Candle Lighting | 7:15 pm
Minha & Arbit | 6:30 pm | Main Sanctuary
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Civil War Memorial Event Honoring Myer Asch
Beth Olam, Shearith Israel Cemetery, 2 Cypress Hills Street
Next Sunday, April 22 | 11:00 am
Please join us for a very special event on the morning of April 22nd when we will honor Colonel Myer Asch, a highly decorated veteran of the Civil War, by installing a special marker of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Meade Post 1 at his grave. The ceremony will include a color guard, Civil War reenactors, special presentations, and a tour of the cemetery, decorating the graves of veterans of the Civil War buried at Beth Olam. The cemetery is located at the intersection of Cypress Hills Street and the Jackie Robinson Parkway. Please join us for this very special event.

Registration is encouraged at shearithei.org/myer-asch.
Round-trip transportation from the synagogue is available for $18 per person, subject to availability.

For more information, please contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithei.org.

Meet with Our Parnas
Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit by email: parnas@shearithei.org.
SHEarith ISrael IS a PRoud SPonsoR oF
Sinozna’s UrnVeRSE
An All-Day Conference Beginning at 10:00 am THIS Thursday, April 19 Baruch College, 55 Lexington Avenue Few philosophers have elicited as much controversy as Baruch Spinoza, who was banished from the Sephardic community for his heretical views. Panels of distinguished scholars will explore his philosophy in the context of the tumultuous world of the 17th Century Holland, and its continued relevance today.
Keynote address will be given by award-winning historian and author Russell Shorto, on the topic of “Spinoza, the Dutch Landscape, and the Human Mind.” For more information and to register for panels, visit shearithisrael.org/spinoza-baruch.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Hazak U’Barukh to Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for being awarded Beck’s 2018 Canterbury Medal. Each year Beck honors a person who embodies and lives out an unflinching commitment to religious freedom. Past medalists include esteemed individuals such as Elie Wiesel and Archbishop Charles Chaput. Rabbi Soloveichik will be presented with the medal at the Canterbury Medal Gala at the Pierre Hotel on Thursday, May 24. To attend or sponsor the event, visit becketlaw.org/about-us/canterbury-medal-gala.

Hizki U’berukh to Gail Propp, for being chosen as the honoree at Keren Or’s Women’s Division Gala. The Luncheon will be held at Park East Synagogue on Wednesday, May 2. To attend or sponsor, visit tinyurl.com/gailpropp

Thank you to our member, Ivan Berkowitz, for speaking at our Yom HaShoa screening of 1945, and thank you to volunteers Vivette Ancona and Mrs. Lisa Rohde for their assistance during the event.

Thank you to Hazan Rabbi Ira Rohde for representing Shearith Israel at this year’s Annual Yom HaShoa Reading of the Names. We welcome the following new members to the Shearith Israel family: Ruth & Philip Bieler Aura Biju-Plotkin Daniel Weiner
We mourn the loss of our member, Florence Tatistcheff. Condolences to her daughter, Marina, and her entire family.

Don’t Forget to Count SeFirat HaOmer!
Shearith Israel has two “Omer Boards” which pre-date the Mill Street Synagogue of 1730. They are used in the synagogue to count the seven weeks between Passover and Shabuot. This based on Leviticus 23:15, which instructs us to count 50 days from the offering of the new barley sacrifice on Passover until the holiday of Shabuot when the new wheat was offered. The measurement of the offering was called an “Omer,” and from this unit of measurement comes the name used for this seven-week period. The letters H, S, D found on the boards stand for the Hebrew word ayin, S for Semana (weeks), and D for days). The boards have been used annually for nearly 300 hundred years.

Seeking Girls to Recite The Book of Ruth
First rehearsal: Sunday, April 29 at 4 pm.
As they do each year on the first day of Shabuot, Sunday, May 20, the girls of our synagogue will recite the Book of Ruth for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services. If your daughter would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde (lirohde-csi@yahoo.com).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MAY 3
Shearith Israel Toddler Summer Camp June 19-August 16 | Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-11:30am 1 AND 2 DAY OPTIONS AVAILABLE, PLUS OUR NEW 50-MINUTE MINI-SESSION OPTION
For ages 16 - 34 months | Caregiver attendance required Join our wonderfully fun and educational Toddler Summer Camp, held in the new Fidanicke Youth Room, with pool time on our Portico. Led by the marvelous Liz Rios.
To learn more and apply, visit shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram.

THIS SUNDAY
Upper West Side Celebrates Israel THIS Sunday, April 15 | Symphony Space (2537 Broadway at 95th Street)
Join Shearith Israel and the entire Upper West Side Jewish community in celebrating Israel’s 70th Yom Ha’atzmaut! This massive festival will have both indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. Visit shearithisrael.org/uws-celebrates-israel for more information.

PRESENTED BY THE SISTHEROOD
Jr. Book Group (for children ages 11-14)
First Meeting: NEXT Shabbat, April 21 | 4:30 pm At a private home near the Synagogue Led by our member Lina Sion, a former book scout of Middle Grade and Young Adult books
Come join with friends as we discuss this newly released book: Hunger by Donna Jo Napoli. Read the book and be ready to share your thoughts, and impressions. And don’t forget to come with your own ideas of future books or subjects you would like to talk about!
To RSVP and get location information, email Rose Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com.

Communications Alert: Phone System Damage
Our office phone system was recently decimated by a manhole fire nearby. We are currently looking into replacement options, but in the meantime, it is best to email us rather than call the Synagogue. For a complete list of email contact information for our Synagogue staff, visit shearithisrael.org/contact-us.