

# The Carlebach Shul

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Fall 2016/5777



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# Shabbat & Holiday Candlelighting Times

DATE	PARSHA	CANDLES
September 2-3	Re'eh	7:07
September 9-10	Shoftim	6:55
September 16-17	Ki Teitzei	6:43
September 23-24	Ki Tavo	6:31
September 30- Oct 1	Nitzavim	6:20
October 2	Erev Rosh Hashanah [Day 1]	6:16
October 3	Erev Rosh Hashanah [Day 2]	Not Before 7:16
October 7-8	Vayeilech	6:08
October 11	Erev Yom Kippur	6:02
October 14-15	Ha'azinu	5:57
October 16	Erev Sukkot Day 1	5:54
October 17	Erev Sukkot Day 2	Not Before 6:54
October 21	Sukkot	5:47
October 23	Hoshana Rabbah / Erev Shemini Atzeret	5:44
October 24	Shemini Atzeret Erev Simchat Torah	Not Before 6:44
October 28-29	Bereshit	5:38
Novemer 4-5	Noach	5:29
November 11-12	Lech - Lecha	4:22
November 18-19	Vayera	4:16
November 25-26	Chayei Sara	4:13
December 2-3	Toldot	4:10
December 9-10	Vayeitzei	4:10

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Shabbat

*The Shul's Children's activities are held every Shabbat from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

Our program includes games, prizes, stories and more - all geared for children (ages 5-12). Program leaders are picked by the Carlebach Shul for their professionalism, great personality and love of children.

## High Holidays

*For ages 5- 12, our program runs from 10:30 AM -2:00 PM*

On Rosh Hashanah, give your children a meaningful High Holiday experience. Please RSVP to the shul's office. The program is free with purchase of an adult High Holiday ticket.

*Please call the shul at 212-580-2391 or send an email to [info@thecarlebachshul.org](mailto:info@thecarlebachshul.org) so that we may include your children*

## A MESSAGE FROM RABBI NAFTALI CITRON



### *Part 3 of the article explaining the letter of the Besht to his brother in-law.*

LETTERS IN BOLD BASED ON EXCERPTS FROM THE KORETS EDITION,  
AS FOUND IN IMMANUEL ETKES THE BESHT: MAGICIAN, MYSTIC,  
AND LEADER. TRANSLATED BY SAADYA STERNBERG.

In the previous article we learned about the Baal Shem Tov's desire to teach people the secrets on uniting the Divine Names. In this section of the letter the Baal Shem Tov shares some techniques to help guide us in bringing together the Divine names through prayer, so that a person may become one with his/her Divine source.

**While you are praying or studying, in each and every utterance and issuance from your lips intend to make a unification of it, for in each and every letter there are worlds and souls and Divinity which rise and commune and bind to each other and afterwards the letters commune and unify thoroughly and form a word and are truly unified with G-dliness and you will include your soul with them at each and every level of the above and all the worlds will unify as one and rise and make unaccountable joy and delight;**

The teachings of the Besht on prayer can be found in the book Bal Shem Tov al HaTorah, in the portion of Noach (known as Amud Hatefilla, the teachings on prayer). The Besht's teachings are often based on this letter, and it seems that this teaching and a variety of similar teachings were actually the most popular sayings of the Besht. One of the Bal Shem Tov's most important teachings is on how to attain Dvikut—cleaving to G-d. Dvikut occurs through the cleaving of the person to the sound of the letter they are

pronouncing. Just as when one hugs a person, one holds on tightly and then releases him, so too, every utterance of prayer needs to be held onto and then 'released' as one goes onto the next word. The sound is a world or dimension, that by 'holding on to it' you enter into it. This concept is explained in the Zohar and the teachings of the Ariza"l, which describes various stages of intimacy that take place in our spiritual service. The first Dimension is often connected to the first floor of Noah's Ark. It is the sound of prayer in

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# HIGH HOLIDAYS

5777

**SELICHOT NIGHT  
WITH YEHUDA GREEN**  
Saturday Night, **September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
12:30 AM at West Side Institutional Synagogue  
(120 West 76 St.)

**ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR**  
at The Carlebach Shul  
(see page 7 for High Holiday seating information)

## ROSH HASHANAH

with



RABBI NAFTALI CITRON, ELI BEER & MICHAEL MOST

**2<sup>ND</sup> DAY ROSH HASHANAH**  
Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Morning Services..... 9:00 AM  
Mincha..... 6:00 PM  
Yom Tov Ends ..... 7:16 PM

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH**  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Candlelighting..... 6:16 PM  
Mincha/Maariv..... 6:20 PM

*Followed by High Holiday Dinner (see pages 10-11)*

**YOM KIPPUR**  
EREV YOM KIPPUR  
Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Mincha..... 2:45 PM  
Candlelighting..... 6:02 PM  
Kol Nidre ..... 6:20 PM

**1<sup>ST</sup> DAY ROSH HASHANAH**  
Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Morning Services..... 9:00 AM  
Mincha..... 5:45 PM

*Followed by Tashlich at 79th Street Boat Basin*

Candlelighting..... not before 7:16 PM  
Maariv..... 7:16 PM

*Followed by High Holiday Dinner (see pages 10-11)*

**YOM KIPPUR DAY**  
Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Morning Services..... 9:00 AM  
Yizkor..... 1:00 PM  
Mincha..... 4:30 PM  
Neila ..... 5:45 PM  
Fast ends ..... 7:02 PM

# SUKKOT

## EREV SUKKOT

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting ..... 5:54 PM  
Mincha ..... 5:54 PM

## 1<sup>st</sup> DAY SUKKOT

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Morning Services ..... 9:00 AM  
*Followed by grape juice and cake Kiddush in Sukkah*  
Mincha ..... 5:55 PM  
Candlelighting ..... not before 6:54 PM  
Maariv ..... 6:54 PM

## 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY SUKKOT

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Morning Services ..... 9:00 AM  
*Followed by Kiddush in Sukkah*  
Holiday Ends ..... 6:54 PM

## SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Morning Services ..... 9:00 AM  
*Followed by Kiddush in Sukkah*  
Mincha ..... 5:15 PM  
*Followed by Seudah Shelishit in Sukkah*

## HOSHANA RABBAH

Saturday Night, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Reading of Sefer Devarim ..... 11:00 PM

## HOSHANA RABBAH/ EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Morning Services ..... 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Candlelighting ..... 5:44 PM  
Mincha ..... 5:44 PM

*\*Please see Page 6 for more details  
Followed by Yom Tov dinner (see pages 10-11)*

## SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Morning Services ..... 9:00 AM  
Yizkor ..... 11:45 AM  
Mincha/Maariv ..... 6:20 PM

## SIMCHAT TORAH EVE

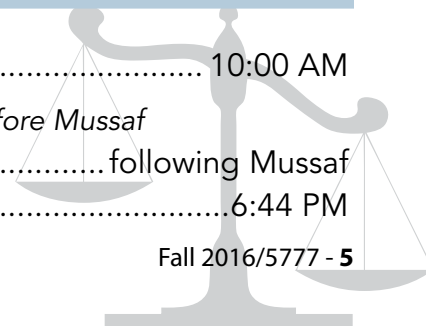
Candlelighting ..... not before 6:44 PM  
*Followed by Children's Hakafot from 7:15-8:15 PM*  
Main Hakafot ..... 8:45 PM

*Members, please remember to bring  
your priority admission card*

## SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Morning Service ..... 10:00 AM  
*Kiddush before Mussaf*  
Mincha ..... following Mussaf  
Holiday Ends ..... 6:44 PM



## REB NACHMAN OF BRESLOV



WEDNESDAY NIGHT,  
**OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
DOORS OPEN 7:30 PM

*Kumzitz with*  
**RABBI NAFTALI CITRON**  
*and guest performer.*

*Teachings of*  
**REB NACHMAN**  
*on his yahrzeit*

*\$5 in advance*  
*\$10 at the door*

## HOSHANA RABBAH DAVENING



SUNDAY MORNING,  
**OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**CARLEBACH SHUL**  
**HOSHANA RABBAH**  
*at West Side*

*Institutional Synagogue*  
120 W. 76th Street  
New York, NY 10023

**MORNING SERVICES**  
**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Join your voice to the music  
to experience the joy of Hallel

With Rabbi Naftali Citron

## Children's Simchat Torah Celebration

MONDAY,  
**OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*including a light dinner for the kids*

***Fun, Good Food and Much More...***

**Children Hakafot**

**7:15 PM – 8:15 PM**

(Regular Hakafot: 9:00 PM)

MENU: *Dinner to include chicken nuggets,  
franks in blankets, and dessert.*

*(only available for children during the Children's Hakafot)*

TUESDAY, **OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

SIMCHAT TORAH DAY

**Morning Services 10:00 AM**

**HAKAFOT 11:30 AM**

## A SIMCHAT TORAH REMINDER

MONDAY,

**OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**HAKAFOT BEGIN AT 9:00PM**

Simchat Torah is the night everyone  
wants to be at The Carlebach Shul!

In fact, it gets so crowded that members  
are given priority entrance cards so they  
don't have to wait to get inside.

Please make sure your membership is  
up to date!



*Please join us for our special*  
**SELICHOT SERVICE**

*In the Carlebach tradition of seeking forgiveness through song*

**WITH YEHUDA GREEN**

**Saturday Night, מוצאי שבת קדש**  
**September 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**West Side Institutional Synagogue**  
120 W. 76th St. New York, NY 10023

**12:30 AM** Rabbi Naftali Citron  
"Open your hearts"

**12:45 AM** Selichot

To ensure entrance please arrive early

*Minimum donation of \$20, no charge to Carlebach Shul members  
Proceeds will be used to further the activities of The Carlebach Shul*

## ALIYOT

In keeping with Reb Shlomo's derech of connecting our material possessions with the Torah, we will again be auctioning Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur aliyot. An aliyah can be bought for yourself or to honor someone or as a group effort, but only one person can be called up to the Torah. If a woman is the purchaser or part of the purchasing group, if desired, Taleisim will be extended to the front of the women's section so she/they can be connected to the Torah. Any aliyah not sold, as well as "add ons" will be auctioned at services. Your donations will allow The Carlebach Shul to carry on its holy work.

You can bid to reserve your aliyah by calling the Carlebach Shul at 212 580-2391

## HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS

Discounts for New Members

Please celebrate the High Holidays with

**Rabbi Naftali Citron**  
and **the Carlebach Community**

along with our amazing Baal Tefilla,

**Eli Beer**

New members who have joined us after Yom Kippur 5776 will receive special discounted High Holiday seats.

**High Holiday seating prices:**

**New members: \$50 (special discount)**

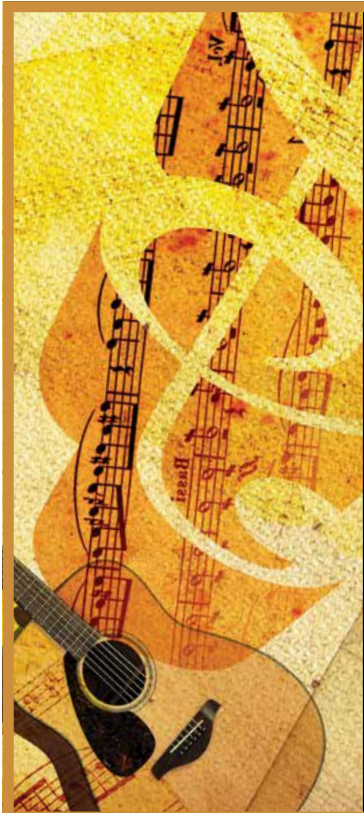
**Members: \$200**

**Non-members: \$250**

**If you are joining us for the first time: \$180**

ואני בחסדך בטחתי, יגל לבי בישועתך...

REB SHLOMO CARLEBACH'S 22<sup>ND</sup> YAHRZEIT



## Yahrzeit Shabbat, November 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Join Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yehuda Green

as well as Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen, Rabbi Nosson Schafer Channah Schafer, Sruli Williger and more to be announced for inspirational davening and Shabbat meals

Friday night davening will begin at **4:30 PM**

Shabbat Morning: **9:15 AM**

**Friday Dinner:** Member \$60, Non-member \$70

**Sat. Lunch:** Member \$45, Non-member \$55

**Both Meals:** Member \$100, Non-member \$120

Reserve online at [www.thecarlebachshul.org](http://www.thecarlebachshul.org) by 11/05  
or call the shul at **212-580-2391**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
**NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

*Neshama Carlebach*  
CONCERT

Doors open: 7:00 PM | Concert: 7:30 PM

**IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 22ND YAHRZEIT OF HER FATHER, REB SHLOMO CARLEBACH, ZT"l**

TICKETS: \$25 if ordered by 11/05 at [www.thecarlebachshul.org](http://www.thecarlebachshul.org) | \$35 at the door

*This weekend has been made possible through a generous*



*And I rejoice on your love, my heart will rejoice in your redemption...*

COMMEMORATION NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup>



# *Tribute Concert*

AT WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

SATURDAY NIGHT, **NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Starring:**

**Yehuda Green**

Elli Kranzler and Sruli Williger

Additional performers to be announced

**West Side Institutional Synagogue**

**120 West 76th St.**

**Doors Open** 9:00 PM, Concert begins 9:30PM

**Admission:** \$35 if ordered by 11/05

\$45 at the door, if still available

[www.thecarlebachshul.org](http://www.thecarlebachshul.org)

## **22<sup>ND</sup> YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATION**

**Sunday- November 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Bal Shem Tov Day*

An exploration of the  
teachings of the Bal Shem Tov

**BREAKFAST 9:30AM | PROGRAM 10:00AM**

*Speakers and schedule to be announced*

*Please see page 15 for more details*



donation by Joy Fishman in memory of her son Jonathan Stampler.

Unless otherwise indicated, prices for meals are: \$50 (Members: \$40) Out-of-town guests and all newcomers pay MEMBER prices. There is a \$5 discount per meal if paid no later than the Tuesday before the meal. ALL reservations for Shabbat meals must be made by noon Thursday, at [www.thecarlebachshul.org](http://www.thecarlebachshul.org)



# Shabbat



## SEPTEMBER 9TH *With Joseph Telushkin*

Since the early 90's, **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin** has often come to the shul to serve as a guest speaker or scholar-in-residence. He particularly enjoys the learned chevra of our shul and the challenging questions they pose. Rabbi Telushkin is the author of *Jewish Literacy*, *Jewish Wisdom*, *Jewish Humor*, and *The Ten Commandments of Character*, to name but a few.



## SEPTEMBER 23RD *With Judith Leventhal*

**Judith Leventhal** is a psychotherapist as well as a mesmerizing storyteller and co-author of the *Small Miracles* series. A few of the titles include *Small Miracles for the Jewish Heart*, *Small Miracles of Love and Friendship*, and her most recent, with Yitta Halberstam, *Small Miracles for Families*. Judith, her husband and their three girls live in Brooklyn.



## OCTOBER 2ND - 3RD *Rosh Hashanah*

A sacred time that inspires us to become our better ourselves  
Rabbi Naftali Citron will share a philosophy to reimagine an integrated life.  
Making your unconscious your ally in living with purpose.

ROSH HASHANAH DINNERS: \$45 (MEMBERS), \$55 (NON-MEMBERS)



## OCTOBER 7TH

*Shabbat Shuva with Rabbi Naftali Citron*

### **Celebrating your Mistakes!!!**

How to do Teshuva with joy



## OCTOBER 16TH-17TH

*Sukkot Dinners with Rabbi Naftali Citron*

### **The Key to Joy**

Stories of the Chassidic Rebbes that will touch your soul and inspire your happiness

SUKKOT DINNERS: \$50 (MEMBERS), \$60 (NON-MEMBERS)

# Dinners & Holidays



## OCTOBER 23RD

*Shemini Atzeret with Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yehuda Green*

### **Bringing Holiness into your body.**

The eighth day celebration is not just a time to complete the festivals but also a time to bring spirituality into your body.



## NOVEMBER 18TH-19TH

### REB SHLOMO CARLEBACH'S 22ND YAHRZEIT SHABBATON

This year we will be remembering Reb Shlomo on his 22nd Yahrzeit. We look forward to having many of Reb Shlomo's outstanding students and the next generation of great teachers for a weekend of learning, davening, fabrenging, and singing.

Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yehuda Green will be joined by Rabbi Nosson Shafer, Chanah Scafer, Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen, Srulli Williger and other special guests

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## DECEMBER 2ND *With Rabbi Label Lam*

**Rabbi Lam** is a former collegiate athlete and poet. A graduate of Colgate University, Rabbi Lam matriculated at Harvard Extension School. While pursuing his Masters in Education he studied for many years at Yeshiva Ohr Somayach in Monsey before launching a multifaceted career in Jewish Education.



## DECEMBER 16TH *With Shimona Tzukernik*

**Shimona Tzukernik** is one of the foremost female educators on Chassidism. She has a remarkable ability to make her knowledge relevant to people's lives. Shimona has addressed tens of thousands of participants, empowering her listeners to shift on a personal and ultimately global level. Raised and educated in South Africa, in addition to her teachings on Chassidism, Shimona has also taught art history at Funda University.



## DECEMBER 30TH

*Shabbat Channukah*

This Holiday of Light dispels a lot of darkness

# *Carlebach Shul Annual Dinner*

**O**n Wednesday, June 15, 2016 the Carlebach Shul held its 14th annual dinner at the elegant St. Regis hotel in midtown Manhattan. The evening began with the usually elaborate cocktail reception that is always a favorite part of the evening, both for its delicacies as well as for time to meet and greet friends. The cocktail reception was followed by award presentations, dining, dancing, and entertainment.

Our dinner chairperson, Joy Fishman, opened up the evening by discussing her love for the Carlebach Shul and her upcoming trip to Israel. Following Joy's remarks, Rabbi Citron gave a moving tribute to Amy Udell Mausekopf. Amy was a longtime member of the Carlebach Shul as well as a senior manager with Foremost-Ram caterers, supervising our Annual Dinners for the previous 10 years. Rabbi Citron reminisced about how much Amy cared to make sure everyone she encountered was b'simcha, full of joy. He asked that we remember Amy in the happiness of our mitzvot and good occasions. Following Rabbi Citron, Shul Board President Shy Yellin spoke on the inclusiveness of the Carlebach way.

The first honoree of the evening was David Newton. David had been instrumental in making the 2016 Annual Day of Kabbalah a great success. Susie Kessler of the JCC as well as Rabbi Citron shared how much they both have learned from David through his wisdom and his charitable work. Journal Chair Mordy Lipkis, in good humor, presented the award to the second honorees of the evening, Susan Blond and Barry Bloom. Susan was recognized for being a positive force in the Shul for many years. She is now joined by Barry whose intellect along with social concerns are core to his contributions to the Carlebach Shul.

Following the award presentations, there was dancing to the music of Soul Farm, led by the dynamic duo of Noah Solomon and C. Lanzbom. Before the event drew to a close, the talented comedian Modi got the crowd on the floor with laughter, he roasted David Newton, and took aim at El Al flights and Sephardi / Ashkenazi Tefillah differences.

Special thanks go to our Journal and Dinner Chairs, the Dinner Committee, the Board of Trustees, all volunteers and finally, the office staff including Julie Borla, Avi Dubin, Jonathan Kaplan, and Dinner Coordinator Maria Fordin.



## *Sunday Morning*

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

■ Learning with Rabbi Avraham Newman, followed by a video of Reb Shlomo Carlebach's teachings.

Sponsorships are available. Suggested donation: \$5

## *Sunday – Thursday*

9:25 - 10:00 PM: **DAF YOMI**

■ The Talmud is a masterpiece of law, logic, stories and our history. This class completes the entire Talmud every 7 1/2 years.

Faculty: Heshey Lieberman, Jan Buckler, David Prager, Nachman Alpert, Michael Landau,

Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yitzy Weinberg. Coordinated by Shy Yellin.

Thursday Daf Yomi event with refreshments and interesting topics with Yitzy Weinberg – the most popular Daf Yomi shiur on the West Side of Manhattan!

## *Tuesday*

■ **TUESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM: A TOUCH OF KABBALAH/SEFER DERECH HASHEM**

The Way of G-D by R' Moshe Chaim Luzzato interpreted and applied.

Rabbi Meir Fund

Members: \$8, Non-members: \$10

■ **TUESDAYS 8:00 - 9:00 PM: A TASTE OF TORAH/THE CHASSIDIC MASTERS**

Rabbi Fund is a well-known lecturer and interpreter of Kabbalistic texts. He is the Rabbi of the Flatbush Minyan in Brooklyn.

He was a student and close friend of Reb Shlomo, zt"l

Rabbi Meir Fund

Members: \$8, Non-members: \$10

## *Shabbat*

### **Monthly Meditative Service**

■ **9:00-10:30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, OCTOBER 1ST, NOVEMBER 5TH AND DECEMBER 3RD**

(For future dates visit our website)

Join us monthly for a meditative service that brings you back to the original intent of the Shabbat Liturgy. The Kabbalists saw the siddur (prayerbook) as a map of the higher universes. Get your spiritual GPS working when you tune into this monthly meditation. Followed by the holiest whitefish and lox Kiddush.

■ **WEEKLY SHABBAT AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES WITH RABBI NAFTALI CITRON**

October 1, 8, 15, 22

2:30 – 3:30 PM Shabbat afternoon

Talmud, Kabbalah, and Chassidut on High Holidays and Sukkot

In this class we will be studying the High Holidays and Sukkot from Talmudic, Chassidic, and Kabbalistic perspectives, in order to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of these Jewish holidays.

(For November schedule - please check the website for lecture topics and special guest appearances)

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

2:15-3:30 PM Shabbat Afternoon

Torah Law and the Supreme Court of the United States: How they are Similar and how they Differ.

An in depth analysis of Torah Law and the laws of the Supreme Court, this class will provide explanations and insight into how the justice system of America differs/compares to that of the Torah.



# 22<sup>ND</sup> YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATION

**Sunday - November 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Bal Shem Tov Day*

An exploration of the teachings  
of the Bal Shem Tov

Join renowned teachers Rabbi Dr Nehemia Polen,  
Rabbi Yitzhak Buxbaum and Chaya Rivka Zwolinski  
for this dynamic morning of learning.

This part of the yahrtzeit celebration in memory of  
Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, z'l. Light breakfast included.

**Breakfast at 9:00 AM**

**Program 10:00 AM - 1:15 PM**

At The JCC in Manhattan

334 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10023

check [www.thecarlebachshul.org](http://www.thecarlebachshul.org) in October for more information

*11<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Kabbalah*

**Save the date for Day of Kabbalah  
The Beautiful Maiden Without Eyes**

# SAVE THE DATE



**SUNDAY, JAN 29<sup>TH</sup> 2017, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM**



**AT JCC IN MANHATTAN** 334 Amsterdam Avenue New York, NY 10023

*\$45 in advance, \$60 at the door* [www.thecarlebachshul.org](http://www.thecarlebachshul.org)

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which one enters the inner Dimension of this world and the world above us, known as the World of Angels. The Kabbalists describe these two dimensions as the world of Asiyah (action) and the world of Yetzirah (emotions, formation). This world has certain dimensions, but beyond the World of Action, the World of Angels—the World of Formation—is where the emotions exist, not just as an aspect of physical reality, but as entities known as angels. When praying and cleaving to the inner World of Angels, one can experience the spiritual essence of the emotion in which love and awe of G-d is more real than any other feeling. The next dimension is the World of Souls, which is identified with the term Briyah—the World of Spiritual Understanding and the place of the Heavenly Throne. When we enter into this 'space,' our understanding is much closer to being able to see the world from G-d's viewpoint. While we retain our physical capabilities, we simultaneously greatly expand our Divine consciousness. The World of Divinity, known as Atzilut, is the moment of uniting with G-d. Since G-d is beyond understanding, the

Dimension of Divinity is where we lose touch with our specific senses and temporarily merge in mystical union with the Divine. At the point that we reach the World of Divinity, the world actually disappears and the soul feels no sense of separateness, but rather it exclusively feels the Divine. These three dimensions are interlocked in order that we may bring the awareness of each one into the other.

**If you can conceive of the joy of bride and groom in smallness and materiality, so much the more it is in this Upper Level; and surely G-d will be aiding you, and in all you turn to you will succeed and prevail: provide to the wise and he will make wise: and so pray for me with this intention that I shall be graced to share in the endowment of G-d while alive, and for my offsprings in this Diaspora.**

The unity of the Bride and Groom is a touchstone in Kabbalah used to describe a passionate relationship with the Divine. One of the challenges the Bal Shem Tov often expressed

was the lack of spiritual intention in many scholars of the Talmud. *The Besht saw not just prayer, but Torah, as a means to achieving Divine unity. He felt that rather than a sense of oneness with G-d being the goal of the student, the analytic style of Talmud study often became the main objective.* According to the Besht this method is not the correct purpose of Torah study. The Besht taught that the intellectual study of Torah ideas is similar to the ornaments that beautify the bride; just as the goal of the bride's ornaments are for the sake of the unification of the bride and groom, so too Torah study is for the sake of the unification of G-d and the individual. While some people never achieve this spiritual unification, the Bal Shem Tov taught a new way that revealed this secret and will ultimately lead us to the coming of Moshiach.

**Naftali**



## Mazel Tov to:

**Avi and Cheryl Dubin** on the birth of a baby boy, Yehoshua.

**Rachel Berghash** on the birth of a great grandson, Shmuel Tzvi.

Mazel Tov to **Rebbetzin Hadassa Carlebach** on the following occasions:

**Nechama and Leibel Fajnlid** on birth of Menachem Mendel. Grandparents **Rabbi Mottel and Freyde Leufer**.

**Avraham and Devorah Leah Citron** birth of Shimon. Grandparents t.

## Condolences:

**Suri Kasirer** on the loss of her father, Rabbi Moshe Kasirer

**Raphie Kellman** on the loss of his father William Kellman

**Don Pravda** on the loss of his father

**Eric Targan** on the loss of his father Robert Targan

**Jody Teicher** on the loss of her mother Rivka

## Love You Listing:

Congratulations to **Palmer Paul** on his graduation of Heschel and his acceptance into University of Pennsylvania

## New Members:

**Barbara Coven**

**Oliver & Rabia Mitchell**

**Joanne Sachs**

**Yitzchak Shamba**

**Judith Zupnick**



The Carlebach Shul is privileged to have **Eli Beer** with us this year to lead our High Holiday services along with our much-admired baal shacharit, Michael Most. Eli is a rising star in the world of Jewish music having composed numerous melodies and performed in locations throughout the United States (including the Carlebach Shul), Europe and Israel.

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### *Sweetest Friends:*

Question: why did the Rabbis put a fence around the Torah? Answer: they wanted a “sefer” Torah.

I know we all want a “safer” world where threats to us, the United States and Israel, and our Torah are cast aside, but our aspirations actually go further. As we enter a new yearly cycle punctuated by the High Holidays, back to school, and the transition into fall, I began thinking about what is important to us, on what seems like, but really isn't, the “life” merry-go-round. After some thought, it seems to me the most important task at hand is how to transmit, in an open and anything goes society, the beautiful Jewish values that we hold so dear. The need is especially pressing when a high profile Olympic Jewish medal winner publicly tweets her interest in dating out of the faith, and the Green Party presidential candidate, who is Jewish, joins with an air of self righteousness, the cabal of far left Israel bashers.

Reb Shlomo, z”l, was all about exploring the inside of the inside of our Torah and nourishing our inner soul which is often confused by the day to day craziness of the world. Sadly, our neshamot don't even realize they are malnourished, and often those who are seeking spiritual sustenance can't even find the soup kitchen. The Carlebach Shul is working diligently to change the rules of engagement by offering insightful classes, exceptional lectures by Rabbi Naftali and world-renowned speakers, spirited services, and even a great Kiddush every Shabbat. What we are doing is truly amazing, but we should be doing even more – and we often need to look no further than our own extended families to see those who are sorely in need of a spiritual jolt. Our communal mission should be to invite our friends and families to try the Carlebach experience, even those who have traveled through the Jewish day school system but may need energizing. In truth, the world is so topsy turvy that we all are in need of regular spiritual boosters.

On behalf of the Carlebach Shul and the entire Carlebach chevra, we want to wish every one of you, an amazing spiritual year, one filled with much good health, happiness, joy and prosperity. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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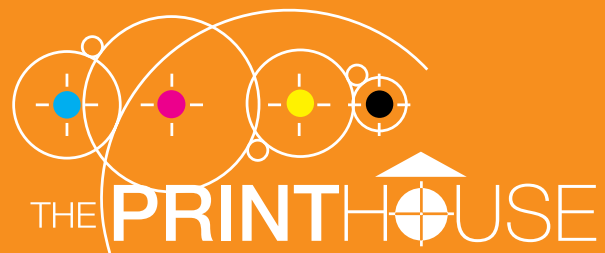
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