SHABBAT SCHEDULE

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4:11PM Candle lighting
4:15PM Minchah
5:15PM 30's + 40's East Meets West Dinner Part I
Young Leadership Mix N' Match Dinners
SHABBAT
7:45AM Hashkama
8:30AM Rabbi Israel Silverstein Rambam Class
with Rabbi Yosie Levine
9:00AM Shacharit
9:15AM Hashkama Shuir with Rabbi Avi Feder, Partners in Crime:
From Biblical Brothers to Spanish Sages
9:22AM Sof Zman Kriat Shema
9:30AM Young Leadership
12:15PM Early Minchah (4th floor)
3:00PM Bikkur Cholim/Bikkur in the Home
(meet at 730 Columbus Ave.)
4:00PM Minchah
4:00PM Afternoon Groups
Daf Yomi
Hilchot Shabbat with Rabbi David Zirkind
Seudah Shlishit with Ora Weinbach
5:14PM Shabbat Concludes
Parent Child Learning will resume next week
7:00PM Teen Vs. Clergy Basketball Game

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Stanley P. Wagman
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David's mother, Rachel Neikrug

WOMEN’S TEHILLIM GROUP
Monday, December 4th at 7:15PM
Contact Joyce Weitz for more info. at 212-877-1176

Sunday, Dec. 3
4:45AM Daf Yomi
8:30AM Shacharit
4:15PM Minchah
Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 4-7
7/8AM Shacharit
7:45AM Daf Yomi
4:15PM Minchah
Friday, Dec. 8
7/8AM Shacharit
7:45AM Daf Yomi
4:10PM Candle Lighting
4:15PM Minchah

The Jewish Center Annual Pre-Chanukah Dinner
Featuring a special presentation in celebration of the 90th
birthday of Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm
Friday, December 8th at 5:30PM
To join our growing host committee please contact Rabbi
Zirkind at dzirkind@jewishcenter.org. To register and join our
growing list of sponsors visit the JC website.
Thank you to those who have already signed up to sponsor:
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100 Years of Kashrut in America, Mondays at 8PM, JC Beit Midrash
With Rabbi David Zirkind
December 4 – From Almond Milk to Synthetic Beef: Are We Headed Towards
a Parve Future?
December 11 – An Inside Look At The World’s Largest Kashrut Agency with
OUKosher CEO Rabbi Menachem Genack

Faith and Philosophy for The 21st Century with Ora Weinbach
Wednesdays November 29th-Dec 20th. Details to come. Faith and
Philosophy for The 21st Century:
What is God? Why did He create the World? What is mankind’s role within
It? What can we, as people, aspire to achieve?

30’s+40’s East Meets West Shabbat Dinners
Part II - Friday, December 15th at KJ. Registration on The JC website.
Meet your neighbors from across the park as two of NYC’s most dynamic
Jewish communities come together again for Part II of this series.

Youth Department Annual Chanukah Dinner
Friday, December 15th at 5:15PM
Come bask in the glow as we celebrate the 4th night of Chanukah with
family, friends, great food and fun for all!
Registration and sponsorship opportunities can be found online.

SAVE THE DATE:
Shabbat with Scholar in Residence Professor Elchanan Reiner
Shabbat December 22nd-23rd
Elchanan Reiner is Professor of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University. His
research focuses on the cultural history of Eastern European Jewry in the Early
Modern Period. He is particularly interested in the beginning of the print
culture in the Ashkenazi milieu, the history of the Hebrew book and the history
of the Early Modern Yeshivot and scholarship.

The Jewish Center and Congregation Shearith Israel Ski Trip
Monday, December 25th. 7AM-7PM. Registration on The JC website.
Contact Samantha at Samantha@jewishcenter.org with questions.

UWS Blood and Bone Marrow Drive
Sunday, January 7th | 10AM-4PM at The Jewish Center
The Jewish Center, Congregation Shearith Israel, Darchei Noam, West Side
Institutional, Lincoln Square Synagogue and Young Israel are joining together for
a community drive. More details to come.

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Yeshiva University Hanukkah Dinner  
Sunday, December 3, 2017  
Reception 5PM  
Dinner and Ceremony 6PM  
New York Hilton Midtown  
Congratulations to Rabbi Ari Berman who will preside at his first Yeshiva University Hanukkah Dinner as its fifth President. Join Rabbi Levine and dozens of JC members who will be attending this event which will continue to amplify Rabbi Berman’s vision for Yeshiva University’s role in shaping the future of the Jewish Community. To learn more, visit yu.edu/hanukkah.

Thank you so much to those who joined us at the New York Historical Society for our tour of the Arthur Szyk exhibit.

Thank you to our Ushers  
Gilda T. Chodosh and Howard Brodie

Thank you to CSS  
We would like to once again thank CSS and our dedicated CSS members for providing the security for our synagogue this week.

The Jewish Center Trivia Night  
Motzei Shabbat, January 13, 2018  
Details to come.

OHEL Chanukah Toy Drive  
Please donate games, toys, art projects and more. Drop off location is in the lobby of the Jewish Center by December 3rd.

AIPAC Policy Conference 2018  
Sunday March 4 - 6, 2018 in Washington, DC  
Registration for the conference costs $599, but if you purchase a ticket through The Jewish Center, you will pay $399, a $200 discount. Contact the Jewish Center office for more information and to purchase your ticket. Only 9 tickets left!

Where Are They Now?  
Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman was the sixth rabbi of The Jewish Center. In 2008, he moved to Israel, and completed a Ph.D. in Jewish thought from Hebrew University under the guidance of Dr. Moshe Halbertal, on the topic of Ger Toshav – gentiles who accept the Noahide Laws – in Jewish Law of the Middle Ages. While in Israel, he resided in Neve Daniel with his wife and five children. He is now the President of Yeshiva University.

Welcome to the Jewish Center’s Centennial!  
The archives display boxes in the lobby have been updated. Enjoy this fascinating piece of JC history. Thank you to our Archives Committee for organizing the displays.

Centennial Teen Vs. Clergy Basketball Game  
Motzei Shabbat, December 2nd  
7:00-9:00PM

With Thanks to our Sponsors:  
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Chanukah Family Shabbat Dinner  
Friday evening, December 15th  
Register on the JC website

With Thanks to our Sponsors:  
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Thank you to everyone who attended our Thanksgiving Firehouse visit! More events such as a Motzei Shabbat Menorah Candle Lighting with Cantor Berson coming soon!

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JC Min Hagim  
On Chanukah, following Shacharit, we recite זמר שיר חנוכת הבית לדוד (Psalm 30). This Psalm is thematically connected to Chanukah inasmuch as it celebrates the dedication of the Temple while Chanukah marks the Temple’s rededication.

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Welcome to our 100 new YL members!

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The Immovable Power of Integrity
Rabbi Noach Goldstein

Each of the Patriarchs lived a life facing many trials to overcome, and for each we can identify one particular moment of climactic struggle. For Avraham and Yitzchak that moment came at the Akedah, and the angel’s subsequent speech clarifies the specific power that allowed them to meet the challenge: “Now I know that you fear God” (22:12). For Yaakov, the moment arrives this week: “Yaakov was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the break of dawn” (32:25). The timeless message of Yaakov, utterly alone, somehow withstanding an endless assault and dire injury from a seemingly infinitely more powerful foe, is clear. Equally clearly, while Yaakov’s victory was only possible thanks to miraculous assistance, he possessed a particular source of power that allowed him to merit such assistance. After all, when the defeated “man” renames Yaakov “Yisrael,” he explains, “For you have striven with beings divine and human, and have prevailed.” But one mystery remains: what was that power?

The key appears to be the beginning of the verse—why was Yaakov left alone? The Gemara (Chullin 91a) cites the view of R. Elazar, made popular by Rashi’s partial quotation:

“He remained behind for the sake of some small jars. From here we learn that to the righteous, their money is dearer than their body. Why do they go to such extremes? Because they refuse to stretch out their hands to robbery.”

R. Eliyahu Mizrahi (Constantinople, 1455-1525) clarifies the textual inference: In the previous verse, Yaakov had just transferred “all his possessions” to the far side of the river. Thus, R. Elazar deduces that Yaakov remained behind to bring over a few jars so insignificant that they did not even register among those possessions. Now, Yaakov was no miser or money-lover, as his lavish gift to Esav and his famous comment, “I have everything” (33:11) make clear. The loss of a few cents from his net worth did not motivate him. In a piercing comment, R. Aharon Kotler explains that once people dismiss the value of their own minor possessions, they inevitably dismiss the value of the minor possessions of others—and that is the first step towards stumbling into theft. In order to be hyper-respectful towards what others own, we must respect what we ourselves possess. Chazal state that the original sin of the Generation of the Flood was that they would casually steal minute amounts—a brick here, a needle there—and that created the foundation for a culture of moral anarchy. Yaakov adopted the exact opposite perspective.

In the final verse of Michah, the prophet proclaims the defining virtues of Avraham and Yaakov: “Give chesed to Avraham and emet to Yaakov.” I heard my teacher R. Michael Rosensweig explain that while emet is typically translated as “truth,” the more accurate translation is often “integrity” (e.g. the emet in the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy). Last week Yaakov described the absolute integrity that he conducted himself with in his labor for Lavan. Now, we see the payoff. The prophet Malachi describes the greatness of the original kohanim, concluding with an exclamation that they were comparable to angels of God (2:7). In the preceding verse, Malchi explained how they achieved this lofty station: “For orat emet was in his mouth and no perversion was found on his lips.” Radak explains that these priests of old, exemplified by Aharon and Pinchas, were men of total honesty and integrity, never thinking one thing and saying something else. Just as integrity enabled Aharon and Pinchas to reach the level of the angels, it gave Yaakov the spiritual power needed to defeat the angel battling him. And as the force behind “Yisrael,” it constitutes the spiritual legacy inherited by the nation who bears that name.