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# The Bulletin

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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



Jonas Phillips



### THE LAMP *and the* SCROLL

A *hanukkiyah*, and a Megillah; these ritual items respectively embody the celebrations of Hanukkah and Purim. And in our synagogue, it is two specific examples of the objects that speak to me profoundly, and which taken in tandem communicate a message to us all. The first, of course, is the lamp we have been kindling on Haunakkah since 1730, a reflection of the loyalty to Judaism of generations. The second is a scroll of Esther that I usually use on Purim on the *teibah*. It once belonged to Jonas Phillips: devout Jew, Patriot, and religious liberty activist during the Founding period.

As we read the Purim story aloud, a tale which is very much about Jewish identity, I feel the centuries-old parchment and ponder those who have come before us in our past who served as examples of Jewish devotion, reminded, as I am when our *hanukkiyah* is kindled, that the saga of our people continues, that the scroll of our community's story is still being inscribed, and that we are called by the past to make the light of Judaism manifest in our own lives.

*Meir Y. Soloveichik*



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS



Louis M. Solomon

### BELLS OF HOPE FOR A PEOPLE OF HOPE

Recent press has reported favorably on efforts by various private and public agencies to return sometimes large church bells to the churches from which they were stolen during the WWII. *The Economist*, for example, estimates that, while the Nazis may have melted perhaps 150,000 bells for war use, over 25,000 survived. Several international organizations are dedicated to researching the provenance of and returning the looted bells to their places of origin.

Our Congregation should applaud these efforts. And we should not dwell long on the fact that nowhere in these reports is there mention of Nazi looted Judaica being searched for, researched, catalogued, or returned. We should not complain about that because Jews today have the wherewithal to support their own efforts to research the provenance and seek the return of Judaica. The sad fact is that, for

so many items of Judaica stolen from so many Jewish communities, rarely is there a vibrant community to which to return these objects. But that shouldn't stop us from searching for these objects and returning them to communities that were plundered. And those communities need to act with vigor and responsibility to accept and preserve the returned artifacts.

As a community, Shearith Israel has its own little piece of American history to safeguard. I refer to the fact that we are blessed with many sets of Torah finials that sit on top of the wooden handles of our Sifrei Torah. In Hebrew, the finials are called *rimonim*. In plain English, they are often just called bells, because of the small bells that actually adorn the finials. The bells chime and clang when the finials are doing their job accompanying the Torah scrolls to and from the *hekhal* (or ark) that houses scroll and bells together.



The three pairs of Myer Myers *rimonim* in ceremonial usage on Hoshana Rabba

Some of our Torah Bells are quite old. I believe we have the oldest in active use – a set shaped as pineapples (circa 1730) and a “retired” pair even older than that. And, as we all know, we also own and safeguard three sets of bells fashioned by Colonial Silversmith Myer Myers. Myer Myers was Parnas of our Congregation before the American Revolution, when he made at least five sets of bells.

These bells, and really all of the old bells that we and other synagogues possess and still use, should be seen as among the most hopeful of symbols. The Myer Myers bells were made at a time when America may or may not have survived a war with the British. They were among the most optimistic objects Myer Myers could have made. They were costly; to afford them meant that our synagogue needed to have a high degree of confidence that we would survive and thrive no matter who controlled America. Bells atop Torah scrolls also indicated a firm belief that Torah would remain strong in America and that Jews would remain strong supporters of the American experience. These bells are truly *Bells of Hope*.



A display featuring the three pairs of Myer Myers *rimonim* as part of a special presentation by Rabbi Soloveichik on Parashat Noah

That we have so lovingly taken care of our old Bells is to our Congregation's inestimable credit. That we continue to use them – though a bit unnerving to some – is as strong a proof as we can offer that beauty and aesthetics are important to both Jews and Judaism, that Judaism remains alive and well in America, and that Jews remain integral to the American Story.

This past October, we again collected all three sets of our Myer Myers Bells and brought them to our Sanctuary to use. We used all three on Simhat Torah – what could be more fitting. And we used all three on Hoshana Rabba. Even after that, we had a special Shabbat presentation about the bells by Rabbi Soloveichik on the Friday night of Parashat Noah.

We are now planning that next year our Myer Myers *rimonim* will all be with us again for our Congregation's use and enjoyment. We again hope to culminate our *Bells of Hope* with a special *Shabbat of Hope*, during Parashat Noah, 5784/2023. Mark your calendars for October 20-21, 2023. We have too much to be grateful, and hopeful, for to miss this special occasion.

Happy end of year/new year to all.



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



Barbara Reiss and Bonnie Barest

### SHINE A LIGHT

*We're thinking a lot about Hanukkah right now. Is our colonial era Hanukkiah polished and in good repair? Check. Do we have enough oil for all eight nights (after all, we should not rely on miracles)? Check. Do we have the waffle ingredients on hand for our CSI Youth Hanukkah Glow Fest and the CSI Young Professionals Hanukkah Mixer? Check. Does Rabbi Soloveichik have enough spirits for the l'chaims at our annual New Members Hanukkah gathering? Check (plus).*



But preparing for the holiday also means thinking about the story of Hanukkah. And not just the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight nights but the miracle of the Maccabees who successfully deterred the grave physical and spiritual threats we were facing at their time. Sadly, it's not at all hard for us to relate today to those threats. Over the past few years our nation has experienced a spike in antisemitic hate crimes, and New York State leads the nation in antisemitic hate incidents. According to the FBI's 2020 hate crimes stats, 55% of all religious bias crimes were targeted at Jews, yet Jews are only 2% of the US population. In very recent times, we've been alerted by the FBI of credible threats to a synagogue in Manhattan. Thankfully, MTA transit police, after getting an alert from UJA and JCRC's Community Security Initiative (CSI), with whom we have regular contact, successfully apprehended two suspects (one, an Upper West Side resident!) carrying a gun, ammunition, a large hunting knife, and a Nazi armband at Penn Station who were planning to attack a synagogue.

No, we cannot rely on miracles. But we also cannot cower in fear. We remain proud (and some of us, loud) Jews and we certainly do not stay away from Synagogue. We rely on our facilities staff who have been trained in situational awareness and other security techniques, our supplemental security consultants and personnel, our newly hardened doors, our friends at the NYPD, our ongoing contact with the JCRC and CSI, and yes, our prayers. If fear, even when times are frightening, keeps us away from Synagogue, the haters win, and we lose.

On Hanukkah, each year, we shine the light of our *hanukkiot* for our neighbors and all the world to see. Like a beacon, we signal that we are here, we are proud, our light endures. And this Hanukkah, on December 19, we will publicly display our Jewish identity and pride in Times Square as we light the *hanukkiah* together and raise awareness about antisemitism. We'll hear powerful messages from key city and state leaders, and lively performances by Jewish musicians as we stand shoulder to shoulder with our greater community and allies. Are we ready to add to our community's light? Check!

*Barbara Reiss*

Barbara Reiss  
Executive Director

*Bonnie Barest*

Bonnie Barest  
Deputy Executive Director





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEW MEMBERS

***We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:***

Caroline & David Adelman

Warren Stern

## CONGRATULATIONS

***Mazal Tob to:***

Cecil Mendal & Ariel Bengio, upon the birth of a baby girl.

Esme & Roger Berg, upon the birth of a grandson, born to their son, Louis Alexandre Berg, and his wife, Shana Tabak.

Lucas Drill, upon his marriage to Lizzie Turovsky.

Avi Friedman, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to his parents, trustee Zoya Raynes & Naftali Friedman, and his grandmother, Rima Raynes, and the entire family.

Benson & Florie Jerusalmi, upon the marriage of their son, Jack, to Molly Leifer of Englewood, NJ.

Florie & Benson Jerusalmi, upon the birth of a grandson.

Adam Kalman, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Hanna Pincas-Kalman & Michael Kalman, and the entire family.

Jackie & Andrew Klaber, and big sister Eliza, upon the birth of a baby boy, Caleb.

Ondine Lewitinn, upon the marriage of her daughter Sarah Lewitinn to Daniel Patterson, in Copenhagen.

Ness Sasson-Gelman upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to his parents, Edie Sasson-Gelman & Michael Gelman, to grandmother, Iris Sasson, and the entire family.

Ruth & Irwin Shapiro, upon the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren, Sara & Josh Jay.

Avi Toledo, upon his recent marriage.

Neta Wiznia, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Rivka & Marc Wiznia, and the entire Wiznia family.

Denise Cohen on her marriage to Daniel Schneider. Congratulations to Denise's mother, Yvonne Cohen, sister, Yvette Pomerantz, and the entire Cohen family.

***Members with special achievements:***

Laurie & Dr. Elie Bryk, upon being honored at the Friends of the IDF Annual Gala on Monday, October 24.

Janet Kirchheimer, upon the publication of a book of poetry, *Seduction: Out of Eden*.

Our Segan, Michael Lustig, who will be honored with the Shofar Award at this year's JCRC Benefit, which will be held on Thursday, December 15. To learn more and support Michael and the JCRC, visit [jrcnybenefit.org](http://jrcnybenefit.org).

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

Barbara Schofield Suleiman, upon the publication of her book, *The Golden Cobweb*.

Joelle Wallach, upon her composition, *Suffrage Signatures* (created to celebrate 100 years of women having the right to vote), being commissioned by Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble and presented in November at Vladek Hall.

## Bequests

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

## IN MEMORIAM

***We mourn the loss of our members:***

Manny Gross

## CONDOLENCES

***We extend sincere condolences to:***

Evelyn Gross, upon the passing of her husband, Manny.

Zalman Jacobs, upon the passing of his mother, Golda.

## IN APPRECIATION

***Special thanks to:***

We extend our deepest thanks to the clergy and staff who made this year's Tisha B'Ab so meaningful, and to all of our 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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this High Holiday season so meaningful:

- Our clergy and lay leaders who led services
- The Sisterhood who sponsored our *kiddushim* and lavishly decorated the Elias Room Succah
- Our Youth who decorated the Paved Paradise Succah
- Rabbi Rohde for his Hoshaana Rabba Mishmara

**Our Daily Minyan-Makers**, who have ensured that we maintain continual weekly services during this time. If you'd like to commit to a daily minyan (even one day a week can make a big difference!), contact Rev. Z. Edinger at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org).

#### Kiddush Sponsors:

Zoya Raynes and Naftali Friedman, in honor of Avi becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Carol & Arthur Goldberg, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary

Haberman and Herlands/Smith-Herz families, in memory of Barbara & Myron Smith and James O. Herlands, and Simon & Eva Haberman

Hanna Pincas-Kalman & Michael Kalman, in honor of Adam becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and in loving memory of Hanna's mother, Nili Pincas

Vicki and Sam Katz

The Sasson-Gelman family, in honor of Ness becoming a Bar Mitzvah

The Sisterhood, for all *Succot kiddushim*

Rivka and Marc Wiznia, in honor of Neta becoming a Bat Mitzvah

#### Simhat Torah Kiddush and Ice Cream Sponsors:

The Goldofsky family

The Haberman & Lustig families

Alene Schneierson & Morris Krimolovsky

Arthur and Joel Tenenholtz, in memory of their mother, Hannah (Chana b. Zeev)

#### Friday Night Lights Sponsors:

The Julis-Rabinowitz family, for sponsoring the 2022-23 season of Friday Night Lights

Faith Fogelman, in memory of her father, Theodore Watkin

Jeffrey Smith, upon the 50th anniversary of his "almost" S&P bar mitzvah, which was shifted (with best intentions!) to the nascent Lincoln Square Synagogue only after he learned the *parasha* in S&P *nusach*. He'd like to wish a long-overdue and deserved *hazak u'barukh* to Rev. Cardozo, z"l (and then Avery Neumark) for teaching him

#### Shabbat Afternoon Class Sponsors:

Scott Shay, for sponsoring the Fall Semester of Rabbi Soloveichik's Afternoon Class, in memory of his mother, Chanah Razel b. Aharon v'Sara, z"l

The Roberts Family, in memory of N. Craig Roberts, MD

#### "Random Walk" with Rev. Edinger Sponsor:

Maimon Schwarzschild

#### Shabbat Teshuba Derasha: Sponsors

The Agus Family

Debbie and David Sable, in memory of David's mother, Elissa Sable

Gillian and Simon Salama-Caro, in honor of Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Carol and Alan Schechter, in memory of Alan's mother, Itta b. Yizhak Shmuel, on the occasion of her *nahala*; and in appreciation of Rabbi Soloveichik's inspirational words and friendship

Her Adoring Family, in observance of the first *nahala* of Barbara Herlands Smith

The Solomon Family

#### Co-sponsors

The Bengio Misrahi Family, in memory of their grandparents, Henri Misrahi & Rachel & Amram Bengio

The Grumet & Brener families, in memory of Dr. Jacob L. Brener z"l

Linda & Howard Sterling, in memory of their son, Steven

#### Supporters

Anonymous

Faith Fogelman

Judy & Albert Milstein, in honor of the rabbi

#### Kiddush Wine Sponsors:

Carol & Arthur Goldberg, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary

Hanna Pincas-Kalman & Michael Kalman, in honor of Adam becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and in loving memory of Hanna's mother, Nili Pincas

#### 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](mailto:srosenberg@shearithisrael.org) so we can share the news in our handouts and bulletins.

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Hatanim 5783 Fall Fundraiser*

## The Haberman Family The Solomon Family

Anonymous  
The Roberts Family  
Gillian & Simon Salama-Caro  
Madelene & Stan Towne

Karen & Jack Daar

Alan & Fiona Amiel | Lewis Bateman  
The Bengualid Goldstein Family  
The Lustig Family | The Nathan Family

Joanne & Yaacov Ben-Avi | Esme & Roger Berg  
Henry & Rose G. Edinger  
Raynes Friedman Family | Jadranka & Roberto Salama  
Carla & Jonah Schein  
Alene Schneierson & Morris Krimolovsky  
William & Esther Schulder | Maimon Schwarzschild  
Seligson Family | Suchu & Meyer Solny  
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Heydi Anderson | Lucienne Carasso Bulow  
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Sherizen Family





**PROGRAMMING NOTE**

Programs are subject to change. For the latest updates, we encourage you to follow our weekly emails. If you have not yet signed up, you may do so at [shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists](http://shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists).



# HOLIDAYS

## HANUKKAH

### PRE-HANUKKAH LECTURE SERIES

#### *Four-Part Shabbat Series*

**December 3 morning | December 10 morning  
December 17 afternoon | December 24 morning**

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Leading up to the Festival of Lights, Rabbi Soloveichik will guide us through the themes of the holiday with his characteristically unique approach. To sponsor the entire series or a session go to [shearithisrael.org/hanukkah-series5783](http://shearithisrael.org/hanukkah-series5783)

### NEW MEMBERS HANUKKAH GATHERING

#### *By Invitation*

**Tuesday Evening, December 20  
Hosted by Rabbi and Layalza Soloveichik**

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. After an unavoidable 3-year hiatus, our Hanukkah gathering at the Soloveichik home is 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.

### HANUKKAH CONCERT WITH YONINA

#### *In partnership with the UJA-Federation*

**Tuesday, December 20 | 7:00 pm  
Park East Synagogue**

*Yonina* is an Israeli-American couple who started sharing music through weekly home videos on social media. Their music has now reached millions of viewers around the world, and now they're coming to our neighborhood to enhance our Hanukkah celebration! Shearith Israel is a proud official Community Partner.

## YOUTH HANUKKAH GLOWFEST

**Sunday, December 25 | 4:00 pm**

CSI Youth and families are invited to a Hanukkah celebration led by Gabi and Raph, featuring crafts, treats, music, and our S&P Hanukkah specialty: waffles!

## TU B'SHEBAT

### THE FRUITED SONG

#### *A Tu B'Shebat Lecture and Sample Dishes with Rabbi Ira Rohde*

**Sunday, February 5 | 7:30 pm**

Continuing his study of fruits in Hebrew poetry in honor of Tu B'Shebat, Rabbi Rohde will be discussing fruits and other Biblical flora mentioned in the *Song of Songs*, and what these allusions signify. Join him this year as he examines "The Fruited Song." At that time, Rabbi Rohde will present samples of some of the mentioned fruits and sample dishes made from them.

## PURIM

### PRE-PURIM LECTURE SERIES

**Dates TBA  
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

This series is sure to enhance your Purim experience, so stay tuned for more details.

## SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL 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. Stay tuned for more information about how to participate.

### PURIM YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, February 26 and Monday, March 6**

Before Purim, our kids will make *mishloah manot* for lone soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces. On Purim night, Gabi and Raph will lead activities that are sure to keep our CSI Youth engrossed in the Purim story while the adults participate in our traditional dignified *megillah* reading. Stay tuned for details.

### PURIM COMMUNITY DINNER

**Purim Evening, Monday, March 6  
Following *Megillah* Reading**

Following the reading of the *megillah*, registered guests are invited to a festive family-style meal in Levy Auditorium. This year's Purim Dinner will be catered once again by Sherry Herring, the Upper West Side outpost of the famed Tel Aviv hotspot. Registration details to follow.

### WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READING

**Purim Morning, Tuesday, March 7**

Women are encouraged to join our unique women's reading, now in its 34th year. We welcome participation from all the women and post-Bat Mitzvah girls of our community. 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](mailto:lirohde-csi@yahoo.com).



Shearith Israel has several communal organizations through which members can meet each other and pursue community service projects, as well as social and educational opportunities. New participants and ideas are always welcome!

## YOUNG FAMILIES

Shearith Israel attracts a dynamic group of young families. Our Young Families group is designed to help these members connect with each other and feel at home at Shearith Israel through shabbat luncheons and other family-friendly events and get-togethers.

To get involved, contact youth@shearithisrael.org.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (SINGLES AND COUPLES IN THEIR 20s AND 30s)

We welcome our newest community group: Shearith Israel Young Professionals. Led by our longstanding members Devorah Goldstein, Isaac Haberman, Daniel de Sola Marks, and Ariel Bengio, the group puts together events catering to young professionals and couples in their 20s and 30s as a way to transmit Jewish values and Shearith Israel's uniquely beautiful traditions while meeting people and, of course, having a good time.

To learn more, get involved, or join Shearith Israel's Young Professionals WhatsApp group, contact yp@shearithisrael.org.

## CARING CONNECTION

*Caring Connection* trains community members as sensitive volunteers to proactively help others through times of need, one of Judaism's greatest mitzvot. Not only does this vital assistance greatly aid the individual, it also strengthens and unifies our community and enhances our sense of responsibility for one another. *Caring Connection* also facilitates events like our annual *Smash the Stigma* series on mental health awareness, and organizes visits to hospitalized congregants on Shabbat.

To become a *bikur holim* visitor, or get involved in other ways, contact caringconnection@shearithisrael.org.

## SISTERHOOD

Founded in 1896, the Sisterhood is a separate non-profit entity that has a number of communal responsibilities, including *Mishloach Manot*, decoration and running of our renowned Elias Room Succah, and beautification of the Main Sanctuary during Shabuot. It is also responsible for maintenance of the Little Synagogue and the Torah mantles, and has hosted the popular virtual Sunday Matinee series. The Sisterhood supports many charitable organizations in New York and Israel.

To get involved, contact Sisterhood President Carla Salomon Schein at scheinc6@gmail.com.

## HEBRA HASED VA'AMET

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. Members of the *Hebra* perform *taharah*, and provide support for mourners during *shibah*, including the Mourner's Meal. The *Hebra* also hosts occasional communal events, including film screenings and cemetery tours.

To get involved, contact Rose Guedalia Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com.

## THE SHEARITH ISRAEL LEAGUE

The Shearith Israel League, founded in 1919, is a social, cultural and educational organization that hosts events for the community throughout the year. Some of the highlights are lectures by writers and scholars related to our Sephardic heritage, game night, square dancing, a yearly blood drive and an annual dinner-dance. We are eager for new members and new leaders. We invite all who might be interested to attend one of our warm and welcoming meetings or events.

To get involved, contact Lucienne Bulow at lucienne.bulow@verizon.net.

## TOURO SYNAGOGUE AFFILIATES

The Touro Synagogue is a precious part of American Jewish history and is core to Shearith Israel's identity. Similarly, the worshipers at the Touro Synagogue are valued members of the greater Shearith Israel community. In order to maintain interaction and integration with that segment of our community, we offer worshipers at the Touro Synagogue a special membership category called "Touro Synagogue Affiliate."

To learn more, contact Barbara Reiss at breiss@shearithisrael.org.

## RETROSPECTIVE: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUCCOT MIXER

by Isaac Haberman  
member of Shearith Israel's  
Young Professionals

While the beauty of the succah structure can be seen through its ornamentation and decoration, it is not realized until it is filled with participants. The atmosphere produced by celebrants, through conversation and camaraderie give a succah its true purpose.

In that spirit, Young Professionals hosted a Succot Mixer on the first night of Hol HaMoed. Thirty-five young professionals immersed themselves in an environment of natural elegance, potent potables, and good cheer. A professional mixologist, Jazz Age Cocktails, led our participants in mixing a cinnamon maple Whiskey Sour and an apple cider Moscow Mule. To balance this potency of the spirits, our participants snacked on platters of sushi, served in the Elias Room Succah.

With minimal programming, participants could savor conversations with old friends and new acquaintances and delight in our unique retractable roof. The spirit of the event enticed other congregants to peek in and inquire about the revelry.

We'd love to see you at our upcoming Hanukkah Rehearsal Mixer on December 15. Register at [tinyurl.com/yp-hanukkah](http://tinyurl.com/yp-hanukkah).





## SPECIAL EVENTS

### CHATHAM SQUARE CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY

*Sponsored by the Hebra Hased vaAmet*

**December 4 | 10:00 am**

Help us remove weeds and other dead plant material, trim bushes and branches, clear the walkway, add gravel, and other minor work to clean up this historic cemetery. Come in your work clothes; we supply the rest. Sign up at [shearithisrael.org/events/cemetery-cleanup5783](https://shearithisrael.org/events/cemetery-cleanup5783).

### PARENT-CHILD LEARNING

*Led by our capable clergy and learned parents*

**Monthly on Saturday Nights  
Follow CSI Youth emails for dates and details**

Learning! Pizza! Sushi! S'mores! Quality time with Shearith Israel clergy! Special sessions led by creative parents! What more could you ask for? Stay tuned for each session's registration and sponsorship opportunities.

### 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.

**For more information go to [shearithisrael.org/about/host-your-event/](https://shearithisrael.org/about/host-your-event/)**

**To inquire, please contact Sarah Gross by email at [sgross@shearithisrael.org](mailto:sgross@shearithisrael.org) or by phone at 212-873-0300 x 230.**

### SISTERHOOD SUNDAY MATINEE FILM FESTIVAL

*Sponsored by the Sisterhood  
of Congregation Shearith Israel*

**Upcoming discussion sessions:  
December 11 and January 8 | 4:00 pm**

Presenting our own mini Israeli film festival, with the next two sessions in December and January, each film can be viewed at your leisure. Then we come together on Zoom at the scheduled time to discuss the featured film with our host, Emanuel Cohn, a prominent Israeli film lecturer, actor, and screenwriter. The discussion will include peeks behind the scenes and in-depth conversation as we explore the relationship between history, culture, and identity in each film. Register at [shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-film-fest](https://shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-film-fest).

A link will be sent to you to watch the film, a week before the appointed date, together with a second link to join the Sunday discussion on Zoom.

### UPCOMING FILMS:

#### *My Father My Lord*

**Sunday, December 11 | 4:00 pm  
Starring: Assi Dayan and Ilan Griff**

The leader of a small ultra-orthodox community in Tel Aviv is very well respected for his inflexible doctrine, but it's beginning to cause conflict with his young son who is fascinated by the natural world, and can't understand the reasons for shooing a mother bird from her nest and other laws.

#### *The Little Dictator*

**Sunday, January 8 | 4:00 pm  
Starring: Emanuel Cohn, Iris Penn, and Ruth Geller**

A history professor, Yossi Kleinmann, an expert on the political leaders of totalitarian regimes, feels unappreciated both by his students and his domineering wife. At the 90th birthday party of his wife's grandmother, a Holocaust survivor, Yossi finds himself in an unexpected situation that forces him to face up to history, to his family, and to himself.

### AT THE CROSSROADS OF SEFARAD: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE CRYPTO-JEWS

**Levy Auditorium | Ongoing  
Guided tour led by Warren Klein  
Date TBA**

Created by ANU – Museum of the Jewish People, in partnership with the Jewish Heritage Alliance, this exhibit explores the history of the Sephardic Jews on the Iberian Peninsula, their prosperity and growth under different governments, and their eventual expulsion starting in 1492. After this exodus, Jewish people found ways to survive by migrating to the New World and Europe, or converting and practicing Judaism in secret, becoming known as Crypto-Jews. Even many years and generations after the expulsion, Crypto-Jews continued to covertly keep their Jewish traditions alive. Many kept Shabbat or didn't eat pork, even when they had no context as to why. Some groups of Crypto-Jews were so removed from the outside Jewish community that they thought they were the last Jewish people on earth.

With over 50 panels and striking visual elements, it was most recently on exhibit at the Temple Emanu-El Bernard Museum of Judaica and can now be viewed at Shearith Israel, the natural home for this exhibit.

This exhibit can be viewed whenever you spend time in the Levy Auditorium, such as during Shabbat *kiddushim*. Join us for a special guided tour of the exhibit by Warren Klein, curator of the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica at Temple Emanu-El.

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*Led by Rabbi Soloviechik*

Sunday, January 29

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## A COMMUNITY SHABBAT SHIRA DINNER WITH MAGEVET, YALE'S ACAPELLA GROUP

Friday Evening, February 3  
Following Evening Services and  
Friday Night Lights

What better way to enjoy Shabbat Shira than with *shira*, song? Following our Friday evening services – always musically exquisite – registered guests will enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner enhanced by a musical performance by *Magevet*, Yale University's Jewish, Hebrew, and Israeli acapella group. A co-ed ensemble, comprised of talented undergraduate students at Yale University, *Magevet* is known for its sweet blend of voices, unique arrangements, and lighthearted sense of humor, and is one of the nation's premiere Jewish acapella singing groups.



## WILDLIFE RESCUE WORKSHOP

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## VIP GUIDED TOUR OF THE EMMA LAZARUS EXHIBIT

*Led by Rabbi Soloviechik*

Sunday, February 12  
Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th St.

Join Rabbi Soloveichik on an exclusive tour of the Emma Lazarus exhibit at the American Jewish Historical Society (located at the Center for Jewish History). *The Emma Lazarus Project* at the AJHS explores the story of Emma Lazarus, a fifth-generation Spanish & Portuguese American Jew caught in an important turning point in American and Jewish history. The initiative—including an exhibit that recreates Emma's full sitting room in painstaking historical detail—uses primary sources straight from the archive to encourage viewers to piece together Emma's fascinating story, and to join the ongoing conversation about American identity. Experience this exhibit as only Rabbi Soloveichik can ensure, plus, our VIP group will be shown a sampling of artifacts from Shearith Israel's Lyons' Collection. Details and registration to follow.

## PRE-PESAH VIP GUIDED TOUR OF EGYPTIAN ART AT THE MET

*Led by Rabbi Soloviechik*

March 2023 | Date TBA  
Metropolitan Museum of Art

Rabbi Soloveichik will lead a one-of-a-kind tour for a limited number of Shearith Israel VIPs as a special pre-Pesah treat. The Met collection of ancient Egyptian art consists of approximately 26,000 objects of artistic, historical, and cultural importance, dating from the Paleolithic to the Roman period (ca. 300,000 B.C.–A.D. 4th century). More than half of the collection is derived from the Museum's thirty-five years of archaeological work in Egypt, initiated in 1906 in response to increasing Western interest in the culture of ancient Egypt. Details and registration to follow.





# WEEKLY JEWISH EDUCATION



Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander



Rev. Z. Edinger



Rabbi Ira Rohde

## 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](mailto: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: BOOKS OF PROPHETS

**Sunday - Thursday Mornings**  
**Led by Rev. Z. Edinger & Rabbi Ira Rohde**

**Via Zoom | To receive the link, email Z. at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto: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 Later Prophets. All are welcome; just contact Z. Edinger.

## "A RANDOM WALK DOWN MILL STREET"

**Wednesdays | 8:00 pm | Rev. Z. Edinger**  
**On Zoom | Refer to 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](http://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.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

**2022-2023 season sponsored by the Julis-Rabinowitz family**

**Fridays | Following Evening Services**  
**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

There is no better way to transition from the workweek 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](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsor-a-class).

## SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH PROGRAM

**Saturdays | 10:00 am | Gabi and Raph**

On Shabbat, we believe our children should learn to pray, develop a deeper appreciation for Jewish learning, and have fun with their peers. For more details on our Shabbat Youth Program, see our Youth section on page 22.

## SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS

**Saturdays | 45 minutes before Mincha**  
**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Fill your Shabbat afternoon with Torah from Rabbi Soloveichik, and stay for evening services for the complete Shabbat experience. To sponsor a session, go to [shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsor-class).







Yoetzel Halakha, Ellin Cooper

## YOETZET HALAKHA

We are proud to be a co-sponsor of the Manhattan Yoetzel Halacha Initiative in order to make this essential service available to the Jewish community of Manhattan. If you have any questions regarding Taharat Hamishpakha (Jewish Family Law) laws of Niddah, sexuality, and women's health, please contact our Yoetzel Halakha, Ellin Cooper, at (646) 598-1080 or [nycyoetzel@gmail.com](mailto:nycyoetzel@gmail.com).

Ellin (Mitchell) Cooper graduated from Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center's U.S. Yoetzel Halacha Fellows Program in 2021. She received her B.A. in Physics from Barnard College and is a graduate of GPATS (Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies for Women) at Yeshiva University. She was born on the Upper West Side and now resides there with husband Jeremy and son Ariel. They look forward to getting to know members of the broader Manhattan community.

# WOMEN AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

## SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL 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. Stay tuned for more information about how to participate.

## WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READING

**Purim Morning, Tuesday, March 7**

Women are encouraged to join our unique women's reading, now in its 34th year. We welcome participation from all the women and post-Bat Mitzvah girls of our community. 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](mailto:lirohde-csi@yahoo.com).

## 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](mailto: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.



## YOUTH HANUKKAH GLOWFEST

**Sunday, December 25 | 4:00 pm**

CSI Youth and families are invited to a Hanukkah celebration led by Gabi and Raph, featuring crafts, treats, music, and our S&P Hanukkah specialty: waffles!

## PARENT-CHILD LEARNING

*Led by our capable clergy and learned parents*

**Monthly on Saturday Nights**

**Follow CSI Youth emails for dates and details**

Learning! Pizza! Sushi! S'mores! Quality time with Shearith Israel clergy! Special sessions led by creative parents! What more could you ask for? Stay tuned for each session's registration and sponsorship opportunities.

# YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

## MISHLOAH MANOT FOR LONE SOLDIERS

*Led by Gabi and Raph, for CSI Youth*

**Sunday, February 26 | 11:00 am**

Fulfill the mitzvah of *mishloah manot* in an especially meaningful way by helping assemble packages for lone soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces. Details to follow.

## PURIM YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Purim Evening, Monday, March 6**

On Purim night, Gabi and Raph will lead activities that are sure to keep our CSI Youth engrossed in the Purim story while the adults participate in our traditional dignified *megillah* reading. Stay tuned for details.

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## SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH PROGRAM

*Led by Gabi and Raph, and our Teen Leaders*

**Tot Shabbat and Youth Groups**  
**10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room**

**Junior Congregation**  
**10:30 am | Small Synagogue**

On Shabbat, we believe our children should learn to pray, develop fluency in our liturgy and traditions, grow in their appreciation for Jewish learning, form bonds with role models, and have fun with their Synagogue peers. Our Shabbat Youth Program, beginning at 10:00 am on Shabbat, is led by our Youth Directors, Gabi and Raph, and teen leaders. Tot and grade school children gather in the Fidanque Youth Room for a fun curriculum 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 Jr. Congregation services.

## PTTS TUTORING

Shearith Israel's distinguished Polonies Talmud Torah School (PTTS) 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](https://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](https://shearithisrael.shulcloud.com/forms/ptts-donation).**



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## AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL



**ABOVE:** At our 8th annual interfaith Pack-A-Thon, over 200 volunteers packed 1,800 food packages for families in need, and we raised over \$20,000, exceeding our goal of \$18,000! To try the recipe included in this year's packages, see page 31.

Front row: Lynne Mold-Haynes (West End Church), Rabbi Laufer (Jewish Center), Back Row: Alex Rapaport (Masbia), Rabbi Levine (Jewish Center), Colin Cropper (LDS), Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Bonnie Barest, and Lou Solomon (all of Shearith Israel).



B

**A. CSI's *Young Professionals* premiered over Succot with a Hol HaMoed mixer in our Elias Room Succah. Read the full retrospective by Isaac Haberman on page 13.**

**B. Author Nina Wachsman and Shearith Israel trustee David Sable led a lively and informative discussion about Nina's historical fiction novel, *The Gallery of Beauties*.**





# SERVICES

## SHABBAT SERVICES

### *December 2-3 - Shabbat Vayetse*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Habdala.....	4:56 pm

### *December 9-10 - Shabbat Vayishlah*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:05 pm
Habdala.....	4:55 pm

### *December 16-17 - Shabbat Vayesheb*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:12 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:15 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Bat Mitzvah.....	Ruth Sherizen
Minha & Arbit.....	4:10 pm
Habdala.....	4:57 pm

### *December 23-24*

#### *Shabbat Mikkets-Rosh Hodesh-Hanukkah*

Candles (Shabbat & 6 Hanukkah) .....	4:15 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:00 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:45 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:10 pm
Habdala & 7 Hanukkah Candles .....	5:00 pm

### *December 30-31 - Shabbat Vayiggash*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:20 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:30 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:10 pm
Habdala.....	5:05 pm

### *January 6-7 - Shabbat Vayhi*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:26 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:30 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:20 pm
Habdala.....	5:12 pm

### *January 13-14 - Shabbat Shemoth*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:33 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:30 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:25 pm
Habdala.....	5:19 pm

### *January 20-21 - Shabbat Vaera*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:45 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	4:45 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:35 pm
Habdala.....	5:28 pm

### *January 27-28 - Shabbat Bo*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:49 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:00 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:45 pm
Habdala.....	5:37 pm

### *February 3-4 - Shabbat Beshalah-Shira*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	4:58 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:00 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:50 pm
Habdala.....	5:46 pm

**Shabbat Shira** takes its name from the “Song (Heb. ‘Shirah’) of the Sea,” chanted in the middle of the narrative of the crossing of the Red Sea, the text of the Parashat Beshallah Torah Reading.

### *February 10-11 - Shabbat Yithro*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:07 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:15 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	5:00 pm
Habdala.....	5:56 pm

**Shabbat Yithro’s** Torah reading begins with the story of Moses being joined by his father-in-law Jethro (Heb. “Yithro”) after the defeat of the Egyptians at the Red Sea, and is noteworthy for the encampment at the foot of Sinai and the Ten Commandments, which follow.

### *February 17-18*

#### *Shabbat Mishpatim-Shekalim*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:15 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:15 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	5:10 pm
Habdala.....	6:05 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 day of the twelfth month (Adar). Exodus 30:11-16 was added as a reminder on the Sabbath preceding. This is the first of four Sabbaths before Passover with additional Torah readings and special haftarat.

### *February 24-25 - Shabbat Terumah*

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:23 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:30 pm
Zemiroth .....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	5:20 pm
Habdala.....	6:14 pm

### PLEASE NOTE:

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Follow our emails to get the latest  
schedules: [shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists](https://shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists).

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March 3-4 - Shabbat Tetsavveh-Zakhor

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:31 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	5:30 pm
Zemirot.....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:35 am
Minha & Arbit.....	5:30 pm
Habdala.....	6:23 pm

**Shabbat Zakhor/Mi Khamokha**, is the Sabbath preceding Purim. Judah HaLevy’s poem, “Mi Khamokha” is read Saturday at 9:00 am. Deut. 25:17-19, beginning “Zakhor ‘Remember [Amalek],” is added to the regular Parashah reading. Haman was presumed a descendant of the tribe of Amalek, the first “annihilators” of Israel.

March 10-11 - Shabbat Ki Tissa-Parah

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	5:39 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:30 pm
Zemirot.....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	5:35 pm
Habdala.....	6:32 pm

**Shabbat Parah:** In preparation for the eating of the Paschal lamb, proper steps were taken to be ritually clean. Hence we add the reading from Numbers 19, the law concerning the ashes of the Red Heifer [Heb. “Parah Adumah”].

*Move Clocks Ahead Saturday Night!*

March 17-18

Shabbat Vayaqhel-Pequde-HaHodesh	
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	6:47 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	6:45 pm
Zemirot.....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:20 am
Minha & Arbit.....	6:45 pm
Habdala.....	7:40 pm

**Shabbat HaHodesh** derives its name from the special reading of the Torah, Exodus 12:1-20. This is the “portion about the month” referring to the special consecration of Nisan, the month of Passover.

March 24-25 - Shabbat Vayikra

Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	6:54 pm
Friday Evening Services.....	7:00 pm
Zemirot.....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	6:50 pm
Habdala.....	7:48 pm

March 31-April 1  
Shabbat Tsav-HaGadol  
2nd Mill St. Synagogue Consecration  
Anniversary (1818)

Friday Evening Services.....	7:00 pm
Candles (18 min. before sunset).....	7:02 pm
Zemirot.....	8:15 am
Shahrit.....	9:00-11:15 am
Minha & Arbit.....	7:00 pm
Habdala.....	7:57 pm

**Shabbat HaGadol** is the designation for the Sabbath just preceding Passover, the occasion marked by the address of a “great” sage concerning the upcoming Passover Festival. Shearith Israel also observes on this Shabbat the anniversary of the consecration of its 2nd Mill St. Synagogue Building, which was completed before Passover in 1818.

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings

Sunday Shahrit.....	8:05 am
Monday-Friday Shahrit.....	7:05 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday

Minha & Arbit

December 1- 29.....	4:15 pm
December 25-29.....	4:25 pm
January 1-12.....	4:30 pm
January 15-26.....	4:45 pm
Jan. 28-Feb. 3.....	5:00 pm
February 5-9.....	5:10 pm
February 12- 23.....	5:20 pm
Feb. 26-Mar. 2.....	5:35 pm
March 5-9.....	5:45 pm
March 1.....	5:30 pm
March 12-June 1.....	6:30 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

Hanukkah Holiday (Eight Days)

Sun. Eve, Dec. 18 & Mon., Dec.19  
through Monday, Dec. 26:

(Following Daily & Legal Holiday Schedule)

Mornings:

Mon. Dec. 19 - Fri. Dec. 23.....	7:05 am
Sunday & Monday, Dec. 25 & 26.....	8:05 pm

Evenings (Minha & Arbit):

Sun. Dec. 18 - Sun. Dec. 25.....	4:15 pm
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Hanukkah Candle Lighting

Sun-Thu Dec 18-22 & Sun Dec 25

Sun.-Tue. Dec. 18-20.....	after 4:31 pm
Wed. & Thu. Dec. 21-22.....	after 4:32 pm
Sun., Dec. 25.....	after 4:34 pm

Rosh Hodesh Tebeth (Two-Day) and  
Sixth & Seventh Days of Hanukkah

Friday Evening, December 23 through

Saturday and Sunday, December 24 & 25:

Services Follow Shabbat & Sunday Schedules

Shabbat-Rosh Hodesh-Hanukkah Candle Lighting

Friday: 6 Hanukkah+Shabbat Candles.....	4:15 pm
Sat.: Habdala+7 Hanukkah Candles.....	5:00 pm

Year-End & New Year Legal Holidays

Mon. Dec. 26th & Mon. Jan. 2nd

Morning Service.....	8:05 am
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Fast of Tebeth

Tuesday, January 3rd

Dawn (Fast Begins).....	6:08 am
Morning Service.....	7:05 am
Minha & Arbit.....	4:00 pm
End of Fast.....	5:00 pm

Martin Luther King Legal Holiday

Monday, January 16th

Morning Service.....	8:05 am
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Rosh Hodesh Shebat (One-Day)

Sunday Evening, January 22nd through  
Monday, January 23rd

(Follow Sunday & Weekday Schedule)

Hamisha Asar (Tu) B’Shebat

Sunday Evening , February 5th through  
Monday, February 6th

Presidents’ Day Legal Holiday

Monday, February 20th

Morning Service.....	8:05 am
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Rosh Hodesh Adar (Two-Day)

Monday Evening, February 20 through  
Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 21 & 22

(Follow Weekday Schedule)

PURIM HOLIDAY

Fast of Esther

Monday, March 6

Dawn (Fast Begins).....	5:11 am
Sunrise.....	6:23 am
Morning Service (Shahrit).....	7:05 am

Eve of Purim

Monday Evening, March 6

Minha (men wear tefillin).....	5:30 pm
Monday Sunset.....	5:53 pm
Arbit (Evening) Service.....	5:55 pm
Reading of Megillah.....	6:05 pm
End of Fast.....	6:14 pm
Late Reading of Megillah.....	8:00 pm

Purim Day

Tuesday, March 7th

Shahrit Service.....	7:30 am
Morning Reading of Megillah.....	8:00 am
Women’s Megillah Reading.....	8:00 am
Late Morning Reading of Megillah.....	11:00 am
Minha & Arbit Services.....	5:45 pm
End of Purim.....	6:15 pm



## Purim Shushan

Wednesday, March 8th

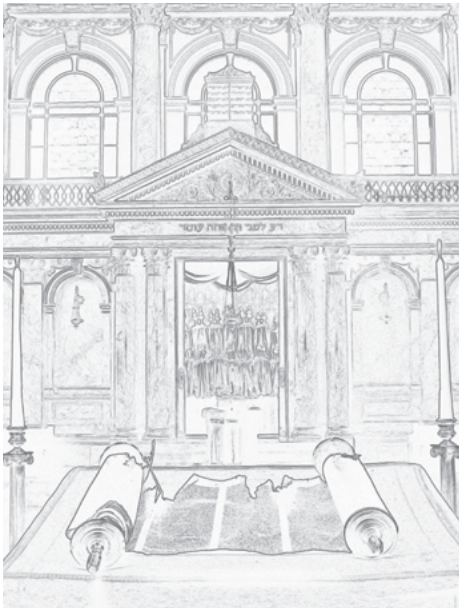
Morning (Shahrit) Service.....7:05 am  
Evening (Minha & Arbit) Services..... 5:45 pm

**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 5:30 service on Monday 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.

**Rosh Hodesh Nisan (One-Day)**  
**Wed. Eve, March 22-Thu., March 23**  
(For Services see Daily Schedule)



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.



### CLASS AND EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

Even more than before the pandemic, with the benefit of virtual technology, Shearith Israel has firmly established itself around the globe as a go-to destination for intellectual and spiritual stimulation. Help ensure our depth and reach by sponsoring a class or a lecture series, in person or virtual. Visit [shearithisrael.org/sponsor-a-class](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsor-a-class) to learn more.

### KIDDUSH FUND

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 a shared Shabbat spirit, and an opportunity for congregants to catch up and to welcome newcomers.

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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.

### 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 Families and our new Welcome and Hospitality committee, 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 - and more than ever - 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](http://shearithisrael.org/giving). Thank you for enabling the continuation and strengthening of our congregation's mission and legacy.*





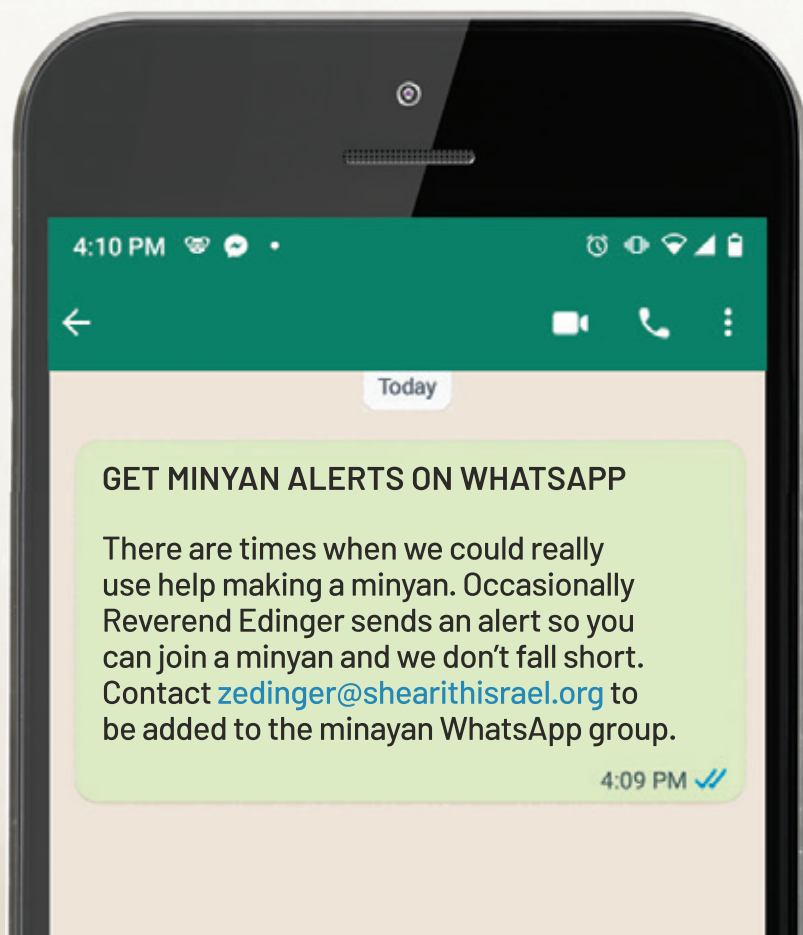


## BY EMAIL

Sign up for any or all of our email lists! In this time of social distancing, keeping up with our latest programming via email is the best way to be sure you won't miss anything! Visit [shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists](https://shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists).

## ON FACEBOOK

To learn about upcoming events and fascinating historical Shearith Israel tidbits, follow us at [www.facebook.com/shearithisrael.nyc](https://www.facebook.com/shearithisrael.nyc).



## PACK-A-THON EDITION

From our 8th annual Pack-A-Thon to our Youth Portico Parade Viewing, this year's Thanksgiving left us with so much to be thankful for. Together, over 200 volunteers packed 1,800 packages for families in need, and we raised over \$20,000, exceeding our goal of \$18,000.

This year, on the back of the cards that our youngest volunteers made for the Pack-A-Thon, we added a recipe featuring many of the ingredients included in our packages. Try it for yourself!



## VEGETARIAN BEAN STEW

a variation of the hearty Eastern European Jewish dish, Cholent

*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](mailto:tikvaostrega@gmail.com). In addition to the recipe or review, please include a short backstory describing yourself, your connection to Shearith Israel, and the food's significance to you.*

# CULINARY CORNER

## Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup red beans
- 1/2 cup white beans
- 1/2 cup chickpeas (garbanzo beans)
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 large onions, diced
- 1/2 cup barley
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 2 tablespoons onion or chicken soup powder
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes

## Instructions:

In a slow cooker, mix all ingredients together and cover with water.

Cover the pot tightly, and cook on high for several hours, or on low overnight.

Enjoy!







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