



# REJUVENATE REINFORCE RECONNECT

**RIVERDALE JEWISH CENTER**

Winter Program 5781

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# Celebrate Chanukah With The RJC!



## **Chanukah Gift Boxes: A Gift for you from the RJC**

We are excited to be working on a special Chanukah Gift Box for all RJC members! The Rosh Hashanah box was a big hit. The RJC holiday boxes are a wonderful way to stay connected to the shul and add a little flavor to your celebration. Boxes are free for every member, but please help make this project a reality by sponsoring this effort. A listing of all sponsors will be recognized as part of the box. To sponsor, visit [www.rjconline.org/form/chanukahbox](http://www.rjconline.org/form/chanukahbox).



## **Eight@8:00! An RJC Chanukah Special**

This Chanukah, Rabbi Zirkind will interview eight RJC members, with eight questions each, to brighten your Chanukah evenings. Stay tuned each evening of Chanukah for the 8:00 PM release of the daily interview via email and WhatsApp. If you have ideas for how we can stay connected during this pandemic winter, please contact Rabbi Zirkind and the shul office.



## **Menorah Lighting on Zoom**

Each night between Mincha and Maariv, the Menorah is lit in shul. If you are not able to join us in person, please consider davening and participating in Hadlakat Neiros via Zoom. Mincha will begin at 4:15 PM, with Menorah lighting at approximately 4:30 PM.



## **Shabbat Chanukah Street Festival with Chazzan Shim**

### **Motzei Shabbat December 12th, 7:00-8:30 PM**

Please register early for a special Shabbat Chanukah as we welcome Chazzan Shim back to the RJC. Shim will lead davening throughout Shabbat as well as a COVID-safe Street Festival on the steps of the RJC on Motzei Shabbat. Join us for songs, Menorah Lighting, and hot drinks for children and adults as we bring the sounds of Chanukah to Independence Avenue.

# RJC Youth In Shul & From Home!



## Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat takes place Friday nights and Shabbat mornings, offering babies and toddlers a chance to experience the excitement of Shabbat with loved ones. Parents and children participate in a sing-along program run by Youth Committee volunteers. Tot Shabbat offers a wonderful chance for children and parents alike to form a community at the RJC. Weekly registration is required to participate in this program.



## Teen Minyan

Teen Minyan allows our robust junior high and high school population leadership opportunities in their own weekly minyan. Our teen volunteers coordinate leining and davening from the amud, under the guidance of our Teen Minyan Leader, Azi Fine, who also delivers a weekly age-appropriate drasha. Weekly registration, through the minyan registration form, is required to participate.



## Saturday Night Learning

Saturday Night Learning is for children of all ages and their families. Bring your children to learn and grow, and end the night with a special raffle and prizes. Weekly registration is required to participate in this program. During COVID, SNL meets in the Main Sanctuary. Sponsorship opportunities available on the shul website.



## Parsha Box

Want to add fun and educational content to your family's Shabbat experience? Subscribe to receive RJC Parsha Boxes! Each box includes a parsha-related game or activity and a special parsha-themed prize. Boxes are for all ages and will be delivered to your door before Shabbat. Registration required: [www.rjconline.org/form/parshabox](http://www.rjconline.org/form/parshabox)



## Eliora's Zoom Bake

### Monday, December 14th, 5:45 PM

Join the RJC Youth for another baking session with our member, Eliora Roseman, where we will make special Chanukah cookies! Registration is required and can be found on the shul website.

Masks and social distance guidelines will be strictly adhered to at all youth programming. Please refrain from participating if experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.



## Legacy: Three Great Thinkers and The Wisdom They Gave Our World

WEDNESDAYS AT 8:00 PM  
ON ZOOM

### December 30th

#### **Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm z"l:**

A conversation with his grandson and student Rabbi Dr. Ari Lamm, Chief Executive Officer of the Bnai Zion Foundation.

### January 6th

#### **Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"l:**

An evening of music and memories with two close students of Rabbi Sacks, Chazzan Shim Craimer and Rabbi Gideon Black, Director of Professional Recruitment for OU-JLIC.

### January 13th

#### **Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz z"l:**

The RJC welcomes Rabbi Pinchas Allouche, Rabbi of Beth Tefillah of Scottsdale Arizona, and close student of Rabbi Steinsaltz, to share personal memories and inspiration from his teacher.

**The series is sponsored by Betty and Fred Sugarman in memory of their fathers, Chaim Bomstein and Norman Sugarman.**

**Registration and Zoom information can be found in the RJC weekly bulletin.**



### The Riverdale Yoetzet Initiative and Nishmat present: Taharat Hamishpacha Review Series with our Yoetzet Halacha Rivka Alter

Monday, December 7, at 8:30 PM  
*What to Expect After You're Expecting: Postpartum in Halacha*

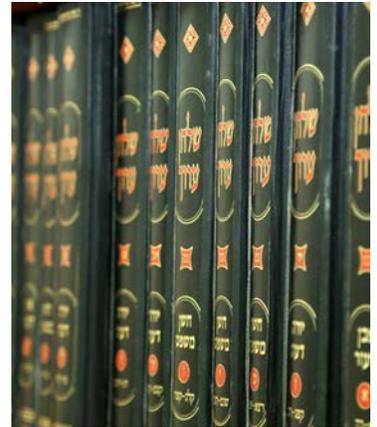
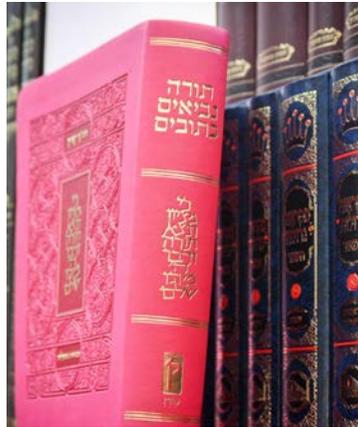
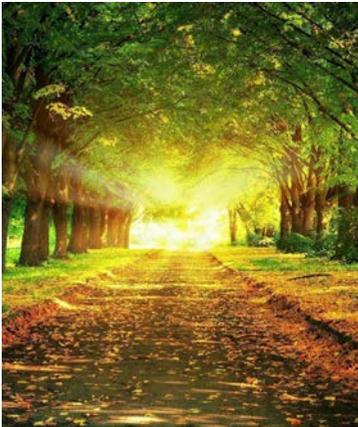
Monday, December 21, at 8:30 PM  
*What to Expect After the Age of Expecting: Perimenopause and Menopause in Halacha*

**Zoom ID for both events: 978 3644 0456**

## Loose Ends: The RJC Tallit Campaign Beginning January 25th

Over the years, shul tallitot get used and worn out, often in need of serious repair. With shul largely closed and our shared tallitot not in use, this the perfect time to tie up loose ends! Join our campaign by registering to pick up a tallit and new strings from shul, tune in for Rabbi Zirkind's Zoom tutorial on how to tie a tallit from home, and bring a completed tallit back to shul for everyone to enjoy. Details and registration to follow soon. To sponsor the Tallit Campaign, please contact Rabbi Zirkind at [dzirkind@rjconline.org](mailto:dzirkind@rjconline.org)

# RJC Daily and Weekly Shiurim



## 15 Minutes of Mesillat Yesharim

**With Rabbi Dovid Zirkind**

**Sunday–Thursday  
at 8:30 AM on Zoom**

Our RJC morning gathering has been studying Mesillat Yesharim through fall and winter. Please join us daily for a quick dose of mussar, kabbalah, and community to start your morning as we explore the wisdom of Rav Moshe Chaim Luzzatto and his immeasurable theological legacy.

## Devorah’s Song: A Tune For The Ages

**With Rabbi Dovid Zirkind**

**Mondays, January 11–25  
at 8:30 PM on Zoom**

In advance of Shabbat Shira, join Rabbi Zirkind for a three part study of Sefer Shoftim and the life of Devorah. This text study explores themes of leadership, politics, motherhood, and melody in analyzing the reign of one of Jewish History’s most remarkable leaders. Together we’ll explore how an ancient story imparts timeless wisdom for the challenges of today.

## Semichat Chaver Program

**With Rabbi Yitzi Genack**

**Thursdays at 8:30 PM at  
the RJC**

Join us to study Hilchot Muktzah in an innovative, fast-paced, interactive, and practical halacha learning program. It is designed to be accessible to everyone, from beginner to advanced learners. Upon successfully passing a written exam, each member will receive Bal-Habatim Semicha from Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar and Harav Herschel Schachter.

All online classes take place on Zoom.  
Please visit the RJC website and weekly bulletin for Zoom information.



### Timely Torah for 2020

**With Rabbi Elinatan  
Kupferberg**

**Sundays at 7:00 PM  
December 20, 27, January 3**

In 2020, not only did our routines change, our priorities shifted and we began to think about the world differently. Communities migrated online, science and good health were spotlighted, and small actions have had global repercussions.

What are the implications for our future religious lives? Come finish the year with Rabbi Kupferberg as he explores perspectives from classical Torah sources and contemporary thinkers on the "new normal."



### Sefer Shemot: In-Depth, In Conversation

**With Rabbi Yitzi Genack  
and Shira Schiowitz**

**Tuesdays at 8:30 PM  
January 5, 19, February 2  
on Zoom**

Sefer Shemot is the formative narrative of the Jewish People. Its themes of freedom, holiness, and autonomy shape every aspect of contemporary Jewish life. Rabbi Genack, in conversation with Shira Schiowitz, will explore Shemot through the lens of the meforshim (classical commentators) to extract its messages and meaning.

*Shira Schiowitz is a Tanach teacher at SAR High School where she also serves as co-director of professional development. She received her Masters in Bible at the Revel Graduate School. She is also Rabbi Genack's big sister.*



### Daf Yomi: Mesechet Pesachim

**Sundays at 7:15 AM,  
Mondays–Fridays 6:30AM**

Our Chevra Daf Yomi has been meeting virtually since the early days of COVID. At this time, Daf is studying Mesechta Pesachim and will complete the Meschta in time for Pesach. Please consider joining them for a daf, a chapter, or for the entire Mesechta. All are welcome.

## Learning Sponsorship Program

The Learning Sponsorship Program allows members and friends of our shul to dedicate a day of learning for the zechut of a yahrzeit, a refuah for a choleh, or in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or other occasion you wish to recognize. The Learning Sponsorship Program includes all Divrei Torah that take place during the day of the sponsorship. Each sponsorship appears in the weekly bulletin, and will be announced prior to any shiur or learning on the day of the sponsorship. Sponsor online:

<https://www.rjconline.org/learningsponsor>



Register for RJC Minyanim at  
[www.rjconline.org/  
minyanparticipation](http://www.rjconline.org/minyanparticipation)

## COVID Minyan Guidelines and Registration

We are so thankful to once again be open for daily and Shabbat minyanim! Registration is required for all RJC minyanim and opens each Wednesday for the upcoming Shabbat and week.

Before registering to attend an RJC minyan, please visit our website for social distance guidelines and further instructions. Daily check-ins are also required for all weekday minyanim. If you have not yet joined the WhatsApp group for your minyan, please email [sam@rjconline.org](mailto:sam@rjconline.org).

We look forward to davening with you at the RJC!

## Update Your Profile and Enter to Win!

It's important now, more than ever, to stay connected with the RJC, and we need your help. Please take a couple of minutes to log into your RJC account, and update your information. This will help ensure that you receive mail to your correct address, kibbudim on the appropriate days, correct yahrzeit notices, and special surprises for your childrens' birthdays. Members who update their profile will be entered into a drawing for a special prize from Happy Kangaroo (more details coming soon). If you're unsure how to update your profile, reach out to Sam at [sam@rjconline.org](mailto:sam@rjconline.org), or check out our step-by-step guide: <https://images.shulcloud.com/485/uploads/Website-Documents/UpdatingProfile.pdf>

**Sponsored by Happy Kangaroo**



## 2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE !

We are so happy that you continue to be an official part of the RJC family. Your membership allows us to continue the important work that we do every day. As we come to the end of 2020, membership and Amud levels are automatically renewed for the year. If you would like to review your membership or Amud level, contact us at [info@rjconline.org](mailto:info@rjconline.org), or call the office and we will make things easy for you.

**Remember: Monthly payment plans are available for all membership and Amud levels. December is a great time to pay off outstanding balances and get a head start on next year's donations.**

Thank you for remembering the RJC and continuing to make your shul the inspiring and outstanding shul that we are today!

**Register today at [www.rjconline.org/membership](http://www.rjconline.org/membership)**



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