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INTO THE NIGHT Brings Tikkun Leil Shavuot Downtown



NEW YORK – *The 14th Street Y, with LABA: A Laboratory for Jewish Culture and LAB/Shul, are bringing together more than 20 downtown community partners for a nocturnal journey through culture, conversation and ritual. INTO THE NIGHT, the first ever downtown Tikkun Leil Shavuot will be held on June 3, 2014 from 7pm to 7am, at the 14th Street Y (344 East 14th Street). There will be art, music, ritual, lectures, a chance to have difficult conversations and physical movement too – enough to take us from dusk to dawn.*

The Tikkun is an all-night, free event featuring LABA Fellows, Lab/Shul Storahellers, artists, musicians, teachers, and rabbis from downtown synagogues, communities and organizations, who will lead sessions and workshops designed to awaken attendees from their emotional, spiritual, and intellectual slumbers.

The Tikkun is the first major initiative from the 14th Street Y’s new Executive Director, Rabbi Shira Koch Epstein, who says her larger goal is for the Y to become a center for a newly reinvigorated downtown Jewish life.

“We are thrilled to be able to convene some of the most innovative Jewish organizations in the world – all located in downtown New York – for this Tikkun. Programs like LABA and LAB/Shul are reimagining Jewish life for the 21st century through culture and ritual. The ability to share and explore together will strengthen and inspire us as a community of thinkers, dreamers and believers,” said Rabbi Epstein.

Program partners include Amichai Lau-Lavie and Naomi Less of LAB/Shul, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum and Rabbi Rachel Weiss of Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, Jeremiah Lockwood of The Sway Machinery, Alicia Svigals, and the Jewish Plays Project, who will be presenting an original play cycle entitled *True Bible Tales*, by Robert Askins and directed by Benjamin Kamine. A full list of partners and presenters can be found below and on our website www.14streeety.org/tikkun.

INTO THE NIGHT is possible thanks to the generous support of the UJA-Federation of New York. There will be programs for all levels of observance. A photo ID is required for entry.

Tikkun Partners:

Brotherhood Synagogue, The Bronfman Center for Jewish Life of NYU, Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue, East End Temple, Hazon, Jewish Community Project Downtown, The Jewish Plays Project, LABA: A Laboratory for Jewish Culture, LAB/Shul, Manny Cantor Center, The New Shul, Ohel Ayalah, Ovenly, Reboot, School for Creative Judaism, The Sixth Street Community Synagogue, Tamid: The Downtown Synagogue, Town & Village Synagogue, UJA-Federation of New York, The Village Temple, Zeek

Teachers, Musicians and Artists:

Rabbi David Adelson, Rabbi Daniel Alder, Rabbi Gavriel Bellino, Erica Brody, Elan Ezrachi, Adi Ezroni , Cooperber-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Mikie Goldstein, Rabbi Jason Klein, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Mirta Kupferminc, Rabbi Shira Koch Epstein, Rabbi Zach Fredman and the Epichorus, Amichai Lau-Lavie, Naomi Less, Nadav Lev, Rabbi Darren Levine, Jeremiah Lockwood/Sway Machinery, Dan Nadal, Ruby Namdar, Erin Patinkin, Cantor Shayna Postman, Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Ruhi Sophia Rubenstein, Nigel Savage, Uri Scharlin, Rabbi Larry Sebert, Misha Shulman, Alicia Svigals, Eli Valley, David Winitsky, Rabbi Rachel Weiss

About The Arts at the 14th Street Y

The 14th Street Y is a cultural center focused on innovation and connection. We play host to some of New York City's most cutting-edge theater and dance companies and produce our own original programming through LABA: A Laboratory for Jewish Culture.

About The 14th Street Y

The 14th Street Y serves over 10,000 East Village residents each year with a variety of community programs including a state-of-the-art Fitness Center, Aquatics Program, a Preschool, Baby & Toddler classes, After School programs, Sports Leagues and Arts & Culture events. The 14th Street Y is proud to be a part of the Educational Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a 125-year history of serving New Yorkers downtown.

Location: The 14th Street Y
344 East 14th Street
(Between 1st & 2nd Avenues)
New York, NY 10003

Phone: 646-395-4310

Website: www.14StreetY.org/tikkun

Directions: L to 1st Avenue; 4, 5, 6, Q, N, R, or W trains to Union Square

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