



# THE CITY CONGREGATION for HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE 2018-19

Shabbat Celebrations are held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 81 Christopher Street, in the West Village.

All programs start at 7:30pm unless otherwise indicated.

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).

Friday, Sept. 28, 7:30pm

### **MY JEWISH JOURNEY: Many Paths, Often Winding**

What makes you Jewish? Birth? Choice? Culture? Religious practice? A tie to Israel and the Holocaust? Has your relationship to your Jewish identity changed over your life? How is it different or the same as your parents? Do you feel that your journey is complete? If not, what questions are you wrestling with? Moderated by member and journalism professor Carol Sternhell.

Friday, Oct. 12, 7:30pm

### **HOW A HASIDIC RABBI CAME OUT AS A TRANSWOMAN: Meet Abby Stein**

Abby Stein is a Jewish educator, writer, speaker, and activist. She was born and raised in a Hasidic family in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and is a descendent of Rabbi Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hasidic Judaism. In that world

Abby attended Yeshiva, and became a rabbi in 2011. She left the Hasidic world the following year, and came out as a transwoman in 2015. Since then, Abby has been working to raise support and awareness for trans rights and those leaving Ultra-Orthodoxy.

Friday, Oct. 26, 7:30pm

**MUSLIM-JEWISH RELATIONS: Working Together to Prevent Hate Crimes**

How can we reach out beyond our own community to create understanding and prevent hate? Natalia Mahmud, Assistant Director, U.S. Muslim-Jewish Relations at the American Jewish Committee in New York, will update us on current Muslim-Jewish relations and explore steps that can lead to inclusion, understanding, and building bridges.

Friday, Nov. 9, 7:30pm

***80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “Kristallnacht”***

**9 NOVEMBER 1938 AND BEYOND: Austria and the Winding Road to the Holocaust**

1938 was a cataclysmic year in Austria’s history, above all for its large and culturally influential Jewish population. From the “Anschluss” pogrom in March to the Reich-wide pogrom in November, Jewish memoirists, foreign observers, later historians, and even Nazi German officials noted the especially violent nature of Austrian anti-Semitism and its pivotal role in the escalation of Nazi anti-Jewish policy.

Tim Corbett, PhD, a historian of modern Jewish Austrian culture and Fellow in Residence at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, will re-trace this history that opened the door to the Holocaust.

Friday, Dec. 7, 6:30pm

## **Chanukah Service and Menorah Lighting**

Menorah Lighting with Secular Humanistic Blessings. Be sure to bring your own menorah and candles!

Delicious catered dinner with hearty meal, latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts).

Annual Jewish Trivia Game led by TCC Member and Trivia Maven Dan Wyman (pitched at all levels of Jewish knowledge and learning).

Reservations for dinner must be pre-paid by noon, Dec. 5. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children.

Please RSVP to [info@citycongregation.org](mailto:info@citycongregation.org) or call 212-213-1002 to arrange your payment. Refunds are available only for cancellation by noon, Dec. 5.