



# The Jewish Center

## SHABBAT BULLETIN

**AUGUST 31, 2019 • 30 AV 5779 • PARSHAT RE'EH • ROSH CHODESH**

### SHABBAT SCHEDULE

#### EREV SHABBAT

7:00PM Minchah (1st floor)

7:14PM Candle-lighting

#### SHABBAT

7:30AM Hashkama (4th floor)

9:00AM Shacharit (5th floor)

Sermon by Rabbi Elie Buechler, *Our Moral Boundaries* (5th floor)

9:15AM Hashkama Shiur with Rabbi Noach Goldstein, *Sacred Salami: Appreciating the Origins of Shechita* (lower level)

Young Leadership (will resume next week)

10:00AM Youth Groups

4:00PM Bikkur Cholim/Bikkur in the Home (meet at 730 Columbus Ave.)

6:25PM Daf Yomi

7:05PM Minchah (1st floor)

Seudah Shlishit with Rabbi Noach Goldstein, *Moshe Rabbeinu and the Founding of Elul*

8:14PM Shabbat Concludes

#### KIDDUSH SPONSOR:

Community Kiddush

**Rona & Ira Kellman**, in commemoration of the 29th Yahrzeit of Rona's Mother, Bess Pearlstein.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANK YOU TO OUR USHER

**Barbara Paris**

Thank you to our **CSS** members whose efforts help maintain a safe shul for our community.

**Special thanks to our guest Chazzan this Shabbat, Nathan Cepelinski**

#### Kids' Kiddush Club with Rabbi Levine Shabbat Mornings

**September 14th, 21st and 28th**

Join Rabbi Levine for this special three-part Torah-learning series for children (1st-5th grade).

Parents and grandparents welcome!



#### Moshe Green Tochnit Elul

Scholar In Residence

**Rabbi Yaakov Kermaier**

**Shabbat, September 21st at 11AM**

**It's All the Rage: A High Holiday Strategy to Control Your Anger**

Rabbi Yaakov Kermaier serves as the spiritual leader of Shir Hadash on Emek, in Jerusalem. He made aliya with his family in July 2015 from New York City, where he served as senior rabbi of Manhattan's Fifth Avenue Synagogue (2003-2015) and he previously served as rabbi of Hong Kong's Ohel Leah Synagogue (1997-2003).



### DAILY SERVICE TIMES

#### Sunday, Sept. 1

##### Rosh Chodesh

7:45AM Daf Yomi

8:30AM Shacharit

7:10PM Minchah

#### Tuesday, Sept. 3-Thursday,

##### Sept. 5

7/8AM Shacharit

7:45AM Daf Yomi

7:10PM Minchah

#### Monday, Sept. 2

##### Labor Day

7:45AM Daf Yomi

8:30AM Shacharit

7:10PM Minchah

#### Friday, Sept. 6

7/8AM Shacharit

7:45AM Daf Yomi

7:00PM Minchah

7:04PM Candle-lighting

#### WOMEN'S TEHILLIM GROUP:

Monday, September 9th, 2019 at 7:15PM

Contact Joyce Weitz for more information at 212-877-1176

#### High Holiday Forms

Please return all your forms by  
Monday, September 10th, 2019

#### SAVE THE DATE

##### Shabbat Shuvah Drashah

October 5th at 11am

Rabbi Yosie Levine

A History of Teshuva:

The Winding Path of Penitence and Where it Leads

## SHABBAT LEARNING AT THE JEWISH CENTER

### Pre-Mincha Elul Series

September 7th, **Rabbi Elie Buechler:** Assistant Rabbi, *Snow and Sackcloth: Piety and Repentance in Medieval Ashkenaz*

September 14th, **Rabbi Shua Brick:** William Fischman Rabbinic Intern, *Yonah: The Troubled Prophet as Chazal's 11th Hour Savior*

September 28th, **Ora Weinbach:** Community Educator, *Tensions of Testimony: When Emotions Get Involved in Declaring the New Year*

October 5th, **Rabbi Noach Goldstein:** Assistant Rabbi, *Rabbi Soloveitchik's U-Vikashtem Mi-Sham and the Journey From Rosh Hashanah to Sukkot*

### Seudah Shlishit Series

September 7th, **Dr. Marian Stoltz-Loike:** *Teshuva: How could Herod merit rebuilding the Second Temple?*  
Dr. Stoltz-Loike is the Dean of Lander College for Women and the Vice President of online education at Touro College.

September 14th, **Dr. Nathaniel Berman:** *Teshuva, the Shofar, and the Divine Mother: Rosh Hashanah in the Zohar*  
Dr. Berman holds the Rahel Varnhagen Chair at Brown University, where he teaches in the Religious Studies Department.]

September 21st, **Dr. David Flatto:** *Slaves Wearing Crowns: Renewal in the Thought of Maimonides*  
Dr. Flatto is Associate Professor of Law and Philosophy at Hebrew University.

September 28th, **Rabbi Elchanan Poupko:** *The Harvard Lonlines Study & the Meaning of Rosh Hashanah*  
Rabbi Poupko teaches at the Park East Day School and Hebrew School and is the president of EITAN-The American Israeli Jewish Network.

## JEWISH CENTER UNIVERSITY

Semester begins September 9th, 2019

For more information visit our website or contact Rabbi Elie Buechler at [ebuechler@jewishcenter.org](mailto:ebuechler@jewishcenter.org)

### MONDAYS

*The Ultimate Trial: Understanding Akeidat Yitzchak*  
Rabbi Noach Goldstein  
8:00PM

### TUESDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

Sadye & Henry Bayer Tanakh Class  
*Teshuvah and the Afterlife*  
Rabbi Yosie Levine  
7:30PM

### WEDNESDAYS

Women of the Bible  
*The Women who Invented Teshuvah*  
Rabbi Yosie Levine  
11:00AM-12:00PM  
War, Ritual, and Redemption: The Sounds of the Shofar  
Rabbi Elie Buechler  
8:00PM

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Message from the Hospitality Committee to the Jewish Center Family - if you will be home for the holidays and are able to welcome guests at your table, please let us know - and if you would like to be hosted, feel free to reach out as well. We will do our best to accommodate! Please contact [hospitality@jewishcenter.org](mailto:hospitality@jewishcenter.org)

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Welcome Back Cupcake Kiddush

Please join The JC Youth Department on September 7th, in the dance studio (5th floor) during Kiddush for cupcakes and light refreshments to kick off groups this year. This is also a special opportunity to meet some of our group leaders and our new Teen Coordinator, Rabbi Shua Brick.

#### YL Rooftop BBQ

September 8th

#### Rosh Hashanah Art & Crafts

Join The JC Youth Department and get ready for Rosh Hashanah with some fun and exciting arts & crafts, stories, and more! For ages 6 and younger.  
Sunday, September 15th, 10 am-12 pm (1st floor).  
Register on The JC Website.



# THE JEWISH CENTER CHESED DEPARTMENT

## UPCOMING CHESED OPPORTUNITIES

### **Mitzvah Monday Program**

Want to regularly make a difference in your community? Join tweens at Mitzvah Mondays for hands-on community service and Jewish service learning with different projects each month. Some months the whole tween community will join together, and other months will feature grade-specific programs.

Grades 5+6: Monday September 9, 5:00pm-6:30pm

Grades 7+8: Monday September 23, 5:00-6:30pm

Grades 5-8: Monday October 7, 5:00pm-6:30pm

### **Dorot's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery**

Bring warmth and companionship to an older neighbor with a Sunday morning visit. Sign up for orientation, package pick-up, and a home visit assignment. Adults and children welcome. West Side DOROT - 171 West 85th Street, (East of Amsterdam Avenue). Register by Sept 1st on The JC website.

Sunday September 22, 10:00am-12:00pm

**REGISTRATION FOR THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON  
THE JC WEBSITE**

**Does God See Me**  
**Parshat Re'eh 5779**  
**Eliezer Buechler, Assistant Rabbi**

Parshat Re'eh opens with a declaration by Moshe to the Jewish people "See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse." (Devarim 11:26) The word Re'eh, 'see' is an odd way to open this section of the Torah, as Moshe isn't showing the Jewish people anything. Most commentators explain that 'see' is to be understood metaphorically to mean something like 'behold.' if, however, we look more carefully at many of the mitzvot in this week's parsha, it will become apparent that sight, or the misguided notion of not being seen by God, is the most significant theme in this week's parsha.

First, we are reminded that when we enter Israel we must destroy the iconography of idolatry. The Jewish people, the Land of Israel and God cannot bear the sight of idolatry.

Later, we are taught about shechita and the permissibility of eating meat outside of the Temple. The intricate laws of shechita come to us as a tradition from Moshe at Sinai: these laws are all rooted in the trust which the consumer places in the shochet. Only the shochet knows whether he slaughtered the meat properly; this is why the entire first chapter of masechet Chullin is all about who has proper fear of God and is therefore trusted to slaughter an animal. The section concludes with "do what is good and right in the eyes of Hashem, your God." (Devarim 12:28) Ritual slaughter can easily be abused by the shochet, as he is the only one who truly knows if it is kosher or not. It is his yirat Shamayim that God is ever-present that keeps him from deceiving the customer.

We then move on to laws related to the false prophet or dreamer, the person who leads his family members away from God, and the wayward city. The false prophet or dreamer has a flawed vision, which he used to turn against God. The Torah tells us that the family member entices you "secretly" because he hopes to capitalize on his close relationship with his family and pull them away from God in the comfort of their own home. The wayward city is considered a wayward city only if it is led astray by its own citizens, not by foreigners. Both with family members and with the wayward city, the actors have a false sense of privacy and security away from God and believe that their actions are not seen by God.

Many of the mitzvot in this week's parsha focus in on the natural inclination that when we are alone, whether it be in or in our own home, or even in our own city, that we can be hidden from God. It is this impulse against which the Torah dictates in our parsha. We must act uprightly and with the Torah on our hearts and minds in all of these places. And lastly, the parsha ends with the mitzvah of aliyah leRegel, "three times a year the men should be seen (yera'eh) before Hashem." (Devarim 16:16) Although God truly sees us throughout the year, the three regalim are the unique moments when we have a heightened sense of the divine presence, as when we are in shul. And we do so with the hopes that our practices outside the shul or Beit haMikdash are worthy of God's blessings for the weeks and months ahead.

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**ISRAEL UPDATE August 30, 2019**  
**Israel on High Alert Amid Dramatic Escalation**

[Iran is orchestrating terrorism](#) throughout the Middle East, targeting Israeli and American interests. Over the weekend, Israel was forced to defend its citizens as it faced simultaneous security threats from Iranian-backed terrorism in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Gaza. On Saturday night, the Israeli Air Force—using fighter jets supplied by the United States—destroyed Iranian drones in Syria that were being armed with explosives for a "large scale" attack against Israel. The "kamikaze" attack drones required a "major operation effort" by Israel's military to defend Israel and its citizens. Further, Iranian-backed Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip fired more rockets at southern Israel over the weekend and into this week, sending thousands of Israeli families into bomb shelters. Palestinians also continued to engage in violent protests along the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel. On Friday, 8,500 Palestinians took part in some of the largest and most violent riots in recent months. Iranian attacks also threatened the United States. On Saturday, Iran threatened to take action against the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)—a D.C.-based think tank.

Our synagogue partners with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at (202) 639-5200 or by visiting [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org).

**LOCAL RESOURCES**

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