NEW BEGINNINGS
Endless Possibilities
THE JEWISH CENTER PROGRAM GUIDE
FALL 2018-5779
The Jewish Center, a cornerstone of Modern Orthodox Jewish Life on the Upper West Side, inspires its members and embraces the broader Jewish community through vibrant prayer, serious Torah study, spiritual inquiry, charitable endeavors, appreciation of world culture and an abiding commitment to the State of Israel.

In these pages you will discover a Center that is the religious, intellectual and spiritual home for each of its members as well as a Modern Orthodox Center for Jewish Life and Learning that is welcoming to all.

We invite you to explore this brochure and we look forward to seeing you at The Jewish Center.

With the close of our Centennial, the second century of our Center is in full swing. This fall you are invited to join us in embracing this new chapter in our community’s life with a full semester of social and spiritual offerings we call Judaism 101: New Beginnings, Endless Possibilities!

Whether you are attending your first Jewish Center class or your one hundredth, this new beginning is not to be missed.

Inside these pages you will find opportunities to:
- Study Tanach, Talmud, Halacha and Ethics
- Attend talks by top scholars and leading Jewish educators
- Build a stronger and more supportive community for new mothers
- Share a Friday Night Dinner with the community
- Create a new generation of leaders through our youth activities and minyanim

We invite you to explore the full gamut of our fresh classes and new programs here at The Jewish Center. Find activities best-suited to your personal preferences and join us as we embark on a journey brimming with possibility. In the process, we are certain that you will discover rich traditions and bright horizons for the century ahead.
SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 6  
SEUDAH SHLISHIT FOR THE CHATTANIM

OCTOBER 9  
JEWISH CENTER UNIVERSITY BEGINS!

OCTOBER 13  
SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE  
EZRA ZUCKERMAN

OCTOBER 17  
THE MAY & SAMUEL RUDIN LECTURE

OCTOBER 19-20  
SHABBAT WITH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE  
RABBI DR. GIL PERL

OCTOBER 21  
MOMMY & ME BRUNCH  
WITH THE MOTHERHOOD CENTER

OCTOBER 31  
ISRAEL’S NEXT LEBANON WAR:  
OPERATIONAL & LEGAL CHALLENGES

NOVEMBER 1  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS!

NOVEMBER 3  
30’S+40’S SHABBAT DINNER

NOVEMBER 9  
YOUNG LEADERSHIP SHABBAT DINNER

NOVEMBER 10  
WELCOME BACK SHABBAT  
WITH RABBI YOSIE LEVINE

NOVEMBER 10  
TRIVIA NIGHT

NOVEMBER 12  
FERTILITY AND HALACHA  
WITH DR. ZEV WILLIAMS AND SHIFFY FRIEDMAN

NOVEMBER 19  
ABORTION IN AMERICA  
WITH PROFESSOR CAROL SANGER

NOVEMBER 22  
THANKSGIVING PACK-A-THON

NOVEMBER 22  
YOUTH DEPARTMENT FIREHOUSE VISIT

NOVEMBER 26  
PRE-CHANUKAH TOY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 30  
COMMUNITY chanukah dinner

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1  
SHABBAT WITH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE  
PROFESSOR NATHAN LEWIN

DECEMBER 7  
YOUTH DEPARTMENT DINNER

DECEMBER 8  
YOUTH DEPARTMENT  
NIGHT OF LIGHTS

DECEMBER 9  
MINYAN MADNESS

DECEMBER 12  
ISRAEL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

DECEMBER 15  
BOYS TEEN VS. CLERGY  
BASKETBALL GAME
TUESDAY MORNING
TALMUD
Rabbi Noach Goldstein
7:45am–8:30am

Start the workday with some in-depth Talmud study! Our interactive group meets every Tuesday morning. This semester we will study the seventh chapter of Bava Kamma, which focuses on the laws of theft and private property.

TANACH 101:
ATHENS VS JERUSALEM:
WAR IN TANACH AND THE ILIAD
Rabbi Noach Goldstein
The Sadye and Henry Bayer Tanakh Class
Tuesdays at 8PM

What can Achilles and Hector teach us about the central figures of Yehoshua, Shoftim, and Shmuel? This class will take a fresh look at Tanach’s perspective towards some of the eternal questions about war by systematically comparing and contrasting it with Homer’s views in the Iliad. Why are wars fought? Which traits and values are needed for military leadership? What is the relationship between the military and civilian spheres? Join us as we explore these questions and more through careful readings of Tanach, Homer, classical mefarshim, and modern scholarship.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF MUSSAR: THE WRITINGS OF RAV ELIYAHU DESSLER
Rabbi Dovid Zirkind
Wednesdays, October 10–December 12 • 11am

Confronting a modern world in the aftermath of the Holocaust and the rise of American Jewry, the Mussar movement took new form in adapting to the challenges and opportunities of the 20th century. This WOMEN OF THE BIBLE class explores the theme and theology of Rav Eliyahu Dessler’s writing and how he became one of the great writers of 20th Century Mussar.
**JEWISH CENTER UNIVERSITY 101**

**MUKTZAH 101**  
Rabbi Dovid Zirkind  
Shabbat Afternoons (time changes throughout the season)  
October 27–December 22

Our Shabbat afternoon study of Hilchot Shabbat continues with a semester dedicated to the largest rabbinic restriction of the day. What is Muktzah? What is its origin? How can we navigate the laws of Muktzah in our automated world? Text study of Talmudic sources and responsa will explore these questions and many more.

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**TALMUD 101**  
Ora Weinbach, Community Educator  
Wednesdays, October 10–November 14 • 8pm

We will study Massechet Brachot, focusing on the laws and significance of the reading of the Shema. Join a warm and supportive cohort of committed and intellectually rigorous students. Women of all levels welcome, especially beginners! We will focus on independent skill development and personal meaning making.

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**NOSH AND DRASH**  
Dr. Adena Berkowitz  
Tuesdays  
10:15am-11:30am  
Location: 4th Floor  
Fall Semester: October 9th–December 18th

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.
The Jewish Center Invites the Community to:

**THE BEGINNINGS OF LIFE**

**Faith, Fertility, and The Future of Parenthood**

**MONDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL AT 8:00PM**

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The Jewish Center & The New York Motherhood Center proudly present

**The Myths of Motherhood: Brunch for New and Expecting Mothers**

**Sunday October 21st: 10:00-11:30AM**

**Featuring Paige Bellenbaum, LMSW**

New and expecting mothers are invited to The Jewish Center for a Sunday morning of community and wellness featuring the experts from New York City's Motherhood Center. The program will include brunch, time to meet other new moms in the community and discuss motherhood with local experts. Registration and Further Details to follow. To sponsor please contact The JC office.
Jerry Greenfield was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 14, 1951, at the same hospital where Ben Cohen would be born four days later. The pair opened the first Ben & Jerry’s ice cream shop in Burlington, Vermont, 27 years later. It was a hit, and within five years franchises sprang up. In 2000, the pair sold their ice cream business for $325 million, but Greenfield remains active in the company.

Ben and Jerry attended Calhoun High School together, and upon graduation, Greenfield went to Oberlin College. Throughout the 1990s, Greenfield and Cohen built both their ice cream empire and their reputations as humanitarians. In 1993 they received the James Beard Humanitarians of the Year Award and in 1997 the Peace Museum’s Community Peacemakers of the Year Award. In April 2000, Greenfield and Cohen sold the company to Unilever. The sale agreement had a provision through which Greenfield and Cohen could maintain Ben & Jerry’s existing philanthropic apparatus and brand integrity, an unusual item to be included in a deal of this magnitude. Beyond his continuing work with Ben & Jerry’s, Greenfield is involved with the Institute for Sustainable Communities (with a seat on the board), Businesses for Social Responsibility and TrueMajority.
Rabbi Dr. Gil Perl
Chief Academic Officer, Kohelet Foundation
Head of School, Kohelet Yeshiva High School, Merion Station, PA
Shabbat, October 19th-20th

Rabbi Dr. Gil Perl is Chief Academic Officer of the Kohelet Foundation, as well as the Head of School at Kohelet Yeshiva High School in Merion Station, Pennsylvania. An award-winning teacher, Rabbi Perl served as the Associate Head of School at Yeshiva University High School for Boys and as the Head of School at the Margolin Hebrew Academy in Memphis before coming to Kohelet. He earned his BA from the University of Pennsylvania, his Masters and PhD from Harvard, and his semicha from Yeshiva University. Rabbi Perl has sat on the editorial board of Ha-Yedion, RAVSAK’s journal of Jewish education and on the advisory council of the Institute for University-School Partnership at Yeshiva University. He writes and speaks widely on issues pertaining to Jewish history, contemporary Jewry and the future of Jewish education.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE JEWISH CENTER OFFICE
Mr. Nathan Lewin
Attorney and Legal Scholar
Shabbat, November 30th - December 1st

Nathan Lewin has engaged in trial and appellate litigation in federal courts for more than 55 years. He currently practices law together with his daughter, Alyza D. Lewin, at Lewin & Lewin, LLP. Lewin was a founding partner of Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, one of the nation’s foremost litigation “boutiques” for more than thirty years. While in government service in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, he served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and, before that, as Deputy Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. Mr. Lewin was recognized by the DC Legal Times as one of “Washington’s Greatest Lawyers of the Past 30 Years” and was ranked Number 2 of “Washington’s Best Lawyers” by the Washingtonian. He has been voted one of America’s Best Lawyers for 30 years, and was included in the 2013 edition of that volume in five distinct practice categories, including Appellate Litigation, Defense of White-Collar Crime, First Amendment Litigation, and “Bet-the-Company” Litigation.

Lewin was born in Lodz, Poland. His grandfather was the chief rabbi of Rzeszow and also served as a member of the Polish Legislature (“Sejm”). His father was the youngest member of the Lodz City Council in pre-war Poland and represented Agudath Israel in the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Lewin first arrived in the United States, via Japan, in 1941. He served as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (1982-1984) and as President of the American Chapter of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. Lewin is married Rikki Gordon, has two daughters, and six grandchildren.
Special Programs

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JOIN THE JEWISH INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY OF AMERICA (JINSA) FOR A DISCUSSION FEATURING

Col. Marc Warren, USA (Ret.)
LtGen Richard Natonski, USMC (Ret.)

Israel’s Next Lebanon War: Operational & Legal Challenges

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 8:00pm

Please RSVP to Ethan Pupkin at 202-667-3900 or epupkin@jinsa.org

Col. Marc Warren, USA (Ret.) served in U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps prior to his FAA appointment as acting chief counsel and deputy chief counsel. He currently is co-chair of Jenner & Block, LLP’s Aviation and Aerospace Practice.

LtGen Richard Natonski, USMC (Ret.) is a member of JINSA’s Board of Advisors and JINSA’s 2014 Gaza Task Force and LOAC Task Force. He last served as Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command.

2nd Annual Trivia Night

Motzei Shabbat, November 10th
Doors open at 7:30pm
Game begins promptly at 8:00pm

Featuring:
- A fully interactive, multimedia Trivia Game hosted by Len Berman
- All you can eat dinner and wine & beer
- Raffle and prizes throughout the night

Register at www.jewishcenter.org by Tuesday, November 6th at 5PM
Questions? Contact Samantha Zwick at samantha@jewishcenter.org

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Celebrate Shabbat at The Jewish Center

November 3
30’s + 40’s Committee

November 9
Young Leadership Committee

November 30
Community Chanukah Dinner

December 7
Youth Department

Registration will be open after the chagim on The Jewish Center website.
Youth Department

The Jewish Center Youth Department has one of the leading youth programs on the Upper West Side and is a wonderful draw for young families in our community. With professionally-run Shabbat programs and a plethora of exciting and educational year-round events, The Jewish Center serves as a focal point for the entire family. Shabbat youth groups accommodate children of all ages and incorporate Tefillah education, Parsha study, and interactive games; all in a welcoming and engaging environment. Our group leaders and assistants are enthusiastic and responsible and they are unwavering in their drive for innovative programming.

Youth Department Groups

At The Jewish Center, our Youth Department has five Shabbat morning group programs. Starting with our under 3 years old tots group where children participate in an interactive Tefillah service and games. Then there is the 3/4 year old group and the 5/6 year old groups. These two groups include Parsha games, stories, and discussion, and a beginner Tefillah service. Our excellent group leaders and assistants foster a welcoming and engaging environment where children are encouraged to learn and have fun. Groups for 6 years old and younger are all held in the lower level of The JC. Upstairs, on the 7th floor, we have groups for 2nd/3rd graders and 4th-6th graders. These groups include a more in-depth Tefillah service and explanation in addition to Parsha study and activities. The JC Youth Department is currently expanding on our Middle School and High School programming for teens to include Friday night Onegs, Saturday morning Teen Minyans, Seudah Slishit events, and other enticing programming.

Babysitting Network - Contact Sarah Cromwell, sarah@jewishcenter.org
YOUTH DEPARTMENT
FALL SEMESTER

- **October 1st**: Prehakafot for Preschoolers
- **October 1st**: Simchat Torah Trivia Grades 1-8
- **October 4th**: Youth Department staff training
- **October 12th/13th**: Teen Minyan
- **October 27th**: Birthday Kiddish
- **October 27th**: Seudah Shlishit for teenage girls
- **November 16/17th**: Teen Minyan
- **November 22nd**: Firehouse event
- **December 1st**: Movie Night
- **December 7th**: Youth Department Dinner
- **December 8th**: Night of Lights
- **December 15th**: Clergy Basketball Game
- **December 15th**: Teen Minyan
- **January 12th**: Movie night
- **February 9th**: Movie night
The Young Leadership Committee is a dynamic group that services the young adult population of our community through an ambitious calendar of social and religious events. The nucleus of YL's programming is the weekly Shabbat minyan, a spiritual service in a warm atmosphere, including a sermon by JC clergy. The YL minyan sponsors a monthly hot Kiddush and Friday night dinners to please the palate as well as the soul, and Friday night onegs in casual venues to meet other members as well as the rabbis.

Save the Date for our Fall Advanced Leadership Museum Tour at The Jewish Museum to see works by Chagall, Lissitzky and Malevich. The tour will take place on Thursday, November 1st. Details and registration will be available on The Jewish Center website.
MEMBERSHIP 101: MAKE OUR CENTER YOUR HOME

NOVEMBER AT THE JEWISH CENTER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Take advantage of discounted rates and special offers for new members in every category, including new scaled membership rates for Young Leadership members in the first four years of participation. New membership includes, High Holiday Seats, New Members Kiddush, home hospitality and so much more! We are excited to welcome you to our Center and our community!

TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP, VISIT
WWW.JEWISHCENTER.ORG

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MEMBERSHIP@JEWISHCENTER.ORG

JOIN TODAY
IT’S WHERE YOU BELONG!