



Jewish Sparks @ Clifton Park

Chabad Jewish Center * Serving the Jewish Community of Southern Saratoga County

**Celebrating Jewish
Life around the World**

**Jewish Women's Circle
Jewish India**

Challah Bake

Tues, Sept. 1st, 5 pm

Women & Girls invited!



**Women's Torah & Tea
Thursdays, 12 pm**



**Visiting
Seniors**

**Kristalnacht
Holocaust Film Screening**

NICKY'S FAMILY

KINDERTRANSPORT

**Monday,
November 9th, 6pm**

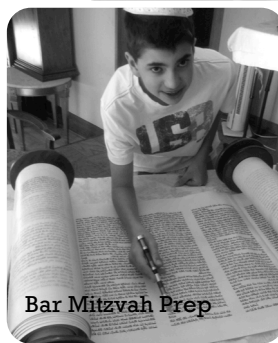
Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library



**Mini Gan Izzy!
Fuh!!**



JWC Art on Tap



Bar Mitzvah Prep



**Lag
B'Omer
Hebrew
School
Art**



JWC Birthday Shabbat

**Sign up for our weekly emails!
www.cliftonparkchabad.com**

**Jewish Women's Circle – Jewish Spain & Portugal
Sephardic Shabbat Cooking, Wednesday, October 14, 7pm**



**Chabad
Hebrew School!
10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Torah Tots!
9:30 am - 11:30 am**

**~ Sundays ~
First day of Classes
SEPTEMBER 12**

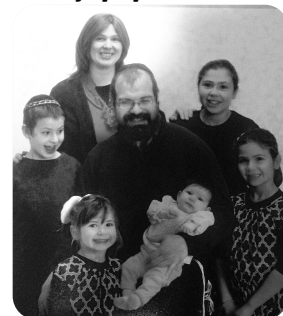


**Chabad Hebrew
School Smiles**

Dear Friends,

On September 14th, the first of Tishrei, a new light will shine forth on this earth. A light the world has never experienced before. It is unique to the Jewish year of 5776. This light will bring blessing and goodness to one and all. When we hear the Shofar blow on Rosh Hashanah, each one of us will be granted a reservoir of blessings by the heavenly court, an allotment that will provide for the entire year. Chassidic teaching explains that the word *beracha* (blessing) literally means 'reservoir' and 'drawing down'. In order for this special light to shine forth, it needs to be 'drawn down' from its reservoir - potential, spiritual state, into the actuality of our physical existence. Each day when we pray, we ask Hashem to draw from our reservoir above. As Jews who love one another and who are all intrinsically connected, there is a unique, yet simple way to help draw down another person's blessings. Here's how it works. Say that your friend David is experiencing financial difficulties, you put your arm around his shoulder and say: "David! May Hashem grant you all that you need!" By saying these words sincerely, with warmth, love and joy, you've blessed him. You've opened that clogged supply line. When you bless someone, the potential has been there all along, but saying it makes it real. Your friend needs the blessing because he/she has reached a limit of what they can make real of their own spiritual resources. With your caring and compassion, with your love and joy, you bond to make an expanded self, thereby broadening the channels and unsnarling the lines of communication between soul and body, between heaven and earth. The essential ingredient for this to work is a loving heart (and a nice big smile). So here it goes! (With all our love!) May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year of goodness, health & prosperity. May all that Hashem grants you on Rosh Hashanah be translated into bountiful blessing down here on this physical earth and may you be blessed with loving family and friends who will continue to bless you all year long! Amen!

Rabbi Yossi & Leah, Mussie, Mendel, Chaiki, Esther & Dina Rubin



JWC Jewelry & Gift Swap
Sunday, November 15, 7pm

JWC Shanghai Movie Night
Saturday, December 19, 7pm

JWC Plant & Paint
Sunday, January 17, 3pm

Annual Spa for Body & Soul
Sunday, February 28, 1pm



Solomon Org 2nd Prize winners

Shabbat

At the end of a busy week I look forward to celebrating Shabbat. There is no greater joy for me than lighting the candles with my daughter, Hadassah, and my mother, Marcia. Watching three generations come together to celebrate what is truly important, while the rest of life is on hold. Knowing that this time we set aside each week is special to us and links us to generations past as well as all of our sisters celebrating Shabbat around the world. I always look forward to being invited to Clifton Park Chabad to welcome Shabbat, surrounded by friends - who I now consider family! We enjoy great food, lively conversations, uplifting prayers, and thought-provoking Divrei Torah. It never fails; I always seem to walk away feeling as though I have learned something new about Judaism and myself. Sharing Shabbat with the Clifton Park Chabad Community is rewarding on so many levels. Join us for the next Community Shabbat Dinner on Friday, September 18th! -Rebecca

Thank you for Shabbat dinner. It was such a beautiful evening... thank you for all of your warmth, teachings and hospitality. -Karyn

JWC Gala

The JWC Gala is an end of the year event to get together with Jewish women from around the area. It's also a time when the hostesses of Jewish Women Circles throughout the year are shown their appreciation. This year at the Gala event we enjoyed a delicious Israeli buffet, elegant music on the harp, lots of auction prizes, and an inspiring lecture by Sara Esther Crispe, who recently moved to Vermont. She shared with us the specialty of the land of Israel, our homeland, and its connection with the Jewish woman who is the Jewish home. I very much enjoyed helping out with the hostess gift. This year each hostess received an Israeli themed tea light holder set for Shabbat or Holidays. This event for me is like spending a special day with my second family and I love it! -Alice

Newsletter

I just wanted to say that I loved your spring newsletter. It was so wonderful to read about the great work that you continue to do for our community. You are an amazing team. I pray that G-d will continue to bless the work of your hands. -Anna



Moms & Babies/ Toddlers
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
Starting October 2015

*How to Speak so Kids will Listen;
How to Listen so Kids will Speak...*

PARENTING WKSP

Monday, October 26
7:15 - 8:15 PM
Clifton Park- Halfmoon Library

Kosher & Klezmer Festival

The Kosher & Klezmer festival, at Shmaltz Brewery, was such an enjoyable event! What can be more exciting than listening to live Klezmer music while sampling foods representative of Jewish holidays? We had fun with music, food & friends, along with samples of unique kosher beers!! It was an overall great event sponsored by the Clifton Park Chabad with Rabbi Yossi & Leah. Thank you! -Beverly

Prayers & Miracles

Thank you for praying for my recovery & visiting when I was hospitalized. The Challah & words of strength were just what I needed. It was timely to discover my Hebrew name Nissan means double miracles. I hope to share my entire miraculous story soon. -Evan



Above & Beyond Film Screening

KIDS
in the Kitchen



Sundays, Dec 13, Feb 21, Mar 20 - 11am

Hakhel, Assemble!

Picture this scene: Millions of Jews – men and women, infants and their great-grandmothers, scholars and laypeople – assembled in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount. A hush falls over the mammoth crowd, as the royally bedecked king of Israel ascends on to a platform and reads sections of the holy Torah. The nation is inspired and invigorated. A display of unity & a statement of purpose converge to revitalize & refocus a diverse people. Though seemingly improbable, this scene repeated itself in ancient Jerusalem on a septennial basis. When the Temple will soon be rebuilt, the practice will be renewed, with Moshiach reading from the Torah scroll.

"At the end of every seven years, at an appointed time, in the Festival of Sukkot [following] the year of Shemithah. When all Israel comes to appear before the Lord, your G-d, in the place He will choose, you shall read this Torah before all Israel, in their ears. Assemble the people: the men, the women, the children..."—Deuteronomy 31:10-12.

In ancient Israel, every seventh year was a Shemithah "Sabbatical" year. For an entire year, the nation's economy came to a standstill as all farmers abandoned their fields and flocked en masse to the study houses where for a full year they focused on their spiritual, rather than physical needs. Now, at the onset of the eighth year (the first in the new seven-year cycle), the nation is ready to head back to the fields and orchards. But first, on the second day of the holiday of Sukkot, all gather in the Holy Temple for a dose of inspiration, for the next six years, most of whose time would be spent in business / work.

"...In order that they hear, and in order that they learn and fear the Lord, your G-d, and they will observe all the words of this Torah"—ibid.

Reliving Mount Sinai

This event was known as Hakhel, "assemble!" It was the only event that required the attendance of every Jew, reminiscent of the historic moment when our nation stood at Mount Sinai, when every member of our nation was present when G-d lovingly gave us the Torah. Once the entire nation had gathered, the king, situated on a specially constructed platform in the Temple's courtyard, was handed the Torah scroll that Moses himself had written. The king recited a blessing and then read aloud several portions from the Book of Deuteronomy, and then concluded with several more blessings.

"...Every individual should see himself as if he is now being commanded, and it is from G-d's mouth that he is hearing these words. For the king is only the messenger to announce G-d's words"—ibid.

The biblical mitzvah of Hakhel is only in effect when all the Jewish people reside in the Holy Land. Nevertheless, the Lubavitcher Rebbe repeatedly encouraged all Jews to utilize this auspicious time to assemble – men, women and children – and encourage each other to increase in Torah observance and study, and foster an environment of fear of G-d. Each mini-Hakhel group joining together creates a ripple effect adding in Jewish Unity around the world, for we are all truly connected.

The Kids?

This Rosh Hashanah launches the "Hakhel" year of gathering, the Talmud teaches: The men come to study; the women to listen; and the children come to reward those bringing them. When Rabbi Yehoshua heard about bringing small children to the Hakhel gathering, he said, "what a precious treasure (insight)!" For when R. Yehoshua was an infant, his mother would bring him in his bassinet to the study hall so that his ears would absorb the

Torah. He was greatly affected by this early form of education, the "osmosis" of Torah as a young child, it is no wonder why this particular teaching was so dear. The adults come to study and listen to the words of the Torah; the men with the mind, women intuitively with the heart, but why

the young children, do they really understand? The children have pure faith and absorb the whole experience visually, recreating the experience of Sinai. Thus, the children bring reward i.e. enable their parents also to be infused with the simple pure faith, and relive the Sinai experience in an essential way. Children & grandchildren – & the child deep within all of us – thrive on the dynamic excitement of being a part of something great. We all have a need to be a part of events that will create lasting memories. Kids are inspired most by having their parents & grandparents participating together, hand in hand, side by side- all Jews together, Sinai-like.

Bring the Kids!

This year we in Clifton Park are celebrating ten years of community programs. Our events this year will raise the Hakhel banner of unity and education leading to action. Let's all make our family get together, Sunday outing & Shabbat Dinners, truly a "Hakhel" experience, sharing Torah messages, Prayers, and good deeds with friends and family. Most importantly, don't forget to bring the kids, our Torah guarantors at Mt. Sinai & the future of our people!

Torah Studies- Tuesdays, 7 pm

Talmud & Deli- Sun. Feb 7, 14 - 7pm

One-on-One Mitzvot or Learning – Anytime!

Teens! Let's meet up! 1st Wednesday of the month, 5pm



10th Chanukah Party!
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 6TH, 4pm



Home Depot
MENORAH WORKSHOP
Sun. November 22nd, 12 pm



Kosher & Klezmer Fest @ HeBrew Celebrated June 25



High Holiday Services

To join Chabad for the High Holidays is to feel at home. Whether your background is extensive or limited, attending Chabad services leaves you uplifted and inspired.

- ~ Hebrew/English Prayer Books ~
- ~ Friendly Atmosphere ~
- ~ No Membership Required ~
- ~ Kid's Program ~ Free of Charge~



Rosh Hashanah: September 13th - 15th
Saratoga Chabad, 130 Circular St.

Yom Kippur: September 22nd - 23rd
Clifton Park Chabad - 495 Moe Rd
Followed by Break-Fast

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Model Matzah Bakery

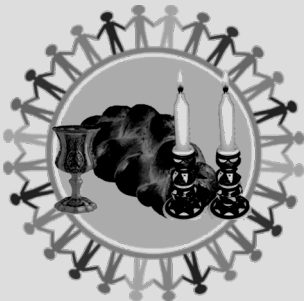
Pick Your Own!
Apples & Rosh
Hashanah Crafts
Fun for the whole family!

Monday
August 31st, 10 am
Riverview Orchards



Kiddie Shabbat!

Celebrate Hakhel!



Join us for Monthly
Community
Shabbat Dinners
Sept 18, Oct 9, Nov 20



7th Annual

Sushi in the Sukkah!

Wednesday, September 30th
4:00 PM | 495 Moe Rd

Kosher Sushi with Mr. Fuji!
Soups, Salads!
Hot Cider & Desserts!
Klezmer Music!
Lulav & Esrog Shake!

Join us for Sukkot Holiday meals
or for a Lulav Shake - Sept 27-28

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