



June 4, 2021

Shabbat Shalom! We hope everyone's summer is off to a great start and will actually get to enjoy some sunshine this weekend! We did want to remind everyone that as we invite more people back to the JCC and relax some Covid regulations, we still have very strict protocols in place and we need everyone's participation in keeping the JCC a safe and healthy environment. Please be reminded that you must wipe down equipment before and after use and disinfect the showers. Thank you! And we can't wait to meet you at the J soon!



Unity Gathering, Westchester Stands Against Anti-Semitism and Hate

Monday, June 7; 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Stand together with the Westchester Jewish community, community leaders, clergy of all faiths, elected, and public officials at this outdoor unity gathering. Participants will meet Monday at the JCC of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale. (Parking will be available in the back

parking lot). This event is being organized by the Westchester Jewish Council, UJA-Federation of New York, the Anti-Defamation League, AJC Westchester/Fairfield, the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, and the JCC of Mid-Westchester. Click [here](#) for the flyer with additional details.



Improv Showcase with Improv Innovation

Thursday, June 17, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join us and Ellen Flak 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.



Challenging Times, Ageless Insights: Reemergence: What the Jewish Tradition 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.



Upcoming Renard: Laughing all the Way to Freedom with Emil Draitser

Monday, June 7, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

In his autobiographical trilogy, lively, evocative, and rich with humor, Hunter College Russian professor Emil Draitser describes his life as a Jew in the Soviet Union in his book Farewell, Mama Odessa. Shush! Growing up Jewish under Stalin opens with the author's startling discovery: many years after making

his way to America from Odessa in Soviet Ukraine, every time he uttered the remark "Jewish"—even in a casual conversation—he lowered his voice. Farewell, Mama Odessa is devoted to the travails of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and adjustment to life in a different culture. Click [here](#) to register. If you'd like to purchase the book, the publisher is offering a 30% to Renard participants through the month of June with promo code: RENARD. Click [here](#) to purchase his book.

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.*



Reminder: We've added some new Group Exercise Classes. Come on in and try something new!

New Zumba Class: Tuesdays; 6:45 – 7:30 PM (also offered virtually)

New Cycling Class: Thursday; 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Click [here](#) for the full Group Exercise Schedule and to register.

Summer is Here and Camp is Just Weeks Away!



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 details. Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

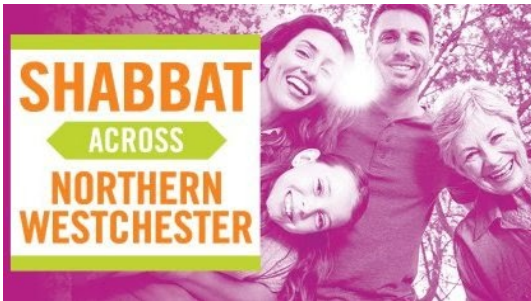
Other Important Reminders



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.



Shabbat Across Northern Westchester

Multiple Events: Friday, June 11 - Sunday, June 13, 2021

Spring is here. The weather is getting nicer and nicer. And the time to be together in community has arrived. Join the Northern Westchester Jewish Community for a weekend of fun. Pick just one event or choose many—there's something for everyone to enjoy. It's a wonderful new way to meet up with your Westchester neighbors.

See you soon! Click [here](#) for details.

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.

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.

Greenburgh Hebrew Center

Virtual tour of Jewish Harlem *Wednesday, June 9 at 7:30 pm* Join Lower East Side Conservancy tour guide Barry Judelman, as he gives a talk on Zoom about Jewish Harlem, which from 1870-1930 was the third largest Jewish community in the world, after New York's Lower East Side and Warsaw, Poland. To RSVP, ask questions or to obtain Zoom link, please contact Sisterhood@ghcny.org or go to www.ghcny.org .

Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns

The remaining meeting for the Women's Rosh Hodesh Group for this academic year will take place on **Thurs. June 10**. All meetings are on ZOOM. 7:00pm - Shmooze. Program begins 7:20 pm. For questions please contact: Judy Nebel: jkneb@aol.com.

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.*

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.

Woodlands Community Temple