Erev Shabbat
4:32PM Candle lighting
4:35PM Minchah

Shabbat
7:45AM Hashkama Minyan (The Max and Marion Grill Beit Midrash)
8:30AM Rabbi Israel Silverstein Mishnayot Class with Rabbi Yosie Levine
9:00AM Shacharit (3rd floor)
9:15AM Hashkama Shiur with Rabbi David Zirkind, Like Uncle Like Nephew: The Link Between Reuven and Esav
9:30AM Young Leadership (1st floor)
9:30AM Teen Minyan (4th floor)
9:41AM Sof Zman Kriet Shema
10:00AM Youth Groups: Under age 3 (drop off optional, babies must be able to independently sit upright), 3-6-year-olds: Geller Youth Center, 2nd-6th graders: 7th floor
Hot Kiddush (1st floor & 5th floor)

WITH THANKS TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS:
Community Kiddush, Laura, Zohar, and Zev Kastner in celebration of Ezra Kastner’s second birthday!
Community Kiddush, Clergy Coaches Rachel Levine and Rachel Wolf, in honor of their team’s long anticipated upset over the JCs
Community Kiddush, Robin and Steve Nicoll in commemoration of the first yahrzeit of Sidney Nicoll
Community Kiddush, The Rowen Family in memory of Ruth Halle Rowen
Teen Minyan, Lynn Montz & John Leubsdorf

7:45AM Shacharit
8:00AM Machzor and Daf Yomi
12:35PM Early Minchah (4th floor)
3:00PM Bikkur Cholim/Bikkur in the Home (meet at 730 Columbus Ave.)
4:25PM Minchah
4:25PM Afternoon Groups
Daf Yomi

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Sharon and Gary Greengrass, in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Gary’s father, Mo Greengrass
Hilchot Shabbat with Rabbi David Zirkind, “Shou Shall Not Study Torah On Shabbat”: An Examination
5:34PM Shabbat concludes
Parent Child Learning with Rabbi Noach Goldstein

ONEG SHABBAT 15TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY
FEBRUARY 5TH, 2017 11AM -3PM

Hundreds of families in our community struggle to make ends meet. Since 1998, Oneg Shabbat of the West Side has provided over 150,000 Shabbat and Yom Tov meals to countless individuals and families on the UWS in a discrete and dignified manner. With your support at our 15th Annual Family Fun Day on February 5th, 2017, we can continue this important work. Come out for a day of fun, while helping your neighbors in need! As one of the premier events of the West Side Community and beyond, there will be activities for babies 6 months and up until the age of 10, including a music program, arts and crafts, face painting, inflatables and more. Please visit www.onegshabbat.org for more information and tickets.

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JOIN THE JC AIPAC DELEGATION POLICY CONFERENCE 2017 SUNDAY MARCH 26 - 28, 2017 IN WASHINGTON, DC See page 2 for complete list of JC AIPAC delegation.

SHABBAT OF SONG FEATURING CANTOR CHAIM DOVID BERSON & LIPA SCHMELTZER FEBRUARY 10-11, 2017

Come and join us for an inspiring Shabbat of Song featuring Lipa Schmeltzer, Chaim David Berson & the Zameir Orchestra.
Please visit the Jewish Center website for more details and to register.
Sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Chaim David Berson at cberson@jewishcenter.org for more information.

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH MALCOLM GLADWELL FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Join UJA-Federation and Manhattan synagogues to hear from Malcolm Gladwell, author of best-sellers Outliers and David and Goliath.
Hosted by UJA-Federation of New York
To register please visit www.ujafedny.org/event/register/a -community-conversation-with-malcolm-gladwell/

WOMEN’S TEHILLIM GROUP
Monday, January 16 at 7:15PM Contact Joyce Weitz for more info. at 212-877-1176
**Upcoming Events**

**THE JEWISH CENTER BOOK CLUB**  
**JANUARY 22, 2017**  
*The Tenants of Moonbloom* by Edward Lewis Wallant  
Discussant: Esther Nussbaum  
Edward Lewis Wallant, who died at the age of 36, is best known for *The Pawnbroker*. *The Tenants of Moonbloom*, published posthumously in 1963 and regarded as a “neglected masterpiece,” is about a rent collector’s gradual awakening to suffering beyond his own.  
* at the home of Dinah & Andy Mendes 262 Central Park West  

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Details and registration to follow.  

**JC Kiddush Update**

We are blessed to have so many members and friends with us on Shabbat morning. To help make it possible for everyone to enjoy the Kiddush following services, we will have Kiddush locations whenever possible. Beginning January 14th, you will be able to enjoy Kiddush on either the first or fifth floor. Please check the weekly bulletin for details. And please be sure to sponsor at least once annually. Call, email, visit our website or use our app and help keep our Kiddush the hottest in town.

**HOST YOUR CLERGY FOR SHABBAT**

The JC is blessed to have a wonderful group of clergy that visit for Shabbat on a rotating schedule. If you would like to host any of our clergy and their families for a Shabbat, Yom Tov, or just a meal, please contact Rabbi Zirkind at dzirkind@jewishcenter.org

**Youth Department Updates**

**TEEN MINYAN SHABBAT JANUARY 14**  
For more details and to sponsor, please email jennandgaby@jewishcenter.org

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**JANUARY 14, 2017**  
Register online before January 12th. Ages 5 and up.  
6:30 - 8:15PM  
Showing: The Secret Life of Pets

**Budget with Division 1 Player Ben Milstein**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
Boys and girls ages 7-12 from 6:30PM  
Boy and girls ages 13-17 from 7:30PM  
$10 per child. Pizza will be served. For more information, please email jennandgaby@jewishcenter.org
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Clergy Team Defies Odds; Favored Teens Fall to Rabbis from the JC Sports Desk

The Jewish Center Clergy snapped a five year losing streak against the Teens on Saturday night in front of a capacity crowd in The Jewish Center gymnasium. And they did so in convincing fashion. Rabbi Yosie Levine set the stage by scoring the first points of the game when he buried a 14 foot jumper and the Clergy never looked back. They opened a 13 point lead at halftime and cruised to an 82-64 victory.

The third quarter offered the most drama as the Teens, behind MVP Harlan Reiss, rallied to pull within two points, 50-48. The Heschel standout, who leads the Yeshiva League in scoring, was virtually unstoppable. A seven year veteran of the game, Reiss netted 36 points, the highest ever point total by a single player in the game’s storied history. Sam Berman added 12 for the Teens.

In the weeks leading to the game, the media spotlight had shone most prominently on the Clergy’s off-season recruitment strategy. While rookie rabbis Avi Feder, Shuky Klein and Moshe Peters added youth and quickness to an aging clergy lineup, it was ultimately the veterans who carried the day. Yaron Kinor was relentless in the paint and led his team with 17 points and Avi Schwartz and Rabbi David Zirkind added 15 points apiece.

The game, the brainchild of Clergy Coach Rachel Levine, had been dominated by the teens for half a decade. And without star guard Rabbi Daniel Fridman, the Clergy team was the confirmed underdog. But the rabbis and officers played with poise and purpose. “It’s a real testament to the power of prayer,” Levine said. “If we can string together two consecutive wins, that will really be something.”

Community Announcements

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Complete Schedule of Classes

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DAILY (except Shabbat)
Israel Friedman Daf Yomi with rotating JCU Faculty, 7:45AM

MONDAY
Talmud
with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind
8:00PM (will resume next week January 23)

TUESDAY
Advanced Gemara Chaburah
with Rabbi Noach Goldstein
7:45-8:30AM

Nosh and Drash
with Dr. Adena Berkowitz,
10:15-11:30AM

Jewish History: Judaism in a Christian Empire
with Rabbi Ari Lamm, 7:00PM (will resume January 31)

NEW!
Exodus: The Origins of Leadership, Community and Redemption
Sadye and Henry Bayer Chumash Class
with Rabbi Yosie Levine, 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY
Women of the Bible
with Rabbi Yosie Levine, at 11:00AM

SHABBAT
Rabbi Israel Silverstein
Mishnayot Class
with Rabbi Yosie Levine, 8:30AM

Hashkama Shiur
with rotating JCU Faculty, 9:15AM

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A Final Farewell
Dr. Erica Brown, Community Scholar

Jacob’s burial cortege must have looked like a remarkable and stately procession of Egyptian dignitaries and Jewish family members moving slowly in the direction of Canaan to fulfill Jacob’s last great wish: that he be buried in the land of his fathers. In fact, God reassured Jacob, who had pervasive anxiety about being buried outside of his land, that Joseph would attend to his last needs. “I am God, the God of your father,” he said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph’s own hand will close your eyes.” [Genesis 46:3-4].

As we read the text, we become increasingly aware of the noble position Jacob occupied at the end of his life, despite his account to Pharaoh that his years had been bitter and few.

Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him. Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days. When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph said to Pharaoh’s court, “If I have found favor in your eyes, please speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him, ‘My father made me swear an oath and said, “I am about to die; bury me in the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan.” Now let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.’” Pharaoh said, “Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.” So Joseph went up to bury his father. All Pharaoh’s officials accompanied him—the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt—besides all the members of Joseph’s household and his brothers and those belonging to his father’s household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen [Genesis 50:1-8].

Pharaoh instantly acquiesced to Joseph’s request. It is not without pathos that the narrative alerts us to an act that Joseph did in Genesis 50 that he never did in his lifetime, one that happened only when his father died. Joseph never requested Pharaoh’s permission to go to the Land of Israel while his father was still alive. He may have assumed wrongly that Pharaoh would not let him, but the failure to even ask seems magnified when we consider how easily Pharaoh granted Joseph this request. It makes us as readers wonder why we assume an answer will be no and, therefore, not bother to ask in the first place. Jacob taught us something even in his death. Articulate your deepest requests. They may not get answered in your favor but, then again, they just might. And if you never ask, you will never get to yes.