world. Led by Shearith Israel's own poet and member, Janet R. Kirchheimer, each session is an independent class and is accompanied by a delicious lunch and stimulating conversation. Meets in the Elias Room. \$10 per session. RSVP to Alana Shultz.

### TUESDAY MORNING RUN

Before Morning Services

Join our Hazzan, Rabbi Ira Rohde and other serious runners in the congregation on a weekly run through Central Park prior to Tuesday morning minyan and breakfast. Contact Rabbi Ira Rohde for details.

### TUESDAY MORNING MINYAN AND BREAKFAST

Minyan, 7:15 am, Breakfast 7:50 am

Our morning minyan crew has been meeting for a weekly breakfast on Tuesdays, an idea pioneered through the generosity of our member Chaim Katzap, who has subsidized it in the past. Additional sponsors are appreciated. All morning minyan attendees are welcome. Contact Rabbi Ira Rohde if you would like to sponsor the minyan breakfast in honor of a special occasion.

## WEEKLY CLASSES

### MONDAY

#### Between *Tanakh* and *Hazal*: The Books of *Bayit Sheni*

MONDAYS IN JULY

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Rabbi Shalom Morris

This 4-part series taught by Rabbi Shalom Morris will explore the books written between the close of the Biblical period and before the writings of our Rabbis. We will analyze the content of these fascinating works, study their historical context, the authors behind them, and why they are essential to Judaic studies. This course will serve as an introduction to next year's yearlong course *Judaism During the Second Temple*. No registration required. Topics are as follows:

**JULY 1 – APOCRYPHA & PSEUDEPIGRAPHA**

**JULY 8 – MEGILLAT TA'ANIT**

**JULY 22 – DEAD SEA SCROLLS**

**JULY 29 – JOSEPHUS**

### THURSDAY

#### Tai Chi

11:00 am

Lewis Paleias

This ancient practice helps balance, strength, circulation, mindfulness and more. Tai Chi is a wonderful form of exercise for all ages, especially seniors. Our teacher offers individual attention and adapts the class based on the group. \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 classes. Walk-ins and beginners welcome.

# CULINARY CORNER

This edition featuring Gilda Angel

In commemoration of *Tisha B'Ab*, we present a traditional recipe by Gilda Angel from her cookbook *Sephardic Holiday Cooking*. The cookbook compiles hundreds of recipes from across the Sephardic world and organizes them according to Jewish holiday, complete with thorough backgrounds and descriptions of the culinary traditions.

The *Shulhan Arukh*, the classic code of Jewish law compiled by Rabbi Yosef Karo, states that with the beginning of the month of *Ab*, one should refrain from joyous pursuits. Accordingly, many Jews refrain from eating meat during the eight days prior to *Tisha B'Ab* except on *Shabbat*. Some eat no meat for as long as three weeks, while others only abstain from the first of *Ab*. Since the custom of abstaining from meat is widespread, Jewish cooks everywhere created a varied assortment of dairy and vegetarian meals for this period. For Sephardim, lentils have long been associated with the Nine Days. This simple Turkish lentil soup is traditionally served with black Greek olives and Rhodian cheese spirals (*boyos de queso*).

## SOPA DE LENTEJAS (TURKISH LENTIL SOUP)

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups lentils
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 4 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 bay leaf
- 8 cups water
- 2 tsp salt (or more to taste)

### Directions

Rinse lentils several times in cold water. Discard any that are discolored. Cover with cold water and soak several hours or overnight. Drain.

In a large pot, sauté onions in oil until translucent. Add lentils, celery, carrots, parsley, bay leaf, and water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer 3-4 hours. During the last 10 minutes of cooking, remove bay leaf and add salt.

## BOYOS DE QUESO (RHODIAN CHEESE SPIRALS)

### Ingredients

- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 egg, beaten

### Directions

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, combine oil, water, salt, pepper, flour, and 2/3 cup of grated cheese. Mix to form soft, pliable dough. Divide in half.

Roll each half of dough into large rectangle, about 1/4-inch thick. Sprinkle each rectangle with 1/2 cup grated cheese. Roll dough tightly, jelly-roll fashion. With a very sharp knife, cut into 1/2-inch slices. Place slices on an ungreased baking sheet, cut side up, and flatten slightly with your hand.

Using a pastry brush, brush top of each pinwheel with beaten egg. Sprinkle with remaining grated cheese. Bake in preheated 400 F oven for 20 minutes, or until golden brown.

*B'tayavon!*

*Sephardic Holiday Cooking* by Gilda Angel is available for purchase at [www.jewishideas.org](http://www.jewishideas.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONGRATULATIONS

*We wish mazal tob to:*

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik upon his appointment as Rabbi of Shearith Israel. We welcome him, his wife Layaliza, and their children Ahrele (Aharon), PinTan (Pinhas Tanhum), Serach, Daveedy, and Berel (Yosef Dov).

Rabbi Richard Hidary upon his appointment as Shearith Israel's Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow. We welcome him, his wife Esther, and their children David, Ronnie, Aimee, and Zachary.

Rabbi Shalom Morris on becoming a Ph.D. candidate at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies in Early Modern Jewish History with a focus on New World and Sephardic studies.

Daniela and Craig Pottruck on the birth of a baby boy, Leo Jacob Pottruck. Leo is the grandson of our members, Barbara and Anwar Suleiman.

Rebecca and Adam Waldman on the birth of a baby girl, Emmanuelle Dara Waldman.

Elizabeth Aufzien on becoming a *bat mitzvah*. Elizabeth is the daughter of our members Michelle and Jonathan Aufzien. The *bat mitzvah* took place in New York.

Vivian and Andre Zalcman on their recent marriage.

David E. R. Dangoor, our member and President of the American Sephardi Federation, on being honored by the ISEF Foundation.

Judge Judith Kaye on being honored at the Columbia-Barnard Hillel Seixas Dinner.

Dinah and Andy Mendes on being honored at the Drisha Institute of Jewish Education's 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

Honorary Trustee Jack Rudin on being

awarded the National Medical Fellowship's Humanitarian Award at their Champions of Health Awards Dinner.

*We wish mazal tob to all our graduates:*

Jacob Aufzien on his graduation from The Ramaz Middle School.

Juliette Berg on her graduation from New York University with a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology.

Jessica Cavanagh-Melhado on receiving her M.A. and M.P.A. from New York University.

David Dellal on his graduation from The Ramaz Upper School. He will be continuing his education at MIT.

Reuben and Matea Frieber on their graduation from Beit Rabban Kindergarten. They will be continuing their education at Park East Day School. Thank you to Laury Frieber for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in their honor.

Sam Freilich on his graduation from The Ramaz Middle School. Thank you to his parents Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in his honor.

Sara J. Guenoun on her graduation from Johns Hopkins University with a B.A. in Romance Languages. Thank you to her parents Andre and Maggie Guenoun for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in her honor.

Noah Lang on his graduation from Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle School. He will continue his education at SAR High School. Thank you to his parents Leslie Cohen and Jeffrey Lang for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in his honor.

Benjamin Mendes Mark on his graduation from The Ramaz Upper School. He will be continuing his education at

George Washington University.

Adam Ninyo on his graduation from the Summit School. He will continue his education at Vassar College.

Harlan Reiss on his graduation from Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle School. He will continue his education at Abraham Joshua Heschel High School. Thank you to his parents Barbara and Guy Reiss for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in his honor.

Elan M. Sherman on his graduation from Rutgers University. He will be starting a career in Construction Management. Thank you to Rev. and Mrs. Philip L. Sherman for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in his honor.

Benjamin Solis Cohen

Emma Solis Cohen

Joseph Solomon on his graduation from The Ramaz Middle School. He will continue his education at TABC High School. Thank you the Family Solomon for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in his honor.

Daniel Suckewer on his graduation from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in Economics and History. Thank you to the Suckewer Family for co-sponsoring the Graduation Kiddush Luncheon in his honor.

Henry Zuckerberg on his graduation from the Eagle Hill School. He will continue his education at Westtown School in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

## IN APPRECIATION

*Thank you to the sponsors of our 2012-2013 Scholars-in-Residence Program:*

Emma & Joel Blass  
Rachel Brody & Michael Lustig  
Nicole and David Cohen  
Rebecca L. Chaplan and David J. Nathan  
Karen & Jack Daar  
Shmuel Ben Michael Daniel Divekar  
Vanessa Gelman and Mitchell Moss  
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Ralph Sutton  
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Adam and Rebecca Waldman  
Susan Pleasance Wind  
Vivian and Andre Zalzman  
Ezra and Cecile Zilkha

*Thank you to our Kiddush sponsors (from April 13 through June 1, 2013):*

Lewis Bateman in memory of his father.  
Michelle and Jonathan Aufzien in honor of their daughter Elizabeth becoming a bat mitzvah.  
Louis and Beth Solomon in honor of their daughter Lia becoming a bat mitzvah.  
Charles Turkie and Family in memory of his son David.

Vivian and Andre Zalzman in honor of their recent wedding.

Adam and Rebecca Waldman in honor of their new daughter Emmanuelle Dara Waldman.

Susan Wind

*Thank you to our Shabuot Kiddush luncheon sponsors:*

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Michelle and Jonathan Aufzien  
The Blass Family  
Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan  
Family of Jenna and Daniella Roberts  
Adele and Ronald Tauber  
Natasha and Daniel Tauber  
The Weiss Yohananoff Family  
Adina, Philip, Sarah and Daniel Wagman

*Thank you to all those who contributed to a beautiful Shabuot:*

The Sisterhood for their transformation of our main sanctuary with breathtaking floral arrangements and greenery.  
The Sisterhood for sponsoring our celebratory Cheesecake Kiddush on the second day of Shabuot.

The 54 households who studied for the 54 parshiyot for the Shabuot Siyyum Torah.

The participants of our Girls' Book of Ruth reading: Elizabeth Aufzien, Avigail Freedman, Honor Greenberg, Yaara Kaplan, Olalla Levi, Daniella Roberts, Jenna Roberts, Flora Tauber, Sarah Wagman, and Gabriella Yohananoff.

*Thank you to all those who helped us reach our financial goals for the UnGala, this year's unique spring fundraiser, ensuring a bright future for Shearith Israel.*

## NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel family:*

Dawn Kronenfeld

Adina and Philip Wagman and their children Sarah and Daniel

## IN MEMORIAM

*We mourn the loss of our members:*

David Hazan. Condolences to his sister Levana Cohen and niece Dr. Claire Cohen.

Elizabeth Lambert. Condolences to her brothers Tom Lambert and Michael Lambert.

Emilie Nasser. Condolences to her children Henry Nasser, Marilyn Mugarbi, Diane Abitbol, and her siblings Jacques Cattan, Sarine Chaki, and Bertha Assin.

Honorary Parnas, Edgar J. Nathan, 3rd. Condolences to his wife Ruth G. Nathan, son David J. Nathan, daughter Sara E. Nathan, and brother Frederic S. Nathan.

Louise Zakaria. Condolences to her nephew Mougahed Darwish and cousin Jenny Shemesh.

## CONDOLENCES

*We extend our sincere condolences to:*

Alana Shultz, our Program Director, on the loss of her grandfather, Morris Louis Shultz.

The Bergman family on the loss of Jordan Bergman, husband of Shoshana and father of their children Jack and Sally.

John Quionones, our Facilities Manager, on the loss of his brother Johnathan Quionones.

*Our bulletin goes to print one month in advance of delivery. Please accept our apologies for any errors or omissions.*

# SERVICES

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## WEEKDAY SERVICES

### MORNINGS (SHAHRIT):

Sunday, 8:00 am

Monday-Friday, 7:15 am

### EVENINGS (MINHAH & ARBIT):

June 9 – July 18, 6:45 pm

July 21 – September 24, 6:30 pm

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## MINOR HOLIDAYS

### American Independence Day

Thursday, July 4

Morning Service, 8:00 am

### Rosh Hodesh Ab

Monday, July 8

### Fast of the Ninth of Ab (Tisha B'Ab)

Monday Evening, July 15

*Minhah* Service, 5:30 pm

Sunset (cease eating), 8:26 pm

Doors open for Evening Service, 8:15 pm

Evening Service (*Arbit*), 8:45 pm

Tuesday, July 16

Morning Service, 6:30 am

*Minhah* & *Arbit*, 7:30 pm

Sunset, 8:26 pm

End of Fast, 8:53 pm

### The Fast of the Ninth of Ab

*Tisha B'Ab* commemorates the breaching of the Temple Mount fortifications and the dates of destruction of both the First and Second Temples. *Tisha B'Ab* occurs three weeks after the Fast of *Tammuz*, which commemorated the breach of the city walls of Jerusalem, as well as the destruction of the first tablets of the Ten Commandments following the sin of the Golden Calf. These three weeks are called *Bein HaMetzarim*. One the three intervening *Shabbatot* during this period we read the three "Prophecies of Doom" from

the beginnings of the books of Jeremiah and Isaiah. Beginning on *Rosh Hodesh Ab* and intensifying during the week before *Tisha B'Ab*, various customs of penitence and mourning are observed including refraining from the consumption of meat and wine.

### Rosh Hodesh Elul

Tuesday & Wednesday

August 6 & 7

### Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Morning Service, 8:00 am

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## SHABBAT SERVICES

### JULY 5-6

#### Shabbat Shimu

Candle Lighting, 8:12 pm\*

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am

*Zemirot*, Adam Jackson

Torah Reading, *Mattoth-Masei-Shimu*

*Haftarah*, Jacob Daar

Class, 7:00 pm

*Minhah* & *Arbit*, 8:15 pm

*Habdalah*, 9:12 pm

\*On this and subsequent Friday evenings, light before services, if attending.

### JULY 12-13

#### Shabbat Hazon

Candle Lighting, 8:10 pm

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am

*Zemirot*, Rev. Salomon L. Vaz Dias

Torah Reading, *Debarim*

*Haftarah*, Rabbi Ira L. Rohde

Class, 7:00 pm

*Minhah* & *Arbit*, 8:15 pm

*Habdalah*, 9:09 pm

### JULY 19-20

#### Shabbat Nahamu

Candle Lighting, 8:06 pm

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am

*Zemirot*, Sjimon den Hollander

Torah Reading, *Vaethannan-Nahamu*

*Haftarah*, Dr. Yossi Blum

Class, 6:45 pm

*Minhah* & *Arbit*, 8:00 pm

*Habdalah*, 9:05 pm

#### Notes about the *Shabbatot* preceding and following *Tisha B'Ab*:

The three weeks between the Fast of the Seventeenth of *Tammuz* and *Tisha B'Ab* are a traditional period of contrition and mourning, and prophetic passages of reproof and ominous foreboding are read as the *haftarah* readings on the three intervening *Shabbatot*. Sephardic custom is to refer to these *Shabbatot* by the opening words of the particular *haftarah* read on that day. *Shabbat Dibrei* is the first of these three, and refers to the opening passage of the Book of Jeremiah, the most famous of the "prophets of doom." This opening passage as well as the two following passages is chanted in a dirge of lament, although each of the three passages ends on a note of comfort. *Shabbat Shimu* continues the cycle with a reading from the second chapter of Jeremiah. *Shabbat Hazon* refers to the parallel opening "vision" of the Book of Isaiah. This last of the three *haftarot* which immediately precedes *Tisha B'Ab* is often read by the *hazzan* or some other scholar who is "well-versed in lamentation," as it is at Congregation Shearith Israel.

The Fast of the Ninth of *Ab* is followed by seven *Shabbatot* at which special *haftarot* of Consolation from the end of the Book of Isaiah are chanted. Only the first of the seven, immediately following *Tisha B'Ab*, is referred to popularly as *Shabbat Nahamu*, referring to Isaiah Chapter 40's famous opening words "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people."

### **JULY 26-27**

Candle Lighting, 8:00 pm  
Friday Evening, 6:45 pm  
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am  
*Zemiroth*, Jacob Daar  
Torah Reading, *Ekeb*  
Haftarah, Jesse Epstein  
Class, 6:45 pm  
Minhah & Arbit, 8:00 pm  
*Habdalah*, 8:58 pm

### **AUGUST 2-3**

Candle Lighting, 7:53 pm  
Friday Evening, 6:45 pm  
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am  
*Zemiroth*, Adam Jackson  
Torah Reading, *Reeh*  
Haftarah, Yehuda Montrose  
Class, 6:30 pm  
Minhah & Arbit, 7:45 pm  
*Habdalah*, 8:50 pm

### **AUGUST 9-10**

Candle Lighting, 7:45 pm  
Friday Evening Services, 6:45 pm  
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am  
*Zemiroth*, Jacob Daar  
Torah Reading, Shofetim  
Haftarah, Dr. Charles Gourgey  
Class, 6:30 pm  
Minhah & Arbit, 7:45 pm  
*Habdalah*, 8:41 pm

### **AUGUST 16-17**

Candle Lighting, 7:34 pm  
Friday Evening, 6:45 pm  
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am  
*Zemiroth*, Zachary Edinger  
Torah Reading, *Ki Tetse*  
Haftarah  
Class, 6:15 pm  
Minhah & Arbit, 7:30 pm  
*Habdalah*, 8:30 pm

### **AUGUST 23-24**

Candle Lighting, 7:24 pm  
Friday Evening, 6:45 pm  
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am  
*Zemiroth*, Rev. Philip L. Sherman  
Torah Reading, *Ki Tabo*  
Haftarah, Rev. Salomon L. Vaz Dias  
Class, 6:00 pm  
Minhah & Arbit, 7:15 pm  
*Habdalah*, 8:19 pm

### **AUGUST 30-31**

#### **Consecration Anniversary of the 1860 Nineteenth Street Synagogue**

Candle Lighting, 7:13 pm  
Friday Evening, 6:45 pm  
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am  
*Zemiroth*, Jacob Daar  
Torah Reading, *Nitsabim-Vayeilekh*  
Haftarah  
Class, 6:00 pm  
Minhah & Arbit, 7:15 pm  
*Habdalah*, 8:07 pm

## **FALL 2013 JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR PREVIEW**

### **Save the Dates!**

(Dates listed here indicate the daytime dates only, not the Eves of the Holidays)

#### **Rosh Hashanah, 5774**

Thursday & Friday  
September 5 & 6

#### **Yom Kippur, 5774**

Saturday, September 14

#### **Succot, 5774**

Thursday, September 19 until Wednesday, September 25

#### **Shemini Atzeret, 5774**

Thursday, September 26

#### **Simhat Torah, 5774**

Friday, September 27



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