



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Shemot
January 8-9, 2021

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening Services | Main Sanctuary
4:30 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
4:30 pm

Habdala | 5:14 pm
Virtual Habdala | 5:30 pm | Rev. Z. Edinger

(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.)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Our Congregants:

Nima Azour, George Blumenthal, Jonathan Brody, Harris Bulow, Judi Eisenman, Harry Engel, David Freilich, Edward Guldi, Alexander Haberman, Robert Harris Hoffman, Yasmin Korin, Gayle Mazlish, Naomi Neustadter, Shimmin Neustein, Zoya Raynes, Jacques Sabbah, Richard Moise Sasson, Yasmin Sokol, and Sara Towne.

REASON TO SMILE

Congratulations to **Bonnie Barest**, our Deputy Executive Director, upon her engagement to Gary Miller.

COMING UP

Grand(Parent)-Child Learning

2 More Sessions | To register, refer to our emails

Saturday Nights: January 9, February 13

SESSION #2:

THIS Saturday Night, January 9 | 6:30 pm

Led by Rabbi Robde

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*.

Sunday Matinee: "Out of Print"

Sponsored by The Sisterhood

Session 3: THIS Sunday, January 10 | 2:00 pm

On Zoom

Following the video there will be Q&A with the Director, Shearith Israel member, Vivienne Roumani-Denn

Narrated by Meryl Streep, and featuring the only documentary film interview with Jeff Bezos, as well as interviews with Scott Turow, Ray Bradbury, and other leaders in tech, publishing, libraries, education, and cognitive science, this film explores our extraordinary transformation as we moved from the preeminence of the written word to the digital age, and the profound effect it has had on how we learn and live.

To register, go to shearithisrael.org/sunday-matinee.

ON TU B'SHEBAT:

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, go to shearithisrael.org/fantastic-fruits.

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

Book Event with Esther Amini

In conversation with member, Ivan Berkowitz

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!

To register, go to shearithisrael.org/esther-amini.

Junior Congregation...Now on Sundays

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

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

Refer to our emails for the Zoom link

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. Refer to our emails for the link to download it.

Torahs Through Time

Presented by our Segan, Michael Lustig

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

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, visit

shearithisrael.org/torahs-through-time.

Participation limited to 20.

ONGOING WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

Sundays | 8:45 am

Zoom | Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander

Guide to the Duties of the Heart

Monday-Friday Mornings | Times vary

Zoom | Rabbi Ira Rohde and Rev. Z. Edinger

Morning Zoom: The Book of Kings

Monday & Wednesday | 10:00 am

Zoom | Liz Rios | Toddler Zoom

Tuesdays | 7:30 pm

Conference Call | Rabbi Soloveichik

The Art of Torah: The Parasha & the World's Greatest Paintings

Wednesdays | 7:00 pm

Zoom | Rabbi Ira Rohde | Weekly Debar Torah

Thursdays | 7:30 pm

Conference call | Rabbi Soloveichik

Friday Night Lights...Now On Thursdays

Fridays, before Shabbat

Zoom | Rev. Z. Edinger

Hashcaba Service & Misheberakh for the Ill

Saturday night, after Shabbat

Zoom | Rev. Z. Edinger | Habdala Service

Make sure you are signed up for our email list (shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-list) for access to these programs and many more!