

# Nahalat Shalom and Casa Sefarad Present

## Schedule Festival Sefardi 2024

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 5:00-7:00 pm *New Mexico Landscapes, Streetscapes and Selected Portraits: Art Exhibit by Leo Neufeld.* Art Opening and Portrait Painting Demonstration by Leo Neufeld. Including an exhibit of poetry and art by the students of Nahalat Shalom's school.
- 7:00-9:00 pm *Sephardic Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck Dinner* with special guests Demetria Martínez, Enrique Lamadrid, Esteban Rael, Batya Podos and students of Nahalat Shalom's school. Led by Stephanie Sofie Shefia Cohen.



### SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 10am-12:00 pm *Bilingual Shabbat Morning Service and Return Ceremony for Esteban Rael.*
- 12:00-1:30 pm *Enchilada Luncheon and Celebration of Esteban's Return to Judaism.*
- 1:45-2:45 pm *Creativity Break with Sally Bergen:* A fun & relaxed hour to create a card to honor Esteban.
- 3:00-4:00 pm *Songs of a Troublemaker:* A dialogue between Demetria Martínez and Enrique Lamadrid.
- 4:30-6:00 pm *Subterranean Rivers of Migration and Secrecy: The New Mexican Sephardic Experience.* A bilingual dramatic poetry reading presenting the work of Demetria Martinez, Isabelle Medina Sandoval and Anita Rodríguez, translated by Héctor Contreras López and Hershel Weiss. Read by Demetria Martinez and Sandra Marroquin-Evans with simultaneous ASL interpretation.
- 8:00-9:00 pm *Havdalah Ceremony* with Esteban Rael.

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 1:00-2:00 pm *Telling Our Stories: Personal Stories Told by Our Sephardic Friends* Moderated by Hershel Weiss.
- 2:15-3:15 pm *Writing Our Stories* Process Writing Workshop with Hershel Weiss.
- 3:15-3:45 pm *Closing Circle*
- 3:45-4:30 pm *Break*
- 4:30-6:00 pm *Lone Piñon in Concert* El valse de los Israelitas: Sephardic connections in New Mexico's musical landscape.

### ALL EVENTS EXCEPT CONCERT AND POETRY IN PERSON ONLY



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