



## The New Shul in a Nutshell

### **Our Community.**

The New Shul is a community of people who share a vision of a progressive shul with a downtown flavor that is inclusive and egalitarian, warm and welcoming, life-affirming and spirit-moving. Adults can open new doors to their spirituality through learning that excites the mind and ignites the spirit. Families learn together and parents are partners with teachers in passing Judaism to their children. Heart and hand are united, where people rise to face the challenges of trying to heal a broken world.

### **Our Shabbat Service and Holiday Celebrations.**

Shabbat services are held on one Friday night and one or two Saturday mornings each month. Following services, everyone is invited to stay and socialize at our Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush. Children are welcome to sit with their parents during the services, or can participate in supervised Shabbat activities. Holidays at The New Shul are extraordinary intergenerational celebrations that involve our entire community and usually incorporate live music, dance, drama, and dinner into their observances.

### **Our Hebrew School – Not.**

*Rishonim*, The New Shul's innovative after-school education component, is an experiential program for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade that includes Bible Study, Hebrew language, holiday celebrations, and prayers, values, and ethics. B'nai Mitzvah Academy, our program for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, is individualized to meet the needs, interests, and abilities of each student. The Bar and Bat Mitzvah experience at The New Shul encourages our children to see this rite of passage as a beginning, rather than an end, to their lives as members of our community.

### **Our Vision.**

We've begun to realize our vision of building a new kind of Jewish community in downtown Manhattan creating a unique opportunity to create a context for Jewish life that is meaningful and relevant. We hope you'll want to be a part of it.

*If you have any questions, or just want to talk, feel free to call Rabbi Niles Goldstein at (718) 965-8456 or Amy Eichenwald Golding at (212) 284-6773.*