Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
Thursday, May 28
8:00 p.m.
An Evening of Learning

Please see page 5 for details.

Shavuot Schedule of Services
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Morning Services

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Morning Services and Yizkor
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Rabbi
Acting Interim Rabbi
Cantor
Rabbi Emeritus
Executive Director
Dir. of Congregational Learning
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Robert Schwartz
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Arts & Culture
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House Committee
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Friday Night Shabbat Service - 6:30pm
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Live stream - https://livestream.com/tjc

Saturday Morning Shabbat Service- 9:30am
Zoom - https://zoom.us/j/744165523
Meeting ID: 744-165-523
Live stream - https://livestream.com/tjc

Sunday Morning Minyan - 9:00am
Zoom - https://zoom.us/j/442309804
Meeting ID: 442-309-804
Live stream - https://livestream.com/tjc

Wednesday Morning Minyan - 7:00am
Zoom - https://zoom.us/j/595848611
Meeting ID: 595-848-611
Live stream - https://livestream.com/tjc

Prayer Book pages can be found on our website at:
https://thejewishcenter.org/Resources/Ser-vices-Siddurs.aspx

To Live Stream our services, go to www.thejewishcenter.org. Scroll down and in the gold box on the right, which says "go to livestream". Click on that. On the next page, a gray box will appear. Click on that as well. You will then see our main sanctuary. If we are live, just click the play button. Cameras go live 10-15 minutes before services begin.
Please join us for the 70th Annual Meeting of The Jewish Center of Princeton

Sunday, May 17
7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held via a Zoom link that will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Meeting will include:
D’var Torah
Opening Remarks and Highlights from our 2019-2020 Year
Budget Presentation and Vote
Nominating Committee Report and Vote
Introduction of Interim Rabbi
TJC Congregant of the Year
Closing and Light Refreshments
(I’m writing this on April 6, getting more and more tired of reading depressing plague news. So I decided to think instead about using the time productively, looking forward to a happy ending!)

If this newsletter comes to you on the 1st of May, and you are avidly reading it immediately (having waited a whole month since the last one), you’ll be reading it on the 22nd day of counting the omer. We started counting on the day after the first day of Pesach, which was day one. That’s the day when in the agricultural state of Judah, 3,000 years ago, our distant ancestor would bring an omer, a sheaf of newly harvested barley, to the temple in Jerusalem to be waved up, down, and side-to-side by the priest. Our well-informed ancestor would have known that by doing so the priest was blessing the year’s harvest. He would have already thoroughly cleaned old grain out of the threshing floor to receive the new. But until those who brought offerings presented their sheaf of newness in the Temple, they weren’t permitted to eat of the new harvest. That, by the way, is why Passover can’t wander far from the beginning of spring, so that no one starves waiting to eat the harvest.

Forty-nine days they would count, and we still count. That makes seven weeks, time enough for the wheat to finish ripening. In gratitude, our spiritually attuned ancestor would then grind the fresh wheat berries into flour and make the bread offering for the festival of first fruits, the festival we call Shavu’ot.

In Jewish thought nothing has only its simple meaning. Seven times seven days is magic, a meta-unit of completed time. Consciously counting the days of the omer carries the ones who count to a spiritual harvest. The rabbis taught: that harvest is Torah, the fruit that couldn’t be eaten until we were free from slavery. They knew that unbounded freedom is chaos. It needs structure to provide the framework in which it can flourish. Torah is Jewish structure. The word “Torah” literally means “in-struction.”

Counting each day from Passover to Shavu’ot, we wait for the harvest to come. But teachers of spiritual practice through the ages said, “Don’t just wait; use the time,” and recommended using the omer counting time to work on character. They adopted a model from Kabbala, associating each successive day with a point corresponding to a spiritual attribute on the mystical Tree of Life. (Each of the points on the Tree of Life represents a gate through which passes the two-way energy flow between God and humans.) For instance, the thirty-second day of the omer represents netzach of hod – endurance in humility. On this day we might examine the strength and endurance of our humility. Does my humility withstand challenges?

I’ve used the same guide for a long time: A Spiritual Guide to The Counting of the Omer by Simon Jacobson, published by the Meaningful Life Center at meaningfullife.com. There are lots of other guides to be found on line; you can google “spiritual guide to counting the omer.”

Don’t worry that there are only 27 days left in this year’s counting. Each day brings its own unique spiritual challenges. Be happy. Study on Leil Shavu’ot, cheesecake, and blintzes await you at the end.

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**Lunch and Learn via Zoom with Rabbi Bob!**
Starting in May.
Watch your email for details.
TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT

Thursday, May 28
8:00-10:00 p.m.

How is THIS night different from all other nights?

It’s the evening of Torah learning in honor of Rabbi Feldman, z”l, and it’s virtual! The song *Tora Ora, Torah is Light*, could not be truer, or more needed, in these times. Bring light into your life with engaging learning from scholars and congregants plus music and song. We’ll be together, but in our own homes.

Look for upcoming e-mails that will explain how this virtual evening will be conducted, how to sign up, and program details.

In Memory of
Rabbi Adam Feldman z”l

An engaging evening inspired by Rabbi Adam Feldman’s love of learning.

Speed Learning Workshop Sessions
Make Your Own Delicious Dairy Desserts (at home)

Tikkun Committee
Michele Alperin, Rod Ballard, Suzanne Esterman, Michael Goldin, Arnold Landy, Linda Milstein, Avi Paradise, Dr. Mik Rosenthal, Shoshana Silberman, Myra Weiner
MESSAGE from the Cantor

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Dear TJC Friends,

As I write this, on the eve of Passover, Deborah and I have just completed our preparations for the Seders. For all of us at TJC and beyond, this coming week will prove to be one of the most unusual and challenging Pesach holidays ever. And at this point, unfortunately, it appears that our social distancing efforts are likely to continue for some time.

The leadership and staff of TJC have made every effort to help keep our community together during this very difficult time. Whether it be online religious services, classes, phone outreach or lists of resources, we hope that you will continue to feel engaged with all that TJC has to offer. We are here for you!

Talking about resources beyond TJC, I would like to offer some of my favorite ones in the areas of Jewish music, religion, culture and history.

Do you have a question? Is there something that you’ve always wondered?

Here are some excellent and reliable places to seek out answers, inspiration and entertainment:

1) Sefaria is the go-to site for traditional Jewish texts of all kinds: Tanakh, Mishna, Talmud, Liturgy and much, much more: www.sefaria.org

2) My Jewish Learning is a wonderful, informal site that answers many questions in an accessible and engaging manner: www.myjewishlearning.com

3) The Florida Atlantic University Library’s Recorded Sound Archives Judaic Collection is a treasure trove for informal listeners, as well as serious researchers. Some of the collection is protected by a “Research Station” designation, for copyright reasons, but much more of it is fully open for all. I tend to “hang out” in the Judaic Collection, but check out all the collections on the site for lots of fantastic listening: https://rsa.fau.edu/judaic

4) The YIVO Encyclopedia is the first stop for any and all questions about Eastern European Jewish life and culture. Have a question about what shtetl-dwellers ate on shabbes? Go to the article “Food and Drink.” How about what they wore? See “Dress.” These questions, and many others, are answered here: https://yivoencyclopedia.org/

5) Finally, the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem has immense online offerings for both research and enjoyment. For example, check out the gorgeous collection of over 4200 digital images of ketubot (wedding contracts) from across the Jewish world. That digital exhibition, and much more, can be found here: web.nli.org.il/ (select your language near the top left of the page)

I hope that you enjoy and find these resources useful!

If you have any questions, or, as always, if you need anything at all, even just someone to talk to, please call me at (347) 623-4228, or email me at cantorjeff@thejewishcenter.org.

Deborah and I wish you and your loved ones a safe, healthy and peaceful month of May, and with the coming of Shavuot, a Chag Sameach!

Cantor Jeff
I am writing this message at the beginning of the fifth week of the lockdown of The Jewish Center. It is the middle of Pesach. Being at home has provided me an opportunity for thoughtful reflection.

It has been one year since I became President of The Jewish Center, and what a year it has been. The year began with a flare-up of antisemitism in the Princeton area. Shortly after, we engaged in a kerfuffle over the vote of our Congressional Representative and an ad in a local paper. December brought the tragic loss of Rabbi Feldman’s. And now, we are coping with the coronavirus which has impacted all of our lives in ways we are only beginning to comprehend.

Many years ago, I worked for a manager who was very demanding and could always be counted upon to find something, no matter how insignificant, to complain about. When I protested his criticism, he would invariably respond: “Look at this as a growth opportunity. Someday you’ll thank me for this.” I don’t think I ever “thanked” him, at least in the way he meant. But I did learn a couple of lessons that have helped sustain me this past year.

First, I learned to differentiate criticism from carping. The first is generally well-meaning and an attempt to help me overcome a problem or avoid an error. Criticism may be good or bad, but it is always something to listen to. Notice, I said “listen to” not necessarily to immediately accept or act upon. That requires further thinking and an understanding of the point of view, the values, and perhaps the biases of the critic. Carping, on the other hand, is more a reflection on the needs of the person carping than it is on my actions or performance. It likely has little to do with me but much to do with the carper’s need for attention. Since reacting to carping takes a lot of my energy but does little to improve my performance, I have learned to ignore it.

I also learned the truth of the Yiddish proverb “Man plans, God laughs.” I began this year with many plans for The Jewish Center; programs I wanted to implement, improvements I wanted to make, initiatives I wanted to launch. Many of my predecessors advised me to think big and “go long”—so I did. With the help of my fellow officers and Board members, I wanted to:

- Identify how we could revise our income structure and make it more affordable for families to join The Jewish Center.
- Make the bima accessible to all regardless of physical limitations.
- Revise the governance provisions of our bylaws.
- Improve our internal and external communications.
- Increase volunteerism and get more younger congregants involved in leadership roles.
- Find a new tenant to replace the University League in our school building.
- Increase our overall membership.

Some of these efforts have been successful but unfortunately, many must be deferred until next year due to the unexpected circumstances related above. Yes, Man plans, God laughs. I have learned humility and patience as a result.

I have also learned a lot about our synagogue. We have gone through a great deal together. The past 11 months have taxed the fortitude of all of us. Yet, our community remains strong and vibrant.

We care for each other, as demonstrated by the congregants who volunteered to make “check in and checkup” calls during this lockdown. We have joined our clergy in “virtual” religious services, and we have seen them devote countless hours to ensuring our spiritual welfare. We have kept in contact with each other through Zoom and we have continued to learn via online programs taught by our fellow congregants. Our teachers and tutors have continued to educate our children, not missing a beat even under these difficult circumstances. Our staff has continued to serve our congregation in ways too numerous to recount, some while remaining apart from their own families. There are so many examples of the big and little ways we have, collectively, demonstrated who we are and what is important to us that I cannot list them all here. However, together they form the mosaic of The Jewish Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead this dynamic organization over the past year. Thank you for the advice you have offered and the criticism you provided. Each has been valuable. I am looking forward to the second year of my presidency and working with our new officers and Board members as well as those who are continuing in their positions.

But most of all, thank you my fellow congregants. It has been an honor to be your president.
“The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King

I am writing this article as we finish our fourth week of being closed here at The Jewish Center. No one knows how much longer this will last, and we pray every day that our members are healthy, safe and taking all precautions necessary. We will certainly celebrate together in the future but we just don't know when that will be. I hope by the time you read this, plans are being made to re-open.

I share the quote above as a point of reference to some amazing people here at TJC. To point out the incredible job our staff and lay leadership have done to make sure our community stays connected. Socially Distant but Spiritually Close. A tribute to some amazing people who have taken this challenge head on and without any hesitation.

To Rabbi Bob and Cantor Jeff: You have led our community by continuing to lead services, by being in touch with our bar/bat mitzvah families and by providing pastoral counseling to anyone who needs it. By leading song sessions and staying connected. Your strength has shown through in these times and we thank you.

To Sharon Diamondstein: You have been a rock star. The minute we closed down, the Religious School was up and running online. From Bedtime Shema with Sharon to “Where in the world is Carmen Afikomen?,” you continue to inspire our Religious School students. We can't thank you enough.

To Daryl Rothman and Cynthia Richman: For providing support to the Religious School and keeping in touch with our young families. By continuing TJC Moms and by providing a smiling and happy face to everyone you connect with.

To our Religious School teachers. You hit the ground running teaching classes online and continue to be an inspiration to our students. Thank you for accepting our challenges and for making it work.

To Maryann Yarin: You started working remotely from day one. You have kept our communications going without a hitch. Our Yahrzeit letters are going out, our weekly newsletter gets sent out, and you continue to make sure things are running smoothly. Your dedication and commitment to TJC is unwavering and we thank you so much.

To Roni Garrison: You have continued to check our voice mails and emails, have come in to make deposits and make sure congregants get notified of contributions. Your steadiness through these times has been amazing.

To Mindy Langer: You continue to provide outstanding ritual support for the Rabbi and Cantor and by providing us materials for our Torah and Haftarah readings, every week, and making sure everything runs smoothly.

To our wonderful Maintenance Staff: Marc, Nikita and Khaled. Unfortunately, Nikita tested Covid-19 positive but has remained in touch and healthy. Our staff has come in on a regular basis to make sure our buildings are clean and remain virus free. I can't thank them enough.

Lastly, to our lay leadership lead by Randy Brett: You have remained steadfast in supporting our staff at TJC. You have made calls to all of our members which have been well-received. We continue to look ahead and make plans. You have put a budget together, put a Board of Directors together and even hired a new Interim Rabbi, all via the Internet. A job well done!

On behalf all of the staff at TJC, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will continue to support our amazing TJC community through the end of this situation, and will be here on the other side to continue doing the best we can for TJC.

MESSAGE from the Executive Director
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If you are looking for work, or know someone who is looking for work, the State of New Jersey has a site with over 50,000 jobs available.

Go to:
www.jobs.covid19.nj.gov

You can also post a job if you are looking to hire. Let’s help each other out.
Good Luck!
MESSAGE from the
Director of Congregational Learning
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Friends,

Like you, I have spent the months of March and April practicing social distancing. I have used this time not only to connect with the TJC families, but with my own. I have learned, reflected, created, and grown. I have connected with colleagues across the country and in Israel and participated in online webinars, services, Sedarim, FaceTime and Zoom calls and in my down time, I’ve watched my eleven year old reach personal goals in school while my six year old mastered the art of kettlebell deadlifts(!).

Rather than viewing the experience of social distancing and staying at home as a negative, I made the decision to embrace the situation and find opportunities to be grateful. I am grateful for the gifts of connection with friends and family, near and far. I am grateful that I was able to celebrate Pesach with my family, in our own way, as we do every year. And I am grateful for something else.

Each year, one month after Pesach, we are commanded to observe a second Passover—a Pesach Sheini. It’s a holiday that always intrigued me, because we don’t get a Rosh Hashana Sheini, or a Sukkot Sheini, or even a Shavuot Sheini. We are gifted with a Pesach Sheini. Why? One of the TJC seventh graders said maybe it’s because we need to remember how important of a holiday Pesach is. Another suggested that it gives us a chance to celebrate if we were unable to observe the first time around. In my opinion, both are correct, and there are probably many more reasons. Who knew the Torah even has an answer for our current circumstances and the disruption of Passover?

The Torah tells us in Numbers 9:10-11 that Moses should speak to the Israelite people and say “When any of you or of your generations to come are unclean because you have touched death or on a long journey and would offer a Passover sacrifice to the Lord, they shall offer it on the second month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight. They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs…” Rabbi Chizkiya ben Manoach, known as Chizkuni, offers commentary on this. “in the second month; seeing that the observance of the original Passover in Egypt was restricted to a single calendar day, they were not commanded concerning this now; but once when the Tabernacle had been built, people who had missed it through no fault of their own would be given a chance to make up for all of its essentials.”

What can we learn from this? We may not have been able to celebrate Passover to the best of our ability. We may not have had access to all symbolically correct foods, we may not have been able to perform the mitzvot correctly. We are given the opportunity to do it again. Even for one night. Upon reflection, however, I realized that not only do we have the opportunity for a Pesach Sheini, but we have so many opportunities to have a do-over!

Friends, this month, I invite you to enjoy the gift of Pesach Sheini. On the evening of Thursday, May 7, have some Matzah and whichever form of Maror you prefer. Be grateful that we have this opportunity for a second chance. The Torah continues to give us gifts, and oftentimes we overlook them. This lesser-known gift is one I know I will treasure this year.

B’Shalom,

Sharon

I want to wish all of our students, families and staff a Safe and Healthy Summer. Watch your mail and emails for information regarding registration for our 2020-2021 School year! Can’t wait to see all of you in the fall… hopefully in person!
Kabbalat Shabbat Katan

May 1, 8, 15, 22

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.

Mark your calendar for Shabbat Katan

Schedule

May 16

11:00 am via ZOOM

Open to the Community!

Questions? Call Sharon Diamondstein at (609) 921-7207 or email at SDiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org

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. This service will typically be held on the second Shabbat of the month.
In Memoriam:
We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering

Robert Aresty z”l, brother of Jane Silverman and uncle to Jacob, Rachel and Sara.

Anne Freedman z”l, wife of the late Gerald H. Freedman, mother to Barry (Bobbi), mother to daughter Deborah Freedman (Avi Paradise), grandmother to three grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer and Michael, and great-grandmother to four great grandchildren.

Jane Headstrom Yerkes z”l, mother to Charlotte Friedman (Edward Fenwick).

Harold Berger z”l, husband of Arlene Berger, father to Sheryl Punia and her husband Joseph, son James and his wife Michelle, and son Lawrence and his wife Fern, grandfather to his grandchildren Elyse, Andrew, Charlie, Grant, Jared, Alexis and Ryan and great grandfather to Sebastian and Jamie.

Mark Robert (Bob) Weiss z”l, husband of Cynthia Doris Weiss, father of Shelley Gail Weiss Lightman and Eve Weiss and grandfather of Moss, Sarah and Jonathan.

Jacob David Caras z”l, son of Phyllis Caras and brother of Jana Caras Gelernt.

Helene Aylon z”l, mother of Nat Fisch (Tobe).

Hilda Hubert z”l, mother of Steven Hubert (Randy), grandmother of Allison, Daniel and Carly.

Shirley Steinberg z”l, mother of Ellen Gordon (Gil) and grandmother of Lisa Rogol (Marc) and great-grandmother of Alexa and Zachary Rogol, who passed away after a long illness at her home in Chevy Chase, MD.

Mazel Tov!

To Hanan Isaacs on his recovery from COVID-19

To Corey Langer on the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

To Corey and Mindy Langer on their 39th wedding anniversary

To Joyce and Clive Usiskin on the birth of their first great grandson

To Roslyn and David Vanderbilt on the engagement of their daughter Karen to Marc Shapiro

To Phyllis Marchand for being honored by the D&R Greenway Land Trust on May 9

To Debbie Freedman and Avi Paradise on their marriage

To Alison Politziner on her birthday

To Joel Berger, Cantor Jeff and Rabbi Bob for all their hard work
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Our first interactive class in May is:

**Contract or Covenant:**
**Jewishly Navigating Some of the Workplace Challenges of 2020**

with

**Rabbi David Hoffman, Ph.D.**
Director of the Honey Foundation for Israel
and Former Vice Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary

**Monday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.**
**Open to the Community**

At a moment of crisis, we are all asked to step-up and exercise leadership, even in the small decisions we make. This pandemic has produced a cascading series of problems that demand difficult decisions in many areas of our lives. All of us, as employees and employers, face challenges we never could have imagined two months ago. For example, do we pay the nanny who no longer is coming to our home? Do we continue to pay our preschool tuition until the end of the year? How do we balance the tension of remaining solvent while also having to think about the possibilities of having to lay off employees?

These case studies raise interesting questions about the role—and limitations—of Jewish law in helping us address contemporary dilemmas. Are there sources in Jewish history that provide wisdom as we think about these issues? Is Jewish law the best way to approach these problems, or are there other Jewish lenses outside of a legal framework, that can help us work through these immense challenges?

David Hoffman is the President of the Honey Foundation for Israel. He was ordained at JTS where he also received a PhD in Rabbinic Literature and Culture. Rabbi Hoffman was the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Advancement Officer of JTS and also served on the faculty of JTS for over twenty years. Presently, Rabbi Hoffman serves on the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards of the Conservative Movement.

For security reasons, pre-registration* is required by noontime of the day of the class. We offer written instructions and telephone assistance to those using Zoom for the first time.

*To pre-register for Rabbi Hoffman’s class, please send your name and email address to: adulteducation@thejewishcenter.org.

Note that presenters volunteer their time and expertise. We thank them very much.
Dara Horn’s: *A Guide for the Perplexed*

(This discussion was originally scheduled for March, but re-scheduled due to Covid)

“A Guide for the Perplexed is the title of a major theological work written by the Rambam, Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon, in the twelfth century. The Rambam’s struggle with destiny versus free will is a theme of this historical novel, along with Solomon Schechter’s discovery of the Cairo Geniza.... The novel switches between telling about the Rambam and his brother David, to Schechter and his dealings with the twin Victorian adventurers Agnes Smith and Margaret Lewis, and to Judith and Josie, fictional sisters who endure a difficult relationship.”

Jewish Book Council

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

June 16 --- Pam Jenoff’s: *The Orphan’s Tale*

July date TBD -- Plan to join us for a Potluck supper and to watch: *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*

August 18 --- Deborah Levy’s: *The Cost of Living*

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-Commitees/Book-Club.aspx

Hello Nosh & Droschers,

We hope you and your families are doing well and staying healthy during this Pandemic. We want you to know that we are thinking of you and missing all being together to share, chat, experience, learn and nosh! As we write this article plans are under way for the April 23rd meeting to be a ZOOM meeting. Like many of our Seders this year, this will be a first. If this format works well, then we can continue NOSH & DROSH via ZOOM for as long as necessary during these difficult times.

Please mark your calendars for our May meeting on Thursday, May 21st. Back by popular demand will be facilitator, Ellen Pristach. Ellen is not only a NOSH & DROSH regular but an amazing friend and our Go To person for opinions, advice, technology and more. Each year when Ellen facilitates it is extremely well received and a high lite of the NOSH & DROSH program.

May you and your families be well, stay well and may we all be together in person very, very soon.

Warm Regards,

Lauren Neufeld & Cynthia Neufeld

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SHALOM FROM JCW!

We hope you have been able to take advantage of some of the online programming happening over the past several weeks.

If you are interested in online Mah Jongg, please contact Judy Kutin at mrskutin@gmail.com.

Wishing everyone healthy days ahead!

Thank you and continue to stay well!

Michelle
ADULT EDUCATION

Explore the weekly Torah Portion with Sharon Diamondstein.
Friday mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 am

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

The Zoom link will be shared to those who registered prior to the program.

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 the Zoom link.
Michael Goldin
https://zoom.us/j/165159911
**Adult Hebrew Class with Edna Noiman**

Classes - VIA ZOOM - meet on Sunday
Beginners Hebrew 11:00 a.m.-Noon.
Intermediate Hebrew 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Advanced Hebrew 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Call Edna Bryn-Noiman (609-716-1164) or email edna.bryn@gmail.com to get into a class and get the ZOOM Link.

**Talmud Study Group**

Wednesday at 12:15pm - Close reading and analysis of selected passages and sugiyot in the Babylonian Talmud and related texts.

To receive a Zoom invitation, or for more information, contact neillitt@outlook.com.

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**Arts & Culture**

Shalom and greetings from the Arts and Culture committee. We hope you are staying safe at home. With all of the messages that have been sent providing links for how to pass the time, we hope you are becoming experts at accessing some of the wonderful programs available and enjoying them.

While it may be hard to think past the current crisis, we would like to invite anyone who would like to participate in the arts and culture committee in the coming year to let us know. If you have ideas for programs that you think we should take a look at, you can send them along as well.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

Helaine Isaacs and Lynne Ross

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**Havurah Minyan: Study Service via Zoom**

May 16 and May 30

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.
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