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As we are still in the midst of uncertainty, times, programs, and venues are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please follow our emails and visit shearithisrael.org.

ON THE COVER:

A portion of a 36 x 36 acrylic and oil stick painting of our beloved Hekhal by contemporary artist, Peshi Haas. Read more on page 20.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

SHANA TOBA UMETUKA

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



One of the most interesting objects found in King Tut's tomb was not an ancient Egyptian artifact. It was food: honey, to be exact. Because of its antibacterial properties, honey essentially lasts forever, and the honey discovered in the crypt was absolutely edible.

This fascinating fact about honey's longevity lends new meaning to the fact that we greet the new year by eating this sweet and natural food. To taste honey, or foods sweetened by it, is to ponder: What are the pleasures that are truly sustaining, and enduring? What wonderful moments in life, even as they are experienced, are not merely consumed and disappear, but rather in some way provide for the future?

Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein once noted that Proverbs compares Torah to two substances: learning, it is written, is *halav u'devash tahat leshoneikh*, milk and honey under one's tongue. Milk, he said, is a substance basic to our lives, something we drink every day as children, while honey is something sweet, a luxury. Torah, for Jews, is both; basic and wonderful, essential and also a delightful privilege. For all the superficial sweetness that is out there, the fleeting pleasures that lure us, only the experiences that are fundamental to our lives – faith, family, fellowship – are also like honey; only those that are truly basic to our existence are truly wonderful, and truly last.

The past year and a half has shown us that some of the most elemental parts of our lives are those we too often take for granted. If, when we eat honey this Rosh HaShana, we focus on what is truly fundamental and enduring, then that can help next year be a sweet one. And may God grant us a sweet year indeed.

Meir Y. Soloveichik

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS

Louis M. Solomon



GIVING THANKS THIS HOLY DAY SEASON

One of New York's papers of record recently captioned a four-column, color, front-page photo of a California hospital crowded with COVID-19 patients with, "When Will This Ever End?" The drama seemed understandable for the hospital worker but in my own view was questionable as a statement of general applicability, especially from a paper touting that it brings readers "All the News that's Fit to Print." I don't mean that COVID-19's resurgence in California is not meaningfully similar to that of New York or many other major urban centers. It is. The Delta variant is significantly more infectious than the original strain and can infect even those who have been vaccinated. As the CDC has recently said, "the war has changed."

As individuals, every one of us has reason to be frustrated by the renewed, vigorous spread of COVID-19 in our midst. We cannot ever forget the true tragedies that so many families and we as a community suffered in the early stages of the pandemic. We cannot blink

even now that a number of our elders and the especially vulnerable are still in grave risk should they become infected, even if they have been vaccinated.

For the rest of us, there is no gainsaying the upheaval and turmoil caused by the dislocation and isolation. And for some of us, having to re-don our masks is physically, viscerally painful. It has not been fun!

At the same time, the strength that each of us gets from being members of a community suggests that the sentiment, "when will this ever end," perhaps understandable at an individual level, in the heat of dispiritedness and exasperation, is an unhealthy one for us as a community. It seems unbalanced and to lack perspective when describing "us." And it is about "us" that we focus on now, our holy day season.

When this Bulletin arrives in your snail-mailboxes, we will be observing our High Holidays. These are community observances



par excellence. In a span of just 2-3 weeks, we celebrate the origin of all human-kind; the time of the year when we can undergo a communal (as well as a personal) reboot; the greatest manifestation of national faith in the story of the Sacrifice of Isaac; one of the most beautiful and universal prayers ever composed in the Prayer of Hannah; one of the most courageous acts of communal conduct when, in the Book of Jonah, those journeying with Jonah on the ship went back to their oars to try to save the prophet; the communal return to faith by an entire city of monumental size when Jonah goes to Nineveh; the communal recognition of our vulnerably and faith by our joint construction of our succah; and the universal and unifying nature of the Arbah Minim that we wave on Succot, to name just a few.

As a community, far from asking "when will this ever end," we might instead be asking, how have we as a community merited the manifold blessings that have enabled us to pray together this holy holiday season? Humanity has never before made highly effective (even if not 100% effective) vaccines in under a year. Never before have so many people been spared the risk of serious

disease and death by dint of the brilliance and perseverance of human agents. We too made some false starts, but we now appear to have a set of basic and easy-to-understand precautions that, as a community, can be hoped to keep us safe, if we have the strength and communal discipline to maintain them.

The notion that "we did it all" is folly, exactly what the holidays we are observing refute. We cannot but help being deeply, eternally thankful of our Creator now. And that, in so many ways, is what this holiday season means to teach us all.

When will "this," meaning COVID-19 disease spread, end? It will end, and we will learn to live with its endemic residuals. We, the Jewish people, however, will not end, certainly not if every one of us considers how we can keep our community strong (physically and spiritually) and vibrant. Please, help us move forward together.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you during the upcoming holidays. May all of us merit a meaningful, wonderful holiday season. Shana Toba.

TO OUR HEALTH, WEALTH, *and* SECURITY:

A 5782 NEW YEAR'S BLESSING FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Barbara Reiss and Bonnie Barest



The news all around us continues to confuse and has us on alert. The delta variants have dashed our hopes that COVID-19 was behind us. And the past year's uptick in antisemitic incidents, vandalism, crime, assaults and the presence of unstable individuals living on our Upper West Side streets trouble us, and the significant spike in global antisemitism have sparked rallies demanding action from our public officials.

At Shearith Israel, the comfort, safety, and security of our congregation have always been top priorities for us, and we take this responsibility seriously. While we wish we could do even more and guarantee that no harm could ever come to our community, we do invest considerable attention and resources to these issues and we benefit from the advice of highly respected health and security experts. We thought now is an opportune time to update you on our ongoing and latest efforts for community health, safety, and security.

ADDRESSING COVID-19

We are blessed with a highly skilled COVID-19 Working Group. These volunteers have been contributing their expertise in the following critical areas: Medical and Public Health, Facilities/Technical, Legal, Finance, Ritual, and Synagogue Stewardship. This Working Group has been meeting at least weekly for well over a year now and assesses the current conditions and trends and NYS, NYC, and CDC guidelines, and looks ahead to determine the best precautions (or easing of restrictions) we should have in place to ensure safe prayer services, congregational programs and our workplace. While our actions may be more conservative than some of our neighboring synagogues, we develop our policies through the lens of looking to keep everyone safe in the event that we have an emitter in our midst. We believe that, in addition to the many

indoor and outdoor infrastructure investments we have made, taking simple actions such as wearing a well-fitted mask indoors and maybe even outdoors, regardless of vaccination status, combined with social distancing, are relatively easy steps to implement and seem like a small price to pay for a significant amount of protection. We have received more than a few notes of thanks for our well thought out and careful approach.

ADDRESSING SECURITY

Some of our efforts are apparent, some less so, and some, we are advised not to disclose. Here are some of the things we can share:

The latest news is that our major "door and facility hardening" project that will be funded by the Department of Homeland Security Grant has finally, after many Covid-related delays, been approved by the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission and work is well underway (if not complete, by the time of this publication). This work will further secure our synagogue building by the "hardening" of our entrances, windows, and offices.

We regularly collaborate with and take guidance from security professionals including our local NYPD precinct; Terry Byrne, the Manhattan Regional Manager of the JCRC's Community Security Initiative; the Anti-Defamation League Hate Crime Task Force; security expert, Dr. Josh Gleis; and Mike Zimet, principal of Mike Zimet Protective Services. The NYPD House of Worship Patrol is a visible presence and patrols the synagogues and churches in our neighborhood.

We have professional security stationed at the synagogue on Shabbat mornings and will have them in place throughout the High Holidays season. This guard arrives well in advance of services in order to survey the facilities and the surroundings and remains in place throughout. They are currently paying special attention to our outdoor services on Paved Paradise and continue to be supported by members of our in-house facilities team who are familiar with our community.

We have added attractive and effective landscaping in front of Paved Paradise to limit exposure into the space and create a greater sense of privacy. A member of our facilities staff handles sign in and monitors this area when activities are held on our outdoor space.

We will remain vigilant and do whatever we can to ensure the safety of our congregants, visitors and staff. We hope that all of these measures merely serve as "insurance" and are not needed for an actual event. Most importantly, we want you to feel safe in every way when you enter Shearith Israel. We look forward to seeing many of you in person and virtually this Fall and may we all be blessed with good health, wealth, and security.

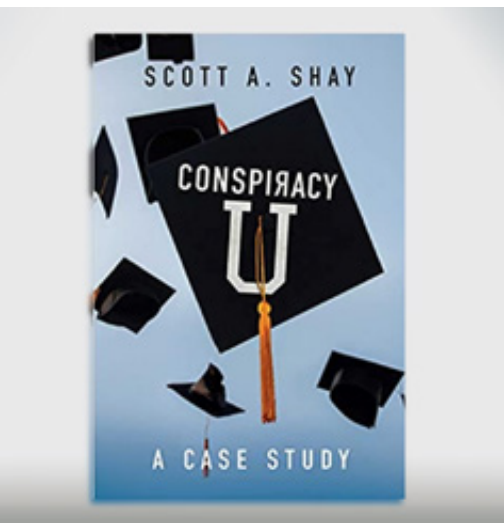
Shana Toba!

Barbara Reiss

Barbara Reiss
Executive Director

Bonnie Barest

Bonnie Barest
Deputy Executive Director



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Judith Grant
Nicholas Harrison
Juraci and Ed Morgenstern
Linda Rawson
Adina and Moshe Reisman
Uriel Saiger

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Zachary Aaron, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his grandparents, Malka and Jacob Aaron, his mother, Gila, and his sister, Skylar.

Diana and Elan Ben-Avi upon their son, Noah, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to Noah's grandparents, Joanne and Yaacov Ben-Avi.

Naomi and Bentsi Cohen, upon their grandson, Daniel Lopes, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to his mother, Ronit Cohen, and his aunt and uncle, David and Nicole Cohen.

Rabbi Harris Guedalia, upon his marriage to Geri Goldstein in Jerusalem.

Margaret and Andre Guenoun, upon the birth of granddaughter, Claire Isabelle (Nava Leora), born to Rebecca (Guenoun) and Michael Hagler.

Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands on the birth of a grandson, born to children Natalia Emanuel and William Herlands, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Congratulations as well to great-grandfather Melvin Neumark and great-aunt and uncle Susan and Avery Neumark.

Ahron Herring and Jessica Schechter, upon the birth of a baby boy.

Michael Katz on the birth of his first grandson, Asa Bear Katz.

Deborah and Alan Kestenbaum upon the birth of a grandson born to their children, Riva and Jordan Kestenbaum.

Jackie and Andrew Klaber on the birth of a baby girl, Eliza Anne.

Tikva and Irwin Ostrega, upon their grandson, Jacob, son of Michelle and Arik Yamen, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Gail Propp, upon the birth of her grandson Elhanan Rahm, born to Anna and Gedaliah Riesenbergl.

Judy and Joel Schreiber, upon the births of two great-grandchildren.

Ruth and Irwin Shapiro upon the birth of a great-grandson.

Adele and Ronald Tauber on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Lisa and Zachary Dinerstein.

HAZAKIM U'BERUKHIM

Members with special achievements:

Reuben and Matea Frieber, children of Laury Frieber, who both participated this year in the National History Day competition. In the New York City regional contest, Matea won First Place in the Performance category for her project on the *The Hymn of the Partisans* and Reuben won First Place in the Website category for his project on the Pentagon Papers.

Avi Friedman, son of trustee Zoya Raynes and Naftali Friedman, upon qualifying for the National Finals of *Hidon HaTanakh*.

The 8:30 am Daily Zoom Study Group, who have recently completed studying the Book of Kings and the Early Prophets.

Scott Shay, on the upcoming publication of his latest book, *Conspiracy U: A Case Study*, an expose on how conspiracy theories drawn from far-right and far-left ideologies masquerade as scholarship at many universities, endangering our norms and conceptions of morality and truth. The book is available for pre-order on Amazon.

Graduates:

Lealah Aaron, daughter of Penny and Mark Aaron, upon graduating from Riverdale Country School. She will be taking a gap year in Israel and then attend Emory University.

Leo Michael Ben-Avi, son of Diana and Elan Ben-Avi and grandson of Joanne and Yaacov Ben-Avi, upon graduating from Leffell Middle School. He will attend Leffell High School.

Noa E. Berg, granddaughter of Esme and Roger Berg, upon graduating the French-American School of New York. She will attend Mamaroneck Middle School.

Samuel W. Berg, grandson of Esme and Roger Berg, upon graduating the French-American School of New York. He will attend Mamaroneck High School.

Lucy Bieler, daughter of Rushie and Phil Bieler, upon graduating from P.S. 87. She will attend Lafayette Academy.

Charlie Bieler, son of Rushie and Phil Bieler, upon graduating from The Computer School. He will attend the Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics.

Jordana Bruckheimer, granddaughter of Carla and Jonah Schein, upon graduating from North Shore Hebrew Academy. She will attend North Shore Hebrew Academy High School.

Zander D. Lustig, son of Rachel Brody and segan, Michael Lustig, upon graduating from SAR High School, specializing in Roller Coaster Physics. He will attend the Hevruta Program at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Judah Bulow, son of Heather and Harris Bulow and grandson of Lucienne Carasso Bulow and of George Bulow, upon graduating from Stephen Halsey Junior High School. He will attend the Bronx High School of Science.



Avi Cohen, son of Nicole and David Cohen and grandson of Naomi and Bentsi Cohen, upon graduating from SAR High School. He will be taking a gap year at TorahTech in Tel Aviv, and then attend the engineering program at Drexel University.

Jake Cohen, son of Nicole and David Cohen and grandson of Naomi and Bentsi Cohen, upon graduating from SAR High School. He will attend Muhlenberg College.

Matea Frieber, daughter of Laury Frieber, upon graduating from Manhattan Day School. She will attend Manhattan High School for Girls.

Reuben Frieber, son of Laury Frieber, upon graduating from Manhattan Day School. He will attend Yeshiva University High School for Boys.

Yitzhak Goldstein, son of trustee Victoria Bengualid and Gabriel Goldstein and grandson of Henri Bengualid, upon graduating from the University of Chicago.

Shane Gordon, daughter of Sharona and Gideon Gordon, upon graduating from Manhattan Day School. She will attend Ramaz High School.

Leanna Rose Smith, granddaughter of Barbara Herlands Smith, upon graduating from SUNY Downstate Medical School, with an Award of Distinction from the Department of Internal Medicine. She will be attending Northwell LIJ Residency in Internal Medicine at Hofstra.

Noam Kaplan, son of Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan, upon graduating from University of Maryland, Cum Laude in Astro/Aero Engineering. He will continue on to the graduate program at UMD in Aero Engineering.

Amital Kaplan, son of Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan, upon graduating from the Johns Hopkins University with University Honors in Applied Math and Financial Economics. He is working toward a career in quantitative finance.

Yaara Kaplan, daughter of Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan, upon completing a gap year program at Amudim Israel. She will attend Brown University.

Rafael Lipschutz, son of Liz Edelman and Henry Lipschutz, upon graduating from NYC Museum High School. He will attend Drexel University, majoring in Game Design.

Jannah Eichenbaum Neumark, upon graduating from Cardozo Law School.

Seth Isaac Obadia, son of Larissa and Jack Obadia, upon graduating from McGill University, where he led the lacrosse team in scoring during the 2018 season, and received the Marleau Award as the top graduating student in the Economics Department. He will begin work at Citibank in the Mergers and Acquisitions department.

Steven Rohde Gotlib, son-in-law of Mrs. Lisa and Rabbi Ira Rohde, upon receiving his rabbinical ordination from YU/RIETS. He will attend YU Kollel and become Assistant Rabbi at the Village Shul in Toronto starting in August.

Barukh B. Rohde, son of Mrs. Lisa and Rabbi Ira Rohde, upon graduating from the University of Florida at Gainesville, with a Ph.D. in Computer and Electrical Engineering, relating to Entomology. He will do postdoc work at University of New Hampshire.

Barbara Lilly Sasson, daughter of Sharon and Rafe Sasson, upon graduating from SAR Academy. She will attend Frisch High School.

Elie Sasson, son of Sharon and Rafe Sasson, upon graduating from West End Day School. He will attend Beit Rabban Day School.

Abe Sherizen, son of Jodie and Ari Sherizen, upon graduating from Manhattan Day School Kindergarten. He will attend elementary school at Manhattan Day School.

Tess Avital Solomon, daughter of Beth Goldman and Parnas, Louis Solomon, upon graduating from Princeton University, specializing in English, German, and Cognitive Sciences. She will be pursuing graduate work at the University of Cambridge in the UK.

Ethan Vorchheimer, son of Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer, upon graduating from SAR Academy. He will attend SAR High School.

Graduates of MDS, who shared our space this year for safe in-person learning: Elana Bakhchi, Sarah Berger, Rebecca Bromberg, Ava Brooks, Ruth Cohen, Leah Fishman, Matea Frieber, Shane Gordon, Hodaya Greenwald, Chaya Guttman, Kimberly Guttman, Sarah Kirschenbaum, Goldie Kratka, Emmeline Laifer, Linda Mahana, Rebecca Mero, Sarah Mero, Hadar Moyal, Emma Rapfogel, Ronit Rechtschaffen, Sima Rosenthal, Scarlett Sohn, Kenny Dayan, Morris Dweck, Caleb Eden, E.J. Erber, Reuben Frieber, Ryan Ganz, Ethan Goldstein, Avraham Greenfield, Uriel Heller, Jonah Herman, Zev Horwitz, Max Hutman, Leo Jacobs, Sam Jankelovits, Akiva Levine, Ben Levy, Hunter London, Rafi Lubetski, Jaden Mehler, Josh Mitchell, Oliver Moore, Raz Moyal, Jonah Papernik, Joseph Rosenberg, Yoel Serraf, and Joseph Toussie

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Dr. Patrizia Levi
Richard Reichler
Solomon Saporta

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Honorary trustee, Harriet Ainetchi, upon the passing of her father, Herbert Krasnow

Francine Alfandary (Nahon), upon the passing of her father, Robert Alfandary

Rebecca Chaplan (Nathan), upon the passing of her sister, Sandra Chaplan

Janegail Orringer Kahn on the passing of her mother, Shelly Orringer Sherr

Dr. David Lerner, upon the passing of his father, Herbert J. Lerner

Dr. Roberto Levi and Alex (& Amanda) Levi, upon the passing of Dr. Patrizia Levi

Rabbi Shalom Morris, upon the passing of his nephew, Daniel Morris, in the tragedy in Meron

Robin Neustein, on the passing of her mother, Jeanne (Ashkenazy) Chemers

Patricia Reichler, upon the passing of her husband, Richard

Simon Salama-Caro, upon the passing of his sister, Lydia

We were saddened to have learned recently of the passing of Mary Clerkin Higgins. Mary was the conservator of our Tiffany Stained Glass windows. She oversaw the expert conservation, treatment, and protection of our windows during the restoration of our sanctuary over the past 20 years. Condolences to her husband, Steven.



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.

IN APPRECIATION

Special thanks to:

Megillat Esther Readers: Rabbi Meir Soloveichik and Rabbi Ira Rohde in the main service, and Jennifer Ash, Vicki Bengualid, Beth Goldman, Rachel McCoy, Lisa Rohde, Lina Sion, and Lia Solomon in the Women's Reading.

Book of Ruth Readers: Amalia Berg, Lily Cohen, Rachel Daitch, Matea Frieber, Hella Gelman, Flora Jakobishvili, Shirin Kaye, Hudson Lentnek, Fina Oslick, Cecilia Roberts, Ruth Sherizen, Sarah Tracer, Dafna Vega, Neta Wiznia, and Zahava Wiznia

Tisha B'Ab Readers: Mark Aaron, Boaz Alvarez Vega, Jack Daar, Z. Edinger, Adam Jackson, Dr. David Lerner, Avery Neumark, Rabbi Ira Rohde, Maimon Schwarzschild, Louis Solomon, and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Francesca and Ivan Berkowitz, for sponsoring our beautiful Purim treats

The Shearith Israel Sisterhood for sending Mishloah Manot to our elder members, organizing our annual Mishloah Manot Project, and sponsoring the gorgeous Shabu'ot flowers that adorned Paved Paradise throughout the holiday. For more information on Sisterhood programs and initiatives, see Spotlight on the Sisterhood.

All the sponsors (Visionaries, Leaders, Dreamers, Pioneers, Builders and other contributors) of our Spring Fundraiser, Rabbi Soloveichik's Providence and Politics Lecture Series. Full listings can be found in the commemorative booklet produced for the event.

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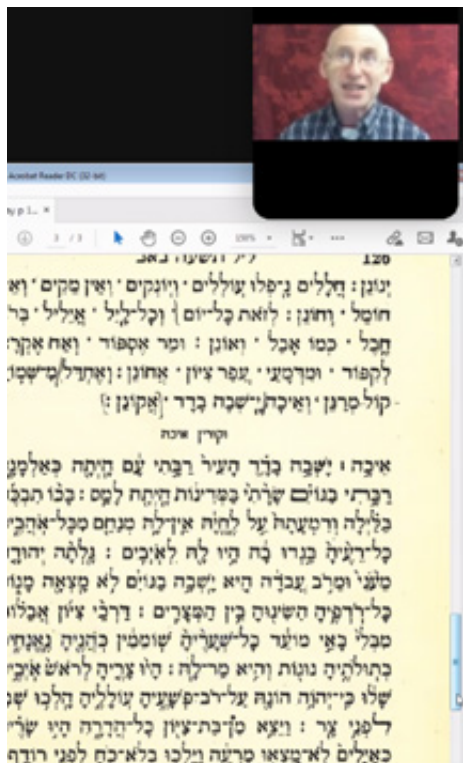
Rina and Dr. Itzhak Goldberg, in memory of Penina Bat Yechezkel z"l, mother of Itzhak Goldberg

Mona and Stephen Klaber, in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza Anne Klaber, daughter of Jackie and Andrew Klaber

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Steven Spira's biggest fans (his wife, kids, grandkids, and great grandson) in honor of his 75th birthday

Drs Lu Steinberg and Michael Schulder and family, in memory of Lu's parents, Milton Steinberg z"l, marking the end of shloshim, and Lillie Steinberg z"l

Cindy Trop and Stuart Ellman

Rabbi Soloveichik's Art of Torah Lecture Series:

Rena and Scott Hoffman

Jane Shiff and Alan Lubarr, in memory of Elliot Freilich, on the occasion of his first *nahala*

Radine Spier, upon the conclusion of the shloshim for William Spier, z"l

Judy and Samuel Silverberg, on the occasion of the nahala of Judy's father: Leo Slomovits, יום טוב ליפא בן אליעזר ז"ל

Rabbi Rohde's Weekly Debar Torah:

Anonymous

Susan Wind, in memory of Pearl Rohde

Rabbi Soloveichik's Pre-Purim Lecture:

The Garcia Gang of London, in honor of the warm welcome they received in 2019

Aliza and Kalman Staiman, in memory of Rabbi Joshua Judah Epstein

Shabbat HaGadol Derasha Sponsors:

Raquel and Steve Herz, in honor of Barbara Herlands Smith

Debbie and David Sable, in memory of Debbie's father, Ambassador Yehuda Avner, on the occasion of his nahala

Rivka and Marc Wiznia, in honor of Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Rabbi Ira Rohde and Rev. Zachary Edinger

Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class:

Summer Semester sponsored by Scott Shay, in memory of his father Gutman b. Shmuel v'Nessiya z"l

Graduation Kiddush:

Sponsors:

Sharona and Gideon Gordon, in honor of Shane Gordon

Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan, in honor of Noam, Amital, and Yaara Kaplan

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Contributors:

Penny and Mark Aaron, in honor of Laelah Aaron

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Faith Fogelman, in honor of all the graduates

Laury Frieber, in honor of Matea and Reuben Frieber

Sharon and Rafe Sasson, in honor of Barbara Lilly Sasson and Elie Sasson

Carla and Jonah Schein, in honor of Jordana Bruckheimer

Barbara Herlands Smith, in honor of Leanna Rose Smith

Do you have a life-cycle event, milestone, or major achievement to share with the community?

Send it to Sarah Meira Rosenberg at srosenberg@shearithisrael.org so we can share the news in our handouts and bulletins.



PROGRAMMING NOTE REGARDING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, programming is subject to change, with some programs and details yet to be finalized based on future developments. However, we have a full slate of programs coming up, and we are certain that our rabbi, clergy, and synagogue societies will continue to offer a wide array of high quality virtual programming throughout this time, as they have commendably and creatively done from the start.

For the latest programming updates, we encourage you to follow our newsletter emails which come out each Monday afternoon. If you have not yet signed up, please do so at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.

HOLIDAYS



HIGH HOLIDAYS

RABBI SOLOVEICHIK'S PRE-HIGH HOLIDAY LECTURE SERIES

**Tuesdays, beginning August 10 | 7:30 pm
via conference call**

In preparation for the High Holidays, Rabbi Soloveichik will be delivering a multi-part lecture series for audiences near and far. Follow our emails for the latest details.

SHABBAT TESHUBA DERASHA

Date TBA

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a major address illuminating the themes of teshuba. Sponsorship opportunities will be available at shearithisrael.org/shabbat-teshuba2021.

SUCCOT

LULAB AND ETROG ORDERS

Orders due before midnight, Sunday, September 12th.

Purchase your Lulabim and Etrogim through the Synagogue at \$68 per set. To place your order, visit shearithisrael.org/lulab. Payment must be made at time of order and before the deadline. (We cannot bill these charges to your account.) For questions contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org. Lulabim can be picked up at the synagogue; home deliveries will not be made.

We hope to not make schedule changes on short notice, but COVID-19 might have other plans. Make sure to follow our emails.

SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

**Sunday, September 19: 9 am - 12 pm;
12 - 3 pm; 3 - 6 pm; 6 - 9 pm
Monday, September 20: 8 am - 12 pm**

This year we will be building a beautiful Succah on our outdoor lawn. As always, it will be decorated lavishly and lovingly by the Shearith Israel Sisterhood, who also sponsors Succot kiddushim 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.

Financial contributions to the Sisterhood's Succah Fund are also welcome 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.

MEALS IN THE SUCCAH

This year we are hoping to offer Shearith Israel members and their guests the opportunity to eat self-catered meals in our Succah on Paved Paradise. Watch our emails and our website (shearithisrael.org/meals-succah-5782) for more details and registration.

HOSHAANA RABBA MISHMARA

Sunday Night, September 26 | 9:00 pm

Join us in this annual Shearith Israel tradition as we bid farewell to Succot and prepare for Simhat Torah in our Paved Paradise succah.

SIMHAT TORAH

ANNUAL SIMHAT TORAH DINNER & ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA

**Tuesday night, September 28
Paved Paradise**

At this time we are hoping for the return of our Simhat Torah Dinner and our trademark Ice Cream Party! Following Simhat Torah services, we plan to host a light dairy dinner with ice cream dessert, outdoors on Paved Paradise. As a "Welcome Back" gift to our congregants, this dinner will be free for members and just \$18 for non-members. Sponsorships would be greatly appreciated to help make this low cost possible; for sponsorship opportunities and registration, visit shearithisrael.org/simhat-torah-dinner5782.

Ice cream is sponsored—as always—by the Haberman and Lustig families.

HANUKKAH

RABBI SOLOVEICHIK'S PRE-HANUKKAH LECTURE SERIES

**Tuesdays, beginning October 12
7:30 pm | via conference call**

After the High Holidays, Rabbi Soloveichik's Tuesday class will turn to the topic of Hanukkah in another major lecture series. The first and last lectures will be livestreamed, with the rest available via conference call. Sponsorship opportunities and registration coming soon at shearithisrael.org/pre-hanukkah5782. Follow our emails for the latest details.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SISTERHOOD

Carla Salomon Schein, Sisterhood President

During the past year, while we were all coping with the Pandemic, the Sisterhood remained quite busy and productive. To begin with, we created a new Sisterhood Board: Carla Salomon Schein, President; Rivka Shoulson (Wiznia), Vice-President; Lisa Rohde, Recording Secretary; Laury Frieber, Corresponding Secretary; and Rose Edinger, Treasurer.

After making some protective masks which were donated to the Hebrew home on 106th Street, Stitch & Fix went on hiatus for most of the season, although they have had a few Zoom get-togethers. Stitch & Fix plans to renew repairing various synagogue fabrics as soon as it is considered safe to do so in person. If you can sew and are interested in getting involved with the group, please email Rose Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com.

COVID-19 restrictions gave the Sisterhood the opportunity to think creatively about new ways to present programming. Under



the guidance of Vivienne Roumani-Denn and Rose Edinger, the Sunday Matinee Series was developed as an enjoyable, educational, and often thought-provoking activity for the 40-plus attendees at each Zoom event.

After each of the seven films we enjoyed Q&A sessions with some of those involved in making the movies. The films shown were, *Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives: A Journey of Identity!*; *Illuminating Souls – A Life in Jewish Art* (about the work of artist David Moss); *Out of Print* (directed by Vivienne Roumani-Denn); *Miracle on Central Park West* and *I Candy*, by renowned animator Candy Kugel (with long-time ties to Shearith Israel); *Our Hebrews*, about the 400 year Jewish existence in Pitigliano, Italy (known as Little Jerusalem); *Near Normal Man*, about a Holocaust survivor who confronts anti-Semitism in Skokie, IL, and *The Name My Mother Gave Me* about young Ethiopian and Russian Israelis.

Throughout 5781, the Sisterhood continued its traditional activities for the Synagogue and the Congregation, as well as participating in



Renowned animator, Candy Kugel, treats us to an animated adventure in our own Synagogue.

and creating new ones. We were co-sponsors of the booklet, *Rosh HaShanah Home Rituals According to the Custom of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews*, prepared especially to make the holiday more meaningful to all of us who could not come together, as we usually do. Since the Elias Room Succah was not able to be used this past Succot, the Sisterhood decorated the special “COVID-19” sidewalk succah. We sent small Hanukkah and Purim gifts to closed-in members of our Congregation. We were able to have our Mishloah Manot project once again and we are so grateful to the many individuals and families who participated. We provided flowers for Shabu’ot services, including those on Paved Paradise. Through the Sisterhood’s Elsie Adelman Camp Fund we were able to give summer camp scholarships for a number

of children of Yemenite descent whose parents would otherwise not be able to provide that experience for their children.

The Sisterhood thanks Laury Frieber, Gabe Goldstein, Janet Kirchheimer, Rose Landowne, Susan Neumark, Lisa Rohde, Vivianne Roumani-Denn, and Rivka Shoulson (Wiznia) for their help in making these activities possible.

Looking forward to 5782, the Sisterhood is busy planning a range of projects and events, hopefully to be enjoyed in person as well as on Zoom. We urge you to look for them as they are announced.

From the Sisterhood to the entire Congregation, we wish you a *Shana Toba*, a safe, healthy, and peaceful year.



SPECIAL EVENTS

YOUNG FAMILIES SUMMER BARBEQUE ON PAVED PARADISE

TBA
On Paved Paradise

What better way is there to enjoy our wonderful new outdoor space than by hosting a summer barbeque cookout for our young couples and families? We'll be grilling all the classics like burgers and hot dogs, plus options for vegetarians. For pricing and registration, visit shearithisrael.org/summer-bbq.



YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

Monday-Friday, August 23-27
9 - 11 am | On Paved Paradise
Led by Louis and Rafi Nahon

Join us for a week of youth soccer training, scrimmages, tips, and tricks with our soccer star members, Louis and Rafi Nahon. Kids (ages 5-10) can attend all sessions or any they choose. Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay if their kids need supervision. Volunteers are also welcome to join "Parent Patrol" to provide additional supervision and/or band-aid assistance. For details on pricing and registration, visit shearithisrael.org/soccer-clinic.

NEW MEMBER TOUR WITH Z. EDINGER

Wednesday, August 25

Are you a member who joined our congregation during COVID-19 times? Or have you been a member for a while but always wanted a chance to get to know our synagogue better? This tour is designed especially for you! Come to learn about our congregation's history and traditions from an insider, our shamash, Reverend Z. Edinger. Discover unique details about our building and artifacts. Come meet other new members and fellow congregants, and enjoy this special tour designed especially for new members.



HEBRA HASED VA'AMET'S COMMUNAL BETH OLAM CEMETERY TRIP (& TOUR)

Sunday, August 29 | 10 am
Beth Olam Cemetery, Cypress Hills Street
Ridgewood (Queens), New York

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, Rev. Zachariah Edinger. Register at shearithisrael.org/beth-olam-trip5781.

Founded in 1802, Hebra Hased Va-Amet is the oldest active Jewish philanthropic organization in New York City. The Hebra provides dignified burials for indigent congregants and contributes to the maintenance of Shearith Israel's cemeteries. For more information, contact **Jack Daar** at jdaar@hotmail.com.

HATANIM LUNCHEON

Shabbat, October 2
Following Shabbat Morning Services

Each year on Shabbat Bereshit, our community and friends come together to honor our Hatanim with an elegant luncheon and celebration. This year we are planning for a festive outdoor gathering on Paved Paradise. Stay tuned for invitations and further details.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 5782 SEASON PREMIERE

Friday Night, October 8
Following Shabbat Evening Services
Rabbi Soloveichik

Last year's Virtual Friday Night Lights reached many hundreds of listeners each week. This year we hope to return to the Sanctuary face-to-face with Rabbi Soloveichik, the way Friday Night Lights was meant to be. Either way, there is no better way to transition from the workweek to the aura of Shabbat. Don't miss the return of Rabbi Soloveichik's inspiring weekly series!



FILM SCREENING: “UPHEAVAL”

followed by a discussion between Rabbi Soloveichik and one of the film’s Associate Producers, Shearith Israel trustee David Sable

October, Date TBA

A proud yet scarred leader haunted by the Holocaust and decades of war, former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin struggled to balance history and heroism to make peace with his greatest enemy and cement a legacy long misunderstood.

He was, at the same time, a controversial leader. His life is a nuanced and complicated canvas that tells the story of key events and currents in the history of modern Israel and its relationship to its Middle East neighbors. Join us to watch his incredible life story play out in this captivating documentary film. Registration coming soon.

RABBI SWAP SHABBAT SERIES: RABBI YOSIE LEVINE

Saturday, October 23

Variety is the spice of...Shabbat? In years past, we have given our neighborhood congregations a treat by lending Rabbi Soloveichik to them for a special Shabbat, and in return were treated to a guest appearance by their rabbi at our own Shabbat services. We’re looking forward to resuming this initiative with a series of “Rabbi Swaps,” beginning with our good friend, Rabbi Yosie Levine of The Jewish Center.

THE SHEARITH ISRAEL HEKHAL: A CONTEMPORARY ARTIST’S RENDITION

Date TBA

Join us for a uniquely Shearith Israel art event outdoors on Paved Paradise (weather permitting). Focusing on a singular work of art (see cover) – a 36 x 36, acrylic and oil stick painting of our beloved Hekhal – by contemporary artist, Peshi Haas, we will explore the artist’s background and inspiration, and oeuvre as well as her artistic process and technique. We invite you to view the actual painting and attend this panel discussion including: the artist, Peshi Haas, Bina Levy of Bina Galleries (on Instagram @binagallery), and Shearith Israel member and art historian, Susan (Suchu) Solny.

PRIVATE 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 currently planning to begin allowing small private tours, upon request only, with all necessary safety precautions. Normally, we are always pleased to lead guests through our beautiful space with enlightening facts about our proud history and unique traditions, and we look forward to doing it again on this limited basis. Tours generally last 45 minutes. Go to shearithisrael.org/tours for the latest updates on requesting a tour.

We hope to not make schedule changes on short notice, but COVID-19 might have other plans. Make sure to follow our emails.



ABOVE: In June, Shearith Israel’s leadership hosted a distinguished delegation of Portuguese government officials. This visit was prompted by the stateside trip by Portugal’s Secretary of State for the Portuguese Communities, Dr. Berta Nunes, to the Portuguese communities across the US. High on her list was an opportunity to encounter the Jewish community, and specifically, our congregation. It was gratifying to meet in-person and to share the history of our congregation (including the dark chapters in Portugal and its colonies), our fidelity to our Portuguese tradition, and the uniqueness of our congregation today.



A. Our choir, under the direction of choirmaster Leon Hyman, rehearsing together for the first time since the pandemic began in preparation for their Shabuot appearance (this clip is available on the Shearith Israel YouTube channel)

B. Our multi-use outdoor space, Paved Paradise

C. Trustee, Zoya Raynes, and family enjoying our *Princess Bride* Movie Night on Paved Paradise



SOME HISTORIC RITUAL SILVER *of* CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

Rev. Zachary Edinger Assistant Hazzan/Sexton

A great deal of attention has been given in recent years to several pairs of *rimonim* – finial Torah bells – owned by our congregation, which were made by Myer Myers. Myers was an elite silversmith who produced some of the finest silver made in America during the Colonial and early Federal periods. He was also an important member of Congregation Shearith Israel who served as *parnas* four times between 1764 - 1787.

There are approximately 380 items known to have been made by Myers and these are extremely collectible today. Among these items are five pairs of *rimonim*: two are owned by Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, and three are owned by Congregation Shearith Israel.

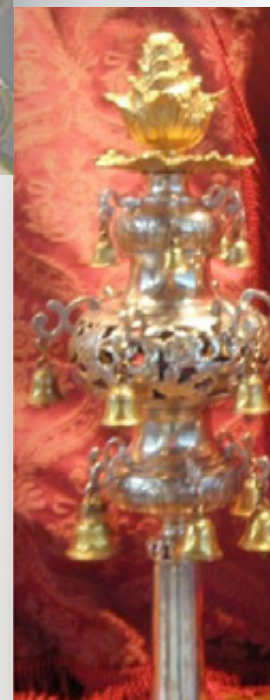
One pair of *rimonim* was made for Shearith Israel in or about 1765 and is still used annually during the High Holidays and at other special occasions. When not in use, they are displayed at the New York Historical Society.

Another pair was originally made for the Colonial Era congregation in Newport, Rhode Island in or about 1766. This pair became the property of Shearith Israel when the synagogue in Newport closed in about 1818. When a new minyan was formed in Newport in the 1880's, Shearith Israel sent these *rimonim* to be used in the Touro Synagogue. The attempted sale of this

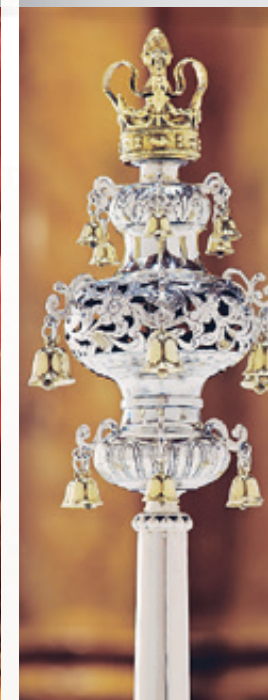
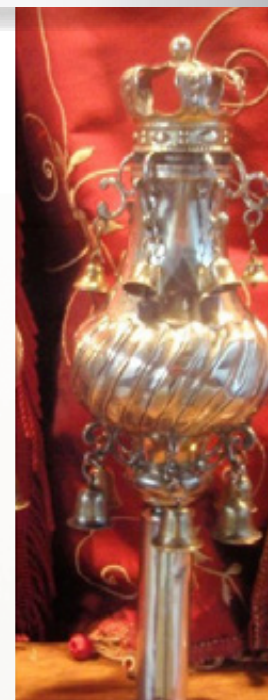
pair of *rimonim* led to litigation that conclusively reaffirmed Shearith Israel's ownership of Touro Synagogue. This pair of *rimonim* is currently on loan to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, but remains in use ritually for special occasions, including the High Holidays.

A third pair of Myer Myers's *rimonim* was given to Shearith Israel in 1893 by Caroline Myers Cohen with the hope that they would be used in the Touro Synagogue. These *rimonim* were made in or about 1784 and were probably first owned by the family of Moses Michael Hays & Rachel Myers (a sister of Myer Myers) who left Newport for Boston in 1782. They may later have been used in Congregation Beth Shalom in Richmond before being inherited by their descendant Caroline Myers Cohen.

These *rimonim* remain in use in Newport, with the consent of Shearith Israel.



Mikveh Israel



Shearith Israel



The Myer Myers *rimonim* are certainly beautiful, important, and extremely valuable pieces of ritual silver; however, they are hardly the congregation's only pieces of significance. Shearith Israel owns at least 36 pairs of *rimonim* as well as many other assorted items of ritual silver. In the paragraphs that follow, I would like to shed light on a few other items from our collection.

THE "PINEAPPLE BELLS"

These pear-shaped finials are decorated with an unusual pineapple-like design. They feature engraved leaves, three rows of brackets hung with bells, and an open crown topped with ball finials. They are apparently unmarked and little is known about where or by whom they were made.

They are, however, engraved with the Hebrew year 1737 (תצ"ז), from which we can deduce with some certainty that they were acquired for Shearith Israel together with a Torah Scroll

through a bequest from Rachel Luiza (Lewis), who left money in her will for this purpose. In recognition of her generosity, a memorial prayer is recited for Rachel Luiza each month in perpetuity.

We use these bells every year on the consecration anniversary of the Mill Street Synagogue (the seventh day of Passover,) and on other holidays or special occasions.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, pineapples were a rare and exotic fruit that became a symbol of wealth, hospitality, and status. As a result, the pineapple motif became a common feature in decorative and ceremonial art of the 18th century, especially as a finial adornment.

Indeed, many of our *rimonim* are topped by a crown with a small pineapple finial, including those seen on the Myers *rimonim* above.





Pineapple Bells



Habdalah Spice Container

HABDALAH SPICE CONTAINER

Another object bearing a pineapple-like form is a spice container (*Besamim*) for *Habdalah*. It, too, is unmarked, but is likely of Dutch or Dutch Colonial origin and produced about the year 1700. This piece features a pineapple form with a screw-on gadrooned foot. The lower body is chased with palm and acanthus leaves, the finial top is an openwork leafy sphere (partly crushed), with an (added) pierced plaque. It is featured prominently in the *Jewish Encyclopedia* (1902) as an example of a *Habdalah* spice box. It is hard to trace exactly when this item began to be used in our congregation, though it has been used in the synagogue during *Habdalah* weekly for many generations to this day.

PAIR OF ENGLISH SILVER TORAH FINIALS c. 1723

Marked by both John Spackman and Abraham de Oliveyra of London, these heavy *rimonim* are pierced and chased with bands of leaves and husks, separated by two tiers of Baroque cast scrolled brackets. At the bottom are leaf-chased circular knops above pearly collars and leaf-chased and gadrooned shafts. At the top are gilt

crowns with spiral finials. Each is marked twice (on the stave and central spacer) with a maker's mark for Abraham Oliveyra, one crown is also marked by Oliveyra. The two-part bodies are each fully marked by Spackman, London, 1723, Britannia standard.

While Myer Myers was the first Jewish silversmith in Colonial America, the first Jewish silversmith in England was Abraham Lopes de Oliveyra (1657-1750). Oliveyra was born and trained in Amsterdam. However, Jews were excluded from the goldsmiths' guild in Amsterdam, so in 1685 Oliveyra went to London. Oliveyra was initially employed by the Bevis Marks synagogue to clean and repair their ceremonial silver.

After many years he was eventually able to register his mark at Goldsmith's Hall as a silversmith, although he never became a "freeman" of the guild. In addition to his metal work, he also produced several plates of engraved art during this period. Apart from his artistic endeavours, Oliveyra was engaged to supply the Bevis Marks community with *matsot* for Passover in 1736 and 1737.



Oliveyra Bells

Abraham Lopes de Oliveyra made at least 12 pairs of *rimonim* for a variety of clients, especially synagogues in England. These are extremely valuable today. In addition to these *rimonim*, he is known to have made many other ritual items, including pointers, *'Atsey Hayyim*, and Sabbath lamps.



Shearith Israel's Oliveyra *rimonim* are prominently displayed in our *Hehal*, but are rarely used during services on account of their great weight. Their use is relegated to *Kal Nidre* and *Simhat Torah*, and just a few other special occasions. These finials are remarkably similar to a pair that Oliveyra made in 1737 for the Hambro Synagogue in London, now in the collection of the Jewish Museum of London.

**PAIR OF ENGLISH SILVER TORAH
FINIALS c.1790**

Made in London, with a hexagonal two-tiered tower form, chased with masonry and stiff leaves and hung with bells in arches, fully disengaged columns with scroll tops and ball finials, gilt pearled crown finials, partially marked on stave. Height: 15 ½ inches

This pair of finials is similar to those made in 1767 by Edward Aldridge, now in the Jewish Museum of London, and almost identical to a pair made in 1794 by Solomon Hougham, now in the Jewish Museum in NY.

**PAIR OF DUTCH PARCEL-GILT SILVER
TORAH FINIALS 1820**

J. Garrenhoff of Amsterdam
Triple tier hexagonal architectural form with Ionic columns, pierced galleries, and panels of scrollwork surrounding arches, topped by gilt crowns with bud finials (probably later.) Height: 17 ¾ inches

Both of these pairs are good examples of the tower motif, a common form used for *rimonim* beginning already in 15th century Italy and subsequently brought to Amsterdam, London, and elsewhere where they remained popular through the 19th century.

**PAIR OF ENGLISH SILVER TORAH
FINIALS circa 1820**

Maker's Mark TD, London. *Two-tier bodies with pilasters headed by lion masks, repeated on the horizontal borders, gadrooned tops and bases, partly gadrooned staves with lion-mask borders, gilt crowns, engraved in Hebrew, "Nathan son of Zanzvil Berstadt of Mannheim." Height: 17 ¼ inches*



English Tower Form *Rimonim*



Dutch Parcel Gilt *Rimonim*

These large *rimonim* were given to the Shearith Israel together with a Torah scroll and pointer in 1873 by Samuel Hart, son of Nathan Hart of Charleston. They were originally used in Charleston, but were given to our congregation after Charletson's Orthodox faction merged into the reform congregation, Beth Elohim.

The Torah with which these came is still kosher and in use at Shearith Israel. These finials are on display in the hall outside the main sanctuary and only very rarely used.



Hart *Rimonim*



Chinese *Rimonim*

**PAIR OF CHINESE SILVER TORAH *TIK*
FINIALS**

Late 19th century; Zee Wo, Shanghai
Pear form with finely matted decoration, hanging teardrop bells, marked on base

**PAIR OF EASTERN SILVER TORAH *TIK*
FINIALS, c. 1900**

Chased with lotus petal and with flaming bud finials, hung with drop-shaped bells on chains, angled bases to fit a tik, apparently unmarked.

These two small pairs of *rimonim* were designed to adorn a *Tik* (wooden Torah case). It is likely that they originally adorned two scrolls from Shanghai donated to Shearith Israel by the late Joseph Abraham.

The preceding pages contain just a sampling of the ritual silver owned by our congregation. The congregation's many *rimonim*, pointers, *kiddush* cups, *etrog* boxes, spice boxes, lavers, and other ritual items are a product of the long history and great diversity of our congregation. A wide variety of Sephardic, Ashkenazic, and Eastern decorative styles and motifs are represented as well as the diversity of locations and eras from which these items were produced.

Although not described in this short article, it is worth mentioning that Shearith Israel's collection includes several significant and early American-made Torah pointers, a mid-19th century circumcision set, several pairs of mid-19th century American *rimonim*, as well as more modern items made by Tiffany, Georg Jensen, and Betzalel. Two noteworthy pairs of *rimonim* were made in the 20th century; these are the "Liberty Bells" designed by Nissim Hizme, and *rimonim* designed by Ludwig Yehuda Wolpert.

Taken as a whole, Shearith Israel's ritual silver is a large, diverse, and important collection, which contains several truly outstanding items. Amazingly, most of these remain in ritual use today. It is my hope that one day a proper catalog might be produced to better document this extensive collection.

Thanks to Gabriel Goldstein for sharing his deep knowledge and expertise with me. Thanks as well to John Ward and his team at Sotheby's for their assistance in identifying and valuing our silver.



WEEKLY JEWISH EDUCATION



Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander



Rev. Z. Edinger



Rabbi Ira Rohde

THE GUIDE TO DUTIES OF THE HEART

Sundays | 8:45 am
Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

Via Zoom - To receive the link, email
Rabbi den Hollander at sjimon@flatironre.com

While The Guide to the Duties of the Heart (completed around 1075 CE) is sometimes called the first work of Jewish ethics, it aims to guide us towards a spiritual dedication, taught within a philosophical outlook that has similarities with both Saadiah Gaon and Maimonides. Besides philosophical concepts, Bahya ibn Paquda frequently uses stories and concepts from Sufism (Islamic mysticism) to stir in us a spiritual mindfulness and to deepen our love of God.

Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander was born in the Netherlands. He received his Master's degree in Arabic and Islamology from the University of Leiden. After subsequently earning a Bachelor's degree in education, he taught Comparative Religion at Ichthus Teachers' College in Rotterdam. More recently, Rabbi den Hollander received semikha from Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Haim and from Yeshiva University. He teaches Jewish literature at Hunter College. In addition, he does research on Islam's perception of Judaism and writes online articles in Arabic explaining Judaism to a Muslim audience.

DAILY ZOOM: BOOK OF ISAIAH

Sunday-Thursday Mornings | 8:30 am
Rev. Z. Edinger & Rabbi Ira Rohde

Via Zoom - To receive the link, email Z. at
zedinger@shearithisrael.org

The loyal members of our morning learning group have continued to meet on Zoom and cover ground as they work their way through the Prophets. All are welcome; just contact Z. Edinger.

TODDLER ZOOM WITH LIZ AND SPECIAL GUEST, RABBI IRA ROHDE

Mondays and Wednesdays through November
On Zoom | 10:00 am

This fall will be Liz's final semester as our wonderful toddler educator and entertainer extraordinaire. On Zoom, she mesmerizes our tots with stories, games, songs, show and tell, and more. Rabbi Ira Rohde joins in frequently with his accordion to share Jewish songs and spirit. Follow our emails to sign up.

After decades of service, Liz will be retiring in November. We look forward to coming together to wish Liz well and thank her for her many years of dedication and good cheer. Stay tuned for details.



Liz Rios

TUESDAY LEARNING WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

Tuesdays | 7:30 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Conference Call

Prepare to spend Tuesday nights learning from Rabbi Soloveichik, who will deliver many of his lectures on Tuesdays, including his Pre-High Holiday Series and Pre-Hanukkah Series. Topics and source sheets will be delivered via email, so keep an eye on your inbox. If you're not already on the Rabbi's email distribution, sign up at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.



WEEKLY DEBAR TORAH

Rabbi Ira Rohde | Wednesday | 7:00 pm
On Zoom | Refer to our emails for the link

Every Wednesday afternoon, Rabbi Ira delivers a *debar torah* on the weekly *parasha*. The written text of the *debar torah* is distributed in our Thursday newsletter.

VIRTUAL HASHCABA SERVICE AND MISHEBERAKH FOR THE ILL

Friday | Rev. Z. Edinger | On Zoom | Refer to our emails for the link and time

Our Shamash, Rev. Zachariah Edinger, will continue to livestream *Hashcabot* (memorial prayers) for those who had a *nahala* this past week. We will also offer prayers for those who are ill. These prayers will be recited in the Main Sanctuary and will last about 5-10 minutes. If you would like to add the name of someone who is ill, or would like more information, please email Rev. Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

*2021-2022 season sponsored by
the Julis family*

**Fridays | Following Evening Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

**Returning in-person after the
High Holidays**

This year we hope to return to the Sanctuary face-to-face with Rabbi Soloveichik, the way Friday Night Lights was meant to be. There is no better way to transition from the workweek to the aura of Shabbat, and we hope you will join us each week. To sponsor a session in honor or in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, visit shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class2021.



SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS

**Saturdays | 45 minutes before Minha
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class has resumed in-person on Paved Paradise! Follow our emails for the latest information on locations. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class2021.

VIRTUAL HABDALA SERVICE

**Saturday night | Rev. Z. Edinger
On Zoom | Refer to our emails for the link
and time**

You are invited to join in while Rev. Z. Edinger recites *Habdala* according to the S&P *nusakh* for his family. *Habdala* should be recited individually in one's own home, but please join us if you wish to feel a part of this communal activity. These prayers will be recited slowly for any who wish to recite it together and learn our *nusakh*.

CSI YOUTH: PTTS UPDATE

Our Hebrew School, the Polonies Talmud Torah School (PTTS), returns after the holidays this October. COVID-19 has necessitated and inspired us to update our approach in a manner that we hope will better serve more young members of our community.

Continuing our mission of providing children and teens up to Bar or Bat Mitzvah age with Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment, we are offering the following in-person and virtual programs to enable students to 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:

- **One-On-One Tutoring:** Primarily on Zoom, an experienced educator will provide age and skill-level appropriate training in Hebrew language and Judaic topics. Families can build a customized curriculum with a tutor.
- **Learning Program:** Parent/Child Learning (Saturday nights once a month during Dec., January and February) and Brunch and Learn (Sundays once a month during March, April and May) with Clergy of Shearith Israel

- **Junior Congregation:** In-person on Shabbat mornings where children learn the liturgy
 - PTTS Junior Congregation Shabbatons: In-person November and May
 - PTTS Virtual Jr. Congregation: Led by Mrs. Lisa Rohde, monthly on Sundays: September 12, and other dates TBA, on Zoom from 9:30 - 10:15 am.
- **Holiday Workshops:** Hanukkah, Purim, Passover and Shabuot
- **Hesed Events:** Co-led by teen volunteers such as Cemetery Clean Up, Thanksgiving hunger alleviation program, Elder/Homebound check-in
- **Social:** Museum trips, walking tours, game nights, and more

Stay tuned for more details and follow our emails for times and locations. To inquire, contact PTTS@shearithisrael.org.



RETROSPECTIVE: MEMORIAL DAY 2021

Rev. Z. Edinger



Maj. de Herrera, Col. de Sola Mendes (age 100), and Yehudah Ritch de Herrera (age 8)

Shearith Israel's 2021 Memorial Day ceremony was thankfully able to be held in person once again at the Chatham Square Cemetery, with about 65 people in attendance. We were so happy to have the participation of a Color Guard from the *Veteran Corps of Artillery in the State of New York* and from the *Sons of the Revolution* in the State of New York. Our National Anthem and Taps were rendered by Michael Miller of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Band Flotilla 22-7. The ceremony was dedicated to the memory of four veterans of our community who passed away during the past year: Dr. Richard Amelar, Joseph Behar, Gerald Bregman, and David Elias.

This year's ceremony was enhanced greatly by the participation of Mr. Shalom Lamm and Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter on behalf of Operation Benjamin, an organization dedicated to preserving the memory of Jewish servicemen and women who were mistakenly buried overseas under Latin Crosses instead of Stars of David. We learned about the work that Operation Benjamin does and about its efforts to place a Star of David at the grave of Everett Seixas, Jr. a descendant of Benjamin Mendes Seixas and relative to several of our oldest families. We wish them luck and hope you will support their efforts to preserve the Jewish identities of these American servicemen and women.



Second Lieutenant Noah Lang paying his respects to our veterans at our Memorial Day ceremonies.

It was especially moving to see several generations of Shearith Israel service members attending in uniform: Col. Jonathan De Sola Mendes, who spoke to us about the meaning of Memorial Day and the loss of his friend and fellow pilot, William Senhauser, at Engebi Island some 75 years ago. Also attending were Commander Benjamin Freilich, Major T.D. Ritch de Herrera, as well as Noah Lang, who was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps just a few weeks before Memorial Day. Thank you to all of the veterans and service members who attended this year's ceremony.

We also welcomed the participation of several descendants of early members of our congregation who assisted in decorating the graves of their ancestors: Donald Green (a descendant of Gershom Mendes Seixas); Karen Goldstein (a descendant of Benjamin Mendes Seixas) and Professor Caroline Lee (a descendant of David Hays.) Gabriel Jackson, Moshe Sasson, and Elie Sasson also helped decorate the graves of the patriots buried at the Chatham Square cemetery.

Thank you to all who attended in person and to those of you who joined the livestream on Facebook. Hoping that you had a happy and meaningful Memorial Day.

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CARING CONNECTION

Caring Connection trains community members as sensitive volunteers, enabling them to proactively help others through times of need, one of Judaism's greatest mitzvot. This vital assistance greatly aids the individual, and also strengthens and unifies our community, enhancing our sense of responsibility for one another. This group of volunteers responds to a variety of situations, both in times of difficulty, such as illness or mourning, and times of joy, such as the exciting and often overwhelming challenges accompanying the arrival of a new baby.

Our volunteers coordinate meals to those in need; arrange visits and phone calls to the elderly, homebound, and recuperating; and even provide transport or wheelchair assistance to those who wish to attend synagogue services or events. *Caring Connection* also facilitates and organizes important communal conversations, raising awareness on mental health issues, such as our "Smash the Stigma" panels on suicide and depression.

Throughout the pandemic, *Caring Connection* has been instrumental in providing emotional and practical support to those in our community, from check-in calls to grocery shopping for those who are high-risk or under quarantine. If you would like to support their COVID-19 work with a donation, please do so at shearithisrael.org/support-cc.

If you know someone who might need assistance, or if you would like to volunteer or help with events, please email caringconnection@shearithisrael.org.

When *Caring Connection* lacks the expertise or resources to provide appropriate assistance, they do their best to direct people to other congregational and communal organizations.



MEALS FOR MOURNERS AND NEW PARENTS

Shearith Israel's *Caring Connection* provides meals for members and their families after the birth of a child, and the *Hebra Hased Va'Amet* provides mourners and their family with their shiba meals.

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/hesed-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 *Caring Connection's* fund, please contact Layaliza Soloveichik at layaliza@gmail.com beforehand. Layaliza is our congregation's volunteer coordinator for meals for new parents, and she makes every effort to ensure that the family's preferences and requests are accommodated and that duplication of efforts are avoided.

I love this recipe because it reminds me of my mother-in-law, Sallee Bijou A"H, and her aunt Ray Ray. They were phenomenal chefs and knew how to entertain with such a flair! Whenever I prepare this dish, I speak to Sallee and ask her, "How'm I doin', Sal?" I imagine her calm "Wonderful, dear," and it makes me smile always.



JIBBN No-Crust Syrian Quiche by Aura Bijou-Plotkin

Keep an eye on future bulletins for another of Aura's recipes, which she recommends as a perfect pairing with this dish.

If you would like to submit a recipe for a future bulletin, or a review of a kosher cookbook or restaurant, either in NYC or around the world, send it to Tikva Ostrega at tikvaostrega@gmail.com. In addition to the recipe or review, please include a short backstory describing yourself, your connection to Shearith Israel, and the food's significance to you.



Ingredients:

- 1 chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 20 oz chopped frozen vegetable, partly thawed (spinach, broccoli, asparagus)
- 5 eggs
- 1 pkg shredded cheese (muenster for spinach, but feel free to experiment)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Heat olive oil in a large frying pan and sauté onion until just starting to brown.

Add your frozen vegetable and stir until fully defrosted, then set aside to cool.

Crack eggs in a large bowl and hand beat until uniform, then mix in salt and pepper and any other spices you might want to try. I sometimes use marjoram with broccoli, or Italian spices for spinach.

Mix in the package of shredded cheese, and then add the cheese/egg mixture to the cooled vegetable/onion mix.

Pour into a 9 x 11 Pyrex baking dish.

Cook for around 40 - 50 minutes, until it starts to brown on the sides.

Cool in the dish, and enjoy!

CULINARY CORNER

REFLECTIONS FROM MDS: A YEAR AT CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

This past year, Congregation Shearith Israel had the privilege of opening our doors and hearts to Manhattan Day School's Seventh and Eighth graders. MDS is truly grateful for the use of our beautiful, inspiring, and safe spaces throughout the entire challenging past year and we want to share some of their inspiring thank you notes with all of you.

Mrs. Raizi Chechik, Head of School, shared the school's gratitude, excerpted here:

"In the darkness of this Covid year, your generosity was a beacon of light... You have gone above and beyond, opening your doors to our students and faculty, and welcoming them into your home.

Throughout the year, you have been an inspiration to the entire MDS family. You have shown us the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim. You have beautifully exhibited the concept of "our house is your house," and offered us a place to learn, to grow, and to heal throughout this most challenging time. Most importantly, you have offered us a sense of belonging and a way to come together to teach and to learn.

We will always remember your kindness, your compassion, your generosity, and your endearing way of making us feel at home."



Mrs. Raizi Chechik presenting "The Greatest Thank You Ever," a wonderful binder of Thank You notes from MDS students to Congregation Shearith Israel

Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld, Middle School Principal (and now Head of the Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy in Stamford, CT), added his gratitude:

"Our plans for MDS took for granted that distance learning was untenable for our students and their families and that in-person learning must resume, somehow... Where in the community could we find a location with which to conduct what would essentially be a satellite of MDS proper?

Enter S&P. I am not privy to the genesis of the arrangement, but before long it became clear that through an incredibly magnanimous and selfless gesture, the leadership and congregation had agreed to host two grades of students in this historic and awe-inspiring building. Many details yet remained to be hammered out, but our students and faculty had a fighting chance of making the dream of in-person instruction work. Students would see their teachers, face the challenges of masking, social distancing, and process the disruptions and trauma of the past several months together.

...I worried about the notion that the thanks due to S&P might be lost on our young charges. Combating that, we constantly emphasized to our students how profound this all was and how they owe a debt of gratitude themselves for the rest of their lives for the great gift of in-person learning during a pandemic to S&P.

Miraculously, and I think the word is no exaggeration, the school year has ended with happy, healthy and profoundly changed MDS students. We managed to teach and we all grew immensely from this experience. I will never forget what S&P gave to us. The patience, understanding, and beneficence of this congregation has impacted our lives for the better, and together we achieved something incredible – hopefully never to be reprised, please God."

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And now some words from some truly appreciative happy students:

"It has been such an amazing experience to learn in a building with so much history and beauty. If we weren't in this building we would have probably have had to Zoom for most of the year and being in person has been so nice. Thank you so much for being so generous toward us."

"Even though the Spanish and Portuguese wasn't created intentionally as a school, it was an incredible experience to learn each day in such a beautiful, holy, and historic building."

"Because of your hospitality, I've had an amazing graduating year that wasn't behind a screen. I won't forget the feeling of learning Torah in a beautiful synagogue with my friends and singing songs on Yom Ha'atzmaut in the main sanctuary."

"I felt a strong connection to G-d and the Jewish community here while learning."

"It was difficult getting used to your new space but now it's like a second home to many."

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And this is only a small sample of all the wonderful expressions of gratitude.

On behalf of all of us at Congregation Shearith Israel, we are the ones who are truly grateful for having you fill our space (when many of us couldn't) and giving you the gift of an in-person school. Please don't be strangers. We look forward to welcoming the MDS community back on many occasions.



SERVICES

DAILY SERVICES

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

Aug. 29th-Sep. 30th, Minhah & Arbit*6:30 pm
***Aug. 29th-Sep. 13th** *Selichot* after Arbit
Oct. 3rd-Oct. 7th, Minhah & Arbit6:15 pm
Oct. 10th-Oct. 21st, Minhah & Arbit6:00 pm
Oct. 24th-Mar. 10th, 2022 Arbit Only6:30 pm

Mornings:

Sundays Shahrit 8:00 am
Mondays, Thursdays Shahrit 7:15 am
American Legal Holidays Shahrit 8:00 am
Minor Jewish Holidays Shahrit 7:15 am
Other Mornings: See website for schedule

SHABBAT SERVICES

September 3rd-September 4th

1860 - 19th St. Consecration Anniversary

Candles (18 min. before sunset)7:06 pm
Friday Evening Services6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Nitsabim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9
Class6:20 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selichot7:05 pm
Saturday Sunset7:23 pm
Habdalah7:59 pm

September 10th-11th Shabbat Teshuva*

September 17th-18th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)6:43 pm
Friday Evening Services6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Haazinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51
Class5:55 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit6:40 pm
Saturday Sunset6:59 pm
Habdalah7:34 pm

*(See High Holy Day Schedule)

September 24th-25th Shabbat Hol HaMoed*

October 1st-2nd Shabbat Bereshit*

October 8th-9th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)6:08 pm
Friday Evening Services6:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Noah Genesis 6:9-11:32
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10
Class5:25 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit6:10 pm
Saturday Sunset6:24 pm
Habdalah6:57 pm

October 15th-16th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)5:57 pm
Friday Evening Services6:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Lekh-Lekha Genesis 12:1-17:27
Haftarah Isaiah 40:27-41:16
Class5:15 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit6:00 pm
Saturday Sunset6:14 pm
Habdalah6:45 pm

October 22nd-23rd

Candles (18 min. before sunset)5:47 pm
Friday Evening Services5:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24
Haftarah II Kings 4:1-23
Class5:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit5:45 pm
Saturday Sunset6:03 pm
Habdalah6:34 pm

*(See Festival Schedule)

October 29th-30th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)5:37 pm
Friday Evening Services5:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Haye Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah I Kings 1:1-31
Class4:55 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit5:40 pm
Saturday Sunset5:54 pm
Habdalah6:24 pm

November 5th-6th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)5:29 pm
Friday Evening Services5:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Toledoth Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haftarah Malachi 1:1-2:7 Aaron Nathan
Class4:45 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit5:30 pm
Saturday Sunset5:46 pm
Habdalah6:15 pm

November 12th-13th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)4:22 pm
Friday Evening Services4:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Vayetse Genesis 28:10-32:3
Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12
Class3:40 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit4:25 pm
Saturday Sunset4:39 pm
Habdalah5:07 pm

November 19th- 20th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)4:17 pm
Friday Evening Services4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services 9:00 am
Parashat Vayishlah Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haftarah Book of Obadiah
Class3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit4:15 pm
Saturday Sunset4:34 pm
Habdalah5:02 pm



DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES, SERVICE TIMES AND VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHORT NOTICE.

Follow our emails to get the latest changes: shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.

For our policies on attending services safely, please visit shearithisrael.org/outdoor-minyan.

November 26th- 27th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:13 pm
Friday Evening Services	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Service.....	9:00 am
Parashat Vayesheb.....	Genesis 37:1-40:23
Haftarah Amos 2:6-3:8	Jacob Z. Neumark
Class	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:10 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:30 pm
Habdalah.....	4:57 pm

December 3rd - 4th

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Tebeth-Hanukkah

6 Hanukkah Candles & Eve of Shabbat	
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services	4:00 pm
Saturday Morning Service.....	9:00 am
Parashat Mikkets-Rosh Hodesh-Hanukkah	
Gen 41:1-44:17; Num 28:9-15 & Num 7:42-47	
Haftarah	Zachariah 2:14-4:7; Isaiah 66:1 & 23; and I Samuel 20:18 & 42
Class	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:28 pm
Habdalah & 7 Hanukkah Candles	4:55 pm

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5782

Rosh HaShanah-New Year 5782

Monday Eve, Sept. 6th-Wednesday, Sept. 8th

PREPARATIONS

Monday Morning, September 6th

LABOR DAY LEGAL HOLIDAY

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

EVE OF 1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Monday Evening, September 6th

Monday Evening Candle Lighting.....	7:01 pm
Minhah & Arbit Services	7:00 pm
Monday Evening Sunset	7:19 pm

1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING

Tuesday, September 7th

Zemirot	8:00 am
Shahrit.....	8:45 am
Torah Service.....	9:45 am
`Et Sha`arei Ratzon/Shofar	10:30 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah.....	10:50 am
Musaf.....	11:00 am
Sermon	12:00 pm

EVE OF 2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday Evening, September 7th

Minhah & Arbit Services	7:00 pm
Tuesday Evening Sunset	7:18 pm
Tue. Evening Candle Lighting	after 7:41 pm

2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING

Wednesday, September 8th

Zemirot	8:00 am
Shahrit.....	8:45 am
Torah Service.....	9:40 am
Torah Reading & Haftarah	9:40 am
`Et Sha`arei Ratzon/Shofar	10:20 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah.....	10:40 am
Musaf.....	10:50 am
Sermon	11:45 pm

2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH CONCLUSION

Wednesday Evening, September 8th

Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	7:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Sunset.....	7:16 pm
Wednesday Evening Habdalah.....	7:40 pm

Fast of Gedaliah

Thursday, September 9th

Fast Begins (Dawn)	5:07 am
Thursday Morning Sunrise.....	6:31 am
Thursday Morning Shahrit.....	7:15 am
Minhah (with tefillin), Arbit & Selihot.....	6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Sunset	7:14 pm
End of Fast	7:38 pm

Shabbat Teshubah

Sabbath of Penitence

EVE OF SHABBAT TESHUBAH

Friday Evening, September 10th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	6:55 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset.....	7:13 pm

SHABBAT TESHUBAH DAY

Saturday Morning, September 11th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Saturday Morning Services.....	9:00-11:30 am
Parashat Vayelekh	Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Haftarah	Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik
	Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20
Musaf.....	10:45 am

SHABBAT TESHUBAH CONCLUSION

Saturday Evening, September 11th

Class	6:05 pm
Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	6:50 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	7:11 pm
Habdalah.....	7:47 pm

Yom Kippur

(Day of Atonement)

PREPARATIONS

Wednesday, September 15th

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

EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday Evening, September 15th

Wednesday Candle Lighting.....	before 6:46 pm
Kal Nidre Service.....	6:30 pm
Begin Fasting.....	before sunset, 7:04 pm
Sermon & Arbit Service	7:00-9:00 pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Thursday, September 16th

Zemirot	8:30 am
Shahrit & Torah	9:30 am
Offerings	11:25 am
Midday Sermon	12:00 pm
Musaf.....	12:25 pm
Minhah.....	3:25 pm
Hashcobot/Offerings.....	5:15 pm
Sermon before Neilah (Main Service)	6:00 pm
Neilah.....	6:30 pm
Sunset	7:03 pm
Shofar, Arbit & Habdalah.....	7:36 pm

FALL FESTIVALS 5782

Succot

Festival of Tabernacles

Monday Eve, Sep. 20th - Monday, Sep. 27th

Succot: First Two Yom Tob Days

EVE OF 1st DAY SUCCOT

Monday Evening, September 20th

Candle Lighting	6:38 pm
Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	6:30 pm
Sunset	6:56 pm
Kiddush in Succah	7:30 pm

1st DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME

Tuesday Morning, September 21st

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service.....	9:50 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot	10:30-11:15 am
Sermon	11:15 am
Kiddush in Succah	11:45 am

EVE OF 2nd DAY SUCCOT

Tuesday Evening, September 21st

Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	6:30 pm
Sunset	6:54 pm
Candle Lighting	after 7:17 pm
Kiddush in Succah	7:30 pm

Succot: First Two Days (cont'd)

2nd DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME

Wednesday Morning, September 22nd

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service.....	9:45 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot	10:25-11:10 am
Sermon	11:10 am
Kiddush in Succah	11:40 pm

2nd DAY SUCCOT CONCLUSION

Wednesday Evening, September 22nd

Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	6:30 pm
Sunset	6:53 pm
Habdalah, End of Yom Tob	7:15 pm

Hol HaMoed Succot

Intermediate Days of Tabernacles

Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun. & Mon., Sep. 23-27

INTERMEDIATE THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Thursday & Friday Mornings, Sep. 23 & 24

Shahrit, Musaf, & Hoshaanot	7:00 am
Breakfast in Succah.....	8:00 am

Thursday Evening, September 23rd

Minhah & Arbit Services	6:30 pm
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Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot

Intermediate Shabbat of Tabernacles

EVE OF SHABBAT HOL HAMOED

Friday Evening, September 24th

Candle Lighting	before 6:31 pm
Evening Minhah & Arbit (Inside only)	6:30 pm
Friday Evening Sunset	6:49 pm
Kiddush in Succah	7:30 pm

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED DAY

Saturday Morning, September 25th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Hallel & Torah Service.....	9:30 am
Musaf, Shabbat Hoshaana.....	10:15 am
Sermon	11:00 am
Kiddush in Succah	11:30 pm

Saturday Afternoon, September 25th

Saturday Minhah & Arbit (Inside only)	6:30 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	6:47 pm
Habdalah, end of Shabbat.....	7:22 pm

INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY

Sunday Morning, September 26th

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

Hoshaana Rabba, Grand Hosanna

Seventh Day of Succot (Tabernacles)

Last Intermediate Day

EVE OF HOSHAANA RABBAH

Sunday Evening, September 26th

Minhah & Arbit Services	6:30 pm
Mishmarah-Tikkun & Rabbi's Special Class (Held in Succah)	9:00 pm

HOSHAANA RABBAH DAY

Monday Morning, September 27th

Zemirot	6:30 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	7:15 am
Torah Reading.....	7:45 am
Musaf, Hoshaanot, Shofar.....	8:00-9:30 am
Breakfast in Succah.....	9:30 am

Shemini Hag Atseret

Eighth Day Convocation Festival

EVE OF SHEMINI HAG ATSERET

Monday Evening, September 27th

Candle Lighting (18 min before sunset)	6:26 pm
Monday Minhah & Arbit	6:30 pm
Kiddush in Succah	7:15 pm

SHEMINI HAG ATSERET DAY

Tuesday Morning, September 28th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service.....	9:40 am
Musaf, Tikkun HaGeshem *	10:15-11:00 am
Sermon	11:00 am
Kiddush in Succah	11:30 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

Tuesday Evening, September 28th

Minha/Arbit, Tenu Shebaha.....	6:30 pm
Sunset	6:42 pm
Candle Lighting	after 7:04 pm
Congregational Hakafor.....	7:15 pm
Women's Hakafor (Location T.B.D.)	7:15 pm

SIMHAT TORAH DAY

Wednesday Morning, September 29th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Torah Service, with Hatanim Honors.....	9:40 am
Musaf.....	10:40-11:20 am

Wednesday Evening, September 29th

Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	6:25 pm
Sunset	6:41 pm
Habdalah, End of Festival	7:02 pm

Shabbat Bereshit

EVE OF SHABBAT BERESHIT

Friday Eve October 1st

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	6:19 pm
Minha & Arbit, Tenu Shebahah	6:15 pm

SHABBAT BERESHIT DAY

Saturday Morning, October 2nd

Zemirot	8:15 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Torah & Hatanim Honors.....	9:35 am
Parashah Genesis 1:1-6:8.....	Bereshith
Haftarah	Isaiah 42:5-21; 61:10; 62:5
Musaf.....	10:45-11:20 am

SHABBAT BERESHIT CONCLUSION

Saturday Evening, October 2nd

Class	5:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit (Inside only)	6:15 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	6:36 pm
Habdalah, End of Shabbat	7:02 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan (Two-Day)

Tuesday Evening, October 5th through

Wednesday & Thursday, October 6th & 7th

Rosh Hodesh Kislev (One-Day)

Thursday Eve, November 4th through Friday,

November 5th

Thanksgiving Day (Legal Holiday)

Thursday, November 25th

Festive Shahrit & Thanksgiving Lecture 7:45am

HANUKKAH HOLIDAY

Sunday Eve, Nov. 28 & Monday, Nov. 29th through

Monday, Dec. 6th:

Eve of Hanukkah: 1 Hanukkah Candle

Sunday Evening, November 28th

1 Candle Lit After Sunset.....4:30 pm

Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

1st Morning of Hanukkah

Monday Morning, November 29th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading..... 7:15 am

Eve of 2nd Day: 2 Hanukkah Candles

Monday Evening, November 29th

2 Candles Lit After Sunset4:30 pm

Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

2st Morning of Hanukkah

Tuesday Morning, November 30th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading..... 7:15 am

Eve of 3rd Day: 3 Hanukkah Candles

Tuesday Evening, November 30th

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:29 pm

Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

3rd Morning of Hanukkah

Wednesday Morning, December 1st

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading..... 7:15 am

HANUKKAH HOLIDAY (CONT'D)

Eve of 4th Day: 4 Hanukkah Candles

Wednesday Evening, December 1st

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:29 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

4th Morning of Hanukkah

Thursday Morning, December 2nd

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am

Eve of 5th Day: 5 Hanukkah Candles

Thursday Evening, December 2nd

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:29 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

5th Morning of Hanukkah

Friday Morning, December 3rd

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am

Sixth & Seventh Days of Hanukkah- Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day) & Shabbat Hanukkah

Friday Evening, December 3rd through

Saturday & Sunday, December 4th & 5th:

Eve of 6th Day of Hanukkah, Eve of Shabbat & Eve of First Day of Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day)

Friday Evening, December 3rd

Ereb Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Services.....4:00 pm
Light 6 Hanukkah Candles & Eve of Shabbat
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....before 4:11 pm

6th Morning of Hanukkah, Morning of Shabbat Hanukkah & 1st Morning of Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day)

Saturday Morning, December 4th

Shahrit, Hallel, Musaf9:00 am
Parashat Mikkets-Rosh Hodesh-Hanukkah
See *Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Tebeth-Hanukkah* in
Shabbat Section for Full Schedule

6th & 7th Days of Hanukkah- Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day) &

Eve of 7th Day of Hanukkah, End of Shabbat & Eve of Second Day of Rosh Hodesh Tebeth: Habdalah + 7 Candles

Saturday Evening, December 4th

Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset4:28 pm
Habdalah & 7 Hanukkah Candlesafter 4:55 pm

7th Morning of Hanukkah & Second Day of Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day)

Sunday Morning, December 5th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading, Musaf.....8:00 am

Eighth (Final) Day of Hanukkah

Eve of 8th Day: 8 Hanukkah Candles

Sunday Evening, December 5th

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:28 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

Eighth (Final) Morning of Hanukkah;

Monday, December 6th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am
Post-Hanukkah Evening, Arbit only6:30 pm



AN UPDATE ON THE WEST 11TH STREET CEMETERY HISTORICAL RENEWAL PROJECT

Over the course of two centuries, Congregation Shearith Israel's second cemetery has survived weathering and erosion, threats of eminent domain, an ever-changing landscape, and most recently, in 2019, a car crash. A site testament to history, the Cemetery is overdue for renewal and preservation work.

At long last, our restoration plan has been enthusiastically approved and permitted by NYC's Landmarks Preservation Commission. The restoration project was first conceived in 2014 by a Shearith Israel committee which included representatives of the West 11th Street Block Association, and informed by the selection of respected architect, Rachel Frankel, and architectural conservator, Mary Jablonski, as well as engineering studies to determine the stability of the walls and repair needs and archaeological studies to determine what may lie below.

This past June, Reverend Zachary Edinger opened the gates for an exclusive tour for members of the West 11th Street Block Association. This tiny urban graveyard tells the story both of the growth

of the Jewish community of New York and of New York City itself. It is the site of at least 66 burials – perhaps more – including War of Independence veteran, Ephraim Hart and Isaac Harby, often considered a founder of Reform Judaism in America. Its distinctive, triangular shape bears lasting witness to the creation of West 11th Street itself with the circa 1830 arrival of the Manhattan grid.

Fundraising is underway. We are rebuilding the street-facing wall and repairing the interior walls. Plans include a new street view into the cemetery and protection of a thriving American Elm tree in the Cemetery's eastern corner as well as protection of grave markers; creation of a fund for ongoing maintenance; and development of educational materials to increase awareness of this gem of New York City.

Please help us preserve this gem of Greenwich Village history. To learn more about the West 11th Street Cemetery or to join our list of donors, please go to: shearithisrael.org/west-11th-street-cemetery-renewal-project or contact Reverend Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.



BY EMAIL

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ON FACEBOOK

Have you attended a Shearith Israel tour, lecture, or event that you loved? Leave a post on our Facebook page so that others can share your enthusiasm!

To learn about upcoming events and fascinating historical Shearith Israel tidbits, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shearithisrael.nyc.



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.



RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is a charitable arm of our congregation. These funds are designated by our rabbi for members in need, communities in crisis, and important causes nearby and in Israel. A special Coronavirus Relief Fund has been formed as part of the overall Discretionary Fund, and can be donated to directly at shearithisrael.org/covid-hesed.

CLASS AND EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

Even more than before the pandemic, with the benefit of virtual technology, Shearith Israel has firmly established itself around the globe as a go-to destination for intellectual and spiritual stimulation. Help ensure our depth and reach by sponsoring a virtual class, a lecture series, or Morning Zoom Learning. And now that some of our classes are returning to in-person status, sponsorship opportunities abound for those as well. Visit shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class2021 to learn more.

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, and grocery shopping for those in quarantine. 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 – and more than ever – 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.

Giving is easy and feels good too. Visit shearithisrael.org/giving. Thank you for enabling the continuation and strengthening of our congregation's mission and legacy.





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