Shabbat Schedule

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

**Virtual Hashcaba Service & Miskeberakh 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

**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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 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

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**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.

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**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

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 shearithisrael.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.

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.

NON-MEMBER SEAT SALES (space permitting)
After August 27-September 3

RABBI SOLOVEICHIK’S LECTURE SERIES

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
(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.

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 shearithisrael.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 tov** 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.

Happy Birthday to Our Congregants:

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. 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.

**Morning Zoom: The Book of Kings**
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. 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.

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 debor torah on the weekly Parasha. The written text of the debor torah is distributed in our Thursday newsletter.

**Friday Night Lights with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**
Fridays | 5:30 pm
2019-2020 season sponsored by the Julis family
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 nahala 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 | 8:35 pm | This week with Selihot | 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.