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## Shabbat

**Starting in September, children’s activities are held every Saturday from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Our program includes games, prizes, stories and more - all geared for children (ages 5-12). Each program leader is picked by the Carlebach Shul for their professionalism, great personality, and love of children.

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## High Holidays

**For ages 5 - 12, our program runs from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

On Rosh Hashanah, give your children a meaningful High Holiday experience. Please RSVP to the Shul's office. The program is free with purchase of an adult High Holiday ticket.

Please call the Shul at 212-580-2391 or send an email to info@thecarlebachshul.org so that we may include your children.
The Debate Between Maimonides (the Rambam) and Nachmanides (the Ramban)

Any list of great debates in the history of halacha and Jewish thought must include the one between Maimonides and Nachmanides. Though the two never debated directly, Nachmanides had a lot to say about the works of Maimonides and had a powerful influence on how we learn those works today.

Maimonides (Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon, known as the Rambam) was born around 1135. When he died in 1204, Nachmanides (Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman, known as the Ramban) was about ten years old. Both suffered trials in their lives. Maimonides lost his younger brother and his fortune and was exiled from Spain by the Almohades, a Muslim sect known for forcing conversions. Nachmanides had to debate the apostate Pablo Christiani, and when his victory angered the Church, Nachmanides was compelled to flee and go into exile.

Maimonides was a controversial figure. He studied the philosophy of Aristotle and held opinions that many rabbis considered dangerous. He also wrote the Mishnah Torah, which he felt should to some degree replace the Talmud as the only book of halacha people needed to study. While his authority was accepted in some communities, it was rejected in others. Nachmanides, an innovative thinker but also a staunch defender of tradition, did not completely reject Maimonides but did argue with him on many points. Let’s look at a few examples of their debates.

The Talmud states that there are 613 mitzvot but does not specify what they are. Before Maimonides, the most widely accepted list of mitzvot was the Baal Halachot Gedolot, written by Shimon Kiara. Maimonides had an ambitious goal: to supersede this work, and to some degree even the Talmud, with his own comprehensive code which would be the new authority on the Oral Law. He began this attempt with his Sefer Hamitzvot, in which he established organizing principles to determine what type of commandment can count as one of the 613 mitzvot, and then listed all of the positive mitzvot and all of the negative mitzvot. The idea was to clarify and simplify the writings of previous halachic codifiers and create the next link in the chain of our oral tradition.

But Nachmanides took issue with the Sefer Hamitzvot. He saw himself as a defender of tradition and did not like that Maimonides was attacking the widely-accepted Baal Halachot Gedolot. He therefore wrote a defense of the Baal Halachot Gedolot, critiquing the Sefer Hamitzvot. In some cases, he asserted that something Maimonides considered a mitzvah was actually not. For example, Maimonides listed daily prayer as a positive mitzvah. Nachmanides said that the Torah only obligates prayer in times of need, and the structured daily prayers are rabbinic in origin (with the exception of the Shema). In other cases, he maintained that Maimonides “forgot” to include a mitzvah. For example, the Torah talks about inheriting and living in the land of Israel. The Talmud even calls the conquest of Israel a milchemet mitzvah (a war that is commanded). But Maimonides did not count living in the land as a mitzvah. Of course, Maimonides probably had a very good reason for leaving out this mitzvah. Perhaps he considered it a broad category rather than a specific mitzvah. Perhaps he did not count it because it does not apply in all generations — in fact the Talmud may have considered it sinful to resettle the land in certain times. Nevertheless, Nachmanides felt Maimonides was wrong to skip this commandment.

Nachmanides also used his commentary on the Torah to disagree with many things Maimonides had written in his Guide to the Perplexed. For example, there are several accounts in the Torah of people doing magic. Maimonides believed all accounts of “magic” were simply sleight-of-hand, just like the kind of magic we have today. But Nachmanides believed this magic was real. He thought that in those times there were actually people, such as Pharaoh’s sorcerers, who had real powers derived from impurity and could indeed perform witchery.

In a similar vein, Maimonides considered many of the stories in the Torah having to do with angels and the supernatural to be merely allegorical. Angels did not actually visit Avraham in his tent; he was just dreaming. Bilaam’s donkey did not literally open his mouth and speak to Bilaam; it was only a vision. Yaakov did not fight a physical manifestation of Esav’s angel; the fight occurred in a dream state. Nachmanides, however, strongly disagreed. He believed all of these accounts were true and literal. After all, we see Avraham instructing his

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**SELICHOT NIGHT WITH YEHUDA GREEN**
Saturday Night, September 21st
(technically Sunday morning, September 22nd)
12:45 AM at West Side Institutional Synagogue
(120 West 76 St.)

**ROSH HASHANAH**

with

RABBI NAFTALI CITRON, YEHUDA GREEN, & MICHAEL MOST

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

Sunday, September 29th
Candle Lighting ........................................ 6:23 PM
Mincha/Maariv .......................................... 6:30 PM
Followed by High Holiday Dinner (see page 10)

**1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH**

Monday, September 30th
Morning Services ...................................... 9:00 AM
Mincha ...................................................... 5:40 PM
Followed by Tashlich at 79th Street Boat Basin
Candle Lighting ...................................... not before 7:29 PM
Maariv .................................................... 7:25 PM
Followed by High Holiday Dinner (see page 10)

**2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH**

Tuesday, October 1st
Morning Services ...................................... 9:00 AM
Mincha ...................................................... 6:35 PM

**YOM KIPPUR**

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 8th
Mincha ...................................................... 2:30 PM
Candle Lighting ....................................... 6:08 PM
Kol Nidre .................................................. 6:20 PM

**YOM KIPPUR DAY**

Wednesday, October 9th
Morning Services ...................................... 9:00 AM
Yizkor ...................................................... 12:45 PM
Mincha ...................................................... 4:30 PM
Neila ......................................................... 5:50 PM
Fast ends .................................................. 7:06 PM

ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR at The Carlebach Shul
(see page 7 for High Holiday seating information)

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## SUKKOT

### EREV SUKKOT
**Sunday, October 13th**
- Candle Lighting ........................................ 6:00 PM
- Mincha ...................................................... 6:00 PM

### 1ST DAY SUKKOT
**Monday, October 14th**
- Morning Services ......................................9:00 AM
- Mincha ..................................................... 6:05 PM
- Candle Lighting ...................... not before 7:06 PM
- Maariv ....................................................... 7:05 PM

### 2ND DAY SUKKOT
**Tuesday, October 15th**
- Morning Services ......................................9:00 AM
- Mincha ....................................................... 6:10 PM

### EREV SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED
**Friday Night, October 18th**
- Shabbat Candle Lighting .......................... 5:52 PM
- Mincha ...................................................... 6:00 PM

### SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED
**Shabbat, October 19th**
- Morning Services ...................................... 9:00 AM
  * Kiddush for those who were in Shul by 11:00 AM
- Mincha ....................................................... 5:55 PM
  * Followed by Seudah Shelisheet in Sukkah

### HOSHANA RABBANAH EREV SHEMINI ATZERET
**Sunday, October 20th**
- Morning Services* ................... 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- Candle Lighting ........................................ 5:49 PM
- Mincha ...................................................... 5:55 PM

*Please see Page 6 for more details
- Followed by Yom Tov dinner (see page 10)

### SHEMINI ATZERET
**Monday, October 21st**
- Morning Services ...................................... 9:00 AM
- Yizkor ....................................................... 11:45 AM
- Mincha/Maariv .......................................... 5:55 PM

### SIMCHAT TORAH EVE
**Candle Lighting ...................... not before 6:56 PM
Followed by Children’s Hakafot from 7:05 - 8:05 PM
- 2nd Maariv Minyan ............................. 8:15 PM
  * Followed by Hakafot

*Members, please remember to bring your priority admission card

### SIMCHAT TORAH
**Tuesday, October 22nd**
- Morning Services .................................... 10:00 AM
  * Followed by full Kiddush before Mussaf
- Mincha ......................................... following Mussaf
Simchat Torah is the night everyone wants to be at The Carlebach Shul! In fact, it gets so crowded that members are given priority entrance cards to get in immediately.

Please make sure your membership is up to date! This is a great opportunity to become a new member.
Please join us for our special Selichot Service
In the Carlebach tradition of seeking forgiveness through song
WITH YEHUDA GREEN
Saturday Night, מרציא שבת קריא
September 21ST
West Side Institutional Synagogue
120 W. 76th St. New York, NY 10023

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To ensure entrance please arrive early
Priority seating $50, VIP seating $180
Minimum donation of $20, no charge to Carlebach Shul members
Proceeds will be used to further the activities of The Carlebach Shul
To reserve go to www.thecarlebachshul.org

A LIYOT

In keeping with Reb Shlomo’s derech of connecting our material possessions with the Torah, we will again be auctioning Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur aliyot. An aliyah can be bought for yourself, to honor someone, or as a group effort, but only one person can be called up to the Torah. If a woman is the purchaser or part of the purchasing group, if desired, taleisim will be extended to the front of the women’s section so she/they can be connected to the Torah. Any aliyah not sold, as well as “add ons,” will be auctioned at services. Your donations will allow The Carlebach Shul to carry on its holy work.

You can bid to reserve your aliyah by calling the Carlebach Shul at 212-580-2391 or at www.thecarlebachshul.org

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS

Come celebrate the High Holidays with
Rabbi Naftali Citron and the Carlebach community
along with our amazing Ba’alei Tefilla
Yehuda Green & Michael Most

Rosh Hashanah September 29TH – October 1ST
and Yom Kippur October 8TH – October 9TH

New members who have joined us since Yom Kippur 5779 will receive special discounted High Holiday seats.

High Holiday seating prices:
New members: $50 (special discount)
Members: $200
Non-members: $250
If you are joining us for the first time: $180
REB SHLOMO CARLEBACH’S 25TH YAHRZEIT

YAHRZEIT SHABBAT
November 8th-9th

Join Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yehuda Green for inspirational davening and Shabbat meals. Additional speakers to be announced.

Friday night davening will begin at 4:41 PM
Shabbat Morning: 9:15 AM

Friday Dinner:
Member $60, Non-member $70

Saturday Lunch:
Member $45, Non-member $55

Both Meals:
Member $100, Non-member $120

Reserve online at www.thecarlebachshul.org by 10/28 or call the shul at 212-580-2391

This weekend has been made possible through a generous
Tribute Concert
AT WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

SATURDAY NIGHT, November 9th

Starring:
Yehuda Green
Additional performers to be announced

West Side Institutional Synagogue
120 West 76th St.

Doors Open 9:00 PM, Concert Begins 9:30 PM

EARLY BIRD TICKETS: $35 before 10/28
REGULAR TICKETS (in advance or at the door, if still available): $45

www.thecarlebachshul.org

25TH YAHIRZEIT
COMMOMEMORATION

Thursday, November 14th
9:00 AM SHACHARIS
SIYUM TO FOLLOW

donation by Joy Fishman in memory of her son Jonathan Stampler.
Shabbat

SEPTEMBER 6TH
Rabbi Naftali Citron and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Since the early 90’s, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin has often come to the shul to serve as a guest speaker or scholar-in-residence. He particularly enjoys the chevra of our shul and the challenging questions they pose. Rabbi Telushkin is the author of Jewish Literacy, Jewish Wisdom, Jewish Humor, and The Ten Commandments of Character, to name but a few.

SEPTEMBER 20TH
Rabbi Naftali Citron
Opening the gates through prayer

SEPTEMBER 29TH-30TH
Rosh Hashanah with Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yehuda Green
Rosh Hashanah dinner first night - Sunday, September 29th
The Kabbalah of the Arizal on the High Holidays
Rosh Hashanah dinner second night - Monday, September 30th
The goal of a spiritual life

ROSH HASHANAH DINSERS: $45 (MEMBERS), $55 (NON-MEMBERS)

OCTOBER 4TH
Shabbat Shuva with Rabbi Naftali Citron
Halacha and Chassidus, enemies or friends?

OCTOBER 20TH
Shemini Atzeret with Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yehuda Green
Spreading joy by gathering spirit

SHEMINI ATZERET DINNER: $45 (MEMBERS), $55 (NON-MEMBERS)

Unless otherwise indicated, prices for dinners are: $50 (Members: $40)
Out-of-town guests and all newcomers pay MEMBER prices. There is a $5 discount per meal if paid no later than the Tuesday before the dinner.
ALL reservations for Shabbat meals must be made by noon Thursday at www.thecarlebachshul.org.
NOVEMBER 8TH-9TH
Reb Shlomo Carlebach’s 25th Yahrzeit Shabbaton
This year we will be remembering Reb Shlomo on his 25th Yahrzeit. We look forward to having many of Reb Shlomo’s outstanding students and the next generation of great teachers for a weekend of learning, davening, fabrenging, and singing with Rabbi Naftali Citron and Yehuda Green. Additional guests to be announced.

NOVEMBER 22ND
Rabbi Naftali Citron and Shimona Tzukernik
Shimona Tzukernik is one of the foremost female educators on Chassidism. She has a remarkable ability to make her knowledge relevant to people’s lives. Shimona has addressed tens of thousands of participants, empowering her listeners to shift on a personal and ultimately global level. Raised and educated in South Africa, in addition to her teachings on Chassidism, Shimona has also taught art history at Funda university.

DECEMBER 13TH
Rabbi Naftali Citron and Rabbi DovBer Pinson
Rav DovBer Pinson is a world-renowned Torah scholar, prolific author, and beloved spiritual teacher, a master of both the revealed and hidden aspects of Torah. He has been hailed as one of the most important teachers of the generation and is widely recognized as one of the world’s foremost authorities on authentic Kabbalah and Jewish Philosophy and Wisdom. Through his books, lectures, and seminars he has touched and inspired the lives of thousands the world over and continues to serve as a mentor to many thousands of students across the globe. Rav Pinson has authored over 30 books, many of which have been translated into multiple languages, such as Hebrew, German, Spanish, Russian, and Portuguese. Rav Pinson is the Rosh Yeshiva of the IYYUN Yeshiva/Kolel and Dean of the IYYUN Center in Brownstone Brooklyn, NY.

DECEMBER 20TH
Chanukah
What is Chanukah? Life-changing insights into the miracle of Chanukah.

DECEMBER 27TH
Chanukah Oneg – Whiskey and cholent at 8:30 PM
Our 17th Annual Dinner was held on June 19th at the elegant St. Regis Hotel. The evening began with an extensive cocktail hour prepared by Foremost Caterers. While Soulfarm played in the background, guests caught up with friends and enjoyed one of the best kosher events of the year.

This year’s honoree was our beloved Rabbi Naftali Citron, who has been leading our Shul for 16 years with care and devotion. In his honor the theme of the event, including the invitation, the decorations, and the flower vases, all included citrons. Once everyone was seated for dinner, Shul President Shy Yellin got up to welcome us and to talk about the Rabbi. Mordy Lipkis, the Journal Chair, then spoke about Reb Naftali’s ability to understand the needs and struggles of each individual member of the congregation. Rabbi Chaim Zev Citron, Reb Naftali’s father, gave a dvar Torah and shared how proud he is to have a son he can learn from, who in many ways surpasses him in Torah knowledge. Then we heard from the Dinner Chair, Joy Fishman, who spoke about how much she values Reb Naftali. Together with Maria Fordin, the Dinner Coordinator, Joy and Mordy presented Rabbi Citron with his gift, a gorgeous silver etrog case. Rabbi Citron spoke last, giving a heartfelt thanks to the community for the incredible show of support.

Of course it wouldn’t be a Carlebach event if we didn’t get up and dance. We had more lively music from Soulfarm, and then it was time to sit and eat dinner. During the meal we were treated to two comedy acts. First we heard from Talia Reese, who had everyone laughing with “He’s so Ashkenaz that boiled potatoes are too spicy,” and then Danny Cohen joked about the woes of traveling to see family in Israel – when security asks you if it’s business or pleasure they forget to give you the third choice: family.

It was a lovely event and a successful fundraiser, and we are so grateful to everyone who participated as well as everyone who helped put the evening together. This dinner would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Dinner Chair Joy Fishman, Journal Chairs Ellen and Mordy Lipkis, Dinner Coordinator Maria Fordin, and the Dinner Committee. Thanks as well to the Board of Trustees and the dedicated office staff.
Sunday Morning
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Sunday Morning Yeshiva
■ Learning with Rabbi Avraham Newman, followed by a video of Reb Shlomo Carlebach's teachings.
Sponsorships are available. Suggested donation: $5

Sunday – Thursday
9:20 – 10:00 PM: Daf Yomi
■ The Talmud is a masterpiece of law, logic, stories, and our history. This class completes the entire Talmud every 7 1/2 years.
Faculty: Heshey Lieberman, Jan Buckler, David Prager, Rabbi Nachman Alpert, Yosef Landau, Rabbi Naftali Citron, & Yitzy Weinberg. Coordinated by Shy Yellin.
Thursday Daf Yomi event with refreshments and interesting topics with Yitzy Weinberg – the most popular Gemara shiur on the West Side of Manhattan!

Tuesday Night Learning
7:00 – 8:00 PM: A Touch of Kabbalah/Sefer Derech Hashem
■ The Way of G-D by R’ Moshe Chaim Luzzato interpreted and applied.
Rabbi Fund is a well-known lecturer and interpreter of Kabbalistic texts. He is the Rabbi of the Flatbush Minyan in Brooklyn and was a student and close friend of Reb Shlomo, zt"l.
Rabbi Meir Fund
Members: $8, Non-members: $10

8:00 – 9:00 PM: A Taste of Torah/The Chassidic Masters
■ Rabbi Meir Fund
Members: $8, Non-members: $10

Shabbat
9:00 – 10:30 AM: Monthly Meditative Service
■ Join us monthly for a meditative service that brings you back to the original intent of the Shabbat Liturgy. The Kabbalists saw the siddur (prayerbook) as a map of the higher universes. Get your spiritual GPS working when you tune in to this monthly meditation. Followed by the holiest whitefish and lox Kiddush.
September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th
(For future dates visit our website)

2:15 – 3:15 PM: Weekly Shabbat Afternoon Lecture Series With Rabbi Naftali Citron
Starting September 7th
■ September – October: Laws, customs, and spiritual meanings of the holidays
■ September 14th: Dr. Lee Slavutin teaching Tanya
■ November – December: Rabbis vs. Rabbis – Great debates for the sake of Heaven
family to prepare food for the visiting angels. And Yaakov walked away from that fight with a limp, which we still remember today through the prohibition against eating the gid hanasheh (the sciatic nerve). Nachmanides had good reason for making the argument in favor of some degree of literalism, because attempting to allegorize the Torah can become very dangerous. If you say one thing in the Torah did not literally happen, you can say it about other things. Will we next say that the ten plagues were not real? Obviously, Maimonides did not make that claim, but Nachmanides and others were worried that this could become a slippery slope.

Nobody knows for sure what olam haba will be like. Maimonides and Nachmanides had different opinions regarding the ultimate goal of the afterlife. Maimonides, ever the philosopher, believed that reason is our highest faculty and our primary goal is to understand G-d. Mitzvot are meant to bring us to pure mindfulness. As such, when Mashiach comes, there will be a period of techiat hameisim (resurrection of the dead), and after that we will ultimately become souls without bodies. Nachmanides, on the other hand, believed that the goal of mitzvot is to transform the physical world, and thus in the afterlife we will still have physical bodies, but our bodies will be better able to overcome our baser instincts. We will become more divine.

Nachmanides was not the only one who argued against Maimonides. Many rabbis at the time considered his ideas dangerous. His most problematic work was the Moreh Nevuchim, the Guide to the Perplexed. Written as a series of letters to one of his students, this book of philosophy examines Torah concepts such as Creation and the nature of G-d through an Aristotelian and Neoplatonic lens. It was radically different from the standard way of thinking and learning at that time. While Maimonides had students and followers, most rabbis hated the Guide to the Perplexed and wanted to ban all of his writings. Nachmanides stepped in and offered a compromise. The Mishnah Torah, he said, was a tremendous work of halacha. It could be debated, as Nachmanides himself often did, but should not be banned, as it contained a lot of wisdom. The Moreh Nevuchim, on the other hand, was too much, at least for the masses. It might be good for a select, very learned audience, but for everyone else it was dangerous and should therefore be banned.

Today this compromise mostly holds. The Mishnah Torah is widely studied and considered an authoritative halachic work, while the Moreh Nevuchim remains controversial and is studied only by a few.
Sunday, January 26th, 2020, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
At the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan
Rabbi Dr. Moshe Faierstein, and Dr. Isaac Ely Stillman
Check www.thecarlebachshul.org in October for more information
with Rabbi Dr. Alan Brill, Rabbi Naftali Citron,
Program 10:00 AM - 1:15 PM
Details to follow
Ishbiter Rebbe's Teachings
334 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10023
Breakfast at 9:00 AM
Ishbitz Day
Light breakfast included

At The JCC in Manhattan
Price: $35
Sunday, December 3rd
An Exploration of the
friend of the Carlebach Shul,
In memory of Mark Fisher, a
Schatzman in honour of Sonia and Daniel
Carey and Tammy Wolchok
Family.

Condolences:
Dr. Shuley Bron on the loss of her mother, Livia Goldberg
Sheila Chess on the loss of her mother, Paula Pilevsky
Dr. Jeremy Chess on the loss of his brother, Dr. Cyrus Chess
Dr. Richard Goldstein on the loss of his wife, Mara
Dr. Raphael Kellman on the loss of his mother, Rhoda

New Members:
Talia and Rami Ben-Joseph
Eileen Korby
Gary Login
Susan Seltzer
Kirsten Stainer

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We would also like to thank all those who have donated under $300 to our Kiddush fund, as well as our partial Seudah Shelisheet sponsors, for making our weekly Kiddush and Seudah Shelisheet possible.

Love You Listings:
Rabbi Naftali,
You have made our Shul a spiritual Mishkan, and a loving, warm and welcoming respite.
Love you for the wonderful work you are doing.
May you and we be blessed with your good work until 120,

Howard Herschberg
A reluctant/happy farewell to our esteemed Board Member
Steve Eisenberg on his relocation to Bal Harbour, FL
Thank you to Patis for donating challah almost every week
Sweetest Friends:

Another year has gone, zoomed by, and I, for one, have yet to put it all in perspective. The good news was on the economic front, where the unemployment rate in the US dropped to 3.6%, the lowest level in 50 years. Our Rabbis taught that “without flour there is no Torah and without Torah there is no flour” - a strong economy hopefully gave us the opportunity to spend time on spiritual pursuits and help the less fortunate.

There were also terrible events, including senseless mass shootings across the United States and, in the Jewish community, attacks by demented individuals on synagogues in Pittsburgh and San Diego. The loss of innocent lives was truly devasting. In Israel, recent acts of terrorism by Hamas and others resulted in the loss of irreplaceable beautiful children including Ori Ansacher (19), Dvir Sorek (18) and Rina Shnerb (17), may their memories be a blessing.

All the vicissitudes we experienced bring to mind the words of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch on his commentary to Tehillim (23), "תַּעֲרֹךְ לְפָנַי שֻׁלְחָן נֶגֶד צֹרְרָי, "You have set a table before me in the presence of my adversaries." Rabbi Hirsch explains that we, the Jewish people, are blessed with the ability to conduct our lives in relative serenity even though our adversaries attempt to wreak havoc around us.

For me, the Carlebach Shul represents a wonderful place to distance oneself from much of the world’s tumult. Our chevra take seriously the challenge to seek out the Divine and explore answers. Rabbi Naftali, in addition to his high-level teaching, leads thought provoking, out-of-the-box discussions addressing theological questions that have challenged many of us. Our baal tefilah, Yehuda Green, commands a huge audience and carries us far beyond our physical setting. We try our best to be a warm and welcoming community and lift up others as well as ourselves.

On behalf of the entire Carlebach community, we wish the world a peaceful 5780 and the gift of empathy for one another. May Klal Yisroel be blessed with good health, prosperity, and truly a Shana Tova u’Metuka.

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To our friends at

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