



The Saratoga
Jewish Cultural Festival
bringing community together



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 *The Saratoga Jewish Cultural Festival*

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Summer 2019
Open to the public

**A series of fun and
family-friendly events!**

Sunday
June
2

2 – 4 PM



The Isle of Klezbos

📍 **Congregation Shaara Tfilla**
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 584-2370 or saratogajcc@albany.twcbc.com

💰 \$5 per person – Students free with ID

This soulful, fun-loving, all-women’s Klezmer group combines tradition with irreverence and respect by performing a repertoire that ranges from neo-traditional folk dance, mystical melodies, Yiddish swing & retro tango, to re-grooved standards, and genre-defying originals.

Dessert Reception to follow

Sunday
June
16

7 PM



Jews, Culture & the Comics

📍 **Temple Sinai**
509 Broadway, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 584-8730 option 2 for reservations

💰 \$5 donation requested

With Reb Simcha Weinstein, Matthew Neugroschel, and Rob Kovach
How did Jews come to have such a disproportionate influence on a medium cultivated in the 1930s that still resonates today?

Dessert Reception to follow

Tuesday
June
18

7 PM



Refusenik

📍 **Saratoga Chabad**
130 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 526-0773 or saratorah@gmail.com

💰 \$5 donation requested

Refusenik chronicles the 30-year international movement to free Soviet Jews. The first retrospective film about the movement, it has been called a “seminal” work on the subject. Told through the eyes of activists on both sides of the Iron Curtain, including many who survived punishment in Soviet Gulag labor camps. A tapestry of first-person accounts of heroism, sacrifice, and, ultimately, liberation.

Sunday
June
23

5 PM



Body Challenged, Soul Redeemed

📍 **Hyatt Place, Malta**
20 State Farm Place, Malta

☎️ RSVP (518) 495-0779 or cliftonparkchabad.com

💰 \$20 before June 9, \$25 after

11th Annual Jewish Women’s Gala

Enjoy a gourmet buffet dinner, Silent Auction, and inspirational evening with Amanda Spiro.

Sponsored by Chabads of Saratoga County

Sunday
June
30

10 AM –
12 PM



The Great Parade-A-Thon

📍 **Halfmoon Town Park**
162 NY-236, Clifton Park

☎️ RSVP (518) 495-0779 or cliftonparkchabad.com

Ride with Jewish pride! Work in teams to create a united impact for Jewish education across the globe. Bedazzle your bikes, helmets, rollerblades, or skateboards for a one-of-a-kind, musical Parade-A-Thon celebrating Jewish pride.

Kosher BBQ to follow! Co-sponsored by PJ Library

Tuesday
July
9

7 PM



David Babinet, Opera Star

📍 **Saratoga Chabad**
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☎️ (518) 526-0773 or saratorah@gmail.com

💰 \$10 donation requested

From the stage of the LA Opera to the cantor’s pulpit, Mr. Babinet’s diverse repertoire includes Broadway, Yiddish, Cantorial, Ladino, and Israeli melodies. The evening will feature wine tasting.

Sunday
July
14

7 PM



Dough and Delectables

📍 **Congregation Shaara Tfillie**
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 584-2370

💰 \$5 per person – Students free with ID

Jonathan Pryce stars as an old Jewish baker whose faltering business is inadvertently saved by his young Muslim apprentice in the British dramedy *Dough*. This film is a warmhearted and gently humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places.

Delicious array of treats prepared by their Sisterhood Bakers to follow

Monday
July
22

7 PM



The Invisibles

📍 **Wilson Chapel, Skidmore College**

☎️ (518) 584-8730 option 2 for reservations

💰 \$5 donation requested

Goebbels declared Berlin “free of Jews” in 1943. This is the story of four young women out of some 1700 Jews in WWII Berlin who by resourcefulness, willpower, and sheer chance managed to survive in plain sight until liberation.

Panel Discussion and Dessert Reception to follow

Sunday
August
4

7 PM



Joseph Pulitzer: Voice of the People

📍 **Congregation Shaara Tfillie**
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 584-2370

💰 \$5 per person – Students free with ID

Panel Discussion of Journalists

Pulitzer is an American icon who spoke of “fake news” more than 100 years ago. How did Joseph Pulitzer, once a penniless young Jewish immigrant from Hungary, come to challenge a popular president and fight for freedom of the press as essential to our democracy?

Refreshments to follow

Monday
August
12

7 PM



Who Will Write Our History?

📍 **Temple Sinai**
509 Broadway, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 584-8730 option 2 for reservations

💰 \$5 donation requested

Based on Samuel Kassow’s book about historian Emanuel Ringelblum, this movie recounts a bold story of Nazi Resistance. After German forces imprisoned hundreds of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a band of writers, scholars, and artists code-named *Oyneg Shabes* (The Joys of Shabbat) began a mission to collect and document the story of the war from the Jewish point of view. Their goal was to defy their enemy with the ultimate weapon—the truth. They risked everything so that these archives would survive even if they did not.

Panel Discussion and Dessert Reception to follow

Tuesday
August
13

5:30 PM



Klezmer & Kosher Festival

📍 **Clifton Park Chabad**
495 Moe Road, Clifton Park

☎️ (518) 495-0779 or cliftonparkchabad.com

💰 \$8 per person

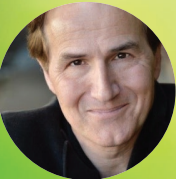
The 6th annual Klezmer and Kosher Festival will feature local flavors and live Klezmer music! Come taste all the kosher that New York State has to offer!

Sponsored by Clifton Park Chabad



Tuesday
August
20

7 PM



Robert Cait, Comedian

📍 **Saratoga Chabad**
130 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 526-0773 or saratorah@gmail.com

💰 \$10 donation requested

Robert Cait's brilliant Jewish stand-up comedy has earned him the prestigious title "George Carlin with a kippah." With one wonderful exception: Robert works "Kosher-Clean!" His hilarious stand-up has kept audiences rolling from "The Just For Laughs Comedy Festival" in Montreal to the "Howard Stern Show" in New York to "Dennis Miller Live" in Las Vegas, and in theaters from coast to coast.

Friday
August
23

7 PM



Friday Night Live

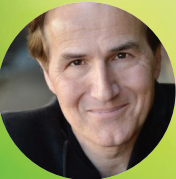
📍 **Congregation Beth Shalom**
688 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park

☎️ (518) 371-0608 Reservations not necessary

A Klezmer and New Orleans Jazz Shabbat evening service featuring the fabulous Adirondack Klezmer and Jazz Band. This highly anticipated experience is for people of ALL ages: six days to 120 years!

Tuesday
August
27

7 PM



Klezmer and Chinese Dinner

📍 **Saratoga Chabad**
130 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs

☎️ (518) 526-0773 or saratorah@gmail.com

💰 \$5 suggested donation

Back by popular demand, accomplished violinist Josh Susman will play classic Israeli and Chassidic music. Join us and enjoy a delicious Chinese dinner!

Panel Discussion and Dessert Reception to follow