

**RCA ANNUAL CONVENTION • MAY 19-20, 2025**

**DRAFT SCHEDULE**

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 AM**

**RCA - Barkai Exchange Program: Pre-Convention Orientation**

*Location: Montebello 1*

**11:00 AM**

**Registration/Check-In**

*Location: Front Lobby*

**12:00 PM**

**Lunch**

*Location: Montebello 4 (Dining Room)*

**1:00 PM**

**Opening Shiur: Darkei Hora'ah and Da'as Yachid - Tools for Psak Halacha**

Presenter: Rav Hershel Schachter

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**2:00 PM**

**Mincha**

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**2:15 PM**

**Tea Room Break – Visit Our Vendors!**

*Location: Hudson*

**2:30 PM**

**Raising Children in 2025: How Rabbis Can Help Families Be Their Strongest**

Presenter: Rav Daniel Kalish

*Location: Renaissance*

**3:45 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**Authenticity and Integrity: Leading with Your True Self**

Presenter: Rav Daniel Kalish

*Location: Renaissance*

**Using AI: Pulpit and Classroom**

Presenter: R. Gil Student

*Location: Montebello 4 (Dining Room)*

**One Breath at a Time: The Quest for a Rediscovered Identity (Session 1)**

Presenter: Moe Srour

*Location: Montebello 1*

**5:00 PM**

**Breakout Sessions**

Fundraising and other skills, Assistant Rabbis sharing, Mechanchim, Meeting with Israeli Community rabbis (Barkai) and more.

*Location: Various*

**One Breath at a Time: The Quest for a Rediscovered Identity (Session 2)**

Presenter: Moe Srour

*Location: Montebello 1*

**6:00 PM**

**Break – Visit Our Vendors!**

*Location: Hudson*

**6:30 PM**

**BBQ Dinner and Chevrachaf**

*Location: Patio*

**8:15 PM**

**Maariv**

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**8:30 PM**

**Farbrengen**

Presenters: R. YY Jacobson & Yoni Gelfand

*Location: Renaissance*

**10:00 PM**

**Late-Night Fun**

Fire-pits, Ping Pong Tournament, Chevrachaf

*Location: Patio*

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## **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Track 1***

**7:00 AM**

**Early Shacharis**

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**7:45 AM**

**Breakfast**

*Location: Montebello 4 (Dining Room)*

**8:30 – 9:45 AM**

**Relax, Refresh, Reenergize**

*Location: Merchetz Spa*

### ***Track 2***

**6:45 AM**

**Daf Yomi**

Presenter: R. Yona Reiss

*Location: Montebello 2*

**7:45 AM**

**Shacharis**

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**8:30 AM**

**Divrei Chizzuk**

Presenter: TBA

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**9:00 AM**

**Working Breakfast**

Topics include: Understanding STA”M, Financial Planning, Retirement, Aliyah/NBN

*Location: Montebello 4 (Dining Room)*

### **All Tracks**

**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**GPS Dayanim Conference**

*Location: Montebello 2*

**10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Maros Workshop**

Presenters: PUAH - R. Gideon Weitzman, R. Elan Segelman

*Location: Renaissance*

**10:00 AM**

**Reflections on Life in the Rabbinate**

Presenters: Rabbi Penner and Rabbi Hauer

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**11:15 AM**

**"Kosher Money" Podcast: Raising Funds and Raising Ourselves - Rabbinic Attitudes Towards Wealth and Modesty**

Presenters: Eli Langer, R. Jeremy Wieder

*Location: Montebello 1*

**12:30 PM**

**Lunch and Chaplaincy Presentation: Chaplain of the Year**

Honoree: R. Jason Weiner

*Location: Montebello 4 (Dining Room)*

**1:30 PM**

**Break – Visit Our Vendors!**

*Location: Hudson*

**1:45 PM**

**Mincha and Azkarah**

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**2:30 PM**

**Scholar In Residence Opening Conversation and Shiur:**

**The Spiritual Reality of War: Teaching and Inspiring Through a Time of Milchama**

Presenter: R. Tamir Granot

*Location: Renaissance*

**3:45 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**Questions, Answers, Machashava and Music - with HaRav Granot**

Presenter: R. Tamir Granot

*Location: Renaissance*

**Topics in Choshen Mishpat**

Presenter: R. Mordechai Willig

*Location: Montebello 1*

**5:00 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**Sefer Yirmiyahu as a Model for Learning and Teaching Tanach**

Presenter: R. Tamir Granot

*Location: Renaissance*

**When Rabbis and Shuls Layer Up: Halachic and Legal Boundaries of Shul Disputes**

Presenters: R. Shlomo Weissmann, R. Yona Reiss & Avi Helfand

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**6:15 PM**

**Break – Visit Our Vendors!**

*Location: Hudson*

**6:30 PM**

**Dinner and Presidential Farewell**

Presenter: Zvi Engel

*Location: Montebello 4 (Dining Room)*

**Entertainment: A Lighter Moment Together**

Presenter: Eli Lebowicz

*Location: Montebello 4 (Dining Room)*

**8:15 PM**

**Maariv**

*Location: Montebello 3 (Shul)*

**8:30 PM**

**Evening Session - TBA**

*Location: TBA*