



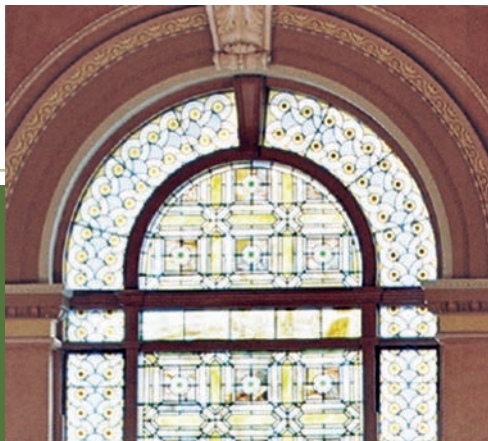
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The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

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May 19, 2017 will mark the 120th consecration anniversary of the congregation's fifth and current synagogue at 2 W. 70th Street, built in the neoclassical style, with a stunning sanctuary designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany, world-renown stained-glass and decorative artist.



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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

PESAH ON THE FRONTIER

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



One of many the extraordinary nuggets of information to be found in Gil Marks' *Encyclopedia of Jewish Food* concerns Dov Behr Manischewitz, the founder of the matza

company. In the late nineteenth century, Manischewitz began producing matzot in his basement. Demand, Marks tells us, "grew both from the Jewish community and from an unexpected market. At the time, Cincinnati was a prominent starting point for pioneers heading West, who needed durable and nonperishable items to take in their wagons for the lengthy, dangerous trip. Matzo's keeping ability proved ideal for pioneers." In other words, Manischewitz matza took off because pioneers bought it to eat on the American frontier.

This is not only fascinating; it is profoundly appropriate, because matza, according to the Torah, is the original frontier food. We tend to refer to the seven or eight day holiday beginning on the fifteenth of Nissan by the name "*Pesah*," but that is not actually its name. "*Pesah*," in the Torah, refers to the 14th of Nissan, when the paschal lamb is offered, commemorating God's protection of our people during the plague of the firstborn. The holiday that follows on the fifteenth is known as *Hag Hamatzot*, the "Festival of Unleavened Bread," marking the week in

which our ancestors fled into the dessert, with no time to wait to allow their bread to rise.

Why do we ignore God's name for this holiday in our popular parlance? It was the mystical master known as Arizal that suggested that these two names embody a reciprocal relationship of love between God and the Jewish people. Jews tend to refer to the entire holiday as Pesah, commemorating and celebrating God's protection of us. God, in contrast, refers to our major holiday as the "Festival of Matzot," focusing not on what He did for us, but rather on what we were willing to do for Him. God stresses this theme in Jeremiah as well: "I remember the devotion of your youth, your bridal love, that you followed Me into the wilderness, into an unsown land."

Today, pioneers no longer embark on the American frontier, but the role of matza in its history ought to inspire us to embark on new frontiers in our spiritual lives, to grow as servants of the Divine. As we prepare for Passover, let us make it not only the holiday of *Pesah*, but also the Festival of Matzot, as we ponder all that God has done for us, and what we therefore ought to do for Him.

Meir Y. Soloveichik



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Our past rabbi, Hayyim Angel and Maxine, upon the birth of a son, joining big siblings, Aviva, Dahlia, and Mordechai. Mazal tob also to Rabbi Emeritus Marc Angel and Gilda, on the birth of a grandchild.

Alexander Freilich on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Helen and trustee, Elliot Freilich and to his grandparents, Estelle and honorary parnas, Dennis Freilich.

Rebecca and Eitan Kimelman on the birth of a son.

Olalla Levi on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents, Alex and Amanda Levi, and to her grandparents Hindy Schachter and Patrizia and Roberto Levi.

Meiri Ovadiah, son of Janice and Isaac Ovadiah was married to Malky Noim on December 29, 2016.

Barbara and Sassoon Shahmoon on the marriage of their son, David Ezra Shahmoon to Sarah Boumendil. Sarah is the daughter of Giselle and Roger Boumendil of Paris.

Constance Shapiro on the marriage of her son Philip Shapiro to Gail Hankin. Phil is the son of Constance Shapiro and the late Robert Shapiro, A'H.

Andrea and Reverend Philip Sherman on the marriage of their son, Elan Sherman, to Rena Resnick.

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik upon the marriage of his sister, Nechama Soloveichik, to Menachem Wecker.

Joshua Vorchheimer on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Rachel and David Vorchheimer.

Rivka and Marc Wiznia on the birth of a son, Dov Mordechai.

Rabbi Chaim Yanetz upon earning the title, "Yadin Yadin", the highest form of semikhah, bestowed to only three newly ordained rabbis at YU's Hag Hasemikha.

Hazakim U'berukhim:

Beth and Marc Bengualid on being guests of honor at the American Friends of Reuth dinner at the St. Regis Hotel. Reuth is one of Israel's most outstanding social service and healthcare facilities.

Seth Haberman, CEO of Visible World, for being awarded an Emmy for the development of Targeted TV Advertising.

David Sable who was the featured speaker at the 21st Shabbat Across America held at Lincoln Square Synagogue.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Lauri and Lewis Barbanel

Bess Castagnello and Simcha Fern

Maurice Laurenti Haroche

Jacqueline Carter and Andrew Klaber

Paul Kurlansky

Meryl Schlussel and Joseph Mark

Juan Mesa-Freydell

Rabbi Steven Nemetz

Bequests

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

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Irma Robles Cardozo

Eva Haberman

Deborah Neumark

Jack Rudin

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Vivienne Roumani-Denn on the passing of her brother, Jacques Roumani.

Simon Haberman on the passing of his wife, Eva Haberman.

Seth Haberman on the passing of his mother, Eva Haberman.

Rachel Herlands on the passing of her mother, Deborah Neumark.

Susan Hertog on the passing of her mother, Marilyn Gorell.

Roni Jesselson on the passing of his grandmother, Lee Rausnitz.

Fran Nathan on the passing of her husband, Frederic Nathan.

Avery Neumark on the passing of his mother, Deborah Neumark.

Melvin Neumark on the passing of his wife, Deborah Neumark.

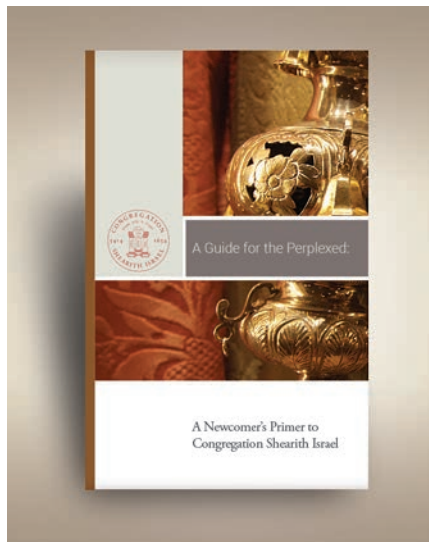
Dr. Morris and Linda Shamah on the loss of their son-in-law, Steven Esses.

Avi Toledo and Moshe Toledo on the passing of their father, Refael Toledo.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you:

Anonymous for funding our new publication, “Guide to the Perplexed: A Newcomer’s Primer to Congregation Shearith Israel.”



Thank you to the many congregants and staff members who took the time to testify on behalf of Shearith Israel and our Community House project at multiple Community Board meetings and Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) hearings over this past year. Your passion and sincerity made an enormous impact in helping us get BSA approval. Please accept our apologies for any names we may have inadvertently omitted. We sincerely appreciate every single one of you.

Francine Alfandary
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Laury Frieber
Matea Frieber
Reuben Frieber
Naftali Friedman
Alexander Haberman
Seth Haberman
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Alexander Levi
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Class Sponsors:

Anonymous for sponsoring the spring semester of Rabbi Soloveichik’s Shabbat afternoon Pirkei Abot class in memory of Irma Cardozo.

Anonymous for sponsoring the spring semester of Rabbi Soloveichik’s Tuesday morning women’s class in memory of Debby Neumark.

Deborah Bendheim for sponsoring a session of Friday Night Lights in loving memory of her father, Ralph Bendheim, in commemoration of his nahala.

Karen and Jack Daar for sponsoring a session of Friday Night Lights.

The Kaye family for sponsoring Rabbi Soloveichik’s lecture on Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo in memory of Judge Judith Kaye on the occasion of her first nahala.

Tikva Ostrega for sponsoring a session of Rabbi Soloveichik’s women’s class in memory of her father Ezra Meir Shohet on the occasion of his nahala.

Barbara Reiss for sponsoring a session of Friday Night Lights in memory of her father, Moshe Ben Gedalia, on the occasion of his 40th nahala.

Lester Schwalb for sponsoring a Tuesday Night Talmud class in memory of Viv’s Father Michel Mielnicki (Menachem Mendel Ben Chaim v Esther) and in honor of Jeff’s and Peg’s birthdays.

Martine Schenker for sponsoring a session of Rabbi Soloveichik’s Tuesday morning women’s class in memory of her father Henry Krenik.

Jane Shiff for sponsoring a Tuesday night Talmud class in memory of her father, Nathan Renick (Nissan Shalom bar Pinchas Zelig and Shprintze).

Chalom Silber for sponsoring a Tuesday night Talmud class to merit a refuah shelaymah for his friend, Ariel Yehuda ben Yehudit.

Cindy Trop for sponsoring a session of Rabbi Soloveichik’s Tuesday morning class in memory of her father, Melech ben Ben Tzion.

Kiddush Fund Sponsors:

Deborah Bendheim in loving memory of her father, Ralph Bendheim, in commemoration of his nahala.

Karen and Jack Daar in honor of the Hebra Hased Va’Emet.

Dr. Dennis and Mrs. Estelle Freilich and Mrs. Miriam Rand, in honor of their grandson, Alexander Rand Freilich, upon his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Rachel Brody and Michael Lustig in honor of Rabbi Ira Rohde in appreciation for all he does for our youth in preparing to become bnai and bnot mitzvah.

Liliane Marks in memory of her husband Neville Marks and in honor of Madeleine and Theo Isaac’s birthdays.

Joel and Judy Schreiber in honor of the 18th anniversary of the passing of Joel’s father, Aaron M. Schreiber z”l.

Stuart Shoreinstein in memory of his mother, Florence and brother, Louis.

The Solomon Family in memory of Beth’s father, Jacob Goldman, on the occasion of his nahala.

Kiddush Fund Contributors:

Suzanne Morad in memory of her mother, Manijeh Morad (Rachel bat Sara v’Avraham), on 11 months since her passing.

Young Couples and Families “Shang-Chai” Luncheon:

Shari and Eric Leopold
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Arthur Tenenholtz and Joel Tenenholtz in memory of their father, Benjamin.



PESAH

MATZAH BAKING

Thursday, March 30

Offered during 2 sessions: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm or 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

CSI Youth are invited to join PTTS as we experience the popular Model Matzah Bakery, with Rabbi Yisroel Fried of Chabad of the West Side. Matzah baking is a hands-on educational experience that gives each child the chance to make his or her own Matzah, as our ancestors did over 3,300 years ago and have continued to do every year since. If you are not a PTTS student and are interested in attending, please email Yona Glass.

SHABBAT HAGADOL DERASHA

Saturday, April 1 | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Following morning services, Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver his annual Shabbat Hagadol derasha on the topic, The IDF's First Pesah: A 1948 Seder Story."

Sponsored by Debbie and David Sable in memory of Ambassador Yehuda Avner, author of *The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership*, and *The Ambassador*, a novel, on the occasion of his second nahala.

MAOT HITTIM

In the opening paragraph of the Haggadah, we read: "All who are hungry, let them come and eat." As part of experiencing freedom ourselves, we must also ensure that our fellow Jews have the means to celebrate freedom too. Maot Hittim is a special Passover fund, originally intended to provide the poor with matzah. Your online gift or check made out to the "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" (indicate "maot hittim" in the memo) will be distributed by Rabbi Soloveichik right before Pesah. Go to shearithisrael.org/maothittim to donate.

PRE-PESAH SHABBAT DINNER

Friday Night, April 7

Ease your Pesah preparations and join us for a lovely buffet dinner. Preferred pricing for members. Register at shearithisrael.org/pre-pesah-shabbat-dinner.

TEEN GIRLS' SHIR HASHIRIM READING

**The Fifth day of Pesah
Saturday, April 15**

After musaf, the teen girls of our synagogue, are invited to 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 Yehudit Robinson at yehuditrobinson@gmail.com. To sponsor the Kiddush in the girls' honor go to shearithisrael.org/teen-girls-shir-hashirim-2017.

Sponsored by Minna and Clifford Felig in honor of the Solomon Family.



YOM HASHOA (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY)

YOM HASHOA ANNUAL READING OF THE NAMES

Monday, April 24 | 2:40 - 3:00 am

For the 18th consecutive year, the Upper West Side community will gather to read the names of those among the 6 million murdered Jews. The reading will begin on Sunday night, April 23 beginning at 10:00 pm at West End Synagogue and continue throughout the night with representatives of Upper West Side congregations and other members of the community. Our slot is from 2:40 - 3:00 am.



YOM HA'ATZMAUT (ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY)

YOM HA'ATZMAUT LECTURE

Monday, May 1 | 7:00 pm
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a special lecture in honor of Israel Independence Day featuring Israeli-themed refreshments.

SHABU'OT

SHABU'OT PUBLIC LECTURE

Tuesday Night, May 30 | 11:00 pm
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver another intriguing lecture at what has become a prime Shabuot learning destination on the Upper West Side. After the talk, guests are encouraged to enjoy some cheesecake!

GIRLS' MEGILLAT RUTH READING

Shabu'ot, Wednesday, May 31 | 11:30 am

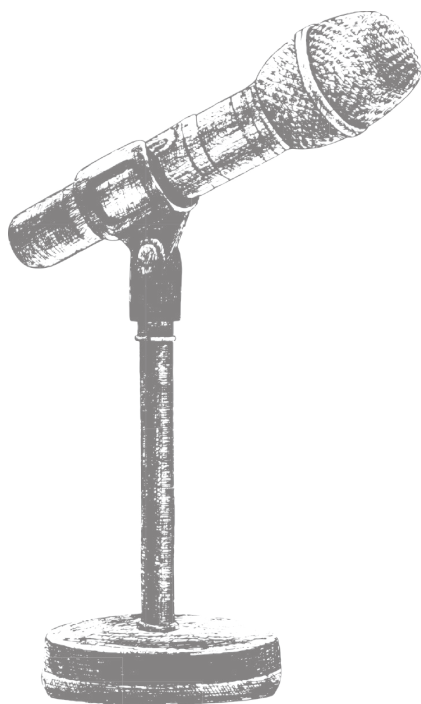
Following morning services, the girls of our synagogue will recite Megillat Ruth for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary. If your daughter would like to participate, and we would be delighted if she would, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

TISHA B'AB

TISHA B'AB LECTURE

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Ereb Tisha B'Ab, Monday, July 31
11:00 pm

Following the 8:30 pm reading of Eikhah, Rabbi Soloveichik will give a public lecture. Read more about our deeply moving Tisha B'Ab Services on page 24.



SPECIAL EVENTS, CULTURE, AND ENRICHMENT



BOOK SIGNING BY WYATT GALLERY

Wednesday, May 3 | 7:00 pm

Photographer, Wyatt Gallery's newly released book *Jewish Treasures of the Caribbean: The Legacy of Judaism in the New World* highlights the history of the first Jewish communities in the New World, including Congregation Shearith Israel. Hear the author discuss the book and have your copy signed at this special event.

Wyatt Gallery received his BFA from NYU Tisch School of The Arts in 1997 and is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship. His photographs are in numerous public and private collections such as the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, the George Eastman House, and Comcast. His work has been reviewed in *The New Yorker* and featured in *Esquire*, *Departures*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *The New York Times*, and Oprah's OWN Network, amongst others. Gallery's past books *Tent Life: Haiti* and *#SANDY* have successfully raised over \$100,000 to support communities affected by natural disasters. Wyatt is represented by Foley Gallery and Redux Pictures in New York City.

FILM SCREENING: CARVALHO'S JOURNEY AND Q&A WITH FILMMAKER, STEVE RIVO

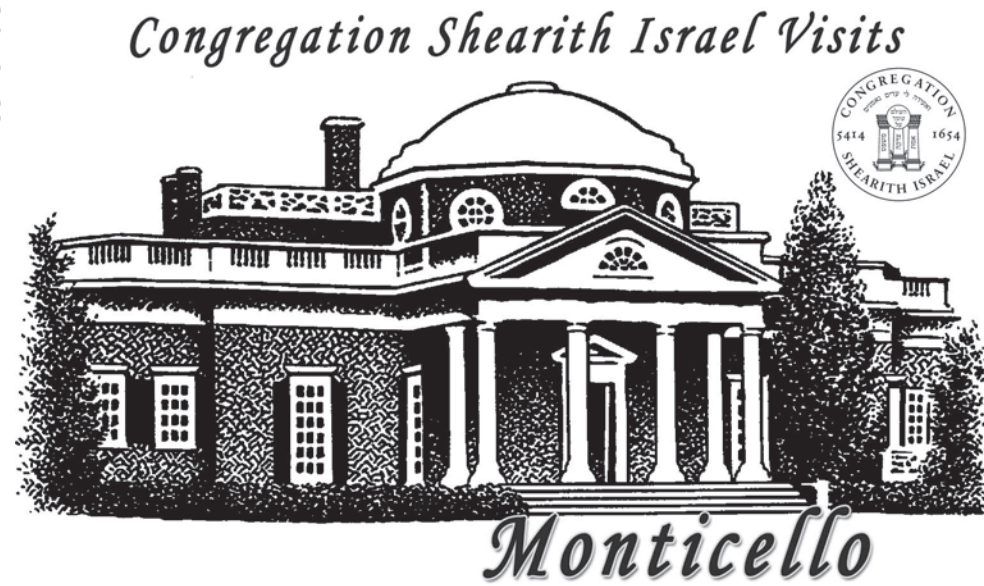
Following the screening, we will hold a Q&A session with the film's producer, writer, and director, Steve Rivo

Wednesday, May 17 | 7:00 pm

Screened in the 2016 NY Jewish Film Festival to critical acclaim, *Carvalho's Journey* tells the amazing story of Solomon Nunes Carvalho (1815-1897), an observant Sephardic Jew of Portuguese descent. Born in Charleston, SC, Carvalho later moved to Philadelphia, as well as New York City (and is buried in our cemetery). The film chronicles his life as a groundbreaking adventurer, portrait painter, and photographer.

When famed explorer John Frémont set out through the Rocky Mountains to find a transcontinental railroad route, he recruited Carvalho to document the trek using daguerreotyping, a then-recent photographic innovation that captured images on a silver-coated plate. Carvalho, who never fancied himself an explorer, understood that despite his inexperience and the sacrifices such a journey would entail, the expedition would name him among the first photographers (certainly the first Jewish photographer) to document the sweeping vistas and breathtaking terrain of the American West.

Surviving grueling conditions and recurrent food shortages, Carvalho recorded the treacherous details of his 2,400-mile journey in his daily journal entries, excerpts of which he later included in his bestselling 1857 memoir, *Incidents of Travel and Adventure in the Far West*. Carvalho was a product of a singular period in American and Jewish history, when the young country was full of creativity, industry, and independent spirit, and its small community of Jews was figuring out how to fit into the larger culture while still maintaining its unique religious identity.



A VERY SPECIAL SHABBATON IN WASHINGTON, DC AND MONTICELLO

Learn History. Celebrate History. MAKE History.

Lead by Rabbi Soloveichick | Friday May 5 – Sunday, May 7

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity features the first Kaddish in almost two centuries at Monticello's Jewish grave, followed by a memorial service for the Jewish family that saved Jefferson's home and preserved his legacy.

The nineteenth-century naval war hero Commodore Uriah Phillips Levy was a member of Shearith Israel and a grandson of some of America's most celebrated Jewish patriots. In the 1830s he purchased Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and saved it from disrepair. It was in Monticello that he buried his mother, Rachel Phillips Levy, the daughter of Jonas Phillips, one of the most fascinating men in American Jewish history. Uriah's family ultimately bequeathed Monticello to the American people. Over the decades that followed, multitudes visited Monticello to learn about Jefferson's legacy, but few, including visiting Jews, knew of the Jewish gravesite on the grounds, and of the story it told.

Join us for an unmissable weekend with Rabbi Soloveichik in which we will tour Monticello and visit Rachel Levy's grave. There we will recite kaddish for the first time in almost two hundred years, followed by a memorial service for the Phillips family and for all the Jewish patriots in our country's history.

Spaces are highly limited. We have also secured a block of rooms at a discounted tax-exempt rate at Washington's 5-star Park Hyatt Hotel. Our trip begins with a Friday afternoon tour, led by Rabbi Soloveichik, of DC's National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery, followed by a Shabbaton in Washington DC at Congregation Keshet Israel, featuring lectures by Rabbi Soloveichik. Our visit on Sunday to Monticello includes a professional tour of Jefferson's home, access to the grounds and gardens, and culminates in this special service.

For full itinerary, terms, and to register go to shearithisrael.org/Monticello.



ACHDUT IN ACTION

The Jewish Center and Shearith Israel, two pillars of the UWS synagogue landscape, share much in common (aside from the obvious): a neighborhood with its many attractions as well as challenges, a committed membership (with a nice bit of overlap), a deep respect for history and tradition, stellar clergy scholars and more.

While we each have our unique cultures and liturgical traditions, there is so much we can do together to the benefit of our respective kehillot and beyond. This year, our two neighboring congregations have joined forces to deliver a number of social activities including our Thanksgiving Pack-a-thon, a ski trip to Hunter Mountain, and coming up, a Fleet Week Pre-Memorial Day Program.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE IN HONOR OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

With Rabbi Soloveichick

**Sunday Morning, May 21 | 10:30 am
Chatham Square Cemetery, 44 St. James Place**

Head down to Chatham Square Cemetery in Chinatown for this beloved annual event where we 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 44 St. James Place, opposite Chatham Square.

FLEET WEEK PRE-MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

An Achdut in Action Program

**Wednesday, May 24 | 7:00 pm
The Jewish Center, 131 West 86th St.**

Together with active US Marines, members of Shearith Israel and the Jewish Center will hold a poignant memorial service honoring the lives of service members who were killed defending our country and those veterans who had a chance to live out their lives. We will also pay tribute to the continued dedication of our active and retired service members of the United States Armed Services.

Preceding the service, children will have their own special program where they get to know our US Marines over a casual pizza dinner.

Following the program, we'll have the chance to turn our words into actions with a hands-on heshed project sponsored by the Major Stuart Adam Wolfer Institute, when we'll assemble care packages for service members abroad.



FILM SCREENING: TREZOROS, THE LOST JEWS OF KASTORIA

Wednesday, June 7 | 7:15 pm

Join us on Holocaust Remembrance Day as we view the film, *Trezoros*. *Trezoros* (Ladino/Judeo Spanish term of endearment meaning “Treasures”) chronicles one of many former Sephardic communities which had existed in Greece before World War II. Kastoria, an idyllic lakeside setting near the Albanian border, saw Jews and Christians living in harmony for over two millennium. October of 1940 saw Axis forces break through Greek defenses, eventually dooming the Jewish community that had existed since the times of the Roman Empire.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Saturday, June 17 | Following Morning Services

Help us showcase the success and accomplishments of all our graduates. We want to list the PhDs, the rabbinic ordinations, the B.A.s, as well as the pre-school, middle school and high school graduates. Let us know if you, your child, or other synagogue member is graduating this year so we can list them in our scroll of honor. In addition, we are seeking \$36 co-sponsors for our graduation Kiddush. Your \$36 contribution will earn you a customized mazal tob for your special graduate in the scroll of honor. For more information, visit shearithisrael.org/graduation.



MONTHLY SYNAGOGUE TOURS

Tours of Shearith Israel provide a unique opportunity for visitors and tourists to learn more about America's first Jewish Congregation—Shearith Israel—and view ritual objects dating back to the Colonial period. We are pleased to lead guests through our beautiful space with enlightening facts about our proud history and unique traditions. Individuals and groups are welcome to attend a free, guided tour on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am led by a member of our clergy or a trained docent. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person although any amount is appreciated. Tours generally last 45 minutes.

JOIN OUR TEAM OF KNOWLEDGEABLE SHEARITH ISRAEL TOUR GUIDES

Do you love Shearith Israel, its history, customs, architecture, design, and objects? Consider becoming a volunteer docent and help us educate the many groups of adults and youths who visit us on tours throughout the year. To express interest and learn more, please email Sarah Gross at sgross@shearithisrael.org.

PRE-PESAH SHABBAT DINNER

Friday Night, April 7

Ease your Pesah preparations and join us for a lovely buffet dinner. Preferred pricing for members. Register at shearithisrael.org/pre-pesah-shabbat-dinner.

YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES DR. SEUSS SHABBAT LUNCH

Saturday, June 24

Following morning services

Young couples and families will join together,

To learn Torah, eat food, and enjoy the weather.

Featuring a Seussian themed buffet,

With green eggs and ham, and other kosher gourmet.

Fit for cats, for fish, and loraxes too,

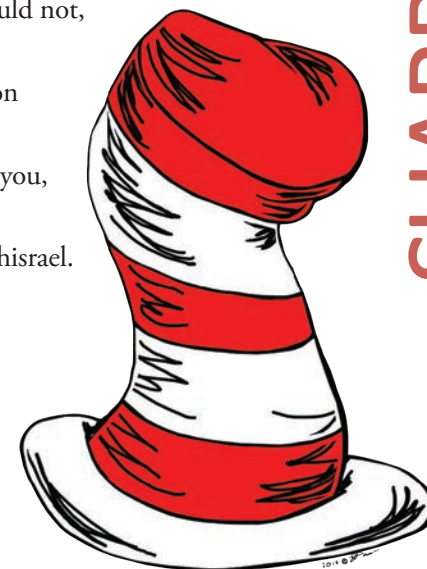
And grownups and children, a lot or a few.

You would not, could not, want to miss,

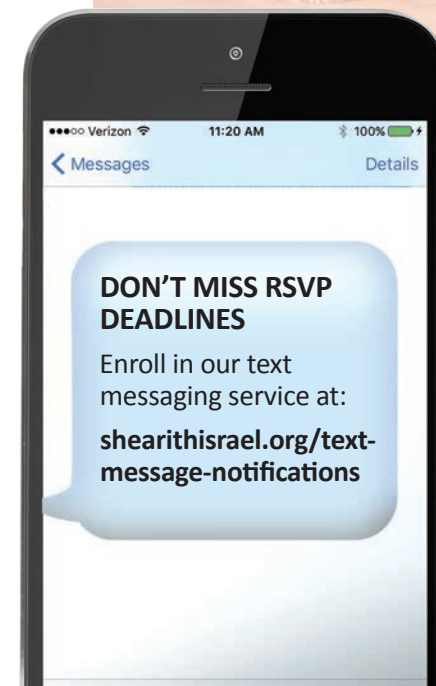
A Shabbat luncheon quite like this!

Would you, could you, come and play?

Sign up on shearithisrael.org/seuss today!



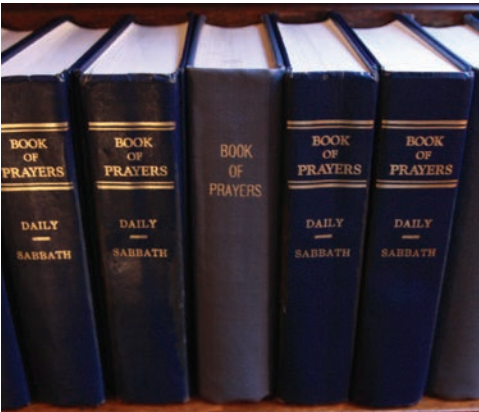
SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY MEALS



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Enroll in our text messaging service at:

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SAADIAH GAON'S BOOK OF BELIEFS AND OPINIONS

Sundays | 8:45 am
Sjimón den Hollander

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

Sjimón den Hollander grew up in the Netherlands, where he earned a Master's degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies at Leiden University. He has taught courses on Judaism, Christianity, Islam, language and philosophy. Currently Mr. den Hollander is enrolled in Yeshiva University's rabbinical program. He is also involved in an Arabic website, www.aslalYahud.org, that provides information on Judaism.

HABRUTA (PAIRED LEARNING)

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
5:15 – 7:15 pm

Men and women, adults and youth, are invited to join Rabbi Chaim Yanetz and rabbinical students from YU in the Elias Room for *habruta* (paired learning) and minyan.

TUESDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST AND SHIUR

Tuesdays | Following morning services

The loyal members of our morning minyan know the pleasure of comradery and learning that is especially enjoyed every Tuesday morning. All worshippers are welcome to enjoy breakfast and a short shiur by Rabbi Soloveichik or another member of our ministerial team.

Sponsored by Chaim Katzap.

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TALMUD CLASS: TRACTATE SANHEDRIN AND JEWISH POLITICAL THOUGHT

Tuesdays | 7:00 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

These shiurim will examine the Talmudic discussions of subjects that pertain to Jewish political thought including: the Jewish judiciary known as the *Sanhedrin*, the virtues and perils of the monarchy, and the nature of rabbinic authority. We will ponder what these texts can teach us about Jewish political thought today as well as how its values may be applied to the modern Jewish polity known as the state of Israel. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Learn more at shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SHEARITH ISRAEL: A MONTHLY Q & A

Monthly on select Wednesdays | 7:00 pm
Z. Edinger

Intended for both new members and "old-timers," beginners, and advanced students, this class will be based on topics suggested by you! If you've ever had a question about our congregation's history, liturgy, music, or, customs, this is the

class for you. Please submit your questions to zedinger@shearithisrael.org and he will prepare a class to satisfy you!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

Fridays | Following Evening Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Season Finale on April 7

As Shabbat begins earlier and the nights grow longer, 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 Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by Friday Night Lights. The 2016 -2017 season is sponsored by the Julis family. To sponsor an individual session, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.

THE MISUNDERSTOOD MASTERPIECE: A NEW APPROACH TO PIRKEI ABOT

Shabbat Afternoon | One Hour Before Minhah | 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. Accompanied by *seudah shelishit*. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.



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

REMEMBERING IRMA MIRIAM LOPES CARDOZO Z"L

Carla Schein



For more than half a century, Irma Miriam Lopes Cardozo was the unofficial Spanish and Portuguese “Rebbitzin” at Shearith Israel. It was a role she loved and one she assumed naturally. Her home was open to all, from well-known rabbis, authors, musicians and philanthropists, and to those just in need of her warmth, welcoming smile, and sometimes a hot meal. She was as comfortable with her contemporaries as she was with small children, and those feelings were reciprocated. Although Irma loved life and celebrations, she also knew that life had more difficult times, and Irma was often the first person called when someone had an illness or death in the family.

Irma was very efficient, and if you wanted to be sure that something got done, she was your go-to person. Irma was fiercely determined, and when she took on a project, whether maintaining or replacing the Torah mantles, making sure the Sukkah was beautifully decorated and the silver polished properly, or raising money for the many causes she was involved with beyond the synagogue, she was relentless – until she achieved her goals.

Born in Suriname, Irma Miriam Robles came to Washington, DC in 1945 and afterwards to New York. In her book, “As I Lived It” Irma wrote, “I had many hurdles to overcome. I came to this country without money, had no higher education and had no family to help me. I was Orthodox but had no yeshivah education.”

Once in New York, she re-met Abraham Lopes Cardozo, the young Amsterdam-born hazzan who had been in Suriname when she had been a teenager. Both were now here, and their friendship grew. They

were engaged in December 1950, and married in March 1951. That was the beginning of a 55 year love affair and partnership where each supported and helped the other in their service to Shearith Israel. As Irma wrote in her book, “I grew up in a home filled with people, where synagogue life was central.” Both Irma and her “Bram” were adamant about upholding both halakhah and the special Spanish and Portuguese minhag of Shearith Israel. At the

same time they both were very contemporary, up on the news, whether American, Israeli or world-wide.

I apologize if this seems too personal. My first memory of Irma dates back to my pre-school days when I saw her picture at the home of my Hebrew teacher, her future husband, Mr. Cardozo. I was a flower girl at their wedding and our families remained close for all those years. Irma and Bram Cardozo felt like part of my family, but I was always impressed that so many Shearith Israel families felt exactly the same way! I was honored to serve as co-President of the Sisterhood with Irma and was amazed that even as her health and strength began to fail, her concern for the Sisterhood and for its projects in support of the Congregation never faltered.

Shearith Israel, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as all of us who knew her, have lost a most special and memorable person. How fortunate we were to have had her in our lives.

Carla Salomon Schein has been a member of the Congregation since before she was born; her parents were married at Shearith Israel. She is currently the president of the Sisterhood, a position she shared with Irma Cardozo for many years.



Youth groups leader, Rachel Schaulewicz with her husband, Baruch

YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

MATZAH BAKING

Thursday, March 30

Offered during 2 sessions: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
or 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

CSI Youth is invited to join PTTS as we experience the popular Model Matzah Bakery, with Rabbi Yisroel Fried of Chabad of the West Side. Matzah baking is a hands-on educational experience that gives each child the chance to make his or her own Matzah, as our ancestors did over 3,300 years ago and have continued to do every year since. If you are not a PTTS student and would like to join, please email Yona Glass.

TEEN GIRLS' SHIR HASHIRIM READING

The Fifth day of Pesah, Saturday, April 15

After musaf on the fifth day of Pesah, the teen girls in our synagogue, ages 12-18, are invited to 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 9.

Sponsored by Minna and Clifford Felig in honor of the Solomon Family.

GIRLS' MEGILLAT RUTH READING

Shabu'ot, Wednesday, May 31 | 11:30 am

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

REGISTER FOR OUR SUMMER TODDLER CAMP

June 20 - August 17 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 9:30 - 11:30 am

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

Toddlers run and jump while enjoying the company of other children on a regular basis. When the temperatures rise, our toddlers enjoy small outdoor wading pools on our “beach.” There is time for play, craft projects, exercises, saying Berakhot (blessings), snack, stories, music and more. Go to shearithisrael.org/toddler-summer-camp to register.

WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

Register now for the 2017-2018 School Year

Sept 6 – June 6
Mondays and Wednesdays
9:30 am – 11:30 am

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

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

HEBREW SCHOOL: POLONIES TALMUD TORAH SCHOOL (PTTS)

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

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

For students 3 – 16 years of age

Register and pay before June 1 for early bird discount

Our Hebrew School provides students with a substantive 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 for the 2017-2018 academic year today, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.

YOUTH ON SHABBAT

TOT SHABBAT

10:00 am – 12:30 pm | ages 0 – 4

Our little ones enjoy Tot Shabbat all year round, led by our beloved teachers, Liz and Shanade. Independent play, snacks, and circle-time with songs will entertain the toddlers while parents are in services. Please note that children under the age of two must be accompanied by an adult.

YOUTH GROUPS AND JR. CONGREGATION

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

Children ages 5 – 12 gather with our capable and nurturing leader, Rachel Schaulewicz, for fun activities connected to the parashah of the week and other Jewish themes as well as raffle and prizes. Then at 10:30 am, the children come together for Junior Congregation, a lively, participatory service in the Little Synagogue. For Jr. Congregation parts assignments, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

WOMEN AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

WOMEN’S SHABBAT SERVICES

On select Shabbatot

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

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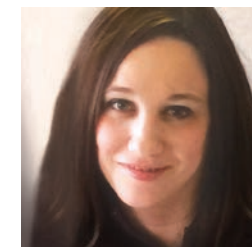


YOETZET HALAKHA

Shearith Israel is a co-sponsor of the Manhattan Yoetzet Halakha Initiative. If you have any questions regarding Taharat Hamishpaha

(Family Purity), laws of Niddah, please contact our Yoetzet Halakha, Ilana Gadish in confidence at nycyoetzet@gmail.com.

Ilana Gadish serves as the Yoetzet Halakha for a number of synagogues in Manhattan, and is a graduate of Nishmat’s U.S. Yoatzot Halakha Fellows program. Ilana also teaches Talmud and Tanakh at the Ramaz Upper School. Ilana received her M.A. in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation at the Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies (GPATS) at Stern College for Women, where she also received her B.A. with a major in Judaic Studies and a minor in Biology. She spent a year studying at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Jerusalem, as well as two summers at the Drisha Institute. Ilana currently lives on the Upper West Side with her husband, Moshe Peters, and her daughter.



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.

This Surinamese recipe from Irma Lopes Cardozo z”l is a delicious mixture of coconut, dried fruits, and sweet wine.

CULINARY CORNER

Ingredients:

10 ounces sweetened grated coconut
7 ounces ground almonds
8 ounces mixed dried fruits, coarsely cut
8 ounces raisins
7 ounces dried apricots, coarsely cut
8 ounces dried pears, coarsely cut
2 to 3 teaspoon cinnamon
3 cups water, approximately
12 ounces cherry preserves
1 cup Malaga wine (or other sweet red wine)

Instructions

Combine coconut, almonds and 1 1/2 cups of water. Stir well and cook over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken.

Stir in all the dried fruits and cinnamon. Continue cooking over medium-low heat, adding additional water as mixture thickens.

.After about 45 minutes stir in the cherry preserves. Cook approximately 15 minutes longer, until the coconut has softened and mixture is extremely thick.

Cool about 15 minutes and stir in the wine. The mixture should be moist and thick.

Refrigerate until serving. After the haroseth has been refrigerated it often needs additional wine to remoisten it. Serve at room temperature.

Yield: About 8 cups.

If you would like to submit a recipe for a future bulletin, send it to Tikva Ostrega at tikvaostrega@gmail.com. In addition to the recipe, please include a short back-story describing the origins of the dish and why it is special to you.



Surinam Haroset

by Irma Lopes Cardozo, z”l
as it appeared in The New York Times

On the morning of the Passover Hagadda (Seder), the Cardozo home at 18 West 70th Street was already sparkling and ready for the guests who would arrive after services. The sweet smell of Mrs. Cardozo's famous Surinamese haroset wafted through the air as it cooked in a huge pot on the stove. While setting the long festive tables in the dining room, and preparing food in the oven, Mrs. Cardozo would return to check the big pot, bubbling with the sweet concoction, giving it a good stir with a long wooden spoon. After midday, an assortment of people—neighbors and congregants—would ring the doorbell, glass jars in hand, waiting for a sampling of this delightful dish.



CARING CONNECTION

Caring Connection, our Congregation's *hesed* network, was founded in order to provide organized assistance to members of our community. We respond to a variety of situations, for example, in times of difficulty, illness or mourning, or for the exciting and often overwhelming challenges accompanying the arrival of a new baby. Caring Connection facilitates and trains community members as sensitive volunteers to proactively help others through times of need, one of Judaism's greatest mitzvot. Not only does this vital assistance greatly aid the individual, it also strengthens and unifies our community and enhances our sense of responsibility for one another. If you know someone who might need assistance, in any form, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact caringconnection@shearithisrael.org.

MAOT HITTIM

In the opening paragraph of the Haggadah, we read: "All who are hungry, let them come and eat." As part of experiencing freedom ourselves, we must also ensure that our fellow Jews have the means to celebrate freedom too. Maot Hittim is a special Passover fund, originally intended to provide the poor with matzah. Your online gift or check made out to the "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" (indicate "maot hittim" in the memo) will be distributed by Rabbi Soloveichik right before Pesah. Go to shearithisrael.org/maothittim to donate.



SERVICES

TISHA B'AB AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

July 31 - August 1, 2017

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

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings, Monday-Friday:

Shahrit7:15 am

Mornings, Sundays & Legal Holidays:

Shahrit8:00 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

March 12th-May 29th

Minhah & Arbit 6:30 pm

June 4th-July 27th

Minhah & Arbit 6:45 pm

July 30th-Sep. 28th

Minhah & *Arbit 6:30 pm

*Aug. 23rd-Sep. 27th, add Selihot after Arbit

SHABBAT SERVICES

March 31st-April 1st

Friday Evening Services [Early]6:45 pm

*Candles (18 min. before sunset)7:02 pm

Saturday Morning Services 8:15-11:45 am

Zemiroth Matthew Kaplan

Parashat Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftarah Isaiah 43:21-44:23Zander Lustig

Seuda Shelishit & Class5:55 pm

Saturday Minhah & Arbit6:55 pm

Saturday Sunset7:21 pm

Habdalah7:57 pm

*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 7th-8th

Shabbat HaGadol Consecration Shabbat

1818 -2nd Mill St. Consecration Anniversary

Friday Evening Services6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset)7:09 pm

Saturday Morning Services 8:15-11:45 am

ZemirothJacob Daar

Parashat Tsav-HaGadol Leviticus 6:1-8:36

HaftarahRabbi Meir Soloveichik

Malachi 3:4-24

Seuda Shelishit & Class6:05 pm

Minhah & Arbit7:05 pm

Saturday Sunset7:29 pm

Habdalah8:05 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.

April 21st-22nd

Friday Evening Services6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset)7:24 pm

Saturday Morning Services 8:15-11:45 am

ZemirothAdam F. Jackson

Parashat Shemini Lev. 9:1-11:47

Haftarah II Samuel 6:1-196:20 pm

Seuda Shelishit & Class7:20 pm

Minhah & Arbit7:43 pm

Saturday Sunset8:22 pm

April 28th-29th

Friday Evening Services6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset)7:31 pm

Saturday Morning Services 8:15-11:45 am

Zemiroth Joseph A. Solomon

Parashat Tazria-Metsora Lev. 12:1-15:33

Haftarah II Kings 7:3-206:25 pm

Seuda Shelishit & Class7:25 pm

Minhah & Arbit7:50 pm

Saturday Sunset8:30 pm

May 5th-6th

Friday Evening Services6:45 pm

Candles (18 min. before sunset)7:39 pm

Saturday Morning Services 8:15-11:45 am

Zemiroth Sjimmon den Hollander

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

Haftarah Ezekiel 20:2-20Adam Freilich

Seuda Shelishit & Class6:35 pm

Minhah & Arbit7:35 pm

Saturday Sunset7:58 pm

Habdalah8:38 pm

May 12th-13th

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Emor Lev. 21:1-24:23	Samuel Freilich
Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31	Daniel Suckewer
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:40 pm
Minhah & Arbit	7:40 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:04 pm
Habdalah	8:44 pm

May 19th-20th Consecration Shabbat
1897-70th Street Consecration Anniversary

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:51 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Behar-Behukkothai	Lev. 25:1-end
Haftarah	Daniel J. Tsesarsky
Jeremiah 16:19-17:14	
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:45 pm
Minhah & Arbit	7:45 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:10 pm
Habdalah	8:52 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 26th-27th

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:58 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Joseph A. Solomon
Parashat Bemidbar	Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah, Hosea 2:1-22	Jared Lang
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:55 pm
Minhah & Arbit	7:55 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:16 pm
Habdalah	8:58 pm

June 2nd-3rd

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:03 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Naso	Numbers 4:21-7:89
Haftarah	Emmanuel Yonatan Mateus-Tique
Judges 13:2-25	
Bar Mitzvah	Emmanuel Yonatan Mateus-Tique
Seudah Shelishit & Class	6:55 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	7:55 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:22 pm
Habdalah	9:04 pm

June 9th-10th

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:08 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:15-11:45 am
Parallel Women's Service	9:00-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Behaalotekha	Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftarah Zachariah 2:14-4:7	Jonathan Kaye
Bat Mitzvah	Shayna N. Kaye
Seudah Shelishit & Class	7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:26 pm
Habdalah	9:08 pm

June 16th-17th

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:11 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Shelah Lekha	Numbers 13:1-15:41
Haftarah, Joshua 2:1-24	Steven Beispel
Seuda Shelishit & Class	7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:29 pm
Habdalah	9:11 pm

June 23rd-24th

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh (1st of Two-Day)

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:13 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Korah-Rosh Hodesh	
Numbers 16:1-18:3 & 28:9-15	
Haftarah	Isaac Haberman
Isaiah 66:1-24 & I Samuel 20:18 & 42	
Seuda Shelishit & Class	7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:31 pm
Habdalah	9:13 pm

June 30th-July 1st

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:13 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Hukkath	Numbers 19:1-22:1
Haftarah	
Seuda Shelishit & Class	7:05 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:31 pm
Habdalah	9:13 pm

July 7th-8th

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:12 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Balak	Numbers 22:2-25:9
Haftarah, Micah 5:6-6:8	Lewis Bateman
Seuda Shelishit & Class	7:05 pm
Minhah & Arbit	8:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:30 pm
Habdalah	9:12 pm

July 14th-15th

Shabbat Dibre

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:09 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Pinehas	Numbers 25:10-30:1
Haftarah	Jacob Daar
Jeremiah 1:1-2:3	
Seuda Shelishit & Class	7:00 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	8:00 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:26 pm
Habdalah	9:08 pm

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

July 21st-22nd

Shabbat Shimu

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	8:04 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Mattoth-Mase	Numbers 30:2-end
Haftarah	Charles Gourgey
Jeremiah 2:4-28 and 4:1-2	
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:55 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	7:55 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:22 pm
Habdalah	9:03 pm

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

July 28th-29th

Shabbat Hazon

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:58 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Debarim	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
Haftarah, Isaiah 1:1-27	Rabbi Ira Rohde
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:50 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	7:50 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:15 pm
Habdalah	8:56 pm

Shabbat Hazon refers to the opening “vision” of the Book of Isaiah, parallel to the opening prophetic vision of the book of Jeremiah which was read during the preceding two weeks. This last of the group of these three haftarot, the one which immediately precedes the Fast of Ab, is often read by the hazzan or a scholar who is “well-versed in lamentation,” as it is at Congregation Shearith Israel.

August 4th-5th

Shabbat Nahamu

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:51 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Vaethanan	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Haftarah, Isaiah 40:1-26	Joseph A. Solomon
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:45 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	7:45 pm
Saturday Sunset	8:08 pm
Habdalah	8:48 pm

Shabbat Nahamu: The Fast of Tisha BeAb is followed by the seven Sabbaths preceding Rosh HaShanah on which special Haftarot 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 11th-12th

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:42 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Ekeb	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Haftarah, Isaiah 49:14-51:3	Raphael Sasson
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:35 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	7:35 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:58 pm
Habdalah	8:37 pm

August 18th-19th

Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:31 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Reeh	Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Haftarah, Isaiah 54:11-55:5	
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:25 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	7:25 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:48 pm
Habdalah	8:26 pm

August 25th-26th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:21 pm
Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Shofetim	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Haftarah Isaiah 51:12-52:12	Charles Gourgey
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:10 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot	7:10 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:37 pm
Habdalah	8:15 pm

September 1st-2nd

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:10 pm
Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services	8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Ki Tetse	
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	
Haftarah, Isaiah 54:1-10	Daniel Berman
Seuda Shelishit & Class	6:00 pm
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot	7:00 pm
Saturday Sunset	7:26 pm
Habdalah	8:03 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Yom HaShoah (Observed)
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Sunday Evening, April 23rd
through Monday, April 24th

Rosh Hodesh Iyar (Two-Day)
Tuesday Evening, April 25th through
Wednesday & Thursday, April 26th & 27th

Yom Ha`Atzma`ut (Observed)
Israeli Independence Day
Monday Eve, May 1st - Tuesday, May 2nd

Lag La`Omer (33rd Day of Count)
Saturday Eve, May 13th - Sunday, May 14th

Yom Yerushalayim
Jerusalem Reunification Day
Tuesday Evening, May 23rd
through Wednesday, May 24th

Rosh Hodesh Sivan (One-Day)
Thursday Evening, May 25th
through Friday, May 26th
(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Memorial Day Legal Holiday
Monday, May 29th
Morning Service (Shahrit) 8:00 am

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

American Independence Day
Fourth of July (Legal Holiday)
Tuesday, July 4th
Morning Service (Shahrit) 8:00 am

Fast of (the Seventeenth of) Tammuz
Shib`a `Asar BeTammuz
Tuesday, July 11th
Dawn (Fast Begins) 3:49 am
Sunrise..... 5:35 am
Morning Service (Shahrit) 7:15 am
Minhah (men wear tefillin) 7:30 pm
Sunset 8:28 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)
Sunday Evening, July 23rd through
Monday, July 24th
(For Services see Daily Schedule)

Fast of (the 9th of) Ab
Tish`a BeAb
Eve of the Fast, Monday, July 31st
Monday Afternoon Minhah 5:30 pm
Monday Evening Sunset (Fast Begins) 8:13 pm
Eve of the Fast Arbit Service..... 8:30 pm

Fast of Ab, Tish`a BeAb, (cont'd)

Tish`a BeAb Day, Tuesday, August 1st

Morning Service.....	6:30 am-12:15 pm
Tuesday Minhah & Arbit.....	7:00 pm
Tuesday Evening Sunset	8:12 pm
End of Fast	8:38 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)

Monday Eve, August 21st, Tuesday, August 22nd, & Wednesday, August 23rd

Mon. & Tue. Evenings, August 21st & 22nd

Evening Service [Minhah & Arbit]	6:30 pm
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Tue. & Wed Mornings, August 22nd & 23rd

Shahrit, Hallel, & Musaf Services	7:15-8:15 am
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Wednesday Evening, August 23rd

Evening Minhah, Arbit & *Selihot	6:30 pm
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***Selihot: from Aug. 23rd-Sep. 27th**, 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 on the Eve of the 2nd of Elul, Wednesday Evening, August 23rd.

Labor Day Legal Holiday

Monday, September 4th

Morning Service (Shahrit).....	8:00 am
Evening Minhah, Arbit & <i>Selihot</i>	6:30 pm

FESTIVALS: PASSOVER

(PESAH, HAG HAMATZOT)

Monday Eve, April 10th-Tuesday, April 18th

Passover Preparations

Search for Leaven

Sunday Evening, April 9th

At night on Sunday	(after sunset, 7:29 pm)
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Passover Preparations (cont'd)

Fast of First Born

Monday Morning, April 10th

Fast of First Born begins (Dawn)	4:59 am
Sunrise	6:24 am
Shahrit & <i>siyyum</i> for the First Born	7:15 am
Stop eating <i>hametz</i> by.....	10:46 am
Dispose of any remaining <i>hametz</i> by.....	11:51 am

First & Second Days of Passover

FIRST TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

First Day of Passover

Eve of the First Day, Monday, April 10th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:12 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	7:15 pm
Begin the First Haggadah	after 7:54 pm

First Day Morning, Tuesday, April 11th

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

Second Day of Passover

Eve of the Second Day, Tuesday, April 11th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....	7:15 pm
Tuesday Evening Sunset	7:31 pm
1st Day Ends & Omer Counting	after 7:56 pm
Candles & Second Haggadah	after 7:56 pm

Second Day Morning, Wed., April 12th

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

Second Day Conclusion, Wed., April 12th

Minhah & Arbit.....	7:15 pm
Wednesday Evening Sunset.....	7:32 pm
Wednesday Evening Omer, Habdalah	7:57 pm

Intermediate Days of Passover

HOL HAMOED PESAH

Thu. & Fri. Mornings, April 13th & 14th

Shahrit & Musaf	7:15 am
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Thursday Evening, April 13th

Minhah & Arbit.....	6:30 pm
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Sunday Morning, April 16th

Shahrit & Musaf	8:00 am
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Intermediate Shabbat of Passover

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH

Eve of Shabbat, Friday, April 14th

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

Shabbat Day, Saturday, April 15th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf.....	9:00-11:30 am
Girls' Reading of Shir HaShirim	11:30 am
Saturday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:15 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset	7:36 pm
Saturday Evening Habdalah.....	8:13 pm

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, Sunday Eve, April 16th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:19 pm
Sunday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:15 pm

7th Day Morning, Monday, April 17th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel	9:05 am
Torah Service	9:45 am
Featuring reading of the <i>Shirah</i> -Song of the Sea	
Musaf, Sermon, Conclusion.....	10:45-11:45 am

Eighth & Last Day of Pesah

Eve of the 8th Day, Monday Eve, April 17th

Monday Evening Minhah & Arbit	7:15 pm
Monday Evening Sunset	7:38 pm
8th Day Festival Candle Lighting	after 8:02 pm

8th Day Morning, Tuesday, April 18th

Zemirot	8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf.....	9:00-11:30 am
Shahrit	9:00 am
Tuesday Evening Minhah & Arbit.....	7:15 pm
Tuesday Evening Sunset	7:39 pm
8th Day Concluding Habdalah	8:03 pm
Do not Consume <i>hametz</i> until	
½ hour after Habdalah.....	8:33 pm

Pesah, Passover, or Hag HaMatzot, The Feast of Unleavened Bread, is observed in the middle

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

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

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 15th, at 11:30 am.

FESTIVAL OF SHABU`OT (Two-Day)

PENTECOST, THE FEAST OF WEEKS

Tuesday Eve, May 30th-Thursday, June 1st

Eve of the First Day of Shabu`ot

Tuesday Evening, May 30th

1st Day Eve Candle Lighting8:01 pm
 Minhah & Shabuot Arbit8:00 pm
 Tuesday Sunset8:19 pm
 Mishmarah/Tikkun: Late Class.....11:30 pm

First Day of Shabu`ot Morning

1834 - Crosby St. Consecration Anniversary Wednesday Morning, May 31st

Zemirot8:15 am
 Shahrit & Hallel.....9:00 am
 Taking Out Torah & Readings.....9:50-10:45 am
 Exodus 19:1-20:23 (The Ten Commandments)
 HaftarahEzekiel 1:1-28 & 3:12
 Musaf & Sermon.....10:45-11:25 am
 Girls Reading Book of Ruth.....11:30 am-12:30 pm
 Bat Mitzvah.....Flora Tauber

Eve of the Second Day of Shabu`ot

Wednesday Evening, May 31st

Reading Intro & 1st Part of **Azharot**7:15 pm
 Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....8:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening Sunset.....8:20 pm
 Candle Lightingafter 8:47 pm

Second Day of Shabu`ot Morning

Thursday Morning, June 1st

Zemirot8:15 am
 Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf.....9:00-11:50 am

Second Day of Shabu`ot Conclusion

Thursday Evening, June 1st

Reading 2nd Part of Azharot7:15 pm
 Minhah & Arbit.....8:00 pm
 Thursday Evening Sunset8:20 pm
 Thursday Evening Habdalah.....8:48 pm

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

The Book of Ruth is traditionally read on Shabuot, since it deals with both the Israeli grain harvest at this time of year, which this festival marks, as well as acceptance of the Torah, in this case by Ruth as a faithful convert. The younger girls of the congregation who take part are pre-assigned a few verses each, which they 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 (lrohde-csi@yahoo.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 Wednesday evening at 7:15, before Minhah. The second part, which enumerates the 365 negative Commandments, is read on Thursday 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.

5778 FALL HOLIDAY PREVIEW

Rosh Hashanah, 5778

Wed. Eve., Sep. 20th through

Thu. & Fri., Sep. 21st & 22nd

Shabbat Teshubah, 5778

Fri. Eve., Sep. 22nd through Sat. Sep. 23rd

Yom Kippur, 5778

Fri. Eve., Sep. 29th through Shabbat, Sep. 30th

First Two Days of Succot, 5778

Wed. Eve., Oct. 4th through

Thu. & Fri., Oct. 5th & 6th

Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot, 5778

Fri. Eve., Oct. 6th through Sat. Oct. 7th

Shemini Hag Atseret, 5778

Wed. Eve., Oct. 11th through Thu. Oct. 12th

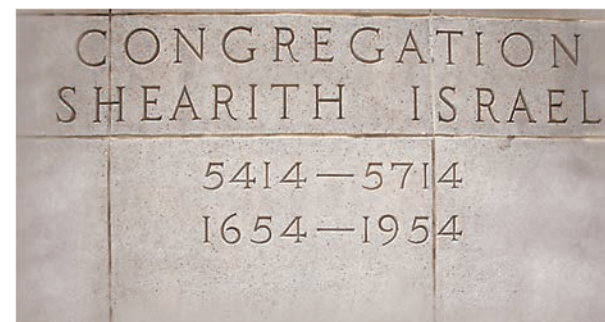
Simhat Torah, 5778

Thu. Eve., Oct. 12th through Fri. Oct. 13th

Shabbat Bereshit (Shabbat Hatanim), 5778

Fri. Eve., Oct. 13th through Sat. Oct. 14th

GET INVOLVED



We hope to see you soon! Here are a few great ways to stay connected and get more involved at Shearith Israel:

- Come to an event: Our full events calendar is available online
- Join our email list: Get weekly invites to our events and classes
- Take a class
- Make a donation
- Become a member
- Work with youth
- Help host or organize an event
- Join a committee
- Sponsor a kiddush
- Support our historic preservation projects
- Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/shearithisrael.nyc

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.

KIDDUSH FUND

The congregational Kiddush is an opportunity for congregants and visitors to socialize and mingle after services, humbly serving an important congregational function. Sponsoring a kiddush is a beautiful way to pay tribute to a loved one, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, a personal accomplishment, or a ritual honor. It is also a great way to foster community—facilitating fellow congregants to catch up with friends, meet new members and guests, and greet synagogue leaders.

SPONSOR SCOTCH AND ARAK

In addition to our weekly Kiddush sponsors and contributors we are now also accepting sponsors for the scotch and arak that we make available each week. To sponsor or contribute go to shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is a charitable arm of our congregation. These funds are designated by our rabbis for members in need and communities in crisis. This past year, our funds have assisted a number of members who have hit hard times as well as important causes such as the Houston Jewish Community recovering from flooding, the Food Bank for NYC and worthy institutions in Israel.

CLASS AND EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

Help us strengthen educational initiatives at Shearith Israel by supporting a warm and inviting atmosphere to learn, debate, and grow together as a community. Sponsor for a class, Monday Night Learning, minyan breakfast, Tuesday morning women's class, Tuesday evening Talmud shiur or Shabbat afternoon class. Or, contribute to sponsor an event, such as academic symposiums, lectures, and discussions with Jewish scholars from around the world and maintain our synagogue as a leader in contemporary Jewish dialogue.

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. 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

Please consider including Shearith Israel in your estate planning. For more information, please speak with our Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.

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, 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.

To give and learn more, visit shearithisrael.org/giving. Thank you for enabling the continuation and strengthening of our congregation's mission and legacy.





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