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.
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 or deep and abiding gratitude, to hakarat hatov, and gifts from 125 donors. “Thank you” is too puny and insufficient a phrase to express our profound appreciation to all 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 Passover.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS

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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 Schuler (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. Member Bill Schuler (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.

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.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Barbara Reiss

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 our emergency exit cards that can be found in the drawers of the pews and have implemented annual emergency evacuation drills, usually on a Shabbat and sometimes at midday.

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 craftsman 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.

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 sukkahs 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.
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 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.

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 Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Elizabeth Edelman and Henry Lipschutz. In honor of her Bar 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 Prop on being honored at this year’s Ramaz Annual Dinner.

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

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 Elliott Freilich. Condolences as well to his children, Alexander, Lily, and Isaac, his mother, Estelle, and his brothers, Benjamin, Jonathan, and David Freilich. Elliott was the son of the late Parnas, Dr. Dennis B. Freilich, a’h.

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

Eric Levien, 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.

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

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

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Renee Alevy
Elliott Freilich
Katherine Noire

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Allan Cohen
Mikal and Brad Finkelstein
Roger Gerber

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tov to:

Joanne and Yaakov Ben-Avi upon their first grandson, Leo Michael, son of Diana and Elan Ben-Avi, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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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.

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

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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 Gottlib.

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

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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, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-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

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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.

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.

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.
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, 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 Forverts. 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. He wrote me a letter explaining that the report was mistaken. The ship's commander, Gilven M. Slonim, allowed each man aboard ship to call home and speak with 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 and I went back to my parents’ apartment who had moved to Central Park West at 96th Street. I was shocked to be 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 during my two and a half years aboard the 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 with 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.

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. 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 Sijmon 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 Sijmon 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 devar 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/sponsoraclass.

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/sponsoracas.

THE MISUNDERSTOOD MASTERPIECE: A NEW APPROACH TO PIRKEI ABOT

Shabbat Afternoon, Year-Round
One Hour Before Mincha
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/sponsoraclass.
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 Shearith Israel youth and their families are invited on this highly subsidized trip to

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 brachot (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 Learn 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 rosesnberg@shearithisrael.org, or Ari Sherizen at ari.sherizen@gmail.com.
WOMEN AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

TEEN GIRLS’ SHIR HASHIRIM READING
Shabbat Hol Hamoeed, 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 irrohde@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 Shabbat, 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-ci@yahoo.com. For dates and for more information, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-ci@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-ci@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, Shifty Friedman, in confidence at nycyoetzet@gmail.com. Shifty 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. Shifty 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.

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’Amot provides mourners and their family with their shiva 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 or 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.
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 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 Eikhah on the eve of Tisha B’Ab.

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
Zemirot..........................................................Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Taav-HaGadol...............................Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Hafarah.........................................................Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Malachi 3:4-24
Seuda Shlishit & Class.................................6:00 pm
Minhah & Arbit........................................7:00 pm
Saturday Sunset........................................7:24 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
Zemirot..........................................................Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Shamini.................................Lev. 9:1-11:47
Hafarah II Samuel 6:1-19...................................Yakov Yamen
Class.............................................................6:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit........................................7:15 pm
Saturday Sunset........................................7:39 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
Zemirot ...........................................................Jacob Dtaar
Parashat Tzat-Tesora-Rosh Hodesh
Hafarah..........................................................Isaiah 66:1-24 & I Samuel 20:18 & 42
Class..............................................................6:20 pm
Minhah & Arbit........................................7:20 pm
Saturday Sunset..........................................7:46 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
Zemirot...........................................................Sijmon den Hollander
Parashat Ahare Mot-Kedoshim..............Lev. 16:1-20:27
Hafarah Ezekiel 20:2-20.............................Joel Maxman
Class.............................................................6:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit........................................7:30 pm
Saturday Sunset..........................................7:54 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
Zemirot..........................................................Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Emor Lev. 21:1-24:23
Hafarah Ezekiel 44:15-31
Class.............................................................6:35 pm
Minhah & Arbit........................................7:35 pm
Saturday Sunset..........................................8:00 pm
Habdalah.......................................................8:41 pm

DAILY SERVICES
Mornings, Monday-Friday:
Shahrit................................................................7:15 am
Mornings, Sundays & Legal Holidays:
Shahrit.............................................................8:00 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:
March 8th-June 6th, 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 Selichot after Arbit

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SERVICES

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
Zemiror ........................................ Adam Kaplan
Parashat Behar-Beahalkothai ............... Lev. 25:1-End
Haftarah ........................................ Dan Gelernter
Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
Class ............................................. 6:40 pm
Minhah & Arbit ................................ 7:40 pm
Saturday Sunset ............................... 8:07 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
Zemiror ........................................ Jacob Daar
Parashat Beresembar ......................... Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah, Hosea 2:1-22 
Class ............................................. 6:45 pm
Minhah & Arbit ................................ 7:45 pm
Saturday Sunset ............................... 8:13 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
Zemiror ........................................ Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Naos ................................ Numbers 4:21-7:89
Haftarah ........................................ Roberto Salama
Judges 13:2-25
Class ............................................. 7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit ................. 8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset ............................... 8:24 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
Zemiror ........................................ Adam E. Jackson
Parashat Behar-Beahalkothai ............... Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftarah Zachariah 2:1-4:7 ................ Jacob Seligson
Class ............................................. 7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit .................... 8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset ............................... 8:28 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
Zemiror ........................................ Matthew Kaplan
Haftarah, Joshua 2:1-24 ...................... Judah Bulow
Bar Mitzvah ................................. Judah Bulow
Class ............................................. 7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit .................... 8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset ............................... 8:30 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
Zemiror ........................................ Jacob Daar
Parashat Korah ................................ Numbers 16:1-18:32
Haftarah 1 Samuel 11:14-12:22
Class ............................................. 7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit .................... 8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset ............................... 8:31 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
Zemiror ........................................ Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Hukkah-Balah ....................... 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
Shabbat Dibre
Friday Evening Services ......................... 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset) ............. 8:11 pm
Saturday Morning Services ................. 8:30-11:45 am
Zemiror ........................................ Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Pinhas ............................... Numbers 25:10-30:1
Haftarah ........................................ Jacob 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 Tamuz and the Fast of the 9th of Ab are a traditional period of mourning. Shearith Israel observes this period of mourning with grief services, including Zemirot, 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.

July 17th-18th
Shabbat Shamu
Friday Evening Services ......................... 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset) ............. 8:07 pm
Saturday Morning Services ................. 8:30-11:45 am
Zemiror ........................................ Adam E. Jackson
Parashat Parashat Mattoth-Maseh ........ Numbers 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 Shamu continues the theme of reproof and ominous foreboding with a reading from the second chapter of Jeremiah.

July 24th-25th
Shabbat Hazon
Friday Evening Services ......................... 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset) ............. 8:02 pm
Saturday Morning Services ................. 8:30-11:45 am
Zemiror ........................................ Jacob Daar
Parashat Debarim ....................... Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
Haftarah, Isaiah 1:1-27 ..................... Rabbi Ira Roth
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 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.

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July 31st-August 1st  Shabbat Nahamu
Friday Evening Services .................................. 6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)....................... 7:54 pm
Saturday Morning Services.......................... 8:30-11:45 am
Zemiriot ................................................. Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Vaeschanan ................................. Deuteronomy 5:22-6:5
Haftarah, Isaiah 60:1-26 .............................. Joseph A. Solomon
Seuda Shelishit ........................................ 6:45 pm
Saturday Minhash & 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 Haftorot 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
Zemiriot ................................................. Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Ekev .......................................... Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Haftarah, Isaiah 49:14-51:3 ........................... Raphael Saxon
Class ...................................................... 6:40 pm
Saturday Minhash & 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
Zemiriot ................................................. Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Reeh ................................. Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Haftarah, Isaiah 54:11-55:5 ........................... Charles Bieler
Class ...................................................... 6:25 pm
Saturday Minhash & 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
Zemiriot ................................................. Jacob Daar
Parashat Shoftim ................................. Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Haftarah, Isaiah 51:12-52:12 ........................ Charles Gourgey
Class ...................................................... 6:15 pm
Saturday Minhash, 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 Motzae 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
Zemiriot ................................................. Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Ki Tsero ................................. Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftarah, Isaiah 54:1-10 ............................. Reuben Frierer
Class ...................................................... 5:05 pm
Saturday Minhash & 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
Zemiriot ................................................. Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Ki Tavo ................................. Deuteronomy 26:9-29:8
Haftarah, Isaiah 60:1-22 ............................. Charlie Bieler
Bar Mitzvah ................................................ Charlie Bieler
Class ...................................................... 5:55 pm
Saturday Minhash, 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
Tuesday Evening, May 21st through Friday, May 22nd

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 Minhash & Arbor ......................... 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)

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**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

Shabri & **tsiyum** for the First Born.........7:15 am

Stop eating **hametz** by ..................10:48 am

Dispose of any remaining **hametz** by ..........11:53 am

**Erb Tashhilin Preparation**................by sunset 7:29 pm

*Erb Tashhilin: When the festival begins on Wednesday evening, the Erub in the form of some mishaf 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 & Arbi).........7:00 pm

Begin the First Haggadah.....................after 7:53 pm

**First Day Morning, Thursday, April 9th**

Zemirot ..................................8:15 am

Shahrit .................inserted in Musaf 9:00 am

Tikun 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 & Arbi).........7:00 pm

Thursday Evening Sunset ................7:30 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 & Arbi..........................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 siyum 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 HaMatzot 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 22rd. The Intermediate Shabbat has all of the restrictions of Shabu’ot, 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 Shabu’ot, 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)..............7:15 pm

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbi).........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 Minnha & Arbi..........7:15 pm

Saturday Evening Service...............7:32 pm

Saturday Evening Habadalah..............8:05 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 & Arbi ..........................5:18 am

Sun. & Mon. Evenings, April 16th

Minhah & Arbi ..........................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 & Arbi..........7:15 pm

**7th Day Morning, Wednesday, April 15th**

Zemirot ..................................8:15 am

Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf..........9:05 am

**Eighth & Last Day of Passover**

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

Wednesday Evening Minhah & Arbi.........7:15 pm

Wednesday Evening Sunset ...............7:36 pm

8th Day Festival Candle Lighting ........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 Minnha & Arbi.........7:15 pm

Thursday Evening Sunset ...............7:37 pm

8th Day Concluding Habadalah ..........8:01 pm

Do not Consume hametz until

½ hour after Habadalah ..................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**

*Erb Tashhilin Preparation ................by sunset, 8:18 pm

1st Day Eve Candle Lighting .................8:00 pm

Minhah & Shabu’ot Arbi ..................7:45 pm

Mishmarah/Tikun: Lane Class ...............11:00 pm

*Erb Tashhilin: 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.

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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)
Haftarah ................................................. Ezekiel 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 Lighting.......... before 8:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Sunset......................... 8:18 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 Azharot .............. 7:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit.............................. 7:55 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset............... 8:19 pm
Saturday Evening Habadah, 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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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 Cyprus 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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