



# THE CITY CONGREGATION for HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

## KIDSCHOOL DATES 2017-18

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### **HIGH HOLIDAYS @ WATSON HOTEL** **Kids Program for Ages 4-10**

440 West 57th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues

Thursday, September 21 Rosh Hashanah, 10:30am  
Saturday, September 30 Yom Kippur, 10:30am

### **KIDSCHOOL SESSIONS**

All classes meet on Sunday afternoons, from 2:45 to 5:15 pm  
15 West 86th Street, between Columbus & CPW unless otherwise noted.

2:45 - 3:00pm Arrival and Snack (snack will not be available during Kehilla Circle)

3:00 - 3:30pm Kehilla Circle - Music, Storytelling, Announcements.  
*All students are expected to attend Kehilla Circle and arrive by 3pm. This is a valuable community building time for our students and families.*

3:30 - 5:15pm KidSchool Classes

3:30 - 5:00pm Early Childhood Program

3:30 - 5:00pm Adult Perspectives (Presentations, discussions, and socializing)

*In case of inclement weather, grade parents will contact families.  
All dates and programs subject to change.*

*To confirm events and for more information, visit [www.citycongregation.org](http://www.citycongregation.org),  
or contact the office at 212-213-1002 or [info@citycongregation.org](mailto:info@citycongregation.org).*

Sun., Sept. 10      1:30pm - Bar/Bat Mitzvah Back-to-Work Meeting / Sanctuary  
1:30pm - Open House / Social Hall  
2:45pm - KidSchool / Kehilla Circle  
3:30pm - Parents accompany students to class for the first 10  
minutes  
3:45pm - KidSchool Parents Meet and Greet (Social Hall)

If it takes a community to raise a child, then it also takes friendship and partnership among the adults to make this happen. Come greet old friends and make new ones. Rabbi Peter will lead a program on "Lessons We Learned and Now Want to Teach Our Children."

Wed. Sept. 13      7:00pm - Open House / Social Hall

Sun, Sept. 24      1:30pm - Open House / Social Hall  
2:45pm - KidSchool / Kehilla Circle  
3:30pm – Who Will Our Next Rabbi Be?

Come to this important meeting to have your voice and opinion heard. Members of the Rabbi Search Committee will be leading a discussion to help determine our priorities as we embark on the journey to finding a new rabbi.

Sun. Oct. 15      1:30pm - Bar/Bat Mitzvah Role Model Workshop / Social Hall  
2:45pm - KidSchool / Kehilla Circle  
3:30pm - Adults: Genealogy 101 / Social Hall

Want to research your family tree, but don't know where to start? TCC member and professional genealogist Meryl Schumacker will guide you through the basics of gathering clues, locating and analyzing key records, and building your tree using both free and paid resources.

Sun. Oct. 29      11am - New Member Brunch  
2:45pm - KidSchool - Social Justice Poster-Making!

Speak out! Be heard! We'll make posters that express our values and champion our causes! Save the Earth! No Guns! Women's Rights are Human Rights! Love Your Neighbor! If not now, when?!

3:30pm - Adults: Conflict Management from the Bible to Today / Social Hall

Ever since Jacob fought Esau, Rebecca competed with Leah, and Moses fought the whole recalcitrant Hebrew people, people have been at odds with each other. Parents with children. Children with parents. Spouses and partners with each other. And not to overlook tensions at work and with our friends. How do we navigate these conflicts? What are best practices? Non-combative interactive discussion led by Rabbi Peter.

Sun. Nov. 12            1:30pm - Parent Orientation to B/BM Program / Social Hall  
   Kids with Rabbi Peter / Classroom

2:45pm – KidSchool

3:30pm - Adults: What am I, Chopped Liver? / Social Hall

Don't miss this delicious tasting of real and faux chopped liver. Volunteer with Jen Klein to make up a batch for us to sample.

Sun. Dec. 3            2:45pm - KidSchool (no Kehilla Circle)

3:00pm - Pre-Holiday At-School Community Service Project

3:45pm - Kids go to classes

3:45pm - Adults: Parents Shmooze / Social Hall

Oy to the World! Rabbi Peter leads an informal conversation on "The December Dilemma: Jews and Christmas."

Tues. Dec. 12        Chanuka – First Night

Sun. Dec. 17        Chanuka Party in Social Hall

No Kehilla Circle. No Snack.

3:00pm - Go directly to classes.

4:00pm - Chanukah Celebration and Party. Class Presentations.

Pizza and Latkes. Visitors are welcome.

Sun., Jan. 7            1:15pm - Bar/Bat Mitzvah Kick-Off Meeting / Social Hall

2:45pm - KidSchool

3:30pm - Theatre of the Oppressed NYC – for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades and their parents. Open to the community.

Our Seventh Annual Theatre of the Oppressed NYC show, based on real-life experiences of the actors and actresses. Always a highlight, especially when audience members – "spect-actors" – join the show with their own ideas. The public is welcome to this free performance though a donation of \$10 will be greatly appreciated to help defray costs and support the work of the troupe.

Mon., Jan. 15        MLK Day of Volunteering

Sun., Jan. 21        2:45pm - KidSchool

3:30pm - Adults: TBA

Sun., Feb. 4            2:45pm - KidSchool

3:30pm - Adults: TBA

Sun., Feb. 25        1:30pm - Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Values Workshop / Social Hall

Purim Celebration

No Kehilla Circle. No Snack.

3:00pm - Go directly to classes.

4:00pm - Purim Celebration

Class Presentations. Megillah Reading.

Purim Carnival. Pizza and Hamentaschen.

Visitors are welcome.

- Sun., March 11      2:45pm – KidSchool (Kehilla Circle)  
                                  3:30pm - Adults: Matzah Brei Cook-Off / Social Hall  
 How do you like your Matzah Brei, the iconic Passover breakfast food? Sweet or savory? Worry no longer. You can try out samples at our delicious tasting. Volunteer with Jen Klein to make up a batch for us to sample.
- Sun., March 25      No Kehilla Circle. No Snack.  
                                  3:00pm - Go directly to classes.  
                                  3:30pm - Model Seder for Pre-K through Grade 5  
                                  Parents and visitors are welcome.
- Fri., March 30      First Night of Passover
- Sun., April 8        No Kehilla Circle. No Snack.
- Sun., April 22      2:45pm - KidSchool  
                                  3:30pm - Adults: TBA
- Sun., May 6         1:30pm - Open House / Social Hall  
                                  2:45pm - KidSchool  
                                  3:30pm – TCC Town Hall
- Sun., May 13        Mother's Day
- Sun., May 20        1:30pm - Open House / Social Hall  
                                  2:45pm - KidSchool  
                                  3:30pm - Adults: TBA
- Sun., June 3        End-of-Year Celebration  
                                  No Kehillah Circle. No Snack.  
                                  3:00pm - Parents and students go directly to classes for wrap up.  
                                  4:00pm - End-of-Year Celebration. Pizza!