

THIRD SPACE
AT SHAAREI TFILOH



Your Space for Discovery and Connection

Happenings Fall/Winter 2026



Third Space is a new kind of cultural architecture.

Third Space is breathing new life into a 100-year-old synagogue building and striving to be of value to the communities we're connected to. We are shaking off the dust and flexing atrophied muscles that lean into learning, discourse, discovery, and joy. Our efforts are responsive — and value-additive — to the times we're living through and in service to building community that is co-created by those who show up and participate.

Named for the sociological phenomenon of “third places,” the not-home, not-work places where we can discover one another because we share common interests, curiosities, and concerns, Third Space is nourished by the past, built for the present, and ushering in the future — with you!

OUR VISION

We envision a compassionate, curious, and joyful Baltimore where Jewish wisdom is accessible to all, and people of diverse backgrounds come together to learn, connect, and co-create the kind of community none of us could build alone.

OUR MISSION

Through learning, cultural experiences, and joyful celebrations in community, Third Space animates Jewish tradition, weaving timeless wisdom into our lives in ways that are meaningful and relevant.

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Third Space at Shaarei Tfiloh is deeply grateful to the Cordish family for their generous support and chevruta (thought partnership) to bring this project to life.



Friends,

It's exciting when a place named Third Space enters its third year of Happenings! Inside this guide you will find things that Third Space-goers (like yourself!) have come to expect and new things we are trying on for size. I'm especially excited for the new slate of quarterly offerings from beloved local leaders including meditation with Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen, learning with Rabbi Debi Wechsler, exploring Jewish objects with Gabriel Chazan, and opportunities to lean into creativity with Emily Gaines Demsky in partnership with the Jewish Studio Project.

A big highlight for this fall is welcoming Priya Parker to Third Space on November 12 as she publishes her latest book: *The Art of Fighting: The Transformative Power of Conflict*. In 5787 (the upcoming Jewish year) we will find more ways to awaken the muscles of discourse and debate. I am so grateful that Parker is coming to be part of that effort – a night you won't want to miss!



Of course, tapping into the rhythm of the Jewish calendar is another highlight for me – starting with the High Holiday season and a very special Sukkot concert with *Kedmah* on September 30. I'm especially looking forward to the inaugural performance of the Hannukah Jam All-Stars featuring Jeremy Schon and friends at this year's Hannukah Brew Ha Ha!

This third year at Third Space we want to be a bright spot in the lives of those who spend time here, both familiar faces and new people looking for a place to add meaning into their daily lives. I hope you will be one of those people!

R. Jessy

Rabbi Jessy Dressin
Founding Executive Director

**We can't wait to see
you at Third Space.**

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High Holidays with Third Space

Whether you are looking for where to go and what to do to celebrate the New Year or wanting to add something to your already joyful holiday calendar of events, these next few pages have Third Space Happenings to welcome 5787, which starts at sundown on September 11, 2026.

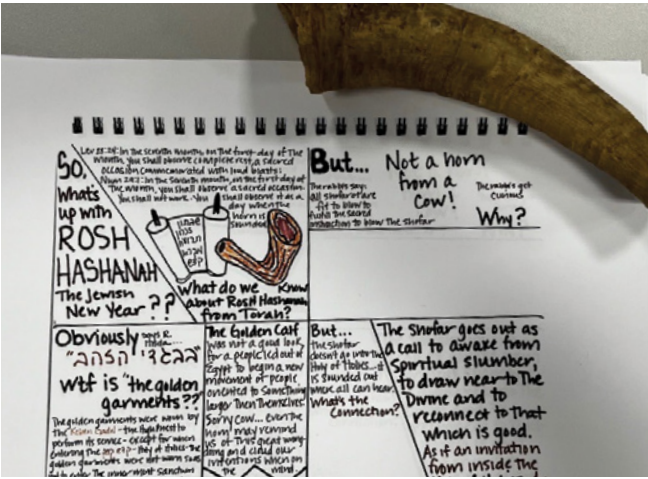
Ready for Rosh?

A Two-Part Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Jessy Dressin

Thursdays,
Sept 3, Sept 10
12 pm – 1:30 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

BYO lunch!
We'll provide drinks and snacks



Whether the holidays feel late or early, the Jewish New Year always comes right on time. Are we ready to greet it? Are we prepared to make meaning of it? Join Rabbi Jessy for two consecutive Thursday lunch blocks as we start to reawaken the spirit within us to prepare to welcome the High Holiday season.

We will think about what it means to prepare oneself for spiritual reawakening. We'll also work to shake off the residue of what has weighed us down since last Yom Kippur. We will ready ourselves to receive the holidays with meaning and joy by considering past sages' wisdom on entering this season, and making our own plan for the High Holiday season.

This series builds from one week to the next, but each session can stand alone. BYO lunch and Rabbi Jessy will provide the food for thought which, along with discussion, will nourish everyone around the table.

To reserve your spot for one of our Happenings, visit ThirdSpaceST.org

In the Kitchen: Challah & Cornbread

with *Kohenet*
Dr. Harriette Wimms

Fridays,
Sept 4, Oct 16,
Dec 11, Jan 15
10 am – 2:30 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING



Gather in the Third Space kitchen for an experience for mind, body, and spirit. The traditional Hebrew blessing over bread thanks G!d for bringing bread from the earth. Be a conduit of that divine work when you make (and eat!) cross-cultural breads with challah & cornbread-making. Dough's gotta rise, so while it rests, we will play cards and chat with our fellow breadmakers!

Kohenet Dr. Harriette Wimms serves on faculty at Third Space at Shaarei Tfiloh. Kohenet Dr. Harriette is a community convener, spiritual ritualist, lecturer, and social justice advocate for people marginalized by power and oppression. She is a Maryland licensed clinical psychologist, and founder and executive director of the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project.

Here's the Thing: How Jewish Objects Carry Stories, Wisdom, and Identity

with *Gabriel Chazan*

Sundays,
Sept 13, Nov 15
10 am – 12 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING



Want to know more about the history of the shofar, Hannukah menorah, or deli sandwich? Bring Jewish practice to life through objects and text study. Whether you are just getting started in building a Jewish life or are far along in your Jewish journey, we will deepen your engagement with Judaism and Jewishness over four sessions. Art History Professor Gabriel Chazan and Rabbi Jessy will bring together a discussion of objects used in Jewish holidays and culture alongside various Jewish texts. Using object-based learning, we will handle artifacts and consider their significance. Each session will engage with one or more objects thematic to the current season.

SESSION ONE | SEPTEMBER 13: THE JEWISH NEW YEAR

This session will look at significant items used to celebrate the Jewish New Year with particular attention to the shofar. Enhance the holiday season in community on the second day of Rosh Hashanah!

SESSION TWO | NOVEMBER 15: HANNUKAH

This session will discuss the long history of the Hannukah Menorah. Participants are encouraged to bring favorite menorahs to share with the group.

Continuing in the Spring!



Tashlich Festival

A Morning of Refresh, Renewal, and Release

**Sunday,
September 20**

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

**Lakeside Pavilion
Druid Hill Park**



*In partnership with
Bolton Street Synagogue*

Join us at Lakeside Pavilion in Druid Hill Park for a morning of activities, seasonal treats (did someone say apples and honey?), music, and the opportunity to cast into the water what you want to release moving into the new year. A fun and communal way to help celebrate the High Holiday season and enjoy some time in the outdoors with friends, old and new.

Tashlich, meaning “to cast away,” is a ritual associated with the High Holiday season that invites us to reflect on what no longer serves us and cast it away. In preparation for a new Jewish calendar year, this practice allows us to start the year with a little less weighing on our spirit. With each pebble we cast into the water, we release that which we want to shed before Yom Kippur begins, and a new year is underway.

From 11 – 11:30 am, Rabbis Andy Gordon and Jessy Dressin will lead a brief program with story, song, and guidance for how to take part in the tashlich ritual.

Great for people of all ages.



Yom Kippur Afternoon Learning, Memorial Service, and Break Fast

Monday, September 21

4 pm – 8 pm

4 – 5:30 pm Learning

5:45 – 6:15 pm Memorial Service

6:15 – 8 pm Break Fast

Spend the last hours of Yom Kippur at Third Space. Join Rabbi Jessie as we explore the idea of *Building the World We Want to See*. What is your heart yearning to create? What responsibilities do we have to help build the world as we desire to see it? What wisdom from Jewish tradition helps us imagine our ability to impact the different realms in which we live our days?



Through a combination of voices from Jewish tradition, maybe a song lyric or two, and the voices in the room, we will fill up on ideas and engage with important questions on this Day of Atonement. All are welcome—no prior knowledge necessary to participate. **This year we will add a brief memorial service between learning and breakfast for those remembering loved ones who are no longer with us.**

Whether it is your custom to fast or not, after learning, **join us for bagels and shmear (and maybe some kugel)** as the ten days of awe come to an end.

You are welcome to come for all or some of this Happening.

Sukkot Harvest Moon Happy Hour and Concert

with *Kedmah*

Wednesday, September 30

6 pm – 9 pm

Concert begins at 7:15 pm



Visit ThirdSpaceST.org
for the full performer list.

Shake the lulav, enjoy harvest treats, and add decorations to the sukkah before we head upstairs for an evening of storytelling and music in the sanctuary with **Kedmah**, an ensemble that celebrates Middle Eastern Jewish expression through liturgical poems and songs.

These ancient poems and songs have infused spirit and meaning into both sacred and ordinary moments of human experience for generations. Led by **Rabbi Yosef Ya'ish Goldman** and **Yoni Avi Battat**, Kedmah interprets these Arab, North African, and Ottoman melodies with deep reverence for tradition and bold adaptations with an ear towards our modern musical world.

Throughout the concert, Yosef and Yoni share stories of their ancestries and musical journeys, while inviting audiences to join their voices with the echoes of past generations.

Mussar: A Thoughtful Way of Interacting with the World Around Us

with Rabbi Debi Wechsler

Tuesdays,
Oct 13, Nov 10,
Dec 8
12 pm – 1:30 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

BYO lunch!
We'll supply drinks and snacks.

Mussar is a 'genre' of Jewish learning and practice that focuses on ethical behavior. Over three sessions, we will explore three different soul traits (*Anavah* - Taking Up Space, *Histapkut* - Enoughness, and *Hachna'ah* - Yielding) and use them to engage in mindfulness and personal transformation.

This course is designed as a three-part series, and each session will also stand on its own (in other words, register even if you can't make all three!).

Rabbi Debi Wechsler served as the first woman rabbi at Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Pikesville for 26 years. Currently she coaches rabbis to succeed in new positions, teaches individual and group adult education classes, and is part of the Jewish Care and Support Team at Gilchrist Hospice.



Rent our (Third) Space!

Our historic building offers unique and flexible spaces

Do you have a *simcha* (joyous occasion), party, meeting, or event you'd like to host at Third Space? We can provide the backdrop for whatever you've got planned. Visit ThirdSpaceST.org/rental to learn more.

EVENTS

- Weddings & celebrations
- Corporate gatherings
- Meetings & retreats
- Performances
- Community events
- Educational programs

FEATURES

- Historic sanctuary
- Meeting and gathering spaces
- Teaching kitchen
- Art studio
- Convenient parking
- Professional audio/visual equipment



Making Third Space Your Third Place

In our third year of activation, we're continuing to find ways to be your third place with less structured ways to hang out and connect with others in our beautiful building.

Co-working

First Wednesdays,

Sept 2, Oct 7,

Nov 4, Dec 2,

Jan 6

10 am - 4 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING



Once a month, we open our doors to remote workers and professionals looking for a calm, productive environment to do their best work. No hustle-culture energy here — just good light, quiet space, and people who get it. Show up, settle in, and focus. We'll take care of the rest, including a delicious lunch, so you don't have to lose your momentum mid-day.

Book Club

First Sundays,

Sept 6, Oct 4,

Nov 1, Dec 6,

Jan 3

6 pm - 8 pm

Get ready to talk books with the best kind of people — the ones who actually read them. (Mostly.) We pick our books together, so everyone has a say in what we read next. We'll start with *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett in September. Come ready to discuss, or just come ready to hang. All are welcome. Wine and cheese always provided. *Adults only.*



Dungeons & Dragons Club

First Sundays,

Sept 6, Oct 4,

Nov 1, Dec 6,

Jan 3

6 pm - 8 pm



Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or have never picked up a d20, Third Space's Dungeons & Dragons Club is your gateway to collaborative storytelling, creative play, and unexpected friendships. Already have a campaign and a crew? Claim a table and play! Looking to join a new campaign and meet new people? We'll match you up. No experience necessary. *All ages welcome - registration required.*

Scene Partners: An Afternoon with Actors Katie Lowes & Adam Shapiro

Sunday, October 11

3 pm - 5 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING



Real-life married couple, and honest-to-G!d scene partners, Adam Shapiro (*The Bear*, *Never Have I Ever*) and Katie Lowes (*Scandal*, *The Hunting Wives*) are about as close to a dynamic duo as Hollywood gets, and for this afternoon, they're bringing the whole story home.

The conversation kicks off with a candid look at what it's actually been like to be Jewish in Hollywood: the rooms where it mattered, the moments it didn't, and how their Jewish identity has shaped both their work and each other.

From there, Adam and Katie open up about their individual paths, from Adam's roots in

Philadelphia and co-founding IAMA Theatre Company to Katie's journey from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts to series like *Scandal* and *Inventing Anna*, plus the unlikely turns along the way.

Behind the Scenes. Hollywood, Unscripted.

The second half of the afternoon belongs to you. Adam and Katie will open the floor for an extended Q&A where no question is off-limits, and depending on where the day takes us,

may lead the room through a few fun, low-pressure acting exercises so you can get a taste of how actors work a scene.

Come for the stories. Stay for the chance to speak directly with these two stars.

FILM SCREENING

N.P. 2100:
Unearthing a
Community's
Resilience in
West Baltimore

with Maranda Kosten,
Producer and Director
& Yevgeniy K'banchik,
Director of Photography

Tuesday, October 13
7 pm – 9 pm



N.P. 2100 has been called the “best film about Baltimore” by Dr. Lawrence Brown, author of *The Black Butterfly: The Harmful Politics of Race and Space in America*, who describes it as a “lyrical tribute to found family and the creativity alive in Baltimore's neighborhoods.”



Directed by Yev K'banchik, *N.P. 2100* is a documentary portrait of West Baltimore rooted in the work of the Holistic Life Foundation, a nationally recognized nonprofit bringing mindfulness, breath, and movement practices to youth and communities most impacted by systemic inequity.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with the creators of the film.

Death Over Dinner
— Jewish Edition

with Kohenet Dr.
Harriette Wimms

Thursday, October 15
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm



Death Over Dinner—Jewish Edition is a project of Reboot in collaboration with Michael Hebb, Founder of Death Over Dinner, and IKAR.

Why talk about death over dinner? The way we die—illness and loss, end of life decisions, death rituals, what happens after we die—is probably the most important conversation Americans aren't having. Talking about death not only better prepares us to approach life's most challenging moments but also helps us articulate and affirm who we are and what we ultimately care about, leaving us better able to embrace the mysteries of death and to appreciate life.



Death Over Dinner—Jewish Edition is designed to make having conversations about death and dying as accessible and welcoming as breaking bread around the dinner table. More than ever, we need spaces where we can dig deeper into the wealth of Jewish wisdom about death and dying.

To reserve your spot for one of our Happenings, visit ThirdSpaceST.org

Get Into the Studio

with the
Jewish Studio Project
and Emily Gaines Demsky

Sunday, October 18

10 am – 12:30 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

Find the JSP Hannukah
Happening on page 21.



In this playful, rejuvenating workshop, participants lean into the invitation that as human beings we were created to be creative. Consider yourself an artmaker? Say no more. Love the idea of working with art materials but have convinced yourself that you are not an artist? This is for you!

In this hands-on workshop, you'll explore rich ideas on the theme of **the changing**

seasons and then roll up your sleeves in the studio and see what emerges. No art-making experience required—come explore and celebrate this new creative space with us! Even more exciting, Third Space community member Emily Gaines Demsky will be leading our Jewish Studio Project efforts in the year ahead!



The Jewish Studio Project (JSP) is a nationally recognized organization that builds creative capacity across the Jewish community. This new partnership with Third Space brings JSP's methodology and best practices to Baltimore. Through hands-on programming that blends art-making and deep Jewish learning, we will create opportunities for people to tap into their innate creativity and connect more deeply with themselves and each other.

Exploring Jewish Meditation and Spirituality: Shabbat Edition

with
Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen

Friday, October 23

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Six days are hard. The seventh day shouldn't be.

Shabbat is a time for rest, rejuvenation, and shedding what we've collected during the week that requires release! Join Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen and Third Space resident musician, Ami Yares, for a Shabbat gathering that leans deeply into music, poetry, and meditation. Together we will reach for wonder, awe, and respite from an increasingly manic world. Come with an open heart and curiosity — no prior experience with Shabbat or meditation needed.

Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen served two Reform congregations for a total of 26 years: Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford, CT and Baltimore Hebrew Congregation in Baltimore, MD. Her rabbinate and personal spiritual life are deeply shaped by her participation in the Clergy Leadership Program with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, an 18-month fellowship bringing together early Chasidic wisdom, mindfulness meditation, yoga, music, and prayer.



Join Rabbi Sachs-Kohen for Exploring Jewish Meditation and Spirituality in November, January, and into 2027. See page 17 for more.

Consummate Believers: Adam Weinberg in Concert



BYOB: Bring your own Bubbie!

Bubbies come for free with
their grandchildren.
See website to learn more.

Thursday, October 22

7 pm – 9 pm

Doors at 6:15 pm

Consummate Believers is a 9-song exploration of the stories told to Adam by his two grandmothers. On his mother's side, Sylvia Weinkranz is 104 years old. She is a Holocaust survivor. Of her, Adam says, "Her story of survival, and the loss it brought is impossible to understand." On his father's side, Frances Weinberg is 99 years old. Her family was already in the United States before WWII broke out. She grew up in extreme poverty and spent WWII helping families who lost loved ones in the war. She lived her life as the ultimate optimist, and while relegated to a wheelchair since Covid, she remains joyous.

"This album is about these two women. The songs are stories drawn from tales and ideas I heard from these remarkable women."

The show features **Adam Weinberg** on vocals & guitar, **Jason Matthews** on keyboards and **Moshe Ribbi** on drums/percussion. Come and experience the full album along with other original tunes decorated with stories about the lives of Adam's grandmothers — including tales of survival during the Holocaust.

In the Gallery

Brick by Brick: The Art of LEGO Portraiture

On view through December



Gallery Reception with artist Ira Malis

**Wednesday,
November 4**

6 pm – 8 pm

**A stunning
collection
of portrait
mosaics.**

What happens when a retired financial executive, a few forgotten tubs of LEGO bricks, and a spark of creativity collide? You get *Brick by Brick*, the first public exhibition of portrait mosaics by Baltimore artist Ira Malis. Using just a handful of colors and thousands of LEGO pieces, Malis transforms ordinary bricks into extraordinary portraits of musicians, comedians, actors, athletes, and cultural icons.

Visitors to Third Space may already recognize a few familiar faces. We are proud to display Malis' portraits of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sammy Davis Jr., and Bette Midler year-round. This fall, those favorites will be joined by more than two dozen additional works.

Inspired by artist Chuck Close, Malis discovered his medium after his son's LEGO collection found a new purpose. Up close, the mosaics are intricate patterns of colored bricks. Step back, and striking portraits emerge.

Come discover how a child's toy, an artist's imagination, and thousands of tiny bricks become something truly extraordinary.

The Friday Reset: Welcoming Shabbat

*in partnership with
Moishe House*

Friday, November 6

5 pm – 8 pm

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Songful
Program in the Sanctuary



Join us for a fresh and welcoming way to bring in Shabbat. Together with Rabbi Jessy and musician Ami Yares, we'll begin with a short, soulful Shabbat experience filled with song, reflection, and community.

Afterward, we'll gather for some brief ritual: candles, wine and challah followed by time to enjoy drinks, light bites, and connecting with friends, old and new. Whether you're a regular Shabbat-goer or just looking for a meaningful way to connect at the end of the week, all are welcome.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and kick off your weekend with community, music, and a little Shabbat joy.



Exploring Jewish Meditation and Spirituality

*with
Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen*

Tuesdays,

Nov 10, Jan 26

7 pm – 9 pm

Continuing in the Spring!



Work is hard. Family is hard. Life is hard. Even meditation seems hard. But it doesn't have to be.

In this series, we'll explore Jewish teachings, music, and mindfulness meditation practices designed to make life feel a bit more joyful, a bit more aligned.

Wisdom from the early Chasidic movement points to a spirituality that lives in daily life. Mindfulness meditation practices can help ground us and enable us to tap into that spirituality with less of the noise that often obscures our awareness. Music and poetry awaken our creative, non-rational minds.

In each session we will learn a bit of Jewish wisdom which will form the inspiration for our meditation and will be augmented by contemporary poetry and Jewish meditative music. Meditation will be partially guided and partially silent. Novice meditators will have plenty of support, direction, and the opportunity to find a new way of being present in life. Experienced meditators will be enriched by the energy of practicing with companions in a framework of Jewish spirituality.

These sessions are designed to be accessible for everyone at every level. *Learn more about Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen on page 14.*

To reserve your spot for one of our Happenings, visit ThirdSpaceST.org

Help Others Get Ready for Thanksgiving

A Third Space
Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday, November 8
10 am – 12 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

Can't attend but want to help? You can give toward the items that will fill the bags. Visit ThirdSpaceST.org to learn more.



Join Third Space and the HIV/AIDS Ministry of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church for a hands-on morning of service as we prepare Thanksgiving meal bags for local individuals and families.

While Thanksgiving is often centered around gathering with loved ones and sharing a meal, many among us face food insecurity throughout the holiday season. Together, we'll pack non-perishable food items that will help make Thanksgiving meals possible for families across our community.

Beyond the service itself, this is an opportunity to build connections, learn about the incredible work of the HIV/AIDS Ministry, and come together across communities in a shared commitment to caring for our neighbors with dignity, compassion, and respect.

Spend the morning making new connections, making a tangible impact, and helping ensure more families can gather around a table this holiday season.

We Are Framily: A Jews of Color Gathering for Gratitude

in partnership with the
Jews of Color Mishpacha
Project and Leap Forward

Sunday, November 8
12 pm – 2 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

Family isn't always who you're related to—sometimes it's who shows up for you. *Family* are the friends and family who are your chosen beloveds.

Join Third Space, the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project, and Leap Forward a joyful gathering for Jews of Color and our allies honoring the people who love us, support us, and show up for us—whether we're related to them or not. Expect good food, karaoke favorites, laughter, community, and plenty of opportunities to celebrate the people who make life meaningful.

We'll share a meal, build connections, and reflect on the many ways family is created—not just through genes, but through love, friendship, and belonging.

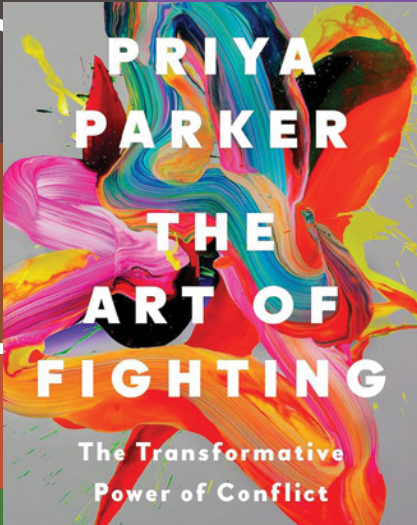
Bring your favorite people or come meet some new ones. Either way, you'll leave with a fuller heart (and probably a song stuck in your head). Because family is important—but family is pretty great too.



The Art of Fighting:

The Transformative Power of Conflict

with bestselling author Priya Parker



Thursday,
November 12

7 pm – 9 pm

Doors at 6:15 pm

**“A must read
for all of us.”**

Many of us oscillate between unhealthy peace and unhealthy conflict, either avoiding difficult conversations altogether or escalating them in ways that damage relationships.

In this conversation, facilitator and bestselling author Priya Parker draws from more than two decades of experience helping groups navigate moments of transition, tension, and change. Drawing from her forthcoming book *The Art of Fighting: The Transformative Power of Conflict*, she challenges the idea that conflict is abnormal, dysfunctional, or something to avoid. Instead, she argues that conflict, when held well, is what keeps a group relevant and helps it cohere into its healthiest expression.

Participants will leave with a new understanding of conflict not as a threat to community but as one of the forces that help groups grow, adapt, and stay connected over time.

Priya Parker is a facilitator, strategic advisor, and acclaimed author. She has spent 20 years helping leaders and communities have complicated conversations about community, identity, and vision at moments of transition. Trained in conflict resolution, she has worked on race relations on American college campuses and on peace processes in the Arab world, southern Africa, and India.

Baltimore Unity Suppers: Challah & Cornbread Edition

in partnership with the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project and Leap Forward

Tuesday, November 17

4 pm – 9 pm

4 pm Baking

6:30 pm – 9 pm Dinner

Watch for the next Baltimore Unity Suppers: Tuesday, January 19 6:30 pm - 9 pm



Breaking bread together is a powerful way to get to know someone, learn others' stories, and build community. Enjoy a meal and conversation with old and new friends about what brings joy and gratitude into your life, how you honor your ancestors, the ways you navigate the journey of being human, and how we can center the core truths that guide us from within. Before this supper, we'll be gathering to actually bake the bread we'll break! Join us for some or all of the activities.

Baltimore Unity Suppers is a joint project of the **Jews of Color Mishpacha Project** and **Leap Forward** and housed at Third Space. Baltimore Unity Suppers are built on the simple hypothesis that when people break bread together it's hard to continue to hate one another. Each instance of the Baltimore Unity Suppers is a little different, focusing on specific themes relevant to the season and the moment.

Queer Jewish Movie Night: *Disobedience*

in partnership with JPride

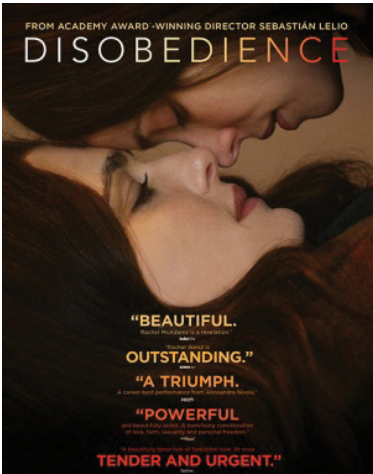
Thursday, November 19

7 pm – 9:30 pm



A cozy and welcoming space where we'll screen *Disobedience*, a 2017 film that follows Ronit, who returns to her Orthodox Jewish community after the death of her father and reconnects with Esti, the woman she once loved. As old feelings resurface, both women must navigate questions of identity, faith, belonging, and desire.

Following the screening, we'll gather for informal conversation and reflection. This is a space to build community, connect with one another, and explore the complexities of queer Jewish life through film and discussion.



The Friday Reset: Welcoming Shabbat (and Hannukah!)

*in partnership with The
Macks Jewish Connection
Network and the Jews of
Color Mishpacha Project*

Friday, December 4
5 pm – 8 pm



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Join us for a fresh and welcoming way to bring in Shabbat. Together with Rabbi Jessy and musician Ami Yares, we'll begin with a short, soulful musical Shabbat experience filled with song, reflection, and community.

Afterward, join us to celebrate the first night of Hannukah with a latke bar, donut-decorating and other Hannukah activities provided by The Network and the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project. Bring your family's favorite Hannukah menorah and join in the ritual of lighting the first Hannukah lights of the season. This Happening is intended especially for families and anyone wanting to celebrate Shabbat and the first night of Hannukah together in community.

Get into the Studio with the Jewish Studio Project and Emily Gaines Demsky

Sunday, December 6
9:30 am – 12 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING



THE JEWISH
STUDIO PROJECT

In this playful, rejuvenating workshop, participants lean into the invitation that as human beings we were created to be creative. Consider yourself an artmaker? Say no more. Love the idea of working with art materials but have convinced yourself that you are not an artist? This is for you!



In this hands-on workshop, you'll explore rich ideas on the theme of **Hannukah** and then roll up your sleeves in the studio and see what emerges.

See page 14 for more from JSP.

Hannukah Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Jessy Dressin

Wednesday, December 9
12 pm – 1:30 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

*BYO lunch!
We'll supply drinks and
snacks.*



Hannukah is about fried foods and lighting candles, and is often given greater importance because of its proximity to other winter holidays. But what about the zealous nature of those who led the rebellion against the Hasmoneans? In this one-off lunch and learn, join Rabbi Jessy in an exploration of what we gain and what we lose when we lean into fanaticism. This learning will take a deeper dive into the Hannukah story and consider the benefits and losses of a group who was relentlessly unwilling to conform to the pressures of a governing body that insisted they shed their Jewish customs and commitments.

BYO lunch and Rabbi Jessy will provide the food for thought — along with group discussion — which will be what nourishes all who come around the table.



**Beer. Latkes.
Donuts. Miracles.**

**Thursday,
December 10
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

Guests must be 18+ to attend.



Come celebrate the seventh night of Hannukah in the best way Baltimore knows how – at the Hannukah Brew Ha Ha! Enjoy both a latke AND donut bar, live music, and beer from Union Craft Brewing – including your favorite and mine, Zadie's lager. **We are thrilled that this year's Brew Ha Ha will feature the inaugural performance of the Hannukah Jam All Stars, featuring Jeremy Schon and friends.** You'll also enjoy the Hannukah menorah lighting, a couple of surprises, and a guaranteed good — and spirited — time!

Bring your friends, wear something that sparkles, and get ready for some highly competitive (and completely unofficial) dreidel action. It's the perfect mix of holiday tradition, community, and just enough chaos to make the night memorable.

In this season, we all need more light and joy. Help us do just that and celebrate the season of miracles with a night you won't soon forget.

The Year To Come: Creating a Dream Map for 2027

with
Kohenet Dr. Harriette Wimms

Sunday, January 3
11 am – 1 pm

DAYTIME HAPPENING

As we welcome 2027, join Kohenet Dr. Harriette Wimms for a joyful gathering of creativity, reflection, and possibility. Together, we'll use collage to create dream maps (also known as vision boards) to bring our hopes and aspirations for the year ahead into focus.



We'll reflect on where we've been, where we're headed, and what we hope to cultivate in the coming year. All materials will be provided, along with mimosas (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic), foods traditionally associated with New Year prosperity and abundance, good music, and great company.

Hope is a Song: A Concert

with *Melvin Kindall Myles*
and *Rabbi Micah Lapidus*

Thursday, January 14
7 pm – 9 pm

As a part of our observance of MLK Day, join renowned vocalist and musical storyteller Melvin Kindall Myles and composer and educator, Rabbi Micah Lapidus for an unforgettable concert where music builds bridges between communities, traditions, and hearts.

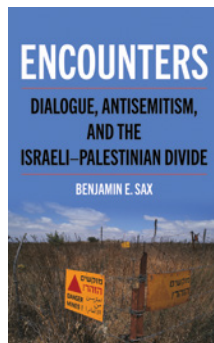


Through powerful songs, personal stories, and thoughtful conversation, they explore the longstanding relationship between the Black and Jewish communities, reflecting on themes of faith, justice, resilience, and human connection.

Encounters: Dialogue, Antisemitism, and the Israeli- Palestinian Divide

with *Benjamin Sax in
partnership with the
Institute for Islamic,
Christian & Jewish Studies*

Wednesdays,
Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17
7 pm – 9 pm



Over the course of three sessions, read the book and dig into deeper learning and discussion with the author. In *Encounters: Dialogue, Antisemitism, and the Israeli-Palestinian Divide*, author Benjamin E. Sax, Ph.D., explores how to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict interreligiously. The book does not promise to resolve anything, but offers something just as difficult and more honest: a way to stay in the room when most want to leave.

Benjamin Sax serves as the Head of Scholarship and the Jewish Scholar at the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies in Baltimore.





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