













2:00 PM Registration and Welcome Lunch RIDGEBURY CAFE (MAIN LOBBY)

4:00 PM - 4:55 PM Women's Swimming

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Maximize the Power of You

Rabbi Nissim Musheyev

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Our Weekly Palace in Time:

Meaning, Magic & Mystery of Shabbat

Rabbi Mordechai Kraft

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

5:10 PM - 6:00 PM Men's Swimming

6:45 PM — 7:00 PM Shabbat Candles: Igniting Your Week

(for Women)

Mrs. Shonnie Rutenberg CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D

7:00 PM Candle Lighting

CROWNE BALLROOM

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat Dvar Torah: *Rabbi Mordechai Kraft*

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

7:15 PM — 8:00 PM Shabbat: Escape to a Higher Reality

(for Women)

Rebbetzin Tehila Jaeger CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D 8:00 PM Shabbat Dinner

Welcome Address: Rabbi Reuven Kigel Dvar Torah: Rabbi Nissim Mushevev

CROWNE BALLROOM A AND B

10:00 PM Emet Plenary Session

Breaking Down Barriers:

Setting Yourself Up for Success

Before Rosh Hashanah

Introduction: *Rabbi Avi Cassel Rabbi Akiva Rutenberg, Moderator*

Rabbi Reuven Kigel Rabbi Mordechai Kraft Rabbi Nissim Musheyev CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D

11:00 PM Oneg Shabbat

CROWNE BALLROOM

11:30 PM Q&A With the Rabbis:

Everything You Wanted to Know

But Were Too Afraid to Ask

Rabbi Reuven Kigel, Moderator

Rabbi Mordechai Kraft Rabbi Chaim Muskat Rabbi Akiva Rutenberg Rabbi Binyamin Yuhanan

CROWNE BALLROOM

Shabbat Day

7:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Breakfast AMETHYST 1

Shacharit (Morning Services)

Dvar Halacha: Rabbi Binyamin Yuhanan

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

10:30 AM — 11:30 AM

Tapping into Your Unique Power as a

Jewish Woman (for Women)

Mrs. Devorah Kigel

CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D

11:30 AM

Gala Kiddush

CROWNE ASSEMBLY

(LOBBY OF CROWNE BALLROOM)

12:10 PM — 1:10 PM

Is Science Coming Closer to

Torah's Narrative of Creation?

Rabbi Binyamin Yuhanan

TURQUOISE

Seven Mystical Gates of the Kabbalah:

Unlocking Mysteries of the Universe's

Existence

Rabbi Chaim Muskat

OPAL

Preparing to Meet the King:

G-d Needs Me to be Me!

Rabbi Mordechai Kraft

AMETHYST 2

True Happiness: Yes, it is Possible!

Rabbi Akiva Rutenberg

TOPAZ

1:15 PM

Shabbat Lunch

Dvar Torah: Rabbi Michael Fuzaylov

CROWNE BALLROOM A AND B

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Elevate Your Shabbat: Laws of Shabbat with Q&A (for Men and Women) Rabbi Binyamin Yuhanan TOPAZ

Appreciating Our Blessings: Brush Up on Laws of Brachot (for Women) *Mrs. Rivka Muskat* TURQUOISE

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

A Glimpse into Modern Day Kashrut: A Practical Guide (for Men and Women) Rabbi Chaim Schwartz TOPAZ

Mysteries of the Mikva: Review and Renew (for Married Women) *Mrs. Rivka Muskat* TUROUOISE

5:00 PM — 6:00 PM

The Centrality of Torah:
What it Means for Me and Why it
Should Matter to You
Rabbi Michael Fuzaylov
Rabbi Reuven Kigel
Rabbi Eliyahu Maksumov
SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

Rosh Hashanah: The Joy of Creating a New Start (for Single Women) Rebbetzin Tehila Jaeger CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D

Turning Over a New Leaf in Your Marriage for the New Year (for Married Women)

Mrs. Devorah Kigel

TOPAZ

6:00 PM

Mincha (Afternoon Services) SAPPHIRE (SHUL) 6:00 PM — 8:45 PM

Woman to Woman:

Interactive Chavruta Learning

Let's Step it Up Together!

Shira Fendel

Seuda Shlishit

(3rd Meal, Finale of Shabbat)

Greeting the New Year Together

Rebbetzin Tehila Jaeger BALLROOM C AND D

6:30 PM

Dynamic Chavruta Learning

(for Men)

Introductory Remarks *Rabbi Michael Fuzaylov*

The Power of Learning Together

Rabbi Eliyahu Maksumov

Seuda Shlishit

Knowledge is Power: Using Torah Learning to Launch Your Growth

(for Men)

Rabbi Avi Cassel SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

8:45 PM

Arvit Followed by Musical Havdala

Havdala in Mystical Thought

Rabbi Mordechai Kraft

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

Saturday Night - Motzaei Shabbat

10:30 PM

Festive Melave Malka Banquet

DJ and Special Guest Speaker

CROWNE BALLROOM

1:00 AM

Selichot

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)



6:00 AM — 7:00 AM Men's Swimming

7:15 AM — 8:00 AM Women's Swimming

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM Shacharit (Morning Services)

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

8:30 AM — 10:00 AM Breakfast

CROWNE BALLROOM A AND B

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM When Judging is Loving

(for Men and Women) Rabbi Mordechai Kraft

SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

Believing in Yourself and

Your Capacity to Change

(for Women) Mrs. Rivka Muskat

CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D

11:05 AM - 12:00 PM Beating the Yetzer Harah: 5 Secrets

to Healthy Growth in the New Year

(for Women) Mrs. Devorah Kiael

CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D

Becoming the Ultimate Jewish Man

This Year! (for Men)
Rabbi Reuven Kigel
SAPPHIRE (SHUL)

12:05 PM - 1:00 PM Bringing it All Home

Rabbi Nissim Musheyev
CROWNE BALLROOM C AND D

1:00 PM BBO

Farewell

Rabbi Akiva Rutenberg

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Presenters



Rabbi Akiva Rutenberg, Emet Founder and CEO, attended Yeshiva Shaar HaTorah and received rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Zelik Epstein, Ztz"l. Rabbi Rutenberg received a Master's degree in Social Work from NYU. In addition to guiding the Emet staff, Rabbi

Rutenberg is responsible for Emet's fundraising and development initiatives. He lectures extensively on topics related to relationships and has guided many couples on the path of shalom bayit.



Rabbi Mordechai Kraft, Emet Founder and Educational Director, holds a BA degree in History from Trinity College in Hartford, CT. He studied in Israel for four years and then for over a decade at Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim under the Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Henach

Leibowitz Ztz"l, where he received their prestigious "Yoreh Yoreh, Yadin Yadin" rabbinic ordination in 1999. Rabbi Kraft serves as Emet's Menahel Ruchani - spiritual director - guiding the organization, staff, and students to new heights in spiritual development. Rabbi Kraft also serves as the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Havurat Yisrael in Forest Hills.



Sara (Basiratmand) Benyamin, Emet Program Director, was born in Iran and grew up in Queens. Sara attended TBY, Tiferes Bnos Yisroel Seminary, and later attended Queensborough Community College and Touro College. Joining Emet in 2004 while

still a student, Sara has truly been part of Emet from the beginning and she has elevated our programming to a new dimension. Her boundless love for Judaism is absolutely contagious and builds momentum and excitement among Emet students. Sara has organized and led several Emet Birthright trips. Her energy and enthusiasm level are unsurpassed. This past summer we all joined in happily celebrating Sara's wedding to Yiggy Benyamin and we welcome Yiggy to the Emet family.



Rabbi Avi Cassel, Olami Regional Director, North America, is a dedicated educator and manager and directs over 110 Olami programs, servicing more than 20,000 students around North America. Rabbi Cassel also travels around Europe and Russia, where he oversees STARS, a multiorganization partnership project in the former

Soviet Union. Rabbi Cassel is a graduate of the world's top yeshivot including Mir, Lakewood, and Ner Israel, and has more than 15 years of management, education and innovation experience.



Ms. Shira Fendel, the Women's Director at Emet, grew up in Forest Hills and now lives in Brooklyn. She received her Judaic studies teaching certification from Hadar Bais Yaakov Teacher's Seminary in Jerusalem. Back in New York, Shira studied Special Education at Mercy College. A wealth of outreach experience accompanies Shira to Emet. On staff at Camp Shoroshim for seven summers, Shira

subsequently created and then directed, a collegiate summer retreat program at Camp Oorah. Several schools have benefited from Shira's dynamic teaching and organizational skills including Yeshiva Institute, Queens Gymnasia and most significantly, Yeshiva of Central Queens, where Shira is currently a beloved grade school teacher and curriculum coordinator. Shira's creativity and tremendous energy result in many concurrent projects which she balances gracefully. Her love and concern for each and every Emet student is legendary.



Rabbi Michael Fuzaylov became an Emet student over a decade ago and joined the Emet staff within five years. He attended Yeshiva University, where he finished a degree in Sociology along with a pre-med curriculum in 2009. He then learned in Kollel in Yeshivas

Zichron Aryeh for six years. Rabbi Fuzaylov spearheaded and teaches in our popular Beit Midrash program at Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim. He also coordinates Emet's flagship fellowship program in Forest Hills, and lectures on college campuses. Rabbi Fuzaylov and his wife, Mrs. Dina Fuzaylov, are part of the Emet Young Professionals/Married Couples division.

Rebbezin Tehila Jaeger, a noted and beloved teacher of Torah, is the daughter of renowned Kiruv pioneers, Rabbi Shlomo Freifeld Ztz"l, founder of Yeshiva Sh'or Yoshuv, and Rebbetzin Chaya Sarah Freifeld. She is married to Rabbi Naftali Jaeger, current Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Sh'or Yoshuv. Rebbetzin Jaeger passionately believes that the future of Am Yisroel is keenly affected by the degree that women, as molders of the next generation, will spiritually deepen themselves. Her first and most sacred priority remains nurturing her family. Rebbetzin Jaeger has been across the USA sharing Torah that uplifts and illuminates her life. She resides with her family in Far Rockaway, New York.



Rabbi Reuven Kigel, Emet's Campus Director, was born during the heyday of communism to capitalist-aspiring parents in Kiev, USSR, and immigrated to the USA as a young child. Rabbi Kigel graduated from the University of Michigan with a finance degree and worked as a stock and options trader on the NY Stock Exchange. He

studied at Yeshivas Ohr Somayach in Monsey, and also at Yeshivas Bircas HaTorah in Jerusalem, where he adopted their dynamic style of making the Talmud's teachings come to life. Rabbi Kigel joined Emet in 2007 and is a charismatic teacher, leading many of Emet's campus programs in NYC. Rabbi Kigel is also the Chaplain of Baruch College.



Mrs. Devorah Kigel earned a BA degree from Hamilton College in French and women's studies and a Masters from Middlebury College, and then studied at yeshiva in Israel. She has worked at NY's Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah, and the Jewish Renaissance Center, and has taught Judaism for women since 2001 for NYU, Rutgers, Touro, Discovery, Aish, Manhattan Jewish

Experience and the Jewish International Connection. A popular and relatable lecturer for the Emet Women's Division, Mrs. Kigel also teaches brides for marriage and is a professional dating coach with over 94 clients married. She and her husband Rabbi Kigel both do dating and marriage coaching and host Shabbat guests every week.



Rabbi Eliyahu Maksumov teaches and assists with Torat Emet, EMET's higher level boys' learning program, and at EMET college campus programs, including overseeing the Shabbat Minyan with Rabbi Dovid Delman. Rabbi Maksumov grew up in

a non-observant home and at the end of his high school years, strengthened his commitment to Torah observance. He developed a strong love of learning Torah and a deep passion for teaching it to others. After graduating from Mesivta Tiferes Jerusalem High School, Rabbi Maksumov attended Yeshiva Zichron Aryeh and Yeshiva Derech Chaim. Rabbi Maksumov has also worked with Chazaq and Time Out for Values. Rabbi Maksumov inspires others to grow to their fullest potential.



Rabbi Nissim Musheyev, Director of Torat Emet, Emet's higher level boys' learning program, was born in Tashkent, raised in NY and graduated from Ezra Academy. Rabbi Musheyev then learned in kollel in Israel at Neve Zion for six years, and subsequently

received semicha from Rabbi Mordechai Friedlander, a Dayan from the Eida Hacharedit. Rabbi Musheyev was the 8th grade rebbe at Shaarei Zion and director of their amazing summer camp. He now teaches in several Emet programs and is actively involved in community development. Rabbi and Mrs. Musheyev host Emet students for Shabbat at their home in Far Rockaway.



Rabbi Chaim Muskat grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attended the Rabbinical Seminary of America, also known as Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim. He attained their prestigious "Yoreh Yoreh Yadin Yadin" semicha in 1996. Rabbi Muskat serves as the Director of STAR, a non-profit charitable organization in

Queens which supports many Torah institutions both here and abroad. He is active in a plethora of community endeavors, many of which have immensely benefitted the greater Queens Bukharian community. An accomplished Torah scholar, his expertise and lectures range from Talmud and Halacha to the realm of Torah and science.

Mrs. Rivka Muskat, Emet Associate Director, grew up in Brooklyn and received Judaic studies teaching certification from Bais Yaakov Yerushalayim Teacher's Seminary in Jerusalem, Israel. She graduated with honors from Touro College with a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics/Computer Programming. For many years Mrs. Muskat taught women's topics in Judaism, but was primarily employed as a software developer at several financial institutions in NYC. In 2006, Mrs. Muskat joined Emet Outreach to program for a higher cause. Mrs. Muskat has enriched Emet with her professional expertise and leadership, knowledge of Judaism, and warmth and connection to Emet students.

Rabbi Chaim Schwartz leads the Vaad Harabonim of Queens (VHQ) as Executive Vice President. He serves as the rabbi at Congregation Ohr Bekhor Halevi in Kew Gardens, NY. Rabbi Schwartz received semicha from Yeshiva Heichal Hatorah in Jerusalem, from Rav Tzvi Kushelevsky. Rabbi and Mrs. Schwartz reside with their family in Kew Gardens.



Rabbi Binyamin Yuhanan, Emet Couples Division Rabbi, was born in Tashkent and moved to Philadelphia at age 16. Rabbi Yuhanan graduated from Drexel University in physics and biology and has conducted cutting edge scientific research in NY and

Israel. In 2003, Rabbi Yuhanan received his Rabbinic Ordination from Rabbi Zimmerman, the Chief Rabbi of Gateshead, United Kingdom. Rabbi Yuhanan joined Emet in 2007 and enriches countless students and alumni with his profound, in-depth lectures. He devotes his Sunday mornings to teaching men at Congregation Bet Boruchai in Rego Park, followed by teaching women at the Ateret Emet seminary, led by Ms. Shira Fendel. Rabbi Yuhanan provides sage halachic advice and guidance to countless young couples on questions that arise on a regular basis, and is available Sunday afternoon by appointment to meet with individual couples for personalized learning sessions.





Important Notes

. The tea room, featuring an assortment of refreshments, located in Amethyst 1, i pen 24 hours a day for your convenience.

. Babysitting will be available in Peridot during all lectures, as well as during the eneg Shabbat until 11:30 PM, the 3rd Shabbat meal & the Melava Malka.

. In addition, from 10 PM-11:30 PM, babysitters will circulate in the hallways outide the hotel rooms that are designated as rooms with sleeping babies inside. Equire with our babysitting director for more information. Enjoy!

The Emet Labor Day Shabbat of Inspiration is sponsored in memory of

Sara bat Yitzehak Simantov a"h



Sara was a kind and giving person with a beautiful and genuine smile.

She jumped at the chance to be hospitable and shared in the happiness of others.

Sara felt the importance of Judaism in her life and always sought new opportunities to grow.



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