

Sunday, May 22 - Park Avenue Synagogue

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Time	Topic	Presenter	Location
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Limmud	Pre-Convention Workshop - "The Rabbi as Rodef Shalom"	Rabbi Amy Eilberg	Rm 308
2:00 PM	Registration Opens		Lobby
3:45 PM	Convention Kick Off - Celebrating the RA!	Rabbis Jan Caryl Kaufman and Gerald Skolnik	Sanctuary
	Report of the Membership Committee Report of the Nominations Committee	Rabbi Joel Pitkowsky Rabbi Laurence Sebert	Sanctuary
	<i>I Am a Rabbi - Celebrating Our Relationships</i>		
5:00 PM	Installation of Rabbi Philip Scheim, the Officers of the RA & the Executive Council Celebration of <i>Siddur Lev Shalem</i> ; Minhah Keynote Address: Educating the Spirit	Cantor Azi Schwartz Journalist David Brooks	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Gala Dinner, Honoring the 50 Year Rabbis, Maariv and Dessert	Rabbis Joel Meyers and Sheldon Kirsch, maariv	Ballroom

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7:15 AM	Shaharit with Park Avenue Synagogue Minyan		Chapel
8:15 AM	Breakfast	Sponsored by BWD Agency	Lemberg
	Focus group with Dignity Memorial® Jewish Providers		Sisterhood
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	(For RA members only) Plenary: Re-Imagining OUR RA: Crossing the Threshold	Rabbis Harold Kravitz and Debra Newman Kamin	Ballroom
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Limmud	The Nature of Hiyyuv Today: Reflections on Women and Mitzvot	Rabbi Pamela Barmash	Rm 309
	Support, Service, Obedience: Defining the Parameters of Kibbud Av ve-em	Rabbi Eliezer Diamond	Rm 408
	Using Rashi's Supercommentaries for Parashah Study, Divrei Torah and Inspiration: Deuteronomy 8 - The Challenges and Rewards of a Life of Mitzvot	Dr. Walter Herzberg	Board-room
12:00 PM	Lunch		Lemberg
	Lunch and Learn: The USCJ Commission on Creating Pathways into the Jewish Community and Covenant: Beginning the Process	Rabbi Steve Wernick and Ned Gladstein	Sisterhood
	Social Justice Commission Meeting over Lunch	Rabbi Jay Kornsgold	Rm 206
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Plenary: Teaching the Torah of Conservative Judaism	Chancellor Arnold Eisen	Sanctuary
2:00 - 3:15 PM Limmud	Mitzvot as Spiritual Practice: Insights from Kaballah and Hasidism	Dr. Eitan Fishbane	Rm 309
	Whatever happened to the Ten Commandments? Source study. The TC in ancient Jewish Liturgy and why don't we recite the Ten Commandments every day	Rabbi David Golinkin	Chapel
	From the Haredi World to Modern Orthodoxy: Three Great Teshuvot of Rabbi Yaakov Yechiel Weinberg and Their Influence on Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits and Others	Rabbi David Hoffman	Rm 306
	A Time to Be Born and a Time to Die: The Births and Deaths of Moshe and Saul	Rabbi Amy Kalmanofsky	Rm 408
	A User's Guide to Recent Responsa: Get a topic overview and a reprintable hand-out for your next adult ed series.	Rabbi Daniel Nevins	Board-room
	Revelation at Sinai: A View From the Sources	Dr. Benjamin Sommer	Ballroom
	Interpretation and Enactment: Elisha Ben Avuyah and the Book of Ruth	Dr. Devora Steinmetz	Rm 309A
2:00 - 3:15 PM Breakout Sessions	The Torah of Millennials	Rabbis Rachel Bovitz, Michelle Dardashti, and Benjamin Spratt	Lemberg
	Making Jewish a Public Good	Rabbis Menachem Creditor, Ilana Garber and Rebecca Sirbu	Rm 304
	The Gift of Inclusion – Why and How to Value Every Member of Your Community Regardless of Ability	Dori Frumin Kirshner	Rm 305
	Ordained in the Last Five Years: Where did we see ourselves then, where are we now, and where are we going? (Sponsored and Supported by Jane and Ned Gladstein)	Rabbi William Lebeau	Cohen Library
	Spirituality of Aging	Rabbi Jonathan Slater	Sisterhood

Monday, May 23 (cont.)

3:30 - 4:30 PM	Plenary: Religious Leadership in a Secular Age	His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, in dialogue with Rabbi Noam Marans	Sanctuary
4:45 - 5:45 PM	A Conversation about <i>Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat & Holidays</i>	Rabbis Ed Feld, Jan Uhrbach and Gordon Tucker	Ballroom
6:00 PM	Minhah		Ballroom
6:15 PM	Geffen Olami: Kosher wine tasting with an expert, Fair Trade Chocolate courtesy of <i>Equal Exchange</i> (Sponsored by Masorti Olami)		Lemberg
TBA	Five Years Out! A Social Gathering for Recent Graduates	TBA	
	Dinner on Your Own!		

Tuesday, May 24 - Park Avenue Synagogue

7:45 AM	Shaharit		Ballroom
8:30 AM	Breakfast (Sponsored by Dignity Memorial® Jewish Providers)		Lemberg
	Breakfast for Women of the RA	Rabbis Ilana Garber and Ellen Wolintz-Fields	Sisterhood
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Plenary: Creating a Safe Space for Dealing with Sensitive Subjects (For RA members only)	Rabbis Mychal Springer and Stewart Vogel	Ballroom
10:15 - 11:45 AM Limmud	Spouses, Parents and In-Laws: Halakhic Perspectives on Addressing Conflict	Rabbi Eliezer Diamond	Rm 309A
	Using Rashi's Supercommentaries for Parashah Study, Divrei Torah and Inspiration: Exodus 2 - "The Nature of the Shekhinah (or God's Presence)"	Dr. Walter Herzberg	Rm 309
	Sexual Innuendo and the Mother-Son Relationship	Dr. Marjorie Lehman	Rm 408
10:15 - 11:45 AM Breakout Sessions (For RA members only)	Preventing and responding to child abuse in Jewish institutions	Dr. Shira Berkovits	Rm 306
	Where the Color of Skin Meets the Content of Jewish Character: The Beth Am Baltimore Story	Rabbi Daniel Burg	Rm 303
	Thinking Out Loud: How to acknowledge interfaith couples before – and after – the wedding.	Rabbis Debra Cantor and David Siegel	Chapel
	Life Unexpected: Working with Families Whose Children Have Special Needs	Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses	Rm 304
	Our Daily Interactions: Balancing Our Rabbinic Voice and Our Pastoral Presence	Rabbi Naomi Kalish	Rm 305
	Fear and Welcoming: The Jewish Response to the Refugee Crisis	Rabbi Jennie Rosenn	Cohen Library
	Dealing with Inter marriage in Our Own Families	Rabbi Gordon Tucker	Ballroom
12:00 PM	Israeli Style Lunch sponsored by ITC - Israel Tour Connection <i>Tables for colleagues who are retired have been reserved in the Lemberg section of the Ballroom.</i>	Larry Ritter	Lemberg and Sisterhood
1:15 - 2:00 PM	Plenary: What War Zone? How comedy allows us to explore difficult issues concerning Israel (Sponsored by Israel Bonds)	Benji Lovitt	Ballroom
2:15 - 3:30 PM Limmud	The Attitude Towards the Non-Jew in Law and Lore	Rabbi Reuven Hammer	Rm 309/309A
	Aliyah to Israel: The Rare Case in Rabbinic Literature When a Wife Can Force a Husband to Join Her or Divorce Her!	Rabbi Judith Hauptman	Rm 306
2:15 - 3:30 PM Breakout Sessions	Teaching Israel to Teens	Michal Chacham and Rabbi Dahlia Kronish	Rm 406
	Successful Israel Engagement on Campus: Best Practices from a Peaceful Queens College	Jenna Citron	Rm 405
	"These and these are the words of the living God": Why can we no longer sit together? An Israeli Perspective	Rabbi Yoav Ende	Rm 305
	Should Our Kehillot be Spaces for Israel Advocacy? The role of AIPAC, JStreet, NIF and more	Rabbis Jonah Geffen and David-Seth Kirshner	Boardroom
	Masorti Revolution Now! Is it time to begin our own political party in Israel?	Rabbi Tzvi Graetz	Rm 303
	The Complexity of Jewish-Muslim Relations in America and the Role of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	Mohammed Hameeduddin with Rabbi Pamela Barmash	Rm 408
	Hugging and Wrestling: Israel through Standup Comedy	Benji Lovitt	Chapel
	The Challenges of Addressing Israel as Rabbis	Dorit Price-Levine and Dr. Eyal Rabinovitch	Rm 304

Convention at a Glance

Tuesday, May 24 (cont.)

Time	Topic	Presenter	Location
3:30 PM	Minhah and Azkarah/El Malei Rahamim	Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg	Ballroom
4:00 PM	Joint Campaign Reception Honoring Rabbi Morris Allen		Ballroom
5:00 PM	Presentation on JTS 21st Century Campus Project	Marc Gary	Ballroom
6:15 PM	Night on the Town		

Wednesday, May 25 - Jewish Theological Seminary

7:45 AM	Shaharit		WLSS*
8:30 AM	Breakfast		Dining Hall
	Breakfast meeting for M'saderei Gittin and Members of the Joint Bet Din	Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz	Unterberg 210
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Joint Placement Commission Meeting	Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg	Brush 304
9:15 - 10:15 AM Limmud	Halakhah as a Mode of Resistance: Soloveitchik and Leibowitz on the Liberating Potential of Jewish Practice	Dr. Yonatan Brafman	Unterberg 301
	The Curious Tales of Moses' Family	Dr. Alan Cooper	Unterberg 310
	Children Are Also Grandchildren: Defining and Balancing the Roles of Parents and Grandparents	Rabbi Eliezer Diamond	Kripke 506
	Akiva: The Man and the Myth	Rabbi Reuven Hammer	Tananbaum
	Using Rashi's Supercommentaries for Parashah Study, Divrei Torah and Inspiration: Leviticus 26 - "And I will give peace..." Seven Types/Aspects of Peace	Dr. Walter Herzberg	Unterberg 504
	The Legacy of Solomon Schechter: Cultivating a Community of Scholarship and Spirit	Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz	Unterberg 408
9:15 - 10:15 AM Breakout Session	Leading with Lev Shalem: A Practical Guide to Using the New Siddur	Rabbis Ed Feld and Jan Uhrbach	Kripke 306
10:30 - 11:45 AM Limmud	Torah and the Quest for Justice	Rabbis Shai Held and Jill Jacobs	Kripke 406
	"And I am a Stranger": Becoming Ruth	Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg	WLSS*
12:00 - 1:00 PM Final Session	Jews and American Politics: Implications for the 2016 Elections	Dr. Steven Bayme with Rabbi Jan Caryl Kaufman	WLSS*
	Closing Remarks	Rabbi Philip Scheim	
1:00 PM	Lunch		Dining Hall
1:00 - 2:30 PM	Executive Council Meeting		Tananbaum
3:00 PM	Bus Leaves from front of JTS for Museum of the Moving Image and Dinner in Queens		

* Women's League Seminary Synagogue - 2nd Floor Kripke