



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Vayehi
January 1-2, 2021

Schedule

Check emails from Z. Edinger for details on timing and locations.

Virtual Hashcaba Service & Misheberakh for the Ill | 3:45 pm
Rev. Z. Edinger

Friday Evening Services | Main Sanctuary | 4:30 pm

Candle Lighting | 4:21 pm

Shabbat Morning Services | 8:45 am outdoors at 8 West 70th Street &
9:30 am indoors in the Main Sanctuary

Shabbat Afternoon Services | Main Sanctuary | 4:25 pm

Habdala | 5:07 pm

Virtual Habdala | 5:30 pm | Rev. Z. Edinger

FOR ALL SERVICES:

Participants will be notified if they are accepted; only those approved in advance will be admitted. You must wear a valve-less mask at all times. Masks with an exhalation valve are prohibited. Please bring your own *talit*.

(Updated Reminder: By attending our services or participating in our activities, you and your family are affirming all the procedures, requirements, and undertakings included on our registration forms and are committed to maintaining strict social distancing practices in EVERY aspect of your life. We each rely on one another to keep our community healthy and safe.)

REGISTER FOR SERVICES

Commit to a minyan, whether on Shabbat, once a week, or more.
Please register early so we can ensure we have minyanim, and of course you will be listed as one of our Minyan Makers.

Once you have applied for a minyan, please mark your calendars with your selected dates. Your presence may make the difference between us making a minyan or not. You will receive a final confirmation prior to your selected minyan.

Refer to our emails for the signup link.

DEADLINE ALERT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 8

Paint Night

Saturday Night, January 16 | 7:30 pm | On Zoom

Kits containing all the supplies you will need will be available for pickup at the synagogue on Thursday, January 14.

Join us for a virtual night of colorful creativity with professional artist and art instructor Rena Maryles, who has been painting and teaching for over 25 years. Her works can be viewed on her Instagram page, @renaspalette.

Geared for adults but appropriate for all levels, Rena will help this small group of participants to develop technique while working on one pre-selected painting. Rena encourages her pupils to embrace their own style and make the painting their own. You will leave with a work of art you can truly take pride in!

This event will require advance registration and fee (\$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers, reduced price for additional household members), which includes pre-packed kits from Rena with all necessary materials (which will be available for pickup at the synagogue).

To register, refer to the link in our emails.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special thanks to the **Shearith Israel Sisterhood** and **Caring Connection** for sending out Hanukkah packages to a group of our elders -- they were greatly appreciated! In the words of Florie Algranti Charles: "I received the menorah, the candles, the face mask, and the Hanukkah gelt - thank you!"

Mazal tob to **Rose & Henry Edinger**, on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Chana (née Edinger) & Jono Fuchs.

Condolences to **Sherri Maxman**, upon the passing of her father, Frank Steinfeld.

Happy Birthday to Our Congregants:

Nissim Aboodi, Lauren Abuaf, Zachary Frankel, Gita Friedman, Charles Gourgey, Dara Kritzer Towne, Nathan Levin, Dinah Mendes, Franco Muggia, Samuel Neumark, Roy Pomerantz, Elliot Rozenberg, Ruth Shapiro, Jack Sitzer, Tess Solomon, Charlotte Triefus, Mark Vieyra, Dov Wiznia, and Norris Wolff.

WEEKLY SERIES WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

The Art of Torah:

The Parasha and the World's Greatest Paintings with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | Weekly | Conference Call

Rabbi Soloveichik's series is not your ordinary *parasha* class - but rather a guided weekly tour through the most iconic biblical art, as seen through his eyes and expertise.

This class is free, **but make sure to register** (only once is necessary), and sponsors are appreciated.

To register or sponsor a session or this series, refer to our emails.

YOUTH

Grand(Parent)-Child Learning

2 More Sessions | To register, refer to our emails

Saturday Nights: January 9, February 13

Remaining sessions led by Rabbi Rohde and Rev. Edinger

SESSION #2:

Saturday Night, January 9 | 6:30 pm

Led by Rabbi Rohde

Spending quality time with grandchildren, once a commonplace joy, has become increasingly difficult, especially in these socially-distanced times. But we've also learned how technology can bridge barriers. To that end, this year we especially encourage grandparents to share Torah and family time with their grandchildren during these 3 Saturday night sessions, each led by a different member of our clergy. Parents are of course welcome as well for this multigenerational bonding opportunity, as we pass on our traditions *m'dor l'dor*.

Junior Congregation

Via Zoom | For ages 5-12 | 9:30 am

January 3, February 7, March 7, April 11, May 2, and June 6

To receive the zoom link, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde

We have resumed our Jr Congregation, now to be held monthly via Zoom. Mrs. Lisa Rohde has created a weekday version of the Jr Congregation Prayer Book, formatted for 8.5"x11" paper, so it's easy for everyone to print at home.

See link in our emails to view, download, or print this special siddur, and we look forward to finally praying together again.

PRE-PAY OFFER

Pre-Pay Your 2021-2022 Membership Dues

If we receive your payment **by January 15, 2021**, you will be exempt from any dues increase that may be implemented in the upcoming year. And if you pay before the end of 2020, you will get the tax and CARES Act benefits this year.

To pre-pay and save, refer to the link in our emails.

COMING UP

Torahs Through Time

Presented by our Segan, Michael Lustig

Wednesday, January 13 | 2:00 pm | On Zoom

The Torah is at the heart of our tradition. Over our centuries-long history, we have accumulated 49 Torah scrolls, each with its own unique story. Collectively, these scrolls bear witness to the long history and the diverse origins of our congregants who hail from communities all over the Ashkenazi and Sephardi world, and the growth of the Jewish community in North America. They testify to our origins in the Portuguese community in Amsterdam and our strong connection there throughout our 365+ year history.

Join us for an interactive presentation of three of these historic Sifrei Torah.

To register, refer to our emails. Participation is limited to 20.

Fantastic Fruits & How to Cook Them

A Tu B'Shebat Cooking Class led by Rabbi Ira Rohde

Wednesday, January 27 | 7:30 pm | On Zoom

In honor of Tu B'Shebat, join Rabbi Rohde and special guests as he rediscovers overlooked and forgotten foods of Ancient Israel. These were formerly staples of the diet in the Holy Land and much of the Mediterranean for thousands of years, but suffered neglect and are unfamiliar to many in the West. Rabbi Rohde will combine recipe information/demonstration with background culinary history.

To register, refer to our emails.

Order the book in time to read it before hearing from the author!

Book Event with Esther Amini

Author of CONCEALED: Memoir of a Jewish-Iranian Daughter

Caught Between the Chador and America

Monday, February 22 | 7:30 pm | On Zoom

Esther Amini was awarded the Aspen Words-2016 Emerging Writer Fellowship and also was selected by Jewish Women's Theatre as their 2019 Artist-in-Residence.

Concealed is a celebrated debut memoir that draws us into the life of a Jewish/Iranian daughter caught between two worlds: Iran and America. Join us for a fascinating discussion about her life and the process of turning it into a written work of art. The event is free, but don't forget to get a copy of the book to read beforehand! *Refer to our emails for the signup link.*

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

Virtual Hashcaba Service and Misheberakh for the Ill

Friday | Rev. Z. Edinger | On Zoom - refer to emails for the link and time

Our Shamash, Rev. Zachariah Edinger, will recite *Hashcabot* (memorial prayers) for those who had a *nabala* this past week. We will also offer prayers for those who are ill. These prayers will be recited in the Main Sanctuary and will last about 5-10 minutes. If you would like to add the name of someone who is ill, or would like more information, please email Z Edinger.

Virtual Habdala Service

Saturday night | Z. Edinger | On Zoom - refer to emails for the link & time

You are invited to join in while Z. Edinger recites *Habdala* according to the S&P *nusakh* for his family. Habdala should be recited individually in one's own home, but please join us if you wish to feel a part of this communal activity. These prayers will be recited slowly for any who wish to recite it together and learn our *nusakh*.

The Guide to the Duties of the Heart

Sundays | 8:45 am | Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

Via Zoom - To receive the link, email Rabbi den Hollander at sjimon@flatironre.com

While *The Guide to the Duties of the Heart* (completed around 1075 CE) is sometimes called the first work of Jewish ethics, it aims to guide us towards a spiritual dedication, taught within a philosophical outlook that has similarities with both Saadiah Gaon and Maimonides.

Morning Zoom: Daily Learning

with Rabbi Ira Rohde and Rev. Z. Edinger

Monday-Friday Mornings

Via Zoom - contact Z. for timing and login details at zedinger@shearithisrael.org

Join our daily "Minyan" Breakfast, virtually, every weekday morning to study a small bit of Torah. Bring your own Tanakh (the starting point of every session is the basic text of the Hebrew Bible and usually the English translation of the JPS TANAKH). If you would like to sponsor a session, please visit shearithisrael.org/virtual-programming.

Weekly Debar Torah with Rabbi Rohde

Wednesday | 7:00 pm | On Zoom - refer to our emails for the link

Every Wednesday afternoon, Rabbi Ira delivers a *debar torah* on the weekly *Parasha*. The written text of the *debar torah* is distributed in our Thursday newsletter.