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HONORING MINDY FAGIN & ANDREA SOLKA'S SERVICE UPCOMING EVENTS AND SO MUCH MORE

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LIFELONG LEARNING

BOOK CLUB

The Little Liar by Mitch Albom Saturday | June 29 | 1pm Sardas Beit Midrash Moderated by Lita Marishak

Shylock's Venice: The Remarkable History of Venice's Jews and the Ghetto by Harry Freedman Saturday | July 27 | 1pm Sardas Beit Midrash Moderated by Bill Katz

JEWISH HISTORY CLUB

Saturday | July 6 | 1pm

Sardas Beit Midrash

The club will meet once a month on Shabbat to study early Jewish History. This meeting will cover Egypt and the Exodus. All are welcome!

Please contact Ilana Pomeranz at ilanapiano@yahoo.com if you intend to come – although the meeting is free and open to all.







Grandparents and grandchildren ages 0-4 are invited for a special morning of music, movement, stories, and cuteness!

Shearith sponsors this program in your honor; donations are welcome.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Susan Wisch

NOT PICTURED

Eron Zehavi and his children Hazel and Nate

Frank Swaffer

2024-2025 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*



*You do not have to be a Shearith member to attend your first year.

To register, the online enrollment form can be accessed through your ShulCloud account. Go to "My Account" and click "Start School Enrollment." Simply complete the form and pay the \$85 registration fee to secure your student's spot today.

Scholarship funding and payment plans are also available. Please contact Sarah Lipinsky at slipinsky@shearith.org for more financial information

EASY ENROLLMENT VIA YOUR SHULCLOUD ACCOUNT

Welcome Back!

Friends, We Missed You

MEET & GREET

Sunday, Aug 18 | 11am

An opportunity to welcome new religious school families into our community, meet your teacher(s), and make new friends. Immediately following is our New Member Brunch that is complementary to attend with activities for all ages.

First Day of Religious School for K - 7th Grade Sunday, Aug 25 | 9:30am (No carpool drop-off this morning)

We welcome all parents and students to attend the first hour of religious school beginning with a continental breakfast. Following, we will gather in Beck Sanctuary for a special kindergarten - 7th grade tefillah (prayer). At 10:30am, students will go to their new classrooms and say goodbye to their parents. Carpool pick-up will take place at the West Entrance starting at 12:20pm.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR COMING SOON!



We are excited for another year of fun and enriching events. Find out more about these events at shearith.org/sisterhood.

SISterhood has had an amazing, great, busy year and we are looking forward to next year.

Highlights and pictures of our year:

- · Magical Girls Night out
- High Holy Day booklet
- · Sponsored Yom Kippur Break the Fast, both locations
- A sponsor of Rabbi Wallach's first annual Women's Retreat.
- · SISterhood & JCC Bookfest event Elizabeth Silver
- SISterhood Major Fundraiser Tracy Walder
- · A sponsor of Rabbi Avi Mitzner's ordination
- SISterhood Shabbat
- Mah Jongg Lessons
- SISterhood, Religious School and Social Action
 Committee created 400 Bye Bye Bags for Vogel Alcove
- Hamantaschen Bake
- · Game Show Battle Night
- Torah Fund honoring Sharon Wisch-Ray

We support the kitchen upkeep.

We support the Religious School: 3rd grade siddur; Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts; Religious School holiday treats; and Tiny Treasures.

We have Special Interest Groups - SIGs:

Mah Jongg; Book Club; Yarn Yentas; Cultural Arts & Lunch Bunch; Crafty Creation and Young Women Social Network.

Look for your SISterhood membership renewals in your inbox in July!

Stay tuned for SISterhood's debut on Facebook and Instagram.













A beautiful Torah Fund dinner honoring Sharon Wisch-Ray was held on May 9, 2024. Sharon is the publisher and editor of the Texas Jewish Post and long-time member of Shearith Israel. We raised over \$21,000 for the Five Conservative Seminaries around the world that educate our rabbis, cantors and educators.

Be on the lookout for the SISterhood's High Holy Day Booklet entries in your inbox around July 22nd.

THE GALLERY AT SHEARITH



The Gallery is open weekly, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10am-12pm! We are happy to meet you at the shop anytime you need us. For more information, call 214-939-7343 or visit https://www.thegalleryatshearith.org.

Getting married? Let us curate your wedding registry: we can provide special online marketplace link for your guests! For more information contact Mireille at (972) 333-2865.

It Feels Good to Do Good!



Fiscal Year Summary

Volunteers and donations have supported many worthwhile projects this past fiscal year including:

- School Supply Drive benefitted Eduardo Mata elementary in Dallas ISD.
- Baby Blankets for new military moms with the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary (JWVA). A special thank you to the SISterhood Yarn Yentas for knitting the blankets!
- High Holiday Food Drive with Jewish Family Service (JFS).
- Diaper Drive with JFS.
- Warm Clothes Drive supporting many homeless organizations including The Bridge
 Homeless & Recovery Center and The Family Gateway plus families at Literacy Achieves. A
 special thanks to the Sisterhood Yarn Yentas for the knitted items!
- Knotted Blankets created by Religious School students & CHAI House clients thank you to Ann Cobert for leading this new project. Blankets were distributed as part of the Warm Clothes Drive. (New in 2023-2024).
- Book Drive: collected over 500 books and purchased 85 books using \$400 of Social Action funds. Delivered to various non-profits including:
 - Our Little Free Library in West Dallas
 - Bonton Farm's book nook
 - McShan Elementary's Reading Home Room Program
 - Little Hands Book Bank supporting children ages 0-5 books
 - Tasby Middle School & Conrad High School (Dallas ISD in Vickery Meadows)
- Bye-Bye Bags for Vogel co-sponsored by the Religious School & SISterhood along with Nathan Newburn as his Bar Mitzvah Project. Four hundred bags were decorated and assembled by RS students. A very successful project we hope to continue in future years.
- Tikkun Olam Shabbat organized by Social Action & The Ladder Project including Art Sale benefitting the clients of The Stewpot (New in 2024).
- Donation drive of pads & wipes for I Support The Girls non-profit. Social Action funds used to purchase items in addition to congregant donations. You can still help by purchasing at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/LT0F6AOMDY28?ref_=wl_share.
- Annual Shavuot Fruit Drive benefiting The Bridge this summer.

Thank you to all our volunteers and donors! Andrea and Mindy

Social Action: A Legacy of Dedication



In any community, there are individuals who stand out for their commitment to making a difference. At Congregation Shearith Israel, Mindy Fagin and Andrea Solka exemplified this spirit as Co-Chairs of the Social Action committee, dedicating years to identifying needs and mobilizing resources to create impactful change.

Leadership and Responsibilities

Mindy Fagin and Andrea Solka took on the roles of Chair and Co-Chair of Social Action, respectively. Their responsibilities extended far beyond organizational duties; they were the catalysts for numerous projects aimed at addressing community needs. They both devoted countless hours finding needs in the community, organizing planning meetings, recruiting volunteers, and managing the budget meticulously, ensuring every dollar contributed to meaningful initiatives before fiscal year-end.

Overcoming Challenges

Both Mindy and Andrea faced significant challenges, including the difficulty in recruiting volunteers for hands-on projects. They navigated through obstacles such as the COVID-19 pandemic, adapting their approach to continue supporting communities in need through virtual platforms and donation drives.

Years of Service

Mindy devoted eight years to her role. Andrea brought her passion for Social Action to Shearith Israel for six years after retiring, making significant strides in community support during her tenure.

Notable Achievements

Mindy and Andrea's tenure as co-chairs of the Social Action Committee at Congregation Shearith Israel was marked by several impactful achievements:

- Galentine's Gala: Mindy initiated and organized the annual Galentine's Gala, inspired by a Parks and Rec episode celebrating female friendships. This event provided essential hygiene products like pads, tampons, bras, and panties to women and girls in need. Over six years, the Gala fostered community camaraderie and raised significant funds and donations for its cause.
- Support for Sand Branch Community: Mindy and Andrea raised awareness and provided substantial aid to the Sand Branch community in South East Dallas County. This

- community, predominantly elderly people of color living below the poverty line without basic amenities like running water or sewer systems, received thousands of pounds of food and hygiene supplies, particularly crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their efforts shed light on a marginalized community often overlooked, despite its proximity to the congregation.
- **Expanding Social Action Initiatives:** Under their leadership, the Social Action committee at Shearith Israel expanded its reach and impact:
 - Collaborated with other groups within the congregation, such as Religious School, on projects like the Knotted Blankets initiative supporting the Warm Clothes Drive.
 - Partnered with SISterhood, Religious School, and a Bar Mitzvah student for The Vogel Bye-Bye Bags
 - project, aiming to establish it as an annual tradition.
 - Joined forces with Temple Emanu-El to create Afghan Refugee Welcome Baskets, to help ease the transition to a new country.
 - Built and continuously restocked a Little Free Library through an annual book drive, promoting literacy and community engagement.
 - Personally meaningful initiatives included partnering with the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary and SISterhood to provide baby blankets and caps for pregnant military women, reflecting Andrea's deep connection to military service through her husband's service in the Army.
 - These achievements exemplify their dedication to Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and fostering a culture of compassion and active community involvement at Shearith Israel. Their efforts not only addressed immediate needs but also inspired ongoing support and engagement among congregants and beyond.

Future Plans and Advice

Looking ahead, Mindy will practice Tikkun Olam through the Ladder Project and assisting immigrants and refugees. She also practices law part-time. Andrea remains committed to Social Action & The Ladder Project as a volunteer & encourages the new co-chairs to engage other groups within the congregation to participate.

Their advice to successors emphasizes the importance of finding personal passion in community service, leveraging existing relationships within the congregation, and exploring collaborations with other groups to foster innovation and growth.

Gratitude and Reflections

In heartfelt remarks, Mindy expressed deep appreciation for her co-chair Andrea, acknowledging her as a steadfast partner and friend. They extend their gratitude to volunteers, supporters, and their husbands for their unwavering support throughout their tenure. Our congregation is so thankful for all the hard work, time, and effort that you have so generously given to your community over the years.

College Connection

In today's fast-paced world, maintaining a sense of community can be challenging, especially for college-age students who find themselves away from home during significant holidays. At Shearith, however, College Connection strives to bridge that gap through thoughtful gestures that resonate deeply with young adults.

"I helped assemble care packages for college-age students, ensuring they felt connected to our community while away from home," shared Esther Meyers, College Connection Chair. This initiative is not just about sending packages; it's about fostering a sense of belonging and continuity, especially during important times like the High Holy Days and Purim.

The care packages themselves are more than just a collection of items; they are curated with the intention to bring both joy and a sense of home. Filled with holiday treats and heartfelt letters from Shearith leadership, each package is a tangible expression of care and support from their community.

"Preparing these packages was a rewarding experience," continued Esther. "Knowing it would bring joy and a sense of belonging to the recipients made it all the more meaningful." The act of assembling these packages goes beyond the logistical efforts; it embodies the spirit of community service.

For the volunteers involved, the process was not merely a task but a privilege. It allowed them to contribute to something larger than themselves and to connect with others in a meaningful way. It's about weaving threads of connection that span miles and bring comfort to those who might otherwise feel far from familiar faces and traditions.

"Combining community service with the spirit of the holidays made it both meaningful and fulfilling," Esther concluded. This sentiment echoes the core values of Shearith: to nurture a community that extends its warmth and care to every member, regardless of where they are.











Playground Paver Project

Benefiting the Weitzman Family Religious School & Shearith Youth & Family

ORDER BY JULY 15TH!

Etch your family's name on the new pathway between our two beautiful playgrounds!

How amazing has it been to see our children delight in our incredible David Segal z'l Family Simcha Play Center? These two innovative play spaces, complete with landscaping and fencing, were generously donated by the Segal family and have become a wonderful gathering place for kids and their grown-ups to learn, explore, and create community.

Now is your chance to add your family's name to honor our commitment to the next generation of Shearith Israel by purchasing an engraved paver to be installed in a beautiful mosaic pattern connecting our age 2-5 and age 5-12 playgrounds.

Visit our website under the GIVE tab to place your order today!

PERSONALIZED PAVERS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THREE DIFFERENT SIZES AND PRICE POINTS:

4x8 - \$180

8x8 - \$360

12x12 - \$1080

LIMITED NUMBER OF PAVERS



WELCOME BABIES!



Noah Isaac Epstein

Born May 7, 2024, son of David and Haley Epstein, brother of Ryder Epstein, grandson of Clay and Carolyn Epstein and Gino and Valerie De Marco, great grandson of Isaac and Doris Epstein, z"l, nephew of Nemo Nuche & Bekah Epstein, Brianna DeMarco, and Sophie DeMarco, cousin of Liam Nuche.

Noa Zev Geller

Born June 4, 2024, son of Matt and Luciana Geller, brother of Eric Geller, grandson of Leslye and Glenn Geller, great grandson of Phyllis Dembicer.

Miles Lee Stein Genecov

Born May 9, 2024, son of Adam and Bree Genecov, grandson of Jeff and Lisa Genecov and Janet and Grant Stein, nephew of Becca Genecov, Mary Lyn Stein and Jon Levy, and Lindsay Anderson and Joshua Stein.

Bennett Patrick Karnett

Born June 12, 2024, son of Linda and Josh Karnett, grandson of Dr. Martin P. Karnett and Dr. Laura J. Collins, nephew of Adam Karnett.

Maya Avital Nason

Born March 27, 2024, daughter of Jordy and Josh Nason; granddaughter of Scott and Meryl Nason and Ron and Brenda Kabler; niece of Naomi and Avi Fainchtein and Lizzie and Mark Brunswick; cousin to Matan Fainchtein and Jason and Eric Brunswick.

Joshua Leonard Wallach

Born April 15, 2024, son of Lindsey Sankin and Daniel Wallach, brother of Gabrielle Bina (Gabby) Wallach, grandson of Paul and Rae Wallach, and Ken and Susan Sankin, nephew of Shira Wallach and Adam Roffman, Miriam and Mike Rosenheck, and cousin of Hannah and Rebecca Roffman.





MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

Herbert Weitzman - 85 Major Ginsberg - 86 Charlotte Schuman - 86 Lois Shapiro - 86 Nancy Lowey - 87 Peachy Rudberg - 87 David Eisenberg - 88 Merle Hacker - 89 Samiel Haik - 92 Maxel Silverberg - 93 Bernard Rudner - 95 Ruth Cowan - 100 Annabelle Levene - 101 Walter Levy - 102

JULY

Michael Wolfson - 85 Adrienne Svidlow - 86 Muriel Romick - 87 Albert Vaiser - 90 Selwin Belofsky - 93 Bert Romberg - 94 Joseph Somer - 94 Paul Singer - 95 Cecile Rosenzweig - 96 Shirley Rubin - 98

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 25+ Years

Mireille Brisebois and Ira Allen Gabriela and Ray Aronowitz Patti and Bruce Bernstien Avra and Andrew Carr Shelley and Dennis Cobbel Ann and Scott Cobert Julie and Ronnie Coleman Shirley and Bill Davidoff Shelly and Jeffrey Derdiger Rebecca and Jacobs Goetz Debbie and Eric Green Gillian and Roy Greenberg Amy and Joseph Harberg Rima and Bruce Harris Stacey and Russell Hoppenstein Denise and Michael Kleiman Carol and Mark Kreditor Sarah and Robert Lerner

50+ Years

Rosalind and Mervyn Benjet
Jenifer and Michael Blum
Carol and Harry Breitbarth
Barbara and Michael Donsky
Barbara and William Glassner
Avril and Melvyn Greenberg
Linda and Barry Hoffer
Carole Ann and Jay Hoppenstein
Barbara and Kenneth Horwitz
Nancy and Larry Immerman
Esmé and Errol Jacobson
Lynne and Larry Kohn
Maria and Angel Kosfiszer

Beverly and Jerome Marcus Jackie and Malcolm Mazow Hedy and Bruce Meltzer Rachelle and Garry Okowita Terri and Bob Pansick Lenore and Joshua Parens Deborah and Marc Perlstein Jana and Marion Pink Myra and Stuart Prescott Faye and Marc Scher Elena and Jerome Small Anne-Marie and Marc Starr Margo and Eric Strull Jennifer and Ari Sunshine Susan and David Taplin Alison and Michael Weinstein Bonnie and Jeffrey Whitman Janice and Norman Winton

Eileen and Aaron Kreisler Ray Ann and Mark Lerman Deborah and Steven Mack Cyvia and Marvin Noble Marilyn and Harrell Pailet Carol and Harold Pinker Maxine and Martin Pomerantz Gloria and Kenneth Price Hanne and Arthur Sagalowsky Naomi "Nonie" and Melvin Schwartz Ricki and Gabriel Shapiro Edith and Paul Singer Cherie and Neal Small Joan and Sheldon Weinstein Susan and Steven Wilkofsky Paula and Henry Zeitman

JULY 25+ Years

Andrea and Jonathan Bard Anita and Jeffrey Bayer Sherri and William Becker Anita and Todd Chanon Gary and Rosalind Deckelboim Susan and David Duitch Linda and Phillip Glauben Sandra and Jeffrey Gold Shelli and Marshall Goldberg Gail and David Greenberg Debra and Ronald Greene Cheryl and Stan Itzkowitz Georgi and David Katzen Judy and James Kline Gail and Roland Mizrahi Ann and Marc Richman Ana Solodkin and Steve Small Kim and Jonathan Spigel Sharon and Jeffrey Stern Rae and Paul Wallach Marjorie and Gregory Weinstein Claudia and Thomas Wikman

50+ Years

Marilyn and Stewart Agoos Frances and David Eisenberg Diane and Toby Gerber Anita and Lyle Kaliser Barbara and Richard Massman Terry and Bert Romberg Esther and Jacques Sardas Kathi and Charles Silver Ina and Harold Weingarten

IN MEMORIAM

March 15, 2024 - May 5, 2024

Mitchell Lawrence Barnett, z"l; husband of Miriam Lewis Barnett; father of Darren Lewis (Stacy) Barnett, Michael Lewis (Michelle) Barnett, Sheli (Victor Spigelman) Barnett, and Morton Lewis Barnett; grandfather of Zeke, Cody, Ritter, Ari, and Brandt; ZRS of Jacob (Corey) Spigelman, David (Nicole) Spigelman, and Aliya (Andrew) Spigelman; Orly, Simon, and Hunter.

Shirley Brown, z"l; mother of Ike (Candy) Brown, Sid (Sandy) Brown, Jeff (Tracy) Brown, and Anne Koons; grandmother of Jordan Brown, Aaron (Amanda) Brown, Zach (Aila) Brown, Courtney (Matt) Hahn, Eric Brown, Jake Brown, Nicole (Dylan) Linsky, Josh Brown, Steven Brown, and Benjamin Brown; great-grandmother of Nolan, Marcus, Evelyn and Dusty Brown, Olivia Linsky, and Hunter Hahn, z"l.

Martin Cobert, z"l; father of Scott (Ann) Cobert, and Gary (Ruth) Cobert; grandfather of Michael (Lindsay) Cobert, Andrew (Micole) Cobert, Rabbi Emily (Andy Lewis) Cobert, Allison (Joe) Benson, Sarah Cobert, and Adam (Megan) Cobert; greatgrandfather of Alexis, Brett, Zoe, Channing, and Sarah.

Maxine Cohen, z"l; mother of Barbara (Paul, z"l) Mohl, Julie Brekke, Josh (Marci) Cohen, and Dan (Lauren) Cohen; grandmother of Rachel Mohl, Evan (Hayley) Mohl, Adam (Virginia) Brekke, David (Melissa) Brekke, Sarah (Brock) Knebel, Abigail Cohen, Seth (Jeanne) Cohen, and Matt Cohen; great-grandmother of nine.

Eli Davidsohn, z"l; father of Amy Doty, Reuben (Suzy) Davidsohn, Jordana (Josh) Bernstein, and Ethan (Liz) Davidsohn; brother of Brigitt Isenhour; grandfather of Shea Doty, Jessie Doty, Tessa Davidsohn, Josephine Davidsohn, Isabella Davidsohn, Rosie (Avi) Greenbaum, Zach Bernstein, Micah Bernstein, Shaya Bernstein, Fiona Davidsohn, and Delilah Davidsohn.

Farida Esquenazi, z"l; wife of Leon Esquenazi; father of Samuel (Maryann, z"l) Esquenazi, Sarah (Robert) Steinfeld, Marc Esquenazi, and Isaac Esquenazi; grandmother of Elaine (Mike) Makara, Leon (Rebecca) Steinfeld, Joshua Esquenazi, Shari (Jack) Karonika, Ari Esquenazi, Ty Esquenazi, and Aliza Esquenazi; great-grandmother of Remi Lola Makara, and Ellory Steinfeld; sister of Rachel Kubiliun, Margaret Behar, and Edward Hanono.

Ralph Robinowitz, z"l; husband of the late Chana Robinowitz, z"l; father of Don (Nikki) Robinowitz, Jill (David) Clay, Kevin (Debbie) Robinowitz, and the late Howard Robinowitz, z"l; grandfather of Carli and John Clay, Anna and Jake Robinowitz, Beau and Mila Robinowitz, and Tyler Tran; brother of the late Mona (Stanley) Rubenstein, z"l; brother-in-law of Avi (Shuli) Freedman.

Lawrence Rosenbloom, z"l; husband of Natalie Rosenbloom; son of Essie Rosenbloom; father of Emma (Sam) Hest, Bevan (Cheryl) Rosenbloom, and Penny (Lance) Kaufman; grandfather of seven; brother of Patricia (Howard) Kraines, and Brian (Merle) Rosenbloom.

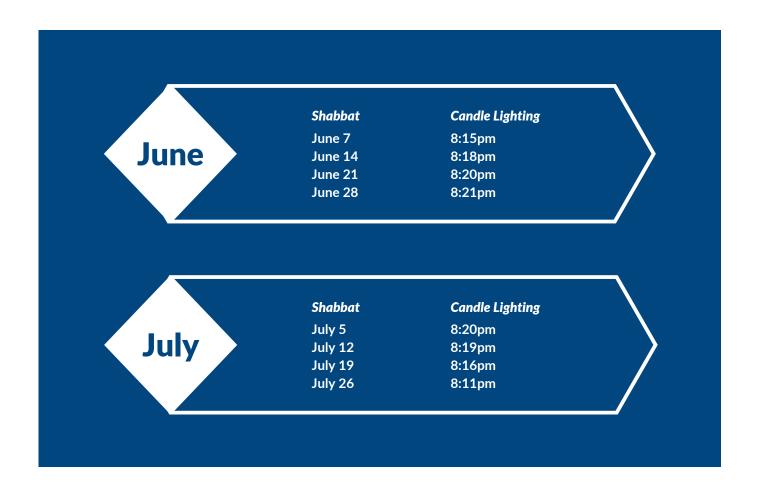
Donald "Don" Stahl, z"l; husband of the late Elaine Stahl, z"l; father of Susan (Jane Stepak) Stahl, and Bennett (Shelly) Stahl; grandfather of Louis (Debbi) Stahl, Debra Stahl, and Matt Stahl; great-grandfather of Elliott Stahl and Nathan Stahl. Don was a Shearith Past-President.

Morris Tauben, z"l; brother of Sheldon Tauben, Sandy (Mark) Kaman, and Jan (Bob) Woerner; uncle of Daniel, Josh, Adam, Haley, Laurel, and Trenton, and their families; and extended family members.

Davey Wintroub, z"l; wife of Richard Wintroub, z"l; mother of Susan (David) Duitch, Lori (Don) Doherty, and Daniel (Debbie) Wintroub; grandmother of Rachel (Jon) Aronson, Adam Duitch, and Sophie Wintroub; great-grandmother of Jack and Cooper Aronson.

The Shofar

Shabbat Candle Lighting and Service Times



IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Morning Minyan Monday-Friday | 7am Sunday | 8:30am Federal Holidays | 8:30am

Evening Minyan Sunday-Thursday | 6pm

Shabbat Morning Torah Study | 8:30am

IN-PERSON AT DOUGLAS SHEARITH.LIVE FACEBOOK

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat | 6pm Shabbat Morning Service | 9:30am

IN-PERSON AT BEIT ARYEH

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat | 6pm