



Shabbat Programs 2007-2008

Location: The Village Community School (VCS), 272 West 10th Street, in Manhattan.

Time: Shabbat with catered dinner, 6:30pm; Late Nite Shabbat, 7:30pm, Shabbat with lunch, 10:30am

Guests are always welcome at our Shabbat celebrations and programs. Reservations are required (212-213-1002).

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.

Saturday, September 8 – Lunch

Shabbat service and cultural program at 10:30am, followed by lunch at noon

WHAT'S ALL THE HOOPLA ABOUT THE "NEW ATHEISM?" Rabbi Peter Schweitzer examines the recent barrage of books that challenge not only a belief in God but a respect for religion.

Friday, October 5 – Dinner – Welcome New Members

Shabbat dinner at 6:30pm, followed by service and cultural program at 8:00pm

HOW JEWS CREATED THE AMERICAN COMIC BOOK – Arie Kaplan, MAD Magazine writer, pop culture expert, stand-up comic, and author of Masters of the Comic Book Universe Revealed!, tells how Jews created the comic book industry.

Saturday, October 20 – Kid-Friendly Shabbat Experience

Home of Rabbi Peter Schweitzer and Myrna Baron, 10:45am

Music, crafts, food, fun! Designed for children ages 3-8 (and older siblings and parents).

Friday, November 2 – Late Nite

Shabbat service and dessert at 7:30pm, followed by cultural program at 8:30pm

HOW I GREW UP AS A SECULAR JEW AND WROTE A NOVEL ABOUT IT - Janice Eidus, author and TCC member, will discuss, and read from her new novel, The War Of The Rosens.

Friday, November 16 – Shabbat Singalong

Home of Rabbi Peter Schweitzer and Myrna Baron, 8:00pm

Come for dessert, singing, and a social evening with friends.

Friday, December 7 – Dinner – Chanukah Celebration

Chanukah candlelighting and dinner at 6:30pm, followed by Shabbat-Chanukah service and Special Chanukah program at 8:00pm

SONGS OF OUR HERITAGE – SONGS OF OUR PEOPLE – An evening of music and singing with Robin Greenstein, New York City singer-songwriter.

Friday, January 4 – Late Nite

Shabbat service and dessert at 7:30pm, followed by cultural program at 8:30pm

A ROOF OVER OUR HEAD – Dara Silverman, Executive Director of JEWS FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, explains JFREJ's new initiative on Affordable Housing.

Saturday, January 26 – Kid-Friendly Shabbat Experience

Home of Rabbi Peter Schweitzer and Myrna Baron, 10:45am

Music, crafts, food, fun! Designed for children ages 3-8 (and older siblings and parents).

Saturday, February 9 – Lunch

Shabbat service and cultural program at 10:30am, followed by lunch at noon

FAMILY HEIRLOOMS / FAMILY STORIES – TCC Members share with each other memorabilia, photos, and stories of their family's journeys.

Friday, February 29 – Dinner

Shabbat dinner at 6:30pm, followed by service and cultural program at 8:00pm

A JEW AMONG EVANGELICALS – Daniel Radosh, journalist and TCC member, describes his experiences writing Rapture Ready! Adventures in the Parallel Universe of Christian Pop Culture, a witty outsider's look at evangelical America through the lens of its rock concerts, comedy clubs, theme parks and other entertainment.

Saturday, March 15 – Lunch – Purim Celebration

Shabbat service and cultural program at 10:30am, followed by lunch at noon

Celebrate Purim with **SONGS OF THE MEGILLAH**, a modern retelling of the story of Esther, set in contemporary Eastern Europe, written by Itzik Manger, Yiddish poet and playwright, in 1936.

Friday, April 25 – Late Nite

Shabbat service and desert at 7:30pm, followed by cultural program at 8:30pm

AM I A JEWISH WRITER? The Case of Malamud and Bellow—and me. Alan Cheuse, author and regular contributor to NPR’s “All Things Considered”, asks what makes a Jewish writer. “Is it a mark like skin color that makes black writers always black no matter what their subject matter or style? Is it the subject matter? Is it the writer’s tone or perspective? Are all writers who are born Jewish always Jewish writers?”

Friday, May 16 – Dinner

Shabbat dinner at 6:30pm, followed by service and cultural program at 8:00pm

NEGOTIATING INTERSECTIONS: Being Jewish and Gay/Lesbian

Gay/Lesbian Jews explore these dual identities, examine how they interact, and discuss how they define themselves in their various communities.

Friday, May 30 – Late Nite

Shabbat service and desert at 7:30pm, followed by cultural program at 8:30pm

LIFE ON THE EDGE – A Secular Jewish Artist Approaches Judaism

Mindy Lewis, artist and author of Life Inside, will read from her work and talk about the ways in which Jewish ritual has inspired her as an artist and helped her cast away her sense of being an outsider.

Saturday, June 14 – Lunch

Shabbat service and cultural program at 10:30am, followed by lunch at noon

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION – Honor outgoing Board Members and other special people. Welcome and Install new Board Members and Officers.