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DATE	PARSHA	CANDLES
May 3-4	<i>Achrei Mot</i>	7:36
May 10-11	<i>Kedoshim</i>	7:43
May 17-18	<i>Emor</i>	7:50
May 24-25	<i>Behar</i>	7:56
May 31 - June 1	<i>Bechukotai</i>	8:02
June 7-8	<i>Bamidbar</i>	8:07
June 8	<i>Shavuot</i>	9:15
June 9	<i>Shavuot</i>	9:16
June 14-15	<i>Nasso</i>	8:10
June 21-22	<i>Beha'alotcha</i>	8:12
June 28-29	<i>Sh'lach</i>	8:13
July 5-6	<i>Korach</i>	8:12
July 12-13	<i>Chukat</i>	8:09
July 19-20	<i>Balak</i>	8:05
July 26-27	<i>Pinchas</i>	7:59
August 2-3	<i>Matot-Masei</i>	7:52
August 9-10	<i>Devarim</i>	7:43
August 16-17	<i>Vaetchanan</i>	7:34
August 23-24	<i>Eikev</i>	7:24
August 30-31	<i>Re'eh</i>	7:13



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI NAFTALI CITRON

The Seer of Lublin and The Yid Hakadosh

Based on a lecture from the “Great Debates for the Sake of Heaven” series by Rabbi Naftali Citron

One of the great luminaries of early Chassidism was Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak Horowitz, known as the Seer of Lublin. With the possible exception of the Magid of Mezritch, there was never a Rebbe who was a teacher of so many leaders as the Seer. His disciples included Rabbi Naftali of Ropshitz, the Apter Rebbe, the first Belzer Rebbe, Reb Dovid of Lelov, Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum (known as the Yismach Moshe), Rabbi Tzvi Elimelech of Dinov, and many more. These disciples became the major leaders throughout Poland, Hungary, and much of Eastern Europe. One of his most celebrated students, who shared his name, Yaakov Yitzchak, was known as the Yid Hakadosh. The Yid Hakadosh founded his own Chassidic court in the lifetime of his mentor, and had a very different attitude about the nature of Chassidism. In the court of the Seer of Lublin, everything was the Rebbe; miracles and visions conducted by the Rebbe inspired the masses. In Peshischa, where the Yid held court, everything was up to the individual. The rededication to Talmud study and sense of personal responsibility prevalent in the Yid’s court set the two groups at odds.

Let’s take a deeper look into these schools of thought. The followers of the Vilna Gaon saw practice and study of the Talmud as the only way to be a good Jew. But this led to a culture of elitism that the Seer of Lublin found troubling. Talmudic scholars felt that they were better than everyone else. People were not learning with the goal of understanding the will of G-d in order to serve Him better; they cared only about achieving status within the community. The Seer of Lublin fought this trend. In his Chassidic court, he catered to the less-learned

and encouraged a brotherhood among students.

The Seer considered himself a prophet, and often performed miracles in front of his court. Those who are not great scholars tend to be impressed by miracles, and so the Seer and his miracles were the focus of the entire court and the foundation of the students’ faith. But there were those who pushed back against this model. After all, we are told, “*lo bashamayim hi*”—the Torah is not in Heaven, where only those with Divine inspiration can access it. Though we are only human and cannot speak to G-d, the Torah is within our grasp, and instead of relying on those with more access we are supposed to reach for it ourselves. For this reason, the Seer was always careful to distinguish between prophecy and halacha. Though he did believe he received Divinely-inspired visions, he did not base halachic rulings on his visions.

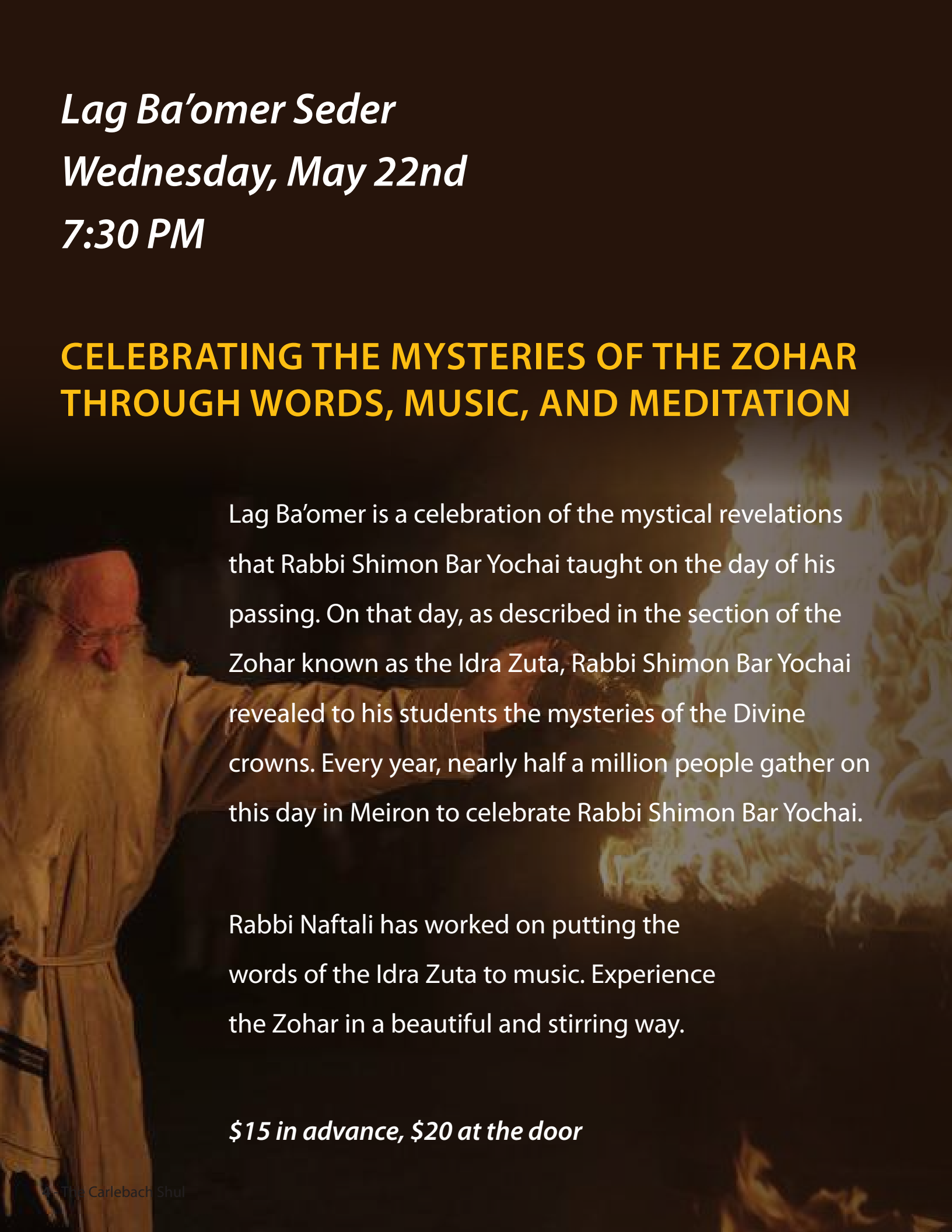
Still, some of the Seer’s students did not like the way he made himself the center of his court. The Yid Hakadosh was one of those students. The Yid thought that people relied on the Seer and his miracles too much. The Seer may have reached a certain level that allowed him to have visions, but his followers hadn’t reached that level, and as long as they could rely on visions from the Seer they would never even bother trying to reach it themselves. But that is not how we are supposed to act. A key tenet of the Yid’s philosophy was *avodat atzmo*—every individual is supposed to work to improve himself. We are all responsible for our own growth; no one else can do that work for us. Of course one must have a Rebbe, because no one can know everything and it’s important to have



somebody who can answer questions. But the Rebbe cannot be a substitute, an excuse for not putting effort into self-improvement. Every individual, whatever his level, must learn and strive and develop his own relationship with G-d.

For students of the Yid, learning had nothing to do with status. It wasn’t about being better than anyone else, but about becoming close to G-d. They saw learning as a process of inner purification. They saw each page of Talmud as a *mikvah*, a ritual cleansing experience. Prayer, too, was about making a connection with G-d. It was the Yid who said that praying at the proper time, the *z’man tefillah*, was less important than praying with the proper focus. If the *z’man tefillah* is approaching and you are not in the right mental space, he said, do not rush. Take the time to focus yourself, so that your prayers will actually have meaning.

Though the Yid Hakadosh broke from the Seer of Lublin, and the two courts were often at odds, the Yid’s ideas probably could not have flourished without the Seer. Before the Seer built his court, it was Talmudic elitists who reigned and controlled the Jewish community. It was thanks to the Seer breaking that control and putting the focus back on the common man that the Yid was able to rediscover the focus on the individual as a master of self-discipline and inner spiritual growth.



Lag Ba'omer Seder
Wednesday, May 22nd
7:30 PM

**CELEBRATING THE MYSTERIES OF THE ZOHAR
THROUGH WORDS, MUSIC, AND MEDITATION**

Lag Ba'omer is a celebration of the mystical revelations that Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai taught on the day of his passing. On that day, as described in the section of the Zohar known as the Idra Zuta, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai revealed to his students the mysteries of the Divine crowns. Every year, nearly half a million people gather on this day in Meiron to celebrate Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

Rabbi Naftali has worked on putting the words of the Idra Zuta to music. Experience the Zohar in a beautiful and stirring way.

\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

THE CARLEBACH SHUL'S
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
GALA DINNER
AND SCROLL OF HONOR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019
Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
THE ST. REGIS NEW YORK
2 E. 55th Street at Fifth Avenue

HONORING:
Rabbi Naftali Citron

\$554 per person (\$972 for two people),
Jr. Reservation (Under 35) and Chevrah ticket (no Scroll of Honor listing): \$325 per person
☐ Builder: \$18,000 ☐ Benefactor: \$10,000 ☐ Sustainer: \$5,400 ☐ Guardian: \$3,600
☐ Redeemer: \$1,800 ☐ Patron: \$972 ☐ Sponsor: \$554 ☐ Supporter: \$360
☐ Contributor: \$180 ☐ Friend: \$72

☐ Please confirm ____ reservations for the dinner.

☐ Please confirm ____ table(s) at \$5,400 per table

☐ I/We cannot attend the dinner,
but would like to contribute \$_____

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Scroll of Honor as follows:

Name_____

In honor/memory of
(name)_____

\$554 listing includes 1 dinner reservation

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\$325 - JR. (35 and under) and Chevrah ticket

(DINNER ONLY, NO SCROLL OF HONOR LISTING)

\$250 represents the cost of the dinner.

*The remainder of your contribution is tax-deductible to the
extent permitted by applicable law.*

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Deadline for Honor Scroll Listing: May 28th

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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 PM – 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 PM – 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 PM – 9:00 PM: **A TASTE OF**

TORAH/THE CHASSIDIC MASTERS

■ Rabbi Meir Fund

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

Thursday Learning

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:

RABBI NAFTALI CITRON:

■ Top Ten Teachings of Great Rabbis:

1. May 9th: Maimonides (Rambam)
2. May 16th: Nachmanides (Ramban)
3. May 30th: Rabbi Isaac Luria (Arizal)
4. June 6th: Baal Shem Tov

Members: Free, Non-members: \$15

Shabbat

9:00 AM – 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 in to this monthly meditation. Followed by the holiest whitefish and lox Kiddush.

May 4th, June 1st, September 7th

(For dates in July and August visit our website)

ONE HOUR BEFORE MINCHA:

WEEKLY SHABBAT LECTURE SERIES

WITH RABBI NAFTALI CITRON

■ Rabbi Nachman of Breslov and his followers, the mystical teachings and stories that inspired and entertained and inflamed the Chassidic world.

FRIDAY NIGHT AND YOM TOV DINNERS



MAY 17TH: *Rabbi Nehemia Polen*

Nehemia Polen, professor of Jewish thought, director of the Hasidic Text Institute at Boston's Hebrew College, and an ordained rabbi, is the author of *The Holy Fire: The Teachings of Rabbi Kalonymus Shapira, the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto*. He is a contributing commentator to *My Peoples Prayer Book*, a multivolume Siddur incorporating diverse perspectives on the liturgy. A recipient of the National Jewish Book Award, Nehemia has studied with and served as a teaching fellow for Elie Wiesel and was a visiting scholar at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His most recent work, written with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, is *Filling Words with Light: Hasidic and Mystical Reflections on Jewish Prayer*.



Shavuot Dinners:

\$45 for members, \$55 for non-members, with a \$5 discount if reserved before Monday, June 3rd

SATURDAY NIGHT JUNE 8TH/SUNDAY NIGHT JUNE 9TH

Rabbi Naftali Citron

1st night: Rabbis, Robots, and the future of Judaism: A look into the technology and spirituality that will affect our daily lives.

2nd night: The life of the Baal Shem Tov



JUNE 28TH: *Dr. Raphael Kellman*

Kabbalah, Science, and the Messianic Era.



JULY 19TH: *Rabbi Naftali Citron*

The depth of the moment

How you spend your time becomes how you define yourself. While identity is important, there are also issues when a person's self-worth is only based on achievement. That type of thinking often leads to an unsatisfactory feeling of self-worth. Understanding Jewish paradigms of time and self will help us with a vision of being in the moment.



AUGUST 9TH

Moshe Liebert - Yahrzeit Dinner

Remembering our beloved past President, Moshe Liebert on the occasion of his nineteenth yahrzeit.

Please join us for a "Finding the Divine in the Everyday" Shabbat dinner dedicated to his memory.

Unless otherwise noted, dinners are \$40 for members and first-time attendees, \$50 for non-members. There is a \$5 discount if you reserve before Wednesday the week of the dinner.



Tu B'Shvat

This January we celebrated Tu B'Shvat with a lively and spiritual Seder. Eliyahu Citron led the program and our chazzan Yehuda Green led the music, with Avidon Moscovitz on the guitar and Stephanie Kurtzman on the violin building the atmosphere.



We enjoyed a light dinner, and then Eliyahu took us through the Haggadah created by Rabbi Naftali Citron. We learned about the Four Worlds: The world of Action, the world of Formation, the world of Creation, and the world of Emanation. Each of these four worlds is defined by a unique understanding of the concepts of time, space, and self, and each corresponds to a different type of fruit and wine. Starting with hard-shelled fruits and white wine, we made our way through the worlds until we reached the highest, Emanation, which is represented by red wine and only the sense of smell. The crowd was eager to learn, taste, and sing as Eliyahu and Yehuda led with Torah and niggunim.



The evening became even more special when we shared it with our dear friends who were unable to attend in person, Jody Teicher and Michoel Sauerhoff. They joined us over the phone, and while Yehuda Green sang his beautiful songs we danced with them and they were able to enjoy participating. Part of Tu B'shvat teaches us the importance of mitzvot here in this world and how the reward will be reaped in the next world. May Michoel be brought into the highest Gan Eden for all the mitzvot he has done and for all the mitzvot that were done in his merit. May his memory be for a blessing.



Day of Kabbalah

The theme of this year's Day of Kabbalah was Kabbalah and Prayer. The esteemed presenters took participants on a deep dive into the teachings of Kabbalah regarding prayer. Our keynote speaker, Rabbi Dr. Reuven Kimelman from Brandeis University, opened with an explanation of how the *lecha dodi* is a mystical reunification of the Divine masculine and feminine elements, often referred to in Kabbalah as the Holy One Blessed Be He and the Shechinah. In under an hour, Rabbi Dr. Kimelman guided us through what reunification means and its relationship with redemption, the day of Shabbat, and the holy city of Jerusalem.

During the first breakout session, Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky led a workshop on the Zohar's practice of unifying the inner aspects of the Divine while reciting the Shema. In another workshop, Rabbi Esther Azar led a meditative and experiential workshop on how the prayer service is constructed as the four mystical worlds, which are described in Kabbalah as a reflection of the four letters of G-d's holy name. Rabbi Naftali Citron used *merkavah*, mysticism, as well as Lurianic Kabbalah to interpret the blessing that we say before the Shema that describes the angels proclaiming G-d's holiness, and explained how those angelic beings are to be understood as helping us align the angels and demons within ourselves.

In the second session we had Rabbi Chayim Lando for the very first time, exploring Talmudic and Chassidic texts on the nature of prayer and looking at how they inform each other. Chaya Rivka Zwolinski taught the methodology of *hitbodedut*, a meditative practice of personal prayer created by Rebbe Nachman of Breslov that involves outrospection, the process of learning about yourself through your relationship with others and with the Creator. Dr. Reuven Kimelman led a workshop which focused on learning the unique spiritual characteristics of the three services of Shabbat—Friday night, Shabbat morning, and Shabbat afternoon—based on Kabbalistic and Chassidic teachings.

For the third and final breakout session, Dr. Sharon Flatto used a historical method to help us understand what made Chassidic prayer unique and what led sages such as the Vilna Gaon to oppose Chassidism, while Rabbi Shimon Semp, who created a technique based on teachings of Rebbe Nachman, shared with his own unique flair how to inspire your davening.

At the end of the day, everyone joined Rabbi Naftali Citron and Noah Solomon for a beautiful workshop of Chassidic niggunim and niggunim of Reb Shlomo Carlebach, the uplifting melodies that inspire our daily and weekly davening. Rabbi Citron shared short concepts as a framework for the purpose of the various niggunim, to show how they fit with the theme of the davening. The day ended on a high note, with everybody up and dancing to a joyous Chassidic melody.

This day would not have happened without the dedication of Susie Kessler of Makom at the Marlene Meyerson JCC of Manhattan, who helped with the meticulous planning, along with chair David Newton. We also gratefully acknowledge the grant provided by Fellowship in Prayer.





THE JEW(ISH) SHOW

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD

Stand Up NY, 236 W 78th St.

With top comics and Rabbis seen on The Late Show, Conan, and HBO

Doors open 7:30 PM; Show begins 8:00 PM

\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door (if available)

Additional \$18 beverage purchase required



TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

MOTZEI SHABBOS, JUNE 8TH

Torah in the Digital Age

Topics include:

Halacha of Robots on Shabbos and Yom Tov

Relationships and Social Media

Does AI Have a Soul

The Torah of the Future



TISHA B'AV

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Tisha B'Av afternoon program

Mincha at 3:00 PM

Program begins at 3:30 PM

Featuring movies about the Shoah and guest speakers TBA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sweetest Friends:

Fortunately, we have a lot to be proud of. The Carlebach Shul is continually messaging out to the world the positive and beautiful essence of Judaism. It would be difficult to enumerate the number of times visitors have thanked us for perpetuating the Carlebach traditions of serving G-d with joy and welcoming.

Although the Carlebach Shul has much to be pleased with, we also feel pained that many of our friends, neighbors and even family may not see the relevance of traditions in a world ruled by social media and screen time. What a beautiful experience it is to be free of the shackles of a smart phone for 25 hours beginning Friday night at sundown. Perhaps each of us can share with our neighbors how wonderful it is to reclaim one's persona and be immersed in family interactions at least once a week? Perhaps even suggest an investment in attending services and classes at the Shul, an investment which will pay off in large mental health dividends.

Last, the proliferation in antisemitism and the unjustified singling out the State of Israel for incessant criticism are challenges that most of us believed the world had long overcome. How sad that our enemies haven't used billions in dollars in aid to better the lives of their own people rather than building terror infrastructure and propaganda machines. Following recent attacks against Jews, Christians and Muslims in their respective houses of worship, we must remain vigilant against those who resort to violence. Silence in the face of such horrendous acts must be condemned without exception.

On behalf of the Carlebach Shul we extend the blessing stated by King David: "May there be peace within your walls..." (Tehillim 122:7).

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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 Shelisheet sponsors, for making our weekly Kiddush and Seudat Shelisheet possible.

* Kiddush *

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Adina Straus

LOVE YOUS

from Tami and Shy Yellin

Steve Grill on the loss of his father, Melvin Grill

The Goffin family on the loss of Sherwood, one of the greatest voices of our community

Mazel Tov to:



Debbie and Rabbi Shmuley Boteach

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Dovid Chaim

Janet and Stan Broome on the marriage of their daughter Erica to Matthew Alter

Gabriel Gershowitz on his marriage to Jennifer Sytap

Ahuva Kirschenbaum on the birth of a grandson, Nachson Shelev, born to Nina and Ofek Gradstein

Naomi Levin on her marriage to Avraham Cohn

Beth and Abraham Rosenberg on the engagement of their daughter Zoë Bramf Rosenberg to Harrison Silver

Dr. Joshua Schwarzbaum on his marriage to Eyenadis Zaria

Condolences:

Nathaniel Berman on the loss of his mother, Daisy Berman

Andy Bloom on the loss of his mother, Linda Bloom

David Fried on the loss of his mother, Joyce Dutka

Ellen Lipkis on the loss of her father, Bernard Greenbaum

Linda Roth on the loss of her father, Eugene Roth

Linda Roth on the loss of her mother, Sara Roth

Ariel Rothschild on the loss of his wife, Carole

Jody Teicher on the loss of her husband, Michoel Sauerhoff

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