

A wide-angle photograph of the interior of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. The sanctuary features a high, vaulted ceiling with recessed lighting. The walls are constructed from light-colored stone blocks. On the left, a balcony with a glass railing runs along the side, above a series of arched windows with colorful stained glass. The floor is filled with rows of dark wood pews. In the background, the Ark is a prominent feature, topped by a large, circular stained glass window with a sunburst design. Below the Ark, a purple curtain displays Hebrew text. Two purple chairs are positioned on either side of the Ark. The overall atmosphere is bright and formal.

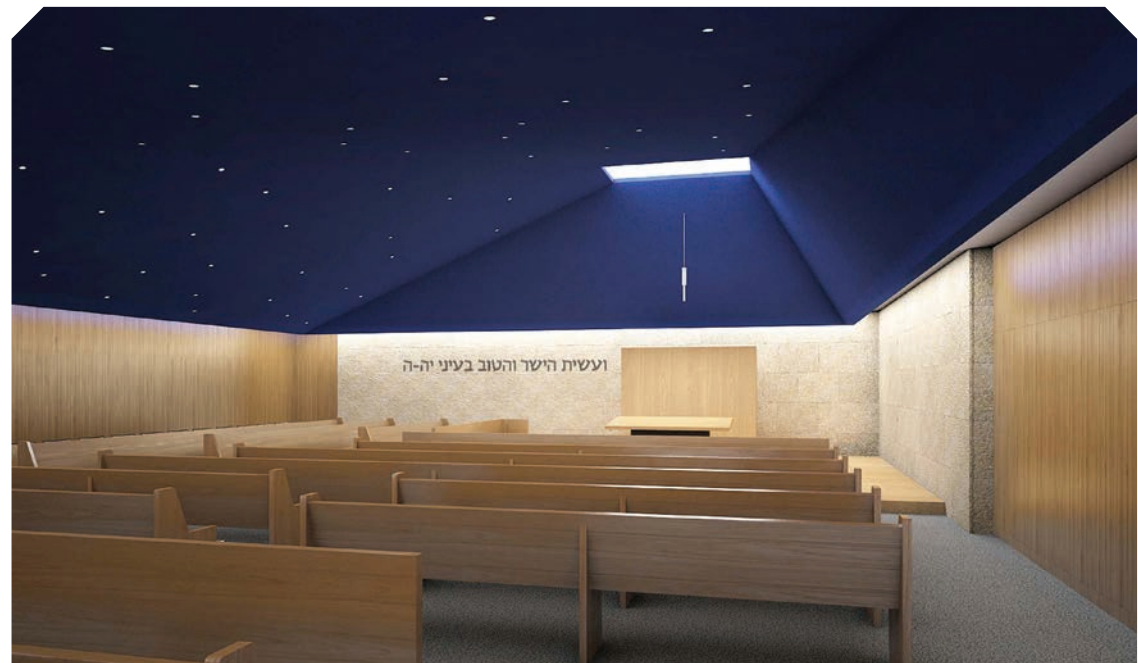
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Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun





Coming Home



Dear Friends,

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun (KJ) is a home for the Jewish community of the Upper East Side: a home where parents, children, newcomers, singles, young and old find opportunities for social connection, spiritual and intellectual growth, *chesed* opportunities, and recreational activities. KJ welcomes people from all walks of Jewish life.

On July 11, 2011, our congregational home, our historic Main Sanctuary, was severely damaged by fire. Thank God, there was no loss of life or destruction of any holy objects, and we are well on our way to turning that catastrophe into a glorious opportunity with the expansion of both the Synagogue and the Ramaz Lower School. Throughout our displacement, we have continued to offer our full array of services and programs – and we have grown in the process! Thanks to the strength of our community, we will, please God, be emerging from this experience more vibrant than ever before. Now it is time to go back home, and we look forward to our return to the Main Sanctuary in about seven months.

In addition to a full range of services for adults, teens and children, KJ offers special services and programs for those new to Jewish observance. We also provide stimulating classes in Bible, Talmud, Halakhah, Jewish Philosophy, Ethics, Jewish History, and Hebrew Language, as well as programs in arts and culture such as film screenings and book reviews. Frequent guest presenters grace our pulpit and provide Shabbat enrichment. Our youth department boasts a wide array of activities for children of all ages, including sports, movie and gym nights, arts and crafts classes, and Torah study, to name just a few. Seniors participate in a weekly “Lunch and Learn” program,

while young adults connect through our “Keshet” program, created to focus specifically on their social and intellectual needs. The Sisterhood, Men’s Club, and Chesed Committee all offer numerous volunteer opportunities to help make the world a better place.

We are proud to offer you this Synagogue Brochure, which contains virtually everything you need to know about KJ: its Adult Education Program, special Shabbatot, holiday and congregational events, general synagogue information, the Beginners Program, and the Youth Department. We would be thrilled to see you at our programs throughout the year, and we look forward to the opportunity to serve your needs. The events and programs presented by the synagogue, most of them without charge, have only one requirement - they need attendance to ensure our continued growth and diversity! We invite you to peruse these pages and discover which door leads to your Jewish communal experience.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Rabbi Elie Weinstock



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KJ Beginners (KJB)

The KJ Beginners Program offers Jewish adults and families an open door to a broad range of Jewish knowledge and experiences. Special care has been taken to create an environment sensitive to the needs of those unacquainted with the “hows” and “whys” of our heritage, while providing the tools for religious and spiritual growth. We are a community and a family, and, to some extent, we’re all beginners at different stages of the same journey.


Don't be a stranger!

Give us a call at 212-774-5678 or e-mail us at Beginners@ckj.org to set up an appointment to meet or shmooze.

Information is always available on our website www.kjbeginners.org. All programs are free of charge, except where noted, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

Many of our wonderful programs are featured throughout this brochure. We look forward to welcoming you to KJ.

Check us out:

 [facebook.com/kjbeginners](https://www.facebook.com/kjbeginners)
 twitter.com/kjbeginners





...we remain deeply committed to our religious traditions, the study of Torah, the observance of mitzvot, the love of and support for our fellow Jews, and an unbreakable bond with the State of Israel and its citizens.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun is an Orthodox synagogue, founded in 1872, and situated on Manhattan's Upper East Side. As its essential foundation, it seeks to foster among its membership a love of God and an abiding commitment to halakhah and mitzvot. The synagogue also stands firmly for the proposition that it is a part of a larger community: a community not only of the Jewish People and the State of Israel, but also of our fellow New Yorkers, Americans, and humankind.

Our members see themselves as integral parts of a modern secular society, with social and civic responsibilities. At the same time, we remain deeply committed to our religious traditions, the study of Torah, the observance of mitzvot, the love of and support for our fellow Jews, and an unbreakable bond with the State of Israel and its citizens.

Our efforts to cultivate values are reflected in our education and outreach programs, our social and political action projects, our youth activities, and in our sponsorship of the Ramaz School. Founded in 1937 by Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, of blessed memory, Ramaz now has a student population of over 1,100 students, into each of whom we strive to instill these same values. These principles represent not merely the theoretical elements of a philosophical creed, but also reflect an impetus for social action, embodied in a wide range of activities serving KJ members, the State of Israel, unaffiliated Jews, and greater society.

KJ's extremely ambitious and dynamic programs require commitment from KJ members as well as from the Synagogue's professional staff. It is precisely this type of communal dedication and involvement that defines the congregation's understanding of its role in the lives of its members and the community at large.

Resources

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

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 twitter.com/CongregationKJ

Synagogue Directory

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KJ Social Worker



Shira Felberbaum

Social Worker (from JBFCs via UJA)

JBFCs: (212) 632-4735 or sfelberbaum@jbfc.org

KJ: (212) 774-5626 or socialworker@ckj.org

Onsite at KJ: by appointment most Wednesdays
2:30–5:30 PM

Through the Partners in Caring (PIC) grant from UJA-Federation of New York, Shira Felberbaum (LMSW), Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCs) social worker, is available to the KJ community to provide strictly confidential and free onsite social service support.

Shira meets with congregants offering short-term supportive counseling, referrals, and consultations to individuals, families, and groups on a variety of issues as well as significant life transitions. Shira also facilitates community-wide workshops and programs. Please contact Shira to share ideas, for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

Judaica Shop

Judaica Classics by Doina, is located at 1248 Lexington Avenue, between 84th and 85th Streets. The store has a great selection of Judaica for all gift and holiday needs.

Business hours: Sunday 10 am–5 pm, Monday–Thursday 10 am–6 pm, Friday 10 am–2 pm. For appointment, call Doina Bryskin at 212-722-4271.

Manhattan Eruv

The new Manhattan Eruv includes an expanding number of neighborhoods in the city. Please see www.ckj.org/Manhattan_Eruv.php for the boundaries and call the hotline at 212-874-6174 ext. 3 to check on the weekly status of the Eruv.

Yoetzet Halakhah



Dena Block
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Dena Block serves as KJ's Yoetzet Halakhah, a female advisor on matters of Jewish family law and women's health. She graduated from Barnard College with a BA in History, earned an MA in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation from Yeshiva University's Women's Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies and was a member of the inaugural class of Nishmat's United States *Yoatzot Halakhah* Fellowship. Dena teaches Talmud and U.S. History at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls in Teaneck, NJ and is the Director of Student Programming there. She lives in Washington Heights with her husband Avi and son Zvi.

Three Community Mikvahs

The Jacques and Hanna Schwalbe Mikvah
419 East 77th Street (between 1st and York Avenues)
Call 212-359-2029

The Rennert Mikvah at Fifth Avenue Synagogue
5 East 62nd Street (just off Fifth Avenue)
Call 212-753-6058

The West Side Mikvah
234 West 74th Street
(between Broadway and West End Avenue)
Call 212-579-2011

SAVE THESE DATES

Annual KJ Annual Dinner
Saturday, December 6

Sisterhood Boutique & Blood Drive
Sunday, December 7

Ramaz Dinner Dance
Sunday, January 11

Volunteer Recognition
Seudah Shlishit
February 21

Annual Synagogue Meeting
Thursday, April 30
at 7:30 pm



Prayer Services

Due to the ongoing restoration of our Main Sanctuary, services throughout the year may be in different locations. Please check with the synagogue office regularly to confirm times and venues, or contact LSS@ckj.org to join our email list.

SHABBAT

9:00 am

Main Service

9:00 am

Sephardic Minyan

9:30 am

Learners Service

9:30 am

Intermediate Service

9:30 am

Teen Minyan

10:00 am

Junior Congregation

SHACHARIT

(Morning Service)

8:30 am

Sunday, Legal Holidays

7:15 am

Monday, Thursday

7:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00 am

Rosh Chodesh weekdays

Sephardic Daily Minyan

8:30 am

Sunday

6:50 am

Monday, Thursday

7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

MINCHA & MA'ARIV

(Evening Service)

Standard Time:

**5-10 minutes
before sunset**

Daylight Savings Time:

6:45 pm





Shabbat Services

Learners Service

Experience the Difference!

9:30 am: Kick off your Saturday morning with caffeine for the body and adrenaline for the soul and encounter the mechanics of Jewish prayer; share key insights of the weekly portion and its relevance to contemporary living; and top it off with an exploration of "What does it mean to be Jewish?" You'll never look at Shabbat morning the same way again! *Co-sponsored by NJOP*

Intermediate Service

Explore Prayer & Parsha!

9:30 am: This intimate service allows you the opportunity to explore prayer and parsha like never before. Open questions, honest answers with a healthy dose of spirit and soul. The Intermediate Service is where the classical synagogue service meets your spiritual needs.

Women's Tefilah Group

October 17 (Simchat Torah), November 8

This women's participatory service is designed as a celebration of women's prayer and learning. Additional services can be scheduled for smachot that occur during the year. Email wtg@ckj.org for more information.

Hashkama Minyan

August 30, September 6 & 20, October 18, November 1, 15 & 29, December 6 & 20, January 3, 17 & 31, February 14 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 18 & 25, May 9 & 30, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22

7:15 am: This early morning service helps to facilitate synagogue attendance by the whole family, with one spouse going home to relieve the other. It is followed by a short Torah class.

Kesher Young People's Minyan

Connecting Young Professionals and Families

September 6, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 24, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 13

9:15 am: A project of Kesher, this service is designed for young couples, young singles, and families with young children. The special kiddush that follows is a great place to meet and greet other young people of the community. Email ypm@ckj.org for more information.

Sephardic Minyan



9:00 am: The KJ Sephardic Minyan was established three years ago to serve the growing need for Sephardic services in the neighborhood. We currently offer services on Shabbat, holidays, and weekday mornings.

The Sephardic Minyan is pleased to welcome KJ Rabbinic Scholar Rabbi Hayyim Angel, who will be leading services and teaching in the community regularly throughout the year.

Email SephardicMinyan@ckj.org for more information.

Shabbat Celebrations

Israel Bond Shabbat

December 13

An opportunity for our community to demonstrate its support for Israel. Last year, KJ was one of just five synagogues nationwide that sold over \$4 million in bonds.

Bnei Akiva Shabbaton

January 16–17

A Friday night Shabbat dinner filled with the spirit of the world's largest Zionist youth movement.

Dr. Stephen Stowe Z"L Men's Club Shabbat

February 6–7

A Shabbat featuring Men's Club volunteers leading services and Torah reading, with a special presentation at Seudah Shlishit.

Shabbat Yachad

March 20–21

Join the Ramaz Upper School and KJ and give of yourself by reaching out to the special members of Yachad. Come and discover how this event brings happiness and joy to so many.



Friday Night Live!

FEEDING THE BODY AND SOUL

September 5, October 31, December 12, January 23, March 13 (Shabbat Across America), April 24, May 29, June 26

Welcome Shabbat together with friends. Join Rabbi Elie Weinstock, Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus and KJ Beginners Chazan Shilo Kramer for an inspiring Carlebach-style Friday night service. The experience continues with a festive Shabbat dinner, singing and dancing, words of Torah, and the joy of new and old friends.

Sabbath Salon

**The New Destination for Young Jews
on the Upper East Side**

The Sabbath Salon is a KJ initiative to provide young Jews with an opportunity to sip a cocktail, celebrate Shabbat, and come together as part of the community. To get involved, or for upcoming event dates, email sabbathsalon@ckj.org



Shabbat Scholars



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

**Tova and Norman Bulow
Shabbat Scholar and Dinner**
September 12–13



Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter

October 24–25
February 6–7; April 24–25



Rabbi David Stav

November 1



Rabbi Seth Farber

**Seymour Propp
Memorial Lecture**
November 8



Dr. Ayelet Libson

February 21



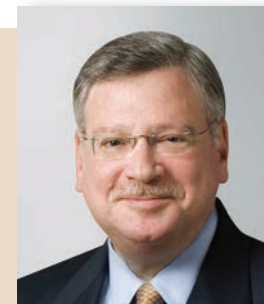
Rabbi Dr. Jeremy Wieder

**Suzanne and Dr. Norman Javitt
Annual Synagogue Shabbaton**
March 27–28



Ms. Ilana Gadish

May 2



Mr. Allen Fagin

May 16



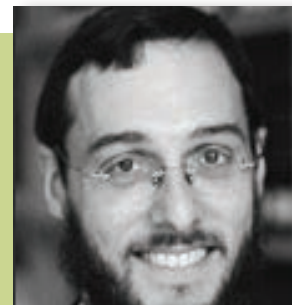
Dr. Sharon Goldman

November 22



Rabbi Kenny Schiowitz

January 10



Rabbi Ysoscher Katz

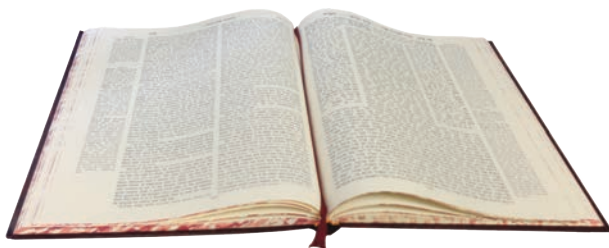
Samuel S. Silverstein Shabbat Scholar & Dinner

January 30–January 31



Dr. Sharon Flato

Shabbat Classes



Talmud

(Shabbat 1 hour before Mincha)

Rabbi Roy Feldman

Weekly study of Tractate Ketubot. Explore Talmudic perspectives on relations, responsibilities, and agreements between a husband and wife as well as other areas of Jewish civil law. As holidays approach, study Talmudic passages and subjects specific to those special times.

Seudah Shlishit

Join us following Shabbat Mincha for a light meal, good company, and community spirit. Each week features a discussion led by one of our rabbis or a guest presenter. Please contact 212-774-5670 to sponsor in memory of a loved one, to mark a milestone, or to celebrate a lifecycle event.

A project of the KJ Men's Club.



Holiday Calendar

All holidays begin the previous evening except for the fast days of Tzom Gedaliah, Asarah B'Tevet, Ta'anit Esther, and Shivah-Asar B'Tammuz, which begin shortly before sunrise.

Rosh Hashanah	Thursday, Sept. 25 - Friday, Sept. 26
Tzom Gedaliah (Fast)	Sunday, September 28
Yom Kippur (Fast–Yizkor)	Saturday, October 4
Sukkot – Hoshanah Rabbah	Thur, October 9 - Wed, October 15
Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor)	Thursday, October 16
Simchat Torah	Friday, October 17
Chanukah	Wednesday, Dec. 17 - Wed, Dec. 24
Asarah B'Tevet (Fast)	Thursday, January 1
Tu B'Shevat	Wednesday, February 4
Ta'anit Esther (Fast)	Wednesday, March 4
Purim	Thursday, March 5
Pesach (Yizkor)	Saturday, April 4 - Saturday, April 11
Yom HaShoah	Thursday, April 16
Yom Ha'Zikaron	Wednesday, April 22
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	Thursday, April 23
Lag B'Omer	Thursday, May 7
Yom Yerushalayim	Sunday, May 17
Shavuot (Yizkor)	Sunday, May 24–Monday, May 25
Shivah-Asar B'Tammuz (Fast)	Sunday, July 5
Rosh Chodesh Av	Friday, July 17
Tisha B'Av (Fast)	Sunday, July 26
Tu B'Av	Thursday, July 31



Breakfasts

Following morning services.

Chol Hamoed Sukkot
Sunday, Oct. 12–Tuesday, Oct. 14

Hoshanah Rabbah
Wednesday, October 15

Purim
Thursday, March 5

Siyum Bechorim
Friday, April 3

Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Thursday, April 23

Yom Yerushalayim
Sunday, May 17



Holiday Lectures



Florence Cohen Memorial Teshuvah Lecture

*Making a Meaningful Life: Doing Mitzvot
& Having Kavannah*

Rabbi Saul Berman

Tuesday, September 30 at 7:30 pm



Shabbat Shuva Drasha Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Shabbat, September 27

Following 6:00 pm Mincha Services
*Sponsored by Suzy and Larry Present
in honor of the Yahrzeit of Sarah and
Emanuel Goldberger*



Shabbat Hagadol Drasha Rabbi Jeremy Wieder

Shabbat, March 28

Following 6:40 pm Mincha Services
Sponsored by Suzy and Larry Present

Yom Tov Celebrations

KJ Beginners Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Wednesday, September 24

at 6:45 pm

Please reserve your place by the
preceding Tuesday at 212-774-5678.

KJ Beginners Sukkah Dinner Under the Stars

Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm

Featuring special guest Rabbi
Ephraim Buchwald

Join us for a meal in the Sukkah!
There will be delicious food and
joyous singing as we celebrate the
holiday of Sukkot together.

Co-sponsored by NJOP

Simchat Torah

Thursday night, October 16

at 6:40 pm

Friday, October 17 at 9:00 am

Join the KJ Simchat Torah
celebration, featuring Hakafot
Unlimited, divrei Torah, Chatanim,
and a buffet Kiddush luncheon.

Kristallnacht Program

Monday, November 10

KJ Beginners: 100 Homes of Light Chanukah Celebration

December 17-24

Share the light and warmth
of Chanukah with friends and
neighbors in buildings across our
community. For information contact:
Beginners@ckj.org

Chanukah in the Park

Sunday, December 21 at 5:30pm

Light up the Chanukah holiday with
the Upper East Side's fourth annual
outdoor Menorah lighting in Carl
Schurz Park. Join KJ Beginners and
Chabad of the Upper East Side as
we spread the light and warmth
of the festival with treats, holiday
spirit, and fun for the whole family.
The event will take place at the East
86th Street entrance to the park.





Purim Night

Wednesday Night, March 4 at 6:15 pm

Megillah (Scroll of Esther) readings to suit all tastes, followed by a musical chagiga for children, with ice cream, pizza, and dancing.

KJ Beginners Purim Bash

Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 pm

Join us for a special reading of the Megillah, followed by a spirited Purim celebration.

Purim Day

Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 am and 9:30 am

Megillah readings followed by a festive breakfast and Youth Carnival, with games, prizes, a costume contest, and more!

Passover

Siyum Bechorim (*Fast of the First Born*)

Friday, April 3

Following 7:30 am services

Communal Seder

Friday, April 3 at 8:00 pm

Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm

Holocaust Remembrance Service

Yom HaZikaron &

Yom HaAtzmaut-Tekes Ma'avar

Wednesday Night, April 22 at 7:15 pm

Special memorial program honoring Israel's fallen soldiers. Followed by celebratory Israel Independence Day service"

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 am

Special morning service with Hallel, followed by a festive breakfast.

Thursday, April 23

Ramaz Middle School Zimriah

Thursday, April 23 at 5:00 pm

Family celebration with live music, crafts for children and supper.

Yom Yerushalayim

Sunday, May 17 at 8:30 am

Special morning service with Hallel, followed by a festive breakfast.

Dinner and Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 pm

Community dinner followed by all-night learning and sunrise minyan.

Workshops

TIMELY TORAH

Taught by Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus

All classes are at 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 22

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 29

Sukkot

Monday, October 6

Chanukah

Tuesday, December 9

Purim

Tuesday, March 3

Passover

Tuesday, March 24

Modern Holidays

Tuesday, April 14

Shavuot

Tuesday, May 19

Three Weeks

Tuesday, June 30





Jewish Learning Institute



Rabbi Elie Weinstock

JLI is a creative presentation of traditional Judaism in a highly professional, innovative, academically rigorous yet accessible format.

All classes meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$79 per class (\$135 per couple)

Try the first class free!

No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

I. How Happiness Thinks

Six Monday Nights, starting November 3

In the 21st century, beneficiaries of previously unimaginable freedoms and luxuries, people often feel that instead of their lives being filled with happiness, they experience boredom, anxiety, sadness, and worry. Negative tendencies such as anger, jealousy, and bad habits also serve as impediments to our happiness. And even when there is nothing negative percolating in our psyches, we still might not feel very happy. This course will present practical approaches from classical Jewish teachings and Chassidic thought that provide a framework of insight to overcome the many struggles that impede our happiness and help us find true joy.



II. The Art of Parenting

Six Monday Nights, starting January 19

At a time when the generation gap is widening and the meaning of family is often blurred, parents are on the lookout for ways to become more contemplative and purposeful in their parenting. Judaism contains a treasure trove of wisdom for parents seeking to raise their children, teens, and even grandchildren, to be confident and happy, moral and caring, and proud ambassadors of their Jewish identity. Produced in consultation with noted parenting experts, this course will help parents embrace their dreams of raising successful children who are able to make wise choices and are well equipped to change the world for the better.

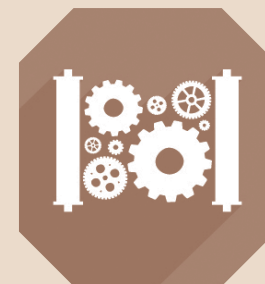


III. Dynamic Wisdom:

The Development of Jewish Law and Tradition Through the Ages

Six Monday Nights, starting May 4

From microchips in our eyewear to self-driving cars, we now live in an era of massive and rapid change. This poses a challenge to us as Jews: How do we adapt our ancient heritage to the trends and technologies of a modern society? How do we know what remains eternal, and what changes with the passage of time? This course will probe the realm of reason for evidence of Judaism's truths, exploring the underlying mechanics and dynamics that allow an ancient heritage to adapt to the comforts of life in the 21st century.





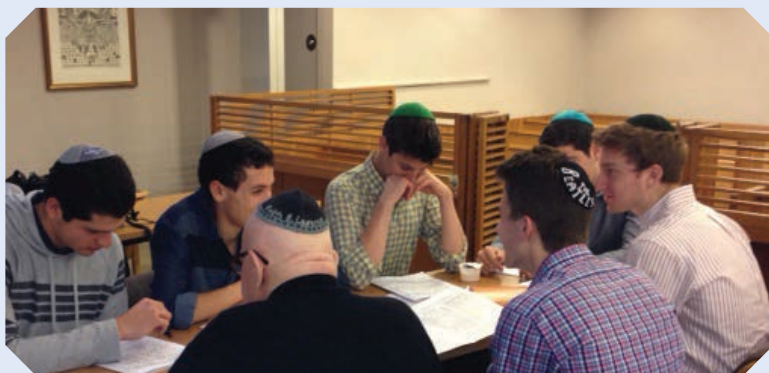
Was the last time you celebrated being Jewish when you were 12 or 13?

When you think about a night out, maybe it's time to opt for something other than a movie or a visit to the museum...

Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 1, May 6 at 7:30 pm

Chai Mitzvah is a way to bring your family together; a way to connect with our community more deeply; a way to enhance your religious and ethical engagement. Chai Mitzvah is perfect for people of all backgrounds and levels, Jewish knowledge, and engagement with the community. KJ members of diverse backgrounds have found the experience meaningful and worthwhile. Chai Mitzvah is an excellent opportunity for self-discovery, to add strength to a marriage or to connect with a child becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Enhance your ritual involvement, Torah study, and chesed activity, and participate in monthly sessions of KJ's Chai Mitzvah cohort led by Rabbi Roy Feldman.

Contact chaimitzvah@ckj.org for more information.



Crash Course in Basic Judaism

This course will be repeated four times throughout the year.

Mondays September 8 & 15 at 7:30 pm / Rabbi Elie Weinstock
Tuesdays October 28 & November 4 at 7:30 pm / Rabbi Daniel Kraus
Mondays January 5 and 12 at 7:30 pm / Rabbi Elie Weinstock
Tuesdays April 21 and 28 at 7:30 pm / Rabbi Daniel Kraus

Exploring Judaism can be an exciting, stimulating, and inspiring adventure. Come explore Judaism's views on belief in God, prayer, Shabbat, Jewish observance, and sexuality. We'll only begin to scratch the surface, but you will start to see Judaism in a whole new light after taking this course. Perfect for beginners or those wishing to brush up on basic Jewish concepts. Offered three times this year, we invite you to choose the best time to learn about Judaism. *Co-sponsored by NJOP*

Crash Course in Jewish History

Rabbi Daniel Kraus

Tuesdays • January 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 7:30 pm

An overview of the main events and personalities that have shaped the Jewish people until this very day.
Co-sponsored by NJOP

iLearn@CKJ

Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm starting November 11

Not another app, but a weekly appointment with your heritage. Join Rabbi Daniel & Rachel Kraus for a class discussing Jewish fundamentals as well as the important issues facing contemporary Judaism.

Hebrew with Sara Rosen

Crash Course in Hebrew Reading

I: Starting October 22

II: Starting January 7

III: Starting April 1

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

This popular series of classes enables those with no previous background in Hebrew to learn to read Hebrew in just a short time.

Co-sponsored by NJOP

Explorations in Hebrew Reading

I: Starting October 22

II: Starting January 7

III: Starting April 1

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Designed for those with some ability to read Hebrew, students practice reading skills using the siddur and other Jewish texts. Special emphasis is placed on becoming fluent in the daily prayers and traditional tunes of Jewish liturgy.

Co-sponsored by the NJOP

Ulpan: Conversational Hebrew

Professor Hanoach Dubitsky

Advanced Ulpan: Mondays at 5:00 pm, beginning September 8

Intermediate Ulpan: Mondays at 6:30 pm, beginning September 8

Learn Hebrew through conversation and the study of Israeli popular culture. For more information on fees or to sign up, contact Professor Dubitsky at tnhdubi@aol.com.

Advanced Shiur in Talmud

In memory of Dr. William Major

Rabbi Dr. Jeremy Wieder

KJ Scholar in Residence

Sunday mornings following 8:30 am services and breakfast



The shiur will be studying Masekhet Avodah Zarah and will focus primarily on the text of the Gemara on its own terms. When relevant, practical halakhic applications that emerge from the sources will be discussed. We will occasionally touch upon parallels in the Talmud Yerushalmi as well as attempt to present the mainstream approaches found in the Rishonim to the various passages. Childcare available at no cost, but arrangements must be made in advance.

In-depth Talmud

Tractate Berakhot

Gilah Kletenik

Mondays at 9:00 am starting October 20

Hone your textual skills, sharpen your analytical abilities, examine the text's cultural and historical context, appreciate the Talmud's multiple layers, survey the development of Halakhah, explore Rishonim (medieval commentators) and unlock the text for relevance and meaning.

For Women Only

Women's Parshat Hashavua

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Wednesdays at 8:30 am starting October 22

Weekly investigation into the portion of the week drawn especially from insights of the Netziv (Rabbi Naphtali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin).

Soul Cycle—A Monthly Spiritual Workout

Rachel Kraus

October 1 & 22, November 19; December 15; January 21; February 18; March 25; April 22; May 24; June 17 at 8:00 pm

Women of the community are invited to participate in a monthly learning series to provide an opportunity to learn, share, engage and inspire each Rosh Chodesh. A variety of topics will be addressed in different homes each month. **For more information or to host a Soul Cycle event, Please email roshcodesh@ckj.org.**

Prophetic Women—The Book of Samuel

Woman's Complex Relationships with Men, Children and God

Shera Aranoff Tuchman

Thursdays at 8:30 am starting October 23

The study of Women in the book of Prophets (Samuel II) resumes with an analysis of the wives, concubines, and daughters of King David—including Avigail, Bat-Sheva, Ritzpah, Tamar, and Avishag Hashunamit. This is a fascinating overview of that period of Jewish History through the thoughts, words, and actions of David's women—elaborated upon by ancient midrashic commentaries in the Talmud to modern Torah scholars. And, as with previous studies of Biblical women, as we study them—their public personae as well as their most intimate moments—we learn from them, and often identify with them: with their femininity, their humanity, and their spirituality.

Torah Study

Parsha Foundations

Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Tuesdays at 8:15 am starting October 21

Explore contemporary Jewish topics that emerge from the weekly portion. Ideal for anyone looking to refresh Chumash skills, catch up on what you may have missed growing up, or in need of a dvar Torah for the Shabbat table. Please come with tough questions and an open mind.

Studies in the Weekly Portion

Rabbi Yossi Weiser

Thursdays at 8:00 pm

Join us in exploring the profound insights and relevance of our tradition derived from the weekly Torah reading as it is filtered through the prism of classical Jewish commentaries of the last 2,500 years.



Living Judaism

Rabbi Yossi Weiser
Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Gilu bi're'adah
Rejoicing with Trembling:
The Days of Awe
Sept. 4, 11, 18; Oct. 2

Different Voices on Israel
Machloket I'sheim shamayim?
Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20

Intro to Talmud
Mai Chanukah?
Dec. 4, 11, 18

The Book of Judges
Tales of Imperfect Leaders
Jan. 8, 15, 22; Feb. 5



Shemithah, Pruzbul, & You
The Relevance of the Sabbatical
Year
Feb. 12, 19, 26

Pesach
What's New This Year?
Mar. 12, 19, 26

Darkness and Light
The Jews in the High Middle Ages
Apr. 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14

Derech Hashem
Ramchal's Path to Knowing God
May 28; June 4, 11, 18

East Side Torah Learning Coalition

The East Side TLC is a multi-denominational initiative that brings together neighborhood Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform synagogues to build bridges through Jewish learning. Now in its third year, the TLC has become a key unifying force on the Upper East Side. For more information, contact Rabbi Weinstock at ravelie@ckj.org

**The Light of Jewish Learning—
3rd Candle of Chanukah Night of Study**
Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 pm
Congregation Or Zarua, 127 E. 82nd St.

**The Pirke Avot
Dialogues**
Starting
Tuesday, April 14

History at Home

Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter
Saturday evenings at 8:30 pm

Appreciating Contemporary Jewish Life: History, Biography And Technology

October 25: Did Moshe Rabbenu Know Everything?:
Printing And The Unfolding Of Human Knowledge

November 22: Standing On The Shoulders Of Giants: American
Orthodoxy In The Eighteenth Century

January 10: Rabbi Soloveitchik Confronts The World Around Him

February 7: Disputations And The Burning Of The Talmud:
Life In The Thirteenth Century



Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter is University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Dr. Schacter's distinguished career includes 20 years as the Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City, moving the congregation from 180 to over 600 members over the course of his tenure.

A Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brooklyn College, Rabbi Dr. Schacter holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages from Harvard University and received rabbinic ordination from Mesivta Torah Vodaath. Among his many publications, Dr. Schacter is co-author of the award winning *A Modern Heretic and a Traditional Community: Mordecai M. Kaplan, Orthodoxy, and American Judaism* (1996), author of *The Lord is Righteous in All His Ways: Reflections on the Tish'ah be-Av Kinot* by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (2006), has written over eighty articles and reviews in Hebrew and English, and edited five acclaimed compilations of important essays.

Lunch & Learn

In memory of Rose and Dr. Charles Langer
For seniors, hosted by Donna Silverman

Wednesdays starting September 10

Join KJ member Willy Rosenberg at 11:30 am for an informal weekly Yiddish language discussion group whose topical flow will be as meandering as the Danube. Litvaks and Galicianers are welcome, as are all lovers of our wonderfully expressive and rich “Mama Loshon.” No minimal language proficiency expected, but be forewarned: If you don’t know what we’re saying, we’re probably kibitzing about you!

At 12:00 pm, participants are invited to eat and listen to an impressive array of speakers offering presentations on a variety of topics of Jewish Interest.

AIPAC Policy Conference 2015

March 1–3, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

Join the KJ/Ramaz Delegation at AIPAC’s Policy Conference led by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Rabbi Elie Weinstock

- Hear from top leaders whose decisions shape the future of our world.
- Come together with thousands of pro-Israel activists and congregants from all 50 states.
- Lobby members of Congress on critical legislation affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship.
- Make our synagogue-school community the most well represented in the nation.

The 2015 AIPAC Northeast Regional Gala

January 22, 2015





Community

Sisterhood

Officers: Stephanie Katz, Julie Kopel, Abby Doft, Katia Raab, Eugenia Davis • sisterhood@ckj.org

The KJ Sisterhood: Something for Everyone!

Would you like to get an inside look at a new art exhibition? Maybe you want to learn how to cook fresh, healthy meals? Perhaps you find sharing ideas about a new book to be stimulating? And wouldn't it be great if you could do all this and raise money for needy people here and around the world? Money raised through Sisterhood programming supports social action projects that benefit families and individuals in our community and around the world. All this is possible if you attend a Sisterhood event. And, as a member of KJ, you are already a part of the Sisterhood.

We would love to have your participation. You can co-chair an event or offer your home as a venue, so come to an event to be with friends or meet new people. If you would like more information on how to get involved contact us at sisterhood@ckj.org.



Tentative Sisterhood Calendar 2014/15:

October
Soul cycle
fundraising ride

November
Museum tour

December
Sotheby's
Judaica tour
Chanukah boutique

January
Cooking event

February
Health initiative

March
Book club

April
Flower arranging

June
Spring luncheon
Spring boutique



Men's Club

President: Dr. Mark Meirowitz • mensclub@ckj.org

The KJ Men's club offers something for everyone in KJ and the broader Jewish community. Some of our programs include Kiddush Discussion led by fascinating speakers; Chug Ivri for lovers of the Hebrew language; film screenings featuring directors, producers, and actors; the annual Men's Club Shabbaton in memory of former president Dr. Stephen Stowe; and the Sunday Supper Lecture series.

Lectures & Discussions

**Sima Mottale and
Dr. Jack Caravelli**

*The Iranian Nuclear Threat,
the Iranian Jewish Community
& the Iranian Opposition*



Aharon Marmorosh

Overview of the Security Assistance provided by USA to Israel

Zev Brenner

More Confessions of a Jewish Broadcaster

Adena Berkowitz

What Bruce Springsteen can teach us about Tikkun Olam

Martin Klein

Widows and Widowers Survival Guide

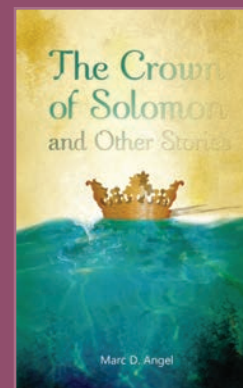
David Goldman

The Collapse of Middle Eastern States and the Future of Judea and Samaria

Film Series

The Honor Diaries with Guest Speakers from the Clarion Project
The Donero Boys with Rabbi Daniel Kraus

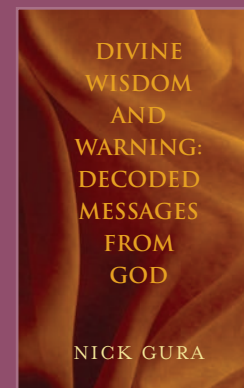
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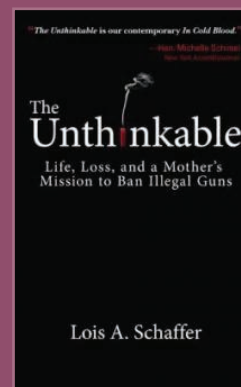
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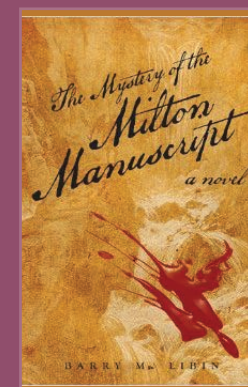
with **Ayşe Kulin**



with **Dr. Nick Gura**



with **Lois Schaffer**



with **Joshua Muravchik**


Kesher

keshher@ckj.org

**Presidents: Gealia Singer, Margot Marans,
Elizabeth Savetsky**

Kesher offers an array of programs and events for individuals and young couples in their twenties, thirties, and forties, and families who have young children. Kesher's main goal is to create a "connection" among this group of KJ members in order to provide a warm and welcoming entry into the larger KJ community and contribute to the social, educational and family needs of this important group in the KJ family.

One of the most popular Kesher programs is the Young People's Minyan (YPM) where members daven as a group, enjoy a delicious hot Kiddush, and most importantly, get to know each other in an intimate, kid-friendly Shul environment.



Men's Sunday Afternoon Basketball Program

For more information,
please contact: **Aaron Krawitz**
Krawitz.Aaron@gmail.com
or **Marco Sardar**
Marco.Sardar@gmail.com

Kesher Events

October 16
Shemini Atzeret Luncheon

November 19
New Mother's Breakfast

December 7
Chanukah Concert

January 14
Guys Night Out

February 28
Progressive Dinner

March 1
Children's Purim Event

May 16
Spring Luncheon





UJA AT KJ

UJA AT KJ is a partnership between KJ members and UJA-Federation of New York which gives KJ members unique opportunities to utilize the resources of UJA-Federation. With an assortment of causes and agencies in need of our support, UJA at KJ enables

KJ members to become involved in and exposed to the important work of UJA-Federation in New York, Israel and around the world.

Lunch and Learn with KJ/Ramaz

May 6, 2015

Seniors from Selfhelp*, a UJA-Federation beneficiary agency that provides the greatest number of services to victims of Nazi persecution, will join the KJ Lunch and Learn program for a delicious lunch, musical performance, and to share some memorable intergenerational interaction with children from Ramaz.

Sponsor a Shabbat ORE

Ongoing

Educational Alliance's* Shabbat ORE offers a kosher Shabbat Lunch to isolated, poor, homeless, mentally ill, and elderly Jews who otherwise would have no other means of celebrating Shabbat. This program was eliminated in 2009 due to budget reductions across the agency, but reinstated in 2010 thanks to the generosity of the UJA at KJ community. Once again, the warmth of a Shabbat lunch once a month is being provided to those who need it most thanks to your generosity.

**All of the agencies listed above are UJA-Federation of New York beneficiary agencies.*

2014-2015 Calendar

Sunday October 12

Party in the Sukkah

Sunday, November 23

Thanksgiving for Project Ore

Serve and share a Thanksgiving meal at Educational Alliance's* Project ORE.

Sunday, December 14

Chanukah with Jewish Home Lifecare

Sunday, March 1

Pack it Up for Purim

Prepare Purim packages to benefit the KJ Food Pantry and Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty*.



For more information about any of these programs or UJA at KJ please contact Rebecca Zimilover at zimiloverr@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1356.

Chesed

Thanks to the commitment of so many dedicated KJ members there are a tremendous number of chesed initiatives available here at KJ, and they cover a wide range of interests and time commitments. These projects can actually make doing chesed quite easy—you only need to find the program that works for you.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun



Bikur Cholim

For over 35 years, a dedicated group of KJ members have been visiting patients at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital. Volunteer positions exist on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Some KJ Bikur Cholim volunteers also perform this mitzvah at other area hospitals, under the auspices of those hospitals' Volunteer and Chaplaincy departments. Contact KJ Administrator **Riva Alper** at **212-774-5670** or program leader **Hon. Jerome Hornblass** at **917-806-7595** for more information.

Clothing Drives

Organized by Victoria Ginsberg's Ramaz Middle School Chesed Club, this energetic group of kids collects clothing, sorts it, bags it and gets it ready for various organizations to distribute.

Contact **Victoria Ginsberg** at **GinsberV@ramaz.org** for information.

Blood Drive

At this year's blood drive, 70 pints of blood were donated by people who received free cholesterol tests and participated in one of the most important mitzvot. This year's blood drive will take place on Sunday, December 7, 2014. The Talmud states that saving one life is akin to saving an entire world, so please donate blood, or volunteer at the drive. Contact Blood Drive co-chairs **Jeffrey Fisher** or **Michael Lustig** at **kjramaz.blooddrive@gmail.com** to reserve an appointment time, to volunteer if you cannot donate blood, or to get more information.

Career Network

The highest form of tzedakah outlined by Maimonides is helping someone to become self-sufficient. In addition, the KJ/Ramaz Career Network endeavors to help members find jobs, or fill a vacancy with a qualified shul member. It is intended as a career development, business and professional reference and general business resource. Contact **Larry Kassman** at **KasTrade@aol.com**

W Connection

Under the leadership of our own KJ Member Judy Tanz, the "W Connection" now meets on the Upper East Side. The "W Connection" is a grassroots organization created to meet the needs of widows by providing widow-to-widow support at the community level so that widows can successfully rebuild their lives and regain and sustain social-emotional stability and health. Contact **Judy Tanz** at **212-535-7571** or **judytanz@verizon.net** to learn more about the KJ/Ramaz chapter of "W Connection"

Chevra Kadisha

Join a dedicated group of men and women performing this sacred mitzvah for which no thanks is received. Doing this act of chesed in the most quiet fashion, and showing the utmost respect and care for each and every deceased member of our community, this group puts into wonderful perspective what life is all about. Contact **Riva Alper** for the women's Chevra Kadisha at **Riva@ckj.org** and contact **Isaac Pollak** for the men's Chevra Kadisha at **isaac@lgpltd.com**

College Connection

This group maintains a warm, personal connection with the college and graduate school-aged children of synagogue members studying in the United States, by sending special mailings and holiday gifts. Contact **Riva@ckj.org** to put your son or daughter on the list.

Shabbat Hospitality

No shul would be complete without a group of volunteers committed to making sure that every visitor to the community has a place to spend a warm, friendly Shabbat meal. Contact **Rabbi Elie Weinstock** at **ravelie@ckj.org** to open up your home to visitors in our community because of the hospitalization of a loved one.

Mitzvah Toy Campaign

This heartful program encourages children to Nursery School through Grade 8 to donate one or more of their birthday presents to children who are less fortunate. Every month another volunteer mother takes charge of the program, collecting the toys and donating them to a Jewish charity of her choice. Contact **Bonnie Silvera** at **bonniesilvera@yahoo.com** for more information

KJ Food Pantry

One of the few kosher food pantries in Manhattan, it provides weekly (every Monday) staples as well as fresh fruit and vegetables to hungry New Yorkers. Volunteer opportunities include: purchasing and/or packaging food; staffing a pick-up table; and delivering packages to the homebound. Contact **Stacy Scheinberg** at **stacyron@aol.com** for more information

Hatzolah

This year marks the 24th year since the inception of the Upper East Side Division of Hatzolah. Their all volunteer EMTs and paramedics provide immediate response and the highest quality emergency medical and life saving services to our community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are male, between the ages of 18 & 45, live or work in the Upper East Side and would like to fulfill the mitzvah of Hatzalat Nefashot (saving lives), please call **212-410-9796**. You do not need any prior medical experience; Hatzolah will provide all necessary training.

Dorot

Through personal contact with seniors, volunteers help deliver vital services to the frail elderly and forge loving bonds between the generations. There are ongoing volunteer opportunities including: friendly visiting; reading and shopping assistance; escorting to medical appointments; or teaching over the phone. There are also one-time opportunities like delivering holiday packages; accompanying groups to visit the cemetery and celebrating birthdays.

To volunteer for most DOROT programs, all you need to do is register on their website **dorotusa.org** Contact **Sasha Stim-Fogel** at **sstim-fogel@dorotusa.org** for more information.

Social Worker Programs at KJ

Wednesday October 1, 6:30–8:00 PM

High Holiday Program

Honoring the Loss of a Loved One:
A Night of Remembrance

Tuesday October 21, 1:00–2:30 PM

Medicare Open Enrollment Overview with Q&A Session

Thursday December 11, 6:30–8:00 PM

Chanukah Program

Honoring the Loss of a Loved One:
Lights in the Darkness

Sunday March 29, 6:30–8:00 PM

Passover Program

Honoring the Loss of a Loved One:
Empty Chair at the Seder Table





Shabbat



Shabbat Groups

10:00 am starting September 6

Early Childhood

For Toddler, Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten. All children in this division are invited to participate in our interactive and educational Shabbat morning groups. These groups incorporate fun activities, important Jewish lessons and a snack. The morning encompasses playtime with leaders, circle time consisting of davening, singing, parsha and story time followed by a light snack.

Junior Congregation

Boys and Girls in grades 1–3 are invited to lead and assume various roles in our Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. With a focus on extended Tefilah and Parshat Hashavuah, our goal is to enrich the minds of our “congregants” by inspiring their hearts. The morning also includes parsha games and age appropriate activities followed by a scrumptious Kiddush.

Youth Minyan

Boys and Girls in grades 4–7 are invited to attend. The Shabbat morning program consists of Tefilah and Divrei Torah that are led by the children and an abbreviated Torah reading led by our high school youth leaders. A variety of age-appropriate activities and games are provided for the group. Hot Kiddush and snacks are served weekly.

Tot Shabbat Friday Night Dinners

November 7, December 5, January 9, February 20

For families with children 5 and under. Celebrate Shabbat at a Friday night dinner with Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Youth Director Aryana Ritholtz. The evening features a special children’s service, storytelling and singalongs, which are followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. RSVPs required. \$50 per family.

Tot Shabbat Daytime

September 13, October 25, November 22, December 13, January 17, February 28, March 14, April 25, May 30, June 20

Children ages 5 and under, their older siblings and parents, are all invited to join Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Aryana Ritholtz for Shabbat songs, stories, and our world-famous Torah parade followed by a delicious Kiddush. RSVPs welcome to esther@ckj.org.

Bnei Akiva Youth Groups (SNIF)

Every Shabbat afternoon beginning on September 20

Children in grades 2–4 are invited to take part in an incredible opportunity to learn about Torah, Zionism and Israel with our special Bnei Akiva Madrichim, Adi Goldberg and Adir Feifel, and our very own high school Bogrim! Snacks and playtime included.

Youth Shabbatonim

November 1 (grades 1-3); December 6 (grades 4-7);
March 21 (grades 1-3); May 9 (grades 4-7)

Following regular morning Shabbat groups, a fun-filled day awaits! The Shabbaton commences with a wonderful lunch. Afterwards children and their youth leaders participate in a myriad of shows, games, and performances. This event is not to be missed!

Yom Tov Celebrations

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Youth Groups

Rosh Hashanah, September 25 & 26

Yom Kippur, October 3 & 4

Youth Groups will be held for children of all ages where they will learn about the different customs and laws related to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Simchat Torah Bash

Thursday night, October 16

Join us for a fun-filled, ruach-loving Simchat Torah program for kids of all ages.

Purim night

Wednesday, March 4

Children of all ages are invited to dress in costumes for our Purim evening program. Candy bags and groggers are just some of the perks for all in attendance. Services are followed by a pizza and ice cream party with music and dancing.

Purim Carnival—The Party of the Year!

Thursday, March 5 following 9:30 am services

Games, prizes, shows, costume contest, inflatable obstacle courses and more.

Shavuot: A Night of Learning

Saturday night, May 23

Celebrate the giving of the Torah with learning, ice cream and fun.



Sports

KJBL Basketball (grades 1–7)

September 7, 14, 21; October 5, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16;

December 14, 21; January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 22; March 1, 8, 22, 29

KJBL gives its players the opportunity to develop their basketball skills in an environment that promotes sportsmanship and fair play.

KJSL Softball (Grades 2–7)

April 26–June 21

This is a great opportunity for kids to develop their softball skills while soaking up the sun in Central Park. Parents are also welcome to join the fun.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 1

Watch football's biggest game of the year on a big screen TV with your friends and enjoy traditional game fare as well. The pre-game festivities begin at 4:00 pm, so come out for a great night of food, football, and fun.

Chanukah Dodgeball in the Dark

December 20

Boys and girls in grades 3–8 participate in a fun-filled Saturday night that combines a fun game of glow in the dark dodgeball ending in a delicious pizza supper in the company of responsible leaders.

Jewish Youth Connection



If you think you know what Hebrew school is... think again! The Jewish Youth Connection at KJ (JYC) is a total reinvention of the Hebrew school experience. Each Sunday morning, excited students participate in small classes focused on Bible studies, Jewish history, customs, and holidays. Students from the second through sixth grades are then paired with a big brother/sister to help make Hebrew reading easy and fun. There is a special track for students preparing for Bar or Bat Mitzvah that adds knowledge and meaning to this important Jewish milestone, and a "JYC Junior High" for older students.

No synagogue affiliation or Jewish background is required. Our focus is to help foster a quality connection to Judaism for you and your family. Join us and spread the word. Visit www.jyc.info for more information.

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Educational Director
Ariana@jyc.info

212-774-5696 / info@jyc.info



MaTaN Bat Mitzvah Program

Led by Rachel Kraus

January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15;

March 1, 8, 15, 22 (9:30-11:00)

Mothers and daughters follows a curriculum developed by MaTaN, the world-renowned Jerusalem academy for women's Torah scholarship, which focuses on Jewish female role models from the Matriarchs to Nehama Leibowitz.

PJ Library at KJ

Rabbi Daniel Kraus

212-774-5696, PJLibrary@ckj.org



Help build a strong Jewish identity for your children. PJ Library will send your children, ages 6 months through 8 years, a free, high-quality children's book or CD each month that will enrich your family's Jewish life. KJ has brought PJ Library and "PJ at KJ" to young Jewish families on the Upper East Side, offering regular programming centered around Shabbat and holidays. Subscribe today and spread the word!

Join monthly community events for you and your children.
Sign up at www.pjlibrary.org/ny/KJ



Who's Who at KJ



RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN has been the principal of the Ramaz School since 1966. He is the Joseph H. Lookstein Professor of Homiletics at Yeshiva University, vice president of the Beth Din of America, and a

member of the Board of Directors of the UJA Federation of New York. Rabbi Lookstein is also a commissioner of the New York City Human Rights Commission. He received his B.A. from Columbia College and earned his ordination, Master's degree, and Ph.D. from Yeshiva University.



RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK is a veteran of both formal and informal educational programs and a Yeshiva University graduate. He received his Rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

and a Masters in Jewish Philosophy from the Bernard Revel Graduate school. Rabbi Weinstock serves as custodian of the highly developed KJ Beginners Program and is a member of the Talmud faculty at the Ramaz Middle School.



RABBI JEREMY WIEDER, KJ Scholar in Residence, is Yeshiva University's Joseph and Gwendolyn Straus Professor of Talmud in the Mazer Yeshiva Program, a rosh yeshiva at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological

Seminary and an adjunct professor of Bible at Yeshiva College. A summa cum laude graduate of Yeshiva College, he was ordained at RIETS, received MS in American Jewish history from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, and he holds a PhD in Judaic studies from New York University. Rabbi Wieder is a prolific scholar on issues of Torah's relationship with modernity, with more than 900 lectures on Judaism captured on audio and video and available online.



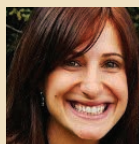
RABBI HAYYIM ANGEL, KJ Rabbinic Scholar, is the National Scholar of the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals (jewishideas.org). He also teaches advanced Bible courses to undergraduate, graduate, and rabbinical students at

Yeshiva University, and lectures widely. He has published over 100 scholarly articles, primarily in Bible, and is author or editor of thirteen books. He received his B.A. in Jewish Studies Summa cum Laude from Yeshiva College, his M.A. in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, his M.S. in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education, and his Rabbinical Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. He lives in New York with his wife and three children.



RABBI DANIEL KRAUS, a native of Australia, serves as KJ's Director of Community Education and Director of the JYC Hebrew School. Daniel studied at Monash University in Melbourne and Yeshiva University. He is a graduate of

the Ner LeElef Fellowship at RIETS and received his ordination from Rabbi Zalman Nechemia Goldberg of Jerusalem. He was the founding Director for the Manhattan Jewish Experience (MJE) Downtown location, where, together with his wife, Rachel built a vibrant Jewish community attracting thousands of unaffiliated young Jewish professionals. He also served as MJE's Chief Operating Officer. Daniel is a member of various Rabbinic organizations both communal and international and has led multiple Birthright trips to Israel. Daniel is completing his MBA at Yeshiva University.



RACHEL KRAUS is Director of Community Education at KJ. Rachel completed a B.S. from Stern College majoring in marketing with a minor in music, including extensive study at The Juilliard School and recently completed

her MBA at NYU. Rachel works as the National Director of Brand Ventures for the Westfield

Corporation where she leads business development for their US portfolio of properties. She has over a decade of experience in teaching informal Jewish education, has taught and lectured in Australia, Belarus, and throughout the US. Rachel has been teaching the Matan Bat Mitzvah program in the NY/NJ area for the past eight years. Rachel & Daniel are the proud parents of three young children.



RABBI ROY FELDMAN graduated from Columbia University with a BA in Linguistics and History and studied at Yeshivat Orot Shaul - Petach Tikva in Israel. He was ordained by Rabbi Zalman Nechemia Goldberg of

Jerusalem and is completing requirements both for ordination and a Masters in Jewish Philosophy from Yeshiva University. Rabbi Feldman has previously been a fellow at the Center for Modern Torah Leadership and has served on the faculty of the Ramaz Middle School and on the rabbinic staffs of Kehilat Rayim Ahuvim, Manhattan Jewish Experience, Congregation Ahavath Torah, and the UJA-Federation of New York.



CANTOR MAYER DAVIS graduated Queens College with a B.A. in Jewish Studies and studied at Yeshiva University's Cantor's Institute. In addition, he trained under the tutelage of his father, Cantor Avrum Davis,

a"h, and with the late Cantor David Koussevitsky. A versatile vocal performer and songwriter, he has appeared at venues across the country and has been a featured guest soloist with Zamir Chorale, most recently at Avery Fisher Hall. He has been commissioned to compose numerous musical pieces for Jewish liturgy and several of his choral compositions have been performed by various Jewish High school choruses, including the Ramaz Chamber Chorus.



SHILO KRAMER is the chazan for the KJ Beginners program. He is a physician specializing in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and is currently completing a fellowship in Cancer Rehabilitation at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Shilo received his M.S. degree from the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education at Yeshiva University and is a popular Jewish studies and Bar Mitzvah tutor for the community's children



LEONARD SILVERMAN is a graduate of Ramaz School, holds a B.A. from Brandeis University, and a J.D. from New York University School of Law. Prior to joining KJ, Leonard was an attorney specializing in complex commercial litigation. As the

Congregation's executive director, Leonard oversees many non-rabbinic facets of KJ's operations.



RIVA ALPER, a graduate of Stern College began her professional career as a proofreader and editor for ArtScroll Publications. Then, armed with an MA in English and education from Seton Hall University, Riva taught junior high school

English in the U.S. and then in Israel. Upon her return from Israel, she worked for a New York marketing agency and then became director of development at American Friends of Reuth Medical Center. She comes to KJ with the perspective and dedication which developed over the years as a member of the Congregation and as a lay leader.



ARYANA RITHOLTZ born and raised in Atlantic Beach, attended the Hebrew Academy of Five Towns and Rockaway. She studied in Israel for a year before graduating from Touro College with a degree in Judaic Studies while

simultaneously earning a degree from Alegra Franco Teacher's Seminary in Brooklyn, New York. A veteran of Jewish educational programming in summer camp,

Aryana served as a popular source of *ruach* and spirituality in her role as Jewish Life Coordinator in the Ramaz Middle School and hopes to bring her enthusiasm, passion, and vibrant personality to the KJ Youth Department.



GILAH KLETENIK is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. For the previous four years, Gilah served as Congregational Scholar at KJ. She received a Masters

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SARA ROSEN has been with the KJ Beginners program for over a decade. Born in Jerusalem, she studied education at Beit Berl Teacher's College and at Columbia University.

Among her many skills and teaching methodologies, Sara has developed Phonetic Hebrew Decoding (PHD), an innovative approach to learning Hebrew reading, that simplifies the process and makes it more accessible. In addition to teaching Hebrew at KJ, Sara oversees the Hebrew program at Rodeph Sholom Religious School and teaches Hebrew in their adult education program.



SHERA ARANOFF TUCHMAN has been teaching a weekly class in Biblical commentary at KJ for the past 20 years. Notes from this class culminated in the publications of two books co-authored with

Sandra Rapoport, *Passions of the Matriarchs and Moses' Women*, commentaries on the women in Genesis and Exodus, respectively. Shera recently translated over 35 volumes, written by her grandmother, *Safta's Diaries – Intimate Diaries of a Religious Zionist Woman*. These diaries depict American Jewish life post World War II and include private and personal family happenings, as well as political and historical writings. The book, just published by KTAV, has been reviewed as a "modern day Gluckel of Hamlen." Dr. Aranoff also practices Dermatology in Manhattan.



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