

Schedule of Programs
Fall '08



LCBTO

The JCC in Manhattan **The Samuel Priest Rose Building**, 334 Amsterdam Ave at 76th St.



To register or for a complete listing of all JCC and LCBTO programs

visit jccmanhattan.org/lgbtq
or call **646.505.5708**

KEEP YOUR EYE OUT!

Queer Shabbaton New York 2008

Join Nehirim for an urban retreat of culture, creativity, and community for LGBTQ Jews, partners and allies. This is a Shabbaton like you've never experienced before, featuring:

- A pluralistic, alternative community of queer Jews of all ages, religious stripes, and political affiliations
- Workshops and presentations on gender and Judaism, sexuality, politics, spirituality and more
- Programs and pricing that ensure that everyone is included, with full scholarships for students
- A wide range of spiritual options, from yoga and meditation to traditional davening and text study
- Lots of good food, friends and free time to enjoy Halloween weekend in NYC!

\$100 (before 8/31), \$120 (before 9/31), \$150 (10/1-10/31, space permitting)

Nehirim is committed to enabling everyone to attend the Shabbaton, and looks forward to a wide range of sexual, gender, economic, religious, and ethnic diversity.

The Queer Shabbaton will be held at the Kraft Center, Columbia's Hillel building, at 606 West 115th St. in Manhattan. For more information, please visit www.nehirim.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sukkot Blowout: Drink and Dance Celebration

Thu, Oct 16, 8-11:30 pm, \$10 for all GLSSUK00F9

Join us for our first ever Sukkot-a-bration soirée under the stars! Party hard in our Roberts Family Sukkah while looking out at the amazing NYC skyline. The sukkah is a beautiful, community-made, temporary cabin covered in leaves and greenery-and big enough to invite the whole LGBTQ crew over for a crazy night of fabulous fun!

Queen of Hearts: Women's Poker Night

Thu, Nov 6, 7 pm, \$15/\$20 GLSPOK00F9

It's fun, it's competitive and it's all about instinct. Sneak over to the JCC for our one night, women-only poker club. We provide the beer, snacks and everything you need for a winning hand, including a professional dealer and instructor. Beginners and seasoned players will be equally at home. Start practicing your bluffing face because the cool cats always take home the pot!

SPECIAL LITERARY EVENT

Dearest Anne, by Yehudit Katzir

Mon, Nov 17, 7 pm, \$5/\$7 ELBYKA00F9

In this stirring coming of age story in mid-1970's Israel, young Rivi documents her feelings in a diary, and reveals how her forbidden crush on her married literature teacher, Michaela, develops into a poignant, erotic and turbulent love affair that lasts for years before its scandalous end.



photo: Nancy Adler

ONGOING PROGRAMS

LGBT ElderSprit: Savoring Our Lives

8 Fridays, Oct 17-Dec 5, 10:30 am-noon
\$20 for all GLOELS00F9

If you are over 60, you've lived through some of the most amazing times in LGBTQ history. A look back over our lives helps us to appreciate our personal strengths and inherent resilience which made surviving and thriving possible. This eight-week workshop is carefully planned to include centering, socializing, topics related to elders (memory, self-care, spirituality, legal consideration) and opportunity for members to share their story and create an ethical will. Join us to honor our strength, power and wisdom. A brief intake process is required. For more information or to begin the intake, e-mail lgbteldersprit@verizon.net or call 212.799.0664.

JQYouth

3 Thursdays, Sept 11, Nov 13 & Dec 11,
8:30 pm, Free GLSJQY01-03F9

A dynamic, fun and thought-provoking social group for Jews from traditional backgrounds, ages 18-30. Come for discussion and a chance to meet new people. For more information, please contact jqyouth@yahoo.com.

Ma'agal: the Nehirim Women's Group

4 Mondays, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3 & Dec 1,
7:30 pm, Free GLSNWG01-04F9

Ma'agal: the Nehirim Women's Group is a new support group for Jewish women facing questions of sexuality, gender and religion. The group is primarily oriented toward lesbians but all women are invited to participate. Each meeting is facilitated, and includes sharing and discussion. Most meetings will also feature a guest speaker. Confidentiality, support, and compassionate listening are central values.

The Gay and Lesbian Yeshiva/Day School Alumni (GLYDSA)

The 4th Thursday of each month, Free
A friendly and supportive community for lesbian and gay yeshiva and day school alumni, and all others with a commitment to their Jewish heritage, created to integrate Jewish and gay identities through discussion, socializing, and other activities. Visit www.glydsa.com for more information. Held at The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, 208 West 13th Street.

Men's-Only Shabbat Dinner: An Artist's Retreat

Fri, Sept 26, 7 pm \$30/\$35 GLSSHA00F9

Visual artist Linda Gissen's amazing Wheel Series provides the backdrop for our men's Shabbat dinner. Loosen your tie and escape from your crazy week, as we dine amongst these oversized mixed media pieces, which challenge and inspire us. Couples, singles and friends are welcome for an enlightening, festive, spiritual scene.

Registration required by prior Wednesday.

If you require a vegetarian meal, please e-mail Sarah Kay-Lacks at skay@jccmanhattan.org with the subject line 'vegetarian.'



Coming this winter...

Tehila: a new partnership with Phyllis Steinberg, former President of PFLAG NYC.

Tehila began in Israel in 1988 as a support system for LGBTQ Jews and their parents. The JCC is bringing this remarkable program to New York City to meet the specific needs of Orthodox families, LGBTQ children of religious families, formerly orthodox LGBTQ people and other derivations. The group is open to all, but specially formatted for this community. Parents, siblings and children, as well as children alone, are welcome to attend.

for more information on lgbtq programs

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We are thrilled to present another chapter in the JCC's LCBTQ programming. In 2007-2008, we offered the third installment of the Faigle Film Festival with four incredible Israeli films. We began a partnership with a relationship therapist who has built a wonderful series of programs, workshops and groups designed to build confidence and nurture



positive relationships. Our Shabbat dinners have expanded, as have our family and spiritual programs. The overwhelming success of 2007's Queer Shabbaton inspired us to create a Jewish-leaning parent-child support group called Tehila which will debut in Winter 2009. We are also very proud to welcome our new marketing and programming partner, Out Professionals: The Nation's Leading Gay + Lesbian Network.

What makes our program special is the incredible diversity of offerings. There is no one-size-fits-all program for the Jewish LCBTQ community, and the JCC creates events with the assumption that community will be built in micro-niches which serve people on many different journeys.

Singles, Couples, Families, Artists, Intellectuals, New Yorkers, Transplants, Religious, Secular, Old and Young... the JCC has many doors and many destinations. The JCC: It's easy to belong.

membership & registration

Considering membership? Take a tour of our beautiful facility. Call 646.505.5700 or visit the membership office on the mezzanine.

Already a member? Take advantage of all we have to offer—the fitness center & classes, swimming pools, gym, access to free programs, reduced program rates, priority registration and invitations to member-only special events. Learn more, call 646.505.5700 or visit jccmanhattan.org.

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