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ON THE COVER:

One of three matched pairs of Myer Myers *rimonim*, these Torah finials — marked Hays & Myers (18th Century) — were donated by Caroline Cohen in 1893 to Shearith Israel and owned by Shearith Israel since.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



A remarkable self-portrait by Rembrandt, created late in life, bears a name that highlights apparent oddities about it: *Self Portrait with Two Circles*. Two aspects of this work strike me as somewhat strange. The first is that Rembrandt has left his own hand unfinished. The second is the addition to the canvas of two circles that seem to have nothing to do with the image itself. But, as I recently discussed in a synagogue lecture series, these two oddities are actually connected. Rembrandt deliberately highlights his own imperfections by leaving out his own artistic hand, and yet, as Simon Schama argues, lest anyone assume that he had lost his ability to paint and draw, Rembrandt goes out of his way to highlight how he can still create a perfect circle. When we combine these two themes, we realize that Rembrandt is seeking to highlight both his gifts and his own imperfection, reminding us that imperfection is not a source of defeatism, but rather a source of inspiration for improvement and invention.

It occurs to me that this painting perfectly captures the task that faces us in the Days of Awe ahead. In a wonderful essay, the writer Sarah Ridner connects unfinished paintings like Rembrandt's to the Talmudic tradition of leaving a bit of one's home unpainted, unfinished, in remembrance of the Temple's destruction. "Counter-intuitively," Ridner writes, "reminding ourselves of our incompleteness specifically points to the promise of an eventual restoration." Similarly, confronting our own imperfections in the process of repentance is not meant to be a source of despair; rather, we are meant to join our confessions with a reflection on our God-granted gifts, and the opportunities given to us in our lives for growth. We are the artists of our lives; and with God's help, we seek to create, in both imperfection and beauty, the work of art that is the year ahead.

May it be a year of spiritual beauty for us all.

Meir Y. Soloveichik



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS



Louis M. Solomon

AVOIDING THE MAGINOT LINE FALLACY

We are headed into our 2022 High Holiday season. 5783. It is a beautiful time of year for our Congregation. Our Rosh Hashana and Kippur liturgy uplifts many of us for much of the year. We will celebrate our *Hatanim* this year in person, hopefully with more fanfare than last year's circumstances permitted. All three sets of our gorgeous Myer Myers *rimonim*, or Torah finials — currently on loan to the New-York Historical Society and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and at our Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island — will be with us from Succot through Shabbat Bereshit. Our choir is back.

Yet Covid-19 remains with us. At the time of this writing, the BA.5 Omicron variant continues to plague us. It is being referred to as the Reinfection Wave. Positivity rates and rates of spread are both escalating. So where are we going, and how are we going to proceed?

Simply put, we intend to continue to avoid as many blunders as we can. The Maginot Line in France was named for French Minister of War, André Maginot. The Maginot Line was comprised of a string of fortified buildings, other obstacles, and weapons built in the 1920/30s along a long stretch of the French-German (and related) borders. The thinking was that obstacles like that deterred the German war effort in WWI, so it would be sufficient in a subsequent war, too. The problem with the undertaking is that just about everything used to fight and mount an invasion was different in WWII than it was in WWI. Tanks could now go around or literally over the fortifications. Reconnaissance was more sophisticated, so German troops went north and invaded France in 1940 from the north, for example from the neutral Low Countries (such as Belgium), avoiding the vaunted Maginot Line.

It is important to avoid the blunder of thinking that the next Covid-19 challenge will resemble the prior one. It is just as important to avoid the blunder of thinking that we as a community are totally out of the woods.

With so many of us vaccinated/boosted, we do not face the same perils as we did in 2020 and even, for many of us, in 2021. But we still face risks. And we are trying not to repeat the Maginot Line Fallacy. We have been returning to a normalcy, but with protections:

- We will welcome those congregants who want to unmask and sit close by others. But we will continue to reserve space in our capacious sanctuary for those who prefer to remain masked, sit next to others who are masked, and observe what has become normal social distancing. We will respect the choices others make, even if that means they are sitting in our seat!
- We are also avoiding lurching back to a fully in-person learning environment. We continue to get the benefits of our Clergy's remote learning and lectures, essentially getting the best of both the in-person and virtual worlds.
- Finally, we are continuing to upkeep and use our Paved Paradise, the grassy lot adjacent to the Synagogue building where we congregate for an increasing number of events. It's lovely out there, and we

are making the most of the blessings it confers on us. We continue to have Kiddush on Paved Paradise, and we will enjoy our *Hatanim* luncheon out there as well.

I'm tempted to say that the only thing we are missing is you! But even there, many of you/us have returned to a semblance of normalcy in attendance. For much of the summer, we have greeted 60-80 congregants weekly for Shabbat services. For us, for that time of year, that's a nice crowd. We have made minyan most days — again for us that's about where we were pre-Covid-19.

If we collectively err in not updating what is "normal" to meet new challenges, we also sometimes fail to see the beauty, the benefits, the bounty of actually repeating the past. This High Holiday season will be the 369th time that our Congregation will be celebrating together. That's a breath-taking statistic. It works best when we are together. Safe, careful, to be sure. But together.

Please join us this holiday season. And may we as individuals and as a community merit the miracles occurring every day around us.

Muchos años. Tizku leShanim Rabot.

REFLECTING ON REFLECTING: a High Holiday Reflection

Barbara Reiss



The Jewish new year is a time for reflection. We often think of personal reflection as a time to consider where we may have fallen short, to some extent on our personal goals, but more so, in our responsibilities and commitments to others, and to God. It's a time of literal self-recriminatory breast-beating (אשמונו, בגדנו, פשענו). But reflection is not only about seeing the flaws and facing our shortcomings. Reflections, like in a mirror or in the water, also consist of shimmering light and split seconds of unusual beauty.

Our High Holiday season involves both: we reflect on the past year, confessing our sins and missteps, and we commit to do better with a sense of optimism and faith that we will do better and the new year will be better. This unique and nuanced form of optimism is so Jewish.

We all know the old adage about the "lull before the storm" but there's also the saying that "the sun shines brightest after the storm." In the worst of times we Jews adapt, laugh, endure. Covid has been a difficult time for all of us and a terrible time for some. But no one would reasonably argue that it's the worst our people have endured (even if it's the worst some of us have endured in our own lifetimes).

I've always been astounded that my own parents, Holocaust survivors who were part of a community of Polish Jewish "wanderers" in Soviet territory including Siberia and various "Stans," actually fell in love and got married in Kazakhstan

while the war was still on, and had two babies soon after the war (including my sister who was born in a DP camp in Bavaria). What optimism! And by the way, their "war" did not end when the war was over.

Their journey to freedom took years and included: post-war pogroms and antisemitism, refugee life in DP camps, semi-legal emigration to North America, and finally, the long bumpy road of adjusting to their new life in America. I remember how they used to cry at *Yizkor* (the Ashkenazi memorial prayer) and wailed on Kippur. But most of the time, they were optimistic, forward thinking, and grateful for life.

The sun shines brightest after the storm. Let us pray during this holiday season that the storm is behind us, and the sun will shine on us bringing each of us, and our entire community, the many blessings we deserve or will commit to deserving.

Barbara Reiss

WELCOME... *Berukhim Haba'im... Bienvenido... Bienvenue*

Bonnie Barest



As I look to welcome in 5783, I fondly recall these highlights of the past year:

Growing Our Community

We welcomed many new members this year, which is very heartening. New members (and friends) tell us how they appreciate all we've been doing, in-person, virtually, and even by building community and connections through our Parnas' weekly leadership updates. We welcomed a dynamic young couple, Gabi Chutter-Alcabes and Raphael Alcabes, as our Youth Directors.

Welcoming Guests

We embraced our friends from Congregation Jeshuat Israel in Newport for a wonderful Touro Shabbaton and created a Touro Affiliate membership program to connect with the entire Touro community. We hosted visits from several diplomats: we welcomed back the Duke of Brangança, we bid farewell to Maria de Fátima Mendes, Portugal's Consul General to NY, and we greeted Deputy Consul-General of Japan, Mr. Futosi Matsumoto.

This fall, we look forward to welcoming more of you back for these (and many more) events:

Our Distinctive Shabbat, High Holy Day and Fall Festival Services

Planning is underway to ensure that we accommodate everyone in a safe and welcoming way. We will be back with all the fanfare, including Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Teshuba Derasha and the return of all three sets of our magnificent Myer Myers *rimonim*. We thank our Sisterhood in advance for creating what will surely be a stunning Succah. We are excited to bring our community together to honor this year's *Hatan Torah*, Rabbi Ira Rohde, and *Hatan Bereshit*, Laurent Nahon, with another elegant celebration on Paved Paradise, and thankfully, we have Asst. Hazzan Edinger who can ably stand in for Hazzan Rohde in singing the magnificent *Tenu Shebaha* to at least one of our *hatanim*.

Welcome Back Events We will be introducing a new series of intimate Friday Night Shabbat Dinners following *Friday Night Lights* to welcome back our members and introduce newcomers to Shearith Israel. Our Youth will kick off the year with a Welcome Back Picnic, plus a full calendar of exciting youth programs. We are also planning a New Members and New Electors event.

Peruse all that we have planned for this fall here, in our weekly emails, and on our refreshed website. But most importantly, we warmly encourage you to come experience Shearith Israel's welcoming community in person.

Shana Toba!

Bonnie Barest



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Meredith Berman and David Aboodi

Rose-Ellen David

Raquel & Steven Herz

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Lizzie Turovsky and Lucas Drill, upon their marriage.

Halana and Alan Greenberg, upon the birth of a granddaughter, born to Eliana and Matthew Greenberg.

Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander and Suzanne Stern, upon the birth of a baby boy born to Sjimon's son, Ruben den Hollander and Hadas Moked.

Janet Kirchheimer, upon the publication of a book of poetry, *Seduction: Out of Eden*, which is available on Amazon.

Schuyler Levin upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents, Yuliya and Igor Levin.

Sebastian Lipschutz, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his mother, Cecilia Michelson.

Rochelle and Eugene Major on the birth of a granddaughter.

Tikva and Irwin Ostrega, upon the birth of twin grandsons.

Mazal tob to Elie Sasson, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Sharon and Rafe Sasson.

Martine and Jack Schenker, upon the occasion of their grandson Ezra, son of Alisa and Zachary Schenker, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Judy and Joel Schreiber, upon the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren, Ariel and Sara Bluma Fein, in Israel.

Judy and Joel Schreiber, upon the marriage of their grandson, Yoseph Fein, to Melissa Goldstein.

Judy and Joel Schreiber, upon the birth of a great-grandson born to their grandchildren, Jordan and Kyra Schreiber, in Jerusalem.

Anwar Suleiman, upon the production of his play, *The Arranged Matrimony*, which is playing at the Theater for the New City in September.

Barbara Schofield Suleiman, upon the publication of her book *The Golden Cobweb*, which is available on Amazon.

Aviva and Marvin Sussman, upon the birth of a great-grandson, born to Yael and Ohad Merlin. Congratulations to grandparents Rina and Avi Sussman.

Aviva and Marvin Sussman, upon the birth of a grandson, born to Ilana and Jon Uretsky.

Avi Toledo, upon his marriage.

Joelle Wallach, upon the world premiere concerts of several of her musical compositions.

Neta Wiznia, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents, Rivka and Marc Wiznia.

HAZAKIM U'BERUKHIM

Members with special achievements:

Josh Eisen, who visited Ukraine and worked to build temporary housing for refugees.

Gail Propp, upon receiving an honorary degree from Bar Ilan University.

Moshe Sasson, upon reading his first *haftarah*.



Graduates:

Noah Ben-Avi, son of Diana and Elan and grandson of Joanne and Yaacov Ben-Avi, upon graduating from the Leffell School (Grade 8). He will attend Leffell High School.

Aviv Topaz Fetaya, son of Alain Fetaya, upon graduating from Townsend Harris High School. He will attend Yale University, pursuing studies in computer engineering and music.

Faith Fogelman, upon earning her PhD from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work (Yeshiva University).

Samuel Meir Freilich, son of Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, upon graduating from Columbia College, Phi Beta Kappa as a History Major with a Concentration in Business Management. He will be an Investment Banking Analyst at Citi.

Rachel Ariella Freilich, daughter of Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School. She will take a gap year at Bar Ilan University, and then attend Columbia College.

Shai Frisch, granddaughter of Daniel and Katherine Vieyra, upon graduating from The Goddard School of Philadelphia (pre-school). She will attend kindergarten in Philadelphia.

Devora Goldstein, daughter of Victoria Bengualid and Gabriel Goldstein, upon graduating from the University of Chicago with a B.A.

Ariel Haberman, daughter of Jennifer Ash and Seth Haberman, upon graduating from Washington University.

Eliza Klaber, daughter of Jackie and Andrew Klaber, upon graduating from the 14th Street Y, Prelude to Preschool, where she excelled at Playtime. She will attend Preschool of the Arts (Chabad).

Noah Lang, 2nd Lieutenant US Marine Corps, upon graduating from TBS, Quantico, Officer Training, where he won the TBS Writing Award.

Michael E. Lauchheimer, grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. April, upon graduating from 8th grade at Westchester Day School. He will attend Frisch High School.

Ilana Hadas Schulder, daughter of Lu and Michael Schulder, upon graduating from the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology at Yeshiva University, with a PsyD in clinical psychology.

Tess Avital Solomon, daughter of Beth Goldman and Lou Solomon, upon graduating from Cambridge University, where she studied Philosophy and English. She will be joining Oliver Wyman as a management consultant.

Mark Vieyra, son of Daniel and Katherine Vieyra, upon graduating from Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, with a Masters Degree in Social Work.

Rachel Alida Vieyra, granddaughter of Daniel and Katherine Vieyra, upon graduating from her pre-school program. She will attend kindergarten in Philadelphia.

Joshua Vorchheimer, son of Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer, upon graduating from SAR High School. He will spend a gap year in Israel at Torah Tech in Tel Aviv, then return to attend Brandeis University as a Presidential Scholar.

Henry J.T. Zuckerberg, son of Lloyd Zuckerberg and Charlotte Triefus, upon graduating Hamilton College with a degree in History. He will be pursuing a job in finance.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Jacques Capsouto
Marc Albert Lewitinn
Isaac Sherman
Judith Sherman

Bequests

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

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Diana Ben-Avi, upon the passing of her father, Marty Friedman.

Rosalie Goldman, upon the passing of her son, Rabbi Steven (Shmuel) Goldman.

Ondine Lewitinn, upon the passing of her husband, Marc Albert Lewitinn.

Hayyim Obadyah, upon the passing of his brother, James H. Thomas III.

IN APPRECIATION

Special thanks to:

Women's Megillat Esther readers: Vicki Bengualid, Melissa Epstein, Beth Goldman, Annette Gourgey, Lisa Rohde, Lina Sion, Tess Solomon, and Julie Walpert.

Girls Book of Ruth Readers: Laelah Aaron, Amalia Berg, Lily Cohen, Rachel Daitch, Miriam Daitch, Flora Jakobishvili, Yaara Kaplan, Hudson Lentnek, Fina Oslick, Cecilia Roberts, Jenna Roberts, Daniella Roberts, Hella Sasson-Gelman, Ruth Sherizen, Dafna Vega, Maayan Vega, Neta Wiznia, and Zahava Wiznia.

Tisha B'Ab Readers: Mark Aaron, Jack Daar, Z. Edinger, Naftali Friedman, Jeffrey Mosseri, Jonathan Nathan, Avery Neumark, Rabbi Ira Rohde, Maimon Schwarzschild, Louis Solomon, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, and Boaz Alvarez Vega.

The Shearith Israel Sisterhood for sending Mishloah Manot to our elder members, organizing our annual Mishloah Manot Project, and sponsoring the gorgeous Shabu'ot flowers that adorned our synagogue throughout the holiday. (For more information on Sisterhood programs and initiatives, see *Spotlight on Our Societies* on page 25.)

All the sponsors of our Spring Fundraiser, Rabbi Soloveichik's *Sanctuaries and Cities* Lecture Series. Full listings can be found in the commemorative booklet produced for the event, and online at shearithisrael.org/giving/2022-spring-fundraiser/.

Friday Night Lights:

Season Sponsor:

The Julis-Rabinowitz family

Session Sponsors:

The Bengio Misrahi Family, in memory of Rachel Bengio, mother of Samuel Bengio

Reverend Edinger's "A Random Walk Down Mill Street":

Rabbi Harris Guedalia and Rose Guedalia Edinger, in memory of Judah and Selma Guedalia

Diane Sandoval

Maimon Schwarzschild

Anne and Jack Salomon, in memory of Dr. Heman Prins Salomon

Shabbat HaGadol Derasha Sponsors:

The Agus Family

Halana and Alan Greenberg

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Debbie and David Sable, in memory of Debbie's father, Ambassador Yehuda Avner, on the occasion of his *nabala*

Carol and Alan Schechter, in memory of Alan's father, יצחק בן פסח on the conclusion of his shloshim, and in memory of Carol's father, מתתיהו בן כפל on the occasion of his *nabala*.

Meralee and Sidney Schlusberg

The Solomon Family

Manuel Vazquez-Senior, in honor of the Congregation

Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class:

Semester Sponsor:

Summer Semester sponsored by Scott Shay, in memory of his father, Gutman b. Shmuel v'Nessiya z"l

Session Sponsor:

The Bengio Misrahi Family, in memory of Rachel Bengio, mother of Samuel Bengio

Purim Dinner Sponsors:

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The Solomon Family

Kiddush Sponsors:

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Anonymous, in memory of Mona Oppenheim

Lewis Bateman, in memory of his father, Benjamin Bateman

Esme and Roger Berg

Karen and Jack Daar

Karen and Jack Daar, in honor of Independence Day

Michael E. Lewyn, in honor of Helen Lewyn's birthday

Muriel and Alexander Seligson, in honor of Jacob Seligson

Manuel Vazquez-Senior, in honor of the Congregation

Kiddush in Honor of Maestro Leon Hyman:

Mark M. Aaron

Lewis Bateman

Joanne and Yaacov Ben-Avi

Yvette Bendahan

The Bengualid Goldstein family

Esme and Roger Berg

Etty Bousso

Lucienne Carasso Bulow

Karen and Jack Daar

Sjimon Rene den Hollander

The Edinger and Guedalia families

Faith Fogelman

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Chris Wilhjelm

Ruth Yasky

Touro Shabbaton Kiddush Luncheon Sponsors:

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Faith Fogelman

Aaron Ginsburg

Juan Mesa-Freydell

Suchu and Meyer Solny

The Solomon Family

Graduation Kiddush: Sponsors:

Lewis Bateman, in honor of the graduates

Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, in honor of Samuel and Rachel

Lu and Michael Schulder, in honor of Ilana

The Solomon Family, in honor of Tess

Zuckerberg-Triefus Family, in honor of Henry

Supporters and Contributors:

Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. April, in honor of Michael

Bengualid Goldstein Family, in honor of Devora

Faith Fogelman, in honor of all the graduates

Jackie and Andrew Klaber, in honor of Eliza

Daniel and Katherine Vieyra, in honor of Mark, Shai, and Rachel

Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer, in honor of Joshua

Kiddush in Honor of Girls' Reading of the Book of Ruth:

Lewis Bateman

David, Nicole, Avi, Jake, Lily, and Sam Cohen

Claudette Chaya Hayle

The Jakobishvili Family

Arthur Tenenholtz and Joel Tenenholtz

The Wiznia Family

Kiddush Wine, Scotch, and Arak Sponsors:

Anonymous

Faith Fogelman

The Jacobowitz family, in memory of Saul Jacobowitz (Shaul Yecheskel Ben Avraham Eliyahu HaKohen)

The Jacobowitz Family, in memory of Evelyn Haies (Chaya bas Shaul)

Elaine Rubel

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.

Programs and schedules are subject to change. For the latest programming updates, we encourage you to follow our newsletter emails which come out each Monday afternoon, and pre-shabbat emails which come out on Thursday afternoons.

If you have not yet signed up, please do so at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.



HOLIDAYS

HIGH HOLIDAYS

SHABBAT TESHUBA DERASHA

Shabbat, October 1
Following Morning Services

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a major address illuminating the themes of teshuba. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

SUCCOT

LULAB AND ETROG ORDERS

Orders due before midnight, Sunday, October 2

Purchase your Lulabim and Etrogim through the Synagogue. To place your order, visit shearithisrael.org/lulab. Payment must be made at time of order and before the deadline. (We cannot bill these charges to your account.) Pre-purchased sets can be picked up at the synagogue (exact dates and times to be announced). For questions contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

Thursday, October 6: 3 - 9 pm
Friday, October 7: 8 am - 12 pm
Sunday, October 9: 9 am - 1 pm

This year, we plan to build a beautiful succah in our Elias Room. As always, this succah will be decorated lavishly and lovingly by the Shearith Israel Sisterhood, who also sponsors Succot kiddushim for all congregants to enjoy. Teens and adults, women and men, are invited to help decorate in preparation for the Succot Festival. To participate in this fun mitzvah, contact Aimee Margolis and Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde.csi@gmail.com.

We also plan to have our outdoor succah again this year. Young families with children aged 5-12 are especially welcome to come for their own succah decorating project on Paved Paradise! To help decorate this succah, contact csi youth@shearithisrael.org.

Financial contributions to the Sisterhood's Succah Fund are also welcome to help defray the costs of decorating and maintaining the succah. To make a contribution to the Sisterhood Succah Fund, please either send a check made out to "Sisterhood of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue" indicating "succah fund" in the memo, or make a donation online at shearithisrael.org/sisterhood.

YOUTH PIZZA PARTY IN THE SUCCAH

Hol Hamoed Succot | Date TBA

Gabi and Raph can't wait to spend some quality time with our young families over the Succot holiday at this laid-back and delicious pizza party.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY (PRE-)SIMHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Monday afternoon, October 17
Paved Paradise

Program is open to anyone who is accompanied by a child under 12

After the success of last year's Youth Pre-Hakafot, we look forward to celebrating again this year. The program will include singing holiday songs, marching with Torah scrolls and flags, prizes, and ice cream!



MEALS IN THE SUCCAH

We will offer Shearith Israel members and their guests the opportunity to eat self-catered meals in our succah on Paved Paradise. Watch our emails and our website (shearithisrael.org/meals-succah-5783) for more details and registration.

HOSHAANA RABBA MISHMARA

Saturday Night, October 15 | 9:00 pm

Join us in this annual Shearith Israel tradition, where congregants study Torah and chant the closing portions of the book of Deuteronomy and the opening chapter of Genesis, as we bid farewell to Succot and prepare for Simhat Torah.

SIMHAT TORAH

SIMHAT TORAH KIDDUSH & ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA

Monday night, October 17
Paved Paradise

Following Simhat Torah evening services, we plan to host a light dairy kiddush with ice cream, outdoors on Paved Paradise. The kiddush will be free to attend; no registration required! Sponsorships would be greatly appreciated; for sponsorship opportunities and registration, visit shearithisrael.org/simhat-torah-ice-cream5783.

The Ice Cream Extravaganza is sponsored—as always—by the Haberman and Lustig families.

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THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thursday, November 24

In 1789, Shearith Israel responded to George Washington's call for a day of national thanksgiving with a special service. Today, we observe Thanksgiving with the addition of Psalms during Shahrit and the omission of tahananim and a Thanksgiving-themed lecture by Rabbi Soloveichik. We invite the children of the congregation for parade viewing on the CPW Portico.

8th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PACK-A-THON

Thursday, November 24 | 9:30 am
Paved Paradise

In what has become yet another wonderful annual Shearith Israel tradition, following Rabbi Soloveichik's special Thanksgiving address, registered volunteers will pack meals to be distributed to hungry New Yorkers.

We are joined again in this endeavor by our local faith community partners: The Jewish Center, Church of Latter-day Saints, and West End Collegiate Church. If you'd like to join this planning committee and help ensure the success of this important activity, please contact Sarah Meira Rosenberg at srosenberg@shearithisrael.org.



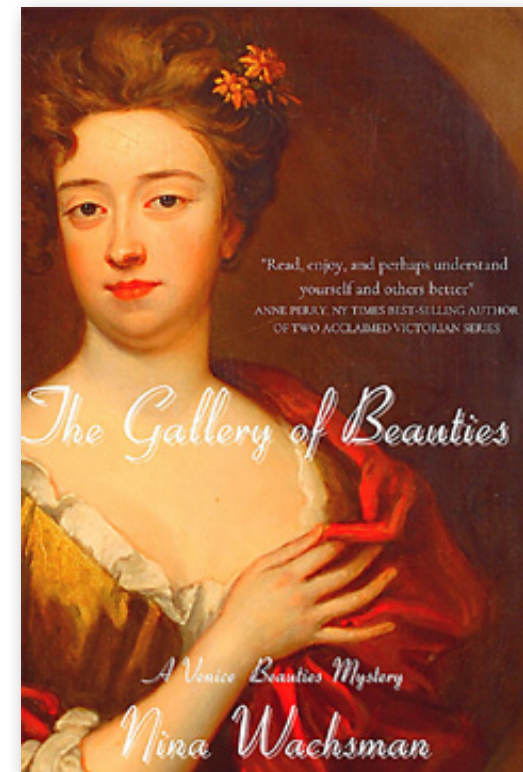
PLANNING A PRIVATE EVENT?

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

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

To inquire, please visit shearithisrael.org/about/host-your-event.

SPECIAL EVENTS



NEW MEMBER TOUR WITH REV. Z. EDINGER

Wednesday, September 7

Are you a member who joined our congregation during COVID-19 times? Or have you been a member for a while but always wanted a chance to get to know our synagogue better? This tour is designed especially for you! Come to learn about our congregation's history and traditions from an insider, our shamash, Reverend Z. Edinger. Discover unique details about our building and artifacts. Come meet other new members and fellow congregants, and enjoy this special tour designed especially for new members.

INTEGRATION WITHOUT ASSIMILATION: THE "MODERN JEW" IN RENAISSANCE VENICE

Featuring Nina Wachsman, Author of *The Gallery of Beauties*, in conversation with Shearith Israel trustee, David Sable

Wednesday, September 14 | 7:00 pm

In the city that invented the concept of the "Ghetto," it is surprising to learn that the Jews lived separately but not isolated from the culture around them in the seventeenth century. Rabbis were not only leaders in the Jewish community, but scholars, mathematicians, statesmen and playwrights who were well known and respected in Venetian society and throughout Europe. The music, art and innovative foods which filled the city, filtered into the Ghetto, finding its way into synagogues and homes.

In a salon-like discussion with trustee David Sable, Nina Wachsman will bring to life this unusual city and its unusually modern Jews, from her research for her novel of historical suspense, *The Gallery of Beauties*.

Nina Wachsman graduated from Parsons School of Design where she studied illustration with Maurice Sendak. After a career as a former ad agency creative director, she now runs a digital marketing company. She's written several short stories, and *The Gallery of Beauties* is her debut novel. Learn more about Nina and this intriguing novel – about a notorious courtesan and the chief rabbi's scholarly daughter who both somehow get caught up in an assassination plot – at: venicebeauties.com.



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

Sunday, September 18 | 10 am
Beth Olam Cemetery
2 Cypress Hills Street
Ridgewood (Queens), New York

Join us for our annual visit to Beth Olam Cemetery where members can visit the graves of loved ones before the High Holidays and participate in a memorial service in the Calvert Vaux-designed “*metaher house*.” A highlight of the visit is an illuminating tour given by our sexton, Rev. Zachariah Edinger.

Founded in 1802, Hebra Hased Va-Amet is the oldest active Jewish philanthropic organization in New York City. The Hebra provides dignified burials for indigent congregants and contributes to the maintenance of Shearith Israel's cemeteries. For more information, contact **Rose Edinger at** rgedinger@gmail.com.



HATANIM LUNCHEON

Shabbat, October 22
Following Shabbat Morning Services

Each year on Shabbat Bereshit, our community and friends come together to honor our *Hatanim*. This year we are delighted to fête *Hatan* Torah, Rabbi Ira Rohde, and *Hatan* Bereshit, Laurent Nahon, and their families, with an elegant luncheon and celebration. And as a bonus, after an unavoidable two year delay, we also hope to celebrate congregant Jon Mendes's 100th (101st and 102nd) birthday as part of the celebration.

Stay tuned for invitations and further details.

JEWISH HISTORY OF NEW YORK

Multi-Part Virtual Zoom Series
Beginning Wednesday, October 26 | 2:30 pm

Presented by DOROT and Shearith Israel

Discover 365-plus years of Jewish life in America and New York City through its storied synagogues. Where better to start than with the story of Shearith Israel? From there, the series will focus on the diversity of Jewish life and practice in America through virtual tours of various and varied Jewish institutions and communities in NYC.



SHEARITH ISRAEL'S THREE SETS OF MYER MYERS RIMONIM

A Special Friday Night Lights Talk and Exhibit

Friday, October 28
Following Evening Services

Myer Myers was the preeminent Jewish silversmith of the colonial era. His *rimonim*, or Torah finials, are much admired by experts and collectors of American Judaica. They were, and remain, a testament to living American Judaism. Myer Myers was also a congregant of Shearith Israel, serving as our Parnas several times.

Shearith Israel owns and cares for three sets of Myer Myers *rimonim*. Recently, each of our three sets has been on loan at the New-York Historical Society, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and at the Touro Synagogue. However, each set returns home to Shearith Israel for their intended ritual use. In 2019, in celebration of our 365th Year of Years Celebration, we brought all three sets back for ritual use together as well as in exhibition at a special capstone event.

This year, we will again be bringing all three sets home for ritual use throughout the 5783 High Holidays season. And, before re-loaning them, we will be exhibiting them as part of a very special *Friday Night Lights* talk by Rabbi Soloveichik. Stay tuned for more details.

NEW ELECTORS SIGNING AND L'CHAIM

By Invitation

Date TBA

Shearith Israel's Electors are a special cohort of members who, in addition to meeting certain constitutionally prescribed criteria, typically represent our most devoted members. Once confirmed as an Elector at the Annual Meeting of the Electors, one is invited to inscribe his or her name into the Congregation's original Constitution and By-laws and is subsequently invited to future Electors' Meetings. The signing of the Constitution can be a very moving experience. This formality generally takes place at the *Tebah* in the Small Synagogue where this historic book is handled with great care and respect. By signing the Constitution one is connected, in a very physical and direct way, to the long history of our Congregation.

Prior to Covid, our Board of Trustees had invited new Electors to a "Signing and L'Chaim" event. After a three-year hiatus, we are pleased to be planning an in-person gathering for new Electors who have been confirmed over these past three years.



Fleur Hassan Nahoum, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem
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A COMMUNITY DINNER, FEATURING RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

In Conversation With Deputy Mayor Of Jerusalem, Fleur Hassan-Nahoum

Friday, December 2
Following Evening Services

We're honored to host Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, the current Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, who hails originally from Gibraltar and is of Spanish & Portuguese descent. Ms. Hassan-Nahoum's political responsibilities include foreign relations, international economic development, and tourism, and we look forward to hearing her in conversation with Rabbi Soloveichik on these and other subjects.

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're glad to share that we recently reinstituted our Public Monthly Tour, which is held on the second Wednesday of each month, at 11 am. Additionally, we are again taking requests for private tours, with all necessary safety precautions. We are always pleased to lead guests through our beautiful space with enlightening facts about our proud history and unique traditions. Tours generally last 45 minutes. Go to shearithisrael.org/tours for the latest updates on requesting a tour.



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AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL



ABOVE: Rev. Zachary Edinger and other Shearith Israel leaders welcome Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Futoshi Matsumoto, Deputy Consul-General of Japan in New York. Others who participated in a special tour of the Synagogue for the occasion included Jason Guberman, Executive Director of the American Sephardi Federation; our Parnas, Louis Solomon; and our Deputy Executive Director, Bonnie Barest.

A. A fiery Lag La'Omer cookout for our Young Families!

B. Our community partner, Dorot, held a live concert on our Paved Paradise lawn

C. Reverend Z. Edinger conducting our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Chatham Square

RETROSPECTIVE: TOURO SHABBATON 2022

Paul Tobak, Co-President of Congregation Jeshuat Israel & Touro Synagogue Affiliate



It was a pleasure getting reacquainted with the folks we had met at the shabbaton in Newport in November, 2019. We are grateful to Parnas Louis Solomon and Beth Goldman who opened their home and to all at Congregation Shearith Israel who opened their synagogue and their hearts. Among those I would like to mention are Rabbis Soloveichik and Rhode, Rev. Zachary Edinger, and Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.

The hospitality and warmth made us feel comfortable and welcome in keeping with the generosity of allowing us to become Affiliates of the oldest congregation in America. When Congregation Jeshuat Israel member Aaron Ginsburg suggested a Covid-friendly table at Friday night dinner his idea was promptly and cheerfully accepted.

I was honored to be called up to the *tebah* for an aliyah in the magnificent surroundings of Shearith Israel and enjoyed the Sephardic services. During the tour of Shearith Israel with Zachary, we learned that the design included two rooms modeled on the previous Shearith Israel buildings. The nod to history struck a chord to Newporters.

In the ancient CSI cemetery, I was interested to see the *matzevah* of Abraham Rodriguez Rivera, a member of The Newport Artillery Company. The Company, founded in 1741 and still in existence, is located at 23 Clarke Street in Newport, just down the hill from Touro Synagogue. Rivera gave a Hebrew Tanach to Newport's Redwood Library. The library was designed by the same architect who designed Touro Synagogue, Peter Harrison. Rabbi Theodore Lewis happened upon the gift when the librarian, Mr. Gibbs, asked about the meaning of a psalm. Rabbi Lewis asked for a Hebrew bible, and that was the only one the library had.

After visiting the cemetery, we walked around lower Manhattan and experienced the Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue's Greek Jewish festival. This festival reflects the diversity of New York City's Jewish community. Although many Sephardic Jews settled in Greece, the KKJ community is Romaniote and may date to the Roman Empire. By comparison, CSI and CJI are new kids on the block!

I look forward to future opportunities to cultivate our friendly relationship, in both New York and Newport, and to working together to preserve our mutual history.



Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander



Rev. Z. Edinger



Rabbi Ira Rohde

WEEKLY JEWISH EDUCATION

THE GUIDE TO DUTIES OF THE HEART

Sundays | 8:45 am
Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

Via Zoom - To receive the link, email Rabbi den Hollander at sjimon@flatironre.com

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

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

DAILY ZOOM: BOOK OF ISAIAH

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

Via Zoom - To receive the link, email Z. at zedinger@shearithisrael.org

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

TUESDAY LEARNING WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

Select Tuesdays | 7:30 pm
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Prepare to spend Tuesday nights learning from Rabbi Soloveichik, who will deliver many of his lectures on Tuesdays. Topics and occasional source sheets will be delivered via email, so keep an eye on your inbox. If you're not already on the Rabbi's email distribution, sign up at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.

"A RANDOM WALK DOWN MILL STREET"

Wednesdays | 8:00 pm
Rev. Z. Edinger

Via Zoom - see our emails for the link

Every Wednesday evening, Rev. Edinger delivers short presentations about the liturgy, music, or *minhag* of Shearith Israel. To sponsor an individual session, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsor-a-class. Missed a session? Many of Rev. Edinger's programs are available to stream at your convenience on his YouTube channel.

VIRTUAL HASHCABA SERVICE

Fridays | Rev. Z. Edinger

Via Zoom - see our emails for the link

Our Shamash, Rev. Zachariah Edinger, will continue to livestream *Hashcabot* (memorial prayers) for those who had a *nahala* in the past week. These prayers are recited in the Main Sanctuary and last about 5-10 minutes. For more information, please email Rev. Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

2022-2023 season sponsored by the *Julis family*

Fridays | Following Evening Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Returning after the High Holidays

There is no better way to transition from the work week to the aura of Shabbat than with our beautiful one-hour Friday evening service followed by a short inspiring talk by Rabbi Soloveichik. We hope you will join us each week. To sponsor a session in honor or in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, visit shearithisrael.org/sponsor-a-class.

SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH PROGRAM

Saturdays | 10:00 am | Gabi & Raph

On Shabbat, we believe our children should learn to pray, develop a deeper appreciation for Jewish learning, and have fun with their Synagogue peers. For more details on our Shabbat Youth Program, see our Youth section on page 24.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS

Saturdays | 45 minutes before Minha
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class meets in person each week throughout the year. Follow our emails for the latest information on locations. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsor-a-class.



YOUNG FAMILIES WELCOME BACK SHABBAT PICNIC

Shabbat, September 24
Following kiddush

Welcome back! Enjoy a potluck picnic on Paved Paradise and share your summer stories. Bring your kids, and have your kids bring their friends! Watch our emails for more details.

YOUTH PIZZA PARTY IN THE SUCCAH

Hol Hamoed Succot | Date TBA

Gabi and Raph can't wait to spend some quality time with our young families over the Succot holiday at this laid-back and delicious pizza party.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY (PRE-)SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Monday Afternoon | October 17
Paved Paradise

Program is open to anyone who is accompanied by a child under 12

After the success of last year's Youth Pre-Hakafot, we look forward to celebrating again this year. The program will include singing holiday songs, marching with Torah scrolls and flags, prizes, and ice cream!

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATIONS

Parade Viewing and Pack-A-Thon

Thursday Morning | November 24

Our Thanksgiving festivities always draw a big crowd, but some special opportunities are just for kids! Come watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade from our Portico — it is a view and experience that is not to be beat! Registered Pack-A-Thon kids also get to "give back" in the Kids' Craft Activity. For more details on the Pack-A-Thon, see page 14.

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YOUTH SOCCER, BASEBALL, AND GOLF ON PAVED PARADISE

**Sundays and Afterschool
Beginning Wednesday September 14
Paved Paradise**

**Members, use our promo code
“Shearith15” for a 15% discount!**

Youth Athletics United (home of Super Soccer Stars, Little Rookies, and TGA Jr. Golf) in partnership with Congregation Shearith Israel is back for not only more Soccer, but also youth Baseball and Golf classes, all held on our beautiful Paved Paradise lawn. Make sure to follow our emails to get links to the details.

SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH PROGRAM

Saturdays | 10:00 am | Gabi & Raph

On Shabbat, we believe our children should learn to pray, develop a deeper appreciation for Jewish learning, and have fun with their Synagogue peers. Our Shabbat Youth Program is led by our Youth Directors, Gabi & Raph. Children ages 5-12 gather in the Fidanque Youth Room for a fun array of educational and entertaining activities connected to the parasha of the week and other Jewish themes, and later move to our Small Synagogue for their own teen-led Jr. Congregation services. Kids under 5? No problem – adult supervision required.

CSI YOUTH: PTTS UPDATE

Shearith Israel’s distinguished Polonies Talmud Torah School (PTTS), following a successful “reboot” last year, is once again offering highly subsidized one-on-one tutoring customized to your child’s needs and schedule.

Continuing our mission of providing children up to Bar or Bat Mitzvah age with quality Jewish education, we are offering this tutoring program (in-person or on Zoom) to expose students to and deepen their skills and love for: Hebrew language (reading, writing, and comprehension), Tanakh, Jewish holiday rituals, Jewish history, and how Jewish ideas inform our values in modern times.

All participants in the PTTS Tutoring program are also encouraged to take part in our youth programming, including:

- Parent/Child Learning
- Junior Congregation
- Holiday Workshops & Events
- Hesed Programs
- Social Activities

For details and to register, please go to: shearithisrael.org/ptts-tutoring.

This important program is highly subsidized and is made possible by our generous sponsors. Interested in supporting the PTTS Scholarship Fund? Please donate at shearithisrael.shulcloud.com/forms/ptts-donation.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SOCIETIES

THE SISTERHOOD

Carla Salomon Schein, Sisterhood President

Shana Toba and *Mo'adim L'Simha* from the Sisterhood! We wish everyone a healthy, happy and peaceful year.

The Sisterhood is once again looking forward to being able to decorate our beautiful Elias Room Succah. Adult and teen women and men are welcome and needed to help decorate. If you are able to participate (see times listed on page 12), please contact Aimee Margolis and Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde.csi@gmail.com.

The Sisterhood is busy putting together exciting programs for the fall and winter, one of which

will be a continuation of our Sunday Matinee series. It will be our own “mini-Israeli film festival” with host Emanuel Cohn, a prominent Israeli actor, screenwriter and producer. Please reserve the following Sundays, November 13, December 11, and January 8, 2023 and watch for details as they become finalized.

The Sisterhood is working on additional programs and projects and looks forward to sharing them with you – including a Basic Sustainable Floral Design class with Rose G. Edinger (date to be announced). Please stay tuned!

CARING CONNECTION

This May, during Mental Health Awareness Month, Shearith Israel’s *Caring Connection* continued the conversation on mental illness and suicide at our 4th Annual Smash the Stigma program. With COVID still with us, it was especially important for people to come together in-person in a safe space. That 14 Jewish community partners* chose to co-sponsor this event also speaks volumes to the important need for this topic to be discussed openly in Jewish forums.

Our courageous, candid, and knowledgeable panelists helped smash the stigma by sharing their personal stories and professional advice.

Do you have concerns about your or someone else’s mental health? People in mental health crises now have a new way to reach out for help. Call or text 9-8-8, the new National Mental Health Hotline. Spread the word.

Be part of a caring community.

* Presented by Shearith Israel’s *Caring Connection* in partnership with Active Minds, Yeshiva University, B’nai Jeshurun, Darkhei Noam, The Jewish Center, Lincoln Square Synagogue, Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, NAMI-NYC, Ohav Zedek, Congregation Or Zarua, Ramath Orah, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, UJA Federation, West End Synagogue, and West Side Institutional Synagogue



After nine years of planning by a dedicated committee consisting of Shearith Israel staffers and congregants, members of the West 11th Street Block Association, and talented retained conservation experts, work is finally underway. The plan to restore the wall (and more) of Shearith Israel's historic West 11th Street Cemetery, the second oldest cemetery in NY which dates back to 1805, was enthusiastically approved and permitted by NYC's Landmarks Preservation Commission, and construction has begun. The anticipated completion date is November, 2022.

To view images of project progress, please see page 34.

RESTORATION of the WEST 11th STREET CEMETERY IS UNDERWAY

We are in the midst of rebuilding the street-facing wall and repairing the interior walls. Our contractor, West New York Restoration, has dismantled the decrepit wall and is salvaging and storing the historic bricks for reuse as part of the new wall. Jablonski Building Conservation has carefully removed fragile grave markers and stored them until they can be properly restored. Our arborist, Bill Logan, has been advising on how to protect and preserve a rare but thriving American Elm. "What's Happening Here/How You Can Help" signage has been affixed along the fence so passers-by can learn about this gem of New York City history and the restoration project (and how to contribute).

We are delighted by our deep and fruitful collaboration with the West 11th Block Association. As Marion Howard, President, W11BA,

wrote, "It is not often that residents on a block have such a concrete opportunity for giving and creating a legacy in their neighborhood."

Now we turn to you, our members and friends who best understand the importance of Shearith Israel's role and responsibility in preserving American Jewish history, including the oldest Jewish cemeteries in NY.

If you're interested in learning more about the history of the West 11th Street Cemetery, and the restoration project or joining our list of donors with a much needed and appreciated, tax-deductible contribution, please visit:

shearithisrael.org/giving/west-11th-street-cemetery-renewal-project/

OR CONTACT
Rev. Zachary Edinger at
zedinger@shearithisrael.org
or **212-873-0300**.



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CARING CONNECTION

Caring Connection trains community members as sensitive volunteers, enabling them to proactively help others through times of need, one of Judaism's greatest *mitzvot*. This vital assistance greatly aids the individual, and also strengthens and unifies our community, enhancing our sense of responsibility for one another. *Caring Connection* volunteers respond 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 endeavor to provide transport or wheelchair assistance to those who wish to attend synagogue services or events. *Caring Connection* also facilitates and organizes important communal conversations, raising awareness on mental health issues, such as our "Smash the Stigma" panels on suicide and depression.

If you know someone who might need assistance, or if you would like to volunteer or help with events, please email **caringconnection@shearithisrael.org**.

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



MEALS FOR MOURNERS AND NEW PARENTS

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

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



PLEASE NOTE:
Service times are subject to change. Follow our emails to get the latest changes: shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.

For our policies on attending services safely, please visit shearithisrael.org.

SHABBAT SERVICES

September 2nd-3rd

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	7:08 pm
Friday Evening Services	7:00 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:30 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Shofetim
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot	7:00 pm
Habdalah	8:02 pm

September 9th-10th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	6:57 pm
Friday Evening Services	7:00 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Ki Tetse
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot	6:45 pm
Habdalah	7:49 pm

September 16th-17th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	6:45 pm
Friday Evening Services	6:45 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Ki Tabo
Bar Mitzvah	Avi Friedman
Saturday Minhah, Arbit & Selihot	6:35 pm
Habdalah	7:36 pm

September 23rd-24th

1860 - 19th St. Consecration Anniversary

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	6:33 pm
Friday Evening Services	6:30 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:30 am
Parashah	Nitsabim
Saturday Minhah & Arbit (no Selihot)	6:25 pm
Habdalah	7:24 pm

Sep. 30th- Oct. 1st Shabbat Teshuba

(See High Holy Days Schedule)

October 7th- 8th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	6:10 pm
Friday Evening Services	6:15 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:30 am
Parashah	Haazinu
Bar Mitzvah	Adam Kalman
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	6:00 pm
Habdalah	6:59 pm

October 14th-15th Shabbat Hol HaMoed

October 21st-22nd Shabbat Bereshit

(See Fall Festivals Schedule)

October 28th- 29th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	5:39 pm
Friday Evening Services	5:45 pm
Saturday Zemirot 8:15am	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Noah
Bar Mitzvah	Ness U. Sasson-Gelman
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	5:30 pm
Habdalah	6:26 pm

November 4th- 5th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	5:31 pm
Friday Evening Services	5:30 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Lekh-Lekha
Minhah & Arbit	5:20 pm
Habdalah	6:17 pm

November 11th-12th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	4:24 pm
Friday Evening Services	4:30 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Vayera
Minhah & Arbit	4:15 pm
Habdalah	5:09 pm

November 18th-19th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	4:18 pm
Friday Evening Services	4:15 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Haye Sarah
Minhah & Arbit	4:10 pm
Habdalah	5:03 pm

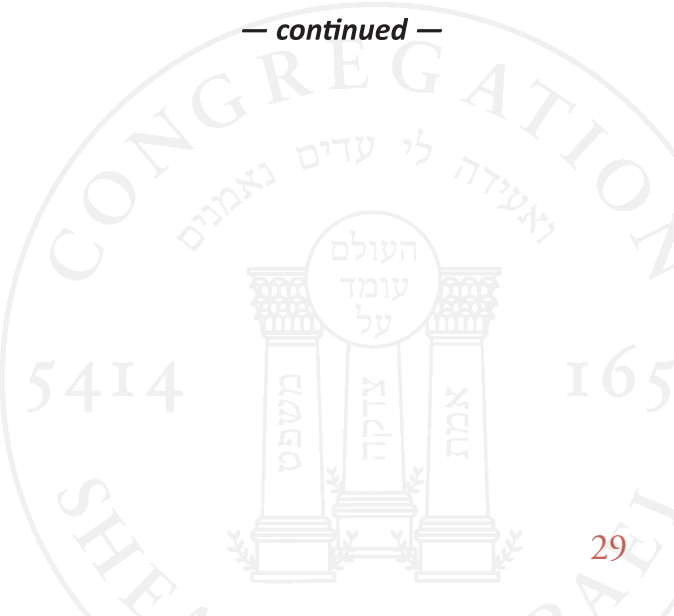
November 25th-26th

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	4:14 pm
Friday Evening Services	4:15 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Toledoth
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	4:05 pm
Habdalah	4:58 pm

December 2nd-3rd

Candles (18 min. before sunset)	4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services	4:15 pm
Saturday Zemirot	8:15 am
Shabbat Morning Shahrit	9:00-11:15 am
Parashah	Vayetse
Saturday Minhah & Arbit	4:05 pm
Habdalah	4:56 pm

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MAJOR HOLIDAYS/FESTIVALS
HIGH HOLY DAYS 5783
("DAYS OF AWE")

Rosh HaShanah-New Year 5783
Sunday Eve, Sep. 25th-Tuesday, Sep. 27th
PREPARATIONS

Sunday Morning, September 25th
Special Morning Selihot Service..... 7:15 am
Morning Shahrit Service 8:05 am

EVE OF 1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH
Sunday Evening, September 25th
Sunday Evening Candle Lighting6:30 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....6:15 pm
Sunday Evening Sunset6:48 pm

1st DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING
Monday, September 26th
Zemiroth 8:00 am
Shahrit 8:45 am
Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah 9:25 am
Torah Reading & Haftarah 9:40 am
Offerings 10:20 am
'Et Sha`arei Ratzon & Shofar Service 10:30 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah 11:00 am
Musaf 11:15 am
Sermon 12:10 pm
Adon `Olam & Conclusion 12:30-12:35 pm

EVE OF 2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH
Monday Evening, September 26th
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....6:15 pm
Monday Evening Sunset6:46 pm
Mon. Evening Candle Lightingafter 7:08 pm

2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH MORNING
Tuesday, September 27th
Zemiroth 8:00 am
Shahrit 8:45 am
Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah 9:20 am
Torah Reading & Haftarah 9:35 am
Offerings 10:10 am
'Et Sha`arei Ratzon & Shofar Service 10:20 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah 10:45 am
Musaf 11:00 am
Sermon 11:50 pm
Adon `Olam & Conclusion 12:15-12:20 pm

2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH CONCLUSION
Tuesday Evening, September 27th
Tue. Evening Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....6:15 pm
Tuesday Evening Sunset6:45 pm
Tuesday Evening Habdalah.....7:06 pm

Fast of Gedaliah
Wednesday, September 28th
Fast Begins (Dawn) 5:38 am
Wednesday Morning Shahrit7:05 pm
Minhah (with tefillin), Arbit & Selihot.....6:15 pm
End of Fast7:05 pm

Shabbat Teshubah
Sabbath of Penitence, Sep. 30-Oct. 1
EVE OF SHABBAT TESHUBAH
Friday Evening, September 30th
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....6:22 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....6:15 pm
Friday Evening Sunset6:40 pm

SHABBAT TESHUBAH DAY
Saturday Morning, October 1st
Zemiroth 8:15 am
Shahrit 9:00 am
Torah Service & Offerings9:30-10:20 am
Parashath: Vayelekh Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Haftarah Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik
Musaf, Sermon & Conclusion10:20-11:35 am
Saturday Evening, October 1st
Sat. Evening Minhah, Arbit & Selihot.....6:15 pm
Habdalah.....7:11 pm

Yom Kippur-Day of Atonement
PREPARATIONS
Tuesday, October 4th
Special Morning Selihot Service 6:15 am
Morning Shahrit Service 7:05 am
Early Afternoon Minhah Service..... 1:30 pm
EVE OF YOM KIPPUR
Tuesday Evening, October 4th
Tuesday Evening Kal Nidre Service.....6:00 pm
Tuesday Candle Lighting before 6:15 pm
Begin Fasting before sunset, 6:33 pm
Sermon & Evening Arbit Service 6:30-8:30 pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY
Wednesday, October 5th
Zemiroth 8:00 am
Shahrit 9:00 am
Torah Service and Offerings..... 10:45 am
Midday Sermon 12:00 pm
Musaf..... 12:20 pm
Minhah.....3:15 pm
Perpetual Hashcobot & Offerings.....5:05 pm
YOM KIPPUR CONCLUSION
Sermon before Neilah6:00 pm
Neilah6:15 pm
Sunset6:32 pm
Shofar, Arbit & Habdalah.....7:03 pm

FALL FESTIVALS 5783
Succot, Festival of Tabernacles
7 Days: Monday Oct. 10th-Sunday Oct. 15th
Succot: First Two Days (Yom Tob)
EVE OF 1st DAY SUCCOT
Sunday Evening, October 9th
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....6:00 pm
Candle Lighting6:07 pm
Sunset6:25 pm
Kiddush in Succah7:00 pm

1st DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME
Monday Morning, October 10th
Zemiroth 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service 9:40 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot 10:40-11:15 am
Conclusion & Sermon 11:15-11:35 am
Kiddush in Succah 11:40 am

EVE OF 2nd DAY SUCCOT
Monday Evening, October 10th
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....6:00 pm
Sunset6:23 pm
Candle Lightingafter 6:44 pm
Kiddush in Succah7:00 pm

2nd DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME
Tuesday Morning, October 11th
Zemiroth 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service 9:40 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot 10:30-11:05 am
Conclusion & Sermon 11:05 am-11:30 pm
Kiddush in Succah 11:35 pm
2nd DAY SUCCOT CONCLUSION
Tuesday Evening, October 11th
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....6:00 pm
Sunset6:22 pm
Habdalah, End of Yom Tob6:42 pm

Hol HaMoed Succot
Intermediate Days of Tabernacles
INTERMEDIATE WEEKDAYS
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday Mornings
October 12th, 13th & 14th:
Shahrit, Musaf, & Hoshaanot 7:05 am
Breakfast in Succah..... 8:00 am
Wednesday & Thursday Evenings
October 12th & 13th:
Minhah & Arbit Services6:00 pm

Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot
Intermediate Shabbat of Tabernacles
EVE OF SHABBAT HOL HAMOED
Friday Eve, October 14th
Candle Lighting before 5:59 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).....6:00 pm
Friday Evening Sunset6:17 pm
Kiddush in Succah7:00 pm

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED DAY
Saturday Morning, October 15th
Zemiroth 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service 9:40 am
Musaf & Shabbat Hoshaana 10:25-11:00 am
Conclusion & Sermon 11:00 am-11:25 pm
Kiddush in Succah 11:30 pm
Saturday Afternoon, October 15th
Saturday Afternoon Minhah & Arbit5:55 pm
Habdalah.....6:47 pm

Hoshaana Rabba, Grand Hosanna
Seventh Day of Succot (Tabernacles)

EVE OF HOSHAANA RABBAH

Saturday Evening, October 15th

Mishmarah-Tikkun & Rabbi's Special Class (Held in Succah) 9:00 pm

HOSHAANA RABBAH DAY

Sunday Morning, October 16th

Zemirot, led by Avery E. Neumark..... 8:00 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 8:30 am
Torah Service..... 9:00 am
Musaf, Hoshaanot, Shofar.....9:35-10:25 am
Service Conclusion..... 10:25-10:40 am
Breakfast in Succah..... 10:45 am

Shemini Hag Atseret
Eighth Day Convocation Festival

EVE OF SHEMINI HAG ATSERET

Sunday Evening, October 16th

Candle Lighting 5:56 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 6:00 pm
Kiddush in Succah 7:00 pm

SHEMINI HAG ATSERET DAY

Monday Morning, October 17th

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service..... 9:40 am
Musaf, Tikkun HaGeshem..... 10:25-11:05 am
Service Conclusion & Sermon..... 11:05-11:25 am
Kiddush in Succah 11:30 am

Tikkun HaGeshem is the Sephardic poem added at the inauguration of Israel's rainy season, for the duration of which, until Passover, a request for rain is inserted in the second blessing of the Amidah.

Simhat Torah
End of Reading-Cycle Celebration

EVE OF SIMHAT TORAH

Monday Evening, October 17th

Minhah & Arbit, with Tenu Shebaha 6:00 pm
Candle Lightingafter 6:33 pm
Hakafot & Children's Celebration 6:45 pm
Women's Concurrent Hakafot 6:45 pm

SIMHAT TORAH DAY

Tuesday Morning, October 18th

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service, with *Hatanim* Honors..... 9:40 am
Musaf.....10:45-11:30 am
Service Conclusion..... 11:45 am

Tuesday Evening, October 18th

Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 5:55 pm
Sunset 6:11 pm
Habdalah, End of Yom Tob 6:31 pm

Shabbat Bereshit
The First Parashah-Shabbat Hatanim

EVE OF SHABBAT BERESHIT

Friday Evening, October 21st

Minhah & Arbit, with Tenu Shebahah 5:45 pm
Candle Lighting before 5:49 pm

SHABBAT BERESHIT DAY

Saturday Morning, October 22nd

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit..... 9:00 am
Torah Service, *Hatanim* Honors.....9:30-10:50 am
Parashah Bereshit
Musaf.....10:50-11:30 am

SHABBAT BERESHIT CONCLUSION

Saturday Evening, October 22nd

Saturday Afternoon Minhah & Arbit 5:45 pm
Habdalah, End of Shabbat 6:36 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS
Labor Day Legal Holiday

Monday, September 5th

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

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan (Two-Day)

Monday Evening, October 24th through

Tue. & Wed., October 25th & 26th

(Services Follow Daily Schedule)

Rosh Hodesh Kislev (Two-Day)
& American Thanksgiving Holiday

Rosh Hodesh: Thu. & Fri, Nov. 24th & 25th

Eve of Rosh Hodesh, Wed. Eve, Nov. 23rd

Wed. Evening Minhah & Arbit 4:15 pm

Thanksgiving Holiday & First Day:

Thursday Morning, November 24th

Shahrit, Hallel, Musaf & Lecture..... 7:45 am

Eve of Second Day, Thu. Eve, Nov. 24th

Thu. Evening Minhah & Arbit..... 4:25 pm

Second Day Rosh Hodesh Daytime:

Friday Morning, November 25th

Shahrit, Hallel, & Musaf..... 7:05 am

Friday Evening, November 25th

Rosh Hodesh Minhah/Shabbat Arbit 4:15 pm

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings:

Sundays Shahrit 8:05 am

Monday-Friday Shahrit 7:05 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

Sep. 1st-22nd Minhah, Arbit & Selihot 6:30 pm

Sep. 28-Oct. 2 Minhah, Arbit & Selihot 6:15 pm

Oct. 3rd & 6th Minhah & Arbit 6:15 pm

Oct. 12th-20th Minhah & Arbit 6:00 pm

Oct. 23rd-27th Minhah & Arbit 5:50 pm

Oct. 30th-Nov. 3rd, Minhah & Arbit..... 5:40 pm

Nov. 6th-17th Minhah & Arbit..... 4:30 pm

Nov. 20th-24th Minhah & Arbit..... 4:25 pm

Nov. 27th-Dec. 22nd Minhah & Arbit 4:15 pm

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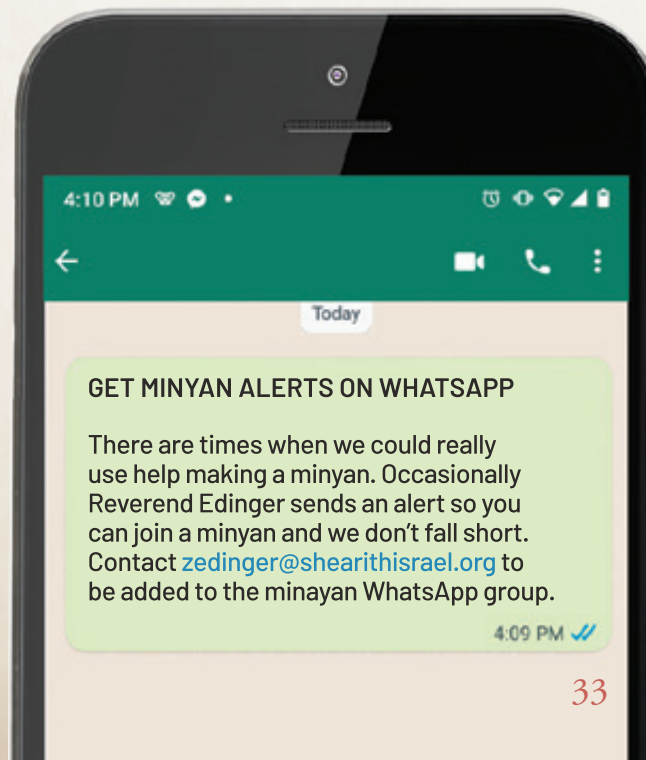


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General donations honor our past with dignity through the preservation of our historic spaces, including our main sanctuary and small synagogue, three historic cemeteries in Lower Manhattan and our active cemetery in Cyprus Hills, Queens. These donations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



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The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is a charitable arm of our congregation. These funds are designated by our rabbi for members in need, communities in crisis, and important causes nearby and in Israel.

CARING CONNECTION

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

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