

Jonathan Edwards

Head of College Tea



Angela Buchdahl



Heart of a Stranger

Rabbi Angela Buchdahl stands as a pioneering and unifying voice in American religious life. Born in Seoul, South Korea, to a Korean Buddhist mother and a Jewish American father, Rabbi Buchdahl is the first Asian American to be ordained as both a cantor (1999) and a rabbi (2001) in North America. As the Senior Rabbi of New York City's historic Central Synagogue (2014), she is the first woman and the first Asian American to lead this prominent Reform congregation in its over 180-year history. Through her sermons, she has garnered a reputation as one of the nation's most influential rabbis, has been invited to lead prayers at White House Hanukkah celebrations under multiple presidents, and has served as a public voice of reason and strength during crises. As the bestselling author of *Heart of a Stranger*, she translates her groundbreaking personal journey into a powerful narrative of faith and belonging, advocating for a Judaism defined by faith, openness, and belonging, rather than by lineage or appearance.

Thursday, February 19th
JE HoC House
4:00 pm Tea
4:30pm Conversation