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Remembering our beloved
Rabbi Adam Feldman z”l

Your memory will never be
forgotten on the yahrzeit
of your passing

It's Time to Update your Zoom!
Zoom keeps adding new features and so do we. Please
make sure you have the latest version when you join
our services, programs and events.
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR

DECEMBER

THE FUTURE OF THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT
RABBI ANNIE TUCKER  RABBI ELLIOT COSGROVE, PH.D.  RABBI BRADLEY ARTSON, PH.D.
MODERATED BY RABBI ELLIOT SCHOENBERG
ZOOM INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION
DECEMBER 3RD FROM 7:30 TO 9:15 PM
COURSE CODE: PANEL

CHRISTIAN FAITH & HOW IT APPLIES TO THE MAJOR ISSUES OF OUR TIME
REV. DR. DEBORAH BLANKS
MODERATED BY TJC MEMBER TIRZA WAHRMAN
SECOND SESSION OF THE INTERACTIVE ZOOM CLASS
DECEMBER 7TH FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM
In this session, Reverend Blanks will share her thoughts on the interaction between faith, moral values, and some of the difficult challenges of this time, including systemic racism, and the violence and intolerance so evident in our society.
COURSE CODE: AME

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY FREE OF CHARGE
See complete details on the TJC website and program emails.
For security reasons, Registration is required for all programs. To register, please send an email with your full name and the Course Codes(s) for the course(s) you would like to register for to:
adulteducation@thejewishcenter.org
Please note that the Registration Deadline is 24 hours before the program begins. We cannot accept late registrations. Thank you for your cooperation.
Dear friends,

I recommend a fascinating book called *Hanukkah in America: A History* by Rowan University professor Diane Ashton.

Ashton reflects that in New Orleans, Hanukkah means decorating your door with a menorah made of hominy grits. Latkes in Texas are seasoned with cilantro and cayenne pepper. Children in Cincinnati sing Hanukkah songs and eat oranges and ice cream. While each tradition springs from its own unique set of cultural references, what ties them together is that they all celebrate a holiday that is different in America than it is anywhere else. For the past two hundred years, American Jews have been transforming the ancient holiday of Hanukkah from a simple occasion into something grand. Each year, as they retell its story and enact its customs, they bring their ever-changing perspectives and desires to its celebration. Providing an attractive alternative to the Christian dominated December, rabbis and lay people alike have addressed contemporary hopes by fashioning an authentically Jewish festival that blossomed in their American world.

She said in an interview on NPR “I think that’s exactly why Hanukkah is important because it’s a boundary holiday. It has grown because it occurs at a time when the rest of the American culture is so visibly Christian. And it’s when Jews are most aware of being a very small minority in this society. And so its very existence at that time meant that Hanukkah was going to go one way or the other - either it was going to be completely forgotten, or was going to become very important as a way for Jews to work out that being on the boundary. A way to be Jewish at a time when other Americans are definitely not. It’s no way to be secular in the Christmas season.”

The holiday’s distinctive transformation from a minor festival to a major occasion that looms large in the American Jewish psyche is a marker of American Jewish life. *Hanukkah in America* reveals how an almost forgotten festival became the most visible of American Jewish holidays.

Enjoy your lakes.

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg

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**Billy Grenis and Tucan Fitness**

**Create Program to Honor Rabbi Feldman**

Tucan Fitness, started by four recent Cornell Tech grads including congregant Billy Grenis, developed the software and hosted a unique fundraiser in memory of Rabbi Feldman z’l. sMiles for Adam attracted over 600 participants for a 33 day challenge to “virtually race” over a course beginning in Jerusalem and ending in Philadelphia (the home of Rabbi Feldman’s favorite sports teams). The Tucan Fitness platform allowed people to donate to The Jewish Center while monitoring their progress and other teams along the course in a spirited and enjoyable manner. The event raised over $7,500 for The Rabbi Adam Feldman Memorial Fund.

Billy Grenis literally grew up in The Jewish Center. The entire Grenis family has been active in TJC for many years and his mother, Linda Grenis, is a past president of the synagogue. Tucan Fitness is a social virtual racing platform built for fundraisers to organize and engage their communities virtually, inspire adventure and achievement, and raise money for their causes. The Jewish Center is grateful to Billy and his colleagues at Tucan Fitness for their hard work and support of this unique effort. For additional information on Tucan Fitness, you can contact Billy directly at bgrenis@gmail.com

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**Save the Date!**

**Chanukah in Palmer Square**

**December 13.**
While 2020 has been a difficult and stress-filled year for everyone, The Jewish Center has moved forward in many areas. As I write this, planning has begun for our mid-year congregation information meeting, scheduled for December 20th. The mid-year meeting will focus on where we are as a congregation and what your leadership is doing. More information will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date but I want to use this column to give you a little “preview” of what has been happening since our last annual meeting in May.

**Rabbi Search**
The Rabbi Search Committee posted our listing with the Rabbinic Assembly and has begun the process of reviewing applications. As of early November, we have received applications from several highly qualified candidates. Based on information from various sources, we anticipate a very high response rate to our posting.

**Finances**
I can tell you that we remain financially strong even with the stresses imposed by the pandemic, decisions by some to put their membership on pause until we can fully reopen, and the increased need for remissions. Much of the credit for our financial vigor goes to Dane Dickler, VP Finance, the current Finance Committee, and Warren Mitlak, past VP Finance and his Finance Committee. Our staff remains very cost-conscious and is working hard to ensure our money is wisely spent.

**Bimah Accessibility**
The project to make the bimah accessible to all congregants has moved from “pause” to “active” status. Designed incorporating ideas from Rabbi Feldman⁴, the architect’s conceptual drawings of the new bimah are posted on our web site and construction drawings have been submitted to Princeton for comment and approval. Once cost estimates are finalized, we will begin a fundraising campaign. Much more on this later.

**Holiday Celebrations**
The Jewish Center has a long and proud tradition of celebrating our holidays with spirit and ruach. This year, because of the pandemic, we cannot be together in person to spin the dreidel and light the candles on Chanukah, crank the groggar when Haman’s name is spoken during the Megillah reading, or laugh during the Purim spiel. But that doesn’t mean we can’t celebrate the holidays. We will have a special and meaningful way to celebrate Hannukah this year, courtesy of Joel Berger, Cantor Warschauer, and many others. Rabbi Schoenberg, Cantor Warschauer, and a “cast of thousands” will make sure that Purim is celebrated as only The Jewish Center can.

The mid-year congregation information meeting will be your opportunity to hear about these programs and many others, as well as to ask questions and find out what is happening in our synagogue. I look forward to seeing you on Zoom on December 20.

Randy Brett
On a cold Sunday, October 25, we gathered outside at the Jewish Center to formally present our brand new traveling ark to the TJC community and to the b'nai mitzvah families. Sharon Diamondstein hosted the event, Randy Brett and Joel Berger greeted the community and spoke about the background and meaning of this beautiful addition to our community, Rabbi Schoenberg shared a wonderful and inspiring story and Deborah and I provided songs and instrumental music. Ark designer Peter Smith was on hand to accept our huge thanks, as was curtain designer Mindy Langer. It was a joy to be together! But where did this all begin?

I had the great pleasure to speak with Alexandra Bar-Cohen on a Zoom call from Israel. Alexandra was the prime force behind this project, and as a repeat b'nai mitzvah parent (and also the incoming TJC president), Alexandra was able to put her finger on something that would connect and unite the b'nai mitzvah families to each other and to the Jewish Center during these difficult times.

Preparing for a bar or bat mitzvah is exciting but also challenging during the best of times, but during these Covid times, the challenges can feel particularly confusing and overwhelming. Fortunately, through lots of hard work, dedication and creativity, the b'nai mitzvah families and the TJC leadership, clergy and staff have risen to meet these challenges head on. Together we have created a document that can help the parents with the myriad of questions and choices that come up. And the parents have been incredibly creative in setting up beautiful home spaces in which to hold their Zoom-Mitzvahs! The Eisenberg and Zacks families even created their own arks to hold the synagogue scrolls. We’ve had beautiful b’nai mitzvah in recent months, but something still was needed to bring the families closer together.

As Alexandra explained, “Bringing the ark in was that piece that just makes it more sacred, more holy, more spiritual to them.” Alexandra talked about how much TJC means to the families and how she felt they needed to have a piece of the sanctuary with them at home. So Alexandra reached out to architect Eric Jaffe to have him help us develop a design vision and the rough dimensions for a traveling ark. Alexandra then brought this information to synagogue member and master cabinet maker Peter Smith. Peter created a gorgeous wooden ark, light enough for two people to carry, small enough to fit in the back seat of a car, yet large enough to fit two Torah Scrolls. Mindy Langer sewed a curtain, and we were ready to go! The ark’s inaugural destination was Molly Schwartz-Manocchio’s Bat Mitzvah on October 16, and, indeed, it made a happy day even happier!

As you read this, we are well into the month of Kislev and with it the festival of light and joy, Hanukkah. By now, I’m sure our traveling ark will have helped many families beautify and sanctify their b’nai mitzvah celebrations. And although we pray for the time when we can all be safely together under one roof, until then, we take comfort in the traveling ark that brings a piece of TJC wherever it goes.

Chag Hanukkah Sameach!

Cantor Jeff
What a great time of the year. The leaves have finished turning colors. They are now in piles along the road. Winter seems to be heading our way. And of course, there is Chanukah. Or Hanukah. Or Chanukkah. Or Hanukkah. Please spell it however you'd like.

Let me talk about some traditions we should all be considering as the holiday approaches:

1) Gifts. The big dilemma in our family was do we get or give one big gift for Chanukah? Or do we spread it out over 8 days? My preference was the spreading out over 8 days as there is always something to look forward to each night. We lit the candles and my mother would hand out small wrapped gifts. We did this with our kids as well but everyone has a different tradition. How do you do gifts? I am curious to hear your tradition.

2) Latkes. Let me start by saying I won the Latke cooking competition at a JCC where I once worked. Champion! A team of three local chefs and food bloggers rated the Latkes of five cooks, one of which was me. I won going away. Even ahead of a professional cook. In my opinion Sriracha sauce is not a good addition to Latkes. Plain. Basic. Crispy. Oily. What a better way to celebrate the holiday. And the best thing is the smell lasts for days and days in the house. Love making my Latkes and don't ask for the recipe. Ancient family secret!

3) Dreidels – Many years ago, for some unknown reason, I started collecting Dreidels for Chanukah. It became a gift to me from parents and kids and my collection is almost 40-50 right now. Some basic. Some absolutely unique. I did not plan to become a Dreidel collector but I guess I fell into it. Someday I will photograph them for posterity's sake and maybe share. But I enjoy the search to find new and unique ones if I come across them.

4) Sufganiyot – PASS. Any donut with jelly/shmutz inside is not for me. I loved eating around the outside of them but when that jelly came oozing out, no thank you. I know there are many varieties of them but I am NOT a jelly donut fan. Enjoy my share this year for yourself.

But most of all, is the tradition of celebrating Chanukah TOGETHER. Whether at home, over Zoom or even via Facetime. Lighting the Menorah. Singing songs. Chanukah Gelt. It all adds up to a wonderful holiday. So let's do that together at TJC this year. You can see later in this bulletin an entire week of programs and activities relating to Chanukah. We will light the Menorah together. We will share the joys of Chanukah together. We will celebrate as a community.

Please join us for any or all of the activities we are offering. From my family to yours, A Happy Chanukah!

Joel

MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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Chanukah Oh Chanukah

DECEMBER LIVESTREAM SERVICE SCHEDULE

Erev Shabbat Services – Friday – 6:30 p.m.
December 4, 11, 18, 25
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82192745622
Meeting ID: 821 9274 5622
Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 821 9274 5622

Shabbat Morning Services – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.
December 5, 12, 19, 26
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936754257
Meeting ID: 839 3675 4257
Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 839 3675 4257

Sunday Morning Minyan – 9:00 a.m.
December 6, 13, 20, 27
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86244077309
Meeting ID: 862 4407 7309
Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 862 4407 7309

Wednesday Morning Minyan - 7:30 a.m.
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859825686
Meeting ID: 838 5982 5686
Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 838 5982 5686

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Friends,

It's December. Like many of you, December brings me to so many different places. This month marks one year since the passing of Rabbi Feldman, zt"l. This is also a time of year in which many take stock on what the previous, secular calendar year has given to us.

There is no doubt that 2020 was rife with challenges. We began the year struggling with the loss of our beloved Rabbi, and as the realities of COVID set in, we had a Purim service that was somber instead of joyous. Shortly afterwards, we closed our sanctuary doors and took to learning and worshipping on Zoom.

As we moved toward reopening, we found new ways to engage with one another, whether in person or on line, we have found creative ways to connect. Now that Chanukah is approaching, we are once again seeking ways to join together, even if we are not in close physical proximity. Chanukah, which falls during the darkest time of the year, with early sunsets and cold nights, is a holiday in which we are able to provide light around us. Through simple acts of lighting candles, giving to those in need, learning, and participating in holiday traditions with family members both near and far, we are able to provide small sparks in the darkness. Each spark, when multiplied, becomes brighter and brighter.

The word Chanukah comes from the verb קְנַצָּה which means to dedicate. Interestingly enough, the same root קְנַצָּה, though said differently, is the basis for the word קִנֵּץ, chinuch, meaning to educate. Chanukah is a holiday about educating. In fact, the custom of giving gifts is based in children giving גלט to their teachers as a thank you for educating them. The teachers, in turn, gave their גלט to צדakah. Chanukah truly is about giving - not receiving.

And, Chanukah is about dedication. The Maccabees rededicated the temple after it was desecrated by the Greeks. There is also a tradition of a Chanukat HaBayit when people move into a new home. As I write this, I am moving into our new home this Friday. One of the things I am looking forward to is dedicating our new home. A Chanukat Habayit is not limited to a new home. We can rededicate our homes at any time we wish - this is done by checking our mezuzot. Through this ritual, we are able to infuse our homes with blessings and holiness. Traditionally, after the hanging of the Mezuzah, a brief Dvar Torah is given, Psalm 30, the Psalm for the Dedication of the Home, is recited and is followed by a festive meal.

These COVID days restrict us from gathering together, so the four of us will have a quiet celebration, appropriately enough, on Chanukah itself.

As you celebrate Chanukah this year, I invite you to find ways to give. Whether you dedicate an hour of learning in memory of a loved one, give of your time, or participate in one of the many drives The Jewish Center is holding this month, there are many opportunities for you to give. Each of us, through dedication and giving, has an opportunity to be a light in the darkness. Together, we can really brighten up the world.

On behalf of my family, we wish you a chag oorim sameach - a happy Festival of Lights.

B'Shalom,

Sharon
Our rabbi search process is shifting from one crucial phase of gathering congregational input through focus groups and surveying to the next of interviewing candidates. We have formally submitted our 40+ pages of responses to the Rabbinical Assembly’s questionnaire completed in wide consultation which will serve as our posting to candidates. By the time you’re reading this, we fully expect to have received our first resumes. In accordance with a policy of pikuach nefesh—saving a life above all other concerns—we are now obligated by the Rabbinical Assembly to conduct all of our interviews and finalist visits virtually through April 1st. This holds true for all synagogues conducting a search thereby putting us all on a level playing field and the timeframe will very likely cover the remainder of our search process.

Here is an overview of what happens next: We are committed to following through with all candidates who apply to the Jewish Center and evaluating all resumes in relation to the priorities derived from our congregational focus group discussions and survey responses. In an effort to make this process as fair as possible, our committee has participated in a rabbi-led training workshop designed to help us recognize and address our own implicit biases. We anticipate conducting first and second round zoom interviews from now through January and then selecting candidates for third round interviews in late January and February. We are committed to inviting two or three finalists for a virtual congregational visit when everyone will have multiple opportunities to connect with candidates in a variety of forums including Shabbat services, teaching sessions, school programs and more. Congregants will be asked to share their impressions and preferences for thorough consideration by the committee. We aspire to make a final recommendation to the TJC Board of Directors by late March. In the near term, we will provide an update on our rabbi search at the congregational meeting in December. Of course, we welcome your thoughts and questions and hope you’ll feel free to contact us any time at rabbisearch@thejewishcenter.org. We greatly value your input at each step in the process.

**Bible Baboker**  
**Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.**  
**Zoom video study session each week.**  
Each week a reminder notice is sent. If anyone wishes to participate, they are welcome to join via Zoom.

Email Michael Goldin, at mmgold18@yahoo.com to receive the zoom link.

**CONNECTIONS**  
**Coffee, Conversation, Connections**  
Join us for our monthly Coffee, Conversation and Connections zoom get together. Learn an interesting fact about coffee. Have a conversation with our Senior Staff: Rabbi Schoenberg, Cantor Warschauer, Executive Director Joel Berger, and Director of Congregational Learning Sharon Diamondstein, and find more ways to connect with TJC.

Wednesday, January 6 at 12:00 p.m.
Zoom link to follow.

**Fridays in December:**  
4th  
11th  
18th

For more information or to RSVP, contact Sharon Diamondstein in the TJC Religious School office at (609) 921.0100 ext 220 or sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org
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Frank Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman being called to the bimah on the occasion of great-granddaughter, Lyla Emily’s birth
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Cost is $350.00
Annabel Brier
December 12
Annabel Brier is an 8th grader at John Witherspoon Middle School. She was born in New York City and that is still one of her favorite places to be. Annabel spends her summers at sleep-away camp in Pennsylvania. She likes to read and write and wants to be a lawyer when she grows up. Annabel loves fashion and she likes to play basketball and lacrosse. She likes to spend time with her family and friends, and she is very close with them. Annabel can often be seen watching Friends with her mom. She would like to thank Cantor Jeff, Rabbi Schoenberg, Sharon Diamondstein, and Michelle Alperin for helping her prepare for this special day.
Kabbalat Shabbat Katan

December 18
5:45 pm via zoom

Open to the Community!

Please join us for Kabbalat Shabbat Katan and greet Shabbat with young families from TJC!

We will sing songs, tell stories, and make new friends!

Please join us afterwards for a dairy potluck dinner.

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.

Questions? Call Sharon Diamondstein at (609) 921-7207 or email at SDiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org
November 23 – December 10  
Chanukah 2020 Bedtime Fundraiser for Needy Organizations  
Benefitting the organizations as part of 8 Days of Giving  
Watch your email and start bidding!

Purchase your Chanukah books and toys through smile.amazon.com and support The Jewish Center!

Thursday, December 10 – Light 1 Candle

4:45 PM - Latke Pick-up Part 1 – Pick up your box of 6 Latkes, apple sauce and sour cream compliments of the Men's Club. 1 Box per family at the Community Chanukiah lighting
5:15 PM Community Menorah Lighting at TJC. Wear masks and be socially distanced. Big Menorah is close to Nassau Street. Winners determined at 5 PM for bedtime story fundraiser for charities in 8 Days of Giving
6:15 PM Zoom community candle lighting  
Join our Zoom candle lighting as we light our first candle together

Friday, December 11 – Day 1 – Light 2 candles at Night

8 Days of Giving – JFCS. Drop off pajamas and bedtime story books to be donated to children in need in our community. Drop off in the TJC parking lot
1:30 PM Latke Pick-up Part 2 – Pick up your box of 6 Latkes, apple sauce and sour cream compliments of the Men's Club. One box per family
6:15 PM Zoom community candle lighting  
Join our Zoom candle lighting as we light two candles together
6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services
Chanukah themed music from Cantor Jeff

Sunday, December 6
3:00 PM Pre-Chanukah Latke Making with Sherry Meyer on Zoom

See page 24 for more information
Saturday, December 12 – Day 2 – Light 3 candles at night

- 9:30 AM – Shabbat Morning services. 1st Yahrzeit of Rabbi Adam Feldman\(^1\)
- 2:30 PM – Community gathering in memory of Rabbi Feldman. In the TJC courtyard. Come together and commemorate the first Yahrzeit of Rabbi Feldman
- 6:00 PM – CHA-vdallah – Light the Cha-vdallah candle and then the Menorah. All on Zoom. Cha-vdallah begins at 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 13 – Day 3 – Light 4 candles at night.

- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Latke Pick-up Part 3 – Pick up your box of 6 Latkes, apple sauce and sour cream compliments of the Men's Club. 1 box per family
- 6:00 PM – Religious School Chanukah Activities. Recycled menorahs for young families
- 12:00PM – 2:00PM – CAR-nukkah drive by. Collect 6 Latkes, apple sauce and sour cream. Each membership is entitled to one box. Curb side pick up only
- 4:00PM – Chanukah in Palmer Square. Join Rabbi Schoenberg and Cantor Jeff as we light the community Chanukkah in Palmer Square. Then enjoy dining and shopping discounts. Special Chanukah Gelt will be available
- 6:15 PM – Zoom community candle lighting. Join our Zoom candle lighting as we light 4 candles together
- 8 Days of Giving – Trenton Bike Exchange benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton. Have an old bike lying around? Not bicycling anymore? Bring by your used bicycle today and the Trenton Bike Exchange will collect them. All proceeds from their bike shop benefits the Boys and Girls clubs of Trenton. 12:00-2:00 PM during Car-nukkah

Monday, December 14 – Day 4 – Light 5 candles at night

- 8 Days of Giving – Lower 9 [lower9.org] Visited by our students when they went to help rebuild New Orleans
- 6:15 PM – Zoom community candle lighting. Join our Zoom candle lighting as we light 5 candles together

Tuesday, December 15 – Day 5 – Light 6 candles at night

- 8 Days of Giving – Central New Jersey Diaper Bank. Bring buy or purchase diapers to help support this worthy cause. Drop off in our TJC parking lot
- 6:15 PM – Zoom community candle lighting. Join our Zoom candle lighting as we light 6 candles together
- 7:15 PM – Heirloom Chanukah Stories. Share a photo and story of your special Chanukah heirloom to be presented as a power point slide show with music. Details to follow

Wednesday, December 16 – Day 6 – Light 7 candles at Night

- 10AM – Maccabee Moment. Come study with Rabbi Schoenberg and Sharon Diamondstein as they discuss the Maoz Tzur song. Via Zoom
- 6:15 PM – Zoom community candle lighting. Join our Zoom candle lighting as we light 7 candles together
- 7:00 PM – Join Cantor Jeff and Deborah Strauss for a Chanukah Zoom A Long. How many Chanukah songs do you know?
- 8 Days of Giving – Israel Guide Dog [israelguidedog.org]. Find out more about this amazing organization and donate if able

Thursday, December 17 – Day 7 – Light 8 candles at Night

- 9:30 AM – Nosh and Drosh with Rabbi Baird in Memory of Rabbi Feldman\(^1\)
- 6:15 PM – Zoom community candle lighting. Join our Zoom candle lighting as we light 8 candles together
- 8 Days of Giving – Sustainable Princeton

Friday, December 18

- Torah and Tea – Chanukah Themed
- Chanukah ends
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All programs are held via Zoom until further notice.

All communications are via email. If you are NOT on our email list, please email us at info@thejewishcenter.org
Tirza runs her own litigation practice, specializing in environmental regulatory matters, consumer fraud, and breach of contract claims. She is also a court-qualified mediator, and is on the roster of the American Arbitration Association. Tirza serves as a Director of the Environmental Law Section of the New Jersey Bar, where she has organized panels on a range of topics, from addressing plastic waste to promoting renewable energy. Her articles on environmental policy and the Consumer Fraud Act have been published in law journals and legal periodicals.

Tuesday, December 1

TJC Congregant and Attorney

Tirza S. Wahrman

Environmental Advocacy in the Age of Covid-19: Challenges and Opportunities

THE JEWISH CENTER’S “GREAT MINDS” SALON IS A SPEAKER SERIES FASHIONED AFTER THE 1900’S ERA PARIS SALON HOSTED BY JEWISH AUTHOR GERTRUDE STEIN (PICTURED ABOVE), WHICH REGULARLY BROUGHT TOGETHER THE BRIGHTEST ARTISTS AND THINKERS OF THAT ERA TO DISCUSS THEIR LATEST WORK.

8:00-9:00 p.m. Via Zoom - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

PROGRAM WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM. PLEASE REGISTER BY EMAILING ADULTEDUCATION@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG

A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants prior to the event.
**Adult Hebrew Sunday Zoom Classes Are Back!**

- **9:00-10:00 a.m.** Intermediate Hebrew
- **10:00-11:00 a.m.** Advanced Hebrew
- **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Beginners Hebrew

For further information contact: Edna Bryn-Noiman at edna.bryn@gmail.com

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**Chanukah 2020 Bedtime Fundraiser for Needy Organizations – Part of 8 Days of Giving**

Get ready to start the bidding now! Get your children or family a book read from one of our TJC A-list celebrities!

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg  
Cantor Jeff and Deborah Strauss  
Joel Berger • Sharon Diamondstein  
Daryl Rothman • Randy Brett  
Alexandra Bar-Cohen • Ellen Pristach  
Cynthia Richman • Samantha Hirschberg  
Gabrielle Cayton-Hodges • Gila Levin  
Carol Alpert • Ronit Johnson

Bidding starts at $25/person. Bid on one or bid on them all! Reading to be done on any night of Chanukah except Shabbat

**Auction begins on November 23 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10.**

All bidding done online via [32auctions.com/Chanukkah2020](http://32auctions.com/Chanukkah2020)  
Proceeds to be divided equally among the organizations of this year’s 8 days of giving campaign.

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**Havurah Minyan: Study Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
December 12 & 26 via Zoom  

Minyan members prepare and lead an in-depth discussion of a range of material that is usually, but not always, related to the themes of the weeks’ Torah portion. Newcomers welcome. To receive a Zoom invitation, or for more information, contact neillitt@outlook.com.
We'll be meeting by Zoom to discuss:

**Mark Helprin’s Paris in the Present Tense**
A rapturous novel is set in a present-day Paris caught between violent unrest and its well-known, inescapable glories. Seventy-four-year-old Jules Lacour—a maître at Paris-Sorbonne, cellist, widower, veteran of the war in Algeria, and child of the Holocaust—must find a balance between his strong obligations to the past and the attractions and beauties of life and love in the present. In the midst of what should be an effulgent time of life—days bright with music, family, rowing on the Seine—Jules is confronted headlong and all at once by a series of challenges to his principles, livelihood, and home, forcing him to grapple with his complex past and find a way forward. He risks fraud to save his terminally ill infant grandson, matches wits with a renegade insurance investigator, is drawn into an act of savage violence, and falls deeply, excitingly in love with a young cellist a third his age.

If you have a Princeton Public Library card, you can reserve the upcoming books. The library has multiple copies of these titles. They can also be ordered online, and you can click on the synagogue link (below) to order a book from Amazon to earn a commission for the Synagogue:

https://thejewishcenter.org/Participate-With-Us/Our-Commitees/Book-Club.aspx

All are welcome to join our Book Club. Please contact Louise Sandburg for more information:
louisesandburg@sandsmith.com

For future planning, save these dates and read these books:

**January 19**  
Kristy Manning’s *Song of the Jade Lily*

**February 16**  
Talia Carner’s *The Third Daughter*
SCAVENGER HUNT
January 9, 2021
5:40 p.m. (For Havdalah)

In the comfort of your home – singles, couples, families, we want you ALL! JCW will be providing ingredients to prepare your own pizza and sharing dinner online before the scavenger hunt. Along with your pizza ingredients, each family will receive fun snacks to be enjoyed during the evening.

There is no charge for this event!

All food will be kosher dairy

Cantor Jeff will lead us in Havdalah, followed by pizza making and dinner, after which the hunt will officially begin.

But hurry! Attendance will be limited to the first 50 RSVPs!

RSVP before January 2 to JCW@thejewishcenter.org

Include your name, email address, phone number and number of temple member participants who will be attending.

Looking forward to sharing this event with you!

Jewish Center Women

Rabbi Justus Baird will be our Facilitator. December’s meeting will be dedicated to Rabbi Adam Feldman*z.

Looking ahead, JCW is excited to announce our first ever Zoom Scavenger Hunt scheduled for January 9, 2020. This very exciting event is the brain storm of Co-Chairs Ray Kaufman and Roberta Sternthal. Please see the above flyer for all of the details and pertinent information. This fun filled evening has activities not to be missed for singles, couples or families.

Looking forward to “seeing” you all soon,

Lauren
UNRAVELING THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE ISRAELI LEGAL SYSTEM: SEEKING AN EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN HALACHA AND SECULARISM

ZOOM LECTURE WITH QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

ALEXANDER KAYE, PH.D.

The tension between secular politics and religious fundamentalism is a problem shared by many modern states. This is certainly true of the State of Israel, where the religious-secular schism provokes conflict at every level of politics and society. Driving this schism is the idea of the halakhic state, the demand by many religious Jews that Israel should be governed by the law of the Torah as interpreted by Orthodox rabbis. Understanding this idea is a priority for anyone with an interest in its future.

In his presentation, Dr. Kaye will trace the foundations and evolution that have led to the current complex Israeli legal system. He will provide case histories showing the path and rationale for legal decisions in several areas, including marriage, women’s rights, and personal identity.

Alexander Kaye, Ph.D., is a leading authority in the history of Jewish thought, with a special focus on political thought, the history of law and theories of Jewish modernity. His research in the history of Israel focuses on the relationship between law, religion, and politics, in particular, the history of religious Zionism. His latest book, The Invention of Jewish Theocracy (Oxford University Press, 2020), traces the origins of the idea, to track its development, and to explain its crucial importance in Israel’s past and present. Dr. Kaye is the Karl, Harry, and Helen Stoll Assistant Professor of Israel Studies at Brandeis University. Dr. Kaye’s book will be available for sale at a discount to attendees.

This is the first in a series of IDIC presentations focusing on facets of contemporary Israeli law, Understanding the Legal System in Israel and Its Impact on Israeli Society. We will examine the interaction of religious law, civil law, military law, and international law, and specific outcomes of those interactions.

The Israel Dialogue Initiative Committee of The Jewish Center is charged with providing congregants with programming that examines in depth those aspects of Israel and Israeli society that are sometimes controversial or confounding to American Jews and seldom broached in other TJC programming.

This program is open to the community free of charge.
Registration is required. Please send an email with your name and course code “IDIC-1” to:

idic@thejewishcenter.org

Please note that the Registration Deadline is 24 hours before the program begins.
We cannot accept late registrations. Thank you for your cooperation.
Israel Dialogue Initiative Committee

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The committee was originally established by the Board in 2015, in an environment of significant polarization in our congregation, polarization related to Israel and its domestic and international policies and politics, and with the perceived obligation and relationship of the American diaspora to Israel. Its original task was “to determine how TJC would engage in political discussion pertaining to the State of Israel while maintaining the need to reflect the congregation’s commitment to the Jewish State of Israel, to educate congregants, and maintain a strong sense of community.” IDIC’s responsibility now is to identify topics, establish programs, and select expert speakers that will that meet those criteria.

Apropos of this mission, the current IDIC is scheduling its initial series of four programs focusing on facets of contemporary Israeli law, Understanding the Legal System in Israel and Its Impact on Israeli Society. IDIC will offer speakers examining the interaction of religious law, civil law, military law, and international law, and specific outcomes of those interactions.

The first presentation, Unraveling the Complexities of the Israeli Legal System: Seeking Equilibrium between Halacha and Secularism, will be a Zoom webinar on Sunday evening, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker is Dr. Alexander Kaye of Brandeis University, a leading authority in the history of Jewish thought, with a special focus on political thought, the history of law and theories of Jewish modernity. His research in the history of Israel focuses on the relationship between law, religion, and politics, and in the history of religious Zionism. More detailed information is available in the program announcement elsewhere in this month’s newsletter.

Our second speaker will be Dr. Suzanne Last Stone of Cardozo Law – Yeshiva University, whose presentation will engage family law, marriage and law, reproductive law, and women’s rights, in Israel. Her webinar will air in late January.

Future programs, also presented by leading experts, will examine how the Israeli legal system, in all its facets, operates in other specific spheres of society: identity and citizenship, civil rights for non-Jewish citizens, civil and military law in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, control over Jewish and Muslim holy places, and environmental policies.

We on the committee believe that our congregation is hungry for these types of programs, offering facts and their ramifications, and stimulating spirited, informed, and respectful conversation and discussion. Such dialogue is part of the intellectual and political heritage of The Jewish Center, of our Princeton community, and of American Jewry.

Donations to support these efforts are welcomed.

The IDIC deeply appreciates the support of the Board and staff in our endeavors. And I am grateful to my colleagues on the IDIC for their enthusiasm, candor, and creativity: Rabbi Justus Baird, Ra’anan Boustan, Ruth Schulman, and Moshe Margolin. I look forward to seeing you online December 6 and I welcome your feedback.

Harold M. Heft
Chairperson

TJC College Connection

- Do you have a child in college?
- Would you love them to receive a Chanukah box from TJC?
- Email us their name, mailing address and email address and we will take it from there.
- Email to info@thejewishcenter.org and put College Box in the Subject line
Latkes & Beyond: Cooking with Sherry Meyer  
Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m.

Rev up your taste buds as we Zoom into pre-Hanukkah fun together with Sherry. She will be using oil and the secret ingredient, a love of cooking, to make this year’s latkes & other latke-like alternative recipes. Community, food and personal warmth are ways forward and especially welcomed at this time when we hope for miracles and may need a little extra nurturing!

Grab your favorite wine. Cook along or watch as you join Cooking with Sherry on Zoom for Latkes & Beyond. She will cover the traditional recipe, but will expand by sharing alternative, fried pancake-like recipes like jalapeno corn fritters and mild sweet potato curry latkes. Since Chanukah is eight nights, there is room for experimentation!

Join us for this perfect way to prepare for a Happy Chanukah.

Free and open to the community.  
Please RSVP for this event to artsandculture@thejewishcenter.org

Pre-registration required for all events.  
These programs are open to all. Look for emails with complete details.

Helaine Isaacs and Lynne Ross, Co-Chairs  
artsandculture@thejewishcenter.org

...Jay the baker  
...Ginger the camera person  
...Miki the facilitator  
...All who attended!  
We had great fun.
Mazel Tov ...On Your Great News!

To Edith Neimark who received a lifetime career award from Indiana University
To Fred and Fran Edelman on the birth of great-granddaughter, Lila Emily
To Linda and Art Meisel on their 51st wedding anniversary
To Jerry Neumann for leyning the Yom Kippur Mincha Haftarah in two shuls, back-to-back, via Zoom
To Evy Grossman on the publication of her book “Hidden in Berlin, a Holocaust Memoir”
To Judy and Bob Levine on the birth of their granddaughter
To Dan Brent and Sally Steinberg-Brent on the marriage of Lily Brent to Jonathan Tescher
To Michael and Susan Falcon on the engagement of their son Eric Falcon to Emily Ayuso
To Ellen and Stewart Borrow on the birth of their grandson, Ronan Asher
To Marissa and Jesse Treu on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Benjamin Shapiro
To Roslyn and David Vanderbilt on the marriage of their daughter Karen to Marc Shapiro
To Sharon Diamondstein on her appointment to the Board of Directors of JTEEN Professionals

What’s Happening at TJC!

Young family/ school-wide pumpkin and apple hunt, below...

...and left, from Barbara Abramson's wonderful class.
Our Munchies for Menches project will be adapted for the current COVID situation. While we cannot gather to create trays of goodies and deliver them to the various agencies that support us year round, we have come up with an alternative plan to thank them around the holiday season.

The Jewish Center will deliver cookie platters and fruit to the Police departments, Rescue squads and Princeton Hospital to show our appreciation for all that they do for us.

Hopefully, we can all get together again next year to resume our tradition. Thanks for your support of this community outreach and our show of gratitude.

Next step in fighting racism in our state

During a discussion at the last Social Action committee meeting a suggestion was made about a way that we might take the next step as a community in supporting the value that black lives matter: keeping track of relevant bills in the New Jersey General Assembly and Senate, and where appropriate, share our opinions via letters as well as citizens’ testimony. I loved the idea, and as follow-up I spoke to someone who has been tracking legislative activity for Campaign to End the New Jim Crow, Greater Trenton Chapter. My hope is that I can accumulate an e-mail list of people who would like to be informed about issues where they might be a force for positive change on issues influenced by systemic racism. I would be willing to do what I can to keep track of these issues and send out alerts. If you’re interested, send your email to me at alperinma@gmail.com (or if you have questions, give me a call at 609-924-6944). Michele Alperin

You are welcome to join our next meeting. Email socialaction@thejewishcenter.org for more information

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
We are starting to plan Tu B’Shevat, Purim, Passover and more!
Send us your ideas. Share with us your thoughts.
How can we make these the best holidays ever.
Email us at info@thejewishcenter.org
Recently, we have witnessed an unexpected spike in antisemitic activities in the United States, including two deadly attacks on synagogues. Is this a new phenomenon? What role has antisemitism actually played in American history? Is it a pervasive phenomenon, a late and alien phenomenon, or something in between?

This lecture will trace the course of antisemitism in the United States and consider the question of American exceptionalism. Has America been different from Europe with respect to antisemitism? How worried should we be about the spread of the world’s oldest hatred to America’s shores?

Jonathan D. Sarna is University Professor and the Joseph H. & Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University, where he directs its Schusterman Center for Israel Studies. He also is the past president of the Association for Jewish Studies and Chief Historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. Author or editor of more than thirty books on American Jewish history and life, his American Judaism: A History – recently published in a second edition -- won six awards including the 2004 “Everett Jewish Book of the Year Award” from the Jewish Book Council. Sarna is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the American Academy of Jewish Research. His most recent books are When General Grant Expelled the Jews, Lincoln & the Jews: A History (with Benjamin Shapell), and an edition of Cosella Wayne, by Cora Wilburn, the first (and hitherto unknown) American Jewish novel.

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Dr. Allen Gaile Myers z”l, stepfather of Lisa Smukler (Andrew)

Our long-time congregant Albert Medwin z”l, survived by Marilyn Medwin and family

Barbara Rossman z”l, mother of Barry Rossman (Terri).

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