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Friday Night Shabbat Services – 6:30 PM
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86556241171
Meeting ID: 865 5624 1171
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Saturday Morning Shabbat Services - 9:30 AM
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88509776404
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Sunday Morning Minyan - 9:00 AM
October 4, 11, 18, 25
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83918814881
Meeting ID: 839 1881 4881
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Wednesday Morning Minyan - 7:00 AM
October 7, 14, 21, 28
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81149125223
Meeting ID: 811 4912 5223
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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.
CELEBRATE SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH 5781

SUkkOT
Friday, October 2     Erev Sukkot
Ma‘ariv Service       6:30 pm

Saturday, October 3    Sukkot Day 1
Shacharit             9:30 am
Torah Service          10:00 am

Sunday, October 4      Sukkot Day 2
Shacharit             9:30 am
Torah Service          10:00 am

SHEMINI ATZERET
Friday, October 9
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 10
Shabbat Service       9:30 am
Torah Service         10:00 am
Yizkor Service        10:30 am
Ma‘ariv Simchat Torah 7:30 pm

SIMCHAT TORAH        Sunday, October 11
Shacharit            9:30 am
Torah Service         10:00 am
Dear friends,

We will be celebrating Sukkot this year on October 3 and 4. Maimonides teaches that unless you invite guests into your sukkah, “you do not know joy”. In keeping with his charge, I invite you to join us on zoom on Sunday Oct 4 when my wife Cathy and I will take you on a tour of our personal sukkah. You will be one of our Ushpizin, our guests. The inspiration for hakhnasat orekhim (hospitality to guests) goes back to our first patriarch Abraham. He would sit outside waiting for the opportunity to invite dusty wayfarers into the shade of his tent, and then run to prepare a meal of the choicest ingredients. A midrash based on the apocryphal Book of Jubilees claims that Abraham built the first Sukkah when he greeted the three Angels who came to tell him his wife Sarah would at last bear a child.

Ushpizin is the tradition of inviting 7 of our ancestors who were themselves wanderers in need of temporary dwellings. This custom began in the 16th century when it is written in the Holy Zohar. “When a person sits in the shadow of faith, ie a Sukkah, the Shekhinah (Divine Presence) spreads Her wings on him from above and Abraham and five other righteous ones of God and David with them make their abode with him. A Jew should rejoice each day of the festival with these guests.”

Traditionally, who is invited? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and David. On each day, a different one of the seven is singled out, in order. The Sephardim often set aside a special chair laden with holy books for the Ushpizin. Of course, modern Jews make it egalitarian by inviting the matriarchs and other important women of Israel–Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, Leah, Miriam, Abigail, and Esther–either paired with the men or on their own.

In our family, we adopted the tradition of asking each of our guests to invite their own personal guest to join us in the Sukkah. Maimonides, Golda Meir, my mother, my father, Yitzhak Rabin, RBG, and Madonna are a few of the personalities invoked around our holiday table.

This year, all our Ushpizim will be attending by Zoom!

Please join us on October 4 to create a moment of joy on this beautiful holiday.

Warmly,

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg

Thank You!

The Jewish Center thanks Judi Fleitman for coordinating and putting together our amazing High Holiday experience. From coordinating all the services, honors, participants and video crew, Judi once again went above and beyond to make sure our services were meaningful and inspiring. Judi, the entire TJC community thanks you for your love and dedication to our synagogue. We already have you signed up for next year! All our love!
The High Holidays have passed, and it is now 5781. We acknowledged our transgressions, pledged to make amends, resolved not to repeat our mistakes, and asked to be inscribed in the Book of Life for a new year. Now what?

For the past several months, you have heard me refer to community. I spoke about it during Kol Nidre and may other times this year. But there is one aspect of community that we need to focus on right now. That is our Annual Fund.

Our Annual Fund goal is $250,000. In a normal year, the Annual Fund constitutes roughly 13% of our operating budget. This year, it is especially important to reach our goal because we are facing unanticipated expenses due to the coronavirus pandemic.

To date, we have had to spend approximately $10,000 on PPE and other protective and related safety equipment. The magnificent High Holiday services production, coupled with the “at-home” bags, resulted in expenditures approximately $5,000 more than we spend during a normal year. We purchased an enhanced Zoom license to permit our entire congregation to join in holiday and regular religious services as well as our various programs throughout the fall and winter. Since we are limited in the number of people we can have in shul for a Shabbat service, we had to acquire a significant amount of audio-visual equipment to enable the b’nai mitzvah families to conduct a bar or bat mitzvah in their homes if they wanted.

As I said during my Kol Nidre speech, The Jewish Center needs funds to maintain its physical structure and pay our bills. Despite the fact that we are limited in the size of our gatherings, the utility bills must be paid, and supplies purchased. The mortgage is due each month, our employees are still performing their duties on behalf of our membership, and our buildings need continual upkeep and maintenance. While certain expenditures dropped due to the pandemic, such as the need to security personnel each Shabbat, in some areas they have increased. However, through careful planning and attention to detail, we have redirected our resources to those functions that have the most impact on you, our members, even when you cannot be in the building.

Your Annual Fund donation also helps those members who are experiencing financial distress due to job loss, business closings, illness, or other unforeseen circumstances. As you know, The Jewish Center does not turn anyone away for financial reasons. Through remissions and other means, we work to enable everyone who wants to be part of our community to do so. Unfortunately, also due to the pandemic several of our congregants need our assistance more than ever. Your generosity will enable The Jewish Center to keep these individuals and families as members and, of equal importance, help us continue to provide their children with the best chance to explore our traditions, our history, and our rituals.

The Annual Fund is our single best opportunity each year to make sure The Jewish Center remains the vibrant, vital, warm and supportive institution our community treasures. Our goal is 100% involvement by our entire congregation. If you can, please increase your level of donation over the amount you donated last year. But your donation does not have to be large – donate only what you feel comfortable doing and is meaningful to you. However, know that every dollar you donate to our Annual Fund will be put to work supporting the endeavor we call “The Jewish Center”.

May it be written and may it be sealed that you have a new year that brings fulfillment and happiness, peace and prosperity – all of life’s best things.

G’mar Chatimah Tovah!

Randy Brett

MESSAGE from the President

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So Here We Are

Drive Through Shofar Blowing - September 13
As I write this, we’re deep in the midst of preparing – both spiritually and logistically – for a High Holiday season that will not be like any we’ve ever experienced. But, thankfully, through the efforts of so many, we are all developing new and innovative ways to stay connected and inspired during these days.

By the time you read this, the leaves will be changing, the evenings will be cooler, and our attention will have shifted to two beautiful fall holidays: Sukkot and Simchat Torah. I love these holidays! I wait all year to dwell in the sukkah on clear, star-filled nights, as well as on the days and nights when rain is, inevitably, seeping through the schach. On Simchat Torah I am filled with joy as we sing and dance with the Torah, celebrating the end of one cycle and the beginning of another.

Although our celebrations will look somewhat different this year, the ikar, the essence, remains the same. The cycle of our Jewish year continues, and with it, our thankfulness to God for allowing us to reach this season.

I’ve been thinking a lot lately about gratitude. I remember when I first came to Princeton to meet with Rabbi Feldman, z”l, before I was on the job. I was almost in tears when I called Deborah to tell her how beautiful Princeton was and how wonderful it would be to live here. And the many joys of Princeton have been in full view even during these past six months of the pandemic: kind, generous and thoughtful people, both in our TJC community and beyond, and easily accessible and stellar nature walks abounding with flowers, woods and wildlife. We can now again have such cosmopolitan pleasures as picking up a coffee from Small World and a book from the library. We can have a socially-distanced picnic with friends, and enjoy a bike ride along the tow path. And thanks to the power of the Internet, we can stay connected in ways that wouldn’t have been possible just a few years ago. I am so grateful for these pleasures, both big and small. I am also especially grateful to the TJC community, and I am truly inspired by the resilience and creativity of our congregation, as we continue to connect to our Jewish traditions and to each other.

Deborah and I wish you and your families Chag Sameach and a healthy and peaceful fall season.

Cantor Jeff
What Happened?? I remember growing up in the synagogue. My dad was President. We went to Jr Congregation. We went to Hebrew School in our Little League Uniforms. My parents ran the Couples clubs. My parents always ran the holiday bazaar. And…they took us out of school when the holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah fell during the week. Here are some of my memories of those holidays.

Sukkot was always a joy as we always built a Sukkah in our backyard. I always remember using my Lulav to whack a brother or nearby person in the congregation. Each direction was important! My Sukkah building memories are strings of popcorn and Meatballs and Spaghetti. It rained a lot which gave us the excuse of eating inside. But we always loved building it, and hated taking it down.

When I got married and had kids who could understand the holiday, I made an attempt at building my own Sukkah. Now know that my older brother is an architect and my father, who had a background in construction, was still around. However, I decided I could do it myself! We made the decorations and after a few trips to Home Depot, it came out very nice. But here was the best part. When I went to take it down, it kind of collapsed and formed an Indian Teepee. It twisted in a way that made it stand on its own. It was so cool. We put a tarp over it and had our own outdoor teepee. Not by design. Totally by accident. I wish we had cell phones with cameras back them as it would have definitely shown up in my Facebook timeline every year since. But after that adventure, Sukkah building did not really take place much more and we enjoyed visiting our family Sukkot over the years. I hope you get to build your own Sukkah or socially distance in a friend's or relative's this year. Wear a mask if you do.

And what about Simchat Torah? Where is all the fun nowadays?? Here are some of the things we used to do while at services (with permission)

- We closed the curtains in front of the bima and made everyone move outside so nobody was left in the sanctuary except the Rabbi and Cantor
- We went behind the bima and put on the Rabbis and Cantors robes and stood next to them singing and imitating them loudly.
- We carried around the Torah holders without the Torah's.
- We dressed the Rabbi as a Torah, crown and all, and carried him around the sanctuary.
- We even held the Ark hostage while I was a Youth Director to raise money for our Youth programs. Ransom notes and all. Very successful by the way!

And when grown and working at the synagogue, a 20-year old bottle of Chivas always seemed to appear with the caterer during services.

One of my greatest memories, however, was on Simchat Torah when chanting the Haftorah with a good friend, who has since passed away. We each chanted one word at a time, alternating throughout the entire Haftorah. It was amazing and I remember it vividly to this day.

I know in the midst of the pandemic, we won't be together for the holidays. But my memories will always be there with my brothers making good mischief during the holidays. Maybe next year, we can be together and have good fun together.

If you have good memories as well, I'd love to hear them. Email me at jberger@thejewishcenter.org.

Wishing you all the best for the continued holiday season.

Joel
Friends,

Over the summer, I spent a week at a friend's house in Ocean City, NJ. One of the highlights was waking up each morning to walk down to the beach to watch the sun come up. I find it difficult to describe the shades of reds, pinks, oranges and gold that I saw both in the sky and reflected onto the water. What I noticed though, was that each sunrise was different. Sometimes there were clouds in the way, so the sun wasn't perfectly round. Sometimes the seagulls were especially loud so the tranquility of the ocean waves was disturbed, sometimes it was too cloudy for the sun to even break through, and the only way we knew the sun was up was that the sky was a lighter shade of gray than it had been moments earlier. Some days, the sunrise was absolutely perfect as I watched a glowing ball slowly rise over a quiet ocean.

With one exception, each morning there was that one moment in which I saw this bright glimmer all the way at the edge of the ocean and I knew the sun would surely be up soon. Regardless of how the sun broke through, there was always that glimmer.

There was one day where I missed that moment because I looked down and was distracted by a critter on the beach.

I share this with you because we are still in the throes of the High Holy Day season. We have just finished celebrating Rosh Hashanah and honoring Yom Kippur. We are moving into Sukkot, as each day turns to night, and the darkness of night gives us a new sunrise. We are gifted these amazing opportunities to have daily do-overs.

There are those who acknowledge a mini-Yom Kippur, or Yom Kippur Katan. This day occurs on the last day of each Hebrew calendar month in anticipation of the month to come. Kabbalists in the city of Tzfat, Israel, decided years ago that by fasting the day before Rosh Chodesh, or the first day of each month, they could atone for any transgressions from the previous month. This gives each of us the chance to have our own Yom Kippur. We don't need to wait for The Big Day in the fall holiday cycle to look within us and try to figure out how to do better. We don't even need to wait until the end of the month. In fact, we have so many opportunities to acknowledge our missteps and correct them.

I would argue that even without fasting, we could make each day a day for us to do better than the day before. Each day will start differently. Some days we will awaken in a peaceful state, while others we may wake up to excess noise in our heads. Some days may be a bit foggy and cloudy, perhaps because of a poor night's sleep while other mornings may find us a bit distracted by thoughts and we may forget to notice something important. Some mornings may not even provide enough caffeine to get through the day!

There is always that glimmer, though. Because we woke up. Because we are able to say "Modeh/Modah Ani Lefanecha” Thank you, Great One, for allowing me to wake up and restore my spirit.” And we are challenged to use these days, no matter how they came to us, to do better. To be better. To correct wrongdoings. To help others.

Though Yom Kippur may be one day, and Yom Kippur Katan may come 12 (or 13!) times per year, I encourage you to find an element of Yom Kippur to carry you through each day.

I invite you to look for that glimmer, even if you are distracted in the morning by the proverbial critters in the sand. Notice the beauty around you. Find ways to make it more beautiful. Embrace each day as an opportunity to make things right.

And if you have the chance, please watch the sun rise.

B'Shalom,

Sharon

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Fridays in October:
- 2nd
- 9th
- 16th
- 23rd
- 30th

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
RAVBI SEARCH: RESULTS OF TJC FOCUS GROUPS

Nineteen focus groups with over 200 participants gathered via zoom in July and August, 2020. Of these, 17 brought together congregants, one was with TJC staff, and one with teens. Thank you to all the participants, facilitators, and note-takers for making this process so productive.

In our opening remarks, we asked participants to be candid and concise in articulating what they considered to be the most important criteria for selecting a rabbi best suited for the needs of our entire congregation. We also reflected upon the dedication and contribution of Rabbi Adam Feldman honoring his legacy as we move forward. The predominant tone of all of our focus groups was decidedly optimistic. The following is a summary of the responses from focus group participants to each question.

Question 1: What are our congregation’s strengths? What are we most proud of?

Themes in response: community, knowledge, leadership, education, participation

Our congregants are widely valued as our greatest strength by virtue of our strong sense of commitment to each other and to TJC, our religious and secular knowledge, our “deep-bench” of liturgical participation, as well as our committed leadership in all aspects of synagogue life. Other strengths cited were TJC’s wide-ranging variety of programming, including programs for young families; an excellent Religious School; Shabbat Kiddush luncheons bringing congregants together for lively discussions; involvement in the greater community through relationships with clergy, police, schools, social justice programs, and more; excellent staff and lay leadership; and caring attention to life cycle events. Our diversity was noted as both a strength and a challenge.

Question 2: What are the main challenges/issues facing The Jewish Center?

Themes in response: meeting diverse needs of religious observance, securing long-term financial stability, inclusivity and retention of members, evolving our religious school curriculum and ensuring growth, constructive dialogue and conflict resolution. Beyond the tragic loss of Rabbi Feldman and the constraints imposed by the pandemic, participants identified additional challenges on several fronts: How do we attract young families and keep them through b’nai mitzvah and longer? How do we meet the needs of long-term congregants and show our continued appreciation of their involvement? How do we modernize without sacrificing priceless tradition? How do we fulfill the religious and spiritual needs of congregants with such a wide range of observance? How do we more actively and warmly welcome interfaith families, Jews of color, the LGBTQ community, and others who might feel marginalized? How do we attract those in our community who are unaffiliated? How do we improve programmatic coordination at TJC? In what ways can we involve people who are not currently interested in religious services, but still wish to be valued as part of the TJC community? How do we grow enrollment for our religious school, especially without a preschool as a pathway to membership? Participants also characterized as crucial the need to find a rabbi who is skilled at fostering dialogue and finding common ground to help us create an atmosphere of open discourse about Israel and other complex topics.

Question 3: In what areas should our synagogue be involved in the next five years? What is your vision going forward?

Themes in response: engaged and diverse community, joyful and inspirational services, improved physical space and technology, living our Jewish values with a strong presence beyond our walls. Participants shared a vision of a revitalized center of Jewish life, brimming with engaged members of all ages. Interfaith families and others who might feel marginalized would find themselves at home. Services on Shabbat and holidays would provide spirituality and a new sense of wonder, balancing honored tradition with creativity. In addition, our facilities would match our revitalization and strategic direction requiring increased fundraising for thoughtful renovation and ongoing technological upgrades. A vision often expressed was how commitment to Jewish values for the greater good will strengthen our own community as we engage in social justice initiatives.

Question 4: What strengths/skills are most important to us in our new rabbi?

From a list of 58 wished-for attributes emerged three major themes: visionary leader, community builder, pastoral leader. The majority of participants spoke about their hopes for a forward-thinking, inspiring leader who will revitalize our community. Our new rabbi should be highly adept as a communicator whether sharing a renewed vision for the future of our congregation, engaging from the bimah when delivering a sermon, teaching us Torah and its insights into how we live today, as well as in everyday conversation. Participants want our new rabbi to focus on building upon our greatest strength, our fellow TJCers, by reaching out, bringing us together, and helping every member to feel valued and heard. We want our new rabbi to continue our congregation’s involvement in the greater community and lead us in compelling and relevant ways to live our Jewish values. Participants emphasized that our new rabbi should have the ability to build bridges within our own community, to listen respectfully, and accept different perspectives. The rabbi must have the tools to facilitate difficult discussions and help us to work through complex and controversial issues. Participants commented often about our continued need for a rabbinic leader who will be there for all of us in our most difficult times as well as our most joyous. The new rabbi should be accessible, attentive, caring, receptive, and able to provide guidance to meet every congregant’s needs. The TJC Congregational Survey was designed to help us weigh and prioritize all of these attributes.

NEXT STEPS

The content provided by the focus groups informed the development of our Congregational Survey which was made available on August 28. We look forward to providing the congregation with an update on Survey results in the next TJC Bulletin. Our job listing and TJC description for candidates will be submitted to the Rabbinical Assembly in early October. We will interview candidates through fall and winter and introduce finalists to the congregation in March. Our ultimate goal is to find and secure the best rabbi for the Jewish Center by Passover. You are welcome to contribute your ideas and suggestions at any time during the rabbi search process by emailing us at rabbisearch@thejewishcenter.org.
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Rabbi Adam Feldman
Benjamin Goodfriend  |  October 3, 2020

Benjamin Goodfriend – Ben is in 7th grade at Community Middle School where he runs cross country and plays trumpet in the school's jazz band. He's an avid NY Giants & Philadelphia Phillies fan and also loves playing golf. Ben has been volunteering at the West Windsor Community Farmers Market since he was 6 years old and will be volunteering with JFCS's food pantry as part of his Chesed project. His favorite months are spent at Camp Green Lane, his home away from home. He loves spending time with his family including younger brother Leo & their dog Beatrice and he is beyond excited to be celebrating his special day with close family and friends! He wants to give a special thank you to Sharon Diamondstein, Cantor Jeff, Ronit Rackowski and Rabbi Schoenberg for virtually helping him with his studies and supporting him during this crazy time!

Molly Schwarz-Manocchio  |  October 17, 2020

Molly Schwarz-Manocchio is an 8th grader at Princeton Unified Middle School (formerly JW). Molly was born in Bryn Mawr and lived in Colorado before moving to Princeton in first grade, and has been a member of the Jewish Center since 2014. At school, she is actively involved in a number of student clubs and has served as a member of the stage crew for the last three drama productions. Molly enjoys reading, drawing, fencing, eating (mostly goldfish and chocolate), watching and discussing anime, and has recently re-discovered a love of knitting. She is also an out-spoken advocate for the rights of marginalized groups and has always been willing to stand up and defend others when she perceives injustice, whether on the playground or as part of an organized march.

Molly is looking forward to celebrating her bat-mitzvah with family and friends zooming in from New York, Chicago, and Jerusalem among other places, as well as her parents, grandparents, brother Adam and her friends right here in Princeton.

Shay Cheskis  |  October 24, 2020

Shay is an eighth-grade student at Montgomery Upper Middle School. He’s a very active boy who loves playing baseball, thrives competing in dodgeball tournaments, looks forward to middle-school wrestling and much more. On the flip side, Shay spends hours designing and building intricate towers and multi-level/multi-functional garage or working on his science/engineering tinker crates. He also enjoys playing trumpet with his school band and attending our friend's 14-piece-brass concerts. Shay prides himself with continuing his chesed project service work: Rock Steady Boxing (a non-contact boxing-based fitness program for people with Parkinson's Disease). Just like Shay's older sister, Etana, and older brother, Noah, Shay has considered The Jewish Center his home away from home. Although he has accepted the fact that becoming a bar mitzvah will not look as similar to his sister's and brother's due to the fact that we live in a global pandemic, he also knew becoming a bar mitzvah would never be what he had dreamed the moment he heard the news about his beloved rabbi on December 24th: instead, Shay is becoming a bar mitzvah in his own unique way which is usually how Shay does things “normally” anyway.
Lila Raivetz | October 31, 2020

Lila Raivetz is a 7th grader at Princeton Unified Middle School along with her twin sister, Sydney. Lila moved to Princeton from Budapest, Hungary by way of New York City. She is passionate about animals, nature and art. Lila also loves playing basketball where she has played with PG Hoops for the past three years. Most of all Lila loves her dog, Chase. She has a deep connection to her summer home at Camp Timber Tops in Greeley, PA. She has a warm heart and a great sense of humor and a love for Jewish history. She has really enjoyed her course work at the religious school. Lila would like to thank Nancy Lewis, Sharon Diamondstein, Gila Levin, Cantor Jeff, Rabbi Schoenberg and all her teachers in the religious school for all their help in preparing for her special day. She would like to acknowledge Rabbi Adam Feldman for the indelible mark he has made on her life.

Sydney Raivetz | October 31, 2020

Sydney Raivetz is a 7th grader at Princeton Unified Middle School along with her twin sister, Lila. She also moved to Princeton from Budapest, Hungary by way of New York City. Sydney is passionate about baking. She also loves to code software which she has been learning for the past three years at Code Ninjas. Sydney loves to sing anything and everything Broadway. She has a deep connection to her summer home at Camp Timber Tops in Greeley, PA. Sydney is an avid reader. She loves to write. Sydney also loves her dog, Chase. Sydney is kind and warm-hearted. She has really enjoyed being a student at the religious school and has learned to funnel her musical ability into her Hebrew studies. Sydney would also like to thank Nancy Lewis, Sharon Diamondstein, Gila Levin, Cantor Jeff, Rabbi Schoenberg and all her teachers in the religious school for all their help in preparing for her special day. She would like to acknowledge Rabbi Adam Feldman for the indelible mark he has made on her life.

Oren Yacoby | October 31, 2020

Oren was born on the luckiest day, 07/07/07, hence his nickname “Jackpot.” As a child, Oren has been curious about the world; he was especially intrigued by the solar system. Oren loves the water. Once in a pool, he resists getting out of it. Oren has played sports since a young age. In particular, he loves soccer, hockey, and lacrosse and has a competitive spirit. Recently, he has become an avid fisherman and enjoys being on a boat out on the ocean where he catches a variety of fish. Oren adores his older brothers and spending time with all of his cousins. Oren has family in Israel and has been visiting the country annually, staying at his grandmother’s apartment. He understands Hebrew but is still working on speaking it.

...And Mazel Tov to our Congregants

To Vickie Solomon on her special birthday
To Louise Sandburg on her special birthday
To Joel Tenenbaum, wishing you a speedy recovery
To Nancy and Neil Lewis on their 45th wedding anniversary
To Linda and Josh Milstein on their 55th wedding anniversary
To Joan and Larry Goodman on their 56th wedding anniversary
To Ed Flax and Dee Silver on their 55th wedding anniversary
To Suzanne Esterman and John McKeegan on their wedding anniversary
To Gil and Ellen Gordon on the birth of their grandson, Asher Gordon
To Phyllis and Sy Marchand on their granddaughter Genevieve’s (Vivi) Bat Mitzvah
To Rabbi David and Ziona Silverman on the first birthday of their great-granddaughter, Abigail Prager
To Edna and Shai Noiman who welcomed their first grandchild, Ben
To Michael and Naomi Goldin who celebrated the baby naming of their granddaughter, Parker Skye. She will be named Nessa Tovah in honor of her great-grandparents, of blessed memory
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We own what we are willing to share. That is tzedakah; charity as justice.

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 (8:00-9:00 p.m.)
RSVP requested, but not required: INFO@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG
Social Action

You are also welcome to join our next meeting on October 27 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. via Zoom

Email socialaction@thejewishcenter.org for Zoom information.

Havurah Minyan:
Study Service
10:00 a.m.
October 10 and October 24 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.

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.

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

Get Ready to Vote!

Before you know it, the November general election will be here. Are you registered to vote? What about your friends and family? NJ residents should visit the NJ Voter Registration web page to check their status and find their county’s registration form at www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml. Due to the pandemic, NJ will have a modified vote-by-mail election in November, and all registered voters will receive a postage-paid ballot in the mail in early October. Act now to ensure you are registered so that you can be counted in the upcoming election. And don’t forget to mail your ballot in early!

Interested in volunteering to encourage others to vote? Here are two opportunities: Reclaim Our Vote (bit.ly/reclaimourvote) and VoteForward (votefwd.org). Want another way to help? Sign up to be a poll worker!

To learn more visit: www.state.nj.us/state/elections/county-information.shtml

This message was brought to you by the Social Action Committee.
Please join us from the comforts of your own Sukkah or Sofa for an evening of wine tasting. Ed Ventura, owner of The Grape Escape Winery in Dayton, NJ will be discussing wine making, tasting and selecting.

RSVP to Fran Mascia Lees
jcw@thejewishcenter.org

Zoom link will be provided on 10/7
Jewish Center Women

NOSH & DROSH continued through the summer for the very first time ever! We were thrilled that so many of you joined us on Zoom and we look forward to continuing to "see" you. Upcoming meeting dates are listed below.

Special thanks to Rabbi Cathy Felix and Barbara Abramson for facilitating our August meeting. Each, encouraged us to practice self care during the pandemic.

Rabbi Cathy gave a beautiful D’Var Torah inspired by The Greater Good Science Center in Berkeley California. Introducing us to the acronym ARK, Rabbi Cathy reminded us to be AWARE of our feelings, REMEMBER we are not alone and to be KIND to ourselves. By focusing on these reminders Rabbi Cathy hopes we will find a sense of calm during this challenging time.

Barbara Abramson taught us another way to find calm during the pandemic. Barbara introduced us to the Feldenkrais Method. By taking us through beginner steps of this very interesting technique, we were able to use breathing techniques and movements to self regulate ourselves. Many experienced a sense of relaxation and even improved pain levels. If you are interested in learning more about the Feldenkrais Method please contact Barbara Abramson.

The response to the morning Rabbi Cathy and Barbara co-facilitated was overwhelmingly positive. We thank you both for providing such positive information at a time when we need it most.

We would like to acknowledge the incredible support, assistance and guidance that Ellen Pristach provides to NOSH & DROSH. In addition to being our Zoom Host, Ellen gives insightful feedback on program ideas and is a great source when we need assistance in finding a particular facilitator. Ellen, Mom and I greatly appreciate the interest you take in NOSH & DROSH. We thank you for all of your help this past year and very much look forward to your continuing the vital role you play in NOSH & DROSH in the new year!

We have some great themes in store for the Fall. We are looking forward to “seeing” our regular NOSH & DROSH & always welcome new faces as well! Please join us for our upcoming monthly special mornings of sharing and discussion.

Stay well,
Lauren and Cynthia

You’ve heard the expression, it takes a village and with the year just getting started, there have been many villagers working with JCW to create a successful year. It’s very important to me to acknowledge the efforts of so many.

I’d like to thank all of the members of our TJC family who participated in this year’s New Year’s Card greeting. So many of you contributed to this project and JCW is extremely appreciative of your support. The Greeting Card project has always been one that I found very meaningful and this year, more than any other, our TJC family needed to feel connected to each other and to feel the wishes and hope that we want for each and every synagogue member in the New Year.

The New Year’s greeting card project would not be possible without the assistance of Roni Garrison and Maryann Yarin professionals in our TJC office. Roni and Maryann, I very much appreciate all of your hard work and dedication not only for this project but for every JCW program. Thank you both and I’m looking forward to continuing to work with you this year.

Joel Berger, our Executive Director goes above and beyond to provide guidance and support to JCW too. JCW is grateful for the role you play in helping us accomplish all that we need to in order to provide the programs we do. Special thanks to Joel Berger!

Additionally, have you thought about who from JCW, during a pandemic, would stuff 500 New Year’s Cards for the congregation? Well, the answer is Heidi Joseph, her husband Dave Salzman and Honey Rosenberg. On behalf of JCW thank you very much for insuring that each of our TJC families received this year’s New Year’s Greeting. Heidi, I appreciate your efforts not only on this project but your efforts on behalf of everything JCW embraces.

We have three exciting events happening in October. Sippin in the Sukkah, is a Zoom wine tasting activity will take place on October 8. Please see contact information in the advertisement section of this Newsletter for information on the Grape Escape Winery and owner, Ed Ventura who will be facilitating this program for us. I’d like to thank Fran Mascia-Lees for accepting the rsvps for this exciting event and insuring that all participants receive the zoom link they need to participate.

On October 22, we will have our Zoom “Kick Off Event” for the Princeton Period Project. Our speaker is Gil Gordon, the founder of PPP and I very much appreciate Gil’s bringing this very important project to our attention several years ago and more so for his willingness to include JCW in his efforts to collect donations. I know that you will be inspired by the story he will be sharing with us. After all, who isn’t inspired by Gil Gordon! Lois Safer has been taking rsvps for the PPP Event and will be emailing participants the zoom link for the event as well. Lois, thank you for your help and support of this program. You’ve been a long time member of TJC and JCW appreciates your continued commitment.

As a follow up to our PPP “Kick Off Event” JCW will hold our 1st PPP Parade on October 25th. This will be a contactless, drive through opportunity to donate Adult Incontinence Products. We have 2 drop off times scheduled for your convenience and welcome participation from our entire TJC family. Let’s work together as Gil Gordon says, “to help adults in need live in dignity and comfort.”

JCW is very excited to announce that on January 9, 2021, we will be having a Zoom Havdalah service followed by a Zoom Scavenger Hunt. The idea, details and surprises are the brainstorm of Co-Chairs Roberta Sternfeld and Ray Kaufman. Please save the date - Saturday evening, January 9th, it’s going to be a Zoom Event like no other!

JCW is only successful because of the amazing people who assist and support our events. It takes a village and I am incredibly grateful to you all.

With Many, Many thanks,

Lauren
THIS MONTH

A TASTE OF KABBALAH
TWO-SESSION ZOOM INTERACTIVE MINI-SERIES
SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 18TH & 25TH FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 PM
DANIEL MATT, PH.D.

In these two sessions we will explore some of the essential teachings of Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition. Among the themes to be covered are Ein Sof (God as Infinity), Shekhinah (the feminine aspect of God), the mystical meaning of Torah, finding God in the material world, and God’s need for the human being. The texts will be drawn from Daniel Matt’s The Essential Kabbalah and his translation of the Zohar.

Daniel Matt, Ph.D. is a leading authority on Kabbalah, who has been featured in Time, Newsweek, and NPR. His books include The Essential Kabbalah and God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality. Over 18 years, he composed a 9-volume annotated translation of the Zohar—The Zohar: Pritzker Edition—which has been hailed as “a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought.” He has taught at Stanford University and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Currently he teaches Zohar online: www.sup.org/zohar/course

Daniel’s father, Rabbi Hershel Matt, served as rabbi at The Jewish Center from 1970-1975.

Please use course code KABBALAH when registering for this class.

NEWLY ADDED

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REVEREND DR. DEBORAH K. BLANKS

The first session will focus on the history, beliefs, and practices of the A.M.E. Church. In the second session, Reverend Blanks will share her thoughts on the interaction between faith, moral values, and some of the difficult challenges of today, including systemic racism and the violence and intolerance so evident in our society.

The Reverend Dr. Deborah K. Blanks is pastor of the historic Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest African American church in Princeton. Prior to serving as pastor of a local congregation, Rev. Dr. Blanks served with distinction as associate dean of religious life and the chapel at Princeton University for many years. Her introduction to the world of university chaplaincy began as an assistant university chaplain at Brown in the mid-1990’s. Prior to entering the academy as a chaplain, she served as an active duty United States Navy chaplain stationed at commands in Virginia, Florida, and North Carolina. She was honorably discharged at the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserves.

Please use course code AME when registering for this class.

THIS SEMESTER, ALL ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY FREE OF CHARGE

For security reasons, Registration is required for all programs. To register, please send an email with your full name and the Course Code(s) for the course(s) you would like to register for to:

adulteducation@thejewishcenter.org
We’ll be meeting by Zoom to discuss:

Dani Shapiro’s The Inheritance

…we’ve all heard stories of people who discover, quite by accident, that their family history isn’t quite what they thought. The chance that such a thing might happen at all seems remote — but that it might happen to Dani Shapiro, a novelist and memoirist who has devoted her life to telling stories about families and their secrets, is even more incredible. (New York Times)

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:

COMING SOON!

November 17  Alice Hoffman’s The World that We Knew
December 15  Mark Helprin’s Paris in the Present Tense
January 19  Kristy Manning’s Song of the Jade Lily
Examining Racism
Looking Inward First

Sunday, October 18 & 25
10:00–11:30 a.m.

In America today, we recognize that racial discrimination persists in private and public settings—throwing up significant barriers to equality and opportunity. But what can we as individuals do to overcome these obstacles and make meaningful change? First, we must begin with ourselves: understanding the biases we all carry, and how they affect our own lives and our interactions with other people.

In a two-session, interactive workshop on Zoom, we will explore our feelings about concepts such as white supremacy, learn how negative messages are embedded in microaggressions, how implicit bias works, and plan further learning and action. Session 1 will meet on Sunday, October 18, and is a requisite to attending session 2 on Sunday, October 25. Both sessions are scheduled 10:00 to 11:30 am and will be led by TJC members from Not in Our Town Princeton, the local anti-racism organization and TJC’s Social Action Committee.

Previous participants have commented:

““The workshop made me more aware of my own implicit biases as well as those that are embedded in social norms.”

“The leaders were masterful. You made the workshop a success. You are non-judgmental, but can provide insights.”

Open to TJC members and there is no registration fee. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants, but the workshop will be repeated. To register, email socialaction@thejewishcenter.org. Any questions about the program? Contact Linda Oppenheim linda.oppenheim@gmail.com or 609-462-0421.
**Arts & Culture October**

**Challah Baking**
Judy Leopold  
Monday, Oct. 19  
7:30 p.m.

**Taking Better Photos**
Princeton Photo Workshop  
Tuesday, Oct. 20  
7:30 p.m.

**Making Gluten-Free Focaccia**
Marilyn Besner, owner of Wildflour Bakery  
Monday, October 26  
7:30 p.m.

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**Book Talk with Myra Weiner**  
**Thursday, October 29, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

Dr. Myra L. Weiner, an internationally recognized toxicologist and member of The Jewish Center, will speak about her recently published memoir, Uprooting the Poison Tree. In her memoir, Myra shares stories about her career, personal challenges and Jewish journey while using real world poisons as metaphors for experiences to which she finds emotional antidotes.

Myra weaves her passions for science, spirituality and family throughout the stories. You will find how, by confronting adverse challenges, she transforms herself into a successful professional woman, wife, mother and trailblazer.

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**Baking NY Style Black and White Cookies**
Jay Schnitzer of Abba Jay’s Bakery  
Monday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m.

**The Jews of Uganda**
Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg and Rabbi Cathy Felix  
Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m.

**Soothe Your Eyes, Soothe Your Self**
Barbara Abramson  
Monday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

**A Long Walk down a Winding Road**
Author presentation with Sam Farmer  
Monday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

**Latke making with Sherry Meyer**  
Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.  
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**Save These Dates!**

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
By the time you read this, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will have passed. Considering these extraordinarily challenging times, we sincerely hope you found the connection, comfort and kavanah which framed our creation of our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. The production of, and your participation in, these services are a testament to our resiliency and spirit.

If we recognize monetary donations each month, it is important to express our gratitude to the people who dedicated their talents, wisdom, time and efforts into bringing our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services to fruition.

Many participants were credited in our High Holiday 5781 Guide to Services. And they are all thanked once more. However, not enough credit was given to our High Holiday 5781 Planning Committee who each undertook specific tasks in addition to formulating the services, and are acknowledged as follows:

**Rabbi Elliot Salo Schoenberg**, our Interim Rabbi, who helped create the service content, delivered inspirational sermons, and led our services

**Cantor Jeff Warschauer** who davened our services so beautifully

**Rabbi Justus Baird** who shared the pulpit with Rabbi Schoenberg and also helped create service content and delivered inspirational sermons

**Joel Berger**, our Executive Director, who went above and beyond in coordinating so much behind the scenes and being a sage advisor

**Cheryl Mintz**, who volunteered her professional expertise, experience and countless hours as our Virtual Director and Line Producer

**Ra’anan Boustan** who researched and recommended our Supplemental Readings

**Phil Carchman** who conceptualized our Ne’ilah Service

**Sharon Diamondstein** who coordinated Youth and Family Services

**Robert Lebeau** who coordinated our Shacharit and Yom Kippur Mincha services

**Nancy Lewis** who coordinated our High Holiday Honors pre-filming, assisted on filming days and edited our High Holiday Services 5781 Guide

**Linda Milstein** who coordinated the pre-filming of Torah and Haftarah chanters as well as organizing our Gabbaim

**Polly Strauss**, our VP of Religious Affairs, who served as liaison with The Religious Affairs Committee and provided extremely valuable input and support

Many others worked “behind the scenes”. We are grateful to:

**Denise Cheskis**, Coordinator, and her team for gift bag assembly and distribution

**Bernie Fleitman** for his expertise as IT Consultant both on service production and viewing platform coordination

**Gil Gordon** for serving as “Shomer” and Zoom coordinator for Erev Rosh Hashanah, YomKippur Forum and Yom Kippur Mincha services

**Mindy Langer**, Ritual Assistant, for her work in coordinating the Torah Service

**The Jewish Center Staff**: Maryann Yarin, Roni Garrison, Daryl Rothman, Cynthia Richman, Nikita Agyei, Marc Sene Charles and Khaled Ahmed

Our professional production team who worked respectfully and diligently on producing our services: **Seth Mellman**, Director of Photography and Editor

**Alison Cote**, Production Coordinator and Floor Manager

**Peregrin Jones**, IT Manager

Wishing all health and well-being in the New Year.

L’shanah haba-ah b’TJC!

**Judi Fleitman**
Committee Chair
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!

**Mark your calendar for**

**Shabbat Katan**

**October 10**

**11:00 am**

**via ZOOM**

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