



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Vayiggash
December 25-26, 2020

Schedule

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

Virtual Hashcaba Service & Misheberakh for the Ill | 3:15 pm | Rev. Z. Edinger

Friday Evening Services | 4:00 pm

Candle Lighting | 4:16 pm

Shabbat Morning Services | 8:45 am outdoors & 9:30 am indoors

Shabbat Afternoon Services | 4:20 pm

Habdala | 5:01 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 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.

FAST OF TEBET

Schedule for the Fast of Tebet
Friday, Tenth of Tebet, December 25

Dawn [Fast Begins].....	5:50 am
Shahrit.....	8:00 am
Minha (Men should wear tefillin).....	4:00 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting.....	4:16 pm
End of Fast at Sunset.....	4:51 pm

The Tenth of Tebet Fast commemorates the besieging of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, which led to the city's capture, the destruction of the First Temple, and the Babylonian Exile. In 5781, the Fast of Tebet falls on Friday, the Eve of Shabbat, so the fast is shortened to end at sunset, 4:51 pm.

To sign up for services, refer to the link in our emails.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Our Congregants:

Lea Aliza Athias-Robles, Esther Bak, Jacob Ben-Avi, Josephine Frances Berg, Margaret Maude Berg, Joseph Dubroff, Ezra Dweck, Ann Eschenasy, Joseph Frankel, Jonathan Freeman, Sofia Groopman, Simon Haberman, Edward Kerson, Arielle Kestenbaum, Alan Kestenbaum, Noam Lindenbaum, Ceceil Mendal, Gloria Mosseri, Talya Presser, Jessica Salama, Lester Schwalb, Esther Seligson, Zahava Wiznia, and Peter Wohl.

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.

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

Monthly | Via Zoom | For ages 5-12

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 YOUR DUES

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.

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 Saadia 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@shearthisrael.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 shearthisrael.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.