

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Shabbat

Mishna	8:20 a.m.
Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Junior Congregation.....	10:45 a.m.
Talmud.....	3:30 p.m.
Mincha	4:05 p.m.
Shabbat ends	5:18 p.m.

Sunday

Mishna	8:00 a.m.
Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
Mincha	4:20 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday

Mishna	7:00 a.m.
Shacharit	7:30 a.m.
Mincha	4:20 p.m.

Thursday (Thanksgiving Day)

Mishna	8:00 a.m.
Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
Mincha	4:20 p.m.

Friday

Mishna	7:00 a.m.
Shacharit	7:30 a.m.
Mincha	4:20 p.m.
Candle Lighting, Friday, November 23.....	4:14 p.m.

JUDAIC STUDIES SCHEDULE

Daily Mishna with Alan Stein.....	see times above
Shabbat Talmud with Rabbi Kermaier	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday "Breakfast with Class" with Rabbi Kermaier.....	8:10 a.m.
Tuesday MJE.....	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Talmud with Rabbi Rosensweig.....	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Women's Class and Discussion with Rabbi Kermaier	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Chavrusa with Alan Stein.....	8:00 p.m.
Friday Parsha Class with Rabbi Kermaier	8:10 a.m.

Candle Lighting
4:19 pm

FIFTH
AVENUE
SYNAGOGUE



Motza'ei Shabbat
5:18 pm

VAYEITZEI

NOVEMBER 17, 2007 7 KISLEV 5768

The Eruv is up this week



**RABBI AND MRS. ROTH TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY ON DECEMBER 1**

Debra and Rabbi Dr. Sol Roth invite you to join them for a very special kiddush in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on Shabbat, December 1st following services, which begin at 9:00 a.m. Please join us to celebrate this truly special event!

ROSINA FERNHOFF RETURNS TO PERFORM 'SHADOWS'

The Men's Club is hosting a special performance at the Synagogue this Saturday night, **November 17, at 7:30**. Rosina Fernhoff will perform a one-woman show, *Shadows*, written by her late husband, Av Inlender. *Shadows* gives voice to Russian choreographer Nadia Arkadina's saga of war and years of hiding, political purges, and tyranny, of her grandmother's cryptic messages and the suppression of her faith as an individual and a creative spirit. It is a breathtaking experience that culminates in the revelation of Arkadina's true identity. The play has a universal message and resonates today for any people struggling for freedom. The performance will be dedicated to the memory of both Av Inlender and Caron Enlander, ob'm. The performance is kindly sponsored by Dr. Derek Enlander and Mr. Ivan Fisher.

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TORAH INSIGHTS

According to the Sages, the three daily prayers were instituted by our patriarchs — Abraham originated *Shacharit* (morning worship), Isaac originated *Mincha* (afternoon service) and Jacob, in this week's Torah portion, introduced *Ma'ariv* (evening prayer). When Jacob leaves his home and heads toward Haran, we are told of a nighttime "encounter" ("*Vayifga Bamakom*"), which our Rabbis understand as a prayerful encounter with the Almighty.

Jacob's *Ma'ariv* prayer differs from those inaugurated by his father and grandfather. Whereas *Shacharit* and *Mincha* are obligatory prayers, *Ma'ariv* was originally a *tefillat reshut*, a voluntary prayer. With time and with Jewry's universal acceptance of regular evening prayer, this service took on the binding force of its daytime sister services.

Maimonides, in his Laws of Prayer (10:6), notes that although *Ma'ariv* is now superficially like *Shacharit* and *Mincha*, beneath the surface *Ma'ariv* retains elements of its original voluntary character. Rules the *Rambam*, if a worshipper remembers in the middle of a morning or afternoon *amida* that he has already recited this particular prayer, he cannot simply finish off the prayer as a voluntary service (*tefillat nedava*). For Maimonides, continuing the prayer would be pointless. After all, argues the *Rambam*, one half of a prayer (mistakenly) recited to fulfill an obligation cannot combine with one half of a prayer recited on a voluntary basis. The different intentions alter the two parts of the prayer in a way that makes them fundamentally incompatible. *Ma'ariv* is different, however. Because, in its essence, the evening prayer is voluntary, the worshipper who realizes in mid-*amida* that he has already recited *Ma'ariv* concludes the prayer as a voluntary service. In this case, the two prayer parts are of the same kind and can mesh seamlessly.

Junior Congregation

Mazal tov to Debra Feldman, who will be turning 9 years of age this Shabbat, November 17.

Children are invited to participate in an organized playgroup and program each Shabbat on the 4th Floor at 10:45 a.m.

MAZAL TOV!

Mazal tov to Jean Rafalowicz on the birth of a great-grandson, Jehuda Jedidya Turkel, born to Avi and Esther Turkel.

WOMEN'S SEUDAH SHLISHIT TO MEET ON DECEMBER 1

The Women's Seudah Shlishit will next convene on Shabbat afternoon, December 1, at 3:30, at the home of Eva Weinberger. The Dvar Torah will be delivered by Elana Kermaier. Please celebrate the Shabbat by joining us for good food and spirited song.

CHAVRUSA ONE-ON-ONE LEARNING

Our Chavrusa One-on-One learning program has resumed. Please join us on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. You pick the topic and we will provide, free of charge, a personal tutor from Yeshiva University or Stern College for Women. Contact Alan Stein in the Synagogue office at (212) 838-2122 for more information or to arrange your private study partner.

BREAKFAST WITH CLASS

Join Rabbi Kermaier every Tuesday morning from 8:10 to 8:45 (immediately following morning services) for a class on contemporary halachic issues. Each week, participants will analyze a modern religious text that has shaped the way Jews live today. A delicious breakfast will be served.

FRIDAY MORNING PARSHA CLASS

Join Rabbi Kermaier every Friday morning from 8:10 to 8:45 (immediately following morning services) in the Synagogue library. For more information, please contact the Synagogue office.