SHABUOT AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

Pre-Shabuot Mini-Series: Revealing Ruth with Shira Hecht-Koller
THIS Wednesday, May 29 & Wednesday, June 5 at 11:00 am
Shearith Israel is proud to partner with Drisha to study the book of Ruth with an eye toward literary nuance and character development.
To register, go to drisha.org/ongoing-classes.
To request a Shearith Israel member discount code, visit shearithisrael.org/drisha-ruth.

Rabbi Soloveichik’s Shabuot Lecture
Saturday night, June 8 | 11:15 pm
Rabbi Soloveichik’s annual Shabuot lecture has become a go-to destination for the full UWS Shabuot experience.
Come for the Torah, stay for the cheeseball!
For sponsorship opportunities, visit shearithisrael.org/shabuot-lecture19.

Girls’ Ruth Reading & Kiddush
1st day of Shabuot, Sunday, June 9 | following morning services
Following morning services, the girls of our synagogue (through college age) recite the Book of Ruth for the congregation in the main sanctuary. Don’t miss this beautiful Shearith Israel tradition!
To sponsor the kiddush in honor of our girls, visit shearithisrael.org/girls-ruth-reading.

MEMORIAL DAY AT SHEARITH ISRAEL
This past Sunday we held our annual memorial service at the historic Chatham Square Cemetery. The ceremony included the decoration of the graves of 19 veterans and patriots of the American Revolution. We also recited memorial prayers for those members of Shearith Israel who have died while in service to our country: Moses H. Seixas who died during the Civil War; David M.D. Pezotta who died during the Spanish-American War; Frank J. Felbel, James Hendricks Florance, Adolph R. Jungman, and Julien M. Strasburger who died during WW I; Edmond J. Arbib, Adrian Z. Leon, and Israel Rand who died during World War II; and Mark Evin, who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. May their service and sacrifice never be forgotten.
This Shabbot, in honor of Memorial Day, we re-print an excerpt of a sermon given by Rabbi Dr. David de Sola Pool for Memorial Day, 1925:
“Those men whose memory is honored today are men who fell on the field of battle. All honor to their memory. On each side they fought for causes which they believed to be just. They fought because their leaders knew no better way. But in the great equality of death shall we not further extend the thought of Memorial Day to include those heroes who died on the beautiful fields of peace as well as those heroes who died on the hideous fields of war? Memorial Day must not be a subtle appeal to militarism through the trappings and false glories of armies. It must come to be a great Memorial Day for all heroes of humanity. Why should we not extend Memorial Day to include the fireman who gives his life to save that of others, the policeman who falls while protecting us in the peace, the life-saver and the thousands of nameless heroes who in the cause of peace have given their lives for our security?
Or why should we not on Memorial Day pay the tribute of memory to the inventor, the brave hero who has given to his country and the Roman legionary whose life has been burst out by the X-rays with which he has brought healing to others, to the bacteriologist who has succumbed to the germs he was trying to conquer, to the sanitary man who has died of the fever he was battling to control, to the nurse and the physician who have fallen victim to the disease they were trying to cure?”

7th Annual Israel Film Center Festival
June 3-12 | JCC Manhattan
The Festival runs for over a week at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan. Come celebrate 70 years of Israeli cinema with the best Israeli films of the year. Join us for a week of screenings, director Q&A, and special events!
Use Shearith Israel’s special discount code of shearith19 for 25% off all general admission screenings.
For tickets and info, visit jccmanhattan.org/film/israel-film-center-festival.

Public Tours
Our next public tour is Wednesday, June 12, at 11:00 AM
Parnas Office Hours
Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit at parnas@shearithisrael.org.
DON'T LET YOUR GRADUATE GO UNNOTICED!
Celebrate our 2019 Graduates
Shabbat, June 15 | Following Morning Services
Let's spread the good news and celebrate the success and accomplishments of all our graduates from pre-school to PhDs!
Visit shearithisrael.org/grad-kiddush19 by June 13 to list and congratulate your graduate(s) in our 2019 Scroll of Honor. Even if you cannot attend, please send us listing information for your graduates, and consider co-sponsoring the graduation kiddush for $180 or just $36.

PTTS Shabbaton
Shabbat, June 1
Don't miss the final PTTS Shabbaton of the school year! While students are welcome and encouraged to attend services every week, you definitely don't want to lose this chance to take center stage in Junior Congregation and showcase how far you've come since the beginning of the year. Followed by the Young Families Year-End Picnic (see below). We look forward to celebrating all our PTTS students' accomplishments together!

Young Couples and Families Year-End Celebrate Israel "Picnic" on the Portico
Shabbat, June 1 | Following Morning Services
Chairled by Zoya Raynes and Rivka Wiznia
Join our young families to celebrate Israel with this Israeli-themed "picnic" luncheon!
For the Adults: Hai Piasczyk: "We Love You, But Who Are You?"
Speaking from his experience as the Jewish Agency's Senior Shaliach to the UWS, Hai will debunk the myths and demystify the differences between American and Israeli Jews, encouraging healthier and stronger connections to Israel.
For the kids: Nat Bernstein
Nat Bernstein, our energetic and creative Youth Group Leader and Programming Coordinator, will show the kids a great time with educational and entertaining programming so that parents can relax and enjoy.
For registration and sponsorships, visit shearithisrael.org/israel-picnic.

Portuguese Citizenship for Sephardic Jews: A Practical Overview
with Portuguese citizenship legal expert, Rita Mayer Jardim
Tuesday, June 4 | 7:00 pm
Free and open to the public | registration requested at shearithisrael.org/portuguese-citizenship
A subject that has been of growing interest to our community is that of reclaiming Portuguese citizenship. Questions abound, ranging from the basics: Is it possible? How did citizenship reclamation become a law? Why would Sephardic Jews wish to reclaim their ancestors' citizenship? to the more practical: How does one go about doing it? What are the requirements? How long does it take? What documentation is needed? Do you need to speak Portuguese?
Learn the answers to these questions and more from Rita Mayer Jardim, a highly reputable Lisbon-based lawyer specializing in the Sephardic path to Portuguese citizenship. Rita will present actual cases that bring to life one of the most historical pieces of citizenship legislation in contemporary history.

Toddler Summer Camp
June 18-August 15 | Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am | For ages 16-34 months | Caregiver attendance required
During our summer session, weather permitting, we enjoy outdoor time with small wading pools outside on our Portico "beach," in addition to the beautiful Fidanque Youth Room. There is time for play, craft projects, exercises, saying havdalah (blessings), snack, stories, music and more. To learn more and enroll, visit tinyurl.com/toddler-camp19.

Register now for PTTS Hebrew School 2019-2020
Held on Thursdays afternoons, with special programming on select Sundays
Early bird pricing until May 31 | School begins: October 24
Polonies Talmud Torah School, provides children and teens with a substantive Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. For questions, contact Barbara Reiss at breiss@shearithisrael.org. Register at shearithisrael.org/ptts-registration.

Contribute to the PTTS Hebrew School Scholarship Fund
We offer many scholarships to ensure that all qualified applicants can receive a Jewish education. Please consider sponsoring a student for an academic year or semester or contributing to our Hebrew school scholarship fund with a tax deductible contribution of any amount. Go to shearithisrael.org/hebrew-school-scholarship-fund.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mazel Tov to Margaret & Andre Guenoun, on the birth of a grandson, Aiden Nathaniel (Aryeh Netanel).
Mazel Tov to Isaac Haberman upon his marriage to Rachel McCoy. Congratulations as well to his parents, Jennifer Ash & Seth Haberman, and grandfather, Simon Haberman.

Have you missed our recent programs? Video is available on shearithisrael.org for the Menachem Begin lecture. Coming soon: our fascinating Out of Egypt and Media & Religion events. In addition, you can buy the beautiful commemorative Out of Egypt and Chatham Square Memorial booklets as well at shearithisrael.org/store.