



THE CITY CONGREGATION for HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

TCC Calendar 2009-2010

The City Congregation celebrates **Shabbat** at Community Church of New York (CCNY), 40 E. 35th St., between Park and Madison Ave., unless otherwise noted.

KidSchool and **Adult Perspectives** meet at 15 West 86th St. (SAJ), in Manhattan, between Central Park West and Columbus, unless otherwise noted. **KidSchool** is scheduled from 3:00pm-5:15pm. Snack begins at 2:45. **Adult Perspectives** is held from 3:30pm-4:45pm.

High Holiday services are held at Desmond Tutu Center, 180 10th Avenue, between 20th and 21st Streets in Manhattan.

Board Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Call the office for the location.

All dates and programs are subject to change. To confirm events and for more information, contact the office at 212-213-1002 or info@citycongregation.org or visit www.citycongregation.org.

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Board meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Rethinking the High Holidays for Secular Jews, SAJ, 7:30-9:00pm, open to all. **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer** will explore how secular Jews can celebrate the High Holidays and how Humanistic Judaism and the City Congregation give us a way to maintain our Jewish identity.

Friday, Sept. 11

Shabbat - Service and Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Program at 8:15pm. CCNY

The Bintel Brief: The Original Advice Column - Then and Now

Rabbi Peter Schweitzer will pose questions from the original *Bintel Brief* and then entertain contemporary questions that we face today.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Open House, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Parents go to classes with kids for the beginning of the session.

KidSchool Parents Get-To-Know-Each-Other, SAJ, 4pm

Friday, Sept. 18
Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, Sept. 19
Rosh Hashanah Service and Children's Program, followed by lunch. Tutu, 10:30am

Sunday, Sept. 27
Kol Nidre, Tutu, 7:30pm

Monday, Sept. 28
Yom Kippur Service and Children's Program, followed by break-the-fast. Tutu, 10:30am

Friday, Oct. 2
Sukkot – Fall Harvest Festival (begins at sunset)

Hank Olken Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, Oct. 3
Manhattan to Brooklyn Walking Tour, 10:45am

Sunday, Oct. 4
Open House, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool Committee Meeting, SAJ, 1:30pm

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year Two Back-to-Work Discussion for Students, Parents & Mentors, SAJ.
1:30pm

Mentor Training Session, SAJ, 2:45-3:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Celebration of Anne Shonbrun's New CD of The City Congregation's Music, SAJ, 3:30pm

Monday, Oct. 5
Board meeting

Friday, Oct. 9
Shabbat - Service at 7:30pm, followed by Pot-Luck Dessert. Program at 8:30pm. CCNY
Fighting Back: Strategies for Responding to Modern Anti-Semitism. In tribute to the 150th birthday of Alfred Dreyfus. Rabbi Schweitzer will explore ways to approach this problem.

Saturday, Oct. 10
Simchat Torah – starts at sunset

Monday, Oct. 12
Columbus Day

Saturday, Oct. 17
New Member Welcome with Coffee/Tea and Dessert, home of Ellen Weiman, 3pm

Sunday, Oct. 18

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Central Park, 9am

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year Two Hero/Role Model Workshop for Students, Parents & Mentors, SAJ, 1:30pm, childcare available

Bar/Bat Mitzvah parent sharing session during Kehilla Circle time, SAJ

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

The Search For Meaning In Jewish Writing: Survival, Hope And Comedy

Mindy Greenstein, a clinical psychologist specializing in cancer as well as a writer, will focus on the interplay between survival, hope and humor in Jewish writing.

Friday, Oct. 23 – Sunday, Oct. 25

Society for Humanistic Judaism Colloquium - Michigan

Challenging Convention: Secular and Humanist and Jew. For more information, go to www.iishj.org.

Friday, Oct. 23

Shabbat - Service and Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Program at 8:15pm. CCONY

Jewish Sing-A-Long with Michelle Lang Zalph

Adults and kids are invited to join us for a fun-filled evening singing easy-to-learn Jewish songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English!

Saturday, Oct. 24

KidSchool Field Day of Contests and Sports, 2pm, location TBA – Optional KidSchool Event
Come early for a picnic lunch from 12:00-2pm.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Emily Dyke Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, Oct. 31

Halloween

Sunday, Nov. 1

New York Marathon

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Tour and lunch at Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue & Museum on the Lower East Side, 11am-2pm

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Election Day

Friday, Nov. 6

Shabbat - Service and Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Program at 8:15pm. CCNY

Life And Rights In Israel: Where do Women and Gays/Lesbians Fit In?

Lilly Rivlin, journalist, writer, filmmaker and political activist, will discuss these and other questions in dialogue with **Rabbi Schweitzer**

Sunday, Nov. 8

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year One Parent Orientation. Year One Students will meet with Rabbi Peter, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool Committee Meeting, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

Jews And Journalism: Where we fit in and how we are depicted

A panel presentation with TCC members **Andy Cohen**, **Nancy Friedman**, **Daniel Radosh**, and **Judy Schoolman**. Moderated by **Carol Sternhell**.

Monday, Nov. 9

Board meeting

Friday, Nov. 20

Shabbat - Service at 7:30pm, followed by Pot-Luck Dessert. Program at 8:30pm. *NOTE: This program will be at the 14th Street Y (344 E. 14th St.)*

This I Believe: City Congregation Members Join the Conversation

Based on NPR's long-running radio show, an eclectic group of City Congregation members will offer their own reflections and then welcome us all into this now-international conversation. Moderated by **Carol Sternhell**.

Sunday, Nov. 22

KidSchool New Family Brunch, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

Humanism 101: Its History, Development, and Current Challenges

Joseph Chuman, Leader of the Ethical Cultural Society, Bergen County, NJ, has been a popular speaker at TCC and we're pleased to have him back to talk with us about this important subject.

Thursday, Nov. 26

Thanksgiving

Saturday, Dec.5

Ryan Kramer Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, Dec. 6

KidSchool Committee Meeting, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

Feminist/Progressive Mothers Raising Sons: What Sort of Men are These Boys Becoming?

How do we raise feminist sons - especially during their adolescence? How do teenage boys go along with or resist our ideals? How do we help them to negotiate critical issues of development and individuation consistent with our values? A panel of TCC mothers will join together to address these challenging questions.

Monday Dec. 7

Board Meeting

Friday, December 11

Chanukah – First Night

Chanukah Celebration and Dinner

Chanukah candlelighting, service and dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Special Chanukah program at 8:15pm. CCNY. *Bring your menorah and candles and join us for the First Night Of Chanukah.*

Sunday, Dec. 13

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm, snack. Students go directly to their classes at 3pm. No Kehillah Circle.

KidSchool Chanukah Celebration with Yale Strom, SAJ, 4pm

Yale Strom is an award-winning klezmer musician (violin), children's author, documentary filmmaker, photographer, playwright, ethnographer, and great entertainer! Don't miss this wonderful program. *Followed by our annual Chanukah party in the Social Hall. Guests are welcome for \$10 donation.*

Friday, Dec. 25

Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

Saturday, January 2

New Year's Brunch, home of Rabbi Peter Schweitzer and Myrna Baron

Friday, January 8

Shabbat - Service at 7:30pm, followed by Pot-Luck Dessert. Program at 8:30pm. CCNY

You Should Grow Like An Onion With Your Head In The Ground: Wise Jewish Sayings, Practical Wisdom, and also some Colorful Curses

Rabbi Peter Schweitzer will share a wide variety of time-honored Jewish sayings from the Bible, the Talmud, and Yiddish and Ladino culture, that reflect on health, justice, children, destiny, interpersonal relations, and many other topics.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Meeting for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year One Students, Parents and Mentors, home of Rabbi Peter Schweitzer and Myrna Baron, 10:30am

Sunday, Jan. 10

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

KidSchool Parents Feedback Discussion, SAJ, 3:30pm

Monday, Jan. 11

Board Meeting

Sunday, January 17

Isaac Mann Bar Mitzvah

Monday, Jan. 18

Martin Luther King Day

Friday, Jan. 22

Shabbat - Service and Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Program at 8:15pm. CCNY

People Of The Libretto: A History and Celebration of Jews in Musical Theater

TCC members, **Jack Lechner** and **Peter Mones** will review the colorful history of Jews in American musical theater, while **Trudy Elins**, **Michelle Lang Zalph**, **Anne Shonbrun**, and **Dan Wyman** will perform musical selections to illustrate significant developments, accompanied on piano by **Louise Moed**. (*This program will be repeated on Sunday, January 24.*)

Sunday, Jan. 24

KidSchool Committee Meeting, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Bar/Bat Mitzvah parent sharing session during Kehilla Circle time, SAJ, 3:00pm

People Of The Libretto: A History and Celebration of Jews in Musical Theater, 3:30pm. SAJ
(*This program is a repeat of the one on Friday, January 22.*)

Friday, Jan. 29

Tu B'Shvat (begins at sunset)

Friday, Feb. 5

Shabbat - Service at 7:30pm, followed by Pot-Luck Dessert. Program at 8:30pm. CCNY

Outrageous Heresies Or Daring Truths: A Tribute to Baruch Spinoza

What was Spinoza's message and legacy? Led by **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer**.

Sunday, Feb. 7

KidSchool Teacher Meeting, SAJ, 1:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ

Israeli Folk Dancing led by Steve Zalph

Adults and Kids - 3:00-3:30 (in place of Kehillah Circle) / Adults Only – 3:30pm

Monday, Feb. 8

Board Meeting

Monday, Feb. 15

Presidents' Day

Friday, Feb. 26

Purim Celebration and Dinner

Purim service and dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Special Purim program at 8:15pm. CCNY
Join us for our annual Purim Celebration.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Purim (begins at sunset)

Sunday, Feb. 28

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm, snack. Students go directly to their classes at 3pm. No Kehillah Circle.
KidSchool Purim Celebration and Party, SAJ, 4pm. Guests are welcome

Sunday, March 7

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year One Family Values Workshop for Students, Parents & Mentors, SAJ,
1:30pm, childcare available.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parent sharing session during Kehilla Circle time, SAJ, 3:00-3:30pm

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

The TCC Bar/Bat Mitzvah Experience

Learn about our exciting and creative Bar/Bat Mitzvah program from the people who have lived it – our parents and mentors. Find out what lies ahead.

Friday, March 12

Shabbat - Service and Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Program at 8:15pm. CCNY

Let My Name Be Recalled With Laughter Or Not At All: In Celebration of Shalom Aleichem – The Jewish Mark Twain

Join us for a delightful evening that pays tribute to this beloved humorist.

Special Feature: **Alicia Svigals**, renowned klezmer violinist and TCC member, will participate in the program.

Sunday, March 14

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 15

Board Meeting

Sunday, March 21
KidSchool, 2:45pm

Model Seder for younger classes

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

Taking Care Of Our Aging Parents: A Responsibility? An Opportunity? A Challenge? A Burden?

A panel discussion with TCC members **Myrna Baron**, **Bob Liebeskind**, **Carol Sternhell**, and **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer**. Moderated by **Helene Lauffer**.

Saturday, March 27

Congregational Passover Seder, Holiday Inn, 440 W. 57th St., 2pm-5pm

Monday, March 29

Passover (begins at sunset)

Sunday, April 4

Easter

Friday, April 9

Shabbat - Service at 7:30pm, followed by Pot-Luck Dessert. Program at 8:30pm. CCNY

Yom Hashoa - Holocaust Commemoration

Memorial Candlelighting Ceremony, Music, Guest Speaker

Co-sponsored with *The Generation After / Holocaust Survivors USA*.

Saturday, April 10

Yom Hashoa – Holocaust Memorial (begins at sunset)

Sunday, April 11

KidSchool Committee Meeting, 1:30pm

KidSchool, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

Nothing Makes You Free: Reflections on the Writing of Jewish Descendants of Holocaust Survivors

Presented by **Melvin Jules Bukiet**, who is the author of seven books of fiction as well as the editor of three anthologies. He teaches at Sarah Lawrence College.

Monday, April 12

Board meeting

Friday, April 23

Shabbat - Service and Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Program at 8:15pm. CCNY

Israeli Folk Dancing for Adults and Kids with Steve Zalph

No experience needed - all ages welcome and we'll teach all the dances, so come join the fun!

Sunday, April 25

Open House, 1:30pm, with childcare

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parent sharing session during Kehilla Circle time, 3:00-3:30pm

KidSchool, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

Sex On The Brain: Should the Bible be R-Rated?

Rabbi Peter Schweitzer will examine Biblical texts and rabbinic commentary that reveal the nature of this literature, its authors, and our culture.

Tuesday, April 28

Yom Haatzmaut – Israel Independence Day (begins at sunset)

Sunday, May 2

KidSchool, 2:45pm

City Congregation “Town Hall” Meeting, 3:30pm. SAJ

Friday, May 7

Shabbat - Service and Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Program at 8:15pm. CCNY

Everyone Has a “Once Upon A Time”: Stories that Make you Care as well as Laugh

Presented by **Roslyn Bresnick-Perry**, a celebrated storyteller, whose stories span decades of the twentieth century and great distances, from a Belarus shtetl in pre-Holocaust Europe where she spent her childhood, through immigration, to post-war New York City, and her years in the garment industry as a senior designer.

Sunday, May 9

Mother’s Day

Monday, May 10

Board meeting

Sunday, May 16

AIDS Walk

Open House, 1:30pm, with childcare

KidSchool, 2:45pm

Adult Perspectives, SAJ, 3:30pm

Small Decencies – And Do They Matter?

In a tiny Black Forest village, Christian and Jewish neighbors "all got along before Hitler." What happened to those relationships during and after Nazi times is the focus of **Mimi Schwartz's** talk and reading from *Good Neighbors, Bad Times: Echoes of My Father's German Village*, a winner of the 2008 ForeWord Book of the Year Award in Memoir.

Thursday, May 18
Shavuot (begins at sunset)

Friday, May 21

Shabbat - Service at 7:30pm, followed by Pot-Luck Dessert. Program at 8:30pm. *NOTE: This program will be at the 14th Street Y (344 E. 14th St.)*

Yiddish Women's Poetry with Nikolai "Kolya" Borodulin

Nikolai "Kolya" Borodulin is Assistant Director of the Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring Center for Cultural Jewish Life.

Sunday, May 23

Open House, 1:30pm, with childcare

KidSchool, 2:45pm

KidSchool Parents Feedback Discussion, 3:30pm

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

Sunday, June 6

KidSchool, SAJ, 2:45pm – Final Session

Parents and students go to classrooms at 3pm. No Kehillah Circle.

End-of-Year Celebration and Pizza Party, 4pm

Monday, June 7

Board meeting

Friday, June 11

Shabbat - Service at 7:30pm, followed by Pot-Luck Dessert. Program at 8:30pm. CCNY

End-Of-Year Celebration plus Jewish Trivia

Tuesday, June 15

GLBT Pride Month Get-Together, home of Devera and Michael Witkin

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day

Sunday, July 4

Independence Day