Jews for George: An Exploration of Judaism in the Age of the American Revolution
Co-sponsored by YU’s Center for the Jewish Future and YU’s Zahava and Michael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought

Wednesday, April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 20 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
This four-part course, led by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, will utilize original source documents from the archives of the Congregation to explore Judaism during the American Revolution. Fee $125 by April 15, after $180. To register, go to yu.edu/history.

Halakhic Dinner led by Rabbi Soloveichik
Tuesday, May 5 | 7:00 pm
Did you know that giraffes are kosher? How about locusts? They are! We’ll learn about some far out kosher foods, and we’ll eat some too. Goat, venison, bison and squash are just a few of the expected featured ingredients. This unique dining experience is being offered at a significant subsidy and we are seeking sponsors to help make this available to as many members as possible.
Deadline April 30. To Register, go to: shearithisrael.org/halakhic-dinner

Mazal Tov to William Herlands upon his engagement to Natalia Emanuel. Congratulations to parents Rachel and Jonathan and to the entire extended Neumark, Herlands and Emanuel families.

Hazakah U’berukha to Hanna Vorcherme who was awarded 3rd prize for Best Documentary Film for her movie "Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat: Making Peace Takes Courage" at the 2015 National History Day New York Regional Competition.

Thank you Lewis Paleis, our beloved Tai Chi teacher, for his seven years of helping to strengthen, balance, and destress our congregation. His incredible knowledge matched with his sweet smile and Jewish jokes added to our overall wellness. He is moving to Florida. We wish him continued happiness and health.

Welcome to Our New Members:
Nicole Robles Mildred Green Shinar

Our next public tour is:
Tuesday, April 14 at 11:00 am

Meet with our Parnas
Our Parnas would be delighted to meet with you.
Please schedule a visit at parnas@shearithisrael.org.

Candle Lighting: 6:50 pm
MINAH | 6:45 pm
Friday Night Lights | following services | Rabbi Soloveichik gives a talk on "Cinderella vs. the Haggadah"
2014-2015 season sponsored by the Julis family

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHARIT (NISHTMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Soloveichik delivers a sermon entitled: “Passover on the Train”
WOMEN’S SERVICE | 9:15 am | Little Synagogue | Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Ferguson
TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium
Featuring Rabbi Morris at 11:00 AM
YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Children’s library
R. CONGREGATION Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Levy Auditorium
KIDDOUSH LUNCHEON | Elias Room | Sponsored by Daniel and Matilde Ferguson in honor of their daughter Ashley’s Bat Mitzvah

PARASHAT HASHVUAH: THE PARTS THEY SKIP IN HIGH SCHOOL | Rabbi Hidary | 5:45 pm | For high school students
Held at the Hidary's home, 1 W 85th St Apartment 6A

SEUJDHA SHELIUSHI & PESAH SHUR
Rabbi Soloveichik | 5:45 pm
Spring Semester Sponsored by Lewis Lipsey

MINAH/ARBIT | 6:35 pm
KETER SHM TOB | Rabbi Hidary | Main Sanctuary
HABDALLAH | 7:45 pm

Shabbat HaDeshah derives its name from the special reading of the To- rah, Exodus 12:1-20. This is the “portion about the month” referring to the special consecration of Nissan, the month of Passover. In 5775, Shabbat HaDeshah coincides with Rosh HaShesh itself, the “new moon,” the first day of Nissan.

CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue
Shabbat Vayikra-Rosh HaDeshah
March 20-21, 2015
PESAH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL
Sale of Hametz
Appoint Rabbi Richard Hiday as your agent. Please fill out the online form before Thursday, April 2 at 5:00 pm at shearithisrael.org/hametz. Please contact Rabbi Hiday at rhiday@shearithisrael.org if you have specific questions.

Donate for Maot Hittim
Make a donation for Maot Hittim to help those in need in a discreet, dignified way. Your contribution will be sent to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund for distribution overseen by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. Go to shearithisrael.org/maothittim to donate.

Passover Package Deliveries with DOROT
Sunday, March 22 | 10:30 am
This is your last chance to sign up to deliver Pesah packages for homebound elderly! For more information and to RSVP, email rhiday@shearithisrael.org.

Matzah Baking Extravaganza
Sponsored by Shearith Israel Youth and PTITS
Thursday, March 26, 5:00-6:00 pm | Elias Room
Rabbi Yisroel Fried of Chabad of the West Side conducts a hands-on educational Matzah baking workshop. Each child makes his or her own matzah from scratch and partakes in every step of the process. In addition, each child receives hand baked matzah made in Israel. RSVP to Alana Shultz at ashultz@shearithisrael.org.

Pre-Pesah Shabbat Dinner
Friday, March 27 | Following evening services and our Friday Night Lights Season Finale
Ease your Pesach preparations and join us for a lovely buffet dinner. Preferred pricing for members. Deadline Tuesday, March 24. Register at shearithisrael.org/pre-pesah-shabbat-dinner

By Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Saturday, March 28 | Following Morning Services
To sponsor or contribute to a kiddush luncheon to follow, email ashultz@shearithisrael.org.

Girls’ Shir Hashirim Reading
Shabbat, Eighth Day of Pesah, Saturday, April 11
The young women of our congregation read the Song of Songs for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services. To co-sponsor this kiddush, contact ashultz@shearithisrael.org.

Pesah Haggadot (Seders)
Co-sponsored by JICNY
Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 | 8:15 pm
Join us as we celebrate Pesah with a community Haggadah (Spanish-Portuguese Seder) on each of the first two nights of Pesah led by Rabbi Shalom Morris and Hazan Rabbi Ira Rohde. Each spirited and interactive Haggadah is accompanied by explaination of our traditions and melodies. Deadline: March 29. For more information and to register, go to shearithisrael.org/haggadot.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES
Torah Tour of the American Museum of Natural History with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Sunday, March 22 | 12:30 pm
Join us for a halakhic tour for families through the exhibits of the American Museum of Natural History, led by aspiring biblical naturalist, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. The museum has a suggested donation entrance price but you can pay as you wish. Please arrive prepared to pay. RSVP at shearithisrael.org/torah-tour-natural-history.

“Hidden Heritage: The Secret Jews of Portugal”
A Heritage Trip in Collaboration with Ohr Torah Stone
June 22 – 29, 2015
Rabbi Morris, together with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, retrace the footsteps of Portugal’s Jews on a 500-year journey of persecution, hiding and return. Rabbi Morris will infuse the trip with the connections between our community and Portugal, as well as S&P traditions and melodies. Early bird pricing has been extended for Shearith Israel members until Wednesday, March 25. To view the itinerary and to sign up, go to ots.org.il/hidden-heritage-trip/

Shearith Israel Book Club
8:00 pm | Wednesdays March 11, April 15, and May 13
Location in a private home | Esther Hiday
Join the Shearith Israel book club! RSVP to chiday@gmail.com and start reading! The second book is “East of Eden” by John Steinbeck.

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION
View all our spring classes at shearithisrael.org/education

Sunday
◊ Psalms and Spirituality | Rabbi Hiday | 8:40 am
◊ Saadia Gaon’s Emunot ve’Deot on Revelation and Commandments | Simon den Hollander | 9:30 am

Monday
◊ Maimonides’ Guide for the Perplexed on Prophecy | Rabbi Hiday | 7:00 pm
◊ YL Monday Night Learning * | 7:00 pm
◊ Hebraica Program* | 7:15 pm
◊ Living Jewish | Rabbi Morris | 7:30 pm
◊ Bet Midrash | 8:00 pm
Spring semester sponsored by Josh Eisen and Bruce Roberts and Joy Saleh Roberts
◊ Rambam Rules for Young Professionals | Rabbi Morris | 8:30 pm
*In partnership with JICNY

Tuesday
◊ Shulhan Arukh | Rabbi Hiday | 7:45 am
◊ Jewish Time: The Festivals in Halakha and Jewish Thought—A Class for Women | Rabbi Soloveichik | 9:00 am
◊ History of the Sephardim, the Spanish & Portuguese Jews | Rabbi Morris | 6:45 – 7:30 pm
◊ Talmud Class: Tractate Berakhot and the Philosophy of Jewish Prayer | Rabbi Soloveichik | 8:00 pm

Wednesday
◊ Parashat Hashabua | Esther Hiday | 10:00 am

Sign up for the next semester of Hebrew classes! Starts the week of April 26
7 sessions for just $100:
Level 1: Sundays 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Level 2: Wednesdays 6:45 - 7:45 pm
Level 3: Thursdays 6:45 - 7:45 pm
To sign up: shearithisrael.org/hebrewclasses