



**Tikvah Shabbat *with***  
**Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik**  
**June 10-11, 2022**

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**Friday, June 10:**

**3:00 PM: “The Jews of the American Revolution”**

*Meet at 55-57 Saint James Place, New York, NY*

In an experience unlike any other, Rabbi Soloveichik will take us to the graves of the Jews of the American Revolution and tell their stories, including that of the clergyman who fled the incoming British bearing Torah scrolls with him, and an early activist for religious liberty whose story is bound up with that of several Founding Fathers. A special memorial service will be held so that the early Jewish Americans who passed away long ago will suddenly live again.

**7:05 PM: *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat Services***

*Lincoln Square Synagogue*

**8:30 PM: Three-Course Shabbat Meal and Talk with Rabbi Soloveichik**

*Lincoln Square Synagogue*

Welcoming Remarks from Tikvah Senior Director Jonathan Silver

Address by Rabbi Soloveichik on: **“Torah and Talmud in America: A Tale of the Chosen People and the Almost Chosen People”**

The reverence of early Americans for the Hebraic tradition is at the heart of the warm welcome that Jews received in the United States. In this survey of American history, Rabbi Soloveichik will describe some of the best stories of Americans engaging with Jewish writings: from a colonial Christian clergyman who studied the Zohar to a Talmud published by the U.S. Army. We will ponder what these stories tell is about America’s past—and how they might guide us regarding America’s future.

***\*Note: Candle lighting is at 8:09. Women will be able to light at Lincoln Square Synagogue.***



**Saturday, June 11:**

**8:30 AM: Zemirot**

*Congregation Shearith Israel*

**9:00 AM: Shacharit Services and Sermon by Rabbi Soloveichik on “Logic, Love, and Leonard Nimoy: The Misunderstood Significance of the Priestly Blessings”**

*Congregation Shearith Israel*

**12:30 PM: Shabbat Buffet Lunch**

*Lincoln Square Synagogue*

Conversation with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik and Tikvah Executive Director Eric Cohen on:  
**“Bible 365: Personal Reflections on a Communal Journey Through Scripture”**

How has a year of Bible 365 impacted Rabbi Soloveichik’s understanding of Hebrew Scripture? How has it changed the way he now sees certain stories? Which figures has he come to appreciate anew?

**5:00 PM: Meet the Tikvah Team**

*Congregation Shearith Israel*

**5:30 PM: “America’s First Jewish Community: A Historic Tour of Shearith Israel” with Rabbi Soloveichik**

*Congregation Shearith Israel*

Rabbi Soloveichik will lead us in a private tour of America’s oldest Jewish congregation. We will explore the synagogue’s current neoclassical building, see its magnificent sanctuary, view ritual objects and artifacts dating back to the colonial period, and learn about the unique history and customs of the Shearith Israel community.

**6:15 PM: Seudah Shlishit (Light Supper)**

*Shearith Israel Terrace*





**7:00 PM: Rabbi Soloveichik's pre-Mincha Shiur on "Samson, Prometheus, and the Meaning of Jewish Heroism"**

*Congregation Shearith Israel*

The *Haftarah* of this Shabbat, the tale of Samson, describes the origins of a man who in some ways seems like a Greek hero. But the ultimate arc of his story is profoundly Hebraic. What can a contrast between Jewish and Greek texts on heroism tell us about the larger debate between Athens and Jerusalem?

**8:05 PM: Mincha/Ma'ariv**

*Congregation Shearith Israel*

**9:10 PM: Shabbat Concludes**



**Event Locations:**

Congregation Shearith Israel: 2 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY (70<sup>th</sup> street at Central Park West)

Lincoln Square Synagogue: 200 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY (between 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> Streets)

**Local Hotels:**

The Wallace (242 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street)

Hotel Beacon (2130 Broadway at 75<sup>th</sup> Street)

The Surrey Hotel (20 East 76<sup>th</sup> Street)

Empire Hotel (44 West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street)

Loews Regency Hotel (540 Park Ave at 61<sup>st</sup> Street)

**Recommended local activities:**

Museum of Natural History (200 Central Park West)

Metropolitan Museum of Art (1000 5<sup>th</sup> Ave)

The Jewish Museum (1109 5<sup>th</sup> Ave)

Central Park (Enter off Central Park West)

*If you have any questions or seek information about accommodations and activities in the area, please contact Caroline Bryk at 917-319-9887 or [cbryk@tikvahfund.org](mailto:cbryk@tikvahfund.org).*