



# Mount Sinai Jewish Center

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## Kesher קשר

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**Mount Sinai Eruv - Up**      **YU Eruv - Up**  
 Please note that the Eruv does not extend to Fort Tryon Park or Gorman Park.  
 The eruv extends until where Broadway meets Bennett.

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 Monday: 1:00-7:30 PM  
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 Friday: 9:30-1:00 PM

Office staff may be available by phone or email during non-visiting hours. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

\*Deadline for kesher submissions is Thursday at noon.

### Shabbat Schedule

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat- in the gym	7:35 pm
Candle Lighting	7:44 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7:49 pm
Hashkama	7:00 am
Post-Hashkama Shiur	8:50 am
Shacharit	9:00 am
Recent Grad Minyan	9:05 am
Zman Kri'at Shema	9:31 am
Youth Groups-Free Play	9:45 am
Minyan Katan	10:15 am
Tot Shabbat	10:20 am
Early Mincha	3:00 pm
Mincha	5:45 pm
Rabbi's Shiur after Mincha	
Fast Begins	7:59 pm
Shkiah	8:01 pm
Shabbat Ends	8:46 pm
Maariv/Eicha	8:55 pm
Second Eicha Reading	10:30 pm

Sunday Fast of Tisha B'Av	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Tu B'Av
<b>August 11</b> 10 Av	<b>August 12</b> 11 Av	<b>August 13</b> 12 Av	<b>August 14</b> 13 Av	<b>August 15</b> 14 Av	<b>August 16</b> 15 Av
Shacharit 7:00,9:00a	Shacharit 6:45,7:20,8:00a	Shacharit 7:00,7:30,8:00a	Shacharit 7:00,7:30,8:00a	Shacharit 6:45,7:20,8:00a	Shacharit 7:00,7:30,8:00a
Chatzot 1:01p	Mincha/Maariv 7:40p	Mincha/Maariv 7:40p	Mincha/Maariv 7:40p	Mincha/Maariv 7:40p	Candle Lighting 7:35p
Mincha 1:40,7:35p	Monday Night Learning 8:00p				Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:40p
Sicha between Mincha and Maariv					
Maariv 8:35p					
Havdalah/Fast Ends 8:42p					

## SPONSORSHIP

### THE ERUV IS SPONSORED BY:

- Washington Heights Congregation/The Bridge Shul as part of its ongoing support of the community eruv

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- Dov Aronowitz, in memory of Rabbi Pesach Aronowitz, Rebbezin Keila Aronowitz, and Pesach Daniel Aronowitz, זכרונם לברכה

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TZEITCHEM L'SHALOM:

- Yossi, Carolyn, Matt, and Kenny Mandelbaum

### HAKARAT HATOV:

- Yosie Friedman for checking the eruv before Shabbat

## RABBI SCHWARTZ VACATION

Rabbi Schwartz will be away on vacation during this upcoming week. Please contact Rabbi Baruch Simon with any shailos during that time: 917-803-1588

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Shuttle Bus Route During the Repairs of Subway Elevators

Thanks to the advocacy from our community advocates and continual efforts of local elected offices, we are happy to announce the official route of the shuttle buses. These shuttle buses will run while the elevator repairs are being completed. They will run from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, every 20 minutes. Buses will transport people from the 184th entrance on Overlook to the 184th entrance on Fort Washington and the 190th entrance on Fort Washington. This work could not have been done without the support of Shuli Gutmann, Director of the Moriah Senior Center, alongside the support of all the seniors and our local community members.

### **Extra Innings at the Hebrew Tabernacle— September 15th at 4:00 PM 551 Fort Washington Avenue**

The Hebrew Tabernacle will be presenting the movie, *Extra Innings*. This movie addresses the issue of mental illness in the Jewish community, particularly the Modern Orthodox community. The movie is approximately 2 hours long and will be followed by a three-person panel, including Albert Dabah, the writer and producer of the movie, and Anna Shats, from ThriveNYC. Please note that this event is for adults only.

### **Senior Visits and Birthday Calls**

If you would like to be set up with a local senior to visit during the week or on Shabbat, or to call someone on their birthday, email [rachelwo@aol.com](mailto:rachelwo@aol.com)

### **JCC of Washington Heights Camp Scholarship Fund**

The JCC of Washington Heights has a fund that helps local children from struggling families afford summer camp tuition. This year the fund has lost a significant donor, and they will be unable to help many children this year. Mount Sinai is partnering with the JCC to raise money for this important cause. One week of camp for one child costs approx. \$400. Please join us in this important effort. As camps are already in full swing, and the children are still hoping to attend, please make your donation as soon as possible. Donations can be made on the JCC website ([jccwhi.org](http://jccwhi.org)), by Chase QuickPay to [dhesh@jccwhi.com](mailto:dhesh@jccwhi.com), or by dropping off a check at the shul or JCC office.

### **Hiking Group— will not take place this week**

Join a new group; a different adventure every week. This coed hiking group will meet every Sunday morning to explore different locations. For more info, email Harel Allerhand at [harelall@gmail.com](mailto:harelall@gmail.com).

# THIS SHABBAT

## Post Hashkama Shiur

Joshua Skootsky will speak on the topic of "And They Shall Know No Fear: The Mitzvah for Dayanim and Maybe More to Not Back Down"

## Seudah Shelishit

Please note that Seudah Shelishit **will not take place this week.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## OPEN PLAY ON TISHA B'AV

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH**

Open Play will take place in the Gym at ????. Open Play will take place from 3:00—5:00 PM in the Social Hall.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM**

Give the gift of life and sign up to donate blood at MSJC's blood drive. Sign up in advance and get a *Fast Pass*: [www.mtsinaishul.com/blooddrive](http://www.mtsinaishul.com/blooddrive)

# MOUNT SINAI HAPPENINGS

## Zumba at Mount Sinai

Zumba will continue until Tuesday, August 13th. Reach out to Talia Molotsky at [talmolot@gmail.com](mailto:talmolot@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Leining Rotation

We are currently looking for volunteers to join the leining rotation at the 9:00 AM shacharit minyan. If you are potentially interested, please reach out to Aharon Plumer at [leining@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:leining@mtsinaishul.com)

## First Aid Equipment

We have updated our first aid equipment and now have larger first aid bags with more supplies. First Aid supplies are located in 4 locations: Kitchen (wall-mounted box), Main entrance in the wood cabinet, at the base of the stairs along with the AED, and in the gym. Feel free to use the supplies, but please send an email to the office or to [security@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:security@mtsinaishul.com) so that we know to restock.

## Join the Eruv Committee

Do you want to enjoy a scenic tour of the neighborhood while also helping the community? Volunteer to check the eruv once every 1-2 months! Please contact [eruv@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:eruv@mtsinaishul.com) for more information.

## Meals for Moms

Having a baby? Meals for Moms at Mount Sinai would love to organize meals for you after you have the baby. We also need more volunteers who would like to cook for families with new babies. If you would like to volunteer or you are pregnant and would like to sign up to receive meals please email Sura at [sura-rozenberg@gmail.com](mailto:sura-rozenberg@gmail.com).

## Safety in our Shul

We love our children and our shul, therefore we are asking while in the shul building, **children 6 and under are either in our supervised youth groups with a parent in the building, or are directly supervised by a parent.** We hope to continue the positive, warm, wonderful and safe environment that we experience here at Mt. Sinai.

## Community Resource

The Spier Family Holocaust Memorial Library is open every Shabbat afternoon beginning 1 1/2 hours before Mincha.

## WEEKLY SHIURIM

*Education@mtsinaishul.com*

### Daily

Daf Yomi Chaburah. For times/locations, please contact Davida at [davida.kollmar@gmail.com](mailto:davida.kollmar@gmail.com)

### Monday

Monday Night Learning at 8:00 PM

### Tuesday

Halacha Chabura with rabbi-in-training

Ezra Cohen at 9:00 PM

Dr. Schwartz's Fireside Chats takes place monthly at

9:00 PM. Next date: TBA

### Wednesday

Rabbi Schwartz's Shiur will not take place this week

## WEEKLY SPORTS

### Men's Basketball

Mondays and Wednesdays  
8:00 PM—10:00 PM

### Women's Basketball

Tuesdays  
9:00 PM—10:00 PM  
[mountsinaibasketball@gmail.com](mailto:mountsinaibasketball@gmail.com)

### Ultimate Frisbee

Interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee? Message [frisbee@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:frisbee@mtsinaishul.com) to sign up and to get location and timing details. Frisbee takes place on Sundays.

## TORAH TIDBITS

After reviewing the incident of the Spies, Moses relates the request to enter Edom, the land of Esau's descendants. Moses sent the following message (per Midrash). "You were really supposed to be included in the exile decree of Abraham, as you are also Isaac's descendant." Why weren't Esau's descendants included in the decree of exile issued to Abraham? G-d gave Esau a consolation prize for his terrible embarrassment and betrayal when Jacob took the blessing that was meant for him. Although Esau was a murderer and idol worshipper, G-d compensated him for his shame by removing the exile decree. We see this in the Book of Joshua. "Your father Abraham...I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt." Esau was given the country of Seir as an inheritance. Seir comes from the Hebrew word for hair. Jacob tricked the blind Isaac by covering his skin with goat hairs to mask Esau's appearance. It was because of the hairs that Esau was given his inheritance with ease.

We see from here that G-d will always side with the victim no matter what. Let us connect to Tisha B'av. We will review the famous incident that led to the Roman siege of Jerusalem. A wealthy man made a banquet in which the Jewish Sages were present. His servant accidentally invited the host's worst enemy, Bar Kamtza. When the host saw Bar Kamtza arrive he gave orders to remove him. Bar Kamtza offered to pay for the whole dinner in order not to be embarrassed. The host gave orders for Bar Kamtza to be physically removed. Bar Kamtza not only blamed the host for what occurred, but he blamed the whole nation, as the Sages did not defend him. He informed the Romans that the Jews are not loyal to them. The Romans decided to test the Jews and sent a calf from the emperor as a sacrifice. Bar Kamtza then inflicted a small wound on its lip, which made the animal unfit for a sacrifice. The priests refused to sacrifice the calf, which subsequently led to the Roman siege of Jerusalem.

Although it seems like the host was the worst character in the story, Bar Kamtza also behaved very lowly. He was so upset by the incident that he slandered the Jews to the anti-Semitic Romans. However, the story is written in a way that shows sympathy to Bar Kamtza. G-d takes shame and embarrassment very seriously. No matter how vile a character the victim is, G-d will always show sympathy to a person who is embarrassed.

Tisha B'av is the universal day of Jewish tragedy and suffering. No blood is cheaper than that of the Jew. However, G-d always sides with the underdog, the Jews. He will eventually defend our honor. We will be compensated for all pain.

Shabbat Shalom. May this be the last Tisha B'av we cry.

*Written by Robin Singer. If you would like to submit a thought for Torah Tidbits, please reach out to Jason at [jasonbotvin@gmail.com](mailto:jasonbotvin@gmail.com).*

## REFUAH SHELEIMA

Avraham Mordechai ben Alta Leah, Mindel Fayga bat Perel Bebbel, Noah Rafael ben Sara, Chava Shalva Gabriella bat Shani Aliza, Ahron Meir ben Kayla, Alumah Minna bat Tadmor Rachel, Sarah bat Rachel, Ariel Moshe ben Avital, Bunna Reva bat Menucha, Hershel ben Esther, Etel Malka bat Chaya Guta, Shoshana Malka bat Chaya Zelda, Aviva bat Esther, Avraham ben Malka, Michael Yitzchak ben Feiga, Kaleb bat Sara, Esther bat Elsa, Sarah bat Eliya, Leora Chana bat Shulamit Nechama, Chaya Malka bat Perel

## WOMEN'S ZUMBA

**Sunday Night Zumba** 8:00-9:00pm >

\$7.00 or 5 class-pass for \$30

**Sunday Night Core Class** 9:15pm-9:45pm >

Free

**Tuesday Night Zumba** 8:00-9:00pm >

\$7.00 or 5 class-pass for \$30

**Contact Talia Molotsky** with any questions  
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## BRIDGE SHUL SHABBAT TIMES

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Shacharit	8:40 am
Mincha	5:25 pm
Maariv	9:15 pm