



SUMMER INSTITUTE 2026



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In this year's institute, we are concentrating on the powerful role Jews have played in the shaping of our country; in music, in community, and in East Hampton. We are also ever mindful of Israel, and our responsibility to her and her place in our hearts. We will continue with our annual Bialkin Panel which explores the intricacies of the American Israel relationship and remember two giants in the world of American Israeli connections, Ken Bialkin and Steven Greenberg.

Our committee has worked to put together a comprehensive summer of programs, concerts and experiences that we hope will find your Jewish souls elevated and your minds expanded.

We will honor at our Summer Luncheon three individuals who have placed the Jewish Center and Israel in the forefront of their philanthropic giving. Samuel Ashner and Ann Bialkin & Lisa Bialkin members who have sparked "Ahavat Yisrael" a love of Israel in us and in the communities they touch.

We will have adult education, and rabbinic scholars in residence to open your minds and explore your commitment to Judaism.

We will have musical events that explore everything from the Borscht Belt to American Composers that lit up the last two hundred fifty years of American freedom.

We will try to meet every generation of our people in programming that is accessible, interesting and enjoyable.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l wrote in *The Dignity of Difference*:

"Education – the ability not merely to read and write but to master and apply information and have open access to knowledge – is essential to human dignity."

We are all looking for ways to affirm our dignity in a world presently split. We are all looking for ways to keep our support for Israel strong, and for ways to ensure that the next generation will also love her as we do.

We are all looking for ways to soothe our souls through music and worship.

Jewish Center of the Hamptons is where you can become one with yourself, one with your God, and one with one another. You belong here.

Cantor Julia Stein, Rabbi



Welcome Marques Hollie

Marques Hollie is an operatically-trained vocalist, storyteller, and ritual leader who has been telling (and singing!) stories for as long as he can remember. He began singing professionally in the late aughts and has performed more than 20 operatic roles and on stages ranging from Opera Omaha to New York Fashion Week runways. Following a particularly meaningful Passover seder, Marques began a creative exploration of his various identities and lived experience. This exploration generated original music, niggunim, liturgy, and an original Passover-themed monodrama, *Go Down Moshe*; a work-in-progress exploring the Passover narrative through the stories of formerly enslaved people, the musical tradition of negro spirituals, and music from the civil rights era.

Since 2012, Marques has served Jewish communities in North America and the United Kingdom as a cantorial soloist, ritual leader, teacher of Torah, and student rabbi. Currently, Marques is a student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Prior to rabbinical school he received a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance from The Boston Conservatory, and received ordination as a Maggid, a sacred storyteller in the Jewish tradition.

Marques Hollie will be with us through the High Holy Days.

WELCOME SUMMER 2026!

Join our first Shabbat on the Beach of the Season – FRIDAY, MAY 22

Shabbat

ON THE BEACH

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FRIDAY NIGHTS at MAIN BEACH | 6:00pm

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4
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Shabbat on the Beach fuses the experience of spending the summer at the beach with traditional Jewish Shabbat rituals. Find your spot in the sand and join the Jewish Center of the Hamptons community in singing, dancing, and celebrating the joys of a magical Shabbat experience.

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- Have your name announced during the service with gratitude for your support!
- Receive a JCOH Shabbat on the Beach bag filled with special gifts.
Please check in at the welcome table to receive your bag.
- Host a pizza party on the deck for Shabbat on the Beach attendees.
*A beverage of choice and slice of pizza provided by The Beach Hut on Main concession.
At least one week's notice required when reserving a date.*

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Shabbat

ON THE BEACH

Your Sponsorship helps to support not only Shabbat on the Beach but classes, programs, and events.

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Receive a beautiful Shabbat on the Beach bag with your Kavod or Chai sponsorship!



ADDITIONAL SECURITY PROTOCOLS

While there's no express threat to the Jewish Center of the Hamptons, the security committee has determined that Non-Members may be subject to the following when visiting:

- ID check
- Bag check
- Security "wanding"

Backpacks, suitcases and any other large items should be left in your vehicle.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation in keeping the JCOH and its members safe this summer.



BECOME A MEMBER

Jewish Center of the Hamptons is a vibrant community of individuals, families, and friends. Rooted in Jewish tradition and values of social action, spirituality, study and prayer, our hope is to complement your religious, educational, and social needs as you design your own Jewish journey. We are committed to making synagogue membership, Jewish education, and full participation in Jewish communal life available to all. Join us today and find your Center, here.

To become a member, please contact Lindsey Marino at 631-324-9858 or email Imarino@jcoh.org.



JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS

Summer Luncheon

HONOREES

Samuel Ashner

Ann Bialkin & Lisa Bialkin

DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKER

Julie Menin

Speaker of the New York City Council

Friday, July 10 | 11:30am–2:00pm



CAROLE AND MORTON OLSHAN PAVILION



THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM

Tutti Suonare

A CHAMBER MUSIC & CHORUS CONCERT



Saturday, June 13 | 7:00pm

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM | CONCERT AT 7:00PM

Join us for a chamber music and chorus concert featuring the young artists and distinguished faculty of The Perlman Music Program's Chamber Music Workshop.

MUSIC COMPOSED BY

Ludwig van Beethoven, Antonín Dvořák, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann

ARTIST-FACULTY PERFORMERS

Natasha Brofsky, Kirsten Docter, Itzhak Perlman, Vivian Hornik Weilerstein, Donald Weilerstein

Tickets to this performance are offered through The Perlman Music Program

VIP \$300 | Pew \$65 | Chair \$40 | Members use code JCOH26 for a discount

Register at jcoh.org/perlman — REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



IN-PERSON



Relive the Magic!

SUNDAY • JUNE 28 • 4:00PM

Borscht Belt Serenade, written and created by Gideon Evans and Jill Abramovitz, recaptures Borscht Belt's musical legacy and cultural heritage of Catskills crooners over the decades. From "My Yiddishe Mama," to "Makin' Whoopee," to "Love will Keep us Together," the show serves up a big bowl of Borscht Belt tunes with a dollop of history.

STARRING BROADWAY'S JILL ABRAMOVITZ

VIP \$118 | NON-MEMBERS \$72 | MEMBERS \$36

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CHALLAH BAKE

THURSDAY, JULY 9 | 4:30pm

Join us under the Carole and Morton Olshan Pavilion!

Families and community members of all ages are invited to roll up their sleeves and take part in this hands-on, heart-filled experience: mixing, kneading, and braiding their own challah dough from scratch, preparing a beautiful centerpiece for Shabbat.

While the dough rises, children will enjoy fun, supervised activities and a pizza dinner, while adults gather for refreshments, conversation, and learning. This is more than a baking event; it's a chance to slow down and experience something truly special and holy in making challah by hand, transforming simple ingredients into nourishment for both body and soul.



Register at jcoh.org/challah — REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



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KIDDUSH GRACIOUSLY SPONSORED BY
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NEW MEMBER
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 11 | 10:00am
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 | 10:00am

Please join us as we welcome our newest members to the Jewish Center of the Hamptons. New members will be given the honor of being called to the Torah, and blessed before the open ark, as we welcome them to our JCOH family.

A special kiddush in their honor will follow.



Register at jcoh.org/new — REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



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HARRY KATZ & BRYNA SANGER

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICA THROUGH GERSHWIN

Rhapsody in Blue



Solomon Eichner



George Gershwin

Solomon Eichner

SUNDAY | JULY 12 | 4:00PM

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, concert pianist Solomon Eichner performs Gershwin's iconic Rhapsody in Blue alongside a program of dazzling showstoppers.

VIP \$118 | NON-MEMBERS \$72 | MEMBERS \$36

Register at jcoh.org/blue — REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



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THE SUGARMAN FAMILY

Paint & Play

Thursdays | 4:30pm
July 16, 23, 30 | August 6, 13, 20

NON-MEMBER \$36 PER CLASS | MEMBER \$18 PER CLASS

Join us this summer for a series of drop-in mixed media art classes for children ages 4 and up, led by former Golden Eagle teacher Caroline Dranow. Each week, children will explore a different creative project inspired by Jewish themes, values, holidays, stories, or symbols while experimenting with a variety of artistic materials and techniques.

Every class offers a hands-on experience designed to spark imagination and self-expression. A snack will be provided, making for a fun, welcoming, and creative summer afternoon. Drop in for one session or enjoy the full series!

Register at jcoh.org/paint – REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



Adult Learning

NON-MEMBER \$36 PER CLASS | MEMBER FREE

Join us for lively discussions and learning with our Summer Rabbinic Scholars, Cantorial Soloist Marques Hollie, and Rabbi Debra Stein, Cantor as each week we explore different topics ranging from Jewish literacy to Satan's presence in our Jewish Literature.

Register at jcoh.org/adult — REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

THURSDAY, JULY 16 | 4:30PM
Rabbi Wendy Zierler

THURSDAYS | JULY 23, 30 | 4:30PM
Cantorial Soloist Marques Hollie

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 | 4:30PM
Special Programing to be announced
Separate charge for August 6 session

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 | 4:30PM
Rabbi Debra Stein

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | 4:30PM
Rabbi Menachem Creditor



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Shabbat

RABBINIC
SCHOLAR IN
RESIDENCE

Rabbi Wendy Zierler



Thursday, July 16 | 4:30pm — TV and Torah

Rabbi Wendy Zierler, a scholar of Jewish literature and Hebrew poetry and Associate Professor at Hebrew Union College, is also the author of *Movies and Midrash*. Recently, she consulted on *The Faithful*, a new series about biblical women. At our Scholar-in-Residence kickoff event, she'll explore how biblical storytelling and midrash can inspire imaginative new possibilities — including what collaboration between Hagar and Sarah might look like.

Friday, July 17 | 10:00am — More TV and Torah: Mourning, Blessing and Community Building on themes from *Going Out with Knots: My Two Kaddish Years* with Hebrew Poetry and *Movies and Midrash*, this session explores grief, community, and Jewish mourning through two television episodes and related Jewish texts on Kaddish. Please watch *Gilmore Girls* Season 2, Episode 17, “Dead Uncles and Vegetables” and *Northern Exposure* Season 4, Episode 22, “Kaddish for Uncle Manny” in advance.

Saturday, July 18 | 10:00am — Sermon Shabbat Chazon Devarim — Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, July 18 | 12:00pm — Parshat D'varim — Torah Study

Sunday, July 19 | 10:00am — Going out with Knots: My Two Kaddish Years with Hebrew Poetry
After experiencing profound personal and communal loss, Rabbi Dr. Wendy Zierler turned to translating and teaching modern Hebrew poetry as a path through grief. In this session, she will discuss the making of *Going Out with Knots: My Two Kaddish Years with Hebrew Poetry*, sharing poems and reflections that weave together “the holy and the homespun.” The lecture will be followed by coffee and a book signing.

Register at jcoh.org/zierler — REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED





TISHA B'AV SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 | 7:00pm

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Tisha B'Av, is a day of intense mourning for the Jewish people. It is a time when we commemorate many hardships and horrors that have befallen the Jewish people from the destruction of the Temples, our expulsion from Spain, and current day horrors.

On the eve of this day, we read both from Megillat Eicha, the book of lamentations, and kinot, poetic lamentation.

You are invited to join us at the Jewish Center for a thoughtful reading and discussion about what it means to mourn, and how do we heal.

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Jewish Center of the Hamptons, 44 Woods Lane, East Hampton
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SHABBAT GUEST

Rebecca Schoffer

SHABBAT ON THE BEACH

Friday, July 24 | 6:00pm

CHILDREN'S SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, July 25 | 10:00am

We are so excited to welcome Rebecca Schoffer of Shababa to our community for a joyful and music-filled Shabbat experience.

Rebecca will join us for Shabbat on the Beach on Friday evening and will return on Saturday morning to lead a special young-family Shabbat designed for our youngest learners, running concurrently with our main sanctuary service.

Rebecca brings a unique blend of warmth, creativity, and deep Jewish spirit to her work, engaging young children and families through song, movement, and meaningful connection. Her approach creates a sense of belonging and joy, offering children and families a beautiful entry point into Jewish life and Shabbat celebration.

Register at jcoh.org/schoffer – REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



ARCHITECTURE OF THE SACRED

JEWISH IDENTITY IN SPACE AND TIME



Join us for an inspiring conversation exploring how architecture reflects Jewish memory, resilience, identity, and the enduring responsibility to build communities rooted in purpose, connection, and Tikkun Olam.

SUNDAY | JULY 26 | 10AM



RICHARD DATTNER, FAIA



TIMOTHY GODBOLD



ADAM HARRIS

TICKETS | \$36 Non-Members | **FREE** Members

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KENNETH GILMAN & CAROL FEINBERG



**Manhattan
Institute**

WHO SHAPES THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK CITY?

Sunday | August 9 | 10:00am

In this timely lecture, Reihan Salam examines the growing ideological divide shaping New York City and America's urban future. Drawing from his personal experience as the son of immigrants and his work leading the Manhattan Institute, Salam reflects on public safety, assimilation, capitalism, civic identity, and the changing political culture of New York. Framed in contrast to the socialist vision represented by Mayor Zohran Mamdani, the discussion explores competing ideas about opportunity, meritocracy, social justice, and the American dream — and asks what kind of city New York is becoming.

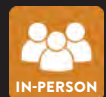


REIHAN SALAM

President of the Manhattan Institute

NON-MEMBER \$36 | MEMBER FREE

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IN-PERSON

A MUST-SEE NIGHT OF LAUGHS!

COMEDY NIGHT

Featuring

MODI

AUGUST 16 | 6:00 PM

TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

Modi brings his razor-sharp wit and high-energy comedy to the Jewish Center of the Hamptons! Seen on HBO, Comedy Central, and more, Modi recently sold out Radio City Music Hall and the Beacon Theatre. Don't miss one of today's most in-demand stand-ups.

VIP Ticketholders are invited to an exclusive reception with Modi after the show!

VIP TICKETS \$500 | TICKETS \$300

Register at jcoh.org/modi — REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



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RABBI BARTON & JANE SHALLAT

Shabbat

RABBINIC
SCHOLAR IN
RESIDENCE



Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Thursday, August 20 | 4:30pm

Friday, August 21 | 10:00am

Saturday, August 22 | 10:00am

Saturday, August 22 | 12:00pm

Sunday, August 23 | 10:00am

Rabbi Menachem Creditor is a globally respected American rabbi, author, musician, and dynamic educator whose work bridges ancient Jewish wisdom with contemporary life. He serves as the Pearl and Ira Meyer Scholar-in-Residence at UJA-Federation New York and is the founder of Rabbis Against Gun Violence. With millions of views of his videos and essays, he was named by Newsweek as one of the fifty most influential rabbis in America. Rabbi Creditor has published over forty books and six albums of original music—including the widely sung *Olam Chesed Yibaneh*. He is also Senior Lecturer at the Academy for Jewish Religion and inspires audiences internationally with his presentations on Jewish tradition and moral leadership. Rabbi Creditor lives in New York with his wife, singer Neshama Carlebach, and their family.

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HAVDALAH PROGRAM GRACIOUSLY SPONSORED BY
THE LEVE FAMILY FOUNDATION AND NEUWIRTH FOUNDATION

Shabbat

SPECIAL
GUEST



Neshama Carlebach

Friday, August 21 | 6:00pm

Join singer, songwriter Neshama Carlebach and sons as they lead us through a unique Shabbat on the Beach.

Saturday, August 22 | 6:00pm

Join singer, songwriter Neshama Carlebach as she leads us through a moving and musical Havdalah service.

Neshama Carlebach is an award-winning singer, songwriter, educator, and one of today's best-selling Jewish musical artists, with more than one million records sold worldwide. Known for her powerful voice and interfaith collaborations, she has performed internationally at major concerts, festivals, and peace gatherings, including events in Japan, Auschwitz, and throughout the United States. A pioneer for women's visibility in Jewish music and a passionate advocate for pluralism and human rights, she has also brought comfort and connection to global audiences through hundreds of virtual performances and major benefit concerts supporting Israel after October 7.

A creator and performer in the Broadway musical *Soul Doctor*, Neshama has released ten albums spanning Hebrew folk, pop, jazz, and gospel. She lives in New York with her husband, Rabbi Menachem Creditor, and their five children, and is currently studying for rabbinic ordination at the Academy for Jewish Religion.

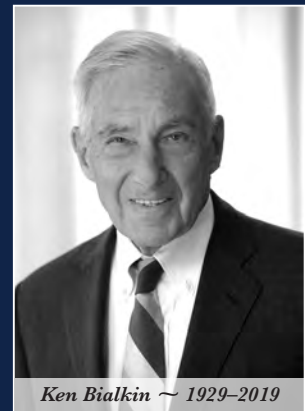
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THE BIALKIN FAMILY FOUNDATION

Ken Bialkin

2026 KEN BIALKIN PANEL



Sunday, August 23 | 10:00am

SPEAKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

NON-MEMBER \$36 | MEMBER FREE

Join us for our annual Kenneth Bialkin panel, featuring some of the most relevant voices in American Israeli relationships.

Our program will begin with an azkara “eulogy” for both the founder of this panel, Ken Bialkin and Steven Greenberg z”l who served on the panel since its inception.

Following that azkara, we will take a deep into Israel and our responsibility and relationship to her as American Jews.

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44 Woods Ln, East Hampton, NY 11937

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Shul House Open House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 10:00AM

Join us for a Shul House Open House! Whether you're a current or prospective family, come explore all that our religious learning program has to offer.

Meet our dedicated teachers and get a glimpse into our thoughtfully re-designed, academically grounded curriculum. Learn how each grade level builds meaningful Jewish knowledge and skills while nurturing a strong, positive Jewish identity in every child.

Children will enjoy the playground, and hands-on activities. Parents will have the opportunity to connect with one another and engage with the vision behind our program, one that balances rigor and depth with creativity, joy, and a love of Jewish learning.

Whether you're already part of our community or curious about our joyful Jewish learning model, we hope you'll join us for a morning of discovery and fun.



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Shabbat on the Beach
Fridays at 6:00pm

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturdays at 10:00am

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9:00am-5:00pm

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