CARING CONNECTION & THE LEAGUE PRESENT

Upper West Side Blood Drive
The Esther Goldfarb Memorial Blood Drive
January 7, 2018 | 10:00 am-4:00 pm
The Jewish Center, 131 W 86 St
Kick off the new year by giving the gift of life—a blood donor. To maximize our impact, this year we are partnering with numerous congregations on the Upper West Side, so far including:
Darkhei Noam, The Jewish Center, Lincoln Square Synagogue, Congregation Sharei Zedek, and Young Israel of the Upper West Side.
To register, visit shearithisrael.org/wws-blood-drive.

Shabbat Vayeshes
December 8-9, 2017
Hertz Pentecostus: p. 141; Haftarah p. 152; Kaplan Living Torah: p. 182; Haftarah p. 1082

CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:10 pm
MINIHA & ARBIT | 4:15 pm | Main Sanctuary
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “The Marvelous Mishkan in Utah” | 2017-18 season sponsored by the Jufis family.
HANUKKAH SHIUR (PART 2 OF 3) | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | Elia Room | 8:15 am
zemirot | 8:30 am
SHAHARIT (NISHTAY) | 9:00 am
TOT SHABAT WITH LIZ AND SHANADE | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidaneque Youth Room
YOUTH GROUPS WITH RACHEL | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Fidaneque Youth Room
JUNIOR CONGREGATION WITH A TORAH READING | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
TALK | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “Jerusalem, DC (David’s City): The Making of Ancient and Modern Jerusalem”
KIDDUSH | Elias Room
HAMILTON LUNCHEON | For Registered Guests | Levy Auditorium
SEUDA SHELISHIT & SHABBAT AFTERNOON PIRKEI ABOB SHUR | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “What Does Maccabean Mean?” | 3:30 pm | Elias Room | Fall semester sponsored by Scott Shay, in memory of Chana Raziel bat Aaron v’Sarah.
MINIHA & ARBIT | 4:05 pm
HABDALAH | 4:55 pm

Weekday Service Times

Mornings:
Sunday: 8:00 am
Monday-Friday: 7:15 am

Evenings (Arbit Only):
Sunday-Thursday: 6:30 pm

Hanukkah begins Tuesday evening, December 12.

Central Park West at 70th Street, New York City • www.shearithisrael.org
The Annual Westside Mikvah Fundraiser

Wednesday, December 27 | 7:30 pm
535 West End Avenue, Apartment 14
Come celebrate and support the Upper West Side Mikvah, with special guest speaker Rebbeztn Peshi Neuberger. Because the West Side Mikvah faithfully serves the community day in and day out, it is easy to forget about its financial needs. Even if you cannot attend, please consider donating to maintain this essential community institution.

To donate, sponsor, and register, visit westsidemikvahfundraiser.com.

Hanukkah at Shearith Israel

A Three-Part Series by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
The Most Misunderstood Holiday:
The True Meaning of Hanukkah

Part 2: This Shabbat, December 9, 8:15 am
Part 3: Shabbat Hanukkah, December 16, 3:30 pm
(Morning Services begin at 8:30 am on Dec. 9)
We will utilize both halakha and history to show how we have lost much of what this holiday is truly all about and why it is so important to rediscover it now.

The second class will take place prior to shabbat this Shabbat morning, December 9, at 8:15 am, and the series will conclude on the afternoon of Shabbat Hanukkah, December 16, prior to minnah, at 3:30 pm.

Shabbat Hanukkah—Special Choral Performance
Next Shabbat, December 16
Join us for services on Shabbat Hanukkah, when our choir, led by Leon Hyman, will perform Min HaMetsur during the Hallel (about 9:30 AM). This wonderful and elaborate piece was composed by the famous French composer, Jacques Fromenthal HaLevy. This piece, along with the theme of Maza Tzur and En Kolobenu set to Hallel’s See, the Conquering Hero Comes, makes Shabbat Hanukkah at Shearith Israel a particularly special day in the musical calendar of our synagogue.

Hanukkah Fest!
For all Shearith Israel Youth and PTTS Families
Sunday, December 17 | 11:00 am
Join PTTS and CSI youth for fun and informative Hanukkah festivities, including an interactive olive press demonstration, art projects, holiday songs and homemade waffles.

While many Jews celebrate Hanukkah by eating potato pancakes, deep fried in oil in remembrance of the miracle of the oil, here at Shearith Israel we honor the tradition of Amsterdam by eating vaffele (waffles) because God made a “miracle and wonder” (Hebrew: “nes va-fa’ele”) during these days. And after all, everyone loves a good waffle!

Enjoying Our New Fidankue Youth Room

Thank you to all the Young Families and their supporters who have made this room happen. We’re immensely gratified by the positive response we received after unveiling the room last Shabbat. To ensure the room is used as intended and to preserve it for long term enjoyment, please take note of the following guidelines:

- This room was designed primarily with our youngest children in mind. Tot Shabbat will be held here each week;
- Our older children (5-12) will continue to enjoy the beautiful Elias Room most weeks;
- On the occasions, like this week, when Elias is unavailable, Youth Groups will also be held in the Fidankue Youth Room, with a partition.

We will be evaluating these arrangements over time and making adjustments as needed.

A few general reminders:

Tot Shabbat is a combination of supervised play and structured Shabbat activities. The schedule is (approximately) as follows:

- 10:00 am - 10:30 am: Free play and snacks
  [No drop-off before 10:00; please—Liz needs to prepare the room.]
- 10:30 am - 11:15 am: Older children may attend Junior Congregation; younger ones remain with Liz.
- 11:15 am: Circle Time with Shabbat songs and stories with Shanade
- 11:45 am: Cleanup and wrap-up
- After services or speech: Pickup
- Parents should pick up children before kiddush. Children may not play unsupervised in the new Fidankue Youth Room (or in the hallways). Liz will lock the Fidankue Youth Room when Tot Shabbat ends.

Community Announcements

We welcome the following new members to the Shearith Israel family:

Avrom & Arlene Doft,
Jacob & Suzanne Doft.

Mazel tov to Adele & Ronald Tauber on the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Richard Dinerstein.

From the Distributor
That Brought you
“The Women’s Balcony”
The Film Critics are Calling a “Must-See” and “A Masterpiece”
“1945”
Now playing at Lincoln Plaza Cinemas, with a special screening to be held at Shearith Israel on Yom Hashoah, April 11.

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son arrive in a small village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk’s son. The townspeople—suspicious, remorseful, fearful, and cunning—expect the worst and behave accordingly.

A superb ensemble cast, lustrous black and white cinematography, and historically detailed art direction contribute to this eloquent drama.