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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

AGINCOURT AND US

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



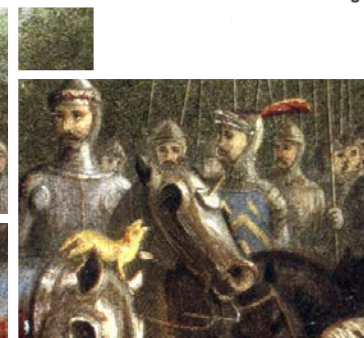
In one of the most famous Shakespearean passages, Henry V exhorts his troops prior to the battle of Agincourt, promising them that “yearly, on the vigil” they shall have a wine-based feast celebrating their heroism. Then their feats would be recounted in exquisite detail; then every one of their names would live immortally:

*Old men forget: yet all shall be forgot,
But he'll remember with advantages
What feats he did that day: then shall our names,
Familiar in his mouth as household words
Harry the king, Bedford and Exeter,
Warwick and Talbot, Salisbury and Gloucester,
Be in their flowing cups freshly remember'd.
This story shall the good man teach his son;*

How different our own Passover celebration is from what Henry describes. There, too, a story

is recounted; but Moses, seemingly the hero of the story we are obligated to recount, is *persona non grata* in the Haggadah. He merits barely a mention. We too have flowing cups, we too feast “yearly on the vigil,” but all of our gratitude is to God. In contrast, when we are recounting not the story of Pesah but of Shabuot, the anniversary of the giving of the Torah, Moses is accorded all of the credit. According to the Talmud, the first verse taught to a child is “Moses commanded us the Torah, an inheritance to the community of Jacob.” For the Rabbis knew that Moses could either be the hero of Pesah, or of Shabuot. He could either be the great redeemer, or he could be the great teacher. In choosing for which aspects of Moses’ life he would be revered, the Rabbis decided what our culture would revere most of all. Jewish warriors are essential to the wellbeing of the Jewish people; but it is through education and transmission that a nation remains immortal. In this respect, our own retelling of the story of our freedom every year on Pesah is an embodiment of immortality of which even Shakespeare could scarcely imagine.

Meir Y. Soloveichik





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AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL



ABOVE:

The audience for Rabbi Soloveichik's special history lecture on *Brexit and the Bible: A Reflection on Nations, Empires, and Jewish History*. All of Rabbi Soloveichik's special lectures are free and open to the public. To learn more, visit shearithisrael.org/judaic-education.

A. Laury Frieber learning new headwrapping techniques at the Sisterhood's Wrapunzel event

B. Zachary Edinger with Yvonne Cohen at the *Remembering Baghdad* symposium

C. Neta and Zahava Wiznia eating our traditional Hanukkah waffles at Hanukkah Fest

D. Senator Joseph Lieberman presents the 2018 Pursuit of Justice Award to former New York Attorney General Robert Abrams

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST *YEAR OF YEARS*, SECURING THE NEXT

Louis M. Solomon



Dear Congregants:

Well it is finally upon us. We have been given the merit of witnessing the beginning of the 365th year since our Congregation's founding in 1654. We have been announcing and sharing our plans for our *Year of Years Celebration*. We are now in the thick of it – celebrations marking Shearith Israel's 365th anniversary as well as the fundraising campaign that will secure our future as we move into our second "year of years."

Who cannot have noticed the extraordinary range and quality of the *Year of Years* programming that has already taken place? What has been most gratifying is how these various programs have emphasized the diversity yet durability of our Congregation. We kicked off last spring with a major Symposium, a *tour de force* by Rabbi Soloveichik, entitled *Passover and The American Imagination*, which spoke to our unique place in American Jewish history and how, like the Passover story itself, the lessons and values of our Congregational past are as relevant today as ever. This fall we hosted a community Shabbat dinner event, inspired by our member Sam Katz, called *From Recife to New York: A Shabbat Dinner with Today's Conversos of Brazil*, where we learned about and even met current day descendants of Brazilian conversos working to reconnect with their Jewish roots. Then came the stupendous *Year of Years* event, conceived and organized substantially by our Ritual Director and Shamash Zachary Edinger, *Remembering Baghdad – Between the Tigris and the Hudson: Celebrating Iraqi Jewish Heritage at Shearith Israel*. This was the first of several events that will showcase the many nationalities that made Shearith Israel their home throughout our 365 years, up until current

times. It was fantastic to see the Sanctuary brimming with congregants and friends, all in attendance to learn about the Iraqi Jewish story from scholars and several of our prominent members including trustee, David Dangoor, David Lavipour, and Ezra Zilkha, and to celebrate one of the distinct heritages that comprise a 365-year tapestry. More about some of these programs can be found in this

bulletin. And just recently our Sabbath worshippers enjoyed the return of the **Tiffany Windows** to their rightful place above the *hehal*. It is a palpable manifestation of our cherished values that these windows were in need of repair, and in the build-up to our *Year of Years* we had them removed, refurbished, and back where they belong, enhancing the ethereal atmosphere of our prayers.

As for the *Year of Years* fundraising campaign, you have been hearing about that, and you will be hearing more. Our excellent fundraising consultants keep begging us to resist discussing it until we have reached even greater milestones. But who can resist? In the quiet phase of our campaign, we have already secured pledges and gifts of over \$4 million. With that we have retired a significant amount of debt, rescheduled the balance at extremely low rates, paid off large outstanding amounts, and have begun directing funds to a welter of projects and needs crucial for our collective future. The campaign is an ambitious one with needs and wants that are great. Some of you have already heard from members of the campaign committee. Most of you have not, but will. Please, participate as generously as your circumstances permit. We want our entire congregation – 100% of us – to do our part to make our Congregation strong for years to come.

Louis M. Solomon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Angelina Drahi and Dr. Daniel Bassiri

Judith Deich

Daina and Greg Gurevich

Raquel and Dr. Ian Lentnek, with their daughters, Hudson and Dakota

Dr. Albert Levy

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Deena and Nissim Aboodi on the birth of a grandson, Ness Arthur, born to Debra Aboodi and Steve Sasson.

Norman S. Benzaquen, upon his grandson, Max Jacob Schlanger, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Rose and Henry Edinger, upon their granddaughter, Neima, daughter of Shlomit and Benjamin Edinger, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Rose and Henry Edinger on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Aliza Tiferet, born to Chana (née Edinger) and Jono Fuchs.

Bess Castagnello and Simcha Fern on the birth of a baby girl.

Ahron Herring and Jessica Schechter, upon their marriage.

Maya Jacobs, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents, Tikva and Zalmie Jacobs.

Ellen and Robert Kapito, on the birth of a grandson to their children, Shira and Josh Arcus.

Becky and Eitan Kimelman, on the birth of a baby girl.

Stephanie and Roy Kirsh, on the birth of a baby boy, Theodore.

Rebecca Lewin and Morgan Resta-Flarer, on the birth of a baby boy, Jack Nathan. Mazal Tob as well to grandparents, Marjory and John Lewin.

Dr. Craig Moskowitz and Monica Friedman, on the birth of a baby boy, Henry Blake (Chaim Baruch).

Eli Schildkraut, upon his marriage. Mazal Tob as well to his parents, Ivy and Marvin Schildkraut, and to the entire Schildkraut family.

Linda and Dr. Morris Shamah, on the birth of a great-grandson, Shlomo Yair Singer, in Israel.

Marlene and Michael Sperling, upon their granddaughter, Batya Sperling Milner, becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Batya created a Braille system for rendering the Masoretic Tropes, making this a particularly special and unique celebration — *mazal tob* and *hazak u'barukh* to the family.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Hazakim U'berukhim:

Rev. Salomon vaz Dias, who was a Scholar in Residence at Tempio Rabbi Ovadia Da Bertinoro, the S&P (Livorno) synagogue of Ramat Gan, Israel.

Marco DiLaurenti, on being honored with the *Community Leadership Award* by the Rabbinical Seminary of America - Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim, in Queens.

Meryl Jaffe, on the publication of her book, *Worth A Thousand Words: Using Graphic Novels to Teach Visual and Verbal Literacy*, with her daughter, Talia Hurwich. The book is available on Amazon.com. For more information, including lesson plans, visit meryljaffe.com.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Sandra Bass

Agnes Dellal

Margot (Mendes) Oppenheimer

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Yaakov Ben-Avi, on the passing of his mother, Sima Ben-Avi.

William Dellal, on the loss of his mother, Agnes Dellal.

Charles Gourgey and Annette Gourgey, on the passing of their mother, Louise Gourgey.

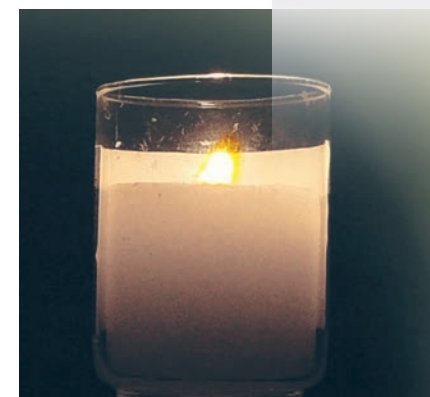
Alan Greenberg, on the passing of his father, Harold Greenberg.

Ira Kalfus, on the loss of his mother, Frieda Kalfus.

Mrs. Lisa Rohde, on the passing of her father, Herbert Brun.

Bequests and Planned Giving

Please consider including Shearith Israel in your estate planning. To learn how, or for more information, please speak with our executive director, Barbara Reiss.



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IN APPRECIATION

Special thanks to:

Our Team of Volunteer Docents

We appreciate those who continue to do a wonderful job guiding all our visitors on public and private tours of the Synagogue. Tours this past season were led by: Shlomo Brody, Zachary Edinger, Sarah Gross, Janet Kirchheimer, Michael Lustig, Barbara Reiss, Rabbi Ira Rohde, Vivienne Roumani, and Arthur Tenenholtz.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a docent, please contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

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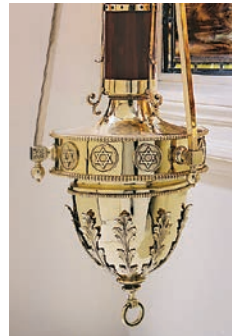
Anonymous, for sponsoring the Spring Semester of Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class.

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The Bengio Misrahi Family, for sponsoring a session of Friday Night Lights, in memory of their grandparents, Henri Misrahi and Rachel and Amram Bengio.

The Julis Family, for sponsoring the 2018-2019 season of Friday Night Lights.

Chavie Kahn and Heshy Kofman, for sponsoring a session of Friday Night Lights, in commemoration of the *nahala* of Chavie's father, R. Solomon Kahn, and in memory of the victims in Pittsburgh.



Tikva and Irwin Ostrega, for sponsoring a Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of Tikva's father, Ezra Meir Shohet.

Debbie and David Sable, for sponsoring a session of Friday Night Lights, in memory of Rabbi Jack Sable.

Scott Shay, for sponsoring the Winter Semester of Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of Gutman b. Shmuel Nesiya.

Scott Shay, for sponsoring the Summer Semester of Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of Chana Razel b. Aharon v'Sara.

Minyan Breakfast Sponsors and Supporters:

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Arthur Tenenholtz, in memory of his grandmother, Pearl Goldlust.

Kiddush Fund Sponsors:

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Anonymous, in honor of the visit by Rabbi Richard Hidary.

Ruthy and Max Benoliel and Shira and Joel Jacobs, in honor of the marriage of their children, Yael and Danny Benoliel.

Joleen and Mitch Julis, in memory of Richard Julis.

Vicki and Sam Katz, in honor of former Member of Knesset Rabbi Haim Amsalem for his great work with "Zera Yisrael."

Raquel and Dr. Ian Lentnek, in honor of the first birthday of their daughter, Dakota Peri (Nachama Lev).

Suzanne Morad, on the occasion of the first *nahala* of her father, Said Benjamin Morad.

The Neumark family, in memory of Debby Neumark.

Mary Ellen and James Rudolph

The Schildkraut family, in honor of Eli's marriage.

Emanuel Vazquez-Senior, in memory of his parents, Ana Senior and Angel Vasquez.

The children and grandchildren of Barbara Herlands Smith, in her honor.

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The Solomon Family

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The Solomon Family

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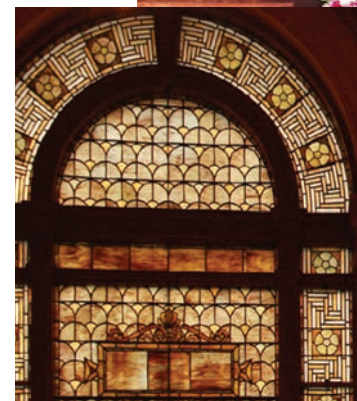
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Do you have a life-cycle event, milestone, or major achievement to share with the community? Send it to Sarah Meira Rosenberg at rosenberg@shearithisrael.org so we can share the news in our handouts and bulletins.



HOLIDAYS

SHABBAT HAGADOL DERASHA Shabbat Morning, April 13

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a major address illuminating the themes of Pesah.

TEEN GIRLS' SHIR HASHIRIM READING

Eighth Day of Passover, Saturday, April 27

After *musaf*, the teen girls of our synagogue take part in our unique tradition as they read the *Song of Songs* for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services. For more information, see page x.

GIRLS' MEGILLAT RUTH READING

First Day of Shabu'ot, Sunday, June 9

Following morning services, the girls of our synagogue recite *Megillat Ruth* for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary. If your daughter would like to participate, and we would be delighted if she would, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

TISHA B'AB LECTURE

Ereb Tisha B'Ab, Saturday Night, August 10

Following the reading of *Eikhab*, Rabbi Soloveichik gives a major public lecture. Read more about our deeply moving Tisha B'Ab Services on page x.



From the Tigris to the Hudson: Honoring Shearith Israel's Iraqi Heritage

Zachary Edinger, Ritual Director/Shamash

On the evening of December 16, a very special event was held at Shearith Israel to honor the heritage of the Iraqi Jewish community of Shearith Israel. The event began with a tasty reception featuring Iraqi appetizers and desserts catered by Aodi Zilkha of Beth Torah Caterers. The reception was followed by a well-attended program in the Main Sanctuary—about 350 people filled the sanctuary! The program began with an excerpt from Ezra Zilkha's "Sephardi Voices" interview as well as an in-person interview with Mr. Zilkha and David Dangoor.

Mr. Zilkha was born in Baghdad to a prominent Iraqi family and is a longtime member of Shearith Israel. We were honored that he could attend and participate in this special program. We then watched the short film *What We Left Behind* by Professor Henry Green about the Iraqi Jewish Archive. The program then continued with presentations from David Dangoor, Carole Basri, and David Lavipour. Finally, to conclude this wonderful evening we saw a preview of the film *Letters from Baghdad*.

In addition to the reception and the formal program, a special booklet was prepared with family histories of many of Shearith Israel's families from Iraq. This beautiful booklet was prepared in

memory of Mrs. Cecile Zilkha. You can see a web version of this booklet as well as a slideshow with pictures and family stories on our website at shearithisrael.org/baghdad-heritage.

Following the well-received *Remembering Baghdad* event, we also held two additional events of interest to the Iraqi Jewish community. In January, we screened the film *Letters from Baghdad*. The film was introduced by our trustee David Dangoor, who was one of the producers of the film. It tells the history of Gertrude Bell and the creation of the modern state of Iraq. In February, we screened the film *The Last Jews of Baghdad* by Carole Basri. Ms. Basri introduced the film and also stayed to answer questions afterward. *The Last Jews of Baghdad* is about the persecution and exodus of the Jewish Community of Iraq from 1940-2000. This event was held in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Baghdad Hangings.

During this *Year of Years*, we have endeavored to highlight the extraordinary diversity found within the Shearith Israel community. We are extremely proud of our Iraqi Jewish Heritage and hope that these events have helped to highlight this heritage to a larger audience. We are especially thankful to Ezra Zilkha for making this event possible. ♦



The Zilkha Family

By Ezra K. Zilkha

My father, Khedouri Zilkha, was born into a successful merchant family in Baghdad. He left school at a young age and started a bank when was just 15 years old! His dream was to have bank branches all over the Middle East. Very early on, he traveled to Istanbul and began trading in precious metals, especially gold, between Istanbul and Baghdad, all the while building his bank. He was able to grow his business by relying on the strength of personal relationships and his strong commitment to ethics.

My mother, Louise Bashi was born into a prominent Baghdadi family. She married my father in 1912. I was born in Baghdad in 1925, the sixth child of seven siblings. My parents had gone to pray at the tomb of Ezra the scribe in Basra - so when I was born they named me Ezra. In the 1920's a criminal gang, "the Black Hand," extorted money from several wealthy Baghdad families and threatened our family. As a result, my father moved our family to Beirut when I was very young. I grew up mainly in Beirut. During the 1930's as my brothers grew up, they entered into my father's banking business and the firm grew. The Zilkha bank expanded significantly during this time and had branches in Baghdad, Damascus, Beirut, Alexandria and Cairo.

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In 1938, my father became nervous about the prospects of war in Europe. He very presciently transferred a significant sum to a New York bank. During the War years I, together with my siblings and parents, relocated temporarily to New York. We traveled to South Africa and from there came to America in 1941. For my first nine months in America, I was in the “National Hospital for Speech Disorders” to help treat a stutter. Afterward I attended a preparatory school and then attended Wesleyan University for college.

In 1946, after the war, my father returned to Baghdad and I went to work in Hong Kong. But, in 1947, my father realized that the end of British Mandate Palestine and the creation of a Jewish State would dramatically impact our family’s banking business. He returned to New York and told us that we should build our lives in the US and leave the Middle East behind us. My father was right of course. Our bank in Baghdad was expropriated in 1951 and the government of Iraq

jailed our employees in order to extort money for their release. Then the Syrian government expropriated our Damsacus bank in 1954. Egypt expropriated our Cairo branch in 1956. Finally in 1957 we sold the Beirut bank and left the Middle East completely.

I met my wife Cecile at a Baghdadi wedding in New York in 1950. We danced together and were immediately taken with one another. We were married not long after! The Iny family was a prominent Baghdadi family that had relocated to Teheran in the 1930’s, where my wife was born. Cecile came to the US together with her family in 1948. Both the Zilkha and Iny families became members of Shearith Israel. In those days, Shearith Israel was the only Sephardi synagogue in Manhattan, and many Baghdadi Jews came to Shearith Israel at that time. In particular I remember the Hakkak family who were later influential in the creation of the A.A. Society. Of course there were many other Sephardic Jews from

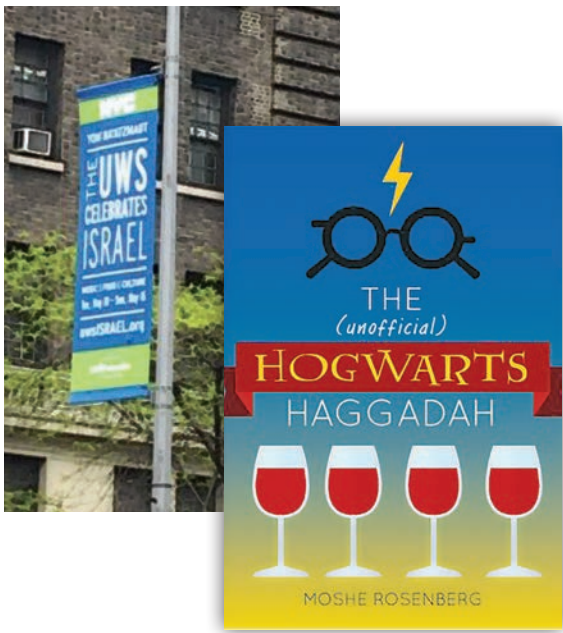


throughout the Middle East who came to Shearith Israel during this time as well.

Cecile and I were active in many charities including: Wesleyan University, The Metropolitan Opera, and the Hospital for Special Surgery. We have also been proud of our connection to Shearith Israel, where I arranged for the donation of two special Torah scrolls from Iraq some years ago. I attend services mainly on the high holidays and to commemorate the anniversary of the passing of my relatives. Sadly my wife, Cecile passed away in 2017. Now, as an older man, I look back and am proud of the banking business that my father built, of his dedication to his clients and his reputation for high ethical standards. I have always tried to emulate these ideals. I am proud of the philanthropic endeavors that my wife and I have been involved in, the family we built together, and of course of our Iraqi Heritage.



We have already begun celebrating our special 365th anniversary *Year of Years* at our major *Passover and the American Imagination* symposium last spring and our *Shabbat Bereshit* luncheon. We also released *Year of Years* editions of our publications, *Guide for the Perplexed: A Newcomer’s Primer to Congregation Shearith Israel* and *Friday Night Services: A Guide to Congregation Shearith Israel’s Unique Customs*. Recently, we’ve had the *Remembering Baghdad: Celebrating Iraqi Heritage at Shearith Israel* symposium described above, its subsequent film screenings, our *From Recife to New York* Shabbat dinner (see page x), and our *Shabbat Shira Sing-Along luncheon*—events designed to celebrate the diversity of our congregation, and to highlight and transmit our unusual musical traditions. Numerous other programs and activities are also in the works, including several that will continue to showcase Shearith Israel’s unique cultural diversity and history.



SPECIAL EVENTS

POTTER AND PESAH

With the author of The Unofficial Hogwarts Haggadah, Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg

Pre-Pesah Date TBA

What does the most famous boy wizard in the world have in common with the Exodus story? Come find out from Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg in this family-friendly event that is sure to get everyone in the Pesah spirit.

Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg is the spiritual leader of Congregation Etz Chaim in Kew Gardens Hills, and the author of numerous works about the parallels and lessons of Harry Potter and Torah, including *The Unofficial Hogwarts Haggadah*, *Morality for Muggles*, and *The Unofficial Muggle Megillah*.

UPPER WEST SIDE CELEBRATES ISRAEL

Sunday, May 5 | At Bnei Jeshurun

Shearith Israel joins the entire Upper West Side Jewish community in celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

SISTERHOOD MUSEUM EXCURSION

**Sunday, May 5
Yeshiva University Museum**

Join the Sisterhood on a trip to the Yeshiva University Museum exhibit on the Kindertransport (German for "Children's Transport"), the organized rescue effort that brought thousands of Jewish children from Nazi Germany to Great Britain between 1938 and 1940. The exhibition will explore the story of this rescue effort through moving personal stories, artifacts, and engaging media.

MAJOR HISTORY LECTURE: SPOTLIGHT ON WINSTON CHURCHILL

**Monday, May 6 | 7:00 pm
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Join Rabbi Soloveichik as he explores the complex legacy of one of the 20th century's towering historical figures, Winston Churchill.

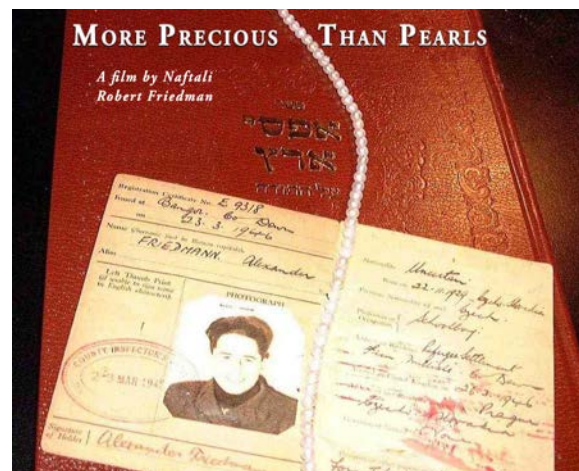
Co-sponsored by YU's Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought.

MAJOR HISTORY LECTURE: SPOTLIGHT ON MENAHEM BEGIN

**Sunday, May 19 | 7:00 pm
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Menahem Begin is one of the most pivotal men in the history of the state of Israel. Come hear Rabbi Soloveichik analyse his philosophy, his actions, and what lessons they hold for us today.

Co-sponsored by YU's Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought.



HONORING OUR VETERANS OF THE REVOLUTION AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Sunday, May 19

Chatham Square Cemetery, Shearith Israel's First Historic Cemetery

Head down to Chatham Square Cemetery in Chinatown to honor members of our congregation who participated in the Revolutionary War. Our historic ceremony and Color Guard is a special Shearith Israel tradition and is open to military veterans, clergy, and members of the community. Join us to place American flags at the graves of our twenty-two veteran congregants. The cemetery, active from 1682-1828, is located at 55 St. James Place, opposite Chatham Square.

YOUNG FAMILIES YEAR-END PICNIC

June 1 | Following Morning Services

Chaired by Zoya Raynes and Rivka Wiznia

Who wants to worry about the weather getting in the way of their picnic lunch? Not us! This year's end-of-year picnic will be held at the synagogue, where we can enjoy our protected, park-facing Portico as well as the Elias Room.

THREE WEEKS FILM SCREENING

Wednesday, July 31

Faith after the Holocaust is a theme that is rarely touched upon in Holocaust-related documentaries, let alone examined deeply. In the film, *More Precious Than Pearls*, Shearith Israel member, Naftali Friedman, attempts to explore these ideas through the life of his father, Alex Friedman, a survivor of Nazi concentration camps. The film examines how Alex succeeded in achieving self-renewal as a human being and as a committed Jew, without forgetting the vivid, yet incomprehensibly painful memories of the past.



JUDAIC EDUCATION

SAADIAH GAON'S BOOK OF BELIEFS AND OPINIONS

Sundays | 8:45 am
Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

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

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. He teaches Jewish literature at Hunter College and does research on Islam's perception of Judaism within the literature of Quran commentaries. He recently received his semikha from Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Haim.

BEFORE THERE WAS A KING – BOOK OF JUDGES

Sundays through April 14 | 10:00 am
Rabbi David Silber
Tuition: \$275; FREE for Shearith Israel members

The book of Judges takes place in the time period following the death of Joshua and during the Jewish nation's transitional period from tribal society to a monarchy.

In this class, Rabbi Silber, Founder and Dean of Drisha, will study the existential and governing challenges faced by the developing Jewish nation during this time period, along with the personalities of the judges, particularly Devora, Gideon, Jephthah and Samson. The class will explore their strengths, their weaknesses, and discuss the overall attitude in the verses toward their leadership and implications for kingship.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY LEARNING WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

On select Mondays and Tuesdays | 7:00 pm
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Rabbi Soloveichik delivers major lectures on select Mondays and Tuesdays, with Mondays devoted to history, and Tuesdays focused on Judaic/Torah/Talmud content. Dates will be announced in advance, so keep an eye for announcements in our emails, on our website, and on our Facebook page. If you're not already on the Rabbi's email distribution, sign up at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.

TUESDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST AND SHIUR

Tuesdays | Following Morning Services

The loyal members of our morning minyan know the pleasure of camaraderie and learning that is especially enjoyed every Tuesday morning. All worshippers are welcome to enjoy breakfast and a short shiur by a member of our clergy.

OPEN BET MIDRASH

Most Weeknights (Monday-Thursday)
5:15 until Evening Services

On most weeknights, men and women, adults and youth, are invited to learn with university-level and rabbinical students from Yeshiva University in the Elias Room at our "Open Bet Midrash." Learn your way: join a habruta, hear a short debar torah, or simply pick a sefer off the shelf. Take advantage of this unique opportunity, and don't hesitate to contact Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org with any questions.

Participants are welcome to stay for evening services and help strengthen our minyan.

FEASTS AND FASTS: THE FESTIVALS IN JEWISH THOUGHT

A Class for Women

Tuesdays | 9:00 am
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Women meet on Tuesday mornings to examine anew the rituals of the Jewish holiday or fast that is approaching, challenge our assumptions, and emerge with a deeper understanding of the rituals that we have been performing our entire lives. Rabbi Soloveichik sends a reminder email each Monday which includes occasional cancellation notices. Make sure to sign up for this specific email distribution at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists. Class sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.



To find out when your favorite class is held, canceled, or for special topics, go to **shearithisrael.org/join-our-mailing-lists**.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

Fridays | Following Evening Services
Through Shabbat HaGadol
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

During the chillier months, when Shabbat starts early and the evenings loom long, congregants are invited to stay around for a bit after Friday evening services for an inspiring shiur delivered by Rabbi Soloveichik. There is no better way to transition from the workweek to the aura of Shabbat than experiencing our magnificent Friday night service followed by Friday Night Lights. The 2018-2019 season is sponsored by the Julis family. To sponsor an individual session, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.

THE MISUNDERSTOOD MASTERPIECE: A NEW APPROACH TO PIRKEI ABOT

Shabbat Afternoon, Year-Round
One Hour Before Minha
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Pirkei Abot is often understood as a mere series of unrelated ethical adages. In fact, each brief and frequently cited maxim in Pirkei Abot actually hints at the extraordinary, and unique, life story and worldview of its rabbinic source. What's more, the chapters of Abot are joined in a structure that tells the story of the transmission of the Oral Law. We will see how studying the history of the rabbinic figures cited lends an entirely new understanding to these statements, and how Abot represents the diverse response of the rabbis to an age of crisis and transition that was, in many ways, not unlike our own. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SISTERHOOD

By Carla Salomon Schein,
Sisterhood President

Recent Events and Initiatives:

Our revitalized Sisterhood has been quite busy since the High Holidays. Beginning with our annual decoration of our Succah, we have held several events and engaged in new projects. On Sunday, February 3, we sponsored an event with Baltimore-based **Wrapunzel** which featured demonstrations on how to use their scarves and accessories in creating stylish head coverings. Each attendee had the opportunity to try several head wrapping techniques herself. The event was a great success that brought together many Shearith Israel regulars as well as women of various faiths and backgrounds. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Sharsheret, an organization dedicated to helping Jewish women who are cancer patients and their families. Thanks to Rivka Wiznia for making this happen!

As of this writing, we are in the midst of planning a **Judaica Appraisal Event** with Jonathan Greenstein, noted antique Judaica authentication expert, who will enlighten us about the field of antique Judaica. Some of Shearith Israel's treasured objects will be highlighted, with attendees bringing articles for Mr. Greenstein to evaluate and discuss (our own kind of "Antiques Road Show"). Thank you, Rose Edinger, for having the vision for this ambitious event, and for organizing it!

Our annual **Purim Mishloah Manot project**, spearheaded by Rivka Wiznia and Lisa Rohde, has become an annual tradition that always brings our community closer in celebration of the holiday. Our thanks goes out to all of the participants in this major fundraising event.



Carla Salomon Schein

Upcoming Events and Initiatives:

A trip to the **Center for Jewish History** is planned for May 5 to see the Kindertransport exhibit co-sponsored by the Yeshiva University Museum and the Leo Baeck Institute. Laury Frieber is organizing this event.

The Sisterhood is organizing a "**Sewing Circle**" to help maintain and mend some of the materials used in the Synagogue such as Torah mantels and talitot. Many years ago this was a regular Sisterhood activity and we hope it will become so again.

After a great **three-session knitting course** for teenagers led by Karen Daar, the Sisterhood hopes to initiate a "Knitting for Hesed" group, open to all ages.

Lastly, once again the Sisterhood will provide the **flowers in the Main Sanctuary for Shabuot**, adding beauty and color to the festival's celebration.



MITZVOT WORKSHOP WITH ZACHARY EDINGER

For Elementary School Aged Children

Final Session of the school year:
Sunday, April 14 | 10:00 am

On select Sundays, our *Shamash*, Zachary Edinger, leads our PTTS students and CSI youth in an interactive and educational *tefillah* class. Students learn to sing the melodies of selected prayers from the Shabbat and holiday services as well as learn about the parts of the Torah service, and get trained in the hands-on parts of the service.

For full schedule of workshop dates and registration, visit shearithisrael.org/mitzvot-workshop.

YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

Note To Parents

For everyone's safety, children should be either in a youth program or in the Sanctuary accompanied by a parent. Children should not be anywhere in the synagogue unattended. We appreciate your understanding.

POTTER AND PESAH

With the author of The Unofficial Hogwarts Haggadah, Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg

Pre-Pesah Date TBA

What does the most famous boy wizard in the world have in common with the Exodus story? Come find out from Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg in this family-friendly event that is sure to get everyone in the Pesah spirit.

HEBREW SCHOOL: POLONIES TALMUD TORAH SCHOOL (PTTS)

Thursdays | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Special programming on select Sundays

Our Hebrew School provides students with a substantive supplemental Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. Students develop Hebrew language skills (reading, writing, and comprehension), learn the major portions of the *Tanakh*, Jewish holiday rituals, Jewish history, and how Jewish ideas inform our values in modern times.

To learn more or to enroll your child, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.



REGISTER FOR OUR TODDLER SUMMER CAMP

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:30 am - 11:30 am | June 18-August 15

For children ages 16-34 months. Parent or caregiver attendance required.

Registration deadline: May 31, 2018

Toddlers run and jump while enjoying the company of other children on a regular basis. Our beautiful Fidanque Youth Room is equipped with all new furniture, gear, and toys, and when the temperatures rise, our toddlers enjoy small outdoor wading pools on our “beach.” There is time for play, craft projects, exercises, saying *berakhot* (blessings), snack, stories, music and more.

To register your child, go to shearithisrael.org/toddler-summer-camp.

WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

Mondays and Wednesdays
9:30 am – 11:30 am

For children ages 16-34 months. Parent or caregiver attendance required.

Shearith Israel’s popular Toddler Program is held twice a week for children aged 16-34 months with an adult caregiver. The program focuses on learning colors and shapes, creating arts and crafts, singing songs, exploring Jewish holidays, music and more. For more information, go to shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram.

YOUTH ON SHABBAT

TOT SHABBAT

10:00 am – 11:45 am | ages 0 – 4

Our little ones enjoy Tot Shabbat all year round, led by our beloved teachers, Liz and Shanade. Held in our newly refurbished Fidanque Room, independent play, snacks, and circle-time with songs will entertain the toddlers while parents are in services.

Parents: please note that children under the age of 2 must be accompanied by an adult. Furthermore, children will only be released to their parent or other pre-authorized adult. Please cooperate with these important policies for the safety of your children and everyone else.

YOUTH GROUPS AND JR. CONGREGATION

September – June
10:00 am until the end of services

Children ages 5 – 12 gather in the Elias Room for a fun curriculum of educational and entertaining activities connected to the *parasha* of the week and other Jewish themes, created by our Youth Group Leader and Programming Coordinator, Nat Bernstein, and Youth Group Leader, Daniela Bernstein. At 10:30 am, the children come together for Junior Congregation, a lively, participatory service in the Little Synagogue (after which they return to the Elias Room with their group leader until the end of services).

For a list of parts your child may lead in Jr. Congregation, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

WOMEN AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

TEEN GIRLS’ SHIR HASHIRIM READING

Eighth Day of Passover
Saturday, April 27

After *musaf*, the teen girls of our synagogue take part in our unique tradition as they read The Song of Songs for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services. Full preparation and training provided. Newcomers welcome! For information and to participate, please contact Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde at irohde@shearithisrael.org. To sponsor the *kiddush* in the girls’ honor, go to shearithisrael.org/teen-girls-shir-hashirim-2019.

GIRLS’ MEGILLAT RUTH READING

First Day of Shabu`ot, Sunday, June 9

Following morning services, the girls of our synagogue recite *Megillat Ruth* for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary. If your daughter would like to participate, and we would be delighted if she would, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

WOMEN’S SHABBAT SERVICES

On select Shabbat Mornings

By and for women, these services are an opportunity for women to lead prayer, read from the Torah and perform the rituals associated with the day’s services. We welcome the opportunity to celebrate momentous occasions—such as a girl becoming a Bat Mitzvah or a bride before her wedding—in the context of our service. To participate and for more information, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com. For dates of meetings, sign up for our email list on our website.

YOETZET HALAKHA

Shearith Israel is a co-sponsor of the Manhattan *Yoetzet Halakha* Initiative. If you have any questions regarding *Taharat Hamishpaha* (Family Purity) or the laws of *Niddah*, please contact our *Yoetzet Halakha*, Shiffy Friedman, in confidence at nycyoetzet@gmail.com.

Shiffy Friedman has been serving as a *Yoetzet Halakha* in Manhattan since 2017. She graduated from Nishmat’s Miriam Glaubach Center’s U.S. Yoatzot Halakha Fellows Program in 2015. She has been counseling women in the area of women’s health and *halakha*, both through her role as *Yoetzet Halakha* in Westchester County and through teaching brides and couples before marriage. Shiffy has taught at SAR Academy and currently teaches at Ma’ayanot Yeshiva High School. She received her B.A. in Judaic Studies from Stern College and a dual M.A. in Education and Jewish Studies from New York University. Prior to that, she spent a year studying in Israel at the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women in Migdal Oz. She and her husband, Rabbi Noam Friedman, live with their two children, Avital and Adir, in Morningside Heights, where they serve as the OU-JLIC couple at Columbia/Barnard Hillel.

ONE-ON-ONE TOUR OF THE UWS MIKVAH

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



HESED

CARING CONNECTION

Caring Connection, our Congregation's *hesed* network, 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.

If you know someone who might need assistance in any form, or would like to get involved as a volunteer yourself, please email caringconnection@shearithisrael.org.

If 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.

Using skinless dark-meat, this marinated chicken is healthy, easy to prepare, and simply delicious. And pairing with tri-color quinoa creates a meal that is light yet very satisfying.



Marinated Chicken with Red Pepper and Fennel

by Barbara Shahmoon

Barbara Shahmoon and her husband Sassoon have maintained their links to the Synagogue going back to Sassoon's parents, Ezra and Lydia, who were part of Shearith Israel back in the days of Rabbi Gerstein, Hazan Abraham and Irma Cardoza (dear friends), and Arnie Goldfarb. Barbara and Sassoon celebrated their wedding here with Rabbi Marc Angel and their son David's berit, which took place on Shabbat Yom Kippur, 1984. They love their connection to this special and unique Synagogue. It has a deep place in their hearts and family's history. Even though they now live in Montreal, they have maintained their membership and attend services whenever they come to the city, which is growing in frequency lately since their children, David and Lydia, have left the nest. They welcome you to say hello to them whenever they come to services; they would love to reconnect!

CULINARY CORNER

Ingredients:

Chicken:

- 2 – 3 lbs skinless legs and thighs
- 1 red pepper, sliced in bite-size pieces
- 1 fennel, sliced in bite-size pieces

Marinade (pulse in food processor):

- 8 cloves garlic
- 1-inch piece of ginger root
- ½ cup parsley
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tsp. oregano or thyme
- salt and pepper

Instructions

Marinate chicken pieces in marinade in plastic bag for 30 minutes or overnight in fridge.

Remove from bag and add red pepper and fennel to chicken and marinade.

Let mixture sit until room temperature.

Bake in roasting pan in one layer. First at 400 degrees, uncovered for 5 minutes, then 350 degrees, covered for 25 minutes.

Check that chicken is moist and not too dry.

Serve with 3-color quinoa.

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 and the food's significance to you.

RETROSPECTIVE

FROM RECIFE TO NEW YORK: DINNER WITH TODAY'S CONVERSOS OF BRAZIL

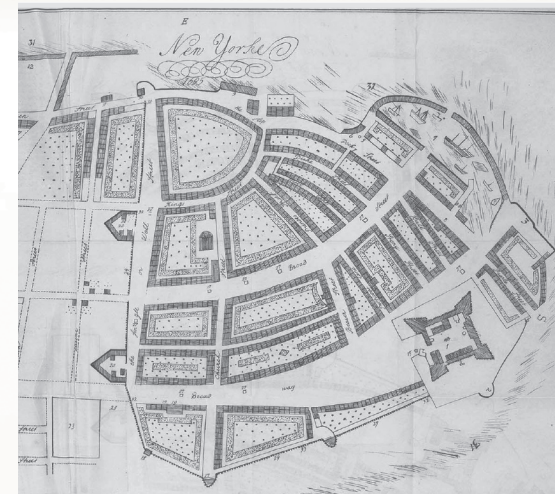
By Vivienne Roumani



We often recall the twenty-three Jews from Recife, Brazil, who were the founders of Congregation Shearith Israel, but the Friday night program on December 15, *From Recife to New York*, following an especially inspirational service and a special community meal, was a new take. The subject was not New Amsterdam, but rather the *Bnei Anusim* of northern Brazil, descendants of Iberian Jews who underwent forced conversions but maintained a secret Jewish identity. Aldrey Ribeiro de Brito, who was born in Campina Grande – Paraiba, Brazil, told us “My grandfather lit hidden candles on Friday evening, and his only explanation was ‘because my grandmother did it.’ We never ate pork.” It was particularly striking when he told us that upon first hearing *Had Gadyah* at a Passover seder, “I recognized the words that my grandmother had sung to me as a child at bedtime.” Once he became aware of his Jewish roots, he underwent a conversion to officially return to Judaism. “‘Until 120’ is what my grandmother wished me on my birthday, and when I asked why 120, she said ‘do you want more? It’s a good number.’”

Coincidentally, four days after the program, the prestigious journal *Nature Communications*, in an article on Latin American genealogy, reported a significant Sephardic heritage among some Latin American communities that was consistent in origin with the expulsion and forced conversion of Spanish and Portuguese Jews.

The Friday evening program, moderated by Rabbi Soloveichik, was introduced by longtime Shearith Israel member, Sam Katz, who described his introduction to Rabbi Haim Amsalem, author of the magnum opus *Zera Yisrael* (“Seed of Israel”), which addresses Jewish identity and conversion. Rabbi Amsalem, who was born in Algeria and immigrated to Israel in 1970, is a former member of Knesset who is on a compassionate mission to help reconnect *Bnei Anusim* communities, descendants of an estimated quarter million 15th Century Sephardic Jews, to their Jewish roots. He spoke of his goals in Hebrew, with Rabbi Soloveichik translating. We then heard from Rabbi Gilberto Venturas, who, with his wife Jacqueline, has



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been active in working with *Bnei Anusim* for twenty-five years; they currently provide support to more than twenty communities of *Bnei Anusim* throughout Brazil in many ways, including classes, celebrating Jewish holidays, and even WhatsApp consultation. They were amazed initially at how many Brazilians approached them, eager to return. Rabbi Venturas translated for Aldrey Ribeiro de Brito, who spoke next in Portuguese.

Finally, we heard about the Zera Israel Foundation, from Arie Toledano, the founder. He is a native of Morocco who lives in Jerusalem, and was an accomplished international businessman until he took on the goal of helping the “millions of seeds of Israel” from around the world to reconnect to Judaism. The program then ended with a description of the

Foundation’s plans and efforts by Chen Hay, the Foundation’s Managing Director.

It is sobering to think of the millions of individuals descended from Spanish and Portuguese Jews who were forced to convert, and especially those who retained at least some memory of their Jewish heritage for hundreds of years. Shabbat Vayiggash, with its story of the reuniting of brothers, was an especially meaningful time to learn about some of those millions who have chosen to return to Judaism, and to know that others, throughout the Americas and elsewhere, are being offered support and encouragement if they wish to do so.

Vivienne Roumani is an active member of Shearith Israel, and a frequent volunteer docent for synagogue tours.



SERVICES

TISHA B'AB AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

August 10 – 11, 2019

Tisha B'Ab, the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar, commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in ancient Jerusalem. Over the years, this day has also come to remind us of other historic tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people. For Tisha B'Ab, the Reader's Desk and Holy Ark are draped in black. The evening and morning services are conducted from a special table—also draped in black—rather than from the Reader's Desk. The synagogue lights are dimmed, so that congregants follow services with small flashlights. The melodies of Tisha B'Ab are somber and deeply moving. The afternoon service on the day of Tisha B'Ab takes on an optimistic air. We focus on Isaiah's words of consolation to the Jewish people: *Nahamu nahamu ami*, be comforted, be comforted My people. The Almighty has promised that Israel will be consoled and redeemed. The service closes with a crescendo of biblical verses, sung by the Hazzan and Congregation that speak of the restoration of Jerusalem and the redemption of the people of Israel. The fast day which had begun so somberly is now transformed by thoughts of consolation and redemption. Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will deliver a public lecture following the reading of *Eikhab* on the eve of Tisha B'Ab.

SHABBAT SERVICES

April 5th-6th

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh-Hahodesh

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:07 pm
Friday Evening Services [Early].....6:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
ZemirothJacob Daar
Parashat Tazria-Rosh Hodesh-Hahodesh
Lev. 12:1-13:59, Num. 28:9-15 & Ex. 12:1-20
HaftarahJoseph A. Solomon
Ezekiel 45:18-46:15, Isaiah 66:1 & 23
Class6:00 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:00 pm
Saturday Sunset7:26 pm
Habdalah.....8:02 pm

Shabbat Hahodesh derives its name from the special reading of the Torah, Exodus 12:1-20. This "portion about the month" refers to the special consecration of Nisan, the month of Passover. In 5779, **Shabbat Hahodesh** coincides with Nisan 1, **Rosh Hodesh**, itself.

April 12th-13th Shabbat HaGadol

1818 – 2nd Mill St. Consecration Anniversary

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:14 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
Zemiroth Sjimón Den Hollander
Parashat Metzora-HaGadol..... Lev. 14:1-15:33
Haftarah Malachi 3:4-24..... Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Class6:10 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:10 pm
Saturday Sunset7:33 pm
Habdalah.....8:10 pm

Shabbat HaGadol, the "Sabbath of the Great [One]" is the designation used for the Sabbath just preceding Passover, which was always the occasion for a sage of rank to exhort the congregation concerning Passover. At Shearith Israel, this Shabbat is also observed as the anniversary of the consecration of its 2nd Mill St. Synagogue Building, completed and dedicated just in time for Passover 1818.

May 3rd-4th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:36 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
ZemirothAdam F. Jackson
Parashat Ahare Moth..... Lev. 16:1-18:30
Haftarah I Samuel 20:18-42Avi Friedman
Class6:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:30 pm
Saturday Sunset7:55 pm
Habdalah.....8:35 pm

May 10th-11th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:43 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
ZemirothJacob Daar
Parashat Kedoshim..... Lev. 19:1-20:27
Haftarah Ezekiel 20:2-20 Eli Sasson
Class6:35 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:35 pm
Saturday Sunset8:02 pm
Habdalah.....8:42 pm

May 17th-18th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:50 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
Zemiroth Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Emor..... Lev. 21:1-24:23
Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31Laurent Nahon
Class6:45 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:45 pm
Saturday Sunset8:09 pm
Habdalah.....8:49 pm

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365th ANNIVERSARY



May 24th-25th Consecration Shabbat
1897-70th Street Consecration Anniversary

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:56 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
ZemirotAvery E. Neumark
Parashat Behar..... Lev. 25:1-26:2
Haftarah Jeremiah 32:6-27 George Bulow
Class6:50 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:50 pm
Saturday Sunset8:15 pm
Habdalah.....8:56 pm

The Shabbat after Lag LaOmer is the anniversary of the consecration of our current synagogue building on 70th St. and Central Park West, which was completed and dedicated on Lag LaOmer in 1897, in time to open it to worshippers for Shabuot that year.

May 31st-June 1st

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset).....8:02 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
ZemirotJoseph A. Solomon
Parashat Behukkothai.....Leviticus 25:1-end
Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Noah Lang
Class6:55 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....7:55 pm
Saturday Sunset8:21 pm
Habdalah.....9:02 pm

June 7th-8th Shabbat on Eve of Shabuot

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset).....8:07 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Bemidbar.....Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah, Hosea 2:1-22.....Noam Kaplan
Shabbat Minhah & Shabuot Arbit8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset8:26 pm
Shabbat Ends/Light Festival Candles.....9:07 pm
Mishmarah/Tikkun: Late Class..... 11:00 pm
(See **Festival of Shabuot** for further schedule)

June 14th-15th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset)8:11 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
ZemirotZachary S. Edinger
Parashat Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89
Haftarah
Judges 13:2-25
Class7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset8:29 pm
Habdalah.....9:10 pm

June 21st-22nd

Friday Evening Services [Early*]6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset)8:13 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
ZemirotJacob Daar
Parashat Behaalotekha.....Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftarah Jacob P. Seligson
Zachariah 2:14-4:7
Class7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset8:31 pm
Habdalah.....9:13 pm

June 28th-29th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset)8:13 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Shelah Lekha.....Numbers 13:1-15:41
HaftarahSteven Beispel
Joshua 2:1-24
Class7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset8:31 pm
Habdalah.....9:13 pm

July 5th-6th

Friday Evening Services..... 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 8:12 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
ZemirotAdam F. Jackson
Parashat Korah Numbers 16:1-18:3
Haftarah Jacob Aufzien
I Samuel 11:14-12:22
Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 7:05 pm
Minhah & Arbit..... 8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:30 pm
Habdalah..... 9:12 pm

July 12th-13th

Friday Evening Services..... 6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset)..... 8:10 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
ZemirotJacob Daar
Parashat Hukkath.....Numbers 19:1-22:1
Haftarah
Judges 11:1-33
Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:27 pm
Habdalah..... 9:10 pm

July 19th-20th

Friday Evening Services [Early*] 6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset)..... 8:06 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Balak Numbers 22:2-25:9
Haftarah Lewis Bateman
Micah 5:6-6:8
Seuda Shelishit & Class..... 6:55 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 7:55 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:23 pm
Habdalah..... 9:05 pm

July 26th-27th Shabbat Dibre

Friday Evening Services..... 6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset) 8:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot Matthew Kaplan
Parashat PinehasNumbers 25:10-30:1
HaftarahZachary S. Edinger
Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
Class 6:50 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 7:50 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:17 pm
Habdalah..... 8:59 pm

The Three Weeks between the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz and the Fast of the 9th of Ab are a traditional period of contrition and mourning for Jerusalem and the Temple; prophetic passages of reproof and foreboding are designated as the haftarah readings on the three intervening Sabbaths. Sephardic custom is to refer to these Sabbaths by the opening words of the particular haftarah read on that day. **Shabbat Dibre** is the first; its reading is the opening of the Book of Jeremiah. All three haftarot are chanted in a dirge of lament, although each ends on notes of comfort.

August 2nd-3rd Shabbat Shimu

Friday Evening Services [Early*] 6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset) 7:53 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
ZemirotAdam F. Jackson
Parashat Mattoth-MaseNumbers 30:2-end
Haftarah Charles Gourgey
Jeremiah 2:4-28 and 4:1-2
Class 6:45 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 7:45 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:10 pm
Habdalah..... 8:51 pm
Shabbat Shimu continues the theme of reproof and ominous foreboding with a reading from the second chapter of Jeremiah.

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August 9th-10th Shabbat Hazon

Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset).....	7:44 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Debarim.....	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
Haftarah	Rabbi Ira Rohde
Isaiah 1:1-27	
Saturday Afternoon Minhah	3:30 pm
Sat. Sunset (Fast Begins).....	8:01 pm
End of Shabbat.....	8:42 pm
Eve of the Fast Arbit Service.....	9:00 pm

Shabbat Hazon refers to the opening “vision” of the Book of Isaiah, parallel to the opening prophetic vision of the book of Jeremiah which was read during the preceding two weeks. This last of the group of these three haftarot, the one which immediately precedes the Fast of Ab, is often read by the hazzan or some other scholar who is “well-versed in lamentation,” as it is at Congregation Shearith Israel. This year the 9th day of the Month of Ab falls on Shabbat, and the Fast is put off until the following day, so that this year Shabbat Hazon is the Eve of the Fast of Ab. Saturday afternoon Minhah is held early at 3:30 pm, so that all may go home to eat their Third Meal at suppertime and begin their fast by sunset (8:01), concluding the Sabbath at 8:42 by reciting “barukh hamabdil ben kodesh lehol,” and returning to the synagogue for the Motza’e Shabbat/Fast of Ab Arbit Service, which is called for 9:00 pm. The service begins with the hazzan reciting the single blessing “bore me’ore ha’esh” from the habdalah, over a candle. On Sunday evening, the fast should be concluded with the remainder of habdalah recited over a cup of grape juice or wine, without spices or a candle.

August 16th-17th Shabbat Nahamu

Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset).....	7:35 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Vaethanan	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Haftarah Isaiah 40:1-26	
Class	6:25 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:25 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:52 pm
Habdalah.....	8:30 pm
The Fast of the 9th of Ab is followed by the seven Sabbaths preceding Rosh HaShanah at which special Haftarot of Consolation from Isaiah are chanted. The first of these is Shabbat Nahamu , referring to Isaiah 40’s opening: “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people.”	

August 23rd-24th

Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:25 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Avery E. Neumark
Parashat Ekeb	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Haftarah Isaiah 49:14-51:3	Rafe Sasson
Class	6:15 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:15 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:41 pm
Habdalah.....	8:19 pm

August 30th-31st Shabbat Rosh Hodesh

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:14 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Reeh-Rosh Hodesh	
Deut. 11:26-16:17, Num. 28:9-15	
Haftarah	Jacob P. Seligson
Isaiah 54:11-55:5, 66:1&23; I Samuel 20:18&42	
Class	6:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:30 pm
Habdalah.....	8:07 pm

PASSOVER FESTIVAL

PESAH, HAG HAMATZOT

Friday Eve, April 19th - Saturday, April 27th

Preparations

Search for Leaven

Thursday Evening, April 18th

At night on Thursday (after sunset, 7:38 pm)

Fast of First Born

Friday Morning, April 19th

Fast of First Born begins (Dawn)	4:44 am
Sunrise	6:11 am
Shahrit & <i>siyyum</i> for the First Born.....	7:15 am
Stop eating <i>hametz</i> by	10:41 am
Dispose of any remaining <i>hametz</i> by	11:48 am

First & Second Days of Passover

FIRST TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

First Day of Passover

Eve of the First Day, Friday Eve, April 19th

Candle Lighting	7:21 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	7:15 pm
Friday Evening Sunset	7:39 pm
Begin the First Haggadah.....	after 8:04 pm

First Day Morning, Saturday, April 20th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Tikkun HaTal.....	inserted in Musaf 10:40 am
Sermon & Service Conclusion.....	11:25-11:50 am

Second Day of Passover

Eve of the Second Day, Saturday, April 20th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	7:15 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	7:40 pm
Shabbat Ends & Omer Counting.....	after 8:19 pm
Candles & Second Haggadah	after 8:19 pm

Second Day Morning, Sunday, April 21st

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf.....	9:00-11:50 am

Second Day Conclusion, Sunday, April 21st

Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
Sunday Evening Sunset	7:41 pm
Sunday Evening Habdalah	8:10 pm

Intermediate Weekdays of Passover

HOL HAMOED PESAH

Mon.-Thu. Mornings, April 22nd-25th

Shahrit & Musaf	7:15 am
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Mon.-Wed. Evenings, April 22nd-24th

Minhah & Arbit.....	6:30 pm
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Seventh & Eighth Days of Passover

FINAL TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

Seventh Day of Pesah

Synagogue Consecration Anniversary

Mill Street Synagogue (1730)

Eve of the 7th Day, Thursday Eve, April 25th

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

Thursday Evening Candle Lighting.....	7:28 pm
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Thursday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
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Thursday Evening Sunset	7:46 pm
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7th Day Morning, Friday, April 26th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Torah Reading	9:50 am
Featuring reading of the <i>Shirah</i> – Song of the Sea	
Musaf, Sermon, Conclusion	10:40-11:45 am

Shabbat, The Eighth Day of Pesah

Eve of the 8th Day, Friday Eve, April 26th

Shabbat/Festival Candle Lighting	by 7:29 pm
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Friday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
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Friday Evening Sunset	7:47 pm
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8th Day/Shabbat Morn, Saturday, April 27th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Reading of Song of Songs	11:30 am-12:15 pm

8th Day Conclusion, Saturday, April 27th

Saturday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
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Saturday Evening Sunset	7:48 pm
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8th Day/Shabbat Concluding Habdalah	8:27 pm
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Do not consume *hametz* until

½ hour after Habdalah.....	8:57 pm
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FESTIVAL OF SHABUOT (Two-Day)

PENTECOST, THE FEAST OF WEEKS

Saturday Eve, June 8th - Monday, June 10th

Shabbat on the Eve of Shabuot

Friday Eve, June 7th - Saturday, June 8th

(Full schedule listed under Shabbat Services)

Eve of the First Day of Shabuot

Saturday Evening, June 8th

Shabbat Minhah & Shabuot Arbit	8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:26 pm
Shabbat Ends/Light Festival Candles	9:07 pm
Mishmarah/Tikkun: Late Class.....	11:00 pm

First Day of Shabuot Morning

1834 – Crosby St. Consecration Anniversary

Sunday Morning, June 9th

Zemiroth	8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel.....	9:00 am
Taking Out Torah & Readings.....	9:50-10:45 am
Exodus 19:1-20:23 (The Ten Commandments)	
Haftarah	Ezekiel 1:1-28 & 3:12
Musaf & Sermon	10:45-11:25 am
Girls' Reading Book of Ruth.....	11:30-12:30 am
Bat Mitzvah.....	Eloise Bregman

Eve of the Second Day of Shabuot

Sunday Evening, June 9th

Reading Intro & 1st Part of Azharot	7:30 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	8:00 pm
Sunday Evening Sunset	8:26 pm
Candle Lighting	after 8:53 pm

Second Day of Shabuot Morning

Monday Morning, June 10th

Zemiroth	8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf.....	9:00-11:50 am

Second Day of Shabuot Conclusion

Monday Evening, June 10th

Reading 2nd Part of Azharot	7:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	8:00 pm
Monday Evening Sunset	8:27 pm
Monday Evening Habdalah	8:54 pm

Shabuot, The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost

comes on the fiftieth day, just after the 7-week Omer period between the beginnings of the barley and wheat harvests, and traditionally commemorates the Revelation at Sinai seven weeks after the Israelites left Egypt.

The Book of Ruth is traditionally read on Shabuot, since it deals with both the Israeli grain harvest at this time of year, which this festival marks, as well as acceptance of the Torah, in this case by Ruth as a faithful convert. The younger girls of the congregation who take part are pre-assigned a few verses each, which they carefully rehearse, learning to chant them according to the congregation's unique traditional cantillation system for the Book of Ruth. Girls wishing to take part, or their parents, should please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde (lrohde-csi@yahoo.com) well in advance of the festival. The girls will read their portions at the end of Sunday Morning Services at 11:30 am.

Azharot ("Admonitions") is the name given to the poem by Shelomo Ibn Gabirol with introduction by David Ibn Eleazar Pekudah. It enumerates all 613 Commandments of the Torah in rhymed verse. The introduction and the first part, which lists the 248 positive Commandments, is read on Sunday evening at 7:30, before Minhah. The second part, which enumerates the 365 negative Commandments, is read on Monday evening at 7:30, before Minhah. The poem is chanted by the men and boys of the congregation to the Spanish & Portuguese traditional Shabuot melody in round-robin style, with each participant leading two lines at a time.

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Rosh Hodesh Nisan (One-Day)

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh- HaHodesh

Friday Evening, April 5th through

Saturday, April 6th

(For Services see Shabbat Schedule)

Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wed. Eve, May 1st through Thu., May 2nd

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Rosh Hodesh Iyar (Two-Day)

Saturday Evening, May 4th through

Sunday & Monday, May 5th & 6th

(For Services see Shabbat & Daily Schedule)

Yom Ha`Atzma`ut

Israeli Independence Day

Wednesday Evening, May 8th

through Thursday, May 9th

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Lag La`Omer

Wednesday Evening, May 22nd

through Thursday, May 23rd

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Memorial Day Legal Holiday

Monday, May 27th

Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 8:00 am

Eveining (Minha & Arbit) Services..... 6:30 pm

Yom Yerushalayim

Jerusalem Reunification Day

Sat. Eve, June 1st through Sunday, June 2nd

(For Services see Shabbat & Daily Schedules)

Rosh Hodesh Sivan (One-Day)

Monday Evening, June 3rd

through Tuesday, June 4th

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz (Two-Day)

& American Independence Day

(Fourth of July Legal Holiday)

Tuesday Evening, July 2nd through

Wednesday & Thursday, July 3rd & 4th

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday Eves

Evenings of July 2nd, July 3rd, & July 4th

Evening Services (Minha & Arbit)..... 6:45 pm

Wednesday Morning, July 3rd

Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 7:15 am

American Independence Legal Holiday

Thursday, July 4th

Late Morning Service (Shahrit, Musaf) 8:00 am

Fast of (the Seventeenth of) Tammuz

Shiba Asar BeTammuz (Observed)

Sunday, July 21st

Dawn (Fast Begins) 4:00 am

Sunrise..... 5:42 am

Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 8:00 am

Minhah (men wear tefillin) 7:30 pm

Sunset 8:22 pm

End of Fast 8:50 pm

The Fast of Tammuz commemorates the breach of the city walls of Jerusalem as well as the destruction of the first tablets of the Ten Commandments following the sin of the Golden Calf. Shabbat postpones it to Sunday.

Rosh Hodesh Ab (One-Day)

Thursday Evening, August 1st through

Friday, August 2nd

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

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MINOR HOLIDAYS (Cont'd)

Fast of (the 9th of) Ab *Tisha BeAb (Observed)*

Eve of the Fast, Saturday, August 10th

Saturday Afternoon Minhah	3:30 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset (Fast Begins).....	8:01 pm
End of Shabbat.....	8:42 pm
Eve of the Fast Arbit Service.....	9:00 pm

Fast of Ab Day, Sunday, August 11th

Morning Service.....	8:00 am-12:15 pm
Sunday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:00 pm
Sunday Evening Sunset	8:00 pm
End of Fast & Habdalah (wine only).....	8:27 pm

The Fast of (the Ninth of) Ab, three weeks after the **Fast of Tammuz**, commemorates the breaching of the Temple Mount fortifications and the dates of destruction of both the First and Second Temples. Shabbat postpones the fast to Sunday this year.

Rosh Hodesh Elul (Two-Day)

Friday Evening, August 30th through

Saturday, Aug. 31st & Sunday, Sep. 1st

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Elul:

Fri. & Sat. Services follow Shabbat Schedule

Sunday Morn Shahrit, Hallel, Musaf..... 8:00 am

Sunday Eve Minhah, Arbit & **Selihot*.....6:30 pm

*Sep. 1-Oct. 6 *Selihot* after Daily Arbit

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings:

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

Sundays & Legal Holidays, Shahrit 8:00 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

Mar. 10th-May 30th, Minhah & Arbit.....6:30 pm

June 2nd-July 25th, Minhah & Arbit.....6:45 pm

July 28th-Aug. 29th, Minhah & Arbit.....6:30 pm

Sep. 1-Oct. 6, Minhah, Arbit & *Selihot*.....6:30 pm

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Rosh Hashanah, 5780

Sunday Eve, Sep. 29th through

Mon. Sep. 30th & Tue., Oct. 1st

Shabbat Teshubah, 5780

Fri. Eve, Oct. 4th through Sat. Oct. 5th

Yom Kippur, 5780

Tue. Eve, Oct. 8th through Wed., Oct. 9th

First Two Days of Succot, 5780

Sunday Eve, Oct. 13th

through Mon. & Tue., Oct. 14th & 15th

Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot, 5780

Fri. Eve, Oct. 18th through Sat. Oct. 19th

Shemini Hag Atseret, 5780

Sun. Eve, Oct. 20th through Mon. Oct. 21st

Simhat Torah, 5780

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Shabbat Bereshit (Shabbat Hatanim), 5780

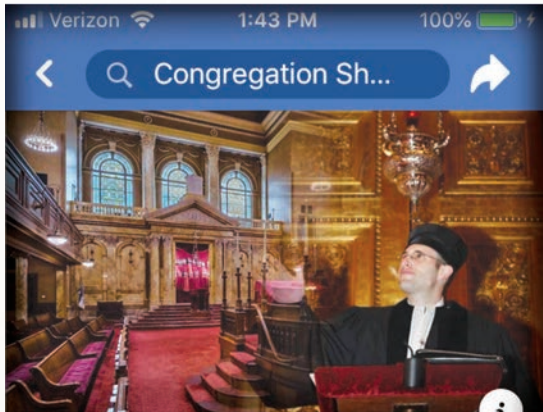
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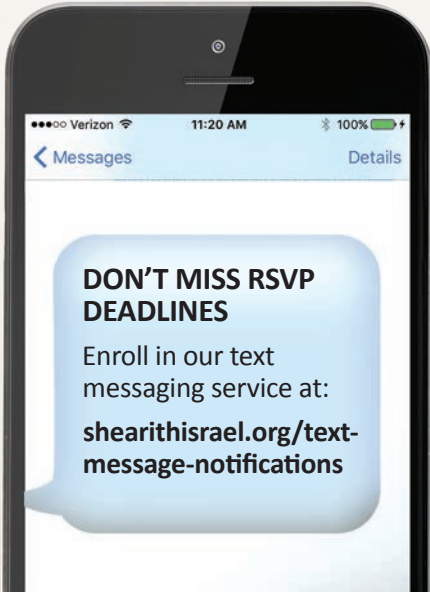


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General donations honor our past with dignity through the preservation of our historic spaces including our main sanctuary and small synagogue, three historic cemeteries in Lower Manhattan and our active cemetery in Cypress Hills, Queens. These donations 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.

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