



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL  
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

**Shabbat Shofetim**  
*August 21-22, 2020*

**Shabbat Schedule**

**Friday Night Lights** | Conference Call | 5:30 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik |  
*2019-2020 Season sponsored by the Julis Family.*

**Virtual Hashcaba Service & Misheberakh for the Ill** | Zoom | 6:15 pm | Rev.  
Z. Edinger | *Refer to our emails for the Zoom link.*

**Friday Evening Services** | Portico | 6:45 pm

**Candle Lighting** | 7:26 pm

**Shabbat Morning Services** | MDS Rooftop | 9:00 am

**Shabbat Afternoon Services** | Portico | 7:20 pm

**Habdala** | 8:21 pm

**Virtual Habdala Service with Excerpts from Selihot** | Zoom | 8:35 pm | Rev.  
Z. Edinger | *Refer to our emails for the Zoom link.*

**Weekday Service Schedule (See next panel for details)**

**Minha/Arbit** | Portico | Sunday-Thursday | 6:30 pm

**Shahrit** | Portico | Mondays, Thursdays, & special days | 7:15 am

**Selihot at Shearith Israel**

The Sephardic custom is to prepare for Rosh Hashanah by reciting *Selihot* (penitential prayers) during the entire month of *Elul*. Unlike other communities, however, the Spanish & Portuguese custom is to recite a very short form of *Selihot* following Arbit every evening. This custom was a matter of great debate in the 17th & 18th centuries with Rabbi Moses Zacuto and Hayyim Yosef David Azulay (Hid'A) strongly advocating against our custom based on a mystical/kabbalistic understanding of the appropriate time of day to seek God's mercy. As a result, our community is one of very few in the entire world that recite evening *Selihot*. You can help keep this rare minhag alive by signing up to attend our daily evening services on the Portico.

**REGISTER FOR OUTDOOR SERVICES**

**Please support our minyan as we continue to gradually re-open and come together as a sacred community.**

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.

Minyan participants must wear a valve-less mask at all times. Masks with an exhalation valve are not permitted. Please bring your own *siddur*, *humash*, and *talit*.

**Visit [shearithisrael.org/outdoor-minyan](https://shearithisrael.org/outdoor-minyan) to request a spot.**

**Shabbat Services**

**Friday Evening | August 21 | 6:45 pm** (lasts < 1 hour)

**Shabbat Afternoon | August 22 | 7:20 pm**

**Outdoors on the Portico**

Visit our website to request a spot for Friday Evening/Shabbat Afternoon services

**Shabbat Morning | August 22 | 9:00-10:30 am**

(weather permitting) *(beginning from Nishmat)*

**Outdoors on Manhattan Day School rooftop, 310 W 75th St.**

Visit our website to request a spot for Shabbat Morning services

**Registration for Friday evening and Shabbat must be completed by Thursday night.**

*For Shabbat morning services only:* Healthy children below bar/bat mitzvah age are now permitted to be signed up to attend Shabbat morning services, provided that they are able to sit with their parent for the duration of the service and remain properly masked and social distanced. No childcare is provided.

**Weekday Services**

**Outdoors on Shearith Israel's Portico**

**Minha/Arbit & Selihot | Sunday-Thursday | 6:30 pm**

**Shahrit | Mondays, Thursdays, & special days | 7:15 am**

Visit our website to request a spot for weekday services

**Registration must be completed by 4:00 pm the day BEFORE the minyan you would like to attend**

## HIGH HOLIDAYS

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Members should have received information regarding seat reservations for High Holiday Services. It is very important that you respond before the deadlines!

To read the full details, including venues and pricing, visit

**[shearthisrael.org/high-holiday-seating-covid](https://shearthisrael.org/high-holiday-seating-covid)**.

**ALL MEMBERS:** If you do not plan to attend our services this year, please visit the link above to let us know.

### FOR MEMBERS REQUESTING FAMILY/GROUP SEATING

**Priority Deadline: August 20**

In order for us to determine our actual capacity with social distancing, and to safely accommodate as many congregants as possible, we are first asking Members who will be requesting more than one seat in the Men's and/or Women's section to submit their reservations. The priority reservation deadline for Members requesting group seating is Thursday, August 20.

*Please note that once this deadline has passed, it may not be possible to assign group seating and you may receive a socially-distanced seat.*

Visit the link above to place your Member Group reservation.

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### FOR MEMBERS REQUESTING INDIVIDUAL SEATING

**Priority Deadline: Next Thursday, August 27**

Members requesting one seat in the Men's and/or Women's section are offered priority reservations through August 27.

We want to hear from *every* Member - please let us know even if you will not attend.

Visit the link above to place your Member Individual reservation.

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**NON-MEMBER SEAT SALES (space permitting)**

**After August 27-September 3**

## RABBI SOLOVEICHIK'S LECTURE SERIES

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*You can still register!*

### **A Journey Through the Hebrew Bible**

**A 10-Part Lecture Series by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
Livestream Webcast from the Shearith Israel Sanctuary**

*A project of the Tikvah Fund*

**Mondays | 7:30 PM EDT**

REGISTER AT [TIKVAHFUND.ORG/BIBLE](https://tikvahfund.org/bible)

*(All registration and link distribution are being handled by Tikvah)*

The Hebrew Bible is the most consequential book in the history of mankind. Study the lives of patriarchs and prophets, saints and sinners, conquerors and kings, and allow the most influential people and ideas in human history to suddenly speak to us again.

Registration is free - just go to **[tikvahfund.org/bible](https://tikvahfund.org/bible)**.

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### **Support Services Offered by the Jewish Board**

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The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services is offering a variety of free, confidential support groups or short term individual support for bereavement, job loss, pandemic parenting, first responder support, isolated seniors, struggling teens, and more. Refer to our emails to view the flyer for more details. If you would like more information or to sign up, feel free to contact the Jewish Board:

**General phone:** 212-632-4790

**Bereavement phone:** 212-632-4608

**General email:** [JCS@jbfcs.org](mailto:JCS@jbfcs.org)

**Bereavement email:** [BereavementSupport@jbfcs.org](mailto:BereavementSupport@jbfcs.org)

**Caregiver email:** [HelpforHelpers@jbfcs.org](mailto:HelpforHelpers@jbfcs.org)

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### **HESED & TSEDAKA**

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**Help end NYC's Blood Donation shortage** - visit [nybc.org](https://nybc.org)

**Visit [shearthisrael.org/covid-hesed](https://shearthisrael.org/covid-hesed) in order to:**

- Contribute to Shearith Israel's Coronavirus Relief Fund
- Donate to the *Caring Connection* to help ensure that we can provide groceries to those in need in our congregation
- Volunteer for the *Caring Connection's* phone call check-in initiative

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Mazal tob* to **Barbara & Sassoon Shahmoon**, upon the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children, Sarah (Boumendil) & David Shahmoon.

*Congratulations* to **Noah Lang** on completing the United States Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, in Quantico, VA.

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### Happy Birthday to Our Congregants:

Marc Bengualid, Francesca Berkowitz, Janna Bernstein-Haroche, Eli Bryk, Florie Algranti Charles, Michel Dana, Judith Deich, David Doft, Fred Ehrman, Simon Ergas, Henry Ergas, Noa Garson, Gabriela Garson, David Hirschfeld, Sasha Hurowitz, Samuel Oppenheim, Victor Owen, Hannah Pomerantz, Gabrielle Schein, Josef Schenker, Iris Seymour, Jonathan Tobin, Scarlett Toledo, and Daniel Warhaftig.

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## ONGOING PROGRAMMING

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### 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](mailto: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. Besides philosophical concepts, Bahya ibn Paquda frequently uses stories and concepts from Sufism (Islamic mysticism) to stir in us a spiritual mindfulness and to deepen our love of God.

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### Morning Zoom: The Book of Kings with Rabbi Ira Robde and Rev. Z. Edinger

**Monday-Friday Mornings**

*Via Zoom - contact Z. for timing and login details at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org)*

Join our daily "Minyan" Breakfast, virtually, every weekday morning to study a small bit of Torah. We are currently studying the Book of Kings. 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](http://shearithisrael.org/virtual-programming).

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### Weekly Debar Torah with Rabbi Rohde

**Thursdays | 6:00 pm | On Zoom - refer to our emails for the link**

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

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### Friday Night Lights with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

**Fridays | 5:30 pm**

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To sponsor a session, visit [shearithisrael.org/virtual-programming](http://shearithisrael.org/virtual-programming).

#### *Dial-in Instructions:*

**US:** (712) 770-5581 (this number also works for Canada)

**Panama:** +507 838-7820 **Mexico:** +52 899 274 8400

**Participant code: 124005#**

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### Virtual Hashcaba Service and Misheberakh for the Ill

**Weekly on Friday afternoon | 6:15 pm | Rev. Z. Edinger**

**On Zoom - refer to our emails for the link**

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.

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### Virtual Habdala Service

**Weekly on Saturday night | 8:35 pm | This week with *Selibot* | Z. Edinger**

**On Zoom - refer to our emails for the link**

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*.