You shall not pervert justice; you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the just.
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Friday Night Shabbat Service:
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Password: TJCShabbat
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Zoom link begins on August 15
Saturday Morning Shabbat Services August/September 2020
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Sunday Morning Minyan: Zoom link begins on August 9
Sunday Morning Minyan August/September 2020
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COMMENORATE A LOVED ONE
YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE 5781

Every year TJC produces an annual Yizkor Book of Remembrance. This booklet is used at services four times during the year when Yizkor is recited, beginning with Yom Kippur. In the past it has been made available to you at services. This year we will deliver a copy of the booklet in addition to making an electronic version available to you on our website.

To commemorate a loved one in this booklet, please list their name(s) below and return the bottom portion, together with a check or credit card payment of $25 per name (through August 15 only). After August 15, the price increases to $30 per name.

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The TJC Book of Remembrance is prepared solely from your responses – the deadline to order is September 1.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Maryann Yarin at The Jewish Center office, (609) 921-0100 Ext. 201 or e-mail at myarin@thejewishcenter.org.

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Dear friends,

Looking back, I think that March 8 was the last time I interacted with other live human beings, when I went to a Coffee Convention at the Javitz Center in Manhattan. So its been about 5 months of social distancing. I’m sure if you check back, your time schedule will be similar.

At first, I was indignant that all over-65 year-olds are considered a vulnerable population. I’m ready to go, I’m ready to do! As it became clear that the nature of the disease, even for those who recover, is horrible, I was less eager to expose myself to others.

But scientists warn us that by self-quarantining to avoid one disease, Americans are at risk for another. That is the disease of loneliness. When Dr. Vivek Murthy served as the U.S. Surgeon General during part of the Obama and Trump administrations, he became increasingly concerned at how many people across the country were experiencing loneliness. Even in the hubbub of populated cities, many didn’t have close personal relationships, a supportive group of friends, or a sense of belonging within a community, all of which are central to our well-being.

In his new book, Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World, Murthy synthesizes the research on loneliness, giving us a primer on what it is and how it hurts our physical and mental health and decreases our longevity.

Dr Murthy tells us that there are three levels of connection that help us overcome feelings of loneliness. 1. Intimate connections with our family, and 2. Relational connection with our friends. Many have been FaceTiming and Zooming with our friends.

But Dr. Murthy identifies a third level that is counter-intuitive to American life. He says we also need communal connections. We seek a shared religious, communal identity to give us a sense of meaning and relationship in the world. Our Executive Director sums it up quite well when he ends his emails with this item on the left.

Our Torah describes who was present at Mt. Sinai, “You stand this day, all of you, before Adonai your God, your leaders, your elders, all the men of Israel, all the wives, the children, even the stranger in your camp, to the lowest water drawer and woodchopper to enter into the covenant.” Our tradition is telling us how important it is to be part of the community and to feel those bonds with other Jews. How do we overcome the loneliness of the pandemic? We connect to our families, we call our friends and we are strengthened by being part of THE JEWISH CENTER.

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg

My synagogue is open. It’s open every day. Because my synagogue is not a building. It is the people who are helping each other and their community. It is the prayers for those who are struggling medically, financially, and emotionally. My synagogue never closed. It just opened in every home.

(author unknown)

My Fellow Congregants:

This is an update on what your Board has decided regarding services in the Sanctuary. First, though, please reflect on the words above, brought to my attention by Joel Berger. As we’ve endured the social isolation and spiritual void created by the necessity of closing our buildings to help contain the coronavirus, some (perhaps many) of us have wondered if The Jewish Center can survive as an institution. I want to state firmly and without reservation that not only have we survived but we will continue to thrive despite the ongoing pandemic. Our Synagogue is open...in our hearts, through our actions, and by participation in on-line services and programs. For as long as we continue to support each other and our community through the many contributions of talent, energy and financial resources of our members, we will remain open, although the doors may be physically closed.

High Holidays

On Sunday, your Board of Directors made an exceedingly difficult but necessary decision. After considering the medical data, guidance from local and state governments, as well as information received from other area synagogues and the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), the Board has decided that all High Holiday services will be virtual this year. This decision was not made lightly. So much is still unknown about the coronavirus. We cannot accommodate more than a small fraction of our membership in the main building while maintaining social distancing. The Princeton School District has not made a final decision, but it seems unlikely that Riverside School will be available to us this year. Like many other synagogues throughout New Jersey, the Board decided that remaining virtual for the High Holidays was both prudent and equitable.

Over the next few weeks, you will receive more detailed information regarding the High Holidays. We are developing plans and programs to make services spiritually meaningful and visually engaging through the use of technology. Our educators are developing educational programs for our school children and applying creativity to engage our youngest members throughout the High Holiday season. We are putting together a High Holiday package to enable celebrating the holidays at home using our current machzor and a new Book of Remembrance. As we have done for many years, we will be conducting our annual drive to combat food insecurity, with both Arm-in-Arm and Jewish Family and Children’s Services benefiting from your generosity. From “check-in” calls to developing approaches to strengthen our community during this critical time, many people are working hard to compensate for our inability to gather physically by ensuring that we can be together emotionally and spiritually.

Services Over The Summer

After considerable discussion, the Board adopted the Safety Committee’s recommended protocols and we are beginning the process of physically reopening for other than the High Holidays. This will be a slow, deliberate, and cautious process, guided by the protocols and the principle of pikuach nefesh (the saving of life). A small committee is working to codify who can participate in services and under what conditions. I must stress, however, that we are only in “Phase 1” of the reopening process. We hope to move to “Phase 2” shortly and will do so if the data indicates we can remain safe. You will receive detailed information regarding what this all means just as soon as decisions are made, and the materials prepared.

I’d like to close with this observation, shared with me by Adam Schoer. Our current travails need to be seen through the lens of history. Our people have endured multiple tragedies over the centuries, but we always return to the joys of life. That is the lesson for these trying times. While we cannot make light of our difficulties, we must also never lose sight of our opportunities. To the best of our ability, we must look forward to the future. It is no accident that the Israeli national anthem is titled Hatikvah - The Hope. We deal with the realities of our present but hope that with G-d’s help, we will move to a brighter future.

B’shalom,

Randy Brett
MESSAGE from the Cantor

Dear TJC Friends,

Well, it's been hot. Really hot. Nevertheless, Deborah and I have been enjoying nature in our new home. Sitting on the front porch with its bird feeders, or in the back yard with its rabbits and its coyote (really?), we are surrounded by life. It's never boring!

And TJC is never boring either! I've been very busy working with Rabbi Schoenberg and the leadership and staff, preparing for the upcoming T'nis mitzvah and the High Holidays.

I've been thoroughly enjoying teaching my students, albeit online. Unlike other summers, they've been staying home, so there's been plenty of time for us to work together, learning trope and polishing prayers and Torah and Haftarah readings.

On another note, the Wednesday evening online music series Jewish Music: Across the Globe and Through the Generations, has been going great! We've had four special guests so far: Daniel Kahn from Berlin, Alicia Jo Rabins from Portland, Oregon, TJC's own Avi Paradise, and Philadelphia's Hazzan David Tilman. The sessions have been uplifting, informative, very participatory, and very well-attended. And the reviews from the participants have been glowing. Stay tuned for information about upcoming programs, and join us!

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Even in these extremely challenging times, I hope that you are finding peace and enjoyment in the quiet moments of summer. Deborah attended. And the reviews from the participants have been glowing. Stay tuned for information about upcoming programs, and join us!

Cantor Jeff
Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I’ve spent the last months socially distanced from close friends and family. I’ve also connected with friends across the country and around the world via Zoom—technology continues to amaze me.

I spent a lot of time thinking about friendship and connectedness over the past few months, and I took a closer look at the Hebrew word for friend (as in my quiet moments, I enjoy exploring Hebrew root words). The word friend, chaver, has the root chet, bet, raish. There are so many words that share this root—machberet, meaning notebook, chevrah or company/business, lechatashber means to join together, chevruta or the idea of a partner with whom to learn, and others.

Notebooks and friendship? A business and a learning partner? Some of these connections certainly make more sense, but I was reminded of something that I observed here at TJC over the past several months—we are together. The root chet, bet, raish means to connect. Connectedness is certainly something we have experienced as a community.

Our teachings tell us to make for ourselves a teacher, acquire for ourselves a friend and judge everyone favorably. It seems counterintuitive that we can say we have made friends over these past few months as we have socially distanced throughout this pandemic, and yet through Zoom meetings with professional cohorts, I have made friends, learned, and gathered with others in ways that I never even dreamed were possible.

What does this have to do, then, with a notebook? Or even a business? I can surmise that when I chibarti (plugged in) to Zoom to speak with my new chaverim, (friends) who were mostly plugged in to an unsuspecting friend. Meet an acquaintance for a socially-distanced cup of coffee and get to know them better.

Serve an anonymous gift to an unsuspecting friend. Meet an acquaintance for a socially-distanced cup of coffee and get to know them better. Send an anonymous gift to an unsuspecting friend. Meet an acquaintance for a socially-distanced cup of coffee and get to know them better.

Above all, remember the importance of those closest to you, and make room for new friends. Take the opportunity to reach out to someone with whom you’ve lost touch. Send an anonymous gift to an unsuspecting friend. Meet an acquaintance for a socially-distanced cup of coffee and get to know them better.

A rabbi I know used to send the students off in the summer with three instructions: read a book, take a long walk, make a new chaver—friend.

That connection might be one that challenges you to be a better version of yourself, helps you learn new things, and invites you to see the world from a new perspective.

I invite you to continue to strengthen your connections, remember the importance of those closest to you, and make room for new friends. Take the opportunity to reach out to someone with whom you’ve lost touch. Send an anonymous gift to an unsuspecting friend. Meet an acquaintance for a socially-distanced cup of coffee and get to know them better.

Above all, remember the importance of these connections—we are all stronger when we are together.

B’Shalom,

Sharon
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ALEXANDRA BAR-COHEN is president-elect of TJC. Previously, she served as Social Action chair, on the Israel Panel Project, and on the 2017 Nominating Committee. Alexandra has also been a Religious School teacher and facilitator for The Jewish Center chapter of Moving Traditions: Rosh Chodesh and currently serves on the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Mercer County. Though she has lived in Berlin, Tel Aviv, London, and Prague, her heart is at home in Princeton, where she and her husband, Barak, have been members since 2000. All three of the Bar-Cohen children are proud alumni of the preschool and Religious School at TJC.

JUDY KUTIN has been a member of TJC since 2002. She is currently the co-chair of the Finance Committee. In her spare time, Judy is a middle school math teacher. Judy lives in Princeton with her husband, Sandy, and three teenage daughters.

BOB LEBEAU has taught in a variety of programs at The Jewish Center and is an active participant in reading Torah and leading services, including the High Holidays at Riverside School. In his professional life, Bob directs two educational programs at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He and his wife, Leora Batnitzky, live in Princeton and are the parents of three boys who themselves have been active members of TJC.

NANCY LEWIS was the co-chair of the last Senior Rabbi Search Committee and was the TJC president from 2005-07. She has been active at the synagogue for almost 30 years and has served in many capacities on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. All three of her children attended the nursery school, Religious School, and had their b’nai mitzvah at TJC. She celebrated her adult bat mitzvah at TJC as well. And her husband, Michael, truly feel The Jewish Center is center in their lives and has been since they moved to Princeton 30 years ago. Linda is currently a vice president of Greenwood House Senior Services.

GABRIELLE CAYTON-HODGES has been a member of The Jewish Center since 1983. Her earliest positions with TJC were Religious School teacher and adult b’nai mitzvah tutor. Since then, Nancy has held several board, committee, and staff positions including administrative director from 1999 through 2007. She is currently the administrator for the Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Fund. Seven years ago, Nancy happily returned to one of her favorite TJC roles as a bar and bat mitzvah tutor. She and her husband, Neil, have all become bat mitzvah at TJC. Jen lives in Plainsboro and works as a training manager at Accenture.

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ALAN ZWEIBEL
An original “Saturday Night Live” writer, Alan has won multiple Emmy and Writers Guild for his work in television, which also includes “It’s Garry Shandling’s Show” (which he co-created and produced), “The Late Show With David Letterman” and “Curb Your Enthusiasm.”

A frequent guest on all of the late night talk shows, Alan’s theatrical contributions include his collaboration with Billy Crystal on the Tony Award winning play “700 Sundays” and Martin Short’s Broadway hit “Fame Becomes Me,” and six off-Broadway plays including “Bunny Bunny – Gilda Radner: A Sort of Romantic Comedy,” which he adapted from his best-selling book. All told, Alan has written eleven books including the 2006 Thurber Prize winning novel “The Other Shulman,” the popular children’s book “Our Tree Named Steve,” the novel “Lamictics” that he co-wrote with Dave Barry, and most recently a parody of the Haggadah titled “For This We Left Egypt!” that he wrote with Dave Barry and Adam Mansbach.

Alan’s humor has also appeared in such diverse publications as The New Yorker, Esquire, The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Times Op-Ed page, The Huffington Post and MAD Magazine. He has also penned a best-selling ebook titled “From My Bottom Drawer.”

The co-writer of the screenplays for the films “Dragnet,” “North,” and “The Story of Us,” Alan has received an honorary PhD. from the State University of New York and because of the diversity of his body or work, in 2010 the Writers Guild of America, East gave him a Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to the talk shows, Alan also appeared in episodes of “Curb Your Enthusiasm” and “Law & Order,” and can be seen in the documentary “The Last Laugh” about humor and the Holocaust, Judi Apatow’s “Zen Diaries of Garry Shandling” on HBO, “Gilbert” about the life of Gilbert Gottfried as well as the Emmy nominated CNN documentary he executive produced with his wife Robin titled “Love, Gilda.”

Alan is currently preparing “Bunny Bunny” for a return to the New York stage, his cultural memoir titled “Laugh Lines — My Life Helping Funny People Be Funnier” (Abrams Books) was released in April 2020, and a movie he co-wrote with Billy Crystal titled “Here Today” that stars Billy and Tiffany Haddish.

ALAN ZWEIBEL discusses his new book LAUGH LINES August 31 ~ 7:30 p.m.

I will be speaking about my new book Laugh Lines — My Life Helping Funny People be Funnier which not only chronicles my 45 year career in comedy (from the Catskills to Broadway) but I’ll also speak about the emotional events in my personal life that prompted me to write this book at this particular time. - Alan Zweibel

www.amazon.com/Laugh-Lines-Helping-People-Funnier/
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Due to Covid-19 we’re collecting in a different way:

**Monday, September 21 - Friday, September 25**

**Drop bags off at TJC between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Last year we broke all records of past food collections. We’re counting on you to make this year even better! All food will be donated to Jewish Family & Children’s Services and Arm-In-Arm.

Please open your hearts to those in need.

All food should be non-perishable, with plastic containers preferred. Requested foods are shown below.

- Hot & Cold Healthy Cereals
- Oatmeal, Grits, Cream of Wheat, etc.
- Shelf stable milk in boxes
- Parmalat, Almond Milk
- Applesauce
- Canned low fructose fruit
- or fruit cups
- Canned low sodium Vegetables
- Canned proteins - Tuna in water, Salmon, Chili, Chicken
- Canned Potatoes
- Honey
- Rice
- Pasta
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Dried beans
- Tomato sauce
- Gluten-free items
- Healthy Snacks
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Olive oil
- Canola oil
- Herbs and spices

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

September 21-25

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive will be done a little differently this year. We’ll be collecting food at The Jewish Center from Monday, September 21 - Friday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Jewish Family & Children’s Services & Arm-In-Arm will be receiving the food donations, but we’ll need volunteers to help with sorting it out as it comes in.

Please join us and sign up for 3-hour shifts on those days.

Covid-19 has changed our lives in so many ways and many more people need our help.

Let’s make this the most successful food drive yet.

To sign up, please contact Arlene Opatut: amjopatut@aol.com

Thank you for your kindness.

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**Join us for a Sukkot wine tasting!**

Join your JCW friends for a night of friendship, wine and being in the Sukkah (COVID depending)

**Email jcw@thejewishcenter.org for more information**

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A very special Thank you to Lisa Jacknow for facilitating the July NOSH & DROSH meeting.

Lisa shared her career path with us, along with her journey to achieve a dream job during a pandemic. Lisa’s experiences gave us inspiration and admiration. It was most apparent that Lisa’s new career as Editor and Head writer of Princeton Perspectives, a new online magazine, brings her true joy and brought joy to all who were Zooming with us that day. We were thrilled to have Lisa’s Mother and Mother in Law in attendance with us. You can register for Princeton Perspectives at https://princetonperspectives.com/. On August 20, via Zoom, we will have a panel including Rabbi Cathy Felix and Barbara Abramson discussing the best way to manage feelings of fear, anxiety, faith, loneliness, etc. through the pandemic. We look forward to “seeing” you then!

Stay well,

Lauren & Cynthia
live in Plainsboro. They have two married children, both alumni of TJC’s nursery and religious schools, and two grandchildren in Philadelphia.

DANA LITVACK MOLINA is co-chair of the Rabbi Search Committee. She has been an active member of TJC since she joined 5 years ago. She currently serves on the Religious Affairs Committee, was on the Interim Rabbi Search Committee, and celebrated her adult Bat Mitzvah two years ago. Dana and her husband, Alberto, live in Princeton with their children, Milo and Catalina, and it is thanks to Catalina’s own desire to study for her bat mitzvah that the family joined TJC. Dana is the associate director of the Griswold Center for Economic Policy Studies as well as the co-founder of SureTech.com.

ERAN ZACKS and his wife, Amy, have been active on multiple committees. Eran is a practicing cardiac electrophysiologist with Monmouth Cardiology Associates. Eran serves on the board for three years as co-chair of the Rabbi Review committees. Eran served on the Rabbi Review committees. Polly is a dedicated member of our Shamash team on Shabbat mornings. She works full time in the role of academic program administrator for Princeton Astrophysics. Polly and her husband, Rick, have two grown children, Ben and Sophie.

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ABIGAIL ROSE has been part of TJC for 14 years, starting when she moved to Princeton and enrolled her son in the T’chelet class of the nursery school. She served on the board for three years as co-chair of the Social Action Committee. In addition to currently being on the Rabbi Search Committee, she is also serving on the Safety Committee. Abigail is a primary care physician with Capital Health. She lives in Princeton with her husband, Adam Seiden, son Jacob, daughter Leah, and cats Kaya and Bolt.

DAVE SALTZMAN and his wife, Heidi Joseph, have lived in Princeton since 2000 and have been members of The Jewish Center for 15 years. Dave was a trustee of Jewish Family & Children’s Service for 10 years and is past president of the Princeton Senior Resource Center.

ED SIMON has been a Princeton resident and a TJC congregant for over 30 years. He and his wife, Lori, are proud to have helped shape a culture of community at TJC over the years. They have two adult sons, Ari and Daniel, and all have been active participants in the synagogue’s social and religious programs. Ed has been on the TJC board numerous times as co-chair of the Men’s Club and was a member of the Interim Rabbi Search Committee. He is the owner of Mystique Hair & Skin salon and an avid museum goer and hiker.

POLLY STRAUSS, co-chair of the Rabbi Search Committee, loves TJC and appreciates this chance to strengthen our community by bringing through consensus the best rabbi for our congregation. Polly is currently in her second year as VP Religious Affairs, having served as VP Programming, trustee, and recording secretary as well as other board roles. She enjoyed teaching part-time in our Religious and Nursery schools when she joined TJC 24 years ago. She co-chaired the searches for Rabbi Annie Tucker and Cantor Tahl Ben Yehuda and has served on two Rabbi Review committees. Polly is a dedicated member of our Shamash team on Shabbat mornings. She works full time in the role of academic program administrator for Princeton Astrophysics. Polly and her husband, Rick, have two grown children, Ben and Sophie.

Starting with her first sampler, Aliza has been exploring what can be done with needlepoint. Originally a skill that was a significant part of the education of girls, Aliza explores the interaction of this deeply feminine activity and the modern world. She has researched and experimented and created her own patterns. Aliza’s knowledge of how women used crafts and textiles to express themselves inspires her. Join us and learn about Aliza’s journey from the basics to her self-expression via this medium.

Crafting Identity with Needlepoint
Aliza Alperin Sheriff
August 11 at 7:30 p.m.

SOCIAL ACTION

On June 22 more than 70 congregants participated in the program “Why Did George Floyd Have to Die For Us To Pay Attention?” The program provided commentaries from rabbis and activists, statistics revealing racial disparities, personal stories, opportunities to talk together, and many resources for further learning and action.

The feedback from the program’s breakout groups noted that efforts to combat racism need to proceed on 3 levels:

- Working on our own biases: Using books, participants work in pairs or small groups reading and discussing texts and completing exercises to gain greater awareness of our personal biases
- Building interpersonal relationships: Developing connections with local faith-based communities
- Systemic Education: Education Curriculum, Criminal Justice Reform, Voting Issues

If you are interested in any of these possible actions, or have other ideas for addressing racism, please contact Linda Oppenheim at Linda.Oppenheim@gmail.com
Hello gardeners and friends of the garden!

I’d like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all our gardeners over the years and to Clive in particular. With their support and wonderful skills, the garden has become a beautiful site and offers an opportunity for restoration of body and spirit, especially during this challenging time for all of us.

Please help us get the word out!

If you would like to join our list of “active” gardeners, please contact me at wsolomon84@gmail.com.

For the last several years we have held an August potluck in the garden, but not this year given the COVID-19 quarantine. Oh well—next year with hope!

Wishing you all well,

Wilma

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Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement. ...Get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

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August 18
Daniel Silva’s
The Other Woman
An instant classic from Daniel Silva, whose latest masterpiece puts him firmly alongside le Carré and Forsyth as one of the greatest spy novelists of all time.

September 15 - Covid permitting: September 15
Please join us at 7:30 p.m. to watch: Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story

Multiple copies of our selections are available on the “Book Club” shelves of the Princeton Public Library. (NOTE: Book Club shelves for fiction are on the first floor, and shelves for works of non-fiction are upstairs on the second floor.) All of our books can be ordered online, and you can click on the synagogue link (below) to order a book from Amazon that will earn a commission for the Synagogue: https://thejewishcenter.org/Participate-With-Us/Our-Committees/Book-Club.aspx

For more information contact Louise Sandburg: louise@sandsmith.com

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We've Got Plans!

The Adult Education Committee is Planning Its Fall Offerings

The Adult Education Committee is well into the planning process for its Fall 2020 program which will explore a variety of topics featuring both local and visiting clergy and scholars from around the country. All the programs will take the form of interactive Zoom classes.

Before the High Holidays, Rabbi Schoenberg will be teaching a two-session Lunch and Learn course on the Book of Yonah. See below for more information.

Rabbi Eric Wisnia, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Chaim in West Windsor, will be teaching a two-session course on Truth to Power: “The Prophet Nathan Confronts King David and the Prophet Eliyahu Confronts King Ahab.” (11/12 & 11/19 at 7:30 p.m.)

Based on the success on last year’s three-part program on Islam, the Adult Education and the Arts and Culture Committees are again teaming up to expand their interfaith programming.

Stay tuned for more information.

We are always looking for new members as we aim to make the Committee more reflective of the entire congregation. Interested in learning more? Just let us know at adulteducation@thejewishcenter.org. Thank you.

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“IT’s a Whale of a Story”
September 2 and 9 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Jews read the Biblical book on Yom Kippur. The Mishnah teaches “May God who answered Jonah from the midst of the whale, answer us and hear our voice today.” What is the message of Jonah? What is the significance of it emanating from a whale? Why is it read on Yom Kippur? And what is the message for this year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join us for this lunch and learn seminar where we will do a close reading of this holy text.

Via Zoom.

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October 20
Isabella Hamad’s
The Parisian

November 17
Dani Shapiro’s
The Inheritance
Great News!

To Rabbi Bob Freedman and his service to TJC.
To Randy Brett on his special birthday.
To Cynthia and Fred Neufeld on their 60th anniversary.
To Honey Rosenberg on her special birthday.
To Michael Goldin and his work with Bible Balloker.
To Joyce and Clive Usiskin on the birth of their first great-grandson.
To Alison Politzner on her birthday.
To Dan Brett and Sally Steinberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Marley Nicole.
To Vera Goodkin on her 90th birthday.
To Jodi Fleitman and her service on the TJC Board.
To Avi Paradise and Debbie Freedman on their marriage.
To Suzanne Esterman being named Congregant of the Year.
To Honey Rosenberg on the birth of great-grandson, Aaron Isaac Rosenberg.
To Marsha and Eliott Freeman on their anniversary.
To Shoshana Silberman on the publication of her memoir, Looking Back.
To Sherry Rosen on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Isaac.
To Carol and Robert Schwartz on the birth of their granddaughter, Mia Sidney Schwartz.
To Louise Sandburg on her special birthday.
To Shor and Jeanne Leiman on their 55th wedding anniversary.
To Honey Rosenberg on the marriage of her grandson, Jerry Rosenberg to Lizzie Kitcess.
To Myra Weiner and Irv Newman on their 16th wedding anniversary.
To Sanford Starr and Sami Kahn on their 13th wedding anniversary.
To Alan and Robin Wallack on the 53rd wedding anniversary.
To Rabbi and Mrs. Dov Perets Einiks on their grandson, Charles Stein; becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
To Dee Silver and Edward Flax who joyously announce the birth of their great niece, Iris Amayah Russell Flax.
To Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg and his wife, Rabbi Cathy Felix, for joining our TJC Community as our Interim Rabbi.
To Irving Newman’s granddaughter, Sarah Zeger, on her graduation from Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine, and to his granddaughter, Rachel Zeger, on Masters in Education from Nazareth College.
To Jerry and Vera Goodkin’s granddaughter, Margaret Goldman, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Miami, and having been awarded an NSF grant for her Ph.D. studies in Forensics at UC Irvine.
To Joyce and Clive Usiskin who take pride and pleasure in announcing the graduation of 4 of their grandchildren. The degree recipients are: Robin Quinn Barrett from University of Cincinnati, Benjamin Y. Lee from Cornell University, Hayley R. Roy from Amherst College, Dr. Ilana Meryl Usiskin from Yale University School of Medicine.
To Sharon Diamonstein, our Director of Congregational Learning, who was asked to facilitate on a national workshop entitled “A Shawuot Storytelling Workshop for Jewish Educators”. Great job!
To Isaac G Mayer, grandson of Barbara and Lew Gantwerk, and a long time Torah reader at TJC, who has graduated from Rutgers University.
To Fran Zeltzer and Fred Edelman who are delighted to announce that their grandson Ezra Shapiro, graduated from Georgetown University with a Masters in Foreign Affairs.
To Linda and Michael Grens who are proud to announce that their son, Billy Grens graduated with an MBA Tech from Cornell SC Johnson College of Business.
To Fran Zeltzer Edelman and Fred Edelman who are proud that their granddaughter, Yahaf Edelman graduated from Princeton University. She will be attending Harvard on scholarship for her PHD.
To Phyllis Caras who is proud to share that her Grandson Edward Gelernt just graduated Yale with a BS Degree in Mathematics. Her Granddaughter Eva Gelernt just graduated Columbia with a Master’s Degree as a Registered Nurse (this is step two for her in her Doctrate as a Nurse Practitioner). Her Grandson-in-Law Ezra Dunkle-Pohler (Ayna Gelernt-Dunkle’s husband) just graduated Law School at Boston College.
To Ronit Rackowski, a teacher, and a Bar and Bat Mitzvah tuteur at The Jewish Center, and proud mother of 24-year-old quadruplets, who is happy to announce that her son, Sean Rackowski (who is a quadruplet) has graduated from NJIT top of his class with a Master Degree in Architecture.
To Jackie Berger and Ben Glasser who are happy to share that their daughter Rachel Glasser graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Bachelor’s of Degree in Communications Design. To Shoshana Silberman who is proud to announce the graduation of her twin grandsons Noam Silberman Brenner and Jonah Silberman Brenner. Noam graduated George Washington University Magna cum laude with a double major Jonah graduated Summa cum laude and received the prize for a documentary. Her granddaughter D’Vorah graduated elementary school and will attend high school next fall in Boston.

In Memoriam:

We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering

Samuel Morgenstern z”l, longtime congregant, husband of Debra and father of Michelle and Jennifer.
Edward Radding z”l, father of Jayne Feldman (Scott) and Jennifer Gardner Trulson (Derek), grandfather of Michael and Julia Gardner, Maxine and Jonathan Feldman, husband of Linda and brother of Robert (Rina) and Alan (Eva).
Anthony Mascia z”l, father of Fran Mascia-Lees (Frank). He was a loving husband, wonderful father of five children, and an amazing grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of seven.
Neil D. Kutin, MD z”l, who is survived by wife Marilyn, sons Sandy ( Judy) and Josh (Chana), and grandchildren Amalia, Shira and Paula and Daniel, Abigail and Rachel.
Harold Brotman z”l, who is survived by his son Steven L. Brotman (wife: Barbara Wood) and daughter Jessica Brotman, (husband: Gibor Basri) and three grandsons: Benjamin Wood Brotman, Adam Wood Brotman and Jacob Abram Basri.
Judith Berger z”l, (predeceased by husband Arnold), mother of Joel Berger, our Executive Director. She is survived by her four children Sandy, Joel (Gloria), Martin (Karen) and Peter (Jenny), eleven grandchildren and one great child.
Mina Ann Gillers z”l, sister of Stephen Felton (Barbara). She is survived by husband Bruce, 6 children and 6 grandchildren.
Miriam Lehman z”l, mother of Stuart Lehman. She is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, Benjamin Lehman, her daughter Adrienne Frager, and her son Stuart Lehman. She was proud of her grandchildren, Alicia Penn (husband Jason Penn) and Matthew Frager, and her great-grandson Harrison Penn. She was predeceased by her parents Anna and Abraham (Max) Tucker and her sister Selma Beyer.
Sylvia Tumin z”l whose husband was Melvin Tumin. She is survived by her sons Zachary and Jonathan Tumin.
Harriet Bogdonoff z”l, a founding member of TJC. She was predeceased by her husband, Seymour, and her daughter, Zelda. She is survived by her children, Sondra and Alan, and their families.

Arts & Culture

The Arts & Culture Committee sponsored Zoom events in June and July where our very talented congregants discussed their passions and hobbies to the interest of the many participants. In addition to an exploration of various topics at hand, these sessions also gave us the opportunity to get to know fellow congregants in a new way and also to learn about ourselves. A big thank you to all the talented June and July presenters Martha Friedman, Debbi Gitterman, Barbara Gantwerk, Michele Alperin, Julie Rosenthal, Ana Carvitas, Aliza Alperin Serriff and Deborah Strauss. Also, thanks to our moderators: Arlene Opatut, Melissa Hager, Sherry Meyer, and Harold Heft for their help.

Many new ideas were generated at our June committee meeting. Look for our future emails and newsletter info to learn about the exciting new programs we plan to offer in the fall.

Of course if you have an idea, would like to help in any way or just have a question and or comment - we’d love to hear from you.

Helaine Isaacs and Lynne Ross
Co-Chairs
Shabbat Katan

Monthly Young Family Service and Get-together
Shabbat mornings at 11:00 am in the Youth Lounge on November 3 – December 8, 2018. 2019 Dates to be announced soon!

Celebrate your child’s birthday or other milestone by sponsoring a Shabbat Katan lunch. Call Sharon Diamondstein, Director of Congregational Learning at sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org or 609-921-7207 to arrange.

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Kabbalat Shabbat Katan

Open to the Community!

This spirited service is designed for preschool-aged children and their families. Led by music teacher Susan Sacks and parents, this interactive Shabbat experience includes stories, prayers, songs, and a brief Torah reading.

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Anonymous (6)
Axelrod Family Fund
Harold Borkan
Daniel F. Brent and Sally Steinberg; Brent
Randy and Debbie Brett
The Carchman Family
Frances Zeitler Edelman
Stephen (z’l) and Maxine Farmer (z’l)
Ruth Fath
Rabbi Adam Feldman (z’l) and Sara Bucholtz
Michael and Lori Feldstein
Richard (z’l) and Joanne Fishbane
Bernard and Judith Fleitman
Elliot and Marsha Freeman
Bob and Eileen Garber
David Goldfarb
Samuel and Irene Goldfarb
Dr. Michael Goldin and Naomi Goldin
Alvin and Felice Gordon
Gil and Ellen Gordon
Leonard and Evelyn Grossman
Maxine Gurk
Herb and Carol Horowitz
Maxine Gurk
Ellisabeth Joseph
Jonathon Kahn
Steven and Florence Kahn

Jerome (z”l) and Phyllis Kurshan (z”l)
Joan Levin
Alan Medvin and Harriet Kass
Arthur and Linda Meisel
Marina Menaker (z’l)
Mark and Wendy Merkowitz
Irv Newman and Myra Weiner
David and Alison Politzer
Mark and Carol Pollard
Allen and Rhona Porter
Sandie Rabinowitz
Martin and Reggie Rome
Amy Rubin
Jeffrey and Rona Sands
Lynn Joy Sapoff
Martin and Judith Schwartz
Rabbi David and Ziona Silverman
Victor and Perrisue Silverstein
Andrew and Lisa Smukler
Hazel Sherman Stix
Rick and Polly Strauss
Rita Swirsky
Jesse and Marissa Treu
Alan and Robin Wallack
Neil Wise
Audrey Wisotsky

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LIFE & LEGACY
Not All Superheroes Wear Capes
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