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THE CITY CONGREGATION for HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

TCC Newsletter

MAY 2008

SAVE THE DATE

TCC News informs our members and friends about the happenings of our extended congregational family. We also mail calendar updates and announcements on a regular basis.

VCS - Village Community School, 272 W. 10th St., Manhattan

SAJ - Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 W. 86th St., Manhattan

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| Sun., May 4 | Sing-Along, Esplanade, 11:30am
Open House, SAJ, 1:45pm
KidSchool, SAJ, 3pm
Adult Perspectives: Discussion on NY Magazine article, 3:30pm |
| Fri., May 16 | Shabbat - "Negotiating Intersections," VCS, 6:30pm |
| Sun., May 18 | AIDS Walk
KidSchool, SAJ, 3pm
Parent Feedback, SAJ, 3:30pm |
| Fri., May 30 | Shabbat - "Life on the Edge," VCS, 7:30pm |
| Sat., May 31 | Joseph Lu Goldin Bar Mitzvah, 9:45am |

SHABBAT CELEBRATION

Friday, May 16

6:30pm Candlelighting Ceremony and Catered Dinner

8pm Shabbat Service followed by Cultural Program at 8:30pm

Village Community School, 272 W. 10th Street



**NEGOTIATING INTERSECTIONS:
Being Jewish and Gay/Lesbian**

ANNDEE HOCHMAN and RICHARD BLUM will explore these dual identities, examine how they interact, and discuss how they define themselves in their various communities.

Anndee Hochman, journalist, essayist, short-story writer, poet, and teacher, lives in Philadelphia. Her work has appeared in *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, *Working Mother*, *Redbook*, *Cooking Light*, *OUT*, and other publications.

Richard Blum is a long-time staff attorney in the Civil Practice of the Legal Aid Society where he has specialized in welfare and employment rights. He was a founding board member of Queers for Economic Justice.

No cost for attending the service or program.
Guests are welcome.

Childcare is available for children 4 and older
with reservations required by May 14.

Please RSVP to the office (212-213-1002)
or info@citycongregation.org
by Wednesday, May 14.

SHABBAT CELEBRATION

Friday, May 30
7:30pm Shabbat Service
Oneg/Refreshments
8:15pm Cultural Program

Village Community School, 272 W. 10th Street



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.

Mindy Lewis is a writer, painter, and graphic designer based in New York City. Her essays have been published in two anthologies and in Newsweek, Body & Soul, Poets & Writers and Lilith magazines.

No cost for attending the service or program.
Guests are welcome.

Childcare is available for children 4 and older
with reservations required by May 28.

Please RSVP to the office (212-213-1002)
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ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday, May 4, 3:30-5pm

SAJ, 15 W. 86th Street
Open to members and guests. No charge.

IS THERE SOMETHING IN THE WATER?

[NY Magazine](#) featured The City Congregation in Sean McManus' article (April 21),
"If God is Dead, Who Gets His House?"

We're also featured in an article (April 20) by Alexandra Horowitz,
"Atheists go to church, too" that went out on the [Columbia News Service wire](#)
and was picked up by [The Barre Montpelier Times Argus](#).

A coincidence? Or is there something happening here?
Rabbi Schweitzer will lead a discussion about these two articles.

Note: The original program for this date needed to be changed due to the speaker's sudden unavailability. We hope to reschedule Marion Winik for next year.

YOU'RE INVITED TO SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT

Have a special event you want to celebrate?
An anniversary? A graduation? Winning the lottery?

Why not share your joy with the community by sponsoring
a special Oneg with delicious desserts after one of our Shabbat services?

Please call the office, 212-213-1002, to make arrangements.

SPRING OPEN HOUSES



Come Visit Our Wonderful Congregation!

SAJ, 15 West 86th Street (between CPW and Columbus Ave.)

Sunday, May 4 at 1:45pm
Sunday, June 1 at 1:45pm

Visitors will meet with Rabbi Peter to learn about TCC.

*KidSchool starts at 3pm and if you have kids they are welcome to sit in on classes.
Adults can stay for our Adult Education programs that run at the same time.

For more information, please call the office, 212-213-1002.

KIDSCHOOL SING-ALONG AT ADULT RESIDENCE

On Sunday, May 4, prior to KidSchool, from 11:45-12:30pm, we are holding our annual KidSchool Sing for the elderly, led by our songleader, Aram Rubenstein Gillis.

This year we will again be visiting the residents at The Esplanade, 305 West End Ave. at 74th Street.

Please meet at 11:30am. We'll have song sheets for everyone who wants to participate.

As there will be some time after the singing and before KidSchool, anyone who is interested can join together for pizza or a picnic in the park, depending on the weather.

Please let us know if you'll be joining us by sending an [email](#) to Jean Weille or by calling her at 917-854-2645.

This has been a fun outing in past years and the residents really get a lot out of it. See you at the Sing-Along!



KIDSCHOOL NEWS

Next classes:

Sunday, May 4

**Annual Sing-Along at the Esplanade at 11:30am
(see information above)**

**Open House, 1:45pm, with childcare
Visiting students can sit in on classes at 3:30pm**

Sunday, May 18

**Annual AIDS Walk
(see information below)**

Parents' Feedback, 3:30pm

SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

**Attend a special seminar program under the auspices of
The International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism**

"Rediscovering Our Radical Roots"

May 17-18, 2008

**Held at Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring, 45 East 33rd Street
Faculty: Hersh I Hartman**

"The most significant concepts, movements and events in modern Jewish history arose from the radical idea that Jews are a nation, national minority or ethnic group, rather than a faith community. Radical paths to the fulfillment of that idea resonate to this day. We'll trace those paths and, perhaps, stumble across ourselves."

Hosted by the Queens Community for Cultural Judaism and the Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring Center for Jewish Cultural Life

**[Click here for more information](#)
to download a registration form.**

For more information, call Ed Klein at 718-380-5362 or send him an [email](#).

BAR/BAT MITZVAH NEWS

Join us to celebrate

Joseph Lu Goldin's Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, May 31, 9:45am
The Kraft Center
606 West 115th Street
(between Broadway and Riverside Drive)

Open to the community

Mazel tov to Kameron Block
who celebrated his bar mitzvah on April 12.

May 2008 IS COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH

The Society for Humanistic Judaism encourages
all local communities to participate in
Community Service Month
with a local
BLOOD DRIVE



We hope you will join in this important cause.

Please let the office know so that
we can compile a list of who participates.

Here is a list of Blood Donation centers in the area:

Upper East Side, 310 East 67th St. (1st and 2nd Ave.)
Grand Central, MetLife Donor Room, 200 Park Ave. Lobby Level
Midtown-East Side, Citigroup Center, 53rd St. & Lexington Avenue Lower Level
Midtown-West Side, Port Authority, 625 Eighth Avenue (40th & 41 St.) Concourse Level
Financial District, One New York Plaza- Concourse Level
Brooklyn, 81 Willoughby St.
New Jersey, New Brunswick Donor Center, Call 1-800-933-BLOOD for local locations.

JOIN THE TCC AIDS WALK TEAM



The City Congregation is walking together again!
Join us on Sunday, May 18 at AIDS WALK New York

Sign up on-line by [clicking here.](#)

Once you get to the AIDS Walk site, choose "JOIN A TEAM."
Then scroll down to "CITY CONGREGATION (#6111).

Or call (212) 807-9255 and register over the phone.
Make sure they know our team name and number (#6111).

Contact Irma or Marty Shore with any questions:

Martyshore@manhattanwalks.com or 212-663-6011.



Remember to wear your new City Congregation T-shirt on the Walk.
BLACK and RED are now available from Cafepress.com

Order your t-shirts on line by [clicking here.](#)

For anyone unable to join the City Congregation walkers on May 18, you can participate by making a contribution. Your check should be made out to AIDS Walk New York (AWNY). It can be brought to the next Shabbat, or mailed to Irma and Marty Shore (35 W. 92nd Street, #4E, NYC 10025). Check to see if your company has a matching funds program!

CITY CONGREGATION PHONE SURVEY COMING YOUR WAY

The City Congregation wants to meet the needs and desires of our members, so we've decided to reach out to say hello and at the same time "check the pulse" of those who make up our community.

Our volunteers will be calling every adult member for a quick, informal survey during May and June. We will try to reach you in the early evening and will need about 10 minutes or so of your time. We look forward to talking with you.



PLAN AHEAD FOR THE SUMMER

Friday, July 25, 7pm

Join us to see the Staten Island Yankees Play the Brooklyn Cyclones

Sunday, August 17, 1:30pm

Join us at Primorski Russian Restaurant in Brighton Beach

*Watch your emails
for more information.*

MEMBER BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

If you own a business or provide a service that you would like City Congregation members and others to know about, now you can list your service on our [web site.](#)

For more information on placing a listing, please call the office (212)-213-1002 or [send an email](#).

K'VELL AND TELL

MAZEL TOV

To [Zoe Kawaller](#), for her election as Vice-President of the Harvard Secular Society.
Congratulations, Zoe!

MAKING DONATIONS IS NOW EASIER THAN EVER!

Honor the accomplishments of friends and family or memorialize the lives of loved ones by making a donation to **The City Congregation's Chai Fund**. Donations of at least \$18 will be acknowledged with a tribute card to the honoree. Call the office or send your check to The City Congregation, 249 West 34th Street, Suite 600, New York, NY 10001, with a note indicating the name of the person being honored and where the tribute card should be mailed.



You (and your friends and all of your relatives) can now make donations to TCC on-line. Go to the homepage and follow the easy instructions. Donations are safe and secure and are managed by NYCharities. The only charge is the standard 3% credit card fee.

Celebrate a special occasion, honor a loved one, or just make a spontaneous offering!

[Click here to donate now!](#)

Thanks to the following people for their recent CHAI FUND donations:

In honor of Kameron Block's bar mitzvah: Lauren and Stephen Block, Irma and Martin Shore

In memory of Freda Gillis: Irma and Martin Shore, Gina Duclayan and Daniel Radosh, David and Stefni Bogard, Jeff Birnbaum and Sue Lee

In support of the Congregation: Mary Ellen Fielder

Thanks also to Casey Corsa and Dan Praport for providing special Oneg Shabbat refreshments on Friday, April 25 to celebrate Casey's adoption/conversion to Judaism!

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, July 25

Brooklyn Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees, 7pm
Keyspan Park, Brooklyn

Sunday, August 17

Primorski Russian Restaurant, 1:30pm

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