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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

presents

A Very Merry **Un**Gala



Don't be late for this
very important date:
May 30th 2013

Location: Your Home | Attire: Top Hat Optional



Inspired by Lewis Carroll's literary classic *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

For our Annual Gala this year, Shearith Israel is doing something *unprecedented*. We're having an *UnGala* to honor everyone who *unselfishly* contributes to Shearith Israel's story of prayer, community, tradition and *hesed*. This year, every donation directly supports the preservation of our sacred spaces as well as our impressive array of programming. Your generous support enables us to provide our community with quality spiritual, cultural and educational enrichment.

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ANNOUNCING THE UNGALA:

*An Important Message from
Our Parnas David J. Nathan*

This year, as you can tell from the Save the Date, we are trying a different approach with our annual fundraising gala. While this experiment will not require your attendance, its success will depend on our collective enthusiasm and support.

Though our UnGala will not be a gala in our traditional sense, it will ensure that 100% of every contribution will go directly to supporting our congregation, along with the many programs, classes, and events that we all love. (Accordingly, every contribution will be 100% tax-deductible.)

Whether you love our UnGala concept or lament the fact that we won't be holding an actual dinner event, I ask each and every one of you to contribute as generously as you can. You can go online at shearithisrael.org/ungala2013 and make your donation now — or you can return the enclosed donation form accompanying your invitation.

This year, like every year, the synagogue relies on the success of this fundraising event in order to meet our budgetary obligations. With your support, we can continue to care for our beautiful sanctuary, support the choir that elevates our prayers, maintain our cemeteries, offer outstanding educational and cultural programs, and teach our tradition to the next generation.

We hope to achieve 100% participation and even exceed the success of previous years. Every contribution will be appreciated, and attendees will receive a special Alice in Wonderland tea party gift package, delivered to their home by May 30, for your own UnGala celebration (top hats not included).

A SECOND HOME IN PHILLY

Joshua de Sola Mendes, Treasurer



The Main Sanctuary of Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia

In Judaism, family is ever important. And so it is nice to know that at Shearith Israel we are not only part of the greater Jewish family, but also a small but special global family of Spanish & Portuguese congregations - from our “mother” congregation in Amsterdam to London, Jerusalem and others where our uniquely beautiful *minhag* can be heard.

It was with plenty of enthusiasm that 25 Shearith Israel congregants, led by Rabbi Shalom Morris and Shamash Zachariah Edinger, traveled to spend a Shabbat with one of these extended family members, Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia. Their hospitality could not have been kinder or warmer. From Friday's *Kabbalat Shabbat* to Sunday's morning lectures, the two communities had much time to sit, talk, eat and enjoy each other's company.

Most meaningful of all, the communities had the opportunity to hold services together in our mutual Spanish & Portuguese tradition. Rabbi Albert Gabbai led the services, assisted by Hazzan Shalom Garson. Members of our congregation participated as well. Zachariah Edinger read the morning *zemirot* as well as the *haftarah*,

several of our members were called to the Torah, and Rabbi Morris delivered the morning's sermon. On Sunday, our two communities had the opportunity together to listen to several lectures on Spanish & Portuguese history and *minhagim*.

If it felt like a home away from home, perhaps it was with good reason. Our congregants have visited Mikveh Israel before. During the American Revolution, our entire community sought refuge in Philadelphia where Mikveh Israel took us in. We have shared members, clergy, *minhag* and history.

So if you haven't had the opportunity to visit our sister congregation, you should certainly consider it. You will receive a warm welcome from Rabbi Gabbai and the rest of the congregation.

And for all of us at Shearith Israel who have chosen to pray in the Spanish & Portuguese tradition, it is important and meaningful to know that we have sister congregations, such as Mikveh Israel, who pray as we do and with whom we share a strong, longstanding bond.

CLASSES, LECTURES, AND PROGRAMS

SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE

DR. AVIVA ZORNBERG SHABBAT, MAY 11

Dr. Aviva Zornberg is a Jerusalem-based educator, Torah scholar, and philosopher. Her weekly lectures on the current Torah portion have an impressive following — bringing together, among others, rabbinical students of all denominations, artists and professors. Her lectures, like her books, are a sophisticated mix of traditional Jewish exegesis, Hasidic texts, Western philosophy, poetry and other sources.

For the past twenty-five years, Dr. Zornberg has taught Torah in Jerusalem at Matan, Yakar, Pardes and the Jerusalem College for Adults. Dr. Zornberg also holds a Visiting Lectureship at the London School of Jewish Studies.

A SPECIAL SERIES: JUDAISM AND THE ORIGINS OF AMERICA SHABBAT, MAY 18

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik joins our congregation for the final seminar in our special series. He will join us for morning services followed by a seminar on *From the Talmud to Thomas Paine: The Rabbinic Influence on American Independence*.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

UPPER WEST SIDE TEEN SHABBAT DINNER SHABBAT, MAY 3

Shearith Israel hosts teens of the Upper West Side Modern Orthodox community for prayer and Shabbat dinner.

FOLLOW ME: THE YONI NETANYAHU STORY TUESDAY, MAY 7 7:15 pm

Follow Me is an intimate journey into the life of Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu, hero of the 1976 Entebbe hijack and rescue. The narration for this compelling film was drawn from Yonatan Netanyahu's own letters and words, which unveil the complex character of this thoroughly modern young hero. \$10 suggested donation. No registration required.

GIRLS' BOOK OF RUTH READING WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 11:15 am

On the First Day of *Shabuot*, the girls of the synagogue chant the Book of Ruth for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after Musaf. Any girl who has learned to read Hebrew and wants to participate should contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csiwomen@yahoo.com.

SHABUOT SIYYUM TORAH THURSDAY, MAY 16 11:15 am

In celebration of *Shabuot*, we are conducting a community wide *Siyyum Torah*. Individuals and families have reserved one of the 54 *parshiyot* (Torah portions) to complete by the second day of *Shabuot* in any language. Followed by a celebratory Kiddush.

THE SOUNDS AND STORIES OF SEPHARAD AT THE JEWISH CENTER (131 WEST 86TH STREET)

SHABBAT, MAY 18

Part of a two week *Seudah Shlishit* mini-series exploring the rich culture, history and future of the Sephardic community. Our West Side neighbor hosts Shearith Israel Shamash Zachary Edinger to discuss our rich Spanish and Portuguese *minhagim*.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

SUNDAY, MAY 19 10:30 am

Honor members who participated in the Revolutionary War with a ceremony and Color Guard. Join us as we place American flags at the graves of the 22 congregants who participated in the Revolutionary War. This cemetery was in use from 1682-1828 and is located at 55 St. James Place, opposite Chatham Square.

YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONCERT AND RECEPTION FEATURING THE SALOME CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

TUESDAY, MAY 21 7:30 pm

Back by popular demand, the Salome Chamber Orchestra performs Jewish music from around the world in our beautiful sanctuary. Shearith Israel Young Leadership hosts this evening in conjunction with other Jewish Young Leadership organizations. Visit our website for tickets.

SHEARITH ISRAEL'S VERY MERRY *UNGALA*

Thursday, May 30

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ASSIGNED JUNIOR CONGREGATION

SHABBAT, MAY 11

SHABBAT, JUNE 8

10:30 am in the Little Synagogue

Junior Congregation is a lively, participatory service for children ages 5-12. While prayer is always a part of youth groups, this more formal youth services takes place on select weeks. Children learn Shearith Israel's melodies and have opportunities to lead prayers, read Torah and perform *mitzvot*. Regular Shabbat groups still begin at 10:00 am and continue at the conclusion of Junior Congregation. For more information and to have your child lead a part of the service contact Rafi Blumenthal at rafi@blumenthal1@gmail.com.

LITERARY LUNCH

THURSDAY, MAY 9

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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 Hazan, 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

SHABBAT

Learners' Service

THROUGH JUNE 15

9:45-10:45 am

Join Rabbi Shalom Morris in the Little Synagogue to experience meaningful prayer. Prayers are accompanied by explanations with an eye towards application to our daily lives. This is an opportunity to learn about prayer and become familiar with Shearith Israel's services. The service concludes in the adjoining Elias Room with a light Kiddush and Torah study session. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. For more information please contact Rabbi Shalom Morris.

SUNDAY

Maimonides

THROUGH MAY 12

8:40 - 9:40 am

Rabbi Marc Angel

Study texts from the *Mishneh Torah*, the classic code of Jewish law written by Rabbi Moses Maimonides, with the goal of understanding the laws and their ethical underpinnings. Breakfast is served.

CLASSES, LECTURES, AND PROGRAMS, continued

The Book of Beliefs and Opinions THROUGH MAY 12

9:40 - 10:40 am

Simon den Hollander

The Book of Beliefs and Opinions (Emunot V'Deot), was the first serious attempt to synthesize the Jewish tradition with philosophical teachings since Philo (about 900 years earlier). It was written by Sa'adiah Ga'on (882 - 942), the head of the Academy of Sura in Baghdad.

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES THROUGH JUNE 9 (EXCEPT MAY 26)

10:00 - 11:00 am

Hebrew courses are \$70 and include a light breakfast.

Level I

Learn the Hebrew Alphabet and the basics of Hebrew reading.

Level II

Improve reading fluency and begin to focus on comprehension.

Level III

Develop Hebrew vocabulary and reading comprehension skills.

MONDAY

Bet Midrash

(House of Study: Study Hall and Partnered Study)

THROUGH JUNE 17

7:00-9:00 pm

Explore Talmud, Bible, Jewish Law or Jewish Thought with a student of advanced Judaic Studies. Engage in the study of Jewish texts in small groups and gain a personal connection to the tradition of Jewish learning. Light dinner served. Visit our website to view our wide selection of groups and topics.

Tefillah B'Shanah THROUGH MAY 20

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This 20 part course looks at the historical development of the siddur, the meaning of Jewish prayers, differences in Sephardic and Ashkenazic traditions, ritual guidelines and the philosophy of prayer.

This course is free, though registration is required. Visit our website to register.

JICNY (JEWISH INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION OF NY)

MONDAYS AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Every Monday night, join other young Jewish professionals (20s and 30s only) to learn about the weekly *parashah* in English or Spanish. Rabbi Shalom Morris joins the group at 8:20 pm to lead the "History that Matters" series. This class analyzes the events in Jewish history that had the greatest impact on Judaism such as the Bar Kochba rebellion, the rise of Islam, the Black Death, the Printing Press and many others.

Light refreshments and wine served. \$5/meeting.

TUESDAY

Judaism in a Nutshell Series

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:30 pm

In collaboration with JICNY, this series is devoted to the practical aspects of Jewish living. We will explore the guidelines for implementing some of the most central components of an observant Jewish lifestyle as well as the meaning behind them.

Light refreshments, wine and beverages will be served. The series is taught by Rabbi Shalom Morris at his home. \$10 per session. Open to young adults in their 20s and 30s. Visit jicny.com to register.

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 Alessandra Rovati



Photo courtesy of A. Rovati for
DinnerInVenice.com

We are pleased to introduce a new feature in our bulletins highlighting Spanish-Portuguese and other Sephardic culinary traditions from members of our community. For our inaugural edition, we present a delightful Shabuot recipe by Venice-born Alessandra Rovati, long-time Shearith Israel congregant and widely published food writer and lecturer. On her website, DinnerInVenice.com, Alessandra offers a unique cultural view of Italian and Italian-Jewish culinary history.

This curious cake originates from Livorno (Leghorn), one of the most important port cities in Europe as well as home to a thriving community of Jewish merchants and many Hebrew printing presses. Livorno eventually became known as “the city with no ghetto.” Mount Sinai is a dessert that features sweet egg threads on top – a sign that it was introduced by the egg-loving Portuguese Jews and conversos who were invited to settle in the city by the Grand-Duke of Tuscany in the sixteenth century.

MOUNT SINAI WITH THREADED EGGS (DAIRY)

INGREDIENTS

Cake base:

- 1 1/3 cup finely ground almonds (200 gr)
- 1/2 cup sugar (100 gr)
- Pinch of salt
- Grated zest of 1 medium orange
- 1 large egg
- 3 or 4 tbsps candied etrog or lemon peel, finely chopped (optional)

Egg Threads:

- 1 cup + 2 tbsps water (250 ml)
- 2 1/4 cups sugar
- 8 large egg yolks
- 1 tbsp lemon or orange juice
- 1 1/2 tbsps orange flower water, if liked (or 1 more tbsp orange juice)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat your oven to 320 F.

Place the sugar and water for the base in a heavy saucepan and simmer until sticky (I have also skipped this step and used plain sugar instead of making the syrup, with an acceptable result). Add the almonds and zest, stirring with a wooden spoon until everything is well combined.

Allow to cool. Add the egg when lukewarm.

Line the bottom of a 9” by 9” baking pan with wet parchment (squeeze it well) and grease the sides. Pour in the cake mixture and press it down gently with your wet fingertips.

Bake for about 30 minutes and set aside.

For the egg threads, boil the sugar, water and juice in a frying pan (about 10” wide and with high sides so the syrup doesn’t splatter all over your stovetop), and simmer until the syrup is thick enough to stick to a spoon (coating it).

Slightly beat the yolks in a small bowl and then fill your pastry syringe with as much beaten egg as it can hold.

Now press the yolk out of the syringe and into the simmering syrup, starting at the center and moving the syringe in an outward circular motion so that the egg makes a long spiral thread into the syrup.

Then press the thread down into the syrup with a wooden spoon or a spatula and let cook for a few seconds, until it holds together (but it should still be soft).

Remove with a slotted spoon and dry on a double layer of paper towel.

Repeat the same process with the rest of the yolks.

When all the yolks are cooked and drained, place them in a colander and rinse some of the syrup off with water.

Allow them to dry well.

Invert the almond base into a platter, top it with the candied peel and decorate it with the egg threads.

B’tayavon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish mazal tob to:

Nannette Neumark Herlands and Wesley Ludwig on the birth of a baby girl, Charlotte. The baby is the granddaughter of our members, Rachel and Jonathan Herlands, and great-granddaughter of our members, Debbie and Mel Neumark.

Amanda Mosseri and Yaron Oren on the birth of a baby boy, Cole Mosseri Oren. Cole is the grandson of members Gloria and Jeff Mosseri and great-grandson of member Joyce Mosseri.

Nurit Tadmor Sasson and Daniel David Sasson on the birth of a baby boy, Shane Udi Sasson. Shane is the grandson of members Iris and Uzi Sasson.

Lia Solomon on becoming a bat mitzvah. Lia is the daughter of Beth Goldman and our Segan, Louis Solomon. The bat mitzvah is taking place in New York.

Selim Edward Dangoor on becoming a bar mitzvah. Selim is the son of our members Ide and David E. R. Dangoor. The bar mitzvah is taking place in Sweden.

Amital Kaplan on becoming a bar mitzvah. Amital is the son of our members Yael Cywicz and Matthew Kaplan. The bar mitzvah is taking place in Israel.

Marriage of new members Heather Johnson and Benjamin Warschawski.

Marriage of our members Dr. Elizabeth A. Heller and Adriel G. Mesznik in August 2012. Adriel is the son of our members Lynn Summers and Roger Mesznik.

IN APPRECIATION

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

Emma & Joel Blass

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Rebecca L. Chaplan and David J. Nathan in honor of Barbara Reiss's first year as Shearith Israel's Executive Director.

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Vanessa Gelman and Mitchell Moss in memory of Jennifer Moss.

Michael Katz in memory of his wife Barbara.

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Kathy and Daniel Vieyra in honor of their first wedding anniversary and Shearith Israel.

Vivian and Andre Zalcman

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha in memory of Henry Iny.

Thank you to our Kiddush sponsors (from February 8 through April 6, 2013):

Emma and Joel Blass and Nicole and David Cohen in honor of the birthdays of their children.

Lydia Sarfaty in memory of her father, Shelomo van Mops.

James and Mary Ellen Rudolph

Michael Katz and Family in memory of Barbara Katz.

Lori Jacobowitz and Faith Fogelman in memory of the Jacobowitz family of Boro Park.

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha in memory of Henry Iny.

Elizabeth and Oliver Stanton in honor of their son Bradley becoming a bar mitzvah.

The Ainetchi, Margolis and Solomon families in honor of the Teen Girls' *Shir HaShirim* participants.

Carol and Arthur Goldberg

Rae and Paul Beispel

Shearith Israel Trustees in memory of Mona Oppenheim.

Norman Benzaquen

Thank you to those who assisted with Purim preparations:

Thank you to the mishloah manot packagers, Cathy Seidner and Mark Calderon.

Wendy Gardner and Allaya Fleischer for sharing their artistic talents at the Purim Party.

The mishloah manot delivery volunteers, including Liz Ninyo and Emma Blass.

The Rebibo Family who, year after year, generously distributes mishloah manot to the children of the congregation on Ereb Purim.

Thank you to those who assisted with the Teen Girls' Shir HaShirim:

Yehudit Robinson for preparing all the participants.

Suzanne Engel for volunteering as a voice coach to our participants.

Anonymous for their gift of *Shir HaShirim* books for the congregation.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel family:

Heather Johnson and Benjamin Warschawski

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Mr. Harvey Deutsch. Condolences to his wife Jeanine Franco Deutsch and children Allan Deutsch and Colette Ebert.

Mrs. Rita Bemporad. Condolences to her children Richard Bemporad and Robin Bemporad and siblings Bette Milstein and Alfred Buff.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to:

Daniela Weiss Yohananoff on the loss of her father, Mr. Laszlo Weiss.

Hindy Schachter and Elliot Lauer on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Doris Lauer Kriger.

Rabbi Norman and Mindy Lamm on the loss of their daughter, Mrs. Sara Lamm Dratch.

Our honorary Shamash Arthur Tenenholtz and Joel Tenenholtz on the loss of their father, Mr. Benjamin Tenenholtz.

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

SERVICES

WEEKDAY SERVICES

MORNINGS (SHAHKIT):

Sunday, 8:00 am

Monday-Friday, 7:15 am

EVENINGS (MINHAH & ARBIT):

Through June 6, 6:30 pm

June 9-July 18, 6:45 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Reunification Day

Tuesday Evening, May 7 through
Wednesday, May 8

Rosh Hodesh Sivan

Friday, May 10

Memorial Day Legal Holiday

Monday, May 27

Morning Service, 8:00 am

ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9

Fast of Tammuz

Tuesday, June 25

Dawn (Fast Begins), 4:14 am

Morning Service, 7:15 am

Minhah and Arbit 7:30 pm

End of Fast, 8:59 pm

The Fast of Tammuz commemorates 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.

SHABBAT SERVICES

MAY 3-4

Candle Lighting, 7:37 pm*

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am

Zemirot, S'jimon Den Hollander

Torah Reading, Behar-Behukkothai

Class, 6:15 pm

Minhah and Arbit, 7:30 pm

Habdalah, 8:35 pm

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

MAY 10-11

Candle Lighting, 7:43 pm

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am

Zemirot, Jack Daar

Torah Reading, Bemidbar

Teen Boys Lead Service

Haftarah, Jared Lang

Class, 6:30 pm

Minhah and Arbit, 7:45 pm

Habdalah, 8:42 pm

MAY 17-18

Candle Lighting, 7:50 pm

Friday Evening,, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am

Zemirot, Rev. Salomon L. Vaz Dias

Torah Reading, Naso

Haftarah, Irving Schachter

Class, 6:30 pm

Minhah and Arbit, 7:45 pm

Habdalah, 8:50 pm

MAY 24-25

Candle Lighting, 7:56 pm

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am

Zemirot, S'jimon Den Hollander

Torah Reading, Behaalotekha

Haftarah, Dr. Jonathan Freilich

Class, 6:45 pm

Minhah and Arbit, 8:00 pm

Habdalah, after 8:57 pm

MAY 31-JUNE 1

Candle Lighting, 8:02 pm

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am

Zemirot, Zachary Edinger

Torah Reading, Shelah Lekha

Haftarah, Zachary Edinger

Class, 6:45 pm

Minhah and Arbit, 8:00 pm

Habdalah, 9:02 pm

June 7-8

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh

Candle Lighting, 8:07 pm

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am

Zemirot, Jack Daar

Torah Reading, Korah-Rosh Hodesh

Class, 6:45 pm

Minhah and Arbit, 8:00 pm

Habdalah, 9:07 pm

JUNE 14-15

Candle Lighting, 8:10 pm

Friday Evening, 6:45 pm

Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am

Zemirot, S'jimon Den Hollander

Torah Reading, Hukkath

Haftarah, Joseph A. Solomon

Class, 7:00 pm

Minhah and Arbit, 8:15 pm

Habdalah, 9:11 pm

JUNE 21-22

Candle Lighting, 8:13 pm
Friday Evening, 6:45 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am
Zemirot, Adam Jackson
Torah Reading, Balak
Class, 7:00 pm
Minhah and Arbit, 8:15 pm
Habdalah, 9:13 pm

JUNE 28-29

Shabbat Dibre

Candle Lighting, 8:13 pm
Friday Evening, 6:45 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:30 am
Zemirot, Rev. Philip L. Sherman
Torah Reading, Pinehas-Dibre
Haftarah, Jack Daar
Class, 7:00 pm
Minhah and Arbit, 8:15 pm
Habdalah, 9:13 pm

About the Shabbatot Preceding the Fast of Ab

The three weeks between the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz and the Fast of the 9th of Ab are a 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 Dibre 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 passage is also chanted at one other time during the year, but on this occasion the passage is chanted in a dirge of lament, albeit ending in notes of comfort.

SHABUOT FESTIVAL

EVE OF THE FIRST DAY OF SHABUOT

Tuesday Evening, May 14
Evening Services, 7:45 pm
Festival Candle Lighting, 7:47 pm

FIRST DAY OF SHABUOT

Wednesday, May 15
Consecration Anniversary of our 70th Street Building, 1897
Morning Services, 8:15 am
Torah Reading: Exodus 19:1-20:23
(Reading of the Ten Commandments)
Girls' Reading of the Book of Ruth, 11:30 am

EVE OF THE SECOND DAY OF SHABUOT

Wednesday Evening, May 15
Festival Candle Lighting, after 8:32 pm
Azharot Men's Reading, 7:15 pm
Evening Services, 7:45 pm

SECOND DAY OF SHABUOT

Thursday, May 16
Morning Service, 8:15 am
Azharot Men's Reading, 7:15 pm
Minhah and Arbit, 7:45 pm
Habdalah, 8:33 pm

The Book of Ruth is traditionally read on Shabuot, since it deals with both the Israeli wheat harvest at this time of year, which the festival marks, as well as acceptance of the Torah, in this case by Ruth as a faithful convert. The younger girls of the congregation who take part are pre-assigned a few verses each, which they carefully rehearse, learning to chant them according to the congregation's unique traditional cantillation system for the Book of Ruth. Girls wishing to take part, or their parents, should please contact Rabbi Ira Rohde, the Hazzan, and his wife, Mrs. Lisa Rohde, well in advance of the festival. The girls will read their portions at the end of Wednesday morning services at 11:30 am.

Azharot (“Admonitions”) is the name given to the poem by Shelomo Ibn Gabirol with introduction by David Ibn Eleazar Pekudah, which enumerates all 613 Commandments of the Torah in rhymed verse. The introduction and the first part, which lists the 248 positive Commandments, is read on Wednesday evening at 7:15 pm, just before Minhah, and the second part, which enumerates the 365 negative Commandments, is read on Thursday evening at 7:15 pm before Minhah. The poem is chanted by the men and boys of the congregation in the Spanish & Portuguese traditional Shabuot melody in a round-robin style, with each participant leading two lines.