

# NIGHTSHUL

LEARN MORE, LEARN DIFFERENT

## THURSDAY NIGHT LEARNING AT EAST MIDWOOD JEWISH CENTER

NIGHTSHUL challenges you to learn more and learn different. It includes a mix of classes, workshops, and other types of learning opportunities. Whether you prefer to learn from texts or through experience, you'll find NIGHTSHUL to be thought-provoking and engaging.

## Coming to NIGHTSHUL in March

- JFREJ's Purim Spectacular
- The Golden Age of Cantors in Brooklyn
- NIGHTSHUL's Second Three-week Learning Session

\$15 PER NIGHT

\$36 FOR A THREE-WEEK SESSION

~~\$120 FOR TWELVE WEEKS~~ **\$90 FOR THE REMAINING 9 WEEKS**

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL 7:15

LEARNING 8:00

# THURSDAY NIGHTS AT EMJC

## NIGHTSHUL BREAKS FOR PURIM

### March 5 and 7: JFREJ Celebrates Purim at EMJC

**Admission to these events is not included in NightShul subscriptions.**  
Admission is charged at the door on a sliding scale.

Both events at East Midwood Jewish Center  
1625 Ocean Avenue (between Avenues K & L) Brooklyn 11230  to Avenue J

### Thursday, March 5 – PURIM SHOW

Doors 8:00  
Show 8:15

The dazzling premiere of our magnificent Purim show! A cozy performance of our folk pageant remixing the Book of Esther with the politics of the moment to bring you the visual and musical spectacular of the season! Featuring live music in many Jewish languages, giant puppets, intricate hand-made masquerade, an intergenerational cross-cultural cast, audience participation, homentashen, and more!

### Saturday, March 7 - PARTY AND PERFORMANCE

Doors 8:00  
Show 8:30

The party of the year! Join us for the luscious performance of our folk pageant, including bands, DJs, dancing, and revelry at our ecstatic all-night extravaganza.



# TWELVE WEEKS OF NIGHTSHUL CONTINUES

**Session 2: March 12, 19, 26**

## Honoring Our Life Transitions Through Jewish Rituals

Presented by immerseNYC

Rabbi Sara Luria and Dasi Fruchter

Mikveh immersion is an ancient ritual which honors the sacred nature of our lives, bodies, and experiences. Immersions can mark the cycles of our bodies, as well as other life transitions such as weddings, births, healing from illness or trauma, significant birthdays, b'nei mitzvah, divorce, pregnancy loss, fertility struggles, and mourning. Join us as we learn more about this ancient Jewish ritual and explore how to integrate Jewish rituals into our experiences of transition.

## "What is this to you?" What You Need to Know for Pesach

Rabbi Matt Carl

Pesach is a time for which it is challenging to prepare, both spiritually and physically. This course might not decrease the challenge but will at least help you do it more thoughtfully. Topics will include kashering for Pesach without making yourself crazy, the question of *kitniyot* (legumes, etc.), and what makes the "wicked son" wicked.

## "Our Service Continues on Page 148:" Towards an Understanding of the *Siddur*

**Two nights, March 12 and 26 only**

Cantor Sam Levine

More than the Talmud, the *Mishna*, or even the Torah, the *Siddur* (Jewish Prayer Book) is the text that Jews encounter most frequently. It is also the least known and the least studied. In this course, we will survey the history and development of the *siddur* and examine the building blocks of which it is composed, particularly as they pertain to the Shabbat service. Whether you are a beginner or a well-seasoned synagogue-goer, you will gain new insights into the structure of the "people's book."

## March 19: One Night Program

### The Golden Age of Cantors in Brooklyn An Evening of Music and Stories

Presented by NightShul, The Institute for Living Judaism in Brooklyn, & The Brooklyn Jewish Historical Initiative

Join us for an extraordinary evening as a group of celebrated cantors and musicians recall the golden age of synagogue music in Brooklyn. The participants, including acclaimed cantors Jack Mendelsohn and Joseph Malovany, will offer insider accounts, anecdotes, and musical examples of the rich history of cantorial music in our borough. EMJC's Cantor Sam Levine moderates. Don't miss this first-of-its-kind event.

8:00 – 9:30, following NightShul's Wine & Cheese Social at 7:15

\$15.00 admission to The Golden Age of Cantors in Brooklyn.

This event is included in NightShul subscriptions.

Purchase single tickets and subscriptions at the door, or on the NightShul registration page at [www.emjc.org](http://www.emjc.org)  
Single tickets may also be purchased through ILJB.

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## March 26: NightShul after-learning Musical Event

### NightShul presents *The Matzoh Ball*

To mark the completion of the second session of NightShul, and get an early start on the joy of Pesach, NightShul invites you to celebrate with us at our Matzoh Ball.

**9:00 – 10:30**

In addition to music, snacks and drinks will be available.  
Cash bar; first drink included in admission.

Additional admission:

\$12 with paid attendance at the learning

\$ 9 for NightShul 12-week ticketholders

Music admission only: \$15

## April and May: NightShul Sessions 3 and 4

Visit [www.emjc.org](http://www.emjc.org) to see the exciting programs planned for the third and fourth sessions of NightShul.

## OUR NIGHTSHUL PARTNERS IN MARCH

### Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ)

Jews for Racial & Economic Justice (JFREJ) was founded in 1990 to address the increase in racial and ethnic tension and economic disparity within our city. In the past 24 years, JFREJ has become a vital resource inside the Jewish community and an important source of support for a diverse array of community-based organizations in New York. <http://www.jfrej.org/>



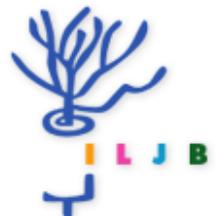
### ImmerseNYC

Immerse NYC is a pluralistic, Jewish, feminist organization in New York City that facilitates deep ritual experiences, supportive peer communities, and educational programs. We work to strengthen and transform individual Jews who can then strengthen and transform their communities and the world. <http://immersenyc.org/>



### The Institute for Living Judaism in Brooklyn (ILJB)

ILJB is a non-denominational center for learning that aims to promote tolerance, moderation, and pluralism in furthering the study and practice of our tradition. <http://www.iljb.org>



### The Brooklyn Jewish Historical Initiative (BJHI)

The Brooklyn Jewish Historical Initiative (BJHI) serves to promote access to information, documentation, and understanding related to the diversity of the Brooklyn Jewish community currently and in the past, and to provide opportunities for communicating, disseminating, preserving, and celebrating Brooklyn Jewish life and culture. <http://brooklynjewish.org>



