



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Nitsabim-Vayelehk

September 11-12, 2020 | Consecration of 19th St Synagogue

Shabbat Schedule

Friday Night Lights: Part 3 of High Holiday Lecture Series | Conf. 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 | Main Sanctuary | 6:45 pm

Candle Lighting | 6:53 pm

Shabbat Morning Services | Main Sanctuary | 9:00 am

Shabbat Afternoon Services | Main Sanctuary | 6:45 pm

Habdala | 7:45 pm

Virtual Habdala Service with Excerpts from Selihot | Zoom | 8:10 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

Special Selihot Morning Service | Main Sanctuary | NEXT Friday | 6:30 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 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*, *bumash*, and *talit*.

Visit shearithisrael.org/outdoor-minyan to request a spot.

Shabbat Services

INDOORS, in the Main Sanctuary

Friday Evening | September 11 | 6:45 pm (lasts < 1 hour)

Shabbat Morning | September 12 | 9:00-10:30 am

Shabbat Afternoon | September 12 | 6:45 pm

Visit our website to request a spot for Shabbat 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

Sign Up for Shofar Service

Second Day of Rosh HaShana, Sunday, September 20 | 12:00 pm
Street Closure near 2 West 70th St.

We will be holding a separate outdoor shofar service for members and friends.

To register, visit shearthisrael.org/outdoor-shofar.

Rabbi Soloveichik's Upcoming Talks

High Holiday Lecture Series

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

A multi-part series leading up to Rosh HaShana

PART 3: Friday Night Lights THIS week, September 11 | 5:30 pm

Via conference call | Additional Dates TBA

The Art of Jewish Prayer: Interpreting Images of the High Holidays

In this series, Rabbi Soloveichik will examine and interpret some of the most celebrated artistic depictions of Jewish prayer, and how these images can help inspire us for the holidays ahead.

For sponsorship opportunities and call-in details, see our emails.

Shabbat Teshuba Derasha

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Thursday, Sept 24 | 7:30 pm | Via conference call

Rabbi Soloveichik's annual Shabbat Teshuba Derasha is always an inspirational event that draws a large audience - and this year it will be available around the world and in the comfort of your own home, on the Thursday evening before Kippur.

Pre-Kippur Lecture

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Via conference call | Date TBA

Rabbi Soloveichik will be delivering a lecture to help us all prepare for Kippur in these extraordinary times.

CONSECRATION SHABBAT

Anniversary of the Nineteenth Street Synagogue

Members of the congregation continued to move uptown and so in 1860 Shearith Israel built its fourth synagogue, this one on Nineteenth Street, just west of Fifth Avenue. The ceremonies of consecration were set for Wednesday, September 12, 1860, a date which was characterized as commemorating the 206th anniversary of the arrival of the Founding Fathers of Shearith Israel on the island of Manhattan.

The Jewish Messenger noted that "the present place of worship is probably the handsomest edifice of this kind in the United States." Frank Leslie's *Illustrated Newspaper* reported that "it is said that the ark of this Synagogue is the finest in the world" and that the synagogue as a whole was "decidedly one of the prominent lions and curiosities of New York." In 1860, it was the highest building to be seen above Fourteenth Street.

Support Services Offered by the Jewish Board

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

Bereavement email: BereavementSupport@jbfcs.org

Caregiver email: HelpforHelpers@jbfcs.org

HESED & TSEDAKA

Help end NYC's Blood Donation shortage - visit nybc.org

Visit 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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal tob to **Dr. Leora Mogilner & Richard Linhart**, upon their son, Jack, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Mazal tob to our friend, Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld, the Middle School Principal of MDS, and his wife Chani, upon the birth of a baby boy.

Happy Birthday to Our Congregants:

Joshua Berman, Jordan Bryk, Ben Cohen, Eliza de Sola Mendes, Sjimon Den Hollander, Mark Goldfarb, Martin Green, Danya Jacobs, Samuel Katz, Andrew Klaber, Jason Lewin, Michal Mirvis, Steven Pomerantz, Livia Recanati, Cecilia Roberts, Raquel Rubin, James Satloff, Diana Straus, Alice Swenson, and Michael Tauber.

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

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 Robde 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.

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

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.

Friday Night Lights with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Fridays | 5:30 pm

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To sponsor a session, visit 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#

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.

Virtual Habdala Service

Weekly on Saturday night | 8:10 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*.