

HISTORIC ALBANY

ITS CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES

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New York State Museum Orientation Theater, 3:00 pm
- Presentation: "Dominant Dutch" November 17, 1985
First Church in Albany, Clinton Square, 3:00 pm
- Presentation: "Albany's Anglicans" December 22, 1985
St. Peter's Church, 107 State Street, 3:00 pm
- Presentation: "Famous Faithful" January 26, 1986
First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Avenue, 3:00 pm
- Presentation: "Presbyterian People" February 2, 1986
First Presbyterian Church, 362 State Street, 3:00 pm
- Presentation: "Many Methodists" February 9, 1986
Trinity United Methodist Church, 215 Lancaster, 3:00 pm

Others will be listed and announced once the dates are set; five Jewish congregations will be featured as well as the two cathedrals--Immaculate Conception and All Saints. Other churches include: St. Mary's Church, Westminster Presbyterian, Israel African Methodist Episcopal, Emmanuel Baptist, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox, Quakers and Shakers.

For more information, contact Project Director Anne F. Roberts University Libraries, State University of New York at Albany, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12222, 442-3577.

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Fall 1986

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The publication from the series will be available for this year's holiday season. ALBANY'S HISTORIC CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES, just published, will be selling for only \$10.00. In addition to the essays on the architecture, liturgy, and history of Albany's historic churches and synagogues, there are essays on the religious geography of Albany, the religious beginnings, and on religious music. The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs from the past and the present. It would make a nice holiday present.

To help us celebrate this event, please come and join me, Mayor Thomas Whalen, representatives from the various churches and synagogues, and others interested in the topic, on Friday, December 19, 1986 at the Alumni House on the University at Albany's uptown campus from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Parking is available close to the Alumni House for your convenience. I will provide light refreshments and some holiday music.

I look forward to seeing you then on this happy occasion to inaugurate the sequel to EXPERIENCING ALBANY: PERSPECTIVES ON A GRAND CITY'S PAST. This second book is yet another testament to your interest and support of the series HISTORIC ALBANY: ITS CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES. I hope you will tell all of your friends to come with you and help me celebrate the publication of ALBANY'S HISTORIC CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES.

Sincerely,

Anne F. Roberts

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Project Director
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P. S. Marcia W. Cockrell, Assistant Project Director will also be there!
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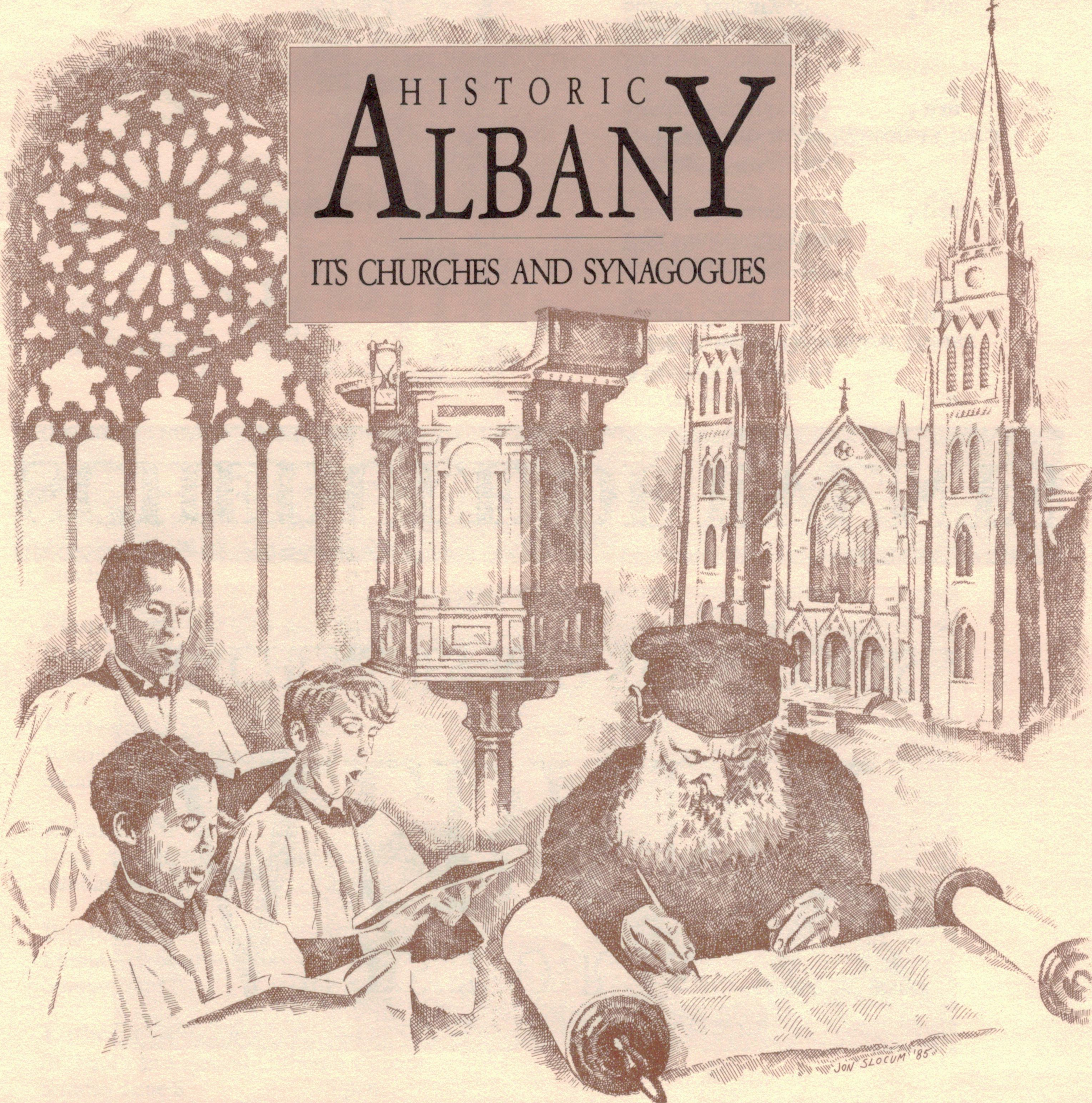
PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

RSVP to either Anne or Marcia

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Historic Albany: Its Churches and Synagogues

is a year-long series of programs presenting religious worship through sight and sound. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and coordinated by the University Libraries of the State University of New York at Albany with Project Director, Dr. Anne F. Roberts, the series looks at the unique features of art, architecture, liturgy, and music found within the broad range of traditional faiths represented in the city of Albany during 1985-86.

Albany's Religions, October 20, 1985.

Series 'tour guide' Warren E. Roberts will provide an historical perspective on the participating churches and synagogues, highlighting their salient characteristics. Distinguished Professor of History at the State University of New York at Albany, Dr. Roberts specializes in cultural history and has led a number of successful church tours in Albany.

Dominant Dutch, November 17, 1985.

The oldest congregation in upstate New York, First Church in Albany has an extensive collection of documents and artifacts dating back to 1652. Philip Hooker's spare Augustan architecture reflects the austere Calvinist heritage of the Dutch Reformed Church. The organist and the choir will provide music to complement the presentation.

Albany's Anglicans, December 22, 1985.

Among the treasures housed by St. Peter's Church are Queen Anne Silver, a Tiffany Rose window, and a Burne Jones window. Designed by Richard Upjohn, St. Peter's is the second oldest Protestant Episcopal Church in America and is the burial site of Lord George Howe. The organist will play music appropriate to the Christmas season in the traditional "Festival of Greens" setting.

Famous Faithful, January 26, 1986.

Established in 1649, First Lutheran Church is the oldest Lutheran congregation in America with a 1680 Albany deed in Dutch signed by Robert Livingston. A Bach organ piece and a chorale will reflect the flavor of the service.

Protestants Proliferate, May 4, 1986.

Established in 1862, this congregation has a long history of cooperation with other religious groups in ecumenical endeavors. The present edifice is representative of English country architecture; its interior has an elaborately carved reredos by Irving and Casson. The 1977 Allen Digital Computer Organ played by organist Alan Mills, will reflect its powerful exuberance.

Albany's Blacks, May 25, 1986.

This congregation was established in 1828 when the more conservative Dutch were influential in Albany. As the earliest Black church in Albany, this congregation has a significant history and an interesting service. Both the service and the music will be detailed.

Baptist Beginnings, June 1, 1986.

Built in 1871 in the Victorian Gothic style, Emmanuel Baptist Church traces its roots back to 1834. Of particular note are the curving pews, open aisles, and twelve foot baptistry surrounded by walls of gold leaf.

Lutherans Leaving, June 8, 1986.

Presbyterian People, February 2, 1986.

With records dating back to the 1790's, First Presbyterian Church boasts such famous members as Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. Graced by noteworthy Tiffany windows, the church is designed in the Romanesque style. The choir will demonstrate the eclectic approach to music representative of many Protestant groups.

Many Methodists, February 9, 1986.

Successor to the First Methodist Society, Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1789. Built in 1932 at the zenith of American church architecture, Trinity is in the English Perpendicular style. An organ piece and hymn on the antiphonal organ will demonstrate the unusual features of this instrument.

Religion and Culture, March 2, 1986.

Temple Israel is viewed in light of its history, building and congregation. Israeli music and dance with Director Lorraine Arcus will be featured along with commentary by Rabbi Kieval and Cantor Marcus.

Images of Change, March 16, 1986.

The blend of the old and the new is explored in this presentation featuring a liturgical music program with a professional choir directed by Cantor Howard Stahl.

Church Catholics, March 23, 1986.

St. Mary's Church reflects ties to Rome, particularly the Vatican, in its exuberant Baroque architecture and interior. The congregation was founded in 1796 and is the oldest Roman Catholic group in upstate New York. The church was built in 1869.

Guardians of the Tradition, April 13, 1986.

Featuring a children's choir and a commentary by Rabbi Bomzer, this event explores the history of the synagogue at its original site on Herkimer Street.

Elements of the Old and New, April 20, 1986.

While an offshoot of Congregation Beth Emeth, this new Reform congregation has retained the original ark from the earlier structure. A new, modern building houses the 1888 solid oak, carved ark. Rabbi Cashman will conduct a discussion.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is a Missouri synod congregation representing one segment of the split in contemporary Lutheranism. Founded in 1838, St. Paul's possesses archives from that date in German.

Shaking Quakers, July 6, 1986.

Also known as the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, the Shakers established "Wisdom's Valley" in Watervliet in 1775. Although the Society dissolved in 1975, the local Shaker Meeting House has been restored. This event will feature a re-enactment of parts of the historic service.

Peaceful Pilgrims, July 27, 1986.

The Society of Friends, more commonly known as the Quakers, had its beginnings in Albany in 1839. The simplicity of the Friends meetinghouse parallels the simple dress, manners, and service of the Quakers.

The Synagogue and the Jewish Community, August 17, 1986.

A slide presentation focusing on the synagogue as central to the Jewish community in Albany will be given.

Gracious Greeks, September 7, 1986.

Established in 1922, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church combines traditional Byzantine architecture with that of the 20th century. Of particular note are the mosaics and wall paintings. The service itself is an expression of the ancient Eastern faith in modern times.

Catholic Cathedral, September 14, 1986.

Modeled after the twin-spired cathedral in Cologne, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was dedicated in 1848 before a group of Irish immigrants newly arrived from their homeland during the potato famine.

Singing Saints, September 21, 1986.

The Cathedral of All Saints was constructed in 1884 on land donated to the Episcopal Church by Erastus Corning, Sr. This formal presentation will feature the cathedral's well-known "Choir of Men and Boys."

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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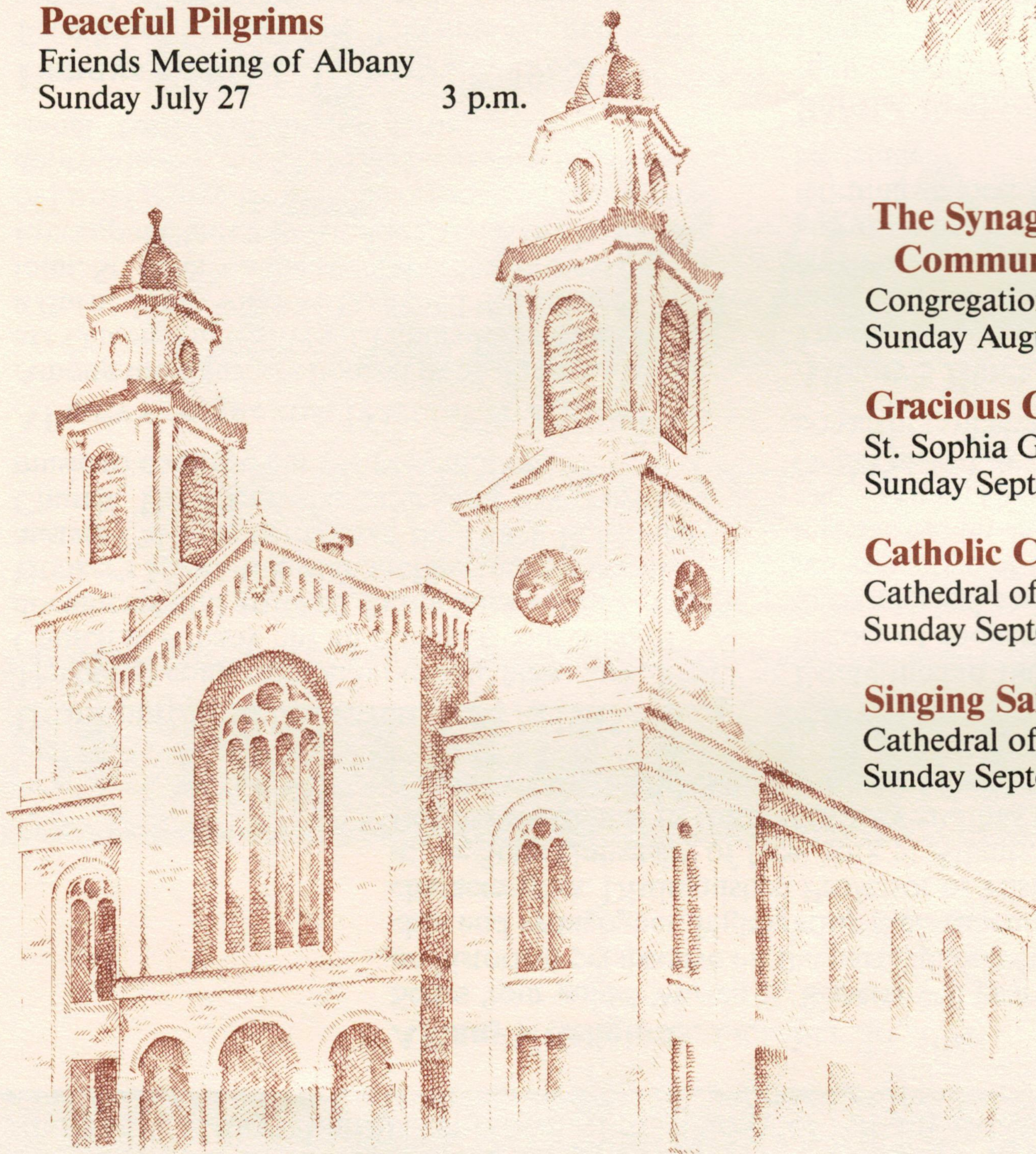
Shaker Meeting House
Sunday July 6

3 p.m.

Peaceful Pilgrims

Friends Meeting of Albany
Sunday July 27

3 p.m.



The Synagogue and the Jewish Community

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