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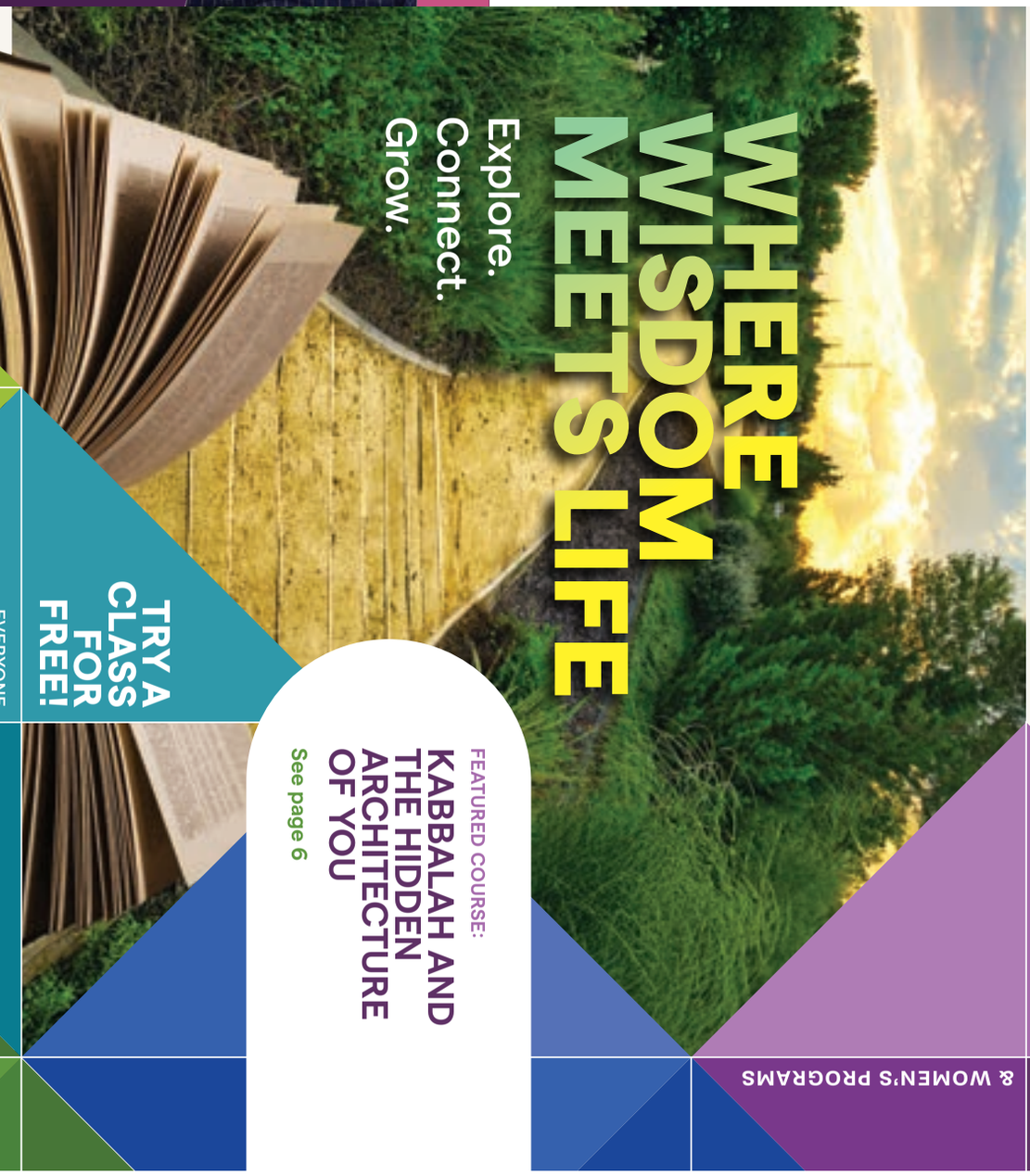
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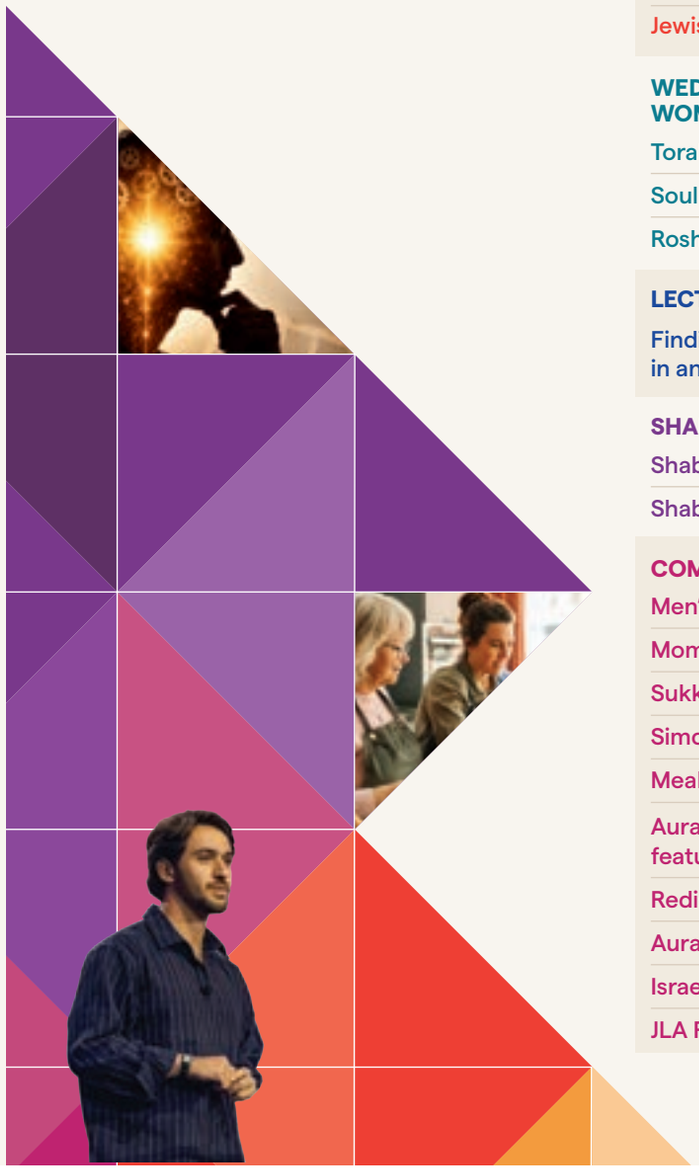
March 29–
April 4, 2027

Please email Rabbi Shemtov
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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.

AURA WOMEN'S EVENTS

September 16
New Year's Women's Dinner

October 12
Challah Board Engraving

November 30
Women's Farbrengen

December 9
Women's Chanukah Celebration

December 10
Resin Workshop

January 11
Nutrition Workshop
with Sheva Balkany

February 9
Self-Care Workshop

March 8
Hamentashen Making

March 14
Aura Women's Gala,
featuring renowned culinary
creator Ruhama Shitrit

May 7–8
Women's Shabbaton
in Brooklyn

May 23
Annual Brooklyn Trip

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AURA NEW YORK EXPERIENCES

Aura Shabbaton

Shabbat in the City

Experience an unforgettable Shabbat in the heart of Brooklyn. Join us for a meaningful weekend of inspiration, connection, home hospitality, and visits to iconic Jewish landmarks—including the Rebbe's home and the holy synagogue at 770.

May 1–2, 2027

Hosted by:
Rosie Weinstein
and Karina Velter

Save the Date!



Aura Day Trip

Newtown Takes New York

Join us for Aura's annual women's trip to Brooklyn! Spend the day exploring meaningful Chabad landmarks, including the Ohel, the Rebbe's home, and 770, while enjoying great company, a delicious catered lunch, and an inspiring day of connection.

**Sunday,
May 23, 2027**

Meet at: Glazier Jewish Center at 7:30am

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For Women

REDISCOVERING THE MIKVAH

The Mikvah: A Spa for the Soul

An evening for women to explore the beauty and meaning of the mikvah, its spiritual significance, its role in Jewish life, and its surprising relevance to modern women. Discussion led by Rosie Weinstein.

Instructor: Rosie Weinstein
Fee: $15
Location: Adele Mermelstein Mikvah
223 N State Street, Newtown

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November 12, 2026
7:00 PM

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Omer Shem Tov is a survivor of the October 7 Nova Music Festival massacre and a former Hamas hostage who endured 505 days of captivity in Gaza. In the face of unimaginable hardship, he chose faith over fear, drawing strength from his connection to God, gratitude, and inner resilience. Today, Omer shares his powerful story of survival, hope, and the choice to live with purpose, inspiring others to embrace light and meaning even in the darkest times.

Tuesday,
February 2, 2027
7:00 PM

Lecture: 7:00 PM
Fee: $36

Pre-lecture Dinner and Meet & Greet: 6:00 PM
Fee: $150 (includes lecture)

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
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6-Week Course

KABBALAH

AND THE HIDDEN ARCHITECTURE OF YOU

Reincarnation, Soulmates, Dreams, Names—What These and Other Mysteries Say about the Design of Your Life.

A six-week course on concepts from kabbalah and how these concepts come together to answer some of life's biggest questions.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Fee: $129 (includes student book)

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Early Bird Rate: $116 when you register by October 9th

Mondays, beginning
October 19, 2026
7:30 PM

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WOMEN'S GALA

Celebrate an unforgettable evening of inspiration, community, and cuisine at our annual Women's Gala Fundraiser. Featuring Ruhama Shitrit, the program will include a live cooking demonstration, personal stories, and an uplifting message while supporting the vital work of Lubavitch of Bucks County.

Ruhama Shitrit is the creator and heart behind RuhamasFood, a global culinary-lifestyle brand that celebrates home, family, and the joy of cooking with love. From her Boston kitchen, Ruhama shares her signature Israeli Mediterranean-inspired recipes, warm storytelling, and uplifting energy with a community of over 1 million food lovers worldwide across social media.

Born and raised in Israel, she's a mother of four and lives with her family in Boston, Massachusetts.

Ruhama Shitrit
@RuhamasFood



Sunday,
March 14, 2027
5:00 PM

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
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MEALS OF KINDNESS

Share your heart. Uplift others. Strengthen our community.

Meals of Kindness is a warm and welcoming space for women who want to make a meaningful difference, one act of kindness at a time.

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

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25 N State Street, Newtown

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Tuesdays
1:30 PM
November 3
January 19
February 23
March 9
May 11

This year's Meals of Kindness has been dedicated by Keith Sadel in loving memory of Vivi Sadel, OBM.

6-Week Course

THE MISSING PIECE

THE FOUNDATION BEHIND ISRAEL'S CENTRAL PLACE IN JEWISH LIFE

Everyone talks about Israel, but almost no one addresses the most basic question of all.

The Missing Piece is a six-lesson course that reveals Israel's deeper place in Judaism, beyond politics, history, and headlines. You'll get the timeless framework that brings the whole picture into focus.

Mondays, beginning
January 18, 2027
7:30 PM

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Fee: $129 (includes student book)

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
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Early Bird Rate: $116 when you register by January 8th

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4-Week Course

CHEW ON THIS

The Meaning, Heritage, and Soul of Jewish Food

Why are Jews so obsessed with food? Believe it or not, as physical as eating may seem, it's one of the richest, most surprising, and most deeply meaningful aspects of Judaism.

In this four-lesson deep-dive from JLI, you'll trace the surprising origins of Jewish cuisine, decode the logic and philosophy behind kosher law, pull back the curtain on the world's most sophisticated food certification system, and discover what kabbalah says is hidden inside your midnight snack.

The Spring course will offer CE credits for doctors, nurses and dietitians.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Fee: $129 (includes student book)

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
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Early Bird Rate: $116 when you register by April 30th

Mondays, beginning
May 10, 2027
7:30 PM

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Dancing On State Street
In a Display of Jewish Pride



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- ***Delicious Dinner Buffet***
- ***Goody Bags and Flags for Every Child***
- ***Mystery gift for every child in attendance!***

GIVE YOUR KIDS THIS UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF JEWISH PRIDE!

Saturday,
October 3, 2026
8:00 PM

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
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Sponsorships welcome

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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.

Fee: $55 adults; $35 children 12 and younger

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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Friday,
September 25, 2026
7:15 PM

A Men's Halacha Learning Course

KASHRUS:

FROM ANCIENT WISDOM TO YOUR KITCHEN COUNTER



A clear, engaging journey through the laws that shape the Jewish table

Every time you sit down to eat, thousands of years of tradition are on the table with you. But what do the laws of Kashrus actually say – and how do they apply when you're staring at a pot wondering if you just made a mistake?

This course cuts through the complexity. Starting with the Torah's prohibition on mixing meat and milk, we'll trace how the sages expanded these laws and what they mean for your kitchen today. We'll cover meat and dairy, kosherizing utensils, immersing utensils in the mikvah, the laws of blood in meat, and how to check for insects – plus the surprising ways that flavor, heat, and time interact in Jewish law.

No background required. Just curiosity and an appetite to learn.

Start From Scratch
no prior knowledge needed

Real-World Scenarios
from a misplaced spoon to kashering a countertop

The Full Picture
meat & dairy, blood, insects, utensils, and mikvah immersion

Thursdays, beginning
October 8, 2026
7:00 PM

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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email rw@jewishcenter.info, or call 215.497.9925

Receive a certificate upon completion of the course



TANYA: ONE CHAPTER AT A TIME

DEEP JEWISH INSIGHT ABOUT WHAT MAKES YOU TICK

You know that running inner monologue — the self-doubt, the frustration, the guilt, those bursts of inspiration that fade by Tuesday? Most of us assume that's just how it is.

It's not.

Ever wonder why you can be inspired one moment and completely unmotivated the next? Why doing the right thing sometimes feels like a battle? Why you keep falling into the same patterns?

The Tanya is a 200-year-old Jewish masterwork that maps your inner world with startling precision — and offers a practical path forward. We'll explore it together one chapter at a time. No textbook reading, no Hebrew required — just real conversation about real life through a remarkably deep Jewish lens.

No background needed. Just curiosity about what's going on inside you.

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Fee: Free of charge

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown
(also available on Zoom)

Recommended text:
The Practical Tanya by Chaim Miller

Wednesdays,
beginning
October 14, 2026
8:00 AM

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MOMMY & ME



Fall Session
October 6, 13
November 3, 10, 17

Winter Session
December 1, 15, 22
January 5, 12, 26
February 2, 9, 16

Spring Session
March 9, 16, 30
May 4, 11, 18

Tuesdays
11:00 AM

Fee: $15 per class

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MEN'S FARBRENGENS

Join Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein for evenings of camaraderie, meaningful conversation, light dinner, and l'chaim. A farbrengen is a traditional Chassidic gathering, part celebration, part reflection, where men come together to share Torah insights, life experiences, and strengthen bonds of friendship in a warm, informal setting. Light dinner will be served.

Open to all men. No prior knowledge required, just come with an open heart.

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Date	Occasion
Monday, September 28	Sukkos
Sunday, November 29	Yud Tes Kislev
Sunday, January 17	Yud Shevat
Thursday, July 8	Gimmel Tammuz

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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.

Shabbos Mornings
8:45 AM

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Fee: Free of charge

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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
Fee: Free of charge
Location: At the home of Rosie Weinstein
Schedule:

September 9, 16	January 6
October 7	February 3, 24
November 4, 25	March 17, 31
December 9, 23, 30	May 19, 26

Wednesdays
11:00 AM

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SHABBATON WITH THE ACCIDENTAL TALMUDIST



Shabbos, February 26-27

FAITH, FILM & JEWISH COURAGE

Join us for an unforgettable Shabbos of inspiration, humor, compelling stories and Jewish pride with Sal Litvak, the filmmaker and educator known to more than one million followers as The Accidental Talmudist.

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER

From Hollywood to the Talmud
An Accidental Jewish Journey

How did a Jewish kid from Chile become a Hollywood filmmaker, author and Jewish content creator followed by millions around the world?

Friday Night Service: Mincha 5:30 PM; Shabbos Service 6:00 PM
Shabbos Dinner & Talk: 6:30 PM
Fee: Adults $55, Children 12 & under: $35

SHABBOS LUNCH

Jews Fight Back
Faith, Courage and the Making of Guns & Moses

How do you create a Hollywood action thriller about a heroic rabbi who becomes a detective and reluctant defender of his community?

Shabbos Main Service: 10:30 AM
Shabbos Lunch & Talk: 12:30 PM (no RSVP necessary)

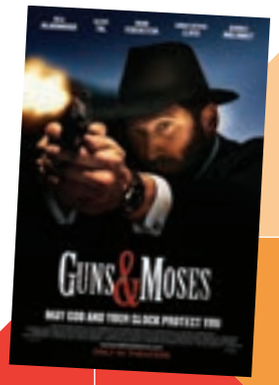
SATURDAY NIGHT FILM EVENT

GUNS & MOSES

A Special Community Screening with Writer and Director Sal Litvak

8:00 PM • RSVP $15 pp

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



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SHABBATON WITH RABBI YECHIEL KRISCH

Join us for a Shabbaton with Rabbi Krish, a scientist, rabbi, and award-winning journalist.

Shabbos, December 18-19
At the Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Finding The Lost Tribes

A fascinating journey into the downfall and whereabouts of the Lost Tribes, and what it all means for us.

Friday Night Service:
Mincha: 4:20 PM
Shabbos Service: 5:15 PM
Shabbos Dinner & Talk: 6:00 PM
Fee: Adults: $55, Children 12 & under: $35

Friday Night Shabbos Dinner
December 18

Before I Was Me:

Reincarnation, Past Lives, and the Secret of the Soul

What purpose do those earlier journeys serve, and how do they shape the life we are living now?

Shabbos Main Service: 10:30 AM
Shabbos Lunch & Talk: 12:30 PM
(no RSVP necessary)

Shabbos Lunch
December 19

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SOUL SISTERS

A Monthly Women's Study Group

Join women from across the community for a monthly gathering of connection, conversation, and Torah learning. Each session explores a meaningful historic Jewish woman in an intimate, warm setting—perfect for deepening your knowledge and building lasting friendships.



Wednesdays
11:00 AM

Instructor: Rosie Weinstein
Book Fee: $75
Location: At the home of Rosie Weinstein
Dates:
October 14
November 18
December 2
January 27
February 17
March 3
May 5
June 2

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For Women

NEXT GENESIS:

IN BERESHIT, THE STORY BEGAN. IN US, IT CONTINUES.

Every life tells a story—but not every story is fully understood. NEXT GENesis reveals how the opening chapters of Genesis are more than ancient history; they are a mirror of the human soul. Through seven inspiring lessons, uncover timeless insights into purpose, identity, relationships, and resilience. Discover the deeper story beneath the stories—and how it can bring greater clarity, courage, and meaning to your own life.

Dates: November 11 · December 16 · January 13 · February 10 · March 10 · April 7 · May 12 (morning only) · May 19 (evening only)

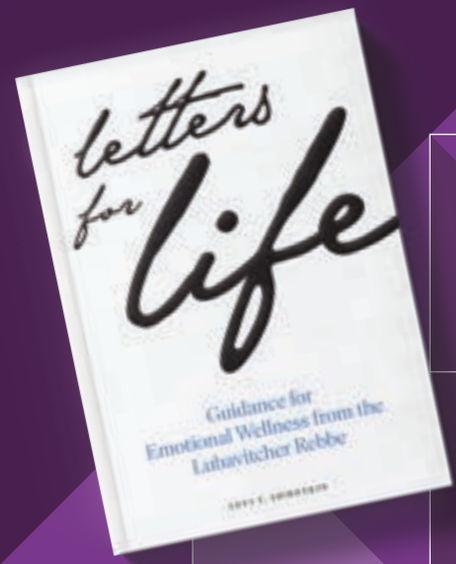
Morning Class
Instructor: Rosie Weinstein
Fee: Book fee $25
Location: At the home of Rosie Weinstein

Evening Class
Instructor: Rosie Weinstein
Fee: $108 (includes book and light dinner)
Location: Glazier Jewish Center

Wednesdays
11:00 AM
& 7:00 PM*
**New evening class option with a light dinner*

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FINDING EMOTIONAL BALANCE IN AN UNBALANCED WORLD



Despite today's heightened awareness of emotional health, anxiety, loneliness, and inner unrest remain widespread. How can we cultivate greater calm, resilience, and emotional well-being?

Join Rabbi Levi Shmotkin, author of ***Letters for Life***, for a compelling exploration of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's timeless guidance for navigating life's emotional challenges with strength, hope, and inner peace.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
7:00 PM

Instructor: Rabbi Levi Shmotkin

Fee: $18 (books will be available for purchase and signing)

Location: Glazier Jewish Center
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