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THE SISTERHOOD OF THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE  
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1763, IS OWNED BY CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL, NEW YORK.  
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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

### JEWISH RESPONSIBILITY: 70 CE AND TODAY

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



"It was hunger that defeated them." So Josephus writes describing the fall of Jewish Jerusalem to the Romans in 70 CE. Even as the Jews fought the enemy arrayed outside the city, they remained riven by division inside it, so much so that they destroyed each other's food storages. This is what made the Roman siege so effective. Lack of Jewish unity led to Jewish defeat.

I once suggested in a Shabbat Ha-Gadol *derasha* that for this reason we begin our own Pesah meal by intoning "all who are hungry, come and eat." Marking the fact that we lack a paschal offering, that the Temple has been destroyed, we lament the events that brought that about, and now commit ourselves to Jewish unity and responsibility through the sharing of food. It is therefore fitting, in the weeks leading up to Pesah, that we have joined our brethren around the world in seeking to help the Jews of Ukraine, and I am proud of how generously our own community has given to this cause.

This year, the words of the haggadah will remind us, in an elemental way, not only of our past, but of our responsibilities in the present, as we pray that the coming of Pesah portends more peaceful tidings for our brothers and sisters, and for the world.

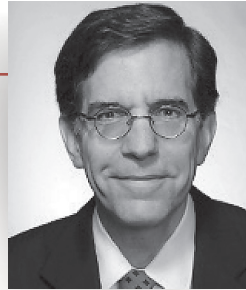
*Meir Y. Soloveichik*





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS

Louis M. Solomon



### SHEARITH ISRAEL CELEBRATES 200 YEARS OF STEWARDSHIP OF TOURO SYNAGOGUE

As long ago as 1955, Rev. Dr. de Sola Poole eloquently said:

“Within the borders of the North America it is Newport in Roger Williams’ Rhode Island with which Congregation Shearith Israel in New York has had the longest and the most organic relations” (*An Old Faith in the New World: A Portrait of Congregation Shearith Israel*, at 420).

Indeed, inside the front and back covers of his history of American Jewry and of Shearith Israel’s place in it, there are pictures of only six synagogue buildings: the five that have housed Shearith Israel in New York (Mill Street, 1730; Mill Street, 1818; Crosby Street, 1834; Nineteenth Street, 1860; Central Park West, 1897) and Touro Synagogue in Newport (with the date 1763). The picture of Touro Synagogue is the same one that adorns this Bulletin’s cover.

The story of Shearith Israel’s relationship with the synagogue in Newport has been told many times. I highlight only a few moments in time, since to

me they (among other moments) have shaped our thinking and feeling about Touro Synagogue:

- It was in the early 1760s, when our brothers and sisters in Newport ran out of money to build what became the Newport Synagogue (and, because of the help of the Touro brothers, Judah and Abraham, in the next century, came to be known as Touro Synagogue). Shearith Israel had already raised funds for the initial building project. When the funds ran out, and building stopped, Shearith Israel again went to its members to raise the additional funds needed to finish the building. Along with the financial aid came all manner of ritual objects for use in the new synagogue.
- By 1822, Jews had left Newport – actually they had very largely been gone for over 20 years by that time, since very few returned after the Revolutionary War. This is the date, 200 years ago, whose anniversary we celebrate this year. It was then that Shearith Israel was literally handed the

keys to the Synagogue (and the associated paraphernalia and appurtenances, including the historic cemetery). And it was then that it fell to Shearith Israel to manage the upkeep of the Synagogue for close to 60 years, until Jews started returning to Newport in slightly greater numbers. It was during this interval that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Emma Lazarus wrote their beautiful poems, “The Jewish Cemetery at Newport” and “In The Jewish Synagogue at Newport” respectively about the Jewish presence at Newport. Longfellow’s prediction – that it was only dead Jews that would be remembered there – was wrong because of Shearith Israel’s care and upkeep in these middle decades of the Nineteenth Century.

- In the last decade of the Nineteenth Century, as more Jews celebrating Ashkenazic traditions arrived in Newport and vied for access to the Touro Synagogue, it was Shearith Israel, as owner and steward of Touro Synagogue, that insisted that all Jews of whatever heritage would be welcome to pray at Touro Synagogue. This is one of the proudest moments of Shearith Israel’s history, in my humble opinion. And it importantly colors the role that Shearith Israel still has with Touro.
- Shearith Israel’s role can be clearly seen in the fact that, since 1903, when Shearith Israel appointed a lessee to oversee day-to-day activities at Touro Synagogue, the operative lease has mandated that Shearith Israel have the right to approve the Rabbi at Touro Synagogue and that Shearith Israel’s rituals and practices are to be followed there. There were many times in the Twentieth Century when Shearith Israel, as owner and steward, was called upon to ensure that the Touro Synagogue remain true to its history and purpose. As Dr. Poole put it in *Old Faith*, “The preservation of the Newport Synagogue in its original beauty has always been a

matter of profound concern to the trustees of...” Shearith Israel.

- At the end of the first decade of this Century, Shearith Israel again needed to reassert itself, this time to ensure that sacred ritual objects owned by Shearith Israel but used at Touro Synagogue not be sold and that Shearith Israel remain the legal owner and rightful steward of Touro Synagogue. This the Court ultimately unanimously affirmed.

This brief history, potted and idiosyncratic as it is, needs to be seen as part of the important human relations that have abided concerning Touro Synagogue. We still recite perpetual memorial services (*hashkabet*) for people and families who prayed at Touro Synagogue and who themselves, or their descendants, became members of Shearith Israel. Touro Synagogue is a profoundly important part of our history.

Recent decades have included ups as well as downs in the relationship between Shearith Israel and the tenant of the Touro Synagogue, Congregation Jeshuat Israel. I do not address that here. What matters is that Shearith Israel’s connection to Touro Synagogue itself has remained strong – and it will continue to remain strong.

I’m so pleased that Rabbi Soloveichik will be devoting a special lecture to Touro Synagogue in his Spring 2022 series on great synagogues of the world. I’m delighted as well that we are inviting worshipers of Touro Synagogue to join us for a Shabbaton to celebrate our relationship with Touro Synagogue, in New York on May 13-15, 2022. I hope you will all join us.

In the meantime, we as a congregation should be mindful that history has given us the responsibility to be steward of Touro Synagogue, a role we have carried out not just with humility and pride but with distinction and success for 200 years.



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

## UNITY THROUGH HERRING

Barbara Reiss



*Klal Yisrael* – the beautiful notion of a unified Jewish collective made up of the intricate tapestry of diverse Jews across the globe, across the park, and across the aisle (the synagogue aisle, that is) is hardly a new one. Indeed it's an ancient one. But while we can all buy into the apple pie value of "unity," Jews are just as known for our kvetchy argumentative nature. Nevertheless, we can all agree (because our Parnas, Lou Solomon has made the case countless times in his brilliant weekly missives) that vigorous debate done respectfully and lovingly *le'shaym shamayim*, in the name of God, is good and indeed desirable. Petty arguments and internal bickering, let alone hateful disputes, are not good.

After over two years of stress, loss, and alone-time many of us are yearning for more connection and unity while, at the same time, may need some time to get the hang of togetherness again. This is a time to stretch our outreach muscles by reaching out to friends and community members. In addition to the individual outreach efforts by our *Caring Connection* and others, we've also extended ourselves to neighboring institutions, doing more together. This past season we've collaborated with our fellow local synagogues on activities such as: Shabbat afternoon youth club, a teen basketball tournament, ski trips, and blood drives. We've also collaborated with non-synagogue community organizations, such as Dorot. And recently, this past Purim, we decided to partner with one of the newest kosher establishments right nearby, *Sherry Herring*. While you may not associate herring with our Western Sephardic tradition, you would be somewhat mistaken. *Sherry Herring* sources their herring from the Netherlands and it was

not uncommon for the Western Sephardic Dutch Jews of the 17th Century to trade in and make their fortunes in the lucrative herring market. And besides, if a new kosher eatery is trying to make it down the street on W. 72nd Street while so

many businesses and restaurants have shuttered in recent times, shouldn't we try to extend ourselves by indulging in their high-quality herring (and sardines, anchovies, and lox)? After all, Ashkenazi or Sephardi, who doesn't love a good herring? To recount the tale of one herring-fixated Jew:

A man who could not marry off his ugly daughter visited Rabbi Shimmel of Cracow.

"My heart is heavy," he told the Rav, "because God has given me an ugly daughter."

"How ugly?" the Seer asked.

"If she were lying on a plate with a herring, you wouldn't be able to tell the difference."

The Seer of Cracow thought for a longtime and finally asked, "What kind of herring?"

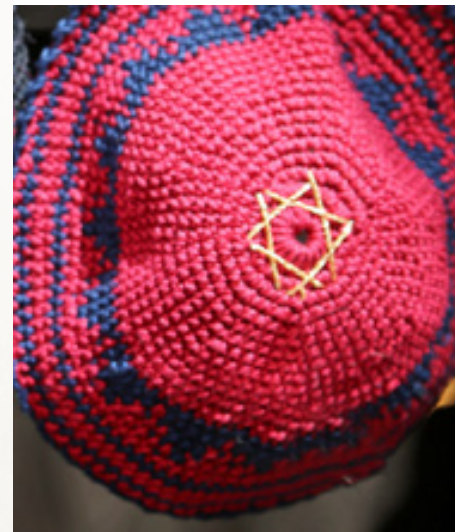
The man, taken aback by the query, thought quickly and said, "Er-Bismarck."

"Too bad," the Rabbi said. "If it was Maatjes, she'd have a better chance."

By Woody Allen, *Getting Even*

So this Spring and Summer, with the longer balmier days, reach out to your friends, reunite with your fellow congregants, and whether over herring or chraime, borscht or babaganush, we will all be the better for it.

Barbara Reiss



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### *Mazal Tob to:*

Laurie & Dr. Eli Bryk, on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Jacki & Jeff Karsh of Los Angeles

Laurie & Dr. Eli Bryk and Ellen & Robert Kapito, on the birth of a grandson to their children, Alyssa & Aaron Kapito

Julia & Yair Cohen on the birth of a granddaughter, Ellie Alexandra, born to Ariel and Dana Cohen

Judi & Alan Eisenman, on the birth of a grandson, Gavriel Isaac, born to their children, Liz & Marc Guttman

Cindy Trop & Stuart Ellman, on the birth of a granddaughter, Edie Siona (Meira Yehudit), born to Arielle & Josh Rubin, in Santa Monica, CA

Suzanne Stern & Sjimon den Hollander, on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Emunah Meisels; the marriage of Ruben den Hollander to Hadas Shaked; and the birth of a grandson, David Sebastiaan Worung

Juliana & Dr. Howard Levite, upon the marriage of their daughter, Danielle, to Brett Levine.

Eliezer Nebot, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Eleonore & Eric Nebot.

Elizabeth Uretsky & Samuel Neumark, on the birth of a baby girl. Congratulations as well to grandparents Susan & Avery Neumark, to great-grandfather Mel Neumark, and to the entire family.

Yehudit Robinson & Sam Daitch, upon the birth of a baby boy

Debra & Steven Sasson, on the birth of a baby girl, Mathilda (Berakha Toba). Congratulations to her grandmother, Deena Aboodi, and the entire Sasson and Aboodi families.

Our trustee, Oliver Stanton, upon his marriage to Stacey Weinstein

Aviva & Marvin Sussman, on their grandson Ethan Charles Sussman (son of Dalia & Eric Sussman) becoming a Bar Mitzvah

### NEW MEMBERS

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

Hanna Pincas-Kalman & Michael Kalman, and their children, Adam, Daniel, and Liam

Jennifer Naggar & Michael Wetz

## HAZAKIM U'BERUKHIM

### ***Members with special achievements:***

Avery Neumark, on receiving the title *Haver*, conferred to him by three distinguished rabbis

Gail Propp, upon receiving an honorary doctorate from Bar Ilan University, to be bestowed on May 22 in Israel

Rabbi Joel Schreiber, on receiving the *Eitz Chaim Award* at YU's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) *Chag HaSemikhah*

Robyn & Mark Tsersarsky, and to Lincoln Square Synagogue, on the naming of the "Tsersarsky Family Building"

## IN MEMORIAM

### ***We mourn the loss of our members:***

Leon "Muk" Eisenmann

Arnie Goldfarb

Edward Lukashok

Serge Naggar

Claude Minerbo Sasson

### **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.*

## CONDOLENCES

### ***We extend sincere condolences to:***

Karyn Bogart, on the passing of her uncle, Jack Robert Braka

Jeffrey Lang, on the passing of his father, Dr. Samuel Lang

Vivien Eisenmann on the passing of her husband Leon "Muk" Eisenmann. Condolences also to children Esther Eisenmann Lauber and Marc Eisenmann,

Daniel Feder, on the passing of his mother, Shirley Feder

Yonina Gomberg, upon the passing of her grandfather. Rabbi Feldman was the founding rabbi of The Westville Synagogue of New Haven, Connecticut, where he served for 50 years.

Meryl Jaffe, on the passing of her mother, Solange Rosenblum Jaffe

Jean Naggar and Jennifer Naggar, on the passing of Serge Naggar

Alan Schechter, on the passing of his father, Isidore Schechter

Anwar Suleiman, on the passing of his mother, Sophie Suleiman

Dr. Jonathan Tobin on the passing of his father, Dr. Mark S. Tobin

Roy Zuckerberg, on the passing of his brother, Mark Zuckerberg

## IN APPRECIATION

### ***Special thanks to:***

Our synagogue docents who have begun leading tours again. These recent tours have been led by Rev. Z. Edinger and Arthur Tenenholtz. If you are interested in becoming a docent, please contact Z. at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org).

### **Dedicated Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Collections:**

#### **Bronx Fire Relief Fund:**

Thank you to everyone who helped us distribute funds to the Mayor's Bronx Fire Relief Fund and Masbia's Bronx Relief Fund in support of the victims and their families of this tragic fire.

#### **Ukraine Relief Fund:**

As we go to press, with the war in Ukraine raging, we thank everyone who has donated to help support the Jewish communities of Ukraine. And we offer a special thank you to one of our members who has generously offered to anonymously match all the funds we collect.

### **Class Sponsors**

#### **Friday Night Lights:**

##### **SERIES SPONSOR:**

Thank you to the Julis-Rabinowitz family, for sponsoring the 2021-22 season of Friday Night Lights

##### **SESSION SPONSORS:**

Faith Fogelman, in memory of her mother, Miriam Watkin

Rina and Tzachi Goldberg, in honor of Rabbi Meir and Lyaliza Soloveichik

Gabriella Major, in memory of her father, Kalman Fulep, z'l

Martine and Jack Schenker, in memory of Martine's mother, Shprintza b. Bayrish, on the occasion of her *nahala*

Drs Lu Steinberg & Michael Schulder, in honor of Milton Steinberg at the time of his first *nahala* and Lillie Steinberg's 4th *nahala*

Seymour Schulman and family, in memory of Rachel Schulman, Ruchel Golda Bat Yaakov Binyamin v'Sarah Leah

Manuel Vazquez-Senior

#### **Rabbi Soloveichik's Special Lectures:**

Anonymous, in memory of all for whom we recite *Kaddish*, z'l

Dr. Robert April, in memory of his father, Abraham b. Shlomo, on his 52nd *nahala*

Ronny and Toby Hersh, in memory of Abraham and Esther Hersh z'l

Vera Honigwachs and family, in memory of Norman and Dina Moskowitz

Linda and Howard Sterling, in memory of their son, Steven

Dr. Susan Weissman, in memory of her parents, Dina & Norman Moskowitz a"h, on the occasion of the *nahala* of Dina bat Dovid Aryeh

#### **Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class:**

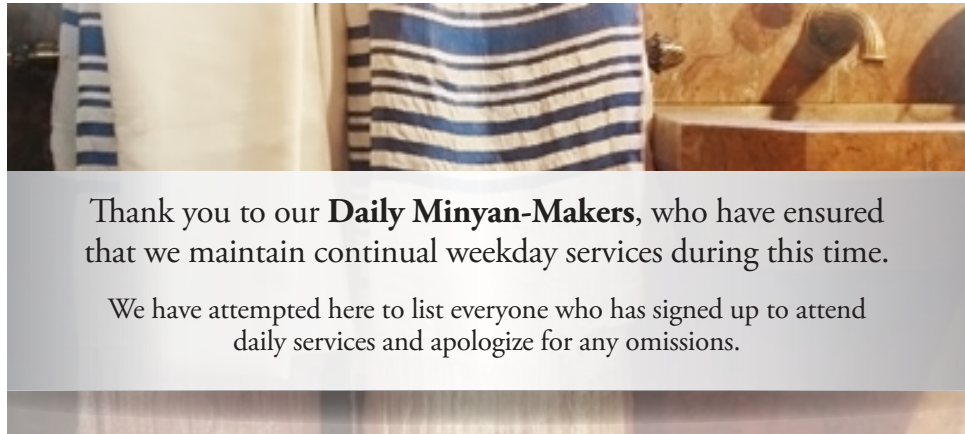
##### **SERIES SPONSOR:**

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

##### **SESSION SPONSOR:**

Tikva Ostrega, in memory of her father, Ezra Meir Shohet, on the occasion of his *nahala*





Thank you to our **Daily Minyan-Makers**, who have ensured that we maintain continual weekday services during this time.

We have attempted here to list everyone who has signed up to attend daily services and apologize for any omissions.

William Aghassi | Jessica Amelar | Alan Amiel | Rabbi Marc Angel  
Jonathan Aufzien | Jacob Aufzien | Lew Bateman | Steven Beispiel | Ariel Bengio  
Henri Bengualid | Victoria Bengualid | Ricardo Bentin | Roger Berg | Phil Bieler  
Levi Boslow | Jack Daar | Zachariah Edinger | Henry Edinger | Josh Eisen Muk  
Eisenmann z”l | Harry Engel | Amir Freidman | Jonathan Freilich  
Naftali Friedman | Sidney Gerson | Simon Gerson | Mendi Gertner  
Gabriel Goldstein | Yitzhak Goldstein | Andre Guenoun | Seth Haberman  
Akiva Haberman | Isaac Haberman | Ricki Heicklen | Jonathan Herlands  
Rachel Herlands | Adam Hurwich | Adam Jackson | Benson Jerusalemi  
James Kahn | Matthew Kaplan | Edward Kerson | Neal Kozodoy  
Rabbi Daniel Kronengold | Morton Landowne | Aharon Lauber | David Lavipour  
David Lerner | Alex Levi | John Lewin | Albert Lewitinn | Henry Lipschutz  
Raphi Lipschutz | Jesse Lipschutz | Lewis Lipsey | Stan Lisotsky  
Adina Marmelstein | Joel Maxman | Joshua de Sola Mendes | Craig Moskowitz  
Ben Motola | Laurent Nahon | Jonathan Nathan | Aaron Nathan | Avery Neumark  
Hillel Neumark | Hayyim Obadiah | Victor Owen | Rabbi Elchanan Poupko  
Gustave Rieu | Bruce Roberts | Rabbi Ira Rohde | Lisa Rohde | Joshua Rozenberg  
Roberto Salama | Rafe Sasson | Elie Sasson | William Schulder | Alexander Seligson  
Jacob Seligson | Morris Shamah | Ari Sherizen | Stuart Shorensetin  
Jared Silverman Baer | Stephen Smith | Andrew Sole | Meyer Solny  
Yosef Solomon | Louis Solomon | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
Pinhas Tanhum Soloveichik | Steven Spira | A. Rudy Stern | Ben Suckewer  
Arthur Tenenholtz | Jonathan Tobin | Avi Toledo | Salomon Vaz Dias | Boaz Vega  
David Vorcheimer | Marc Wiznia | Sergio Wolkovisky | Lloyd Zuckerberg

If you’d like to commit to a daily minyan (even one day a week can make a big difference!), contact Rev. Z. Edinger at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org) and join the minyan WhatsApp group, to be notified only when we could really use your help.

**Rev. Z. Edinger’s “A Random Walk Down Mill Street”:**

Rabbi Jeff Berger, in memory of Mr. Joseph Berger

Elana, Zachary, and Mendel Gorden, in memory of Belle & Samuel M. Cohen and Minna M. Eisenstein

E. Sherry Miller, in honor of Carla Salomon Schein

Suzanne Morad, in memory of Manijeh Rachel Morad

Lori I. Rubens, in memory of her parents

**Kiddush Sponsors:**

Anonymous

Faith Fogelman and Lori Jacobowitz in memory of their grandparents, Abraham and Helen Jacobowitz

Naftali & Zoya Raynes Friedman, Avi & Samuel, in honor of Rabbi Ira Rohde

Elana, Zachary, and Mendel Gorden, in memory of Minna M. Eisenstein, Belle H. & Samuel M. Cohen, and Sydney Gorden

Raquel & Steve Herz, in memory of Barbara Herlands Smith

Howard & Martin Koenig, in memory of their parents, Yaakov Yoseph b. Nisan (Julius J. Koenig) & Chaya bat Shalom Tzvi (Adele C. Koenig), z”l

Liliane Marks, in memory of her husband, Neville Marks

Aviva Miller and family, in memory of Milton Miller, MD z”l

The Nebot family, in honor of Eliezer becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Susan and Avery Neumark, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah anniversary of Samuel Neumark and in memory of Susan’s brother, Edward Adler

Meyer & Suchu Solny, in memory of Meyer’s mother, Mrs. Betty Solny (הינדא ביילא בת מאיר בנדיט, ע”ה)

The Solomon family in honor of Rabbi Shaul Robinson

Margo & Benjamin Suckewer, in memory of Sonia & Chaim Suckewer, Raja Abramoff, and Joe & Anne Weaker

Manuel Vazquez-Senior

**Choir Contributors:**

Anonymous

Annette Gourgey, in memory of Louise & Albert Gourgey

**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](mailto:srosenberg@shearithisrael.org) so we can share the news in our handouts and bulletins.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SOCIETIES



### THE SISTERHOOD

*Carla Solomon Schein, Sisterhood President*

To help our community keep in touch, the Sisterhood sent postcards with Hanukkah wishes to all congregants. The card featured a picture of the historic Hanukkah lamp that dates back to the First Mill Street Synagogue of 1730 and is still in use in our evening services during Hanukkah.

2022 began with the Sisterhood's January Zoom presentation, "The Evolution of American Jewish Comedy," with Geoff Kole.

February featured a Sunday Matinee, "From the Old Country to Ellis – an Untold Story," presented by Leah Kaplan. All the participants, whether or not their family experiences were similar, came away with new insights about what immigrants to the United States often had to endure to get here.

Our pre-Purim program at the beginning of March was a wonderful Zoom with artist Dena Levie. A member of the Guild of American

Papercutters, she taught us and helped participants create their very own Judaica-themed piece of papercut art.

Once again, *Thank You* to all of you who participated in our Mishloah Manot Project. It is our main fundraiser and is what makes possible our activities, including the Succah decoration, the flowers on Shabuot, and our programming.

Our plans for May include a Sunday Matinee Zoom with Jon Greenberg of *Torah Flora: Plants and Nature in Bible and Jewish Tradition*. He has been an informative and enjoyable presenter at Shearith Israel in the past. Additionally, we look forward to a special treat when our own floral designer Rose G. Edinger will show us, on a Wednesday evening via Zoom, how to create, with ease, eye-catching flower arrangements for our homes.

Watch for information about the dates for the upcoming May events!

### THE HEBRA

*Rose Guedalia Edinger, President, Hebra Hased va'Amet*

The Hebra is a lay-led organization that provides comfort and support to families in mourning and a dignified burial to the deceased of our community. The Hebra provides a mourners' meal, helps organize services in the house of mourning (when feasible), and provides other support during the week of *shibah*. Among the most important functions of the Hebra is to provide for burial and other assistance for the indigent in times of need. Members of the Hebra's *Tahara* committee also perform the traditional preparation of the deceased for burial in accordance with the customs of our synagogue.

From time to time the Hebra organizes trips to one or more of our cemeteries, for historical tours, volunteer clean-up events, or visiting loved ones before the High Holidays. These events are appropriate for adults and children and a great opportunity for community service.

**Coming this Spring: The Hebra's annual spring cemetery clean-up day.** We would love for you to get involved with the Hebra, become a member, volunteer to clean up our cemeteries, or make a donation to help the Hebra continue its important mission. To get involved, contact [rgedinger@gmail.com](mailto:rgedinger@gmail.com)

### THE LEAGUE

*Lucienne Bulow*

This edition, we dedicate our update to our dear friend, Arnie Goldfarb, of blessed memory. Arnie was unique. He grew up in Shearith Israel. In *An Old Faith in the New World*, Dr. David and Tamar de Sola Pool mention that Arnie was the President of the Young Men's Club which "encouraged young people to express the spirit of religion in the daily life of the congregation through the exercise of leadership and service, the practice of cooperation and the fellowship of faith." These were ideals that Arnie carried on all his life and always with a sense of humor. Although trained as an engineer, Arnie served Shearith Israel as Shamash for decades. He was also a Board Member of the Shearith Israel League, having served as assistant Treasurer and Treasurer for many years. Among other things, he edited the useful Shearith Israel

diaries which included historical notes about the Congregation and a World Directory of Sephardic Congregations around the United States and the world.

Meeting at Board members' homes and consuming delicious pastries, League Presidents relied on Arnie's knowledge of the traditions of the Congregation when planning events and programs that would interest the community. He always was ready to help and never left midway in a task.

In March 1993, the Shearith Israel League honored Arnie and Esther Goldfarb at a dinner dance at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We've had many honorees over the years, but no couple deserved this honor more.





### SCHEDULE CHANGES MAY HAPPEN

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

# HOLIDAYS

## PESAH

### SHABBAT HAGADOL DERASHA

Shabbat, April 9 | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

You won't want to miss this *derasha* from Rabbi Soloveichik exploring how we can weave the lessons of this Festival of Freedom into our everyday lives.

### TEEN GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN SHIR HASHIRIM READING

Shabbat, April 23

We invite the young women (post-Bat Mitzvah through 20s) of our congregation to read the *Song of Songs* on the final Shabbat of Pesah. Full preparation and training provided. Newcomers welcome! For information and to participate, please contact Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde at [irohde@shearithisrael.org](mailto:irohde@shearithisrael.org).

## YOM HASHOAH

### YOM HASHOAH LECTURE

*The Orphan Child of Holocaust Studies: The Romaniote and Sephardic Jews of Greece*

Wednesday, April 27

In partnership with The Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood

Presented by Marcia Haddad Ikononopoulos, Museum Director, Kehila Kedosha Janina

Ms. Haddad Ikononopoulos, an expert on Greek Jewry, will present the devastating story of the Greek Jews, close to 90% of whom perished in the Shoah. These vibrant communities had a unique culture that was nearly eradicated. The survivors were determined to revive their language, music, cuisine, and family values and do so with the support of institutions such as The Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood and Kehila Kedosha Janina.

## YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HAATZMAUT

### SPECIAL LECTURE

May 4 | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Rabbi Soloveichik will uplift and inspire us with a lecture that takes us from the solemnity of Yom HaZikaron to the celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut.



## SHABUOT

### SHABUOT LECTURE

Saturday Night, June 4, following the reading of Eikha  
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Enjoy this annual public lecture on the themes of the holiday. Come for the Torah; stay for the cheesecake!

### GIRLS BOOK OF RUTH READING

Shabuot II, Monday, June 6

We look forward to hosting this annual reading in person for the first time in 2 years! If you know a girl (any girl or woman through college age who can read Hebrew is welcome!) who would like to participate, we would be delighted if she would. Please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at [lrohde-csi@yahoo.com](mailto:lrohde-csi@yahoo.com).

## THE THREE WEEKS & TISHA B'AB

### SPECIAL THREE WEEKS LECTURE SERIES

*Culminating on Tisha B'Ab*

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | Dates TBD

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a lecture series in memory of Rev. Dr. Alan D. Corre & Mrs. Nita Corre. Rev. Corre served as hazzan in our sister synagogue, Congregation Mikveh Israel, and was a distinguished scholar of Hebrew, linguistics, and Jewish studies. The lectures by Rabbi Soloveichik draw on his scholarship.

### ANNUAL TISHA B'AB LECTURE

*Finale of Three Weeks Lecture Series*

Saturday Night, August 6  
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver his annual public lecture, this time as a powerful conclusion to his Three Weeks Series.

## ELUL

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

August, Date TBD

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 Rev. Zachariah Edinger.



# SPECIAL EVENTS



## SPRING FUNDRAISER: A MAJOR LECTURE SERIES

### SANCTUARIES AND CITIES: The Synagogues of the World and the Stories They Tell

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**  
Conference Call, Livestream,  
and In-Person

In Europe, in America, in the Middle East, stand synagogues of Jewish history, many centuries old. Each of them tells tales of leaders and heroes, its tragedies and its triumphs, so that to visit them, to stand in their sanctuaries, to hear the voices that echo, is to tour the the Diaspora itself, and to meet the Jews of London, Amsterdam, Prague, Newport, Cairo, Krakow, and more. We will learn how these communities and extraordinary edifices came into being, controversies and the legends that suffused them, and the sacrifices and faith that they embody. To rediscover these synagogues is to encounter Jewish history itself, and we will discover them together.

As in recent years, this special series serves as our Congregation's Spring Fundraiser. Join us for this phenomenal series (it won't be recorded!) while providing critical support to our Congregation.

## PLANNING A PRIVATE EVENT?

Our new outdoor pavilion, Paved Paradise, is ideal for hosting a Spring, Summer, or Fall event.

This private, tented, and turfed outdoor setting is located right next door to the synagogue and is perfect for lifecycle events such as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, a *Berit*, children's birthday parties, funerals and *shiva*, or other gatherings.

To inquire, please contact Sarah Gross at [sgross@shearithisrael.org](mailto:sgross@shearithisrael.org) or at 212-873-0300 x230.

## KARATE FOR KIDS

*Taught by Sifu Eddie Kelen,  
White Crane Martial Arts*

**For children in grades 3 - 7 and their  
parents (optional)**

**On Paved Paradise | 9:00-10:00 am**

**Four sessions on Sundays:  
April 3 & 10; May 15 & 22**

Join Sifu Eddie Kelen, a fourth-degree black belt in Karate and a master of T'ai Chi, in this introductory youth Karate course! For more information, see our Youth section. Preferred pricing for Shearith Israel members.

## PASSOVER VIRTUAL FILM FESTIVAL

**April 14 - 24**

Shearith Israel is a proud co-sponsor of this year's Passover Film Festival. Visit [www.passoverfilmfestival.com](http://www.passoverfilmfestival.com) to see the lineup of films, and follow our emails for our special discount code!

## FOURTH ANNUAL SMASH THE STIGMA EVENT

*Presented by Shearith Israel's Caring  
Connection*

**May 2022**

Held annually during Mental Health Awareness Month and co-sponsored by a consortium of neighborhood synagogues and Jewish institutions

Three years ago, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, we hosted a profoundly important and extremely well-received *Smash the Stigma* event, in which we opened a conversation on suicide and depression in the Jewish community. Based on turnout and feedback, it was clear that this conversation must continue. We have since made this an annual event, including on Zoom as Covid necessitated. With new and increasingly distressing mental health issues in our community, we welcome the entire community to join our fourth installment this May. Stay tuned for registration details.

## TOURO SHABBATON

**May 13 - 15**

Join us for a springtime Shabbaton with the Newport community, this one to be held here in NY. Rabbi Soloveichik's Keynote Address focusing on the history and meaning of the Touro Synagogue will be delivered after Shabbat morning services (and is one installment in an important, mostly virtual, Spring Lecture Series on significant historic orthodox synagogues around the world). Another highlight will be an informative Sunday morning tour led by Rev. Zachary Edinger, of Chatham Square Cemetery, the oldest Jewish cemetery in America, located in today's Chinatown. There will be other talks and programs throughout the weekend, and of course, shared Shabbat meals for us to enjoy in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.





FIRST ANNUAL  
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY  
FILM FESTIVAL

**May 4 - 9**

Shearith Israel is partnering with Menemsha Films, ChaiFlix, and Go2Films to celebrate Israel Independence Day with six nights of award-winning new films, available to view from the comfort of your home! Follow our emails for signup details and discount code.



SISTERHOOD SUNDAY  
MATINEE

**Sunday, May 15 | On Zoom**

Our popular Sunday Matinee series will continue with a special presentation by Jon Greenberg of *Torah Flora: Plants and Nature in Bible and Jewish Tradition*. To learn more about Dr. Greenberg and his work, visit [torahflora.org](http://torahflora.org).

## FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS WORKSHOP

*Sponsored by the Sisterhood*

**May, Wednesday, Date TBD**  
**On Zoom**

Join us for this hands-on Zoom event, taught by our own floral designer, Rose G. Edinger. Learn how to create, with ease, eye-catching flower arrangements for your home.



## GRADUATION KIDDUSH & CELEBRATION

## Shabbat, June 18

Let's spread the good news and celebrate the success and accomplishments of all our graduates from pre-school to PhDs! Make sure to send us your graduate's information so that we can properly list and congratulate your graduate(s) in our Scroll of Honor.

## NEW MEMBER EVENT & NEW ELECTORS SIGNING

**Date TBD**

Our board of trustees invites our newly elected Electors and our newest members to a two-for-one celebration. Many of our traditional celebrations have been deferred due to COVID-19, and it's time to bring them back. We will witness the signing of the Shearith Israel Constitution (which contains signatures of our Electors going back to the 1800s!) by our new Electors and welcome our newest members. Invitations to follow.

## CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY

*Sponsored by the Hebra Hased Va'Amet*

Date TBD | 21st Street Cemetery

Join Rev. Z. Edinger in tending to one of our precious plots of earth, our 21st Street Cemetery. This cemetery was active from 1829-1851, before city ordinances forbade burials below 86th Street. Details coming soon.

## ANNUAL CHATHAM SQUARE MEMORIAL

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 30**

## Chatham Square Cemetery, Shearith Israel's First Historic Cemetery

Rev. Z. Edinger will head down to Chatham Square Cemetery in Chinatown to honor members of our congregation who participated in the Revolutionary War. In this annual event, join us as we 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.





## TRIBUTE TO ARNIE GOLDFARB

*On December 29, 2021, we were saddened to learn that Arnie Goldfarb, our longtime member and emeritus sexton, had passed away in Israel. The following is excerpted from the words of eulogy offered by Reverend Zachariah Edinger at Arnie's funeral:*

Arnie grew up in the synagogue; he was a regular attendee – week in and week out – always attending services no matter the weather, together with his parents and sister of blessed memory. Something about Shearith Israel connected strongly with Arnie. Whether it was the history of the congregation and its unique minhagim, the beauty of its liturgy and pageantry of the services; or maybe it was a special connection made with Dr. Pool at a young age, but whatever it was, Arnie connected deeply with the synagogue and it became a major part of his identity.

From a young age Arnie always wanted to be of help. My grandfather, Judah Guedalia, recalled him helping change the cloaks during the holiday season together with Bernie Turiel when they were children. My uncle, Rabbi Harris Guedalia, remembers Arnie as a teenager recruiting him along with other boys of the congregation to change the prayer books before the holidays. He always strove for greater and greater efficiency, dividing up the work by rows and sections, and utilizing a special cart that fit between the pews.

Outside of the synagogue Arnie could be found leading troop 613, for religiously observant boy scouts. Arnie always found a way for sabbath and kashrut observing boys to earn their merit badges - even if that meant that in some years the overnight camping trip was held in the Ramaz gymnasium. Incidentally, Arnie's sister, Pearl, *zikhrona livracha*, organized a troop of Jewish Girl Scouts as well.

Arnie was an engineer by training, and this came through in many of the things he did for the synagogue, whether it was providing technical audio and video support or recording many events, lectures, and plays put on by the League or the Sisterhood.

Another area that Arnie's engineering background came through were his technical instructions for performing the mitzvot of the Torah service, describing to the exact degree the proper angle that the torah should be held when carrying it to the tebah after being undressed (45 degrees) and when lifting the torah for *levantar* (30 degrees).

Arnie wasn't one of the readers of the *zemirot* or *haftarot*; no, Arnie's strength was helping out – in any and every way. And so it was when it came time for my grandfather to retire as *shamash*, Arnie was chosen to be his successor.

As *shamash*, Arnie was dedicated, efficient, and dignified. During services, he always ran a tight ship. The mitzvot were assigned well in advance, with "ATG" often doing *levantar*. Arnie would walk the floor of the synagogue with incredible dignity; his head held high and his back straight whether he was greeting a visitor, getting them a *talit* or counting the shabbat attendance during *musaf*. Arnie also ensured that there were no distractions or disturbances during services or during the sermon. Closing the windows for the Sermon, sternly shaking his head at attendees trying to leave during *Adon Olam*, or dealing with (ahem) some boys who may have gotten a bit too rowdy while playing downstairs.

A *shamash's* job is hard – sometimes having to enforce rules or *minhagim* that visitors do not understand. Arnie never shirked from this responsibility and he always kept up our *minhagim* and conventions to the letter. But whenever you saw Arnie – whether it was at services or any other event in or out of the synagogue – he would greet you with a smile or a little joke. He was always happy to see you. And despite his occasional stern demeanor, Arnie could also get emotional and wasn't too proud to let you see his tears from time to time.

After his retirement, Arnie continued to find ways to help the Shearith Israel community – he created and distributed *omer* cards to help congregants keep track of the days between Passover and Shabuot. Together with Rev. Salomon vaz Dias, Arnie helped congregants who wished to be buried in Israel. Until this very day, Arnie was *still* an officer of the Shearith Israel League foundation *and* a member of the Board of Advisors of the Hebra Hased vaAmet.

Arnie was a very proud American, and reveled in the unique history of our congregation, and the special Thanksgiving and Memorial day services held here. But his love for America never got in the way of being a proud lover of Israel. All of Arnie and Esther's children and grandchildren live in Israel, and a few years after Esther passed away, Arnie himself made *Aliyah*.

But even in Jerusalem, you could never take the Shearith Israel out of Arnie. Arnie kept on helping out and showing up. Arnie showed up to every S&P event that he could, be it special gatherings, services, family celebrations, or funerals. When I first became *shamash*, Arnie told me that he would always be available for advice and gave me his number. A local NY number, by the way, courtesy of his "MagicJak." Alas, I didn't call him nearly enough.

I will share with you one more example of how, even in retirement, Arnie continued helping me to uphold the *minhagim* of Shearith Israel: A few years ago, an elderly member of the congregation passed away. When Arnie found out that this member was going to be buried in a different cemetery than our own, he made sure to call me up and remind me that the deceased was a member of the Hebra and entitled to *hakafot*. He told me that if no *hakafot* were going to be done at the cemetery, we could and should do them at the *tahara*.

It is with this in mind that I would like to close by chanting the beginning of the *hakafot*.

רחם-נא עליו - אל אלוהים חיים  
*Please have mercy upon him God, the God of life*

ומלך עולם - כי עמך מקור חיים  
*King of the Universe for you are the Fountain of life*

ותמיד יתהלך - בארצות החיים  
*May he always walk in the land of the living*

ותנוח נפשו - בצרור החיים  
*and may his soul rest in the bond of life*

Thank you Arnie. We will always love you and we will never forget you!



# WEEKLY JEWISH EDUCATION



Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander



Rev. Z. Edinger



Rabbi Ira Rohde

## THE GUIDE TO DUTIES OF THE HEART

**Sundays | 8:45 am**  
**Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander**

**Via Zoom | To receive the link, email Rabbi den Hollander at [sjimon@flatironre.com](mailto:sjimon@flatironre.com)**

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

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

## DAILY ZOOM: BOOK OF KINGS

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

**Via Zoom | To receive the link, email Z. at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org)**

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

## "A RANDOM WALK DOWN MILL STREET"

**Wednesdays | 7:45 pm**  
**On Zoom | Refer to our emails for the link**  
**Rev. Z. Edinger**

Every Wednesday evening, Rev. Edinger delivers short presentations about the liturgy, music, or *minhag* of Shearith Israel. To sponsor an individual session, go to [shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class). Missed a session? Catch up online at [shearithisrael.org/zedinger-archive](http://shearithisrael.org/zedinger-archive), where many of Rev. Edinger's programs are available to stream at your convenience.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

**2020-2021 season sponsored by the Julis-Rabinowitz family**

**Fridays through April 2 | Following Evening Services | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

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*. To sponsor an individual session, go to [shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class).



## SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS

**Current semester sponsored by Scott Shay, in memory of his grandparents, Shmuel v'Nesiya & Aharon v'Sara**

**Shabbat Afternoons**  
**45 minutes before Evening Services**  
**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Fill your Shabbat afternoon with Torah from Rabbi Soloveichik, and stay for evening services for the complete Shabbat experience. To sponsor a session, go to [shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class).

## VIRTUAL HABDALA SERVICE

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

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





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of all four sessions must be paid for  
regardless of attendance)

Join Sifu Eddie Kelen, a fourth-degree  
black belt in Karate and a master of  
T'ai Chi, in this introductory youth  
Karate course! He has been teaching  
Martial Arts since 1989 and runs  
many successful programs for adults,  
children and senior citizens, a number  
of them in the local Manhattan  
Jewish community.

In the Karate classes that he has  
specifically designed for children,  
students learn to increase their  
concentration, self control,  
calmness, self defense skills, physical  
coordination, responsibility, and street  
smarts. Children develop these skills  
through the use of martial arts games,  
stretches and strengthening exercises,  
self defense techniques, inspirational  
Karate stories, and meditation.

Children may participate with or  
without a parent. Parents who plan on  
participating with their children must  
register and pay a full fee for the parent  
participating. Registration and pricing  
will be available at [shearithisrael.org/  
karate-kids](http://shearithisrael.org/karate-kids).

## METS GAME OUTING

*Sponsored by the Lewin Family*

**Sunday, May 15 | 1:00 pm**  
**Citi Field**

Shearith Israel youth and their families  
are invited on this highly subsidized trip  
to watch the Mets play the Mariners –  
Only \$15 a ticket! (Actual ticket price:  
\$40) First come, first served, while  
supplies last.

## ONE-WEEK YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

*With Louis & Rafi Nahon*

**On Paved Paradise | 9:00-11:00 am**  
(weather permitting)

**Monday-Friday | August 22-26**

A week of youth soccer training,  
scrimmages, tips, and tricks with our  
soccer star members, Louis and Rafi  
Nahon – kids (ages 5 - 10) can attend  
all sessions or any they choose! Stay  
tuned for registration details.



## PTTS HEBREW SCHOOL ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING

**In person or on Zoom**  
**Rolling admissions; apply anytime!**

Our youth have missed out on so  
much since the onset of COVID-19,  
and we can't afford to have them lose  
more time. Their Jewish education,  
identity, affiliation, and continuity is  
on the line.

Shearith Israel's distinguished  
Polonies Talmud Torah School  
(PTTS) is now offering one-on-one  
tutoring, customized to your child's  
needs, schedule, and even from the  
comfort of your child's computer  
screen.

PTTS is connecting families with  
qualified educators who can facilitate  
learning that is customized to your  
child's age, Hebrew and Judaic  
ability, learning style, and schedule.  
Whether your priority is Bar/  
Bat Mitzvah preparation, Hebrew  
language skills, Jewish culture,  
familiarity with prayer services,  
Western Sephardic tradition, or, of  
course, positive engagement with  
Jewish life and community, you choose  
which tutor you'd like to work with  
based on your own considerations.  
Financial aid is available.

Learn more and find the perfect tutor  
for your child's needs at [shearithisrael.  
org/ptts-tutoring](http://shearithisrael.org/ptts-tutoring).

If you would like to support the  
PTTS Scholarship Fund, please  
contact Reverend Zachary Edinger  
at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org).

## FAREWELL TO LIZ

This past February, Liz Rios led her last  
Toddler Zoom and hung up her Elmo  
costume for the final time. Generations of  
children who have passed through Shearith  
Israel have experienced the warmth,  
creativity, and enthusiasm of our tireless Tot  
Shabbat and Toddler Program leaders.

We will miss her deeply, and wish her the  
very best on her well-deserved retirement,  
after 40+ years with us.







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## AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL



### ABOVE:

Our Parnas, Lou Solomon, led an engaging and informative Purim-centric session of Parent-Child Learning, with a little help from his wife, Beth, and the enthusiastic participation of many of our young families.

- A. Learning a new skill from home at the Sisterhood's virtual Judaic Papercuts Workshop
- B. Enjoying s'mores as a treat for Parent-Child Learning
- C. Rabbi Soloveichik demonstrates theoretical physics during a livestream lecture, "A Wrinkle In Jewish Time: Reflections on a Famous Book, Leap Years, and the Jewish Calendar"
- D. Reunited in person to celebrate Purim with a l'chaim and a HerringFest!

# HESED

## CARING CONNECTION

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

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

During these past months, *Caring Connection* has been instrumental in providing emotional and practical support to those in our community, from check-in calls to grocery shopping for those who are high-risk or under quarantine. If you would like to support their COVID-19 work with a donation, please do so at [shearithisrael.org/support-cc](https://shearithisrael.org/support-cc).

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

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



## MEALS FOR MOURNERS AND NEW PARENTS

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

If you would like to sponsor a meal, we offer several options and easy ways for you to do so. Simply go to [shearithisrael.org/hesed-meals](https://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](mailto: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.



# COLD BORSCHT

by Sherry Ansky



This recipe is by Sherry Ansky, Israeli celebrity chef, author of numerous cookbooks, food columnist for the *Maariv*, and founder and co-owner of *Sherry Herring* in Tel Aviv and now also on the Upper West Side. It was provided to us by the manager of *Sherry Herring* (NYC), Alejandro (Alex) Benchimol. How Alex, a Sephardic (Moroccan) Jew born in Madrid, Spain and raised in Israel came to love and devote his life to herring, borscht, and other not exactly Sephardic cuisine is the story of how Jewish diversity, unity, and cooperation brings out our very best!

Recipe excerpted from *The Food Is Ready/HaOchel Muchan* by Sherry Ansky (Keter Publishing House, 2021). Permission to use provided by Sherry Herring, NYC.

## CULINARY CORNER



### Ingredients:

- 8 beets (about 2 pounds), peeled and cut into matchsticks
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into rounds
- 2 to 3 celery stalks, leaves included, chopped
- Salt, to taste
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 allspice berries
- 1 teaspoon vinegar, plus more to taste
- 4 smallish potatoes (about 1 1/4 pounds total)
- Freshly ground black pepper and sugar, to taste
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice (optional)
- Hard-boiled eggs, quartered
- Sour cream
- Diced cucumber
- Chopped fresh dill

### Instructions:

Place the beets, carrots and celery in a large pot and cover with about 2 to 3 inches of water. Add a pinch of salt, the bay leaves, allspice berries and the teaspoon vinegar (this helps sharpen the flavor and preserve the color of the beets). Bring to a low boil over medium-high heat.

Peel the potatoes and gently lower them into the pot (you can also add cooked potatoes just before serving). Cook until the beets and potatoes have softened, 35 to 40 minutes. Taste the soup and add salt, pepper, sugar and lemon, to taste. If the soup tastes too acidic, dilute with a bit of water.

The second the soup comes off the stove, strain the liquid from the solids, reserving both. Chill both the liquid and the solids, then taste the liquid again and adjust the seasonings.

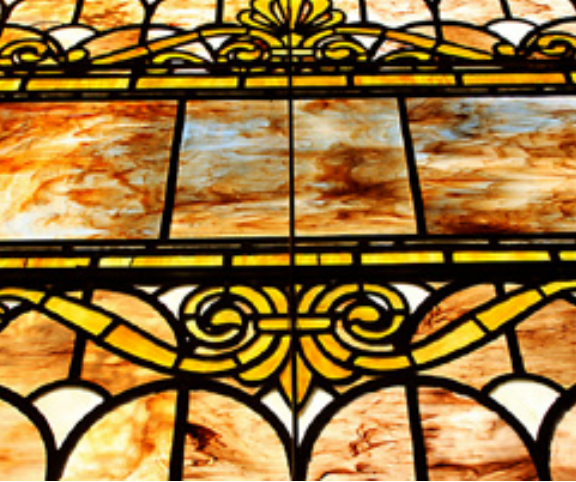
Divide the vegetables and potatoes (potatoes can be halved to make more servings) among 4 to 5 wide bowls, then fill with the cold soup. Top each bowl with sour cream, hard-boiled eggs, cucumber and dill.

Serves 4 to 5



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





# SERVICES

## SHABBAT SERVICES

### April 1st-2nd

#### Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Nisan-Hahodesh

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:03 pm
Saturday Morning Zemiroth.....	8:15 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Tazria-Rosh Hodesh-Hahodesh	
Minhah & Arbit.....	7:00 pm
Habdalah.....	7:58 pm

**Shabbat Hahodesh** derives its name from the special reading of the Torah, Exodus 12:1-20. This “portion about the month” refers to the special consecration of Nisan, the month of Passover. In 5782, **Shabbat Hahodesh** coincides with Nisan 1, **Rosh Hodesh** itself.

### April 8th-9th

#### Shabbat HaGadol

#### 1818 - 2nd Mill St. Consecration Anniversary

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:10 pm
Saturday Morning Zemiroth.....	8:15 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Metzora-HaGadol	
Minhah & Arbit.....	7:10 pm
Habdalah.....	8:06 pm

#### Shabbat HaGadol, the “Sabbath of the Great [One]”

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



### PLEASE NOTE:

Service times are subject to change. Follow our emails to get the latest changes: [shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists](mailto:shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists).

For our policies on attending services safely, please visit [shearithisrael.org](http://shearithisrael.org).

### April 29th-30th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:32 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Morning Service (Shahrit).....	9:00 am
Parashat Ahare Moth.....	Lev. 16:1-18:30
Haftarah I Samuel 20:18-42 .....	Sebastian Lipschutz
Bar Mitzvah.....	Sebastain Lipschutz
Minhah & Arbit.....	7:35 pm
Habdalah.....	8:31 pm

### May 6th-7th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:39 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Morning Service (Shahrit).....	9:00 am
Parashat Kedoshim.....	Lev. 19:1-20:27
Haftarah Ezekiel 20:2-20 .....	Moshe Sasson
Minhah & Arbit.....	7:40 pm
Habdalah.....	8:39 pm

### May 13th-14th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:45 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Morning Service (Shahrit).....	9:00 am
Parashat Emor	
Minhah & Arbit.....	7:45 pm
Habdalah.....	8:45 pm

### May 20th-21st Consecration Shabbat 1897 - 70th Street Consecration Anniversary

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:52 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Morning Service (Shahrit).....	9:00 am
Parashat Behar	
Minhah & Arbit.....	7:55 pm
Habdalah.....	8:53 pm

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

### May 27th-28th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles* (18 min. before sunset) .....	7:58 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Morning Service (Shahrit).....	9:00 am
Parashat Behukkothai	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	8:00 pm
Habdalah.....	8:59 pm

### June 3rd-4th Shabbat on Eve of Shabuot

Friday Evening Services .....	8:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:04 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Morning Service (Shahrit).....	9:00 am
Parashat Bemidbar	
Shabbat Minhah & Shabuot Arbit .....	8:00 pm
Shabbat Ends/Light Festival Candles .....	9:04 pm
Mishmarah/Tikkun: Late Class.....	11:00 pm

(See **Festival of Shabuot** for further schedule)

### June 10th-11th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:08 pm
Saturday Morning Zemiroth.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Naso	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	8:05 pm
Habdalah.....	9:09 pm

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June 17th-18th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:11 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Behaalotekha	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	8:10 pm
Habdalah.....	9:12 pm

June 24th-25th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:13 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Shelah Lekha	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	8:10 pm
Habdalah.....	9:13 pm

July 1st-2nd

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:13 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Korah	
Minhah & Arbit.....	8:10 pm
Habdalah.....	9:13 pm

July 8th-9th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:12 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Hukkath.....	Numbers 19:1-22:1
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	8:10 pm
Habdalah.....	9:11 pm

July 15th-16th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:08 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Balak	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	8:05 pm
Habdalah.....	9:08 pm

July 22nd-23rd

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	8:04 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Pinehas-Dibre	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	8:00 pm
Habdalah.....	9:02 pm

**The Three Weeks** between the Fasts of The 17th of Tammuz and The 9th of Ab are a period of contrition and mourning for the Temple. Prophetic passages of reproof and foreboding are read as haftarot on the Sabbaths intervening. Sephardim refer to these Sabbaths by the opening words of the particular haftarah read on that day.. All three haftarot are chanted in a special dirge of lament, ending on a note of comfort. **Shabbat Dibre** is the first; its haftarah is the opening of Jeremiah.

July 29th-30th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:57 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Mattoth-Mase-Shimu	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:55 pm
Habdalah.....	8:55 pm

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

August 5th-6th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:50 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Debarim-Hazon	
Saturday Afternoon Minhah .....	3:30 pm
Sat. Sunset (Fast Begins).....	8:07 pm
End of Shabbat.....	8:47 pm
Eve of the Fast Arbit Service.....	9:00 pm

Shabbat Dibre

Shabbat Shimu

Shabbat Hazon

**Shabbat Hazon** refers to the opening “vision” of Isaiah, parallel to the opening of Jeremiah. Since it precedes the Fast of Ab, this haftarah is read by one “well-versed in lamentation. This year the 9th day of the Month falls on Shabbat, with the Fast put off to the 10th, so Shabbat Hazon is the Eve of the Fast of Ab. Saturday Minhah is held at 3:30 pm, so that all may eat their last meal at suppertime. Begin fasting by sunset (8:07). Conclude the Sabbath at 8:47 by reciting “barukh hamabdil ben kodesh lehol” and return to the synagogue for the Eve of the Fast Arbit Service at 9:00 pm. The service begins with the hazzan reciting the single blessing “bore me’ore ha’esh” over a candle. The remainder of Habdalah is recited over a cup of grape juice or wine, without spices or a candle, on Sunday at the Fast’s conclusion.

August 12th-13th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:40 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Vaethanan-Nahamu	
Haftarah Isaiah 40:1-26	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:35 pm
Habdalah.....	8:36 pm

The Fast of the 9th of Ab is followed by the seven Sabbaths preceding Rosh HaShanah at which special Haftarot of Consolation from Isaiah are chanted. The first of these is **Shabbat Nahamu**, referring to Isaiah 40’s opening: “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people.”

August 19th-20th

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:30 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Ekeb	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:25 pm
Habdalah.....	8:25 pm

August 26th-27th Shabbat Rosh Hodesh

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:20 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Reeh-Rosh Hodesh	
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:15 pm
Habdalah.....	8:14 pm

September 2nd-3rd

Friday Evening Services .....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:08 pm
Saturday Morning Zemirot.....	8:30 am
Saturday Morning Shahrit.....	9:00 am
Parashat Shofetim	
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....	7:05 pm
Habdalah.....	8:02 pm

HOLIDAYS

Rosh Hodesh Nisan (One-Day)

**Shabbat Rosh Hodesh- HaHodesh**  
**Friday Evening, April 1st through**  
**Saturday, April 2nd**  
(For Services see Shabbat Schedule)

PASSOVER FESTIVAL

PESAH, HAG HAMATZOT

**Friday Eve, April 15th - Saturday, April 23rd**

Preparations

Search for Leaven

**Thursday Evening, April 14th**  
At night on Thursday ..... (after sunset, 7:34 pm)

Fast of First Born

**Friday Morning, April 15th**  
Fast of First Born begins (Dawn) ..... 4:50 am  
Sunrise ..... 6:17 am  
Shahrit & *siyyum* for the First Born ..... 7:05 am  
Stop eating *hametz* by..... 10:43 am  
Dispose of any remaining *hametz* by..... 11:49 am

First & Second Days of Passover  
FIRST TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

First Day of Passover

Eve of the First Day, Friday Eve, April 15th

Candle Lighting .....	7:17 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	7:00 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:35 pm
First Haggadah (Seder).....	at home Friday night
Nightfall .....	8:00 pm

First Day Morning, Saturday, April 16th

Zemiroth .....	8:30 am
Shahrit .....	9:00 am
Tikkun HaTal.....	inserted in Musaf 10:20 am
Sermon, Service Conclusion .....	10:45-11:15 am

Second Day of Passover

Eve of the Second Day, Saturday, April 16th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	7:00 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:36 pm
Second Haggadah.....	at home Saturday night
Shabbat Ends, Kiddush.....	after 8:14 pm
Candle Lighting & Omer Counting .....	after 8:14 pm

Second Day Morning, Sunday, April 17th

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

Second Day Conclusion, Sunday, April 17th

Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
Sunday Evening Sunset .....	7:38 pm
Sunday Evening Habdalah.....	8:02 pm

Intermediate Weekdays of Passover

HOL HAMOED PESAH

Mon.-Thu. Mornings, April 18th-21st

Shahrit & Musaf .....	7:05 am
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Mon.-Wed. Evenings, April 18th-20th

Minhah & Arbit.....	6:30 pm
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Preparations: Final Passover Days

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

Seventh & Eighth Days of Passover  
FINAL TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

Seventh Day of Pesah

Synagogue Consecration Anniversary

Mill Street Synagogue (1730)

Eve of the 7th Day, Thursday Eve, April 21st

Thursday Evening Candle Lighting .....	7:24 pm
Thursday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
Thursday Evening Sunset .....	7:42 pm

7th Day Morning, Friday, April 22nd

Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit .....	9:05 am
Torah Reading.....	9:40 am
Featuring reading of the <i>Shirah</i> -Song of the Sea	
Musaf, Sermon, Conclusion.....	10:25-11:00 am

Shabbat, The Eighth Day of Pesah

Eve of the 8th Day, Friday Eve, April 22nd

Shabbat/Festival Candle Lighting .....	by 7:25 pm
Friday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
Friday Evening Sunset .....	7:43 pm

8th Day/Shabbat Morn, Saturday, April 23rd

Zemiroth .....	8:30 am
Shahrit .....	9:00 am
Reading of Song of Songs.....	11:00 - 11:50 am
Bat Mitzvah.....	Schuyler Levin 11:00 - 11:50 am

8th Day Conclusion, Saturday, April 23rd

Saturday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:30 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset .....	7:44 pm
8th Day/Shabbat Concluding Habdalah .....	8:22 pm

Do not Consume *hametz* until

½ hour after Habdalah.....	8:52 pm
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Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wed. Eve, Apr. 27th through Thu., Apr. 28th

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Rosh Hodesh Iyar (Two-Day)

Saturday Evening, April 30th through

Sunday & Monday, May 1st & 2nd

(For Services see Shabbat & Daily Schedule)

Yom Ha`Atzma`ut (Observed)  
Israeli Independence Day

Wednesday Evening, May 4th

through Thursday, May 5th

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Lag La`Omer

Wednesday Evening, May 18th

through Thursday, May 19th

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Memorial Day Legal Holiday

Monday, May 30th

Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 8:05 am

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

Yom Yerushalayim

Jerusalem Reunification Day

Sat. Eve, May 8th through Sunday, May 9th

(For Services see Shabbat & Daily Schedules)

Rosh Hodesh Sivan (One-Day)

Monday Evening, May 30th

through Tuesday, May 31st

(For Services see Daily Schedule)

FESTIVAL OF SHABUOT (Two-Day)

PENTECOST, THE FEAST OF WEEKS

Saturday Eve, June 4th - Monday, June 6th

Shabbat on the Eve of Shabuot

Friday Eve, June 3rd - Saturday, June 4th

(Full schedule listed under Shabbat Services)

Eve of the First Day of Shabuot

Saturday Evening, June 4th

Shabbat Minhah & Shabuot Arbit ..... 8:00 pm |

Saturday Sunset ..... 8:22 pm |

Shabbat Ends/Light Festival Candles ..... 9:04 pm |

Mishmarah/Tikkun: Late Class..... 11:00 pm |

First Day of Shabuot Morning

1834 - Crosby St. Consecration Anniversary

Sunday Morning, June 5th

Zemiroth ..... 8:15 am |

Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am |

Taking Out Torah & Readings..... 9:35-10:25 am |

Exodus 19:1-20:23 (The Ten Commandments)

Haftarah ..... Ezekiel 1:1-28 & 3:12 |

Musaf ..... 10:25-11:00 am |

Girls' Reading Book of Ruth..... 11:00am-11:55 am |

Eve of the Second Day of Shabuot

Sunday Evening, June 5th

Reading Intro & 1st Part of Azharot ..... 7:30 pm |

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 8:00 pm |

Sunday Evening Sunset ..... 8:23 pm |

Candle Lighting ..... after 8:51 pm |

Second Day of Shabuot Morning

Monday Morning, June 6th

Zemiroth ..... 8:15 am |

Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf..... 9:00-11:00 am |

Second Day of Shabuot Conclusion

Monday Evening, June 6th

Reading 2nd Part of Azharot ..... 7:30 pm |

Minhah & Arbit..... 8:00 pm |

Monday Evening Sunset ..... 8:24 pm |

Monday Evening Habdalah ..... 8:51 pm |



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

**The Book of Ruth** is read on Shabuot, since it deals with both the Israeli grain harvest as well as acceptance of the Torah, in this case by Ruth as a faithful convert, both marked by this festival. The younger girls of the congregation who take part learn to chant verses according to the congregation's unique cantillation system. The girls read their portions at the end of Sunday Morning Services at 11:00 am.

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

**Rosh Hodesh Tammuz (Two-Day)**  
**Tuesday Evening, June 28th through**  
**Wednesday & Thursday, June 29th & 30th**  
 (For Services see Daily Schedule)

**American Independence Day**  
**(Fourth of July Legal Holiday)**  
 Late Morning Service (Shahrit) ..... 8:05 am

**Fast of (the Seventeenth of) Tammuz**  
**Shiba Asar BeTammuz (Observed)**

**Sunday, July 17th**  
 Dawn (Fast Begins) ..... 3:56 am  
 Sunrise ..... 5:39 am  
 Morning Service (Shahrit) ..... 8:05 am  
 Minhah (men wear tefillin) ..... 7:45 pm  
 Sunset ..... 8:25 pm  
 End of Fast ..... 8:52 pm

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

**Rosh Hodesh Ab (One-Day)**  
**Thursday Evening, August 1st through**  
**Friday, August 2nd**  
 (For Services see Daily Schedule)

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

**Eve of the Fast, Saturday, August 6th**  
 Saturday Afternoon Minhah ..... 3:30 pm  
 Saturday Evening Sunset (Fast Begins) ..... 8:07 pm  
 End of Shabbat ..... 8:47 pm  
 Eve of the Fast Arbit Service ..... 9:00 pm  
**Fast of Ab Day, Sunday, August 7th**  
 Morning Service ..... 8:00 am-12:15 pm  
 Sunday Minhah & Arbit ..... 7:15 pm  
 Sunday Evening Sunset ..... 8:06 pm  
 End of Fast & Habdalah (wine only) ..... 8:31 pm

**The Fast of (the Ninth of) Ab**, three weeks after the **Fast of Tammuz**, commemorates the breaching of the Temple Mount fortifications and the dates of destruction of both the First and Second Temples. Shabbat postpones the fast to Sunday this year. Saturday Minhah is held at 3:30 pm, so that all may eat their last meal at supertime. Begin fasting by sunset (8:07). Conclude the Sabbath at 8:47 by reciting "barukh hamabdil ben kodesh lehol" and return to the synagogue for the Eve of the Fast Arbit Service at 9:00 pm. The service begins with the hazzan reciting the single blessing "bore me'ore ha'esh" over a candle. The remainder of Habdalah is recited at the Fast's conclusion.

**Rosh Hodesh Elul (Two-Day)**  
**Friday Evening, August 26th through**  
**Saturday, Aug. 27th & Sunday, Aug. 28th**  
 Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Elul:  
 Fri. & Sat. Services follow Shabbat Schedule  
 Sunday Morn Shahrit, Hallel, Musaf ..... 8:05 am  
 Sunday Eve Minhah, Arbit & \*Selihot ..... 6:30 pm  
 \*Aug. 28-Oct. 2 Selihot after Daily Arbit

**DAILY SERVICES**  
**Mornings:**  
**Monday-Friday, Shahrit** ..... 7:05 am  
**Sundays & Legal Holidays, Shahrit** ..... 8:05 am  
**Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:**  
**Mar. 13th-June 2nd, Minhah & Arbit** ..... 6:30 pm  
**June 7th-July 21st, Minhah & Arbit** ..... 6:45 pm  
**July 24th-Aug. 25th, Minhah & Arbit** ..... 6:30 pm  
**Aug. 28-Oct. 2 Minhah, Arbit, Selihot** ..... 6:30 pm

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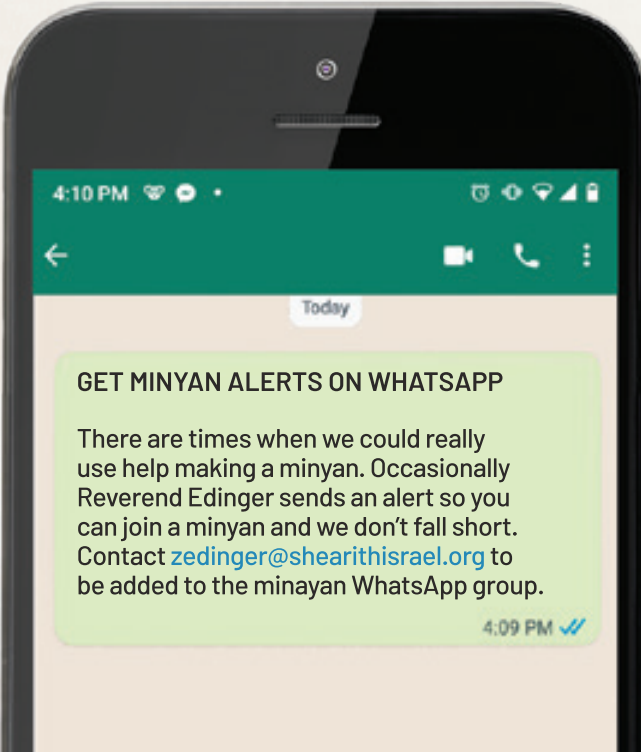
**Rosh Hashanah, 5783**  
 Sunday Eve, Sep. 25th through  
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**Shabbat Teshubah, 5783**  
 Fri. Eve, Sep. 30th through Sat. Oct. 1st  
**Yom Kippur, 5783**  
 Tue. Eve, Oct. 4th through Wed., Oct. 5th  
**First Two Days of Succot, 5783**  
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**Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot, 5783**  
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**Shemini Hag Atseret, 5783**  
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**Simhat Torah, 5783**  
 Mon. Eve, Oct. 17th through Tue., Oct. 18th  
**Shabbat Bereshit (Shabbat Hatanim), 5783**  
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Please help us make the necessary investments to ensure the ongoing maintenance and beautification of this valuable outdoor space, “Paved Paradise,” so we can enjoy it now and for years to come. To donate, visit [shearithisrael.org/preserving-paved-paradise](https://shearithisrael.org/preserving-paved-paradise).

HELP MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN

*The generosity of our members and friends enables us to continue to honor our past, strengthen our community and pass on our traditions for the next chapter of Jewish and American history. We have many opportunities to contribute in fulfilling our mission as a synagogue.*

## GENERAL DONATIONS

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

## RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund is a charitable arm of our congregation. These funds are designated by our rabbi for members in need, communities in crisis, and important causes nearby and in Israel. Most recently we were able to distribute substantial funds in support of Ukrainian Jewish communities and refugees. To contribute to our efforts, please visit [shearithisrael.org/discretionaryfund](https://shearithisrael.org/discretionaryfund).

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

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## CARING CONNECTION

Financial contributions support efforts in proactively providing organized assistance to members of our community through times of need, one of Judaism’s greatest mitzvot. Caring Connection raises the funds needed to defray the costs of all it does, including delivering meals to mourners and new parents, and grocery shopping for those in quarantine. Not only does this vital assistance greatly aid the individual or family, it also strengthens and unifies our community and enhances our sense of responsibility for one another.

## BEQUESTS

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## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENT

Shearith Israel belongs to its devoted members and our vitality depends on our participation and involvement. Our most successful programs and activities are those that are organized with the help of capable volunteers who bring creativity, good cheer, and friends. We have a variety of committees and societies, such as our Sisterhood and Young Leadership for you to contribute ideas and energy. We also benefit from the talents and expertise of lay leaders who can help us in important projects such as historic cemetery restoration, archival upgrades, real estate projects and facilities needs, and so much more. And of course, at our core – and more than ever – we are a caring community and that means that providing emotional and logistical support to members in times of need cannot depend on our clergy alone but requires the care and involvement of many whether through our Caring Connection *hesed* committee or our *Hebra*. Getting involved is how you make it happen and how you forge meaningful connections at your synagogue.

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## SHEARITH ISRAEL TERMINOLOGY COMPANION

**ACOMPANHAR** To follow a scroll of the Torah in its procession to and from the Ark

**AZHAROTH** Ethical injunctions. A poetic summary of the 613 commandments in the Pentateuch, composed by Solomon ibn Gabirol

**BANCO, BANCA** Seat, bench, reserved in synagogue for the president or vice-president

**BENDIGAMOS** Let us bless. Opening thematic word of a song sung at table after a meal

**EKHAH** Book of Lamentations

**ESNOGA** Synagogue

**GAVETA** Box or drawer under a seat for holding prayer books, a prayer shawl, etc.

**GENIZA** Place of putting away, where outworn scrolls of the Torah and other holy objects are set aside

**HABDALA** Blessings ending the Sabbath

**HAGGADAH** Ritual Passover meal (known in other circles as the *seder*) as well as the book used to guide the meal

**HALAKHA** Jewish law

**HASHCABA** Memorial prayer. The prayer recited in memory of the dead

**HEHAL** Ark where Torah scrolls are housed

**KIPPUR** (not “Yom” Kippur) Day of Atonement

**LEVANTADOR** The one who lifts up the scroll of the Torah

**MINHAG** Custom or set of customs

**NAHALA** The anniversary of a relative's death

**PARNAS** President of a congregation

**SHIBA** The seven days of severe mourning following a burial of a close relative

**TAHARAH** The ritual preparation of a corpse for burial

**TEBAH** Reader's desk from which services are led

**YAMIM TOBIM** Holidays including Rosh Hashanah, Kippur, Succot, Shemini Hag Atseret, Simhat Torah, Pesah, and Shabuot

