



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Vayesheb
December 11-12, 2020

Schedule

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

Virtual Hashcaba Service & Misheberakh for the Ill | 3:30 pm | Rev. Z. Edinger

Candle Lighting | 4:10 pm

Friday Evening Services | 4:15 pm

Shabbat Morning Services | Indoors and Outdoors

Shabbat Afternoon Services | 4:10 pm

Habdala | 4:55 pm

Virtual Habdala | 5:45 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 HANUKKAH SERVICES

Commit to a minyan, whether on Shabbat, Hanukkah, or more.

We will be having **services every day of Hanukkah** - Join us every morning as we read the Torah and every evening as we light our historic hanukkiah after Arbit! 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Our Congregants:

Leo Ben-Avi, Benjamin Cohen, Joan David, David Judah Edinger, Janna Feldman, Mikal Finkelstein, Sidney Gerson, Annette Gourgey, Alexandra de Fonseca Hendricks Hoffman, Flora Jakobishvili, Elliott Julis, Sophia Katz, Joel Marcus, Henry Blake Moskowitz, Benjamin Motola, Diana Muggia, Jennifer Naggar, Stacey Notrica, Ronald Rawitt, Mickey Reiss, Gustave Rieu, Judith Roumani, Tikva Schoffman, Louis Solomon, Amanda Sussman, Ruby Toledo, Anne Van Lochem, and Rachel Vorchheimer.

We welcome new member **Dr. Elon Granader** to our growing Shearith Israel family.

Mazal tob to **Beth & Marc Bengualid** upon the birth of their first granddaughter, born to their children, Elana & Jack Harary. Congratulations as well to grandfather **Henri Bengualid**.

Mazal tob to **Madelene & Stan Towne** on the birth of a grandson, Arlo Amos Towne, born to their children, **Dara & Adam Towne**.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS...NOW ON THURSDAYS

Friday Night Lights is now on Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Listeners are invited to show their appreciation to Rabbi Soloveichik and our Congregation in the following ways:

Session Sponsor | \$250 - Select the session(s) you wish to sponsor and if you like, dedicate the session(s) in honor or in memory of someone special. Session sponsors are announced at the beginning of the lecture, and are listed on that session's source sheet, our website, and in the upcoming seasonal Bulletin.

Contributor | \$100 - Make a one-time contribution (as often as you like!). Contributors will be listed on our website and in the upcoming seasonal Bulletin.

1 Year Subscription | \$18 a month - Show your commitment with a convenient monthly subscription. Pay for the entire year or set up automatic monthly payments. Subscribers will also be listed on our website and in the upcoming seasonal bulletin.

Refer to our emails for the link.

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.

HANUKKAH 2020

"Hanukkat Paved Paradise"

Inaugurating Our New Outdoor Space

TONIGHT, Thursday at 6:30 pm

*featuring brief remarks by Rabbi Soloveichik and
our Parnas, Louis Solomon*

Arbit, Candle-Lighting, and Presentations

Register to receive the zoom link: refer to our emails

The Paved Paradise construction is underway, but the hard work of clearing the space is done and we are excited to inaugurate it on the first night of Hanukkah. Consider this a cornerstone-laying event, a prelude to the full tented structure that will be up very soon.

We look forward to thanking all of our generous supporters, who have helped us raise nearly \$280,000 so far. We will continue to raise funds for enhancements that will truly make this new space a paradise.

We look forward to celebrating with you as we hold our first Arbit service and lighting of our historic hanukkah, followed by remarks by our Parnas and our Rabbi.

To learn more about the Paved Paradise project and donate, visit our website.

Attention CSI Youth!

Junior Congregation Returns with a Hanukkah Celebration!

Sunday, December 13 | 9:30 am | Via Zoom

For ages 5-12

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

We are now ready to begin our Virtual Jr Congregation on Sundays. 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.

Following the Jr. Cong. service on Sunday, Rabbi Ira Rohde will break out his famous accordion and lead a Hanukkah celebration with S&P songs and melodies, including our classic Waffles Song!

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS

Make Your Year-End Gift Today

Now is the time to support Shearith Israel, our societies, and special funds (e.g. rabbi's discretionary fund, Sisterhood, Hebra, etc.) with an end of year gift. These gifts are a crucial part of our budget and enable Shearith Israel to maintain the high standard to which we are all accustomed.

Refer to our emails for the link to submit your gift and to select any and all funds you wish to support.

If you have any outstanding balances, now is also a good time to take care of those.

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. Also, 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.

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

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.

Toddler Zoom with Liz

Mondays & Wednesdays on Zoom | 10:00 am

Liz continues to be our toddler educator and entertainer extraordinaire in virtual format. Follow our emails to sign up.