**UPCOMING SISTERHOOD PROGRAMMING**

**Give Mishloah Manot to a Member!**
**Ordering Deadline:** February 17 at 11 PM

Want to send Mishloah Manot to your fellow congregants for Purim this year? Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to send mishloah manot to our Shearith Israel community. This project will support the Sisterhood’s many projects.

To select recipients, visit [shearithisrael.org/sisterhoodmanot](http://shearithisrael.org/sisterhoodmanot).

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde (lrohde.cs@gmail.com), Carla Schein (scheinc@gmail.com), or Rivka Wiener (roven@gmail.com).

Visit shearithisrael.org/sch-sch-fix for additional dates.

**Stitch & Fix**
**Bi-Monthly on Sundays & Tuesdays | 10am–12pm**
**Tuesday, Feb. 11**
Sunday, Feb. 23 | Tuesday, Feb. 25

For anyone handy with a needle and thread—teenagers welcome! Join our Sewing Circle to repair and restore our beautiful Shearith Israel vestments to their original glory! If you’d like to participate or have questions, contact Rose Edinger (rgeinger@gmail.com).

Visit shearithisrael.org/stitch-fix for additional dates.

**REGISTRATION EXTENDED**
**THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**Sisterhood Tambourine Workshop**
**Sunday, March 1 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

Women and teenage girls are invited to a multi-faceted and inspirational tambourine workshop. Miriam Lieberman, MSW, author, community activist, and inspirational speaker, will conduct the workshop and then lead a song and dance.

Artistic talent is not necessary! Stencils will be provided. Charge for Admission: $25 for adults, $20 for teens

Register at shearithisrael.org/tambourine.

**DEBAR TORAH**

**YONI REUVEN, BET MDURASH PROGRAM**

“This week, we read about one of the greatest miracles to occur to Bney Yisrael—the splitting of the sea. The salvation of God was so clear and evident that the Torah says, “ותוכ רצו י/power lעוטר—they believed by God and His servant Moses.” But upon contemplating this verse, it seems a bit puzzling, Bney Yisrael had just been taken out of Egypt through ten miraculous plagues. Why is it that they didn’t have faith in God after those miracles?

To make matters worse, there’s lesser known Midrash about Bney Yisrael while they were in the middle of the sea. It states that while they were in the sea, Bney Yisrael were worshipping idols. How is this possible? How could they be worshipping other gods while they were witnessing one of the greatest miracles from the One true God?

I believe the answer is rooted in the nature of faith. Faith is not only a passive awareness of God’s presence but includes actively trying to bring His Presence into life. Surely miracles play a role in one’s faith, but it is not sufficient to rely on miracles as the source of our faith. Thus, even after the Exodus and while being in the middle of a miraculous split sea, Bney Yisrael were worshipping idols. If we look for miracles to happen to us before we believe, we may never believe. It is incumbent upon us actively seek God and work towards reaching a relationship with Him.

**The Shiraah Melody and Special Customs for Shabbat Shiraah**

On Shabbat, Rosh Hashana, and holidays, we chant “As Yisrael.” The melody we sing for the Shirahs becomes an “anthem” of sorts for Western Sephardim. It is without doubt the most well-known and widespread of all Spanish & Portuguese melodies. The Shirah melody is also used for Benedictus in the Holland and other liturgical traditions, and it is also the same melody used for Penitential. This melody is very ancient; it has closely related variants in Turkey, Morocco, and Italy. Macy Nulman has even theorized that the special Ashkenazi Torah chant for the Shirah Navaim actually related to our melody deriving from a common source. This is another indication that the Shirah melody has very ancient origins.

Shirah Shiraah well as on the Seventh day of Passover, we read the Shirah within the Torah portion of the day. In our community this section is read with a distinctive and special melody known as “High Na’aman.” This melody is usually performed with great musical drama. It is reserved for first chapter of Genesis, the 10 commandments, and several other particularly special or dramatic portions of the Torah.

A unique Spanish & Portuguese custom is that during the openings and closings of Shabbat Shirah, we do not conclude the As Yisrael verse 18 as we normally would on page 50, rather we continue chanting straight into verse 19, including Miriam’s song, and on until the end of the Torah portion at verse 26 (see page 367). We also highlight the special High Na’aman Torah reading melody even during the Zemirot prayers in the morning—and do not chant the normal Shirah melody.

So paradoxically, on Shirah Shirah not only do we chant this most famous melody, We do not actually chant the As Yisrael to the Shirah Shirah melody—this melody is the musical theme of the day. It is sung during Kaddish and Yigdal in the evening, and for Kaddish Kiddush, En Kefekamash, Adon Olam, and Shabbat morning.

**CHOIR SELECTIONS**

**Friday Evening**

**Verhaver # 1 (p.166)** | Samuel Naumbourg
**Psalms 23 (p.174)** | Rev. H. P. Mendes
**Yigdal! (p.173)** | Traditional (Shirat Hayam)

**Shabbat Morning**

**Mishbeharak (p. 208)** | Leon Kramer
**Umnubo Tomar (p. 218)** | Leon Hyman
**En Kefekamash (p. 229)** | Traditional (Shirat Hayam)
**Adon Olam (p. 232)** | Traditional (Shirat Hayam)

**CANDIDATE LITIGATION | 5:02 pm**
**EVENING SERVICES (MENAH & ARBIT) | 5:00 pm | Main Sanctuary**
**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soleichik | "Masada’s Sabbath Secret" | 2019-2020 season sponsored by the Julis family**

**SHABBAT DINNER WITH PROFESSOR YAACOV DWECK | Levy Auditorium | for pre-registered guests**

**ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary**

**SHABBAT | 9:15 am**
**TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidana Youth Room**
**YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 1:00 pm | Elias Room**
**JR. CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue**
**SHIUR | Rabbi Meir Soleichik | "The Most Misunderstood Tale In Tanakh: A New Approach to Deborah’s War"**
**KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | Sponsored by Liliann Marks, in memory of Neville Marks. Kiddush contributors: Eime & Roger Berg in honor of the anniversary of Louis Alexandre becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and Daniel & Katherine Vievra, in memory of Isidor Vievra and Bernard Vievra.

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS | 4:00 pm | Rabbi Meir Soleichik | "The Tree of Life and the Life of a Tree" | Levy Auditorium**
**EVENING SERVICES (MENAH & ARBIT) | 5:00 pm**
**HABDALA | 5:15 pm**

**PARENT-CHILD LEARNING & PIZZA | Led This Week by Babelle Levy | 7:00 pm | Elias Room | for elementary school aged children**

Tu B’Shvat is on Monday.

**Weekday Services**

**Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM | Monday-Friday: 7:15 AM**

**Evenings: Sunday (Menina & Arbit): 5:00 PM**
**Monday-Thursday (Arbit only): 6:30 PM**

**Public Tours**
**Our next public tour is Wednesday, February 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.**

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A Shabbat Dinner with Hazan Jonathan Garcia
Friday Night, February 21 | Following 5:30 pm evening services
Enjoy an intimate Shabbat dinner, featuring guest Hazan, Jonathan Garcia, who will be joining us from London, along with his new bride, Micol Bedarida Garcia. Our newlywed guests both have deep roots and lineage in S&P Haszamut traditions, going back generations. Together with our clergy, Hazan Garcia, who regularly leads services at Lauderdale Road Synagogue and occasionally at Bevis Marks, will create a beautiful, music-filled atmosphere for this relaxed dinner, sharing melodies and stories from the London S&P tradition.

Hazan Garcia will return to lead Musaf on Shabbat morning.

To register or sponsor the dinner, visit shearithisrael.org/garcia-dinner.

Purim Celebration
Monday Evening, March 9 | Megillah at 7:15
Children’s Programming meets at 7:00 pm
The reading of Megillat Esther begins promptly at 7:15 pm in the Main Sanctuary. Children are invited to the Elias room for their own special “infotainment” program while the megilla is being read. After megilla, join us for our annual Purim Dinner!
Stay tuned for programming and dinner details.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome new member Allan Cohen to our growing Shearith Israel family.

We welcome Congregation Rodeph Shalom of Tampa, FL.

Judy & Joel Schreiber are pleased to announce the engagement of their grandson, Joseph Fein, son of Tobi and Avromie Fein, to Danielle Bodoff, daughter of Bonnie and Jeff Bodoff.

Condolences to Arthur Goldberg, on the passing of his brother, Dr. Maurice Golbev.

Special Lincoln’s Birthday Lecture
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | 7:00 PM
The Rabbi Who Loved Lincoln (and Was Tormented By His Congregants):
The Incredible Civil War Story of Sabato Morais

Meldaura for Reverend A. L. Cardozo
Monday, February 17 | Following 6:30 pm Evening Services
An open invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to attend the Meldaura marking the 14th nahala of Rev. A. Lopes Cardozo. As always, the Meldaura will be followed by sushi and fresh pastries. To RSVP, email Debbys Cardozo Smith (debbysmith9730@gmail.com).

Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Soloveichik
For Elementary School Children, PTTS Students, and Parents
Select Sundays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
THIS Sunday, February 9 & March 29
Elementary school children, PTTS students, and their parents are invited to enjoy a special time with the rabbi.
To register for this session, visit shearithisrael.org/brunch-learn.

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 24
The Art of the Jewish Family
An interactive creative workshop with Professor Laura Leibman
For adults & children over 10 years old
In the 19th Century, before Facebook or Instagram, commonplace books were a place to record memorable quotes, images, and ideas. By writing in each other’s collections, women built friendships and shared the emotional peaks and valleys that made up their world. In this very special and innovative event, each participant will be given the identity of one early American Jewish woman (many of whom were members of Shearith Israel). The craft-box we will use contains materials for each participant to make and decorate their own commonplace book, as well as copies of historical artifacts such as poems, stories, sketches, recipes, portraits, and newspaper clippings that shed light on their persona and that they can share in other participants’ books.
Space is limited to 24 people; mandatory registration coming soon at shearithisrael.org/leibman-workshop.

Parent-Child Learning & Pizza
Saturday Nights bi-weekly | One hour after Habdala
Next session is THIS Saturday night, led by Isabelle Levy
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. The program is free, but please register for each session at shearithisrael.org/pclearing so we can know how many to expect!

RABBI SOLOVEICHIK’S UPCOMING MAJOR LECTURES

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⇒ Friday Night Lights | Rabbi Soloveichik
Friday Nights | Following Evening Services
⇒ Shabbat Afternoon Class | Rabbi Soloveichik
Shabbat Afternoons | One hour before Miniha
⇒ The Guide to the Duties of the Heart | Rabbi Simuni den Hollander
Sunday Mornings | 8:45 am | Resume February 16
⇒ The Idea of Kingship | Rabbi David Silber
Sunday Mornings | 10:00 am | $250 cost, but FREE for Shearith Israel members | Registration details at shearithisrael.org/idea-kingship
⇒ 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 Gotlib
Monday-Thursday | One hour before evening services