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THE FIRE OF SINAI AND OF SHEARITH ISRAEL

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik, *Rabbi*

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The following is a Debar Torah delivered by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik to a recent gathering of the trustees of the community.

In my several weeks as rabbi of our community, I have been privileged to pray every day in the Small Synagogue: *Shaharit*, *Minhah* and *Arbit*. I have come to know and love every inch of this exquisite sanctuary. The small synagogue contains so much beauty and history, but my favorite object is the *ner tamid*, the perpetual lamp, that I face every day while praying on the *tebah*.

I love this lamp for two reasons. First, unlike every other *ner tamid* in synagogues today, our ner still contains an actual flame, rather than the electric bulbs in use in *batei kneisiot* throughout America. Watching the flickering flame, one is exquisitely aware that this fire must be protected, kept and kindled; indeed, the biblical inspiration for the *ner tamid* is the Levitical verse obligated the *kohanim* of the *Beit Hamikdash* to

“Eish tamid tukad al ha-mizbeach; lo tichbeh! An eternal fire must be kindled on the altar: it shall not be extinguished!”

The second reason for my profound affection for our *ner tamid* lies in its history. According to Dr. Pool’s book,

the lamp dates back to our first Mill Street Synagogue. As such, this lamp is a *ner tamid* unlike any other, for it truly is perpetual: it has embodied the faith, love and loyalty of our community for centuries. The perpetual lamp hangs beneath the two tablets containing the Aseret *Ha-Dibrot*, the Decalogue divinely declared before our ancestors as they stood at Sinai. According to Dr. Pool, the two tablets adorning our *heichal* antedate almost all other objects in the small synagogue and were utilized by our community’s founders before the Mill Street Synagogue was built. It is, therefore, not to much to say that taken in tandem, the lamp and *luhot* embody the fire of Sinai that burns perpetually within our hearts: a fire first brought to the New World by our community’s founders and held proudly aloft in America by our *kehilah* for hundreds of years.

Here the symbolism is especially significant. The fire of *har Sinai* was first experienced in a unique way by a shepherd named Moshe. In a desolate desert, spare and sere, Moshe stood at Sinai, marveling at the warmth and brilliance of a flame feeding on a thorny hedge, though the hedge itself was not consumed: *ve-hasneh eineno ukal*.

My grandfather, Rav Aharon Soloveichik, explained the relevance of the symbolism. Fire, he noted, usually has three signature features: it is a source of light and warmth, but also destruction. The burning bush experienced

by Moshe, on the other hand, radiated luminance and warmth, yet the sneh was not destroyed. We Jews, my grandfather said, must burn brightly with the fire of faith, but always in a manner akin to that first divine flame: professing a religious fervor that does not consume or destroy, but that enlightens with moral wisdom and inspires us to compassion.

It is this flame of Sinai that will symbolize Shearith Israel in my rabbinate. We shall be a community of warmth and light, of *hesed* and of learning, an embodiment of the ethics of our Ancestors and of the wisdom of our tradition. Our synagogue will bestow pastoral care and compassion, and enlighten with the sacred truth and moral grandeur of the Torah. I thank you for entrusting me with this extraordinary privilege and responsibility: to serve as the *kohen* of our sanctuary, the keeper of this flame, the Minister of our extraordinary *kehillah*.

In the eighteenth century, a man by the name Gabriel P. Disosway wrote a book describing the houses of worship in the New York of his youth. Along with Manhattan's many churches, he recalled quite clearly Shearith Israel's Mill Street Synagogue, and especially its perpetually burning lamp.

"Very often have I looked in at the window," he reflected, "to see if the 'Holy Light' was burning before the altar. I never saw it extinguished; this every burning Jewish light was the wonder and mystery of the First Ward."

May our community continue to be a source of wonder and of awe, of enlightenment and compassion, of holiness and of light, a bright beacon to New York and the world for generations to come.

אש תמיד תוקד על המזבח לא תכבה!



CHOOSING FREE WILL

Rabbi Dr. Richard Hidary, *Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow*



According to the Rambam, free will both necessitates repentance as well as allows for its possibility. He writes in Mishneh Torah, Laws of Repentance 5:2:

The Creator does not decree that one be good or evil... Since our will is in our hands and we knowingly performed evil, it is appropriate for us to return in repentance and leave our evil, for the will is in our hands.

Rambam explains further that free will is a pillar of the Torah citing numerous verses that present mankind with the choice between good and evil (Gen 3:22, 4:6, Deut 5:26, 11:26, 30:15).

But do we really have free will? Although we intuitively feel that we do, throughout the history of human thought, thinkers ancient and modern have attacked this foundational belief. Greek pagans believed in the Fates who decided the destiny not only of humans but even of the gods. The Stoics denied the possibility of free will since every event comes about by a chain of causation so the current state of the world necessitates every event in the future.

This causal determinism anticipates modern thinkers who argue on the basis of physics, psychology, and neuroscience that all of our actions can be predicted

from the previous state of atoms in the universe, by our past traumas, and by the predetermined pattern of neurons firing in our brains. “Free will,” they claim, “is an illusion” (Sam Harris, Free Will, 5).

Among Jews too, the Essenes also believed in predestination as did some rabbis who inclined toward astrology and Aristotelian philosophy. We ourselves often have the sense that so much of our lives are not in our hands: our DNA, our upbringing and our education as children, and our natural and social environments. We often feel constrained by career and financial pressures, family concerns, and the hustle of a big city that can make us feel like a small gear in a giant machine running on autopilot.

But if free will is not available to us, then we can hardly be blamed for our sins and repentance becomes impossible. Furthermore, the Torah’s commandments and the constant calls of the prophets to improve our ways would become as pointless as yelling threats at your computer if it does not behave. The Rabbis could accept predestination in all dimensions of life but one: “Everything is in the hands of heaven except the fear of heaven” (Bavli Berakhot 33b). The Rambam correctly perceived that scientific determinism is not compatible with Judaism’s emphasis on responsibility, accountability, and hope. The Rambam therefore instructs us not to pay




attention to the “fools of the nations and the unrefined masses of Jews” who deny free will (ibid. 5:2).

In fact, the Fates have now been relegated to antique mythology, the philosophers contradict each other and themselves, and the probability built into quantum physics has now provided a possible scientific mechanism (one prefigured by Epicurus) to break free from the shackles of determinism. Science understands so little about the mind that there must be some other explanation for why so many moderns deny so vehemently their own intuition. One wonders to what extent the burden of taking responsibility for our actions that results from a belief in free will is what causes them, perhaps subconsciously, to choose determinism.

I would, however, agree with the determinists to some degree. Someone who simply follows the herd mentality of consumerism and entertainment and spends little time contemplating their life purpose will simply drift along with the current of external forces. Our lives follow a mostly predetermined path unless we take control and realize the divine gift of free will embedded within our souls. Genuine free will is not something we can take for granted but rather something we must work to achieve. Perhaps it is precisely because free will requires conscious effort that the Torah must command, “Choose life!” (Deut 30:15).

So, is genuine free will really possible? Yes, but only if we will it so. Abraham Joshua Heschel (God in Search of Man, 409) writes that it is only at rare moments in our lives that we are able to completely break free from causality, transcend ourselves, and attain an ecstatic spiritual state of creativity and freedom. But it is those experiences of returning to God that fill the rest of our lives with self-determination and meaning. The intensity of the High Holidays and the serenity of the synagogue sanctuary provide us an opportunity to introspect and remember that the fear of Heaven is in our hands. We, and only we, have the ability to uplift our lives morally and spiritually a step closer to our infinite divine potential. May it be both God’s will and our own free will that we make this year one full of personal and communal growth, commitment to loving-kindness, and spiritual transcendence.



*We must believe in free will,
we have no choice.
—Jsaac Bashevis Singer*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish mazal tov to:

Mrs. Liza Abraham on the marriage of her grandson **Binyamin Carl** to **Elisheva Bresler**. Binyamin is the son of **Hannah and Mitchell Carl**.

Loriana Berman and Dr. David Morgenroth on the birth of a baby boy. The baby is the grandson of our members, **Dr. Jane and Arthur Morgenroth**.

Noa Bregman, daughter of our members **Rachel and Dr. Bertie Bregman**, granddaughter of our members **Vivianne and Gerald Bregman**, on her bat mitzvah in Israel this August.

Dr. David Lerner on becoming a Medical Officer at the US Food and Drug Administration; and best wishes on his move to Silver Spring, Maryland.

Royi Mindel and Deena Neustadter on their recent marriage. Deena is the daughter of our members **Naomi** and Trustee and Honorary Parnas **Peter Neustadter**.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to our Kiddush sponsors (from June 8, 2013 through August 3, 2013):

Carlos Benaim in memory of his father **Menashe Benaim**.

Sharona and Gideon Gordon

Seth Haberman and Jennifer Ash in honor of their son **Isaac Haberman**.

Susan Wind in memory of **Holgar Linden (Harold Friedkin)**.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel family:

Dr. Nicole and Raanan Agus, and their children **Gabrielle Louisa, Alexander Robert and Elan Justin**.

Bella and Dr. Stephen Brenner

Shlomo Gewirtz

Neal and Dr. Maud Kozodoy and their children **Ephraim, David and Mirah**.

Karen and Roy Simon and their grown children **Daniel, Nicole, Joshua and Rebecca**.

Rochelle and Eugene Stern Major and their children **Kalman, Samuel and David**.

Gail Propp

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



IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Joseph Levy — Condolences to his wife **Gabrielle Toussieh Levy**, children **Marcia Beck, Louise Levy, Edward Levy and Jack Levy**, and siblings **Hyman Levy, Celia Mahana, Rachel Hedeya and Evelyn Shamah**.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to:

Joseph Cohen on this loss of his brother **Raphael S. Cohen**.

Joseph H. Rosenfield on the loss of his father **Ansel David (Archie) Rosenfield**.

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik on the loss of his maternal aunt.

Gabriella Styler on the loss of her nephew **Pompei de la Russo**.

Em nome do Dio Bendito, amen

*Por quanto no anno de
Cerca essa data. Serlas. Boas
Instruccoens, foyas em agn
tas. plos Vellor. desta nossa
Congrega, Chamada
Para a Conservaçao, da Paz
governo. Entre Ellos. Nos q
Elles. Siquissem; as qua
Negligencia, naq forad
força, por alguns tempos
Nos agora, nos alunta
aCordo. & Rezolvemos, Re
mesmaz Com alguaz a
Xadiçoemz; as quays Sa
1. Que se fará. Cleyçad. de hum
Hatanim; Quay Servi
para obom Governo da nossa
Em ordem do qual. temoz*

WEEKLY CLASSES

SUNDAY

Jewish Thought through Aggadah

Rabbi Richard Hidary
Classes begin September 29
8:40-9:40 am

This class will delve in the worldview of *Hazal* as presented in the Talmud and Midrash. We will cover the topics of predestination and fate versus freewill, forgiveness and repentance, suffering and punishment, reward and afterlife, marriage versus learning Torah, the evil inclination and the reasons for the commandments. For each topic we will analyze selected texts from the Talmud and Midrashim in order to survey the range of opinions on each topic as well as appreciate the literary devices and arguments used in making each case. We will also trace the backgrounds of these opinions in *Tanakh* and in Second Temple literature as well look forward to how some *Rishonim* dealt with the Talmudic sources.

The Book of Beliefs and Opinions: The Unity of God

Sjimon den Hollander
Class begins September 29
9:40 – 10:40 am

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. This year the class will focus on the subject of the unity of God.

Hebrew Classes

October 20 - December 8
(except December 1)
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Hebrew courses are \$75 and include a light breakfast. Sessions include 7 classes. Registration required. For questions contact Rabbi Shalom Morris.

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

October 7 – November 25
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

The Bet Midrash program featured high-level textual learning in small groups that encourages active participation and involvement. Rabbi Hidary, Rabbi Morris, and other visiting faculty will lead discussion groups on a wide range of topics for all ages and levels.

Visit our website or join our email list to view information on classes and new groups.



Rambam's Guide of the Perplexed

Rabbi Richard Hidary

7:00 – 8:00 pm

A close textual reading of the most important work of Jewish philosophy on topics of prophecy, providence, and the reasons of the commandments.

Please contact Rabbi Hidary for notifications about this class.

Second Temple Judaism

Rabbi Shalom Morris

7:00 – 8:00 pm

**October 21 - December 9
(except November 25)**

The Second Temple period was a time of Jewish debate, division and development, serving ultimately as a bridge between the Bible and the Sages. This course explores the dynamic period from both Jewish and academic sources.

Jewish International Connection of NY (JICNY) Learning

**Steve Eisenberg, joined by
Rabbi Shalom Morris**

7:00 – 9:15 pm

Start the work week off with a drink, a bite to eat, new friends, and stimulating Jewish thought with fellow young professionals. Steve Eisenberg shares inspiration from the weekly Torah Portion from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.

Rabbi Shalom Morris joins the group at 8:30 pm to discuss Jewish perspectives on sensitive subjects such as organ donation, land for peace, and stem cell research.

\$5 per person includes refreshments and both classes.

TUESDAY

Hellenism and Hebraism: Reading the Rabbis on the Background of Greco-Roman Culture

Rabbi Richard Hidary

Midtown Offices

5:00 pm

The Talmud and Midrash include thousands of Greek words as well as allusions to Greek mythology, fables, institutions, and ideas. We will study how the Rabbis adopted many Greek ideas they found helpful, adapted others to suit their worldview, and rejected still others as wrong and dangerous. This confrontation between the two great traditions of Biblical Hebraism with Greek Hellenism has had a major impact on both cultures and their after-effects are still felt today.

Please contact Rabbi Hidary for notifications about this class.

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WEEKLY CLASSES *continued*

Shiur: Masekhet Kiddushin and the Jewish Philosophy of Family

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

8:00 pm

This *shiur* will combine both conceptual *lomdut* (analysis) with Jewish philosophy in the study of the Talmudic tractate delineating the laws of Jewish marriage and family life. Sources will include classical commentaries as well as *Family Redeemed*, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik's philosophical reflections on marriage and the raising of children. This class is open to those with Talmudic background, as well as those with less textual experience but with a deep interest in what Jewish thought has to teach us about what it means, for example, to be husband and wife, father and mother.

WEDNESDAY

Tefillah Skills Workshop

Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde

October 2, 9, 16, 23,

November 6, 13, 20

7:00 – 8:00 pm

This mini-course is open to adults and older children who want to learn to follow and lead musical parts of the Spanish & Portuguese service. The exact curriculum will be tailored to the students' interests. Hebrew reading ability is prerequisite. The class is held in our beautiful Main Sanctuary and is open to both men and women.

THURSDAY

Tai Chi

Lewis Paleias

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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.

SHABBAT

The Misunderstood Masterpiece: A New Approach to Pirkei Abot

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

**1 hour before minhah except
on November 16, 23 & 30 (45
minutes before minhah)**

Pirkei Abot is often understood as a mere series of unrelated ethical adages. In fact, each brief and much-cited maxim in *Pirkei Abot* actually hints at the extraordinary, and unique, life story and worldview of its rabbinic source, and the chapters of *Abot* are joined together in a structure that actually tells the story of the transmission of the Oral Law. We will see how studying the history of the rabbinic figures cited lend an entirely new understanding to these statements, and how *Abot* represents the diverse response of the rabbis to an age of crisis and transition that was, in many ways, not unlike our own.



SPECIAL CLASSES AND SEMINARS

PRE-ROSH HASHANAH

Making Ourselves Available to Forgive

Rabbi Richard Hidary
Wednesday, August 28
8:00 pm

In Praise of Puns: The Symbolic Foods of Rosh Hashanah

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Shabbat, August 31

The Great Gatsby and Rosh Hashanah: Can We Really Change?

Rabbi Shalom Morris
Tuesday, September 3
7:00 pm

FIRST ANNUAL SHABBAT TESHUBAH DRASHAH

Proclaim Repentance Throughout the Land: The Original Message of the Liberty Shofar

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Shabbat, September 7

On the Shabbat before Kippur, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will deliver Shearith Israel's first annual Shabbat *Teshubah drashah*, or address. This year's topic is *Proclaim Repentance Throughout the Land: The Original Message of the Liberty Shofar*. The biblical exhortation "Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land" is emblazoned on the liberty bell in the Philadelphia, as well as on the "Liberty Bell *rimonim*" that adorn a Torah in Shearith Israel. **Read more about it in the sidebar.**

PRE-KIPPUR

Is Forgiving Essential to Repenting?

Rabbi Shalom Morris
Monday, September 9
7:00 pm

Three Conceptions of Sin, Three Paths to Atonement

Rabbi Richard Hidary
Tuesday, September 10
8:00 pm

PRE-SUCCOT

Succot and the Apocalypse: The Role of Succot in the End of Days

Rabbi Shalom Morris
Monday, September 16
7:00 pm

Read More:
First Annual Shabbat Teshubah Drashah

The Liberty Shofar

The original call of liberty to which the Bible refers was not the ringing of a bell but the blast of a shofar, sounded on Kippur in celebration of the Jubilee year. It is in memory of this "Liberty Horn" that the shofar is sounded at the conclusion of Kippur every year today. The Shubah drashah will examine the message of this original Kippur proclamation of liberty, how this Jubilee verse so originally impacted America, and how the link between liberty and repentance allows us a better understanding of what it means for a free people to do teshubah, or meaningful and lasting repentance.



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Literary Lunch

Thursday, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 19
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.

Dorot Succot Package Delivery

Sunday, September 15

In preparation for *Succot*, join us as we deliver holiday food packages to seniors living on the Upper West Side. To participate, please contact Alana Shultz.

Sisterhood Succah Decorating

Monday, September 16
4:00 – 9:00 pm

Tuesday, September 17
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Sisterhood's maintenance and decoration of the Congregation's internal, open-air Elias Room *Succah* have undoubtedly made it one of the most beautiful in New York City. Teens and adults are invited to help decorate in preparation for the *Succot* Festival. To participate, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde. Financial contributions to the Sisterhood are also welcomed to defray the costs of the florist, decor, construction, as well as food for the eight *kiddushim* and four communal breakfasts to be held there this year. To make a contribution to the Sisterhood *Succah* Fund or to sponsor a *Succah Kiddush* or breakfast, contact Rabbi Ira Rohde.

Youth Succah Decorating

Tuesday, September 17
3:30 – 6:00 pm

See the Youth Programing section for full details on pag 16.

Moments in the NYC Jewish Experience Exhibit Opening

Tuesday, September 17
6:00 – 7:30 pm

At the NYC Municipal Archives, lobby of 31 Chambers Street

The NYC Department of Records and the Manhattan Jewish Historical Initiative invite you to attend the opening of this fascinating exhibit co-sponsored by Shearith Israel. Light refreshments will be served. Visit our website for speakers and entertainment details. RSVP by Wednesday, September 10 to visitorcenter@records.nyc.gov or 212.788.8609.

A Healthy Start to the New Year Family Event

**Sunday, September 22
12:00 pm in the Succah**

Participants will meet for a light workout in our beautiful succah and then create lunch together from seasonal ingredients that are grown right here in New York. While eating, the group will explore Jewish teachings about leading a healthy lifestyle (*shmirat haguf*). This *Succot* celebration is organized in collaboration with Camp Zeke, a new Jewish summer camp where 7 to 17 year olds become fitter, faster, and stronger while eating local, organic foods and cooking gourmet meals.

Mishmarah–Tikkun

**Tuesday, September 24
8:30 – 10:00 pm**

Enjoy this Spanish and Portuguese learning tradition in the *Succah* enhanced with freshly prepared sushi. Both the shiur and the sushi will be lovingly prepared and presented by Rabbi Soloveichik.

Women's Hakafot in the Little Synagogue

**Thursday, September 26
7:15 pm**

On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel *hakafot* ceremony for women is held in the Little Synagogue, accompanied by a choir of women congregants.

Hatanim Luncheon

**Shabbat, September 28
Following Morning Services**

On Shabbat Bereshit, we honor our Hatan Torah, Gabriel Goldstein and Hatan Bereshit, Alexander Seligson with a lovely luncheon and lively toasts. Register online at shearithisrael.org/hatanim2013.

Wyatt Gallery's Photography of the Caribbean Jewish Cemeteries

**Wednesday, October 2
7:00 pm**

For over five years, acclaimed photographer and Fulbright Fellow Wyatt Gallery has been documenting

Sephardic historical sites of the Caribbean. Many of these precious sites are in danger of extinction as the Caribbean Sephardic communities dwindle. Through these majestic photographs, Mr. Gallery takes us into the four remaining synagogues with sand covered floors, the cemeteries from the 1600 and 1700's, as well as through the harrowing journey of how the Jews escaped persecution and created a flourishing community in the Caribbean and what is now the United States. Mr. Gallery will be giving our congregation the first preview of his beautiful fine-art photographs from his upcoming book, *Jewish Treasures of The Caribbean*.

Women's Service

**Shabbat, October 5
9:15 am**

By and for women, these services are an opportunity for women to lead prayer, read from the Torah and perform the *mitzvot* associated with

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS *continued*

Introducing Rabbi Richard Hidary as our Inaugural Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow

Establishing the position of Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow highlights our congregation's commitment to high-quality scholarship, teaching and community leadership. The fellow is a full member of Shearith Israel's clergy, involved in all aspects of congregational life. Rabbi Richard Hidary personifies the qualities we imagined in developing this position. He is an accomplished academic with a strong desire to be involved in synagogue life and communal leadership. Please join us in welcoming Rabbi Hidary. Help us build the endowment for this prestigious position; please contact Barbara Reiss to learn more.

our services. Services are held in the Little Synagogue.

Interested participants contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csiwomen@yahoo.com.

Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Symposium: International Hot Spots

**Tuesday, October 15
11:00 am – 7:30 pm**

JDC works with Jewish communities and people in need in over 70 countries, and is witness to some of the most compelling global changes of our time. Hear Jewish voices from countries in crisis, learn about meaningful humanitarian ideas and innovations, and help make a lasting difference.

Rabbi Soloveichik will be a featured presenter among other distinguished experts. For full program details, visit: jdc.org/ambassadors2013.

Inauguration and Investiture Shabbat: A Welcome and Celebration of Rabbi Richard Hidary

**Shabbat, October 19
Following morning services**

In celebration of Rabbi Hidary joining Shearith Israel as our Inaugural Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow, we are proud to invite the community to a special investiture event. Rabbi Hidary will present a lecture on The Life and Teachings of Rabbi Dr. Maurice Gaguine. Rabbi Gaguine (1919-1990), Rabbi Hidary's great uncle, was the rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Withington Hebrew Congregation in Manchester for 44 years. Rabbi Gaguine descended from a long line of rabbis and represents, for Rabbi Hidary, the ideal Sephardic model of a *Hakham*. An inventor, a freemason, and a chaplain, Rabbi Gaguine earned a doctorate from Manchester University writing on the pseudepigraphic Testaments of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In this seminar, Rabbi Hidary will analyze

some of his sermons, halakhic writings, and scholarly insights on the background of his own times and his lasting contribution. Following the seminar, congregants are invited to join us for a celebratory Kiddush luncheon.

If you would like to be a sponsor of this special event, please contact Barbara Reiss.

Lower East Side Good Eats Meets the Upper West Side

**Wednesday, October 30
7:00 pm**

Author Mark Russ Federman, former owner of the famed and still family-owned appetizing store Russ & Daughters, will speak about his book, *Russ & Daughters: Reflections and Recipes from the House that Herring Built*. He will be interviewed by Jane Ziegelman, director of the culinary program at the Tenement Museum and author of *97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families*. Both books will be available for purchase.

***The Nation by the River
with Author Gabe Galambos***

**Wednesday, November 6
7:00 pm**

Gabe Galambos will read from his book *The Nation by the River* about a boy, Michael Costa, who discovers that he is part of a community of Crypto-Jews in modern day New England. He will also present his research on the *conversos* of the Azores Islands.

***Shakespeare and Shiur Launch
Dinner***

Friday evening, November 8

Join us for the launch of Rabbi Soloveichik's four-part lecture series Shakespeare and Shiur. Following an elegant Shabbat dinner, the Rabbi will present "*What if Shylock Went to Bet Din? The Merchant of Venice Revisited.*" Pre-registration required and will be available online.

***Sephardim, Ashkenazim and the
Halakhic History of the Turkey***

Shabbat, November 23

Rabbi Soloveichik's pre-Thanksgiving lecture is delivered in anticipation of our Thanksgiving celebrations at Shearith Israel and with our families.

***Installation of our new Rabbi,
Meir Y. Soloveichik***

**Sunday, November 24
Time to be announced**

In preparation for the rare confluence of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving, we are excited to host a special installation event celebrating our new rabbi, Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik. In his honor we look forward to hearing from several esteemed Jewish leaders as well as a installation address by Rabbi Soloveichik on *Thanksgiving: America's Hanukkah*.

In 1789 George Washington issued the first Presidential Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, and that year the Hazzan of Shearith Israel, Gershom Seixas, delivered what

was the first Thanksgiving sermon in a synagogue. Thanksgiving is therefore always a special day for our congregation, but it is will mark the only time in American Jewish history that Thanksgiving will coincide with the celebration of Hanukkah. In honor of this serendipitous occasion, Rabbi Soloveichik will examine the often missed link between these two celebrations, and how Jewish conceptions of Hanukkah actually played a vital role in the original congressional debate regarding the propriety a national day of Thanksgiving. The lecture will draw on the matchless history of our congregation, as well as sermons and ritual objects from the Independence era of our synagogue. Join as we celebrate Shearith Israel's glorious past and chart a destiny worthy of its history.

If you would like to be a sponsor of this special event, please contact Barbara Reiss.

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FEATURED EVENT

***An Evening with
Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks***

**Wednesday, October 23
Time to be announced**

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks will visit Shearith Israel in a major public event. It is sure to be an unforgettable evening with Jewish Orthodoxy's most prominent public intellectual and one of the most sophisticated voices of faith in the world today. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks has been Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth from 1991 to 2013. Author of 24 books, holding 15 honorary degrees, and recognized with numerous awards and prizes, the Chief Rabbi was conferred a Doctor of Divinity by the Archbishop of Canterbury, awarded the Jerusalem Prize in 1995 and knighted by Her Majesty the Queen in 2005.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS *continued*

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah

**First Day of Hanukkah, Thursday,
November 28**

**Hanukkah and Thanksgiving Morning
Services, 7:45 am**

**Parade viewing and hot chocolate for
members, 8:30 am**

We observe Thanksgiving with the addition of sections of *Hallel* during *Shahrit* and the omission of *Tahanunim*. As the first night of Hanukkah falls on Thanksgiving this year, our service will be beautifully enhanced with the recitation of full *Hallel*. This special concurrence of two significant holidays warrants enhanced programming. In addition to our Morning Services, led by our *Hazzanim* and accompanied by our ethereal choir, Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a special address and holiday related class while our younger members enjoy unparalleled views of the Parade from our Portico on Central Park West.

Youth Hanukkah Party

**Thursday, November 28
10:30 am**

See the CSI Youth section on page 18 for full details.

Sephardic Music Festival

**Tuesday, December 3
7:30 pm**

Celebrate Hanukkah with our annual Sephardic Music Festival. Enjoy Sephardic songs and Middle Eastern rhythms performed by world-renown musicians in our breathtaking Main Sanctuary.

Early American Jewish History and Identity through Portraiture

**Sunday, September 15
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Join us for a session with historian and genealogist David M. Kleiman to rediscover early American Jewish history. We will explore the use of graphic symbols and messages, subject research, artist biographies, creative medium, materials, provenance, and even framing to explore the lives of American Jews living in the 18th and 19th centuries.

This is a Jewish Genealogical Society program and is supported by The George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom (sponsors of the Loeb Jewish Portrait Database at the American Jewish Historical Society) and co-sponsored with The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

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 Katzap Breakfast

**Minyan 7:15 am
Breakfast 7:50 am**

Sponsored annually by our member, Chaim Katzap, our morning *minyan* crew has been meeting for a weekly breakfast on Tuesdays. All morning *minyan* attendees are welcome. Contact Rabbi Ira Rohde if you would like to sponsor a *minyan* breakfast in honor of a special occasion.

YOUTH PROGRAMING

As we begin a new year, we move in a new direction. In an effort to make our youth programming more holistic, Rabbi Shalom Morris, principal of our Hebrew School, will now also organize our Junior Congregation and oversee our youth programming in general. In partnership with our teen leaders and prefects, we welcome two new group leaders. Sam Neumark, himself a product of our youth department, and Julia Schrier, a young and dynamic educator, will run our youth groups, while Mrs. Lisa Rohde will continue to support our Torah readers and Alana Shultz will organize our youth events. We are grateful to Rafi Blumenthal for his lasting contributions to our youth department, and wish him well as he moves on to new endeavors. If you would like to become more involved in planning our youth programming or would like your child to become more active in Junior Congregation, please contact Rabbi Morris.

WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

Begins Monday, September 9

**Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays
9:30 am - 11:30 am**

**For children ages 16 - 33 months
Caregiver attendance required**

Shearith Israel's popular Toddler Program is held three times a week for children aged 16-33 months with an adult caregiver. The program focuses on learning colors and shapes, creating arts and crafts, singing songs, exploring Jewish holidays, music and more. Contact Alana Shultz to enroll your toddler.

- 1, 2, or 3 day options
- Discounted rates for full year enrollment
- Members receive preferential pricing

MUSICAL HEBREW IMMERSION PROGRAM

Shir Fun with Dafna Israel-Kotok

Fall Session

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21

Thursdays

10:15 am – 11:00 am

For children 10 months – 3 years of age

Leveraging the positive effects on the brain of musical enrichment and cultural pride, the *Shir Fun* program immerses children in using musical instruments, and a specially designed curriculum which includes original songs, movement-based activities, holiday celebrations and personal interactions. Contact Alana Shultz to register.

\$200 for full synagogue members and children enrolled in the Shearith Israel Toddler Program

\$225 for others





YOUTH PROGRAMING *continued*

THE SHEARITH ISRAEL HEBREW SCHOOL

Polonies Talmud Torah School (PTTS)

September 8 – June 8

**All ages meet on Sundays from
10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Elementary school-aged children also meet on
Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**

For students aged 3 – 16 years old

Annual tuition is \$650 for full members and \$1250 for others. Financial aid is available.

For more information and to enroll, visit shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool. You may also contact our Educational Director and Hebrew School Principal, Rabbi Shalom Morris.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Shabbat and Holiday Clubs

September – June

From 10:00 am until the end of services

Children, ages 5 – 12, gather before and after Junior Congregation with our experienced and engaging leaders for fun activities connected to the *parashah* of the week and other Jewish themes.

Assigned Junior Congregation

**First Day of Rosh Hashanah, September 5
Shabbat September 28, October 26, November 23**

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 service 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 Rabbi Shalom Morris.

Youth Succah Decorating

**Tuesday, September 17
3:30 – 6:00 pm**

Join us for arts and crafts projects for all ages that will adorn and beautify Shearith Israel's *Succah*. Bring your enthusiasm and creativity; we will supply the materials and pizza.

Teen and parent volunteers needed. \$5 suggested donation. To participate, please RSVP to Alana Shultz.

Biannual Teen Services

Shabbat, November 16


Our teenage boys lead parts of the Shabbat morning service in the Main Sanctuary for the entire congregation. Participants are trained and prepared to recite and lead prayers according to Shearith Israel's beautiful tradition and dignified standards.

To participate, please contact Yehudit Robinson, yehudit.robinson@gmail.com.

Youth Hanukkah Party

**Thursday, November 28
10:30 am**

It's Thanksgivingukkah! Following the Thanksgiving Parade viewing on our Portico steps, celebrate this special occasion before you leave for turkey and latke feasts. Children of all ages are welcome to join our Hanukkah party in the Levy Auditorium with arts, crafts, music and more. To attend, please RSVP to Alana Shultz.



**The Polonies Talmud Torah School
(PTTS) has been providing quality
Jewish education to children for
over 200 years.**



CULINARY CORNER

This edition's Culinary Corner features longstanding Shearith Israel member **Jacques Capsouto** of **Capsouto Frères**, located in TriBeCa for over 32 years. Although damages sustained due to Hurricane Sandy permanently closed the famed bistro, we celebrate the Capsouto family's fascinating Sephardic history and impeccable soufflé.

The Capsoutos trace their roots to Portugal until the time of the Inquisition, during which they fled to Thessaloniki, Greece and then eventually settled in Çanakkale, a town and seaport in Turkey that sits on the southern coast of the Dardanelles. The Capsouto family remained in Çanakkale until the 1912 Mürefte earthquake. This natural disaster brought them to Smyrna

In 1980, three brothers opened a restaurant in a former spice warehouse at Washington and Watts.

where they remained until the outbreak of World War I. A devout Zionist, Jacques' father Marco left Smyrna for Palestine via Egypt but remained in Alexandria for business. There in Alexandria, Marco met and married Eva Rouso, a (future) member of Shearith Israel's Sisterhood, during World War II. The Rouso family traces their roots to Spain until the time of the Inquisition when they also resettled in Turkey and eventually made their way to Egypt. Jacques, the eldest of the Capsouto brothers, was born in Hopital Israélite du Caire in 1945. Samuel, the middle brother, was born the following year. The youngest brother, Albert, was



born in 1956, shortly before the outbreak of the Suez Crisis. This war served as a major tipping point for many Jewish families living in Egypt, whose existence in the country was becoming increasingly strained since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. The Egyptian government arrested Marco under suspicion of espionage for Israel. Once released after enduring 10 days of interrogation and torture, the Capsouto family decided to flee Egypt. Most of the Roussso and Capsouto families were located in Egypt at this time. The majority of their extended family moved to Israel, while some fled to Paris and others to Rio de Janeiro. Some 25,000 Jews left, almost half of the Jewish community, after being forced to sign declarations that they were leaving voluntarily and agreed with the confiscation of their assets. Marco's employer, a French firm that produced natural essences, assisted the Capsouto family in resettling in Paris.

In 1961, they immigrated to the United States with help from childhood friends from Turkey who were then members of Shearith Israel. The youngest Capsouto brother, Albert, became a bar mitzvah in 1969 at Shearith Israel under the tutelage of Rabbi Dr. Louis C. Gerstein.

In 1980, the three brothers opened the restaurant in what was then an industrial neighborhood, TriBeCa. As the neighborhood began to flourish, so did the restaurant, with Albert running the front of the house, Jacques managing the kitchen, and Samuel handling the accounting. Shearith Israel Hazzan Rev. Abraham Lopes Cardozo placed the *mezuzah* in the doorway of the business that remains to this day. The restaurant was a staple of New York culinary life and major contributor to the TriBeCa community for over 32 years – hosting Pesah *sederim* (with menus inspired by Eva's family recipes) for 27 of those years in benefit of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and staying open to give away hot meals to residents and utility workers in the aftermath of 9/11.

With Albert's passing in 2010, Jacques signed a contract with a *moshav* in the Western Galilee for 100 *dunam* of land to grow Rhône wine. He planted the first grape vines on Tu B'Shvat of 2011, only months after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. The first vintage, Jacques Capsouto Vignoble, will be available in 2014. Jacques plans to eventually open a winery in Tefen, Israel. We wish Jacques and the Capsouto family success in their endeavors and thank them for sharing the recipe for one of their world-renown soufflés. ☞

— recipes follow —



CULINARY CORNER *continued*

RASPBERRY SOUFFLE

Servings: 1

- 4 Egg Whites (1/2 cup)
- 1 Dash Cream of Tartar (or salt)
- 1 tsp. Confectioner's Sugar
- 1 tb. Pastry Cream
- 1 tb. of Fresh Raspberry Preserves
- 2 oz. of Fresh Raspberry Sauce
- 2 oz. Cream Chantilly
- 2 Dashes Raspberry Liquor (optional)
- 1 Four-inch Ramekin (Buttered and Sugared)

1. In a bowl, combine pastry cream, preserves and 1 dash of Raspberry Liquor.
2. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar.
3. When soft peaks appear, add confectioner's sugar and beat until the peaks are stiff. DO NOT over-beat.
4. Blend well one-third (1/3rd) of the beaten egg-whites with the pastry cream mixture.
5. Add rest of the egg-whites and gently fold until everything is well incorporated. Try to work quick at this point to achieve a light and fluffy mixture.
6. Add 1 dash of liquor to the ramekin and pour mixture.
7. Tap the ramekin gently on the countertop to settle the mixture. Smooth around the edges and top to make a slightly rounded dome.
8. Pre-heat oven at 350 degrees. Bake for 12-15 minutes until puffed and golden. Dust the top with the confectioner's sugar.
9. Serve immediately. Gently open the top crust with a spoon, pour in the sauce. Top off with the crème Chantilly.



PASTRY CREAM

1¾ oz. Cornstarch
¾ oz. Flour
8 Egg Yolks
4 oz. Sugar
2 cups Milk
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract

1. Mix cornstarch and flour together.
2. Beat the egg yolks and half of sugar until ribbon forms.
3. Fold the cornstarch and flour mixture into the egg yolk and sugar mixture.
4. Add the rest of the sugar to the milk and bring it to a boil.
5. Slowly pour half of the milk into the egg mixture, stirring constantly.
6. Bring the rest of the milk back to a boil and also beat it into the egg mixture.
7. Add vanilla extract.
8. Return the egg and milk mixture to a low flame.
9. Cook the pastry cream till it thickens and has a smooth creamy taste and feel.
10. Let it cool. Refrigerate till needed.

FRESH RASPBERRY PRESERVES & SAUCE

1½ pint Fresh Raspberries (approx. 6 oz.)
2 oz. Sugar
1 tb. Lemon Juice

1. Combine all ingredients in a non-corrosive sauce pan.
2. Slowly bring to a boil and let it simmer for 3-5 minutes. If you desire to have a thicker sauce, cook longer.
3. Strain for sauce.
4. Use remaining pulp and seeds as preserves for soufflé.

For over 32 years, Capsouto Frères served as a place of elegant cuisine, family, and hesed.

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2. Slowly bring to a boil and let it simmer for 3-5 minutes. If you desire to have a thicker sauce, cook longer.
3. Strain for sauce.
4. Use remaining pulp and seeds as preserves for soufflé





SERVICES

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mornings (Shabrit):

Sunday, 8:00 am

Monday – Friday, 7:15 am

Evenings (Minhah & Arbit):

Until September 24: Minhah & Arbit, 6:30 pm

September 29 – October 10:

Minhah & Arbit, 6:15 pm

October 13 – 17: Minhah & Arbit, 6:00 pm

October 20-31: Minhah & Arbit, 5:45 pm

November 3, 2013 – February 27, 2014:

Arbit only, 6:30 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Morning Service, 8:00 am

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan

Thursday Eve – Saturday | October 3 – 5

Friday Morning Service, 7:15 am

Rosh Hodesh Kislev

Saturday Eve – Monday | November 2 – 4

Sunday Morning Service, 8:00 am

Monday Morning Service, 7:15 am

HANUKKAH

Wednesday Evening, November 27 – Thursday, December 5

Eve Of The First Day Of Hanukkah

Wednesday Evening, November 27

Lighting of First Candle (at home),

Wednesday Evening after Sunset, 4:31 pm

Wednesday Evening Services at Synagogue
(Arbit only), 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving – First Day of Hanukkah

Thursday, November 28

Hanukkah and Thanksgiving Morning Services,
7:45 am

Parade viewing and hot chocolate for members,
8:30 am

In 1789, Shearith Israel responded to George Washington's call for a day of national thanksgiving with a special service.

Eve Of The Second Day Of Hanukkah

Thursday Evening, November 28

Lighting of Second Candle (at home),

Thursday Evening after Sunset, 4:30 pm

Thursday Evening Services at Synagogue
(Arbit only), 6:30 pm

SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh

October 4-5

Candle Lighting, 6:15 pm
Friday Evening, 6:15 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Adam Jackson
Torah Reading, Noah-Rosh Hodesh
Class, 5:00 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 6:00 pm
Habdalah, 7:04 pm

October 11-12

Candle Lighting, 6:04 pm
Friday Evening, 6:00 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Avery E. Neumark
Torah Reading, Lekh Lekha
Haftarah, Joshua Berman
Bar Mitzvah, Joshua Berman
Class, 4:45 pm
Minhah & Arbit 5:45 pm
Habdalah, 6:52 pm

October 18-19

Candle Lighting, 5:53 pm
Friday Evening, 6:00 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Zachary Edinger
Torah Reading, Vayera
Class, 4:45 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 5:45 pm
Habdalah, 6:41 pm

October 25-26

Candle Lighting, 5:43 pm
Friday Evening, 5:45 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Sijmon Den Hollander
Torah Reading, Haye Sarah
Haftarah, Jake I. Nussbaum
Class, 4:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 5:30 pm
Habdalah, 6:30 pm

November 1-2

Candle Lighting, 5:34 pm
Friday Evening, 5:30 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Jack Daar
Torah Reading, Toledo
Haftarah, Yehuda Montrose
Class, 4:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 5:15 pm
Habdalah, 6:20 pm

November 8-9

Candle Lighting, 4:26 pm
Friday Evening, 4:30 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Adam Jackson
Torah Reading, Vayetse
Haftarah, Bernard Turiel
Class, 3:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 4:15 pm
Habdalah, 5:12 pm

November 15-16

Candle Lighting, 4:20 pm
Friday Evening, 4:15 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Teen Boys Service Shabbat
Zemirot, Teens
Torah Reading, Vayishlah
Torah & Haftarah, read by Teens
Class, 3:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 4:00 pm
Habdalah, 5:05 pm

November 22-23

Candle Lighting, 4:15 pm
Friday Evening, 4:15 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Sijmon den Hollander
Torah Reading, Vayesheb
Haftarah, Jacob Neumark
Class, 3:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 4:00 pm
Habdalah, 5:00 pm

Shabbat Hanukkah

November 29-30

Candle Lighting, 4:12 pm
Friday Evening, 4:00 pm
Shabbat Morning, 8:15 am
Zemirot, Zachary S. Edinger
Torah Reading, Mikkets-Hanukah
Haftarah, Jacob P. Seligson
Class, 3:15 pm

Minhah & Arbit, 4:00 pm
Habdalah & Hanukkah Candles,
4:57 pm

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES IN MAIN SANCTUARY

(Parallel Service Schedule will vary
slightly)

ROSH HASHANAH

The Eve Of The First Day

Wednesday, September 4
Morning Selihot Service,
6:30 am
Morning Shahrit Service,
7:15 am
Wednesday Candle Lighting,
7:05 pm
Erub Tabshilin,*
before sunset, 7:23 pm
Wednesday Evening
Services, 7:00 pm



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SERVICES *continued*

First Day Of Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 5

Birkot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemirot, 7:45-8:40 am

Shahrit, 8:40-9:35 am

Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah, 9:35-9:50 am

Torah & Haftarah Reading,

9:50-10:30 am

Offerings & Et Shaare Ratzon,

10:30-10:50 am

Shofar Service, 10:50-11:05 am

Ashre & Returning Sefarim,

11:05-11:20 am

Musaf, 11:20 am -12:20 pm

Sermon & Service Conclusion,

12:20-12:45 pm

The Eve Of The Second Day

Thursday, September 5

Thursday Evening Services, 7:00 pm

(1st Day Minhah & Eve of 2nd Day Arbit)

Thursday Evening Sunset, 7:21pm

Thursday Evening Candle Lighting, after 7:45 pm

Second Day Of Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 6

Birkot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemirot,

7:45-8:40 am

Preliminary Prayers & Psalms

Shahrit, 8:40-9:30 am

Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah, 9:30-9:45 am

Torah & Haftarah Reading, 9:45-10:25 am

Offerings & Et Shaare Ratzon, 10:25-10:40 am

Shofar Service, 10:40-10:55 am

Ashre & Returning Sefarim, 10:55-11:10 am

Musaf, 11:10 am -12:10 pm

(At the same time in both services)

Sermon & Service Conclusion 12:10-12:30 pm

SHABBAT TESHUBAH (SHABBAT OF REPENTANCE)

The Eve Of Shabbat Teshubah

Friday, September 6

Friday Candle Lighting, before 7:02 pm

Friday Evening Services, 7:00 pm

Friday Evening Sunset, 7:20 pm

Shabbat Teshubah Day

Saturday, September 7

Birkhot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemirot, 8:15 am

Zemirot, Adam Jackson

Shahrit, 9:00 am

Torah Service, 9:45-10:45 am

Torah Reading, Haazinu

Haftarah, Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik

Musaf & Conclusion, 10:45-11:30 am

Shabbat Teshubah Drashah, 11:30 am

Class, 5:45 pm

Minhah & Arbit, 6:45 pm

Habdalah, 7:54 pm

Fast Of Gedaliah

Sunday, September 8

Fast Begins (Dawn), 5:06 am

Morning Services, 8:00 am
Evening Services, 6:15 pm
End of Fast, 7:40 pm

KIPPUR

The Eve Of Kippur

Friday, September 13
Morning Selihot Service, 6:30 am
Morning Shahrit Service, 7:15 am
Minhah, 1:30 pm
Eve of Yom Kippur & Shabbat Candle
Lighting, 6:50 pm
Fast Begins before Sunset, 7:08 pm
Kal Nidre, 6:45 pm

Kippur Day

Saturday, September 14
Birkot HaShahar, Korbanot &
Zemiroth, 8:30 am
Shahrit, 9:30 am
Torah Reading, 11:30 am
Musaf, 12:55 pm
Minhah, 3:30 pm
Sermon, 6:15 pm
Neilah (Closing Service), 6:30 pm
Shofar and Arbit, 7:42 pm
Fast Ends, 7:42 pm

This year, with two extraordinary new rabbis at the helm, we are enhancing and expanding our Parallel Services. These services are uniquely geared toward individuals and families who

prefer more commentary interspersed in their prayer or are seeking a way to make High Holiday services a more accessible and relevant experience. Seat holders in the Main Sanctuary are also welcome in the Levy Auditorium for these more casual services. Associate Hazzan Philip Sherman leads prayer with Rabbi Richard Hidary, Rabbi Shalom Morris and Mr. Sijmon den Hollander on Day 1 and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik and Rabbi Morris on Day 2 providing explanations. Associate Members automatically receive tickets for the Parallel Services. Non-members contact Diana Landau in advance of the holidays for tickets. The High Holy Days Parallel Service ticket, which is a suggested donation of \$180, allows the bearer to take unoccupied seats in the Main Sanctuary during off-peak hours throughout the High Holy Days, such as on the Second Day of Rosh HaShanah or on Kippur Day until the time of the sermon before Neilah. Contact Diana Landau in advance of the holiday.

FESTIVAL SERVICES

Succot Festival

First & Second Days Of Succot
The Eve Of The First Day
Wednesday, September 18
Wednesday Candle Lighting, 6:42 pm
Erub Tabshilin,* before sunset, 7:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit),
6:30 pm

First Day Of Succot

Thursday, September 19
Birkhot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemiroth, 8:15 am
Shahrit, 9:00 am
Torah Service: 9:50 am
Hoshaanot, 10:55 am

The Eve Of The Second Day

Thursday, September 19
Thursday Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit),
6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Sunset, 6:58 pm
Thursday Candle Lighting, after 7:20 pm

Second Day Of Succot

Friday, September 20
Birkhot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemiroth, 8:15 am
Shahrit, 9:00 am
Torah Service: 9:50 am
Hoshaanot, 10:55 am

Shabbat Hol Hamoed Succot

The Eve Of Shabbat Hol Hamoed
Friday, September 20
Friday Candle Lighting, before 6:38 pm
Friday Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Friday Evening Sunset, 7:20 pm

Shabbat Hol Hamoed Day

Saturday, September 21
Birkhot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemiroth, 8:15 am
Zemiroth, Sijmon Den Hollander

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SERVICES *continued*

Shahrit, 9:00 am
Torah Service, 9:50 am
Hoshaanot, 10:55 am
Class, 5:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit, 6:30 pm
Habdalah, 7:29 pm

Hol Hamoed Succot Weekdays

Sunday, September 22
Morning Shahrit & Musaf Services, 8:00 am
Evening Minhah & Arbit Services, 6:30 pm

Monday & Tuesday, September 23 & 24
Morning Shahrit & Musaf Services, 7:15 am
Evening Minhah & Arbit Services, 6:30 pm

HOSHAANA RABBAH

The Eve Of Hoshaana Rabbah

Tuesday, September 24
Evening Minhah & Arbit Services, 6:30 pm
Mishmarah, 8:30-10:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Services, 6:30 pm

Hoshaana Rabbah Day

Wednesday, September 25
Morning Services, 6:30-9:00 am

SHEMINI ATSERET

The Eve Of Shemini Atseret

Wednesday, September 25
Wednesday Candle Lighting, 6:30 pm
Erub Tabshilin,* before sunset, 6:48 pm
Evening Minhah & Arbit Services, 6:30 pm

Shemini Atseret Day

Thursday, September 26
Birkhot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemirot, 8:15 am
Shahrit Services, 9:00 am
Tikkun HaTal, during Musaf, 10:40 am

SIMHAT TORAH

The Eve Of Simhat Torah

Thursday, September 26
Thursday Candle Lighting, after 7:03 pm
Thursday Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Hakafot & Children's Celebration, 7:15 pm
Women's Parallel Hakafot, 7:15 pm

Simhat Torah Day

Friday, October 21
Birkhot HaShahar, Korbanot & Zemirot, 8:15 am
Shahrit Services, 9:00 am

CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

SHABBAT BERESHIT

The Eve Of Shabbat Bereshit

Friday, September 27

Friday Candle Lighting, before 6:26 pm

Friday Evening Services, 6:30 pm

Friday Evening Sunset, 6:44 pm

Shabbat Bereshit Day

Saturday, September 28

Birkhot HaShahar, Korbanot &

Zemirot, 8:15 am

Zemirot, Zachary S. Edinger

Shahrit Services, 9:00 am

Torah Service, 9:45 am

Torah Reading, Bereshit

Class, 5:15 pm

Minhah & Arbit, 6:15 pm

Habdalah, 7:16 pm

*Erub Tabshilin: When Simhat Torah falls on Friday, and Shemini Atseret falls on Wednesday Evening and Thursday, an Erub, bread and food prepared for the following Shabbat, is set aside on Wednesday evening before sunset. See *Prayers for the Festivals* by David de Sola Pool, p.1.

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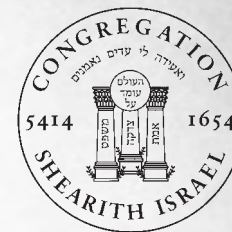
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