Incredible Kids Mega Challah Bake
Super (Challah) Bowl Sunday, February 5 | 10:30 am
At the New York Grand Hyatt in Midtown
Shearith Israel is a proud sponsor of the upcoming Incredible Kids Mega Challah Bake. CSI Youth are invited to join Jewish children from all over New York City to get together for the Incredible Kids Mega Challah Bake. The event is the brainchild of a diverse group of Jewish moms of every style, observance, and denomination, all with one common goal: unity. The event will host approximately 1,000 Jewish children, all ready to roll up their sleeves and make their very own challah loaves. Last year, the Guinness Book of World Records was on hand to declare it the world’s largest baking event. Want to help be a part of trying to break a new record? Register at kidschallahbake.com/svp.

Shabbat Tu B’Shevat Seder and Public Discussion
Featuring New York Times Best Selling Author
Seth (Yossi) Siegel
Friday Night, February 10
Following Friday Night Lights
Join Rabbi David Soloveichik and Yossi Siegel for a special evening featuring both the seder as well as a public discussion of Yossi Siegel’s New York Times bestselling book, Let There Be Water: Israel’s Solution for a Water-Starved World. Register at shearitishrael.org/tu-b-shevat-seder.

Our next public tour is:
Wednesday, February 8 at 11:00 am
This week’s parashah concludes the Book of Genesis. Our custom is to raise for the final verse and to say the following phrase upon completion of the reading:

יִחְזַק וְנִתְחַזַּק - הַמְיַחַלִים לַה
Be strong and let us be strengthened - Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that hope for the LORD.

“THE Twelve Signs” Prophecy and Blessing Combined
Rabbi Ari Bohde
In Parshat Vayahi Jacob seems to combine into one the giving of blessings and the blessing of future ports, the two functions of priest and prophet, respectively. In 48:9, Jacob says “take (Menasha and Ephraim) them unto me that I may bless them, and in 48:15 and 20 he clearly is giving a blessing. And yet in 21, Jacob seems to beswitching somewhat into prophecy, and it is not quite clear whether the blessing is blessing the people that God should return them to the land of their fathers. By 49:1 Jacob is clearly prophesying: “And Jacob called to his children, and gathered together and I shall tell you that which shall happen in the end of the days.” And yet the prophecy for all of the tribes ends clearly in a blessing for Joseph in v. 24-26, and the end of this whole prophecy seems to refer retrospectively to all of the preceding as a blessing, giving this curious explanation in 49:28: “All these [pertain to] the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them and blessed them, each man according to his blessing did he bless them.” Rashi (49:28) asks: “But aren’t these among them whom he didn’t bless but rather vexed [with a chiding or curse]?”

Shabbat Vayhee
January 13-14, 2017
Hertz Pentecost p. 180; Haftarah p. 191
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 240; Haftarah: 1090

Candle Lighting | 4:33 pm
MINHAN | 4:30 pm | Main Sanctuary
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Following evening services | Rabbi Soloveichik gives a talk on the topic “A Disguise in a Blessing” – 2016-2017 season sponsored by the Jundi Family

ZEMIRIOT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Shlomo Riskin delivers a lecture on the topic “The United City and the United Nations: The Allure and Sanctuary of Jerusalem”
TOUT SHABBAT WITH LIZ AND SHANADE | Ages 0-4 | 1:00 pm | Levy Auditorium
YOUTH GROUPS WITH RACHEL | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Fidaneq Room
JR. CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
KIDDUSH | Eliax Room | Sponsored by Deborah Bendheim in loving memory of her father, Ralph Bendheim, in commemoration of his neshama
SEUDAH SHELISHIT AND PIRKEI ABOU AFTERNOON SHUR | Rabbi Soloveichik | 3:30 pm | Levy Auditorium | Fall semester sponsored by Lewis Lipsey

MINHAN/ARBAT | 4:30 PM
HABDALAH | 5:19 pm

Weekday Service Times
Mornings: Sunday– Monday (MLK Day): 8:00 AM; Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 AM, Evening (Arbit Only): Monday - Thursday: 6:30 PM
MLK DAY WEEKEND UPDATES
-Simon Den Hollander’s Sunday morning classes will meet as usual.
-PTTS will not meet on Sunday.
-Our office will be closed Monday in observance of MLK Day.
-Toddler program will not meet on Monday.
-Rabbi Soloveichik’s class will not meet on Monday night.
UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Jerusalem’s Jubilee: A Three Part Lecture Series
Join us next Shabbat for part 3 of this three-part lecture series marking the calendar year in which we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the unification of this holiest city.
Part 3: Rabbi Soloveichik - Shabbat Morning, January 21
The First Jewish Ruler of Jerusalem in 2000 Years: The Remarkable Story of Viscount Herbert Samuel
To join our growing list of sponsors for this important series, go to shearithisrael.org/jerusalem_jubilee

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Shabbat Dinner For Teens and Their Entire Families with Rabbi Soloveichik
Friday night, January 20 | Following Friday Night Lights
Deadline: This Tuesday, January 17
Teens and their families are invited to a special Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Soloveichik and his family. In light of the events to be held on this date, we have decided to pivot with the more relevant American Inauguration Day theme.
Register at shearithisrael.org/teen-inauguration-shabbat

Exclusive Tour of “The First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture In The New World” Exhibit
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
The New-York Historical Society
170 Central Park West (At 77th street)
Sunday, February 5 | 11:45 am

Our January 29th tour is now SOLD OUT! We are offering an additional tour date on February 5th starting promptly at 11:45AM (11:30 arrival recommended). Again, Rabbi Soloveichik will lead a tour of this fascinating exhibit, which is directly connected to the history of our community and congregation and showcases several important objects from our collection as well as extensive loans from the private collection of our newest member, Leonard Milberg. As spaces are highly limited, for now registration is open to sponsors ONLY. We will open the program to non-sponsors, subject to remaining spots as we get closer to the date.
Register at shearithisrael.org/the-first-jewish-americans

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION
For details go to: shearithisrael.org/judaic-education
Sunday
◊ Saadiah Gaon’s Book of Beliefs and Opinions | Shimon den Hollander | 8:45 am

Monday
◊ Monday Night Learning: A Series on Early America and The Jews | Rabbi Soloveichik | 7:00 pm | NO CLASS THIS WEEK

Tuesday
◊ Katzap Class and Breakfast | Following Morning Services
◊ Feasts and Fasts: The Festivals in Jewish Thought - A Class for Women | Rabbi Soloveichik | 9:00 am
◊ Talmud Class: Tractate Sanhedrin | Rabbi Soloveichik | 7:00 pm

Wednesday
◊ NEW: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Shearith Israel: A Monthly Q & A | Z. Edinger | 7:00 pm | On select Wednesdays | Next class on January 25 Email questions to zedinger@shearithisrael.org.
To sponsor a single class or an entire semester, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass
To find out when your favorite class is held, canceled or for special topics, go to shearithisrael.org/join-out-mailing-lists to select which emails you’d like to receive.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Hazak u’barukh to trustee, Seth Haberman, CEO of Visible World, for being awarded an Emmy for the development of Targeted TV Advertising.

We mourn the loss of our member Deborah Neumark.
Condolences to her husband Mel, and her children, Avery Neumark, Rachel Neumark Herlands, Libeth Neumark and Miriam Shalev.