Parent-Child Learning
Saturday Nights bi-weekly, December 14-February 22
One hour after Habdala
For Elementary School Age Children & Their Parents or Grandparents
This educational initiative gives parents (or grandparents) the opportunity to study Torah with their children in a fun interactive setting led by Shearith Israel’s clergy and talented volunteers. Pizza and prizes help make this a fun-filled evening of inter-generational learning.

For more information, contact Z. Edinger at zedinger@shearithisrael.org.

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 Marc Angel mazal tov and the kiddush to follow.

To join our list of sponsors for this kiddush in Rabbi Angel’s honor, visit shearithisrael.org/rabbinate50.

APRECIATING OUR BLESSINGS, NOT SPURNING THEM
—RAJBI IRA ROHDE, HAZZAN—

“דובעשאכםהברררה…”

And Esau spurned the birthright..." (Gen. 25:34)

The verb used for Esau’s “spurning” of the birthright could come from two slightly different versions of more or less the same root: “נס” is a term which we could translate into modern slang as to “trash” or “to treat like trash,” “נס” means to “despoil” or to “take as spoil.” Esau treated the birthright with contempt, like “disposable goods” to be taken advantage of at will. Esau’s hunting prowess might have made him an ideal conqueror of the Land. But hunters and conquerors often don’t value what they have conquered; rather, everything may come to be seen as mere “spoil” to be “disposed of.” For them, “it’s easy come, easy go.”

Agriculturists and herders, on the other hand, have to tend to their possessions carefully, and learn to value what they have. If they don’t appreciate what they have properly, they will end up not being attentive enough, not tending to it properly, and end up neglecting what they have. And through that neglect they will come to eventually losing what they have. Although the grounds in the story for why Esau loses his inheritance and Jacob gets it instead may seem slight, that appreciation of what we have, thankfulness for it, and, therefore, respectfulness towards it, are, in fact, key to attentively tending and cultivating what we have.

Only through appreciating and respecting what we have can we ensure that we will continue to flourish and continue to be blessed. Only by properly appreciating the blessing, “ברクロ,” which we’ve been given, can we avoid squandering our “ברクロ,” our birthright.

From the Files of a Yoetzet:
Case Studies in Marriage & Mikveh
An evening for women of all stages and ages
Wednesday, December 11 | 7:30 pm
Held at a private home

Shearith Israel is proud to co-sponsor this event with the Jewish Center and our Yoetzet Halakah, Shifovy Friedman. The event will be held in a private UWS home — to RSVP and receive the address, visit tinyurl.com/yoetzet-cases.

Choir Selections This Shabbat
Friday Night
V’Shameru #1 (p. 166) | Samuel Naumbourg
Psalm 23 (p. 174) | Rev. H. P. Mendes

Shabbat Morning
Misheberakh (p. 208) | Salamone Rossi
Ubnuho Yomar (p. 218) | Leon Kramer

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. For questions, contact Rose Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com.

Sunday Dec. 15 | Tuesday Dec. 17
Sunday Jan. 5 | Tuesday Jan. 7
Sunday Feb. 9 | Tuesday Feb. 11

Candle Lighting: 4:12 pm
Evening Services (Minha & Arvit): 4:15 pm | Main Sanctuary
Friday Night Lights | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | 2019-2020 season sponsored by the Jule Family.

Zemirot: 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
Shaarit: 9:15 am
Tot Shabbat: Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidankahe 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
Kiddush: Levy Auditorium

No Shabbat Afternoon Class This Week.

Evening Services (Minha & Arvit): 4:05 pm
Habdala: 4:36 pm

Weekday Service Times
Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM | Monday-Wednesday, & Friday: 7:15 AM
Evenings: Sunday (Minha & Arvit): 4:15 PM
Monday-Thurday (Arvit only): 6:30 PM

Beginning THIS Sunday, December 1, SUNDAY evenings include Minha & Arvit and will vary by sundown times.

Remember to check the schedule.

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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue
Shabbat Toledoth
November 29-30, 2019
Herrt. Pentateuch: p. 93; Haftarah p. 102
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 116; Haftarah p. 1070
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!

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 her a little back!
To thank Liz, and to find out how to contribute to the gift we are planning for her, visit shearithisrael.org/liz-kiddush.
This Kiddush is underwritten; all proceeds will go toward enhancing our youth programming.

Annual Memorial Prayer for Jews Left Behind
This Shabbat, a special Hashkava will be recited in memory of Jews from Arab lands who were “left behind” and whose burial places can no longer be easily visited.
In 2014, November 30 was established as a Day of Commemoration for the Jewish refugees from Arab countries and Iran. This is a day to remember and mourn the ending of Jewish communities in the Middle East and North Africa in the 20th century.
Last year, two members of the Iraqi Jewish Community in Montreal, Sass Peress and Sami Sourani, began an effort to have synagogues throughout the Jewish world recite a memorial prayer on November 30. This effort was begun at our sister synagogue, the Spanish & Portuguese synagogue of Montreal.
This year, Shearith Israel in New York, as well as Bevis Marks in London, together with dozens of other synagogues throughout the world are joining in this collective memorial prayer. The special Hashkava will be recited at the conclusion of the Torah portion about 10:20 AM. Please join with us and with communities throughout the Jewish world for this short but meaningful prayer.

JEWISH EDUCATION 5780
Friday Night Lights | Rabbi Soloveichik
Friday Nights | Following Evening Services
Shabbat Afternoon Class | Rabbi Soloveichik
Shabbat Afternoons | One hour before Minha (but never earlier than 5:30 pm)
The Guide to the Duties of the Heart | Rabbi Shimon den Holland
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 – Thursday | One hour before evening services

RABBI SOLOVEICHIK’S UpCOMING MAJOR LECTURES
Mark Your Calendars and Watch Your Emails
Following Evening Services
Monday, December 9: Special History Lecture. Topic to be announced this Monday
Wednesday, January 8: “From Mitzrayim To Manhattan: What the Metropolitan Museum Teaches Us About the Exodus”
Monday, February 10: Special History Lecture
Tuesday, March 3: Major Pre-Purim Shiur

COMING UP AT A GLANCE
Stitch & Fix
Sunday, November 24 & Tuesday, November 26 | 10:00 am | See side panel for details
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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mazel tov to Ahron Herring, who is being awarded the JICNY Pinnacle of Leadership award at the annual JICNY Gala Fundraiser on December 3. To register for the dinner and support Ahron, visit jicny.com/2019-Ahron.Herring.
Mazel tov to Judy & Joel Schreiber, upon the marriage of their granddaughter, Carly Schreiber, to Sammy Rausch.

End of Year Gifts
• Now is the time to support Shearith Israel, our societies, and special funds (e.g. rabbi’s discretionary fund, Sisterhood, Hebra, etc.) with an end of year gift. Visit tinyurl.com/omnibus19 to donate online.
• If you have any outstanding balances, now is also a good time to take care of those.

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.