



The Jewish Center

SHABBAT BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 • 14 ELUL 5779 • PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

Mazal Tov to Dana & Adam Fine on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Judah

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

EREV SHABBAT

6:52PM Candle-lighting
6:55PM Minchah (1st floor)
6:55PM Young Leadership Kabbalat Shabbat (4th floor)

SHABBAT

7:45AM Hashkama (4th floor)
8:30AM Kids Kiddush Club with Rabbi Levine
9:00AM Shacharit (5th floor)
Sermon by Rabbi Levine
9:15AM Hashkama Shiur with Rabbi Shua Brick, *Does God Have A Sense of Humor?* (lower level)
9:30AM Young Leadership (1st floor)
10:00AM Youth Groups
4:00PM Bikkur Cholim/Bikkur in the Home (meet at 730 Columbus Ave.)
5:35PM Pre-Minchah Shiur with Rabbi Shua Brick: William Fischman Rabbinic Intern, *Yonah: The Troubled Prophet as Chazal's 11th Hour Savior*
5:50PM Daf Yomi
6:35PM Minchah (1st floor)
Seudah Shlishit with Professor Nathaniel Berman: Teshuva, the Shofar, and the Divine Mother: Rosh Hashanah in the Zohar
7:51PM Shabbat Concludes

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

Hashkama Kiddush:

Jessica Gross & Larry Klein in honor and in memory of those and what we lost on 9/11/01. May their memories be a blessing to all of us

Community Kiddush:

Dana & Adam Fine in honor of their son Judah's Bar Mitzvah

Young Leadership:

Alex Braunstein and Joshua Alge in honor of their upcoming wedding

Seudah Shlishit:

Beth & Abraham Rosenberg, in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Abe's mother, Fanny, Fruma bas r'Avraham

Paul & Cynthia Rosenberg in memory of Paul's mother, Gussie Rosenberg

DAILY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday, Sept. 15

7:45AM Daf Yomi
8:30AM Shacharit
6:50PM Minchah

Monday, Sept. 16-

Thursday, Sept. 19
7/8AM Shacharit
7:45AM Daf Yomi
6:50PM Minchah

Friday, Sept. 20

7/8AM Shacharit
7:45AM Daf Yomi
6:40PM Candle-lighting
6:45PM Minchah

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

Alex Braunstein & Joshua Alge on their upcoming wedding
Dana & Adam Fine on their son Judah's Bar Mitzvah
Ruth & Lawrence Kobrin on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Livia, and to her parents Rabbi Jeffrey and Michelle Kobrin

COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Barbara Paris on being selected as one of the Exceptional Women in Medicine of 2019

THANK YOU TO OUR USHER

Amanda Nussbaum

Thank you to our **CSS** members whose efforts help maintain a safe shul for our community.

Special thanks to our guest Chazzan this Shabbat, Paul Kentor

Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat with Dr. Nathaniel Berman

Teshuva, the Shofar, and the Divine Mother: Rosh Hashanah in the Zohar

Dr. Berman holds the Rahel Varnhagen Chair at Brown University, where he teaches in the Religious Studies Department.



Moshe Green Tochnit Elul Scholar In Residence Rabbi Yaakov Kermaier Shabbat, September 21st at 11AM

It's All the Rage: A High Holiday Strategy to Control Your Anger

Rabbi Yaakov Kermaier serves as the spiritual leader of Shir Hadash on Emek, in Jerusalem. He made aliya with his family in July 2015 from New York City, where he served as senior rabbi of Manhattan's Fifth Avenue Synagogue (2003-2015) and he previously served as rabbi of Hong Kong's Ohel Leah Synagogue (1997-2003).



YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

We have begun our annual Yom Kippur Appeal. The Yom Kippur Appeal is a critical fundraising campaign and helps The Jewish Center meet its operating budget and provide its many activities and services. We hope that you'll consider giving early and generously. For questions, please do not hesitate to speak with our committee chairs, Scott Fisher & Drew Newton. To donate please visit jewishcenter.org and click on the 'support us' tab.

WOMEN'S TEHILLIM GROUP:

Monday, September 23rd, 2019 at 7:15PM
Contact Joyce Weitz for more information at 212-877-1176

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer for Dorot Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

For those who pre-registered (registration is closed)

Sunday, September 22nd, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Bring warmth and companionship to an older neighbor with a Sunday morning visit. To volunteer for future chesed opportunities and to get involved email batsheva at batsheva@jewishcenter.org

Bikur In The Home Chesed Event

For those who pre-registered (registration is closed)

Sunday September 22nd at 10:00AM

As Rosh Hashana is around the corner, Bikur In The Home Group will once again undertake the chesed project to prepare and deliver our very own Rosh Hashana Packages for the homebound seniors in our networks—(To volunteer for future chesed opportunities email bikurinthefirst@gmail.com.

Auschwitz Exhibit

Not Long Ago. Not Far Away

Monday, November 4, 2019

The Jewish Center and Advanced Leadership are arranging a guided tour of the acclaimed Auschwitz exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Heritage during the week commemorating the 81st anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Tour Will Begin at the Museum at 1:30 pm

Cost: \$22, Transportation: \$20

Visit jewishcenter.org to register.

Registration closes September 27th.

Parshat Ki Teitzei

THE JEWISH CENTER YOUTH DEPARTMENT

13 Elul 5779

SHABBAT MORNING

Join our inclusive Youth Groups starting at 10 am
Lower Level:

3 years old and younger,
3-4 years old & 5-6 years old
7th Floor: 7-9 years old &
10-12 years old

Weekly Newsletter
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BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

Please join us on October 26th,
in the dance studio (5th floor)
during Kiddush to celebrate our
September, October, and
November birthdays!

Sponsorship available on
The JC website

**Gear up for The High Holidays with
The JC Youth Department**

ROSH HASHANAH ART & CRAFTS



Art, crafts, stories, and
more!
For ages 6 and younger
Sunday, September 15th,
10 am-12 pm

SUKKAH DECORATING



There will be creative
arts and crafts,
snacks and activities!
For ages 2-9 years old
Sunday, October 6th
10 am -12 pm

SIMCHAT TORAH TRIVIA



Celebrate Simchat
Torah with Torah
Trivia and a Candy
Bar! For 1st-8th Grade
Monday, October 21st
4:15-5:45 pm

PREHAKAFOT FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Light dinner and
Prehakafot with singing
and dancing by all
Monday, October 21st
4:15-5:45 pm

**Upcoming Chesed Opportunities with
The JC Youth Department**

MITZVAH MONDAY PROGRAM

Join tweens and teens at Mitzvah
Mondays for hands-on
community service and Jewish
service learning with different
projects each month.



DOROT'S ROSH HASHANAH PACKAGE DELIVERY

Bring warmth and companionship to an
older neighbor with a Sunday morning
visit. Sign up for orientation, package pick-
up, and a home visit assignment.
Sunday September 22, 10:00am-12:00pm

KIDS' KIDDUSH CLUB

Join Rabbi Levine for this special
three-part Torah-learning
series for children (1st-5th grade).
Shabbat morning, September 14, 21 & 28
From 8:30-9 am
1st floor classroom in The JC

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SEUDAH SHLISHIT

Join us for a fun afternoon with snacks,
games and conversation at the apartment of
Rabbi Noach and Alexis Goldstein
Date: September 21st
Time: 4:45-6:00 pm
Please register on The JC website

YL Welcome Back BBQ

This past Sunday, Young Leadership hosted a Welcome Back BBQ on the roof. Both members and newcomers to The Jewish Center came to enjoy great food and meet new people. We look forward to many more YL events this coming year! To get involved with Young Leadership email YL@jewishcenter.org



MOSHE GREEN TOCHNIT ELUL SHABBAT LEARNING AT THE JEWISH CENTER

Pre-Mincha Elul Series

September 14th, **Rabbi Shua Brick**: William Fischman Rabbinic Intern, *Yonah: The Troubled Prophet as Chazal's 11th Hour Savior*

September 21st, **Dr. David Flatto**: Associate Professor of Law and Philosophy at Hebrew University. *The Lonely Provencal of Faith*

September 28th, **Ora Weinbach**: Community Educator, *Tensions of Testimony: When Emotions Get Involved in Declaring the New Year*

October 5th, **Rabbi Noach Goldstein**: Assistant Rabbi, *Rabbi Soloveitchik's U-Vikashtem Mi-Sham and the Journey From Rosh Hashanah to Sukkot*

Seudah Shlishit Series

September 14th, **Dr. Nathaniel Berman**: *Teshuva, the Shofar, and the Divine Mother: Rosh Hashanah in the Zohar*
Dr. Berman holds the Rahel Varnhagen Chair at Brown University, where he teaches in the Religious Studies Department.

September 21st, **Dr. David Flatto**: *Slaves Wearing Crowns: Renewal in the Thought of Maimonides*
Dr. Flatto is Associate Professor of Law and Philosophy at Hebrew University.

September 28th, **Rabbi Elchanan Poupko**: *The Harvard Loneliness Study & the Meaning of Rosh Hashanah*
Rabbi Poupko teaches at the Park East Day School and Hebrew School and is the president of EITAN-The American Israeli Jewish Network.

SAVE THE DATE

Shabbat Shuvah Drashah

October 5th at 11:00AM

Rabbi Yosie Levine

A History of Teshuva: The Winding Path of Penitence and Where it Leads



JEWISH CENTER UNIVERSITY

Semester begins September 9th, 2019

For more information visit our website or contact Rabbi Elie Buechler at ebuechler@jewishcenter.org

Daily: Israel Friedman Daf Yomi with rotating JCU Faculty at 7:45AM

MONDAYS

The Ultimate Trial: Understanding Akeidat Yitzchak
Rabbi Noach Goldstein
8:00PM

TUESDAYS

Nosh and Drash
With Dr. Adena Berkowitz
10:15AM-11:30AM
Join us for this weekly Parsha shiur focusing on intellectual and spiritual insights from the Torah, featuring great food and spirited learning and discussion. For women only.

TUESDAYS

Teshuvah and the Afterlife
Sadye & Henry Bayer Tanakh Class
Rabbi Yosie Levine
7:30PM

WEDNESDAYS

Women of the Bible
The Women who Invented Teshuvah
Rabbi Yosie Levine
11:00AM-12:00PM
War, Ritual, and Redemption: The Sounds of the Shofar
Rabbi Elie Buechler
8:00PM

PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

SHOFAR BLOWING

We would like to provide everyone with the opportunity to hear the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. If someone you know will not be in shul and would like to have the shofar blown at home, or if you would like to volunteer to blow shofar, please contact Rabbi Elie Buechler at ebuechler@jewishcenter.org.

YOM KIPPUR CHESED OPPORTUNITY

Each year on Yom Kippur, following Mussaf a group heads out to visit the home-bound in our community. It is a wonderful opportunity to enhance the spirit of the day for those who cannot be with us in shul. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or if you are able to make a visit, please contact Rabbi Elie Buechler at ebuechler@jewishcenter.org.

The high holidays are quickly approaching!

Don't forget to:

- Order your Lulav and Etrog
- Reserve Sukkah meals in our Sukkah
- Contribute to our Yom Kippur Appeal
- Please return all your requests for high holiday seats by Monday, September 20th

Visit our website or contact Aaron at aaron@jewishcenter.org for more information.



Hide and Seek: Mitzvah Edition
Parshat Ki Teitzei 5779
Shiffy Friedman, Yoetzet Halacha

Of the over seventy mitzvot in the parsha, many of them are circumstantial: “if, along the road, you chance upon a bird’s nest...”; “if you build a new house, you shall make a fence around the roof...” The opportunity to do many of these mitzvot does not arise on a daily basis. In giving the commandment to return lost property, the Torah recognizes the temptation to avoid the mitzvah. Twice in the context of this mitzvah we encounter a variation of the warning “you can not hide yourself” (22:1, 3). Rabbi Moshe Alshich, in his 16th century Torah commentary, adds that this mitzvah teaches an educational and moral lesson. We might have a natural inclination to avoid a situation that looks like it will require intervention. It is challenging to take time away from private affairs to return an item to someone else. The requirement is not necessarily easy; it extends to watching and caring for an item if the owner is far away or until he comes to claim it (Deut 22:2). We might be inclined to avert our eyes, or even physically remove ourselves from the area, and wait until another person walks by and sees it. The Torah warns us, therefore, not to hide ourselves, but to understand that we are commanded to return an item as soon as the opportunity arises.

The Alshich adds another dimension to this mitzvah, based on another recurring word in the short passage. Upon encountering the lost animal, the Torah commands, “Hasheiv tshivem,”

you shall surely return. The dual language with the root “return” is most often understood to be emphasizing a point. Alshich, however, takes an omnisignificant, or midrashic, approach, reading meaning into each individual word. Hasheiv: at first, a person will return the item because of the Torah commandment; Tshivenu: after some time, you will begin to desire to do the mitzvah because of your own free will. Doing mitzvot will train us to want to do more mitzvot. At first, we may be willing to do only the basic mitzvah; eventually, we will be open to returning a lost item that requires more effort. Alshich notes that the phrase of “lo tuchal li’hitaleim,” you can not hide yourself, is noteworthy: when translated literally it implies one will be physically unable to hide oneself. After implementing this mitzvah several times you will certainly return the item. The mitzvah will be so ingrained in you that you will not be able to hide.

We do not want to do mitzvot by rote; instead, we strive for the mitzvot we do to be embedded with feeling and meaning. Chazal taught an important idea in this regard: mitoch shelo lishma, ba lishma - what we begin doing not for its own sake, we will come to do for its own sake. If we practice regularly and out of habit, we will encounter more opportunities to be inspired, act out of love, and do spontaneous good.

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