



***Unmask. Unwind. Reunite.***

Eshel National LGBTQ+ Retreat

January 14-17, 2021

Parshat Va'eira

**All times listed in Eastern Time Zone**

**Thursday, January 14**

5:15 PM Newcomer Welcome with Miryam Kabakov

6:00 PM Introductions, Ground Rules & Speed-friending with Maxwell Morrongiello

7:00 PM Screening of *Marry Me, However*

8:00 PM Film Discussion with Motti Salzberg

8:30 Chaburah Groups

9:30 PM Fun Breakouts!

Makeup Demo with Shaindy, Gavi Nelson

Cholent Cabal with Eshel Philly, Eliana Cotter

Women's Hang out with the Brooklyn Women's group, Bracha Gold

Games with Eshel Toronto, Becky

10:30 PM Late night tribute and l'Chayims in honor of our essential workers

**Friday, January 15**

10:00-11:00 AM *Orthodox and Gay: From Oxymoron to Opportunity* with R. Steve Greenberg

11:00-11:45 PM *Everything you have always wanted to know about Eshel but were afraid to ask*  
with Eshel's Executive Director, Miryam Kabakov

2:15 *Getting in the mood for Shabbes: Niggunim* with Gedalia Penner

**Saturday, January 16**

8:30 PM Havdalah

9:00 PM Persian Cocktail Demo with Mab Abbasgholizadeh  
9:30 PM Variety Show with Liz Glazer and other fabulous talent!  
10:15 PM Dance Party with DJ Wildstyle!

## **Sunday, January 17**

9:00 AM Daf Yomi with Abby Stein  
9:30 AM *Pancakes, Omelets, Cappuccinos, Oh my!* - Breakfast by "Table"  
10:00 AM Welcome back, Introductions, Ground Rules with Miryam Kabakov  
10:15 AM *It's Not Good to Be Alone*, Rav Benny Lau and R. Steve Greenberg  
11:00 AM *I Do! How do we construct our wedding rituals?* Four couples discuss their ceremonies.  
12:15 PM Lunch and Pantry Staples Demo with Liz Alpern of the Gefilteria!  
1:00 PM Session 1  
*Race, Jewish Identity and Non-gendered Fashion* with Yseult Polfliet (MAIN ROOM)  
*Writing Between Tongues: An Exploration of Hebrew and Arabic Calligraphy* with Ruben Shimonov (SECOND ROOM)  
1:45 PM Chaburah Groups  
2:45 PM Break  
3:00 PM Session 2  
*Male and Female G-d Created Them; Occasionally in the same human: How intersex challenges the binary myth*, A conversation with Janet Green (MAIN ROOM)  
*Wonders in the Place of Darkness: A conversation with Joy Ladin* (SECOND ROOM)  
3:50 PM *Wonderous Well-being: LGBT+ Youth in Orthodox Jewish Schools* with Benjamin Ellis  
4:30 PM Closing Circle with Miryam Kabakov