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To: Shearith Israel Touro Affiliates and All Worshippers at the Touro Synagogue
From: Congregation Shearith Israel

Dear Friends,

We hope you are enjoying the summer, an especially vibrant season in Newport and for the Touro Synagogue. We also hope you've been enjoying Parnas Louis Solomon's weekly leadership updates, with his musings on Torah, the *Daf Yomi*, popular music, and other randomness (in addition to an update on our COVID-19 policies). We have been including our Touro Synagogue Affiliates on those emails, since we feel you are very much a part of us. But we did say that special events for you would be separately noted. That is the purpose of this short note.

We write to you today to invite you to mark the calendars for a very special Fall event at Shearith Israel. True, we've only just entered The Three Weeks, and true, *Tisha B'Ab* at Shearith Israel (this time landing over the weekend) is a very poignant and special experience (and unlike the first year of the pandemic, when the rabbis permitted us in a time of severe crisis, to offer the service over Zoom, services, *Eikha*, and Rabbi Soloveichik's major lecture will only be offered in-person at the Synagogue), still, we are already planning for the High Holiday season. The culmination of our Fall holidays season at Shearith Israel is on Shabbat Bereshit, this year on October 21-22, is when we fête our *hatanim*. This annual event is a most festive and glorious occasion with a magnificent service, featuring, the *Tenu Shebaha*, perhaps our most beloved liturgical melody and having us share a celebratory luncheon, this year again planned for under our tent on our outdoor pavilion, Paved Paradise. We would be delighted if you would join us for Shabbat Bereshit (or any other Shabbat or festival). For the period from Succot through that Shabbat, we will have at Shearith Israel all three of the Meyer Myers Finials, or *Rimonim*. They will include the set usually at the MFA in Boston and the set usually used at the Touro Synagogue. So joining us will give you a special treat to see all three sets together.

Please stay in touch. We'd love to hear from you about anything special or noteworthy that you've experienced at Touro.

Wishing you all a Shabbat Shalom and a meaningful Three Weeks.