



**June 11, 2021**

**Shabbat Shalom!** This week we said goodbye to our Early Childhood Center children for the summer or wished them well in Kindergarten! What a year it was! In all seasons we learned, played, and flourished outside. We will miss them! And don't forget, enrollment is open for next year, details are below, be sure to forward them to people you know looking for early childhood education! Enrollment has also opened for Almost Home, our afterschool program. Be sure to reserve your spot today! Have a great weekend everyone and we can't wait to meet you at the J soon!



**Almost Home: After-school childcare program for children in the Irvington and Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown school districts.**

*Registration is open; the program begins in September*

We are so excited to bring our after-school childcare program Almost Home back and welcome your children back to the JCC! Almost Home is the JCC's after-school childcare program for children in the Irvington and Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown school districts. Buses directly bring students to the Shames JCC for a supervised

afternoon, including time for snack, homework, socialization, and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Click [here](#) for details on fees and the registration process. Spots are limited.



**Personal Training**

We are thrilled that so many members are returning to the JCC and getting back on track with their health & fitness goals. Let us create a customized training plan, hold you accountable and show you how to train smart – not just hard. We'll help you stay motivated and focused on your goals while you build a relationship with a professional trainer who cares! Our experienced certified personal trainers are currently certified through one of the nationally

accredited industry associations such as NASM, ACSM, NSCA, or ACE. Click [here](#) for details/rates or reach out to Lisa Bruskin.



**Final Renard of the Season! How Music Works: Baroque music and beyond with Barry Weisenfeld**

*Monday, June 21; 10:00 – 11:30 AM (please note that this Monday the 14th there is no Renard as the presenter scheduled, Arthur Aldrich passed away a few weeks back. Please find an encore presentation of his last Renard lecture from March on our website “How Music Works: Baroque music and beyond”—Barry will discuss jazz from its origins in the Deep South during slavery and its migration north and evolution through various styles including big*

*band and bebop and cool jazz. Click [here](#) for details and to register.*

**Reminders: Upcoming Events**



**Improv Showcase with Improv Innovation**

*Thursday, June 17, 6:00 – 7:30 PM*

Join us and Ellen Flaks of Improv Innovations (a JCC Affinity Fellow) for a free improv show featuring an inter-generational cast of performers along with plenty of audience participation. FUN & LAUGHTER! This community event is made possible with an Affinity Fellows grant with the Shames JCC on the Hudson and the UJA Federation NY. Click [here](#) for more information about registration and Ellen.



**BRAG PARTY!**  
**Gather. Celebrate. Connect.**

Say Yes! to this invitation to experience Naomi Vladeck's energetic Brag Party. Celebrating your accomplishments energizes us all and creates authentic community with energy and purpose! We'll share ideas, resources and laughs toward the next brag-worthy moment on our path together.

**Wednesday, June 16**  
**9:30-11:00am**  
**Space limited. Say Yes!**

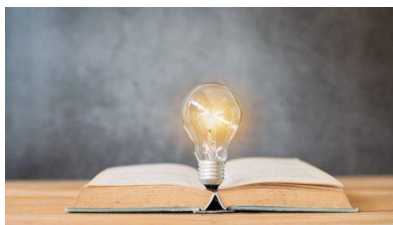


**Brag Party & Creative Networking**

*Wednesday, June 16 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM*

Join us and Naomi Vladeck, a creativity coach who has championed the work of independent artists for over two decades, for this outdoor gathering on our campus. We'll use a talking circle format to learn how to celebrate our wins and create an authentic community with energy and purpose. Experience the impact you will have when you celebrate your accomplishments in a supportive circle with other

creative peers! Click [here](#) for details and to learn more about Naomi. *This program is made possible in part by grants from the Jewish Education Project, the UJA Federation NY, and the Shames JCC on the Hudson.*



**Challenging Times, Ageless Insights: Reemergence: What the Jewish Tradition Teaches Us About Coming Out of COVID Quarantine Mindfully with Rabbi Ben Newman (In-person and via Zoom)**

*June 18; 9:30 – 10:30*

Please join us for the last Challenging Times, Ageless Insights of the season! Rabbi Ben Newman will lead a discussion on what the Jewish Tradition About

Coming Out of COVID Quarantine Mindfully—and for the first time since February 2020, we will be holding this discussion in-person! And via Zoom if you prefer to livestream from your home. Click [here](#) to register for the virtual event or email [Rabbi Ben Newman](#) if you plan on attending in-person.



### Family Havdalah: Live on Facebook

*Saturday, June 19; 8:30 PM*

Join us and connect with the community and your friends for a Havdalah ceremony, which marks the end of Shabbat with Rabbi David Holtz. Together on Zoom we will sing songs, listen to stories, and do the traditional Havdalah ceremony of smelling spices and lighting candles. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the UJA Federation NY. Click [here](#) for details and live links.

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## Youth & Early Childhood



### Basketball Camp with Northeast Elite Basketball (boys and girls, grades 3 – 6)

*Aug 2 – Aug 6 and/or Aug 9 – Aug 13; 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM with option of adding an extended stay, play, and swim option with the JCC until 3:00 PM*

Have fun and learn some new basketball moves with our partners Northeast Elite, one of Westchester's premier basketball clubs. The program is led by Coach Nick Resavy, former player with Syracuse University as well as a former member of the Brooklyn Nets coaching staff. He will be joined by top trainers in the state working that include former and current Division I players and coaches as well as current varsity high school players from the area. Activities will take place outside and in the JCC's Basketball Gym. JCC Members get generous discounts. Click [here](#) to register.



### River Friends Day Camp ( ages 2 – 6)

The team at River Friends has finalized their plans for summer and we promise you, your child will be one happy camper! This year our focus is creation of experiences that are truly unique to camp and exciting for children. We are partnering with professional musicians; setting up STEM challenges with the leading STEM program in the world; designing theme days and field days; building new structures for water-play; bringing in a sensei for karate; and even incorporating mindfulness activities

like yoga into the summer. There is still room but space is limited. Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.



### **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.

## **We're Hiring! Join our Early Childhood Teaching Staff or Lifeguard**

### **Early Childhood Center: Head Teachers & Assistant Teachers**

We're looking to hire Head Teachers and Assistant Teachers for the 21-22 school year. We have full and part-time hours available and candidates need to be prepared to work Monday to Friday beginning on September 1, 2021. All applicants should possess a warm, loving and positive attitude with a keen appreciation for young children. Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Join our Lifeguarding Team and Receive a Summer Bonus!**

Under the direct supervision of the Aquatics Director, the lifeguard will provide a positive atmosphere, display outstanding customer service, and will professionally and courteously ensure the safety and enjoyment of all members, program participants, and guests in the pool area, deck, and surrounding areas based on the JCC Aquatic Safety Standards & Guidelines. Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Camp Twelve Trails**

Camp Twelve is looking to fill a variety of positions for the summer. This is a perfect job for a returning college student or anyone who loves being outside and working with children! Click [here](#) to learn more about working at camp.

We're also looking for qualified candidates in other areas such as Fitness, Camps, Member Experience, and more! Click [here](#) to see all of the opportunities at the JCC.

### **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.

## Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns

**The Men's Tanakh Class** Now meets every other Tuesday at 11:00 am. via ZOOM. *For a full schedule please email [rabbirubinstein@optonline.net](mailto:rabbirubinstein@optonline.net).*

**The Women's Torah Study Group** Now meets every other Thursday at 11:00 am. via ZOOM

To join any of the study groups please let Rabbi Halina know to add you to the ZOOM link mailings, [rabbirubinstein@optonline.net](mailto:rabbirubinstein@optonline.net).

**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.

**Women's Circle** *Friday, June 11, 5:00-6:00pm* Surprise! Truly, this year has not had a ton of good surprises. So let's share something surprising about you that most of us don't know and then something surprising that happened in the past week, month, or year. 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).

**Special Shabbat Service honoring Gay Pride** *Friday, June 11, 6:00pm* June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month and Temple Beth Abraham will host a Pride Shabbat Reform Service, open to all: singles, families, students, and guests. TBA is a safe place for everyone to be who they are; no one has to choose between expressing their identity and their religion. **Featuring special guest speaker, Dubbs Weinblatt**, Associate Director of Education and Training at Keshet in the New York Metro area. Dubbs is the founder and executive producer of *Thank You for Coming Out*, a queer improv show, and co-founder and executive producer of *Craft Your Truth*, an organization that encourages LGBTQ folks to use any kind of performance art as a way to express their stories and connect with their community around them. Dubbs earned their B.S. from The Ohio State University and currently volunteers with *New Alternatives*. They are currently writing a book.