"Fear not to go down to Egypt, I brought you out of Egypt, and I will bring you back."

~ Genesis 46:3-4
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MARCH ZOOM LINKS
(Please make sure to have the latest version of Zoom.)

Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 PM
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87934062738
Meeting ID: 879 3406 2738
Dial by your location+1 929 436 2866 US (NY)
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Shabbat morning services 9:30 AM
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83495764806
Meeting ID: 834 9576 4806
Dial by your location+1 929 436 2866 US (NY)
Meeting ID: 834 9576 4806

Sunday morning minyan 9:00 AM
Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021
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https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89290192448
Meeting ID: 892 9019 2448
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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.
## TJC PASSOVER 2021 SERVICE SCHEDULE AND LINKS

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Dear friends,

Once again I can’t believe that we face yet another Zoom Passover season! Yet again, we have to scale back favorite recipes, or maybe forgo special dishes. Once again, we do our family and friends the biggest kindness by being distant. No Passover hugs this year! But we have hope: we say at the end of the Seder: next year in Jerusalem. I think we need to add: next year, in post-COVID, with full tables of family and friends!

I write this article in the pre-Pesach cleaning days. We turn our kitchens and perhaps our whole houses, upside-down to clean the chametz (leavened bread) out of every nook and cranny. I am always surprised by how much dirt accumulates in the corners and amazed by stumbling across a can or bottle I had forgotten I owned. It is such a big task, we could see why our neighbors in medieval times saw our efforts and concluded that black magic was going on! Of course, we can look at the process as white magic: cleaning out the pantry as symbolically cleaning out the recesses of our souls. It is understandable that the ancient Greeks choose this time of year to mark the death and rebirth of their god Adonis. Out with the old and in with the new!

We all need what the ad men called “the pause that refreshes.” As we give thanks for the spring and a bright new growing season, and appreciate our sparkling clean homes, we can take a break from the many demands in our hectic lives. As the warm weather beckons us out into the open, we take a breath and look into ourselves: how will we be more open in the coming year? What old attitudes or prejudices need cleaning out?

The rabbis tell a wonderful story of the Holy One doing spring cleaning, in anticipation of Pesach in heaven. The Holy One is so excited, because over the millennia, heaven has, in fact, gotten a little shabby. New sofas, the Creator decides. New easy chairs! A new dining room set! One of the angels, who is very environmentally concerned, expresses a doubt, “But, dear Lord, what will you do with all the old furnishings?” “Oh, don’t worry, all the old furnishings will be perfect for hell” is the Divine answer.

This story reminds us that only through growth and change can we move closer to heaven. May we all use the beautiful holiday of Pesach as a time for spiritual renewal.

Cathy joins me in wishing you and your family a wonderful, meaningful Pesach.

With best wishes,

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg

Celebrate Simcha Shabbat.
3rd Shabbat of the Month:
March 20, 2021
MESSAGE from the Cantor

Cantor Jeff Warschauer
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"Purim, Purim, Purim lano, Pesah, Pesah ala mano…"
(Purim is over, Passover is at hand…)  
Words and music by Flory Jagoda z”l

The world of Jewish music and culture recently lost one of its giants, the incomparable Sephardic songwriter, singer, guitarist, storyteller and cultural icon Flory Jagoda, who passed away on January 29 of this year at the age of 97.

As her obituary in the Washington Post notes, “...Born in Sarajevo, Bosnia in 1923 Flory Papo Kabilio Jagoda is known as The Keeper of The Flame for her commitment to continuing the rich musical heritage and Sephardic traditions in memory of her adored Altaras Family who were killed in Vlasenica, Bosnia during WWII. Flory, a remarkable singer, creative songwriter, mesmerizing performer and totally engaging storyteller was honored by countless organizations…”

In 2002, she was awarded a National Heritage Fellowship, the country’s highest honor in the traditional arts.

Writing in her native Judeo-Spanish (often called Ladino,) Flory Jagoda wrote countless original songs that celebrated the lives and traditions of her Sephardic family, in particular, her dear grandmother, whom she called nona. Her beloved “Ocho Kandelikas,” is the best known of her original compositions, and is so popular that it is often thought to be of traditional origin.

In addition to her original compositions, Flory Jagoda possessed a vast repertoire of traditional Judeo-Spanish songs that she generously shared with her children, many students and protégées, and a wide and varied audience.

Her recordings and books are a treasure chest of information about Balkan Sephardic songs, music, folklore, life and language.

As a young guitarist and mandolinist at the New England Conservatory in Boston, newly interested in Sephardic music, I went to a concert in Cambridge at MIT. Seeing Flory in concert was a “don’t miss” event! She was performing with her family band, and I was enthralled by every song, by her gorgeous singing and her skillful guitar playing. She made each song special, and her elegant and gracious performing style made the evening an absolute treat.

I, of course, immediately bought all her recordings, and devoured each one.

Years later, I had the great honor of meeting Flory in person when she appeared at KlezKanada (a Yiddish/Jewish music and culture festival that takes place north of Montreal each summer). She was just as sweet and gracious one-on-one as she was onstage, and I will always treasure that meeting.

Here are links to several of Flory Jagoda’s songs, as well as her obituary in the Washington Post. I’ve also included a link to a special post about Flory Jagoda on the Library of Congress blog, Folklife Today, created in honor of Jewish Women’s History Month.

Please remember that this bulletin article will be posted on the TJC website under “Cantor Jeff’s Resources,” where you can easily access the various links.

https://blogs.loc.gov/folklife/2019/03/homegrown-plus-flory-jagoda/
Ocho Kandelikas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fHPK6CEN1k
Pesah Ala Mano: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vh3JU9NpI_0
Adio Kerida: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWerHpfmJVs
Adio, Flory. May your memory be for a blessing.

Cantor Jeff

The Return of Enrico Fink!
Wednesday evening, March 24, at 7pm
Take a break from your Passover preparations and join us for Pesach Songs from the Italian Traditions, with special guest Enrico Fink, Zooming in from Florence, Italy.

As many will remember, Enrico Fink’s Residency at TJC in 2019 was a smash hit! Enrico is a musician and scholar who has carried out his musical and research interests together with his ongoing rabbinical studies at the Collegio Rabbinico in Rome. He is the President of the Jewish Community of Florence, and is often involved in chazanut in his home synagogue and around the world. Enrico has recently completed a term as Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, working on piyutim in Italian liturgies in the Early Modern Period. Join us for this not-to-be-missed event!
I am sitting here on a Thursday watching the snow fall, very rapidly, outside my apartment in Plainsboro. Doesn't seem to want to stop so I am just taking it all in. Two weeks ago, I was sitting on the sandy beaches of South Florida taking some time away to re-energize. What a vast change of scenery in just a short period of time. I do recall that last year there was not much snow at all, so maybe someone up above was just jealous of my travels to sunny South Florida.

I am in awe of the Rabbi Search committee. A group of dedicated members of TJC who put their energies into finding a new Rabbi for our synagogue. Hours of meetings. Hours of interviews. Hours of reading materials. They were 100% all in on the process and we cannot thank them enough for putting their personal lives, their families, and their jobs aside to fulfill this worthy task. I hope by the time this is printed and read, a new Rabbi will be on our team.

I am amazed by the resiliency of our members. We will be one year into a global pandemic but you keep coming back for more. Our programs are amazing. Our attendance is chart topping. Our services continue to inspire. When we asked people to help deliver latkes, you showed up. When we asked you to plant Daffodils, you showed up. When we asked you to deliver Purim Shalach Manot bags, we did not have to ask twice. All with masks. All socially distanced and all done with a smile. What else can we do is a question we get asked often. It’s quite moving.

I am honored to work with great professionals. We have continued to meet every week during this pandemic. We have shared joy. We have shared sadness. We have shared and become a strong team that is very committed to our profession and helping make TJC a great place to be.

Lastly, I am so amazed and proud of my family. Like many families, our children’s lives were impacted by the pandemic. Working remotely for college and high school. Not being able to be with friends. Taking Covid tests on campus. Being displaced from home. But the one shining light for me in this pandemic, if there ever was one, was the fact that my family has been with me here in New Jersey. Making a decision to take a job out of state is not an easy one. I have moved away for work before, but it was three hours away. Not eight states away. We would have made it work like we have in the past, but it would have been much harder. This pandemic brought us together. And brought us closer.

We are one year into this pandemic with hope on the horizon. Many have struggled and suffered but the light at the end of the tunnel is there. Stay strong. Wear a mask. Stay healthy. Get vaccinated. I truly can’t wait to see EVERYONE again once this passes.

Joel
MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning
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Friends,

I’d like to invite you to join me on a journey. Please join me as I travel back to Egypt…

We are sitting in our homes, late at night, and hearing the wailing cries of Egyptian women all around as their firstborn children are dying in front of them. We know that the time has come to take only what we can carry and leave the land in which we have been enslaved. Though our lives are not good, they are predictable. Though our lives are not easy, they are consistent. We do not know what freedom looks like, nor do we know how it feels. We know that our lives are bitter, and though we have seen miracles as the Holy One had smitten our oppressors, we don’t know what lies ahead. We are hearing the call. Now is our time to escape. We don’t have time to allow our dough to rise. We are told to Go. Now.

Under the cover of darkness we begin our journey. All 600,000 of us, along with cattle, jewels, gold and silver leave at once. Freedom is within reach. All we need to do is leave everything we know, and follow one of G!d’s angels as we venture into the unknown.

We find ourselves running from those who’ve enslaved us. Some of us are happy, some are scared, some of us are feeling feelings that we’ve never encountered. Freedom is new. Freedom is frightening… Freedom is short-lived? Why are we stopped? What is this body of water in front of us? Did we escape our difficult lives only to drown in the desert? Now where do we go?

Moses raised his staff. Like a wave, silence came over all of us. “Have no fear, stand by and witness the deliverance which your Lord will work for you today” (Exodus 14:14). We are told that we would never see the Egyptians again, and that G!d will battle for us.

The angel we followed is now behind us, blowing up sand and smoke to block us from the Egyptians’ view. As we stood between a pillar of cloud behind us and water in front of us, we realized we had no choice but to have faith.

Now we are witnessing one more miracle. The waters are parting!

The Compassionate One is driving back the sea with a strong east wind, and turning it to dry ground.

We are celebrating, laughing, and weeping tears of joy. We had witnessed so many miracles as we lived through the plagues, and now this one more - because we believe. Our faith is leading us to freedom.

Mitzrayim - a narrow place; a place that can be compared to “stuckness.” It is easy to get caught up in that stuckness, and not understand how or why we got there. We may act in ways that we do not understand, and for one reason or another, we may be afraid to move forward. There is a call, though, to begin a journey to some place new. Sometimes that is a stirring inside, while other times, it is an external influence helping us through our stuckness. Sometimes we know we are stuck, while other times we do not.

So much of life is about recognizing the stuckness. We then find a way to leave one place to move forward to someplace new, and often unknown. We leave our own mitzrayim, our narrow places, and find ways to become. We don’t always know where we will end up, or even how we will get there, but we move forward, with faith and trust that things will work themselves out.

As you prepare for Pesach, I invite you to consider the narrow places you’ve been over the past year. These narrow places don’t have to be physical locations, but the narrow places in your hearts and minds. Find joy in taking that step toward freedom.

Those steps are not easy steps. They are difficult. They are scary. We often do not know how to experience something new and freeing. Sometimes the process hurts, but if we persevere, we find that we are in a much better place than we started.

Freedom has so many meanings, but perhaps, after escaping mitzrayim, you can find freedom in your hearts and minds. With that freedom, comes great joy.

Chag Sameach,

Sharon

Hopping Through the Haggadah • March 11 at 12:00 p.m.
Join Sharon Diamondstein, our Director of Congregational Learning on Thursday, March 11 at noon as she explores a variety of Haggadot, and guides you to create your own traditions in these non-traditional times!

Pre-registration required. info@thejewishcenter.org
Kabbalat Shabbat Katan

March 6
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!

Mark your calendar for Shabbat Katan
Pretty Pesach
March 26
11:00 a.m. via zoom

Open to the Community!

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

Passover Sing-A-Long with Susan Sacks
Mar 21, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Contact Daryl Rothman to register and get the zoom link. Drothman@thejewishcenter.org
LOGAN MILLER
MARCH 13, 2021

Logan is a conscientious and driven 7th grader at Montgomery Upper Middle School, and has been a student at TJC since the second grade. He enjoys playing almost any sport, including a competitive game of ping pong with his mom and air hockey with his dad, but his real passion is playing soccer with his Princeton FC team, and baseball with his Montgomery Cougars team. In his free time, Logan likes to hang out with friends, listen to music, go skiing and play games with his younger brother, Sammy. Logan hopes to be able to go to a Penguins hockey game with his family in Pittsburgh, and go to the beach on vacation with his family from St. Louis in the not too distant future (and maybe even a trip overseas to watch a live Arsenal game!). Logan's studies through the religious school have deepened his appreciation for Jewish traditions and values, and his connection to Jewish community has been strengthened by his summers spent at Camp Airy in Maryland. He would like to thank Ronit Rackowski, Cantor Jeff, Ronit Johnson, Sharon Diamondstein, Rabbi Schoenberg and the entire religious school staff at TJC for their help in preparing him for this special day!

DANIEL ROZENBLAT
MARCH 6, 2021

Danny is currently in seventh grade at Princeton Day School. He enjoys many sports, but has a particular love for basketball, including playing, watching, and collecting trading cards. Danny has played the violin since kindergarten, but also likes to dabble with the guitar and keyboard. One of the things Danny enjoys most is spending time with his friends, playing video games or just (virtually) hanging out. Although he didn't start attending religious school until fourth grade, he found that he enjoyed all the classes immensely. Danny would like to thank Cantor Jeff, Sharon Diamondstein and Rabbi Schoenberg for all their teaching and preparation during this past year.

HADLEY SCHNEIDER
MARCH 20, 2021

Hadleigh is currently a 7th Grader at MHK in East Windsor. She began Hebrew School at The Jewish Center in kindergarten, and The Jewish Center has been a big part of her life ever since. Hadleigh enjoys cheerleading, theater, travel and spending time with her friends. Her summers are spent at the JCC Abrams Camp. Since the pandemic, Hadleigh has had to shift most of her socialization and schooling virtually, but she looks forwards to the return of normalcy in the future! Hadleigh would like to congratulate her entire B’nai Mitzvah class for not only achieving their B’nai Mitzvahs, but for making it through this time by embracing extreme changes to what they all had originally planned, and that they will forever have a strong connection to one another for going through having Bar or Bat Mitzvahs amidst the pandemic, together. Hadleigh is an adored big sister to her siblings, Makenna and Fordham who are just as excited as the rest of the family for this milestone, which includes her grandparents, especially her P Pa. Hadleigh would like to extend her extreme gratitude to Rabbi Schoenberg, Cantor Jeff, Sharon Diamondstein, Ronit Rackowski and to Gila Levin who also had a huge impact on Hadleigh’s earlier years at The Jewish Center, as well as to the late and beloved Rabbi Adam Feldman z”l who Hadleigh will always remember.
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**Ziona Silverman for sharing her knowledge and songs to make our Tu B’shvat seder so lovely from Heidi Joseph**

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We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering

Norman Denard
Lenore Gordon, mother of Sara Gordon
Arthur Fein, husband of Harriet Fein
Marjorie Stenerson, sister of Fran Amir
Kathleen Gressett, sister of Sandy Wilson

Havurah Minyan:
Study Service
at 10:00 a.m.
March 13 & 27
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.
Sam Daley-Harris founded the anti-poverty lobby RESULTS in 1980, co-founded the Microcredit Summit Campaign in 1995 with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus and FINCA Founder John Hatch, and founded Civic Courage in 2012. Civic Courage helps non-profits transform their members into courageous citizen leaders and uses public speaking and the media to inspire Americans to engage powerfully with their democracy. Daley-Harris coached Citizens Climate Lobby its first 7 years and is author of Reclaiming Our Democracy: Healing the Break between People and Government, about which President Jimmy Carter said, "[Daley-Harris] provides a road map for global involvement in planning a better future." Ashoka founder Bill Drayton called Daley-Harris “one of the certified great social entrepreneurs of the last decades.”

**Thursday, March 18**

Frustrated with Tikkun Olam Lite: We’ll Show How Much More is Possible

*Sam Daley-Harris*

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

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

*A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants prior to the event.*
Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by TJC Men's Club.

This TOT will be lead and facilitated by Rabbi Justus Baird.

It is open to ALL Men at TJC.

It will be occur online via Zoom.

Having a drink and food while online is encouraged!

Zoom link sent to all interested participants who register by 3/1/21.

RSVP: info@thejewishcenter.org

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**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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**Bible Baboker Saturdays 8:45 a.m.**

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.

Zoom video study session each week.

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Daily themes:
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• April 11, 2021 @9:30-11:00AM
Arrival in Israel Hatikvah: The Hope of 2000 Years Becomes a Reality

• April 12, 2021 @9:30-11:00AM
Israel, Our Homeland—Deep Roots in an Ancient Land

• April 13, 2021 @9:30-11:00AM
Yom Hazikaron
Dreamers and Achievers: Zionism in the Making, Part 1

• April 14, 2021 @9:30-11:00AM
Dreamers and Achievers: Zionism in the Making, Part 2

• April 15, 2021 @1:00-2:30PM
Yom Ha’atzmaut
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### March 2021

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All communications are via email. If you are NOT on our email list, please email us at info@thejewishcenter.org

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HAPPY PI DAY!

Saturday, March 13

6:00 p.m. Trivia
6:55 p.m. Havdalah Service
7:05 p.m. Bake Apple Pie Together in a Mug

Join us on Zoom for a family-friendly night of Trivia and all things pie (Sports, family-friendly movies, Jewish holidays, etc.)

RSVP to drothman@thejewishcenter.org before March 4 for the Zoom Link and a goodie bag delivered to your doorstep complete with trivia game pieces and the recipe for apple pie in a mug

RSVP by March 4 to drothman@thejewishcenter.org for the Zoom link AND for a goodie bag home delivery

Free & Open to the Community
...for Shabbat Katan

Our next Shabbat Katan will be March 6 at 11 a.m. (Following that we have Shabbat Katan on April 10, May 8th, and June 12th all at 11am) and Families should RSVP to drothman@thejewishcenter.org for the Zoom Link.

In addition, we also have Kabbalat Shabbat Katan with Sharon Diamondstein on screen at 5:45 PM on March 26th.

We invite all of our senior congregants to join us with your grandchildren. Open to both members and non-members. What better way to spend Shabbat that online with the kinder?? Email Daryl Rothman at drothman@thenewishcenter.org to make sure you are signed up to get the Zoom link each month.

ADULT EDUCATION

THE ORIGIN AND TRADITION HISTORY OF PASSOVER AND MATZOT

WITH

PROFESSOR ALAN COOPER

ZOOM INTERACTIVE CLASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2020 FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

Close reading of Exodus chapters 12-13 shows that two disparate old festivals were combined in order to create a new one to commemorate God’s miraculous act of liberation from Egyptian slavery, the event that defines Jewish peoplehood. We will undertake some of that close reading together, discuss the possible origins of the two festivals, explain how and why they were interwoven, and examine how the composite text provides us with a script for “when [our] children ask [us], ‘What do you mean by this rite?’” (Exodus 12:26; see also 13:8, 14).

Alan Cooper is the Elaine Ravich Professor of Jewish Studies at The Jewish Theological Seminary. He joined the faculty in 1997 as a professor of Bible and has served as director of publications chair of the Bible faculty, and, from 2007 to 2018, provost of JTS. In 1998, he was appointed professor of Bible at the Union Theological Seminary, a non-denominational Christian seminary, becoming the first person to hold concurrent professorships at JTS and Union.

REGISTRATION CODE: COOPER
Our January NOSH & DROSH was extremely well received. Our guest speaker was William Mehrvarz, an apostate who renounced Islam in favor of Judaism. William was forced to flee Iran under threat of execution. He spoke about his experience growing up in Tehran and his journey to the Torah. William’s story was beyond fascinating. He explained that Islam teaches you to conform but Judaism teaches us to question. We found William to be an exceptional young man whose bravery brought him to the United States where he is proud to experience freedom and Judaism. NOSH & DROSH is looking forward to having William back next year to share part 2 of his story.

Our February Nosh & Drosh meeting was also well received. Our guest facilitator was congregant Dr. Abigail Rose. Abigail’s topic was Telemedicine is here to stay. It was very interesting to hear from a physician’s perspective how telemedicine has evolved and is found to be very useful among Physicians and patients. Many shared their positive experiences with using telemedicine and raised excellent questions that led to a wonderful conversation. We couldn't discuss this timely topic with out also entertaining questions regarding COVID and vaccines. Abigail was very kind and facilitated an informative discussion answering these questions as well. We were very happy that Abigail's mother, Merle Rose could join us. We also had several first timers and were thrilled to meet new friends. Please see the dates below for our upcoming meetings. We look forward to “seeing” our regular NOSH & DROSHERS on March 18th and always welcome new comers.

Stay Well,

Lauren and Cynthia

NOSH & DROSH welcomes the women of the congregation to join us for the following meetings:

**March 18**
Sharon Diamondstein-Leaving Egypt Together: An Exploration of Passover

**April 15**
Linda Milstein-Learning From a Unique Genocide Exhibit: A Docent’s Perspective is Best

Sale of Chametz

In preparing for Passover it is customary to sell your chametz. If you would like to appoint Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg to sell your chametz, please complete the form below and return it to the synagogue no later than Monday, March 22, 2021. Please note that it is customary to contribute tzedakah when selling your chametz to support the Maot Chittim Fund.

I, ________________________________, do hereby authorize Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg of The Jewish Center of Princeton, NJ to sell, transfer and assign all chametz of whatever kind and nature, of which I am possessed and seized, or in which I may have an interest, whatsoever situated, in my residence at:

_____________________________________________________________________________ or in my place of business at:__________________________________________________________________ or in any other place, without reservation and limitation. This sale will be binding and valid from Friday morning, March 26, 2021 until Monday evening, April 5, 2021.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand this __________ day of_________2021

Signature  ____________________________________________________________________________________

This document should be returned to Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg via e-mail (eschoenberg@thejewishcenter.org) or by mail as soon as possible to The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

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JCW PRESENTS
A ZOOM Talent SHOW

SUNDAY,
MARCH 7, 2021
3:00 PM MATINEE

RSVP by March 4 for your complimentary tickets to the Zoom Show.

JCW is inviting...
• seniors
• singles
• couples
• young families
• teens
We want YOU ALL!
The “Daffodil Project team”, Martha Freedman, Wilma Solomon and Pam Zaifman, have begun planning for our part in the Yom Hashoah commemoration. We’re expecting the program to be a dedication of the Daffodil Garden that will include:

- opening remarks / narrative that describes the goal of the global project,
- readings of poems, (including “I Never Saw Another Butterfly”) that were written by the children in the Theresienstadt concentration camp,
- student choir performing a Holocaust song,
- a video slideshow of the fall event when the planting was done with background music of melodies associated with the Holocaust,
- installing the plaque that was provided by the Daffodil Project organization, and an appropriate prayer to conclude the program.
We’ll be meeting by Zoom to discuss:

Dara Horn’s *In The Image*

“Incredibly poignant ... with audacious appropriation of lines and themes from Jewish texts.... [Horn is] a writer with great self-confidence.” (The Jerusalem Post)

Bill Landsmann, an elderly Jewish refugee in a New Jersey suburb with a passion for travel, is obsessed with building his slide collection of images from the Bible that he finds scattered throughout the world. The novel begins when he crosses paths with his granddaughter’s friend, Leora, and continues by moving forward through her life and backward through his, revealing the unexpected links between his family’s past and her family’s future.

Not just a first novel but a cultural event—a wedding of secular and religious forms of literature—*In the Image* neither lives in the past nor seeks to escape it, but rather assimilates it, in the best sense of the word, honoring what is lost and finding, among the lost things, the treasures that can renew the present.

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 this book:

April 20 -- Goldie Goldblum’s *On Division*
May 25 -- Rachel Kadish’s *The Weight of Ink*
Mazel Tov...On Your Great News!

To Neil Ramer and Raisie Saad on the birth of Elian Saad Ramer on December 17, 2020. This is grandchild number three for our members Elliot and Iris Ramer.

To Sally Steinberg-Brent and Dan Brent who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Martin Luther King Day this year, January 18.

To Barbara and Lew Gantwerk who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on January 23.

To Seymour and Dorothy Friedman who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on January 18.

To Irene and Sam Goldfarb who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and Sam's 96th birthday on January 28, 2021.

To Moshe Margolin who celebrated his 70th birthday on February 8.

To Neil and Eleni Litt who celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on Jan 29th.

To Louise Sandburg and Peter Smith who are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Lev Smith to Scarlett Liu.

To Bob Schwartz on his special birthday.

To Susan and Michael Falcon on the engagement of Eric to Emily Ayuso.

To Deborah Strauss for creating a beautiful Tu B’shevat seder for our congregation.

To Suzanne Esterman and Michele Alperin for helping to create TJC’s wonderful Tu B’shevat seder.

To Mindy Langer for helping to make our first Tu B’shevat seder such a success.

To Ziona Silverman for sharing her knowledge and songs to make our Tu B’shevat seder so lovely.

To Roberta Sternthal and Helen Ray Kaufman for their hard work to make the JCW Scavenger Hunt successful.

To Eliza Rosenthal, granddaughter of Ellen and George Pristach, on receiving an internship with Ignite National, dedicated to igniting political power in young women, and being selected as the program coordinator for Ignite at Rutgers.

To Joan Goldstein whose show “Virus?” with Guest, Dr. Ann Skalka, Virologist with the Fox Chase Cancer Center, and taped with the help of Dr. Rob Goldston, was voted the second most watched TV30 show out of ten in the month of December, 2020.

To Joan Goldstein who had Dr. Myra Weiner as a guest on her TV30 show, “Back Story with Joan Goldstein” where they discussed Myra’s recent memoir, “Uprooting the Poison Tree”. This show was one of the 25 most watched shows for the year 2020 on Princeton TV.

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Fridays in March:

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at 9:30 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
How fortunate are we to have so many talented and generous people in our community who share their talents and interests with us all!

In March congregants have the opportunity to prepare for the cooking, eating and celebrating marathon of Passover. Baker Jay Schnitzer and moderator Miki will show us how to prepare delicious macaroons on March 8. Judy Leopold will present the secrets of Grandma Bertha’s award winning potato kugel on March 15 (moderated by Carol Schwartz.)

Arts and Culture and the Zoom attendees want to say a big thank you to all of our presenters and moderators from January and February: Peter Smith presenting with Mindy Langer, Chef Alex Van Dyke with Sherry Meyer, Leah Lax with Eve Coulson, David Schiff with Nat Bottigheimer, Susan Gross with Debbie Brett, and Ed and Lori Simon presenting with Gil Gordon.

Please join us for our March events!

**Lynne Ross** and **Helaine Isaacs**
Co-chairs

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**THE JOY OF MACAROONS**
With
**JAY SCHNITZER**

Interactive Zoom class
Monday, March 8, 2021
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Please use course code SCHNITZER when registering.

**THE JOY OF KUGEL**
With
**JUDY LEOPOLD**

Interactive zoom class
Monday, March 15, 2021
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Please use course code LEOPOLD when registering.

All programs via Zoom.
ISRAELI ELECTIONS 101:
HOW ISRAEL ELECTS THE KNESSET AND CHOOSES ITS PRIME MINISTER
THE ISSUES, INTERESTS, AND COMMUNITIES BEHIND THE PARTIES
FORMING A GOVERNING COALITION IN 2021

ZOOM LECTURE WITH QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

PROFESSOR JONATHAN MARC GRIEBETZ

Israel is holding its fourth election in two years on March 23rd. Triggered by the failure of the fragile “unity government” headed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to adopt a budget, the election outcome is uncertain. How are we to make sense of Israel’s political system and the paralysis that it has recently generated?

In his presentation, Prof. Gribetz will offer a historical perspective and primer on how the Knesset is elected: who votes, who the parties are and what they stand for, how members are nominated and seated, how the Prime Minister is selected, and the process of coalition building. He will also consider the prospects for establishing a governing coalition.


Gribetz received his Ph.D. in History from Columbia University. Before joining the Princeton faculty, he was an assistant professor of Jewish Studies and History at Rutgers University, a Starr Fellow in Judaica at Harvard University, a Wolfe Fellow in Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto, and an Amado Fellow at the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

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This is the first of two IDIC presentations focusing on the Israeli election. The second post-election program will examine the impact of that election and the 2020 U.S. election on Israeli – U.S. relations and Middle East policies. Our series, Understanding the Legal System in Israel and Its Impact on Israeli Society, exploring the interaction of religious law, civil law, military law, and international law, and specific outcomes of those interactions will resume in the Fall.

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. Donations to support these efforts are appreciated.

This program is open to the community free of charge. Registration is required. To register, please send an email with your name and course code “IDIC-3” to: idic@thejewishcenter.org
Let’s Welcome Ethan Weg!

Achla Youth Advisor

In the coming days and weeks, TJC will be introducing a new initiative for our youth with our new program called Achla. Achla, which means awesome in Hebrew, will provide age-specific programming for everyone in grades three through twelve.

In Achla Nitzan, - Hebrew for “awesome sprouts” - we will provide an opportunity for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to engage in some light-hearted games and activities. We are simply going to have fun and get to know each other a little bit.

Our Middle schoolers, in Achla Marom, - Hebrew for “awesome peaks” - have so much happening in their lives as it is, from schoolwork and extracurriculars to just growing up. Our goal will be to just create a space for these soon-to-be young adults to be themselves and blow off some steam.

And finally, Achla Esh, - Hebrew slang for “awesome! cool!” - our high schoolers, will enjoy an array of different types of virtual programming that will focus on different aspects of teamwork and leadership through various lenses including everything from fun activities and games to more serious discussion-based programs.

We look forward to seeing your kids’ smiling faces on our computer screens for the time being and eventually in person.

There is a lot more information to come, but in the meantime feel free to get in touch with our Achla Youth Advisor Ethan at achla@thejewishcenter.org, and we encourage you and your kids to connect with us on Facebook and Instagram at Facebook.com/TJCsAchla and @TJCsAchla.

Let’s Welcome Emily Kafas!

Communications and Social Media Manager

Emily is a Rutgers University graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication, a Specialization in Public Relations, and a Masters Degree in Communication and Media. She is very knowledgeable on communication methods and media platforms ranging from newspapers to Instagram.

During her time at Rutgers she was an active participant in the university marching band playing clarinet and holding the position of drill advisor. She has also been a featured speaker at the S.T.E.A.M. Women’s Empowerment conference and is very excited to begin in this role at The Jewish Center!

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YOM HASHOAH

APRIL 7 - 7:30 PM
Virtual memorial candle lighting by congregants whose relatives perished in the Holocaust. Additional candle for those attending to light at home in memory of all the lives that were lost.

Recitation of El Maley Rachamim and Mourners Kaddish

Songs and instrumental music with Cantor Jeff Warschauer

Special Guest: Evelyn Grossman, who recently published Hidden in Berlin: A Holocaust Memoir, the story of her parents’ survival in Berlin during the Holocaust and her journey to gain official recognition for the people who saved them.

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