
S&P Central Newsletter - February 2015

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Please find below some news and updates on S&P/Western Sephardic communities. Would you like to suggest an item for the next newsletter? Great! Just write us here:

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NEWS

Jerusalem

Monthly Shabbat Services Continue Sha'are Ratzon, the S&P congregation in Jerusalem, would like to remind everyone that monthly Friday night services continue to be held at Kehillat Yedidya (www.yedidya.org.il) in Baka. These services supplement those held in the Istambuli Synagogue. For more information, please go to www.sandpjerusalem.org.

Porto

Community to Receive Applications for Citizenship

In 2015, the Portuguese Government may grant Portuguese nationality to the descendants of Portuguese Sephardic Jews. In order to make a request, applicants must first obtain a certificate from the Portuguese Jewish Community attesting to their Portuguese origin. To learn more about the process and request a certificate, please see her for more information: <http://jewishcommunityofporto.blogspot.pt/2014/12/portuguese-nationality-for-sephardic.html>.

PURIM EVENTS !!

London

Pre-Purim Talk by Rabbi Joseph Dweck

On February 26, Rabbi Dweck will give a pre-Purim talk on the Megillah, offering various insights. The talk will be held at the Lauderdale Road Synagogue. More information, please go here: <https://gallery.mailchimp.com/86e6c151bb1f9c199fb08174d/images/857f44fc-9a4a-4198-a849-a9be3608d841.png>

Rambam Sephardi Synagogue Purim Party

On March 4, Rambam Sephardi Synagogue will hold its annual Purim Extravaganza at the Ark Theatre in Boramhood. Come dressed up for an amazing evening of fun. For more information, please see here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aq71HJ5K5DQB1btfiuUbjBN0fiEXLJPc1qolh-7He0s/viewform#start=openform>

New York

Pre-Purim Baking Class

On February 26, come join baker Rivkah Mallet at Congregation Shearith Israel as we learn the secrets of making scrumptious fazuelos, a Sephardic style of hamentaschen. Adults and children welcome. For more information, please go to: <http://shearithisrael.org/purimbaking>

Philadelphia

Megillah Reading and Purim Party

On March 4, Congregation Mikveh Israel holds its Megillah Reading followed by a festive party with raffles, entertainment, prizes and more! For more information, please go to: <http://mikvehisrael.org/index.php>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Montreal

Talk: "Sephardim in Ashkenazic Eyes: The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries"

On Feb. 26, please come listen to a talk at The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue by Prof. Gershon Hundert, the Segal Professor of Jewish Studies and Professor of History at McGill University. For more information, please go to: <http://www.thespanish.org/weekly-bulletin/>

New York

History of the Spanish & Portuguese Jews

Rabbi Shalom Morris of Congregation Shearith Israel offers a weekly series on the "intellectual and cultural achievements, political upheavals, important individuals, community histories, and lasting influence" of the S&P Jews. To find out more, please see here:

<http://www.shearithisrael.org/content/history-sephardim-spanish-and-portuguese-jews>

BLOGS / NEWSLETTERS / FACEBOOK

United States

American Sephardi Federation Weekly and Monthly Newsletters

The American Sephardi Federation has recently launched both a weekly and monthly newsletter filled with articles regarding the Sephardi world. To subscribe to the newsletters -- as well as enquire about membership and support for the organization -- please send an email to: jmairzadeh@asf.cjh.org.

Jerusalem

Shaare Ratzon Facebook Group

Shaare Ratzon wished to let people know that it has a new Facebook group. To find it, just search for "Sha'are Ratzon Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue (Jerusalem)."

MELODIES

France

New Website for the Portuguese Rite in France

Peter Nahon, a student of the Portuguese rite of Bordeaux, Bayonne and other Portuguese Jewish communities in France, has established a website to share their rich melodies and culture. To see the website, please go here: <http://riteportugais.free.fr>.

HISTORY

Richmond, VA

Earliest Prayer for the U.S. Government?

For those interested in American history, following is a prayer composed for the newly-formed U.S. government -- and its first first president, George Washington -- by Congregation Beth Shalom, founded by Spanish & Portuguese Jews in Richmond, VA, in 1789:

FOOD

***The Converso Cookbook* by Ana Gomez-Bravo**

Spanish and Jewish Studies Professor Ana Gomez-Bravo shares favorite recipes for dishes eaten by the Sephardic community of 15th-century Spain. Learn how to make these dishes yourself and delve into the history behind the food. For more about here book, please see here: <http://jewishstudies.washington.edu/converso-cookbook-home>

Did you enjoy this newsletter?

Would you like to help write future editions?

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I find S&P communities around the world?

Right here on this list we've compiled. Please note it's a work in progress. If you see something that is missing or incorrect, please do write and let us know:

<http://www.sandpcentral.org/#!/communities>

How can I learn more about S&P minhag and melodies?

Happily, a number of the S&P communities have built websites filled with an abundance of readings, recordings, and commentary. You can find those sites here on these two pages:

<http://www.sandpcentral.org/#!/minhag>

<http://www.sandpcentral.org/#!/melodies>

Where can I purchase S&P prayers books, birkat hamazon books, etc? There are a number of versions in various translations offered by several communities. You can learn what is available and how to contact the communities here on this page: <http://www.sandpcentral.org/#!/texts>

Where can I join discussions of S&P traditions with others online?

Facebook features several excellent discussion groups. Please see a list of them here:

<http://www.sandpcentral.org/#!/discuss>

I'm interested in the food! Where can I find some good S&P and other Sephardic recipes?

For excellent Greek, Turkish, Moroccan, Italian and other recipes, please see the excellent websites here on this page:

<http://www.sandpcentral.org/#!/food>

I'd like to find others to form an S&P minyan in my area. Do you have a suggestion?

Yes! Do you live in Nome, Alaska? No worries. Please send us your name and location, and we'll let you know if we hear from others in your area.