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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

HANUKKAH'S ARCH-RIVAL

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



As we prepare to ritually remember the Menorah of the Temple, it is useful to ponder the most famous depiction of this ancient candelabra. The Arch of Titus depicts the triumphal return of the

Temple's marauders, with soldiers hoisting aloft the vessels of God's home in Jerusalem. Serving as an entryway into ancient Rome, proclaiming the Empire's triumph over Judea to all visitors, the arch and its image is seared into Jewish memory.

Yet this was not the only arch, or entryway, where a remembrance of the menorah could be found. The original obligation was to place the lamp on the outside of one's home, at the entrance, opposite the *mezuzah*. Even when Jews began lighting inside, many did so with the candles facing the *mezuzot* of the inner doorways. In this way, a home on Hanukkah was decorated with diverse mitzvot. Judaism thereby proclaimed that even stripped of sovereignty and scattered over the earth, Judaism could still survive, and ultimately endure, if every Jewish home was made into a tiny Temple. God may have been exiled from His home in Jerusalem, but He could take refuge in ours.

Over the centuries, the construction by triumphal arches continued. We know of others made in Rome; we are familiar with the Napoleon's arch in Paris, and the Marble Arch in England. All are expressions of empire,

manifestations of military might. Meanwhile, over the centuries, the Jewish creation of their own humble entrances continued as well; a *mezuzah* on the right and a hanukiah on the left. Consider the extraordinary contrast. On the one hand we have the proud entryways of emperors, on the other the doors of Jewish homes. And as every one of those empires ended up on the ash heap of history, it is *klal Yisrael* that remains. Thus did the doors of Jewish homes become the ultimate triumphal arches.

There was a tradition among the Roman Jewish community to refrain from walking under the Arch of Titus. In 1948, after the State of Israel's establishment was announced, the Jews of Rome walked under it freely for the first time in two millennia, but this time they walked in the opposite direction than that tread by Titus's triumphant troops, symbolizing the reversal of all the Arch proclaimed. Imagine the amazement of Titus, or of Vespasian, or Constantine, were they told that Jews had reestablished sovereignty over their land, reversed the effects of the Roman conquest, and have created a flourishing society speaking the language of their ancestors. It is indeed a miracle; and part of the reason Judaism survived was because the tiny temple that was the Jewish home was a fortress throughout the centuries, an edifice so seemingly insignificant, but ultimately so extraordinary that no empire overcame it.

Meir Y. Soloveichik



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AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL



ABOVE:

In our first youth Mitzvot Workshop with Shamash, Zachary Edinger, PTTS and Shearith Israel children were able to participate in and experience the various parts of the Torah service, such as taking turns carrying the Torah in and out of the *Heikhal* to the *Tebah*, dressing and undressing the Torah, and learning the procedure for returning the *yad*, hand/pointer, to the *Heikhal*. Future workshops will be held on December 23, March 3, and April 14.

- A. Naftali Friedman and sons, Sammy and Avi, at a recent screening of *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel*
- B. Stephanie and Roy Kirsh celebrate the *berit* of their son, Theodore
- C. Our unique indoor Elias Room Succah, beautifully decorated by the Sisterhood
- D. Our beautiful Shabbat Bereshit Luncheon in honor of our 2018 Hatanim: Zachary Edinger, Hatan Torah, and Marc Wiznia, Hatan Bereshit. See more on page 10.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS

THE CONGREGATION'S *YEAR OF YEARS* CAMPAIGN: KEEPING THE MOMENTUM

Louis M. Solomon



Dear Congregants:

Over the past year, we have been updating the Congregation on our plans and aspirations for our Congregation's *Year of Years* Celebration, which commemorates our Congregation's 365 years of organized Jewish presence in America. I am pleased to note that, for the next few editions of this Bulletin, we will be devoting special space to a *Year of Years* Update so that the Congregation will know where we've been and where we are going.

Like the Jewish calendar, which boasts of four independent Rosh Hashanahs throughout each year (celebrating four distinct New Years), we too will be staggering our *Year of Years* with different celebration points. This past Rosh Hashanah marked a first commencement of our *Year of Years* celebration; the *Year of Years* Update describes the wonderful Hatanim luncheon that brought so much good cheer to those who attended. We will also officially be recognizing our first *Year of Years* commencing in January 2019 as well. It is our expectation that, by then, we will be able to share with the Congregation a very special project now being worked on by several of our historically minded congregants, who are busy investigating 365 fascinating facts about our community and congregation over the past 365 years. Third, as we approach the Spring, we will be celebrating another *Year of Years* commencement that the Board of

Trustees is working on now and which, we hope, will allow the Congregation to celebrate the role of women at Shearith Israel over the centuries, past and future. Finally, come next Fall, as we usher in our first year of our second 365-year cycle, we hope to celebrate a gala event worthy of our history and future.

These focal points, significant as they are, will stand in supporting roles to the even more significant events throughout the year. Week in, week out you will be able to enjoy and be moved by our services, our classes, our lectures, our fun evenings and programs. If you live through a cycle of year with us, you will be treated to breathtaking beautiful tefillot (services), inspiring educational moments, warming and uplifting social events and gatherings. You will experience all these if you join us, regularly, throughout the year.

Our *Year of Years* Celebration includes a Fundraising Campaign. Yes, we need each and every congregant to give to his or her best ability to keep the flame alive. But as important, our *Year of Years* Celebration needs your active participation. Please join us. Please email, write, call, or visit to suggest other ways that this *Year of Years* can be truly memorable.

All the best to everyone,

Louis M. Solomon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Atticus Bregman, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Malaika Amon and Anthony Bregman, and to his grandparents, Viviane and Gerald Bregman.

Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein, upon the birth of a granddaughter, Rivka, born to their children Elizabeth and Rabbi Ariel Edelstein.

Jeremy Feder, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Valerie and Danny Feder.

Liam Gomberg upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Yonina and Eric Gomberg, as well to Liam's grandmother, Gail Propp.

Halana and Alan Greenberg, upon the birth of a granddaughter to their children, Cynthia and Evan Kollander.

Dr. Leora Mogilner and Dr. Richard Linhart, on the marriage of their daughter, Tobey Linhart, to Yonah Goldschmidt.

Louis Nahon and Rafi Nahon, upon becoming Bnei Mitzvah. Congratulations to their parents, Francine Alfandary and Laurent Nahon.

Susan and Marlon Portes, on the marriage of their son, Jacob, to Rebecca Novetsky.

Barbara Sasson, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents, Sharon and Raphael Sasson.

Meralee and Sidney Schlusberg, on the recent marriage of their son, Asher Schlusberg, to Leora Walter.

Ari Schottenstein and his wife, Jana, on the birth of a baby girl, Ella.

Judy and Joel Schreiber, on the birth of a baby boy to their grandchildren, Yoni and Rachel Fein, in Hollywood Florida.

Robyn and trustee, Mark Tsesarsky, on the birth of a baby girl to their children, Isabel and Daniel Mael.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Hazakim U'berukhim:

Col. Jonathan De Sola Mendes, our honorary trustee, who, at the Touro Synagogue's annual ceremony, read the letter by Moses Seixas that prompted President Washington's response to the Jews of Newport.

Joshua Mendes, for coordinating and moderating a very special *Se'P Around the World* event. Special thanks to the panelists who participated to help make this program a success: Raffaele Bedarida (Jewish Community of Livorno), Vania Carvalho (Kahal Zur Israel, Recife), Zachary Edinger (Shearith Israel, New York), Anna Ruth Henriques (United Cong. of Israelites, Jamaica), Adam Jackson (Lauderdale Road Synagogue, London), Jacob Oslick (Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia), Rene Samson (Esnoga, Amsterdam), and David Shahmoon (Shearith Israel, Montreal). To read more about this event, see Joshua's retrospective on page 12.

Jean Naggar, who was honored at the Women's Media Group Luncheon and awarded their 2018 Woman of the Year award.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Muriel Hyman

Emil Pomerantz

Felix Roth

Bernard Turiel



CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Dr. Eli Bryk, on the passing of his father, Dr. David Bryk.

Florie Jerusalmi, on the passing of her mother, Regina Birns.

Carol Pomerantz and her children, Roy, Jay, and Steven Pomerantz, on the passing of Emil Pomerantz.

Josh Rozenberg on the passing of his grandfather, Jack Rozenberg.

Sharon Sasson, on the passing of her father, Ron Schechter.

Cynthia (Sires) Trop, on the passing of her brother, Bruce David Sires.

Lynn Turiel, on the passing of her husband, Bernard Turiel.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Jo Beth Tananbaum and William Abecassis

Joseph Aiken

Edie and Michael Gelman

Sharon and Richard Hurowitz

Orna Shulman

Jordan Silversmith

Dara Kritzer Towne and Adam Towne

Bequests and Planned Giving

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



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IN APPRECIATION

Special thanks to:

The Sisterhood, for decorating our spectacular Elias Room Succah, and for sponsoring all the *kiddushim* throughout Succot.

Our team of volunteer docents, who continue to do a wonderful job guiding all our visitors on public and private tours of the Synagogue. Tours this past season were led by: Rabbi Marc Angel, Rose Edinger, Zachary Edinger, Seth Haberman, Janet Kirchheimer, Barbara Reiss, Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde, Vivienne Roumani, and Arthur Tenenholtz. If you would like to learn more about becoming a docent, please contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

Class Sponsors:

Laury Frieber, for sponsoring a Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of her father, Arthur Frieber.

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

Carol and Alan Schechter, for sponsoring the Season Premiere of Friday Night Lights.

Scott Shay, for sponsoring the Fall Semester of Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of his mother.

Minyan Breakfast Sponsors and Supporters:

Anonymous

Anonymous, in honor of our Hatan Torah, Zachary Edinger.

Lewis Bateman, in memory of his mother, Caryl Cohn Bateman.

Francine Alfandary and Laurent Nahon, in honor of Louis and Rafi becoming Bnei Mitzvah.

Arthur Tenenholtz, in memory of his mother, Hannah Tenenholtz.

Joel Tenenholtz, in memory of his mother, Hannah Tenenholtz.

Kiddush Fund Sponsors:

Malaika Amon and Anthony Bregman, in honor of Atticus Bregman becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Lewis Bateman, in memory of his mother, Caryl Cohn Bateman.

Norman Benzaquen, in celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

Julia and Yair Cohen and family, in memory of their mother, Naomi Moalem.

Karen and Jack Daar

Malka and Zachary Edinger

Faith Fogelman, in memory of her parents, Theodore and Miriam Watkin.

Laury Frieber, in honor of Matea and Reuben's 11th birthday, and Reuben's reading of the *haftarah* for *parashat* Ki Tetse.

Carol and Arthur Goldberg, in honor of their son, Mark Aaron's, birthday.

Gideon and Sharona Gordon, in memory of Jordana and Joshua.

Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander, in honor of his recent semikha, 20-year giyur anniversary, and 19-year wedding anniversary.

Francine Alfandary and Laurent Nahon, in honor of Louis and Rafi Nahon becoming Bnei Mitzvah.

Sharon and Raphael Sasson, in honor of Barbara becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

The Wiznia Family

Shabbat Teshuba Derasha:

Debbie and David Sable, on the occasion of the *nahala* of David's mother, Elissa Sable.

Shabbat Teshuba Kiddush:

Sponsors:

Joseph Aiken

Halana and Alan Greenberg

Jackie and Andrew Klaber

Alanna and Zachary Liebmann

Gillian and Simon Salama-Caro

Carol and Alan Schechter, in memory of Alan's mother, Yitta bat Yitzhak Shmuel, on the occasion of her 18th *nahala*.

Esther and William Schulder

The Solomon Family

Madelene and Stan Towne

Co-Sponsors:

Doris and Marshall Greenberg

Meralee and Sidney Schlusberg

Simhat Torah Dinner Sponsors:

The Lustig-Brody Family

Rev. Philip L. Sherman and Andrea Raab Sherman

The Solomon Family

Hatanim Luncheon Sponsors:

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Anonymous

Joanne and Yaakov Ben-Avi

Esme and Roger Berg

Karen and Jack Daar

Laury, Reuben, and Matea Frieber

Rose and Henry Edinger

Malka and Zachary Edinger

The Bengualid Goldstein Family

Ernest Grunebaum

Maggie and Andre Guenoun

Haberman Family

Herman Halper

Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands

Jessica Schechter and Ahron Herring

Janegail and James Kahn

Yael Cycowicz, Matthew Kaplan, and family

Andrew Klaber

Leslie Cohen and Jeffrey Lang

Dr. David Lerner

The Lustig-Brody Family

Jessica Amelar and Liliane Marks

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Judy and Monroe Milstein

Rebecca Chaplan and David J. Nathan

Ilana Kobrin Prager and David W. Prager

Barbara and Guy Reiss

Joy and Bruce Roberts

Gillian and Simon Salama-Caro

Carla and Jonah Schein

Toby and David Schnall

Muriel and Alexander Seligson

Mrs. Andrea Raab Sherman and Rev. Philip L. Sherman

Rabbi Jay Shoulson

The Solomon Family

Oliver Stanton and Spencer Stanton

Madelene and Stan Towne

Norman Turkish

Carolann and Robert Wiznia

Rivka and Marc Wiznia

Lloyd Zuckerberg

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





HOLIDAYS

PRE-HANUKKAH LECTURE

Date TBD

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

NEW MEMBERS HANUKKAH GATHERING

Hosted by Rabbi and Layalza Soloveichik

**Wednesday, December 5
By Invitation**

Our community, especially our synagogue leadership, is very eager to get to know each and every new member and to make them feel at home at Shearith Israel. Our Hanukkah gathering at the Soloveichik home has become a wonderful and much anticipated tradition where new members can mingle with each other and our leadership. Guests enjoy an array of traditional and modern takes on latkes and other treats, hear words of Torah by our rabbi and by his wife, Layalza, and socialize in a warm and relaxed atmosphere.

PURIM CELEBRATION

Wednesday, March 20

Megillah reading at 7:15 pm
Children's Programming at 7:00 pm

The reading of *Megillat Esther* begins promptly at 7:15 pm in the Large Synagogue. Children are invited to the Elias Room for a special Purim "infotainment" program just for them. For more information, see page 17.

PURIM DINNER

**Wednesday, March 20
Following *Megillah* Reading**

Immediately following the *Megillah* reading, registered guests are invited to a festive family-style meal in Levy Auditorium. In addition to a tasty dinner, guests will enjoy our annual children's costume parade, led by our CSI Purim "Parade Marshals," Liz and Nat. Registration required. Check shearithisrael.org/purimdinner5779 for details.

PURIM BREAKFAST

**Thursday, March 21
Following *Megillah* Reading**

Immediately following the 8:00 am readings of the *Megillah*, all congregants are welcome to enjoy a festive breakfast. Childcare will be available. The breakfast is free of charge but sponsors and supporters are highly appreciated. Support this event at shearithisrael.org/purimbreakfast5779.

WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READING

Thursday, March 21 | 8:00 am

Women are encouraged to join our unique Women's *Megillah* Reading, now in its 30th year. For details, see page 20.

SPECIAL EVENTS

REMEMBERING BAGHDAD—Between the Tigris and the Hudson: The Iraqi Jewish Community and Shearith Israel

Featuring presentations by Carole Basri, along with members David Dangoor, David Lavipour, and Ezra Zilkha

Sunday Evening, December 16

Learn about the fascinating and tragic history of Babylonian Jewry from people who lived it. The ancient and respected Jewish community of Iraq came to an abrupt end in the 20th century. Come to Shearith Israel for an unforgettable evening to hear about Jewish life in Baghdad—from the cultured, progressive, and cosmopolitan city to the tragedy of the Farhud, from the unprecedented IDF Airlift operation, *Ezra and Nehemiah*, to the horrible Baghdad hangings of 1969. Hear firsthand accounts of life in Baghdad from Jews who lived through it. For more information, contact Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

This program is one of our many *Year of Years*, 365th Anniversary celebration events, which showcase the extraordinary diversity of our congregation, throughout its history until today.



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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
Year of Years Campaign

SHABBAT SHIRA SING-ALONG LUNCHEON

Shabbat, January 19, 2019

Have you ever wished you were more familiar with Shearith Israel's unique liturgy and melodies? Do you ever have the urge to sing along with the Shearith Israel choir (or belt it out at your own home)? At this special Shabbat luncheon, join the uplifting voices of our clergy — Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde, Associate Hazzan Rev. Philip L. Sherman, and Shamash, Z. Edinger — in discussing, learning, and singing classic Shearith Israel tunes. All ages welcome. Stay tuned for registration and sponsorship details.

JEWISH ANTIQUE ROADSHOW

Presented by the Sisterhood and the Shearith Israel League

**Sunday January 13, 2019
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Bring your own Judaica to the synagogue for a first of its kind, fun-filled and informative version of our own Antique Road Show. Professional appraisers will be on hand to evaluate your treasures. Show your Judaica items, share the stories behind them with friends and congregants, and perhaps learn a thing or two about them that you didn't know. More details to follow.



Year of Years Update



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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

Year of Years Campaign

On October 6, *Shabbat Bereshit*, we held a luncheon in honor of our *Hatanim*, Zachariah Edinger and Marc Wiznia. The luncheon was very well attended, and a good time was had by all. The delicious meal was catered by *Chef's Table*. Rabbi Soloveichik served as Master of Ceremonies and the *hatanim* were introduced by our Parnas, Mr. Lou Solomon. We heard words of Torah from Malka Edinger and Rivka Shoulson and (not so) short talks by both of the *Hatanim*.

During their speeches, the *Hatanim* both emphasized their commitment, as *hatanim* during this special 365th anniversary *Year of Years*, to helping support opportunities for lay participation and involvement at Shearith Israel. Zachariah encouraged congregational involvement at all levels, whether by joining one of our existing organizations, such as the League (for social activities), the *Hebra* (Burial Society), Caring Connection (*hesed* group), or the Sisterhood (for a wide range of

social and philanthropic activities) or by helping form (or revive) a committee such as a Kiddush or Welcoming committee, or any other area of congregational need or enhancement. Marc emphasized the opportunities for members with younger families to contribute to the increased vibrancy and vitality of Shearith Israel by planning activities, events, and programs that are compelling to them, their children, and their friends.

There are many opportunities to get involved and we want to hear from you. Volunteering your time or talents for congregational activities or organizations helps build bonds of friendship and provide enriching and fulfilling activities for the entire community and there is no better time than during this special *Year of Years* to deepen your commitment to this incredible 365-year young institution.

For more information, please contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.



We have already begun celebrating our special 365th anniversary *Year of Years* at our major *Passover and the American Imagination* symposium last spring and our recent *Shabbat Bereshit* luncheon.

We also released *Year of Years* editions of our publications, *Guide for the Perplexed: A Newcomer's Primer to Congregation Shearith Israel* and *Friday Night Services: A Guide to Congregation Shearith Israel's Unique Customs*.

Numerous other programs and activities are also in the works, including a major historical lecture series by Rabbi Soloveichik, and an upcoming event *Remembering Baghdad—Between the Tigris and the Hudson: The Iraqi Jewish Community and Shearith Israel*, which is conceived as the first of several events that showcase Shearith Israel's unique diversity and history.

There are many opportunities to get involved and we want to hear from you.

RETROSPECTIVE: S&P VOICES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Members of Eight S&P Congregations Gather to Talk, Bond, and Sing

By Joshua de Sola Mendes



If you are a member of Shearith Israel or have attended services even just once, you can appreciate the specialness of our traditions. You may have thought it was unique — to be found nowhere else.

Happily, the good news is that we are not alone! In fact, throughout the world there exist several dozen Jewish communities that share in the same special history and traditions — if perhaps in their own local style and flavor.

In August, Shearith Israel had the unusual opportunity to bring together members of eight sister communities — perhaps the first-ever such gathering — for an engaging panel discussion as well as a little singing. Over the course of the evening, panelists had a chance to share with the audience (some 60 strong) a little bit about their communities, how they came into being, traditions they have kept, and also what the communities are like today — for happily, the Western Sephardi communities are not just historical memories but are living, breathing, active places engaged in the present and looking to the future.

The evening's panelists included:

- **Rene Samson**, former *Hazzan* of the *Esnoga* in Amsterdam, who grew up there;
- **Anna Ruth Henriques**, who grew up at the United Congregation of Israelites in Jamaica;
- **Raffaele Bedarida**, son of the esteemed *Hazzan* of the Livorno community, who grew up there;
- **Adam Jackson**, who grew up at the Lauderdale Road Synagogue in London, and is now an active member of Shearith Israel;
- **David Shahmoon**, who grew up at the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue in Montreal and is now a member of Shearith Israel in New York;
- **Zachariah Edinger**, our learned and devoted *Shamash*, who grew up at Shearith Israel;
- **Jacob Oslick**, who grew up at a satellite service of Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, was then an active member at Shearith Israel before venturing to New Jersey and to Mikveh Israel as a board member;
- **Vania Carvalho** from Recife, Brazil, home to a resurfacing Jewish community, from where Shearith Israel's founders once fled.



On August 13, Shearith Israel brought together — perhaps for the first time — members of eight sister S&P communities.

The panelists all expressed hope for renewing and strengthening ties among our sister S&P communities and holding future gatherings.

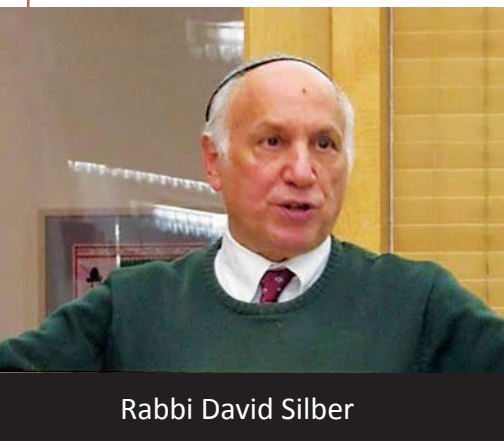
The evening fittingly ended with a spirited singing of *Bendigamos*, a melody shared and loved by all of the communities. You can hear it online at: <https://youtu.be/Udxv0k5leOE>

If you wish to learn more about these and other sister S&P communities, their traditions, and melodies, you may find the sites below of help:

www.londonsephardimusic.org
www.sandpcentral.org
www.shalommorris.com
www.facebook.com/groups/144610078889045
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_and_Portuguese_Jews

And should you have an opportunity to visit and pray in one of them on your next vacation, you can offer greetings from our congregation here in New York. No doubt, they will be pleased to see you!





Rabbi David Silber

JUDAIC EDUCATION

SAADIAH GAON'S BOOK OF BELIEFS AND OPINIONS

Sundays | 8:45 am
Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

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

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

ENTERING THE LAND: THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Sundays, Through December 23 | 10:00 am
Rabbi David Silber

Tuition is \$275, but FREE for Shearith Israel members

Taught by Rabbi David Silber, this class carefully explores the book of Joshua from a literary perspective, examining core biblical questions: what does it mean to be a disciple, and how can a student turn into a teacher? Can anyone replace Moses? Does Joshua fulfill the Torah's commands about conquest of the land? What can this teach us about war and the possibility of peace?

Rabbi David Silber received ordination from Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and is the Founder and Dean of Drisha Institute for Jewish Education. He received the Covenant Award in 2000. He is the author of *A Passover Haggadah: Go Forth and Learn*, published by JPS in 2011, and the newly released *For Such a Time as This: Biblical Reflections in the Book of Esther*, published by Koren Publishing in 2017 (Hebrew).

Shearith Israel members can register for FREE at shearithisrael.org/silber.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY LEARNING WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

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

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

OPEN BET MIDRASH

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

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

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

TUESDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST AND SHIUR

Tuesdays | Following Morning Services

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

FEASTS AND FASTS: THE FESTIVALS IN JEWISH THOUGHT

A Class for Women

Tuesdays | 9:00 am
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Women meet on Tuesday mornings to examine anew the rituals of the Jewish holiday or fast that is approaching, challenge our assumptions, and emerge with a deeper understanding of the rituals that we have been performing our entire lives. Breakfast is served. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

Fridays | Following Evening Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

During the chillier months, when Shabbat starts early and the evenings loom long, congregants are invited to stay around for a bit after Friday evening services for an inspiring shiur delivered by Rabbi Soloveichik. There is no better way to transition from the workweek to the aura of Shabbat than experiencing our magnificent Friday night service followed by *Friday Night Lights*.

The 2018-2019 season is sponsored by the Julis family. To sponsor an individual session, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.

THE MISUNDERSTOOD MASTERPIECE: A NEW APPROACH TO PIRKEI ABOT

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

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



YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

HANUKKAH FEST

Sunday, December 9 | 10:30 am

Does any other synagogue in New York serve waffles on Hanukkah? We do and you can find out why. Shearith Israel Youth and PTTS celebrate this year on the 7th day of Hanukkah with a festive celebration filled with home-made waffles, music, and Hanukkah fun!

PARENT-CHILD LEARNING

For Elementary School Age Children and Their Parents or Grandparents

On the following three Saturday Nights:

December 15 at 6:30 pm

January 12 at 6:45 pm

February 9 at 7:00 pm

**The first session will be led by
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

This new educational initiative gives parents (or grandparents) the opportunity to study Torah with their children together with Shearith Israel's clergy. After the conclusion of Shabbat, start the week off with inspiring and enriching Torah study and an excellent opportunity to bond with your child. The program is intended for children in elementary school. Pizza and prizes help make this a fun-filled evening of inter-generational learning.

For more information, contact Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org. If you're interested in sponsoring a session or the entire program, please contact Barbara Reiss at breiss@shearithisrael.org.

JUNIOR BOOK GROUP

For ages 11 – 13

Select Shabbat Afternoons

Dates To Be Announced

In Private Homes

Last year, the Sisterhood introduced Junior Book Group as a Shabbat afternoon activity where kids can read books and talk about them with their peers in the comfort of a private home near the Synagogue. After the success of the initial meeting, Junior Book Group will be continuing with three sessions. Stay tuned for details, and if you have any questions or book recommendations, feel free to submit them at shearithisrael.org/book-group.

PURIM CELEBRATION

Wednesday, March 20

Children's Programming meets at 7:00 pm

The reading of *Megillat Esther* begins promptly at 7:15 pm in the Large Synagogue. Children are invited to the Elias Room for their own special Purim "infotainment" program. Nat Bernstein, our energetic Youth Group Leader and Programming Coordinator, has a fun activity in the works, and Liz Rios will be on hand to supervise the younger ones (children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver).

Parents are encouraged to arrive at 7:00 pm, in order to help their children settle in and then make their way to the Large Synagogue in time for *Megillah*.



MITZVOT WORKSHOP WITH ZACHARY EDINGER

For All PTTS students and CSI Elementary School Age Children

December 23 | March 3 | April 14

On select Sundays, our Shamash, Zachary Edinger, leads our PTTS students and CSI youth in an interactive and educational refillah class. Students will learn to sing the melodies of selected prayers from the Shabbat and holiday services as well as learn about the parts of the Torah service, and get trained in the hands-on parts of the service. PTTS students are expected to attend and CSI youth are heartily welcome and are asked to register in advance so we know how many of you to expect.

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

BRUNCH AND LEARNS WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

For Students and Their Parents

CSI members with children are heartily welcome, by registration

Sundays, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

December 2 | February 3 | March 10

Students of PTTS and their parents enjoy a special time with the rabbi. On several Sundays over the course of the year students and their parents start the day together with morning services after which they will proceed to a topical "Brunch and Learn" with Rabbi Soloveichik.

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HEBREW SCHOOL: POLONIES TALMUD TORAH SCHOOL (PTTS)

Thursdays from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm and special programming on select Sundays

Our Hebrew School provides students with a substantive supplemental Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. Students develop Hebrew language skills (reading, writing, and comprehension), learn the major portions of the *Tanakh*, Jewish holiday rituals, Jewish history, and how Jewish ideas inform our values in modern times. To learn more and enroll your child today, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.

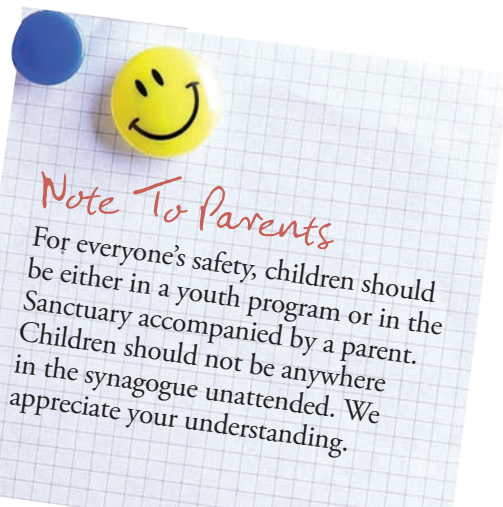
WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

For children ages 16 – 34 months.

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

Parent or caregiver attendance required.

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



YOUTH ON SHABBAT

TOT SHABBAT

10:00 am – 11:45 am | ages 0 – 4

Our little ones enjoy Tot Shabbat all year round, led by our beloved teachers, Liz and Shanade. Held in our newly refurbished Fidanque Room, independent play, snacks, and circle-time with songs will entertain the toddlers while parents are in services. Parents: please note that children under the age of 2 must be accompanied by an adult. Furthermore, children will only be released to their parent or other pre-authorized adult. Please cooperate with these important policies for the safety of your children and everyone else.

YOUTH GROUPS AND JR. CONGREGATION

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

Children ages 5 – 12 gather in the Elias Room for a fun curriculum of educational and entertaining activities connected to the parasha of the week and other Jewish themes, created by our Youth Group Leader and Programming Coordinator, Nat Bernstein, and Youth Group Leader, Daniela Bernstein. At 10:30 am, the children come together for Junior Congregation, a lively, participatory service in the Little Synagogue, (after which they return to the Elias Room with their group leader until the end of services). For a list of parts your child may lead in Jr. Congregation, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com.

In honor of Purim, Susan offers the recipe for her sister-in-law, Arlene's, Hamentachen.



Hamentachen

Susan Adler Neumark

Susan Adler Neumark got married at Shearith Israel to lifelong member and honorary trustee, Avery Neumark, and has been here ever since. Her family has celebrated many life cycle events in the Synagogue over the years. Susan is currently the director of the Learning Center at the Torah Academy of Bergen County.



Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup shortening (margarine)
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp or less salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp. vanilla (or more)
- Your favorite fillings, such as prune butter, mohn (poppy seeds), strawberry or apricot jam, chocolate chips, etc.

Instructions

Mix all ingredients except for the filling. Refrigerate the dough at least 2 hours.

Roll out dough. Using a cookie cutter or a glass, cut out rounds.

Place around a teaspoon of your favorite filling in the center of each round.

Fold rounds into a triangle shape.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and bake 10 minutes until just firm.

Sprinkle powdered sugar on top.

Store in the refrigerator.

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. Please include a short, descriptive back-story letting us know why it is special to you.

WOMEN AT SHEARITH ISRAEL



2018 Women's Megillah Readers

SISTERHOOD MISHLOAH MANOT PROJECT

Do you want to send *Mishloah Manot* notifications to your friends and fellow congregants for Purim? Take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to send special Purim greetings and to reach out to our Shearith Israel community and beyond.

This project supports the Sisterhood's many important activities in our synagogue. Please stay tuned for more information about how to participate.

WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READING

Thursday, March 21 | 8:00 am

Congregants and guests are welcome to join the main service for *megillah* reading. Women are encouraged to join our unique women's reading, now in its 30th year. Novices, no need to feel intimidated; we are happy to train you to read a part, large or small.

To sign up for this year's reading, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

Thank you to last year's readers: Vicki Bengualid, Beth Goldman, Annette Gourgey, Ruthie Israeli, Janet Kirchheimer, Marjorie Lehman, Julia Levi, Lilliane Marks, Liz Ninyo, Lisa Rohde, Lina Sion, Lia Solomon, Layaliza Soloveichik, and Julie Walpert.

WOMEN'S SHABBAT SERVICES

On select Shabbat Mornings

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

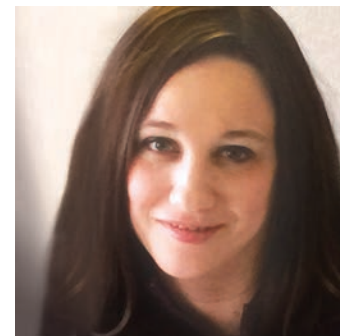
YOETZET HALAKHA

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

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



Shiffy Friedman



Layaliza Soloveichik

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.

To learn more about women's involvement at Shearith Israel, visit: shearithisrael.org/women.





HESED

CARING CONNECTION

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

Our volunteers coordinate meals to those in need; arrange visits and phone calls to the elderly, homebound, and recuperating; and even provide transport or wheelchair assistance to those who wish to attend synagogue services or events.

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

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



MEALS FOR MOURNERS AND NEW PARENTS

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

If you would like to sponsor a meal, we offer several options and easy ways for you to do so. Simply go to shearithisrael.org/hesed-meals and select the meal type you would like to sponsor. The family will be notified of your generous gesture. Please be assured that our Caring Connection and Hebra volunteers are in touch with the affected families and will ensure that their specific needs (quantities, dietary restrictions, etc.) will be considered. Any surplus sponsorships will be used to ensure that all of our members are provided meals in their times of need.

If you would prefer to cook and deliver your own home-cooked meals, or place food orders on your own rather than participate in Caring Connection's fund, please contact Layaliza Soloveichik at layaliza@gmail.com beforehand. Layaliza is our congregation's volunteer coordinator for meals for new parents, and she makes every effort to ensure that the family's preferences and requests are accommodated and that duplication of efforts are avoided.



SERVICES

SHABBAT SERVICES

November 30th – December 1st

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Vayesheb.....	Genesis 37:1 – 40:23
Haftarah Amos 2:6 – 3:8	Jacob Z. Neumark
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:29 pm
Habdalah.....	4:56 pm

December 7th – 8th

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Tebeth – Hanukkah

6 Hanukkah Candles & Eve of Shabbat	
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:10 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:10 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Mikkets – Rosh Hodesh – Hanukkah	
Gen 41:1 – 44:17; Num 28:9 – 15 & Num 7:42 – 47	
Haftarah	Jacob A. Zachariah 2:14 – 4:7;
Isaiah 6:1 & 23; I Samuel 20:18 & 42	
Bat Mitzvah.....	Susan A.
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:28 pm
Habdalah & 7 Hanukkah Candles	4:55 pm

December 14th – 15th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Vayiggash.....	Genesis 44:18 – 47:27
Haftarah Ezekiel 37:15 – 28	Samuel E Neumark
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:29 pm
Habdalah.....	4:56 pm

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings:

Sunday Shahrit	8:00 am
Monday – Friday Shahrit	7:15 am

Evenings, Sunday – Thursday:

Nov. 4 2018 – Feb. 28 2019, Arbit Only	6:30 pm
March 3rd – March 7th, Minhah & Arbit	5:45 pm
March 10th – May 30th, Minhah & Arbit....	6:30 pm

December 21st – 22nd

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:13 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Vayhi	Genesis 47:28 – end
Haftarah I Kings 2:1 – 12	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:32 pm
Habdalah.....	4:58 pm

December 28th – 29th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:18 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Joseph A. Solomon
Parashat Shemoth.....	Exodus 1:1 – 6:1
Haftarah Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3.....	Avery E. Neumark
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:10 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:36 pm
Habdalah.....	5:03 pm

January 4th – 5th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:24 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Vaera.....	Exodus 6:2 – 9:35
Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:15 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:43 pm
Habdalah.....	5:09 pm

January 11th – 12th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:31 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Bo.....	Exodus 10:1 – 13:16
Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13 – 28.....	Alexander Freilich
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:25 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:50 pm
Habdalah.....	5:17 pm

**January 18th – 19th
Shabbat Shirah**

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:38 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Zachary S. Edinger
Parashat Beshallah – Shirah.....	Exodus 13:17 – 17:16
(Reading of the “Shirah” – Song of the Red Sea)	
Haftarah Judges 5:1 – 31	Louis Alexandre Berg
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:30 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:30 pm
Saturday Sunset	4:58 pm
Habdalah.....	5:25 pm

**January 25th – 26th
Shabbat Yithro**

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:47 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Yithro	Exodus 18:1 – 20:23
(Reading of the Ten Commandments)	
Haftarah Isaiah 6:1 – 13.....	Joseph A. Solomon
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:40 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:40 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:06 pm
Habdalah.....	5:34 pm

February 1st – 2nd

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:55 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Mishpatim.....	Exodus 21:1 – 24:18
Haftarah	Jacob A. Seligson
Jeremiah 34:8 – 22 & 33:25 – 26	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	3:50 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	4:50 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:15 pm
Habdalah.....	5:43 pm

February 8th – 9th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:04 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Jacob Daar
Parashat Terumah.....	Exodus 25:1 – 27:19
Haftarah I Kings 5:26 – 6:13.....	Adam F. Jackson
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:00 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	5:00 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:23 pm
Habdalah.....	5:53 pm

February 15th – 16th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:13 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Matthew Kaplan
Parashat Tetsavveh	Exodus 27:20 – 30:10
Haftarah, Ezekiel 43:10 – 27	
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:05 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	5:05 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:32 pm
Habdalah.....	6:02 pm

February 22nd – 23rd

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:21 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Avery E. Neumark
Parashat Ki Tissa.....	Exodus 30:11 – 34:35
Haftarah I Kings 18:20 – 39.....	Hillel D. Neumark
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:15 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....	5:15 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:40 pm
Habdalah.....	6:11 pm

March 1st – 2nd, Shabbat Shekalim

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:29 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Sjimon Den Hollander
Parashat Vayaqhel – Shekalim	
Exodus 35:1 – 38:20 & 30:11 – 16	
Haftarah, II Kings 11:17 – 12:1.....	Steven A. Okin
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:25 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	5:25 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:48 pm
Habdalah.....	6:20 pm

Shabbat Shekalim: During Temple times the payment of a poll tax of half a shekel by every Jew was called for on the first of Adar (this year Adar II). On the preceding Sabbath, Ex. 30:11 – 16 was added as a reminder. This is the first of the Four Sabbaths before Passover with added Torah & special haftarah readings.

March 8th – 9th

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:37 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....	8:15 – 11:45 am
Zemirot	Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Pekude.....	Exodus 38:21 – end
Haftarah I Kings 7:40 – 50	Elliot Freilich
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....	4:30 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....	5:30 pm
Saturday Sunset	5:56 pm
Habdalah.....	6:29 pm

**March 15th – 16th
Shabbat Zakhor**

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....6:44 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....8:15 – 11:45 am
ZemirotJoseph A. Solomon
Parashat Vayikra – Zakhor

Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26 & Deuteronomy 25:17 – 19
Haftarah I Samuel 15:1 – 34.....Joel Maxman
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....5:40 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....6:40 pm
Saturday Sunset7:04 pm
Habdalah.....7:37 pm

Shabbat Zakhor/Mi Khamokha, is the Sabbath preceding Purim. We add Deut. 25:17 – 19, which begins with the word “Zakhor” – “Remember [Amalek].” Haman, because of his wicked designs to exterminate the Jewish people, was thought to be a spiritual descendant of Amalek, the first presumed “annihilators” of the Israelites. Sephardic congregations everywhere mark the occasion with the reading of Yehuda Halevy’s poem, “Mi Khamokha,” as we do at 9:00 am as a prelude to Shahrit.

ZAKHOR READING

**Shabbat, March 16
During Junior Congregation
Little Synagogue**

We want everyone to be able to fulfill their obligation of hearing *Zakhor* and for no one to miss it on account of childcare or other issues. Slightly after the regular Torah reading, during Junior Congregation, we will hold a second reading of *Zakhor*, recited by a post-Bar Mitzvah boy in the Little Synagogue for children, parents, and all others.

March 22nd – 23rd

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....6:52 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....8:15 – 11:45 am
ZemirotMatthew Kaplan
Parashat TsavLeviticus 6:1 – 8:36
Haftarah

Jeremiah 7:21 – 8:3 & 9:22 – 23
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....5:45 pm
Saturday Minhah & Arbit.....6:45 pm
Saturday Sunset7:11 pm
Habdalah.....7:46 pm

March 29th – 30th, Shabbat Parah

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....6:59 pm
Friday Evening Services.....6:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services.....8:15 – 11:45 am
ZemirotJoseph A. Solomon
Parashat Shemini – Parah

Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47 & Numbers 19:1 – 22
Haftarah
Ezekiel 36:16 – 36
Seuda Shelishit & Class.....5:55 pm
Minhah & Arbit.....6:55 pm
Saturday Sunset7:18 pm
Habdalah.....7:54 pm

Shabbat Parah: We read the law concerning the ashes of the Red Heifer [Heb. “Parah Adumah”] from Numbers 19 to remind us of the purification ritual for the Paschal sacrifice.



HOLIDAYS

Hanukkah Holiday

**Sunday Eve, Dec. 2nd & Monday,
Dec. 3rd through Monday, Dec. 10th:**

Eve of Hanukkah: 1 Hanukkah Candle
Sunday Evening, December 2nd

1 Candle Lit After Sunset.....4:29 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

1st Morning of Hanukkah
Monday Morning, December 3rd

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am

Eve of 2nd Day: 2 Hanukkah Candles
Monday Evening, December 3rd

2 Candles Lit After Sunset4:29 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

2nd Morning of Hanukkah
Tuesday Morning, December 4th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am

Eve of 3rd Day: 3 Hanukkah Candles
Tuesday Evening, December 4th

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:28 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

3rd Morning of Hanukkah
Wednesday Morning, December 5th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am

Eve of 4th Day: 4 Hanukkah Candles
Wednesday Evening, December 5th

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:28 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

4th Morning of Hanukkah
Thursday Morning, December 6th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am

Eve of 5th Day: 5 Hanukkah Candles
Thursday Evening, December 6th

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:28 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm

5th Morning of Hanukkah
Friday Morning, December 7th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am

**Sixth & Seventh Days of Hanukkah –
Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day)
& Shabbat Hanukkah**

**Friday Evening, December 7th through
Saturday & Sunday, December 8th & 9th:**

***Eve of 6th Day of Hanukkah,
Eve of Shabbat & Eve of First Day of
Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day)***

Friday Evening, December 7th

Ereb Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Services.....4:00 pm
Light 6 Hanukkah Candles & Eve of Shabbat
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....before 4:10 pm

***6th Morning of Hanukkah, Morning of
Shabbat Hanukkah & 1st Morning of Rosh
Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day)***

Saturday Morning, December 8th

Zemirot, Shahrit, Hallel, Musaf.....8:15 – 11:55 am
Parashat Mikkets – Rosh Hodesh – Hanukkah
See **Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Tebeth – Hanukkah** in
Shabbat Section for Full Schedule

***Eve of 7th Day of Hanukkah, End of
Shabbat & Eve of Second Day of Rosh
Hodesh Tebeth: Habdalah + 7 Candles***

Saturday Evening, December 8th

Seuda Shelishit & Class.....3:30 pm
Saturdya Minhah & Arbit.....4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset4:28 pm
Habdalah & 7 Hanukkah Candlesafter 4:55 pm

***7th Morning of Hanukkah & Second Day
of Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day)***

Sunday Morning, December 9th

Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading, Musaf.....8:00 am

Eighth (Final) Day of Hanukkah

Eve of 8th Day: 8 Hanukkah Candles

Sunday Evening, December 9th

Candles Lit After Sunset.....4:28 pm
Evening Service (Arbit only)6:30 pm
Eighth (Final) Morning of Hanukkah;
Monday, December 10th
Shahrit, Hallel, Torah Reading.....7:15 am
Post-Hanukkah Evening, Arbit only6:30 pm

Fast of Tebeth

Tuesday, December 18th

Dawn (Fast Begins)	5:46 am
Morning Service	7:15 am
Sunrise	7:15 am
Evening Minhah & Arbit	3:45 pm
Sunset	4:30 pm
End of Fast	4:50 pm

Year-End & New Year Legal Holidays

Tuesdays, December 25th & January 1st

Morning Service	8:00 am
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Rosh Hodesh Shebat (One-Day)

Sunday Evening, January 6th through

Monday, January 7th

(Services follow regular Daily Schedule)

Hamisha Asar (Tu) BiShebat & Martin Luther King Legal Holiday

Tu BiShebat: Sunday Evening,

January 20th through

Monday, January 21st;

Martin Luther King Legal Holiday:

Monday, January 21st

Sunday Evening Arbit Service	6:30 pm
Monday Morning Late Shahrit	8:00 am
Monday Evening Arbit	6:30 pm

Rosh Hodesh Adar I (Two-Day)

Monday Evening, February 4th through

Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 5th & 6th

(Services follow regular Daily Schedule)

Presidents' Day Legal Holiday

Monday, February 18th

Morning Service	8:00 am
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Rosh Hodesh Adar II (Two-Day)

Wednesday Evening, March 6th through

Thursday & Friday, March 7th & 8th

PURIM HOLIDAY

Fast of Esther

Wednesday, March 20th

Dawn (Fast Begins)	5:38 am
Sunrise	7:00 am
Morning Service (Shahrit)	7:15 am

Eve of Purim

Wednesday Evening, March 20th

Minhah (men wear tefillin)	6:30 pm
Sunset	7:08 pm
Arbit (Evening) Service	7:00 pm
Reading of Megillah	7:15 pm
End of Fast	7:30 pm
Late Reading of Megillah	9:00 pm

Purim Day

Thursday, March 21st

Shahrit Service	7:15 am
Morning Reading of Megillah	8:00 am
Women's Megillah Reading	8:00 am
Late Morning Reading of Megillah	11:00 am
Purim Day Minhah & Arbit Services	6:30 pm
Sunset	7:09 pm
End of Day	7:31 pm

Purim Shushan

Friday, March 22nd

Morning (Shahrit) Service	7:15 am
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The Fast of Esther commemorates the day when the Jews of Persia donned sackcloth and ashes, went without food, and prayed that they be spared the massacre planned for them by Haman. Men don tefillin at the 6:45 service on Wednesday Evening. **Purim** commemorates the day when, through the intervention of Mordecai and Queen Esther, the Jews of Persia narrowly escaped being victims of Haman's evil plot to exterminate them. Instead, "The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor."

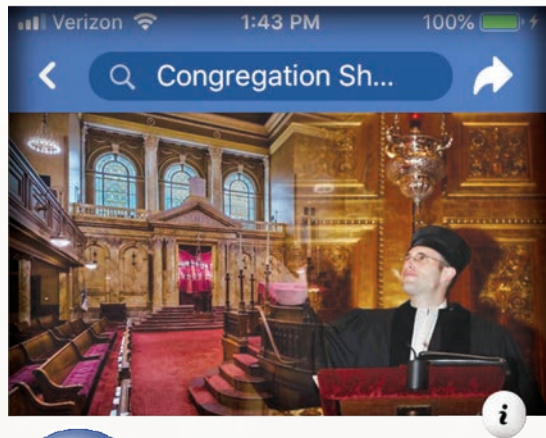
Purim Shushan, the day following Purim, was the actual day of celebration observed in Shushan, the capital of ancient Persia, and is the day Purim is observed in Jerusalem.

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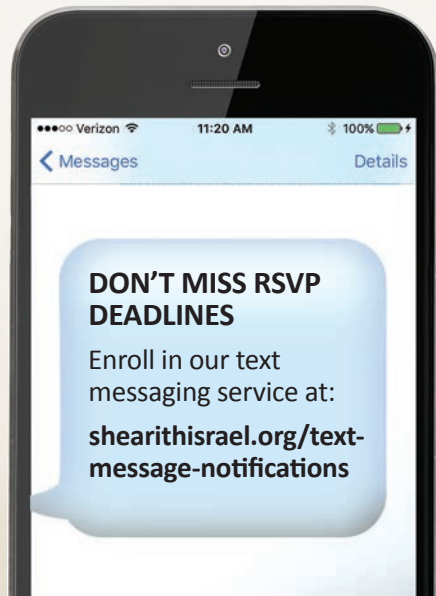


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HELP MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN

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.

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.

Giving is easy and feels good too. Visit shearithisrael.org/giving.

Thank you for enabling the continuation and strengthening of our congregation's mission and legacy.





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