Kiddush In Honor of Liz Rios
Shabbat, December 21 | Following Morning Services
Generations of children who have passed through Shearith Israel have experienced the warmth, creativity, and enthusiasm of our tireless Tot Shabbat and Toddler Program leader, Liz Rios. This year, we’d love to give a little back!
To support this kiddush and to find out how to contribute to the gift we are planning for Liz, visit shearithisrael.org/liz-kiddush.

Celebrate Rabbi Marc Angel’s 50th Anniversary in the Rabbinate
Shabbat, December 7
Our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Marc Angel, is celebrating 50 years in the rabbinate and will mark the occasion with a seminar, “Reflections on 50 Years of Rabbinic Service.” After the seminar, congregants are welcome to wish Rabbi Angel mazel tov at the kiddush to follow.
To join our list of sponsors for this kiddush in Rabbi Angel’s honor, visit shearithisrael.org/rabbinate50.

CHOIR SELECTIONS THIS SHABBAT
Friday Night
V’Sheruim #2 (p. 166) | Samuel Naumburg
Psalm 23 (p. 174) | Leon Kramer
Yigdal (p. 177) | Samuel de Sola
Shabbat Morning
Misheberakh (p. 208) | Leon Kramer
Tehillah (p. 216) | Leon Hyman
Ubnro Yomar (p. 218) | Rev. H. P. Mendes
Adon Olam (p. 232) | Salamone Rossi

Stitch & Fix
Presented by the Sisterhood
Bi-Monthly on Sundays & Tuesdays | 10 am-12 pm
See schedule below | Elias Room
Stitch and Fix, the revived Sewing Circle, meets on a regular basis. Drop in, select an item from our synagogue vestments that needs mending, then stitch and fix. Some items you can even take home and fix at your convenience. For questions, contact Rose Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com.

THIS Sunday Nov. 24 | THIS Tuesday Nov. 26
Sunday Dec. 15 | Tuesday Dec. 17
Sunday Jan. 5 | Tuesday Jan. 7
Sunday Feb. 9 | Tuesday Feb. 11

DEBAR TORAH
—YONI REUVEN, BET MIDRASH PROGRAM—
The majority of this week’s Parasha deals with Eliezer’s search for Yitzchak’s wife. Avraham makes Eliezer swear that he will not take a Canaanite woman, nor that he will take Yitzchak out of Canaan should the woman refuse to come back with Eliezer. Immediately as Eliezer reaches his destination, he asks God: “Let it be that the maiden to whom I shall say, ‘Please tip over your jug so I may drink,’ and who replies, ‘Drink, and I will even water your camels,’ her will You have designated for Your servant, for Yitzchak” (Bereisht 24:14)

At first glance, there doesn’t appear to be anything wrong with this request; Eliezer is merely asking God to give him a sign! The Talmud (Taanit 4a), however, criticizes Eliezer’s request as an improper one. Perhaps the woman who would carry out Eliezer’s demands would be unfit to marry Yitzchak. Fortunately, however, it was Rivka who met these criteria. Thus, the Talmud says that despite Eliezer’s improper request, God’s response was appropriate.

Implied from the Talmud is the importance in correctly formulating one’s prayers before God. This ties in with an idea taught by Rabbi Shimshon Pincus in his introduction to his book, She’arim B’Teiflah. He writes that despite the sages referring to prayer as a mercy and a favor granted to us from God, this does not allow us to view it as a free-for-all. While, of course, our subjective relationship to God is crucial, it must be achieved through the structure that our rabbis established. Indeed, it would be inappropriate if we requested our personal needs from God during the sections in which we were meant to be praising or thanking Him. The words we say during teiflah are not meant to hinder our relationship with God, rather they teach us how to properly channel our subjective experience into a concrete reality.

Thus, we can learn from Eliezer’s incorrect prayer how to pray correctly. It is true that Eliezer’s request was granted, but this was due to God’s mercy. In most other cases, it is crucial that we formulate our teiflah carefully. Learning the meaning of the words, as well as the proper intent to be had when reciting them, is essential on our road to developing a relationship with God.

Debrah Torah
Yoni Reuven, Bet Midrash Program
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The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue
Shabbat Haye Sarah
November 22-23, 2019
Hertz Pentateuch: p. 80; Hafarah p. 90
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 100; Hafarah p. 1066
CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:15 pm
EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 4:15 pm | Main Sanctuary
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “Sarah vs Socrates” | 2019-2020 season sponsored by the Julis Family.
ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHIRI | 9:15 am
TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidano Youth Room
YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Elias Room Jr.
CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
LECTURE | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “Plato vs. Our Parasha”
KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | Sponsored by Rivka & Marc Witznia in honor of their wedding anniversary.
SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS | 3:30 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “Athens vs. Jerusalem”
EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 4:05 pm
HARDALA | 5:00 pm
Ruah Hodesh Kislev is on Thursday and Friday.
Thanksgiving is this Thursday, see inside for schedule.

Weekday Service Times
Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM | Monday-Wednesday, & Friday: 7:15 AM
Evenings (Arbit Only): Sunday-Thursday: 6:30 PM
Beginning Sunday, December 1, Sunday evening will include Minha & Arbit and will vary by sundown times. Remember to check the schedule.

Central Park West at 70th Street, New York City • www.shearithisrael.org
PTTS Shabbaton & Family Beatbox Luncheon
With special guest, champion beatboxer Mark Martin
Shabbat, December 14
Our PTTS Hebrew School students are encouraged to take center stage at Junior Congregation on this special Shabbat, and then warmly welcomed to join the exciting programming we have planned. Mark Martin, Winner of the 2016 American Beatbox Championships, will be joining us for our family luncheon after services. Following Jr. Congregation, Mark will host a beatbox workshop for the teenagers and children, and he’ll also give a talk at the luncheon on the use of beatboxing as a tool for speech therapy.
To register or sponsor, go to shearithisrael.org/beatbox.

Mark Twain In the Holy Land
Sunday, February 2 | 11:30 am & 12:30 pm
At The New-York Historical Society
Mark Twain’s memoir of his tour of the Holy Land launched his career; his experiences are particularly fascinating when considered from the perspective of Jewish history and religion. Join Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for a tour on the final day of the New-York Historical Society’s exhibit on Twain’s trip through the Mediterranean.
Registration is currently open to sponsors only ($180) at shearithisrael.org/nyhs-twain. Space is limited—only 20 people per tour!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mazal tov to Simone Lipschutz upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
Congratulations as well to her parents, Elizabeth Edelman & Henry Lipschutz. In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, Simone created a film on Parshat Haya Sarah.
Mazal tov to Daniela Sasson & Eli Schildkraut, upon the birth of a baby boy. Congratulations as well to the proud grandparents, Ivy & Marvin Schildkraut, and the entire family. The berit will be held at Shearith Israel on Monday, November 25, and the congregation is welcome to join in the simcha.
We are proud to recognize the involvement of our congregational leaders, trustee David Dangoor, and Layaliza & Rabbi Meir Soloveichik in the upcoming UN Watch Gala Dinner, to be held on December 5 at the Plaza Hotel, featuring keynote Speaker Ambassador Nikki Haley. UN Watch fights anti-Israel prejudice at the UN, and defends the true principles of human rights.
To attend or support the dinner, visit unwatch.org/nygala.
Condolences to our Facilities Manager, John Quinones, & Carol Dipisa, on the passing of Carol’s brother, Antonio Rivera.

Thanksgiving Day Schedule
THIS Thursday, November 28
MORNING SERVICES | 7:45 am | Main Sanctuary
RAVI SOLOVEICHIK’S THANKSGIVING ADDRESS | 8:45 am | Main Sanctuary
CHILDREN’S HIJED CRAFT ACTIVITY | 8:40 am | Fidanoque Youth Room
REFRESHMENTS | 9:00 am | Elias Room
PARADE VIEWING FOR YOUTH | 9:30 am | Portico | for pre-registered members and guests
PACK-A-THON | 9:30 am - 11:30 am | Levy Auditorium | Check-in begins at 9:15

Thanksgiving Parade Viewing for Youth
THIS Thursday, November 28 | 9:30 am
Our Portico provides one of the best Thanksgiving Parade views in the city. In an effort to ensure an orderly, secure, and enjoyable experience for the kids, we ask that you pre-register.
Parade Viewing Registration is FREE for:
- CSI Members
- Current PTTS Students
- Current Toddler Program Students
- Pack-A-Thon donors at the $180 level and above
For all others and guests of the above, registration is $18 per person in advance and $25 at the door.
To register your child for the parade viewing, visit shearithisrael.org/parade2019.

Annual Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon
THIS Thursday, November 28 | 9:30 am
This year, together with Chamah, we will be packing robust packages of chicken, meat, and more that will be distributed to hundreds of struggling Jewish families.
We are delighted to once again partner the Jewish Center, the West End Collegiate Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Drisha—and we welcome this year’s new partner, the Sephardic Academy of Manhattan.
Help us reach our $18,000 goal! which is still only a fraction of the total cost of this project.
To volunteer at the Pack-A-Thon and/or support this event, visit shearithisrael.org/packathon2019.

JEWISH EDUCATION 5780
- Friday Night Lights | Rabbi Soloveichik
  Friday Nights | Following Evening Services
- Shabbat Afternoon Class | Rabbi Soloveichik
  Shabbat Afternoons | One hour before Mincha (but never earlier than 3:30 pm)
- The Guide to the Duties of the Heart | Rabbi Shimon den Hollander
  Sunday Mornings | 8:45 am
- The Road to Kingship | Rabbi David Silber
  Sunday mornings | 10:00 am
- Tuesday Morning Women’s Class | Rabbi Soloveichik
  Tuesdays | 9:00 am | Sign up for weekly reminders at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists
- Bet Midrash | led by Steven Gottlib
  Monday-Thursdays | One hour before evening services

COMING UP AT A GLANCE
- Stitch & Fix
  Sunday, November 24 & Tuesday, November 26 | 10:00 am | See side panel for details
- Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon
  Thursday Morning, November 28 | 9:30 am
- Rabbi Marc Angel Celebrates 50 Years in the Rabbinate
  Shabbat Morning, December 7 | See side panel for details
- Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Soloveichik
  Sunday, December 8 | 10:30 am | For elementary school aged children
- Mitzvot Workshop with Z. Edinger
  Sunday, January 5 | 10:00 am | For elementary school aged children
- Mark Twain Tour with Rabbi Soloveichik
  Sunday, February 2 | See side panel for details

Please consider sponsoring a class.
Go to: shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass

Public Tours
Our next public tour is Wednesday, December 11, at 11:00 AM
Parnas Office Hours
Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit at parnas@shearithisrael.org.