



**April 9, 2021**

**Shabbat Shalom!** This week marks important days for the Jewish community around the world with three Israeli observances: Yom HaShoah (April 8, Holocaust Remembrance Day); Yom HaZikaron (April 14, Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (April 15, Israeli Independence Day). Please join us for a series of meaningful events that will allow our community to commemorate these holidays with the Jewish community around Westchester County, New York, the rest of the world. (See below for details.)

**Special Events for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day); Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day).**



**Guide to Yom HaShoah events around the Country (from Forward News)**

“Despite a year of isolation and pandemic restrictions, Jewish communities around the country are finding ways to come together for Yom HaShoah, the annual commemoration to honor the more than six million Jews murdered by Nazis and Nazi collaborators during the Holocaust. From coast to coast, synagogues, cities, museums,

Jewish community centers, and others are hosting and organizing virtual events to remember the lives lost, honor the survivors, and educate a new generation”-Forward News. Click [here](#) for the round-up of events.



**Virtual J: Yom HaZikaron: The Power of Jewish Peoplehood Through Personal and Collective Mourning (with the JCCA)**

*Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:00 PM*

Listen to an intimate conversation about loss and the healing power of personal and collective mourning as shared by Israelis who know the heartache and anguish from their own experiences. Solomon Shapiro, a lone soldier in the IDF originally from New York will talk

about his JCC experience along with other panelists. Click [here](#) for more information. This event is free but you must register an account.



**Just for For Kids: Yom Ha'atzmaut Interactive Show: "Room for Rent" with the JCCA**

*Thursday April 15; 2:30 PM*

The JCCA is delighted to present a live performance of Lea Goldberg's Israeli children's book Dira Lehaskir. Enjoy this timeless classic narrated by actress Daniella Rabbani and accompanied by a five-piece ensemble. Program will be followed by a "conductors

workshop" and the "Musical Instruments Petting Zoo." FREE via zoom. [Register here.](#)

**Upcoming Special Events**



**Community-Wide, Outdoor, Spring Zumba Dance Jam!  
(ages 16+)**

**Sunday, May 2; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Come join us for a dance party like no other! This two-hour Zumba event will feature multiple of your favorite JCC Zumba instructors. Get your groove on to exhilarating Latin beats and get the spring season started! Bring friends, bring your spouse, bring your mother or daughter to celebrate an early

Mother's Day—or make new friends! All are welcome (16 years+) and admission is FREE! Register [here.](#)



**Family Havdalah with Rabbi Billy Dreskin of Woodlands Community Temple and Rabbi Ben Newman**

*Saturday, April 10; 7:00 PM*

Join us and connect with the community and your friends for a Havdalah ceremony, which marks the end of Shabbat. Together on Zoom we will sing songs, listen to stories, and do the traditional Havdalah ceremony of smelling spices and lighting candles. This event is perfect for families with

children who are new to the Rivertowns, and for families who already live in the area but would love to connect with Jewish community. Click [here](#) to register.



**DRIVE IN-CONCERT: "The Story of Israel in Song" with the Westchester Jewish Council, JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel) and JCC MidWestchester**

*Sunday, May 2; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

Bring your whole family and join us at the JCC MidWestchester in Scarsdale for an exciting live concert featuring Israeli artists in celebration of the story of Israel. \$10

per car JCCMW Main /Back Parking Lot at 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale, NY. Click [here](#) for more information and ticket links.

**Spring Programs with Spots Still Available!**



**Just a few spots left! Fitness & Sports for Youth & Teen**

**Fitness: Outdoor Cycle and Outdoor Bootcamp**

*Various Days & Times, beginning Monday, April 5*

Your child or teen will have a blast in outside and moving this spring! We are offering **Youth Fitness classes for 10 – 15-year olds:** Youth Cycle, Youth Basic Training (here’s your chance to send your child to bootcamp!), or Youth Yoga. No membership is required so they can sign up with friends!

Click [here](#) for more details on Youth Fitness and email [Lisa](#)

[Bruskin](#) to register at a pro-rate (this call has already started).



**Outdoor Basketball Drills, Skills, and Games with Northeast Elite Basketball**

Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 PM (co-ed ages 6 – 10) or

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM (co-ed grades 3 – 6)

Join us and Northeast Elite Basketball for a packed hour of basketball drills, skills, games, and unlimited fun! This co-ed, COVID-19 aware program is great for players at all levels—beginners are welcome and kids with experience

will also feel challenged. Group size is limited; reserve your spot today and get your children active and outdoors this spring! Click [here](#) for details and email [admin@northeast-elite.com](mailto:admin@northeast-elite.com) to register.



**In-person, outdoor Special Needs Programming for youth, teens, and young adults**

The Shames JCC will offer a variety of in-person and virtual experiences for children, teens, young adults, and parents.

Click [here](#) for more information and reach out to [specialneeds@shamesjcc.org](mailto:specialneeds@shamesjcc.org) for intake and registration information.

**Important reminders!**



### River Friends Day Camp Registration is Open! Now Offering a 2s Program!

We are so thrilled that we are now able to offer our families a 2s program! Your child will have the summer of their life! Sports and games, playground time, nature and gardening projects, yoga, water-play, and crafts are just sampling! Click [here](#) for

more information or reach out to [riverfriends@shamesjcc.org](mailto:riverfriends@shamesjcc.org). Spots are also still available in all of our age groups.



### We're hiring! Camp counselors and multiple opportunities in the Aquatics & Fitness departments!

Camp Twelve Trails (grades K – 10) and River Friends Day Camp (ages 3 – 6) are both hiring for this summer! This is an exciting opportunity to work with kids, develop your leadership abilities, and have fun! Premium salaries for qualified counselors for River Friends Day Camp PLUS Summer 2021 Bonus! To see the open positions at Camp

Twelve Trails, click [here](#) and click [here](#) to see opportunities at River Friends Day Camp.

For Opportunities in Aquatics, email [Eric Hammermeister](mailto:Eric.Hammermeister@shamesjcc.org) and [Sadari Neville](mailto:Sadari.Neville@shamesjcc.org) for Fitness.



### Upcoming Renard: The Rise and Fall of the Catskills and the Comedians Who Made Them Famous with Mort Segal

*Monday, April 12; 10:00 – 11:30 AM*

Mort started working in the Catskills in 1943 as a busboy and then at age 17, went to work for his father booking entertainment for the Catskills resorts. It was the largest booking business in the area and on the average Saturday

night there would be 121 shows with 150 entertainers! Mort was the center of the scene, rubbing elbows with Buddy Hackett and becoming friends with Joan Rivers and other stars of the English and Yiddish vaudeville, stage, and screen. Click [here](#) to register.



### Registration for 2021 – 2022 Early Childhood Center programs is now open!

We will be offering programming for 2's, 3's and 4's and children in all age groups will have the ability to attend school from 9 to 12 or 9 to 3. We plan to continue to build on the success of this school year with our outdoor learning environments and will continually review guidance from the



CDC, the NY State Office of Children and Family Services and the NY State Department of Health as we plan ahead. Please read more about our educational philosophy [here](#) and reach out to [Ann Zarider](#) for more information and enrollment. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.



**Reminder: Camp 12 Trails Registration is open! (some age groups and sessions have sold out so be sure to reserve today!)**

*Entering K – teen programming)*

Give your kids the great outdoors and the summer of their life in nature in the expansive Henry Kaufmann campgrounds! Members receive discounts. Click [here](#) for details. Comprehensive, albeit evolving, COVID-19 plans

can be found on the [website](#).

### **The Rivertowns Jewish Consortium and Beyond**

The Shames JCC is a part of the Rivertowns Jewish Consortium, a group that includes [Greenburgh Hebrew Center](#), [Mishkan Ha'am](#), [Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns](#), [Temple Beth Abraham](#), [Temple Beth Shalom](#), and [Woodlands Community Temple](#), as well as the [Westchester Jewish Council](#). The Shames JCC is also pleased to be a key network agency of the [UJA Federation of New York](#) and the [Westchester Jewish Council](#). Please check with the congregation websites (links above) for updates on closures and programs.

### **Greenburgh Hebrew Center**

Sunday, April 11 at noon: **In commemoration of Yom HaShoah, the community is invited to hear Hannah Holsten speak about her life and experiences.** Hannah Holsten lived a normal life in Nuremberg, Germany in 1938 with her mother, father, sister, and brother--until the Nazis came on Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass). The Nazis destroyed everything they owned, and Hannah, her parents, and her siblings were rounded up and placed in an overnight jail. The next morning would begin a long two-year journey for Hannah, fleeing from the Nazis, traveling all over Europe, and at one point being hidden by smugglers. Hannah's story is filled with moments of unbelievable luck. She tells her story today so that no one ever forgets the terrors of the Shoah, the Holocaust. Zoom info is as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/93324940252?pwd=WGNkNHNiYUwM2I2cjQ4NXdXWUFNUT09>

Meeting ID: 933 2494 0252

Passcode: 123123

### **Woodlands Community Temple**

**Blacks and Jews: Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going?** *Sun, Apr 11, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm* The keynote address at this WCT University event on Zoom will be presented by Georgetown University professors

Jacques Berlinerblau and Terrence Johnson who, together, teach a popular class, Blacks and Jews in America. The presentation and questions and answers will be followed by small group facilitated conversations. Included also on the program are a virtual visit to the Katonah Museum of Art and music from The Afro Semitic Experience. Key members of the band will present their newly recorded, "My Feet Began to Pray," with an opportunity to ask questions. Presented by Woodlands Community Temple Social Action Committee (Racial Justice Task Force) and Adult Education Committee, with additional funding provided by UJA-Federation. To register Click [Here](#).

### **Mishkan Ha'am**

#### **Havdallah - Yom Hashoah Commemoration with guest speakers Dinah Kramer and Danny Weiss** *April*

*10th, 7:30pm - 9:00pm* Fellow Reconstructionists Dinah Kramer (Holocaust educator) and Danny Weiss (photographer) will join us to share their recent project Survivor. They photographed and interviewed 18 Holocaust survivors between 2017-2019, creating vibrant portraits that help bring their incredible journeys to life. We hope middle and high school-aged young people in the community will attend as this is a tangible and powerful way to learn about the Holocaust with a focus on the strength and resilience of survivors. Visit [www.mishkanhaam.org](http://www.mishkanhaam.org)

**Friday Night Shabbat Service** *April 16th, 7:30pm - 9:00pm* We will mark Yom Ha'atzmaut with a discussion during our Friday night service about our connections to the land of Israel/Palestine as American Jews. We will explore areas of further learning that we hope to cover in the coming year. Join us for song, poetry, conversation and reflection. Visit [www.mishkanhaam.org](http://www.mishkanhaam.org)

**Adult Ed: Unpacking and Healing from Intergenerational Trauma in the Jewish Community** *April 18th, 11:00am - 12:30pm*. There has been a growing awareness across the fields of science, psychology and spirituality that trauma does not just impact an individual, but that collective trauma can cause harm to communities and can have lasting effects through generations. Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg, a recent graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, has pioneered work to support the Jewish community in creating trauma-informed practices. Our Rabbinic Leader Solomon will present a variety of perspectives and resources that can help us understand the impact of trauma for the Jewish community. Visit [www.mishkanhaam.org](http://www.mishkanhaam.org)

### **Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns**

**Men's Tanakh Class** *Tuesdays at 11:00 am* This class is dedicated to studying the books of the Tana"kh starting from Bereshit (Genesis) with a close reading of the text. We bring in commentary and interpretation as needed but we concentrate on contextual approaches. We have engaged in meaningful learning through text immersion and lively discussions. Led by Rabbi Halina Rubinstein. For more information please e-mail: [rabbirubinstein@optonline.net](mailto:rabbirubinstein@optonline.net)

**Women's Torah Class** *Thursdays at 11:00 am* This group is now in its eighth year. We concentrate on feminist readings of Jewish classical sources (Bible, Midrash and Rabbinic literature) as well as focusing on Jewish

women who have distinguished themselves through history by breaking barriers and being many of history's "firsts." Led by Rabbi Halina Rubinstein. For more information please e-mail: [rabbirubinstein@optonline.net](mailto:rabbirubinstein@optonline.net)

**Shabbat Morning services on Zoom.** *From 9:30 to 11:30 am. (approx).* Rosh Pinah follows the Conservative custom and is completely member led. Each week we rotate daveners (prayer leaders), Torah and Haftarah readers as well as Gabbayim who conduct the service. The D'var Torah (sermons) are also delivered by our members and they usually elicit lively discussions. For more information please e-mail: [rabbirubinstein@optonline.net](mailto:rabbirubinstein@optonline.net)

**Women's Rosh Chodesh Group** This group meets once a month to share personal perspectives on aspects of Jewish text, culture, and practice. Join us for provocative conversation, exploration of Jewish ideas, brief meditations, and above all, community and friendship. The group is facilitated by Amy Gottlieb author of the novel *The Beautiful Possible* was a finalist for the 2017 Harold U. Ribalow Prize, a 2016 National Jewish Book Award and Edward Lewis Wallant Award. For more information and to be notified of the topic and location prior to each meeting please e-mail [jkneb@aol.com](mailto:jkneb@aol.com).

**Temple Beth Abraham:** All activities take place on Zoom. Please contact the office to register at [info@TBA-ny.org](mailto:info@TBA-ny.org)

**Bible Study:** *Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM*

Rabbi Holtz leads a class every Wednesday morning, which goes at its own pace through the Tanakh [Torah (Law), Nevi'im (Prophets) and Ketuvim (Writings)] in English. No previous knowledge is required, and you can join in at any point in the cycle.

**Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Sabbath) Reform Evening Services** *Fridays, 6:00 PM*

Join us for a warm and spiritual start to the weekend. The Service is available on our Livestream: [tba-ny.org/live-service-streaming](http://tba-ny.org/live-service-streaming)

**Shabbat Morning Conservative Services** *Saturdays, 9:00 AM* Join our conservative minyan for services Saturday on Zoom.

**Israel Is Beautiful** *Sunday, April 11, 12:00pm* Join us for a live session direct from Israel with Peter Abelow of Israel is Beautiful. This session includes a short travel video and in-depth dive into the destination. Interact with Peter. Ask questions and engage with each other as we travel to Masada. A real tour, right from the comfort of your home! Minus the bus. Minus the jet lag. All the excitement. Almost. Please register for this free series: <http://bit.ly/3bhuy1g>

**Books@Night** *Tuesday, April 13, 7:30pm* "Snow in August by Pete Hamill" Brooklyn, 1947. The war veterans have come home. Jackie Robinson is about to become a Dodger. And in one close-knit working-class neighborhood, an eleven-year-old Irish Catholic boy named Michael Devlin has just made friends with a lonely rabbi from Prague. Discussion led by congregants Sharon DeLevie and Kimberly Marcus

**Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) Celebration** *Thursday, April 15, 7:30pm-8:30pm* Join Temple Beth Abraham as they participate in the Jewish Agency for Israel/JAFI's Shlichut (Outreach) Initiative and the Westchester Jewish Council's county-wide 73rd anniversary Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. The celebration will include approximately 40 minutes of an amazing concert by Israeli musicians and singers (a project of MusicTalks) interspersed with greetings from official representatives of the Israeli Consulate, elected officials, the Jewish community in Westchester, UJA, and more.

**Women's Circle** *Friday, April 16, 5:00-6:00pm* Coffee Date: Name someone you'd like to spend a few hours with. You can focus on a character from the Bible, but let's face it, we've all watched a lot of TV and movies this year, so feel free to name someone from there. Share with us what you relate to and what you'd like to discuss. Members and Guests are welcome. For women and those who identify as women. There is no charge for this program. For more information please email [tbawomencircle@tba-ny.org](mailto:tbawomencircle@tba-ny.org).

**Westchester Jewish Council with Bet Am Shalom in White Plains and LiveOnNY: Judaism and Organ**

**Donation: Issues & Answers**

*April 27; 7:30 – 9:00 PM*

Attend this illuminating session, learn and ask questions about Judaism and organ donation. Speakers: Rabbi Ari Perl, Vice President of Multicultural

Engagement at LiveOnNY, Rabbi Lester Bronstein of Bet Am Shalom Synagogue, and Alan Ganek, Heart Transplant Recipient. Learn the need and

impact on the local Jewish Community, Recognize the myths and misconceptions, Understand the Halakha Teachings, Hear the Perspective of a Donor Family, Hear from a Heart Transplant Recipient, Understand the process. Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to see our complete COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

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