

explore jewish life. meet new people. get inspired.

# MJE

manhattan jewish experience

2022-2023  
Event Guide

[www.jewishexperience.org](http://www.jewishexperience.org) | 212.787.9533

Rabbi Mark Wildes, Founder & Director



# MANHATTAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

## Welcome to MJE...

a warm and open  
community where  
young men and  
women can explore  
Jewish life and  
meet new people.

west classes.....	5
east classes.....	6
downtown classes.....	7
shabbat.....	8
holidays.....	10
parties & special events.....	11
israel.....	12
retreats.....	13
fellowship.....	14
couples.....	15
sponsors.....	16
staff.....	18

MJE IS DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF RUTH B. WILDES Z"l

MJE ANNUAL DINNER





Dear Friends,  
 Thank you for your support and for joining us as we celebrate 24 years of successful Jewish outreach!

In the last 24 years, MJE has gone from a small operation on the Upper West Side to three vibrant sites in all parts of the city.

Our programs and classes have touched thousands, resulting today in a whole new generation of children attending Jewish Day schools. MJE's inspirational and user-friendly programs, including our Beginners Services, One-on-One learning, Basic Judaism and Hebrew Classes, Israel Trips, Retreats/ Shabbatonim, Fusion and Fellowship programs, have transformed the lives of thousands of our Jewish brothers and sisters.

The thousands of young Jewish men and women who have joined us for programs, Torah classes and Shabbat services should give us all great encouragement and inspiration. Thank you – our devoted supporters, our talented and dedicated staff, and of course, the Almighty for blessing us with the ability to make such a huge difference in the lives of so many people. May God continue to bless our noble efforts and may we go from strength to strength!

**Rabbi Mark Wildes**  
 Founder/Director

MANHATTAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

MJE West - 131 West 86th Street New York, NY 10024  
 MJE East - 125 East 85th Street New York, NY 10028  
 MJE Downtown - 239 West 14th Street New York, NY 10011  
[www.jewishexperience.org](http://www.jewishexperience.org) | 212.787.9533



# MJE West

## BASIC JUDAISM WITH RABBI MARK WILDES MONTHLY MONDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Brush up on your Judaism basics! Join us weekly for interactive and dynamic conversations with Rabbi Mark Wildes and world-renowned guest speakers like Rudy Rochman! We are proud open dialogue sharing the Torah's perspective on relationships, business, politics, philosophy, traditions and faith.



## THE NEXT LEVEL WITH RABBI MARK WILDES WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Interested in taking your Jewish knowledge to the next level? Join Rabbi Mark Wildes for an in-depth study of the most fundamental aspects of Jewish law and practice as well as their philosophical underpinnings.

## ONE ON ONE LEARNING WITH CHANI PERLMAN WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM

A night of learning, socializing, and getting your questions answered. Get a 'personal trainer' in Jewish study to explore any issue or topic of your choice.



## SOCIALS & HAPPY HOURS MONTHLY MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM

Let's eat, drink, schmooze and network! Join over 100 young Jewish professionals for a fun night out; experience new adventures and possibly meet the person of your dreams (who will surely gain your Bubbie's stamp of approval)!





## MJE East

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

### TUESDAY TALKS WITH RABBI AVI HELLER TUESDAYS @ 7:00 PM

Join us for a fun evening at KJ on the Upper East Side. Enjoy hot topics, delicious dinners, cold drinks and l'chaims with a fun crowd of young Jewish professionals. Conversations range from Modern Medical Ethics to Jewish Holidays to Relationships to History.



### TUESDAY SOCIALS MONTHLY TUESDAYS @ 7:00 PM

The BEST social events! Hang out, network, play games, meet new friends & have a l'chaim with MJE East's monthly socials like Beer n Bingo, Trivia Night, Sangria on the Rooftop, Courtyard Cocktails and Central Park hangouts.

### BEGINNERS HEBREW QUATERLY SERIES TUESDAYS @ 6:30 PM

Rabbi Avi makes it easy! Sound out vowels, learn memorization techniques and start to read Hebrew. This class takes your skills from zero to hero!



### EAST MEETS WEST QUARTERLY SHABBATS

Let's bring the MJE community together! MJE East joins MJE West once every quarter for FNL, Shabbat services and social kiddushes!

For more info, email [east@jewishexperience.org](mailto:east@jewishexperience.org)



## MJE Downtown

### DOWNTOWN CONVERSATIONS WITH RABBI EZRA COHEN WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Relax after work in an intimate lounge room setting with other young Jewish professionals in their 20s and 30s for wine, light dinner and socializing. Explore Judaism. Learn about your heritage and delve into cutting edge issues. Topics include: Free Will, Sexuality, The Afterlife, Chosen People, Laws of Kosher, Israel, The Festivals and The Sabbath.



### MEDITATION, TORAH & SPIRITUALITY WITH RABBI DANIEL BORTZ WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM

Close your eyes, breathe deep and take a minute to yourself. Guided immersive experiences with Rabbi Daniel will leave you feeling renewed and inspired.

### HOLY HEBREW WITH RABBI EZRA COHEN QUARTERLY WEDNESDAYS

Delve into the secrets and mysteries of our ancient language while learning to understand prayers. A few classes with MJE and you'll be ready to have a basic conversation in Israel!







# The MJE Shabbat

## DINNERS & PROGRAMS



# Experience

## SERVICES & GUEST SPEAKERS

### Shabbat Dinners

**MEET NEW PEOPLE. ENJOY GREAT FOOD. GET INSPIRED.**

Join our unique crowd of Jewish professionals in their 20's and 30's for fun, spirited evenings and dynamic speakers, featuring Shabbat beginner services, a catered dinner, and buffet dessert. Friday night dinners are offered almost every week at our West, East or Downtown location.  
Sponsored by Olga and Maurice Kaufman

### FNL: Friday Night Lights

**WITH RABBI MOSHE & SHANA DAVIS | RABBI KEVIN & ALLISON WOLF**  
**FRIDAYS @ 6:30 PM AT MJE WEST**

We bring in Shabbat together every week with a musical, soulful Kabbalat Shabbat full of singing, great food, drinks, meaningful conversations, spirituality, and a wonderful community.

### Shabbat Spirit

**WITH RABBIS MOSHE DAVIS & KEVIN WOLF**  
**SATURDAYS @ 5 PM IN CENTRAL PARK**

Delve into the meaning and relevance of our lives by discussing various timely topics, the weekly Torah Reading and more.



#### Third Meal Series

Enjoy a spiritual, song-filled meal with friends, followed by a musical Havdalah service.



#### Shabbat and Holiday Hospitality

Shabbat and Holiday meals hosted in local families' homes for a warm personal atmosphere.



### West Saturday Morning

**WEEKLY BEGINNER SERVICES & BRUNCH**

**Led by Rabbi Mark Wildes & Chazzan Benny Amar | Saturdays @ 9:30 AM**

**MJE WEST @ 131 W 86TH ST. 10TH FL**

**10:30 AM** Cafe Connect Class with Rabbi Moshe & Shana Davis and Rabbi Kevin & Allison Wolf

**11:00 AM** Sermon with Rabbi Mark Wildes or Scholar in Residence

**11:45 AM** Kiddush Luncheon

**FOR KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: [DRIKER@JEWISHEXPERIENCE.ORG](mailto:DRIKER@JEWISHEXPERIENCE.ORG)**

### Special Guest Speakers

Join us in welcoming the best and the brightest Scholars in Residence to MJE West!  
For more information contact [ecohen@jewisheexperience.org](mailto:ecohen@jewisheexperience.org)



**Rabbi Anthony Manning**  
International Professor,  
Expert in Jewish Law  
Fall 2022



**Lori Palatnik**  
Educator, Author, Community  
Leader  
Cofounder of Momentum  
Spring 2023



**Raizi Chechik**  
Speaker, Expert Educator in  
Tanach and Jewish History  
Winter 2023



**Rabbi David Fohrman**  
Torah Scholar, Author  
Founder of Aleph Beta  
Summer 2023

### Downtown Saturday Morning

**Monthly Beginner Services  
& ShaBrunch**

**Led by Rabbi Ezra Cohen**

**Saturdays @ 10 AM**

**MJE DOWNTOWN @ LA NACIONAL**



### East Saturday Lunches

**Monthly Shabbat Lunches  
with KJ families**

**Led by Rabbi Avi Heller**

**Saturdays @ 1 PM**

**MJE EAST @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS**



# Holidays

CELEBRATE WITH MJE

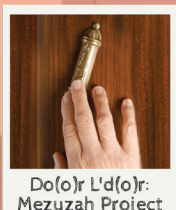
We love our holidays at MJE. Crazy celebrations, thoughtful discussions, gourmet meals, meaningful ceremonies... we do it all!

## HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE 2022-2023

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 9.25 - 9.27   | • Rosh Hashanah – Services, Kiddushes & Dinner  |
| 10.4 - 10.5   | • Yom Kippur – Services & Break Fast  |
| 10.9 - 10.16  | • Sukkot – Services & Kiddush   |
| 10.17 - 10.18 | • Simchat Torah – Services & Party Celebration  |
| 12.18 - 12.26 | • Chanukah Themed Party<br><i>Join our pre-Chanukah happy hour Dec 15th</i>                     |
| 3.6 - 3.7     | • Purim Party, Megilah Reading & Holiday Meal<br><i>Join our pre-Purim happy hour March 2nd</i> |
| 4.5 - 4.13    | • Passover – 1st & 2nd Night Seders & Services  |
| 4.17          | • Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)<br>Memorial Service & Survivor Presentation           |
| 5.24          | • Yom Hazikaron – Memorial Day  |
| 5.25          | • Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day)<br>Special Class & Celebration                        |
| 5.25 - 5.27   | • Shavuot All Night Learning & Rooftop Sunrise Services   |
| 7.26 - 7.27   | • Tisha b'Av – Services, Kumsitz, Special Presentation  |

## MJE MITZVAH PROJECT

MJE FACILITATES GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE READY TO TAKE ON A BIT MORE "CAUSE EVERY JOURNEY STARTS WITH A FIRST STEP"



Do(o)r L'd(o)r:  
Mezuzah Project



It's a Wrap!  
Tefillin Project



Light It Up!  
Shabbat Candlesticks

MITZVAH PROJECTS ARE GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY THE BELLOW'S FAMILY

# Parties

CREATE NEW  
CONNECTIONS

JOIN HUNDREDS OF YOUNG  
JEWISH PROFESSIONALS FOR OUR MEGA PARTIES!



### CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Holiday of Lights with music, candle lighting, open-bar, and our very own Chanukah hors d'oeuvres.



### SEASONAL HAPPY HOURS & ROOFTOP COCKTAILS

Manhattan Jewish Professionals Happy Hours.



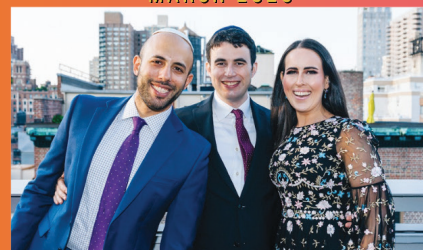
### PURIM PARTY

Join the best themed costume contest & celebration in the city. Open-bar & special Purim cocktails.

## Special Events

### ANNUAL DINNER

MARCH 2023



### RUTH B WILDES MEMORIAL LECTURE

DECEMBER 2022



## BLOOD DRIVE & MITZVAH FAIR

OCTOBER 30, 2022







# Israel

## ISRAEL DAY PARADE

### SPIRITUAL GANGSTA STYLE

ISRAEL TRIPS | 7.29.23 - 8.7.23



#### MJE EDIDIN HERITAGE ISRAEL TRIP

Whether you have been before or it is your first time, MJE's summer trip to Israel is the perfect way to see our country and connect to our homeland. From Jerusalem hot spots to the mystical Tzfat to volunteering with children to spending Shabbat with locals, MJE's Israel trip as it all. Join other 20s & 30s for this meaningful experience!

#### CLAIRE & JACK MARGOLIOUS AND MARYILN MARGOLIOUS CRAFT FELLOWSHIP TRIP TO ISRAEL

Culminating their year of study in the MJE Fellowship Program, the Fellows travel to and explore Israel's history, food, culture and spirituality, bringing to life what they have learned all year.



#### CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE | 6.4.23

March up Fifth Avenue with MJE as we join thousands to celebrate Israel.

#### AIPAC | SPRING 2023

MJE takes a delegation to the AIPAC policy conference in Washington, DC.

#### YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HA'ATZMAUT | 5.24.23 - 5.25.23

Join MJE as we commemorate Israel's Memorial Day and celebrate Israel's Independence Day with IDF soldiers and an inspirational program.



MJE WINTER RETREAT

GET OUT OF TOWN! LET US DO THE PLANNING...



#### WINTER VERMONT SKI RETREAT 2.2.2023 - 2.5.2023

Ski & snowboard the snow-capped Vermont mountains. Relax at the end of the day in resort facilities with a great group of people. Enjoy an inspiring Shabbat program.

#### SPRING BERKSHIRES RETREAT 6.8.2023 - 6.11.2023

Enjoy the outdoors with fresh water lakes, boating, hiking & ziplining. Sports include basketball, tennis & volleyball. The facilities feature a fitness center as well. Experience an unforgettable Shabbat & musical Havdalah jam.







THE 2021/2022 MJE LAMM FELLOWSHIP CLASS

MJE Fellowships, now in its 16th year with 220 graduates to date, is a select cadre of MJE participants with little or no prior Jewish education who have expressed a desire to move their Jewish learning to the next level. The program seeks to educate and helps to produce knowledgeable and passionate leaders for the future. This year's class includes 20 men & women who meet each week for serious Jewish study and other important Jewish experiences. The fellowship was dedicated in honor of Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm Z"L for his years of extraordinary scholarship and leadership on behalf of the Jewish people.

## PROGRAM INCLUDES

### CLASSES

ESSENTIALS IN FAITH AND BELIEF  
WITH RABBI AVI HELLER

THE NEXT LEVEL  
WITH RABBI MARK WILDES

FACETS OF THE TORAH

### EXPERIENCES

ISRAEL TRIP

SPRING RETREAT

SHABBATONS

SOCIAL EVENTS

MATZAH FACTORY TOUR

### MENTORSHIP

EACH FELLOW IS ASSIGNED A MENTOR FROM THE MJE STAFF TO GET THE MOST FROM THE PROGRAM

### MAYER OFFMAN FELLOW

EACH YEAR ONE OF THE MJE FELLOWS IS SPONSORED IN MEMORY & MERIT OF MAYER OFFMAN z"l. MAYER SERVED ON THE MJE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 15 YEARS, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING MJE AND CARED DEEPLY ABOUT JEWISH OUTREACH.

*\*The Claire & Jack Margolius and Marilyn Margolius Craft MJE Fellowship Israel Trip is sponsored by Leigh and Daniel Waxman.*

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL [RACHELB@JEWISHEXPERIENCE.ORG](mailto:RACHELB@JEWISHEXPERIENCE.ORG)



## GRADS.MJE

The Graduate Student Community of The  
Manhattan Jewish Experience

[www.jewishexperience.org/grads](http://www.jewishexperience.org/grads)

- ✓ Professional and Social Connections
- ✓ Student-centered programming with large discounts
- ✓ Opportunities to learn from Jewish leaders & scholars
- ✓ The newest and most exciting community for Jewish Graduate Students in NYC



382 AND COUNTING...

## MJE Couples

JUSTIN & JAMIE



ANDREW & HANNAH



YARON & GABRIELLE

MJE is a place where many couples have met and eventually married. Join the growing number of MJE young couples through our ongoing couples educational and social programming. Make new friends, develop a sense of community, and deepen relationships. Events include Shabbat dinners, guest lecturers, cocktail parties and more. For further information or to be added to our Couples list please contact: [jillwildes@gmail.com](mailto:jillwildes@gmail.com)

## BRETT & ALLYSON





Thanks to All of our Generous Donors

MJE PROGRAM SPONSORS

LAURI & LEWIS BARBANEL  
CONDUIT FOUNDATION  
JACKIE & OMRI DAHAN  
YVETTE & ERIC EDIDIN  
SARAH & DAVID GREEN  
OLGA & MAURICE KAUFMAN  
THE LEGACY FUND  
BASIA & JONAH LOBEL  
MAIMONIDES FUND  
BARBARA DUBERSTEIN MESSER  
SHANNON & ANDREW PENSON

PAMELA & GEORGE ROHR  
ANJELICA & RICHARD RUBIN  
JENNIFER & ERIK SCHETINA  
BARBARA & MARK SILBER  
BETH KOBLINER & DAVID SHAW  
RACHEL & HARRY SKYDELL  
CLARK VALBERG  
JODY & ADAM WEINSTEIN  
ALICE & LEON WILDES  
AMY & MAYOR MICHAEL WILDES

JOAN & SHAEL BELLOWS  
MARGARET JENNINGS-BERNSTEIN  
& PAUL BERNSTEIN  
DORIS & MARCUS BLUMKIN  
MICHAEL DOPPELT  
TRACY & SANDER GERBER  
LISA & PAUL GLAZER  
SIMCHA HEYMAN  
THE IRA WALDBAUM FOUNDATION  
BECKY & AVI KATZ  
RINA & HENRY KRESSEL  
STACEY & EDMOND LEVY

BATYA & JOSEPH PAPA  
LOUIS PERLMAN  
JOHANNA & LEIF ROSENBLATT  
MELODIE & MARTIN SCHARF  
DEBORAH & DANIEL SCHWARTZ  
BETH & JOSHUA SCHWARTZ  
BARBARA & MARK SILBER  
ELLIE CARMODY & DANIEL STONE  
LOLA & LENNY TANZER  
TEHILA & GUY TSADIK  
LEIGH & DANIEL WAXMAN

REVITAL & ARIEL ACKERMAN  
NICOLE & RAANAN AGUS  
ELISABETH & BLAIR AXEL  
AIMEE & JONATHAN BARON  
ALLISON & MICHAEL BROMBERG  
JESSICA & AZI CUTTER  
SHIRA & JEFFREY EISENBERG  
ERICA & MARK GERSON  
PEARL GINSBURG  
BERNARD GOLDBERG

ROBYN & SHUKIE GROSSMAN  
JUDY & RALPH HERZKA  
SHARON & SINCLAIR HABERMAN  
YUDI HERCENBERG  
LEE & MURRAY KUSHNER  
SERYL & CHARLES KUSHNER  
JUDY & MARC LANDIS  
BARBARA & IRA LIPMAN Z"l  
DEBORAH & ROBERT MARCUS  
TOVA & JOSH MARMER

RUTH & THEODORE MIRVIS  
NORMAN & BETTINA ROBERTS  
FOUNDATION  
ELISA & ALAN PINES  
GAIL PROPP  
DEBBIE & BILL RAND  
ALAN SCHRAGER  
BETH & JOSH SCHWARTZ  
LAZER STERNHELL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President  
Adam Weinstein  
Chairman  
Lewis Barbanel  
Michael Doppelt  
Danny Kaufman

Casey Levine  
Barbara Duberstein  
Messer  
Louis Perlman  
George Rohr

Richard Rubin  
Harry Skydell  
Leigh Waxman  
Michael Wildes  
Leon Wildes

WOMEN EDUCATORS & PROGRAMMING



Jill Wildes



Chani Perlman



Allison Reich



Shana Davis



Dr. Adena Berkowitz

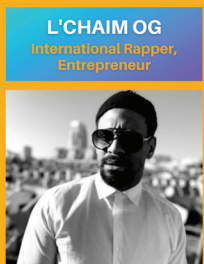
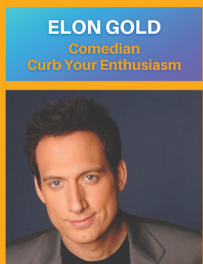
MJE's stellar staff of Women Educators teach classes, monthly Women's workshops, mentor students in one-on-one learning and inspire spiritual growth.



WEEKLY PODCAST WITH RABBI MARK WILDES

The Wildescast  
AN MJE PODCAST

Join the Wildescast Podcast weekly with Rabbi Mark Wildes, where he interviews some of the most fascinating people: Hollywood stars, music industry legends, Wall Street tycoons, Israeli relationship experts, worldly and wise Rabbis, award-winning authors and more. Through this platform, Rabbi Mark Wildes is able to reach thousands of millennials and Jews all over the world, spreading his unique perspective and Torah-based insights.





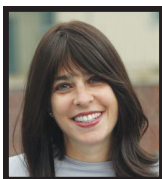
# Meet the Family

## MJE STAFF



### RABBI MARK WILDES | FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

Rabbi Mark Wildes holds a BA in Psychology from Yeshiva University, a Law degree from Cardozo, a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia and was ordained by Yeshiva University. Since founding MJE twenty two years ago, Rabbi Wildes has become one of America's most inspirational and dynamic Jewish educators. He actively blogs for The Times of Israel and Huffington Post, runs a YouTube channel and has made appearances on CBS, ABC, Huffington Post Live MetroFocus, Fox News and is the author of the widely acclaimed books *The 40 Day Challenge* and *Beyond the Instant: Jewish Wisdom for Lasting Happiness in a Fast-Paced, Social Media World*. Rabbi Wildes is a hardcore Beatles (and particularly John Lennon) fan, and enjoys rocking out on the drums whenever possible.



### JILL WILDES | CO-FOUNDER

Hailing from Great Neck, Long Island, Jill started to become more involved in her Judaism after finishing college with a BA from the University of Wisconsin and a MSW from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University. She spends much of her time counseling MJE participants and has hosted over 10,000 guests at her Shabbat table! Rabbi Mark, Jill and their children Yosef, Ezra, Judah and Avigayil live on the Upper West Side where they maintain a warm and welcoming home for friends and newcomers.



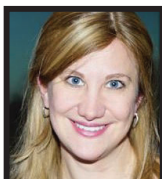
### RABBI EZRA COHEN | CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER & DOWNTOWN DIRECTOR

Hailing from Atlanta, Rabbi Cohen received a BA in Speech & Marketing from Yeshiva University, an MA in Education from the Azreili School of Jewish Education and his Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshiva University. Rabbi Cohen served as Educational Director & Rabbi at the Hillel of Rutgers as well as worked at the Beth Din of America. He is a frequent speaker and enjoys tennis, playing guitar and snowboarding. Rabbi Ezra, his wife Stephanie and son Shayne Isaac live in Chelsea where they host Shabbat meals, holiday events and classes.



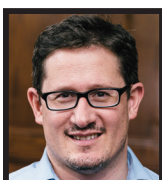
### RABBI PINNY ROSENTHAL | DIRECTOR OF SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

From Seattle, Washington, Rabbi Pinny Rosenthal received a BS in Finance from Touro College, an MA in Education Administration from Columbia University and rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva B'nei Torah in Far Rockaway, NY. He was Dean of the Torah Academy of Long Island for 10 years & a Jewish educator for the past 20 years. He was also the lead guitarist for Shlock Rock for many years. Rabbi Pinny lives in West Hempstead with his wife Marie Beth and their six children.



### CHANI PERLMAN | SENIOR EDUCATOR

Chani studied at Midreshet Moriah in Jerusalem, and then completed her B.A. in Judaic Studies from Stern College. She earned a Master's Degree in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School and is pursuing a doctorate in Jewish Education and Administration from Yeshiva University. Chani taught in the local Jewish Day School system for the past 10 years. Chani now lives in Bergenfield, NJ with her husband Alan, and their five children Donny, Margalit, Akiva, Rivka & Eli.



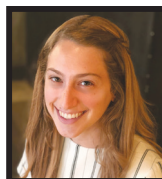
### RABBI AVI HELLER | EAST SIDE DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR OF FELLOWSHIP

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Rabbi Avi is a Regional Director for the Orthodox Union. He has served as MJE's Director of Education and, prior to that, the co-director of the OU's Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus at Boston University. He received his BA from Boston University and his Rabbinic ordination and MA from Yeshiva University. He, his wife Shira and their three children, live in Teaneck, NJ. Rabbi Avi enjoys word play, the Denver Broncos, good coffee and running.



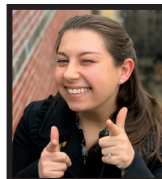
### RABBI KEVIN WOLF | COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / EDUCATOR

Kevin is originally from NJ, learned at Yeshivat Orayta and then studied Computer Science at the University of Michigan, where he developed and led the weekly program Shiur with Beer. After graduating and marrying Allison and they moved to Israel where he studied at Yeshivat Torah V'Avodah and received rabbinic ordination from Rav Zalman Nechemiah Goldberg. Kevin is also a passionate snowboarder, Citi biker and competitive ping-pong player (challengers welcome). Kevin enjoys running Minyan Madness, learning with his chevrotas and teaching classes with Allison



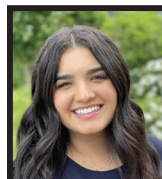
### ALLISON REICH-WOLF | COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / EDUCATOR

Allison, originally from Queens, graduated as salutatorian from the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College. Her passion for Torah study grew during her studies at Midreshet Harova, Hebrew University and the OU/JLIC program at Yeshivat Orayta. Allison was also a fellow on The Nachshon Project, which focused on building Jewish community in North America. Allison enjoys leading MJE virtual programs like Soul Searching & Parsha Perspectives, learning with community members, and running Shabbat services with her husband, Kevin.



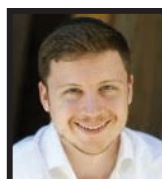
### RACHEL BENLISA | EAST SIDE PROGRAM & MARKETING COORDINATOR

After spending a transformative year in Israel on Young Judea Year Course, Rachel attended and graduated from The George Washington University, where she double majored in Marketing and International Business. Growing up in Fair Lawn, she didn't move too far and now resides in Washington Township, NJ with her handy husband, Daniel and her adorable daughter Blake "Bluma" Malka. When Rachel is not running classes & events, you are likely to spot her at the Texas Hold'em Poker tables in Vegas or on the Scrabble board. Remember, a positive attitude goes a long way!



### LEAH HASHIMI | WEST SIDE PROGRAM & MARKETING COORDINATOR

Leah grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she proudly graduated from Yeshiva Schools of Pittsburgh. After spending a year in seminary at Machon Shoshanat Yerushalayim in Israel, Leah attended Lander College for Women at Touro University where she recently graduated with a BA in Political Science. Leah is passionate about creating meaningful Jewish experiences for people of all ages. Recently, she worked at The Ramaz School in the Upper East Side as a Special Events Assistant where she helped plan and run their annual dinner. Leah is energetic, dedicated and always willing to lend a hand!



### RABBI MOSHE DAVIS | COMMUNITY LEADER & EDUCATOR

Rabbi Moshe counts Yeshiva Shaar Hatorah in Queens as his Alma Mater; he studied, as well, at the Mirrer Yeshiva in Israel, and received rabbinic ordination in Jerusalem. Moshe holds a bachelor in Liberal Arts from UAGM. He grew up in Brooklyn, always a city boy- loving the hustle of city life and relating to people of all walks of life. Moshe is a tech enthusiast, enjoys hiking, talking about Jewish Law, and can't wait to have an argument about any hot topic. Together, Moshe and Shana love to meet new people and create lasting friendships.



### SHANA DAVIS | COMMUNITY LEADER & EDUCATOR

Shana Davis, nee Fohrman, received her undergraduate degree in psychology at Touro College, and completed graduate studies in Occupational Therapy at Touro School of Health Sciences. She has lived in many different places including Baltimore, Long Island, Israel and she now calls the Upper West Side home. Shana loves nature, drawing, sharing Torah, and scouting out adorable new coffee shops. Shana and Moshe got married to one another in March 2021 in sunny Florida, and now live in the Upper West Side. Shana & Moshe love to host huge Shabbat meals and share their love of Shabbat.



### ANDREW HERSHKOWITZ | DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

After spending 6 years producing content in the sports media industry, including stints with Sports Illustrated and Bleacher Report, Andrew discovered his true calling when he found Hashem hiding in plain sight in the text of the Torah. Andrew's new passion is creating content to share this message with others; that anyone who takes an objective look at the Torah will reach the same conclusion that Hashem is real and good, thus enriching their lives, and allowing them to walk through the confusion and distorting reality that is the human experience with everlasting inner happiness and assurance that everything will be okay.



**DEB RIKER**  
OFFICE MANAGER & ASSISTANT TO  
RABBI MARK WILDES



**JOSHUA ABELSON**  
CONTROLLER &  
SPECIAL PROJECTS

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
MAINTENANCE  
STAFF,  
JERRY & VINNY!**





131 W 86TH ST.  
NEW YORK, NY 10024

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
New York, NY  
Permit #2139

#### MJE PARTIES & SOCIALS 2022



Need a space to rent? Have your next special event at MJE!  
For more information contact [roomrental@jewishexperience.org](mailto:roomrental@jewishexperience.org)



FIND US ON FACEBOOK.COM/MANHATTANJEWISHEXPERIENCE | [WWW.JEWISHEXPERIENCE.ORG](http://WWW.JEWISHEXPERIENCE.ORG)