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## Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan Launches Free “Re-Connect” Festivities to Celebrate Return of Various In-Person Classes and Programs

**New York, NY** (February 24, 2022) – The Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan (MMJCCM) announced today a series of free special activities to celebrate the return of a variety of in-person events and classes. **Launching Tuesday, March 1 and running through Wednesday, April 27**, free “Re-Connect” gatherings and activities in the lobby at the Samuel Priest Rose Building include drop-in classes, activities, and social events for all ages.

Lobby events, which are open to the public, include **Shabbat kit making, Purim and Passover holiday activities, health & wellness pop-up classes, a weekly coffeehouse for those aged 60 and up, a new exhibit in the Laurie M. Tisch Gallery, 20s & 30s happy hours, crafts and activities for children ages 0-12, a sneak peek of 2022 summer camp**, and more. For the full line-up of free weekday activities, please visit [mmjccm.org/re-connect](http://mmjccm.org/re-connect).

“In the Fall of 2020, we began welcoming our wonderful JCC community back into our building, and we are excited for the community to come back in full force this spring, with a broader slate of engaging in-person programming,” shares **MMJCCM CEO Rabbi Joanna Samuels**. “We promise it will be more fun than sitting on your couch!”

While the JCC Health Club and Saul and Carole Zabar Nursery School returned in-person to the JCC in September 2020, starting next month, many additional JCC programs, classes, and events will transition to an in-person format after being fully virtual since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. A selection of programs that are returning to an in-person format include: Center for Health & Wellness classes including Group Exercise, Tai Chi, and Adult Aquatics; Center for Special Needs programs including monthly volunteering with Service Corps X Repair the World and weekly Travel Tuesday; JSport indoor soccer league; Center for Modern Aging activities including Mah-Jongg, Chess, Bridge, and film screenings; the ReelAbilities Film Festival; and many others. Given its popularity, the JCC will continue to offer hybrid and virtual programming as well.

For the full calendar of JCC programs and classes, please visit [mmjccm.org/programs](http://mmjccm.org/programs).

All individuals aged 5 and up must be fully vaccinated to attend JCC programs. Individuals 12 and older are required to show proof of full vaccination (via NYS Excelsior Pass, NYC COVID Safe app, or vaccination card) each time entering the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan and JCC Harlem.

## **ABOUT THE MARLENE MEYERSON JCC MANHATTAN**

Together with its community, the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan creates opportunities for people to connect, grow, and learn within an ever-changing Jewish landscape. Located on 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, the JCC is a vibrant non-profit community center on the Upper West Side. It also presents a robust slate of virtual programming, serving an even wider community. The JCC serves over 55,000 people annually through 1,200 programs each season that educate, inspire, and transform participants' minds, bodies, and spirits. Throughout COVID-19, the JCC has pivoted to meet the community online, exceeding 102,000 registrations to over 3,000 virtual classes and programs in the earliest part of the pandemic. Since its inception, the JCC has been committed to serving the community by offering programs, classes, and events that extend beyond neighborhood boundaries, reaching people at all stages of their lives. Learn more at [mmjccm.org](http://mmjccm.org)

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