



**Upcoming Holiday Hours:**

**Sunday:** 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Monday:** closed



**Shabbat Shalom.** As we gather with friends and family this weekend, let's not forget why we have a long weekend—to honor those who perished in war. We are forever grateful for the ultimate sacrifice of those who died for our country and their courage and dedication will never be forgotten.

This week's newsletter will a summary of important reminders. Have a great weekend and we can't meet you at the J soon!

**Summer is Here and Camp is Just Weeks Away!**



**Basketball Camp with Northeast Elite Basketball (co-ed, 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

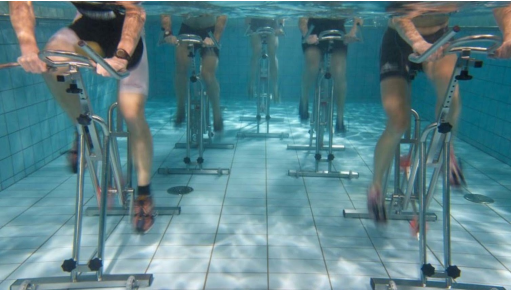
Syracuse University as well as a former member of the Brooklyn Nets coaching staff. He will be joined by top trainers in the state working that include former and current Division I players and coaches as well as current varsity high school players from the area. Activities will take place outside and in the JCC's Basketball Gym. JCC Members get generous discounts. Click [here](#) to register. *Please note that this form is for basketball camp registration only. For information on the extended day option, please email [Lauren Bergida-Morrison](#).*



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

The team at River Friends is finalizing 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.



**Just a few spots left! Aqua Cycling Class Session:**

*Tuesdays OR Thursdays (or both), beginning June 8*

Burn twice the calories in half the time! Open to adults of all swimming abilities and fitness levels. Aqua cycling takes spinning on land to a whole new level! Aqua cycling places stationary bikes underwater at waist level, allowing you to pedal against the resistance of the water, creating a significantly better workout. Click [here](#) for details and registration links. You do not

need to be a member to sign up for this class.



**SPARC (Special Needs Individuals ages 16 – 24)**

*Sunday, June 6; 1:00 – 5:00 PM*

Join us and SPARC (Special Programs & Resource Connection) for a fun-filled active day! Participants will get to work out in the Fitness Center, learn new healthy recipes, play various sports activities, meet new people, and make new friends in a welcoming and supportive environment! SPARC offers

recreational, arts, athletics, and wellness programs for members of the Westchester County special needs community, ages 5 through adulthood. To learn more about SPARC, please visit their [website](#). To register, contact Kara Planamento at [kara@sparcinc.org](mailto:kara@sparcinc.org) or 914.243.0583 x 1107.



**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.*

## 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.

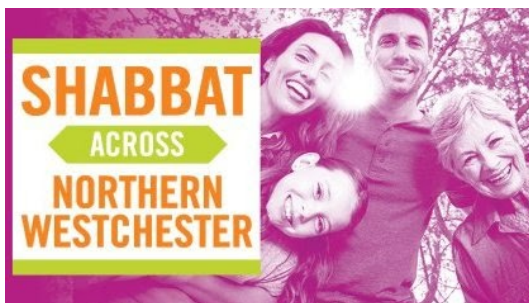
We're also looking for qualified candidates in other areas such as Fitness, Camps, Member Experience, and more! Click [here](#) to see all of the opportunities at the JCC.

## 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.

### 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

**OPEN INVITATION: The Women's Study Group Invites Everyone, [Men & Women], To Participate In The Book Discussion: In The Light Of Days - Women Resistance Fighters In Hitler's Ghettos By Judy Batalion** *Thursday, JUNE 3 at 11:00 AM - on Zoom* The new book that has made headlines for its incredible research and masterful story telling. Most of these stories have not been known nor have the women that so courageously fought for the freedom and dignity of the Jewish people. Please email Rabbi Halina for a link to the meeting: [rabbirubinstein@optonline.net](mailto:rabbirubinstein@optonline.net)

### Woodlands Community Temple

**Jammin' Pride Shabbat** *Fri, June 4 at 5:00 pm* **ON THE TEMPLE LAWN!** Put on your jammies, gather around, and join us for our usual antics and love, this month celebrating the full rainbow of life! We'll be in-person, outside on the temple lawn. If you prefer, enjoy [on Facebook](#).

**Pride Shabbat: Promoting a Brighter Future** *Fri, June 4 at 8:00 pm* Woodlands Community Temple and LGBTQ+ Task Force invite you to join us [on Facebook](#) for our 5th annual Pride Shabbat service. This warm, welcoming service of inclusion and love will feature Dana Kaplan, Executive Director of Outright Vermont. Dana is the nephew of long time temple member Alan Kaplan. Outright Vermont builds hope, equity and power for LGBTQ+ youth 22 and under, to counter the fact that queer youth are at much higher risk for suicide than their heterosexual peers. Dana will relate their experience in Vermont to our ongoing work in Westchester.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** *Saturday, June 5 from 4:00-6:00 pm* Come learn about our Keshet Religious School Program. Meet our Rabbi and Educator. Tour the synagogue building RSVP at [wct.org/openhouse](http://wct.org/openhouse)

**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](https://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.

**Border Report: Children in Need (with the Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration** *Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 pm*, [Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration](https://www.wjci.org/) (WJCI) will host a countywide zoom event to educate our community about how to advocate and provide critical support to immigrant children impacted by the situation at the southern border. WJCI is aware that children arriving at the southern border without their parents have presented a political and humanitarian challenge. These numbers began rising considerably after 2009 when 19,418 children were taken into custody at the border. Unaccompanied minors peaked in 2014, with 68,000 apprehensions. Analysts say 2021 is

on pace to break that record, with more than 600 children currently arriving daily at the U.S.-Mexico border. Click [here](#) for a flyer with more information.

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