Spring Lineup of Guest Speakers at Shearith Israel

We are delighted to welcome these distinguished guest speakers:

**Dr. Geoffrey Herman, Visiting Scholar**

THIS 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*  

**Dr. Laura Arnold Leibman**  
THIS Monday, April 30 | 7:00 PM  
*Sephardic Country Houses*  

**Aryeh Green**  
Wednesday, May 23 | 7 PM  
*Love, Loss & Healing in the Holy Land*

Our next public tour is Wednesday, May 9 at 11:00 AM  
Meet with Our ParnasLouis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit by email: parnas@shearithisrael.org.
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Visiting Scholar
Dr. Geoffrey Herman
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“Talmudic Archaeology: The Quest for Ancient Jewish Remains in Iraq”
Later, he will teach the afternoon class on:
“King David the Falcon-hunter: On Persian Motifs in the Babylonian Talmud”
Dr. Geoffrey Herman is a member of the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. He researches the Jews of ancient Babylonia in the Talmudic era, and its neighboring religious and cultural world. The recipient of the Bertel and Eliezer Shimshon Rosenthal Prize for Talmudic Scholarship in 2015, he has been a Starr fellow at Harvard and a visiting professor at Cornell. He holds a Ph.D. in Jewish History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
For more information, visit shearithisrael.org/geoffrey-herman.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 31
Don’t forget to sign me up!

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 miniseason option
For ages 16-34 months | Caregiver attendance required
Join our wonderfully fun and educational Toddler Summer Camp, held in the new Fidanjque Youth Room, with pool time on our Portico. Led by the marvelous Liz Rios.
To learn more and apply, visit shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram.

Community Announcements
Mazal Tov to Pintan Soloveichik on becoming a Bar Mitzva in Israel this Shabbat. Mazal tov to his parents, Rabbi & Layalita Soloveichik.
Mazal Tov to Hallie Pomerantz on becoming a Bar Mitzva. Mazal tov to her parents, Yvette & Steven Pomerantz, and her grandparents, Yvonne Cohen and Carol & Emil Pomerantz.
Mazal Tov to Gail Propp, for being chosen as the honoree at Keren Or’s Women’s Division Gala Spring Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held at Park East Synagogue on Wednesday, May 2. To support Keren Or and honor Gail, visit tinyurl.com/gailpropp gala.
Mazal Tov to Judy & Joel Schreiber on the engagement of their grandson, Jordan Schreiber, son of Avram and Tammy Schreiber, to Kyras Libin of Woodmere NY.

We welcome Rabbi Nemiroff and the confirmation class of B’nei Jehudah of Overland Park, KS, who are joining us this Shabbat for their annual visit.

Of interest: Our Segan, Michael Lustig, and our Communications Associate, Sarah Meira Rosenberg, are participating as panelists at Jewish Comic Con at Congregation Kol Israel in Brooklyn this Sunday, April 29. Michael’s panel on being a comics collector starts at 9 am, and SM’s panel on being a Jewish woman inandom starts at 6 pm. For more information, visit jewishcomiccon.org.

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: THIS 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 (lironde-csi@yahoo.com).

If you would like to sponsor the kiddish 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 is based on Leviticus 23:15, which instructs us to count 49 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 board stand for the Hebrew letter ‘ayin, S for Sema (weeks), and D for Daf (days). The boards have been used annually for nearly 300 years.