



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

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On November 26, 1789, President Washington officially declared Thanksgiving a national holiday. The congregation held a special Thanksgiving Day service in response, a unique custom that continues to this day.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

THE GEMSBOK SHOFAR

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



It is no secret in the synagogue that I am quite proud of my shofar collection; in my home I have shofarot taken from the horns of many exotic animals, including the

impala, the gemsbok, the steenbok, and the eland. Some, like the ram's horn, are curved, and twisted; other horns—most notably that of the gemsbok—are elongated, and almost perfectly straight. While it is an almost universal custom today to utilize a twisted ram's horn during the High Holy Days, the Talmud reports that during the mishnaic period another, originally equally prominent approach was that the straighter the shofar the better. As such, some rabbis might have preferred the horn of a gemsbok to that of a ram.

What difference does it make whether a shofar is bent or straight? The Talmud explains that the argument embodies a debate regarding the proper mental posture on Rosh Hashanah. This shofar, the gemara explains, depicts the Jew engaged in repentance: bent over, humble, in full awareness of his or her flaws. The other opinion, however, insists that the straight shofar is more appropriate, for it embodies the human being standing upright, proud and confident. And I would suggest that this opinion chooses to highlight another theme of the New Year: Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of the creation of the world,



and in particular the creation of man in the image of God, which means that we are blessed with the potential for spiritual greatness.

As we reflect on this debate, we realize that each perspective is important. The two themes of Rosh Hashanah—repentance on the one hand, and the greatness of man on the other—go hand in hand, and the respective symbolisms of the bent and straight horns must always be taken in tandem. Humble *teshuvah* is only possible because of the extraordinary capacity that we have been given to fix our flaws and chart a better course for the future. It is for this reason that after hearing the haunting calls of the ram's shofar—the sound symbolizing our contrition—I enjoy sounding the gemsbok shofar for my children. And when the resonant *tekiah* of this magnificent, straight shofar fills the room, I ponder the human potential this horn represents, and ponder all that can be accomplished in the year to come.

Meir Y. Soloveichik



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Deena and Nissim Aboodi on the marriage of their daughter, Debra, to Steven Sasson.

Cecil Mendal and Ariel Bengio on their marriage.

Francesca and Ivan Berkowitz, on the birth of a granddaughter to their children, Adam and Chaya Berkowitz.

Laurie and Dr. Eli Bryk, on the birth of a granddaughter, Gwenth Eve, to their children, Diana and Joseph Straus.

David Hidary on becoming a bar mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Esther and Rabbi Richard Hidary.

Ellen and Robert Kapito on the birth of a granddaughter.

Samuel Leschins, PTTS student, on becoming a bar mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Eileen Weiss and Preston Leschins.

Eitan Linhart on becoming a bar mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Dr. Leora Mogilner and Richard Linhart.

Jesse Lipschutz on becoming a bar mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Liz Edelman and Henry Lipshutz.

Rafael Lipschutz on becoming a bar mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Liz Edelman and Henry Lipshutz.

Zander Lustig on becoming a bar mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Rachel Brody and Segan Michael Lustig.

Lauren and Mitchell Presser upon the marriage of their daughter, Zahava, to Sam Michaelson of Boston.

Jane Mushabac and Arthur Morgenroth upon the birth of two grandsons, Louis Vitali Morgenroth to their children, David Morgenroth and Lorian Berman and Reuben Emmanuel Vitali to their children, Daniel Vitali and Rebecca Vitali-DeCola.

Jenna Roberts on becoming a bat mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents, Joy Saleh and Bruce Roberts.

Judy and Joel Schreiber upon the birth of a great-grandson to their grandchildren Sarah Bluma and Ariel Fein in Jerusalem, Israel.

Martine and Jack Schenker on the birth of a grandson to their children, Bella and Menachem Levy.

Andrea and Rev. Philip Sherman upon the marriage of Nina Tova Sherman to Daniel Green of Sydney, Australia. The wedding was held in Jerusalem.

Marlene and Michael Sperling on the birth of a grandson to their children, Ilana and Boaz Vega.

Aviva and Marvin Sussman on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Abie Sussman in Modiin, Israel. Abie is the son of their children Aliza and J.J. Sussman.

Daniel Tsesarsky on becoming a bar mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents Robyn and Marc Tsesarsky.

HAZAKIM U'BERUKHIM

Special Achievements:

Janice Weinman Shorenstein and Stuart Shorenstein, who were honored at the Lincoln Square Synagogue dinner.

Adina Wagman, who was honored with the Jewish Center's Keter Torah Award, an annual award presented on the Shabbat preceding Shabuot (inspired by Ruth and Naomi), in recognition of women who have shown outstanding commitment and leadership in the JC community.

Our Girls Megillat Ruth Readers:

Susan A., Matea Frieber, Gita Friedman, Cherish Greenberg, Honor Greenberg, Aimee Hidary, Olalla Levi, Simone Lipschutz, Ariella Lopez, Cecilia Roberts, Daniella Roberts, Barbara Sasson, Ruthie Sherizen, Bailey Stein, Flora Tauber, and Neta Wiznia

Graduates:

Eli Aaron, son of Penny and Mark Aaron, upon graduating from pre-school. He will be attending The Alexander Robertson School.

Alexandra Banin, daughter of Lisa and Saar Banin, upon graduating from Horace Mann. She will attend Northwestern University.

Laura Daar, daughter of Karen and Jack Daar, upon graduating from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. She is a research tech at the David Z. Rosensweig Genomics Research Center at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Melissa Epstein, PhD, wife of Adam Jackson, upon graduating from Albert Einstein College of Medicine & Cardozo Law School with a Masters in Bioethics. Next year she will be the Interim Director for Einstein's Institutional Review Board.

Aliza Freilich, daughter of Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, upon graduating from Ramaz Middle School. She will attend Ramaz Upper School.

Tova Goldstein, daughter of Victoria Bengualid and Gabriel Goldstein, upon completion of two years of study at Migdal Oz. She will study at university in Israel next year.

Yitzhak Goldstein, son of Victoria Bengualid and Gabriel Goldstein, upon graduating from SAR High School. He will study in Israel next year.

Noa Kalfus, daughter of Elisheva Rothstein and Ira Kalfus, upon graduating from SAR Academy. She will attend SAR High School.

PTTS student, Daniel Kalman, son of Hannah Pincas-Kalman and Michael Kalman, upon graduating from Midtown West Pre-K. He will attend PS 84 for Kindergarten in a special French dual-language program.

Victoria Esther Krimolovsky, daughter of Alene Schneerson and Morris Krimolovsky, upon graduating from Park East Day School. She will attend Solomon Schechter of Westchester High School.

Jared Lang, son of Leslie Cohen and Jeffrey Lang, upon graduating from Stuyvesant High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin.

Amelia Ora Margolis, daughter of Aimee and Doron Margolis, upon graduating from high school. She will take a gap year in Israel and Nepal to conduct archeological digs. Afterwards, she will attend Hampshire College in Massachusetts.

Max Adam Margolis, son of Aimee and Doron Margolis, upon graduating from Syracuse University's Film School.

Benjamin de Sola Marks, son of Eliza de Sola Mendes, upon completing his junior year abroad at the London School of Economics.

Sophie Maxman, daughter of Sherri and Joel Maxman, upon graduating from Franklin & Marshall College with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. Next year she will be living in Israel, interning at Yahel Israel.

Louis Nahon, son of Francine Alfandary and Laurent Nahon, upon graduating from PS 87. He will attend Booker T. Washington Middle School.

Raphael Nahon, son of Francine Alfandary and Laurent Nahon, upon graduating from PS 87. He will attend Booker T. Washington Middle School.

Jessica Sion, daughter of Lina and Gilles Sion, upon graduating from Cornell University with degrees in sociology and communications.

Leanna Rose Smith, granddaughter of Barbara Herlands Smith, upon graduating pre-med from Northwestern University with a degree in Biology. She will be working for a gap year before going to medical school.

Hannah Solis-Cohen, daughter of Carole Baker and David Solis-Cohen, upon graduating from The University of Virginia. She will be working at Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ as an Associate in the Admissions Office and the head coach of the girls crew team.

Tess Solomon, daughter of Beth Goldman and Parnas Louis Solomon, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School. She will attend Migdal Oz in the fall and Princeton University the following year.

Flora Tauber, daughter of Natasha and Daniel Tauber, upon graduating from the Ethical Culture School. She will attend Fieldston Middle School.

Emma Rose Vorchheimer, daughter of Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer, upon graduating from Ramaz Middle School. She will attend SAR High School.

Adam Yohanan, son of Nancy Green and Isaac Yohanan, upon graduating summa cum laude from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Philosophy. He will attend Georgetown University Law Center.

Hannah Zuckerberg, daughter of Charlotte Triefus and Lloyd Zuckerberg, upon graduating from the Westtown School. She will attend Pitzer College in Claremont, California.

CSI Toddler Program Graduates:

Isaac Max Archibald
Alexandra (Sasha) Berkowitz
Alexander Heller
Eric Jesselson
Reese Katz
Daniel Kleinman
David Kleinman
Alexandra Leiberman
Leonardo Lubling
Chase Lustig
Eli Pinewski
Julia Max Rosman
Carolina Rosenberg
Jacob Rosenberg
Sophie Schatzow
Emily Stavsky
Jerry Turkel
Emma Znaty

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Cecil Mendal and Ariel Bengio
Shari and Nathan Lindenbaum

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Arnold C. Franco
Richard Mateles
Gary Turkel (Toddler Program parent), husband of Lesley Turkel and father of Zohar, Israel, and Jerry (Toddler Program '16).

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Maria Andreu and Liz Rios (head teacher of our Toddler Program) on the passing of Shearith Israel's long time Superintendent, Rene Andreu, who served the synagogue for many years with great dignity and joy.

Esme Berg on the passing of her brother, Manuel Jacob Emmanuel.

Natalio Fridman on the passing of his sister, Yehudit Segev.

Rabbi Norman Lamm on the passing of his brother, Rabbi Maurice Lamm.

Bequests

Please consider including Shearith Israel in your estate planning, to learn how or for more information, please speak with our Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.

Joel Maxman on the passing of his mother, Bobbi Maxman.

Dr. Laurence Orbuch and to Dr. Murray Orbuch on the passing of their mother, Rachel Orbuch.

Mildred Green Shinnar on the passing of her brother, Bernard Rosenbach.

Ezra Zilkha on the passing of his sister, Hanina Shasha.

IN APPRECIATION

Kiddush Fund Sponsors:

Lewis Bateman, in honor of his reading the haftarah.

Sharona and Gideon Gordon

Hebra Hased V'Amet

Rabbi and Esther Hidary in honor of David becoming a bar mitzvah and reading the haftarah.

Lori Jacobowitz and Faith Fogelman in memory of the Abraham Jacobowitz family.

Liz Edelman and Henry Lipschutz in honor of Jesse & Raphael becoming b'nai mitzvah.

Joy Saleh and Bruce Roberts in honor of Jenna's becoming a bat mitzvah.

Robyn and Marc Tsesarsky in honor of Daniel's becoming a bar mitzvah.

Kiddush Fund Contributors:

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Natasha and Daniel Tauber
Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer
Charlotte Triefus and Lloyd Zuckerberg

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Nicole and Raanan Agus
Janegail Orringer and James Kahn

Young Couples and Families Indoor Picnic Sponsor:

Rivka and Marc Wiznia

Three Weeks Class Sponsor:

Lewis Lipsey in memory of Anna Lipsey (Hannah bat Sarah) and Rabbi Ya-eer Sebbag (Ya-eer bar Shalom) on the occasion of their nahalot

Tisha B'Ab Lecture Sponsor:

Cynthia Trop and Stuart Ellman in memory of Cindy's mother, Yehudit Bat Beilah v'Avraham HaCohen, on the occasion of her second nahala.

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

Let Us Know

Members, do you have a life-cycle event, milestone or major achievement to share with the community? Send it to slandau@shearithisrael.org so we can share the news in our handouts and bulletins.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Teshuba, Tefilla, U'tzedaka Ma'avirin et Roa Hagezayra

Barbara Reiss



The end of summer, with back-to-school bustle and work getting back into full gear is not only the advent of the busiest time of the secular calendar, but also a transition to the holiest time of the Jewish calendar. Of even greater importance than reserving seats for High Holiday services, this is a time when we reaffirm our commitments to improve—in our relations with our neighbors and with the Lord.

It is a time for seeking forgiveness for our intentional and unintentional transgressions and a time for offering forgiveness for significant hurts as well as petty insults. Leading up to the High Holidays, the month of Elul offers us the opportunity to prepare for and begin to demonstrate our sincere determination to improve in the key areas of *teshuba* (repentance), *tefilla* (prayer), and *tzedaka* (charity).

Perhaps more than any other time during the year, the synagogue is the central address for facilitating these goals (most of us certainly spend more hours in synagogue during this season than we do otherwise) and the clergy and synagogue officials serve as conduits or helpers, each with their own bailiwicks. The rabbi, with his inspiring sermons and instructive talks, guides us through our personal process of *teshuba*. The hazzan, through his heartfelt and moving prayer, beautifully conveys our fears

and hopes to the Almighty. And the executive director (with the input of and substantial support by the trustees and rabbi) appeals to the community to contribute generously to the synagogue in fulfillment of the mitzvah of *tzedaka*.

Some congregants do not think of the synagogue as a charity (although the IRS certainly does). Rather, I'm often asked what one "gets" for their dues. These members think of themselves as consumers of goods and services more than as contributors, let alone stewards. The synagogue does offer much in terms of stellar scholarship, world-class programs, elaborately choreographed prayer services, generous kiddushim, and skilled and sensitive pastoral care, especially at times of joy and sadness. But frankly, most of these are available irrespective of membership status and often at no charge.

In fact, membership dues only cover a fraction of the cost to run and maintain an operation that includes a beautiful landmark edifice as well as four historic cemeteries, and extensive precious archives. The synagogue relies on the generosity of committed members and philanthropists at all levels to preserve our precious history and *minhag*. Indeed, our synagogue is an important and worthy target for one's charitable impulses and I hope that at this time of year, as you contemplate your fulfillment of the mitzvah of *tzedaka*, that Shearith Israel features prominently in your thoughts and actions.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

ROSH HASHANA

ELUL LEARNING

Shabbat Afternoons preceding Rosh Hashana
An hour before Minhah | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Prior to Rosh Hashana, Rabbi Soloveichik will use his regular Shabbat Afternoon class time-slot to conduct special Elul learning.

DIVINE DIALOGUE: PATHS TO APPROACHING GOD IN PRAYER

A Two-Part High Holidays Preparation Series

Rabbi Richard Hidary | 7:00 pm
Monday, September 19 and Monday, September 26

Prayer calls upon us to approach God with our deepest concerns and hopes both in daily tefilah and especially on the High Holidays. Standing before the Infinite can be difficult and daunting. Luckily, we have many models from Abraham and Rambam to contemporary thinkers who can help guide us through the different pathways towards having a dialogue with the Divine. This series will explore some of these approaches and apply them to the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur liturgies.

SIT IN ON OUR CHOIR REHEARSAL

Dates and times TBA

Maestro Leon Hyman, veteran choirmaster of our renowned Shearith Israel choir, is offering this unique opportunity for members and guests to get an inside glimpse into the making of our music as the choir prepares for the intensive High Holiday services. Hear our choir rehearse the High Holiday liturgy, a few original compositions by the maestro himself as well as some Shabbat classics. These unique opportunities will be free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to sit upstairs in the ladies gallery to get the best view.

HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN

Rosh Hashana, Kippur and Succot

Join for special programs like a Shofar blowing exercise and a *sheheheyenu* party during youth groups. For more information, see page 16.

SHABBAT TESHUBAH DERASHA

Shabbat, October 8 | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Come hear Rabbi Soloveichik give his Shabbat Teshubah Derasha. Go to shearithisrael.org/shabbat-teshuba-derasha2016 to sponsor the derasha and Kiddush luncheon. Sponsor, \$360, Co-sponsor, \$250, Supporter, \$180.

SUCCOT

LULAB AND ETROG ORDERS

Orders due before 5:30 pm, Monday, October 10

For your convenience, purchase your Lulabim and Etrogim through the synagogue. To place your order, visit shearithisrael.org/lulab. Payment must be made at time of order. Unfortunately, we cannot add these charges to your member account. For questions call Zachary Edinger.

SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

Thursday, October 13 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, October 14 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday, October 16 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Our unique open air Elias Room succah is considered one of the most beautiful in the world. Decorated lavishly and lovingly by the Shearith Israel sisterhood, which sponsors Succot kiddushim served on vintage Shearith Israel branded Tiffany Limoges china and elegant silver for all congregants to enjoy. Teens and adults, women and men, are invited to help decorate in preparation for the Succot Festival. To participate, contact Mrs Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com or Aimee Margolis at art1show@verizon.net. or sign up at shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-succah-decorating-5777. Financial contributions to the Sisterhood's Succah Fund are also welcomed to help defray the costs of decorating and maintaining the Succah. To make a contribution

to the Sisterhood Succah Fund, please either send a donation to The Sisterhood Succah Fund at the synagogue office, make a gift online at shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-succah-decorating-5777, or contact Ruth Yasky.

MEALS IN THE SUCCAH

For Shearith Israel members and their guests who wish to eat self-catered meals in the Elias Room succah, we offer timed seatings on yom tob following kiddush and on hol hamoed. Registration is required for all meals and we charge \$12 per person per meal to help defray costs. You bring the food (strictly kosher, of course) and we supply disposables and basic beverages. Space is highly limited especially as our Courtyard Succah is unavailable due to our construction.

We will accommodate members and immediate family on a first-come-first-serve basis. Non-member guests will be accommodated closer to the date subject to availability. To register, contact Maria Caputo.

HOSHANA RABA MISHMARA AND NEW MEMBERS SUCCAH GATHERING

Saturday Night, October 22 | 9:00 pm

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Join us in this annual Shearith Israel tradition as we bid farewell to Succot and prepare for Simhat Torah with celebratory food and study in our stunning Elias Room succah. Featuring a shiur by Rabbi Soloveichik centering on the reading of the last and first verses of the Torah, this year, we will use this opportunity to welcome new members who have joined the synagogue in the past year. We encourage both new and veteran members alike to join.



SIMHAT TORAH

WOMEN'S HAKAFOT

Monday October 24 | 6:30 pm
Little Synagogue

Women, no need to stand on the sidelines. On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel hakafot ceremony is held for women in our charming colonial era Little Synagogue. See page 29 for full Simhat Torah service schedule.

SIMHAT TORAH DINNER AND ICE CREAM PARTY

Monday, October 24
Following Hakafot

Following Simhat Torah hakafot in the sanctuary, we host an annual light dinner for registered guests. Details to follow.

After dinner, young (and young at heart) are invited to enjoy our annual ice cream party. As usual, volunteer teen scoopers are needed. Contact slandau@shearithisrael.org to help out. Strong arms required; lactose tolerance preferred.

Sponsored by the Haberman and Lustig families.

THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thursday, November 24

Morning services | 7:45 am | Main Sanctuary

Parade Viewing | 9:00 am | For children only!

Pack-a-thon | 10:00 am | Registration required

In 1789, Shearith Israel responded to George Washington's call for a day of national thanksgiving with a special service. Today, we observe Thanksgiving with the addition of Psalms during *Shahrit* and the omission of *tahanunim*. Following morning services and a Thanksgiving-themed sermon by Rabbi Soloveichik, we invite the children of the congregation for parade viewing on the CPW Portico and hot chocolate for all in the Elias Room.

THANKSGIVING PACK-A-THON

Thursday, November 24, 10:00 am
Levy Auditorium

Last year's inaugural Pack-a-thon was such an enormous success with the Levy Auditorium filled to capacity with volunteers of all ages filling food packages for hungry New Yorkers, that we decided to do it again. This year we will be joined by our friends at our fellow Upper West Sde synagogue, The Jewish Center, as part of our 2016-2107 "*Achdut in Action*" initiative (see page 13). Our organizational partner this year is *UJA's Tov B'Yachad* team who will help us organize a meaningful and impactful event and will ensure that our packages of nutritious and kosher food get delivered to people in need. Like last year, our Pack-a-thon will have a youth track as well. Stay tuned for registration details in upcoming emails. If you'd like to join the event committee and help ensure the success of this important activity, please contact Sarah Sue at slandau@shearithisrael.org.

COMMUNAL BETH OLAM CEMETERY TRIP

Part 3 of a 3-part experiential cemetery series

Sunday, September 11 | Beth Olam Cemetery
2 Cypress Hills Street, Ridgewood (Queens)

This September 11th, join us for the unique culmination of our special 3-part series about our historic cemeteries. In conjunction with our cemetery partners, Congregation Bnai Jeshurun and Temple Shaaray Tefilla, our annual visit to Beth Olam Cemetery will be augmented with educational and special opportunities for all. Attendees can receive a tour of the grounds and learn about the history of this beautiful and historic cemetery or take part in a special service to bury ritual objects (*Geniza*).

Additionally, the experience will include our usual recitation of memorial prayers in the "*metaher house*," the small chapel designed by Calvert Vaux. Part of the *Geniza* ceremony will be the opening of graves in a new dedicated section in order to properly bury *shemot* (ritual objects containing the name of God which can only be discarded in a few prescribed ways, including burial.)

Registration by September 6th is required for transportation and encouraged for all. If you have modest amount of *shemot* that you would like to bury, you will be able to indicate that as well. Go to shearithisrael.org/beth-olam-cemetery-trip to sign up.

EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF REMBRANDT'S FIRST MASTERPIECE/THE MORGAN LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street
Sunday, September 18, 10:00 am

Anyone who has attended Rabbi Soloveichik's *shiurim* or lectures lately knows of his "obsession" with Rembrandt, and especially Rembrandt's Jewish themes. It should come as no surprise that Rabbi Soloveichik will be guiding us at a private viewing of Rembrandt's first masterpiece, *Judas Returning the Thirty Pieces of Silver*. Our exclusive tour, offered before the museum opens to the public, will be held on the closing day of this one-work exhibit. Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity as spaces are highly limited. Register today at shearithisrael.org/rembrandt-morgan-library-tour and consider sponsoring this event, enabling us to offer unique programming throughout the year.

SPECIAL EVENTS



The
Morgan
Library &
Museum





APPLE PICKING

Sunday, September 25
All ages welcome

Apple picking is not just for kids! Just in time for Rosh Hashana, everyone is invited to join us for a lovely day of apple picking just a little over an hour from the city. Stay tuned for details. Register at shearithisrael.org/apple-picking-2016 by Thursday, September 8.

SHEARITH ISRAEL ANNUAL GALA

Tuesday, November 1

At this year's gala we are thrilled to be honoring two pillars of the Shearith Israel community, both of whom are celebrating milestone anniversaries as Shearith Israel hatanim. Peter Neustadter, a past parnas and visionary of our new Community House project, is celebrating his 25th anniversary since he was last hatan, and Arnie Goldfarb, a retired CSI professional and beloved longstanding member, is celebrating 50 years since he was first hatan. To properly honor these two Shearith Israel heroes, a Shabbat Bereishit luncheon simply would not suffice. This year, our celebration of our hatanim will be the theme of our gala. Keep your eyes out for Save the Dates in the mail. This year's gala is not to be missed!

WINE AND CHEESE EVENT

Wednesday, November 30

Say "Cheese!" In the tradition of our past stand-out "educulinary" events, this fall we are delighted to bring you a special wine and cheese pairing party. We will witness cheese making from an expert kosher cheese maker, "The Cheese Guy," enjoy wine and cheese pairings carefully curated, by Carmel/Yatir wineries, and relevant *shiurim* by our own Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. To register and sponsor, go to shearithisrael.org/wine-and-cheese.



MONTHLY SYNAGOGUE TOURS

Tours of Shearith Israel provide a unique opportunity for visitors and tourists to learn more about America's first Jewish Congregation—Shearith Israel—and view ritual objects dating back to the Colonial period. We are pleased to lead guests through our beautiful space with enlightening facts about our proud history and unique traditions. Individuals and groups are welcome to attend a free, guided tour once a month led by a member of our clergy or a trained docent. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person although any amount is appreciated. Tours generally last 45 minutes. Go to shearithisrael.org/tours for more information.



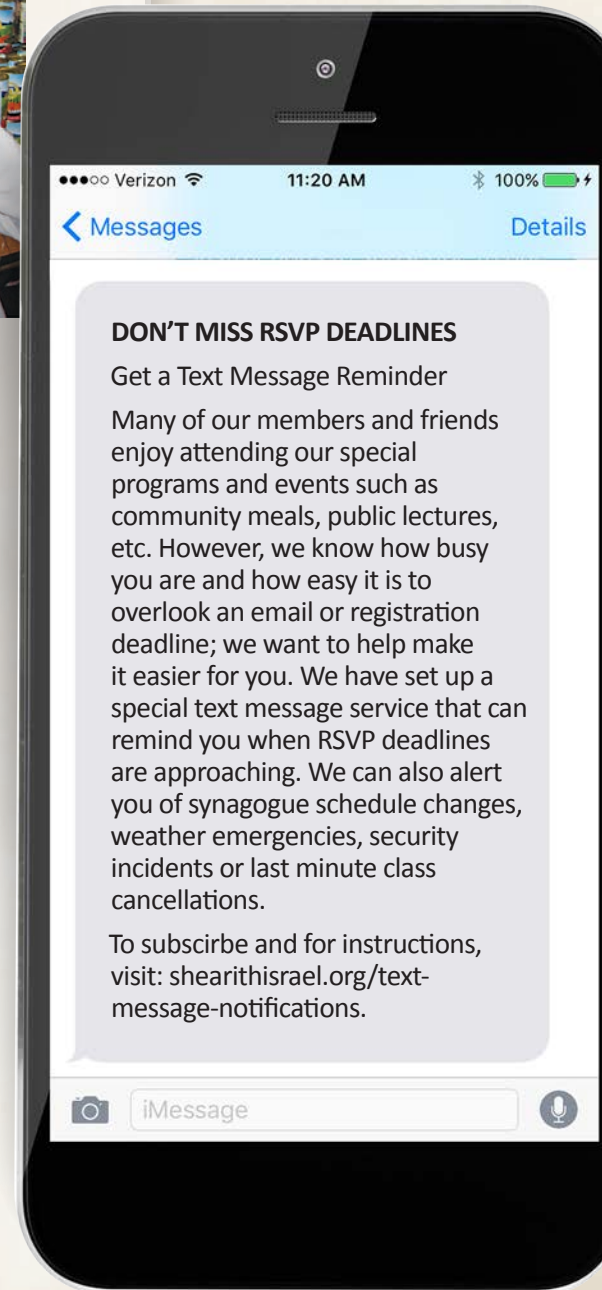
ACHDUT IN ACTION

The Jewish Center and Shearith Israel, two pillars of the UWS synagogue landscape, share much in common (aside from the obvious): a neighborhood with its many attractions as well as challenges, a committed membership (with a nice bit of overlap), a deep respect for history and tradition, stellar clergy-scholars and more. While we each have our unique cultures and liturgical traditions, there is so much we can do together to the benefit of our respective *kehillot* and beyond. As such, we are pleased to announce that this year our two neighboring congregations are joining forces for a number of social action and just social activities.

Events in the works include:

- Thanksgiving service, parade viewing, and Pack-a-thon at Shearith Israel
- Hanukkah ski trip on Sunday, December 25th
- Lag LaOmer BBQ on the JC roof

We believe that "Achdut in Action" will help us grow even closer to each other and that by harnessing our collective strength we can make a bigger impact on our community than either of us could without the other. We are seeking members of both synagogues to help organize each of the events. To get involved, please email achdutinaction@gmail.com.





SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: DR. RONNIE PERELIS

Shabbat, September 24

Join us this Shabbat as we welcome back esteemed scholar, Dr. Ronnie Perelis. Dr. Perelis is the Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Abraham and Jelena (Rachel) Alcalay Chair and Assistant Professor of Sephardic Studies at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University. His research explores the connections between Iberian and Jewish culture during the medieval and early modern periods. He recently completed his doctoral thesis, *Marrano Autobiography in its Transatlantic Context: Exile, Exploration and Spiritual Discovery*, in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at NYU. He is currently writing a study of family and identity in the Sephardic Atlantic world.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

Fridays Following Evening Services | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Begins Friday Night, October 28

As Shabbat begins earlier and the nights grow longer, stay around for a bit after Friday evening services for an inspiring *shiur* delivered by Rabbi Soloveichik. There is no better way to transition from the workweek to the aura of Shabbat than experiencing our magnificent Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by Friday Night Lights.

The 2016-2017 season is sponsored by the Julis family.

SHABBAT DINNER

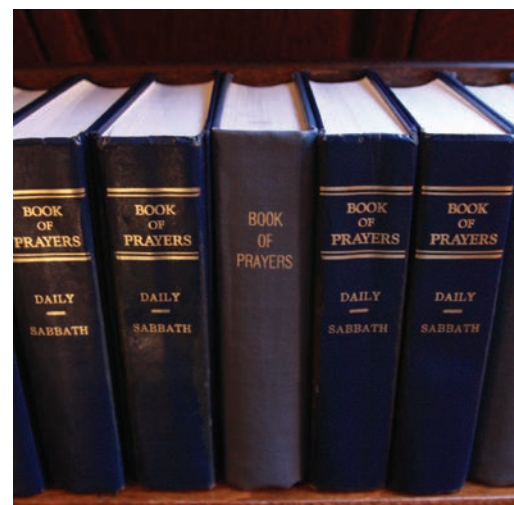
Friday Night, November 18 | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

We welcome the congregation to attend services, followed by Friday Night Lights and a Shabbat dinner with our Rabbi. Stay tuned for registration information.

THE MISUNDERSTOOD MASTERPIECE: A NEW APPROACH TO PIRKEI ABOT

Shabbat Day | One Hour Before Minhah | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

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. What's more, the chapters of Abot are joined in a structure that tells the story of the transmission of the Oral Law. We will see how studying the history of the rabbinic figures cited lends 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. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.



In addition to Rabbi Soloveichik's popular Shabbat classes including: Friday Night Lights, Shabbat morning seminars, and Shabbat afternoon Pirkei Abot class, Shearith Israel offers a range of classes throughout the week drawing multitudes of participants, both members of the congregation and guests. Our mid-week class calendar typically includes: Sunday morning classes, Monday Night Learning, a Tuesday morning class just for women, and Rabbi Soloveichik's Tuesday night Talmud Shiur with sushi. For the full schedule, visit shearithisrael.org/education.

JUDAIC EDUCATION

shearithisrael.org/education

WEEKDAY CLASSES

FEASTS AND FASTS: THE FESTIVALS IN JEWISH THOUGHT

A Class for Women

Tuesdays | 9:00 am | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Throughout the year, we meet on Tuesday mornings to examine anew the rituals of the Jewish holiday or fast that is approaching, challenge our assumptions, and emerge with a deeper understanding of the rituals that we have been performing our entire lives.

Breakfast is served. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.

TALMUD CLASS: TRACTATE ROSH HASHANA AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF JEWISH TIME

Tuesdays | 7:00 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch reports in an essay that he once embarked on a lengthy trip only to discover that his luggage, containing all of his Torah tracts, had been misplaced. He now had nothing to read for his entire journey. Reaching into his pocket, he discovered a *luach*, a Jewish calendar. He spent the trip pondering how the way Judaism approaches time actually tells us everything it believes about human nature, our relationship with God, and with each other.

These weekly shiurim will engage in a similar endeavor, emerging therefrom with a better understanding of the calendar that has preserved the Jews for millennia, and of the diverse sacred and secular times that create the very rhythm of our lives. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Learn more at shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.



YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

APPLE PICKING

Sunday, September 25

Just in time for Rosh Hashana, families are invited to join us for a lovely day of apple picking just a little over an hour from the city! Stay tuned for details. Register at shearithisrael.org/apple-picking-2016 by Thursday, September 8.

HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN

Rosh Hashana, Kippur and Succot

While the adults of the congregation are enjoying the beautiful tefillah of the High Holy Days in the sanctuary, we have wonderful, fun, and educational learning activities as well as youth-led tefillah for the children. Ages 0-4 enjoy quality childcare, holiday story-telling, and songs. Children 5-12 play fun educational games lead by our engaging group leaders. Join for special programs like a shofar blowing exercise and a sheheheyanu party.



THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE AND PACK-A-THON

Thursday, November 26 | 9:00 am

Watch the Thanksgiving Day parade from our Portico followed by hot chocolate in the Elias Room! Like last year, our Thanksgiving Pack-a-thon will have a youth track as well. It is a view and an experience that is not to be beat!

WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

Begins Wednesday, September 7

Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 am – 11:30 am For children ages 16 - 34 months. Parent or caregiver attendance required.

Shearith Israel's popular Toddler Program is held twice a week for children aged 16 - 34 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. For details, policies, and curriculum or to enroll your child, go to shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram.

- 1 or 2 day options
- Discounted rates for full-year enrollment
- Full Members of the synagogue receive preferential pricing

See parent testimonial on page 19.

TODDLER BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for a fun, safe and supervised place to throw your toddler's birthday party? Look no further! Shearith Israel is now offering an all-inclusive birthday package for toddler birthday parties featuring fun and games with our experienced Head Toddler Program Teacher, Liz Rios and her capable assistants. Set-up, disposables, staffing, snacks and a coffee station for adults are all included in the package! To request a party, go to shearithisrael.org/toddler-birthday-party. For more information, please contact Barbara Reiss.



HEBREW SCHOOL: POLONIES TALMUD TORAH SCHOOL (PTTS)

For students 3 – 16 years of age

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

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

Starts on Sunday, September 18

Our Hebrew School provides students with a substantive Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. Students develop Hebrew language skills (reading, writing and comprehension), learn the major portions of the Tanakh, Jewish holiday rituals, Jewish history and how Jewish ideas inform our values in modern times. To learn more and enroll your child for the 2016-2017 academic year today, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.

PTTS BRUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

Parent-child learning for 5th - 8th graders

Sundays, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

November 13, December 11, February 5, April 23

PTTS families, this year we are launching a new initiative for our middle school students and their parents. Four Sundays over the course of the year, 5th through 8th grade students and their parents will start the day together with morning services after which they will proceed to a topical "brunch and learn" with Rabbi Soloveichik. These sessions will be held on Sunday mornings during regularly scheduled PTTS time. Reminders will be sent out in advance of each session but mark your calendars now and get ready for a fun learning experience with your kids.

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YOUTH ON SHABBAT

TOT SHABBAT

10:00 am – end of services
Ages 0 – 4

Our little ones enjoy Tot Shabbat all year round, led by our beloved teachers, Liz and Shanade. Independent play, snacks, and circle-time with songs will entertain the toddlers while parents are in services. Parents, please note that children under the age of two must be accompanied by an adult. Furthermore, children will only be released to their parent or other pre-authorized adult. Please cooperate with these important policies for the safety of your children and everyone else.



YOUTH GROUPS AND JR. CONGREGATION

September – June
10:00 am – end of services

Children ages 5 –12 gather with our experienced and engaging youth leader, Rachel Schaulewicz, for fun activities connected to the parasha of the week and other Jewish themes. Junior Congregation, a lively, participatory service for children, takes place at 10:30 am in the Little Synagogue. For parts assignments, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com.



GET TO KNOW RACHEL

Rachel Schaulewicz was born and raised in West Long Branch, NJ. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Jewish Studies at Muhlenberg College. While in college, she enjoyed volunteering as an EMT for Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services.

She has camp counseling experience and enjoys playing board games, sports, and baking. She is currently a dental student at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine.

Rachel was married to Baruch Schaulewicz this past December and currently lives on the Upper West Side. She is excited to join Shearith Israel and is looking forward to getting to know the Shearith Israel families.

A TODDLER PROGRAM PARENT TESTIMONIAL

Stephanie Stavsky, Toddler Program Parent

Stephanie Stavsky is a teacher at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. Stephanie and her husband, Ari, are parents to two Shearith Israel Toddler Program alumni.

We feel so lucky to have heard from friends about the exceptional toddler program at Congregation Shearith Israel. Four years ago, when we moved to the West Side and were looking for a 2's program for our son, our friends raved about the program and they were absolutely right!

Right from the first day, our son was drawn in by Liz's warmth, enthusiasm, and love of teaching. As parents, we were constantly impressed with Liz's deep understanding of how young children learn. She is patient, playful, experienced and meets each child where he or she is at that very moment.

Her assistants are of course wonderful, sensitive and creative. There was no question that when our youngest was old enough that she would follow in her big brother's footsteps and begin her Jewish education at CSI as well. And the program has been just as wonderful for her as for her brother!

The program is structured like a mini-nursery program, so that the children



become used to the structure of a classroom while having the security of having a parent or caregiver present. They work on many skills and classroom behaviors like sitting in a circle, waiting their turn, creating projects, as well how to navigate a class

community. In her gentle and wise way Liz helps the toddlers interact, share, disagree, and build friendships. They work on content skills as well learning colors, shapes and numbers. The little learners experience many school activities like, music; art, free play, story time. They participate in gross motor activities as well.

The Jewish cultural experiences are a true highlight of the program, and are a perfect example of the joy and sense of community our children and our family have experienced through the CSI Toddler Program. I have worked in Jewish and Elementary education for over 15 years and can say with confidence that having my children begin their educational careers at CSI has been a true privilege!



WOMEN AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

Thursday, October 13 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, October 14 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday, October 16 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Sisterhood's decoration of the Congregation's renowned Elias Room Succah has made it one of the most beautiful in New York City. Teens and adults, both women and men, are invited to help decorate in preparation for the Succot Festival. For more information, see Page 9.

WOMEN'S HAKAFOT

Monday Night, October 24 | 6:30 pm

Little Synagogue

On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel *hakafot* ceremony is held for women at 6:30 pm following regular services at 5:45 pm. For more information, see page 10.

WOMEN'S SHABBAT SERVICES

On Select Shabbat Mornings

By and for women, these services are an opportunity for women to lead prayer, read from the Torah and perform the mitzvot associated with the day's services. We welcome the opportunity to celebrate momentous occasions – such as a girl becoming a bat mitzvah or a bride before her wedding – in the context of our service. To participate and for more information, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com. Our first meeting of the year takes place on Shabbat Lekh-Lekha, November 12.

YOETZET HALAKHA

We are proud to be a co-sponsor of the Manhattan Yoetzet Halakha Initiative. If you have any questions regarding Taharat Hamishpaha (Family Purity), laws of Niddah or sexuality and women's health, please contact our Yoetzet Halakha, Ilana Gadish, in confidence at nycyoetzet@gmail.com.

Ilana Gadish serves as the Yoetzet Halacha for a number of synagogues in Manhattan, and is a graduate of Nishmat's U.S. Yoatzot Halacha Fellows program. Ilana also teaches Talmud and Tanakh at the Ramaz Upper School. Ilana received her M.A. in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation at the Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies (GPATS) at Stern College for Women, where she also received her B.A. with a major in Judaic Studies and a minor in Biology. She spent a year studying at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Jerusalem, as well as two summers at the Drisha Institute. Ilana currently lives on the Upper West Side with her husband Moshe Peters.



Ilana Gadish

ONE-ON-ONE TOUR OF THE UWS MIKVAH

If you are interested in learning more about Taharat Hamishpaha, the Laws of Family Purity, please contact Layaliza Soloveichik at layaliza@gmail.com for a private tour of the facilities at the local UWS Mikvah. To maximize confidentiality, these one-on-one tours will take place at times when the Mikvah is closed to the public. Tours of other local *mikvaot* are also possible. Women only.



Layaliza Soloveichik

Unlike other honey cakes, this Greek family recipe contains no butter or leavening, resulting in a dense cake with a wonderful, spicy, lemony taste.



Greek Honey Cake

By Esmé Emmanuel Berg

If you would like to submit a recipe for a future bulletin, send it to Tikva Ostrega at tikvaostrega@gmail.com. In addition to the recipe, please include a short back-story describing the origins of the dish and why it is special to you.

Esmé Emmanuel Berg hails from a true Sephardic family. Her mother was born in Izmir, Turkey but emigrated to Marseille, France with her mother and father when she was nine years old. At the age of 19 she left France with her mother to join her sister Suzanne Aboudi and her husband in Haiti. After about three years she came to New York to visit her brothers and there met Esmé's father, Jacob Emmanuel who had arrived in the U.S. from Salonica, Greece in 1917.

Hanna Mathilde Politi Emmanuel was a devoted wife who wanting to please her husband, tried to recreate recipes that he remembered from his childhood but that were not the ones she grew up with.

One of these recipes was for Greek Honey Cake. Following his directions, she tried many times until she finally succeeded in producing a delicious cake. What distinguishes this Greek Honey Cake from others is that it contains no butter or leavening. The result is a rather dense cake which looks like chocolate because of the dark brown color that is a result of the cinnamon, but has a wonderful spicy, lemony taste.

Esmé continues a family tradition of service to Congregation Shearith Israel following in her mother's footsteps. Mrs. Emmanuel, a devoted member of the Congregation, served as president of the Parents' Association of the Talmud Torah, President of the Sisterhood and the Women's Division of the Central Sephardic Congregations of America. Her father and uncles were also very active members.

MOTHER EMMANUEL'S GREEK HONEY CAKE

Ingredients

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp. ground cloves
- 2 tsps. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups flour (approximately)
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts mixed with the sugar
- 3 tbsps. sugar

Directions

Mix oil and water together in a saucepan and bring to boil. Stir in cloves and cinnamon. Remove from flame and stir in flour until the dough is nice and thick. Mix well. Put dough on a flat surface and flatten. Sprinkle the walnut and sugar mixture on top and knead the dough while incorporating the nuts.

Grease an 8" x 8" square pan or low round 8" cake pan. Place dough in pan and flatten it.

Cut in triangles all the way through. Bake in 350° to 375° degree oven (on top shelf) for 45 minutes.

THE SYRUP:

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup water
- Juice of ½ lemon

Directions

Boil all together for a few minutes until the mixture is thick enough to coat the spoon. Pour over warm cake. Cool and enjoy.





SHABBAT SERVICES

September 2nd-3rd Shabbat Rosh Hodesh

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 7:08 pm
 Friday Evening Services 6:45 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
 Zemirot Sjimon Den Hollander
 Parashat Reeh-Rosh Hodesh
 Deut. 11:26-16:17, Num. 28:9-15
 Haftarah Jacob P. Seligson
 Isaiah 54:11-55:5, 66:1&23; I Samuel 20:18&42
 Class 6:00 pm
 Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 7:00 pm
 Saturday Sunset 7:24 pm
 Habdalah..... 8:01 pm

September 9th-10th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 6:56 pm
 Friday Evening Services 6:45 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Zemirot Adam F. Jackson
 Parashat Shofetim..... Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
 Haftarah Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Charles Gourgey
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 5:45 pm
 Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot..... 6:45 pm
 Saturday Sunset 7:12 pm
 Habdalah..... 7:48 pm

September 16th-17th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 6:44 pm
 Friday Evening Services 6:45 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Zemirot Jacob Daar
 Parashat Ki Tetse
 Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
 Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10 Daniel Berman
 Bar Mitzvah..... Daniel Berman
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 5:35 pm
 Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot..... 6:35 pm
 Saturday Sunset 7:01 pm
 Habdalah..... 7:36 pm

September 23rd-24th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 6:32 pm
 Friday Evening Services 6:30 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Zemirot Zachary S. Edinger
 Parashat Ki Tabo..... Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
 Haftarah Reuben A. Frieber
 Isaiah 60:1-22
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 5:25 pm
 Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot..... 6:25 pm
 Saturday Sunset 6:49 pm
 Habdalah..... 7:23 pm

September 30th-October 1st 1860 - 19th St. Consecration Anniversary

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 6:21 pm
 Friday Evening Services 6:30 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Zemirot Joseph A. Solomon
 Parashat Nitsabim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
 Haftarah Akiva R. Haberman
 Isaiah 61:10-63:9
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 5:10 pm
 Saturday Minhah & Arbit (no Selihot).. 6:10 pm
 Saturday Sunset 6:37 pm
 Habdalah..... 7:10 pm

October 7th-8th Shabbat Teshuba (See High Holy Days Schedule)

October 14th-15th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 5:58 pm
 Friday Evening Services 6:00 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Zemirot Jacob Daar
 Parashat Haazinu..... Deuteronomy 32:1-52
 Haftarah Akira Bregman
 II Samuel 22:1-51
 Bar Mitzvah..... Akira Bregman
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 4:50 pm
 Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 5:50 pm
 Saturday Sunset 6:15 pm
 Habdalah..... 6:46 pm

October 21st-22nd Shabbat Hol HaMoed October 28th-29th Shabbat Bereshit (See Fall Festivals Schedule)

November 4th-5th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 5:30 pm
 Friday Evening Services 5:30 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Zemirot Sjimon Den Hollander
 Parashat Noah Genesis 6:9-11:32
 Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10 Toby G. Zuckerberg
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 4:20 pm
 Minhah & Arbit..... 5:20 pm
 Saturday Sunset 5:47 pm
 Habdalah..... 6:16 pm

November 11th-12th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 4:23 pm
 Friday Evening Services 4:30 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Parallel Women's Service 9:00-11:45 am
 Zemirot Adam F. Jackson
 Parashat Lekh-Lekha Genesis 12:1-17:27
 Haftarah Joseph A. Solomon
 Isaiah 40:27-41:16
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 3:30 pm
 Minhah & Arbit..... 4:15 pm
 Saturday Sunset 4:40 pm
 Habdalah..... 5:08 pm

November 18th-19th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 4:17 pm
 Friday Evening Services 4:15 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 Zemirot Jacob Daar
 Parashat Vayera..... Genesis 18:1-22:24
 Haftarah II Kings 4:1-23
 Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 3:30 pm
 Minhah & Arbit..... 4:10 pm
 Saturday Sunset 4:34 pm
 Habdalah..... 5:02 pm

November 25th-26th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....4:13 pm
 Friday Evening Services.....4:15 pm
 Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
 ZemirofAdam F. Jackson
 Parashat Haye Sarah..... Genesis 23:1-25:18
 Haftarah I Kings 1:1-31
 Seuda Shelishit & Class.....3:30 pm
 Minhah & Arbit.....4:05 pm
 Saturday Sunset4:31 pm
 Habdalah.....4:58 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Rosh Hodesh Elul (Two-Day)

Friday Evening, September 2nd through
 Saturday & Sunday, September 3rd & 4th
 Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Elul:
 Fri. & Sat. Services follow Shabbat Schedule
 Sunday Morn Shahrit, Hallel, Musaf..... 8:00 am
 Sunday Eve Minhah, Arbit & *Selihot.....6:30 pm
 *Sep. 4-Oct. 9 Selihot after Arbit except Fridays

Labor Day Legal Holiday

Monday, September 5th
 Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 8:00 am

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan (Two-Day)

Monday Evening, October 31st through
 Tue. & Wed., November 1st & 2nd
 (Services Follow Daily Regular Schedule)

Thanksgiving Day (Legal Holiday)

Thursday, November 24th
 Festive Shahrit, Thanksgiving Lecture..... 7:45 am

Rosh Hodesh Kislev (One-Day)

Wednesday Evening, November 30th through
 Thursday, December 1st
 (Services Follow Regular Daily Schedule)

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5777

Rosh HaShanah-New Year 5777

Sunday Eve, Oct. 2nd-Tuesday, Oct. 4th

PREPARATIONS

Sunday Morning, October 2nd

Special Morning Selihot Service..... 7:15 am
 Morning Shahrit Service 8:00 am

EVE OF 1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday Evening, October 2nd

Sunday Evening Candle Lighting 6:17 pm
 Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 6:15 pm
 Sunday Evening Sunset 6:35 pm

1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING

Monday, October 3rd

Zemirof 7:45 am
 Shahrit 8:35 am
 Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah..... 9:35 am
 Torah Reading & Haftarah 9:50 am
 Offerings 10:30 am
 `Et Sha`arei Ratzon & Shofar Service.... 10:40 am
 Ashrei and Returning Torah 11:05 am
 Musaf..... 11:20 am
 Sermon 12:20 pm
 Adon `Olam & Conclusion..... 12:40-12:45 pm

EVE OF 2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Monday Evening, October 3rd

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 6:15 pm
 Monday Evening Sunset 6:34 pm
 Mon. Evening Candle Lightingafter 6:55 pm

2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING

Tuesday, October 4th

Zemirof 7:45 am
 Shahrit 8:30 am
 Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah..... 9:30 am
 Torah Reading & Haftarah 9:45 am
 Offerings 10:25 am
 `Et Sha`arei Ratzon & Shofar Service.. 10:30 am
 Ashrei and Returning Torah 10:55 am
 Musaf..... 11:10 am
 Sermon 12:05 pm
 Adon `Olam & Conclusion..... 12:25-12:30 pm

2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH CONCLUSION

Tuesday Evening, October 4th

Tue. Evening Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.. 6:15 pm
 Tuesday Evening Sunset 6:32 pm
 Tuesday Evening Habdalah..... 6:53 pm

Fast of Gedaliah

Wednesday, October 5th

Fast Begins (Dawn) 5:36 am
 Wednesday Morning Sunrise 6:57 am
 Wednesday Morning Shahrit 7:15 pm
 Minhah (with tefillin), Arbit & Selihot.. 5:45 pm
 Wednesday Evening Sunset..... 6:31 pm
 End of Fast 6:52 pm

Shabbat Teshubah

Sabbath of Penitence

EVE OF SHABBAT TESHUBAH

Friday Evening, October 7th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 6:09 pm
 Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 6:15 pm
 Friday Evening Sunset 6:27 pm

SHABBAT TESHUBAH DAY

Saturday Morning, October 8th

Zemirof, led by Jacob Daar 8:15 am
 Shahrit 9:00 am
 Torah Service & Offerings 9:45-10:50 am
 Parashat Vayelekh Deuteronomy 31:1-30
 Haftarah Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik
 Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20
 Musaf, Sermon & Conclusion... 10:50-11:55 am
 Saturday Evening, October 8th
 Seudah Shelishit & Class..... 5:00 pm
 Sat. Evening Minhah, Arbit & Selihot... 6:00 pm
 Saturday Evening Sunset 6:26 pm
 Habdalah..... 6:58 pm

Yom Kippur-Day of Atonement

PREPARATIONS

Tuesday, October 11th

Special Morning Selihot Service..... 6:30 am
 Morning Shahrit Service 7:15 am
 Early Afternoon Minhah Service..... 1:30 pm

EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday Evening, October 11th

Tuesday Candle Lighting before 6:03 pm
 Tuesday Evening Kal Nidre Service..... 6:00 pm
 Begin Fasting..... before sunset, 6:21 pm
 Sermon & Evening Arbit Service.... 6:30-8:45 pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Wednesday, October 12th

Zemirof 8:00 am
 Shahrit 9:00 am
 Torah Service and Offerings..... 10:55 am
 Midday Sermon 12:10 am
 Musaf..... 12:30 pm
 Minhah..... 3:00 pm
 Perpetual Hashcabot & Offerings..... 4:50 pm
 Sermon before Neilah 5:20 pm
 Neilah 5:45 pm
 Sunset 6:19 pm
 Shofar, Arbit & Habdalah 6:51 pm

FALL FESTIVALS 5777

Succot

Festival of Tabernacles

Sunday Eve, Oct. 16th-Saturday, Oct. 22nd
 Succot: First Two Days (Yom Tob)

EVE OF 1st DAY SUCCOT

Sunday Evening, October 16th

Candle Lighting 5:55 pm
 Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 6:00 pm
 Sunset 6:13 pm
 Kiddush in Elias Room Succah..... 6:45 pm

Succot: First Two Days (cont'd)

1st DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME

Monday Morning, October 17th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service.....	10:00 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot	10:45-11:30 am
Conclusion & Sermon.....	11:30 am-12:00 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	12:00 pm

EVE OF 2nd DAY SUCCOT

Monday Evening, October 17th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	6:00 pm
Sunset	6:12 pm
Candle Lighting	after 6:32 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	6:45 pm

2nd DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME

Tuesday Morning, October 18th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service.....	10:00 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot	10:45-11:30 am
Conclusion & Sermon.....	11:30 am-12:00 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	12:00 pm

Tuesday Evening, October 18th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	6:00 pm
Sunset	6:10 pm
Habdalah, End of Yom Tob	6:30 pm

Hol HaMoed Succot

Intermediate Days of Tabernacles

INTERMEDIATE WEEKDAYS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday Mornings

October 19th, 20th & 21st:

Shahrit, Musaf, & Hoshaanot.....	7:15 am
Breakfast in Succah.....	8:15 am

Wednesday & Thursday Evenings

October 19th & 20th:

Minhah & Arbit Services	6:00 pm
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Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot
Intermediate Shabbat of
Tabernacles

EVE OF SHABBAT HOL HAMOED

Friday Evening, October 21st

Candle Lighting	before 5:48 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	5:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset.....	6:06 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	6:45 pm

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED DAY

Saturday Morning, October 22nd

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel	9:00 am
Torah Service.....	9:50 am
Musaf, & Shabbat Hoshaana	10:45-11:30 am
Conclusion & Sermon	11:30 am-12:00 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	12:00 pm
Saturday Afternoon, October 22nd	
Seudah Shelishit & Class in Succah	4:45 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minhah & Arbit	5:45 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	6:05 pm
Habdalah, end of Shabbat.....	6:35 pm

Hoshaana Rabba, Grand Hosanna
Seventh Day of Succot
(Tabernacles)

EVE OF HOSHAANA RABBAH

Saturday Evening, October 22nd

Mishmarah-Tikkun & Rabbi's Special Class (Held in Elias Room Succah)	9:00 pm
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HOSHAANA RABBAH DAY

Sunday Morning, October 23rd

Zemirot, led by Avery E. Neumark.....	8:00 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	8:30 am
Torah Service.....	9:00 am
Musaf, Hoshaanot, Shofar.....	9:35-10:15 am
Service Conclusion.....	10:15-10:30 am
Breakfast in Elias Room Succah	10:30 am

Shemini Hag Atseret
Eighth Day Convocation Festival

EVE OF SHEMINI HAG ATSERET

Sunday Evening, October 23rd

Candle Lighting	5:45 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	5:45 pm
Sunset	6:03 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	6:45 pm

SHEMINI HAG ATSERET DAY

Monday Morning, October 24th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service.....	9:50 am
Musaf, Tikkun HaGeshem.....	10:40-11:20 am
Service Conclusion & Sermon ...	11:20-11:45 am
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	11:50 am
<i>Tikkun HaGeshem</i> is the Sephardic poem added at the inauguration of Israel's rainy season, for the duration of which, until Passover, a request for rain is inserted in the second blessing of the Amidah.	

Simhat Torah

End of Reading-Cycle Celebration

EVE OF SIMHAT TORAH

Monday Evening, October 24th

Minhah & Arbit, with Tenu Shebaha	5:45 pm
Sunset	6:02 pm
Candle Lighting	after 6:22 pm
Hakafot & Children's Celebration	6:30 pm
Women's Hakafot (Little Synagogue).....	6:30 pm

SIMHAT TORAH DAY

Tuesday Morning, October 25th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service, with Hatanim Honors....	9:50 am
Musaf.....	10:40-11:25 am
Service Conclusion & Sermon..	11:25-12:00 pm

Tuesday Evening, October 25th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	5:45 pm
Sunset	6:00 pm
Habdalah, End of Festival	6:20 pm

Shabbat Bereshit
The First Parashah-Shabbat Hatanim

EVE OF SHABBAT BERESBIT

Friday Evening, October 28th

Candle Lighting	before 5:38 pm
Minhah&Arbit, with Tenu Shebahah	5:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset	5:56 pm

SHABBAT BERESBIT DAY

Saturday Morning, October 29th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit	9:00 am
Torah Service, Hatanim Honors	9:45-10:50 am
Parashah	Bereshith Genesis 1:1-6:8
Haftarah	Isaiah 42:5-21; 61:10; 62:5
Musaf.....	10:50-11:40 am

SHABBAT BERESBIT CONCLUSION

Saturday Evening, October 29th

Seudah Shelishit & Class.....	4:30 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minhah & Arbit	5:30 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	5:55 pm
Habdalah, End of Shabbat	6:25 pm

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings:

Sundays Shahrit	8:00 am
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Monday-Friday Shahrit	7:15 am
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Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

Sep. 1st-Sep. 29th , Minhah & Arbit*	6:30 pm
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Oct. 6th-Oct. 10th , Minhah & Arbit*	6:15 pm
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*Sep. 4th-Oct. 9th *Selihot* after Arbit

Oct. 13th-Oct. 20th , Minhah & Arbit.....	6:00 pm
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Oct. 26th-Nov. 3rd , Minhah & Arbit	5:45 pm
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Nov. 6th-Feb. 16th , Arbit Only.....	6:30 pm
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HELP MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN

The generosity of our members and friends enables us to continue to honor our past, strengthen our community and pass on our traditions for the next chapter of Jewish and American history. We have many opportunities to contribute in fulfilling our mission as a synagogue.

GENERAL DONATIONS

General donations honor our past with dignity through the preservation of our historic spaces including our main sanctuary and small synagogue, three historic cemeteries in Lower Manhattan and our active cemetery in Cypress Hills, Queens. These donations ensure a strong future through engaging educational programs with rigorous ritual and liturgical training for youth including PTTS, our Toddler Programs, Junior Congregation, and special opportunities for girls. And perhaps most importantly, general donations uphold and celebrate our minhag and liturgical traditions through dedicated clergy members, our sublime choir, Shabbat, and holiday services.

KIDDUSH FUND

The congregational Kiddush is an opportunity for congregants and visitors to socialize and mingle after services, humbly serving an important congregational function. Sponsoring a kiddush is a beautiful way to pay tribute to a loved one, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, a personal accomplishment, or a ritual honor. It is also a great way to foster community—facilitating fellow congregants to catch up with friends, meet new members and guests, and greet synagogue leaders.

SPONSOR SCOTCH AND ARAK

In addition to our weekly Kiddush sponsors and contributors we are now also accepting sponsors for the scotch and arak that we make available each week. To sponsor or contribute go to shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is a charitable arm of our congregation. These funds are designated by our rabbis for members in need and communities in crisis. This past year, our funds have assisted a number of members who have hit hard times as well as important causes such as the Houston Jewish Community recovering from flooding, the Food Bank for NYC and worthy institutions in Israel.

CLASS AND EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

Help us strengthen educational initiatives at Shearith Israel by supporting a warm and inviting atmosphere to learn, debate, and grow together as a community. Sponsor for a class, Monday Night Learning, minyan breakfast, Tuesday morning women's class, Tuesday evening Talmud shiur or Shabbat afternoon class. Or, contribute to sponsor an event, such as academic symposiums, lectures, and discussions with Jewish scholars from around the world and maintain our synagogue as a leader in contemporary Jewish dialogue.

CARING CONNECTION

Financial contributions support efforts in proactively providing organized assistance to members of our community through times of need, one of Judaism's greatest Mitzvot. Caring Connection raises the funds needed to defray the costs of all it does, including delivering meals to mourners and new parents. Not only does this vital assistance greatly aid the individual or family, it also strengthens and unifies our community and enhances our sense of responsibility for one another.

BEQUESTS

Please consider including Shearith Israel in your estate planning. For more information, please speak with our Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENT

Shearith Israel belongs to its devoted members and our vitality depends on our participation and involvement. Our most successful programs and activities are those that are organized with the help of capable volunteers who bring creativity, good cheer and friends. We have a variety of committees and societies, such as our Sisterhood and Young Leadership for you to contribute ideas and energy. We also benefit from the talents and expertise of lay leaders who can help us in important projects such as historic cemetery restoration, archival upgrades, real estate projects and facilities needs, and so much more. And of course, at our core, we are a caring community and that means that providing emotional and logistical support to members in times of need cannot depend on our clergy alone but requires the care and involvement of many whether through our Caring Connection hesed committee or our Hebra. Getting involved is how you make it happen and how you forge meaningful connections at your synagogue.

To give and learn more, visit shearithisrael.org/giving. Thank you for enabling the continuation and strengthening of our congregation's mission and legacy.



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