
NEWS

“15 American Rabbis You Haven’t Heard Of, But Should”

Rabbi David Wolkenfeld (YCT '08), who has taken over YCT President Rabbi Lopatin's former pulpit in Chicago, has been named one of ["15 American Rabbis You Haven't Heard Of, But Should"](#) by Tablet Magazine. Rabbi Wolkenfeld is singled out primarily for his successful work reviving the Jewish community at Princeton and for the “strong yet subtle” stance he takes on many of the issues confronting Modern Orthodoxy today.

September 7 Afternoon of Elul Preparation at YCT

Rabbi Haggai Resnikoff (YCT '14), Rebbe and Director of Community Learning

On September 7, Rabbi Asher Lopatin, Rabbi Haggai Resnikoff, and Will Keller (YCT '16) led an Afternoon of Elul Preparation for guests from Congregation Beth David in West Hartford, Connecticut, and members of the Riverdale community.

Rabbi Lopatin talked about what the Torah has to tell us regarding *teshuva* and International Relations, Rabbi Resnikoff taught about two models of *vidui* in the Rambam, and Will taught about the Rambam's definition of *teshuva*. The program was well received, and we look forward to future events with the local community as well as guest communities.

Audio recordings of these lectures are [now available on the website](#).

Sponsor a Day of Learning at YCT

Take advantage of this opportunity to [support YCT](#) while commemorating a loved one's *Yahrzeit*, birthday, *bar mitzvah*, or graduation. Sponsoring a day of learning is also a meaningful way to acknowledge an anniversary or other celebratory event. Your dedication will be announced at morning *tefillah* by our Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Dov Linzer, and a sign will be displayed in the *Beit Midrash* during the dedication period. At your request, we will send a card informing the honorees of the sponsorship. For more details, please contact Noya Lavie at 212-666-0036 or nlavie@yctorah.org.

COMING EVENTS

Torah, Mesorah, Modernity – Note Correct Address!

When: Sunday, October 5, 7:00 PM

Where: The home of Fran and George Wollner; 12301 Brookhaven Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland

Rabbi Linzer [presents the first lecture](#) in his Torah, Mesorah, Modernity tour, “Can a Blind Person Receive an *Aliyah*? A Case Study in *Halakha* and Inclusion.”

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Rabbi Dov Linzer at Lincoln Square Synagogue

When: Saturday, September 20, 11:00 PM

Where: Lincoln Square Synagogue; 180 Amsterdam Avenue; New York, New York

Rabbi Dov Linzer will give a *shiur* after *selichot* at Lincoln Square Synagogue. His *selichot* lecture will follow 10:00 PM services. Please contact [Lincoln Square Synagogue](#) for more information.

Rabbi Asher Lopatin at Hampstead United Synagogue Conference: Judaism – Learn Behind the Labels

When: Sunday and Monday; September 21, 22

Where: Hampstead United Synagogue, 1 Dennington Park Road, London, England

On Sunday, September 21, Rabbi Asher Lopatin will deliver two lectures at the Judaism – Learn Behind the Labels conference at the Hampstead United Synagogue in London. In the first lecture, part of a morning session beginning at 10:00 AM titled, “Chareidi, Modern and Orthodox: A Beautiful Combination from the Psak of the Aruch Hashulchan.” At 4:00 PM, Rabbi Lopatin will talk about “The New Jewish Family: Is the Community Ready for Them?” On the following day, at the Hampstead Garden Suburb United Synagogue, Norrice Lea, Rabbi Lopatin will speak about “Torah Misinai, Innovation Misinai.” He will also participate in a panel chaired by Maureen Kendler and take part in the Q&A that concludes the conference.

More information can be found through the [event page](#) on Facebook.

Intensive Talmud Skills Class at Pardes in Jerusalem

When: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00–8:00 PM

Where: Pardes; 29 Pierre Koenig; Talpiyot, Jerusalem

Join the Pardes community for a *gemara shiur* designed to foster independent learning. Geared towards students with one to three years of Talmud study, this lecture series will give participants the proficiency to parse and interpret the Talmud and basic commentaries and the conceptual tools to understand the logical flow of the *sugya*.

Rabbi Daniel Reifman, who has been teaching fundamentals of Talmud for over 15 years, will be teaching the *shiur*. He has helped generations of students develop the skills and confidence to study Talmud on their own. Whether studying in yeshiva, following *daf yomi*, or just trying to fill in gaps in Jewish knowledge, participants will come away enriched and enlightened.

The *shiur* is cosponsored by Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School and the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. For more information, please visit pardes.org.il or contact Rabbi Reifman at daniel.reifman@gmail.com.

IN THE PRESS

Jewels of Elul | September 9 | [Sins of the Past – Repaired](#)

Rabbi Asher Lopatin relates a personal story about our role in doling out punishment and the lasting effects it can have.

Jewschool | September 11 | [Echad Asar b'September, OR A 9/11 of the Jews](#)

In this powerful piece, Ben Greenfield (YCT '17) explores the connections and contrasts of remembering 9/11 as an American and Tisha B'Av as a Jew.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Name: Rabbi Drew Kaplan

Home Town: Gahanna, Ohio

Graduating Class: 2009

Position: Rabbi, Southern California Jewish Student Services & Southern California Jewish Young Adult Enrichment

About Rabbi Drew: Rabbi Drew has served young adults, university students, and high school students in Southern California as a rabbi for the past five years. As the rabbi for Long Beach Hillel, Rabbi Drew has regularly led text-based discussions and weekly Shabbat dinners, engaging with hundreds of university students. He has also led other text based discussions for a handful of other Hillels at nearby university campuses. In the past two years, Rabbi Drew has led classes for young adults, Jews in their 20s and 30s, for the local Jewish Federation and other groups. He has also been involved with the annual Jewlicious Festival as an educator for the past five years.



Rabbi Drew has followed the *semikha* charge from Rabbi Yaacov Love that he serve as a “source of inspiration wherever you go, modeling *mentschlichkeit* and spreading Torah,” especially through his “Internet-savvy, understanding it and using it to bring Torah to the masses.”

Rabbi Drew works with his wife, Rachel Kaplan, who serves as the Executive Director of Long Beach Hillel. They have three lovely daughters: Sophie, Lillian, and Emma. You can learn more about him at <http://RabbiDrew.info>.

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