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Cover image: During this *Year of Hope*, we reflect back on our magical *Year of Years* a few years back. That multi-year campaign and celebration was capped with a historic event in our Sanctuary, in addition to a host of events and publications. You can reminisce at shearithisrael.org/about/year-of-years.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik



In every generation and generation, one is obligated to see oneself as if one left Egypt.

So our Haggadah tells us. The sentence is famous, but with a seemingly redundant word. It would have seemed sufficient to say that one re-experiences the Exodus *bekhol dor*, in every generation; but the Hebrew is *bekhol dor vador*, in every generation “and generation.” The Rabbis, I think, are keying us into the essence of intergenerational Jewish memory, which lies in linking *dor vador*, generation to generation. The essence of Jewish memory is seeing ourselves as taking part in a transmission, with every Jewish generation linked to the one before and the one after—and all intimately bound up with another.

It is striking, therefore, that this seemingly strange phrase appears once more in the Haggadah, referring this time not to our intergenerational memory but to our intergenerational assailants: “in every generation and generation they rise up against us to destroy us.” This literary link is no coincidence. So many enemies have arisen, but all are gone, and the Jewish people, thanks to its link of generations, endures. We are exquisitely aware, this year, of the enemies that arise in every generation, including our own; but this awareness can also enhance our appreciation of the miracle of Jewish intergenerational eternity, inspiring us, this Pesah, to spiritually join ourselves to each other.

Meir Y. Soloveichik

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS



Louis M. Solomon

SHEARITH ISRAEL: A COMMUNITY STRONG KINGDOM

We all know well the division our Sages have employed, since ancient times, dividing good deeds, righteous acts, and ritual obligations into those between a human being and the Almighty (*bayn adam l'Makom*) and between one human being and another (*bayn adam l'chavero*). If we liken how we see the religious world to the taxonomic system in biology, then, of species, genus, family, order, class, phylum, kingdom, and domain, the two hierarchies laid out by our Sages would appear to be near the top. Let's say they are "kingdoms," just for ease of exposition.

I believe there is a third kingdom in our religion: community. There are deep and abiding emanations of this from our Sages and our more recent religious leaders. Recall how Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik, for example, explicated how communal prayer was in fact qualitatively different from individual prayer. Something categorically different happens when we practice our faith as part of a community.

The kingdom of community is different from the other two kingdoms in a fundamental way. One can alone pursue a righteous existence with the Almighty. One can alone pursue a righteous existence with other human beings. In those kingdoms, it takes only one to tango. When it comes to community, however, many more than that are needed to make the kingdom a living reality.

SHEARITH ISRAEL IS A COMMUNITY STRONG KINGDOM. LET'S CONSIDER HOW WE SHOW IT WITH A FEW EXAMPLES:

First, our strength as a community shines through the lens of how we dealt with Covid-19. This was a dreadful disease for many of us and a confusing and isolating episode for all of us. As a community, even four years on, we still say a silent kaddish for those members who died during the pre-vaccine phase of the pandemic, when sadly we could not give them a proper funeral or burial. As painful as it is for

some of us to remember, our collective memory needs to remain a part of our history.

Second, there are some things we did well during Covid-19 to help congregants who would otherwise have felt isolated. We strengthened our community as a result. To this day, Rabbi Soloveichik, Rabbi Rohde, and Reverend Edinger hold dozens of Zoom programs monthly. Our Rabbinic Intern, Baruch-Lev Kelman, does as well. They strengthen our community as a result.

Third, our fellow-Jews in Israel have experienced horror and tragedy since October 7, 2023. As a community, we have sent funds. We collectively pray for the swift cessation of the war multiple times daily. We stand to honor our allegiance both to Israel and to America every Shabbat.

Fourth, the record turnouts for our community Shabbat dinners this year evidence our communal strength. The dinners have been marvelous. We have come together, and we have had many evenings together of conviviality and fun.

Finally, is there a better testament to our strength as a community than that, with a record number of families, we successfully raised the funds needed to ensure that our sacred space reflects the reverence it deserves by replacing our carpeting and fixing our worn

Sanctuary flooring? Do not underestimate how challenging this capital campaign was. There are so many other important calls on our charitable resources (not least of all, the vital needs of Israel). Yet our community as a community understood that each of us was essential to the success of the whole. We were community strong in our *Year of Hope Campaign*.

There are many rules to follow to be righteous vis-à-vis our Creator. There seem like an equally dizzying number needed to achieve righteousness vis-à-vis our fellow human beings. To keep our community strong kingdom growing and vibrant, however, is much simpler. It requires only that we **show up, join in, be a part**. Yes, that too presents challenges, especially in a world where we all have too much to do and too many pulls on our time and attention. But if we all continue to **show up, join in, be a part**, that will sustain us as a community strong kingdom.

Wishing you all a Happy Passover and a Happy Spring.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



Barbara Reiss and Bonnie Barest

INDEPENDENCE DAYS

With a Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) more poignant than ever, and a US Independence Day that should mean a heck of a lot more than an excuse for a barbeque (especially for the Executive Director born on the 4th of July to a family that was and is incredibly grateful for the haven that America provided along with an abundance of opportunities), we're focusing on what independence really means.

When we were kids we thought that independence was equivalent to freedom, and freedom meant freedom from: freedom from having to do what your parents tell you to do, freedom from homework, freedom from having to clean your room, etc. But as you mature, you realize that to be an independent adult (or an independent people, for that matter) is not to break the rules, revolt against all authority, shirk responsibilities, and break with tradition. Rather independence involves taking on responsibilities and perhaps becoming the standard bearer.

Barbara Reiss

Barbara Reiss, Executive Director

This got us thinking about Shearith Israel. It's fair to say that our Congregants are as diverse, eclectic, and independent-minded a group as can be found at any other Synagogue. Yet, we are probably more committed to adhering to the traditions of our forebears than most others. Does this represent a contradiction? Does this suggest we are not as independent as we think? We think not. Perhaps it is independence augmented by interdependence that produces the secret sauce. This is true for Shearith Israel; this is true for America; this is true for Israel. When we harness our interdependence – whether by showing up to minyan, attending a rally in support of Israel, or contributing to a carpet campaign – we are stronger and come out ahead.

Perhaps this year we should call the holidays "Interdependence Day."

May these days bring us closer together, stronger together, and joyous together.

Bonnie Barest

Bonnie Barest, Deputy Executive Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

- Esther Wagner & Eric Lunzer
- Victor Toledo
- Jenny & Gilles Wallier

LIFE CYCLE MILESTONES

Mazal Tob to:

Nicole & Raanan Agus, upon the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Elianna & Alex Agus. Congratulations as well to the great-grandparents, Renee & Avie Schreiber.

Gilda & Rabbi Marc Angel, upon the marriage of their grandson Max Nussbaum to Rina Feldman

Henri Bengualid, upon the marriage of his granddaughter Michele Bengualid to Alec Fishman. Michele is the daughter of Marc & Beth Bengualid.

Lily Cohen, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Nicole & David Cohen, and her grandparents, Naomi and Bentsi Cohen.

Shlomit & Chaim Edelstein, upon making *aliyah*

Laura & Eliezer Frye, upon the birth of a baby boy, Asher Simcha. Congratulations as well to the grandparents, CSI Segan, Karen & Jack Daar

Meryl Jaffe & Adam Hurwich (CSI Clerk), upon the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children, Talia Hurwich & Leigh Feinman

Rochelle & Eugene Major, upon the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Talia Berday Sacks & Sam Major

Samuel & Elizabeth Neumark, upon the birth of a baby girl, Alaiya Deborah (Devorah Aliyah). Congratulations as well to the grandparents, Susan & Avery Neumark, great grandfather, Melvin Neumark, and uncle and aunt Rachel Neumark Herlands & Jonathan Herlands

HAZAKIM U'BERUKHIM AND CONGRATULATIONS

Members with special achievements:

Our Morning Zoom Study group, upon completing the Book of Jeremiah. They are now learning the book of Ezekiel. To join, contact Rev. Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

Rev. Salomon Vaz Dias, upon his participation and recitation of the Hashcaba at the Congressional Holocaust Commemoration program held in Washington, DC.

Anwar Suleiman, upon the staging of his play, *Cafe Munich*, and Barbara Schofield Suleiman, who directed it.

IN MEMORIAM

We are grateful that no members have passed since the publication of our Winter Bulletin.

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CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Betty Capelluto Emden, upon the passing of Ronald Snyder

Mayer (& Denise) Smouha, upon the passing of Mayer's sister, Yvonne Smouha Anaf

Katherine Vieyra, upon the passing of her mother, Phyllis Raab

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:

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

SPONSORS

Friday Night Lights:

Season Sponsor:

The Julis-Rabinowitz family

Session Sponsors:

Faith Fogelman, in memory of her mother, Miriam Watkin

Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabbat Afternoon Class:

Fall Semester Sponsor:

Scott Shay in memory of his mother Chanah Razel b. Aharon v'Sara z"l

Session Sponsors:

Ellen Zimmerman & Edward Miller, in honor of Susan & Avery Neumark, and in memory of Charlotte & Joel Zimmerman, and Symma & Leon Miller

Rev. Edinger's Random Walk Down Mill Street:

Rabbi Jeff Berger, in memory of Joseph Berger

Janet R. Kirchheimer, in memory of Margot Strauss Kirchheimer

Kiddush Sponsors:

A coalition of sponsors spearheaded by teen member, Elie Sasson, in honor of our dedicated facilities team: John, Isaid, Miguel, and Olivo, and our Tot Shabbat leader, Liz

Nicole and David Cohen, in honor of Lily becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Karen & Jack Daar, in honor of Baruch-Lev Kelman giving his first Shabbat morning seminar

Mitch Julis, in memory of his brother, Richie Julis (Raphael Avraham b. Moshe)

Melvin Neumark, Susan & Avery Neumark, and Rachel Neumark Herlands & Jonathan Herlands, in memory of Debby Neumark; Susan's mother, Betty Adler; and her brother, Edward Adler

Dr. Manuel Vazquez-Senior, in memory of his father, Angel Vasquez

Anita Tamari, in memory of her parents, Fred Simons & Vida Corcos Simons

Kiddush Supporters:

Vivienne Roumani-Denn and Morton Denn, in memory of Yosef Roumani b. Bercana and Esther Denn b. Lena

Rima Raynes, in memory of her father Simeon (Simcha) Chudnovsky, on the occasion of his *nahala*

Wine, Scotch, & Arak Sponsors:

Bonnie Barest, in memory of Hazzan Joseph Corcos and Bendigamos, and her father

The Jacobowitz family, in memory of Michla b. Eliyahu

Rima Raynes, in memory of her father Simeon (Simcha) Chudnovsky, on the occasion of his *nahala*

Shabbat Dinner with Magevet:

Sponsors:

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Shabbat Dinner with Liel Leibovitz:

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Aviva Miller & Marc Finkelstein and family

Janegail & Jim Kahn

Dafna Meitar Nechmad

Judy & Dr. Joe Pollak

Bill & Esther Schulder

Perri & Akiba Stern

Esther & Anton Weiss

Shabbat Dinner with Yosel Tiefenbrun:

Sponsors:

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The Lustig-Brody Family

Debbie & David Sable

Bill & Esther Schulder

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Shelley & Ruvan Cohen

Vivienne Roumani-Denn & Morton Denn

Mira Fernandez

Thomas Lowinger

Susan & Avery Neumark

Jack & Martine Schenker

Drs. Lu Steinberg & Michael Schulder

Madelene & Stan Towne

Young Professionals Hanukkah Dinner:

David Chabbot

Jennifer Ash & Seth Haberman

Rachel McCoy & Isaac Haberman

Sonya Li & Russell Kirmayer

Young Professionals February Dinner:

Haberman & McCoy Family

Breakfast Sponsors:

Arthur Tenenholtz, in honor of Tu B'Shebat

Do you have a life-cycle event, milestone, or major achievement to share with the community? Send it to Sarah Meira Rosenberg at rosenberg@shearithisrael.org so we can share the news in our handouts and bulletins.

We apologize for any omissions. Please let us know so we can make it up to you next time.

Programs and schedules are subject to change. For programming updates, follow our newsletter emails. If you have not yet signed up, please do so at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists.

PESAH

PRE-PESAH VIRTUAL WOMEN'S SHIR HASHIRIM READING

Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 pm on Zoom

See page 21 or 23 for details.

SHABBAT HAGADOL DERASHA

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Shabbat, April 20

You won't want to miss this derasha from Rabbi Soloveichik exploring how we can weave the lessons of this Festival of Freedom into our own lives. To sponsor, visit shearithisrael.org/events/shabbat-hagadol5784.



**YOM HASHOAH
YOM HAZIKARON &
YOM HAATZMAUT**

**YOM HASHOAH ANNUAL UWS
READING OF THE NAMES**

Sunday, May 5 | 10:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Bnai Jeshurun

Monday, May 6 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan

**INAUGURATING ISRAEL:
A CELEBRATION**

Baruch-Lev Kelman | Thursday, May 9
7:00 pm, following 6:30 pm Evening Services

Baruch-Lev will get us prepared for the upcoming holidays with a unique and fun program. Experience first hand the birth of the State of Israel! Huddle around Shearith Israel's state-of-the-art shortwave radio, and tune into Kol Yisrael's historic 1948 broadcast. Snack like a sabra, sing along with the Israel Philharmonic, and relive the hope, joy, and trepidation of the first Israelis. With special "guest speakers" David Ben Gurion, Yitzhak Navon, and Rabbi Isaac Herzog.

**UWS COMMUNITY-WIDE
EVENT**

Monday, May 13 | 7:00 pm | The Jewish Center, 131 W. 86th Street

Shearith Israel is a proud co-sponsor of this community-wide annual event. The program will start with services in The Jewish Center, including special prayers for fallen IDF soldiers and then follows with a fun for all ages celebratory event in their gym.

SHABUOT

SHABUOT LECTURE

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | Tuesday, June 11 | 11 pm

Enjoy this annual public lecture on the themes of the holiday. Come for the Torah, stay for the cheesecake!

**YOUNG FAMILIES SHABUOT
ON THE SLOPES OF SINAI**

Festive Catered Picnic, Learning & Fun with Baruch-Lev Kelman

Wednesday, Shabuot I, June 12

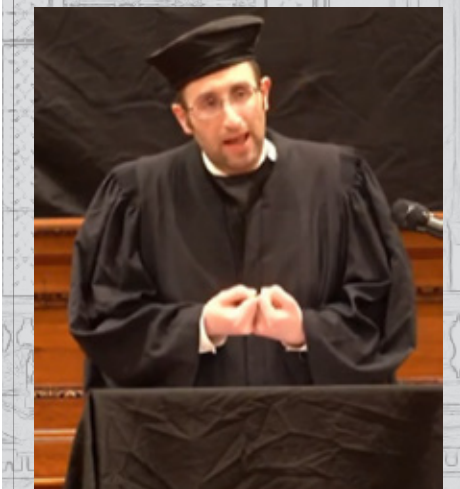
Following morning services and the girls' recitation of Book of Ruth, young families are invited to a special outdoor dairy luncheon and ice cream. For more details, see our Youth Section on page 21.

**THE THREE WEEKS &
TISHA B'AB**

ANNUAL TISHA B'AB LECTURE

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | Monday Night, August 12

Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver his annual public lecture following our powerful Tisha B'Ab services.



SPRING FUNDRAISER
2024 LECTURE SERIES

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Live Streamed on Zoom

- Wednesday, May 8
- Tuesday, May 14
- Tuesday, May 21
- Tuesday, May 28
- Tuesday, June 4

Plus stay tuned for bonus live culinary “edutainment” opportunities available at specified sponsorship levels. Follow our emails for details.



A History of Judaism in Five Foods

From Sabbath stew to braided bread, what we eat as Jews has an incredible, and largely unknown history – at times incredibly surprising, and ultimately amazingly inspiring. In this series, Rabbi Soloveichik will take us on a journey through a Jewish history the likes of which has never been experienced before, as we discover the truth behind the statement of the French politician Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin: “Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you who you are.”



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS DINNER

Friday, April 12 | Ages 21-35

Held one week before Pesah, the agenda starts with Evening Services in our majestic Main Sanctuary, followed by Rabbi Soloveichik’s inspiring and entertaining Friday Night Lights talk, and then a shabbat dinner experience curated for young professionals. Stay tuned for details. If you’re a Young Professional who would like to get involved, or just be added to their WhatsApp group, contact yp@shearithisrael.org.

5TH ANNUAL SMASH THE
STIGMA EVENT

Presented by Shearith Israel’s Caring Connection

May 2024

Held annually during Mental Health Awareness Month and co-sponsored by a consortium of neighborhood synagogues and Jewish institutions

Five years ago, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, we hosted a profoundly important and extremely well-received *Smash the Stigma* event, in which we opened a conversation on suicide and depression in the Jewish community. Based on turnout and feedback, it was clear that this conversation must continue.

With new and increasingly distressing mental health issues in our community, compounded by the crisis in Israel and the alarming spike in antisemitism, we encourage the entire community to join our fifth installment this May. Come for yourself; come for someone you care about. Bring friends and family. Stay tuned for registration details.

ANNUAL CHATHAM
SQUARE MEMORIAL

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Chatham Square Cemetery,
Shearith Israel’s First Historic
Cemetery

Rev. Z. Edinger will head down to Chatham Square Cemetery in Chinatown to honor members of our congregation who participated in the Revolutionary War. In this annual event, join us as we place American flags at the graves of our twenty-two veteran congregants. The cemetery, active from 1682-1828, is located at 55 St. James Place, opposite Chatham Square.

NY SEPHARDIC JEWISH
FILM FESTIVAL:
OPENING NIGHT

Sunday Evening, June 2
(following the Israel Day Parade)

Shearith Israel is a proud sponsor of the 26th NY Sephardic Jewish Film Festival and the host venue of the festival’s Opening Night. This special event, to be held in our Main Sanctuary, will consist of the ASF’s Pomegranate Awards Ceremony followed by a special musical showcase by Enrico Macias. Mr. Macias is an internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter whose artistry is infused with the pain of fleeing his homeland in Algeria in 1961.

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GRADUATION KIDDUSH & SCROLL OF HONOR

Shabbat, June 22

Let's spread the good news and celebrate the success and accomplishments of all our graduates from pre-school to PhDs! Make sure to send us your graduate's information so that we can properly list and congratulate your graduate(s) in our Scroll of Honor.

NEW: BEDEK HABAYIT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Dates to suit your schedule

Join the *Bedek HaBayit* Volunteer Program and play a vital role in maintaining the beauty and sanctity of our synagogue. As a volunteer, you'll engage in various tasks, including cleaning and organizing ritual objects, repairing ceremonial items, ensuring availability of prayer books, and organizing the synagogue space. By participating, you'll deepen your connection to our history and community.

The program offers flexible scheduling, with meetings held twice a month, aligned with the Sisterhood's Stitch & Fix program, or individual sessions tailored to your availability. Your involvement is invaluable, regardless of frequency. For more information, please contact Rev. Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org. Let's work together to uphold our sacred space!

NEW TIME: MONTHLY PUBLIC TOURS WITH REV. Z. EDINGER

Second Wednesday of the Month
5:45 pm, before 6:30 pm Evening Services

Explore the rich history of Shearith Israel with our free monthly tour open to the public. Led by Reverend Edinger, join us at 5:45 pm on the second Wednesday of each month to delve into the fascinating narrative of our synagogue and community. Come, learn, and experience the heritage of the first Jewish community in North America.

UWS FAITH-BASED PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date and location TBD

We look forward to partnering again with our friends at the West End Church in a meaningful community service project. Adults and children are welcome to dress comfortably and roll up their sleeves as our two Congregations help clean up a local park or public space. Specific details coming soon.

PLANNING A PRIVATE EVENT?

Our outdoor pavilion, Paved Paradise, is ideal for hosting a Spring, Summer, or Fall event. This private, tented, and turf 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.

THE SHEARITH ISRAEL CHOIR SCHEDULE

Since the middle of the 19th century, services at Shearith Israel have been enhanced by the participation of a choir. Learn more about our choir on our website: shearithisrael.org/prayer/choir.

The choir is scheduled to sing **all Shabbatot and holidays this season EXCEPT for the following:**

- April 12-13
- May 24-25 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Shabuot begins Tuesday night, 6/11-6/13.

Final choir session for the season: Shabbat Shabuot II, Thursday, June 13.

Choir returns Shabbat Nitzabim (Consecration Shabbat), September 27-28.

Please note that the choir schedule is subject to change without notice.

STANDING WITH ISRAEL:

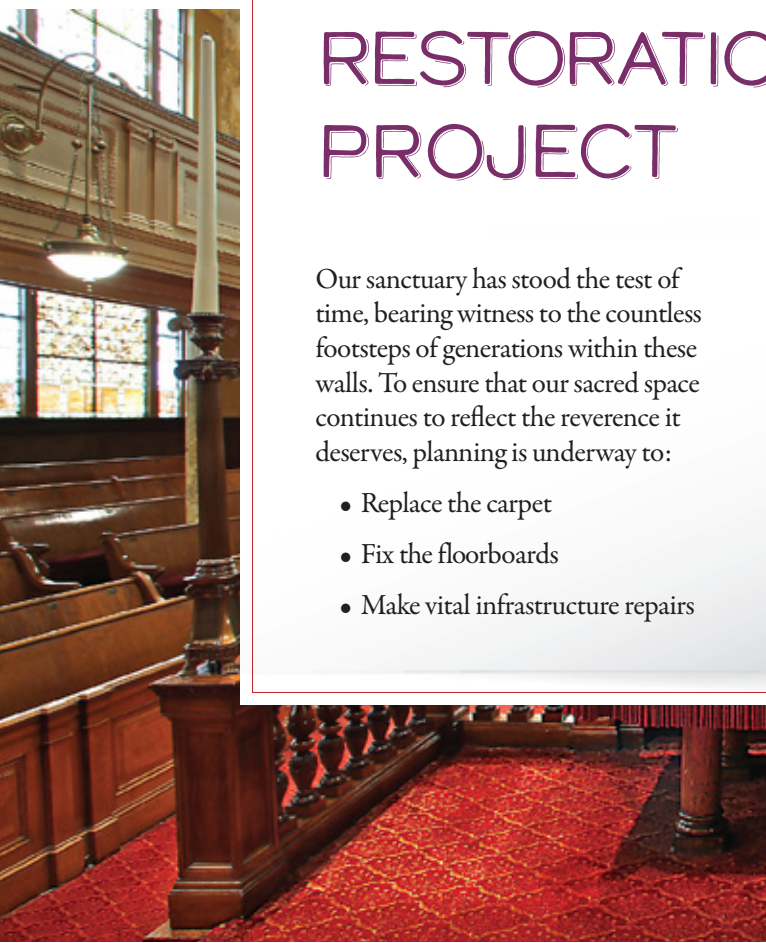
Since October 7th, in addition to providing financial support and reciting ongoing prayers, we've added and adapted programs to show our support for Israel. Here are just a few highlights:

- The Sisterhood organized sending letters to IDF soldiers and donated the proceeds from their Sunday Matinee Series to the Friends of the IDF
- Our Young Professionals donated 10% of the proceeds from their December Shabbat dinner to UJA's Israel Emergency Fund
- Our Young Professionals hosted a moving event with Millet ben Haim, a Nova Festival survivor
- At our Thanksgiving Packathon, Paved Paradise was surrounded by posters of the kidnapped hostages for all of us and our interfaith partners to witness
- We dedicated a weekly Sunday Morning Mishna Class in memory of IDF Sgt. First Class Yosef Malachi Guedalia, HY"D, who was killed defending Israel
- We continually promote and participate in community marches, rallies and vigils for Israel.

Follow our emails for the latest updates on all our upcoming Israel initiatives.

Visit shearithisrael.org/giving/stand-with-israel by scanning the QR code.





YEAR OF HOPE CARPET RESTORATION PROJECT

Our sanctuary has stood the test of time, bearing witness to the countless footsteps of generations within these walls. To ensure that our sacred space continues to reflect the reverence it deserves, planning is underway to:

- Replace the carpet
- Fix the floorboards
- Make vital infrastructure repairs

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our financial goal and ensure that our sacred space reflects the reverence it deserves.

Caroline & David Adelman
 Alfandary-Nahon Family
 Jamie and Daniel Altchek
 David & Leah Altman
 Vivette Ancona
 Anonymous (10)
 Bonnie Barest
 Lewis Bateman
 In Memory of Rae Beispiel
 Joanne & Yaacov Ben-Avi
 Yvette Bendahan
 Roey Bender
 Bengualid Goldstein Family
 Esme & Roger Berg
 Nava & Dan Bettinger
 Rushie & Phil Bieler
 Aura Bijou-Plotkin
 Emma & Joel Blass
 Viviane Bregman
 Eugene (Shlomo) Brody
 Lucienne Carasso Bulow
 Diane & Yakov Burstein
 Karen & Jack Daar
 Vivienne Roumani-Denn & Morton Denn
 David Deutscher
 Rose & Henry Edinger
 Malka & Z. Edinger
 Josh Eisen
 Jill and Louis Felder
 Faith Fogelman
 Geula Levi-Freeman
 Stephanie & Jonathan Freilich

Friber Family
 Raynes Friedman Family
 Sidney Gerson
 Carol & Arthur Goldberg
 Elana, Zachary, and Mendel Gorden
 Annette Gourgey
 Judy & Marty Grumet
 Maggie & Andre Guenoun
 Rachel Neumark Herlands & Jonathan Herlands
 Susan & Roger Hertog
 Dr. James & Debra Herstoff
 Meryl Jaffe & Adam Hurwich
 Ellen & Robert Kapito
 Kaplan/Cycowicz family
 Yosef Kassorla
 Vicki & Sam Katz
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 David Lerner
 Roberto Levi
 Joseph Levin
 Laurent Levy
 Susan Lobel
 Rachel Brody & Michael Lustig
 Sheba Mandel
 Liliane Marks

Sherri & Joel Maxman
 Jonathan de Sola Mendes
 Juan Mesa-Freydell
 Lynn Summers & Roger Mesznik
 Gary Miller
 Suzanne Morad
 Enid Moskowitz
 David & Rebecca Nathan
 Ruth G. Nathan
 Neumark Family
 Naomi & Peter Neustadter
 Hayyim Obadyah
 Carolyn & Steve Okin
 Tikva & Irwin Ostrega
 Rima Raynes
 Barbara & Guy Reiss
 Gustave Rieu
 Robert Rifkind
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 Rabbi Ira & Lisa Rohde & Family
 Sandra & Daniel Rose
 Arnie & Sondra Rosen
 Debbie & David Sable
 Roy Sacks
 Gillian & Simon Salama-Caro
 Jacob Salomon
 Carol & Alan Schechter
 Carla & Jonah Schein
 Ivy & Marvin Schildkraut
 Frieda & Isaac Schlesinger

Meralee & Sidney Schlusberg
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 Arthur Tenenholtz
 Madelene & L. Stanton Towne
 Steven L. Valenstein, M.D.
 Reverend Salomon Louis Vaz Dias
 Everett Weinberger
 Rivka & Marc Wiznia
 Wolkovisky family
 Zilkha Family
 Alan H Zwiebel

List as of 3/21/24. We apologize for any omissions. As the list has continued to grow since 3/21/24, you may view the most current list at shearithisrael.org/giving/year-of-hope.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Sundays | 8:45 am | Via Zoom
Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

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.

SUNDAY MORNING MISHNA CLASS

*in Memory of Sgt. First Class
Yosef Malachi Guedalia, HYD*

Sundays | In Person
9:00 am (following 8:05 am Services)

We invite you to take part in a journey of learning and remembrance. Each session, led by our rotating clergy, promises an insightful exploration of the Mishna. This group recently celebrated the completion of Tractate Megillah.

Through our collective study, we honor the memory of Yosef Guedalia, a grandson of the Guedalia and Bendheim families of our congregation, who was killed defending Israel on October 7, 2023. We'll also share coffee and a light breakfast, nurturing both body and soul.

DAILY ZOOM: BOOK OF PROPHETS

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

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

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

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday-Friday Mornings
Following Morning Services
In person at Shearith Israel
Baruch-Lev Kelman, Rabbinic Intern

Join the midweek morning minyan Breakfast Club for stimulating discussions tailored to your interests. Come prepared with burning questions and impassioned arguments about your favorite topics.

"A RANDOM WALK DOWN MILL STREET"

Alternating Wednesdays | 8:00 pm
Rev. Z. Edinger
On Zoom, link sent via email

Every other Wednesday evening, Rev. Edinger delivers short presentations about the liturgy, music, or minhag of Shearith Israel. Missed a session? Many of Rev. Edinger's programs are available to stream at your convenience on his YouTube channel.

AROUND THE (JEWISH) WORLD IN 20 DAYS

Thursdays, through mid-May
In person at Shearith Israel
Following evening services for 45 minutes
Baruch-Lev Kelman, Rabbinic Intern

Join Baruch-Lev on a tour of the Jewish world all from the comfort of the Elias Room. Each session will focus on an individual Jewish community (e.g., Kaifeng, Odessa, Cordoba, etc.), spotlighting its unique heroes and customs, with the overarching goal of discovering Judaism's most central features.

101 GALILEAN NIGHTS: TALES FROM THE TALMUD YERUSHALMI

Thursdays, beginning mid-May
In person at Shearith Israel
Following evening services for 45 minutes
Baruch-Lev Kelman, Rabbinic Intern

When his Jewish world tour is done, join Baruch-Lev for his next Thursday class, as he delves into the fascinating stories of rabbinic lore. Get to know our sages like never before.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT

5784 season sponsored by
the Julis-Rabinowitz family

Fridays | Following Evening Services
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Season Finale: April 12

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.

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 22.

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. On those occasions when Rabbi Soloveichik is away, we are treated to the teachings of our learned rabbinic intern, Baruch-Lev Kelman. Follow our emails for the latest information on locations. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

HABRUTOT MEYUHADOT

By request | with Baruch-Lev Kelman

Do you need a *habruta* (a warm and capable study buddy)? Our rabbinic intern would be delighted to study individually with you throughout the week. Please submit a request for a *habruta* to bkelman@shearithisrael.org.

Sponsorships are always appreciated at shearithisrael.org/sponsor-a-class



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 is home to a dynamic group of young families. The very best activities are those initiated and spearheaded by our 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 bbarest@shearithisrael.org.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (SINGLES AND COUPLES AGED 21-35)

Led by longstanding multi-generational members as well as newer members, this group organizes events catering to singles and couples in their 20s and 30s, such as Shabbat Dinners and holiday mixers, 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 *Mishloah 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.

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 kiddushim and cemetery tours. To get involved, contact Rose Guedalia Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com.

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 LEAGUE

The Shearith Israel League is thrilled to introduce its new leadership team following a recent special election. Laurent Nahon has been elected as the President, with Adam Jackson assuming the role of Vice President. This dynamic duo joins an interim slate of the League's Executive Committee:

Laurent Nahon, President

Adam Jackson, Vice President

Joanne Ben Avi

Esme Berg

Lucienne Bulow

Jeffrey Mosseri

James Rudolph

Rivka Shoulson

The interim slate will guide the League until the selection of a more permanent Board and Officers at the next regular annual meeting.

Established in 1919, the Shearith Israel League has a rich history of fostering community engagement. Initially focused on social activities and religious classes or lectures, the League has evolved over the years to reflect the diverse interests of its members.

While not as active in recent years, the League has left an indelible mark on our congregation's social fabric. Now, with Laurent and Adam at the helm, a new era of innovation and programming awaits. We invite all interested individuals to join us in shaping the future of the League and our community.

For more information or to get involved, please reach out to Laurent at nahonnyc@aol.com. Feel free to email him with ideas of programming you'd like to see added to our events.



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AROUND SHEARITH ISRAEL

- A. Rev. Z. Edinger provides opportunities for hands-on participation during his Synagogue tours
- B. Rabbinic Intern Baruch-Lev Kelman leading a Tu B'Shebat seder with our talented musical guests, Adams Kornblum and Roni Shitrit
- C. CSI Young Professionals leader Daniel Marks introducing Millet Ben Haim, a survivor of the October 7 Nova Music Festival massacre, who generously shared her experiences with us
- D. CSI hosted a visit by Grand Imam Nasaruddin Umar from Indonesia and Rabbi Noam Marans, AJC's Director of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations. From left to right: Barbara Reiss, David Nathan, Rabbi Marans, Reverend Edinger, Grand Imam Umar, Benjamin Nathan, and Michael Lustig
- E. The readers at our Annual Women's Megillat Esther Reading

YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

PRE-PESAH VIRTUAL WOMEN'S SHIR HASHIRIM READING

In partnership with our sister synagogue, Mikveh Israel

Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 pm on Zoom

Whether near or far, girls and women of all ages of our congregation will recite the Song of Songs. For signup information, see page 23.

UWS HOL HAMOED TRIP

Hol Hamoed Pesah | Thursday, April 25

Shearith Israel joins their sister UWS synagogues on their annual West Side-Wide Hol Hamoed Pesah trip to Six Flags! Like previous years, this trip will be for teens and families, and transportation will be provided.

GIRLS BOOK OF RUTH READING

Wednesday, Shabuot I, June 12

Girls and teens are invited to read sections of The Book of Ruth according to the Spanish & Portuguese Teamim for the Book of Ruth. For more information, see page 23.

YOUNG FAMILIES SHABUOT ON THE SLOPES OF SINAI

Festive Catered Picnic, Learning, & Fun with Baruch-Lev Kelman
Wednesday, Shabuot I, June 12

Following morning services and our girls' recitation of Book of Ruth, young families are invited to a special outdoor dairy luncheon and ice cream. Get out your snazziest white clothes, grab your friends and a gold paper crown, and join Baruch-Lev for this Shabuot celebration, complete with (light, yom tob-approved) folk dancing! Stay tuned for registration details.

GRADUATION KIDDUSH & SCROLL OF HONOR

Shabbat, June 22

Let's spread the good news and celebrate the success and accomplishments of all our graduates from pre-school to PhDs! Make sure to send us your graduate's information so that we can properly list and congratulate your graduate(s) in our Scroll of Honor.

PTTS ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING INITIATIVE

Shearith Israel's historic Polonies Talmud Torah School (PTTS) continues to offer 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. For details and to register for the Fall, please go to: shearithisrael.org/ptts-tutoring.

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YOUTH SOCCER & GOLF ON PAVED PARADISE

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

Spring Semester: April 3 - June 23
Summer Camps begin on June 24
Paved Paradise

Super Soccer Stars in partnership with Congregation Shearith Israel is back for soccer and golf on our beautiful Paved Paradise lawn. Check soccerstars.com for details and registration.

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.



SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH PROGRAM

Saturdays | 10:00 am

Bring your kids to Shearith Israel for an enriching and enjoyable Shabbat experience. Tots and children aged 5-12 gather in the Fidanque Youth Room and Elias Room for fun Jewish-themed activities, before the older children head off to enjoy Jr. Congregation services in the Small Synagogue. Kids under 5? No worries; they can join the fun with adult supervision. Let's pray, learn, and have a good time together.

PRE-PESAH VIRTUAL WOMEN'S SHIR HASHIRIM READING

In partnership with our sister synagogue, Mikveh Israel

Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 pm
on Zoom

Whether near or far, girls and women of all ages of our congregation will recite the Song of Songs. This year we are again partnering with our sister synagogue, Mikveh Israel, for a virtual reading. To sign up for a part, please contact Ella Lalwani: Email: ella.lalwani@gmail.com or text: 732.485.1863

GIRLS BOOK OF RUTH READING

Wednesday, Shabuot I, June 12

Girls and teens are invited to read sections of The Book of Ruth according to the Spanish & Portuguese Teamim for the Book of Ruth (this tune is different from the Shir HaShirim Teamim, but is used on a few other occasions). Prospective participants are asked to let Rabbi Ira Rohde know of their interest (irohde@shearithisrael.org), and they will be assigned a section to read according to the congregation's Amsterdam-tradition Spanish & Portuguese cantillation, recordings of which can be found on the congregation's website. Participants are expected to rehearse their assigned section with Rabbi Rohde in advance. There may also be a group rehearsal.

STITCH & FIX IS BACK

All are welcome!
Organized by the Sisterhood

Please join us in the Elias Room, as we begin sewing together once again. From *talitot* to Torah cloaks and bands, as well as other *tebah* textiles, there are a host of items awaiting our attention. Join us and weave yourself into the rich tapestry of our synagogue's history. Stay tuned for the official starting date and time announcement.

YOETZET HALAKHA INITIATIVE

We are a proud co-sponsor of the Manhattan Yoetzet Halacha Initiative. 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 her husband Jeremy, and their two children.

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.





Rev. Zachariah "Z" Edinger

שאו ידכם קדש וברכו את ה'

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS AND BLESS THE LORD

As the oldest Jewish congregation in North America, Shearith Israel is blessed with many ritual objects of historical interest. We endeavor whenever possible to keep these sacred objects in ritual use. A few years ago, we discovered, hidden away among some broken pieces of silver an object of historical significance. Since its discovery, we have restored it and returned it to ritual use. This is its story.

In 2019, the auction house Sotheby's helped inventory our ritual silver. In the course of performing this inventory, we came across a broken piece of a twisted silver Torah pointer (*Yad*) and discovered that it bore the mark "MM." This mark belonged to Myer Myers, a highly

esteemed silversmith of the colonial era and a prominent member of our congregation. Myers, renowned for his exquisite domestic silver, is particularly celebrated for crafting five Torah finials (*rimonim*) and a circumcision shield for ritual use in early America. Despite being only a broken half of a *Yad*, the unearthing of this previously unknown object is noteworthy. Its discovery elicited great excitement among all present.

When I looked at this broken *Yad*, I realized that its design was similar to a *Yad* being used in the Little Synagogue. Upon examination, it became clear that the back part of the pointer we were using at daily services was a match for the broken piece we had just found.



The *Yad* being used in the Little Synagogue was once thought lost. It was dedicated by David & Tamar de Sola Pool in 1942 in honor of Henry & Rosalie Hendricks. Dr. Pool had apparently taken two broken pieces and combined them to make a composite pointer for use in the Little Synagogue. There it was used every Monday and Thursday for decades until it disappeared, presumed to have been lost or stolen during restoration work being done about 2004.

In 2012, a distinguished rabbi from the Upper West Side reached out to Rabbi Marc Angel, disclosing that an anonymous individual had requested to show a silver pointer to Shearith Israel. The dedication on the pointer had been

scratched off, but the name "Pool" remained discernible. Rabbi Angel recognized this pointer as the missing *Yad*. Because of this, the anonymous donor returned the *Yad* to our congregation, allowing it to be reinstated for use.

Through the generosity of Mr. Roy Zuckerberg, the Myers' *Yad* was expertly restored to its original form. We formally returned this special object to use in the synagogue on *Parashat Mishpatim*, in which we find the law of returning a lost object to its owner. It was solely due to an act of *Hashavat Aveida* that years later the pieces of a much older and more significant pointer crafted by Myer Myers could be identified, restored, and returned to ritual use.

SERVICES

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

APRIL - SEPTEMBER SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

	Parasha	Candle Lighting	Friday Evening Services	Afternoon Classes	Shabbat Afternoon	Habdala	Notes
APRIL							
5-6	Shemini	7:08	6:45 pm	6:20	7:05	8:03	Shabbat HaHodesh
12-13	Tazria	7:15	6:45	6:25	7:10	8:11	
19-20	Metsora	7:22	7:00	6:35	7:20	8:20	Shabbat HaGadol Consecration Anniversary
26-27	Shabbat	Pesah	-	-	-	-	Hol HaMoed
MAY							
3-4	Ahare-Mot	7:37	7:00	6:50	7:35	8:36	
10-11	Kedoshim	7:43	7:00	6:55	7:40	8:43	
17-18	Emor	7:50	7:00	7:00	7:45	8:50	
24-25	Behar	7:56	7:00	7:10	7:55	8:57	
31-June 1	Behukkotai	8:02	7:00	7:15	8:00	9:03	Consecration Anniversary
JUNE							
7-8	Bemidbar	8:07	7:00	7:20	8:05	9:07	
14-15	Naso	8:10	7:00	7:25	8:10	9:11	
21-22	Behaalotekha	8:13	7:00	7:30	8:15	9:13	
28-29	Shelah Lekha	8:13	7:00	7:30	8:15	9:13	
JULY							
5-6	Korah	8:12	7:00	7:30	8:15	9:12	Shabbat Rosh Hodesh
12-13	Hukkat	8:10	7:00	7:25	8:10	9:09	
19-20	Balak	8:06	7:00	7:20	8:05	9:04	
26-27	Pinehas	8:00	7:00	7:10	7:55	8:58	Shabbat Dibre
AUGUST							
2-3	Mattot-Mase	7:53	7:00	7:05	7:50	8:50	Shabbat Shimu
9-10	Debarim	7:45	7:00	6:55	7:40	8:41	Shabbat Hazon
16-17	VaEthannan	7:34	7:00	6:45	7:30	8:29	Shabbat Nahamu
23-24	Ekeb	7:23	7:00	6:35	7:20	8:18	
30-31	Reeh	7:13	7:00	6:25	7:10	8:06	
SEPTEMBER							
6-7	Shofetim	7:01	7:00	6:10	6:55	7:54	
13-14	Ki Tetse	6:49	6:45	6:00	6:45	7:41	
20-21	Ki Tabo	6:38	6:45	5:50	6:35	7:28	
27-28	Nitsabim-Vayelekh	6:26	6:30	5:35	6:20	7:16	Consecration Anniversary

MAJOR HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

PASSOVER (PESAH) FESTIVAL Monday Eve, April 22 - Tuesday, April 30

Preparations: Search for Leaven

Sunday Evening, April 21

At night on Sunday.....(after sunset, 7:42 pm)

Preparations: Fast of First Born

Monday Morning, April 22

Fast of First Born begins (Dawn) 4:44 am
Shahrit & siyyum for the First Born 7:05 am
Stop eating hametz by 10:39 am
Dispose of any remaining hametz by 11:47 am

First & Second Days of Passover

FIRST TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

Eve of the First Day, Monday, April 22

Candles (18 min. before sunset) 7:25 pm
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit) 7:15 pm
Begin the First Haggadah after 8:08 pm

First Day, Tuesday, April 23

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit 9:00 am
Tikkun HaTal inserted in Musaf 10:30 am

Eve of the Second Day, Tuesday, April 23

Evening Services (Minha & Arbit) 7:15 pm
Day 1 Ends & Omer Counting after 8:09 pm
Candles & Second Haggadah after 8:09 pm

Second Day Morning, Wed., April 24

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf 9:00-11:40 am
Minha & Arbit 7:30 pm
Habdala/Omer 8:17 pm

Intermediate Weekdays of Passover

HOL HAMOED PESAH

(Thurs, Fri, & Sun, April 25, 26, & 28)

Mornings

Thursday & Friday: Shahrit/Musaf 7:05 am
Sunday: Shahrit/Musaf 8:05 am

Thursday Evening

Minha & Arbit 6:30 pm



Intermediate Shabbat of Passover SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH

Eve of Shabbat, Friday, April 26

Candles (18 min. before sunset) 7:30 pm
Evening Services (Minha & Arbit) 7:30 pm

Shabbat Day, Saturday, April 27

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf 9:00-11:20 am
Minha & Arbit 7:35 pm
Habdala/Omer 8:28 pm

Seventh & Eighth Days of Passover FINAL TWO DAYS OF YOM TOB PESAH

Eve of Day 7, Sunday Eve, April 28

Synagogue Consecration Anniversary

Mill Street Synagogue (1730)

Candles (18 min. before sunset) 7:32 pm
Minha & Arbit 7:30 pm
Omer 8:15 pm

Day 7, Monday, April 29

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel 9:00 am
Torah Service 9:45 am
(Features reading of the Shirah-Song of the Sea)
Musaf, Sermon, Conclusion 10:45-11:30 am
Minha & Arbit 7:30 pm
Day 8 Candle Lighting/Omer after 8:16 pm

Day 8, Tuesday, April 30

Zemirot 8:15 am
Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf 9:00-11:30 am
Minha & Arbit 7:15 pm
8th Day Omer/Concluding Habdala 8:17 pm
Do not consume hametz until
½ hour after Habdala 8:47 pm

FESTIVAL OF SHABU`OT (Two-Day)

PENTECOST, THE FEAST OF WEEKS

Tuesday Eve, June 11-Thursdays, June 13

Eve of the First Day of Shabu`ot

Tuesday Evening, June 11

Day 1 Candle Lighting..... 8:09 pm
 Minha & Shabuot Arbit.....8:00 pm
 Mishmarah/Tikkun: Late Class..... 11:00 pm

First Day of Shabu`ot

Crosby St. Consecration Anniversary (1834)

Wednesday Morning, June 12

Zemirot..... 8:15 am
 Shahrit & Hallel..... 9:00 am
 Taking Out Torah & Readings..... 9:50-10:45 am
 Musaf & Sermon..... 10:45-11:15 am
 Girls Reading Book of Ruth..... 11:20 am

Reading Intro & 1st Part of **Azharot**7:30 pm
 Evening Services (Minha & Arbit).....8:00 pm
 Day 2 Candle Lighting.....after 8:55 pm

Second Day of Shabu`ot Morning

Thursday Morning, June 13

Zemirot..... 8:15 am
 Shahrit, Hallel, Sermon, Musaf..... 9:00-11:30 am
 Reading 2nd Part of **Azharot**7:30 pm
 Minha & Arbit.....8:15 pm
 Habdala.....8:56 pm

FAST DAYS

Fast of (the Seventeenth of) Tammuz

Shib`a `Asar BeTammuz

Tuesday, July 23

Dawn (Fast Begins)..... 4:18 am
 Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 7:05 am
 Minha (men wear tefillin).....7:30 pm
 End of Fast.....8:47 pm

Fast of (the 9th of) Ab

Tish`a BeAb

Eve of the Fast, Monday, August 12

Minha..... 5:30 pm
 Sunset (Fast Begins)..... 7:57 pm
 Arbit Service..... 8:15 pm
 Rabbi Soloveichik's Lecture..... after services

Tish`a BeAb Day, Tuesday, August 13

Morning Service..... 7:00 am-12:30 pm
 Minha & Arbit..... 7:00 pm
 End of Fast..... 8:21 pm

MINOR HOLIDAYS

(No service changes unless indicated)

Yom HaShoah (Observed)

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday Evening, May 5-Monday, May 6

Yom Ha`Atzma`ut

Israeli Independence Day

Monday Eve, May 13-Tuesday, May 14

Lag La`Omer (33rd Day of Count)

Consecration Anniversary (70th St. Building)

Saturday Eve, May 25-Sunday, May 26

Yom Yerushalayim

Jerusalem Reunification Day

Tuesday Eve, June 4-Wednesday, June 5

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27

Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 8:05 am
 Minha & Arbit..... 6:30 pm

Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 19

Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 8:05 am
 Minha & Arbit..... 6:30 pm

American Independence Day

Thursday, July 4

Morning Service (Shahrit)..... 8:05 am
 Minha & Arbit..... 6:30 pm

Labor Day

Monday, September 2

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

ROSH HODESH DATES

(No service changes unless indicated)

Rosh Hodesh Nisan (One-Day)

Mon. Eve, April 8-Tuesday, April 9

Rosh Hodesh Iyar (Two-Day)

Tuesday Evening, May 7-Thurs, May 9

Rosh Hodesh Sivan (One-Day)

Thursday Evening, June 6-Friday, June 7

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz (Two-Day)

Friday Evening, July 5-Sunday, July 7

Rosh Hodesh Ab (One-Day)

Sun Evening, August 4-Mon, August 5

Rosh Hodesh Elul (Two-Day)

Monday Eve, Sept 2-Wednesday Sept 4

Mon & Tues Evenings

Evening Service (Minha & Arbit)..... 6:30 pm

Tues & Wed Mornings

Shahrit, Hallel, & Musaf..... 7:05-8:15 am

Wednesday Evening

Evening Minha, Arbit & *Selihot..... 6:30 pm

**Selihot*: from Sept. 4-Oct. 9, during the month before the High Holy Days, Sephardim add the special penitential Selihot Prayers. Our congregation's custom is to recite an abridged version daily after Arbit beginning on the Eve of the 2nd of Elul (this year: Wednesday Evening, September 4).

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings (Monday-Friday):

Shahrit Service 7:05 am

Mornings (Sundays & Legal Holidays):

Shahrit Service 8:05 am

Evenings (Sunday-Thursday):

March-May

Minha & Arbit..... 6:30 pm

June 2-July 25

Minha & Arbit..... 6:45 pm

July 28-September 3

Minha & Arbit..... 6:30 pm

September 4-26

Minha Arbit & Selihot..... 6:30 pm

September 29-October 9

Minha Arbit Selihot..... 6:15 pm

October 13-15

Minha & Arbit..... 6:00 pm



5785/2024 FALL HOLIDAY PREVIEW

Rosh Hashanah, 5785..... Wednesday Eve., Oct. 2-Friday, Oct 4
 Shabbat Teshubah, 5785..... Friday Eve., Oct. 4-Shabbat, Oct. 5
 Yom Kippur, 5785..... Friday Eve., Oct. 11-Shabbat, Oct. 12
 First Two Days of Succot, 5785..... Wednesday Eve., Oct. 16-Friday, Oct. 18
 Shabbat Hol HaMoed Succot, 5785..... Friday Eve., Oct. 18-Shabbat, Oct. 19
 Shemini Hag Atseret, 5785..... Wednesday Eve., Oct. 23-Thurs. Oct. 24
 Simhat Torah, 5785..... Thursday Eve, Oct. 24-Fri. Oct. 25
 Shabbat Bereshit (Shabbat Hatanim), 5785..... Friday Eve, Oct. 25-Shabbat, Oct. 26

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 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 (*nabalo*). It is vital to building a stronger sense of community in our lives (plus attendees enjoy daily breakfasts. 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 Baruch-Lev Kelman at bkelman@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. From \$25 Arak sponsors to \$2,500 Kiddush Luncheon sponsors, we offer sponsorship levels for all budgets.

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* *besed* 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.



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. Our Public Monthly Tour is now held on the second Wednesday of each month, before Evening Services, and is led by our Shamash, Rev. Z. Edinger. Additionally, we are again taking requests for private tours, with all necessary safety precautions. We are always pleased to lead guests through our beautiful space with enlightening facts about our proud history and unique traditions. Tours generally last 45 minutes. Go to shearithisrael.org/tours for the latest updates on requesting a tour.



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