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To: Shearith Israel Touro Affiliates, Members and Friends of Congregation Ahavath Israel of Newport, and All Worshippers at the Touro Synagogue

From: Congregation Shearith Israel

Dear Friends,

We hope this note finds you well and enjoying the lively season in Newport. We wanted to inform you about an exciting and informative program that we, along with Congregation Ahavath Israel of Newport, will be participating in on Sunday afternoon, August 6, at the Newport Historical Society, specifically with you in mind.

The program will start at 2 PM with a lecture by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, senior rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel and acting rabbi of Congregation Ahavath Israel, entitled, *“Two Paintings at Yale, the Jewish History of Newport”*. Following the lecture, we will hold an Open Town Hall Session for those who are interested. This we are doing in conjunction with Congregation Ahavath Israel in response to several of you who have expressed interest in an opportunity to learn more about the newly re-formed Congregation Ahavath Israel, its partnership with Shearith Israel, and how this new partnership will benefit Touro Synagogue and its worshippers.

We hope to see many of you on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the lecture and Town Hall, and we encourage you to invite your friends and visitors to Newport to Rabbi Soloveichik’s lecture. It’s sure to be a treat.

Shabbat Shalom.