As the High Holy Days approach, with its liturgical reminders of mortality, we ponder three epitaphs composed by the American founders.

At the age of 22, Benjamin Franklin composed the following witty proposal for his gravestone: The Body of B. Franklin, Printer; Like the Cover of an old Book, Its contents torn out, And stript of its Lettering and Gilding, Lies here, Food for Worms. But the Work shall not be wholly lost, For it will, as he believed, appear once more, In a new & more perfect Edition, Corrected and amended By the Author. In other words, Franklin suggested that immortality is to be found in the afterlife, in the immortality of the soul, and the ultimate resurrection. This, of course, is a central Jewish belief, found throughout our prayers and texts.

Meanwhile, Thomas Jefferson prepared these words for his grave in Monticello: Here Was Buried THOMAS JEFFERSON Author of the Declaration of Independence, Of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, And Father of the University of Virginia. In eschewing any mention of the presidency, Jefferson is suggesting that our legacy is not in the power we wield, but in how we impact and inspire others. This, too, is a profoundly Jewish idea, found first and foremost in Judaism’s focus on zikaron, memory, and its emphasis that we live on in the way that we are remembered.

Then we have John Adams. Adams composed nothing for himself, and instead wrote an inscription for his family burial ground, which he placed at the tomb of his ancestor: “This stone,” he wrote, “and several others have been placed in this yard by a great, great grandson from a veneration of the piety, humility, simplicity, prudence, frugality, industry and perseverance of his ancestors in hopes of recommending an affirmation of their virtues to their posterity.” Adams, writes David McCullough, “had chosen to say nothing of his own attainments, but rather to place himself as part of a continuum, and to evoke those qualities of character that he had been raised on and that he had strived for so long to uphold.” The Jewish tradition of placing stones on the gravestones of those we love can be understood in a similar sense: it reflects our commitment to build on the sacrifices of those who have come before, to perpetuate the spiritual and moral values of the past to our posterity, and commit ourselves to the continuity of our family, and of Judaism and the Jewish people.

With the approach of the High Holy Days, we ponder the messages of these founders, and the lessons of Jewish tradition. As we utter the sacred words of the liturgy, and ponder our mortality and our eternity, may we commit ourselves to a year of spiritual improvement, of actions that will inspire and be remembered by others, and of Jewish continuity.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARNAS
OUR YEAR OF YEARS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

Louis M. Solomon

2019, or 5779-5780 in the Jewish calendar, will mark 365 years (or one full “year of years”) of organized Jewish presence in America. It’s an important milestone as each day will symbolize one year in the life of the congregation. The first 23 Jews to land in New Amsterdam formed our Congregation, Shearith Israel, truly the Remnant of Israel. To honor their courage and faithfulness, both to their religion and to the spirit of America, we are celebrating American Jewry’s first completed Year of Years.

We are marking our first Year of Years with engaging activities organized by our congregants and with stimulating talks and major lectures by our rabbi. We are also reaching out to members new and old to reconnect. And we are using this auspicious moment to secure Shearith Israel’s future and the next 365 years of contributions to American Jewish life.

What is the Year of Years Campaign Organized?

As previously announced, we have retained talented consultants who have been guiding us in this Campaign. They have spoken to many of you already. And as eager as we are to spread the word, share my excitement, and get all of you involved, these professionals have been encouraging us to proceed in a systematic way, and so we are.

We’re still in what our consultants call our relatively quiet phase, working to secure several more major anchor gifts before going out more broadly. We continue to make significant strides, but for the Campaign to be successful, each and every one of you will need to hear about it personally—and participate in it personally.

How is the Campaign Proceeding?

What has been going on behind the scenes? A lot. Several of you, representing the many cohorts of our community, have been interviewed by our consultants. They have learned a tremendous amount about your wishes, needs, and yes, your complaints and disappointments. That’s good. We need to know it all, if we are going to evolve in a direction that meets the needs of all of our members, the old-timers, the newcomers, and our future members.

We have been thinking deeply about our priorities and needs—financial, pastoral, spiritual, educational, social. We are in the midst of preparing thoughtful and compelling written materials. The Campaign has several purposes. Conceived as a broad-based campaign, it will secure our financial stability and allow us to have a balanced budget going forward. It will also help us to restore critical functions and member services and undertake some important capital improvements.

How Can You Play Your Crucial Role in Making the Campaign Successful?

You will soon be approached more directly regarding your participation in this essential campaign. Whom will you hear from? To move this initiative forward, we have formed a Year of Years committee, a wonderful group of congregants that represents a diverse cross-section of our Congregation. They have responded to our calls for involvement and help in this major endeavor. We will soon be listing the committee in our emails on the subject. If you would like to join in this effort, we would welcome your participation. The success of this major endeavor requires the efforts of many.

The Crucial Factor of 100% Participation

The key to the success of the Year of Years Campaign is 100% participation. Why is that so important?

Conventional wisdom says that most of the funds will be raised by relatively few of our Congregants and that the last amounts will take most of the time to raise. So, you might ask, why bother putting all that time and effort into that relatively small portion of the proceeds? The answer is, in our view, compelling: Because irrespective of your financial circumstances, each and every member matters—deeply matters—and each one of you must be a stakeholder in our beloved Synagogue.

Gone are the days when a small group of super-wealthy members can be relied on to keep things afloat, let alone in the style and manner we all seem to expect and demand. Those giants are no longer with us. And, frankly, that culture has become passé and is rightly viewed as unsustainable as we enter our second “year of years.” We must live within our means, and we must ALL participate in order to ensure that our means allow us to worship, learn, and grow meaningfully together.

Jacob ben Simon (Head) Moses Ambrosius Abraham Israel de Pena Judic de Nuestra Alvar Puy Abraham Israel David Israel
Abraham de Lucena David de Feriero Salvador d’Andrade Joseph d’Acosta Jacob Cohen Meniquez Benjamin Cardozo Joshua de Leon Meniquez Isaac Nesso Moses de Lucena Jacob de Lucena Richo Neumers Elias Silso
CONGRATULATIONS

Mazal Tov to:

Daisy and Dr. Albert Braverman upon their granddaughter, Rachel Swenson, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Joey Doft, upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Suzanne and Jacob Doft, and grandparents, Arlene and Avrom Doft.

Malka and Zachary Edinger, on the birth of a baby girl, Navah Manda Edinger. Congratulations to the grandparents, Rose and Henry Edinger.

Vivien and Leon Eisenmann, upon their grandson, Aharon Lauber, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Halana and Alan Greenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Maytal Dara, born to their children Raquel and Judah Sonnick.

Flore and Benson Jerusalemn on the birth of a grandson, Adin, to their daughter, Julia Jerusalemn and Ben Henig.

Ellen and Robert Kapito and Laurie and Eli Bryk on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Alyssa and Aaron Kapito.

Halana and Alan Greenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Maytal Dara, born to their children Raquel and Judah Sonnick.

Ruth and Irwin Shapiro on the marriage of their grandson, Jacob Shapiro, son of Monica and Sandy Shapiro, to Dena Drazin, daughter of Sari and Shlomo Drazin of Montreal.

Andrea and Reverend Philip Sherman on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Reuven and Mollie Sherman.

Pinhas Tanhum (Pintan) Soloveichik upon becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to his parents, Rabbi Meir and Layaliza Soloveichik.

Jordana Stonehill upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents, Robyn Price Stonehill and David Stonehill.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Hazakim U’berukhim:

All of our readers in this year’s Women’s Megillat Esther Reading, with a special thank you to Mrs. Lisa Rohde for coordinating it.

Our Teen Girls’ Shir HaShirim Readers: Laelah Aaron, Yaara Kaplan, Julia Levi, Olalla Levi, Lia Solomon, and Gabriella Yohananoff, with a special thank you to Rabbi Ira Rohde for teaching and coordinating.


Dr. Nicole Schreiber Agus, upon being honored at Nishmat’s 28th Anniversary Gala Dinner.

Zachary Edinger, for speaking at the Queens College Jewish Studies Program Awards Ceremony about Shearith Israel’s historic cemeteries and Civil War veterans.

Matae Frieber, Grade 5 at Park East Day School, upon reaching the finals of Hadon HaTanakh.

Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander, upon receiving semikha from Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Haim.

Joshua Mendes, on delivering presentations about Spanish and Portuguese history in Newton, MA, and at the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston.

Gail Propp, for being honored at Keren Or’s Women’s Division Gala Spring Luncheon.

Scott Shay, on the publication of his book, In Good Faith, an accessible examination of the enduring rationality of faith in modern times. For information on our upcoming community dinner featuring Scott Shay in conversation with Rabbi Soloveichik, see page 20.

GRADUATES:

Eli Aaron, son of Penny Liebman Aaron and Mark M. Aaron, upon graduating from Kindergarten at Alexander Robertson School. He will attend 1st Grade at Abraham Joshua Heschel School.

Maxine Aineuchi, daughter of Harriet and Isaac Aineuchi, upon graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Smith College.

Charlie Bieler, son of Rushie and Phil Bieler, upon graduating from PS 87. He will attend middle school at The Computer School.

Joseph Bijou, son of Aura Bijou-Plotkin, upon graduating from Heschel High School. He will attend Goucher College.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following individuals to the Shearith Israel Family:

Ruth and Philip Bieler
Aura Bijou-Plotkin
Daniel Weiner

Rabbi Soloveichik officiates at the wedding of Danny Nathan and Melissa Rutman.
Announcements

Alexander Freilich, son of Helen and Elliot Freilich, upon graduating from Upper School.

Matea Frieber, daughter of Laury Frieber, upon graduating from Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel followed by Freilich, upon graduating from Ramaz Middle College with a degree in biology. He will be working in the Columbia Presbyterian stem cell research lab.

David Dellal, son of Susan and William Dellal, upon graduating from M.I.T. with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He will attend the Yale Graduate program in biomedical engineering.

Alexander Freilich, son of Helen and Elliot Freilich, upon graduating from Ramaz Middle School.

Rachel Freilich, daughter of Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School.

Naomi Freilich, daughter of Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School. She will attend Ramaz Elementary School.

Amital Kaplan, son of Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan, upon graduating from SAR High School. She will attend the Hartman Hevruta School.

Jordan Katz, son of Vicki and Sam Katz, upon graduating from the University of Michigan’s Ross School of Business.

Mirah Kozodoy, daughter of Maud and Neal Kozodoy, upon graduating from The Brearley School. She will attend the Carnegie Mellon School of Drama Design and Production.

Julia Levi, daughter of Amanda Schachter and Alex Levi, upon graduating from Ramaz High School. She will attend the Hartman Hevruta Gap Year Program, followed by Yale University.

Hadasah Levinson, upon her graduation from Yeshiva University with an M.A. in Modern Jewish History. She will be applying to PhD programs in Modern Jewish History.

Daniel Dellal, son of Susan and William Dellal, upon graduating from Swarthmore College with a degree in biology. He will be working in the Columbia Presbyterian stem cell research lab.

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Daniel Freiberg, son of Laury Freiberg, upon graduating from Park East Day School Elementary School. He will attend Park East Day School Middle School.

Samuel Friedman, son of Zoya and Naftali Friedman, upon his graduation from Kindergarten at Park East Day School. He will attend Park East Day School Elementary School.

Sara Goldstein, daughter of Victoria Bengualid and Gabriel Goldstein, upon graduating from SAR High School. Sara plans on spending next year in Israel studying at Migdal Oz.

Caroline Guenoun, daughter of Maggie and Andre Guenoun, upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania. She has accepted the position of Leadership Development Associate with Mondeléz Global LLC, North America Region.

Amittal Kaplan, son of Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan, upon graduating from Ramaz Upper School. He will attend Johns Hopkins University.

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Daniel Nathan, son of Rebecca Chaplan and David Nathan, upon graduating with an MD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Estee Nemetz-Nacson, daughter of Rabbi Steven Nemetz, upon graduating from Osgoode Hall Law School.

Elishava Nemetz, daughter of Rabbi Steven Nemetz, upon graduating from Yeshiva University. She will attend Harvard Medical School.

Hillel D. Neumark, son of Susan and Avery Neumark, upon graduating from New York University School of Law with a JD degree.

Ellie Neustein, daughter of Robin Chemers Neustein and Shimmin Neustein, upon graduating from Wellesley College.

Ruth Malkah Rohde, daughter of Mrs. Lisa and Rabbi Ira Rohde, upon graduating from UMass-Amherst with a B.S. in Environmental Science with a certificate in Sustainable Business from the Isenberg School of Management.

Joe Scheiner, upon graduating from NYU with a Masters in Real Estate Finance.

Talia Esther Schulder, daughter of Drs. Lu and Michael Schulder, upon graduating from SUNY Albany with a B.A. in Political Science. He will be applying to Master’s programs.

Richard Strauss, son of Hadasah Levinson, upon his graduation from SUNY Albany with a B.A. in Political Science. He will be applying to Master’s programs.

Scarlett Toledo, daughter of Avi Toledo, upon graduating with a Bachelor of the Arts in Education from Tel-Hai College. She will teach high school in Israel this coming year.

Lior Toledo, niece of Avi Toledo, upon graduating from Eliezer Ben-Yehuda High School. She is joining the Israeli Defense Forces.

Joshua Vorchheimer, son of Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer, upon graduating from Abraham Joshua Heschel School. He will attend SAR High School.

Shearith Israel Toddler Program Graduates:

Felix Brooke, Max Howard, Gabriel Jackson, Leo Kestenbaum, Emmanuelle Klatt, Judy Levine, Olivia Shoten, Abe Sherizen, Serena Vago, and Ryder Zoldan

Graduation Kiddush: Sponsors:

Carol and Arthur Goldberg, in honor of Eli Aaron

Maggie and Andre Guenoun, in honor of Caroline Guenoun

Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan, in honor of Amittal Kaplan

Maud and Neal Kozodoy, in honor of Mirah Kozodoy

The Levi Family, in honor of Julia Levi

Drs. Lu and Michael Schulder, in honor of Talia Esther Schulder

Co-Sponsors:

Penny Liebman Aaron and Mark M. Aaron, in honor of Eli Aaron

Rushie and Phil Bieler, in honor of Charlie Bieler

Susan and William Dellal, in honor of David and Daniel Dellal

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CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to:

Philip Bieler, on the passing of his father, Edward Bieler.
Isaac Corre, on the passing of his mother, Nita Corre.
Andre Guenoun, on the passing of his father, Salomon Guenoun.
Nathan Lindenbaum, on the passing of his father, Marcel Lindenbaum.
Marina Tatistcheff-Schindler, on the passing of her mother, Florence Tatistcheff.
Joel Schreiber, on the passing of his brother, Simeon Schreiber.
Joshua Sauberman, on the passing of his grandmother, Doris Sauberman.
Aviva Sussman, on the passing of her sister, Dr. Judith S. B. Guedalia. Condolences to the Guedalia, Bendheim, and Salomon families.
Robert Tam, on the passing of his mother, Ginette Tam.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of our members:

Carole Sara Baker (Solis-Cohen)
Helen Laniado
Marcel Lindenbaum
Dr. Naomi Rodstein (Pool), daughter of our late minister, David and Tamar de Sola Pool
Florence Tatistcheff

IN APPRECIATION

Class Sponsors:
Jeffrey Berger, for sponsoring a Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of Betty Berger, Beinah Leah b. Moshe Aaron, wife of Joseph, and mother of Marc, Jeffrey, Scott, and Keith Berger.
Cindy Trop and Stuart Ellman, for sponsoring a Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory Cindy’s father, Melekh b. Zion.
Sara and Ben Greeses, for sponsoring a Tuesday Evening Talmud Class, in honor of Sara and Morris Greeses and in memory of Rifca and Hersch Rosenberg.
Suzanne Morad, for sponsoring a Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of Manije Morad.
Scott Shay, for sponsoring the 2018 summer semester of Rabbi Soloveichik’s Shabbat Afternoon Class, in memory of his father, Gutman b. Shmuel u’Nesiya.
Karen and Roy Simon, for sponsoring a Tuesday Evening Talmud Class.

Minyan Breakfast Sponsors and Supporters:
Harriet and Isaac Ainetchi, in memory of Isaac’s parents, Jacob and Marcelle.
Harriet and Isaac Ainetchi, in memory of Isaac’s mother, Marcelle, on the occasion of her first nabala.
Etty and Jacob Bouso, in memory of David Bouso.
Daniel Cohen, in honor of Hallie Pomerantz’s Bat Mitzvah.
Sabra and Simon Gerson
Elizabeth Edelman and Henry Lipschutz

Bequests
Please consider including Shearith Israel in your estate planning. To learn how, or for more information, please speak with our Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.

Benjamin Motola
Francine Alfandary and Laurent Nahon, in memory of Philippe Nahon (Shmuel Ben Elizer).
Andrew Sole, in memory of Sheila R. Sole.

Kiddush Fund Sponsors:
Anonymous, in memory of Benjamin and Caryl Bateman, Irma Cardozo, Eva Haberman, Deborah Neumark, and past Parnas, Dennis Freilich.
Doina and Dr. Lawrence Bryskin, in memory of Doina’s mother, Hermina Levi, on the occasion of her nabala, and in honor of Rabbi Meir Soloveichik.
Malka and Zachary Edinger, in honor of the birth of their daughter, Navah Manda Edinger.
Rose and Henry Edinger, in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Navah Manda Edinger.
Faith Fogelman, in memory of her parents, Miriam and Theodore Watkin.
Joleen and Mitch Julis, in memory of Maurice Raphael Julis.
The Sisterhood, in memory of Mona Oppenheim and other descendants of our founding families.
The family of Robert I. Shapiro, in honor of his 10th nabala.
The Beispel family, in memory of Regine Franco.
**Donations for Sifrei Torah Repair:**
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Debbie and David Sable, in memory of Debbie's father, Ambassador Yehuda Avner, on the occasion of his third **nahala**.

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Nicole and Raanan Agus
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Stuart Ellman and Cindy Trop, in memory of Cindy's mother, Yehudit Bat Avraham HaCohen, on her **nahala**.

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Jane Shiff and Alan Lubann, in memory of Jane's mother, Annette Renick (Chana bat Moshe Yaakov V'Sara).

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Sponsors:
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Laury, Reuben, and Matea Frieber
Janine Soleymani and Bruce Greenberg and Family
Susan’s Family
HOLIDAYS

SUCCHOT

LULAB AND ETROG ORDERS

Orders due before midnight, Sunday, September 16

To purchase your lulab and etrog sets through the Synagogue, visit shearithisrael.org/lulab. Payment must be made at time of order and before the deadline. (We cannot bill these charges to your account.) For questions contact Zachary Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

SISTERHOOD SUCCAH DECORATION

Thursday, September 20 | 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday, September 21 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday, September 23 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our unique open-air Elias Room Succah is considered one of the most beautiful in the world. Decorated lavishly and lovingly by the Shearith Israel Sisterhood, who sponsors Succot kiddushim served on vintage Shearith Israel branded Tiffany Limoges china and elegant silver for all congregants to enjoy. Teens and adults, women and men, are invited to help decorate in preparation for the Succot Festival. To participate in this fun mitzvah, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com or Aimee Margolis at art1show@verizon.net or sign up at shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-succah-decorating-5779.

Financial contributions to the Sisterhood’s Succah Fund are also welcome to help defray the costs of decorating and maintaining the succah. To make a contribution to the Sisterhood Succah Fund, please either send a check made out to “Sisterhood of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue” indicating “succah fund” in the memo, or make a donation online at shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-succah-decorating-5779.

MEALS IN THE SUCCAH

For Shearith Israel members and their guests who wish to eat self-catered meals in the Elias Room Succah, we offer timed seatings on yom tov following kiddush, and on hol hamoed. Registration is required for all meals and we charge $12 per person per meal to help defray costs. You bring the food (strictly kosher, of course) and we supply tablecloths, disposables, and basic beverages. Space is highly limited, so register early.

We will accommodate members and immediate family on a first-come-first-serve basis. Non-member guests will be accommodated closer to the date subject to availability. To register, go to shearithisrael.org/meals-succah-5779.

HOSHAANA RABBA MISHMARA

Saturday Night, September 29 | 9:00 pm
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Join us in this annual Shearith Israel tradition as we bid farewell to Succot and prepare for Simhat Torah with celebratory food and study in our stunning Elias Room Succah, featuring a shiur by Rabbi Soloveichik.

SIMHAT TORAH

WOMEN’S HAKAFOT

Monday night, October 1 | 7:00 pm | Little Synagogue

On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel Hakafot ceremony is held for women. This joyous Shearith Israel tradition began in 1991 and has been held annually ever since.

SIMHAT TORAH DINNER AND ICE CREAM PARTY

Monday night, October 1

Following Simhat Torah hakafot in the sanctuaries, we will host a light dinner. Pre-registration is required; details to follow.

During and after dinner, all the young (and young at heart) are invited to enjoy our annual ice cream party. As usual, volunteer teen scoopers are needed. No registration necessary to enjoy the ice cream party!

Sponsored—again—by the Haberman and Lustig families.

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THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thursday, November 22

Morning Services | 7:45 am | Main Sanctuary
Parade Viewing | 9:30 am | Portico | For Children Only!
Socializing for Adults and Youth | 9:30 am | Elias Room
Pack-a-Thon | 9:30 am | Registration required

In 1789, Shearith Israel responded to George Washington’s call for a day of national thanksgiving with a special service. Today, we observe Thanksgiving with the addition of Psalms during Shahrit and the omission of tahanunim and a Thanksgiving-themed lecture by Rabbi Soloveichik. We invite the children of the congregation for parade viewing on the CPW Portico and hot chocolate for all in the Elias Room.

FOURTH ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING PACK-A-THON

Thursday, November 22 | 9:30 am | Levy Auditorium

In what has become yet another wonderful annual Shearith Israel tradition, following Rabbi Soloveichik’s special Thanksgiving address, registered volunteers will pack meals to be distributed to hungry New Yorkers. We are joined again in this endeavor by our local faith community partners: The Jewish Center, Church of Latter-Day Saints, and West End Collegiate Church. If you’d like to join this planning committee and help ensure the success of this important activity, please contact Sarah Meira Rosenberg at srosenberg@shearithisrael.org.

CITIZENSHIP TO DESCENDANTS OF SEPHARDIC PORTUGUESE JEWS

Manuela Bairos,
former Portuguese Consul General of New York

By the Decree-Law no. 30-A/2015, on February 27th 2015, Portugal allows the descendents of Sephardic Jews of Portuguese origin expelled by the Inquisition to claim their right to return by acquiring the Portuguese nationality, and encourages their integration into the national community with all its rights and obligations. The preamble of this law includes a brief historic background where it is acknowledged the very old presence of Jewish communities in the Iberian Peninsula, even before the establishment of the Christian Iberian Kingdoms, namely in the new Kingdom of Portugal founded in the 12th century, and many centuries before they were subject to prosecution by the Inquisition.

WHO CAN REQUEST THE PORTUGUESE NATIONALITY?

The Portuguese Government may grant the Portuguese nationality by naturalization to the descendents of Sephardic Portuguese Jews upon the confirmation of their links to Sephardic communities of Portuguese origin, namely, surnames, family speaking language and direct or indirect descent.

Applicants also need to meet the following criteria:

• Being above the age of majority (18 years old) or emancipated under Portuguese law;
• Not having been convicted, with a sentence transited in rem judicatum, for a crime liable to a prison sentence of three years or more, in accordance with Portuguese law.

WHICH DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED?

• Application Form, which must be filled out in Portuguese. The signature on the application form must be made in the presence of and certified by the consular authorities.

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The following information will be required: full name; place and date of birth; parents; civil status; profession; nationality; the place of the current residence and the one where it has lived previously; passport, ID, or Permission of Residence (number, expiry dates and issuing authorities); evidence of the applicant's family history of connection to a Sephardic Community or countries in which the applicant has resided previously, which must be authenticated with the apostille or by the Portuguese Consulate. For the USA, the Federal (FBI) criminal record is required.

- **Birth certificate**, certified with the apostille or by the Portuguese Consulate of the country of origin of the document in question, in countries which have not signed the apostille convention.
- **Copy of passport** certified by the Portuguese Consulate.
- **The translation into Portuguese of the above-mentioned birth certificate** certified by the Portuguese Consulate of the country of origin of the document in question.
- **Certificate from a Jewish community** with collective religious person status (Synagogues of Lisbon or Oporto), under Portuguese Law, that certifies the tradition of belonging to a Sephardic community of Portuguese origin. In the absence of the certificate mentioned above, and, in order to demonstrate direct ancestry or belonging to a Sephardic community of Portuguese origin, other means of evidence are admitted (vide n°5 of Article 24 – A).
- **Certificate of criminal record** issued by the competent authority in the country of the nationality of the applicant or of the country or countries in which the applicant has resided previously, which must be authenticated with the apostille or by the Portuguese Consulate. For the USA, the Federal (FBI) criminal record is required.

**The translation into Portuguese of the above-mentioned criminal records** certified by the Portuguese Consulate of the country of origin of the document in question.

- **Certificate from a Jewish community** with collective religious person status (Synagogues of Lisbon or Oporto), under Portuguese Law, that certifies the tradition of belonging to a Sephardic community of Portuguese origin. In the absence of the certificate mentioned above, and, in order to demonstrate direct ancestry or belonging to a Sephardic community of Portuguese origin, other means of evidence are admitted (vide n°5 of Article 24 – A).

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Please note that no proficiency of the Portuguese language is required.

WHERE MUST THE APPLICATION BE DELIVERED?

The Application Form, completed with the required documents, may be submitted in person or by mail at the Conservatória dos Registos Centrais (Central Registry Office). If residing in a foreign country, the application may be submitted at the Portuguese consular services of the area of residence. The applicant can also grant a power of attorney to a representative to submit the application. Naturalization is granted by decision of the Minister of Justice. The decision is given directly to the applicants or to their legal representatives. If denied, the interested party will be notified on the reasons, having a period of 20 days to further elaborate on the request.

**Important links in Portugal:**

- Portal das Comunidades Portuguesas: [https://www.portaldascomunidades.mne.pt/pt/](https://www.portaldascomunidades.mne.pt/pt/)
- Jewish Community of Lisbon: [http://www.clisboa.org/](http://www.clisboa.org/)

CONCLUSION

Shortly after my arrival as Consul General of Portugal in New York, in February 2015, the Portuguese Parliament enacted this “right of return” law by which dozens of individuals of Portuguese Sephardic Jews living in New York have applied to Portuguese citizenship at this Consulate. Modern Portugal, with its complex history and its multilayered identity, aspires to building its future on the diversity that made the richness of its most reassuring moments and achievements as a nation. In this context, recovering the lost connection with its industrious and dynamic Portuguese Jewish community has a deep meaning, not only to redress history but also to bring back to the nation a missing part of its identity. The law on the “right of return” is a welcoming gesture that has served the purpose well, and the Synagogues in Lisbon and Porto, along with 27 municipalities in Portugal, have been crucial partners in rebuilding the Jewish Heritage all over the country.

On my departure from New York, I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to all those who have come to the Consulate searching for the acknowledgment of their Portuguese Sephardic roots and with whom it was a pleasure to share the heritage and emotional bond with Portugal.

My last word goes to Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York, in particular to Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik and its Executive Director, Barbara Reiss, for the warm welcome on my frequent visits to the Synagogue, and to congratulate the entire community, on the 365th anniversary of the establishment of the first Jewish Congregation in America, for the extraordinary journey started in 1654 and the accomplishments of the Jewish Community in America.
SPECIAL EVENTS

HEBRA HASDED VA’AMET’S ANNUAL PRE-HIGH HOLIDAY COMMUNAL BETH OLMAM CEMETERY TRIP (& TOUR)
Sunday, August 26
Departing from Synagogue at 9:00 am
10 am at Beth Olam Cemetery
2 Cypress Hills Street, Ridgewood (Queens) New York
Join us for our annual visit to Beth Olam Cemetery where members can visit the graves of loved ones before the High Holidays and participate in a memorial service in the Calvert Vaux-designed “metaher house.” A highlight of the visit is an illuminating tour given by our sexton, Zachariah Edinger. Register at shearithisrael.org/beth-olam-cemetery-trip.

MAJOR LECTURE: THE AKEDAH IN ART AND JEWISH THOUGHT
Co-sponsored by the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought
Wednesday, September 5 | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Prepare yourself spiritually and intellectually for the upcoming High Holidays. Join us for another of Rabbi Soloveichik’s incredible talks, this time on the topic, “The Akedah in Art and Jewish Thought.”

VISITING SCHOLAR IN THE SUCCAH: DAVID MOSTER
Sponsored by The Shearith Israel League
Wednesday, September 26
Following Evening Services
Rabbi David Moster, one of the foremost etrog experts, explores the etrog’s most pressing mysteries, including: How did the etrog make its way from China to Israel by the Second Temple period, ca. 400 BCE? How and why did the etrog become the “choice tree-fruit” (גָּלֶךֶת הַפֶּרֶק) of Leviticus 23:40? What does the archaeological evidence from the “paradise” garden at Ramat Rahel say about the history of the etrog? Why does the etrog appear so prominently in Jewish art from the Roman and Byzantine periods?
David Z. Moster, PhD and Rabbi, is the founder and director of the Institute of Biblical Culture (www.BiblicalCulture.org) and the author of Etrog: How a Chinese Fruit Became a Jewish Symbol. He received his PhD in Hebrew Bible from Bar-Ilan University, his MA in Ancient Israel from NYU, and an MA, and MS, and Semikha from Yeshiva University. David currently lives in Yonkers, NY with his wife and two children.

FILM SCREENING: HEADING HOME: THE TALE OF TEAM ISRAEL
Wednesday, October 10
Following Evening Services
A stirring story of sports, patriotism, and personal growth, Heading Home charts the underdog journey of Israel’s national baseball team as they compete for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. Their lineup included several Jewish American Major League players, most with a tenuous relationship to Judaism, never mind having ever set foot in Israel. Their odyssey takes them from the Holy Land, where they are greeted as heroes, to Seoul, where they must debunk their has-been/wannabe reputations. With their Mensch on the Bench mascot by their side, the team laughs, cries, and does much soul-searching, discovering the pride of representing Israel on the world stage.
Stay tuned for registration and tickets.

PTTS SHABBATON & YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES LUNCHEON
Shabbat, November 3
Junior Congregation with a Torah Reading begins at 10:30 am
Luncheon begins after Morning Services
Young families will form meaningful bonds at this first-ever PTTS Shabbaton. Students from our Polonies Talmud Torah Hebrew School will be preparing in class for this big day when they are invited to take center stage in our Junior Congregation on Shabbat morning, with a Young Couples and Families Luncheon to follow. Get to know our younger community members and their families, and cheer them on as they carry on our unique Shearith Israel traditions.
Luncheon registration details coming soon.

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SCOTT SHAY IN CONVERSATION WITH RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK

A Community Dinner
Friday Night, November 9

Religion can be both inspiring and distressing. And many critiques of it are simultaneously compelling and dubious. In his new book, *In Good Faith: Questioning Religion and Atheism*, author and Shearith Israel member, Scott Shay examines atheist arguments with a refreshing modern eye in this comprehensive look at our most fundamental questions about faith and reason. Enjoy an elegant Shabbat dinner and hear Scott in conversation with Rabbi Soloveichik as they discuss these age-old questions.

Scott A. Shay has had a successful business career spanning Wall Street, private equity, venture capital, and banking. He co-founded Signature Bank of New York and has served as its Chairman since its formation. He has been a provocative commentator on many financial issues, including among others, how the banking system should best function to help society, the implications of a cashless world, and tax reform. Scott called for the re-imposition of Glass-Steagall and breaking up the big banks at a TEDx talk at the NY Stock Exchange in 2012. Throughout his life, he has been a student of religion and how religion ought to apply to the world outside of the synagogue, church, or mosque. In addition to authoring articles relating to the Jewish community, Scott has also written the best-selling title, *Getting Our Groove Back: How to Energize American Jewry*.

SPECIAL SCREENING: WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS

Saturday Night, November 10 | 6:30 pm

Join us the night before Veterans Day to watch this thematically apropos documentary from Jerusalem U, *When the Smoke Clears: A Story of Brotherhood, Resilience and Hope*. It tells the true stories of young Israeli soldiers, Gil, Ofer, and Elad, whose injuries leave them fighting for the strength to live. Making breakthroughs and finding meaning by reaching out to those in need, they discover that what didn’t kill them really did make them stronger.

Registration and tickets coming soon.

MONTHLY SYNAGOGUE TOURS

Tours of Shearith Israel provide a unique opportunity for visitors and tourists to learn more about America’s first Jewish Congregation—Shearith Israel—and view ritual objects dating back to the Colonial period. We are pleased to lead guests through our beautiful space with enlightening facts about our proud history and unique traditions. Individuals and groups are welcome to attend a free guided tour once a month led by a member of our clergy or a trained docent. There is a suggested donation of $5 per person, although any amount is appreciated. Tours generally last 45 minutes. Go to shearithisrael.org/tours for more information.

ABOVE:
Shearith Israel hosted a visit by the Speaker of the Austrian Parliament, Wolfgang Sobotka and his delegation and Consul General, Dr. Helmut Boeck and Deputy Consul General, Dr. Georg Woutsas. Several of the guests attended our evening services, after which Rabbi Soloveichik presented the history of our congregation and led them on a tour of a Synagogue. Also representing Shearith Israel was Parnas, Louis Solomon, Honorary Trustee, Avery Neumark, and Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.

We enjoyed a lively and candid discussion, and as Jewish goodwill ambassadors, we hope these Austrian politicians (and the Austrian press which accompanied them) bring back positive messages about their encounter with us and the Jewish community in America more broadly.
JUDAIC EDUCATION

SAADIAH GAON’S BOOK OF BELIEFS AND OPINIONS
Sundays | 8:45 am | Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander
The Book of Beliefs and Opinions (completed 933 CE) was the first systematic presentation and philosophic foundation of the dogmas of Judaism.

Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander was born in the Netherlands. He received his Master’s degree in Arabic and Islamology from the University of Leiden. After subsequently earning a Bachelor’s degree in education, he taught Comparative Religion at Ichthus Teachers’ College in Rotterdam. Sjimon teaches Jewish literature at Hunter College and does research on Islam’s perception of Judaism within the literature of Quran commentaries. He recently received his rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Haim.

OPEN BET MIDRASH
Most Weeknights (Monday-Thursday) 5:15 until Evening Services
On most weeknights, men and women, adults and youth, are invited to learn with university-level and rabbinical students from Yeshiva University in the Elias Room at our “Open Bet Midrash.” Learn your way: join a habruta, hear a short debar torah, or simply pick a sefer off the shelf. Take advantage of this unique opportunity, and don’t hesitate to contact Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org with any questions.

Participants are welcome to stay for evening services and help strengthen our minyan.

TUESDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST AND SHIUR
Tuesdays | Following Morning Services
The loyal members of our morning minyan know the pleasure of camaraderie and learning that is especially enjoyed every Tuesday morning. All worshippers are welcome to enjoy breakfast and a short shiur by Rabbi Soloveichik or another member of our ministerial team.

FEASTS AND FASTS: THE FESTIVALS IN JEWISH THOUGHT
A Class for Women
Tuesdays | 9:00 am | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Women meet on Tuesday mornings to examine anew the rituals of the Jewish holiday or fast that is approaching, challenge our assumptions, and emerge with a deeper understanding of the rituals that we have been performing our entire lives. Breakfast is served. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THE MAKING AND MEANING OF SHABBAT
Begin Friday, October 19
Fridays | Following Evening Services | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
During the chillier months, when shabbat starts early and the evenings loom long, congregants are invited to stay around for a bit after Friday evening services for an inspiring shiur delivered by Rabbi Soloveichik. There is no better way to transition from the workweek to the aura of Shabbat than experiencing our magnificent Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by Friday Night Lights. The 2018-2019 season is sponsored by the Julis family. To sponsor an individual session, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.

THE MISUNDERSTOOD MASTERPIECE: A NEW APPROACH TO PIRKEI ABOT
Shabbat Afternoon, Year-Round | One Hour Before Minhah | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Pirkei Abot is often understood as a mere series of unrelated ethical adages. In fact, each brief and frequently cited maxim in Pirkei Abot actually hints at the extraordinary, and unique, life story and worldview of its rabbinic source. What’s more, the chapters of Abot are joined in a structure that tells the story of the transmission of the Oral Law. We will see how studying the history of the rabbinic figures cited lends an entirely new understanding to these statements, and how Abot represents the diverse response of the rabbis to an age of crisis and transition that was, in many ways, not unlike our own. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass.
HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN

ROSH HASHANA, KIPPER, AND SUCCOT

While the adults of the congregation are enjoying the beautiful tefilla of the High Holidays in the sanctuary, we have wonderful, fun, and educational learning activities as well as youth-led tefilla for the children. Ages 0-4 have babysitting, holiday storytelling and songs. Children 5-12 will play fun educational games lead by our engaging leaders. Past holiday activities have included a shofar blowing exercise and a holiday activities have included a tefilla. For more information, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Thursday, November 22
9:30 am

CSI Kids, this special opportunity is just for you! Come watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade from our Portico accompanied by hot chocolate and snacks in the Elias Room! It is a view and experience that is not to be beat!

JUNIOR BOOK GROUP

For ages 11-13

Three Shabbat Afternoons | In Private Homes
Exact Dates To Be Announced

The Sisterhood introduced Junior Book Group earlier this year, as a Shabbat afternoon activity where kids can read books and talk about them with their peers in lively discussions, in the comfort of a private home near the Synagogue. After the success of the initial meeting, Junior Book Group will be continuing with three upcoming dates and books. Stay tuned for details, and if you have any questions or book recommendations, feel free to submit them at shearithisrael.org/book-group.

HEBREW SCHOOL: POLONIES TALMUD TORAH SCHOOL (PTTS)

Begins October 7, 2018

All ages meet Sundays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Elementary school-aged children also meet Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
For students 3 – 16 years of age

Our Hebrew School provides students with a substantive Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. Students develop Hebrew language skills (reading, writing, and comprehension), learn the major portions of the Tanakh, Jewish holiday rituals, Jewish history, and how Jewish ideas inform our values in modern times. To learn more and enroll your child today, go to shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.

PTTS BRUNCH & LEARNS WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

For 5th – 8th Graders and Their Parents

Sundays, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
December 2 | February 3 | March 10

PTTS middle school students and all PTTS parents enjoy special time with the rabbi. On several Sundays over the course of the year, 5th-8th grade students and all PTTS parents start the day together with morning services after which they will proceed to a topical “Brunch and Learn” with Rabbi Soloveichik. These sessions are held on Sunday mornings during regularly scheduled PTTS time.

YOUTH ON SHEARITH ISRAEL

YOUTH ON SHABBAT

TOT SHABBAT

10:00 am – 11:45 am | ages 0 – 4

Our little ones enjoy Tot Shabbat all year round, led by our beloved teachers, Liz and Shanade. Independent play, snacks, and circle-time with songs will entertain the toddlers while parents are in services. Thanks to the efforts of our young families and their supporters, our tots have been enjoying our new Fidaneque Youth Room, with new furniture and equipment and more toys than ever. Parents: please note that children under the age of 2 must be accompanied by an adult. Furthermore, children will only be released to their parent or other pre-authorized adult. Please cooperate with these important policies for the safety of your children and everyone else.

YOUTH GROUPS AND JR. CONGREGATION

September – June | 10:00 am until end of services

Children ages 5 – 12 gather in the Elias Room for fun activities connected to the parasha of the week and other Jewish themes. Then at 10:30 am, the children come together for Junior Congregation, a lively, participatory service in the Little Synagogue. For a list of parts your child may lead in Jr. Congregation, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

Don’t forget to sign up for our weekly youth email updates! Scan this code for details.
SISTERHOOD SUCkah DECORATING
Thursday, September 20 | 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday, September 21 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday, September 23 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Sisterhood’s decoration of the Congregation’s renowned Elias Room Succah has made it one of the most beautiful in New York City. Teens and adults, women and men, are invited to help decorate in preparation for the Succot Festival. For more information, see page 12.

WOMEN’S HAKAFOT
Monday night, October 1 | 7:00 pm
Little Synagogue

On the evening of Simhat Torah, a parallel Hakafot ceremony is held for women. This joyous Shearith Israel tradition began in 1991 and has been held annually ever since.

WOMEN’S SHABBAT SERVICES
On select Shabbatot, including:

Women’s Service in celebration of Barbara Sasson becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Shabbat, October 13 | Starting with Nishmat
9 am | Little Synagogue

By and for women, these services are an opportunity for women to lead prayer, read from the Torah and perform the rituals associated with the day’s services. We welcome the opportunity to celebrate momentous occasions—such as a girl becoming a Bat Mitzvah or a bride before her wedding—in the context of our service. To participate and for more information, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com. For dates of meetings, sign up for our email list on our website.

YOETZET HALAKHA
Shearith Israel is a co-sponsor of the Manhattan Yoetzet Halakha Initiative. If you have any questions regarding Taharat Hamishpaha (Family Purity), laws of Niddah, please contact our Yoetzet Halakha, Shiffy Friedman, in confidence at nyyoetzet@gmail.com.

Shiffy Friedman has been serving as a Yoetzet Halakha in Manhattan since 2017. She graduated from Nishmat’s Miriam Glazer and Bach’s Center’s U.S. Yoatzot Halakha Fellows Program in 2015. She has been counseling women in the area of women’s health and halakha, both through her role as Yoetzet Halakha in Westchester County and through teaching brides and couples before marriage. Shiffy has taught at SAR Academy and currently teaches at Ma’ayanot Yeshiva High School. She received her B.A. in Judaic Studies from Stern College and a dual M.A. in Education and Jewish Studies from New York University. Prior to that, she spent a year studying in Israel at the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women in Migdal Oz. She and her husband, Rabbi Noam Friedman, live with their two children, Avital and Adir, in Morningside Heights, where they serve as the OU-JLIC couple at Columbia/Barnard Hillel. They look forward to getting to know members of the broader Manhattan community.

ONE-ON-ONE TOUR OF THE UWS MIKVAH
If you are interested in learning more about Taharat Hamishpaha, the Laws of Family Purity, please contact Layaliza Soloveichik at layaliza@gmail.com for a private tour of the facilities at the local UWS Mikveh. To maximize confidentiality, these one-on-one tours will take place at times when the Mikveh is closed to the public. Tours of other local mikvaot are also possible. Women only.
After our beloved president Irma Miriam Lopes Cardozo z”l died in 2016, the Sisterhood looked for a meaningful way to honor her memory and that of her beloved husband, Shearith Israel’s long-time cherished Hazan, Reverend Abraham Lopes Cardozo z”l. We knew that as modest individuals who loved Shearith Israel they would want anything dedicated in their memory to be something that the Congregation needed and something that would be used over a period of many, many years.

We learned that the huppah currently in use in the Large Synagogue needed replacement, and we decided that a new huppah would be a beautiful and fitting tribute to the Cardozos who were married at Shearith Israel in March of 1951.

They exemplified the best a married couple could be. They complemented each other in temperament and supported each other’s work and interests. And, as part of the blessings recited under the huppah at every wedding says, kol sason v’kol simba, kol hattan v’kol hallah, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride,” they had beautiful voices and made beautiful music together. And just as a huppah is open on all four sides as was Abraham’s tent representing hospitality, so too was the Cardozo home open to anyone to share a meal and their company.

In her book, “As I Lived It,” Irma Cardozo wrote about her wedding, “The choirmaster at the time of our wedding was Mr. Bress. His wife was very fond of Bram and knowing Bram had no parents, she presented him with a beautiful new tallit. Together with the Sisterhood ladies, she also made a new huppah in honor of our wedding.” Once again the Sisterhood has taken the opportunity to provide a beautiful new huppah for our Congregation, this one made of silk damask, with a silk and cotton fringe and ruched velvet for the poles.

A dedication has been sewn into the inside of the huppah. It reads: To honor the lives of Hazan Abraham Lopes Cardozo, Z”L and Irma Lopes Cardozo Z”L, married at Congregation Shearith Israel March 11, 1951. Presented by the Sisterhood of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, 2017.”

May this huppah represent their first home for many couples as they start their married lives together in our beautiful sanctuary.

Caring Connection, our Congregation’s hesed network, trains community members as sensitive volunteers, enabling them to proactively help others through times of need, one of Judaism’s greatest mitzvot. This vital assistance greatly aids the individual, and also strengthens and unifies our community, enhancing our sense of responsibility for one another. This group of volunteers responds to a variety of situations, both in times of difficulty, such as illness or mourning, and times of joy, such as the exciting and often overwhelming challenges accompanying the arrival of a new baby.

Our volunteers coordinate meals to those in need: arrange visits and phone calls to the elderly, homebound, and recuperating; and even provide transport or wheelchair assistance to those who wish to attend synagogue services or events.

If you know someone who might need assistance in any form, or would like to get involved as a volunteer yourself, please email caringconnection@shearithisrael.org.

If Caring Connection lacks the expertise or resources to provide appropriate assistance, we will do our best to direct people to other congregational and communal organizations.

If you would like to sponsor a meal, we offer several options and easy ways for you to do so. Simply go to shearithisrael.org/hesed-meals and select the meal type you would like to sponsor. The family will be notified of your generous gesture. Please be assured that our Caring Connection and Hebra volunteers are in touch with the affected families and will ensure that their specific needs (quantities, dietary restrictions, etc.) will be considered. Any surplus sponsorships will be used to ensure that all of our members are provided meals in their times of need.

If you would prefer to cook and deliver your own home-cooked meals, or place food orders on your own rather than participate in this fund, please contact Layaliza Soloveichik at layaliza@gmail.com beforehand. Layaliza is our congregation’s volunteer coordinator for meals for new parents, and she makes every effort to ensure that the family’s preferences and requests are accommodated and that duplication of efforts are avoided.
After the ceremony, Shearith Israel’s sexton, Assistant Adjutant to General Kautz. Anthony Waskie, representing the G.A.R. and Jorgenson, a civil war historian and author. The Myer Asch’s history was brought to life by Mr. Zachary Edinger. On Sunday, April 22, about 45 people gathered Colonel Asch at Civil War reenactment events. Bruce Form, a living historian who portrays veterans of the Civil War. The event began with a ceremony at the grave of Col. Myer Asch. Asch was a distinguished officer during the Civil War serving as Adjutant to General John Pope and Assistant Adjutant to General Kautz.

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Zachary Edinger

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Hart, David D. (1819-1888) - Commander of the NY City Light Guard, Captain, Company A of the 71st NY State Militia in 1861. Severely wounded at the first battle of Bull Run. Prior to the War he was a member of the Knickerbocker Club, one of the founding institutions of game of Baseball.

Joachimsen, Phillip (1817-1890) - Lt. Col. 59th NY Volunteer Infantry. Prior to the Civil War, he was a US Attorney and prosecuted the first capital conviction for slave trading in the US. A staunch abolitionist, he resigned his duties to protest the Kansas-Nebraska Act. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he organized the “Union Guard,” which became the 59th New York Volunteer Regiment, and was appointed Colonel. The regiment was ordered to the front and was stationed at Fort Monroe. While there, he was appointed as United States Paymaster. Subsequently he was ordered to New Orleans under the command of General B. F. Butler. While on duty he fell from his horse, was severely injured, and honorably discharged. Governor Fenton, of the State of New York, in acknowledging his eminent services, appointed him Brevet Brigadier General.

He later became a judge of the Marine Court of New York City. A prominent member of Shearith Israel, he was involved in many charitable organizations including the Hebrew Benevolent Society, The Home for Inform and Indigent Hebrews, (now The New Jewish Home), and the Hebrew Orphan Asylum. In 1879 he founded the Hebrew Sheltering / Guardian Society for Children. In 1940 these last two organizations merged and became known as the Jewish Child Care Association, which still exists today.

Moses, Isaac (1819-1889) - Captain, Adjutant General of the 3rd Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac, commanded by Gen. Heintzelman; participated in the battles of the Peninsula Campaign, and at Glendale, VA >
Brevetted to Lt. Col for “Gallant and Meritorious Services.” Subsequently served with General Banks. An early practitioner of military ballooning to gather intelligence on troop strength and position.

MOSES, ISRAEL (1821-1870) - Lt. Col, Surgeon, 72nd NY Volunteers. Enlisted in 1846 during the Mexican-American War. Appointed Assistant surgeon of the U.S. Army in 1847, served with the Army of Occupation at Vera Cruz and Toluca, Mexico, and at Fort Crawford, Fort Leavenworth, in Oregon, Washington Territory and Texas until his resignation in 1855. He was hired as the first Surgeon at Jews’ Hospital (now Mount Sinai Hospital). Resigned in 1861 to join the Union Army. In June 1861, he was appointed Lt. Col. of the 72nd NY Volunteer Infantry. In October 1862, he was appointed Surgeon, US Volunteers Army of the Potomac. Accompanied General G. Granger to the West. Brevetted Lt. Col. of the US Volunteers in 1865 for “faithful and meritorious services during the war.”

NIETO, DAVID HAIM (1842-1891) - Enlisted as “David Smith” April 26, 1861, Private, Co. G, 10th NY Volunteer Infantry, mustered out May 6, 1863. Reenlisted as “Daniel Sanderson”, Pvt., Co. G, 28th MA Infantry (the “Irish Brigade”), machinist; mustered in 8/11/1863; wounded 5/5/1864 at Wilderness, Va. Amazingly, Nieto twice enlisted using an alias! He did so because he was a minor under guardianship and didn’t want his mother in England to find out that he had enlisted and become alarmed. He was from a distinguished rabbinic family in London and later served Shearith Israel as Assistant Hazzan from 1878-1886. He was a very active member of the G.A.R., Post 152. A colorful character, Dr. Pool writes of him: “There was no doubt as to his fine vocal gifts, his masterly reading of all services, and his gentlemanly bearing within the congregation. But when he took off his white tie, his social bearing was not always in accord with the standards the congregation expected of a minister of religion.” He resigned as Hazzan in 1886 and was succeeded by his brother, Abraham Haim Nieto.

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**Ingredients:**
- 12 etrogim
- 1 cup of sugar to every cup of fruit
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons cognac

**Instructions**
- Clean etrogim and soak in water overnight.
- Peel etrogim and soak again overnight in fresh water.
- Cut into small cubes removing pits, etc.
- Soak a third night in fresh water.
- Add the sugar, lemon juice and water to cover in saucepan. Bring to boil.
- Cook on simmer for at least 4 hours until tender to fork.
- Store in well-sealed jars. They can last 6 months.
- Serve as a relish with meat.

**Etrog Preserves**

**by Vivien Eisenmann**

Vivien Eisenmann was born in London, and is of Russian descent. She attended the University of London, where she studied European and English History. She is married to Muk Eisenmann, who hails from Basel, Switzerland. They have two children—Marc, who resides in Florida, and Esther, who lives in New York—and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren: Tzvi, Shmuel, Yaakov, Adina, Binyomin, Yehuda, and Aviva in Florida, and Aharon and Chany in New York. Vivien has been active in the Travel Industry for almost forty years, and she and Muk have been involved with Shearith Israel for over 20 years, officially joining in 2003.
DAILY SERVICES

Sundays Shahrit .................. 8:00 am
Monday-Friday Shahrit ........................................ 7:15 am

Evenings, Sunday-Thursday:
Aug. 29th-Sept. 27th, Minhah & Arbit* .......... 6:30 pm
*Aug. 29th-Sep. 16th Selichot after Arbit
Oct. 3rd-Oct. 11th, Minhah & Arbit .......... 6:15 pm
Oct. 14th-Oct. 18th, Minhah & Arbit .......... 6:00 pm
Oct. 21st-Nov. 1st, Minhah & Arbit .......... 5:45 pm
Nov 4th-Feb 28th, 2019, Arbit Only .......... 6:30 pm

SHABBAT SERVICES

August 31st-September 1st
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 7:12 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:30-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Jacob Daar
Parashat Ki Tavo .................. Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftarah, Isaiah 60:1-22 .................. Louis Nahon
Bene Mitzvah .................. Raphael Nahon & Louis Nahon
Class ................................... 6:05 pm
Saturday Minah, Arbit & Selichot .................. 7:05 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 7:28 pm
Habdalah .................................. 8:05 pm

September 7th-8th
1860 - 19th St. Consecration Anniversary
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 7:01 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Nisanim .................. Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
Haftarah Isaiah 6:10-6:39 .................. Akiva R. Haberman
Bar Mitvah .................. Articus Naggar Bregman
Seuda Shelishit & Class .................. 5:50 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit (no Selichot) .......... 6:50 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 7:17 pm
Habdalah .................................. 7:53 pm

September 14th-15th Shabbat Teshuba*
September 21st-22nd
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 6:37 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 6:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Simon Den Hollander
Parashat Haazana .................. Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51 .................. Benjamin Nathan
Seuda Shelishit & Class .................. 5:30 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit .................. 6:30 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 6:54 pm
Habdalah .................................. 7:27 pm

September 28th-29th Shabbat Hol HaMoed*
October 5th-6th Shabbat Bereshit*
October 12th-13th
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 6:03 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 6:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Jacob Daar
Parashat Noah .................. Genesis 6:9-11:32
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10 .................. Raphael Sasson
Bar Mitvah .................. Barbara Sasson
Seuda Shelishit & Class .................. 4:55 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit .................. 5:55 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 6:19 pm
Habdalah .................................. 6:50 pm

October 19th-20th
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 5:52 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 5:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Lekh-Lekha .................. Genesis 12:1-17:27
Haftarah Isaiah 40:27-41:16 .................. Joseph A. Solomon
Seuda Shelishit & Class .................. 4:45 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit .................. 5:45 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 6:09 pm
Habdalah .................................. 6:39 pm
(See High Holy Days & Festivals Schedule)

October 26th-27th
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 5:42 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 5:45 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Simon Den Hollander
Haftarah II Kings 4:1-23
Seuda Shelishit & Class .................. 4:35 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit .................. 5:35 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 5:59 pm
Habdalah .................................. 6:29 pm

November 2nd-3rd
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 5:33 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 5:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:15-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Adam F. Jackson
Parashat Haye Sarah .................. Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah I Kings 1:1-31
Seuda Shelishit & Class .................. 4:25 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit .................. 5:25 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 5:50 pm
Habdalah .................................. 6:19 pm

November 9th-10th
Candles (18 min. before sunset) .................. 4:25 pm
Friday Evening Services .................. 4:30 pm
Saturday Morning Services .................. 8:15-11:45 am
Parallel Women’s Service .................. 9:00-11:45 am
Zemirot ........................................ Jacob Daar
Parashat Toledoth .................. Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haftarah Malachi 1:1-2:7 ............ Aaron Nathan
Seuda Shelishit & Class .................. 3:30 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit .................. 4:15 pm
Saturday Sunset .................. 4:42 pm
Habdalah .................. 5:11 pm

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November 16th-17th
Candles (18 min. before sunset).................4:19 pm
Friday Evening Services.........................4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services......................8:15-11:45 am
Zemiror..............................................Simjon Den Hollander
Parashah Vayeshev.........................Genesis 28:10-32:3
Hafarah Hosea 11:7-12:12.........................3:30 pm
Seuda Shlishit & Class.........................4:10 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit.........................4:10 pm
Saturday Sunset.................................4:36 pm
Habdalah..........................................5:04 pm

November 23rd-24th
Candles (18 min. before sunset).................4:14 pm
Friday Evening Services.........................4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services......................8:15-11:45 am
Zemiror..............................................Adam F. Jackson
Parashah Vaayeshev.........................Genesis 32:4-36:43
Hafarah Book of Ohadah.........................Elliott Freilich
Seuda Shlishit & Class.........................3:30 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit.........................4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset.................................4:32 pm
Habdalah..........................................4:59 pm

November 30th-December 1st
Candles (18 min. before sunset).................4:11 pm
Friday Evening Services.........................4:15 pm
Saturday Morning Services......................8:15-11:45 am
Zemiror..............................................Jacob Daar
Parashah Vayeshev.........................Genesis 37:1-40:23
Hafarah Amos 2:6-3:8...........................Jacob Z. Neumark
Seuda Shlishit & Class.........................3:30 pm
Saturday Minah & Arbit.........................4:05 pm
Saturday Sunset.................................4:29 pm
Habdalah..........................................4:56 pm

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5779
Rosh HaShanah-New Year 5779
Sunday Eve, Sept. 9th-Tuesday, Sept. 11th
PREPARATIONS
Sunday Morning, September 9th
Special Morning Selihot Service...................7:15 am
Morning Shabbirah Service......................8:00 am

EVE OF 1ST DAY Rosh hashanah
Sunday Evening, September 9th
Sunday Evening Candle Lighting..................6:57 pm
Afternoon Services (Minhah & Arbit).............6:45 pm
Sunday Evening Sunset.............................7:15 pm

1ST DAY Rosh Hashanah MORNING
Monday, September 10th
Zemiror..............................................7:45 am
Shahrit.................................8:35 am
Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah...............9:35 am
Torah Reading & Hafarah........................9:50 am
Offerings........................................10:30 am
‘Et Sha’arei Ratzon & Shofar Service...........10:40 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah.......................11:05 am
Musaf..............................................11:20 am
Sermon..........................................12:20 pm
Adon ‘Olam & Conclusion........................12:40-12:45 pm

EVE OF 2ND DAY Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10th
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).................6:45 pm
Monday Evening Sunset............................7:14 pm
Mon. Evening Candle Lighting......................after 7:37 pm

2ND DAY Rosh Hashanah MORNING
Tuesday, September 11th
Zemiror..............................................7:45 am
Shahrit.................................8:30 am
Special Prayers & Taking Out Torah...............9:30 am
Torah Reading & Hafarah........................9:45 am
Offerings........................................10:25 am
‘Et Sha’arei Ratzon & Shofar Service...........10:30 am
Ashrei and Returning Torah.......................10:55 am
Musaf..............................................11:10 am
Sermon..........................................12:05 pm
Adon ‘Olam & Conclusion........................12:25-12:30 pm

Rosh HaShanah-New Year (cont’d)
2ND DAY Rosh hashanah CONCLUSION
Tuesday Evening, September 11th
Tue. Evening Minah, Arbit & Selihot.............6:45 pm
Tuesday Evening Sunset............................7:12 pm
Tuesday Evening Habdalah.........................7:35 pm

Fast of Gedaliah
Wednesday, September 12th
Fast Begins (Dawn)..................................5:10 am
Wednesday Morning Sunrise.......................6:34 am
Wednesday Morning Shabbirah.....................7:15 am
Minah (with tefillin), Arbit & Selihot.............6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening Sunset.........................7:10 pm
End of Fast...........................................7:33 pm

Shabbat Teshubah
Sabbath of Penitence
EVE OF SHABBAT Teshubah
Friday Evening, September 14th
Candles (18 min. before sunset)...................6:49 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).................6:45 pm
Friday Evening Sunset.............................7:07 pm

SHABBAT TESHUBAH DAY
Saturday Morning, September 15th
Zemiror, led by Jacob Daar.........................8:15 am
Shahrit..............................................9:00 am
Torah Service & Offerings.........................9:45-10:50 am
Parashah Vayeshev........................Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Hafarah..............................Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik
Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20
Musaf, Sermon & Conclusion......................10:50-11:55 am

Saturday Evening, September 15th
Seudah Shlishit & Class.........................5:40 pm
Sat. Evening Minah, Arbit & Selihot.............6:40 pm
Saturday Evening Sunset............................7:05 pm
Habdalah..........................................7:40 pm

FALL FESTIVALS 5779
Succot
Festival of Tabernacles
Sunday Eve, Sep. 23rd - Sunday, Sep. 30th
Succot: First Two Days (Yom Tob)
EVE OF 1ST DAY SUCCOT
Sunday Evening, September 23rd
Candle Lighting...................................6:33 pm
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit).................6:30 pm
Sunset..............................................6:51 pm
Kiddush in Elias Room Sukkah....................7:30 pm

Yom Kippur-Day of Atonement
PREPARATIONS
Tuesday, September 18th
Special Morning Selihot Service...................6:30 am
Morning Shabbirah Service.........................7:15 am
Early Afternoon Minah Service....................1:30 pm

EVE OF YOM KIPPUR
Tuesday Evening, September 18th
Tuesday Candle Lighting.........................before 6:42 pm
Tuesday Evening Kal Nidre Service..............6:30 pm
Begin Fasting.....................................before sunset, 7:00 pm
Seren & Evening Arbit Service.....................7:00-9:00 pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY
Wednesday, September 19th
Zemiror..............................................8:30 am
Shahrit..............................................9:30 am
Torah Service and Offerings.......................11:35 am
Midday Sermon....................................12:35 pm
Musaf..............................................1:00 pm
Minah..............................................3:25 pm
Perpetual Hashcabot & Offerings...............5:15 pm
Sermon before Neilah.............................6:00 pm
Neilah..............................................6:25 pm
Sunset..............................................6:59 pm
Shofar, Arbit & Habdalah.........................7:28 pm

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**Succot: First Two Days (cont’d)**

**1ST DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME**

**Monday Morning, September 24th**
- Zemirot ................................................................. 8:15 am
- Shahrit & Hallel .................................................. 9:00 am
- Torah Service ........................................................ 10:00 am
- Musaf & Hoshanot .............................................. 10:45-11:30 am
- Conclusion & Sermon ......................................... 11:30 am-12:00 pm
- Kiddush in Elias Room Succah ................................ 12:00 pm

**EVE OF 2ND DAY SUCCOT**

**Monday Evening, September 24th**
- Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit) .......................... 6:30 pm
- Sunset ................................................................. 6:50 pm
- Candle Lighting .................................................. after 7:12 pm
- Kiddush in Elias Room Succah ................................ 7:30 pm

**2ND DAY SUCCOT DAYTIME**

**Tuesday Morning, September 25th**
- Zemirot ................................................................. 8:15 am
- Shahrit & Hallel .................................................. 9:00 am
- Torah Service ........................................................ 9:50 am
- Musaf, & Shabbat Hoshama ................................. 10:45-11:30 am
- Conclusion & Sermon ......................................... 11:30 am-12:00 pm
- Kiddush in Elias Room Succah ................................ 12:00 pm

**Tuesday Afternoon, September 25th**
- Saturday Afternoon Minhah & Arbit .......................... 6:15 pm
- Saturday Evening Sunser ..................................... 6:42 pm
- Habdalah, end of Shabbat .................................... 7:15 pm

**Hoshaana Rabba, Grand Hosanna**

**Seventh Day of Succot (Tabernacles)**

**EVE OF HOSHAANA RABBAH**

Saturday Evening, September 29th
- Mishmarah-Tikkun & Rabbi’s Special Class (Held in Elias Room Succah) ........................................ 9:00 pm

**HOSHAANA RABBAT DAY**

Sunday Morning, September 30th
- Zemirot, led by Avery E. Neumark ............................ 8:00 am
- Shahrit & Hallel .................................................. 8:30 am
- Torah Service ........................................................ 9:00 am
- Musaf, Hoshanot, Shofar ...................................... 9:35-10:15 am
- Service Conclusion .............................................. 10:15-10:30 am
- Breakfast in Elias Room Succah ............................ 10:30 am

**Shabbot Hol HaMoed Succot**

**Intermediate Shabbat of Tabernacles**

**EVE OF SHABBAT HOL HAMOED**

Friday Evening, September 28th
- Candle Lighting .................................................. before 6:25 pm
- Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit) ....................... 6:30 pm
- Friday Evening Sunset ......................................... 6:43 pm
- Kiddush in Elias Room Succah ................................ 7:30 pm

**SHABBAT HOL HAMOED DAY**

Saturday Morning, September 29th
- Zemirot ................................................................. 8:15 am
- Shahrit & Hallel .................................................. 9:00 am
- Torah Service ........................................................ 9:50 am
- Musaf, & Shabbat Hoshama ................................. 10:45-11:30 am
- Conclusion & Sermon ......................................... 11:30 am-12:00 pm
- Kiddush in Elias Room Succah ................................ 12:00 pm

**Shemini Hag Atseret**

**Eighth Day Convocation Festival**

**EVE OF SHEMINI HAG ATSERET**

Sunday Evening, September 30th
- Candle Lighting .................................................. before 6:25 pm
- Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit) ....................... 6:15 pm
- Sunset ................................................................. 6:40 pm
- Kiddush in Elias Room Succah ................................ 7:15 pm

**SHEMINI HAG ATSERET DAY**

Monday Morning, October 1st
- Zemirot ................................................................. 8:15 am
- Shahrit & Hallel .................................................. 9:00 am
- Torah Service ........................................................ 9:50 am
- Musaf, Tikkuin HaGeshem ................................. 10:40-11:20 am
- Service Conclusion & Sermon .............................. 11:20-11:45 am
- Kiddush in Elias Room Succah ................................ 11:50 am

**Simhat Torah**

**End of Reading-Cycle Celebration**

**EVE OF SIMHAT TORAH**

Monday Morning, October 1st
- Minhah & Arbit, with Tenu Shebaha ....................... 6:15 pm
- Sunset ................................................................. 6:38 pm
- Candle Lighting .................................................. after 6:59 pm
- Hakafot & Children’s Celebration ......................... 7:00 pm
- Women’s Hakafot (Little Synagogue) .................... 7:00 pm

**SIMHAT TORAH DAY**

Tuesday Morning, October 2nd
- Zemirot ................................................................. 8:15 am
- Shahrit & Hallel .................................................. 9:00 am
- Torah Service, with Hatanim Horenu ........................ 9:50 am
- Musaf ................................................................. 10:40-11:25 am
- Service Conclusion & Sermon .............................. 11:25-12:00 pm
- Tuesday Evening, October 2nd
- Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit) ....................... 6:15 pm
- Sunset ................................................................. 6:37 pm
- Habdalah, End of Festival ...................................... 6:58 pm

**Shabbat Bereshit**

**The First Parashah-Shabbat Hatanim**

**EVE OF SHABBAT BERESHIT**

Friday Evening, October 5th
- Candles (18 min. before sunset) ............................. 6:14 pm
- Minhah & Arbit, with Tenu Shebaha ....................... 6:15 pm
- Friday Evening Sunser ......................................... 6:32 pm

**SHABBAT BERESHIT DAY**

Saturday Morning, October 6th
- Zemirot ................................................................. 8:15 am
- Shabrit ................................................................. 9:00 am
- Torah Service, Hatanim Horenu ......................... 9:45-10:50 am
- Parashah Genesis 1:1-68
- Hafarah Isaiah 42:5-21; 61:10; 62:5
- Musaf .......................... 10:50-11:40 am

**SHABBAT BERESHIT CONCLUSION**

Saturday Evening, October 6th
- Seudah Shlishit & Class ........................................ 5:05 pm
- Saturday Afternoon Minhah & Arbit ....................... 6:05 pm
- Saturday Evening Sunser ..................................... 6:30 pm
- Habdalah, End of Shabbat ................................. 7:02 pm

**MINOR HOLIDAYS**

**Labor Day Legal Holiday**

- Monday, September 3rd
  - Morning Service (Shabrit) ................................ 8:00 am

**Rosh Hodesh Heshvan (Two-Day)**

- Monday Evening, October 8th through Tue., Wed., October 9th & 10th

**Rosh Hodesh Kislev (Two-Day)**

- Wednesday Eve, November 7th through Thu. & Fri., November 8th & 9th

**Thanksgiving Day (Legal Holiday)**

- Thursday, November 22nd
  - Festive Shabrit & Thanksgiving Lecture ............... 7:45am
The generosity of our members and friends enables us to continue to honor our past, strengthen our community and pass on our traditions for the next chapter of Jewish and American history. We have many opportunities to contribute in fulfilling our mission as a synagogue.

GENERAL DONATIONS
General donations honor our past with dignity through the preservation of our historic spaces including our main sanctuary and small synagogue, three historic cemeteries in Lower Manhattan and our active cemetery in Cyprus Hills, Queens. These donations ensure a strong future through engaging educational programs with rigorous ritual and liturgical training for youth including PTTS, our Toddler Programs, Junior Congregation, and special opportunities for girls. And perhaps most importantly, general donations uphold and celebrate our minhag and liturgical traditions through dedicated clergy members, our sublime choir, Shabbat, and holiday services.

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The congregational Kiddush is an opportunity for congregants and visitors to socialize and mingle after services, humbly serving an important congregational function. Sponsoring a kiddush is a beautiful way to pay tribute to a loved one, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, a personal accomplishment, or a ritual honor. It is also a great way to foster community—facilitating fellow congregants to catch up with friends, meet new members and guests, and greet synagogue leaders.

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RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
The Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund is a charitable arm of our congregation. These funds are designated by our rabbis for members in need and communities in crisis. This past year, our funds have assisted a number of members who have hit hard times as well as important causes such as the Houston Jewish Community recovering from flooding, the Food Bank for NYC and worthy institutions in Israel.

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Help us strengthen educational initiatives at Shearith Israel by supporting a warm and inviting atmosphere to learn, debate, and grow together as a community. Sponsor for a class, Monday Night Learning, minyan breakfast, Tuesday morning women’s class, Tuesday evening Talmud shiur or Shabbat afternoon class. Or, contribute to sponsor an event, such as academic symposiums, lectures, and discussions with Jewish scholars from around the world and maintain our synagogue as a leader in contemporary Jewish dialogue.

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Financial contributions support efforts in proactively providing organized assistance to members of our community through times of need, one of Judaism’s greatest Mitzvot. Caring Connection raises the funds needed to defray the costs of all it does, including delivering meals to mourners and new parents. Not only does this vital assistance greatly aid the individual or family, it also strengthens and unifies our community and enhances our sense of responsibility for one another.

BEQUESTS
Please consider including Shearith Israel in your estate planning. For more information, please speak with our Executive Director, Barbara Reiss.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENT
Shearith Israel belongs to its devoted members and our vitality depends on our participation and involvement. Our most successful programs and activities are those that are organized with the help of capable volunteers who bring creativity, good cheer and friends. We have a variety of committees and societies, such as our Sisterhood and Young Leadership for you to contribute ideas and energy. We also benefit from the talents and expertise of lay leaders who can help us in important projects such as historic cemetery restoration, archival upgrades, real estate projects and facilities needs, and so much more. And of course, at our core, we are a caring community and that means that providing emotional and logistical support to members in times of need cannot depend on our clergy alone but requires the care and involvement of many whether through our Caring Connection hesed committee or our Hebra. Getting involved is how you make it happen and how you forge meaningful connections at your synagogue.

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