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ON THE COVER:

This Spring, we completed Phase 1 of our West 11th Street Cemetery Renewal Project. We look forward to celebrating this achievement with a congregational kiddush on September 9. To support Phase 2, please visit shearithisrael.org/giving/west-11th-cemetery.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



In his book, *Old Faith in a New World*, my predecessor Dr. David de Sola Pool applies the storm-tossed Jonah's famous description of himself to the 23 Jews whose trials at sea brought them to New Amsterdam. The Jews who founded our community arrived right before Rosh HaShana; they were so far away from the larger Jewish world, yet their religious identity remained intact, and they bore that identity in the New World. It is with this in mind that we can consider a wonderful story told by Boston Globe Columnist Jeff Jacoby about a Navy doctor serving in 1956 in the midst of the Cold War:

The young internist, an Orthodox Jew, was the medical officer on the USS Lindenwald, a dock landing ship in the Arctic Ocean charged with supplying the DEW Line – the far-flung Distant Early Warning network of radar stations built to detect incoming Soviet bombers in case of an attack...with Rosh Hashana just around the corner, Schimmel was wondering whether a few Jewish men could be moved in the other direction – enough to form a minyan, the first Rosh Hashana services ever in the Arctic Ocean. He approached the Lindenwald's executive officer, who without hesitating, said that Schimmel could count on the Navy's support, assuming there was no objection from the Army. So Schimmel went to the Army and he's never forgotten his response: "Done. Absolutely. I'll have the orders drawn up." By the afternoon of Erev Rosh Hashana a handful of Jewish troops from other Navy vessels in the Arctic were aboard the Lindenwald.

Thus did these Jews continue to proclaim Jonah's words in the midst of the sea, reflecting their faith while serving their country, and thereby paralleled the lives of America's earliest Jews. With the High Holidays upon us, we remember our communal story, and prepare to hear Jonah's clarion call, and resolve to make it our own.

Meir Y. Soloveichik

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS



Louis M. Solomon

INAUGURATING OUR *YEAR OF HOPE*

We are about to observe Rosh HaShana/Kippur 5784/2023-24. As a Congregation, we have been here for 369 years, if you count from Rosh HaShana 1654. It was then that 23 of our intrepid ancestors arrived here. Since then, they and countless other congregants have paved the way for each of the rest of us to enjoy the blessings and benefits of America now.

The number 369 is auspicious. When entering the Promised Land 40 years after the Exodus from Egypt, our even more ancient ancestors founded the community in Shiloh. There is evidence that a functioning Tabernacle reposed there, with a fairly full set of “Temple” services and rituals. In Shiloh, we as a people stayed, prayed, and made lots of good and bad decisions. Shiloh lasted for 369 years. It lasted until, as the Talmud teaches, Jews left Shiloh, where after another short stop or two, Jerusalem became the permanent home for our Temple.

The Talmud and our other writings do not speak with one voice on why Shiloh passed from

our collective consciousness after 369 years. Psalms (78:60-61) tells that the Almighty did not so much destroy Shiloh as “*abandoned the dwelling place*” there, *giving up* the Almighty’s strength to captivity. We are being taught, I think, that many great communities sometimes end, not with a bang, but with a whimper, to borrow the phrase from T.S. Eliot, *The Hollow Men*, 1925.

That cannot happen, and it will not happen, to us. We need to remain dedicated to the three pillars of our Congregation’s genesis: truth, charity, and justice. And we need to apply those fundamental tenets to the two modalities that must forever animate our Congregation: first, homage to our past, and second, ensuring a vital, vibrant future.

Rosh HaShana 5784, or 2023/24, inaugurates our Congregation’s *Year of Hope*. It is a year when we as a community will come together to strengthen both our homage to the past and our commitment to a vital, vibrant future.



Right after the High Holidays end, we will be celebrating all three pairs of our Myer Myers *rimonim*, our *Bells of Hope*, during a special *Shabbat of Hope*, Parashat Noah (October 20-21, 2023). In this Bulletin we have included some information about that special Shabbat, which will include a major lecture by Rabbi Soloveichik, and we will be advising you more of the special programming for that Shabbat in our forthcoming emails.

Following our *Shabbat of Hope*, we will be launching two initiatives, first a lecture series and second a Sanctuary Restoration Project, both of which will occur during the Fall, Winter, and Spring of 2023/24. If we can raise the money, we are planning on actually doing the necessary work on the Sanctuary next Summer.

During the lecture series, Rabbi Soloveichik will be addressing our two main themes of the year. With respect to the capital program, our Sanctuary has not had any major work done on it for close to 20 years. With congregant Ari

Sherizen, who has agreed to head the project operationally, your Trustees have determined that several major areas of our sacred space are in need of attention now. These include fixing weakening floor boards, replacing the tired and worn carpeting, and addressing several areas where our roofing, windows, and other parts of our physical plant are in need of concerted attention.

These initiatives will move us forward as a Congregation and as a community. We will not abandon our role as America’s first Jewish Congregation. We will not give up. We intend to remain vital and vibrant as an active and growing community into the future. Please stand with us in our efforts.

Shana Tova.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



Barbara Reiss and Bonnie Barest

MINYAN MATTERS... A LOT

You don't often hear from the Executive Directors about minyan. We mostly leave that in the very capable hands of our Sexton, Reverend Zachary Edinger. That is not to say that we do not care deeply about the strength of our minyan; we do. After all, minyan is the backbone of congregational life. However, current events have gotten us thinking about minyan—its importance and its fragility—more deeply lately.

This June, at the time of the trial, in his New York Times opinion piece entitled, "The Pittsburgh Gunman Didn't Just Kill 11 Jews. He Killed a Minyan," Mark Oppenheimer, religion scholar and journalist, and native Pittsburgher, pondered the heinousness of the Tree of Life massacre. The jury, as we all know, reached a guilty verdict after which they were tasked with deciding whether the terrorist should be sentenced to death. But the core of his essay, we believe, is:

The murder of any human being is infinitely terrible, but the murder of a Jew in synagogue has a special quality: It makes the tiny minority of Jews who show up for one another at worship — who make the minyan — even smaller. That loss has

unique ramifications, which may not be apparent to the nonobservant. We cannot say prayers for the dead without 10 present. We cannot get married. We cannot read from a Torah scroll. We can't do Judaism without 10 Jews.

Not only were 11 precious Jewish souls destroyed, but the three already struggling congregations that counted on these individuals to make a minyan all struggle to replace these minyan makers, and may not manage. These are tragedies compounded.

Pittsburgh was a tragedy. But no minyan should be taken for granted and perhaps Shearith Israel's minyan, one of the very few minyanim on the planet that continues to follow the Western Sephardic liturgy, deserves extra consideration. So please—whether you are male or female—come and strengthen our minyan. Come daily or come occasionally. Come on Rosh Hodesh. Come during the High Holiday season when we recite Selihot. Come in the morning and schmooze over breakfast. Come in the evening and enjoy Happy Hour on Thursdays. Be a Minyan-Maker. Minyan matters... and so do you.

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:

Aleksander Hansen
Mona & Stephen Klaber
Ellie Neustein & Elijah Kochin
Jerry Raymond

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tob to:

Rabbi Marc. D. Angel, upon being inducted into the Manhattan Jewish Historical Initiative's Manhattan Jewish Hall of Fame

Henri Bengualid, upon the birth of a great-grandson, Ely Jack Harary, born to Elana & Jack Harary

Lucy Bieler, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Rushie & Phil Bieler, brother Charlie, and the entire Bieler family

Asher Bourkoff, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to his parents, Elana & Aryeh Bourkoff, and his grandparents, Vivienne Roumani-Denn & Morton Denn

Kiki Bregman, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Anthony & Malaika Bregman, to her grandmother, Viviane Bregman, and to the entire family

Lila Bulow, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Harris and Heather Bulow, and to her grandmother, Lucienne Carasso Bulow

Alexander Daar, upon his marriage to Sofi Porter-Zasada. Congratulations as well to his parents, our Segan Karen & Jack Daar

Caryl Englander, upon her grandson, Lyon, becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Judy & Dr. Marty Grumet, upon the birth of a granddaughter, Aluma Hallel, born to their children, Avi & Leah Grumet, in Jerusalem

Rachel Neumark Herlands & Jonathan Herlands, upon the birth of a grandson, born to their children William Herlands & Natalia Emanuel. Mazal tob also to the big brothers Lincoln and Emanuel. Congratulations as well to great-grandfather Melvin Neumark, and the great aunt and great uncle Susan & Avery Neumark

Benjamin Herschman, upon being accepted to NASA's nationally competitive summer internship program

Juliana & Howard Levite, upon becoming grandparents with the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Danielle & Brett Levine

Aviva Roumani & Ethan Mackin, upon the birth of their first child, Ronan Joseph Mackin

Meredith Case & Aaron Nathan upon the birth of baby girl, Elena Leah Case. Melissa Rutman & Daniel Nathan upon the birth of a baby girl, Yael Lucy Nathan. Congratulations as well to grandparents, Rebecca Chaplan & David Nathan, and to great-grandmother, Ruth Nathan.

Naomi & Peter Neustadter, upon their grandson, Noah Goldstein, becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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Meralee and Sidney Schlusberg, upon the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Leora and Asher Schlusberg

Jana and Ari Schottenstein, upon the birth of a baby boy, Caleb

Ron Shoshany, upon the birth of a grandson, Asher James Schoenbart, born to his daughter, Talia Shoshany

Jessica Sion, daughter of Lina & Gilles Sion, upon her marriage to Josh Dobbin

Dov Zigler, upon the publication of his book, *Israel's Declaration of Independence: The History and Political Theory of the Nation's Founding Moment*, co-written with Neil Rogachevsky

HAZAKIM U'BERUKHIM

David Judah Edinger, upon performing the mitzvah of dressing the bells of the Torah for the first time

Elie Sasson, upon making a siyyum for his completion of Tractate Shabbat

Our Girls & Young Women's Book of Ruth readers: Laelah Aaron, Lael Blass, Jenny Blass, Lily Cohen, Yaara Kaplan, Dakota Lentnek, Hudson Lentnek, Hanna Minevich, Hella Sasson-Gelman, Ruth Sherizen, Neta Wiznia, Zahava Wiznia, and Sofia Zigler. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa & Rabbi Rohde for their coordination and training.

Our readers of this year's virtual Women's Shir HaShirim Reading in partnership with our sister synagogue, Mikveh Israel: Shoshana Goldfarb, Annette Gourgey, Barbara Haimowitz, Lisa Rohde, Daphna Vega, and Neta Wiznia. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Rohde for her coordination and training.

Graduates:

Eli Aaron, son of Penny & Mark Aaron, upon graduating from Abraham Joshua Heschel Lower School. He will attend Columbia Grammar School next year.

Valerie Bruckheimer, granddaughter of Carla & Jonah Schein, upon graduating from North Shore Hebrew Academy Elementary School. She will attend North Shore Hebrew Academy High School.

Naomi Freilich, daughter of Drs. Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, granddaughter of Estelle Freilich, upon graduating Summa Cum Laude from Harvard College, with a BA in Human Evolutionary Biology. She will begin an MD-PhD program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

Avi Friedman, son of Zoya Raynes & Naftali Friedman, grandson of Rima Raynes, upon graduating from Park East Day School. He will attend Yeshivat Frisch High School.

Natalie Kahn, daughter of Janegail & Jim Kahn, upon graduating from Harvard College with a degree in Economics. She will be beginning a new position at L.E.K. Consulting.

Matt Leonard, grandson of Sandy Rose, upon graduating from MIT with degrees in Computer Science, Economics, and Finance, where he also pitched for the MIT baseball team.

Olalla Levi, daughter of Amanda & Alex Levi, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School.

Louis Salomon Nahon, son of Francine Alfandary & Laurent Nahon, upon graduating from Bronx High School of Science. He will attend the University of Chicago.

Raphael Isaac Nahon, son of Francine Alfandary & Laurent Nahon, upon graduating from Bronx High School of Science. He will attend the University of Chicago.

Benjamin J. Nathan, son of Rebecca & David Nathan, upon graduating from NYU School of Law with a J.D.

Jonathan S. Nathan, son of Rebecca & David Nathan, upon graduating from the University of Cambridge, with a PhD in History.

Sam Neumark, son of Susan & Avery Neumark, upon graduating with two master degrees from the University of Southern California: a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the Marshall School of Business and a Masters in Real Estate Development (MRED) from the Price School of Public Policy.

Harlan Ben-Zion Reiss, son of Barbara & Guy Reiss, upon graduating from NYU, College of Arts and Science, with a BA in Philosophy and in Urban Planning. He will pursue a Masters Degree in Urban Planning at the University of Amsterdam.

Elie Sasson, son of Sharon & Rafe Sasson, upon graduating from Beit Rabban Day School. He will attend Yeshivat Frisch High School.

Ness Uzi Sasson-Gelman, son of Drs. Michael and Edie Joy Sasson-Gelman, upon graduating from Park East Day School (Middle School). He will attend high school at the Hebrew Academy of Miami.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Rae Beispel
Nancy Nahon

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Paul Beispel, Steven and Ina Beispel, and Elinor Franco, upon the passing of Rae Beispel

Henri Bengualid, upon the passing of his brother, Jacques Bengualid

Aura Bijou-Plotkin, upon the passing of her mother, Dorothy Goldberg

Elisheva Rothstein and Ira Kalfus, upon the passing of Elisheva's mother, Rhoda Rothstein

BEQUESTS *Please consider including Shearith Israel in your estate planning. For more information, please speak with our Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.*

IN APPRECIATION

Special thanks to:

The Shearith Israel Sisterhood, for their efforts in their annual Mishloah Manot distribution and the adornment of our Shabuot sanctuary with blossoms and greenery.

All our parents, teen leaders, and other volunteers who have pitched in to lead Youth Shabbat programming this year. Extra thanks to Ari Sherizen for coordinating with the volunteers and Marc Wiznia for developing a survey to guide future youth programming.

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Our volunteer docents who showcase our synagogue during public and private tours. This season's docents included Rev. Zachary Edinger, Sarah Gross, Rabbi Rohde, and Arthur Tenenholtz. If you are interested in becoming a docent, please contact Rev. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

All the sponsors of our Spring Fundraiser, Rabbi Soloveichik's Sanctuaries & Cities Lecture Series. Full listings can be found in the commemorative booklet produced for the event.

Friday Night Lights:

Season Sponsor:

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Barbara & Guy Reiss, in memory of Barbara's father, Moshe b. Gedalia Tepler

Shabbat HaGadol Derasha

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Contributors:

Meralee & Sidney Schlusberg

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Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabuot Lecture:

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Aura Bijou-Plotkin, in honor of Joseph Bijou

Rabbi Soloveichik's Three Weeks Lecture Series & Tisha B'Ab Lecture Sponsor:

Diana Newman & Isaac Corre, in memory of Rabbi Abraham Levy, spiritual leader of the British S&P Sephardi community

Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class:

Spring Semester Sponsor:

Scott Shay, in memory of his grandparents, Shmuel v'Nesiya & Aharon v'Sara

Summer Semester Sponsor:

Scott Shay, in memory of his father, Gutman b. Shmuel v'Nessiya

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Kiddush Sponsors:

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Kiddush Contributors:

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Family of Robert I. Shapiro, in his memory

Kiddush in memory of Mona Oppenheim and Ruth Hendricks Schulson (7th Day of Pesah):

Malka & Zachary Edinger

Ernest Grunebaum

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John Lewin

Josh Mendes

Juan Mesa-Freydell

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Avery Neumark

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Graduation Kiddush:

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Rima Raynes, in honor of Avi

Barbara & Guy Reiss, in honor of Harlan

Sharon & Rafe Sasson, in honor of Elie

Carla & Jonah Schein, in honor of Valerie

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

Patrons:

Arthur Tenenholtz and Joel Tenenholtz, in memory of their brother, Perry

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Nicole & David Cohen and Family
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Aura Bijou-Plotkin, in honor of Joseph Bijou and in memory of Dorothy Goldberg

Farewell Kiddush in honor of the Sasson-Gelman Family:

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Michael & Edie Sasson-Gelman, in honor of Rabbi Soloveichik, Rabbi & Mrs. Rohde, and the Shearith Israel leadership, with thanks

Supporters:

Naftali & Zoya Raynes Friedman
The Sherizen Family
Laury, Reuben, and Matea Frieber

Contributors:

The Edinger Family
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Wine, Scotch, & Gin Sponsors:

Anonymous, in honor of Rabbi Ira Rohde

Rushie and Phil Bieler, in honor of Lucy Lenka Bieler becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Suzanne Morad, in memory of Benjamin Said Morad

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.

HOLIDAYS

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.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

SHABBAT TESHUBA DERASHA

Shabbat, September 23

Following Morning Services

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

SUCCOT

LULAB AND ETROG ORDERS

Orders due before midnight, Sunday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 27 | 5:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, September 28 | 5:00-8:00 pm

Friday, September 29 | 8:00 am-12:00 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, sign up via our emails and/or website. For more details, see page 23.

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SNACK & SHIUR IN THE SUCCAH

Hol Hamoed Succot | Date TBA

Our new Rabbinic Intern, Baruch-Lev Kelman, is looking forward to spending some quality time with our young families over the Succot holiday at this laid-back and educational gathering.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HOL HAMOED MIXOLOGY MIXER

**Tuesday, October 3 | Time TBA
In the Succah**

Embrace the spirit of celebration and mingle with fellow Young Professionals at our Mixology Mixer inside our beautifully adorned Elias Room Succah during Hol Hamoed Succot, where delectable drinks, lively conversations, and festive vibes converge.

HOSHAANA RABBA MISHMARA

**Thursday Night, October 5
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.

HOSHAANA RABBAH SERVICES

**Friday Morning, October 6
6:30-11:00 am**

This unique service is less familiar to many than it ought to be. As on the Day of Atonement, the Ark, scrolls, pulpit, and reading desk are dressed in white. After Shahrit, Hallel, reading of Torah, and Musaf, seven Torah scrolls are then brought to the reader's desk. The Torah scrolls are held before the congregation while seven circuits (*hakafot*) are made in which the palm branch, willow, myrtle, and citron are borne around the synagogue by young and old. The shofar is blown after each circuit. This impressive and solemn service features many of the melodies of the high holiday season. When it is over, all are invited to the Succah for breakfast. Please join us for this unique and special service.

YOUTH HAKAFOT & CELEBRATION

Open to anyone who is accompanied by a child under 12

**Shabbat Afternoon, October 7
On Paved Paradise**

All CSI Youth are welcome to join in this popular annual celebration. 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 either in our succah on Paved Paradise or the Elias Room Succah. Watch our emails and our website (shearithisrael.org/meals-succah-5784) for more details and registration.

SIMHAT TORAH

ANNUAL SIMHAT TORAH KIDDUSH & ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday Night, October 7
On 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, visit shearithisrael.org/events/simhat-torah-ice-cream5784.

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

THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES, LECTURE, AND PARADE VIEWING

Thursday, November 23

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 *tahanunim* and a Thanksgiving-themed lecture by Rabbi Soloveichik. We invite the children of the congregation for parade viewing on the CPW Portico.

9TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PACK-A-THON

**Thursday, November 23 | 9:30 am
On 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 by MASBIA 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.

NEW MEMBER TOUR WITH Z. EDINGER

Thursday, September 7
Following Evening Services

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.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS POST-LABOR DAY BBQ

Open to singles and couples in their 20s and 30s

Thursday, September 7
On Paved Paradise | 7:30 pm

Join our YPs for delicious bites at our Young Professionals outdoor BBQ, where fresh connections and sizzling memories await under the sun on our Paved Paradise lawn.

SPECIAL KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF W. 11TH STREET CEMETERY RESTORATION

Shabbat, September 9
Following Services

We are proud to share the celebration of an important milestone: the completion of Phase 1 of the restoration of our second historic cemetery at West 11th Street (1805-2023). We invite the congregation to partake in a special kiddush in honor of this occasion.

To sponsor this kiddush, please go to shearithisrael.org/events/W11-kiddush.



Dr. Ohad Birk

A FUTURE OF HEALTH: SEPHARDIC GENETIC MEDICAL DISCOVERIES

with Dr. Ohad Birk of Soroka Medical Center in Be'ersheva

Wednesday, October 4 | Hol HaMoed Succot
In the Elias Room Succah

Different segments of society face unique medical concerns. Genetic diseases are one of the most striking examples of this. The Genetics Institute at Soroka is tackling these often life-threatening challenges head-on. Using best practice techniques in carrier testing, clinical and prenatal diagnosis, and genetic counseling, Soroka is making the Negev a healthier place to live for people from every walk of life.

Dr. Ohad Birk is the Head of the Genetics Institute, Soroka Medical Center, with the Morris Kahn Laboratory of Human Genetics, and Head of Israel's National Research Center for Rare/Orphan Diseases. He is a leading world figure in the field of Genetics, and has made important discoveries in Sephardic Genetics in particular.

Thank you to the Soroka Medical Center and our cosponsors: The American Sephardi Federation, The Moise Safra Center, The Sephardic Academy of Manhattan, Tribeca Synagogue, The Sephardic Minyan at KJ, The Sephardic Community Federation, and the Edmond Safra Synagogue

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

Sunday TBD | 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.

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HOW TO SAVE THE WORLD IN SIX (NOT SO EASY) STEPS: BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN NONPROFITS

*An Informative Book Event with
Author David Schizer*

Thursday, November 2 | 6:30 pm

A must-read for anyone who loves nonprofits but worries about inefficiency, infighting, and inertia, *How to Save the World in Six (Not So Easy) Steps* is the definitive guide to advancing the mission effectively and mobilizing support. Meet the author and learn from his wealth of experience in order to apply it to your work, or simply gain a greater appreciation of the complexities of the nonprofit world.

David M. Schizer is a twenty-five-year veteran of the nonprofit world. He became the youngest dean in Columbia Law School's history at age thirty-five and also served as the CEO of JDC, a humanitarian organization active in seventy countries with a \$365 million annual budget. Schizer has served on the board of a number of nonprofits and for-profit companies, including 92NY, the Ramaz School, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Feil Properties, SEACOR Holdings, and more. A member of the Columbia Law School faculty since 1998, Schizer is a leading scholar of nonprofits, tax, energy, and business law, as well as an award-winning teacher. He has taught at Yale, Harvard, Hebrew University, University of Tokyo, and other major universities around the world. Schizer also clerked for US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Court of Appeals Judge Alex Kozinski.

A COMMUNITY DINNER

*Featuring Rabbi Soloveichik
Discussing the Launch of his
New Book*

Friday Night | Date TBD
Following Evening Services

Join Rabbi Soloveichik for an enlightening discussion of his new book, *Providence and Power: Ten Portraits in Jewish Statesmanship*. In delving into the unique circumstances and predicaments faced by these ten iconic Jewish leaders, and into the characteristics that mark them and their statesmanship as specifically Jewish, attendees will also become familiar with what Jewish tradition has to say about the demands of statesmanship and, by inference, with the qualities needed by successful Jewish political leaders encountering the challenges of today and tomorrow.

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 11:00 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.

5784 ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Our 5784 fall fundraising season is punctuated by two special events:

Support Our *Hatanim* Celebration Shabbat Bereshit | October 14

Please join us as we bring our community together to honor two special Congregants at a festive Shabbat luncheon, an annual event that also serves as a critical fundraiser.

Support Our *Shabbat of Hope* Shabbat Noah | October 21

The 5784 season premiere of Rabbi Soloveichik's *Friday Night Lights* kicks off with a special talk inspired by our

symbols of hope, our three sets of Myer Myers *rimonim*. Admired by experts and collectors of American Judaica, these *rimonim* are all in ritual use at Shearith Israel during the High Holidays season soon after which they are reloaned to their temporary abodes at the New-York Historical Society, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and at the Touro Synagogue, respectively. Myer Myers was the preeminent Jewish silversmith of the colonial era, a congregant and Parnas (President) of Shearith Israel.

Shearith Israel does not have a *Kal Nidre* Appeal, but as much as we'd prefer not to ask for money, membership dues cover only around one quarter of our budget, not nearly enough to support all of our activities. Shearith Israel relies on the generosity of our members and friends to manage our financial responsibilities. Help us cover our operational expenses, and preserve the grandeur of our sanctuary, the harmonious voices of our choir, our spiritual learning and cultural programs, as well as our historical patrimony preserved in our archives, our four historic cemeteries and our priceless artifacts. Rabbi Soloveichik, our Board of Trustees, and all of us will be deeply grateful.

Please give as generously as your circumstances permit for one or both of these special fundraising events. All donors will be recognized on our website and in our bulletin.



SUPPORT OUR 5784 YEAR OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Immediately following our annual Fall Fundraiser, this year, we will also be kicking off a special **5784 Year of Hope Capital Campaign** for a Sanctuary Restoration Project. Our Sanctuary has not had any major work done on it for close to 20 years. With congregant Ari Sherizen, who has agreed to head the project operationally, your Trustees have determined that several major areas of our sacred space are in need of attention now. These include fixing weakening floor boards, replacing the tired and worn carpeting, and addressing several areas where our roofing, windows, and other parts of our physical plant are in need of concerted attention. If we are able to raise the money, we hope to begin work next Summer.

Please help us achieve these ambitious goals. Watch our emails for more details.

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. Through Shabbat luncheons, fun activities for kids, and other family-friendly events and get-togethers, members forge deeper bonds with each other and encourage newcomers and visitors to feel at home at Shearith Israel. To get involved, contact youth@shearithisrael.org.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (SINGLES AND COUPLES IN THEIR 20S AND 30S)

Led by our longstanding multi-generational members Ariel Bengio, Sam Freilich, Devorah Goldstein, Isaac Haberman, Hillel Neumark, and Daniel de Sola Marks, this group puts together events catering to singles 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 or homebound 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 as well as the maintenance of the Little Synagogue and the Torah mantles. The Sisterhood also sponsors social/cultural/educational activities such as their popular virtual Sunday Matinee series. In addition to its support of our Synagogue, the Sisterhood also supports many charitable organizations in New York and Israel. To get involved, contact Sisterhood President Carla Salomon Schein at scheinc6@gmail.com.

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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 kiddushim 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 or sponsors events for the community, including programs related to our Sephardic heritage. 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.

THE SHEARITH ISRAEL CHOIR

By Rev. Zachary Edinger

Since the middle of the 19th century, services at Shearith Israel have been enhanced by the participation of a choir. The choir is composed of professional male singers led by Mr. Adam Hyman. Its repertoire includes both composed art music as well as traditional plainchant and liturgical melodies arranged in four-part (TTBB) harmony. The choir's repertoire includes pieces composed by Jacques Fromental Halevy, Julius Mombach, Samuel Naumbourg, Salomone Rossi, Solomon Sulzer, and others. It also includes pieces composed by our own *hazzanim* and choirmasters such as Jacques Judah Lyons, Henry Pereira Mendes, Leon Kramer, and Leon Hyman. These pieces are virtually unknown outside of our own congregation, making our repertoire incredibly unique. You can learn more about our choir on our website: shearithisrael.org/prayer/choir.

Shearith Israel's choir sings on all holidays and most Shabbatot from just before Rosh HaShana until Shabu'ot. It also performs at weddings and other special occasions.

YOU CAN HEAR THE CHOIR ON:

September 8-9 (*Nitsabim*), 15-17 (*Rosh HaShana*), 22-23 (*Shabbat Teshuva*), 24-25 (*Kippur*), 29-30 (*Succot*)

October 1 (*Succot*), 6-8 (*Shemini `Atseret & Simhat Torah*), 13-14 (*Bereshit*), 20-21 (*Noah*), 27-28 (*Lekh Lekha*)

November 3-4 (*Vayera*), 17-18 (*Toledot*)

December 1-2 (*Vayishlah*), 8-9 (*Vayesheb - Hanukkah*), 15-16 (*Mikkets*)

THE CHOIR WILL NOT SING ON:

November 10-11 (*Haye Sarah*), 24-25 (*Vayetse*)

December 22-23 (*Vayigash*), 29-30 (*Vayehi*)



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AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL

- A. Rabbi Michel Abitbol expertly repairing one of our *sifre torah* scrolls
- B. Two of the brightest stars in klezmer music today, Jake Shulman-Ment and Pete Rushefsky, in concert on Paved Paradise in partnership with Dorot
- C. CSI Member, Ambassador David Adelman welcomed back congregational friend, HRH Dom Duarte Duke of Braganza, celebrating our shared Portuguese history
- D. Color guard at our annual Memorial Day ceremony at Chatham Square Cemetery
- E. This year's Smash The Stigma panelists (left to right): Matt Kudish (NAMI-NYC), Amy Danziger Tenenbaum, Rabbi Lauren Grabelle Herrmann, and Dr. Nava Siltan, generously shared their experience and expertise on the state of mental health and suicide awareness in the Jewish community.

WEEKLY JEWISH EDUCATION

MEDIEVAL JEWISH POETRY

Sundays | 8:45 am
Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

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

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 PROPHETS

Sunday-Thursday Mornings
8:30 am | Led by 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; just contact Z. Edinger.



"A RANDOM WALK DOWN MILL STREET"

Alternating Wednesdays
8:00 pm | Rev. Z. Edinger

On Zoom – Refer to our emails for the link

Every other Wednesday evening, Rev. Z. 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.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

2023-2024 season sponsored by the Julis-Rabinowitz family

Fridays | Following Evening Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

5784 Season Premiere on Friday, October 20
Shabbat Noah/ “Shabbat of Hope”

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.

SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH PROGRAM

Saturdays | 10:00 am

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 27.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS

Saturdays | 45 minutes before Mincha
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.



SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

Wednesday, September 27
5:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, September 28
5:00-8:00 pm

Friday, September 29
8:00 am-12:00 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, sign up via our emails and/or website.

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!

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.

YOETZET HALAKHA INITIATIVE

We are proud to be a co-sponsor of the Manhattan Yoetzet 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 Yoetzet Halakha, Ellin Cooper, at (646) 598-1080 or nycyoetzet@gmail.com.

Ellin (Mitchell) Cooper graduated from Nishmat’s Miriam Glaubach Center’s U.S. Yoetzot 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.

MEET & GREET WITH OUR YOETZET HALAKHA, ELLIN COOPER

Shabbat, October 28 | At Kiddush

Yoetzet Ellin Cooper looks forward to spending time with our community in a relaxed social setting. Come chat with Yoetzet Cooper and see for yourself what a delightful and valuable resource she is.

ONE-ON-ONE TOUR OF THE UWS MIKVAH

If you are interested in learning more about Taharat Hamishpakha, the laws of family purity, please contact Layaliza Soloveichik at 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.



One of our newest and most vibrant community groups, Shearith Israel's Young Professionals is led by a dedicated committee of our longstanding younger members: Ariel Bengio, Sam Freilich, Devorah Goldstein, Isaac Haberman, Hillel Neumark, and Daniel de Sola Marks. The group organizes unique events for singles 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.

Here's a preview of some of the upcoming events for young professionals planned for fall:

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

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

POST-LABOR DAY BBQ

Thursday, September 7
On Paved Paradise | 7:30 pm

HOL HAMOED MIXOLOGY MIXER

Tuesday, October 3
In the Succah

SHABBAT DINNER

October 27

HANUKKAH SHABBAT DINNER

December 8



YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL



YOUNG FAMILIES WELCOME BACK SHABBAT PICNIC

Shabbat, September 9
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 PAVED PARADISE SUCCAH DECORATING

(With Pizza!)

Wednesday, September 27
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 28
4:00 - 6:00 pm

This year, we will again have our Paved Paradise Succah. Bring your kids and help decorate this wonderful Succah. Enjoy delicious pizza while you decorate!

SNACK AND SHIUR IN THE SUCCAH

Succot | Date TBA

Our new Rabbinic Intern, Baruch-Lev Kelman, is looking forward to spending some quality time with our young families in our beautiful Paved Paradise Succah.

YOUTH HAKAFOT & SIMHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

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

Shabbat Afternoon | October 7
4:30 pm | On Paved Paradise

Young Families are invited to join our Youth Hakafot in what has become another wonderful Shearith Israel tradition. 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 23

Our Thanksgiving festivities always draw a big crowd, but some special opportunities are just for kids! Children get to watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade from our Portico, with a view that can't 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 13.

HANUKKAH FEST

Sunday, December 3 | 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Come get in the spirit for Hanukkah with Rabbi Rohde and his accordion, crafts, and of course, our delicious S&P Hanukkah waffles. Hanukkah alegre!

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YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL – continued –



Interested in supporting the PTTS Scholarship Fund?

This important program is highly subsidized and is made possible by our generous sponsors. Please donate at shearithisrael.shulcloud.com/forms/ptts-donation.



PTTS TUTORING PROGRAM

Shearith Israel's historic Polonies Talmud Torah School (PTTS), is now in its third year of 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 tutoring participants are also encouraged to take part in our youth programming, including:

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

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

SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH PROGRAM

Saturdays | 10:00 am

On Shabbat, we believe our children should learn to pray, develop a deeper appreciation for Jewish learning, and have fun with Synagogue peers. 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 Jr. Congregation services. Kids under 5? No problem – with adult supervision please.

YOUTH SOCCER AND GOLF ON PAVED PARADISE

Members, use our promo code "Shearith15" for a 15% discount!

Sundays and Afterschool | Beginning September 6
On Paved Paradise

Super Soccer Stars & Youth Athletes United in partnership with Congregation Shearith Israel is back for soccer and golf on our beautiful Paved Paradise lawn. Follow our emails to get links to the details.

PLANNING YOUR BAR OR BAT MITZVAH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

Our stunning, historic synagogue is a special place to celebrate your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Traditionally, a young man will read from the Torah on Shabbat morning, but can also read on Monday, Thursday, or Rosh Hodesh. Bat Mitzvah girls can mark this occasion in several ways, such as reading from the Torah in a special women's-only service or delivering a Debar Torah for the entire congregation following Shabbat morning services in the Main Sanctuary.

Training in Torah chanting can be arranged with our hazzan, Rabbi Ira Rohde. As ample time is often necessary for training and preparation, and to fully familiarize yourself with our minimum training and Judaic education requirements, we recommend parents reach out to ritual director Rev. Zachary Edinger at least one year in advance. Contact Z. at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.



SERVICES

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

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

	Parasha	Candle Lighting	Friday Evening	Afternoon Class	Shabbat Afternoon	Habdala	Notes
SEPTEMBER							
1-2	Ki Tabo	7:11 pm	7:00 pm	6:20 pm	7:05 pm	8:04 pm	
8-9	Nitsabim-Vayelekh	6:59	7:00	6:05	6:50	7:52	Consecration Anniversary (1860)
15-16	Rosh HaShana	6:47	6:30		6:30		See Holiday Schedule
22-23	Haazinu	6:36	6:30	5:45	6:30	7:26	Shabbat Teshuba
29-30	Sukkot	6:24	6:15		6:15		See Holiday Schedule
OCTOBER							
6-7	Shemini Atseret	6:12 pm	6:00 pm		6:00 pm		See Holiday Schedule
13-14	Bereshit	6:01	6:00	5:10	5:55	6:49	Shabbat Hatanim & Mahar Hodesh
20-21	Noah	5:51	6:00	5:00	5:45	6:38	
27-28	Lekh-Lekha	5:41	5:45	4:50	5:35	6:28	
NOVEMBER							
3-4	Vayera	5:32 pm	5:30 pm	4:40 pm	5:25 pm	6:18 pm	
10-11	Haye Sarah	4:25	4:30	3:30	4:15	5:10	
17-18	Toledot	4:19	4:30	3:30	4:15	5:04	
24-25	Vayetse	4:14	4:15	3:30	4:10	4:59	
DECEMBER							
1-2	Vayishlach	4:11 pm	4:15 pm	3:30 pm	4:10 pm	4:56 pm	
8-9	Vayesheb	4:11	4:00	3:30	4:05	4:55	Hanukkah
15-16	Miketz	4:12	4:15	3:30	4:05	4:56	
22-23	Vayyigash	4:14	3:45	3:30	4:10	4:59	
29-30	Vayehi	4:19	4:30	3:30	4:15	5:04	

Shabbat Morning Services: 8:15 am Zemirot / 9:00 am Sharhit

HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

Rosh HaShana-New Year 5784

Friday Eve, Sept. 15-Sunday, Sept. 17

EVE OF ROSH HASHANA Friday, September 15 PREPARATIONS

Special Morning Selihot Service..... 6:15 am
Shahrit Service..... 7:05 am
Candle Lighting6:47 pm
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....6:30 pm

DAY 1 ROSH HASHANA Saturday, September 16

Zemirot 7:45 am
Shahrit 8:35 am
Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah..... 9:45 am
Torah Reading & Haftarah 10:00 am
Offerings 10:40 am
'Et Sha'arei Ratson 10:50 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah..... 11:05 am
Musaf..... 11:20 am
Sermon following Musaf
Adon 'Olam & Conclusion..... 12:40-12:45 pm
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....6:30 pm
Candle Lightingafter 7:39 pm

DAY 2 ROSH HASHANA Sunday, September 17

Zemirot 7:45 am
Shahrit 8:35 am
Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah..... 9:40 am
Torah Reading & Haftarah 9:50 am
Offerings 10:25 am
'Et Sha'arei Ratson & Shofar 10:35 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah..... 10:55 am
Musaf..... 11:10 am
Sermon following Musaf
Adon 'Olam & Conclusion..... 12:25-12:30 pm
Shofar Service on Paved Paradise..... 12:45 pm
Minha, Arbit & Selihot.....6:30 pm
Habdala7:25 pm



Fast of Gedaliah

Monday, September 18

Fast Begins (Dawn) 5:25 am
Shahrit..... 7:05 am
Minha (with tefillin), Arbit & Selihot.....6:15 pm
End of Fast7:23 pm

Yom Kippur - Day of Atonement

EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

Sunday Evening, September 24

PREPARATIONS

Special Morning Selihot Service..... 7:15 am
Shahrit..... 8:05 am
Early Minha Service 1:30 pm

YOM KIPPUR EVENING

Candle Lightingbefore 6:32 pm
Kal Nidre Service.....6:15 pm
Fast begins before Sunday sunset, 6:50 pm
Sermon & Arbit Service 6:50-8:00 pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Monday, September 25

Zemirot 8:30 am
Shahrit..... 9:30 am
Torah Service and Offerings..... 11:00 am
Musaf..... 12:40 pm
Minha.....3:30 pm
Perpetual Hashcobot & Offerings.....5:30 pm
Sermon before Neilah6:10 pm
Neilah.....6:30 pm
Shofar, Arbit & Habdala.....7:21 pm

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FALL FESTIVALS 5784
Succot - Festival of Tabernacles
Friday Eve, Sept. 29-Friday, Oct. 6

First Two Days (Yom Tob)
EVE OF SUCCOT

Friday Evening, September 29

Candle Lighting6:24 pm
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....6:15 pm
Kiddush in Succahfollowing services

DAY 1 SUCCOT

Saturday, September 30

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service..... 9:50 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot 10:35-11:20 am
Kiddush in Succahfollowing services
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....6:15 pm
Candle Lightingafter 7:14 pm
Kiddush in Succahfollowing services

2nd DAY SUCCOT

Sunday Morning, October 1

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service..... 9:50 am
Musaf & Hoshaanot 10:30-11:20 am
Sermon & Conclusion following Musaf
Kiddush in Succahfollowing services
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....6:15 pm
Habdala, End of Yom Tob.....7:00 pm

Hol HaMoed Succot
Intermediate Days of Tabernacles
Monday-Thursday, October 2-5

Mornings

Shahrit, Musaf, & Hoshaanot..... 7:05 am
Breakfast in Succah.....following services

Evenings

Minha & Arbit Services6:15 pm

Hoshaana Rabba, Grand Hosanna
Seventh Day of Succot
EVE OF HOSHAANA RABBAH

Thursday Evening, October 5

Minha & Arbit Services6:15 pm
Mishmarah-Tikkun in Succah9:00 pm

HOSHAANA RABBAH DAY

Friday Morning, October 6

Zemirot, led by Avery E. Neumark..... 7:05 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 7:30 am
Torah Service..... 7:45 am
Musaf, Hoshaanot, Shofar..... 8:45 am
Service Conclusion..... 9:50 am
Breakfast in Succah.....following services

Shemini Hag Atseret
Eighth Day Convocation Festival
EVE OF SHEMINI HAG ATSERET

Friday Evening, October 6

Candle Lighting6:12 pm
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....6:00 pm
Kiddush in Succahfollowing services

SHEMINI HAG ATSERET DAY

Saturday Morning, October 7

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service..... 9:50 am
Musaf, Tikkun HaGeshem.....10:40-11:20 am
Sermon & Service Conclusion..... after Musaf
Kiddush in Succahfollowing services

Simhat Torah
End of Reading-Cycle Celebration

EVE OF SIMHAT TORAH

Saturday, October 7

Youth Hakafot.....3:30 pm
Minha & Arbit, with Tenu Shebaha6:00 pm
Candle Lightingafter 7:01 pm
Hakafot7:00 pm
Women's Hakafot (Little Synagogue).....7:00 pm
Ice Cream Extravaganza following Hakafot

SIMHAT TORAH DAY

Sunday Morning, October 8

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
Torah Service, with Hatanim Honors..... 9:50 am
Musaf..... 10:40 am
Service Conclusion..... following Musaf
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....6:00 pm
Habdala6:48 pm

Hanukkah Holiday

Thurs Evening, Dec 7-Friday, Dec 15

Hanukkah Morning Services:

Sunday..... 8:05 am
Monday-Friday..... 7:05 am
Shabbat..... 8:15 am

Candles	Date	Evening Services	Candle Lighting
1	Th Dec 7	4:20 pm	4:29 pm
2	Fr Dec 8	4:00 pm	by 4:11 pm
3	Sa Dec 9	4:05 pm	after 4:55 pm
4	Su Dec 10	4:20 pm	4:29 pm
5	Mo Dec 11	4:20 pm	4:29 pm
6	Tu Dec 12	4:20 pm	4:29 pm
7	We Dec 13	4:20 pm	4:29 pm
8	Th Dec 14	4:20 pm	4:29 pm

Fast of (Tenth of) Tebeth
(`Asarah beTebeth)
on the Eve of Shabbat

Friday, December 22

Dawn (Fast Begins) 6:21 am
Morning Service..... 7:05 am
Minha (with tefillin) & Shabbat Arbit.....3:45 pm
Candle Lighting4:14 pm
End of Fast at sunset, 4:32 pm

Legal Holidays

Labor Day Monday, September 4

Morning Service 8:05 am
Minha, Arbit & Selihot.....6:30 pm

Thanksgiving Day, Thurs, November 23

Shahrit & Thanksgiving Lecture 7:45am

Monday, December 25

Shahrit..... 8:05 am
Minha & Arbit.....4:25 pm

Monday, January 1

Shahrit..... 8:05 am
Minha & Arbit.....4:30 pm

ROSH HODESH DATES
(No service time changes)

Marheshvan (Two-Day)

Sat. Evening, Oct 14-Monday, Oct 16

Kislev (One-Day)

Monday Evening, Nov 13-Tuesday, Nov 14

Tebet (One-Day)

Hanukkah Day 6

Tuesday Evening, Dec 12-Wed Dec 13

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings:

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

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:

September

3-21 (Minha, Arbit & Selihot).....6:30 pm
26-28 (Minha & Arbit).....6:30 pm

October (Minha & Arbit)

2-126:15 pm
15-19.....6:00 pm
22-Nov. 25:45 pm

November (Minha & Arbit)

5-164:30 pm
19-23.....4:25 pm

December (Minha & Arbit)

Nov. 26-Dec. 214:20 pm
24-28.....4:25 pm
31-Jan. 4.....4:30 pm

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.



HELP STRENGTHEN OUR DAILY MINYAN

You'll be rewarded with breakfast, pizza, and good vibes. Daily minyan is the backbone of synagogue life. It permits us to engage in communal prayer and enables our members and guests to recite kaddish during times of mourning and on anniversaries (*nahalot*). It is vital to building a stronger sense of community in our lives (plus attendees enjoy daily breakfasts and weekly evening Happy Hours with pizza and drinks!). All of us – whether we are daily or occasional attendees – need confidence that a full and vibrant minyan will be available each and every day. If you are interested in becoming part of our minyan, contact Rev. Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

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 Cypress Hills, Queens. These donations ensure a strong future through engaging educational programs with rigorous ritual and liturgical training for our youth including 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

Help ensure our depth and reach by sponsoring a class or a lecture series, in person or virtual. Visit 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 the homebound. 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, Young Families, and Young Professionals, 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. Thank you for enabling the continuation and strengthening of our congregation's mission and legacy.





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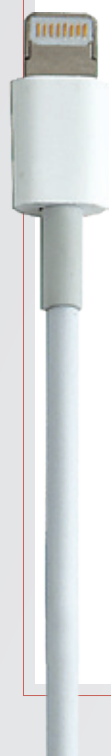
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