This Sunday

Civil War Memorial Event Honoring Myer Asch
Beth Olam, Shearith Israel Cemetery, 2 Cypress Hills Street
THIS 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.

Online registration is closed, but if you’d like to join, please contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

Spring Lineup of Guest Speakers at Shearith Israel

We are delighted to welcome these distinguished guest speakers:

Dr. Laura Arnold Leibman
Visiting Scholar
THSS Shabbat, April 21
For more information, visit shearithisrael.org/spring-speakers

Dr. Geoffrey Herman
Visiting Scholar
NEXT Shabbat, April 28
Following Morning Services:
Talmudic Archaeology: The Quest for Ancient Jewish Remains in Iraq
Afternoon Class:
King David the Falcon-Hunter: On Persian Motifs in the Babylonian Talmud

Arhyth Green
Thursday, May 23, 7 PM
Love, Loss & Healing in the Holy Land

Shabbat Tazria-Metsora
April 20-21, 2018

Hereti Pentateuch: p. 460; Haftarah: p. 477
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 556; Haftarah: p. 1160

SPECIAL LECTURE: Visiting Scholar: Laura Arnold Leibman
“Jews and Voting in Early America: The Fight for Civil Rights”


JUNIOR BOOK CLUB | Ages 11-14 | Hosted by Sharon Schechter and Rafe Sasson.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON PIRKEI ABOT SHIUR | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | 6:20 pm | "The Excommunication of R. Eleyezer" | Levy Auditorium
MINHÁH & ARÍT | 7:20 pm
HABDÁLM | 8:20 pm

Weekday Service Times:
Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 am Monday-Friday: 7:15 am
Evenings: Sunday-Thursday (Minháh & Arít): 6:30 pm

Central Park West at 70th Street, New York City • www.shearithisrael.org
Visiting Scholar
Professor Laura Arnold Leibman

Following morning services, Dr. Laura Arnold Leibman delivers a lecture on:
“Jews and Voting in Early America: The Fight for Civil Rights”

Laura Arnold Leibman is Professor of English and Humanities at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. Her work focuses on religion and the daily lives of women and children in early America, and uses everyday objects to help bring their stories back to life. She is the author of Indian Converts (U Mass Press, 2008) and Messianism, Secrecy and Mysticism: A New Interpretation of Early American Jewish Life (Valentine Mitchell, 2012), which won a National Jewish Book Award, a Jordan Schnitzer Book Award from the Association for Jewish Studies, and was selected as one of Choice’s Outstanding Academic Titles for 2013. Don’t miss Dr. Leibman’s upcoming midweek lecture:

Monday, April 30 | 7:00 pm
“Sephardic Country Houses”

For more information, visit shearithisrael.org/leibman.

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 30-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 Fidanieque Youth Room, with pool time on our Portico. Led by the marvelous Liz Rios.
To learn more and apply, visit shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram.

LAG LA’OMER SINGLES PARTY
Wednesday, May 2 | 6:30 PM
Held at: Lincoln Square Synagogue, 180 Amsterdam Ave
For singles in their 40s and 50s
Shearith Israel is a co-sponsor of this Israeli-themed buffet event with an ice cream bar, followed by a performance by NYC comedian, Talia Reese.
Early Bird (through April 24) - $36
Regular - $45
For more information, visit shearithisrael.org/lag-laomer5778

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mazal Tov to Dr. Nicole Schreiber Agus upon being honored on May 14 at Nishmat’s 28th Anniversary Gala Dinner. Shearith Israel is a proud partner of Nishmat in our Yoetzet Halakha Initiative. To honor Nicole and support Nishmat, visit www.nishmatgala.org.

Mazal Tov to Dr. Nicole Schreiber Agus upon being honored on May 14 at Nishmat’s 28th Anniversary Gala Dinner. Shearith Israel is a proud partner of Nishmat in our Yoetzet Halakha Initiative. To honor Nicole and support Nishmat, visit www.nishmatgala.org.

Read about the Lower Manhattan Historical Association’s effort to rename the site of Shearith Israel’s first synagogue building on today’s South William Street “Mill Street Synagogue/Gershom Mendes Seixas Way”; shearithisrael.org/press.

Israel At 70
A 3-Part Lecture Series on Shabbat Mornings
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
April 14 | May 5 | May 19

Join us for these special lectures marking this momentous anniversary of the State of Israel. Each lecture will take place on Shabbat morning, following services.

READERS NEEDED!
Seeking Girls to Recite The Book of Ruth
First rehearsal: Sunday, April 29 at 4 pm
Reading will take place on Sunday, May 20
As they do each year on the first day of Shavuot, Sunday, May 20, the girls of our synagogue (through college age) will recite the Book of Ruth for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services. We have many openings, so if your daughter would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde (lirohde-csi@yahoo.com).

If you would like to sponsor the kiddush in honor of our readers, please visit shearithisrael.org/girls-ruth-reading.

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 Shavuot. 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 Shavuot 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 letter ‘ayin, S for Semana (weeks), and D (days). The boards have been used annually for nearly 300 years.