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Wednesday, February 4, 2026
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Our programs attract Jews from all spectrums of the community and provide a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment—free from judgment. Here, participants are encouraged to explore, question, share, and be inspired.

Presenters and Instructors:

Our presenters include rabbis, rebbetzins, and guest lecturers with profound knowledge of Judaism. They are passionate about their subjects and teach in an engaging, down-to-earth manner.

Participation:

We are a non-membership organization—everyone belongs. Browse our catalog of programs and choose the ones that appeal to you. Register online at www.jewishacademy.info or www.jewishcenter.info.

Questions?

We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to us with any questions or comments.

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Special Assistance:

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AURA Women's League

Join our dynamic Aura Women's League, where women come together for activities, workshops, and learning as they grow in their Jewish journey. Connect with like-minded women and enrich your spiritual and personal life.

- September 10** Women's New Year Dinner
- October 23** Dip and be Dazzled ... Fluid Art
- November 20** Nutrition Workshop with Sheva Balkany
- December 9** Women's Spiritual Farbrengen
- December 17** Women's Chanukah Celebration
- January 25** Spa for the Soul
- February 18** Resin Art Activity
- March 1** Hamentashen Making
- March 18** Passover Cooking Demo
- April 24-25** Shabbaton in Brooklyn
- May 11** Women's Trip to Brooklyn
- June 15** Book Review: When G'd Shows Up

Register at www.JewishCenter.info/aura,
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Men's Ohel Experience:

Torah, Prayer, and Renewal

Join Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein for a powerful day of **Torah study, reflection, and heartfelt prayer** at the resting place of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Open your heart to spiritual growth and blessing in this sacred space that has inspired millions.

We'll conclude with a **delicious gourmet kosher lunch** and shared reflections to end this uplifting experience.

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Transportation Fee: TBD

Leaving Newtown at 7:30 AM; Returning mid-afternoon

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ages 22-39 | Adults Only

Young Jewish Professionals Shabbos Dinner

Step into an inviting Shabbos experience designed for young Jewish professionals.

Savor a beautiful dinner, unwind with a glass of wine, and engage in meaningful conversation. Surrounded by peers, you'll discover inspiration in community, connection, and the spirit of Shabbos.

Full details provided after RSVP

Oct 24 | Dec 12 | Feb 20 | April 17

Fee: \$45

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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Herzberg brings not only battlefield experience but also a deep strategic perspective. As a seasoned track-two diplomat, he has negotiated ceasefires and brokered delicate agreements between Israeli Prime Ministers and Arab heads of state, even drafting documents reviewed by prime ministers and kings.

This is not a talk about war — it's a talk about conscience, complexity, and the untold reality of Israel's fight for survival.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Lecture: *Two years after October 7: What the IDF Has Learned — and Why It Matters*

Time: 7:00 PM **Fee:** \$25

Pre-lecture Dinner Remarks: *Talking to terrorists: What I learned from negotiating with Israel's enemies*

Time: 6:00 PM **Fee:** \$125

Location: Glazier Jewish Center, 25 N State Street, Newtown

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COURSES

THE KABBALAH OF MEANING

Jewish wisdom for finding the purpose that connects all parts of life.

What are we doing here? Does any of this really matter? And if it does, how do we find the thread that ties it all together? This course speaks straight to the core questions we carry around.

The world tells us: invent yourself, define your truth, make it all up from scratch. But that often leaves us feeling lost and unanchored. This course flips that script. It shows us that the Torah doesn't ask us to invent meaning—it teaches us to uncover the meaning that's already there.

We walk away not just thinking differently but living differently.

THIS COURSE WILL OFFER CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, LMFTS, AND LMHC/LPCS.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein
6-week course, Mondays, beginning October 27, 2025, 7:30PM
Fee: \$129 (includes student book)
Location: Glazier Jewish Center
 25 N State Street, Newtown

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

NEW PROGRAM

Women's Mitzvah Club (WMC)

Share your heart. Uplift others. Strengthen our community.

The Women's Mitzvah Club is a warm and welcoming space for women who want to make a meaningful difference, one act of kindness at a time. Whether you have fifteen minutes or five hours, your involvement matters.

Join a group of women coming together to cook and deliver meals of love to members of our Jewish community. It's hands-on, heartfelt, and deeply rewarding.

Three Easy Ways to Get Involved:

- **Shop** – Help gather ingredients for our group cooking sessions.
- **Cook** – Join other women in the kitchen to prepare nourishing meals.
- **Deliver** – Share smiles and kindness by delivering meals to community members.

Every mitzvah counts—and together, we can create a powerful ripple of goodness.

Open to women of all ages

Tuesdays, 1:30 PM

November 11 | January 13 | February 10 | June 16

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
 25 N State Street, Newtown

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Simchas Torah Live!

Join our Hakafo, Kiddush, & Simchas Torah Celebration



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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Time: 7:45 PM

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

**Special Yizkor Service
at 11:15 AM**

Register at www.NewtownShul.org,
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Captivating Cases in Rabbinic Responsa

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**What Jews asked, how rabbis answered,
and the stories their letters tell.**

Listen in on the questions your ancestors asked across history as they paid taxes, got married, fled war, and celebrated Passover in secret.

What do their questions reveal about how they lived? What do these sages' answers reveal about the process of applying Jewish law?

Join this six-session course to explore the fascinating world of rabbinic responsa. You'll see the tools Jewish tradition offers for living by timeless values in a world that never stands still—and come face to face with raw Jewish history.

**THIS COURSE WILL OFFER CONTINUING EDUCATION (CLE) REQUIREMENTS
FOR LAWYERS AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS.**

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein
**6-week course, Mondays,
beginning January 12, 2026, 7:30PM**
Fee: \$129 (includes student book)
Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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COURSES

For All Humankind

How Judaism's universal values can help us build better lives and societies.

What values enable a good life? What values shape a just society? Join this four-part course to discover Judaism's ethical message for all people.

Explore foundational Jewish texts to discover the spiritual path our tradition offers every individual. You'll explore how these values guide family life and uncover the essential role of education. Plus, understand what it takes to achieve Judaism's vision of a more perfect and peaceful world for all humanity.

THIS COURSE WILL OFFER CONTINUING EDUCATION (CLE) REQUIREMENTS FOR LAWYERS AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein
4-week course, Mondays, beginning April 20, 2026, 7:30PM
Fee: \$129 (includes student book)
Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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Sukkos Under the Stars

Celebrate Sukkos with a festive, family-friendly community dinner in our Synagogue Sukkah!

Feel the energy of community and the joy of celebration in the intimate Sukkah setting. Enjoy a gourmet catered dinner, l'chaim, and warm camaraderie.

First night of Sukkos, Monday, October 6, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Fee: \$45 adults; \$25 children 12 and younger

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Register at www.NewtownShul.org, email stefanie@jewishcenter.info, or call 215.497.9925





COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mommy & Me

Tuesday mornings, 11:00AM

Fall Session 5786/2025

September 9, 16
October 21, 28
November 4, 11, 18
December 2, 9

Winter Session 5786/2026

January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 17
March 10, 17

Spring Session 5786/2026

April 21, 28
May 12, 19, 26

Fee: \$10 per class

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Thursday evenings, 6:00PM

Fall Session 5786/2025

September 18
October 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20
December 4, 11

Winter Session 5786/2026

January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 12, 19
March 5, 12

Spring Session 5786/2026

April 23, 30
May 7, 14

Register at www.JewishCenter.info/Aura,
email stefanie@jewishcenter.info, or call 215.497.9925



Sinai & Civics

The Jewish ethics that shaped America's founding.

In time for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, this four-session course reflects on the Jewish ethics, ideas, and values that inspired and influenced America's founders—and still shape our government and society today.

Was it always self-evident that all people are “created equal”? What is the “pursuit of happiness”? What inspired America's system of checks and balances? And looking ahead, what steps can we take to build a just and united future?

THIS COURSE WILL OFFER CONTINUING EDUCATION (CLE) REQUIREMENTS FOR LAWYERS AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

**4-week course, Mondays,
beginning June 1, 2026, 7:30PM**

Fee: \$129 (includes student book)

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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COURSES



CELEBRATE WITH CONFIDENCE

Master the Halachos of Every Yom Tov

The Yomim Tovim course is designed to guide you through the halachos of each Jewish holiday, focusing on halacha lema'aseh—the laws as they're actually practiced today. You'll gain the confidence to prepare for each Yom Tov properly and meaningfully.



**Resolve Everyday
Halacha Questions**



**Receive Certificate
on Yomin Tovim**



**Based on the Alter
Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch**

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein
Thursdays, starting October 23, 2025
7:00–9:00PM

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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email stefanie@jewishcenter.info, or call 215.497.9925



Gimmel Tammuz Shabbaton, Commemorating the Rebbe's Yahrtzeit

The Remarkable Rebirth of German Jewry

A Shabbaton with Rabbi Yitzchok Mendel Wagner

Born and raised in Germany, Rabbi Yitzchok Mendel Wagner is the first native German to be ordained as a rabbi since the Holocaust, and today serves as the spiritual leader of the Jewish community in Krefeld, Germany. With deep personal insight, Rabbi Wagner tells the astonishing story of a Jewish community that was all but erased — and yet has begun to rise again.

In this eye-opening Shabbaton, he shares the heartbreak and hope of German Jewry: its tragic destruction, its fragile resurgence, and the pressing challenges it faces today — from renewed anti-Semitism to questions of identity, memory, and resilience.

Shabbos, June 12–13, 2026

Friday Night Service: 6:40 PM

Shabbos Dinner & Talk: 7:45 PM

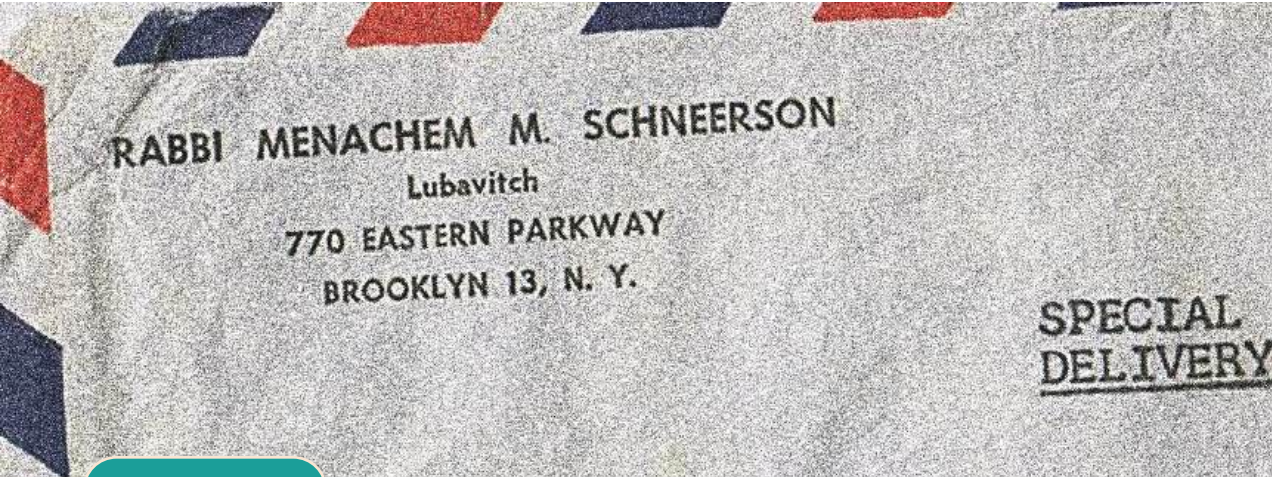
Fee: Adults: \$45, Children 12 & under: \$25

Shabbos Main Service: 10:30 AM

Shabbos Lunch & Talk: 12:30 PM (no RSVP necessary)

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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LECTURES

CLASSES

Challenge to Triumph:

Two Inspiring Life Journeys

Shabbaton with Rabbi Motti & Rochel Flikshtein

Join this remarkable couple as they each share their unique, moving life stories—how they navigated challenges, embraced faith, and arrived at the meaningful lives they lead today. Their journeys will uplift, inspire, and leave you with a renewed sense of purpose.

Shabbos, November 7–8, 2025

Friday Night Service: 4:35 PM

Shabbos Dinner & Talk: 6:00 PM

Fee: Adults: \$45, Children 12 & under: \$25

Talk: Rapper to Rabbi by Rabbi Motti Flikshtein

Shabbos Main Service: 10:30 AM

Shabbos Lunch & Talk: 12:30 PM (no RSVP necessary)

Talk: My “Perfect” Life: How we view success, struggle, and serenity by Mrs. Rochel Flikshtein

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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For Women

Letters for Living

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, the most influential spiritual leader of the 20th century, offered wisdom, clarity, and encouragement to countless individuals seeking guidance in every area of life. One of the primary ways he communicated this guidance was through his extensive correspondence, now compiled in over 45 volumes of letters.

In this class, we will explore a selection of these letters that address a range of personal and spiritual challenges. Through our study, we’ll uncover timeless insights that can help us approach ourselves, others, and the world with deeper understanding and purpose.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Mondays, 9:30–10:30AM on Zoom

Session I: September 8, 15, 29

Session II: October 27, November 3, 10, 24

Session III: December 1, 8, 15, 22

Fee: \$36 per session

Location: Zoom

Session IV: January 5, 12, 19, 26

Session V: February 2, 9, 16, 23

Session VI: April 20, 27, May 4, 11

Register at www.JewishAcademy.info,
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CLASSES

For Women

Torah with Rosie

Join a community of women from all walks of life around Rosie's dining room table. Draw inspiration and meaning from the weekly Torah portion and upcoming Jewish holidays.

Instructor: Rosie Weinstein

Wednesdays, 11:30AM

September 3, 10, 17	January 7, 14, 28	May 6, 13
October 22, 29	February 4, 11, 25	June 3, 10
November 5, 12, 19	March 11, 18	
December 3, 10, 17	April 15, 29	

Location: At the home of Rosie Weinstein

Fee: Free of charge

Register at www.JewishCenter.info/aura,
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EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR TEENS

The Age of the Universe:

Torah Meets Science

Reconciling Six Days with 14 Billion Years

Is the world billions of years old — or just six days?
Can the Torah's account of creation coexist with modern
scientific discovery, or are they fundamentally at odds?
And what about dinosaurs — did they really exist, and when?

Join Rabbi Krisch for a fascinating and thought-provoking
journey through time, texts, and tectonics. Discover how ancient
wisdom and cutting-edge science may not be enemies, but partners
in unlocking the mystery of our universe's origin.

Yechiel Krisch is a scientist, rabbi, and award-winning journalist. His reporting on biology, medicine, technology, and the environment has appeared in The New York Times, Scientific American, and numerous other publications. He holds academic degrees in biomedicine and ordination as a rabbinic judge.

Instructor: Rabbi Yechiel Krisch

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

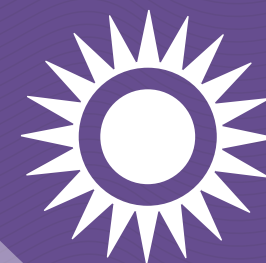
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LECTURES

The Algorithm of Hate:

How Antisemitism Thrives in the Digital Age

Featuring Joel Finkelstein, co-founder of the Network Contagion Research Institute and featured on 60 Minutes

Antisemitism has gone viral.

Discover how online hate spreads, mutates, and turns into real-world violence. Joel Finkelstein, a leading expert in social-cyber threat intelligence, takes you inside the hidden networks and algorithms driving the surge of antisemitism today—and what it means for our future.

Instructor: Joel Finkelstein
Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 7:00PM
Fee: \$15
Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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For Women

Lift Your Life

ROSH CHODESH SOCIETY

Kabbalistic Teachings That Will Elevate Your Daily Reality

The Rosh Chodesh Society is pleased to introduce a new seven-part course, Lift Your Life, which invites you to re-examine your basic activities and life features in the light of Jewish wisdom. Lift Your Life will gently guide you in transforming the experiences swirling around you on a daily basis.

It covers the fundamentals: Sleep, emotional mastery, food, happiness, communication, faith, and personal growth. It offers profound perspectives along with doable tools of implementation.

It's time for an upgrade.

Join us on a seven-step journey—it will lift your life.

Instructor: Rosie Weinstein

Wednesdays, 11:00AM

November 26	January 21	April 22	June 17
December 24	February 18	May 20	

Location: At the home of Rosie Weinstein

Book Fee: \$20

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email stefanie@jewishcenter.info, or call 215.497.9925



CLASSES

Jewish Spirituality Study

Through carefully selected texts, this class invites you into deep, thought-provoking conversations that weave together the spiritual, philosophical, and practical dimensions of Torah. Together, we'll uncover layers of meaning that illuminate everyday life—and you may be surprised by how much more there is to discover.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein
Most Shabbat Mornings, 8:45AM
Fee: Free of Charge
Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Register at www.JewishAcademy.info,
email stefanie@jewishcenter.info, or call 215.497.9925

LECTURES



Discovering the Mikvah

Join Rosie for a discussion on Jewish intimacy and a tour of our beautiful Mikvah.



Instructor: Rosie Weinstein
Wednesday, November 12, 7:00PM
Wednesday, March 25, 7:00PM
Fee: \$10
Location: Adele Mermelstein Community Mikvah
223 N State Street, Newtown

Register at jewishcenter.info/aura,
email stefanie@jewishcenter.info, or call 215.497.9925