

### Pack-A-Thon Captains Needed!

The High Holidays are a time of renewing our commitments and investing in *hesed* and *tsedaka*, and what better way is there to invest in both than through our Annual Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon?

**Are you energetic, organized, and a seat-of-your-pants problem solver?  
We need you!**

This year's Pack-A-Thon, which will feed hundreds of people, needs Captains who can take charge and keep everything running smoothly throughout this two-hour event on Thanksgiving morning, featuring hundreds of volunteers. It is always a major logistical undertaking, but so very worth it.

If you are interested in stepping up as Captain, contact Barbara Reiss at [breiss@shearithisrael.org](mailto:breiss@shearithisrael.org).

### THIS WEEK

#### Friday Night Lights Season Premiere

**THIS Friday Night, October 25 | Following Evening Services**

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's no better way to transition from the workweek to Shabbat!

### The Road to Kingship

**Sundays | 10:00 am | Rabbi David Silber**  
*Beginning October 27*

*Tuition is \$200, but FREE for Shearith Israel members*

An exploration of the Samson story, the last 5 chapters of the Book of Judges, and Megillat Ruth as texts that prepare us for the institution of kingship. The sessions will include a survey of attitudes towards monarchy and the centralization of human authority in other biblical texts—both narratives and biblical poetry.

To register or request your member discount, visit [shearithisrael.org/silber-kingship](http://shearithisrael.org/silber-kingship).

## JEWISH EDUCATION 5780

- ⇒ **Friday Night Lights | Rabbi Soloveichik**  
Returning Friday Night, October 25 | Following Evening Services
- ⇒ **The Guide to the Duties of the Heart | Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander**  
Returning Sunday, October 27 | 8:45 am
- ⇒ **The Road to Kingship | Rabbi David Silber**  
Beginning Sunday, October 27 | 10:00 am | see side panel for details
- ⇒ **Tuesday Morning Women's Class | Rabbi Soloveichik**  
Returning Tuesday, October 30 | 9:00 am
- ⇒ **Bet Midrash | led by Steven Gotlib**  
Monday-Thursday | An hour before evening services

### COMING UP AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

- ⇒ **Hatanim Luncheon**  
Shabbat, October 25 | Following Morning Services
- ⇒ **Rita Jardim Presentation on Portuguese Citizenship**  
Thursday, November 7
- ⇒ **Shabbaton to Touro**  
Veterans Day Weekend, November 8-10
- ⇒ **5th Annual Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon**  
Thursday, November 28 | 9:30 am | Levy Auditorium
- ⇒ **Rabbi Marc Angel Celebrates 50 Years in the Rabbinate**  
Shabbat Morning, December 8 | See below for details

### Celebrate Rabbi Marc Angel's 50th Anniversary in the Rabbinate

Our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Marc Angel, is celebrating 50 years in the rabbinate and will mark the occasion with a seminar, "Reflections on 50 Years of Rabbinic Service." After the seminar, congregants are welcome to wish Rabbi Angel *mazal tob* at the kiddush to follow.

To sponsor this kiddush in Rabbi Angel's honor, visit [shearithisrael.org/rabbinate50](http://shearithisrael.org/rabbinate50).



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

## The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

### Shemini Atseret & Simhat Torah 5780

*October 21-22, 2019*

**SHEMINI HAG ATSERET EVE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

**CANDLE LIGHTING** | 5:50 PM

**EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT)** | 5:45 PM

**KIDDUSH** | Elias Room | *Sponsored by the Sisterhood*

*Followed by self-catered meals in the succah for pre-registered guests*

**SHEMINI HAG ATSERET—MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**MORNING SERVICES** | 8:15 AM

**SERMON** | Rabbi Soloveichik

**TOT SHABBAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS** | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room

**YOUTH GROUPS** | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium

**JR. CONGREGATION** | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue

**KIDDUSH** | Elias Room | *Sponsored by the Sisterhood, with contributions from the family of Jonathan Herlands, in memory of his brother, James O. Herlands*

*Followed by self-catered meals in the succah for pre-registered guests*

*Schedule continued inside.*

#### Weekday Service Times

**Mornings:** Sunday: 8:00 AM | Wednesday-Friday: 7:15 AM

**Evenings:** Wednesday & Thursday: 6:00 PM



## Youth Program & Hakafot on Simhat Torah Night

Simhat Torah, October 21 | beginning at 5:45 pm | Fidanque Youth Room

(moving into the Main Sanctuary at 6:30 pm for *hakafot*)

*Hakafot* at Shearith Israel are unique and special for everyone, men, women, and children. This year, we are pleased to announce that our Youth Group Leader and Programming Coordinator, Nat Bernstein, will be conducting Youth Groups on Simhat Torah night in the Fidanque Youth Room, and will then be leading our kids at *hakafot* in the Main Sanctuary.

### Touro Shabbaton Updates—Keep An Eye on Your Inboxes!

Registrants for our Veterans Day Weekend Shabbaton to the Touro Synagogue will be receiving updated and logistical information via email, so keep an eye out!

If you would like to join the waitlist for this sold-out Shabbaton, contact Sarah Gross at [sgross@shearithisrael.org](mailto:sgross@shearithisrael.org).

## Annual Simhat Torah Ice Cream Extravaganza Monday Night, October 21 | Following *hakafot* Elias Room

All children, whether registered for the dinner or not, are welcome to partake in our annual ice cream party in the Elias Room, following Simhat Torah *hakafot* in the sanctuaries. Following dinner, all ages are welcome. As usual, volunteer teen scoopers are needed, so feel free to come by and lend a hand. Dress for the mess!

*Sponsored again by the Haberman and Lustig families.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you* to the Shearith Israel Sisterhood for decorating our spectacular Elias Room Succah, and for sponsoring all the *kiddushim* and breakfasts throughout Succot.

## Women's Hakafot

Simhat Torah, October 21 | 6:30 pm | Little Synagogue

On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel Hakafot ceremony for women is held in the Little Synagogue, accompanied by a choir of women congregants. Join us in this joyous Shearith Israel tradition!

## Portuguese Citizenship with Rita Mayer Jardim

Thursday, November 7 | Following 6:30 pm Evening Services

While Spain has ended its Law of Return for Sephardic Jews, Portugal continues to grant European citizenship to those wishing to reclaim their ancestors' citizenship. Close to 10,000 people have already been approved with around 40,000 pending.

Rita Mayer Jardim, a Lisbon-based lawyer specializing in this path to Portuguese citizenship, will return to our Congregation to update us on this law.

Questions abound, and you can learn the answers during an informal chat where a successful case will be discussed. This event is free, but registration is encouraged at [shearithisrael.org/portuguese-citizenship2](https://shearithisrael.org/portuguese-citizenship2).

*Note that this session is meant for informational purposes only, not as an endorsement of any business.*

## Composting of Lulabim and Other Succot Greens

Due Monday morning by noon, October 28

Bin outside Levy Auditorium

After Succot, rather than throwing out your lulabim, take advantage of this eco-friendly opportunity and leave your lulabim with us! The NYC Dept of Sanitation (DSNY) will collect our Succot organics for composting.

Leave your lulabim, etrogim, and any other Succot plant material in the box near the water fountain outside Levy Auditorium and we'll do the rest.

### Public Tours

Our next public tour is  
Wednesday, November 13, at  
11:00 AM

### Parnas Office Hours

Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet  
with you. Please schedule a visit at  
[parnas@shearithisrael.org](mailto:parnas@shearithisrael.org).

## SERVICES SCHEDULE (CONT.)

### SIMHAT TORAH EVE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21:

EVENING SERVICES (WITH TENU SHEBAHA) | 5:45 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING | AFTER 6:27 PM

YOUTH GROUPS | 5:45 PM | Fidanque Youth Room

HAKAFOT IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY | INCLUDING

YOUTH HAKAFOT | 6:30 PM

WOMEN'S HAKAFOT | 6:30 PM | Little Synagogue

*Following hakafot, all children are welcome to enjoy our Ice Cream Extravaganza in the Elias Room, sponsored by the Haberman and Lustig families.*

*Pre-registered guests also attend our Simhat Torah Dinner, which will take place in Levy Auditorium. After dinner, all ages are welcome to partake in the Ice Cream Party.*

### SIMHAT TORAH DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

MORNING SERVICES | 8:15 AM

SERMON | Rabbi Soloveichik

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room

YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium

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KIDDUSH | Elias Room

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 5:45 PM

HABDALA | 6:20 PM

## Register for PTT'S Hebrew School

Begins THIS Thursday, October 24

For over 200 years, Shearith Israel's Hebrew School has given children the strong educational foundation and skills necessary to access Jewish texts, understand their heritage, learn the Western Sephardic tradition, and lead a vibrant Jewish life.

Learn more and register at [shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool](https://shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool).