



February 2, 2023

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

From: Congregation Shearith Israel

Dear friends,

We hope this note finds you well. We wanted to inform you about an exciting program that we are offering the students of the Brown/RISD Hillel at the Touro Synagogue on Sunday, February 12. Rabbi Soloveichik will be giving a talk to the students entitled: "Emma Lazarus and the Light of Newport: A Poetry Slam". He will be leveraging the Touro Synagogue space and the Jewish Cemetery at Newport to bring his talk alive. After the presentation, the students will break out into discussion groups where they will process what they learned peer-to-peer. This is a student program and it is not open to adults (or other guests), however if any of our Touro Affiliates are keen on observing from the balcony along with the few Shearith Israel representatives who will be in attendance, please contact Barbara Reiss at breiss@shearithisrael.org so we can make arrangements.

We are also delighted that at least one Touro Affiliate family will be attending tomorrow night's Shabbat Shira community dinner at Shearith Israel featuring *Magevet*, Yale's Jewish a capella group. It is very gratifying to us when we hear from you, and better yet, when we spend time together.

Shabbat Shalom.