



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

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November 19th will mark 130 years since the passing of Emma Lazarus. A descendant of old and distinguished Shearith Israel families, she was an active advocate for the multitudes of Jewish refugees arriving in New York City, and most noted for penning the famous poem inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty, "The New Colossus." She is buried in Beth Olam Cemetery in Queens.

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Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



For centuries, the coronations of British kings and queens have featured a composition by Handel. This piece, a coronation hymn, is called “Zadok the Priest,” due to the fact that its opening words cite Hebrew scripture: *Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king; and all the people rejoiced and said, long live the king!* Here Handel seeks to link the coronation of the British monarch with a magnificent ceremony that took place in Jerusalem, and we can well understand why he cites this biblical verse. The anointing of King Solomon in the Bible featured magnificent crowds, priests and prophets proclaiming, and crowds cheering, *yechi hamelekh Shlomo le'olam*, may King Solomon live forever!

Jewish tradition, however, has always seen the anointing of Solomon's father as more significant. The prophet Samuel had been sent to Bethlehem to crown a new king, and he sought someone like Saul: tall, masculine, with the makings of a mighty warrior. In a stunningly beautiful verse, God warns Samuel not to seek the superficial: *ha-adam yireh la-einyaim va-Hashem yireh lalevav*; man looks to what he sees, but God looks to the heart. True royalty, it would seem, is a matter of the heart. Maimonides further elaborates in his Laws of Kings that *melekh libo leiv kol ha'am*, the king's heart must contain the heart of all his subjects. It is expanding beyond one's self, living larger, that is the essence of royalty.

If it is expanding one's life beyond one's self that defines Jewish royalty, then that is because this is precisely the nature of the Almighty's royalty. In the

Adon Olam prayer, we describe creation in the following way: *le'et naasah kechefizo kol*, when all at His will came into being, *azai melekh shemo nikra*, then was God called king. In contrast to the customary coronation of kings, in which a people first exist, then crown a monarch, God became King by allowing his people, humanity, to come into existence. What made the Almighty a Monarch is that though utterly self-sufficient, He was not satisfied to live an existence all alone, and lovingly brought the world into being. In Jewish mysticism this is described as a great mystery: God, though infinite and everywhere, lovingly made room for the universe to come into existence and thereby became King. True royalty, for the Torah, is living in imitation of the King of Kings by living not for ourselves but in service to Him, and in expanding our heart to include others.

The day of Rosh Hashana that is upon us is more than a marking of a new year; it is, for Jewish tradition, a day in which we re-coronate the Almighty as our King. This may seem odd, as kings are not usually coronated more than once. Yet perhaps an annual coronation takes place not because God needs it, but because we do; for so often we fail to heed God's words to Samuel, and focus on the superficial rather than on what is truly royal. May this Coronation Day be, for all of us, a time of recommitment to our King's commands, and a day of renewed understanding of the form of royalty that matters most.

Meir Y. Soloveichik

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS

Louis M. Solomon

August 2017; Elul 5777

Dear Congregants:

The year 2019 (5779-5780) will mark 365 years of organized Jewish presence in America. 365 years—a “year of years.” Our Congregation has done more than witness the story that began with the arrival in 1654 of 23 storm-tossed refugees to a lonely North American outpost named Nieu Amsterdam. We have been privileged to play a real role in this miraculous piece of American and Jewish history. Our Congregation can—and we think should—take an active role in continuing the glorious legacy.

It is my distinct privilege to announce publicly the Board of Trustees’ decision to launch Shearith Israel’s *Year of Years Campaign*. We have spoken about this conceptually at recent Electors’ Meetings. Now is the time to make the concept a successful reality.

Where We Have Been, and Where We Can Go, Together

Our Congregation’s role in America’s Jewish beginnings has been written about by many of our past Ministers. Over the past four years Rabbi Soloveichik has continued that tradition, painstakingly researching and lovingly teaching us about key moments in our Congregation’s first year of years. He has made these milestones come alive for us. They have deeply impacted us all.

Early Shearith Israel members preserved and transmitted distinctive Western Sephardic traditions and liturgies over thousands of miles. To this day these modalities of ritual continue to transport and uplift our worshippers in services acclaimed as some of the most beautiful in the world. We’ve been there since the beginning. We witnessed America’s birth and fought for its



liberty. We attended Washington’s inauguration, saved Jefferson’s Monticello from ruin, assisted in building and protecting houses of Jewish worship in other cities in America, became distinguished poets, jurists, intellectuals, and public servants founding some of the New York’s and America’s great institutions. Throughout

many waves of new immigrants from diverse origins, we have been tasked with welcoming to our community Jews, including Sephardim from an amazing array of backgrounds and traditions as well as Ashkenazim. We are still building what today is a sanctuary of great warmth and compassion, a beacon of Torah Judaism and American patriotism. Unlike any other institution on earth, Shearith Israel embodies the story that is American Judaism.

And now, with the help of the Almighty, we are about to embark on our next 365 years—our second year of years. For Judaism in America to be sustained for a second year of years, Jews here and abroad in 365 years will have to be able to look back and see our Congregation, here and now, as guardians of the past and transmitters of a vital Judaism into the future.

Shearith Israel’s Year of Years Campaign

It is to address how we as a congregation will continue to share in, benefit from, and help shape this dream that the Board of Trustees has decided that the time is right to bring the *Year of Years Campaign* to the Congregation as a whole. Shearith Israel can and must continue to play an important, sustaining role in a vibrant American Jewish experience.

Our *Year of Years Campaign* is a five-year initiative to renew and perpetuate the legacy of this one,

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Judicq de Mereda Apher Levy (ash) Abraham Israel David Israel
Abraham de Lucena David de Ferreira Salvador d’Andrade Joseph d’Acosta
Jacob Cohen Henriques Benjamin Cardozo Joshua Mordecai Henriques
Isaac Mesa Moses de Lucena Jacob de Lucena Rikke Nounes Elias Silva*

23 FOUNDERS | 3 ENDURING PRINCIPLES | 1 UNIQUE REMNANT OF ISRAEL

unique Remnant of Israel. Campaign efforts will identify, name, and maintain areas that support the preservation of our heritage and sustain American Jewry into the future. We have the tools essential to meet the task before us. We have a *minhag*, in many respects stretching back centuries, that combines formal beauty and scrupulous adherence to the past with informal warmth, inclusion, and conviviality. We have a world-class Rabbi who is keenly aware of our place in the American Jewish experience and able to inspire congregants both established and new. We have a superlative supporting clergy, ritual, and administrative staff. At our best we exhibit values that pay homage to the past but that will propel us into the future.

Three Enduring Principles

Our Congregation’s logo—now in its fourth century of use—shows three pillars, labeled *Emet*, *Tzedakah*, and *Mishpat*—Truth, Charity, and Justice (in particular that form of Justice comprising deep and abiding Commitment). These principles are as ancient as our people, and as important a set of guideposts today as they have ever been. It is these three principles that the *Year of Years Campaign* will focus on strengthening so that they continue to endure.

EMET (Truth) For our founders, truth lay in upholding a *minhag*, both a way of prayer and liturgy and, crucially, a way of life. They were uncompromising on the fundamentals. They

established our place in the New World, and through intellectual strength, helped to chart the new epoch of America based on fundamental values and precepts taught in our Torah and observed for millennia.

Since 1654, we have been custodians of sacred knowledge and heritage, sacred spaces, priceless ritual objects, and our unique liturgy and music. We have supported the building and care of schools and institutes of higher Jewish learning. We have remained a diverse community that welcomes Jews of all customs and backgrounds. Throughout our history, we have remained true to preserving our values, customs, rituals, and sacred relics for future generations. We have been and must become and remain a center for Jewish intellectual thought. This is the Truth that the *Year of Years Campaign* will uphold as we move into our second year of years.

TZEDAKAH (Charity) From our beginnings in small rented quarters, to the modest Mill Street synagogue, we extended our support and services to a fledgling population in New York of both Jews and non-Jews. We now serve devoted congregants and visitors who are part of a world-wide Jewish community, especially in Israel, where we have long had close and supportive ties. We must continue to expand our reach to serve an ever-thriving, ever-evolving community of Jews and non-Jews.

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We are not being tasked with sacrifices commensurate with those that our early congregants made in our Congregation's first year of years. It will be sufficient, and we will be successful in bridging the continuum, if singularly and collectively we do what is in our power to do.

The core value of *tzedakah* describes the intent of our Congregation, as a community, to be not only concerned about the condition of our own community but also of a larger New York and American scene of which we are a part. Each family's deep commitment to *tzedakah* enriches and strengthens us every day. The *Year of Years Campaign* will strengthen our ability to continue to do good.

MISHPAT (Justice, or Commitment) As a community entering our second year of years, we are blessed with the privilege and saddled with the responsibility of defining our "compact" with the past and with the future. Our collective sense of Commitment must include a reaffirmation of the continuum between past and future. We can and must continue to carry out the vision associated with our original founders.

The spirit of true congregation, of *kehillah*, is fundamentally unchanged since the commitment of our first 23 pioneers. It is that commitment to which our efforts must effectively be directed as we enter our second year of years.

How Each of Us Can Play a Vital Part in Supporting The Year of Years Campaign

Three congregants have undertaken the historic challenge of Chairing our *Year of Years Campaign*: Norman Benzaquen, Peter Neustadter, and Oliver Stanton. To each of them we have inestimable gratitude and say *hazak u'barukh*. As they proceed to organize and carry out the Campaign, they will need the help of all of us. Please give it lavishly.

Throughout our *Year of Years Celebration* commencing in 2019/2020, we will be hosting major programs that will highlight and further our three core principles of Truth, Charity, and Commitment. These will include major lectures and talks, hesed opportunities for each of us, and a major gala to celebrate our past and our future. More information will be forthcoming on these events.

Before then, and beginning now, we are seeking 100% financial participation from every congregant and family. Gifts can vary in amounts, each person or family in accordance with its ability. We are also seeking three lead gifts, one to instantiate each of our Three Pillars of our Core Principles: Truth, Charity, and Commitment. We are seeking major gifts from 23 families, one for each of our founding ancestors in 1654. I am pleased to report that four families have already committed to this challenge.

Our congregation's second year of years can be successful only if each of us sacrifices for our collective future. We are not being tasked with sacrifices commensurate with those that our early congregants made in our Congregation's first year of years. It will be sufficient, and we will be successful in bridging the continuum, if singularly and collectively we do what is in our power to do.

Happy end of summer and 5778 to all.

Louis M. S. Brown



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Koreh (Reader) and part time Hazzan, Moshe Frances, and his wife, Celia, on the birth of a baby boy, Frederick Jacob.

Aviva and Asher Nathan upon becoming Bnai Mizvah. Congratulations to their parents Arlyn and Fred Nathan Jr. and grandmother, Fran Nathan.

Rachel and Jonathan Herlands on the birth of a granddaughter, Devorah Asya, to their children Dinah and Josh Foer of Brookline. Congratulations to great-grandfather, Melvin Neumark.

Shayna Kaye on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Shayna is the daughter of Nielufar and Jonathan Kaye.

Robin and Lawrence Lewitinn on the birth of a baby girl.

Josh and Alyse Rozenberg on the birth of twins (a girl and a boy). Congratulations to grandparents, Susan and Avery Neumark and great-grandfather, Melvin Neumark.

Meira and Joseph Scheiner on the birth of a baby boy, Charles Samuel (Asher Shmuel).

Aviva and Marvin Sussman on the birth of a granddaughter to their children, Ilana and Jon Uretsky.

Judy and Joel Schreiber on the birth of great-granddaughter to their grandchildren, Seth and Miriam Fein.

Flora Tauber on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents Natasha and Daniel Tauber and to her grandparents, Adele and Ronald Tauber.

Emmanuel Mateus-Tique on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents Sharon Lavi and Jaime Mateus-Tique.

Emma Valencia on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents Mira and Claudio Valencia.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Debra Aboodi and Steve Sasson on the birth of a baby boy. Congratulations to grandparents, Deena and Nissim Aboodi, and aunt and uncle, Rafe and Sharon Sasson.

Laurie and Dr. Eli Bryk upon the birth of a grandson to their children, Jacki and Jeff Karsh of Los Angeles.

Zachariah and Malka Edinger on their marriage. Congratulations also to Rose and Henry Edinger and to the Edinger and Strasberg families.

Judi and Alan Eisenman on the birth of a granddaughter, Maayan Sarah Chaya, to their children, Liz and Marc Guttman.

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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Hazakim U'berukhim:

Executive Director, Barbara Reiss and her husband, Guy Reiss who served as guests of honor at the Jewish Center's annual dinner this past June.

To our Girls' Shir Hashirim Readers: Laelah Aaron, Julia Levi, Olalla Levi, Lia Solomon, Tess Solomon, and Gabriella Yohanano

Our Girls' Megillat Ruth Readers: Susan A., Lily Cohen, Matea Frieber, Cherish Greenberg, Honor Greenberg, Yaara Kaplan, Cecelia Roberts, Daniella Roberts, Jenna Roberts, Ruth Sherizen, and Flora Tauber

Graduates:

Laelah Aaron, daughter of Penny and Mark Aaron, upon graduating from Heschel Middle School. She will attend Riverdale Country School.

Elan Agus, son of Nicole and Raanan Agus, upon graduating from Ramaz Middle School.

Jacob Aufzien, son of Michelle and Jonathan Aufzien, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School.

David Samuel Cohen, son of Julia and Yair Cohen, upon graduating from Tulane University with a BA in Business.

Samuel Freilich, son of Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School. He will attend Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi in Jerusalem followed by Columbia University.

Devora Goldstein, daughter of Vicki Bengualid and Gabe Goldstein, upon graduating from SAR High School. She will attend Migdal Oz in Israel.

Ariel Haberman, daughter of Jennifer Ash and Seth Haberman, upon graduating from SAR High School. She will attend Mechinat Beit Yisrael in Israel followed by Washington University in St. Louis.

Isaac Haberman, son of Jennifer Ash and Seth Haberman, upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Statistics from Carnegie Mellon University. He will attend NYU for a master's program in data science.

Ephraim Kozodoy, son of Maud and Neal Kozodoy, upon graduating from the Collegiate school. He will attend the College of William & Mary.

Noah Lang, son of Leslie Cohen and Jeffrey Lang, upon graduating from SAR High School. He will attend the Joint Degree Program, List College (JTS) and Columbia University.

Zander Lustig, son of Rachel Brody and Michael Lustig, upon graduating from Ramaz Middle School. He will attend SAR High School.

Jacob Z Neumark, son of Susan and Avery Neumark, upon graduating from the University of Maryland (with honors). He will attend Fordham Law School.

Harlan Ben-Zion Reiss, son of Barbara and Guy Reiss, upon graduating from the Heschel School. He will attend Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi in Jerusalem followed by NYU.

Joseph Aden Solomon, son of Beth Goldman and Louis Solomon, upon graduating from TABC High School.

Benjamin Solis-Cohen, son of Carole Baker and David Solis-Cohen, upon graduating from Williams College with a degree in Math, Computer Science, and Statistics. He will work for Google in Mountain View, CA.

Emma Solis-Cohen, daughter of Carole Baker and David Solis-Cohen, upon graduating from Hamilton College with a degree in Economics. She will work for Glenmede Trust Co. in Philadelphia, PA.

Ethan Vorchheimer, son of Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer, upon his graduation from Ramaz Lower School. He will attend Ramaz Middle School.

Henry Zuckerberg, son of Charlotte Triefus and Lloyd Zuckerberg, upon graduating from Westtown School in West Chester, PA. He will attend Hamilton College.

Toby Zuckerberg, son of Charlotte Triefus and Lloyd Zuckerberg, upon graduating from Horace Mann Middle School. He will attend Westtown School in West Chester, PA.

Shearith Israel Toddler Program Graduates:

Jaob Baruch, Mia Basalely, Joseph Beren, Layla Jesselson, Joseph Kamel, Natan Kaplan, Eidan Listman, Charlie Lowy, Olivia Pines, Lily Schwebel, Ari Taplitzy, Esther Weinberg, Morris Wilensky, Emma Znaty

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Yaron Benchlouch
Ruth Ezra and her son, Benjamin Ivan Kaufman
Lawrence Kobrin
Ira and Barbara Lipman
Monroe and Judy Milstein

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Ruth Saporta

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Isaac Ainetchi on the loss of his mother, Marcelle Ainatchi.

Dr. Stephen Brenner on the passing of his father, Samuel Brenner.

Faith Fogelman on the recent passing of her father, Theodore Watkin.

Ruby Gottlieb on the loss of her brother, Harold Kestenbaum.

Dr. Meryl Jaffe (Hurwich), on the passing of her father, Lloyd W. Jaffe.

Mindy Lamm on the passing of her sister, Jean Kelman.

Henry Lipschutz on the loss of his mother, Nora Lipschutz.

Eduardo Lipschutz on the loss of his mother, Nora Lipschutz.



David Sarfati on the passing of his mother, Tova Sarfati.

David Vorchheimer on the passing of his father, Fred Vorchheimer.

Margo Weaker Suckewer on the passing of her mother, Anne Weaker.

Avi Yohananoff on the passing of his mother, Bella Yohananoff.

Bequests

The congregation expresses its sincere gratitude to Gladys Benbasat, of blessed memory, for a generous bequest recently received from her estate.

The congregation expresses its sincere gratitude to Jack Rudin, of blessed memory, for a generous bequest recently received from his estate.

IN APPRECIATION

Class Sponsors:

Debbie and David Sable for sponsoring Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat HaGadol Derasha in memory of Ambassador Yehuda Avner, author of The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership and The Ambassador, a novel, on the occasion of his second nahala.

Marvin Sussman's family for sponsoring a session of Friday Night Lights in honor of his 70th birthday.

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.

Kiddush Fund Sponsors:

Anonymous

Rae and Paul Beispel in memory of Semah Franco and of Gabriel Aaron Franco.

Norman Benzaquen in memory of Maimun Olivar.

Doina and Dr. Lawrence Bryskin in memory of Hermina Levi and in honor of Rabbi Meir Soloveichik.

Julia Moalem Cohen and the Moalem Family in memory of Yechezkel Moalem.

Rose and Henry Edinger and the Board of Trustees in celebration of Z and Malka's sheva berachot.

The Feder family, in honor of the 65th anniversary of Barry Feder's Bar Mitzvah.

Jennifer Ash and Seth Haberman.

The Haberman family in memory of Eva Haberman, z'l.

The Hebra Hased Va'Amet.

Juan Mesa-Freydell.

The Kaye family in honor of Shayna Kaye becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Susan and Avery Neumark in memory of Betty and Sidney Adler.

Natasha and Daniel Tauber and by Adele and Ronald Tauber in honor of Flora Tauber becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Arthur Tenenholtz in memory of Perry Tenenholtz z'l.

Sharon Lavi and Jaime Mateus-Tique in honor of Emmanuel Mateus-Tique becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Kiddush Fund Contributors:

Anonymous in memory of Mona Oppenheim.

Sora and Eli Grunstein.

Robin and Lawrence Lewitinn in honor of the birth of their daughter.

Jadranka and Roberto Salama in memory of Jadranka's father, Ivo Metulic.

Scotch and Arak Sponsors:

Jennifer Ash and Seth Haberman

The Sherizen Family

The Suckewer family in honor of the 13th anniversary of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah

Shir Hashirim Kiddush Sponsors:

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The Kaplan/Cycowicz family

Michael Katz

The Sherizen Family

Francine Alfandary and Laurent Nahon in memory of Philippe Nahon (Shmuel ben Eliezer)

Wine and Cheese Event Sponsors:

Roni Jesselson

Joy Saleh and Bruce Roberts

Thank you:

Minna and Clifford Felig for sponsoring the Girls' Shir Hashirim reading over Passover in honor of the Solomon Family.

Yom Haatzmaut Lecture:

Sponsors:

The Bengio Mizrahi Family

Contributors:

Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer



Washington DC Monticello Shabbaton Supporters:

Mark Aaron
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Dina and David Reis
Florence and Robert Rothman
Francine Salsberg
Paula Schallamach
Beth Goldman and Louis Solomon
Oliver Stanton



Shearith Israel visits Jefferson's estate in Monticello, VA.

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

Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabuot Public Lecture Sponsor:

Bill Greenbaum

Graduation Kiddush:

Sponsors:

Anonymous
Jennifer Ash and Seth Haberman
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Barbara and Guy Reiss
Susan and Robert Tam
Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer

Tisha B'ab Public Lecture Sponsor:

Cindy Trop and Stuart Ellman in memory of Yehudit Bat Beilah v'Avraham HaCohen.

Is There Something You'd Like to Share in the Announcements?

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



HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN

ROSH HASHANA, KIPPUR, AND SUCCOT

During youth groups, children will participate in special holiday activities such as a Shofar blowing exercise and a *sheheheyenu* party.

This year we are offering our own young adults—college members and High School juniors and seniors—the opportunity to co-lead our high holiday youth groups. If you know of young members who would be interested, have them reach out to Barbara Reiss at breiss@shearithisrael.org.

HOLIDAYS

ROSH HASHANA

ELUL LEARNING

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

Rabbi Soloveichik will use his Shabbat Afternoon class slot to conduct special Elul learning prior to Rosh Hashana.

SHABBAT TESHUBAH DERASHA

Shabbat, September 23 | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

The entire community is welcome to hear Rabbi Soloveichik give his Shabbat Teshubah Derasha on the topic "The Soul and the Scroll: The Sefer Torah of Kal Nidre." To co-sponsor the Kiddush following the derasha, go to shearithisrael.org/Shabbat-teshuba-derasha2017.

SUCCOT

LULAB AND ETROG ORDERS

Orders due before midnight, Sunday, October 1

Purchase your Lulabim and Etrogim through the synagogue at \$65 per set. To place your order, visit shearithisrael.org/lulab. Payment must be made at time of order and before the deadline. (We cannot add these charges to your member account.) For questions contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.



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SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

Monday, October 2
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3
Three shifts: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, and 4:00 pm - 8:00 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, who 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 in this fun mitzvah, 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-5778.

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 check made out to "Sisterhood of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue" indicating "succah fund" in the memo, or make a donation online at shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-succah-decorating-5778.

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 tablecloths, disposables, and basic beverages. Space is highly limited, so register early.

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, go to shearithisrael.org/meals-succah-5778.

HOSHAANA RABBAH MISHMARA

Tuesday Night, October 10
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.

SIMHAT TORAH

WOMEN'S HAKAFOT

Thursday night, October 12
6:45 pm | Little Synagogue

On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel Hakafot ceremony is held for women.

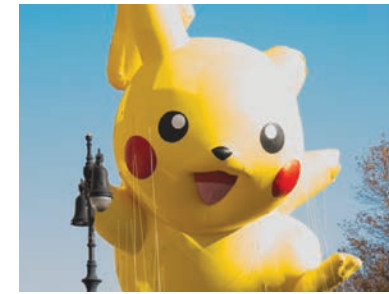
SIMHAT TORAH DINNER AND ICE CREAM PARTY

Thursday night, October 12

Following Simhat Torah hakafot in both sanctuaries, we will host a light dinner. Pre-registration is required; details to follow.

After dinner, young people (and the young at heart) are invited to enjoy our annual ice cream party. As usual, volunteer teen scoopers are needed.

We are once again grateful for the event's sponsorship provided by the Haberman and Lustig families.



THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATIONS

Morning Services

Thursday, November 23 | 7:45 am | Main Sanctuary

Parade Viewing

9:30 am | Portico | For Children Only!

Socializing for Adults and Youth

9:30 am | Elias Room

Pack-a-thon

9:30 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 Shahrut and the omission of *tahanunim* and a Thanksgiving-themed lecture 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.

THIRD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PACK-A-THON

Thursday, November 23, 9:30 am | Levy Auditorium

Building on the success of the past two Pack-a-thons, this year, we will once again be partnering with our UWS faith community partners, the West End Collegiate Church and the Jewish Center. On Thanksgiving morning, after Rabbi Soloveichik's special Thanksgiving address, registered volunteers will pack meals to be distributed to hungry New Yorkers. We are seeking volunteers to take a leadership role in this ambitious project. If you'd like to join the event committee and help ensure the success of this important activity, please contact Sarah Meira Rosenberg at srosenberg@shearithisrael.org.

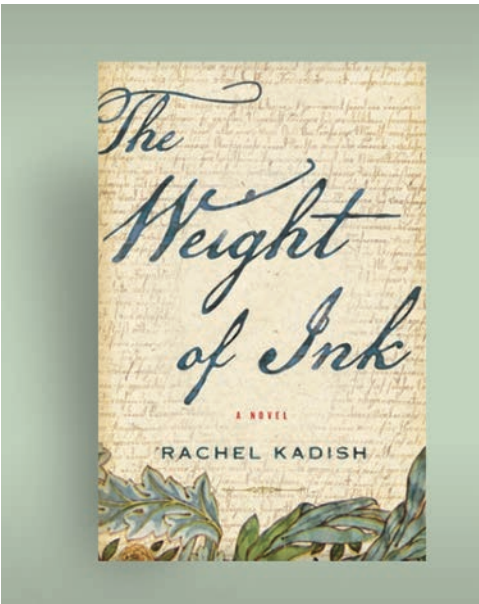


Segan, Michael Lustig, with Israeli Consul General, Dani Dayan



Sharing our succah with leaders of the NY Latino community during Hispanic Heritage Week.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Lior Raz, creator and star of Netflix's *Fauda*.



COMMUNAL BETH OLAM CEMETERY TRIP

**Sunday, September 10 | Beth Olam Cemetery
2 Cypress Hills Street, Ridgewood (Queens)**

Join us for our annual visit to Beth Olam Cemetery where members can visit the graves of loved ones before the High Holidays and participate in a memorial service in the Calvert Vaux-designed "metaher house." A highlight of the visit is an illuminating tour given by our sexton, Zachariah Edinger. Registration by September 4 is required for transportation and encouraged for all. Go to shearithisrael.org/beth-olam-cemetery-trip to sign up.

INSIDE FAUDA, WITH LIOR RAZ

In Collaboration with UJA Federation of New York

**Monday, October 30, 2017 | 7:00 pm
Held at Congregation Rodeph Sholom**

Enjoy this exclusive New York appearance with Lior Raz, creator and star of Netflix's *Fauda*. Called a "gritty, naturalistic thriller" by the New York Times, *Fauda* explores counterterrorism within the Israel Defense Force and how the conflict creates victims on both sides. Learn about the making of the hit series and stick around for a Q & A. This evening is open to the community. For more information, please contact Rayna Friedman at friedmanr@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1271. \$18 per person.

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT: THE WEIGHT OF INK

Featuring Author, Rachel Kadish

Wednesday, October 18 | 7:00 pm

The *Weight of Ink* is a historical novel set in the Portuguese-Jewish communities of 17th century Amsterdam and London. The process of researching and writing the book took author, Rachel Kadish, deep into vibrant areas of Jewish history. Join us as she launches her new book and describes how she spent years researching everything from Spinoza, to types of iron gall ink, to the education of women in the Sephardic Jewish communities of the time, all in the service of telling the story of a Portuguese-Jewish woman with an unconventional mind.

Rachel Kadish is the award-winning author of the novels *From a Sealed Room* and *Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story*, and the novella *I Was Here*. Her work has appeared on NPR, in the New York Times online, Ploughshares, and Tin House.

FILM SCREENING: THE WOMEN'S BALCONY

A New York Times and Los Angeles Times Critic's Pick and Israel's #1 Film of the Year!

Wednesday, October 25 | 7:00 pm

With opening remarks from member Tikva Ostrega

An accident at a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a rift between the men and women in a devout community in Jerusalem in this rousing, good-hearted comedy. Awash with Jerusalem's distinctive glow, *The Women's Balcony* is a warm, poignant portrait of a modern community struggling to balance protocol with practical, progressive values—at once rebellious and respectful in spirit. Register at shearithisrael.org/womensbalcony.

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A VERY SPECIAL SHABBATON IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Friday November 3 – Sunday, November 5

Following the magical trip to Monticello and Washington DC, Shearith Israel is delighted to announce another intellectual adventure with Rabbi Soloveichik: a trip to historic Charleston, South Carolina. We will visit Charleston, celebrated as one of the most beautiful cities in America, at its most splendid time of the year, where we will enjoy Shabbat services and meals at Brith Sholom Beth Israel synagogue right in the center of the oldest and most beautiful part of town. In Charleston, Rabbi Soloveichik will lead tours of some of the earliest Jewish sites in America, learn what life was like and learn of some of the religious and political controversies that occupied America's first Jewish communities. Rabbi Soloveichik will also take us to Fort Sumter and transport us back to the outbreak of the civil war. What was it like for Americans to take up arms against one another, and what happened to Jewish families divided between North and South? Questions like these, and so much more, will be engaged over an unforgettable weekend spent reliving history.

Spaces are limited and this opportunity is also intended to support Shearith Israel and the many classes and programs we often offer to the public at no charge throughout the year. We have secured a block of rooms at a steeply discounted rate at the historic Francis Marion Hotel located close to the synagogue and many of the historic sites. Our limited block of rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Learn more and register at shearithisrael.org/Charleston.

COMMUNITY SHABBAT LUNCH

Saturday, November 18 | Following Morning Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

What better or more relaxing way to celebrate Shabbat than to enjoy Shabbat lunch in the company of friends? Following Shabbat morning services, guests will enjoy a thoughtfully prepared meal enhanced by the Rabbi's enlightening and uplifting remarks. Preferred pricing for members. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

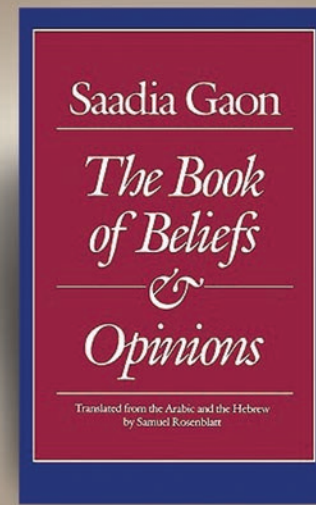
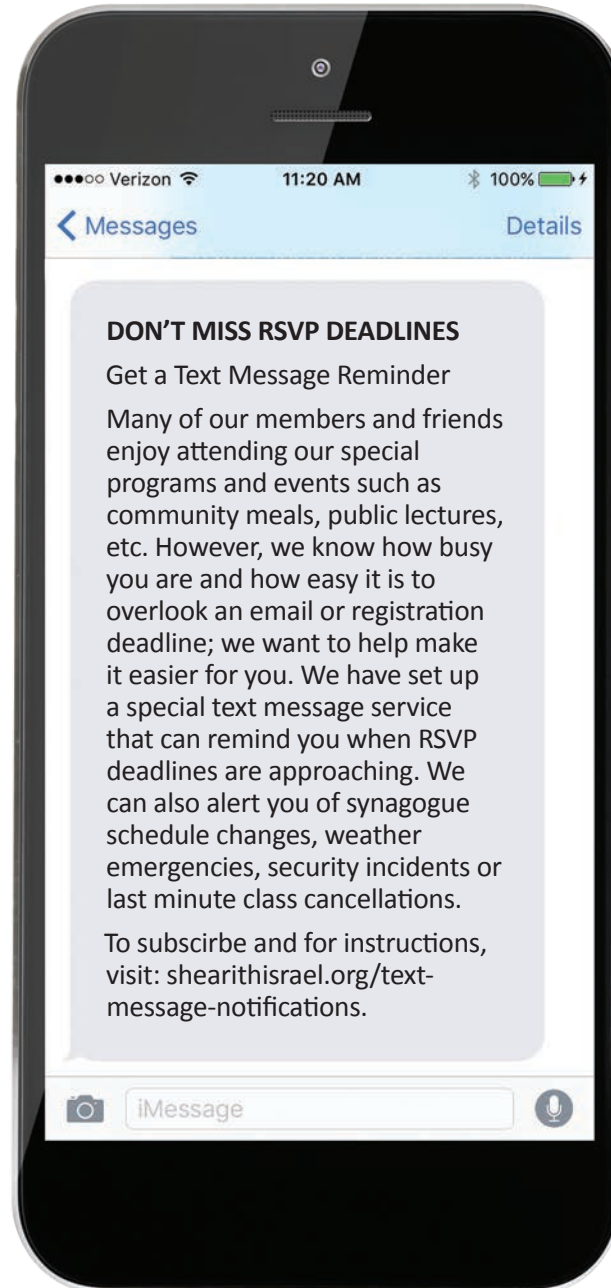
HEBRA HASED V'AMET FILM SCREENING: NO. 17 IS ANONYMOUS

Saturday Night, November 18

Join the Hebra Hased V'amet for a special film screening of *No. 17 is Anonymous*, an Israeli documentary set in the aftermath of a suicide bombing that killed 17, in which all but one of the victims were identified. This film tells the story of the search to identify the man no one reported missing. The film, directed by David Ofek, runs 75 minutes and is in Hebrew with English subtitles. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion.

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.



SPONSOR A MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST

Morning minyan participants are treated to a breakfast of champions (cereal and milk). Jumpstart your day by nourishing your body and soul and help make this minyan strengthening initiative a success. To sponsor, go to shearithisrael.org/cereal.

JUDAIC EDUCATION

SUNDAYS

SAADIAH GAON'S BOOK OF BELIEFS AND OPINIONS

Sundays | 8:45 am | Sjimon den Hollander

The Book of Beliefs and Opinions (completed 933 CE) was the first systematic presentation and philosophic foundation of the dogmas of Judaism.

Sjimon den Hollander grew up in the Netherlands, where he earned a Master's degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies at Leiden University. He has taught courses on Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hebrew, Arabic, and philosophy. Currently Mr. den Hollander teaches Jewish Literature at Hunter College.

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS

HABRUTA (PAIRED) LEARNING

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
5:15 – 7:15 pm

Men and women, adults and youth, are invited to join Rabbi Chaim Yanetz and rabbinical students from YU in the Elias Room for *habruta* (paired learning) and minyan.

TUESDAYS

MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST AND SHIUR

Tuesdays | Following morning services

The loyal members of our morning minyan know the pleasure of camaraderie and learning that is especially enjoyed every Tuesday morning. All worshippers are welcome to enjoy breakfast and a short shiur by Rabbi Soloveichik or another member of our ministerial team. Sponsored by Chaim Katzap.

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FEASTS AND FASTS: THE FESTIVALS IN JEWISH THOUGHT

A Class for Women

Tuesdays | 9:00 am | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Begins Tuesday, October 17

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. Honor a loved one by sponsoring a class. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.

TALMUD CLASS: MASECHET YOMA AND THE MEANING OF THE MIKDASH

Tuesdays | 7:00 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Begins Tuesday, October 17

Join Rabbi Soloveichik for your weekly dose of Talmud and Sushi as we learn about Masechet Yoma. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Learn more at shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.



THURSDAYS

AN OLD-FASHIONED HEBREW COURSE

An Overview Of Hebrew Grammar, Based Upon The Historic “Hebrew Grammar For The Use Of Beginners” By James (Joshua) Seixas

Thursdays | 7:15 pm | Rabbi Ira Rohde
Begins Thursday, September 7

They don't teach things the way they used to anymore! For an antiquarian take on studying Hebrew, in the classic way it was taught in America, largely to non-Jewish Bible students, but also to American Jews in our very congregation as well, nearly two-hundred years ago, Hazzan Ira Rohde will conduct a special twelve-week Overview of Hebrew Grammar, using as a textbook the historic Manual: Hebrew Grammar for the Use of Beginners (Andover, MA, 1833) by James (a.k.a. Joshua) Seixas. James Seixas (1802-1874) was one of the many children of our notable minister, Hazan Gershom Mendes Seixas. It will be an old-fashioned type of course, taught via an old-fashioned methodology, in a historic institution, by an old-fashioned artisan practitioner. As Hazzan Rohde exhorts, in the Hebrew cohortative: *הבה נלמדה-נא עברית* “Come let us, prithe, learn Hebrew!”

FRIDAYS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

Fridays | Following Evening Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Begins Shabbat Noah, Friday, October 20

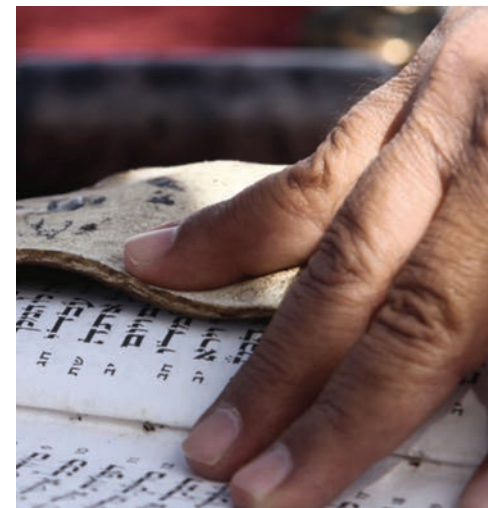
As Shabbat begins earlier and the nights grow longer, stay around for a bit after Friday evening services for an inspiring shiur delivered by Rabbi Soloveichik. There is no better way to transition from the workweek to the aura of Shabbat than experiencing our magnificent Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by Friday Night Lights. The 2017-2018 season is again sponsored by the Julis family. To sponsor an individual session, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.

SHABBAT

THE MISUNDERSTOOD MASTERPIECE: A NEW APPROACH TO PIRKEI ABOT

Shabbat Afternoon | 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 frequently 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. Accompanied by seudah shelishit. Honor a loved one, mark a special occasion, or simply express your appreciation by sponsoring a class. Go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.





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 have babysitting, holiday storytelling and songs. Children 5-12 will play fun educational games lead by our engaging leaders. Join for special programs like a shofar blowing exercise and a *sheheheyanu* party.

This year we are offering our own young adults—college members and High School juniors and seniors—the opportunity to co-lead our high holiday youth groups. If you know of young members who would be interested, have them reach out to Barbara Reiss.

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Thursday, November 23 | 9:00 am

CSI Kids, come watch the Thanksgiving Day parade from our Portico accompanied by hot chocolate and snacks in the Elias Room! It is a view and experience that is not to be beat!

YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES SHABBAT LUNCH

Shabbat, November 25
Following Morning Services

Building on the success of past events, our synagogue's Young Couples and Families are once again invited to join us for a fabulous Young Couples and Families Shabbat Luncheon. Fun activities for the kids and rabbi's lecture for adults will keep everyone happy. Watch your emails for registration details and sponsorship opportunities.

WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

Register now for the 2017-2018 School Year

Sept 6 – June 6 | 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 is led by our beloved head teacher, Liz Rios, a 40+ year veteran! It focuses on learning colors and shapes, creating arts and crafts, singing songs, exploring Jewish holidays, music, and more. To enroll your child, go to shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram.



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, October 22

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 2017-2018 academic year today, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.

SAVE THE DATES: PTTS BRUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK: FOR 5TH – 8TH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS

Sundays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
November 12 | February 4 | April 22

PTTS Families, this year we are continuing our initiative for our middle school students and all PTTS parents. On three Sundays over the course of the year, 5th-8th grade students and all PTTS 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. Mark your calendars now and get ready for a fun learning experience with your kids.

Schedule is subject to change. Watch for email reminders or schedule changes in advance of each date.

YOUTH ON SHABBAT

TOT SHABBAT

10:00 am-12:00 pm | 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 until the end of services

Children ages 5-12 gather with our experienced and engaging youth leader, Rachel Schaulewicz, for fun activities connected to the parashah 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.





Trustee, Vicki Bengualid, Chair of our Caring Connection and leader of many of our initiatives for women



SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

Monday, October 2
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3
Three shifts: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, and 4:00 pm - 8:00 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, women and men, are invited to help decorate in preparation for the Succot Festival. For more information, see Page 12.

WOMEN'S HAKAFOT

Thursday, October 12
6:45 pm | Little Synagogue

On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel Hakafot ceremony is held for women.

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 will be on SShabbat Lekh-Lekha, October 28th.

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 new Yoetzet Halakha, Shiffy Friedman, in confidence at nycyoetzet@gmail.com.

Shiffy Friedman graduated from Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center's U.S. Yoatzot Halakha Fellows Program in 2015. She has been counseling women in the area of women's health and halakha, both through her role as Yoetzet Halakha in Westchester County and through teaching brides and couples before marriage. Shiffy has taught at SAR Academy and currently teaches at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School. She received her B.A. in Judaic studies from Stern College and a dual M.A. in Education and Jewish studies from New York University. Prior to that, she spent a year studying in Israel at the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women in Migdal Oz. She and her husband, Rabbi Noam Friedman, live with their two children, Avital and Adir, in Morningside Heights, where they serve as the OU-JLIC couple at Columbia/Barnard Hillel. They look forward to getting to know members of the broader Manhattan community.

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.



Shiffy Friedman



Layaliza Soloveichik

REMEMBERING JACK RUDIN, Z”L

David J. Nathan

Jack loved the synagogue. According to Jack, the match was first made when his cousin's husband (our trustee and then segan, Milton Lewin) introduced him to our then minister, Dr. Louis Gerstein, with whom he bonded over single malt scotch. Jack's expertise as a builder was then immediately put to use when (again according to Jack) my grandfather, Edgar J. Nathan, Jr., asked him to make sure that the new community house was properly built, while at the same time not offending the members of the building committee. In the decades that followed, whenever my father or I or others enlisted Jack's help in a synagogue related project, Jack would unfailingly remind us (before accepting) that he had once been given a suicide mission by the Parnas, and needed quite specific assurances before proceeding further.

Meetings with Jack were filled with an unusual and heartwarming mixture of warmth, stories, advice and decisions. If Jack mentioned a book that you hadn't read, a copy arrived on your desk that afternoon. If Jack thought of the right person to help on a project, that person had left a message for you before you got back to the office. If Jack thought you could help another friend



or institution he admired he'd ask the same of you (and often watched you make the introductory call before you left his office). Over the years, Jack's and Susan's friends became our friends and vice-versa (and to this day our annual gala is supported by countless admirers of the Rudins).

Jack supported many wonderful organizations. We were lucky to be among them. He so appreciated our culture and the openness and acceptance that is fused with timeless values and history. And we had a true friend. I will miss Jack, and the feeling of purposefulness and love that weaved its way into our work together. Jack used to kid me that I was the third generation of my family that he'd worked for. The truth is that Jack had a magical way of making us work for him and for the community, and we strove to be worthy of his trust and friendship.

David J. Nathan served as Parnas from 2008-2013. His father, Edgar J. Nathan, 3rd, served as Parnas from 1968-1991 and his grandfather, Edgar J. Nathan, Jr., from 1958-1965.

CARING CONNECTION

Caring Connection, our Congregation's hesed network, was founded in order to provide organized assistance to members of our community. The group of volunteers responds to a variety of situations, for example, in times of difficulty, illness or mourning, or for the exciting and often overwhelming challenges accompanying the arrival of a new baby. Caring Connection facilitates and trains community members as sensitive volunteers to proactively help others through times of need, one of Judaism's greatest mitzvot. Not only does this vital assistance greatly aid the individual, it also strengthens and unifies our community and enhances our sense of responsibility for one another. If you know someone who might need assistance, in any form, please email caringconnection@shearithisrael.org and we will sensitively and discreetly coordinate with our volunteer team. If Caring Connection lacks the expertise or resources to provide appropriate assistance, we are pleased to coordinate with other congregational and communal organizations and to offer a directory of social services, so as to ensure that members of our community are able to access the support systems that best care for their needs.

Caring Connection is made up of dedicated volunteers who provide Shearith Israel community members with valuable support.

We are looking to expand our circle of individuals with a passion for helping others. We seek volunteers to organize, spearhead, and participate in each of the following activities:

- Visits and telephone calls to elderly and homebound members of our community.
- Visits to members of our community who are ill or recuperating.
- Meal delivery during times of need, such as illness, mourning or after the birth of a child.
- Transport and wheelchair assistance for members who wish to attend synagogue services or events.



MEALS FOR MOURNERS AND NEW PARENTS

Shearith Israel's Caring Connection provides meals for members and their families after the birth of a child or in times of mourning. Similarly, the Hebra Hased Va'Amet provides mourners and their family with their first meal upon returning home from the burial as they commence *shiba*.

If you would like to sponsor a meal, we offer several options and easy ways for you to do so. Simply go to shearithisrael.org/caring-connection-meals and select the meal type you would like to sponsor. The family will be notified of your generous gesture. Please be assured that our Caring Connection and Hebra volunteers are in touch with the affected families and will ensure that their specific needs (quantities, dietary restrictions, etc.) will be considered. Any surplus sponsorships will be used to ensure that all of our members are provided meals in their times of need.

If you would prefer to cook and deliver your own home-cooked meals, or place food orders on your own rather than participate in this fund, please contact Layaliza Soloveichik at layaliza@gmail.com beforehand. Layaliza is our congregation's mourners/new parents meal volunteer coordinator and she makes every effort to ensure that the family's preferences and requests are accommodated and that duplication of efforts are avoided.



Jessica and Roni Jesselson are young members of the synagogue and live in the neighborhood. They met each other while attending NYU and moved to the Upper West Side in 2013. They have two children, Eric and Layla, who are recent graduates of Shearith Israel's Toddler Program.

In 2012, while traveling in the French Riviera, Jessica and Roni fell in love with Rosé during a visit to the Chabad house in St. Tropez. They returned home and decided to attempt making Rosé but quickly learned that was impossible.

Sangria

by Jessica and Roni Jesselson

Rosé isn't just red and white wine swirled in a mason jar. Google suggested that they make sangria instead as an alternative. So after a few failed experiments, they succeeded in making a tasty sangria that was fruity and crisp!

They shared this recipe at our wine and cheese edu-culinary event this past Spring at the synagogue and it was a huge hit. Now, they're sharing their family's (no longer) secret recipe.



OPTION 1: RED SANGRIA

INGREDIENTS

Fruit

3 sliced apples; the skin is fine but avoid the stems and seeds.

2 peeled oranges; they can be broken into wedges, just avoid seeds from floating in the mix.

20 whole grapes; they can be sliced if you prefer, just don't keep them on the vine.

1 cup blueberries

1 cup strawberries

Liquid Mix

1 Bottle of red wine; the fruitier the better. Spanish wine like a Rioja works the best, but Cabernet Sauvignon is fine.

2 Bottles of Moscato Di Carmel; it provides sweetness and great bubbles.

PROCEDURE

Mix everything together and chill for a minimum of 6 hours. Ideally let it sit over ice, which can be added to keep it cold but try to avoid watering it down. If you have reusable ice cubes, those are best. Another great trick is to freeze some grapes or berries and add them to the sangria when you are ready to serve it. The frozen grapes will act as an ice cube and won't water down the Sangria.

This is a wonderful sweet treat that is ideal for a warm summer day. It also is a wonderful dessert after any meal. Other fruits that can be added include: additional strawberries, watermelon, or cantaloupe. Most fruits are a plus but some fruit can cause more harm than flavor. Don't use bananas, pomegranates, grapefruit, papaya, or pineapple.

OPTION 2: WHITE SANGRIA

INGREDIENTS

Fruit

3 sliced green apples; the skin is fine but avoid the stems and seeds.

3 peaches sliced without the pit or stem.

2 sliced pears; the skin is fine but avoid the stems and seeds.

20 whole green grapes; they can be sliced if you prefer, just don't keep them on the vine.

Liquid Mix

2 Bottles of Emerald Riesling wine

1 Bottle of Moscato Di Carmel; it provides sweetness and great bubbles.

PROCEDURE

When making the White Sangria, use the same instructions as the Red Sangria; the only difference is try to use light-colored fruits to maintain a clear and pretty appearance. Try making both as they complement each other so well and look beautiful when displayed together.



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.



SERVICES

SHABBAT SERVICES

September 1st-2nd

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:10 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Ki Tetse	
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10	TBD
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	6:00 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	7:00 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:26 pm
Habdalah.....	8:03 pm

September 8th-9th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	6:58 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Ki Tabo.....	Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftarah	
Isaiah 60:1-22	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	5:50 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	6:50 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:15 pm
Habdalah.....	7:51 pm

September 15th-16th

1860 - 19th St. Consecration Anniversary

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	6:46 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Joseph A. Solomon
Parashat Nitsabim-Vayelekh	
Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30	
Haftarah	Akiva R. Haberman
Isaiah 61:10-63:9	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	5:40 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	6:40 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:03 pm
Habdalah.....	7:38 pm

September 22nd-23rd Shabbat Teshuba

October 13th-14th Shabbat Bereshit

(See High Holy Days & Fall Festivals Schedule)

October 20th-21st Shabbat Rosh Hodesh

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:50 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Noah	Gen. 6:9-11:32, Num. 28:9-15
Haftarah	
Isaiah 66:1-24; I Samuel 20:18 & 42	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:40 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	5:40 pm
Saturday Sunset	6:06 pm
Habdalah.....	6:37 pm

October 27th-28th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:40 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Lekh-Lekha	Genesis 12:1-17:27
Parallel Women's Service	9:00-11:45 am
Haftarah	Joseph A. Solomon
Isaiah 40:27-41:16	
Bat Mitzvah.....	Honor Greenberg
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	5:30 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:57 pm
Habdalah.....	6:27 pm

November 3rd-4th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:31 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Vayera.....	Genesis 18:1-22:24
Haftarah II Kings 4:1-23.....	Reuben A. Frierber
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:25 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	5:25 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:48 pm
Habdalah.....	6:18 pm

November 10th-11th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:24 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Haye Sarah	Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah I Kings 1:1-31	Bruce Roberts
Bat Mitzvah.....	Daniella Roberts
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:41 pm
Habdalah.....	5:10 pm

November 17th-18th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:18 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Toledoth	Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haftarah Malachi 1:1-2:7.....	Aaron Nathan
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:10 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:35 pm
Habdalah.....	5:03 pm

November 24th-25th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:14 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Vayetse.....	Genesis 28:10-32:3
Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:31 pm
Habdalah.....	4:58 pm

December 1st-2nd

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Vayishlah	Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haftarah Book of Obadiah	Elliot Freilich
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:29 pm
Habdalah.....	4:56 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Labor Day Legal Holiday

Monday, September 4th

Morning Service (Shahrit).....	8:00 am
Evening Service (Minha, Arbit, Selihot)	6:30 pm

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan (Two-Day)

Thursday Evening, October 19th through
Friday & Saturday, October 20th & 21st
(Regular Daily & Shabbat Schedules)

Rosh Hodesh Kislev (One-Day)

Saturday Evening, November 18th through
Sunday, November 19th
(Regular Saturday Evening & Sun. Schedules)

Thanksgiving Day (Legal Holiday)

Thursday, November 23rd

Festive Shahrit, Thanksgiving Lecture.....	7:45 am
Evening Service (Arbit only)	6:30 pm

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5778

Rosh HaShanah — New Year 5778

Wednesday Eve, Sep. 20th through
Thursday & Friday, September 21st & 22nd

PREPARATIONS

Wednesday Morning, September 20th

Early Morning Selihot Service.....	6:30 am
Regular Morning Shahrit Service.....	7:15 am
Erub Tabshilin: When the New Year begins on Wednesday evening, an Erub, bread and food prepared for the following Sabbath, is set aside on Wednesday before sunset. See Prayers for the New Year, David de Sola Pool, p. 60.	

EVE OF 1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday Evening, September 20th

Wednesday Evening Candle Lighting.....	6:38 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening Sunset.....	6:56 pm

1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING

Thursday, September 21st

Zemirot	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

Thursday Evening, September 21st

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Sunset	6:54 pm
Thu. Evening Candle Lighting.....	after 7:17 pm

2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING

Friday, September 22nd

Zemirot	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

Shabbat Teshubah

Sabbath of Penitence

EVE OF SHABBAT TESHUBAH

Friday Evening, September 22nd

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	6:35 pm
Rosh HaShana Minha/Shabbat Arbit	6:30 pm
Friday Evening Sunset	6:53 pm

SHABBAT TESHUBAH DAY

Saturday Morning, September 23rd

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit	9:00 am
Torah Service & Offerings	9:45-10:50 am
Parashat Haazinu.....	Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah	Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20
Musaf, Sermon & Conclusion	10:50-11:55 am
Saturday Evening, September 23rd	
Seudah Shelishit & Class.....	5:25 pm
Sat. Evening Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	6:25 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	6:51 pm
Habdalah.....	7:25 pm

Fast of Gedaliah (Observed)

Sunday, September 24th	
Fast Begins (Dawn)	5:24 am
Sunday Morning Sunrise.....	6:46 am
Sunday Morning Shahrit.....	8:00 am
Minhah (with tefillin), Arbit & Selihot.....	6:00 pm
Sunday Evening Sunset	6:49 pm
End of Fast	7:11 pm

Yom Kippur-Day of Atonement

PREPARATIONS

Friday, September 29th

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

EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

Friday Evening, September 29th

Yom Kippur/Shabbat Candles	before 6:23 pm
Kal Nidre Service.....	6:15 pm
Begin Fasting.....	before sunset, 6:41 pm
Sermon & Evening Arbit Service	6:45-8:45 pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Shabbat, Saturday, September 30th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit	9:15 am
Torah Service and Offerings.....	11:10 am
Midday Sermon	12:25 am
Musaf.....	12:45 pm
Minhah.....	3:15 pm
Perpetual Hashcobot & Offerings.....	5:05 pm
Sermon before Neilah	5:35 pm
Neilah, Main Service (Upstairs)	6:00 pm
Neilah, Parallel Service (Downstairs).....	6:10 pm
Sunset	6:39 pm
Shofar & Arbit	7:09 pm
Habdalah.....	7:13 pm

FALL FESTIVALS 5777

Succot, Festival of Tabernacles

Wed. Eve, Oct. 4th through Wed., Oct. 11th

Succot: First Two Days of Yom Tob

EVE OF 1st DAY SUCCOT

Wednesday Evening, October 4th

Erub Tabshilin: When the festival begins on
Wednesday evening, an Erub, bread and food
prepared for the following Sabbath, is set aside
on Wednesday before sunset. See Prayers for the
Festivals, by David de Sola Pool, p. 1.
Candle Lighting 6:15 pm || Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... | 6:15 pm |
| Sunset | 6:33 pm |
| Kiddush in Elias Room Succah..... | 7:00 pm |

Succot: First Two Days (cont'd)

1st DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME

Thursday Morning, October 5th

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

Thursday Evening, October 5th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	6:15 pm
Sunset	6:31 pm
Candle Lighting	after 6:52 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	7:00 pm

2nd DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME

Friday Morning, October 6th

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

Succot: Hol HaMoed

Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot

Intermediate Shabbat of Tabernacles

EVE OF SHABBAT HOL HAMOED

Friday Evening, October 6th

Candle Lighting	before 6:11 pm
Yom Tob Minhah/Shabbat Eve Arbit.....	6:15 pm
Friday Evening Sunset.....	6:29 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	7:00 pm

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED DAY

Saturday Morning, October 7th

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 Evening, October 7th

Seudah Shelishit & Class in Succah	5:05 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	6:05 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	6:28 pm
Habdalah, end of Shabbat.....	7:00 pm

Succot: Hol HaMoed Weekdays

INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY & WEEKDAYS

Sunday Morning, October 8th

Shahrit, Musaf, & Hoshaanot.....	8:00 am
Breakfast in Succah.....	9:00 am

Monday & Tuesday Mornings

October 9th & 10th

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

Sunday & Monday Evenings

October 8th & 9th

Minhah & Arbit Services	6:15 pm
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Hoshaana Rabbah, Grand Hosanna

Seventh Day of Succot (Tabernacles)

EVE OF HOSHAANA RABBAH

Tuesday Evening, October 10th

Minhah & Arbit Services	6:15 pm
Mishmarah-Tikkun: Rabbi's Special Class [Held in Elias Room Succah]	9:00 pm

HOSHAANA RABBAH DAY

Wednesday Morning, October 11th

Zemirot	6:30 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	7:00 am
Torah Service.....	7:30 am
Musaf, Hoshaanot, Shofar.....	7:45-9:00 am
Service Conclusion.....	9:00-9:15 am
Breakfast in Elias Room Succah	9:15 am

Shemini Hag Atzeret

Eighth Day Convocation Festival

EVE OF SHEMINI HAG ATZERET

Erub Tabshilin: When the festival begins on Wednesday evening, an Erub, bread and food prepared for the following Sabbath, is set aside on Wednesday before sunset. See Prayers for the Festivals, by David de Sola Pool, p. 1.

Wednesday Evening, October 11th

Candle Lighting	6:03 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	6:00 pm
Sunset	6:21 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Succah.....	6:45 pm

SHEMINI HAG ATZERET DAY

Thursday Morning, October 12th

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

Tikkun HaGeshem 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

Thursday Evening, October 12th

Minhah & Arbit, with Tenu Shebaha	6:00 pm
Sunset	6:20 pm
Candle Lighting	after 6:40 pm
Hakafor & Children's Celebration	6:45 pm
Women's Hakafor (Little Synagogue).....	6:45 pm

SIMHAT TORAH DAY

Friday Morning, October 13th

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

Shabbat Bereshit

The First Parashah-Shabbat Hatanim

EVE OF SHABBAT BERESHIT

Friday Evening, October 13th

Candle Lighting	before 6:00 pm
Minhah & Arbit, with Tenu Shebahah.....	6:00 pm
Friday Evening Sunset.....	6:18 pm

SHABBAT BERESHIT DAY

Saturday Morning, October 14th

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
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SHABBAT BERESHIT CONCLUSION

Saturday Evening, October 14th

Seudah Shelishit & Class.....	4:50 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minhah & Arbit	5:50 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	6:17 pm
Habdalah, End of Shabbat.....	6:48 pm

Shabbat Hatanim is our moniker for what is otherwise known as **Shabbat Bereshit**, the day on which the first Parashah of the Torah is read, because we continue to carry over onto Shabbat the honoring of the Hatan Torah and Hatan Bereshit, the main feature of our Simhat Torah Service.

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings:

Sundays Shahrit..... 8:00 am

Monday-Friday Shahrit..... 7:15 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

Aug 23rd-Sep 27th Minha, Arbit, *Selipot*..... 6:30 pm

September 28th Minhah & Arbit..... 6:30 pm

Oct. 1st-Oct. 10th Minhah & Arbit..... 6:15 pm

Oct. 15th-Oct. 19th Minhah & Arbit..... 6:00 pm

Oct. 22nd-Nov. 2nd Minhah & Arbit..... 5:45 pm

Nov. 5th-Feb. 15th Arbit Only 6:30 pm



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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