

On Wednesday, May 4th, Ring 244 hosted a lecture by Adam Elbaum. Adam is a close-up specialist from Philadelphia and a former camper at Tannen's Magic Camp. How ironic that several of our members were former instructors at the camp. Now he's teaching us! As a gift to the magic community on Long Island, Ring 244 welcomed all local magicians to attend. It turned out to be one of the largest attended lectures we have held in recent memory.

Adam discussed many principles and applications of the invisible deck, including one that will have every magician running for those worn out decks of cards that we all have sitting in a drawer. Adam next shared some magic theory including the importance of context. For example why would anyone carry around a stick with jewels on it? You should have a story to explain this. Adam continued with great card work including his Ambitious Card, which he believes to be the best version of the plot because of how fair it is. There's not a single double lift in the routine and most of the effect occurs in the spectators own hands. In the process of teaching the routine, He demonstrated his version of culling a card that showed improvements over the well-known Hofzinzer method and provided us with handling tips on top changes and card to wallet.

His invisible thread work was simply amazing to watch. He showed why after witnessing this, there is no way to follow it up with a card trick. We received great tips on how to strip out invisible thread. These invaluable tips alone made attending the lecture worthwhile.

If Adam lectures for your ring, be sure to attend! We enjoyed the magic he shared and highly recommend his lecture.

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