

May 2026

## EVENTS

in and  
around the  
West  
Village

## LIFE LESSONS FROM MY MOM

The Jewish Dalai Lama



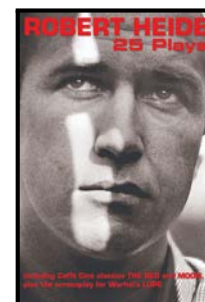
Randee Mia Berman

**RANDEE MIA BERMAN'S BOOK TALK**  
on **MOTHER'S DAY**  
**LIFE LESSONS FROM MY MOM,**  
**THE JEWISH DALAI LAMA**  
**Sunday, May 10 | 2:00 pm**  
**Jefferson Market Library**  
**425 6th Avenue**

"Everyone is looking for gurus on mountaintops and in monasteries. I found mine at the kitchen table. It was my mother. The book is filled with morsels of wisdom from my elegant, savvy mom—about everything from laughter, dancing and age to manners and music. Her grandchildren called her "bubala"—but maybe they should have called her "Buddha-la"! There are lots of nostalgic, vintage photos from the 50s and 60s. My mom played mandolin; my father was a court reporter and jazz pianist. My parents, born in Brooklyn, moved to Bayside in 1947, where I grew up. I then moved to Greenwich Village and lived there for four and a half decades! The book is a master class in approaching life with humor, logic and passion." —*Randee Mia Berman*

**THE HEIDE-HI HEIDE-HO SHOW**  
**Unbirthday Bash Play/Party for**  
**playwright Robert Heide**  
**Friday, May 8 | 6:00 pm**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**81 Christopher Street**

- Launch of the Robert Heide Emerging Playwright Award\*
- A staged reading of Heide's newly discovered play *Remember* with Jacquie Lynn Colton and Harvey Perr.
- Film Screening of Andy Warhol and Darryl Williams' stunning 1965 B&W silent art film of Robert's play *The Bed*
- Musical Tribute - Legendary pianists Peter Minton and Steve Ross pounding the



- ivories with their versions of *Happy Days Are Here Again*
- Additional Staged Readings of plays and excerpts from *Robert Heide - 25 Plays*
- *Much more!*

**SCREENING OF THE VOICES**  
**PROJECT: A CITY CHURCH**  
**Saturday, May 16 | 11:30 am**  
**The First Presbyterian Church in the**  
**City of New York**  
**Cinema Village, 22 East 12th Street**  
**cinemavillage.com**

This 80-minute documentary, directed by Steve Umberger, is an oral history of

the church told through the voices of some of the older and oldest members. Through interviews, group conversations, and archival material, the film reflects on moments that have shaped our shared life, including the Civil Rights era, LGBTQI advocacy, and September 11. The screening will be followed by a talkback with participants and the production team, and a reception at the church.

## Greenwich House Programs

**TASTE, TOAST, & TRANSFORM LIVES**  
**Monday, May 11**

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Taste of Greenwich Village 2026! Experience the very best of our neighborhood's culinary scene with signature tastings from NYC's top chefs and acclaimed restaurants. Enjoy an open bar, a specialty mocktail, and a live DJ, all while supporting Greenwich House's vital work in arts, education, and social services.

*The Experience:* Signature dishes from renowned local chefs, curated drinks, and high-energy music.

*The Impact:* Every ticket helps sustain our arts, wellness programs and social services for tens of thousands of New Yorkers.

*The Vibe:* A celebration of community, flavor, and Greenwich House programming.  
<https://greenwichhouse.org/about/get-involved/events/taste-of-greenwich-village/>

## Greenwich House Pottery

**EXHIBITION: A FORM OF REVERENCE**  
**Opening Reception**  
**Thursday, May 7, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Exhibit: May 7 – June 20**  
**16 Jones Street**

## Starting May 8:

Tue–Sun, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Cost: Free and open to the public**  
**[greenwichhouse.org/event/a-form-of-reverence-opening-reception/](https://greenwichhouse.org/event/a-form-of-reverence-opening-reception/)**

Join us at the Jane Hartsook Gallery for A Form of Reverence, a group exhibition curated by Derek Weisberg. Featuring ten acclaimed artists, this show explores clay's unique ability to bridge the material and spiritual worlds. From the body-centered abstractions of Stephen De Staebler to nature-inspired works by Paul S. Briggs and Kentaro Kawabata, the exhibition invites us to rediscover a sense of awe through the alchemy of earth and fire.

**SUMMER TEEN WHEEL INTENSIVE**  
**(Ages 14–17)**

August 18 – August 28

**(Mon–Fri Week 1; Mon–Thu Week 2)**  
**2:30 – 4:30 p.m. (Includes open studio**  
**access from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.)**

**GHP Chelsea Studio (80 Eighth Avenue)**  
**No prior experience required.**

Located at Greenwich House Pottery's Chelsea Studio, this two-week intensive (Ages 14–17) is a deep dive into the world of ceramics. Whether they are total beginners or looking to refine their craft, students will

master wheel throwing, handbuilding, and glazing in a professional studio environment. It's more than an art class, it's a space for mindfulness, creative risk-taking, and building confidence before the new school year begins. This is also a great way for students to build their arts portfolio.

## Greenwich House Music School

**UNCHARTED '26: THE STORYTELLERS**  
**Wednesday, May 6 @ 8:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$20

**46 Barrow Street**  
**[greenwichhouse.org/event/uncharted-erika-ji-miriam-elhajli](https://greenwichhouse.org/event/uncharted-erika-ji-miriam-elhajli)**

Join us for the grand finale of the Uncharted series featuring Erika Ji and Miriam Elhajli. Erika Ji debuts four; interwoven, a genre-blurring quartet that merges folk, theater, and choral song to explore the power of choosing love. Then, song-improviser Miriam Elhajli takes the stage with pianist Victor Campbell and special guests for a soulful exploration of Cuban and South American musical lineages. Both world premieres are the culmination of months of development during the Elebash Artist

Residency.

Don't miss this final night of the series, a powerful celebration of the voices, rhythms, and stories that define the modern New York immigrant experience.

**SUMMER ADVENTURES 2026 (AGES 3–5)**  
**July 6 – July 30, Mon–Thu**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Give your little ones a summer of wonder in the Greenwich House Music School's private backyard garden! Led by teaching artists Leslie and Brenna, Summer Adventures is an outdoor-first program where toddlers explore art, music, and movement through a gentle, child-led approach. From building animal homes to water play under the sun, every day is designed to nurture curiosity and creative expression in a safe, inclusive environment. Weather permitting, all activities take place outdoors.

*The Experience:* Small class sizes (max 12), daily music and storytelling, and weekly photo/video recaps for parents.

*Special Offer:* \$500/week (Save \$100 when you register for the full 4-week season!)  
Note: All children must be potty-trained.  
Nut-free snacks provided.