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On the Cover: Our historic Samuel Hart Sefer Torah, expertly restored as part of our ongoing Torah Restoration Project. For a listing of all who have contributed to this effort, see page 11. To get involved, visit shearithisrael.org/restoration.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

FELLOW PESAH PASSENGERS

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



In his book *Civility*, Yale law professor Stephen Carter notes that in the nineteenth century, everyone traveled by train. Whether it was first, second, or third class, they traveled together, were

forced to sacrifice a bit for each other, and to treat each other with civility, in order to make the ride more bearable. They purchased a book by Isaac Peebles, *Politeness on Railroads*, and followed its rules, such as “whispering, loud talking, immoderate laughing, and singing should not be indulged by any passenger.”

Now, Carter writes with dismay, everyone travels by car; and “we travel both long and short distances surrounded by metal and glass and the illusion that we are traveling alone. The illusion has seeped into every crevice of our public and private lives, persuading us that sacrifices are no longer necessary.” The Volkswagen advertisement, writes Carter, says it all: “On the road of life, there are passengers and there are drivers,” with the commercial concluding, “drivers wanted.” According to this ethos, ought to be a driver, everyone ought to pave their own path through life, no one ought to have passengers.

In contrast, Pesah is a holiday when we reenact our journey out of Egypt, and we emphasize that this journey was one we began together, and this journey is through history which continues to this day, and which *binds us together*. There is a wonderful tradition among many Sephardic Jews in which the *matzot* are bound up in a napkin, with one member of the family placing it on his or her shoulder. That individual is then asked: “From where do you come?” The reply is exquisite: “I am from Egypt, and am journeying to Jerusalem. Please come with me.” The *matza* is then passed to another Pesah celebrant. The *minhag* beautifully embodies Judaism as a journey, and how only together, as one people, can this journey truly continue. May this Pesah bind us to each other once again.



Meir Y. Soloveichik



AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL



ABOVE: One of our groups at the New-York Historical Society, where Rabbi Soloveichik led a private, in-depth tour of the “Mark Twain in the Holy Land” exhibit. Member Bill Schuldor (back row, right) is holding his first-edition copy of the famous Mark Twain book, *The Innocents Abroad*, or *The New Pilgrims’ Progress*, upon which the exhibit is based.

A. Our beautiful annual memorial at Chatham Square cemetery, led by Z. Edinger, celebrating the patriotic service of our members, past and present. Refer to page 16 for write up of Arthur Goldberg’s remarks.

B. A fascinating tour of Jewish art and artifacts at the Jewish Museum, for CSI Youth and PTTS students.

C. Many Shearith Israel members attended the No Hate No Fear solidarity march this past January. Shown here: Executive Director, Barbara Reiss, Mark Aaron, and Guy Reiss.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS

Louis M. Solomon



Dear Congregants:

With 2019 in our collective rearview mirror, our Congregation’s *Year of Years Commemoration*, marking Shearith Israel’s 365th anniversary of organized Jewish presence in America, is coming to a close as well. We’ve shared many truly magnificent celebrations over the past year: To name just a few, together we participated in *Passover and the American Imagination*, a tour de force symposium led by Rabbi Soloveichik; a Shabbat Dinner with today’s conversos from Recife, Brazil; and *The Travels of the Torah*, a magisterial event featuring our Rabbi’s keynote lecture, a moving reunion of the Portuguese Duke of Braganza with the descendants of the Abarbanel, the rededication of a meticulously restored, centuries-old American Torah, and the unprecedented return, exhibition, and use of our three precious sets of Myer Myers rimonim. We took two excursions to our Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, as well as several in-city trips to cemeteries and museums to pay homage to our collective past and to marvel at our Community’s influence on American historical events both large and small.

We all took great pleasure in these ambitious events. They were fitting moments in our Commemoration. But *Year of Years* was—and remains—an important occasion for us as a community to secure our Congregation’s financial future as well. We all should be proud of the success of this effort to date. As of this writing, we have secured over \$7MM in pledges and gifts from 125 donors. “Thank you” is too puny and insufficient a phrase to express our *hakarat hatov*, or deep and abiding gratitude, to those who have already stepped up. But there is more to be done—not a lot more, but more. As we wind down our *Year of Years* Celebration, we remain loyal to our goal, expressed since the

outset, to have every single member of our community participate, to whatever degree life’s circumstances permit. We have been thrilled with the dynamic growth of our membership over the past several years. And it is our newer

members who have disproportionately shown their commitment in matching and actually exceeding the financial commitment of your Board of Trustees. Each and every member of our community, longstanding and recent, is an indispensable part of our congregation. Each and every member should have a hand in our collective future.

We will be announcing a few more opportunities for our members and friends to get involved in the final months of the Campaign. One rare and particularly noteworthy opportunity is to have a small tribute plaque affixed to one of the twelve candlesticks surrounding the teba in the main sanctuary. There are very few places in our synagogue—especially inside the sanctuary—where signs or plaques are mounted. These candlesticks are one of the few exceptions where this has been permitted in the past. In keeping with our tradition, we are offering these limited spots to a few major *Year of Years* donors who express interest. If you would like to learn more, contact our Executive Director, Barbara Reiss or our new Deputy Executive Director, Bonnie Barest, whom everyone should take a moment to welcome to our community. We are counting on 100% participation and support in the Campaign. Please, be a part of this history.

I wish everyone a wonderful Spring and kosher and happy Passover.

Louis M. Solomon

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Barbara Reiss



Tree of Life, Poway, Jersey City, Monsey. Who would have thought that we would be witness to such horrific violence and attacks on synagogues in America, especially those so close to home. Not only do we need to be concerned about the rise of violent anti-Semitism and the safety of Jews everywhere, we need to maximize our safety in our own synagogue. At Shearith Israel, safety and security have always been extremely high priorities for us, and now we are reinforcing our efforts. We thought now was an opportune time to tell you about some of the security features we have in place and are currently implementing (some are apparent, some less so and some, we are advised not to disclose), much of which is invisible or barely discernible to you but should make an important difference:

- 1) **Professional Security Personnel**—We retain a security firm that is highly regarded and has contracts with the Israeli consulate and other prominent synagogues and schools.
- 2) **Emergency Preparedness for Staff and Congregants**—Our staff underwent an intensive training program customized for us by Gleis Security Consulting, LLC. We learned how to identify and mitigate risks and were taught protocols for a range of critical incidents. For congregants, we updated the emergency exit cards that can be found in the drawers of the pews and have implemented annual emergency evacuation drills, usually on a Shabbat approaching the High Holidays.
- 3) **Surveillance**—A successful Homeland Security Grant enabled us to install new, state-of-the-art CCTV security cameras, surveillance devices, and security equipment. Our emergency alert system notifies police and security of a potential crisis. The surveillance equipment allows our staff to monitor our facility and the surrounding vicinity from multiple internal stations as well as remotely.

- 4) **Reinforcing our Front Door**—Our latest Homeland Security Grant (for which we applied in 2018, in advance of the latest incidents) will “harden” our exterior doors. Although safety and security are our priority, we are committed to preserving the aesthetics and historicity of our facility and complying with NYC’s Landmark Preservation Commission requirements. This is a complex and expensive job requiring qualified craftsmen and security experts. The grant will also enable us to add access technology that will restrict who can enter the building and who can permit visitors to enter.

- 5) **Ongoing Community Communications**—We maintain regular contact with our local NYPD precinct and have also recently met with the NYPD’s Community Affairs Bureau Clergy Outreach Unit. Maintaining these communication lines keeps them aware of our particular concerns and encourages them to give us attention during higher risk times and on an ad-hoc basis. We have also cultivated relationships with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) as the centralized resource for the NY Jewish community, and get regular updates and resources from them.

We pray and hope that all of these measures serve as insurance and are not needed for an actual event. We don’t want to advocate hiding or cowering; we want to continue to stand #JewishANDProud. Most importantly, we want you to be confident that you can feel safe when you enter Shearith Israel. And as the MTA says, “If you see something, say something.” Please alert our staff if you see something that concerns you.

Barbara Reiss



INTRODUCING OUR NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: BONNIE BAREST

I am excited to join the Shearith Israel community in my new role as Deputy Executive Director. This is a great opportunity for me to combine my professional and Jewish philanthropic passions.

As a recognized leader in the media industry, I can put my business skills to work to handle the administrative roles and my passion for Judaism to bring the spirit alive. I am proud to have helped the Israel Ministry of Tourism to drive awareness and increase tourism.

I have been a dedicated lay leader, with UJA Federation and the Wexner Heritage Foundation, committed to building thriving Jewish communities and exploring new ways to provide organizational leadership. I currently serve on the board of UJA NY Professional Women and on the Planned Giving Committee.

During this past year, I have had great opportunities to explore the Spanish and Portuguese traditions not only at Congregation Shearith Israel, where I enjoyed Shabbat services and dinner in one of the most beautifully decorated and unusual succahs I’ve ever seen, or at Lincoln Square Synagogue, where I

saw the film “Children of the Inquisition,” but all across the country and world.

In May, I took a fabulous trip to Barcelona. How amazing to take a Jewish tour of Barcelona’s past, seeing the Call and L’Antiga Sinagoga in the Quarter inhabited by the Jewish community in medieval Barcelona, and then enjoy Barcelona’s Jewish life today - kosher food in La Bouqueria/ Las Ramblas and Shabbat services with Spanish Jews at Jabad.

I also spent a patriotic July 4th Shabbat at our sister congregation, Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, enjoying Shabbat services and meals with Rabbi Gabbai, and a visit to the National Museum of American Jewish History.

As a long time Upper West Sider, I have always regarded Congregation Shearith Israel as a unique and historic treasure of Jewish life. I am honored to be a part of the professional team working with Barbara Reiss to continue to keep the tradition alive and ensure Congregation Shearith Israel’s rich future. I look forward to getting to know you.



Wedding of Nat Bernstein and Moshe Bension



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

- Allan Cohen
Mikal and Brad Finkelstein
Roger Gerber

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

- Joanne and Yaakov Ben-Avi upon their first grandson, Leo Michael, son of Diana and Elan Ben-Avi, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Nat Bernstein, our Youth Group Leader, upon her marriage to Moshe Bension.

Natalie Dweck, upon the birth of a grandson, Samuel Elias.

Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein upon their grandson, Yaakov, son of Shira and Daniel Edelstein, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Malka and Zachary Edinger on the birth of a baby boy, David Judah. Congratulations to big sister Navah Manda Edinger, to grandparents Rose and Dr. Henry Edinger and Elaine and Rabbi Michael Strasberg, and to the entire family.

Halana and Alan Greenberg, upon the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Eliana and Matthew Greenberg.

Ahron Herring, who was awarded the JICNY Pinnacle of Leadership award at the annual JICNY Gala Fundraiser.

Ellen and Rob Kapito and Judith and Dr. Pinkas Lebovits upon the birth of a granddaughter, Ava Giselle (Amalia Gitel), born to their children, Kayla and Elias.

Jennifer Katz upon her marriage to David Simins. Congratulations as well to her parents, Vicki and Sam Katz.

Jackie and Andrew Klaber on being honored at this year's Stanton Street Shul Pre-Purim Masquerade Ball.

Gregory Levin, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to his parents, Yulia Shapiro and Igor Levin.

Simone Lipschutz upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Elizabeth Edelman and Henry Lipschutz. In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, Simone created a film on Parashat Haye Sarah.

Lilane Marks on the marriage of her son, Lionel Marks, to Alexandra Brezceki.

Aaron Nathan upon his marriage to Dr. Meredith Case. Congratulations as well to his parents, Dr. Rebecca Chaplan and David Nathan, grandmother Ruth Nathan, and the entire family.

Janice and Isaac Ovadiah, upon the birth of a grandson.

Lauren and Mitch Presser, upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Gail Propp on being honored at this year's Ramaz Annual Dinner.

Ruth Malkah Rohde, upon her marriage to Steven Gotlib. Congratulations as well to her parents, Mrs. Lisa and Rabbi Ira Rohde.

Daniela Sassoon and Eli Schildkraut, upon the birth of a baby boy. Congratulations as well to the proud grandparents, Ivy and Marvin Schildkraut, and the entire family

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Hazakim U'berukhim:

Daisy Braverman and Rabbi Ira Rohde, on their participation in the International Ladino Day, hosted by the American Sephardi Federation at the Center for Jewish History.

Susan and Roger Hertog, on the upcoming release of The Susan and Roger Hertog Book of Exodus in the Koren Tanakh Land of Israel series.

David Sable, on the publication of his children's book, What Would You Wish For? The book is available on Amazon.com.

Bequests

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

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

- Renee Alevy
Elliot Freilich
Katherine Noire

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Heather and Harris Bulow, upon the loss of their daughter, Charlotte. Condolences as well to her grandparents, Lucienne Carasso Bulow and George Bulow.

Karen Daar (segan), on the passing of her mother, Hilda Anne Rosensweig.

Eric Fleischer, upon the passing of his mother, Linda Fleischer.

Helen Rand Freilich, upon the passing of her husband, trustee Elliot Freilich. Condolences as well to his children, Alexander, Lily, and Isaac, his mother, Estelle, and his brothers, Benjamin, Jonathan, and David Freilich. Elliot was the son of the late Parnas, Dr. Dennis B. Freilich, a"h.

Arthur Goldberg, on the passing of his brother, Dr. Maurice Golbey.

Igor Levin, upon the passing of his stepfather, Vladimir Baranov.

John Quinones, our Facilities Manager, and Carol Dipisa, on the passing of Carol's brother, Antonio Rivera.

Zoya Raynes (trustee), upon the passing of her sister, Svetlana Raynes.

Roberto Salama, upon the passing of his father, Ricardo (Ezra) Salama.

Isaac Schlessinger, upon the passing of his father, Shlomo (Sidney) Schlessinger.

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IN APPRECIATION

Special thanks to:

Our team of volunteer docents, 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: Rose Edinger, Zachary Edinger, Janet Kirchheimer, Michael Lustig, Eliza de Sola Mendes, and Vivienne Roumani. If you would like to learn more about becoming a docent, please contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

Class Sponsors:

Jane and Roger Gerber, for sponsoring a Shabbat Afternoon Class.

Scott Shay, for sponsoring the Winter Semester of Rabbi Soloveichik’s Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of his grandparents, Shmuel v’Nesiya and Aharon v’Sara.

Minyan Breakfast Sponsors and Supporters:

Elizabeth Edelman and Henry Lipschutz, in honor of Simone becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Kiddush Fund Sponsors:

Anonymous, in honor of Liz Rios.

Esme and Roger Berg, in honor of the anniversary of Louis-Alexandre becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Laury Frieber, in honor of Matea becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Vicki and Sam Katz, in honor of the aufruf of Jennifer’s fiancé, David Simins.

Vicki and Sam Katz, in honor of the wedding of their daughter, Jennifer, to David Simins.

Yulia Shapiro and Igor Levin, in honor of Gregory becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Liliane Marks, in memory of Neville Marks.

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

Susan and Avery Neumark, in honor of the marriage of their son, Jacob, to Jannah Eichenbaum.

Mrs. Lisa and Rabbi Ira Rohde, in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Malkah, to Steven Gotlib.

Ivy and Marvin Schildkraut, in honor of Eli Schildkraut reading the Torah on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Katherine and Daniel Vieyra, in memory of Isidore Vieyra and Bernard Vieyra.

Rivka and Marc Wiznia, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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Esther and William Schulder
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Joel Tenenholtz, in memory of his father, Benjamin Tenenholtz

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

Torah Restoration Project Sponsors:

We extend a heartfelt thanks to our many members and friends who have supported this important ongoing project so far. Listings are updated regularly at shearithisrael.org/restoration.

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SHABBAT HAGADOL DERASHA

Shabbat Morning, April 4

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

TEEN GIRLS' SHIR HASHIRIM READING

Shabbat Hol Hamoed, April 11

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 22.

GIRLS' MEGILLAT RUTH READING

First Day of Shabuot, Friday, May 29

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 lrohde-csi@yahoo.com.

SHABUOT PUBLIC LECTURE

Shabuot Night, Thursday, May 28

Rabbi Soloveichik gives his annual public late-night Shabuot Lecture. Come for the Torah, stay for the cheesecake!

TISHA B'AB LECTURE

Ereb Tisha B'Ab, Wednesday Evening, July 29

Sponsored by Isaac Corre, in memory of his father, Alan Corre

Following the reading of Eikhah, Rabbi Soloveichik will give a major public lecture. Read more about our deeply moving Tisha B'Ab Services on page 24.



MAJOR YOM HAATZMAUT LECTURE

Tuesday Evening, April 28

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a public address to celebrate Israel's Day of Independence.

THE GLOBAL NAÇÃO: SPANISH & PORTUGUESE GLOBAL JEWISH COMMUNITIES

A Conference Dedicated to the History, Culture and Communal Dynamics of the Western Sephardim

May 11 - 13

Co-sponsored by Shearith Israel and the American Sephardi Federation

Shearith Israel has partnered with the American Sephardi Federation to present this very special academic conference focused on Western Sephardi (Spanish and Portuguese) traditions in their historical and modern contexts through an examination of the history, religious leaders, customs, liturgy, literature, arts, and material culture.

The conference begins on the evening of Monday, May 11 with a *Hazzanut* Concert at Shearith Israel, featuring *hazzanim* from S&P communities around the world. The following day and a half will include sessions with scholars, artists, and community leaders. The second evening will feature a concert by an Andalusian orchestra from Rabat, Morocco at the Center for Jewish History. The conference will conclude with a tour of Shearith Israel's first cemetery.

Monday, May 11

Opening Night and Reception
Congregation Shearith Israel

Tuesday, May 12

Academic Sessions and Cultural Event
Center for Jewish History, 15 W 16th Street

Wednesday, May 13

Academic Sessions (Half day, followed by cemetery tour)
Center for Jewish History, 15 W 16th Street and
55 St. James Place

CSI YOUTH METS GAME OUTING

Sunday, May 17 | at Citi Field

Shearith Israel youth and their families are invited on this highly subsidized trip to watch the Mets play the Pirates. For more details, see page 20.

ANNUAL CHATHAM SQUARE MEMORIAL

With special guest speaker: Colonel Carl A. Singer, U.S. Army (retired)

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
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.

ANNUAL COMMUNAL BETH OLAM CEMETERY VISIT

Elul, TBA
Beth Olam Cemetery, Queens

Join us for our annual visit to Beth Olam Cemetery where members can visit the graves of loved ones before the High Holidays and participate in a memorial service in the Calvert Vaux-designed "metaher house." A highlight of the visit is an illuminating tour given by our Sexton, Zachariah Edinger.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SISTERHOOD

By Sisterhood President, Carla Schein

With great enthusiasm and nimble fingers, the participants in "Stitch and Fix," the Sisterhood's revived Sewing Circle, under the capable leadership of Rose Edinger and Lisa Rohde, are busily at work repairing talitot and other items in the synagogue that need their loving touch. Newcomers who can sew, either hand stitch or with a sewing machine, including tweens and teens, are welcome to join. Contact Rose at rgedinger@gmail.com for details and to learn more about the embroidery workshop for tweens and teens!

This has been a great year so far—a stunning Succah, an inspiring Tamborine event and a terrific *Mishloah Manot* project, the Sisterhood's main fundraising venture—made so successful by the participation of so many of our congregants. Thank you, we are most grateful to you for supporting us and the work we do.

Look for additional programming and the beautiful flowers on Shabuot!



Gesundheitskuchen

Adapted by Margot S. Kirchheimer

Gesundheitskuchen (good health cake) is used on many occasions, including birthdays. Margot Kirchheimer has passed the recipe down to her daughter, Janet Kirchheimer, who is an active member of Shearith Israel and frequent tour docent, and Janet now passes it to us.



Margot Strauss Kirchheimer was born in Fulda. When she was six years old, her parents got her out of Nazi Germany to the Israelitisch Meisjes Weeshuis in Amsterdam. She remembers going to the Esnoga every Shabbat and the sand on the floor. There were 104 girls in the orphanage. Four survived. At the age of eight, she came to New York City with her parents, and her mother taught her how to cook many German dishes.

If you would like to submit a recipe for a future bulletin, or a review of a kosher cookbook or restaurant, send it to Tikva Ostrega at tikvaostrega@gmail.com. Please include a short backstory describing yourself and the food's significance to you.

CULINARY CORNER

Ingredients:

3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup unsalted sweet butter, melted and cooled
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon salt
2 ½ cups sifted flour
1 heaping tablespoon baking powder
1 cup milk
Grated rind of 1 lemon and 1 orange
Confectioners' sugar

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9" tube pan (or two loaf pans).

Separate the eggs.

Beat the yolks until they are lemon colored. Put the egg whites to the side.

Add sugar slowly, beating well after each addition.

Add cooled butter and vanilla, and mix.

Alternately add remaining dry ingredients (except confectioners' sugar) and liquid, mixing after each addition.

Add lemon and orange rinds.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into cake batter.

Pour into pan and bake for 45 minutes (or until done). Cool for 10 minutes in the pan, then turn out and let cool completely. Sprinkle the top with confectioners' sugar.

For a pareve version, substitute margarine for butter and orange juice for the milk.



Excerpts from the Remarks given by Arthur Goldberg at Shearith Israel's Memorial Service at the Chatham Square Cemetery



Thank you for giving me the honor of speaking today together with my friend and fellow Honorary Trustee, Colonel Jonathan de Sola Mendes. I also want to remember our late Parnas, and my friend, Dr. Dennis Freilich, whose memory was honored at this ceremony last year.

I was born in Flatbush, Brooklyn, but grew up in Washington Heights — on 175th Street, directly across the street from our synagogue, Beth Medrash HaGadol. This was a congregation composed largely of immigrants from Eastern Europe and their children. The Rabbi of our congregation was Rabbi Morris Besdin, who later would become a beloved professor at Yeshiva University.

During World War II, Rabbi Besdin gave up his pulpit and volunteered for military service as an Army chaplain where he served in the Pacific. This made a tremendous impact on me — that an Orthodox Rabbi could be so American and serve as a chaplain in the military. He wrote me a letter during his service, in which he apologized for not being able to attend my Bar Mitzvah and told me that I had been his favorite pupil. Yesterday was the 75th anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah!

In 1952, I graduated from college, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and became a naval supply officer. I was then assigned as the sole supply officer to the U.S.S.

Irwin, which was deployed to Korea in April 1953. We guarded aircraft carriers and joined in the destruction of coastal supply routes and depots in support of our troops ashore. On two occasions the Irwin was severely hit by shells fired from land, one time only about fifteen feet away from where I was. I was lucky to be alive.

One morning at breakfast, my parents read in the Yiddish daily *Forverts*, that the Irwin had been sunk! My mother called the Navy who explained that the report was mistaken. The ship's commander, Gilven M. Slonim, allowed each man aboard ship to call home and speak to his family. In those days, making such a call from the ship was a very big deal, and Commander Slonim was most gracious in allowing us to do that.

At the end of July 1953, we left the Pacific sailing through the Suez Canal on route home. As we approached Port Said, the Irwin received a notice from the Navy that no Jewish personnel were to go ashore in Port Said. I was shocked and outraged. I was an American Naval officer, and I didn't see why I should be differentiated from any other American military personnel. I made my feelings known to my fellow officers — only one of whom was Jewish — and I very deliberately went ashore in Port Said.

We were out at sea during the High Holy Days that year. On our ship of over two hundred men, I knew of only four Jews. As Yom Kippur approached, I arranged for the four of us to meet in a room to have some kind of observance of the holiday. We could meet for only about half an hour, but I wanted us on that day to remember who we were and what day it was.

Eventually I was reassigned to land duty in New York and I went back to my parents' apartment who had moved to Central Park West at 96th Street. I started making the rounds to different synagogues on the Upper West Side, until one Shabbat I entered Shearith Israel. Still on active duty, I was in my naval officer's uniform. The Parnas, Judge Nathan, and other members of the congregation responded very strongly and positively to the uniform, and I was very warmly greeted. I quickly joined the congregation.

The dignity, courtliness, and pageantry I'd learned as a US Naval officer was perfectly matched to the services at Shearith Israel. Judah Guedalia, the longtime *Shamash* of Shearith Israel, taught me the procedure for carrying the Torah at the synagogue. Wearing my naval officer's uniform, I integrated military turns and protocol into my Torah carrying. I would continue to carry the Torah thus in my subsequent civilian life, and I taught my son, Mark Aaron, to carry the Torah in this way, in which he now excels.

Needless to say, it meant so much to me to learn of our congregation's military history and of the tremendous impact that Jews had had on the founding of America and its subsequent development — from Jews serving in the American Revolution to Commodore Uriah Phillips Levy, who helped abolish flogging in the US Navy.

Some nine months after I first joined the congregation I left active duty in the Navy and embarked on a career on Wall Street. But my first appearance in the congregation as a naval officer had made a deep impression. Within four years of joining I was made *Hatan Bereshit*, and within ten I was made a trustee. Prior to joining the Board of Trustees, I was president of the Shearith Israel

League. As Judge Nathan approached his 70th birthday in 1961, the League wanted to make some sort of gift to the synagogue in his honor. I suggested that the League commission a pair of Torah finials to be shaped like the Liberty Bell, with the words "*Proclaim Liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof*" inscribed in Hebrew.

The League commissioned Jewish silversmith Nissim Hizme to make these bells. The Liberty Bells are used every year on *parashat Behar* where its inscription appears in the Torah. "Proclaim liberty throughout the land" is part of the mandate concerning the Jubilee year, and it was a special privilege that these bells were used on my Jubilee, when I served as *Hatan* for a third time, 50 years since I had first served as *Hatan Bereshit*. Our family has had a long involvement with Shearith Israel. Carol and I were married there, as were my daughter, Beth, and my son, Mark. Beth was even the first girl to have a Bat Mitzvah ceremony celebrated at Shearith Israel.

I earlier mentioned the U.S.S. Irwin's commander, Captain Gilven Slonim. He was very supportive of me during my two and a half years aboard the Irwin, and we kept in touch for many years. But I only found out a few days ago that he was a Jew. Captain Slonim graduated from the Naval Academy in 1936, and I imagine that at that time, a Jew pursuing a career as a naval officer would have had to be very careful about his identity. I'm pleased to say, however, that — other than that one directive to Jewish personnel not to go ashore in Port Said — I never personally experienced any anti-Semitism in my time as a US Naval officer. Perhaps as a Commander, Gilven Slonim thought it prudent to be more discreet about his religion.

There is much that I can say about Captain Slonim but I will say just this: Commander Gilven Max Slonim, United States Navy, was awarded a gold star in lieu of a Second Award of the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Irwin from 9 May to 27 July 1953. And I am particularly gratified that today I can remember Captain Slonim here at this very special ceremony. Thank you.



THE GUIDE TO THE DUTIES OF THE HEART

Sundays | 8:45 am
Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

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

Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander was born in the Netherlands. He received his Master's degree in Arabic and Islamology from the University of Leiden. After subsequently earning a Bachelor's degree in education, he taught Comparative Religion at Ichthus Teachers' College in Rotterdam. He teaches Jewish literature at Hunter College and does research on Islam's perception of Judaism within the literature of Quran commentaries. He received his *semikha* from Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Haim.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY LEARNING WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

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.

OPEN BET MIDRASH

Most Weeknights (Monday - Thursday)
One hour before 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. If you are interested or would like to set up a *habruta* on a topic of your choice, feel free to contact Steven Gotlib at stjgot@gmail.com.

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

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.

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.

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 2019-2020 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.



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

MITZVOT WORKSHOP WITH ZACHARY EDINGER

For Elementary School Aged Children

Final Session of the School Year:
Sunday, May 3 | 10:00 am

On select Sundays, 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.

CSI YOUTH METS GAME OUTING

Sunday, May 17 | Citi Field

Sponsored by the Lewin Family

Shearith Israel youth and their families are invited on this highly subsidized trip to watch the Mets play the Pirates. Only \$10 a ticket! The game will be preceded by the Mets' Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, and after the game, kids under 12 are offered an opportunity to run the bases on the field. For tickets, visit shearithisrael.org/gameday2020.



HEBREW SCHOOL: POLONIES TALMUD TORAH SCHOOL (PTTS)

Thursdays from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, select Sundays, and Jr. Congregation every Shabbat

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 and enroll your child today, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.

REGISTER FOR OUR TODDLER SUMMER CAMP

For children ages 16 - 34 months

June 16 - August 20

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 9:30 - 11:30 am
Parent or caregiver attendance required.

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.

Go to shearithisrael.org/toddler-summer-camp to register.

WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

For children ages 16 - 34 months

Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 am – 11:30 am
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 cheerful and well-equipped 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

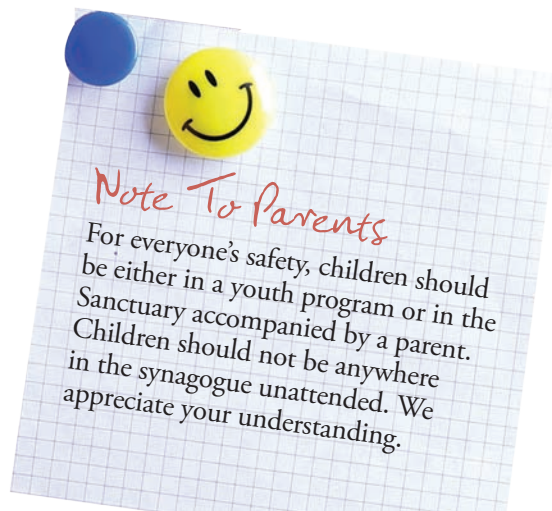
Children ages 5 - 12 gather in the Elias Room for a fun curriculum of educational and entertaining activities connected to the *parasha* of the week and other Jewish themes, created by our energetic Youth Group Leaders. At 10:30 am, the children come together for Junior Congregation, a lively, participatory 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH AND YOUNG FAMILIES

Thanks to the enthusiastic involvement of many members of our Young Families Committee, youth programming this past year has been off the charts. Adding to our mainstays of Shabbat Youth Groups, Brunch and Learns with Rabbi Soloveichik, and Mitzvot Workshops with Z. Edinger, recent months have seen the success of multiple new initiatives.

We honored our longtime Tot Shabbat leader, Liz Rios, at a moving kiddush, where she was presented with a memory book of her past and current tots. Our Beatbox Luncheon with beatbox champion Mark Martin was a blast for children of all ages, and our bi-weekly Parent-Child Learning sessions led by our clergy and dedicated volunteers has boosted our kids' engagement with Torah learning. Off Shearith Israel premises, Teen Bowling night gave our older youth a chance to bond, and an excursion to the Jewish Museum opened our eyes to new insights about Jewish art and artifacts.

More programming is in the works! If you'd like to get involved, contact Sarah Meira Rosenberg at srosenberg@shearithisrael.org, or Ari Sherizen at ari.sherizen@gmail.com.



TEEN GIRLS' SHIR HASHIRIM READING

Shabbat Hol Hamoed, April 11

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.

GIRLS' MEGILLAT RUTH READING

First Day of Shabuot, Friday, May 29

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 at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.

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. Caring Connection also facilitates and organizes important communal conversations, raising awareness on mental health issues, such as our recent "Smash the Stigma" panel on suicide and depression.

If you know someone who might need assistance, or if you would like to volunteer or help with events, 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.

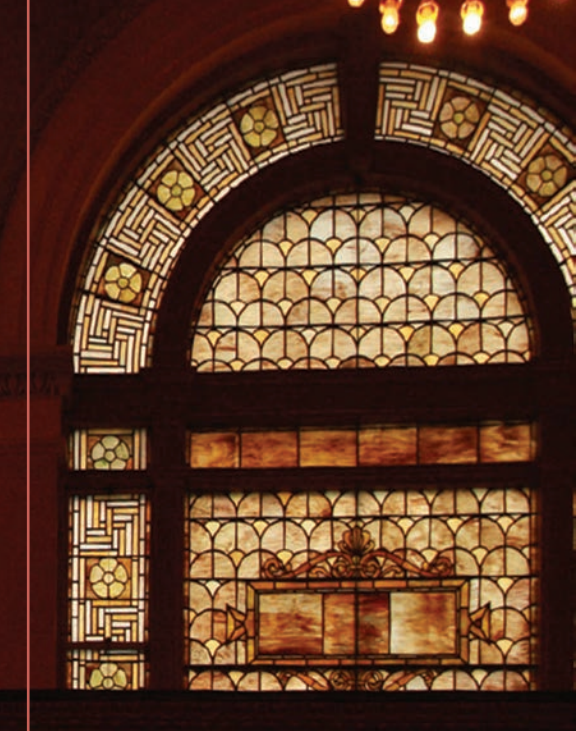


MEALS FOR MOURNERS AND NEW PARENTS

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.



SERVICES



TISHA B'AB AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

July 29 - 30, 2020

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.

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings, Monday-Friday:

Shahrit..... 7:15 am

Mornings, Sundays & Legal Holidays:

Shahrit..... 8:00 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

March 8th-June 4th, Minhah & Arbit.....6:30 pm

June 7th-July 23rd, Minhah & Arbit.....6:45 pm

July 26th-Sep. 25th, Minhah & *Arbit.....6:30 pm

***August 22nd-Sep. 25th**, add *Selihot* after Arbit

SHABBAT SERVICES

April 3rd-4th

Shabbat HaGadol Consecration Shabbat

1818 -2nd Mill St. Consecration Anniversary

Friday Evening Services [Early].....6:30 pm

*Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:05 pm

Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am

ZemirotAdam F. Jackson

Parashat Tsav-HaGadolLeviticus 6:1-8:36

HaftarahRabbi Meir Soloveichik

Malachi 3:4-24

Seuda Shelishit & Class.....6:00 pm

Minhah & Arbit.....7:00 pm

Saturday Sunset7:24 pm

Habdalah.....8:01 pm

Shabbat HaGadol is the designation for the Sabbath just preceding Passover, the occasion marked by the address of a "great" sage concerning the upcoming Passover Festival. Shearith Israel also observes on this Shabbat the anniversary of the consecration of its 2nd Mill St. Synagogue Building, which was completed before Passover in 1818.

***NOTE:** 18 minutes or somewhat less before sunset is the latest time to light Shabbat candles if one is staying home; however, when synagogue services are scheduled early, including all spring and summer Friday Eve Services in this bulletin, those attending services should arrange to have candles lit earlier.

April 17th-18th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:20 pm

Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am

ZemirotMatthew Kaplan

Parashat Shemini Lev. 9:1-11:47

Haftarah II Samuel 6:1-19 Yakov Yamen

Class6:15 pm

Minhah & Arbit.....7:15 pm

Saturday Sunset7:39 pm

Habdalah.....8:17 pm

April 24th-25th

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh (2nd of Two-Day)

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:27 pm

Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am

ZemirotJacob Daar

Parashat Tazria-Metsora-Rosh Hodesh

Lev. 12:1-15:33, Numbers 28:9-15

Haftarah

Isaiah 66:1-24 & I Samuel 20:18 & 42

Class6:20 pm

Minhah & Arbit.....7:20 pm

Saturday Sunset7:46 pm

Habdalah.....8:25 pm

May 1st-2nd

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:35 pm

Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am

ZemirotSjimon den Hollander

Parashat Ahare Mot-Kedoshim Lev. 16:1-20:27

Haftarah Ezekiel 20:2-20 Joel Maxman

Class6:30 pm

Minhah & Arbit.....7:30 pm

Saturday Sunset7:54 pm

Habdalah.....8:33 pm

May 8th-9th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:42 pm

Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am

ZemirotAdam F. Jackson

Parashat Emor Lev. 21:1-24:23

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

Class6:35 pm

Minhah & Arbit.....7:35 pm

Saturday Sunset8:00 pm

Habdalah.....8:41 pm

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May 15th-16th Consecration Shabbat
1897-70th Street Consecration Anniversary

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:48 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Behar-Behukkothai Lev. 25:1-end
Haftarah Dan Gelernter
Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
Class6:40 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:40 pm
Saturday Sunset8:07 pm
Habdalah.....8:48 pm

The Shabbat after Lag La'Omer is observed as the anniversary of the consecration of our current synagogue building on 70th St. and Central Park West, which was completed and consecrated on Lag La'Omer in 1897.

May 22nd-23rd

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:54 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot Jacob Daar
Parashat Bemidbar.....Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah, Hosea 2:1-22.....
Class6:45 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:45 pm
Saturday Sunset8:13 pm
Habdalah.....8:55 pm

June 5th-6th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....8:05 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89
Haftarah Roberto Salama
Judges 13:2-25
Class7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset8:24 pm
Habdalah.....9:06 pm

June 12th-13th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....8:09 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:15-11:45 am
Parallel Women's Service 9:00-11:45 am
ZemirotAdam F. Jackson
Parashat Behaalotekha.....Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftarah Zachariah 2:14-4:7Jacob Seligson
Class7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset8:28 pm
Habdalah.....9:10 pm

June 19th-20th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....8:12 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Shelah Lekha.....Numbers 13:1-15:41
Haftarah, Joshua 2:1-24Judah Bulow
Bar Mitzvah.....Judah Bulow
Class7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset8:30 pm
Habdalah.....9:12 pm

June 26th-27th

Friday Evening Services.....6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....8:13 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
ZemirotJacob Daar
Parashat Korah Numbers 16:1-18:32
Haftarah
I Samuel 11:14-12:22
Class7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset8:31 pm
Habdalah.....9:13 pm

July 3rd-July 4th

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 Hukkath-Balak..... Numbers 19:1-25:9
Haftarah Micah 5:6-6:8 Lewis Bateman
Class 7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:31 pm
Habdalah..... 9:13 pm

July 10th-11th

Friday Evening Services..... 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 8:11 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot Matthew Kaplan
Parashat PinehasNumbers 25:10-30:1
HaftarahJacob Daar
Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
Class 7:05 pm
Minhah & Arbit..... 8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:28 pm
Habdalah..... 9:10 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.

Shabbat Dibre

July 17th-18th

Friday Evening Services..... 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 8:07 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 7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:24 pm
Habdalah..... 9:06 pm

Shabbat Shimu continues the theme of reproof and ominous foreboding with a reading from the second chapter of Jeremiah.

July 24th-25th

Friday Evening Services..... 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 8:02 pm
Saturday Morning Services..... 8:30-11:45 am
ZemirotJacob Daar
Parashat DebarimDeuteronomy 1:1-3:22
Haftarah, Isaiah 1:1-27Rabbi Ira Rohde
Class 6:55 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit..... 7:55 pm
Saturday Sunset 8:19 pm
Habdalah..... 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 a scholar who is "well-versed in lamentation," as it is at Congregation Shearith Israel.

Shabbat Shimu

Shabbat Hazon

July 31st-August 1st Shabbat Nahamu

Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:55 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemiroth	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Vaethanan	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Haftarah, Isaiah 40:1-26	Joseph A. Solomon
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:45 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:12 pm
Habdalah.....	8:52 pm

Shabbat Nahamu: The Fast of Tisha BeAb is followed by the seven Sabbaths preceding Rosh HaShanah on which special Haftarat of Consolation from the end of the Book of Isaiah are chanted. The first of these is called **Shabbat Nahamu**, referring to Isaiah Chapter 40’s famous opening words “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people.”

August 7th-8th

Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:47 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemiroth	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Ekeb	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Haftarah, Isaiah 49:14-51:3	Raphael Sasson
Class	6:40 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:40 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:04 pm
Habdalah.....	8:44 pm

August 14th-15th

Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:37 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemiroth	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Reeh	Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Haftarah, Isaiah 54:11-55:5	
Class	6:25 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:25 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:53 pm
Habdalah.....	8:32 pm

August 21st-22nd

Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:26 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemiroth	Jacob Daar
Parashat Shofetim.....	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Haftarah Isaiah 51:12-52:12	Charles Gourgey
Class	6:15 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & *Selihot.....	7:15 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:43 pm
Habdalah.....	8:21 pm

***Selihot:** From Aug. 22nd-Sep. 25th, during the month before the High Holy Days, Sephardim add the special penitential Selihot Prayers. Our congregation’s custom is to recite an abridged version daily after Arbit beginning this year on Motsae Shabbat, Saturday Evening August 22nd.

August 28th-29th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:16 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15-11:45 am
Zemiroth	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Ki Tetse.....	Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftarah, Isaiah 54:1-10	Reuben Frier
Class	5:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	6:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:32 pm
Habdalah.....	8:09 pm

September 4th-5th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:04 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:30-11:45 am
Zemiroth	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Ki Tabo	Deuteronomy 26:9-29:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22	Charlie Bieler
Bar Mitzvah.....	Charlie Bieler
Class	5:55 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	6:55 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:21 pm
Habdalah.....	7:57 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Yom HaShoah
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Monday Evening, April 20th
through Tuesday, April 21st

Rosh Hodesh Iyar (Two-Day)
Thursday Evening, April 23rd through
Friday & Saturday, April 24th & 25th
(For Services see Daily & Shabbat Schedule)

Yom Ha`Atzma`ut
Israeli Independence Day
Tuesday Eve Apr. 28th - Wednesday Apr. 29th

Lag La`Omer (33rd Day of Count)
Monday Eve, May 11th - Tuesday, May 12th

Yom Yerushalayim
Jerusalem Reunification Day
Thursday Evening, May 21st
through Friday, May 22nd

Rosh Hodesh Sivan (One-Day)
Saturday Evening, May 23rd
through Sunday, May 24th
(For Services see Shabbat & Daily Schedule)

Memorial Day Legal Holiday
Monday, May 25th
Later Morning Service (Shahrit) 8:00 am

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz (Two-Day)
Sunday Evening, June 21st through
Monday & Tuesday, June 22nd & 23rd
(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Fast of (the Seventeenth of) Tammuz
Shib`a `Asar BeTammuz

Thursday, July 9th
Dawn (Fast Begins) 3:47 am
Sunrise..... 5:33 am
Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 7:15 am
Minhah (men wear tefillin) 8:00 pm
Sunset..... 8:29 pm
End of Fast 8:56 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.

Rosh Hodesh Ab (One-Day)
Tuesday Evening, July 21st through
Wednesday, July 22nd
(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Fast of (the 9th of) Ab
Tish`a BeAb
Eve of the Fast, Wednesday Eve, July 29th
Wednesday Afternoon Minhah 5:30 pm
Monday Evening Sunset (Fast Begins) 8:15 pm
Eve of the Fast Arbit Service..... 8:30 pm
Tish`a BeAb Day, Thursday, July 30th
Thursday Morning Service 6:30 am-12:15 pm
Thursday Minhah & Arbit 7:00 pm
Thursday Evening Sunset 8:14 pm
End of Fast 8:40 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.

Rosh Hodesh Elul (Two-Day)
Wednesday Eve, August 19th,
Thursday, Aug. 20th, & Friday, Aug. 21st
(For Services see Daily & Shabbat Schedule)

Labor Day Legal Holiday

Monday, September 7th

Later Morning Service (Shahrit) 8:00 am
Evening Minhah, Arbit & *Selihot*.....6:30 pm

FESTIVALS: PASSOVER
(PESAH, HAG HAMATZOT)

Wednesday Eve, April 8 –Thursday, April 16

Passover Preparations

Search for Leaven

Tuesday Evening, April 7th

At night on Tuesday (after sunset, 7:28 pm)

Fast of First Born

Wednesday Morning, April 8th

Fast of First Born begins (Dawn) 5:02 am
Sunrise 6:27 am
Shahrit & *siyyum* for the First Born..... 7:15 am
Stop eating *hametz* by 10:48 am
Dispose of any remaining *hametz* by 11:53 am
Erub Tabshilin Preparation*by sunset 7:29 pm

***Erub Tabshilin:** When the festival begins on Wednesday evening, the Erub in the form of some matzah 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.

First & Second Days of Passover

FIRST TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

First Day of Passover

Eve of the First Day, Wednesday, April 8th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....7:11 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....7:00 pm
Begin the First Haggadah.....after 7:53 pm

First Day Morning, Thursday, April 9th

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit 9:00 am
Tikkun HaTal..... inserted in Musaf 10:30 am
Sermon & Service Conclusion..... 11:25-11:50 am

Second Day of Passover

Eve of the Second Day, Thursday, April 9th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....7:00 pm
Thursday Evening Sunset7:30 pm
1st Day Ends & **Omer Counting**..... after 7:54 pm
Candles & Second Haggadah after 7:54 pm

Second Day Morning, Fri., April 10th

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf..... 9:00-11:50 am
Minhah & Arbit.....7:15 pm

Pesah, Passover, or Hag HaMatzot, The Feast of Unleavened Bread, is observed in the middle of the month of Nisan, around the spring equinox, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt. Hametz, leavened food, is searched for and removed prior to the holiday, and a Search for Hametz is made on the eve and morning of the 14th of Nisan. The 14th of Nisan, the day of the Biblical Paschal Sacrifice, is observed as a partial holiday and as the Fast of the Firstborn by some (attending a festive siyyum that morning obviates the need to fast), and by late morning all Jewish-owned hametz should be sold and hidden, or eliminated and nullified. The Paschal sacrifice was consumed on the Eve of the First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Eve of the 15th of Nisan, which became our two-day Diaspora observance, with a Haggadah or Seder Recitation and Meal at home on the Eve of the 15th and the Eve of the 16th. The Biblical Hag HaMatsot lasts from the 15th until the 21st, with full Festival restrictions from work in effect on the First and Seventh Days. In the Diaspora the fully restricted days came to be the First Two as well as the Seventh and an additional Eighth Day, Nisan 22nd. The Intermediate Shabbat has all of the restrictions of Shabbat, but the other Intermediate Days have fewer restrictions.

Omer Counting: The *`Omer*, the First Sheaf-bundle of Grain (Barley) Harvest Offering, was brought on the Biblical Second Day, beginning the “Omer” seven-week count to the First Wheat-Bread Offering on Day 50, which is Shabuot, the Feast of Weeks or “Pentecost.”

Intermediate Shabbat of Passover

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH

Eve of Shabbat, Friday, April 10th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 7:13 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 7:00 pm

Shabbat Day, Saturday, April 11th

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf..... 9:00-11:30 am
Girls’ Reading of **Shir HaShirim**..... 11:30 am
Saturday Afternoon Class..... 6:15 pm
Saturday Evening Minhah & Arbit..... 7:15 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset..... 7:32 pm
Saturday Evening Habdalah..... 8:09 pm

Shir HaShirim, The Song of Songs, is traditionally read during Passover. The teen girls of the congregation who take part are pre-assigned a portion, which they learn to chant according to the congregation’s unique cantillation system. The girls will chant after the Intermediate Shabbat Morning Service, Saturday, April 11th, at 11:30 am.

Intermediate Weekdays of Passover

HOL HAMOED PESAH

Sunday Morning, April 12th

Shahrit & Musaf 8:00 am

Sun. & Mon. Evenings, April 12th & 13th

Minhah & Arbit..... 6:30 pm

Mon. & Tue. Mornings, April 13th & 14th

Shahrit & Musaf 7:15 am

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 7th Day, Tuesday Eve, April 14th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)..... 7:17 pm
Sunday Evening Minhah & Arbit..... 7:15 pm

7th Day Morning, Wednesday, April 15th

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel 9:05 am
Torah Service 9:55 am

Featuring reading of the *Shirah*-Song of the Sea

Musaf, Sermon, Conclusion 10:45-11:45 am

Eighth & Last Day of Pesah

Eve of 8th Day, Wednesday Eve, April 15th

Wednesday Evening Minhah & Arbit..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Evening Sunset 7:36 pm

8th Day Festival Candle Lighting after 8:00 pm

8th Day Morning, Thursday, April 16th

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf..... 9:00-11:30 am

Eighth Day Conclusion, Thursday, April 16th

Thursday Evening Minhah & Arbit..... 7:15 pm
Thursday Evening Sunset 7:37 pm

8th Day Concluding Habdalah 8:01 pm

Do not Consume hametz until

½ hour after Habdalah..... 8:31 pm

FESTIVAL OF SHABU`OT (Two-Day)

PENTECOST, THE FEAST OF WEEKS

Thursday Eve, May 28th-Saturday, May 30th

Eve of the First Day of Shabu`ot

Thursday Evening, May 28th

*Erub Tabshilin Preparationby sunset, 8:18 pm
1st Day Eve Candle Lighting..... 8:00 pm
Minhah & Shabuot Arbit 7:45 pm
Mishmarah/Tikkun: Late Class..... 11:00 pm

***Erub Tabshilin:** When the festival begins on Thursday evening, food for the Sabbath is set aside prior to the festival. See Prayers for the Festivals, by David de Sola Pool, p. 1.

First Day of Shabu`ot Morning

1834 - Crosby St. Consecration Anniversary Friday Morning, May 29th

Zemirot 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)
HaftarahEzekiel 1:1-28 & 3:12
Musaf & Sermon 10:45-11:25 am
Girls Reading Book of Ruth 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Eve of the Second Day of Shabu`ot

Friday Evening, Eve of Shabbat, May 29th

Reading Intro & 1st Part of **Azharot**7:15 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....7:45 pm
Friday Evening Candle Lightingbefore 8:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Sunset8:18 pm

Second Day of Shabu`ot Morning

Saturday, May 30th, Shabbat Morning

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

Second Day of Shabu`ot Conclusion

Saturday Evening, May 30th, End of Shabbat

Reading 2nd Part of Azharot7:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....7:55 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset8:19 pm
Saturday Evening Haddalah.....9:01 pm

Shabu`ot, The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost comes on the fiftieth day after Passover, 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 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 girls of the congregation who take part are pre-assigned a few verses each, which they must learn to chant 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 (lirohde.csi@gmail.com>).

Azharot ("Admonitions") is the name given to the poem by Shelomo Ibn Gabirol with introduction by David Ibn Eleazar Pekudah, which enumerates all 613 Commandments of the Torah in rhymed verse. The introduction and the first part, listing the 248 positive Commandments, is read on Friday evening at 7:15, before Minhah. The second part, which enumerates the 365 negative Commandments, is read on Saturday evening at 7:15. Men and boys chant the poem to the Spanish & Portuguese traditional Shabu`ot melody in round-robin style, with each participant leading two lines at a time.

5781/2020 Fall Holiday Preview

Rosh Hashanah, 5781

Fri. Eve., Sep. 18th through
Sat. & Sun., Sep. 19th & 20th

Shabbat Teshubah, 5781

Fri. Eve., Sep. 25th through Sat., Sep. 26th

Yom Kippur, 5781

Sun. Eve., Sep. 27th through Mon., Sep. 28th

First Two Days of Succot, 5781

Fri. Eve., Oct. 2nd through
Sat. & Sun., Oct. 3rd & 4th

Shemini Hag Atseret, 5781

Fri. Eve., Oct. 9th through Sat. Oct. 10th

Simhat Torah, 5781

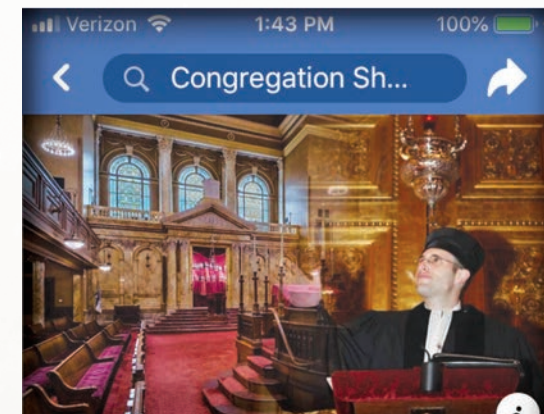
Sat. Eve, Oct. 10th through Sun., Oct. 11th
Shabbat Bereshit (Shabbat Hatanim), 5781
Fri. Eve., Oct. 16th through Sat. Oct. 17th

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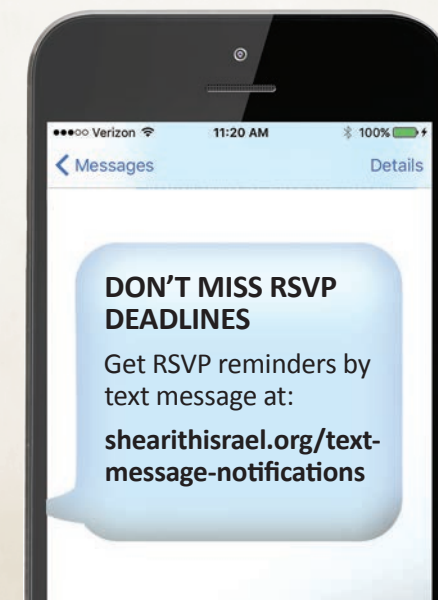


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