



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL  
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

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*2014 is the year of Congregation Shearith Israel's 360th anniversary. As well, this year marks the 60th anniversary of our commemorative synagogue plates commissioned by the Sisterhood in 1954 to celebrate Shearith Israel's 300th anniversary. Pictured is the First Mill Street plate.*

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*Pictured on the cover is Shearith Israel's "Omer Board," which dates back to the Mill Street Synagogue of 1730. Beginning the second night of Passover, the "Omer" is counted each night for a period of seven weeks, concluding with the Shavuot festival. The Board includes the headings H (for Homer i.e. Omer; or Hoy, today); S (for Semana, week); and D (for Dia, day).*

## OF FAITH AND FOOD

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



Several months ago, I was blessed with the opportunity to lecture at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in London. As part of my trip, I visited Bevis Marks, the first synagogue established by Sephardic Jews upon their return to England. The small but stunning sanctuary—in many ways so like our own—is located in what was the original city of London. It stands, however, not on one of London's central streets but rather in an alley, as it was built in 1701, when Jews were forbidden from constructing houses of worship in the public eye. The synagogue itself has been relatively unchanged since it was first built, and is still lit with candles every Friday evening for services. To enter the centuries-old edifice is to be transported back in time, and to recall an age when Jews were not welcome in the public square.

Within the very same alley, a new gourmet restaurant has recently opened under the auspices of Bevis Marks. Named 1701, for the date that the synagogue was first constructed, the menu features a range of traditional Jewish cuisine from every demographic. The diner is informed from the outset that dishes include foods that are "Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Mizrahi, Judeo-Arab, Persian Jewish, Yemenite Jewish, Indian Jewish, and Latin-American Jewish." One can order "pescado frito" an Iberian fried fish, an Afghani duck dish known as "paulu kabuli," and what the menu terms "Jewish Penicillin," referring, of course, to chicken soup. One visitor to the restaurant giped that one can experience, in the variety of offerings, "the diaspora shrunk to the size of a menu."

At the same time, this is no standard Kiddush fare; every dish is presented with a modern twist, with such an impressive effect that 1701 has become the first kosher eatery in Britain to earn a mention in the Michelin restaurant guide. One reviewer ordered chopped liver only to experience "as an airy-textured mousse holding crisp shards of chicken skin, and fancily accessorised

with a foie gras foam, peeled grapes and a rubble of crumbled gingerbread." The restaurant's version of the Sephardic dish Adafina features a braised ox cheek, and another visiting journalist savored a "flanken" served as "hay-smoked short ribs with celeriac purée and pomegranate jus."

I first toured the synagogue and then had lunch; as the two buildings are adjacent to one another, one leaves the very old synagogue and almost immediately enters a very modern establishment. I could not help noting that these two institutions—sanctuary and eatery, taken in tandem—bridge Jewish history in England, in a time from when Jews were shunned to a moment when Jewish cuisine receives rave reviews in European papers. The one constant that binds both experiences, and that pervades in both a centuries-old sanctuary and chic restaurant, is the loyalty to our faith, and the application of our laws to every aspect of our lives. Indeed, it is only because of the love and dedication of those Jews who clung to their law and their liturgy centuries ago that kosher-keeping Jews exist in England to patronize a gourmet restaurant today.

Writing in an age of Emancipation, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch warned that for the Jewish encounter with modernity to be a success, Jews must take their "intimacy with God from the ghetto into the court, from the hovels into the mansions, from the *heder* into the salon, from the corner shop into the office," bringing into the new civic life "the old allegiance to God, the old sanctity of the Torah." This inspiring journey can be re-experienced in several steps between two Jewish establishments in England, from our sister synagogue across the pond to the extremely fine restaurant next door. As I sat in a London alley savoring the best borscht I had ever tasted, I pondered the statement in the Psalms: "Taste and see that God is good." In Bevis Marks Synagogue's restaurant, the truth of these words was on the tip of my tongue.

*Meir Y. Soloveichik*

# GREETINGS FROM OUR PARNAS

Louis M. Solomon, Parnas

*Adapted from our new Parnas's  
inaugural message sent at the stroke  
of midnight on 31 December 2013, 1  
January 2014, 28-29 Tebet 5744*

Dear Congregants and Friends:

Together with our Seganim Michael Katz and Michael Lustig, it is my great privilege and delight to serve this holy and wholly extraordinary congregation. It is with profound gratitude that I thank my predecessor, David Nathan, for his many enormous contributions to our Congregational Kehillah, most recently during his eleven years as Segan and six years as Parnas.

It is for this reason that I am delighted that he and Becky have agreed to be honored at our upcoming Annual Gala in the Spring. I encourage you all to participate in this wonderful event in celebration of the Nathans and our congregation's 360th anniversary.

It is with an equally profound feeling of both privilege and delight that I greet each of you, my fellow Shearith Israelites, here in writing. It is my sincere desire to achieve with each of you an ongoing, respectful, but fearless exchange of ideas—a dialogue in its truest sense—where each of you will feel comfortable talking with me as well as with the other officers and trustees in the spirit of making our Congregation the very best it can be. It is in this spirit that I have initiated Parnas Office Hours, and I am pleased that already I have enjoyed several valuable sessions.

There are many things I would like us to consider in light of the extraordinary achievements for which David and the Board deserve our abiding thanks for accomplishing. What follows are personal thoughts:

Providing the resources and support (not just monetary) for the world-class rabbinic

and professional leadership that we are blessed to have. We need to make certain that we continue to be deserving of them. Rabbi Soloveichik, our Distinguished Rabbinic Fellow Rabbi Hidary, and our entire spiritual and administrative staff will continue to make our Remnant of Israel a Kehilat Kodesh, or Holy Congregation. We will continue to experience brilliant sermons, lectures, and classes, as well as programs and activities that will enrich every demographic and tradition within our community, whose very strength derives from its diversity. Their efforts on our behalf are outstanding and plentiful, but we need to ensure that our children, our elders, those with strong Judaic backgrounds, and those less advanced are all drawn in and nourished on a sustainable basis.

We are all trustees in the care and preservation of our history and traditions. Our stewardship must chiefly protect our glorious minhag as preserved through the diurnal practice of our communal ritual, our minyan, and our commitment to educate our youth, clergy, and newcomers, with important emphasis on the women and girls of our Congregation.

We are 360 years old. In five years, our Congregation will be 365 years old—we will celebrate a full year of years of Jews sharing—or, as Rabbi Soloveichik puts it, shaping the most fundamental, eternal, and majestic tenets of the American Epoch. Yet our extensive archival materials and beautiful, sacred objects cannot languish in storage. We cannot rely solely on museums and historical societies to exhibit our history in piecemeal. We need a new community house to secure our physical but more importantly our spiritual and intellectual future. And we will build it. Every one of us needs to help make this project a reality and a success.

Addressing our youth and young families in particular. They deserve a separate, dedicated

commitment. In a neighborhood where it is becoming increasingly challenging to afford to raise a Jewish family, we must ensure that they are welcomed, nurtured, and educated. They are our future. Rabbi Hidary teaches over a dozen of our teenagers every Shabbat afternoon. This must continue, grow, and flourish.

Putting our Congregation on a fiscally secure footing that will ensure our financial health into the future irrespective of inevitable economic tides. Up until now, we've managed, not shabbily by any means. But sometimes it feels like we are collectively relying on the generosity of the occasional "guardian angel." As Rabbi Soloveichik taught us recently at his beautiful *Friday Night Lights* talk, such providence watches over our children. I don't think it should be counted on as the primary means of caring for our spiritual home.

Growing our membership to a level that can be fully supported by our facility and personnel. We have pews to fill (not too full), a choir in the loft assisting us in what could be a fully participatory Singing Synagogue, and an administrative and professional infrastructure that can serve many more members without compromise. Unless we scale to that level, too few of the rest of us are left to support a costly infrastructure. The cost is not solely monetary. Our Congregation has a message that is authentic and critically important for others within and without the Jewish world to hear and see in successful action. We all benefit from the vibrancy that comes from successful community building and active participation by all of us.

Remaining a deeply caring community. As modeled by our predecessors, we must look after our own and care for individuals and groups in need beyond the confines of our membership rolls. This involves many quiet acts of hands-on hesed as well as charitable giving at every level.

Preserving the uniquely warm and inclusive nature of our community. In a large city with many competing demands and other attractive synagogues, Shearith Israel is and needs to remain a haven to those who cherish the history, dignity, elegance, and tradition of the past; the comradeship, nonjudgmental tolerance, hospitality, and active Jewish vitality of the present; and the commitment and dedication to the future expressed in the core values depicted on our Congregational logo (now in its fourth century of use)—the enduring pillars of Emet (truth), Tzedakah (charity), and Mishpat (justice). These will ensure the bright future of American Jewry. When the bonds of common cause are strong—among longstanding members along with our more recent, most welcomed members—we can accomplish all this and more.

If you don't know me yet, please introduce yourself. When I am not practicing law, I can often be found, as can my wife Beth and three of the many wondrous children of our Congregation, Tess, Joseph, and Lia, wandering about our gorgeous synagogue, being inspired by sermons, lectures, classes, communal prayer and song that truly have no equal. I together with Michael and Michael want to know and learn from each of you. Together we can of make our Congregation the very best it can be.

With best wishes for an inspiring spring and bright future,





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### *We wish mazal tob to:*

Yair and Julia Cohen on the birth of a grandson, Oliver Elijah, born to Ben and Daniella Cohen.

Robert and Ellen Kapito on the marriage of their daughter Kayla to Elias Lebovitz.

Gabriel Lang on becoming a bar mitzvah. Gabriel is the son of Leslie Cohen and Jeffrey Lang.

Alyse Neumark Rozenberg on being inducted in NCSY's Ben Zakkai Honor Society at its annual dinner.

Jared Ninyo becoming a bar mitzvah. Jared is the son of Liz and Jak Ninyo.

Joel and Judy Schreiber on the birth of a great grandson born to Mully and Miriam Fein.

Isaac Schildkraut on becoming a bar mitzvah. Isaac is the son of Ivy and Marvin Schildkraut.

Amit Toledo on becoming a bat mitzvah. Amit is the daughter of Limor and Moshe Toledo.

Boaz and Ilana Vega on the birth of their son, Uriel Yehuda.

Daniel and Katherine Vieyra on the birth of their first grandchild, Maya Isabelle born to Rebecca and Joel Frisch.

The participants of our new Teen Minyan: Jacob Aufzien, Jacob Bengualid, Tova Bengualid Goldstein, Yitzhak Bengualid Goldstein, Sam Freilich, Alexander Haberman, Akiva Haberman, Jack Jerusalmi, Amital Kaplan, Noam Kaplan, Noah Lang, Jesse Lipshutz, Raffi Lipshutz, Sam Neumark, Meiri Ovadiah, Harlan Reiss, and Barukh Rohde.

## IN APPRECIATION

### *Thank you to:*

Louise Arias for donating a rare antique Megillah Scroll and other Judaica in memory of her late husband Robert Arias.

Aline Cohen for sponsoring a Learners' Service in honor of Sammy's birthday.

Benson and Florie Jerusalmi for donating twenty new Tanakhs to our library.

The Roberts Family for sponsoring the spring semester of Bet Midrash in memory of Dr. N. Craig Roberts.

Linda and Morris Shamah for sponsoring Bet Midrash (December 9) in memory of Linda's mother Milo Dweck.

Roy and Karen Simon for sponsoring our first Intimate Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Hidary.

Our Shakespeare and Shiur Dinner sponsors: Josh Eisen, Eva G. and Simon Haberman, Ellen and Rob Kapito, Bobbie Sue Daitch and David Landau, Brian and Chava Maccaba, Rev. Philip L. and Andrea Raab Sherman, Karen & Roy Simon, Family Solomon, and Melinda and Ealan Wingate.

The sponsors of A Man for All Seasons viewing and discussion: The Javitt Family and Family Solomon. Thank you also to Rabbi Soloveichik for sponsoring and hand-procuring the food and refreshments.

The sponsors of our pre-Tu B'Shebat dinner: Chava Maccaba, Rev. Philip and Andrea Sherman and Family, Karen and Roy Simon, and Family Solomon.

Those who donated coats to the Shearith Israel League coat drive for NY Cares, especially to Rita Rodin who chaired the event.

Those who donated to the Rabbis' Discretionary Fund in response to the recent devastation wrought by the typhoon in the Philippines. These funds were sent to the JDC in support of their relief efforts on behalf of the congregation.

The sponsors and contributors of the Installation Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik on November 24, 2013:

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Our kiddush sponsors and contributors:

## SPONSORS

Mrs. Yvonne Cohen and Family in memory of her husband, Abraham “Barry” Cohen.

Alvin Deutsch in memory of Amelia Klein.

The Haberman Family in honor of the birthday and Bar Mitzvah anniversary of Simon Haberman.

Hon. Judith Kaye in honor of the Women’s Service and her granddaughter Shirin.

Ronen Korin

Liliane Marks in memory of her husband Neville Marks and in honor of her granddaughter Madeleine Rose daughter of Timothy and Melissa.

David and Becky Nathan

Ted and Valerie Schweitzer in honor of their daughter Claire’s bat mitzvah.

The Family Solomon in honor of Rabbi Abraham Levy.

The Trustees, Clergy and Staff in honor of David and Becky Nathan.

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Claudio and Mira Valencia in honor of their son Daniel David becoming a bar mitzvah.

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Esther Altaras Meyers and the Altaras Family

Esme and Roger Berg in honor of their son Louis Alexandre and his family, Shana and Amalia Mathilde.

Esme and Roger Berg in honor of Louis Alexandre Berg’s receiving his PhD from Georgetown University and their granddaughter Amalia’s first birthday.

Faith Fogelman

## NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel family:*

Ivan and Francesca Berkowitz  
Stuart Ellman and Cynthia Trop  
Daniel and Matide Ferguson  
Ahron Herring  
Adam Hofmann  
Edward Kerson and Ellen Odonner  
David and Debbie Sable  
Joel and Judith Schreiber  
Marshall and Judith Siegel  
David and Robyn Stonehill  
Ealan and Melinda Wingate

## IN MEMORIAM

*We mourn the loss of our members:*

Leslie Coch (née Franco). Condolences to her daughters Emily and Charlotte Coch and her sisters Corinne ‘Coco’ Kopelman and Josette Yorinks.

## CONDOLENCES

*We extend sincere condolences to:*

Oded and Nissim Aboodi on the passing of their brother Ezra Aboodi.

Heather Leigh Bulow on the passing of her father Phillip Shanstrom.

David Dangoor on the passing of his mother Ruth Dangoor (née Lehr).

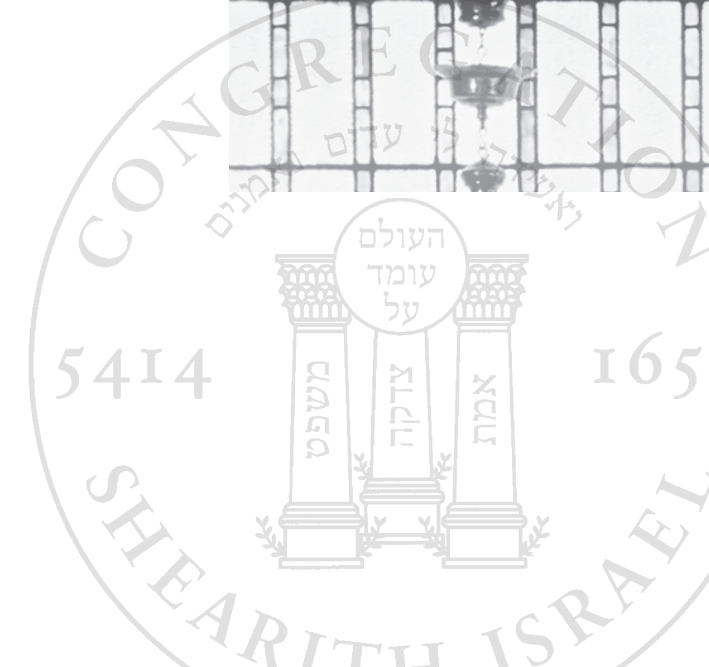
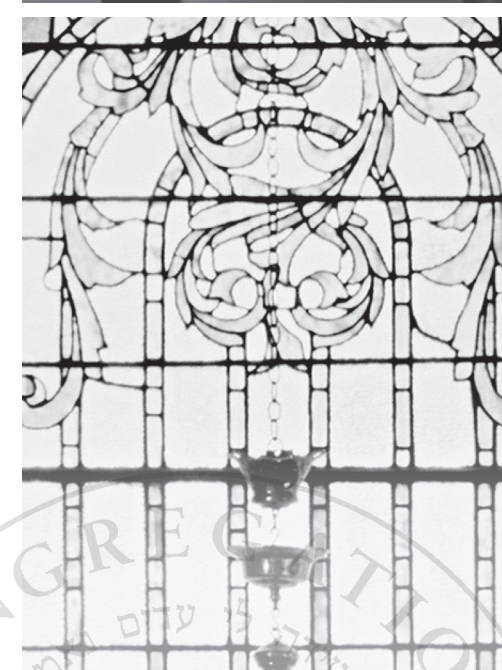
Susie Dellal on the passing of her father Jack Ehrman.

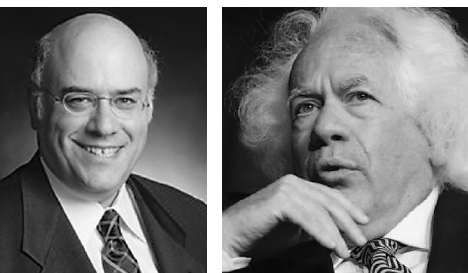
Rabbi Albert Gabbai upon the passing of his brother Henri Gabbai.

Matthew Kaplan on the passing of his mother Leah Kaplan.

Susan Pinke Tam on the passing of her father Elliot Mitchell Pinke.

Lina Sion on the passing of her father Zeki Ajami.





## PESAH HAGGADAH

**Monday, April 14 | Tuesday, April 15**  
**8:30 pm**

Join us as we celebrate Pesah with a community Haggadah (Spanish-Portuguese Seder) on each of the first two nights of Pesah. The first night will be led by Rabbi Shalom Morris and Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde, and the second night by Rabbi Richard Hidary. The spirited and interactive Haggadah is accompanied by explanations of our traditions and melodies. Co-sponsored by JICNY. Register at [shearithisrael.org/haggadah](http://shearithisrael.org/haggadah).

## ONGOING GUEST LECTURE SERIES

Check our website and emails for updates.

### *The Future of the Soul in America: Religion, the Humanities, Technology*

**Leon Wieseltier**  
**Wednesday, March 12**

Leon Wieseltier has been the literary editor of the New Republic since 1983. Mr. Wieseltier was born in Brooklyn in 1952. He has attended Yeshiva of Flatbush, Columbia University, Oxford University, and Harvard University. His books include *Nuclear War, Nuclear Peace* (1983), *Against Identity* (1996) and *Kaddish* (1998)—part-memoir, part-cultural history, in which Mr. Wieseltier traces the history of the Jewish prayer for the dead after losing his father. He also translates Modern Hebrew poetry into English. In June 2013, he received the Dan David Prize for his “outstanding contribution to humanity” in the field of Ideas, Public Intellectuals and Contemporary Philosophers.

*(Topic to be Announced)*

**Rabbi J.J. Schacter**  
**Shabbat, May 3**

Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter is Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. Dr. Schacter holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages from Harvard University and received rabbinic ordination from Mesivta

Torah Vodaath. From 1981-2000, he served as the Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City, moving the congregation from 180 to over 600 members over the course of his tenure. He also presently serves as a member of the faculty of The Wexner Foundation and The Wexner Heritage Foundation.

## SHABBAT LECTURES

### *Friday Night Lights: The Making and Meaning of Shabbat*

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Our Friday evening services are enhanced with a brief talk by Rabbi Soloveichik. These 20-minute shiurim will reflect on the nature of Shabbat, the beauty and depth of its prayers, and how the larger worldview it embodies has sustained Israel throughout the ages. Each talk can be attended individually, and will build on each other in a way that will provide added continuity and depth for regular attendees.

We are told by the Talmud that each Jew is accompanied home from synagogue by angels on Shabbat eve; and the meaning, perhaps, is that we are meant to bring the ethereal experience of the Shabbat service back to our own homes. Our goal at Shearith Israel, with an unparalleled setting and service, is to help create this bridge through both tefillah and Torah: to greet the Sabbath Queen in God's home, and then thereby to make the Sabbath Queen at home in ours.

### *The Misunderstood Masterpiece: A New Approach to Pirkei Abot*

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**  
**Shabbatot one hour before Minhah**

Pirkei Abot is often understood as a mere series of unrelated ethical adages. In fact, each brief and much-cited maxim in Pirkei Abot actually hints

at the extraordinary, and unique, life story and worldview of its rabbinic source, and the chapters of Abot are joined together in a structure that actually tells the story of the transmission of the Oral Law. We will see how studying the history of the rabbinic figures cited lend an entirely new understanding to these statements, and how Abot represents the diverse response of the rabbis to an age of crisis and transition that was, in many ways, not unlike our own.

### *Shabbat Hagadol Derasha: Hillel's Sandwich, A Culinary and Theological Analysis*

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**  
**Shabbat, April 5 following morning services**

Jews often proudly proclaim that Hillel, and not the fourth Earl of Sandwich, first combined bread and other ingredients. The patriarch's classic combination of matzah and marror was created long before England existed and has been served as part of the Pesach meal to this day. Few, however, of the Jews who ingest Hillel's culinary creation actually ponder its symbolic significance. In a shiur that merges the theological and culinary, we will examine how Hillel's recipe tells us so much about himself, his worldview, and the Jewish celebration of Pesach over the centuries. Rabbi and chef Gil Marks has written that food “is a part of and a window to who a community is, how that community came to be, how it exists at a particular moment in time, and what it values in the present and hopes for in the future. To know a community is to know its food.” A proper understanding of Hillel's sandwich will teach us how true that is. Following the derasha, Lyaliza Soloveichik delivers a talk.

***Hillel would wrap Matza and Marror and eat it together.*** —The Haggadah

***Tell me what you eat and I'll tell you what you are.*** —Jean Brillat-Savarin

## *The Enigma of Elijah: A Pre-Pesach Shiur*

Layaliza Soloveichik  
Shabbat, April 12

Each year, on the Shabbat preceding Pesach, Shabbat Ha-Gadol, we read of the prophetic prediction that the arrival of Elijah the Prophet will herald the redemption, with trumpets and fanfare, a sort of religious version of “Shock and Awe.” Yet equally famous is the Tanakh’s description of Elijah encountering the Almighty in a kol demama dakka, the faintest hint of a whisper. The transcendental versus the pedestrian; the sublime versus the banal. What does Elijah teach us about our relationship with God and with the world?

## SHABBAT DINNERS

### *Intimate Shabbat Dinners in the Elias Room*

**A special opportunity for our full members**

Our rabbis want to get to know our members around the Shabbat table. Over the course of the year, the rabbis of Shearith Israel will host occasional Shabbat dinners for small groups of members. These intimate gatherings, set in our atmospheric Elias Room, in the company of friends, old and new, will allow us to enjoy the beauty of Shabbat, delicious food, the fascinating life stories of our diverse members and Torah insights by our rabbis.

At this time, we are limiting this opportunity to full members only at a highly subsidized rate of \$18 per attendee. Visit [shearithisrael.org/shabbatinelias](http://shearithisrael.org/shabbatinelias) to indicate your interest and availability in the upcoming dinners on Friday, March 21 or Friday, May 2.

### *Mix and Match Dinners at Private Homes*

Friday Evening, March 7  
**A special opportunity for our full members**

Begin the evening with services at Shearith Israel and then enjoy Shabbat dinner with friends, new and old. Members welcome each other in their homes for dinner, conversation and connection. These intimate dinners enable us to further integrate our beautifully diverse community and strengthen our connections with one another. For full members only. Visit our website to register.

### *Shabbaton with S&P Sister Congregation Mikveh Israel*

**Shabbat, May 4**

Join the Shearith Israel rabbis and Rabbi Gabbai of Mikveh Israel for a Shabbaton in Philadelphia. Visit our website for details.

### *Shabbat Dinner with Simpson’s Writer Mike Reiss: The Simpsons and Other Jewish Families*

**Friday, May 16**

Mike Reiss has won four Emmys and a Peabody Award during his 25 years writing for “The Simpsons.” He discusses Jewish themes, Jewish characters, Jewish writers and actors that have been a part of the show. You don’t have to love the Simpsons, or have even seen it (you’ve *never* seen The Simpsons?) to enjoy this funny, fast-paced talk.

### *Full Learners’ Service*

**9:45 am in the Little Synagogue Shabbatot, March 8 and May 17**

On these occasions our Learners’ Service is expanded to include an abridged Torah service as well as Musaf and the concluding service. We join afterwards for a social kiddush luncheon in the Elias Room accompanied by explanations of the customs, rituals, songs and prayers of Shabbat meals. \$20 per person.





# JUDAIC EDUCATION

## SUNDAYS

### *Psalms and Spirituality*

**Rabbi Richard Hidary**  
**8:40-9:40 am**

This class looks into the book of Psalms and the world of spirituality that it can open for its readers. We will analyze various Mizmorim verse by verse making sure to understand the vocabulary, grammar, syntax, poetic devices, imagery, and use of parallelism, and references to other parts of the Bible. We will then step back and look for the structure of the psalm, its key themes, its main purpose or central message, and the ways in which its use of poetic devices and structure come together to create an integrated unity that has the power to inspire.

### *The Book of Beliefs and Opinions: The Unity of God*

**Sjimon den Hollander**  
**9:40 – 10:40 am**  
**No class on March 16 and April 20**

*The Book of Beliefs and Opinions (Emunot V'Deot)* was the first serious attempt to synthesize the Jewish tradition with philosophical teachings since Philo (about 900 years earlier). It was written by Sa'adiah Ga'on (882 - 942), the head of the Academy of Sura in Baghdad. This year the class will focus on the subject of the unity of God. Light breakfast served.

### *Hebrew Classes*

**Winter Session ends March 20**  
**Spring session begins on May 4**  
**No class on May 25**  
**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

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

**Level I:** Learn the Hebrew alphabet and the basics of Hebrew reading.

**Level II:** Improve reading fluency and begin to focus on comprehension.

**Level III:** Develop Hebrew vocabulary and reading comprehension skills.

## MONDAYS

### *Bet Midrash*

**Spring session meets through May**  
**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**8:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

The Bet Midrash program features high-level textual learning in small groups that encourage active participation and involvement. Rabbi Hidary and other visiting faculty lead discussion groups on a wide range of topics for all

ages and levels. Topics include The Ten Commandments, Rambam's Guide of the Perplexed: Reasons for the Commandments, Stories of the Bavli, An Academic Approach to the Formation of the Talmud, Nefesh Hahayyim, Leadership, Crisis and Responsibility: A Critical Look at Nivi'im Rishonim, and Thirteen Principles of Judaism. Light dinner served.

Visit [shearithisrael.org/betmidrash](http://shearithisrael.org/betmidrash) to read more about our groups and teachers.

### *YL Monday Night Learning*

**In conjunction with the Jewish International Connection of New York (JICNY) for those in their 20s and 30s. \$5 per person.**

**Parasha Class:** Steve Eisenberg at 7:00 pm

**Jewish Rhythms: *The Jewish Day, Year, and Lifecycle*:** Rabbi Shalom Morris at 7:15 pm

**Contemporary Jewish Law:** Rabbi Shalom Morris at 8:30 pm

**Parasha Class for Spanish Speakers:** Rabbi Nissim Elnecave at 8:30 pm

## TUESDAYS

### *Jewish Time: The Festivals in Halakha and Jewish Thought*

**A class for women**  
**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**  
**Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Elias Room**

Drawing on Halakhic, literary, and philosophical texts, we will attempt to examine anew the holidays we are about to celebrate: Purim, Pesah, and Shabuot.

### *Masekhet Kiddushin and the Jewish Philosophy of Family*

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**  
**Tuesdays at 8:00 pm**

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

## WEDNESDAYS

### *Parashat Hashabua*

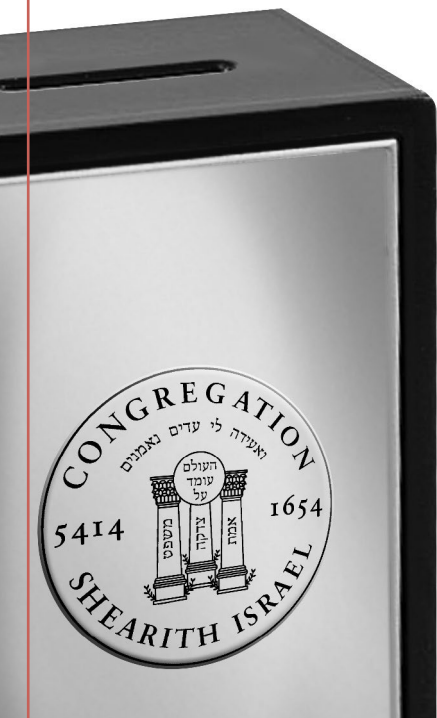
**Esther Hidary**  
**Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

This class will explore the weekly parasha through an examination of its literary elements and themes. Suitable for learners at all levels.

### *Liturgy & Music of the S&P Home*

**Zachary Edinger, Shamash**  
**Wednesdays following evening services (6:30 pm)**

Following Wednesday evening services, learn to sing table songs, recite birkat hamazon and habdalah (among other home rituals) and incorporate beautiful S&P traditional melodies into your Shabbat home.



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Sponsoring a kiddush is a beautiful way to pay tribute to a loved one, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, a personal accomplishment, or a ritual honor. It is also a great way to foster community—facilitating a time for fellow congregants to catch up with friends, meet new members and guests, and greet synagogue leaders.

### *Kiddush Sponsorship Opportunities:*

Light cold kiddush: \$400  
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Kiddush luncheon: \$2,000

Contributions at lower amounts are welcome in addition to the sponsorship levels. Both sponsors and contributors will be recognized as Kiddush Fund Contributors in the Shabbat Handout (print and electronic) and The Bulletin.

To sponsor a kiddush, contact Alana Shultz at [ashultz@shearithisrael.org](mailto:ashultz@shearithisrael.org) or 212-873-0300 x209.

## EDUCATION SPONSORS

Help us strengthen educational initiatives at Shearith Israel by supporting a warm and inviting atmosphere to learn, debate, and grow together as a community. Sponsor food and refreshments for a class or semester of Bet Midrash, Tuesday evening Talmud shiur, Hebrew courses, Learners' Service, or Shabbat afternoon class.

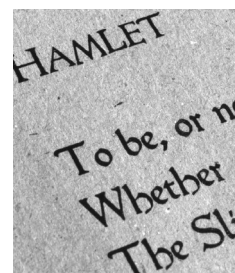
Visit [shearithisrael.org/sponsor](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsor) a class to contribute to these important educational opportunities.

## RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Rabbis' Discretionary Fund is a charitable arm of our congregation. These funds are never directed towards our operating or programming costs, but are rather distributed by our rabbi to members in need—with their dignity and confidentiality preserved—and communities in crisis.

Visit [shearithisrael.org/discretionaryfund](http://shearithisrael.org/discretionaryfund) to donate.

*All contributions are fully tax deductible.*



# CULTURE & ENRICHMENT

## *Philadelphia Flower Show Day Trip*

**A Sisterhood Event**  
**Sunday, March 2**  
**8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Join the Sisterhood for a day trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show and enjoy acres of gardens, thousands of artistic floral and horticultural displays, more than 180 shops in the Marketplace, an aerial dance troupe, interactive exhibits, and a Make & Take workshop.

## *The New Shearith Israel Book Club*

**Re-reading the Classics: The Sublime and the Surreal led by Esther Hidary**

**March 5**  
**8:00 pm**  
**Acts 3, 4, and 5 of Hamlet**

**April 2**  
**8:00 pm**  
**The Short Stories of Jorge Luis Borges**

**May 7**  
**8:00 pm**  
**The Poetry of Edmond Jabes**

Our congregation, founded only one generation after the time of Shakespeare, recognizes the value of the classics—both medieval and modern. This book club provides an opportunity to revisit famous works like Hamlet, as well as more recent classics by Jorge Luis Borges and Edmond Jabes. The selected readings to prepare are relatively short, allowing time and focus on a careful analysis of these important texts and appreciate what they can tell us about life, existence, and the meaning of it all. RSVP at [shearithisrael.org/bookclub](http://shearithisrael.org/bookclub).

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## *The Esther Goldfarb Memorial Blood Drive*

**A League Event  
Sunday, March 9  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Together with West End Synagogue, we are spearheading this important hesed opportunity. Because of this winter's weather, there is a serious shortage of blood. We urge all who can donate to participate. Each pint of blood could save two lives. The New York Blood Center will set up their collection at West End Synagogue, located at Amsterdam Avenue at 69th Street. To make an appointment, email Rita Rodin at RitaRodin165@aol.com and indicate the time slot you prefer.

## *Returning to Portugal*

**Tuesday, March 26  
7:00 pm in the Elias Room**

All of the original New World Jewish communities (17th-19th Centuries) were made up of Jews who had come from Portugal, where they had once lived at Marranos. Rabbi Morris recently visited Portugal to find out how these early settlers became so pioneering, meet descendants of those Jews who remained behind, and discover what physical evidence remains of that enigmatic community. What he encountered will shock you. This presentation will include images coupled with commentary to bring this extraordinary phenomenon to light.

## *Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City*

**Conversation and Book Signing with  
Author Russell Shorto  
Thursday, April 3  
7:00 pm**

Author Russell Shorto and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik discuss Mr. Shorto's new book, *Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City*, exploring how this fascinating city fostered a deeper meaning of liberalism, one that profoundly influenced America: political and economic freedom. Q&A and book signing to follow. This event is sponsored by Shearith Israel, the Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Anne Frank Center USA, and the New Amsterdam History Center. Register at [shearithisrael.org/Amsterdam](http://shearithisrael.org/Amsterdam).



## *Annual Memorial Observance for Revolutionary War Veterans*

**Lag La'Omer, Sunday, May 18  
10:30 am  
Chatham Square Cemetery**

We honor our members who participated in the Revolutionary War with a ceremony and a Color Guard. The ceremony is attended by military veterans, clergy and members of the community. Join us to place American flags at the graves of the 22 veteran congregants. This cemetery, active from 1682-1828, is located at 55 St. James Place, opposite Chatham Square. This year our annual memorial takes on special significance because it coincides with Lag La'Omer, one of the traditional days for visiting the graves of our predecessors.

## *Annual Spring Gala*

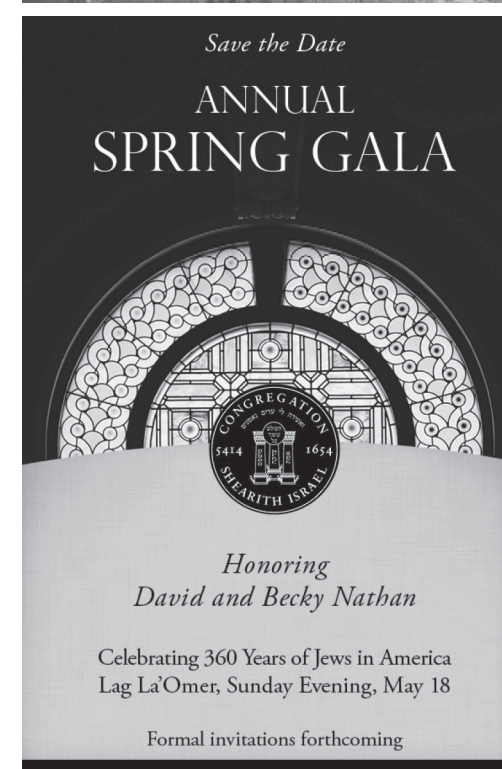
**Sunday evening, May 18**

This year, our congregation's 360th anniversary, is a most fitting year to honor David and Becky Nathan. The Nathan's have dedicated much of their lives in service of Shearith Israel and we look forward to showing them our love and appreciation.

## *A Special Concert Program in Honor of Yom Yerushalaim, Jerusalem Reunification Day*

**Hazzan Ira Rohde  
Tuesday, May 27  
7:30 pm**

The "Song of Zion" has ever resonated in the Jewish heart, even on alien soil. In observance of Yom Yerushalaim, Rabbi Rohde presents his own musical arrangements in a concert program for those back from their Memorial Day excursions. Save the date and stay tuned for further details.



### *Jewish Life in Brazil: Coming 360°*

Spring 2014

Check our website and emails for updates.

American Jewry began when 23 Jews arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654 from Recife, Brazil. To mark this momentous anniversary Shearith Israel will host a multi-faceted program exploring Brazilian Jewish life. We will be hosting a Brazilian Jewish Film Festival, a lecture about Jewish life in Brazil—past and present, Brazilian themed music, food, and much more. Supported by the Brazilian Consulate Culture Department.

### *Kiddush with Cachaca: Jewish Roots and Revival in the Backlands of Brazil Film Screening*

In partnership with the Brazilian Film Festival  
Spring 2014

Check our website and emails for updates.

A documentary film about the controversial emergence of self-professed marranos in Northeastern Brazil. Marrano was an Inquisition-era slur for Jews who were forced to convert to Catholicism. Today in Brazil a growing movement seeking to reclaim and redeem the marrano identity, returning from the church to the synagogue. Kiddush with Cachaca follows their difficult path. Talk with the director Jeremy Siefer after the film.

### ONGOING CULTURAL CLASSES AND LECTURES

#### *Literary Lunch*

Janet R. Kirchheimer

Thursdays, March 20, April 10, May 15, June 12

12:15 pm–1:45 pm

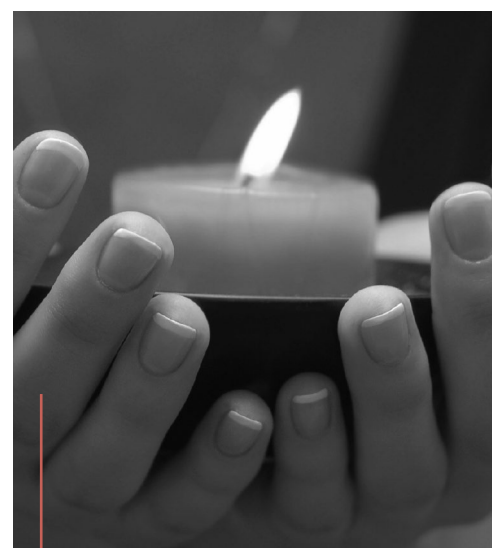
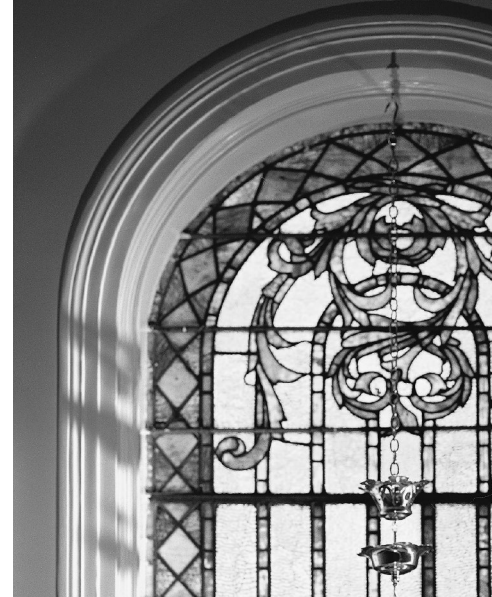
Join our monthly gatherings where we read and discuss a variety of works (fiction, nonfiction, memoir, personal essay, poetry) from across the ages and around the world. Led by Shearith Israel's own poet and member, Janet R. Kirchheimer, each literary lunch is an independent session accompanied by delicious food and stimulating conversation. Meets in the Elias Room. \$10 per session. RSVP to Alana Shultz.

#### *Tai Chi*

Lewis Paleias

Thursdays in the Levy auditorium  
11:00 am

This age-old practice help increase balance, strength, circulation, mindfulness and more. Tai Chi is a wonderful form of exercise for all ages, especially seniors. Lewis offers individual attention and adapts the class based on the group. \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 classes. Walk-ins and beginners are welcome.



## WOMEN AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

### *Jewish Time: The Festivals in Halakha and Jewish Thought*

A class for women

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Elias Room

Drawing on Halakhic, literary, and philosophical texts, we will attempt to examine anew the holidays we are about to celebrate: Purim, Pesah, and Shabuot.

### *Women's Morning Megillat Esther Reading*

Purim Day, Sunday, March 16

8:30 am in the Small Synagogue

Join us for the 24th year of the Women's Megillat Esther Reading at Shearith Israel. To participate, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde.

### *Teen Girls' Shir Hashirim Reading*

Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah, April 19

On the morning of Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah, the teen girls of our synagogue ages 12–18 read The Song of Songs in the Main Sanctuary for the congregation after services. More information on page 20.

### *Girls' Megillat Ruth Reading*

First day of Shabuot

The girls of our synagogue, ages 6–12, recite Megillat Ruth for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services at 11:30 am. If your daughter would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde.



# YOUTH PROGRAMMING

## NEW TEEN AND PRE-TEEN PROGRAMMING

For the past several months, over a dozen teens have met weekly at the home of Rabbi Richard and Esther Hidary for the new and popular Shabbat afternoon shiur *Parashat Hashabua: The Parts They Skip in High School*.

Teen boys also now have a further opportunity to develop and perfect their hazzanut skills with the addition of a teen-only service that met on February 8. Furthermore, our Shabbat youth programming has also grown with the addition of a weekly class for teens, *Beyond Parasha: Captivating Concepts*, in which young people meet with different community scholars following Junior Congregation.

This spring, Shearith Israel's teens will also be actively participating in hesed opportunities in our community and beyond. Each month, a different teen will chair a service activity.

### *Parashat Hashabua: The Parts They Skip in High School*

Shabbatot one hour before minchah at the home of Rabbi Hidary, 1 W 85th Street Apartment 6A

This class is open to all high school students and will select texts and themes from the parasha that are often neglected in the high school curriculum due to their being deemed difficult, controversial, or for whatever reason not pertinent for young adults. We will find that often the most interesting and important lessons about our own Judaism are found in these perplexing but profound parts of the parasha.

## READINGS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

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This year, the girls will be doing the reading both in our Main Sanctuary and in Israel as part of our congregational Pesah in Israel. To participate, please contact Yehudit Robinson at yehudit.robinson@gmail.com.

### *Biannual Teen Services*

#### Shabbat, May 10

Our teenage boys lead parts of the Shabbat morning service in the Main Sanctuary for the entire congregation. Participants are trained and prepared to recite and lead prayers according to Shearith Israel's beautiful tradition and dignified standards. To participate, please contact Yehudit Robinson, yehudit.robinson@gmail.com.

### *Lag La'Omer: Halakhic Tour of the Central Park Zoo*

#### Sunday, May 18

Explore the wonders of wildlife through a Jewish lens with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. A Sunday outing for the young and young at heart.

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#### First day of Shabuot

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## *Assigned Junior Congregation*

### Shabbatot, March 15, April 5, May 4, May 31

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

## *Summer Weekday Toddler Program*

### Tuesdays and Wednesdays

#### June 17-August 19

#### 9:30 am-11:30 am

#### For children aged 16-33 months

#### Adult caregiver presence is required.

Shearith Israel's popular Toddler Program is held two times a week. The program focuses on learning colors and shapes, creating arts and crafts, singing songs, and exploring Jewish holidays and music. To enroll your child or learn more, contact Alana Shultz.

## HEBREW SCHOOL

### *Polonies Talmud Torah School (PTTS)*

#### For students aged 3-16 years old

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

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

For more information and to enroll, visit [shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool](http://shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool). Mid-year enrollment is possible. Contact our Educational Director and Hebrew School Principal, Rabbi Shalom Morris to enroll.

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# RETURNING TO PORTUGAL

Rabbi Shalom Morris, Educational Director

*De Espanha, nem bom vento nem bom casamento*



Unexpected is one word that I'd use to describe my recent trip to Portugal. I had a great time and would even recommend it to Jewish travelers, especially those interested in seeing and understanding the crucible from which our community was born. However, the Portugal of today evokes a strange sensation. On the one hand, it is mostly bereft of Jews (though there are small communities in Porto, Belmonte and Lisbon). On the other hand, it is a country with a shockingly strong Jewish identity. That probably sounds ironic and somewhat implausible, as so few Jews reside there. It is, however, true. Let me explain.

Many of Spain's Jews chose to relocate to Portugal when they were expelled in 1492. Travel there did not require traversing a sea and Portugal's language and culture are closely related to Spain's. As a result, many Jews settled along the Spanish Portuguese border, in towns like Guarda, Trancosa and Belmonte. There they lived in Jewish quarters, *Judaria*, many of which still exist today.

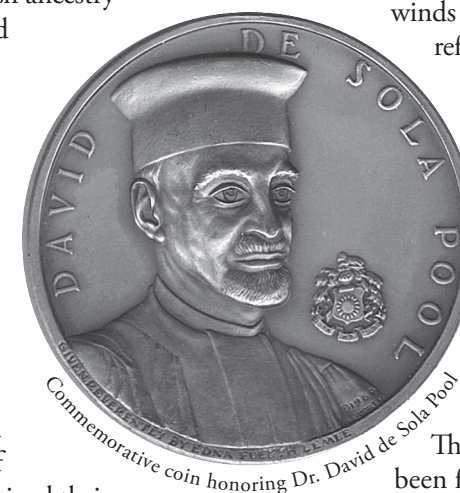
Unfortunately, in 1496, King Manuel of Portugal changed his policy and forcibly converted all of his domain's Jews to Christianity. He wished to marry the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella, to create a strategic union with Spain, and Queen Isabella demanded that he first rid his country of Jews. However, Manuel believed that Jews were essential to his growing maritime empire, which was built upon science and trade. So instead of expelling the Jews, he converted them to Catholicism and forced them to remain. Crucifixes etched into the edifices of many stone home are still apparent in Portugal, testimony that they were once the homes of *Conversos*.

We know that when port cities like Amsterdam and London became places where *Conversos* could live without fear of the Portuguese Inquisition (established in the 1530s), many chose to emigrate and return to open Judaism. However, not all of them left, and when the Inquisition was ended in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century those who remained finally assimilated into Portuguese society. As a result of its history, many modern-day Portuguese people claim Jewish ancestry (numerous people volunteered that personal information to me), a phenomenon known throughout the country.

Moreover, the Portuguese seem to sincerely lament the absence of Judaism in their country. They feel as if Judaism is part of their identity, and yet it is unfamiliar. In fact, some Portuguese have even returned to Judaism, such as the Jews of Belmonte, who secretly maintained their separate identity throughout the centuries.

Our very own Dr. David de Sola Pool was involved in *Converso* returnee efforts in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. He traveled to Portugal to show his support for and to offer financial aid to their efforts to reestablish and spread Judaism among the population.

Dr. Pool's picture still hangs in Porto's synagogue and his name appears in many of the Portuguese language pamphlets about Judaism that were printed at that time.



Today's Portuguese share our disdain for the Inquisition. Ultimately, it was the Portuguese themselves that ended it, as they finally recognized the corrosive effect it had upon their society and intellectual creativity. Perhaps unfairly, they actually blame it all on the Spanish.

There is a saying in Portuguese: '*De Espanha, nem bom vento nem bom casamento*,' which basically means 'from Spain there never come good winds or good marriages.' Winds are a reference to poor weather that passes from Spain into Portugal. The reference to marriage is based on King Manuel's marriage to the Spanish crown. As a result of that marriage, Portugal eventually fell in succession to Spain in 1580. It only regained its independence after fighting a difficult 'war of restoration' in 1640.

The Portuguese claim that had it not been for that marriage, Portugal would have never converted its Jews and would never have an inquisition. Instead, they believe they would still have a large and active Jewish community today, and that Portugal be a more successful and vibrant nation.

As you can imagine, the Portuguese, once a great world power, have a lot of conflicting feelings about their past. Perhaps it is on account of that that they are so welcoming, easy going, and particularly open about and interested in their Jewish past and present.



# SERVICES

## SHABBAT SERVICES

### February 28th-March 1st Shekalim

Candle Lighting .....	5:28 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	5:30 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	5:46 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemirot .....	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashah .....	Pekude-Shekalim
Exodus 38:21-end	
Exodus 30:11-26	

Haftarah .....	Steven A. Okin
II Kings 11:17-12:17	
I Samuel 20:18 and 42	

Parashah .....	Pekude-Shekalim
Class .....	4:15 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	5:15 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	5:47 pm
Habdalah.....	6:19 pm
Shabbat Shekalim: During Temple times the call for the payment of the poll tax of half a shekel by every adult Jew was announced on the first day of the twelfth month (Adar). As a reminder of this duty, the passage from Exodus 30:11-16 is read on Rosh Hodesh or the Sabbath preceding.	

### March 7th-8th

Candle Lighting .....	5:36 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	5:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	5:54 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemirot .....	Raif Melhado
Parashah .....	Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26	

Haftarah .....	Joseph A. Solomon
Class .....	4:30 pm
Saturday Eveining Minhah/Arbit.....	5:30 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	5:55 pm
Habdalah.....	6:28 pm
D.S.T. begins. Saturday night/Sunday Morning Mar. 8th-9th. Set clock back one hour.	

### March 14th-15th

Candle Lighting .....	6:44 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:02 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemirot .....	Adam Jackson
Parashah .....	Tsav-Zakhor
Leviticus 6:1-8:36	
Deuteronomy 25:17-19	

Haftarah .....	Samuel L. Katz
I Samuel 15:1-34	

Class .....	5:45 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minhah .....	6:45 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:03 pm
Habdalah.....	7:37 pm
Purim/Motzaei Shabbat Arbit.....	8:00 pm
Reading of Megilla .....	8:15 pm
Shabbat Zakhor/Mi Khamokha, is the Shabbat preceding Purim. Judah HaLevy's poem, "Mi Khamokha" is read at 9:05 am. Then Deut 25:17-19, which begins with the word "Zakhor." Remember [Amalek], is added to the regular Parashah reading, because Haman was thought to be a spiritual descendant of the tribe of Amalek, the first presumed "annihilators" of the Israelites. The Megillah will be read on Saturday evening at 8:15 pm, following the 8:00 pm service.	

### March 21st-22nd

Candle Lighting .....	6:51 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:09 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemirot .....	Jack Daar
Parashah .....	Shemini-Parah
Leviticus 9:1-11:47	
Numbers 19:1-22	

Haftarah .....	Jared Judah Ninyo
Ezekiel 36:16-36	
Bar Mitzvah.....	Jared Judah Ninyo
Class .....	5:45 pm

### Zakhor

### HaHodesh

Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:10 pm
Habdalah.....	7:45 pm
Shabbat Parah: In preparation for the eating of the Paschal lamb, proper steps were taken to be ritually clean. Hence we add the reading from Numbers 19, the law concerning the ashes of the Red Heifer [Heb. "Parah Adumah"].	

### March 28th-29th

Candle Lighting* .....	6:59 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:17 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemirot .....	Avery E. Neumark
Parashah .....	Tazria-Hahodesh
Leviticus 12:1-13:59	
Exodus 12:1-20	

Haftarah .....	Gabriel David Lang
Bar Mitzvah.....	Gabriel David Lang
Ezekiel 45:18-46:15	

Class .....	5:45 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:18 pm
Habdalah.....	7:53 pm
Shabbat Hahodesh derives its name from the special reading of the Torah, Exodus 12:1-20. This is the "portion about the month" referring to the special consecration of Nisan, the month of Passover.	

### April 4th-5th

Candle Lighting* .....	7:06 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:24 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemirot .....	Joseph A. Solomon
Parashah .....	Metzora
Leviticus 14:1-15:33	

Haftarah .....	Samuel M. Freilich
II Kings 7:3-20	

Class .....	6:00 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	7:00 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:25 pm
Habdalah.....	8:01 pm

**April 11th-12th** **HaGadol**  
**1817, 2nd Mill St. Consecration Anniversary**

Candle Lighting*.....	7:13 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:31 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemiroth .....	Zachary S. Edinger
Parashah .....	Ahare Moth Leviticus 16:1-18:30
Haftarah .....	Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik Malachi 3:4-24
Class .....	6:00 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	7:00 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:32 pm
Habdalah.....	8:10 pm

**April 25th-26th**

Candle Lighting*.....	7:28 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:46 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemiroth .....	Adam Jackson
Parashah .....	Kedoshim Leviticus 19:1-20:27
Haftarah .....	Jacob Aufzien Ezekiel 20:2-20
Class .....	6:15 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	7:15 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:47 pm
Habdalah.....	8:26 pm

**May 2nd-3rd**

Candle Lighting*.....	7:35 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:53 pm

Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemiroth .....	Jack Daar
Parashah .....	Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haftarah .....	Daniel J. Suckewer Ezekiel 44:15-31
Class .....	6:30 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	7:30 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:54 pm
Habdalah.....	8:34 pm

**May 9th-10th** **Teen-Led Service**

Candle Lighting*.....	7:42 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	8:00 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemiroth .....	Joseph A. Solomon
Parashah .....	Behar Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Haftarah .....	Jeremiah 32:6-27
Class .....	6:30 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	7:30 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	8:01 pm
Habdalah.....	8:41 pm

**May 16th-17th**

Candle Lighting*.....	7:48 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	8:06 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemiroth .....	Raif Melhado
Parashah .....	Behukkothai Leviticus 26:3-end
Haftarah .....	Isaac Gershom Schildkraut
Bar Mitzvah.....	Isaac Gershom Schildkraut Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
Class .....	6:45 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	7:45 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	8:07 pm
Habdalah.....	8:48 pm

**May 23rd-24th**

**1897, 70th St. Consecration Anniversary**

Candle Lighting*.....	7:55 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	8:13 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemiroth .....	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashah .....	Bemidbar Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah .....	Moshe Toledo Hosea 2:1-22
Bat Mitzvah.....	Amit Toledo
Class .....	6:45 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	7:45 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	8:14 pm
Habdalah.....	8:55 pm

**May 30th-31st**

Candle Lighting*.....	8:01 pm
Friday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	8:19 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:15 am
Zemiroth .....	Adam Jackson
Parashah .....	Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89
Haftarah .....	Roberto Salama Judges 13:2-25
Class .....	7:00 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah/Arbit.....	8:00 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	8:20 pm
Habdalah.....	9:02 pm

**MINOR HOLIDAY SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**Rosh Hodesh II Adar: Two-Day**

Saturday Evening March 1st through Sunday & Monday, March 2nd & 3rd

**Purim Services and Events**

**Sisterhood Mishloah Manot Project**

Once again the Sisterhood is offering you the opportunity to give Mishloah Manot to members of our congregation. Your friends will receive a package. It is a wonderful opportunity to send special Purim gifts and to reach out to friends in our community. Your participation also helps raise money for the Sisterhood, for use in our many projects. Visit our website for details.

**Fast of Esther, Thursday, March 13th**

Fast Begins.....	5:50 am
Morning Service .....	7:15 am
Evening Service .....	6:15 pm
Sunset .....	7:01 pm
End of Fast .....	7:22 pm

**Eve of Purim, Saturday, March 15th**

Shabbat Zakhor Sat. Minhah.....	6:45 pm
Sunset .....	7:03 pm
End of Shabbat.....	7:37 pm
Motzaei Shabbat Arbit .....	8:00 pm
Reading of Megillah .....	8:15 pm
Late Megillah Reading .....	9:45 pm

**Purim Day, Sunday, March 16th**

Morning Service..... 8:00 am  
 Reading of Megilla ..... 8:30 am  
 Womens Morning Megillah Reading ..... 8:30 am  
 in the Small Synagogue. Join us for the 24th year of the Women's Megillah Reading at Shearith Israel. To participate, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde.

Late Megillah Reading ..... 11:00 am  
Purim Day Minhah/Arbit ..... 6:30 pm  
End of Purim Day..... 7:26 pm

**Purim Shushan, Monday, March 17th**

**The Fast of Esther** commemorates the day when the Jews of Persia donned sackcloth and ashes, went without food, and prayed that they be spared the massacre planned for them by Haman. Men don tefillin at the 6:15 service on Thursday Evening.

**Purim** commemorates the day when, through the intervention of Mordecai and Queen Esther, the Jews of Persia narrowly escaped being victims of Haman’s evil plot to exterminate them. Instead, “The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor.”

**Purim Shushan**, the day following Purim, was the actual day of celebration observed in Shushan, the capital of ancient Persia.

***Rosh Hodesh Nisan: One Day***

Monday Evening, March 31st  
& Tuesday, April 1st

***Yom HaShoah (Observed)  
Holocaust Remembrance Day***

Sunday Evening, April 27th  
& Monday, April 28th  
(Actual Date is Sunday, April 27th)

***Rosh Hodesh Iyar: Two-Day***

Tuesday Evening, April 29th, through  
Wednesday & Thursday, April 30th & May 1st

***Yom Ha 'Atzma'ut (Observed)  
Israel Independence Day***

Monday Evening, May 5th-Tuesday, May 6th  
(Actual Date is Monday, May 5th)

***Lag La'Omer***

**1897, 70th St. Building Consecration**

Anniversary  
Saturday Evening, May 17th  
& Sunday, May 18th

***Memorial Day Legal Holiday***

Monday, May 26th  
Shahrit..... 8:00 am  
Minhah/Arbit..... 6:30 pm

***Yom Yerushalaim***

***Jerusalem Reunification Day***

Tuesday Evening, May 27th  
& Wednesday, May 28th

***Rosh Hodesh Sivan: One Day***

Thursday Evening, May 29  
& Friday, May 30

**DAILY SERVICES**

Mornings (Shahrit)  
Sunday..... 8:00 am  
Monday-Friday..... 7:15 am  
Evenings (Minhah & Arbit)  
March 2nd-6th..... 5:45 pm  
March 9th-June 2nd ..... 6:30 pm

**PESAH (PASSOVER) FESTIVAL**

***Monday Evening, April 14th-Tuesday,  
April 22nd***

This year, we are offering two ways to enjoy the Shearith Israel Pesah experience as a synagogue community in 2014.

**Pesah Haggadah**

Monday, April 14  
Tuesday, April 15  
8:30 pm

Building upon the success of last year’s communal Haggadah (Seder), we are offering a Haggadah on both nights and making them available to all of our congregants. This year, the first Haggadah will be led by Rabbi Shalom Morris along with Hazzan Ira Rohde and the second Haggadah will be led by Rabbi Richard Hidary. The spirited and interactive Haggadah is accompanied by explanations of our traditions and melodies. Co-sponsored by JICNY.

**Pesah in Israel**

Our members visiting Israel over Pesah will be participating in a communal Rambam Seder at the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem. Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will lead congregants in this extraordinary opportunity, drawing on the unique Haggadah and rituals of the Rambam.

***Preparations***

**Sunday Evening, April 13th**

Search for Leaven .....after sunset, 7:33 pm)

**Monday, April 14th**

Fast of First Born begins (Dawn) ..... 4:53 am  
Morning Service and  
siyyum for the First Born ..... 7:15 am  
Stop eating hametz by ..... 10:44 am  
Dispose of any remaining hametz by ... 11:50 am

**First Day of Pesah**

Eve of the First Day, Monday, April 14th  
Candle Lighting ..... 7:16 pm  
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 7:15 pm  
Monday Evening Sunset ..... 7:34 pm  
Begin the First Haggadah at home. after 7:59 pm  
Synagogue Communal  
Haggadah begins ..... 8:30 pm

**First Day Morning, Tuesday, April 15th**

Zemiroth ..... 8:15 am  
Shahrit..... 9:00 am  
Tikkun HaTal (Prayer for the Dew)  
inserted in Musaf..... 10:40 am

**Second Day of Pesah**

Eve of the Second Day, Tuesday, April 15th  
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 7:15 pm  
Tuesday Evening Sunset ..... 7:35 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... after 8:00 pm  
Begin the Second Haggadah  
at home ..... after 8:00 pm  
Synagogue Communal Haggadah  
begins ..... 8:30 pm  
Second Day Morning, Wednesday, April 16th  
Zemiroth ..... 8:15 am  
Shahrit..... 9:00 am  
Conclusion of Second Day,  
Wednesday Evening, April 16th  
Minhah & Arbit..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Evening Sunset..... 7:37 pm  
Wednesday Evening Habdalah..... 8:01 pm

**Hol Hamoed Pesah**

Thursday & Friday Mornings,  
April 17th & 18th..... 7:15 am  
Thursday Evening, April 17th  
Minhah & Arbit..... 6:30 pm  
Sunday Morning, April 20th..... 8:00 am

**Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah**

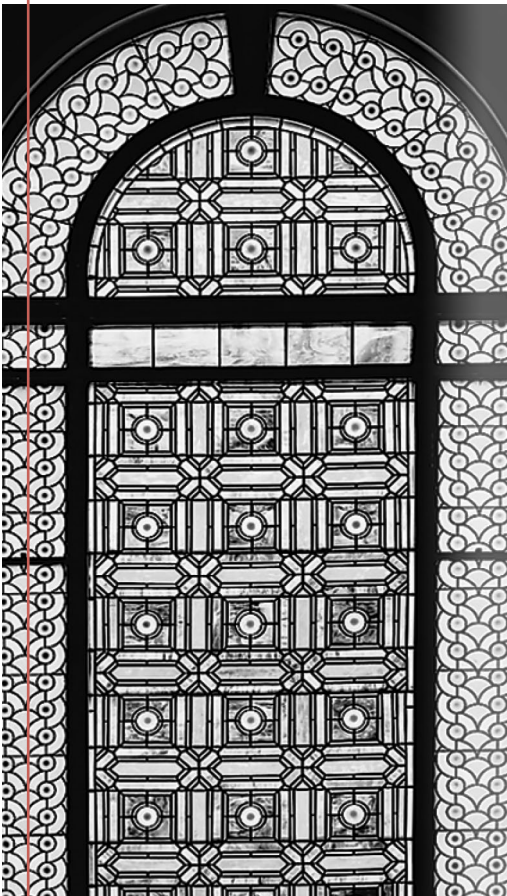
Eve of Shabbat, Friday Evening, April 18th  
Friday Evening Candle Lighting . before 7:21 pm  
Friday Evening Minhah & Arbit..... 7:15 pm  
Friday Evening Sunset ..... 7:39 pm  
Saturday, April 19th  
Shabbat Morning Zemiroth..... 8:15 am  
Shabbat Morning Shahrit..... 9:00 am  
Reading of Song of Songs..... 11:30 am  
Saturday Afternoon Class..... 6:15 pm  
Saturday Evening Minhah & Arbit ..... 7:15 pm  
Saturday Evening Sunset ..... 7:40 pm  
Saturday Evening Habdalah..... 8:18 pm

**Seventh Day of Pesah**  
**1730, First Mill Street Building Consecration**  
**Anniversary**

Eve of the Seventh Day, Sunday Evening, April 20th  
 Sunday Evening Candle Lighting ..... 7:23 pm  
 Sunday Evening Services  
 (Minhah & Arbit) ..... 7:30 pm  
 Sunday Evening Sunset ..... 7:41 pm  
 Seventh Day Morning, Monday, April 21st  
 Zemirot ..... 8:15 am  
 Shahrit ..... 9:05 am  
 (Featuring Reading of the Shirah, Song of  
 Crossing the Red Sea)

**Eighth (Final) Day of Pesah**

Eve of the Eighth Day, Monday Evening, April 21st  
 Monday Evening Services  
 (Minhah & Arbit) ..... 7:30 pm  
 Monday Evening Sunset ..... 7:42 pm  
 Monday Evening  
 Candle Lighting ..... after 8:07 pm  
 Eighth Day Morning, Tuesday, April 22nd  
 Zemirot ..... 8:15 am  
 Shahrit ..... 9:00 am  
 Conclusion of Eighth Day of Pesah,  
 Tuesday Evening, April 22nd  
 Tuesday Evening Minhah & Arbit ..... 7:30 pm  
 Tuesday Evening Sunset ..... 7:43 pm  
 Tuesday Evening Habdalah &  
 Conclusion of Pesah ..... 8:08 pm  
 Do not consume hametz until ½ hour after  
 Habdalah, 8:38 pm



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