

APPENDIX D:
NEW YORK CITY TRIP

2013

Nivonim New York Trip 2013
Itinerary and important information

Schedule

Monday July 22:

~7:00 am: leave camp
~11:00 am-12:00 pm: arrive in NY at Sutton Place Synagogue, put stuff down
12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch and relaxing in Central Park
2:00-3:30 pm: self-guided tours of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (by groups)
3:30-5:00 pm: gather groups outside the Met, walk to Bryant Park
5:00 pm: The African Queen playing free in Bryant Park (105 min)
7:00 pm: dinner (pizza delivered from Jerusalem Café)
8:00 pm: Times Square scavenger hunt
9:30 pm: walk back to SPS, go to bed

Tuesday July 23:

7:20 am: Kima
8:00 am: Tefillot with SPS minyan
8:45 am: Breakfast
9:15 am: Take the subway (E line), arrive at 10 am for 9/11 Memorial
10:15 am: Self-guided tours of the 9/11 Memorial
11:15 am: Post-Memorial tekes at Bowling Green
12:00 pm: lunch, self-guided tours of lower Manhattan
1:30 pm: Take subway to High Line (E line, 30 min)
2:00-3:30 pm: Walk High Line to SPS
3:30-4:30 pm: Menucha at SPS
4:30-5:30 pm: guest shiur from R. Ethan Tucker, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshivat Hadar, on "When Ethics and Halakha Conflict" at SPS
6:00 pm: Dinner (packout)
6:45 pm: Walk to Central Park for Summer Stage
8:00-10:00 pm: Summer Stage performance by the Martha Graham Dance Company free 8-10pm Central Park (<http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/calendar/martha-graham-dance-company-2/>)
10:00 pm: back to SPS, bed

Wednesday July 24:

7:20 am: Kima
8:00 am: Tefillot with SPS minyan
8:45 am: Breakfast
9:05 am: Pack up
9:30 am: Take subway (E→1 lines) to 116th St
10:30 am: Tour of JTS led by David, Q&A with admissions rep, pizza lunch
12:30 pm: bus pickup outside JTS, drive to Bronx Zoo (25-30 min ride)
1:00 Bronx zoo

2:30 pm: bus pickup from Bronx Zoo, go back to Palmer

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Bronx Zoo

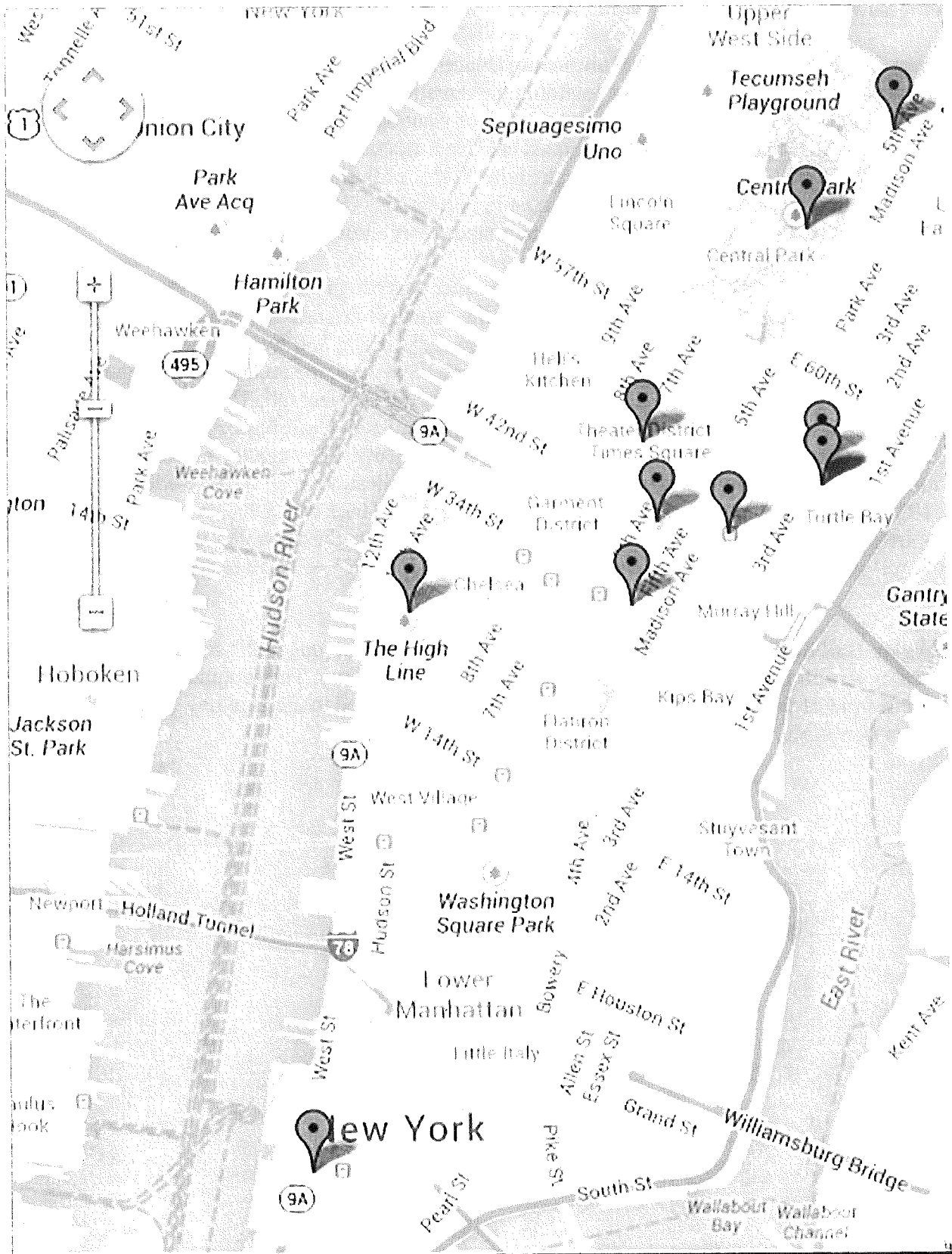
Address: 2300 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10460

Phone: (718) 367-1010

Scavenger hunt (Times Square)

You need photo/video evidence for each of these (ask your madrich/a). Be creative and have fun!

- Hug a police officer.
- Take a picture from Barbie's second floor window.
- Pose with a dog wearing a sweater.
- Dance to a Broadway song in front of the theater.
- Order Mexican Lasagna at a food cart
- Re-enact the Burr/Hamilton duel in front of the TKTS booth
- Get your picture taken with three people in costumes or wearing big signs
- A stranger making the Nivonim nun
- Posing like a picture you saw at the Met
- Buying food for a homeless person (worth more than other items!)
- With a street performer
- Entire group performing with a street performer
- Human pyramid (at least 6 people)
- Pretend to watch the ball drop on New Years
- Eating 13 differently colored M&Ms (for Nev 13!)
- Pretend to be dinosaurs on the sidewalk
- Have someone sitting on a street corner claiming that the end is near
- Teach stranger chorus of Sieben Sieben
- Pretend its Yom Sport
- Ask stranger for directions to Kfar Nevonim
- Everyone in the group walking and talking with their imaginary significant other
- "I <3 NY" tshirt. (extra points if it is on someone)
- 2 group members and Justin Bieber (real or photograph, extra points for real)
- Posing with a wax statue
- Have a debate who is worse, Voldemort or the Wicked Witch of the West
- Take a poll of what people prefer, pancakes or waffles (must get at least 10 responses)
- Seudah Shlishit jam sesh
- Pretend you're at a Rick Recht concert
- Take at least 5 flyers people are giving out
- Get a stranger to participate in the "Shabuya, roll call!" game
- Find a billboard that could serve as our Nevonim plaque (be prepared to explain)
- Someone who looks like David Offit (David Offit does not count)
- Group with something Jewish
- Singing and dancing to Kulanu Yachad in front of the TV screen recording people on the street
- With the Naked Cowboy
- Dog and cat together
- Misspelled sign
- Telling a joke outside Ha! Comedy Club
- Making weird faces outside Ripley's
- A picture of Beyonce
- With the Times Square subway stop sign
- Bartering for something



Additional walking tour sites: lower Manhattan

African Burial Ground National Monument (Duane and Elk Streets, just above City Hall on the Downtown Alliance map): a site containing the remains of more than 400 Africans buried during the late 17th and 18th centuries in a portion of what was the largest colonial-era cemetery for people of African descent, some free, most enslaved. Historians estimate there may have been 15,000–20,000 burials in what was called the "Negroes Burial Ground" in the 1700s. The site's excavation and study was called "the most important historic urban archeological project in the United States." There is a memorial and permanent exhibition at the site.

Trump Building, 40 Wall St: This 70-story skyscraper was originally known as the Bank of Manhattan Trust Building, but today is called the Trump Building. Construction began in 1928 with the goal of making it the tallest building in the world at 840 feet. At the time that title belonged to the Chrysler Building (838 feet). To clinch the record, the architects redesigned the Manhattan Trust and added three additional floors to make it 927 feet tall. That did make it the tallest building in the world in May 1930 when it was completed. Unfortunately, the architects of the Chrysler Building weren't about to give up the title so easily. They erected a 125-foot spire on top of the Chrysler Building, reclaiming the title as the tallest building in the world on May 28, 1930. Manhattan Trust lasted less than a month at No. 1. There was a debate over whether the spire counted in the competition, since 40 Wall St. had the highest usable floor, but all was put to rest when the Empire State Building was completed in 1931 at 1,250 feet, claiming the title.

Charging Bull Statue, 26 E Broadway/Bowling Green: the "Charging Bull" sculpture was created by Arturo Di Modica and represents a bull market economy. The sculpture was first placed in front of the New York Stock Exchange but was moved to the Bowling Green, where it has been ever since.

Additional walking tour info: Midtown

High Line: W 12th-30th and 10th Ave. When the High Line was built in the 1930s, it elevated freight rail tracks off the street to protect pedestrians. Its height also allowed it to uniquely interact with the many warehouses, storage facilities, and other industrial buildings. As industry started to decline in the 1960s, many of these buildings began to be used for commercial purposes, and they now house business offices, restaurants, and other uses. On the High Line you will see many of these former industrial sites, as well as other historical sites of interest, highlighting West Chelsea's heritage as a mixed-use neighborhood. Many of these buildings have been landmarked as part of the new West Chelsea Historic District.

Empire State Building: 350 5th Ave (@ W 34th): a 102-story skyscraper located in Midtown Manhattan, it has a roof height of 1,250 feet (381 meters), and with its antenna spire included, it stands a total of 1,454 ft (443.2 m) high. It stood as the world's tallest building for 40 years, from its completion in 1931 until construction of the World Trade Center's North Tower was completed in 1972. Following the September 11 attacks in 2001, the Empire State Building was again the tallest building in New York (although it was no longer the tallest in the US or the world), until One World Trade Center reached a greater height on April 30, 2012.^[10] The Empire State Building is currently the third-tallest completed skyscraper in the United States and the 22nd-tallest in the world (the tallest now is Burj Khalifa, located in Dubai). It is also the fourth-tallest freestanding structure in the Americas.

The Empire State Building is generally thought of as an American cultural icon. It is designed in the distinctive Art Deco style and has been named as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The building and its street floor interior are designated landmarks of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, and confirmed by the New York City Board of Estimate.^[11] The Empire State Building is currently undergoing a \$550 million renovation, with \$120 million spent in an effort to transform the building into a more energy efficient and eco-friendly structure.^[15] Receiving a gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating in September 2011, the Empire State Building is the tallest LEED certified building in the United States.^[16]

Grand Central Terminal: (E 42nd and Park) Grand Central is the largest train station in the world by number of platforms.^[3] 44, with 67 tracks along them. The terminal covers an area of 48 acres (19 ha).

Although the terminal has been properly called "Grand Central Terminal" since 1913, many people continue to refer to it as "Grand Central Station," the name of the previous rail station on the same site, and of the U.S. Post Office station next door, which is not part of the terminal. It is also sometimes used to refer to the Grand Central – 42nd Street subway station, which serves the terminal.

It has been described as "the world's loveliest station".^[4] According to the travel magazine *Travel + Leisure* in its October 2011 survey, Grand Central Terminal is "the world's number six most visited tourist attraction", bringing in approximately 21,600,000 visitors annually.

Post-September 11th Memorial Tekes

There is no replacing a person of wisdom.
There are mines for silver,
and places where gold is refined.
Iron is taken from the earth,
And copper is smelted from rock.
But where can wisdom be found?
And where is the source of understanding?
There is no replacing a person of wisdom.
Adapted from Job: 28:1-2, 12

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
² When the wicked advance against me
to devour^[a] me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.
³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.
⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.
⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred
tent and set me high upon a rock.
⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts
of joy; I will sing and make music to the
LORD.
⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.
¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.
¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.
¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my
foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.
¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

Lamentations 1:1-4

How deserted lies the city,
once so full of people!
How like a widow is she,
who once was great among the nations!
She who was queen among the provinces
has now become a slave.
² Bitterly she weeps at night,
tears are on her cheeks.
Among all her lovers
there is no one to comfort her.
All her friends have betrayed her;
they have become her enemies.
³ After affliction and harsh labor,
Judah has gone into exile.
She dwells among the nations;
she finds no resting place.

All who pursue her have overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
⁴ The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to her appointed
festivals.

All her gateways are desolate,
her priests groan,
her young women grieve,
and she is in bitter anguish

AMERICA IS A FIELD OF DREAMS

Rabbi Michael Strassfeld

What is America? A land? A nation? An idea?

What is America, but a field of dreams.

A voice said: If you build it, they will come. And they did.

For nearly four hundred years, people have come, by the millions drawn by the field of dreams that is America.

They have come to see their own dream fulfilled—for each a small dream—to have the economic opportunity to support a family, to try to ensure a better future for their children, maybe to own their own home, to be free to choose, to vote, to live freely----the American dream.

America is a field of dreams.

It has not been perfect. We have tried to learn from our mistakes—the treatment of Native Americans, the slavery of Afro-Americans.

Martin Luther King had a dream, and because of his dream millions of Americans both black and white were freed from old stereotypes and roles that locked people into negative relations.

The dream has remained constant. People have come from all over the globe to make this land, their land. There are new dreamers arriving each day.

To the enemies of America, I say listen carefully and you will hear the sound of America's armies marching. Not the sound of the army tramping out the vineyard where the grapes of wrath are stored.

Rather, the army of millions of Americans who will get up tomorrow and go to work and to school in the quest for the fulfillment of their dreams. It is **that** army that can not be defeated.

“O Beautiful for pilgrim feet
whose stern impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat
across the wilderness.”

To you who live in hiding, plotting in the dark caves of your minds visions of death and destruction

To you, we say we would rather live openly beneath the spacious skies, beside the shining seas and purple mountains---to spend our days living life, enjoying its blessings, rather than spreading death.

For in our mind's eyes, our skyline still retains two towers:

The first of caring, compassion, love and most of all self-sacrifice.

The second of an insatiable thirst for freedom.

They stand tall beneath the spacious skies
and so do we.

For America is a field of dreams and so shall it ever be.

In his time Nehemiah saw the collapsed walls of Jerusalem “which were broken down and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.” (2.13) Nehemiah called upon the people to remake the walls of Jerusalem. In response the people cried out “*Nakum oo-va-nee-mu*” “Let us rise up and build” (2.18)

As we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy the venture before us as a city and nation is not only to rebuild physical structures. Rather this is a time to re-imagine ourselves as an embodiment of Jewish survival and pledge ourselves to the mission of our people, that is to help all others by being a light, sharing our strength, enlarging our vision and courageously believing that every problem in our community is solvable and every dream is attainable...for the good of us all.

Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, Central Synagogue, New York City

Questions

- Do any of you have memories or strong connections to the September 11th attacks?
- What were some of the things that most jumped out at you when going through the memorial?
- Does thinking about 9/11 through the lens of Jewish sources help you understand it any better? Is there a relationship between Eichah and 9/11, or between Psalm 27's assurance of Hashem's protection and the harshness of the world we live in?
- This can really go wherever your group wants to take it.