

KOSHER SENIOR CENTERS

The New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) provides an outstanding network of programming resource for the Orthodox Jewish community in its funding of local community senior centers. Each is on contract. Experiences at one center do not reflect experiences at another. Below is a listing of senior centers in the boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn and in western Nassau County. While each center has a core set of services it provides, the quality and scope and appropriateness for each individual is a matter of personal taste and preference. Similarly, each has indicated kosher meals are provided, albeit with different standards of acceptability. Further, the experience at one senior center does not necessarily reflect the opportunities at another senior center. In discussions with the center directors with Kol HaKavod News, we were advised that they invite anyone who may be interested to come and register for their programming. For example, someone in Queens who knows that there is a particular leader of an exercise class in Brooklyn that they particularly find to be suitable for them is welcome to participate in the Brooklyn program, and the same is true of Brooklynites who wish to participate in Queens. Phone numbers are provided so that our readers can research the centers that are suitable to their own needs.

On a practical level and for convenience, DFTA allocates senior centers by zip codes and what is being suggested is somewhat creative and not the norm. At the same time, the centers have been established to be used. Everyone has a personal preference and these are respected.

Another important variable in programming at each of the senior centers is leadership. This is true in any organization; that is, leadership will define the quality of the services delivered, just as a pastrami on club will vary, depending on which restaurant you go to. Below is a sampling of centers that we visited and that have demonstrated outstanding leadership with concomitant programming. Other centers will be featured in future issues.

This listing is a work in progress. We welcome your comments (info@lorechyomim.org). Your experiences will help others to decide which centers they might wish to select. The directors also indicate that they would be happy to consider additional programming sessions, such as a men's shiur, and would welcome those in the community who have the interest and expertise to offer such. In most instances, an attractive facility is there, in the heart of the community. It is an excellent resource for both educating and learning.

Brooklyn

Name of Center	Address	Community	Telephone
BORO PARK SENIOR CENTER	5602 11TH AVE.	BORO PARK	(718) 854-7430
BORO PARK YM-YWHA SENIOR CENTER	4912 14TH AVE.	BORO PARK	(718) 435-3804
BOULEVARD SENIOR CENTER	726 STANLEY AVE.	BROOKLYN	(718) 272-6202
BREVOORT SENIOR CENTER	280 RALPH AVE.	BROOKLYN	(718) 467-7381
BROOKDALE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	817 AVE. H	BROOKLYN	(718) 434-8670
COUNCIL CENTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS	1001 QUENTIN ROAD	BROOKLYN	(718) 627-7680
HOUSE OF JACOB SENIOR CENTER	6222 23RD AVE.	BROOKLYN	(718) 259-0100
JASA HES SENIOR CENTER	9502 SEAVIEW AVE.	BROOKLYN	(718) 251-3700
JASA LUNA PARK SENIOR CENTER	2880 WEST 12TH ST.	BROOKLYN	(718) 996-6666
JASA MANHATTAN BEACH SENIOR CENTER	60 WEST END AVE.	MANHATTAN BEACH	(718) 646-1118
JASA MILL BASIN CENTER	2075 EAST 68 ST.	MILL BASIN	(718) 451-0779
JASA SCHEUER HOUSE OF CONEY ISL SR CTR	3601 SURF AVE.	CONEY ISLAND	(718) 373-3954
JASA SENIOR ALLIANCE SENIOR CENTER	161 CORBIN PLACE	BROOKLYN	(718) 646-4100
JASA SHOREFRONT SENIOR CENTER	3300 CONEY ISLAND AVE.	BROOKLYN	(718) 646-1444
JASA STARRETT CITY SENIOR CENTER	1540 VAN SICLEN AVE.	STARRETT CITY	(718) 642-1010
JASA/SUFFOLK Y JCC	74 HAUPPAUGE ROAD	COMMACK, NY 11725	(631) 462-9800
OCEAN PARKWAY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	1960 EAST 7TH ST.	BROOKLYN	(718) 627-2500
SEPHARDIC MULTI SERVICE SENIOR CENTER	485 KINGS HIGHWAY	BROOKLYN	(718) 336-1300
SHALOM SENIOR CENTER	483 ALBANY AVE.	BROOKLYN	(718) 774-9213
SR CITIZENS LEAGUE OF FLATBUSH SR CENTER	550 OCEAN PARKWAY	FLATBUSH	(718) 859-1797
WILLIAMSBURG-SATMAR SENIOR CENTER	125 HEYWARD ST.	WILLIAMSBURGH	(718) 625-1608
YOUNG ISRAEL BEDFORD BAY SENIOR CENTER	2114 BROWN ST.	BROOKLYN	(718) 769-2649
YOUNG ISRAEL SENIOR SERVICES OF MIDWOOD	1694 OCEAN AVE.	MIDWOOD	(718) 253-7800

Queens & Long Island

Name of Center	Address	Community	Zip	Telephone
AUSTIN STREET SENIOR CENTER	106-06 QUEENS BLVD.	FOREST HILLS	11375	(718) 520-8197
JASA ROY REUTHER SENIOR CENTER	711 SEAGIRT AVE.	FAR ROCKAWAY	11691	(718) 471-3110
JASA HOLLISWOOD SENIOR CENTER	86-25 FRANCES LEWIS BLVD.	JAMAICA	11427	(718) 776-8500
JASA ROCKAWAY PARK SENIOR CENTER	106-20 SHORE FRONT PKWY.	ROCKAWAY PK.	11694	(718) 634-3044
JASA BROOKDALE VILLAGE SENIOR CENTER	131 BEACH 19 TH ST.	FAR ROCKAWAY	11691	(718) 471-2300
JASA LONG BEACH SENIOR CENTER	570 W. WALNUT ST.	LONG BEACH	11561	(516) 432-5555
JASA SUFFOLK Y JCC	74 HAUPPAUGE RD.	COMMACK	11725	(631) 462-9800
YOUNG ISRAEL OF FOREST HILLS SENIOR LEAGUE	68-07 BURNS ST.	FOREST HILLS	11375	(718) 520-2305
YOUNG ISRAEL OF QUEENS VALLEY SENIOR LEAGUE	141-55 77TH AVE.	KEW GARDENS HILLS	11367	(718) 263-6995
YOUNG ISRAEL OF WAVECREST/BAYSWATER SR LG	2716 HEALY AVE.	BAYSWATER	11691	(718) 327-0297