CHOIR SELECTIONS FOR SHABBAT HANUKKAH

Friday Night (12/7)
V'Shameru (p. 166) | Leon Kramer

This grand setting for V'Shameru was composed by our former choirmaster. It is very rarely performed and has not been sung as part of the service in several decades.

Psalm 23 (p. 174) | Leon Hyman

This intimate setting for the 23rd Psalm was composed by our current choirmaster, Leon Hyman. It contains themes from the “Az Yashi" melody. It was introduced into our choir’s repertoire in 2017 and is sung for special occasions.

Shabbat Morning (12/8)
Min HaMetsar (p. 350) | Jacques Fromental HaLevy (1799-1862)

This famous but rarely heard piece was composed by the famous French composer HaLevy, best known for his opera “La Juive.” Min HaMetsar was first performed in France in 1820. Formerly sung specially for the Thanksgiving day service, it is now sung annually during Hallel on Shabbat Hanukkah at about 9:25 AM.

Misheberakh (p. 208) | Leon Hyman

This setting was also composed by Leon Hyman and introduced into the repertoire in 2016.

En Kolochen (p. 229) | George F. Handel (1685-1759)

This famous melody comes from the chorus “See the Conquering Hero Comes” from Handel’s popular Oratorio, Judas Maccabaeus (1746).

Adon Olam (p. 232) | David de Aaron de Sola (1796-1860)

Minister of Bevis Marks synagogue, London, from 1818-1860. De Sola was known as “Learned Hazzan” and was also a very gifted musician. This setting for Adon Olam is one of his most beloved and well known compositions. He was the grandfather of our minister, Henny Pereira Mendes.

Devar Torah: Seeking the Unifying Principle
— HAZZAN RABBI IRA ROHDE —

The stories about Joseph take up a large part of Genesis and have been described by theologian Gerhard Von Rad as a kind of “wisdom novella.” It is a classic tale, even a parable, of the use of wisdom in leadership. That wisdom largely consists in finding and identifying the underlying principles involved, part of a unitary scheme whereby that unifying principle is integrated. It is said that monotheism contributes to rationalism, in that it limits the number of causative agents involved and seeks out a more unitary scheme whereby to explain the chain of causation. And once the chain of causation has been simplified and unified, a simplified, unified and integrated solution can be formulated. That, in fact, is the beauty of what Joseph presents to Pharaoh in his dream interpretation. As Joseph says to Pharaoh, “It is all one thing, the Pharaoh is the king of Egypt.”

Hertz Penetatrech: p. 155; Haftarah p. 987

Rosh Hodesh: p. 695 | Hanukkah: p. 599

Kaplan Living Torah: p. 206; Haftarah p. 1360

Rosh Hodesh: p. 814; Hanukkah: p. 696

CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:10 pm

EVENING SERVICES | 4:00 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Soloveichik | “The Hanukkah Faux Pas” | 2018-2019 season sponsored by the Julus family.

MORNING SERVICES | Main Sanctuary | 8:10 am

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanesque Youth Room

YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Elias Room

JUNIOR CONGREGATION WITH A TORAH READING | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue

SERMON | Rabbi Soloveichik | “Handel With Care”

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON | Levy Auditorium

HANUKKAH SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik | 3:30 pm | Levy Auditorium

EVENING SERVICES | 4:05 pm

HARBALA | 4:55 pm

The final night of Hanukkah is Sunday, December 9.

Weekday Service Times

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

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

Come experience the lighting of our colonial era hanukkah at the conclusion of Arbi on each night of Hanukkah.

Shabbat Mikkts-Hanukkah-Rosh Hodesh December 7-8, 2018

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REMEMBERING BAGHDAD—
Between the Tigris and the Hudson:
Celebrating Iraqi Jewish Heritage at Shearith Israel
Special interview with Mr. Ezra Zilkhah, and a panel discussion featuring Professor Carole Batri, Mr. David Dangoor, and Mr. David Laviyoun
Sunday, December 16 | 7:00 pm
Join us for an unforgettable evening to hear about Jewish life in the cultured, progressive, and cosmopolitan city of Baghdad before WWII, the tragedy of the Farhud and the unprecedented IDF Airlift operation Ezra & Nehemiah. Hear first-hand accounts of life in Baghdad from Jews who lived through it and about how this ancient community still survives in Israel and America today. Includes a screening of the short film, “What We Left Behind” by Professor Henry Green.
Light refreshments with special Iraqi delicacies will be served.
This event is FREE, thanks to our generous sponsors. Registration required at shearithisrael.org/Baghdad by this Thursday, December 13.
This program, which showcases the extraordinary diversity of our congregation throughout its history until today, is one of our many Year of Years, 365th Anniversary celebration events.

DEADLINE: THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 10
From Recife to New York:
A Shabbat Dinner with Today’s Conversos of Brazil
LED BY RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK
Friday, December 14 | Following Evening Services & Friday Night Lights
Share a memorable Shabbat dinner with descendents of Brazil’s Conversos, “Zera Yisrael,” who are joining us from Recife, Brazil—365 years after Shearith Israel’s 23 founders — and their champion, former Member of Knesset, Rabbi Haim Amsalem.
Learn about their Jewish journey over an elegant Friday night dinner (and come back to mingle with them over kiddush on Shabbat morning).

Introductory remarks by our member, Sam Katz.
To register or sponsor, visit shearithisrael.org/conversos.
This program, which showcases the unique history of our congregation and its connections to current events, is one of our many Year of Years, 365th Anniversary celebration events.

Winter Coat Drive
Now Through December 31
Donate gently used coats for men, women, and children, to keep those in need warm this winter season. We will get them to New York Cares.
Drop off in the bin outside Levy Auditorium through December 31. (Tax receipts available upon request.)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Welcome new member Judith Deich to our growing Shearith Israel family.
Hazakat u’Berakhah to Jessica Salama who will be making aliyah at the end of this month. Mazal tov to her parents, Jadranka & Roberto Salama.

Hanukkah Fest!
This Sunday, December 9 | 10:30 am | Free and open to all
Please join CSJ youth and PITTS for fun and educational Hanukkah festivities! Kids will enjoy art projects, songs, and of course, Shearith Israel’s unique and delicious Hanukkah tradition of homemade waffles. No registration required.

SAVE THE DATE: SHABBAT, JANUARY 19 | Registration coming soon
Shabbat Shira Sing-Along Luncheon
Featuring our talented musical triumvirate: Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde, Associate Hazzan Rev. Philip L. Sherman, and Shamas, Zachary Edinger
Have you ever wished you were more familiar with Shearith Israel’s unique liturgy and melodies? Do you ever have the urge to sing along with the Shearith Israel choir (or belt it out at your own home)? At this special Shabbat luncheon, join the uplifting voices of our clergy in discussing, learning, and singing classic Shearith Israel tunes in a laid-back, cozy atmosphere.
All ages are sure to enjoy what will undoubtably be a chart-topping hit.

NEW: Parent-Child Learning & Pizza
On 3 Saturday Nights:
Next Shabbat, December 15 | 6:30 pm—Led by Rabbi Soloveichik
January 12 | 6:45 pm — Led by Rabbi Ira Rohde
February 9 | 7:00 pm — Led by Z. Edinger
For Elementary School Aged Children & Their Parents or Grandparents
This new initiative gives parents (or grandparents) the opportunity to study Torah with their children together with Shearith Israel’s clergy. Pizza and prizes help make this a fun-filled evening of inter-generational learning.
Register for the December 15 session (only $5 per person) at shearithisrael.org/parent-child-learning.

Mitzvot Workshops with Shamas, Z. Edinger
For All Elementary School Aged Children
Select Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am
Sunday, December 23 | Sunday, March 3 | Sunday, April 14
These Mitzvot Workshops are a wonderful opportunity for our elementary school age youth - both boys and girls - to learn to sing the melodies of selected prayers from the Shabbat and holiday services as well as learn about the parts of the Torah service, and receive training in the hand-on parts of the service.
Sign up for December 23 (it’s FREE!) at shearithisrael.org/mitzvot-workshop.

Pre-Pay Your 2019-2020 Dues
Through December 31
As we approach the end of 2018, and back by popular demand, we are again offering you another way to help the synagogue while potentially improving your own 2018 tax position.
Full, associate, and young members may pre-pay 2019-2020 dues at our current rates. If we receive your payment by December 31, 2018, you will be exempt from any dues increase that may be implemented in the upcoming year.
To pre-pay, go to shearithisrael.org/prepay2019.