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# JCP Scroll

The Weekly Newsletter from the Center for Jewish Life

## Upcoming Calendar

Thank you to everyone who attended our programs during the 2014/2015 season! Our fall program schedule will be available shortly.

June 23 [2nd Annual JCP Men's Event](#)

### Save the Dates!

- September 11 Friday Evening Services
- September 14 Rosh Hashanah Day 1
- September 15 Rosh Hashanah Day 2
- September 20 September 11 Memorial Visit
- September 22 Eve of Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre
- September 23 Yom Kippur
- October 4 Sukkot Block Party
- October 5 Simchat Torah Celebration



## Coming of Age

A Note from Rabbi Jason

Dear Friends,

The other night I had the opportunity to spend some time with two members of JCP's founding generation of leaders. I enjoyed hearing a few stories from JCP's earliest days-how people cultivated growth in the Jewish landscape of Downtown Manhattan in the years following 2001. Now and again, as story telling goes, someone would ask something like, "Wait a minute, was that in 2003 or in 2004?" Sometimes these questions could be answered by arithmetic: it is easy to count backward when you know that families of JCP's very first Preschool class are now reaching the age of of Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Of course, that means that JCP is not far from it's own Bar/Bat Mitzvah milestone itself....

Stories of the Israelites wandering in the desert is central to the summertime Torah reading portions. In this story, some attention is given to the complex process of creating cultural norms and rules so that there is unity among a diverse group of people. While

the Israelites were on a physical journey through the wilderness, they also experienced the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual journey of becoming a people. Some of the most dramatic narratives the Torah shares during this nation-making are the ones in which something goes wrong, such as the rebellion staged by Korach in this week's Torah portion whose title is his name. Yet, in two more weeks, the Torah turns to the story of Balak, in which a curse meant for the Israelites is transformed into a blessing instead.

May this summer provide a time for meaningful journeys, growth in many ways, and blessings for each of us, our families, and our entire community.

*Please be on the lookout for JCP emails during the summer, particularly as we look toward the High Holidays and beginning of the fall program calendar. Scroll will return at summer's end.*

Warmly,



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**2ND ANNUAL  
JCP MEN'S EVENT**

ONCE AGAIN...CELEBRATING OUR RIGHT TO CONGREGATE.  
ALL MEN OF THE JCP COMMUNITY, STOP BY FOR A DRINK!

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015  
6:30 - 8:30 PM  
WOODROW'S (DOWNSTAIRS LOUNGE), 43 MURRAY STREET

RAFFLE FEATURING TWO VIP TICKETS TO THE TONIGHT SHOW  
WITH JIMMY FALLON, AND MORE!

PLEASE RSVP TO [LIYA@JCPDOWNTOWN.ORG](mailto:LIYA@JCPDOWNTOWN.ORG).



All costs, including food and beverages for the evening have been generously underwritten.



### Featured Photos

Middle School JCP YOUth planned, shopped for, cooked, and ate Shabbat dinner together on Friday.

Their menu: green salad, quinoa, soy-ginger mahimahi, and crepes with berries and chocolate.

### Featured Event

#### **2nd Annual JCP Men's Event**

**Tuesday, June 23**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Woodrow's at 43 Murray Street  
(Downstairs Lounge)**

Join the men of the JCP community to celebrate "Our Right to Congregate!"

Stop by for a drink, and a bite to eat anytime between 6:30 and 8:30 PM. We will be raffling off two VIP tickets to the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, golf experiences, and exercise packages at Exceed Physical Culture and Drill Fitness.

Please RSVP to [liya@jcpdowntown.org](mailto:liya@jcpdowntown.org).

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