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SHEARITH ISRAEL

# Program Guide

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## Welcome to Shearith Israel

The majestic Sanctuary, the haunting and meditative melodies of our liturgy, our warmth and feeling of family, as well as the remarkable cultural and religious diversity of our congregation draw members and visitors to Shearith Israel year after year.

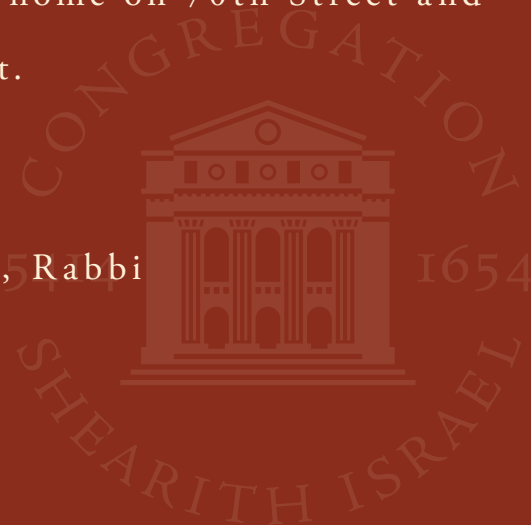
Founded in 1654 by twenty-three Jews of Spanish and Portuguese descent, Shearith Israel is the oldest Jewish congregation in North America. Our members today trace their ancestral roots to Jewish communities throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, South and Central America and elsewhere around the globe; some trace their heritage to these original congregants.

Our congregation follows the Western European Sephardic custom and Orthodox belief and practice. Since its founding, Shearith Israel has welcomed Jews of all backgrounds and levels of religious observance. We welcome everyone to our historic synagogue, and are dedicated to enhancing Jewish life, religious growth and education for our members and the broader community.

This brochure will introduce you to our synagogue. In addition to religious services, we offer a wide array of classes, programs, hesed and social opportunities. We invite you to visit us at our home on 70th Street and Central Park West.



Hayyim J. Angel, Rabbi



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# Prayer Services

Our services have been described as contemplative and spiritually uplifting. Join us on Shabbat and Holidays in our Main Sanctuary and on weekdays in the Little Synagogue.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES (SHAHRITH)

SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 8 am

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:15 am

## TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for a delicious breakfast every Tuesday after morning services.

## SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

*Shabbat Morning Services: 8:15 am*

*(8:30 am in July and August)*

*Friday Evening and Shabbat Afternoon and*

*Evening: times vary; please consult the website,*

*www.shearithisrael.org or The Synagogue Bulletin.*

## JUNIOR CONGREGATION

*For children ages 5-12.*

For more information about Junior

Congregation and a schedule of services, please refer to page 24.



*Main Sanctuary*



*Small Synagogue*

## AFTERNOON/EVENING SERVICES (SUNDAY-THURSDAY)

JULY 19 - SEPTEMBER 24

*Minhah and Arbat at 6:30 pm*

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER

*Minhah and Arbat at 6:15 pm*

OCTOBER 12 - MARCH 11

*Arbat (only) at 6:30 pm*

MARCH 14 - JUNE 10

*Minhah and Arbat at 6:30 pm*

JUNE 13 - JULY 22

*Minhah and Arbat at 6:45 pm*

JULY 25 - SEPTEMBER 28

*Minhah and Arbat at 6:30 pm*

OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 7

*Minhah and Arbat at 6:15 pm*

## WOMEN'S SERVICES

Conducted by and for women, these services take place throughout the year and will include hakafot on Simhath Torah evening, a reading of Megillat Esther on Purim morning, a Shabbat Morning services on January 9, at 9 am and a Minhah service followed by Seudah Shelishit on May 1 at 5:30 pm.

To take part in leading or otherwise participating in the services, contact Lisa Rohde, 212-787-3161.



# Shabbat

## Shabbat at Congregation Shearith Israel

From Kabbalat Shabbat, a service with some of our most beautiful melodies, to Habdalah that begins the new week, Shearith Israel celebrates Shabbat with elegant services and innovative programs that engage and enrich our congregation spiritually, intellectually and socially.

### SHABBAT SERVICES

#### FRIDAY EVENING

*Times vary, and can be found on the website and in The Synagogue Bulletin*

#### SHABBAT MORNING

*Services begin at 8:15 am (8:30 am in July-August) with zemirot (Songs of Praise). Shabarith begins at 9 am (9:15 am in July-August). Men interested in reading zemirot or a haftarah, please contact our Hazan, Rabbi Ira Rohde at 212-873-0300 x217.*

#### SHABBAT AFTERNOON AND EVENING

*Times vary; please consult the website [www.shearithisrael.org](http://www.shearithisrael.org) or The Synagogue Bulletin*

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Young people and their families are welcomed on Shabbat with an array of programming especially for them including childcare for our youngest and a vibrant Junior Congregation led in part by our teens. Details of these programs can be found beginning on page 34, where our complete Youth Program is described.

### KIDDUSH

Immediately following services on Shabbat and holiday mornings, the congregation is invited to kiddush. These informal gatherings, with wine, cookies, and frequently more, are a time to meet fellow congregants and be greeted by our synagogue leaders.

On Shabbat mornings coinciding with Junior Congregation, about twice each month, the usual kiddush fare is expanded to include cholent and salads, and is sponsored by The Efras Kiddush Fund. Please see page 24 for the Junior Congregation schedule.

Sponsoring a kiddush is the perfect way to celebrate a *simhah*, large or small, or to remember loved ones no longer with us. If you would like to sponsor a kiddush, contact Dr. Alan Singer at 212-873-0300 x215.

### SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS

Rabbi Hayyim Angel's ongoing, interactive Bible study group starts one hour and fifteen minutes before afternoon services every Shabbat (see page 28 for details).

## WOMEN'S SERVICES

JANUARY 9

*Shabbat Morning 9 am*

MAY 1

*Minbah 5:30 pm followed by Seudah Sheishit*

Conducted by and for women, these services take place in the Little Synagogue.

## TEEN BOYS' SERVICES

NOVEMBER 21, AND MAY 8

Our teen boys will lead parts of the Shabbat morning service in the Main Sanctuary. To participate, contact Yehudit Robinson, [yehudit.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:yehudit.robinson@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY MEALS

Shabbat is enhanced by gathering with friends, old and new. Join us for a series of Shabbat meals, some for members, others for the community at large, to socialize and learn. Our programs for members will include a Bet Midrash Shabbat featuring Torah text study in small groups; and a Musical Shabbaton where we will learn about our minhag and melodies.

## SHABBAT DINNER AND TEXT STUDY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

Join the congregation for a Shabbat meal and the chance to study Torah in small study groups. You will meet fellow members, exchange ideas and study texts on a variety of topics. Choose

the group you are most interested in - the weekly Torah portion, Talmud, Jewish ethics, prayer and spirituality will all be represented. Experience how rewarding in-depth text study can be at this Bet Midrash Shabbaton. After you have tried it, you'll want to come to the Bet Midrash on Monday evenings at 7 pm for a light dinner and a chance to continue the conversation! See page 29 for more details. Registration is necessary. This program is for members.

## SHEARITH ISRAEL

### MUSICAL EVENING DINNER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

Throughout the year, Shearith Israel's musical heritage enriches our prayer. The distinctive character of the music lends beauty to our *tefillah*, and is best appreciated when participants are familiar with the tunes and their history. Join the congregation for a special Shabbat devoted to our music. We will explore the history of some favorite melodies and learn the tunes with the Hazanim. Registration is necessary. This program is for members.

## TU B'SHEBAT

### CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON

SATURDAY JANUARY 30

Celebrate the changing seasons and Judaism's connection to nature. There will be an additional program for children. Registration is necessary. This program is for members.

## SHABBAT SCHOLARS/ THEMED SHABBATOT

We are honored to host several renowned Jewish scholars and leaders this year. Please join us for what is certain to be a series of informative and memorable lectures, discussions and classes.

1. OCTOBER 30 - 31: RABBI DR. SETH FARBER  
*Shabbat Morning Seminar:*

*The Crisis of Jewish Life in Israel*

*Shabbat Afternoon Class:*

*New Halachot Emerging From Israeli  
Rabbinical Courts*

Rabbi Seth Farber received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University and his rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University. He is the founder and director of *ITIM: The Jewish Life Information Center* and rabbi of *Kehillat Netivot* in Raanana, Israel, where he lives with his wife, Michelle, and their five children. Rabbi Farber is the author of *An American Orthodox Dreamer: Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Boston's Maimonides School* (UPNE: 2004).

2. DECEMBER 18 - 19: MICHAEL FREUND  
*Friday Night Dinner:*

*We Need More Jews*

*Shabbat Morning Seminar:*

*Finding Lost Jews*

Michael Freund is Founder and Chairman of Shavei Israel which reaches out and assists "lost Jews" seeking to return

to the Jewish people. He writes a syndicated column and feature stories for the Jerusalem Post. During Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's first term, Michael served as his Deputy Director of Communications & Policy. He has an MBA in finance from Columbia University and a BA from the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs at Princeton University. Originally from New York, Michael has lived in Israel for the past decade.

3. MARCH 5-6: RABBI SAUL BERMAN

*Understanding and Experiencing Prayer*

*Friday Night Community Dinner:*

*Seeking Values Embedded in  
Shabbat Ritual.*

*Shabbat Morning Seminar:*

*Identifying Our True Needs -  
The Role of Petitional Prayer.*

*Shabbat Afternoon Class:*

*Understanding and Achieving Kavanah-  
The Spiritual Quest in Prayer.*

Rabbi Saul J. Berman was ordained at Yeshiva University, from which he also received his B.A. and his M.H.L. He completed a J.D. at New York University Law School, an M.A. in Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley, and did advanced studies in Jewish Law at Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University Law Schools.

Rabbi Berman has led congregations in Berkeley, Brookline and New York City. He is an Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University and an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University School of Law. Rabbi Berman served as Director of Edah from 1997 to 2006, and as Director of Continuing Rabbinic Education at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School from 2006 to 2009. Rabbi Berman is currently a Fellow at the Tikvah Center for Law and Jewish

March, 2009); *Genesis: The Beginning of Desire* (JPS 1995), renamed *The Beginning of Desire: Reflections on Genesis* (Doubleday paperback; 1996), for which she won the National Jewish Book Award (JPS 1995); and *The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus* (Doubleday 2001). Born in London, she grew up in Glasgow, Scotland, where she studied with her father, Dr. Wolf Gottlieb, head of the Rabbinical Court of Glasgow. Dr. Zornberg holds a BA and Ph.D. in

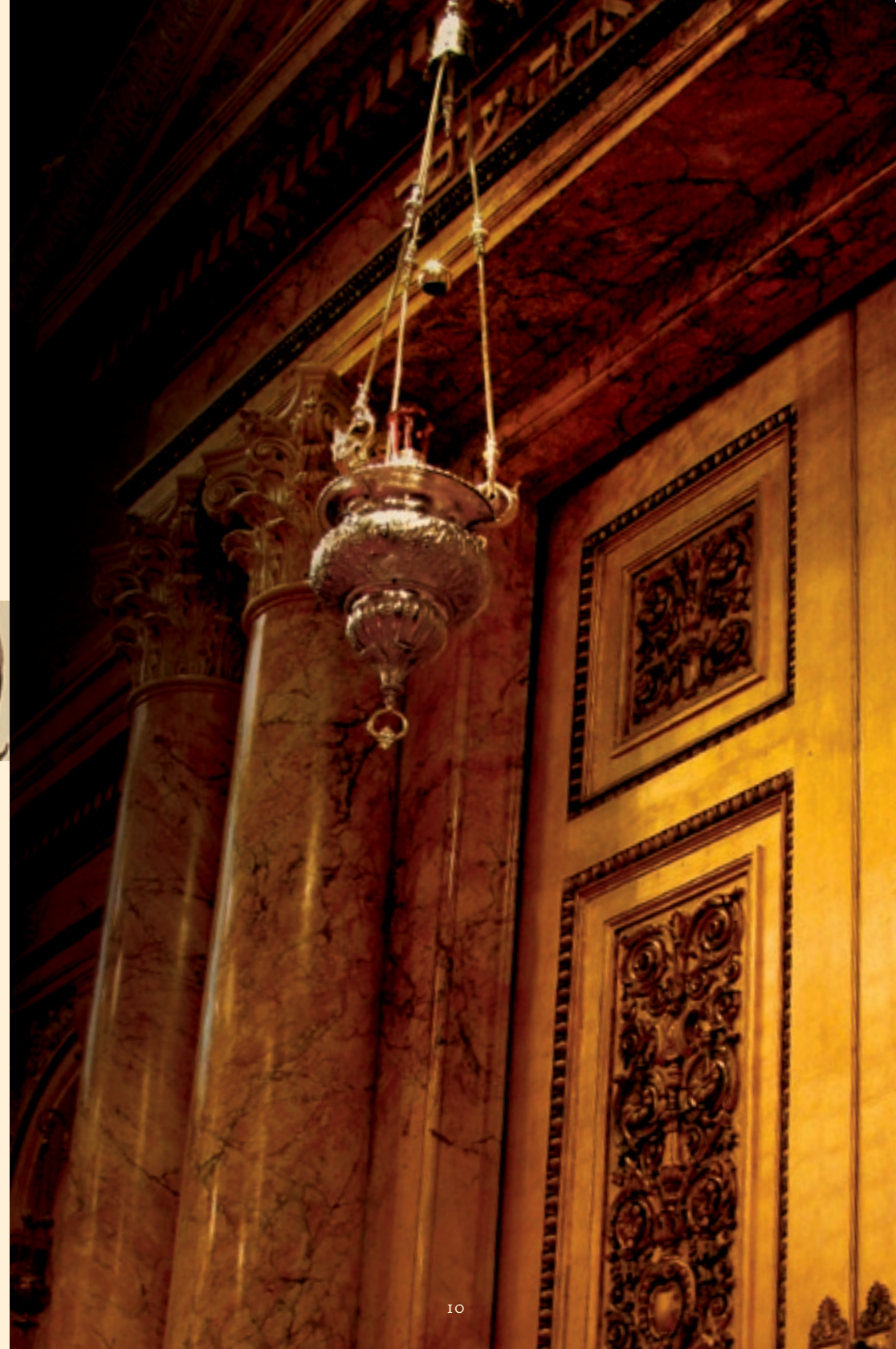


Civilization at New York University Law School. He has published numerous articles in journals such as *Tradition*, *Judaism*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, *Dinei Yisrael*, and is a contributor to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*.

4. APRIL 16-17 DR. AVIVAH GOTTLEIB ZORNBERG  
*Shabbat Morning Seminar and Shabbat Afternoon Class (topics to be announced)*

Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg is the author of *The Murmuring Deep: Reflections on the Biblical Unconscious* (Schocken

English Literature from Cambridge University, and is a Visiting Lecturer at the London School of Jewish Studies. After teaching English literature at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, she turned to teaching Torah. For the past twenty-five years, she has taught Torah in Jerusalem at Matan, Pardes and the Jerusalem College for Adults. She travels widely, lecturing in Jewish, academic, and psychoanalytic settings.





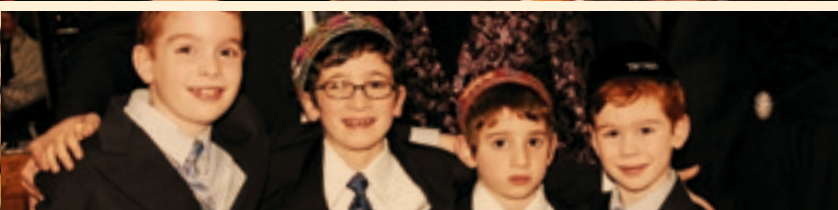
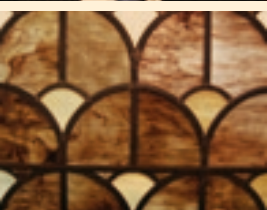
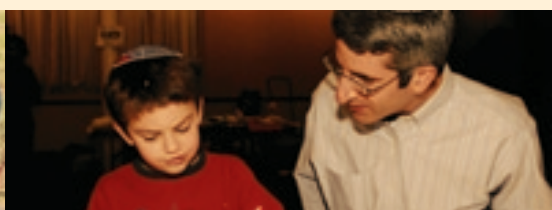
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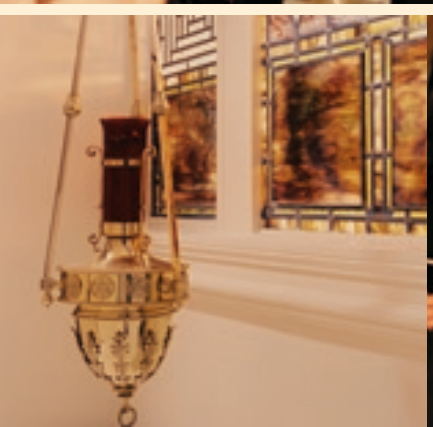
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in our vibrant community.*



OUR  
CONGREGATION  
AT  
SHEARITH ISRAEL



*Experience a different  
kind of spirituality  
and engagement from  
what you might find  
anywhere else.*





# Holidays

## Holidays at Congregation Shearith Israel

From Rosh HaShanah, when the Torah scrolls are draped in white to Tisha B'Ab, when black cloth obscures the beauty of the sanctuary, Shearith Israel's minhag enhances our experience of the holidays.

Our holiday programs and schedule of services are described below. Childcare is available during morning services on Yamim Tobim and throughout the day on Kippur. Junior Congregation meets on several of these days as well. Please refer to the schedule on page 24.

### DOROT DELIVERIES

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13

In preparation for Rosh HaShanah, join us to deliver holiday food packages to seniors in the area. To participate, please contact Alana Shultz, at [alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org](mailto:alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org).

### ROSH HASHANAH

FRIDAY (EVENING), SEPTEMBER 18 –  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

*Friday Morning Selihoth 6:30 am*  
*Candle Lighting Friday at 6:42 pm and Saturday after 7:35 pm*  
*Morning services at 7:45 am and evening services at 6:30 pm, Habdalah Sunday is after 7:21 pm*

### FAST OF GEDALIAH\*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21

*Fast begins at 5:31 am and ends at 7:19 pm*  
*Morning services are at 7:15 am, afternoon and evening services at 6 pm*

### THE EVE OF KIPPUR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

*Morning Selihoth 6:30 am*  
*Minhah 1:30 pm*  
*Candle Lighting at or before 6:26 pm*  
*Kal Nidre Service 6:15 pm*

### KIPPUR

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

*Morning Zemiroth 8:30 am/Shabrith 9:30 am*  
*Minhah 3:30 pm, Shofar and Arbit after 7:18 pm*

### SUCCA DECORATING

YOUTH PARTY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

4 pm - 7 pm

Join us for arts & crafts projects that will beautify Shearith Israel's outdoor Succah. There will be crafts appropriate for all ages. Bring your enthusiasm and creativity; we'll supply the materials and pizza. Teen and parent volunteers are needed. \$5 suggested donation.

### SUCCOT

FRIDAY (EVENING), OCTOBER 2 –  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

*Candle Lighting Friday at or before 6:18 pm*  
*Saturday after 7:10 pm*  
*Morning services 8:15 am, evening services at 6:15 pm, Habdalah is after 6:56 pm*



## HOSHAANA RABBAH

THURSDAY (EVENING) OCTOBER 8 –

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

Thursday 8:30 pm Mishmarah (Class) and Rabbi Hayyim Angel's book reception (See page 29).  
Morning services Friday at 6:30 am.

## SHEMINI HAG ATSERET AND SIMHAT TORAH

FRIDAY (EVENING) OCTOBER 9 –

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

Morning services are at 8:15 am  
Evening services are at 6 pm  
Saturday evening Hakafoth (Circuits), Women's Hakafoth, and Children's Celebration 7 pm.  
Habdalah Sunday is after 6:44 pm.

## THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26

Morning services with added psalms 7:45 am, parade viewing and hot chocolate for members and students of Beit Raban Day School, 9 am.  
Evening services 6:30 pm.

## HANUKKAH

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11 –

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

## HANUKKAH YOUTH PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

12 pm - 3 pm

Join the Shearith Israel Youth Department for a Hanukkah Party with fun activities for children of all ages including arts & crafts, gift grab-bagging, food-art making, candle decorating, card designing,

gift packing, dreidel playing, menorah lighting and more. \$5 per child. Teen and parent volunteers are needed.

## FAST OF TEBETH\*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

Fast begins at 6:07 am and ends at 4:54 pm.

Morning services are at 8 am.

Afternoon and evening services are at 3:45 pm.

## TU B'SHEBAT

SATURDAY JANUARY 30

Members are invited to a Shabbat luncheon celebrating the changing seasons and Judaism's connection to nature. There will be a children's program as well. Registration is necessary.

## PRE-PURIM YOUTH PARTY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21

12 pm - 3 pm

It is a mitzvah to be happy during the month of Adar. We invite you to start the Purim festivities early and bring yourself, your smile and your creativity to a Purim Shpiel-watching, costume making, arts & crafts creating, mishlo'ah manot packaging, and merry-making event. All ages.

## FAST OF ESTHER\*

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25

Fast begins at 5:24 am and ends at 6:19 pm. Morning services are at 7:15 am and evening services are at 5 pm.

## PURIM EVE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27

Services and Megillah Reading, Children's Program, Festive Dinner

Evening services 5:30 pm in the Main Sanctuary; end of Shabbat 6:19 pm; Megillah reading and children's program (Levy Auditorium) 6:30 pm. The children's program (for ages 5-10) will present the Purim story in a playful and creative way. A festive Purim dinner follows with entertainment for all ages. Make reservations with our synagogue office.

## PURIM MORNING

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

Services and Megillah Reading

Women's Megillah Reading

Seudat Purim and Mishlo'ah Manot Delivery

Service and Megillat Esther reading are in the Main Sanctuary at 8 am and Women's Megillah reading is in the Little Synagogue at 9 am. Join us after Megillah for a bagel brunch and Mishlo'ah Manot delivery to the synagogue's elderly and homebound members. Volunteers are needed to deliver packages. See Alana Shultz to get your whole family involved in this important mitzvah.

Please note, we do not use noisemakers or stamp our feet during the Megillah reading, out of respect for the sanctity of the Synagogue.

## DOROT PESAH DELIVERIES

SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 21

In preparation for the holiday, join us to deliver holiday food packages to seniors in the area. To participate, please contact Alana Shultz, [alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org](mailto:alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org).

## FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

MONDAY MARCH 29

Fast begins at 5:33 am

Morning services at 7:15 am, followed by a siyum

## PESAH

MONDAY MARCH 29 (EVENING) – APRIL 6

### FIRST AND SECOND DAYS OF PESAH

Afternoon/Evening services - March 29 and 30,

6:45 pm, March 31, 7 pm

Morning Services 8:15 am

Hol HaMoed Pesah: services follow weekday schedule

### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH DAYS OF PESAH

Afternoon/Evening services 7 pm

Morning Services 8:15 am

Hol HaMoed Pesah: services follow weekday schedule

### SONG OF SONGS READING

SHABBAT PESAH, APRIL 3

The teenage girls of our synagogue (ages 12-18) will read Shir HaShirim in the Main Sanctuary for the congregation after the conclusion of Musaf. To participate, please contact Yehudit Robinson, [yehuditrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:yehuditrobinson@gmail.com).

### YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Remembrance Day

SUNDAY APRIL 11

Congregation Ohab Zedek is hosting the community-wide Upper West Side observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day. 118 West 95th Street. Time to be announced.

### YOM HAZIKKARON

Day of Remembrance for Israel's Fallen Soldiers

SUNDAY APRIL 18

Morning services 8 am; Afternoon/Evening services 6:30 pm

### YOM HAATSMAUT

Israel Independence Day

MONDAY APRIL 19

Morning services 7:15 am with full Hallel and a berakhah in Shahrith to mark the religious significance of the founding of the State of Israel. Afternoon/evening services 6:30 pm

There will be a community-wide celebration at the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street. Date and time to be announced.

### YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Jerusalem Reunification Day

WEDNESDAY MAY 12

Morning services 7:15 am with full Hallel and a berakhah in to mark the religious significance of Jerusalem's reunification in 1967.

Afternoon/evening services 6:30 pm

There will be a community-wide commemoration of Yom Yerushalayim at the West Side Institutional Synagogue, 120 West 76th Street. Date and time to be announced.

### SHABUOTH

TUESDAY MAY 18 (EVENING) –

THURSDAY MAY 20

Morning services at 8:15 am

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon/evening services 7:30 pm

Thursday afternoon/evening services 7:45 pm

The Sanctuary bursts into bloom thanks to the Sisterhood's donation of flowers that adorn the *tebah* and line the steps to the *hekhal*.

### BOOK OF RUTH READING

WEDNESDAY MAY 19

The girls of our synagogue (ages 6-12) will read Megillat Ruth in the Main Sanctuary for the congregation after the conclusion of Musaf. If you would like your daughter to participate, please contact Lisa Rohde, 212-787-3161.

All are invited to the reading and to an expanded dairy kiddush afterwards.

### FAST OF TAMMUZ\*

TUESDAY JUNE 29

Fast begins at 4:16 am

Morning services at 7:15 am

Afternoon and evening services at 7:30 pm

Fast ends at 9:01 pm

The fast commemorates the breach of the walls of Jerusalem, three weeks before the Second Temple was destroyed.

### FAST OF AB\* - TISHA B'AB

MONDAY JULY 19 (EVENING) –

TUESDAY JULY 20

With the Main Sanctuary darkened and draped in black, hundreds gather for the solemn reading of Ekhah (Lamentations). The melodies and surroundings convey the deep sense of loss the Jewish people continue to feel for the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other tragedies that befell the Jewish people.

MONDAY JULY 19,

Minbah 5:30 pm

Fast begins at 8:24 pm

Arbit 8:45 pm followed by reading of Ekhah and Kinot.

TUESDAY JULY 20

Morning services at 6:30 am

Afternoon services at 7 pm

Fast ends at 8:53 pm.

*\*On minor fast days, other than Tisha B'Ab, it is our custom for men to wear talleit and tefillin at both morning and afternoon services. On Tisha B'Ab, men wear talleit and tefillin in the afternoon only.*





# Toddlers

## Toddlers

### SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY CHILD CARE

On Shabbat and holiday mornings, the New Auditorium becomes a playroom for children ages 0 to 4 years old. Supervised by Liz Rios and her attentive staff, the children play and enjoy a morning snack. An adult must accompany any child under two years old.

### TOT SHABBAT

Shabbat mornings at 11 am, teen leaders join the toddlers to sing Shabbat songs, read stories, and lead games.

### WEEKDAY TODDLER PROGRAM

Shearith Israel's popular Toddler Program is held twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am for children aged 16-33 months, with an adult caregiver. The program focuses on learning colors and shapes, doing arts and crafts, singing songs, discovering Jewish holidays and Shearith Israel melodies, playtime and more. *The Toddler Program does not meet on Jewish or legal holidays, 9/28, 10/12, 12/28, 12/30, 1/4, 1/18, 2/15, 3/31, 4/5, 5/19, 5/31.*

### FULL-YEAR ENROLLMENT:

September 9 - June 9

2 Day - Member \$2335; non-member \$2800

1 Day - Member \$1400; non-member \$1680

### FALL SEMESTER:

September 9 - December 23

2 Day - Member \$1010; non-member \$1215

1 Day - Member \$605; non-member \$725

### SPRING SEMESTER:

January 6 - June 9

2 Day - Member \$1585; non-member \$1900

1 Day - Member \$950; non-member \$1140

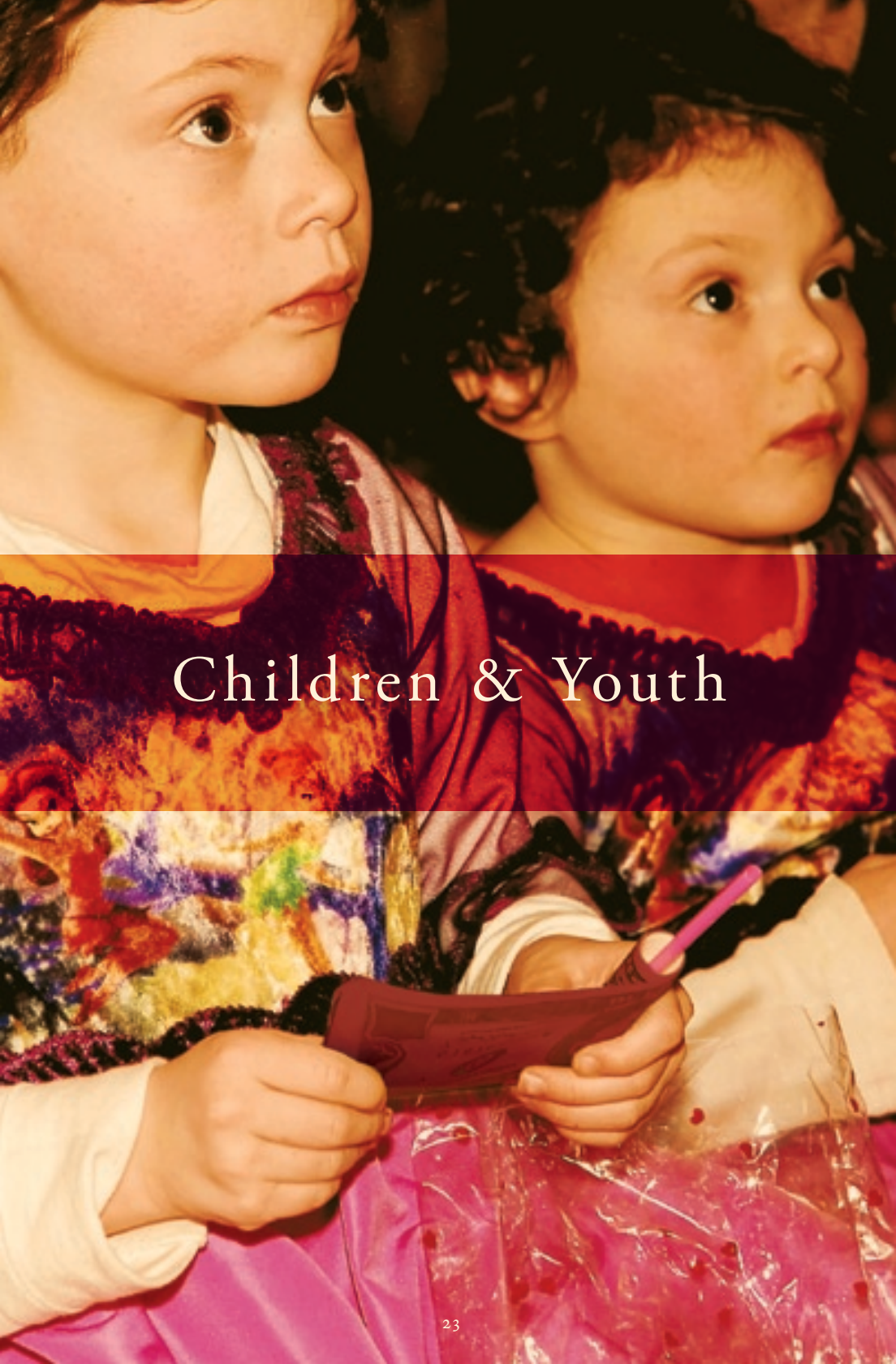
### SUMMER SESSION:

June 16 - August 12

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

9:30-11:30 am

For registration information and fees contact Alana Shultz, [alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org](mailto:alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org), or 212-873-0300 x209. Space is limited.



# Children & Youth

## Children & Youth

### Shabbat and Holidays

#### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Our Junior Congregation is a participatory service for children age 5-12. With the assistance of our teens, and led by Ms. Lynn Kaye, the children learn Shearith Israel's melodies, lead prayers and read Torah. This year we will introduce special programming for tweens. For more information, contact Ms. Lynn Kaye, [lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org](mailto:lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org).

Junior Congregation meets at 10:15 am in the Little Synagogue at Shearith Israel on the following days. Dates are on Shabbat morning unless otherwise noted.

September 20 (2nd day of Rosh HaShanah)  
October 17 / November 7, 21 / December 12  
January 2, 16 / February 6, 27 /  
March 13, 30 (First day of Pesah)  
April 10, 24 / May 8

#### SHABBAT/HOLIDAY CLUBS

For children ages 5-8 and 9-12, meet September 12 - June 12 on days when there is no Junior Congregation, from 10 am until the end of services.

Children participate in informal *tefillah* and fun learning activities.

#### TEEN BOYS' SERVICES

NOVEMBER 21 AND MAY 8

Our teenage boys will lead parts of the service in the Main Sanctuary. To participate, please contact Yehudit Robinson, [yehudit.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:yehudit.robinson@gmail.com).

#### END OF THE YEAR

##### SHABBAT LUNCH

MAY 8

*Shabbat Picnic in the Park*

To mark the ending of another successful year at Shearith Israel, and to recognize the children who participate in Junior Congregation and other youth programs, we invite all children and their parents to enjoy Shabbat together in Central Park. After services, we'll picnic. In the case of rain, we'll be dining inside, but the fun will be sure to follow! Pre-registration is necessary.

#### HOLIDAY PARTIES

On *Hanukkah*, *Purim* and *Yom HaAtsmaut*, youth are invited to celebrate the holidays with parties and activities for kids of all ages. For details, please see the Holiday section beginning on page 15.

#### SUCCAH DECORATING

Thursday, October 1, 4 pm - 7 pm

Join us for arts & crafts projects that will beautify Shearith Israel's outdoor Succah. There will be crafts appropriate for all ages. We will supply the materials and the pizza; you need to bring your

creativity and enthusiasm. Teen and parent volunteers are always needed. \$5 suggested donation.

#### SONG OF SONGS READING

SHABBAT PESAH, APRIL 3

The teenage girls of our synagogue (ages 12-18) will read Shir HaShirim in the Main Sanctuary for the congregation after the conclusion of Musaf. To participate, please contact Yehudit Robinson, [yehuditrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:yehuditrobinson@gmail.com).

#### BOOK OF RUTH READING

THURSDAY MAY 20

*Second Day of Shabuoth*

The girls of our synagogue (ages 6-12) will read Megillat Ruth in the Main Sanctuary for the congregation after the conclusion of Musaf. All are invited to the reading and to an expanded dairy kiddush afterwards. If you would like your daughter to participate, please contact Lisa Rohde, 212-787-3161.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

##### OPPORTUNITIES

There are many community-service opportunities available for children and teens – DOROT and Mishlo'ah Manot deliveries, Tot Shabbat, and more. See Alana Shultz for specific opportunities. This is also a great way for high school students to fulfill their community service requirements.

#### NCSY

THURSDAYS AT 8:30 PM

*A social community for teenagers.*

*118 West 95th Street*

Join the Upper West Side chapter at Congregation Ohab Zedek for chapter meetings, Shabbatonim and other events are held throughout the year.

#### ROLLERBLADING PARTY

SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 9,

*6:15 pm*

Our annual celebration for Junior Congregation participants. We turn our auditorium into a roller rink! Ages 5-12.

More events for teens and tweens will be announced throughout the year. Shearith Israel's Youth Department often collaborates with other synagogues and organizations to provide a fun and social atmosphere for our kids. Please look out for flyers and emails publicizing these programs, or check our website.

## Hebrew School & After-School Activities

### Hebrew School

At our Hebrew School, The Polonies Talmud Torah, learning is fun and exciting. Our programs foster a love of learning and a deep connection to Judaism. Students develop Hebrew language skills, learn Torah and Jewish practice, connect with Israel, and celebrate holidays with our experienced and enthusiastic staff. Hebrew school meets on Sundays and Thursdays from September 13 through June 3. Ages 5-15. Annual tuition is \$650 for members and \$1,250 for non-members. Financial aid is available.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

FAMILY SUKKOT MEAL, OCTOBER 8

*6 - 7:30 pm*

FAMILY DAY AT CHATHAM SQUARE, MAY 23

*10:30 - 11:30 am*

AWARDS CEREMONY, JUNE 6

*10:45 am*

For more information contact Ms. Lynn Kaye at [lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org](mailto:lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org), or 212-873-0300 x208.

### After-School Activities

For children aged 4-12 (in collaboration with Beit Rabban Day School). For more information, contact Alana Shultz, [alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org](mailto:alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org).

#### MONDAYS

*3:35 - 5 pm*

Skateboarding and Rollerblading.

#### TUESDAYS

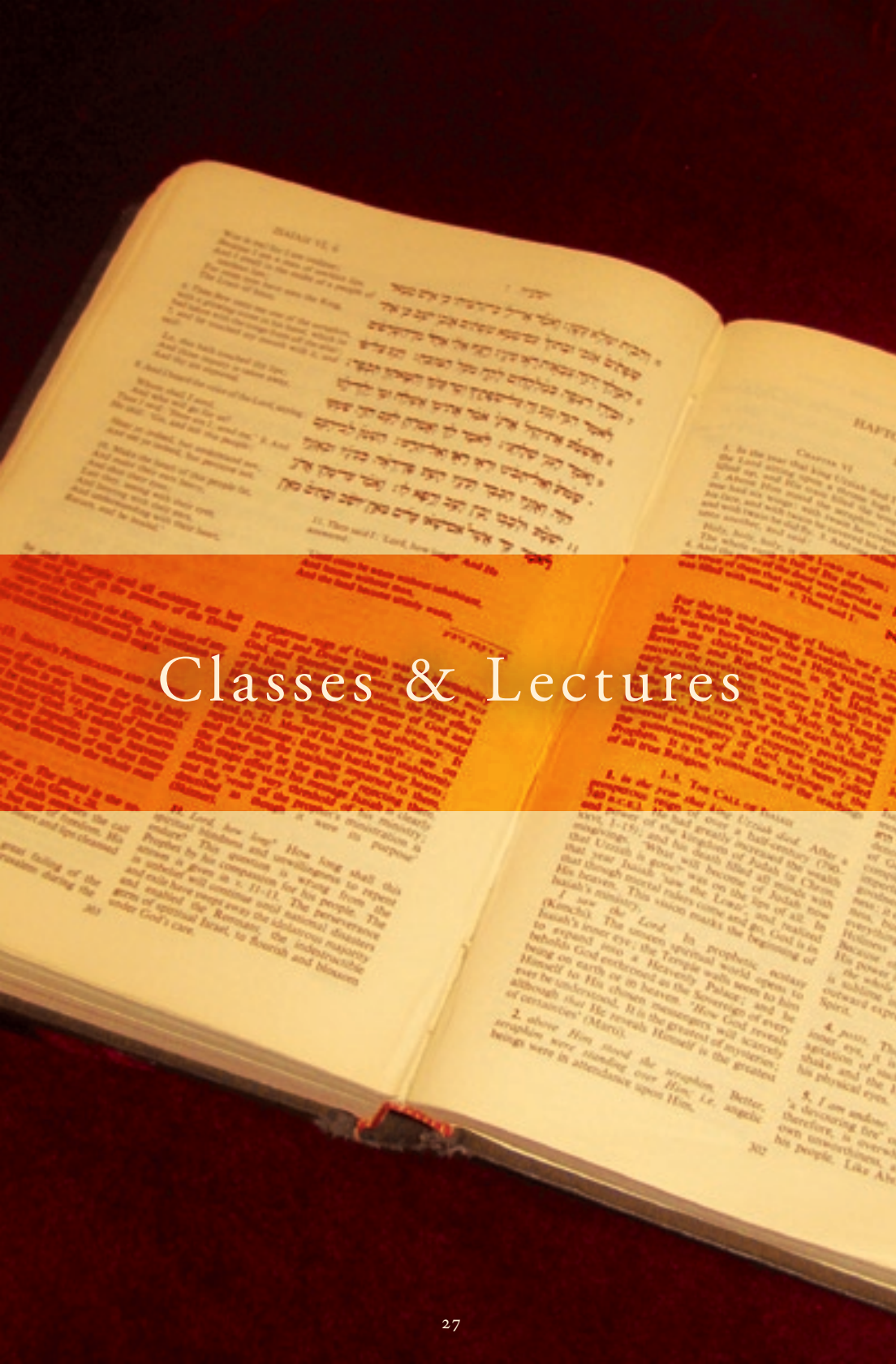
*3:35 - 4:35 pm*

Hip Hop.

#### WEDNESDAYS

*3:35 - 4:35 pm*

Super Soccer Stars and Chess.



# Classes & Lectures

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All classes are free of charge unless otherwise noted.  
No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

### Weekly Classes

#### SHABBAT

##### BIBLE CLASS WITH RABBI HAYYIM ANGEL

We study the Bible from beginning to end, drawing upon classic rabbinic commentary and contemporary Bible scholarship. This interactive class, taught in English, is appropriate for everyone from the very learned to the novice. We will begin the year with Bemidbar/Numbers. New students are always welcome. The Bible class is free, and open to the public. The class meets year-round, one hour and fifteen minutes before the Shabbat Minhah service.

#### SUNDAYS

##### MAIMONIDES WITH RABBI MARC ANGEL

8:40 - 9:40 am in the Elias Room.

The class studies texts from the Mishneh Torah, the classic code of Jewish law written by Rabbi Moses Maimonides, with the goal of studying the laws and their ethical underpinnings. Bagels breakfast is served.

##### KUZARI OF RABBI JUDAH HALEVI WITH

##### SJIMON DEN HOLLANDER

9:40 am - 10:40 am in the Elias Room

The Kuzari discusses the basic teachings of Judaism in a lively and challenging format. Sjimon has taught Kuzari for

the past several years and brings his knowledge of the Arabic language, literature and medieval philosophy to this stimulating class.

The Maimonides and Kuzari classes are free and open to the public, thanks to the generous support of the Jack and Susan Rudin Education Fund of Shearith Israel.

#### ADULT HEBREW READING – INTERMEDIATE COURSE WITH SETH WINBERG

10 - 10:55 am two six-week semesters  
October 18, 25 / November 1, 8, 15, 22  
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 / February 7

The Hebrew Reading Course is designed to increase fluency in reading and improve comprehension. We ask students to commit to attending a full semester. Registration is \$25, and classes are held on the third floor. A light breakfast is served. To register, email [lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org](mailto:lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org).

#### BEGINNER'S JUDAISM WITH JOSH FRANKEL

11 am - 12 pm  
October 18, 25 / November 1, 8, 15, 22  
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 / February 7

Topics covered will include the rhythm of the Jewish year, lifecycle events and more. A light breakfast is served.

## MONDAYS

### BET MIDRASH (HOUSE OF STUDY)

Explore the topic of your choosing with a student of advanced Judaic Studies from the rabbinical schools of Yeshiva University and Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and the fellowships for women's advanced Talmudic studies at Drisha and Yeshiva University. Contact Lynn Kaye at [lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org](mailto:lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org) for more information.

*Mondays 7 pm - 9 pm*

*October 19, 26 / November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

*December 7, 14, 21 / January 4, 11, 25*

*February 1, 8, 22 / March 1, 8, 15, 22*

*April 12, 19, 26 / May 3, 10, 17, 24*

## WEDNESDAYS

### LITURGY CLASS WITH RABBI IRA ROHDE

*Four Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 pm*

*October 14, 21, 28 / November 4*

Rabbi Rohde, Hazan of Congregation Shearith Israel, will teach the history and melodies of select portions of the Shabbat liturgy. This class is for adults and children (ages 10 and up) who are able to follow the service. For more information, please contact Rabbi Rohde at [rabbi.irohde@shearithisrael.org](mailto:rabbi.irohde@shearithisrael.org).

## JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS

### REFLECTIVE JEWISH LIVING AND MEANING

#### WITH RABBI ARI WEISS

*November 11 - December 23, 7 - 8pm*

An eight-week course exploring Jewish concepts of the "Good Life." The class

incorporates text study and practical discussions about how these messages can be brought fruitfully into our own lives each day.

## Monthly Classes

### JEWISH LAW AND LEGAL PHILOSOPHY WITH LYNN KAYE

*Tuesdays, 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm in the Elias Room.*

Each month we will study a topic in Jewish law, analyzing the development of the law as well as the ethics and ideology behind it. Each class is a chance to gain greater insight into the workings of the Jewish legal system. Topics will include developmental disabilities and capacity in Jewish law, incarceration as punishment or rehabilitation, and topics in *avelut* (laws of mourning). Sources are accessible to all in translation.

*October 20 / February 23 / November 17*

*March 23 / December 15 / April 27*

*January 26 / May 25*

## Special Lectures

### HOSHAANA RABBAH MISHMARAH

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 8**

*8:30 - 10 pm, Elias Room Succah*

Rabbi Hayyim Angel will have a reception for his newly published collection of biblical studies, "Revealed Texts, Hidden Meanings: Finding the Religious Significance in Tanakh." He will give a special lecture on the underlying methodology beneath

the studies, and books will be available for purchase. The Mishmarah will conclude with the traditional chanting of the end and then beginning of the Torah. All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

### PRE-PESAH SPECIAL LECTURE

**SUNDAY MARCH 21**

*10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Levy Auditorium*

Rabbi Hayyim Angel will give a class in anticipation of Passover, so that our experience and understanding of the holiday will be enriched. All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

### SJIMON DEN HOLLANDER SPECIAL LECTURE

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 14**

*8 pm*

Sjimon will discuss his journey to Judaism and how he found his spiritual home with us.

Additional Lectures will be scheduled. Please check our website [www.shearithisrael.org](http://www.shearithisrael.org) or *The Bulletin* for details.

## Parenting Classes

### TAKING CHILDREN TO ART MUSEUMS

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10**

*7:15 pm*

Art historian and parent Alexandra Schein will provide helpful tips so you can act as an effective museum guide for your children. Geared for parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, of children ages 2-8.

### EXPECTANT PARENTING CLASS AND INFANT CPR

**WEDNESDAYS DECEMBER 2, 9, AND TUESDAY DECEMBER 22**

*7:15 pm*

Dr. Gavin Samuels will discuss *halakhot* and customs pertaining to pregnancy, labor, delivery and the first weeks of life, as well as some of the practical aspects of adapting to parenthood. Topics will include the laws of family purity, banking umbilical cord blood, *berit milah*, *pidyon haben*, and baby naming ceremonies to welcome our daughters. Infant CPR will be taught in the last class. Space for this final session is limited and reservations will be necessary.

Please note that these dates are subject to change, so please check our website –[www.shearithisrael.org](http://www.shearithisrael.org).





# Hesed

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We actively seek ways to grow closer and more connected as a community, and to reach beyond our congregation to help others.

Join us in the initiatives described below, or join one of our community groups described on page 39.

### CARING CONNECTION

Caring Connection provides support to congregants with weekly telephone visits to homebound members; meals delivered during illness, mourning, or after the birth of a child; and information and referrals to social services. Caring Connection sponsors education and training for its volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Ms. Lynn Kaye, [lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org](mailto:lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org) or 212-873-0300 x208.

### DOROT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 AND SUNDAY MARCH 21  
Food delivery to seniors living on the Upper West Side. For more information, contact Alana Shultz at [alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org](mailto:alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org) or 212.873.0300 x 209.

### MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK IN CENTRAL PARK

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

9 am

Join Shearith Israel and thousands of New Yorkers supporting the fight against breast cancer. Fundraising is

optional and on an individual basis. This is a family friendly activity! Registration is free. Contact Alana Shultz.

### BIKUR HOLIM CONFERENCE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

*UJA-Federation of New York*

An educational event that informs and inspires. Learn about the important and life enhancing mitzvah of visiting the sick. Contact Ms. Lynn Kaye for more details.

### ANNUAL SHEARITH ISRAEL LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

10 am - 4 pm

Give us a pint of your blood and we'll give you a snack, a pin, and our heartfelt thanks for doing the mitzvah of anonymously saving a life.

### MISHLO'AH MANOT DELIVERY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

Delivery to seniors in the community, see Holidays, under Purim for details (pg 16).

*Photo (left) by Michael Rogal, courtesy of Dorot, Inc.*





## Cultural Offerings & Community Groups

### Cultural Offerings

Congregation Shearith Israel offers eclectic programming on a wide array of themes – film screenings, wine tasting, cooking classes and literary events.

New events are added to the calendar throughout the year, so please visit our website, [www.shearithisrael.org](http://www.shearithisrael.org) and sign up for the synagogue email list to receive news about upcoming programs.

While most of these programs are free, or have a minimal fee, donations are always greatly appreciated.

#### POETRY SHMOOZE

*Thursdays at 12:15 pm, Elias Room*

Shearith Israel's own poet and member Janet R. Kirchheimer, leads a monthly poetry discussion. Join us for a delicious lunch and stimulating conversation. Suggested donation \$10.

*September 10 / October 15 / November 12  
December 17 / January 14 / February 18  
March 11 / April 15 / May 13 / June 10  
July 8 / August 12*

#### POETRY READING AND RECEPTION

*Date and time to be announced*

Mary Stewart Hammond's Master Poetry Class will hold its annual Poetry Reading.

#### AUTHORS SERIES

Throughout the year we host authors as they read from their new books on a variety of Jewish topics in every genre.

#### THE LAST EMBER BY DANIEL LEVIN

*Monday, September 14, 7:15 pm*

A gripping literary thriller about a treasure hunt for the Temple Menorah, the priceless historical artifact stolen from the Second Temple in Jerusalem two thousand years ago and never recovered. *The Last Ember* is a provocative and fast-paced glimpse into history, religion, and international law. If you are a fan of Da Vinci Code-like books, you will love this. The author will join us for a reading and Q&A. This event is free. Books will be available for purchase.

#### Films

While all films are free, donations are appreciated to help defray screening costs.

#### THE FORGOTTEN REFUGEES

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12**

*7:15 pm*

Produced by The David Project, the film explores the history, culture, and forced exodus of Middle Eastern and North African Jewish communities in the second half of the 20th century. Using extensive testimony of refugees from Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Iraq, and Morocco the film recounts the stories - of joy and suffering - that nearly one million

individuals have carried with them for so long. A David Project educator will join us for Q&A after the movie.

#### FACES OF ISRAEL

TUESDAY OCTOBER 2

7:15 pm

This documentary film poses a series of questions on hot topics surrounding what it means to live in both a Jewish and a democratic state. It answers these questions through interviews with Israelis from across the religious and cultural spectrum. Following the screening there will be a Q&A with the filmmaker, Amy Beth Oppenheimer.

This event is co-sponsored by JICNY – Jewish International Connection of NY.

#### SUMMER FILM SERIES

JULY 7 - AUGUST 25

Every Wednesday evening at 7 pm

Please check our website, [www.shearithisrael.org](http://www.shearithisrael.org) for the schedule of films.

#### COOKING CLASSES

Learn recipes and hear stories as our culture and history come alive through food.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27

7 pm - 9 pm

In honor of Tu b'Shebat, we will be cooking traditional Sephardic foods. Come watch and learn from Gil Marks, author of *Olive Trees and Honey* and the *World of Jewish Cooking*.

Registration is necessary. \$10 fee includes refreshments and samples of the dishes.

Additional classes will be planned throughout the year, please check our website for upcoming dates.

#### TAI CHI

THURSDAYS

11 am in the Elias Room

A martial art with gentle, low-impact movements, Tai Chi is a wonderful form of exercise for all ages, especially seniors. Lewis Paleias will instruct the class based on personal needs.

Suggested donation of \$10/class or \$50 for every 6 classes.

#### DIARNA PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

7:15 pm

Diarna Mapping Mizrahi History uses technology to virtually preserve Jewish heritage sites in the Middle East. With photographs, videos, oral history and 3-D models, Diarna brings history to life. Learn about religious and historically important sites in a multimedia presentation of Diarna's work. Visit traditional tombs of Biblical prophets, Saharan outposts, and remote Kurdish villages without leaving New York. This program is free and open to all. Wine and light refreshments will be served.

#### SHOFAR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

8 pm

Learn to perform this important mitzvah for yourself and others.

#### AN EVENING IN THE SUCCAH

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

7 pm

A guest speaker from the Israeli Consulate will discuss Women in Israel. Sponsored by the Sisterhood.

#### HOW TO BUILD AN AFFORDABLE ART COLLECTION WITH CAROLE PINTO

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

8 pm, Levy Auditorium

This event is an especially timely talk for those interested in fine arts in a lean economic time.

#### FOOD, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

11 am

Join the Sisterhood and Judy Bart Kancigor, author of "Cooking Jewish: 532 Great Recipes from the Rabinowitz Family", for a lovely Sunday brunch. Judy will discuss how and why she gathered recipes from members of her family, creating a rich history of a Jewish family that, like most of us, loves to cook, eat, and talk!

#### SHEARITH ISRAEL LEAGUE ANNUAL EVENT

SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 21

We will be honoring Anwar and Barbara Suleiman, with live music, dancing and delicious food. Please join us for an elegant and convivial evening.

#### POWER POLITICS IN THE COURT OF ABRAHAM MAIMONIDES BY DR. PHILIP LIEBERMAN

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

8 pm, Levy Auditorium

Fascinating ancient plots and counter-plots, some worthy of a thriller film; dramatically demonstrate how some things human never seem to change.

#### GALA CONCERT OF LADINO SONGS BY ALHAMBRA

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9

8 pm

Please join us for a rousing evening of beautiful Ladino songs, familiar and new.

#### PROGRAM CELEBRATING THE LIFE & WORK OF REVEREND ABRAHAM LOPES CARDOZO

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

3 pm

Cultural events will be added to the calendar throughout the year. Please check our website, weekly announcements and the synagogue bulletin for the most up-to-date listings.

## Community Groups

Shearith Israel has a number of communal organizations through which members can meet each other and pursue community service projects, as well as social and educational opportunities.

### **SHEARITH ISRAEL LEAGUE**

The Shearith Israel League is a social, cultural and educational organization that hosts events for the community throughout the year. Some of the highlights are a variety of fascinating lectures by writers and scholars related to our Sephardic heritage, game night, square dancing, a yearly blood drive and an annual dinner-dance. We are eager for new members and new leaders and would invite all who might be interested to attend one of our warm and welcoming meetings or events. For information, please contact Joelle Wallach at [joelle@joellewallach.com](mailto:joelle@joellewallach.com).

### **HEBRA HESED VA 'AMET**

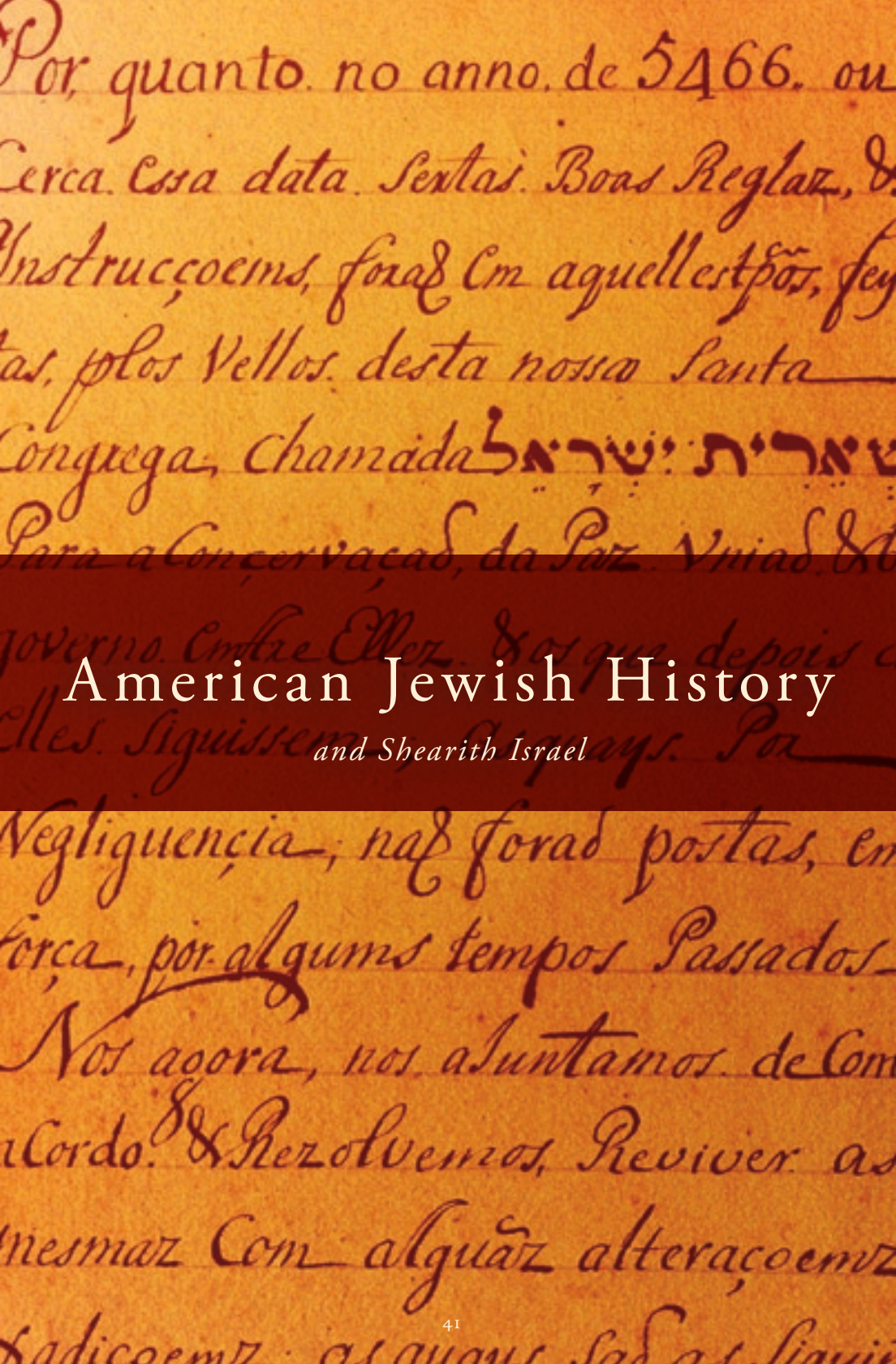
Founded in 1802, The Hebra Hased Va 'Amet is the oldest continuing Jewish philanthropic organization in New York City. The Hebra provides dignified burials for indigent congregants and contributes to the maintenance of Shearith Israel's cemeteries. Members of the Hebra Kadisha, integral to the Hebra Hased Va 'Amet, perform *taharah* for synagogue members. The Hebra provides the Mourners' Meal after funerals and, with Caring Connection, provides support for mourners during *shibah*. To get involved in any

of the activities of the Hebra Hased Va'Amet, please contact Jack Daar, [jdaar@hotmail.com](mailto:jdaar@hotmail.com). To work with the Hebra Kadisha, contact Avery Neumark, [aneumark@rssmcpa.com](mailto:aneumark@rssmcpa.com); or Eva Haberman, [eghaberman@prodigy.net](mailto:eghaberman@prodigy.net).

### **SISTERHOOD**

Founded in 1896, the Sisterhood has a number of communal responsibilities, including the decoration and running of our renowned Succah and the beautification of the Main Sanctuary during Shabuoth. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the Little Synagogue and the Torah mantles. The Sisterhood supports many other charitable organizations both here in New York and in Israel such as UJA-Federation, DOROT, Joint Passover Association, Hatzalah, IDF, Magen David Adom, Hadassah Hospital, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Keren Or and many others. The Sisterhood is looking to revitalize its membership and become involved in new projects, so look out for future events in the synagogue bulletins and flyers. To get involved, contact Irma Lopes Cardozo, Co-President or Carla Salomon Schein, Co-President at [scheinc@ujafedny.org](mailto:scheinc@ujafedny.org).





# American Jewish History

and Shearith Israel

## Congregational History

Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in the City of New York, founded in 1654, was the first Jewish congregation established in North America. Members of Shearith Israel struggled for and won religious and civil freedoms for Jews in America. They played an important role in the American Revolution, and were actively involved in civic life. As the only Jewish congregation in New York City until 1825, Shearith Israel provided for all the needs of the Jewish community.

Shearith Israel and its members have been and continue to be an integral part of New York City and its Jewish community, founding and active in many leading institutions including Mt. Sinai Hospital, the New York Stock Exchange, Montefiore Hospital, the Lexington School for the Deaf, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the Sephardic Studies Program of Yeshiva University and many more. Notable members have included the poet Emma Lazarus, whose words adorn the base of the Statue of Liberty; Maude Nathan the suffragist and social reformer; and Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Nathan Cardozo. From 1907-1970, Shearith Israel was led by Dr. David De Sola Pool, an ardent Zionist, and prolific writer and translator whose works are widely used to this day.

### CONSECRATION ANNIVERSARIES

Shearith Israel's first permanent home was erected on Mill Street in 1730. As the congregation and the city grew, Shearith Israel moved to larger quarters. We mark the inauguration anniversaries of our five synagogue buildings annually. On these days, the Torah scrolls are dressed in the pastel mantles usually reserved for holidays, and additional songs of thanks are included in our service.

LOCATION	HEBREW DATE	2009-10 DATE
19th St	Nitzabim-Vayelekh	Fri, Sept 11
2nd Mill St	Tzav-HaGadol	Fri, March 26
1st Mill St	Pesah-7th Day	Mon, April 5
70th St	Behar-Behukothai	Fri, May 7
Crosby St	Shabuoth-1st Day	Wed, May 19

### ANNUAL MEMORIAL

#### OBSERVANCE FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

SUNDAY MAY 23

10:30 am at the Chatham Square Cemetery  
We honor our members who participated in the Revolutionary War with a ceremony and a Color Guard, attended by military veterans, clergy and members of the community. Join us to place American flags at the graves of the twenty-two congregants who participated in the Revolutionary War. This cemetery was in use from 1682-1828 and is located at 55 St. James Place, opposite Chatham Square.

# Shearith Israel Profiles

## 1. RABBI HAYYIM J. ANGEL

*Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel*

Rabbi Angel grew up in Congregation Shearith Israel. He received his BA (Jewish Studies), MA (Bible), MS (Jewish Secondary Education), and Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshiva University. In addition to his rabbinic duties at the Synagogue (where he has served full-time since 1995), he has taught advanced undergraduate Bible courses at Yeshiva University for the past fourteen years and lectures widely, primarily in Bible.

(Urim, 2008). He is co-founder and co-chairman of the International Rabbinic Fellowship, a worldwide association of Modern Orthodox rabbis.

## 3. MS. LYNN KAYE

*Assistant Congregational Leader*

Ms. Kaye is a graduate of Cambridge University with a BA in Hebrew Literature and a master's degree in the Hebrew Bible. She received an Arts and Humanities Research Board fellowship at Cambridge. Ms. Kaye is pursuing a doctorate in Talmud at New York

and Columbia University. His undergraduate degree is from SUNY Binghamton. Rabbi Rohde studied the congregation's musical liturgy with Reverend Abraham Lopes Cardozo, as well as with veteran congregants, particularly Dr. Charles Gourgey.

## 5. REVEREND PHILIP L. SHERMAN

*Associate Hazan*

Born and raised in Syracuse, New York, Reverend Sherman earned dual bachelor's degrees in Music and Jewish Studies from Columbia University/

Her responsibilities at Shearith Israel include cultural programming, youth events, Shabbat dinners and more.

## 7. DR. ALAN SINGER

*Executive Director*

Dr. Singer has served as Congregation Shearith Israel's Executive Director since 1995, coming from National Conference on Soviet Jewry and United Jewish Appeal-Federation before that. He received both his Bachelors and Masters in Social Work from Yeshiva University.



He has published two collections of scholarly biblical articles, *Through an Opaque Lens* (2006) and *Revealed Texts, Hidden Meanings: Finding the Religious Significance in Tanakh* (2009).

## 2. RABBI MARC D. ANGEL

*Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Shearith Israel*

Rabbi Angel began serving in 1969. He currently is Director of the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals ([www.jewishideas.org](http://www.jewishideas.org)) that fosters an intellectually vibrant, compassionate and inclusive Orthodox Judaism. Author and editor of 26 books, his most recent is a novel, *The Search Committee*

University. She was a graduate fellow in Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies at Cardozo Law School and completed Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Women in Advanced Talmudic Studies.

## 4. RABBI IRA L. ROHDE

*Hazan*

Rabbi Rohde has served for nineteen years as Hazan of Congregation Shearith Israel. He received Rabbinic Ordination and a Cantorial Diploma from Yeshiva University and pursued Jewish, musical and general studies at The Jewish Theological Seminary

Jewish Theological Seminary Joint Program. He is a certified Mohel, trained by the Chief Mohel of Jerusalem, Rabbi Yosef Hakohen Halperin (zt"l). Reverend Sherman is a member of the Cantorial Council of America and the Screen Actor's Guild.

## 6. MS. ALANA SHULTZ

*Program Director*

Ms. Shultz earned a master's degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary in Jewish Studies, with a focus on Jewish Art and Material Culture, and her B.A. in Art History from Rutgers University.

He received his Ph.D. in Social Policy and Administration from Rutgers University.

## 8. MR. ARTHUR TENENHOLTZ

*Shamash*

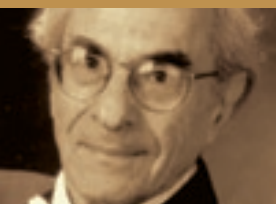
Part of the Shearith Israel community since 1997, Mr. Tenenholtz is happy to be of assistance to congregants and visitors alike especially when it comes to learning about the Congregation's traditions and the performance of honors. His duties include coordinating some of the details of semahot, from baby namings to weddings.

## Teaching Faculty

### 9. MR. LEON HYMAN

*Choirmaster*

Leading the choir since 1955, he is Professor Emeritus of Montclair State University where he served on the conducting faculty. He has taught conducting and conducted ensembles at Teachers College, Columbia University and Julliard School. He received his bachelor's from Queens College, and an MS degree from Julliard School of Music. Additionally, Mr. Hyman has been serving as music director/



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conductor of the New Philharmonic of New Jersey (Morristown) that he co-founded in 1978.

10. SJIMON DEN HOLLANDER was born in the Netherlands and has a Bachelors degree in education and a Masters degree in Arabic and Islamic studies. Currently Sjimon is a student at the rabbinical seminary of Yeshiva University. He has been teaching adults at Shearith Israel for a number of years. Because of his background, he enriches his classes with unusual and comparative perspectives.

11. LIZ RIOS is the Head Teacher of our Toddler Program on weekdays as well as on Shabbat and Holidays. She has worked at Congregation Shearith Israel since 1975. She has a Teacher's Aide Diploma and Child Day Care Management Diploma from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

12. YEHUDIT ROBINSON strives to create bar and bat mitzvah experiences which are meaningful for the entire family. Along with Rabbi Hayyim



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Angel and Rabbi Ira Rohde, Yehudit helps students prepare Torah portions, Haftarah portions, and Dibrei Torah. She also prepares our teens for the Teen Boys' services and the teen Girls' Shir HaShirim reading. Yehudit is the Director of Media at Manhattan Day School where she compiles and edits the weekly MDS Messenger. She recently completed a Master's degree in English at New York University.

## Membership and the 1654 Society

We invite you to join us in our quests for knowledge, spiritual satisfaction, and community.

### SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP

Being a member puts you in touch with everyone here and gives you the opportunity to participate as a stakeholder in prayer services, events, classes and all aspects of communal life. For more information, email us at [office.shearithisrael.org](mailto:office.shearithisrael.org) or call 212-873-0300, or log on to [www.shearithisrael.org](http://www.shearithisrael.org), where you can download a membership form.

### INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP

\$1000 per individual and \$1500 per family for the first year; afterwards \$1600 for individuals, \$2300 for families

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEMBERSHIP

(23-35 YEARS OLD)

Rates are on a sliding scale starting at \$300 per individual or \$400 per family

Please contact Dr. Alan Singer to discuss your particular circumstances.

### 1654 SOCIETY

Many of the community's friends live far from New York City, but still feel an affiliation with our congregation. If you would like to stay up to date with what happens in the Shearith Israel community, join the 1654 society. You will receive synagogue mailings and information, as well as gifts when you join. You can learn about the work of the 1654 society at [www.1654.org](http://www.1654.org). To join, please send a check payable to "1654 Society" to the synagogue address.

### 1654 CATEGORIES

#### FRIEND

\$52

Receives synagogue mailings, plus two copies of *Grace after Meals* booklet.

#### CONTRIBUTING FRIEND

\$100

Receives the aforementioned, plus a copy of Rabbi Marc D. Angel's book *Foundations of Sephardic Spirituality*.

#### PATRON

\$250

Receives the aforementioned, plus a copy of Rabbi Hayyim J. Angel's book of biblical studies, *Through an Opaque Lens*.



# Jewish Holiday Calendar

Rosh HaShanah SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19 - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Fast of Gedaliah MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Kippur MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Succot (1st & 2nd Days) SATURDAY OCTOBER 3 - SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

Hol HaMoed Succot MONDAY OCTOBER 5 - THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

Hoshaana Rabbah FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

Shemini Hag Atseret SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

Simhat Torah SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

Hanukkah SATURDAY DECEMBER 12 - SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

Fast of Tebeth SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

Tu B'Shebat SATURDAY JANUARY 30

Fast of Esther THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25

Purim SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

Pesah TUESDAY MARCH 30 - TUESDAY APRIL 6

Yom HaShoah SUNDAY APRIL 11

Yom HaZikaron SUNDAY APRIL 18

Yom HaAtsmaut MONDAY APRIL 19

Lag L'Omer SUNDAY MAY 2

Yom Yerushalayim WEDNESDAY MAY 12

Shabuoth WEDNESDAY MAY 19 - THURSDAY MAY 20

Fast of Tammuz TUESDAY JUNE 29

Tisha B'Ab TUESDAY JULY 20

# Jewish Communal Services

## HATZALAH

Medical Emergencies

212-230-1000

## ERUV OF MANHATTAN

<http://shearithisrael.org/ManhattanEruv.pdf>

## MIKVAH

236 W. 74TH STREET

Between Broadway and West End Ave

212-579-2011

419 E. 77TH STREET

Between 1st and York Ave

212-359-2020

## SHEARITH ISRAEL CARING

### CONNECTION

Bikur holim, telephone visiting, referrals, meals  
and other help in difficult times

212-873-0300 x208 or [lynn.kaye@](mailto:lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org)

[shearithisrael.org](http://shearithisrael.org)

## DOROT

Senior Social Services, and Kosher Meals on Wheels

212-769-2850

## GOOD COMPANIONS SENIOR CENTER

334 Madison Street New York, NY 10002

212-349-2770

## CITY MEALS ON WHEELS

Additional kosher meal information

212-687-1234

## SEPHARDIC BIKUR HOLIM

Mental health counseling, bikur holim, debt

counseling, doctor referral services and other Jewish  
social services, based in Brooklyn

718-787-1100

## THE SHIRA RUSKAY CENTER

Support for Jewish families coping with critical  
illness and bereavement

(212) 664-1632

## JEWISH FEDERATION

### EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE

Job readiness

212-366-8400

## JEWISH FUNERAL HOMES

PLAZA MEMORIAL CHAPEL (MANHATTAN)

212-769-4400

RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL (MANHATTAN)

212-362-6600

PARKSIDE FUNERAL HOME (QUEENS)

718-896-9000

## HEBREW FREE BURIAL

### ASSOCIATION

Assuring that every Jew, regardless of financial  
means, receives a dignified, traditional Jewish  
funeral and burial.

212-239-1662 or [info@hebrewfreeburial.org](mailto:info@hebrewfreeburial.org)

## HEBREW FREE LOAN SOCIETY

212-687-0188 or [www.hfls.org](http://www.hfls.org)

## CONNECT TO CARE

Assistance for those who are experiencing financial  
difficulties – especially those newly in need who may  
be hesitant to ask for assistance

212-399-2685 x206 or [www.ujafedny.org/  
connect-to-care](http://www.ujafedny.org/connect-to-care)

# Glossary

ARBIT *Evening prayer service*

BERAKHAH *Blessing*

HABDALAH *Blessings ending the Sabbath*

HALLEL *Psalms 113-118 recited as a unit on Pesah, Shabuoth, Succot, Rosh Hodesh, Hanukkah, Yom HaAtsmaut, and Yom Yerushalayim*

HAKAFOTH *Circular procession marching in the Sanctuary*

HAZAN *Cantor*

HEKHAL *Ark where Torah scrolls are housed*

HESED *Proactive acts of kindness*

HOL HAMOED *Intermediate days of a holiday (e.g. days 3-6 for Pesah)*

KABBALAT SHABBAT *Service welcoming the Sabbath*

KIPPUR *Yom Kippur is referred to as Kippur in the Spanish and Portuguese tradition*

MEGILLAH *One-sided scroll (e.g. Scroll of Esther)*

MINHAH *Afternoon prayer service*

MINHAG *Custom or set of customs*

MISHLO'AH MANOT *Gifts of food traditionally sent on Purim*

SEUDAH SHELISHITH *Third meal of the Sabbath*

SHAH RITH *Morning prayer service*

SHIR HASHIRIM *Song of Songs*

TAHARAH *Ritual ablutions*

TALLIT *Prayer shawl*

TEBAH *Reader's desk from which services are led*

TEFILLAH *Prayer*

TEFILLIN *Phylacteries*

YAMIM TOBIM *Holidays including Rosh HaShanah, Kippur, Succot, Shemini Hag Atseret, Simhat Torah, Pesah, and Shabuoth*

ZEMIROT *Songs of Praise, the introductory service (before Shahrith)*

