



# 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 Bikur 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 aliyah 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](http://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 bikurinthehome@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

Weekly Newsletter

### 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



### 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

### MITZVAH MONDAY PROGRAM

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



### 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

13 Elul 5779

### 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

### 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



### 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

### 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

## 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

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Dr. Berman holds the Rachel 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](mailto: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

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

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 you shall surely return. The dual language with them are circumstantial: "if, along the road, the root "return" is most often understood to be you chance upon a bird's nest..."; "if you build a emphasizing a point. Alshich, however, takes an new house, you shall make a fence around the omnisignificant, or midrashic, approach, reading roof..." The opportunity to do many of these meaning into each individual word. Hasheiv: at mitzvot does not arise on a daily basis. In giving first, a person will return the item because of the the commandment to return lost property, the Torah commandment; Tishevenu: after some time, Torah recognizes the temptation to avoid the you will begin to desire to do the mitzvah mitzvah. Twice in the context of this mitzvah we because of your own free will. Doing mitzvot will encounter a variation of the warning "you can train us to want to do more mitzvot. At first, we not hide yourself" (22:1, 3). Rabbi Moshe may be willing to do only the basic mitzvah; Alshich, in his 16th century Torah commentary, eventually, we will be open to returning a lost adds that this mitzvah teaches an educational item that requires more effort. Alshich notes that and moral lesson. We might have a natural the phrase of "lo tuchal li'hitalem," you can not inclination to avoid a situation that looks like it hide yourself, is noteworthy: when translated will require intervention. It is challenging to take literally it implies one will be physically unable time away from private affairs to return an item to hide oneself. After implementing this mitzvah to someone else. The requirement is not several times you will certainly return the item. necessarily easy; it extends to watching and The mitzvah will be so ingrained in you that you caring for an item if the owner is far away or will not be able to hide. until he comes to claim it (Deut 22:2). We might

be inclined to avert our eyes, or even physically We do not want to do mitzvot by rote; instead, remove ourselves from the area, and wait until we strive for the mitzvot we do to be embedded another person walks by and sees it. The Torah with feeling and meaning. Chazal taught an warns us, therefore, not to hide ourselves, but to important idea in this regard: mitoch shelo understand that we are commanded to return an lishma, ba lishma - what we begin doing not for item as soon as the opportunity arises. its own sake, we will come to do for its own sake. If we practice regularly and out of habit,

The Alshich adds another dimension to this we will encounter more opportunities to be mitzvah, based on another recurring word in the inspired, act out of love, and do spontaneous short passage. Upon encountering the lost good. animal, the Torah commands, "Hasheiv tishivem,"

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YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

# **ROSH HASHANAH ARTS & CRAFTS**

Join The JC Youth Department and get ready for  
Rosh Hashanah with some fun and exciting  
arts & crafts, stories, and more!  
For ages 6 and younger

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The Jewish Center Auditorium  
Register on The JC Website