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DATE	PARSHA	CANDLES
December 28-29	Shemot	4:18
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The Relevance of Judaism in our Times



Some people think that Judaism is a relic, something archaic that, though it has managed to survive for millennia, is no longer relevant to us today. However, I would argue that far from being an ancient relic, Judaism teaches many lessons that are as important to our times as they have ever been. Allow me to give some examples:

1. Stories of the Bible as interpreted by the midrash and Kabbalah. Our tradition, while taking many Biblical stories at face value, still tends to de-emphasize the simple meaning of these stories, and instead focuses on their relevance. In other words, Biblical stories are not just about events that happened far in the past. In many ways, the stories are truly about our own lives. For example, the midrash tells us that Abraham celebrated the Passover seder. But why would he celebrate an event that hadn't even happened yet? Because the Exodus was not simply a historic event; the ideas of slavery and freedom are relevant in every generation. The story of the Exodus was one example of freedom from slavery, but slavery still exists, even today, in the constraints of our own minds. As each of us seeks our own personal redemption, the Exodus story is there to show us what freedom looks like.

2. Creation and Divine inspiration. In trying to understand the origins of the universe, many people believe they must accept either the scientific explanation or the religious one. But Judaism does not claim that the Genesis story is the full picture of Creation. Someone seriously seeking to understand the true nature of our universe is guided to the esoteric teaching originally known as the Maaseh Bereshit (the work of Creation), which has been passed down in a tradition that became called Kabbalah. As Kabbalah sees it, the story of Creation is about the unfolding of the Divine personality from a transcendent Being to One with more facets and the ability to communicate with humanity. The verse in Bereshit, "Let Us make man in Our image and likeness," sug-

gests that humankind has the unique ability not only to reason and to communicate but also to be in communion with the Divine. Most people today understand prophecy in the traditional sense, as hearing a Divine voice, and assume it has been lost to us completely. But in the Kabbalistic understanding, the soul is like a spiritual operating system that is rooted in a Divine programmer, and prophecy is more about relating to your own inner Divine voice than hearing voices.

3. Mitzvot: Embodying spirituality.

Mitzvot, specific actions of observance, are a main component of Judaism. Lighting Shabbat candles, blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashana, fasting on Yom Kippur, living in a sukkah on Sukkot—Jewish practice revolves around daily, weekly, and yearly required acts, which we often do without much thought. But focusing on the meaning of a mitzvah will help you get much more out of that mitzvah. For example, if when you hear the shofar on Rosh Hashana you understand it to be a cry of spiritual awakening, you are more likely to experience such an awakening. Many mitzvot have mental health benefits for people who are cognizant of their therapeutic nature, although of course they are not a substitute for professional psychological care if needed. Mitzvot have ethical benefits as well. Take, for example, the shaking of the lulav and etrog. The Torah tells us the lulav and etrog you use must be yours—not even borrowed, and certainly not stolen. On a certain level, the proper fulfillment of this mitzvah requires honesty in all business dealings. Without honesty in business, how can you truly embody the mitzvah of taking something that is yours? Thus, this mitzvah is an opportunity to reflect on our business ethics and to make sure that all year long we take nothing that is not ours.

4. The Talmud, open to debate. The Talmud, often referred to as the Oral Torah, was written over a period of hundreds of years going back over 2,000 years. It contains

thousands of lively debates amongst the Rabbis concerning Biblical laws, philosophical ideas, and sage advice. While the results of these debates are understood to be Divine law, the debates themselves were also sanctified, because they were for the sake of Heaven. Thus, even "losing" opinions in the Talmud are considered holy. The methodologies of the Talmud not only sharpen the mind, they can also help us learn how to deal with conflict in a way that seeks resolution instead of victory, often taking into account ideas from the losing side. The skill of dissenting with respect and sanctity, without holding back in the fight for truth and justice, is certainly one we would all do well to develop today.

5. Sanctifying time. Judaism dictates that every seven days we celebrate the Shabbat. In Genesis, in the story of Creation, we are told that on the seventh day G-d concluded creating Heaven and Earth and all of their Hosts. "G-d blessed the seventh day and made it holy, for He had rested from all labor of creating." To acknowledge G-d's creative process and emulate the day of His rest, we have our own day of rest every week. From Friday a little bit before sundown until Saturday night when the stars appear, we abstain from creative work. We sanctify the Shabbat by making Kiddush on wine, and we take time to reflect on what is meaningful in our lives. We connect with Shabbat as communities, families, and individuals—through prayer, Torah reading, three festive meals, and lectures or learning. We prepare our Shabbat food in advance, so that we don't need to dedicate our time to shopping and cooking. This special day give us a chance to unwind from the hectic workweek, shut off our electronic devices, and devote our time to spiritual development and to being present for our loved ones.

Unless otherwise indicated, prices for dinners 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 dinner. ALL reservations for Shabbat meals must
be made by noon Thursday at www.thecarlebachshul.org.

Shabbat



DECEMBER 28TH: *Yitzchok Feldheim with Rabbi Naftali Citron*

Rabbi Yitzchok Feldheim studied at the Mir and at Beth Medrash Govoah. He was the Rabbi of Educational Synagogue in Yardley, PA for 15 years, during which time he founded the Bucks County Community Kollel and the Bucks County Yeshiva High School, and established outreach programs at Rutgers University and Penn State. Today he is one of the most sought-after lecturers in college outreach, with a specialty in controversial topics and defending the Torah perspective in public debates.



JANUARY 11TH: *Shaul Goldberg with Rabbi Naftali Citron*

Born and raised in the Chicago suburbs, Shaul Charles Goldberg, otherwise known as HARDCHARLiE, is a trained classical pianist, guitarist, and drummer. On the mic, Goldberg creates percussive bliss through lyrics brimming with five-thousand-year-old tradition mixed with coping strategies against modern day demands. More than a musician, teacher, and devout Jew, Goldberg holds a Master's degree in clinical mental health counseling – a rare find in an over-saturated musical arena.



JANUARY 25TH: *Reuven Kimelman with Rabbi Naftali Citron*

Rabbi Dr. Reuven Kimelman specializes in the history of Judaism with a focus on the history and poetics of the Jewish liturgy. In the field of Jewish ethics, his focus is on the ethics of war, statecraft, conflict, and genocide. He has written extensively on his mentor, Abraham Joshua Heschel. Reuven has brought a significant contribution to our understanding of tefillah and its Kabbalistic influence with his book *The Mystical Meaning of Lekhah Dodi and Kabbalat Shabbat*.



FEBRUARY 8TH: *Sharon Flatto with Rabbi Naftali Citron*

Sharon Flatto is a scholar and associate professor of Judaic Studies at Brooklyn College, with a focus on the kabbalistic culture of 18th century Prague and Rabbi Yechezkel Landau (the "Noda B'Yehuda") and his contemporaries.



FEBRUARY 22ND: *MEMBER APPRECIATION*

Join fellow members for an elegant, uplifting, and entertaining evening.

Admission: \$30.

Members will receive an invitation by mail.

***"Members Only" Dinner: If you are not
yet a member, it is worth joining
just to attend this dinner!
We pull out all the stops!***

Rabbi Naftali Citron

Dinners



MARCH 1ST: *Shabbat Across America*

We are proud to join thousands of Jews at hundreds of synagogues across North America to celebrate what unifies all Jews – Shabbat!



MARCH 15TH: *Rabbi Hershel Reichman with Rabbi Naftali Citron*

Rabbi Hershel Reichman is one of the foremost expounders of the teachings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Rabbi Reichman also teaches Chassidic thought, with an emphasis on the teachings of the Shem Mishmuel.



MARCH 29TH: *Reb Eli Chaim Carlebach - Yahrtzeit Celebration*

Reb Eli Chaim, as he was affectionately referred to, was a warm and caring presence in the life of The Carlebach Shul. Reb Eli Chaim opened up the lost world of the Chassidic masters by his Institute's publishing of encyclopedias of Chassidut. Please join the family and friends of Reb Eli Chaim for this Shabbat.



*The Carlebach Shul will
once again be hosting
Pesach Sedarim.*

**THIS YEAR PESACH
WILL BEGIN ON
FRIDAY NIGHT,
APRIL 19TH.**

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE IN MARCH
FOR PRICING (PRICING IS DIFFERENT
THAN A REGULAR SHABBAT DINNER)
AND FURTHER DETAILS.**

COME LET'S SING

Reb Shlomo's 24th Yahrzeit, October 25 – 28.

Reb Shlomo's melodies have defined Jewish music for the last fifty years.

This past October we commemorated the 24th yahrzeit of our beloved Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. The festivities lasted all weekend, starting on Thursday, October 25th with Shacharit and a siyum celebrating our completion of tractate Avodah Zara.

Eli Beer brought in Shabbat with an amazing davening, with hundreds singing along to Reb Shlomo's special melodies. After davening, 150 people gathered for a delicious dinner, with special guests Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, Dr. Moshe Rothkopf, Eli Beer, Zevi Muller, and Chaya Adler-Poretsky. In the morning, Dr. Jeremy Chess's Psukei D'zimra kicked off

our spirited Shabbat davening, which was followed by lunch with holy words and uplifting songs.

On Motzei Shabbat, October 27th, over 1,000 people poured in from throughout the Tri-State area for our annual Reb Shlomo Carlebach Tribute Concert celebrating the music and inspiration of Reb Shlomo. Chaim Kiss began the night with a beautiful Havdalah service. Luminaries of today's Jewish music performed, including Yehuda Green, Shloime Dachs, Eli Beer, and Eli Schwebel.

Shy Yellin, President of The Carlebach Shul, gave the audience a warm Carlebach welcome. Rabbi Naftali Citron, our MC for

the evening, then spoke about the need for us to come together after the terrible attack that happened in Pittsburgh that morning. Both Eli Schwebel and Yehuda Green dedicated songs to the memory of the victims. The Rabbi lit eleven candles, and Yehuda sang Return Again for the neshamos going into Gan Eden. It was a bittersweet and moving moment. It was truly an inspirational and memorable night.

We concluded our weekend with an extended Sunday Yeshiva in memory of Reb Shlomo. Rabbi Avraham Newman led the program, and he was joined by guest speakers Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen, Dr. Moshe Rothkopf, and Roberta Flatow.



THE CARLEBACH SHUL THANKS JOY FISHMAN FOR SPONSORING THIS WEEKEND IN MEMORY OF HER SON, JONATHAN STAMPLER.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the weekend:

Alisa Adler
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MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 24TH 2018

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TICKETS (each show)

\$15 in advance

\$20 at the door (if available)

Two drink minimum (or additional \$18)

Reserve Online at: www.TheCarlebachShul.org

TWO
SHOWS

SHOW 1

Doors open – 6:30 PM

Show at 7:00 PM

(CO-SPONSORED BY KJ)

SHOW 2

Doors open – 8:40 PM

Show at 9:00 PM

WITH TOP COMICS SEEN ON
The Daily Show, Jimmy Kimmel, and Jimmy Fallon



Mystical Tu B'shvat Seder

**Fruits of The Four Worlds:
Storytelling, Mystical,
Musical, Magical**

At The Carlebach Shul, 305 West 79th Street

Monday Night, January 21st 7:00 PM

\$30 in advance if paid before January 14th

\$40 at the door if space is available

Led by Rabbi Naftali Citron with musical director

Noah Solomon and special guests

Annual Day of Kabbalah

KABBALAH & PRAYER

Co-sponsored by The Carlebach Shul and The JCC in Manhattan

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Jan 27th | 10:00am - 5:00pm

(registration and breakfast at 9:30am,
kosher lunch available for purchase)

At The JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue

\$45 in advance/\$60 at the door

To register, please call 646.505.5708

Join us once again for a Jewish mystery tour into the heart of Kabbalah. Renowned teachers will guide us in a deep day of exploration that will take us from ancient sacrifice to prayer practice to meditation. Combining academic excellence with opportunities for experiential learning providing opportunities for personal transformation, the Day of Kabbalah will stimulate your mind and fill your heart.



Please see jccmanhattan.org/makom for a list of teachers.



Sunday Morning

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM: SUNDAY MORNING YESHIVA

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

Sponsorships are available. Suggested donation: \$8

Sunday – Thursday

9:20 - 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, Yosef 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 Gemara shiur on the West Side of Manhattan!

Tuesday Night Learning

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 Fund is a well-known lecturer and interpreter of Kabbalistic texts. He is the Rabbi of the Flatbush Minyan in Brooklyn and was a student and close friend of Reb Shlomo, zt"l.

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

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

■ Rabbi Meir Fund

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

Thursday Learning

12:00 - 1:00 PM: RABBI NAFTALI CITRON

■ Rabbi Naftali Citron Debates for the sake of Heaven

Members: Free, Non-members: \$15

Starting Thursday, January 24th and ending Thursday, March 14th

Shabbat

9:00 - 10:30 AM: MONTHLY MEDITATIVE SERVICE

■ 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.

January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd

(For future dates visit our website)

**2:15 - 3:15 PM: WEEKLY SHABBAT AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES
WITH RABBI NAFTALI CITRON**

■ Chassidic Teachings on the Parsha

December - February

A MESSAGE FROM ELISHA WIESEL

*Given at The Carlebach Shul
on Simchat Torah 2018*

How dare we rejoice? How dare we rejoice!

Our country is divided, our brothers in Europe are hated by anti-Semites on the right, our children on college campuses are hated by anti-Semites on the left, our family in Israel wrestle with an enemy who chooses to oppress their people rather than pursue peace, our oceans fill with garbage, we communicate disagreement by screaming at each other over little electronic screens we cannot seem to escape.

How dare we rejoice. How dare we rejoice when we have so much work to do.

And yet if we do not take these holy days after Yom Kippur when we have been judged, if we do not take them and recharge our batteries, how will we recharge those around us?

I always wondered, what did my grandfather tell my father to help keep him alive through the darkest of nights? And how was my father able to keep going, able to do his work of fighting for justice and his work of building a family when he had lived through that darkest of nights?

And I do not know what words Shlomo my grandfather gave my father, but I know that in Auschwitz they wrapped tefillin!

And I know that my father Eliezer, who could not say kaddish for his father in the misery of the camps - that out of his destroyed faith he blew on a

spark and kindled it into anger and defiance, and as he got older he returned to the tradition of his father!

And if you could see the joy in his eyes as I watched him dance with the Torah on Simchat Torah in Moscow of 1979, you would know that what is stronger than revenge or justice or even stubbornness is the love and joy that we feel for each other across generations and across denominations and civilizations, our people of the book.

My father would go into the High Holidays somber, cognizant of his days, sometimes consumed with the thought that he had failed to live up to the expectations of the dead. But he would emerge from Simchat Torah recharged, with a joy undimmed even by the rejection and distance I needlessly presented to him as a young adult.

And now he is gone and he cannot recharge me, as he did, with his words - his embrace - his unfailing patience.

And so with him in the next world I turn to the same source that he did: Our stories. Our heritage. Our joy in being connected to countless generations before us, and countless Jews across the oceans and flavors of Judaism.

And my work becomes extending the platform my father built.

My father fought through the kingdom of death and the wasteland

beyond it and gave me life, gave me confidence, gave me a good name.

And if he blessed me only once a year on Yom Kippur, then I will bless my children every week on Shabbos. And if we sang only Shalom Aleichem at our Shabbat table, then I will teach my children Eshet Chayil. And if my father was the only one who sang Hasidic melodies softly to himself around the table, then my children will grow up hearing them sung at the top of our voices surrounded by family and friends! And I will look to my children to raise families that cannot imagine not being together on Shabbos. And I will look to them to play their role in repairing this world!

V'samachta bechagecha. With the weight of the world on us, the past and future, we must rejoice and be equal to the efforts ahead.

Even Moshe Rabbeinu needed to recharge when faced with the sin of the golden calf. He asked to see God's presence and after doing so he descended from the mountain and glowed and proclaimed God's Law.

May it be a year of mitzvot and joy and passion and glory as each of you descend from this mountaintop bringing your Torah into the New Year and recharging all those around you for our work ahead.





Purim

March 20th - March 21st

Wednesday Night, March 20th

Maariv at 7:45 PM, Megillah at 7:55 PM

2nd Megillah Reading Upstairs at 9:15 PM

Thursday Morning, March 21st

Shacharis at 9:00 AM, Megillah reading at 9:45 AM

THE CARLEBACH SHUL PURIM KIDS' PARTY

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2019 @ 12:00 PM



CHILDREN:

\$10 IN ADVANCE (IF PAID IF PAID BEFORE MARCH 20TH)

\$15 AT THE DOOR

\$5 FOR PARENTS (IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR)

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Pizza, Cotton Candy, and Soda • Music & Entertainment • Face Painting



The Carlebach Shul Community Purim Seudah

With Rabbi Naftali Citron & Special Guests

Thursday, March 21st, 2019 at 5:00 PM

OPEN BAR, DELICIOUS FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS (ALL FOR A LOW PRICE)

\$25 in advance (If paid before March 20th)

\$35 at the door. Come in costume!

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A MESSAGE FROM DANIEL GOLDSCHMIDT

What if you could have your cake and eat it too? Or, to be a bit more specific, donate your money to The Carlebach Shul and keep it too, or at least a big part of it?

There are at least two ways to do it, depending.

ONE: You have inherited or otherwise own anything that has gone up in value? Assets like stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, any other securities, gold, jewelry, guns, stamps, art, baseball cards or other collectibles that you want to sell while they're high but not have to pay taxes?

Well then, we here at The Carlebach Shul can help you!

It can be easily done at no charge to you, if you set up a DAF account at The Jewish Communal Fund (JCF) or a similar Sponsor.

What's a DAF? It's a Donor Advised Fund, an account you set up to which you (1) "donate" any of those Assets you want to sell, (2) get the receipts from the Sponsor who also handles all the details of the selling, (3) pay no taxes on how much more it's worth now than when you bought it, and (4) additionally CUT ALL YOUR U.S., STATE AND LOCAL INCOME TAXES — and you can even invest the proceeds

of the Asset sale in the DAF (in a menu of mutual funds, like a 401(k) account) so the value of the DAF can continue to grow.

The catch? The only thing you can do with the money in the DAF is donate it to The Carlebach Shul or, technically, any other "tax-deductible charity organization".

But that can be a beautiful thing! Depending on the relative sizes of your DAF and your annual charitable donations, you may never again have to reach into your pocket to make a donation, whether you really want to make that donation OR you've just been nagged into it by some dubious schnorrer.

Instead, you'll just "submit a Grant recommendation" for the desired amount to your DAF, and the Sponsor checks out the bona fides of your proposed donee and cuts 'em a check if they check out.

TWO: If you're over 70 and you have an IRA (or other retirement) account, you already know the deal with that. Whenever, whatever for — you

take money out of that account, it's immediately taxable by the feds, state and local, at the same high rates like you used to see on your pay stubs.

Maybe you want to make a generous wedding gift to a beloved friend or family member. Maybe you want to help somebody out, in a time of desperate need. Maybe G-d forbid, you need it to pay medical bills. Doesn't matter — the gov-mints are grabbing their share.

Except when it's going to The Carlebach Shul (or, technically, any other charity). Then — not only don't you pay any income taxes on the amount you've taken out of your IRA — but that amount CUTS YOUR TAXES because it counts as a charitable donation that is deducted from your otherwise-taxable income.

In addition to serving as a Trustee and Officer of The Carlebach Shul for more than 26 years, Daniel Goldschmidt runs a successful practice as a Financial Advisor and Certified Financial Planner. The above piece is for general information only — before you do anything in reliance, consult your own FA, CFP, CPA or tax attorney.



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We would also like to thank all those who have donated under \$300 to our Kiddush fund, as well as our partial Seudat Shelishit sponsors, for making our weekly Kiddush and Seudat Shelishit possible.

NEW MEMBERS

Mark Chaffie
Ellen Davis
Dov Kalton
Ahuva Kirschenbaum
Devorah & Moshe Preiss-Bloom
Liane Pritikin
Sharona & Steve Spivack
Nirvair Stein



LIFE CYCLES

Mazel Tov to:

Rebbetzin Hadassa Carlebach on the following occasions:

The birth of a great-grandson, Abraham, born to Nina and Eran Noy. Grandparents Billie and Ezra Dayan

The Bat Mitzvah of great-granddaughter Nechama Dina Kalmanson, daughter of Chana Hinda and Shneur Kalmanson. Grandparents Esty and Moshe Kugel

The birth of a great-grandson, Yosef Yitzchak, born to Rabbi Zalman and Zeldy Laufer. Grandparents Freydie and Mottel Laufer.

Neshama Carlebach on her marriage to Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Dr. Jeremy and Sheila Chess on the birth of a granddaughter, Talya Itka Chess, born to Eli and Lyndsay Chess

The David family on the marriage of Tal David to Uriel Ashual

Gabriel Gershowitz on his engagement to Jennifer Sytap

Naomi Levin on her engagement to Avraham Cohn

Isabel and Daniel Mael on the birth of a daughter, Malka Esther

Josh Schwarzbaum on his engagement to Eyenadis Zaria

Tina and Jason Strulowitz on the birth of a daughter, Blima Simcha

Devorah and Raphie Toledano on the birth of a son, Ariel Yosef

Condolences:

Chaya Adler-Poretsky on the loss of her husband, Marc

Dr. Moshe Brody on the loss of his father, Rabbi Yitzchak Brody

Allen Orgel on the loss of his father, Eugene Orgel

Rachel Skydell on the loss of her mother, Celia Shirley Cohen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sweetest Friends:

It is difficult to isolate oneself from the events around us and their effects on our community. I am specifically referring to the divisiveness besetting our country. Recently, a participant at one of our dinners complained how the people at her table were partisans of one of our two major political parties and wouldn't listen at all to any other perspective. It is very important that we respect the viewpoint of others, and though we may disagree, not discount their good intentions, even if we believe they may be misguided. The power of persuasion is a legitimate tool, while demonization is not. Reb Shlomo, z"l, would often say that "when we clap our hands we bring together the right hand and the left hand, creating unity." Only when we come together can we truly be successful.

We should all take pride in The Carlebach Shul's recent accomplishments, including a High Holiday season with record attendance; the celebration of Reb Shlomo's yahrtzeit with over a thousand participants; inspiring Shabbat programming including the recent Shabbaton with Rabbi Simon Jacobson; and continued outreach beyond our four walls. Thank you to Rabbi Naftali and our very generous sponsors and contributors for enabling us to be "all that we can be."

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Commit to help The Carlebach Shul grow and continue to spread the message of our beloved Reb Shlomo, zt"l!

First Year Membership*:

Single: \$250 **Family:** \$385

Associate Membership**:

Single: \$175 **Family:** \$225

Membership entitles you to:

- Discounts on High Holiday seats and Friday night dinners
- Free tickets to Annual Selichos event,
Priority admission to Simchas Torah celebration
- And more!

* Membership fees increase after first-year

**Associate Membership available to all who live outside Manhattan.

Associate members do not participate in membership meetings.

Note: These prices are for year 2019v dues.

Future years' dues are subject to change.

Call the office or visit www.thecarlebachshul.org to become a member.



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