

The Wall Street Synagogue was formed in 1929 by Rabbi Joseph Hager to serve the needs of the business community and their employees by holding daily services several times during the business day and to serve historically remembrance of the first Jewish congregation founded in 1640 by the original Jewish settlers who arrived in New Amsterdam. Among the first members of the congregation who were interested in providing a Synagogue in their community were descendents of the original congregation known as the Mill Street Synagogue who were not residents of the business and financial district. These descendents considered the financial - legal district as their second home. Here they spent their working days practicing their profession as lawyers and business persons and attended the Synagogue which preserved their tradition. Especially during their family members-observances which called for a weekday service. The Synagogue holds weekday service several times daily starting at 7 AM and ending at 6 PM. During religious holidays and festivals, services continue into the night to meet the needs of the working population. And during such days the week-long Succoth on tabernacles the meals of the working population takes place in the "Sukka" on roof of the Synagogue five stories above street level. This is one of the highest Succoths in all of Manhattan. It was architecturally for a time reminiscent of the first Synagogue that dates back to the 17th century. During the Sabbath and various historical and Biblical holidays the Synagogue serves foods connected with the observances that are made available on a community basis to all who desire to avail themselves of this observance. Unlike many other congregations, our High Holiday services are open to the public. We also make it known to all Downtown residents especially the new community in Battery City that we will attend to their religious needs.