COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – PART 2

Thank you and best of luck to our 2015-2016 Shabbat youth group leaders, Shayna and Gideon Stein. You made Shabbat mornings fun, educational, and safe for our younger members and guests. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and hope you come back to visit.

We look forward to welcoming our new youth group leader, Rachel Schaeuwicz, who will be starting next Shabbat, June 18th. Learn more about Rachel in next week’s emails and Shabbat handout.

Girls Reading of Megillat Ruth

Thank you to our Kiddush luncheon sponsors
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Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Rohde for her diligent and capable work on this cherished annual tradition.

Getting Into Formation:
The Greatest Miracle of the Torah
Rabbi Ira Rohde, Hazzan

My great professor at Yeshiva University, Harvey A. Sober, Ph.D., Ta Shih, in his karate classes, was famous for his sardonic comment that “the greatest miracle of the Torah” occurs in these three opening Parashiyot of Bemidbar: “Imagine, Moses got all these Jews to stand in a straight line!” The comment was usually made either at the start of class or when we were preparing to practice our kata, our “form,” when the entire class was expected to line up in “formation.” So, since I’ve had no other military-type experience, these opening sections about numbers of soldiers lining up by troop (or tribe) in proper formation with their formal banners will either remind me of high school marching band (with color guard) or karate class.

We Jews are hard to get or keep in line. Our minority status in the countries of our exile has taught us more about how to survive despite being “out of step” with the mainstream of society than how to be “in step” with our own society; perhaps that is the source of our insistent individualism. We forget that getting into “formation” is miraculous, working its magic in more than one way: What was once a rag-tag collection of individuals has now been “formed” into an ordered, single, disciplined, law-abiding unit. The greatest miracle of the Torah truly was: the “formation” of a ragtag, undisciplined collection of slaves into a nation committed to preserving its freedom and the freedom of its citizens: My teacher’s sardonic comment actually reveals something quite profound. That is, perhaps, why the great miraculous revelation of the giving of the Torah on Shabuot is read in the midst of these early parts of Bemidbar which stress the much more ordinary but no less profound “miracle” of getting into “formation.”

SHABBAT SCHEDULE
CANDLE LIGHTING | 8:08 pm
MINHAH | 6:45 pm

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Hiday will deliver a seminar on the topic “Revealing the Oral Law: Three Responses to the Karaites”
TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium
YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Elias Room
JR. CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
GRADUATION KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | See separate scroll of honor for sponsors and list of graduates

MINHAH/ARBIT | 8:00 pm
KETER SHEM TOB | Rabbi Hiday | Main Sanctuary
SHABBAT ENDS/FESTIVAL EVE CANDLE LIGHTING | 9:09 pm

EVE OF SHABU’OT
MISHMARA (LATE NIGHT STUDY SESSION) | Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a lecture on the topic “When Jews Owned Slaves: An Often Untold Tale of History, Ritual and Jewish Law” | 11:30 pm | Sponsored by Nicole and Ruana Agus and by Janegail Orringer and James Kahl

See entire Shabu’ot schedule inside

Weekday Service Times
Morning: Tues-Fri: 7:15 AM
Evenings: Tues – Thursday: 6:45 PM (Minhah & Arbit)
SHABUOT SCHEDULE

EVE OF THE FIRST DAY OF SHABU’OT
Saturday, June 11
Shabbat Ends/Festival Eve Candle Lighting .......... 9:09 pm
Mishmar (late night study session) | Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a lecture on the topic “When Jews Owned Slaves: An Often Untold Tale of History, Ritual and Jewish Law”
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Sponsored by Nicole and Raanan Agus and by Janegail Orringer and James Kahn

FIRST DAY OF SHABU’OT
Sunday, June 12
Anniversary of the Consecration of the Crosby Street Building in 1834
Morning Services ...................................................... 8:15 am
Torah Reading: Exodus 19:1-20:23 (Reading of the Ten Commandments) and Numbers 28:26-31 .......... 9:50 am
Haftarah & Musaf ................................................... 10:25-11:25 am
Reading of the Book of Ruth ............. 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of the girls reading the Book of Ruth * See names of readers and sponsors in community announcements

EVE OF THE SECOND DAY OF SHABU’OT
Sunday, June 12
Azharot ................................................................. 7:30 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arvit) .............. 8:15 pm
Eve of Second Day Candle Lighting .................. after 8:55 pm

SECOND DAY OF SHABU’OT
Monday, June 13
Morning Services and Rabbi Soloveichik’s sermon ........................................... 8:15–11:45 am
Kiddush | Thank you to our Kiddush contributor: Arthur Tenenboim
Azharot .................................................................. 7:30 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arvit) .............. 8:15 pm
Habdalalah ................................................................ 8:55 pm

All Shabu’ot youth programming:
Tot Shabbat, Youth Groups, and Jr. Congregation follow Shabbat schedule and locations

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Indoor Picnic for Young Couples and Families
Saturday, July 2, 2016 | Following Morning Services
Who wants to fret over rain clouds or bother with insect repellent? After all, the best thing about picnicking is relaxing with friends and enjoyable casual picnic fare. Organized by our fabulous committee of young couples, this year’s end-of-year picnic will be held at the synagogue, where we can enjoy our protected, park-facing Portico as well as the Elias Room. Fun for the kids and a rabbi’s lecture for the adults will keep everyone happy. Go to shearithisrael.org/indoor-picnic to sign up by Tuesday, June 28.

Register now for PITTS Hebrew School
NEW: Refer a new family and earn a $100 reduction in your synagogue dues or PITTS tuition. Polonies Talmud Torah School provides children and teens, ages 3-16, with a substantive Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. Register at shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool

Toddler Programs: Summer Camp and Fall Semester
Now is the time to sign up for our very popular Toddler Summer Camp and the 2016 Fall Semester. Spaces are filling up fast. To learn more and apply, go to shearithisrael.org/toddler-programming.

Sisterhood’s Elsie Adlman Camp Fund
For many years the Sisterhood’s Elsie Adlman Camp Fund has helped children and senior citizens, who could otherwise not do so, enjoy a Jewish summer experience outside the City. In this time of great economic need, it is more important than ever to be able to help change their lives for a month... a week... or even a day. Please help us by responding as generously as you can. Go to shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-elsie-adlman-camp-

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – PART 1

Mazal tov to Martine and Jack Schenker on the birth of a grandson to their children Bella and Menachem Levy.

Mazal Tob to Judy and Joey Schreiber upon the birth of a great-grandson to their grandchildren Ariel and Sarah Bluma Fein in Jerusalem, Israel.

Thank you to this week’s arak sponsor: Dr. Steven Valenstein

To be a scotch or arak sponsor. To sponsor or contribute go to shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

For details go to: shearithisrael.org/judaic-education

Tuesday
◊ Rambam’s Mishneh Torah | Rabbi Hidary | 7:45 am

Sunday
◊ The Book of Kings | Rabbi Hidary | 8:40 am | No class this week. Last class June 19.

Please consider sponsoring a semester or a class. Go to: shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass

Parnas Office Hours
Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit at parnas@shearithisrael.org.

Our next public tour is:
Wednesday, July 13 at 11:00 am