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Jun 4, 11, 18, 25 • Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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Shabbat morning services – 9:30 AM
Jun 5, 12, 19, 26 • Jul 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
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Sunday morning minyan – 9:00 AM
Jun 6, 13, 20, 27 • Jul 4, 11, 18, 25
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Wednesday morning minyan for – 7:00 AM
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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.
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MESSAGE from Our Interim Rabbi

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Dear Friends,

When I first arrived at TJC, the congregation was deeply mourning Rabbi Feldman. There was so much pain and sadness over the loss of the beloved Rabbi. Luckily, Rabbi Freedman was able to step in to provide immediate support and comfort. A special thanks to Rabbi Freedman. I was honored to be a part of your healing process. And then COVID hit and the world shut down. There was confusion about B’nai Mitzvah ceremonies, the Religious School Program, and religious life during the pandemic. So many of you came forward with ideas, energy and good will to help TJC maintain a supportive culture while in the midst of unprecedented tzuris. The leadership, indeed all the members, rallied with flexibility and good humor. Your efforts are acknowledged with gratitude here.

I was pleased that I could help the community through this double whammy. The community feels to me to be ready to move on and fully embrace your new Rabbi.

My success here is due to the tremendous people at TJC, whose hard work, dedication and support to the community let us thrive during the pandemic. Especially, I would like to thank out-going President Randy Brett and incoming President Alexandra Bar-Cohen, who have provided such wise leadership for our shul. Thank you to the officers and committee chairs, who struggled with providing programs and services virtually, evaluating what could work on-line and what modifications we needed. As first among programs, I have to lift up our High Holy Day services. Judi Fleitman’s committee put in hours and hours, and delivered experiences that people found meaningful and touching. You who have given of yourselves this year are too many to name, but know I appreciate you, and how this year, you went above and beyond.

I want to thank the amazing staff of TJC. Our Executive Director, Joel Berger, has spent countless hours behind the scenes assuring that our switch to Zoom has been as seamless as possible, assuring we adhere to proper safety guidelines, and keeping things running. He gets things done, and when something breaks, he has really creative ideas how to fix it on the fly. Berger is the partner every Rabbi dreams of. Our Cantor Jeff has been a cheerful presence in our Zoom kiddushes, ready with a smile and good word, keeping us all positive. Our fabulous educator, Sharon Diamondstein, has done amazing work transferring our school to the outdoors and to Zoom at a moment’s notice. Together, we reinvisioned Sulam into a program that will endure into the future. Diamondstein regularly provided me with age appropriate resources and current educational materials so I could be a better educator for our children.

My most important objective as your interim Rabbi was to help you find your next Rabbi, aid in managing a process that the congregation would be proud of and help you set up that Rabbi for success. This role I call “Rabbi as consultant” where the work is often behind the scenes and in many one on one conversations. I am overjoyed at the process that was designed and implemented by the Rabbi Search Committee. I am thrilled at the selection of Rabbi Merow as your next Rabbi. She is the perfect Rabbi for you in your next chapter.

It has been a privilege studying with you, davvening with you, and talking with you. I wish you great success as you move into the next chapter of TJC.

With warm wishes,

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg

Thank you!

The Jewish Center wants to thank Rabbi Schoenberg for your tireless leadership during this interim year as Rabbi. We have learned with you, prayed with you and drank coffee with you. You took us through a difficult time and always did it with a smile on your face. We wish you much success in your next phase of life and know that you are always welcome to come back to TJC anytime. Hatzlacha! All the best!

Your friends at TJC
As of this July, Deborah and I will be beginning our fourth year in beautiful, friendly Princeton!

Of course, most important are the people of TJC, all the members of our congregational family, who have made us feel so welcome from the very beginning. I’m thankful every day for the opportunity to serve this congregation! During this difficult past year, filled with challenges and obstacles at every turn, our community has responded with fortitude and creativity. I am particularly proud of the B’nai Mitzvah families. Through their incredible diligence, hard work and courage, the B’nai Mitzvah program has thrived under the most extraordinary circumstances! Mazel Tov to all!

I’d also like to express my deep gratitude to my clergy colleagues Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg and Rabbi Cantor Bob Freedman, to all my staff colleagues, especially Joel Berger, Sharon Diamondstein and Mindy Langer, and to Randy Brett and the congregational leadership for so ably guiding us through this exceptionally challenging time.

I am also so thankful that during this past Covid year, many of my most treasured Princeton “haunts” have remained open and accessible. From the moment Deborah and I arrived in Princeton three years ago, our TJC friends generously advised us on all of the beautiful spots for walking and hiking and the best places to grab a coffee or a bite to eat. While we’ve thoroughly enjoyed these spots in previous years, these locations became real lifelines in the past 15 months.

Of course, it’s not like I’m revealing any secrets! Seasoned locals will recognize and appreciate these beloved places.

Nevertheless, as the warm days of spring and summer arrive, and especially as TJC and Princeton continue the gradual process of post-pandemic reopening, I would like to express my joy and gratitude at living in this wonderful area by sharing some of the locations that have become cherished Princeton “haunts” for us.

The D & R Towpath
Back in June 2018, when I had just been hired by TJC, but had not yet come aboard, I drove to Princeton a number of times from Allentown, PA, where I had been serving as Cantor, to meet with Rabbi Feldman”. I remember that on one of those occasions, after our meeting, I took a walk on the towpath before heading back to Pennsylvania. The scene was so astoundingly beautiful and peaceful that I called Deborah, practically in tears with joy, to tell her about it. Since we have moved here we go back frequently, and it’s become a favorite retreat.

The Princeton Public Library
Princeton is a small, friendly town, with world-class culture. This is exemplified by the library. I love libraries, and the modern, spacious beauty of the building, the vibrant cultural programming, and, of course, the fine collection of books and multimedia offerings make the Princeton Public Library a supreme “happy place” for Deborah and me. During this past year, we have appreciated the thoughtful way the PPL has kept us safe and connected and we are thrilled to be able now to spend time back in the building.

The Small World Cafe on Witherspoon Street
I’ve always been a cafe person. Whether it was back in my days as a young adult living in the Boston area, my years living part-time in Amsterdam (surely one of the very best cafe cities), in Brooklyn or anywhere else my travels have taken me, the right cafe is paramount! And here in Princeton, one of my favorite places is Small World on Witherspoon. When I go there, I often run into friends from TJC and elsewhere. Though I’ve missed sitting in the crowded cafe among the students, professors and many other friendly faces, even standing in line six-feet apart brings joy and a sense of community connection.

The Forest Paths of Community Park North
Nearly every Shabbat afternoon, you will find Deborah and me hiking in the woods that are walking distance from our home. Sun, rain or snow, the woods are always welcoming and interesting. It’s a joy to walk until the sun begins to set and to arrive home just in time for Havdalah!

Greenway Meadows Park
With its wide-open flower fields and 1.5 mile poetry trail, Greenway Meadows Park has become a favorite. And when I’m there, I always think of our beloved TJC member and former Princeton mayor Phyllis Marchand z’l, who joined the Greenway Board of Trustees in 2010 and was Chair from 2016-2019. The blossoms, the butterflies, the birds and the poetry make this an extraordinary retreat, and a wonderful location for sledding in the winter!

Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton
My newest time-off pleasure! What can I say? It’s a perfect blend of nature, culture, a newly reopened cafe and a delightful, photogenic peacock.

The Community Park Pool
Public Service Announcement! The pool will open for the season as of Memorial Day Weekend. Another place to hang out with lots of friendly, happy Princetonians. The hot weather is no match for the cool pool! I can’t wait!

Finally, we are grateful to Ginger Schnitzer for introducing us to Gennaros Italian Market in Kingston. There are many wonderful vegetarian offerings, though Deborah and I are particular fans of the eggplant parmesan subs (aka grinders, or hoagies, or heroes…). Be sure to ask for extra sauce!

These are a few of the treasures Deborah and I have been enjoying in the Princeton area.

But the greatest Princeton treasure is, beyond a doubt, The Jewish Center itself. It’s been a tough year, but we’ve weathered it as a community, and there have been so many joys along with the challenges.

Deborah and I look forward to seeing you at TJC, and at all of our favorite spots!

Cantor Jeff
MESSAGE from the President

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Dear Congregants,

This probably shouldn’t be the first thing you learn about your new President and former Religious School educator, but I’m going to share it anyway. I wasn’t the most docile religious school student. I showed up, got good grades (yes, we had report cards for Hebrew School in the 80s) but I think by about sixth grade I was probably a bit of a challenge for my teacher. I was very social at Hebrew School. I talked a lot and laughed more. Which is why everyone was so surprised when I wrote my college application essay about Hebrew School—or more specifically, the building in which I attended Hebrew School. That essay got me into Brandeis University, the only school to which I applied, early decision.

The building sat heavily on the side yard of Agudat Achim Synagogue. It was a rickety old Victorian home, bisected by wooden stairs that protested loudly as we climbed them to get to music class, where we students sat squeezed together on the floor in front of a piano and sang “Ba’Shana Haba-ah.” Radiator hisses punctuated Mr. Welkowitz’s History lessons like the word of G-d taking issue with something he said. It was the kind of building that had good bones but had suffered silently through years of make-do repairs. It smelled rich, like old wood, burnished by the generations of students who came before us. Besides Mr. Welkowitz, who was a Shoah survivor, the classes were presided over by Mrs. Lefkowitz, who pointedly taught me the meaning of sheket bevakasha, and two look-alike sisters, Mrs. (Pola) Metzger, and Mrs. (Jaffa) Lown, Jewish ‘Sophia Loren’ with glowing, alabaster skin and bright red lipstick, who had survived Auschwitz by way of Israel, and who made a marvelous show of making two glasses of tea from one tea bag. The classrooms in which they held court were originally bedrooms that felt like worlds unto themselves, until the bell rang and we students spilled out into the yard for Hafsaka (which I now know means ‘break’ but we used to think meant ‘snack’ since we used Hebrew word over zoom) and then Friday night services. And if you are not yet ready to join us in person, join our Kehilat Community Connection Facebook group to interact virtually with TJC friends, old and new.

The thing is, my essay wasn’t really about the building, which had already been torn down to make way for a purpose-built school that smelled of new paint and progress by the time I penned it. It was about the community—and how that community helped shape the Jew I am today.

During this year of being President-Elect I have enjoyed hearing from many of you about what makes The Jewish Center special. What I have learned is that each of us has a different point of connection: some of us are Shabbat regulars accustomed to sitting in the same seat since becoming bar mitzvah in 1984. Others are drawn to High Holiday services, which are the best reunions in Princeton. Some of us come for the luncheon, or for making the luncheon, elbow to elbow with the Kiddish Krew in the social hall on Friday mornings. Quite a few of us breathe a deep sigh when we feel the knot of the workday week loosen as the notes of Hashkiveinu wash over us; that visceral separation of sacred from holy. Some of us connect through our kids, on the playground, or in celebration of a holiday. Others of us find connection in the plethora of high quality programming on offer. There are those of us who are in it for the good we do for others—by growing food pantry fodder in the garden, baking munchies for mensches, or raising awareness of all manner of injustices to our planet or the people and creatures upon it.

Whatever your tie to TJC, it is time to reconnect! In the next several months I hope that you will find your way back to our campus so that you can resume these points of connection—and find new ones. I’m excited to introduce many new (safe and socially distant) opportunities for us to reunite: Lace up your hiking boots for monthly treks around Princeton and beyond with TJC Hikes. Grab your guitar and meet us round the firepit for Shira b’tzibur. Bring your own blanket and join us on the lawn for Summer Movie Sundays. Don’t miss Unwind The Week--a rotating roster of ways (Stretch, Breathe, Meditate) to help you leave the work week behind and enter your Shabbat space rejuvenated and ready--followed by Cocktails in the Courtyard (we might be losing the Simons but we can carry on the covid-forged tradition of the Friday night “pre-neg” innovated by Ed over zoom) and then Friday night services. And if you are not yet ready to join us in person, join our Kehilat Community Connection Facebook group to interact virtually with TJC friends, old and new.

During this period of loss and isolation outgoing President Randy Brett skillfully kept our congregational ship afloat while Rabbi Schoenberg shepherded us spiritually. Thanks to their efforts we are emerging from this long winter of peril and possibility stronger and more resilient. We are about to begin an exciting new chapter—the ingathering of our virtual exiles—as we come back to campus under the leadership of Rabbi Andrea Merow. We have the opportunity to rebuild and revitalize our community in many wonderful ways, but we need you with us. Whatever brings you back to The Jewish Center—we are waiting for you.

Of course you all know, it was never about the building; it was always about our kehilah. I look forward to welcoming you home to TJC.

Alexandra Bar-Cohen
A Rabbinc Review

I write this article with excitement and joy awaiting the arrival of Rabbi Andi Merow here at TJC. It's been a long 18 months since Rabbi Feldman's passing and we are now ready to move in a new direction.

Special thanks to Rabbi Bob Freedman and Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg who guided us through difficult times but got us to the place we are today.

So I decided to look back and see how many Rabbis I have worked with, celebrated with, studied with, learned with and shared all of the many life cycle events, both happy and sad. I did my best to share what my connection was and stories as they popped into my head. I wonder how many of these Rabbi's crossed your paths over the years.

In semi-particular order:

Rabbi Lenny Romm: Baldwin Jewish Center. One of the first Rabbi's I remember from my childhood. He once gave a sermon about people who visited with him at his home. Once a guest, twice a pest.

Rabbi Lefkowitz: Rabbi at the Hillel at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He asked me to lead High Holy Day services for the students.

Rabbi Max Lipschitz*: Founder and Patriarch of Beth Torah Congregation, N. Miami Beach, FL. Later turning to Beth Torah Adath Yeshurun. He knew everyone's name and I loved talking with him.

Rabbi Ed Farber: Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus, Miami, FL. He performed my wedding to Gloria. We spent many hours on the golf course together as well as time at Leadership Encampment. A devout Dolphins fan which was one of the only things we disagreed on. We are still friends today and I value our long term relationship. Two important sermons I will never forget: “If you are arrested for being Jewish, would they have enough evidence to convict you?” and, “If you had an extra seat next to you at High Holiday services, who would you want to sit there?”

Rabbi Mario Rojzman: Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus, Miami, FL. From Argentina, he injected spirit and life into our services. A very caring individual who still leads the Congregation today.

Rabbi Simcha Friedman*: When Beth Torah merged with Adath Yeshurun, Rabbi Friedman joined our team. He was one of most knowledgeable individuals when it came to Gematria. The use of numbers to relate to Hebrew words.

Rabbi Eliot Pearlson: Temple Menorah, Miami Beach. We first met at a youth encampment as he was coming out of shiva for his mother. We all danced the night away. His name is on our Ketubah. Passionate, dedicated and a good friend. Always there when needed.

Rabbi Mark Kram: We traveled to Poland and Israel on the March of the Living in 1996.

Rabbi Jeff Falick: Resident Rabbi at Hillel at the University of Miami

Rabbi Moshe Sprung: Orthodox Rabbi, Hillel at the University of Miami.

Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal: Current CEO of United Synagogue and the Rabbinic Assembly. Jacob's wife Marci and I worked together doing youth work in Florida.

Rabbi Moshe Druin: One of the finest Torah scribes in the world. Did two Torah repair projects with him over the years. Warm, caring, funny and very knowledgeable about all aspects of Torah work.

Rabbi Menachem Bialo: Another amazing Torah scribe who works with Rabbi Druin.

Rabbi Herschel Becker: Young Israel of Kendall. Has been involved in many aspects of our family lives over the years from the Orthodox side of my family.

Rabbi Landau: Long time Rabbi at Beth David Congregation in Miami. When our family moved to Miami in 1979, he was the first Rabbi we engaged with.

Rabbi Hector Epelbaum: When I worked at Beth David Congregation, Rabbi Epelbaum, also from Argentina, was the head Rabbi.

Rabbi David Auerbach*: When Beth David Congregation split in 1985, and became Bet Shira, Rabbi Auerbach was the head Rabbi. It was my parent's synagogue until they passed away.

Cantor Rabbi Mark Kula: Rabbi Kula was the Cantor at Beth Shira for many years and then became their Rabbi. Currently living in Montana. A longtime friend of our family.

Rabbi Micah Caplan*: Rabbi at Bet Shira who officiated at my father's funeral.

Rabbi Tom Heyn: Rabbi at Temple Israel of Greater Miami.

Rabbi Hillel Skolnick: Rabbi at Southwest Orlando Jewish Center.

Rabbi Adam Feldman*: It was only seven weeks working together but 30 years of a friendship. He is missed every day.

Rabbi Bob Freedman: Came in with hesitation when Rabbi Feldman passed away. I enjoyed our six months working together. He shines among the rest and always has a nice word to say.

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg: What can I say? We became friends for life the moment we met. We talked and talked and made a few side bets along the way. You guided me as an Executive Director and I did my best to guide you through the world that is The Jewish Center. You made coming to work enjoyable and I will miss our daily interactions. My hope is that we get to play 18 holes together one day. Maybe we should bet on that as well?

I am sure there are some I am forgetting. I am sure there are some I want to forget. Very sad to see how many have passed on. But to say the Rabbis I have encountered over my life were a big influence on me is an understatement. It's been truly an honor to work with them.

So Rabbi Merow? You are next in line on my list. You have some big shoes to fill but there is plenty of room. The Jewish Center welcomes you with open arms and I know I can't wait to begin working with you. Come ready to go on day 1. We have lots to accomplish and many people's lives to make better.

July 1, 2021 can't come soon enough.

Joel
MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Friends,

Looking back on my third year, I often joked that this was the easiest year yet - and that's not to say it hasn't been full of challenges. I think much of what makes life easy (or easier, even) is acceptance.

There have been so many unknowns - what would the school year look like in the beginning? Will we be able to gather in person? Is it safe to be outside? What about school? Can we be together? Can our kids play together safely? What about that year of education - was it lost?

Who will the new Rabbi be? Will they support the school? Will they support our community? How will we celebrate holidays? Will we have B’nai Mitzvah in person? The list of questions goes on.

I look back and am proud. I am grateful for the wonderful support I've had here at The Jewish Center both personally and professionally. I've learned to take comfort in uncertainty. I've learned that mistakes are going to be made and we will learn from them. I've learned to have confidence in my decisions. I've learned to push and stretch myself, and I've learned when to pull back and delegate.

When I walked into my office for the first time on July 10, 2018, I never imagined the gifts that came along with my new role. I've received gifts from all of you: gifts of friendship, kindness, advice, guidance, hugs... Many of you have shared with me your greatest gifts - your children.

Ensuring their Jewish education and connection is not a responsibility I take lightly, and I have loved every opportunity I’ve had to work with all of them. School took on a form that I was admittedly afraid to try, and we didn’t just get through it together - we learned, we grew, we stretched ourselves. We’ve learned that fifty degrees isn’t really that cold, and rain just makes learning more fun. We’ve learned that we can draw and paint and read and write outside, even as the wind blows our papers around. We understand the importance of being together, so we do everything we can to make that happen.

Our Sulam students learned with educators from across the country, whether it was learning about activism from Los Angeles, Shabbat from Massachusetts, miracles from North Carolina or gratitude from New York, we’ve had COVID give us opportunities it may not otherwise would have. For that, I am grateful.

I am also grateful for the partnership of Rabbi Schoenberg. He helped guide me and challenge me over the past year. He partnered with me through our Shiurim and taught me everything I wanted to know about coffee. He helped me analyze text as we guided the B’nai Mitzvah students through their Divrei Torah. Along with Lily Borodkin, he explored social justice with our Sulam students. Together, we’ve learned about fair trade, food insecurity, the Abayudaya Jews, and the environment.

The past year has been an interesting learning experience, and I will take the best of it with me. The challenges were simply lessons that I will carry forward...

To borrow from a song, lately it occurs to me what a long, strange trip it’s been...

Now, we are here. The school year has ended, and we look forward to the summer in hopes of being able to gather. This summer, Rabbi Merow will join our TJC family, and I am excited to welcome her. I am excited to be back on TJC grounds and see all of you. The summer will bring us outdoor Shabbat services as our Bimah gets rebuilt, and the upcoming year promises to be exciting and new.

Next year, I am looking forward to partnering with Rabbi Merow and building upon our school’s foundation. Students will attend classes by grade level cohorts and we will have family learning workshops so caregivers can learn with their children. We will go on paths never traveled before, and hope you continue your journey with us.

I can’t wait to join all of you in person for this new chapter in The Jewish Center’s story. Come visit me over the summer! We can sit outside in Jessica’s Garden and chat. Join us in welcoming Rabbi Merow. There’s a great, big beautiful tomorrow, and tomorrow’s just a dream away!

B’Shalom,

Sharon
Eleanor Nayden
June 12, 2021
Eleanor is currently a seventh grader at Princeton Unified Middle School and has been an enthusiastic TJC Religious School member since moving from Brooklyn in 2018. She would like to thank all her Religious School teachers, as well as her many friends for making her feel so welcomed into the community from the first time they met. Eleanor is the founder and student advisor to the PUMS Debate Club, as well as an adjunct member of the PHS Debate Team. She practices her debating frequently on her parents and younger brother, Adam, always honing her skills. She is a nationally ranked competitive chess player who also enjoys dancing to hip hop, traveling, cooking, and baking all things sweet.

Eleanor is always happiest when she is spending time with her family and friends, particularly if there is a dog involved. Eleanor would like to thank Sharon Diamondstein, Cantor Jeff, and Rabbi Schoenberg and for all their support and effort in helping her be prepared for this special day. She is deeply appreciative of Ronit Johnson and Nancy Lewis for all their guidance, knowledge, kindness, and patience over the course of the last year.

Chavurat Chesed (Compassionate Community) is a long-standing group of volunteers who help our congregants in need, one of our core values in Judaism. There is a great need among TJC’s most vulnerable members for greater connection with the community and help with small tasks within the community. The individual may need a ride, help making a phone call to make an appointment, picking up a prescription at the pharmacy, finding someone to shovel a path after a snowfall, help retrieve mail, and other small tasks. Or, it may be making a regular phone call to check in. Hopefully, soon we’ll be able to provide rides to synagogue services and programs for those who would like to participate in person.

We are inviting you to join us in this rewarding effort. Please contact Martha Friedman or Leah Neufeld at chavuratchesed@thejewishcenter.org to be added to our Chavurat Chesed list of volunteers.
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**

**June 12, July 24**

**11:00 a.m. Outdoors**

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.

**Join us on Zoom at 5:45 pm on June 18 and July 16 for Kabbalat Shabbat Katan with Sharon Diamondstein! RSVP to sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org for the Kabbalat Shabbat Katan Zoom link.**

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 than online with the kinder? Email Sharon Diamondstein at sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org to make sure you are signed up to get the Zoom link each month.
Every year TJC produces an annual Yizkor Book of Remembrance. This booklet is used at services four times during the year when Yizkor is recited, beginning with Yom Kippur. To commemorate a loved one in this booklet, please list their name(s) below and return the bottom portion, together with a check or credit card payment of $25 per name (through August 1 only). After August 1, the price increases to $30 per name.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING:**
The TJC Book of Remembrance is prepared solely from your responses – the deadline to order is August 22.

If you would like to be notified of future yahrzeit dates (a few weeks before they occur) and you currently are not receiving this information, please include the full English date of death and relationship when you return your form.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Roni Garrison at The Jewish Center office, (609) 921-0100 Ext. 200 or e-mail at info@thejewishcenter.org.

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### 5782 YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ORDER FORM
**Deadline, August 22**

Return Form to TJC – 435 Nassau St., Princeton, NJ 08540 Attn: Roni Garrison

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Donation: $25 Per Name THROUGH August 1 only – AFTERWARDS $30 per name. Use the form below.

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___ Please charge my credit card (MC/VISA/AMEX) for my donation of $_____________.

Card number_____________________________________________ Exp. Date____________

Cardholder Signature _____________________________________________

(Your name as Donor as you would like it to appear in the Book of Remembrance)

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| I wish to honor the memory of the following: (PLEASE PRINT FULL NAMES IN ENGLISH) |
| If a past TJC congregant please place an asterisk * next to the name |
| If same as last year, check here ☐ |
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We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support The Jewish Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through their generous contributions:

**GENERAL FUND**
- from Honey Rosenberg

**In honor of**
- Joel Berger on being elected to the national board of NAASE
  - from Heidi Joseph and David Saltzman, Judy and Mike Leopold
- Shira Black on her Michigan University future
  - from Marcie and Marc Citron
- Lori and Ed Simon on your new adventure
  - from Linda and Art Meisel
- Terri and Barry Rossman on the births of Aaron Daniel Mantel and Lucas Girouard
  - from Helaine and Hanan Isaacs

**In memory of**
- Bernice “Bunny” Bloom
  - from Heidi Joseph and David Saltzman, Polly and Rick Strauss, Fredi Pearlmuter
- Phyllis Marchand
  - from the alto section of Princeton Pro Musica
- Alan Markowitz
  - from Madeline Seeman, Sandy and Arthur Panster, Helene Friedlander
- Rose Lackowitz
  - from Vickie and Jeff Solomon
  - “Adopted” Holocaust child, Agnes Klein
    - from Vickie and Jeff Solomon

**ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**In honor of**
- The Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee for their great programming during the pandemic
  - from Nancy Osborn, Ruth Laks

**In memory of**
- Susan Stember
  - from Sheila Kremer

**BIMAH ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT**
- from Adele Agin
- from Carol Alpert
- from Robert and Carol Schwartz
- from Henry and Arlene Opatat
- from Nancy and Neil Lewis
- from Sheila Marrero
- from Igor and Wendy Roitburg
- from David and Roslyn Vanderbilt

**In honor of**
- With appreciation and gratitude, our thanks to our Jewish Center “Zoom Engineers”, Joel Berger, Bernie Fleitman, Gil Gordon, Linda Milstein, Suzanne Esterman and Judi Fleitman who have kept us together through Zooming for learning and religious services.
  - from Rabbi David and Ziona Silverman
  - The Bat Mitzvah of Anna Kaufman
    - from Bob and Carol Schwartz
  - Randy Brett in recognition of your service to The Jewish Center as President during the last 2 years. Job well done!
    - from Bob and Carol Schwartz
  - Randy Brett and his valiant efforts to lead us during the past two years. Bravo Randy!
    - from Dina Shaw

**In memory of**
- Maurice Levy
  - from Beverly Levy Beer
  - Rabbi Adam Feldman
    - from Alan Medvin and Harriet Kass

**IRVING N. RABINOWITZ CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW FUND**

**In honor of**
- Sandie Rabinowitz on her special birthday
  - from Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman

**THE JEWISH CENTER REFUGEE FUND**

**In honor of**
- The Bar Mitzvah’s of Ilan and Rafael Baird
  - from Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman
- Sally Steinberg-Brent and Dan Brent on the birth of their granddaughter, Nara
  - from Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman

**In memory of**
- Sarah Tulloss and Mark Tulloss
  - from Mary and Rod Tulloss
JEWSH CENTER WOMEN FUND
In honor of
The Bat Mitzvah of Anna Kaufman
  from Helaine and Hanan Isaacs

KIDDUSH FUND
In honor of
The Bat Mitzvah of Isabelle Bloom
  from Linda and Art Meisel

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In memory of
Gertrude Coopersmith
  from Lew and Lynn Coopersmith

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In memory of
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  and Mike Leopold, Nancy and Mickey
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  Ginny Mason and Bobby Willig, Helaine
  and Hanan Isaacs, Gail and Ray
  Weinstein, Linda and Josh Milstein,
  Amy and Rob Walton

MEN’S CLUB FUND
In memory of
Bernice “Bunny” Bloom
  from Helaine and Hanan Isaacs

PRAYERBOOK FUND
In memory of
Mark Levin
  from Joan Levin

RABBI ADAM FELDMAN
MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of
Nikki Feldman
  from Dan Brent and Sally Steinberg-
  Brent, Gil and Ellen Gordon, Helaine
  and Hanan Isaacs
  Richard Hanson
  from Christine Kaufman
  Jacinto (Jack) Marrero
  from Sheila Marrero
  Herman Lichtman
  from Sheila Marrero

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In memory of
Phyllis Marchand
  from Melanie Stein
  Wynne Wu
  from Herbert and Carol Horowitz

RABBI TUCKER LIFE CYCLE FUND
In honor of
The Bar Mitzvah’s of Ilan and Rafael Baird
  from Heidi Joseph and David Saltzman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND
In honor of
Ethan Feldman becoming a Bar Mitzvah
  from Gila Levin
  The Bat Mitzvah of Anna Kaufman
  from Linda and Art Meisel, Neil Wise
  and Lincoln Harding, Gila and Gadi
  Levin

SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND
In honor of
Judi and Bernie Fleitman being named
  Congregants of the Year
  from Linda and Art Meisel
  Randy Brett for his leadership of The
  Jewish Center during his tenure as
  President
  from Nancy Osborn

In memory of
Bernice “Bunny” Bloom
  from Linda and Art Meisel
  Elisabeth Joseph
  from Roslyn Vanderbilt
  Nikki Feldman
  from Linda and Art Meisel

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
In honor of
The Bar Mitzvah’s of Ilan and Rafael Baird
  from Helaine and Hanan Isaacs

YOUTH AND FAMILY
PROGRAMS FUND
In honor of
Carol and Bob Schwartz on the birth of
  their grandson, Eli Meyer Schwartz
  from Heidi Joseph and David Saltzman

*This gift is from a Donor Advised Fund
  at the Jewish Community Foundation of
  Greater Mercer.

In Memoriam:
We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering:

Bernice (Bunny) Bloom, mother of Michael Bloom
Arlene Miller, who is survived by three children and extended family
Volunteer Opportunities at TJC

Join us. Roll up your sleeves. Get involved. The Jewish Center is reaching to everyone to get more involved and help create a more vibrant community. But we can’t do it without you. Many times we ask for your money. But now we are asking for your time. To grow our culture of giving here at TJC. We are trying to build our covenant with you so that we grow together as a community and help show Rabbi Merow the amazing synagogue she is about to lead.

Ask not what The Jewish Center can do for you, ask what you can do as part of The Jewish Center.

Here are some ways you can get involved. Please fill out the form below and indicate which areas you can help with. We will then be in touch and get you involved.

1. **Usher at Shabbat services**--we need two people each Shabbat to welcome members as we re-open our services. Safety rules will still be in effect for all attendees. (??Sign-up genius link?)

2. **Greeter for Friday night services** How lovely to see old familiar faces and meet new friends. Friday night services will be outside this summer (weather permitting) and we need greeters.

3. **Serve on any of our committees:** School, Religious Affairs, Membership, Fundraising, Finance, JCW, Men’s Club, Adult Education, Arts and Culture, Safety and Security. Help shape the programs and events you want to see happen at TJC. Let us know where you can help!

4. **Be a part of Chavurat Chesed!** This group of “Mitzvah Makers” is here to provide help to our members. Vaccine appointments, rides to doctors, and more. The more help the better.

5. **Help fill bags for food pantry donations.** Got a free afternoon and want to do good? We are coordinating with JFCS to help sort food for the food pantry.

6. **Help build our new campus Nature Walk.** Blaze some trails and get creative with us as we make an exploratory Nature Walk on our campus (clearing trail, making signage, art enhancements)

7. **Staff a pre-holiday “gift shop”.** Spread the holiday joy by table sale during RS hours: wrapping paper, cards, dreidels, chocolate gelt, soy candles, etc

8. **Be a Green Events coordinator**--help TJC follow the value of Baal Tashhit (do not destroy) by helping organizers of events make planning decisions through the lens of sustainability

9. **Tablecloth “Toranut”**--help keep kiddushes low-waste AND our costs down. Take a turn washing the cloth tablecloths we will use instead of plastic-lined paper ones after kiddush luncheon and after Sulam dinners. This is an easy, do it at home way to volunteer for those of us with busy schedules.

10. **Membership inreach calls**--like to connect with others? We need people to call and check in on fellow TJCers. Monthly calls are welcome.

11. **Be a balabuster barista** - sell coffee and bagels Sunday mornings at the TJC Cafe.

12. **Like to work with food and friends?** Join the Kiddish Krew on Friday mornings when they make our delicious kiddush spreads.

13. **Purim**--need we say more? There is ALWAYS a ton of opportunities to join the fun and help with Purim

14. **Chanukkah** -- Spread the light by helping at Chanukkah events

15. **Collections/Drives**--we have plenty of revolving drives that need help with organizing, staffing, and logistics such as TASK casseroles, various food drives, winter clothing, books. Or maybe come up with one on your own!

16. **Help get the word out!** We need help with Publicity and Marketing for all of our events and programs. Posting on Facebook and all social media sites to spread the word.

17. **Youth group advisors** - adults will be needed to chaperone events and help drive the teens between the communities

18. **Annual Fund committee** - Help develop a culture of giving at TJC for our Annual appeal.

19. **Got a green thumb (or want to learn how to have one)?** Help grow food pantry fodder in TJC garden with our team of gardeners!

20. **Want to enhance your child’s Religious School experience and meet other families?** We need Class parents

21. **Like to spread joy?** Help us create and distribute Shalach Manot on Purim, High Holiday bags, Chanukkah packages for our college kids, and welcome bags for new members.

22. **Like to work with your hands?** Help put up and take down TJC’s sukkah.

23. **Are you creative?** Help decorate TJC’s sukkah.

24. **Like the smell of roasting meat?** Help grilling at TJC outdoor events.

25. **Want a front-row seat at Princeton's best reunion?** Usher at High Holiday services.

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Hey Alexandra! I am here to help. Please see my choices below and be in touch with me so I can get started right away! Thanks for asking.

Name: __________________________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________

Cell Phone: _____________________________________________________

Here are the numbered choices I am interested in from the list above: ______ ______ ______ ______

Here are the committees I would like to serve on (Number 3 above). ___________________________________________________________

Please email this form to President@thejewishcenter.org so we can get you started!
Name(s) as you would like it to appear on the card:

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Payment options: $36 Check Enclosed (payable to JCW) ____

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We accept Visa/MC/Amex.
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Barry & Bobbi Freedman
Gil & Ellen Gordon
Mark & Carol Pollard
Jesse & Marissa Treu

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Douglas & Marcie Shavel
Mark & Lisa Tobias

AMUDIM - PILLARS
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Phil & JoAnn Carchman
Robert & Judy Levine
Joseph & Sheryl Punia
Michael & Nicole Vermut

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Rachelle & Douglas Berkman
Jeremy & Jennifer Black
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Barry Ableman & Linda Rosenberg
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Sandie Rabinowitz
Sherry Rosen
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Sharon Shylit
Shoshana Silberman
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Sandy & David Wilson
Joshua & Lara Winn
Deborah Yaffe & Alastair Bellany
Maryann Yarin
Frances Zeitler-Edelman & Fred Edelman

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Adam & Ann Warner
Eran & Amy Zacks

*donations made as of May 4, 2021
June Calendar of Events

Tuesdays  6/15  7:30 p.m.  TJC Book Club: Colum McCann's *Apeirogon*

Wednesdays  6/2  12:00 p.m.  Coffee, Conversation and Connections
6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30  12:15 p.m.  Adult Ed Programs - Talmud Study

Thursdays  6/10  7:30 p.m.  EC Meeting
6/17  9:30 a.m.  JCW: NOSH & DROSH

Fridays  6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25  6:30 p.m.  Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6/4, 6/18, 6/25  6:30 p.m.  Sunset Shabbat
6/18  6:30 p.m.  Graduation Shabbat

Saturdays  6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26  8:45 a.m.  Bible BaBoker
6/12  9:30 a.m.  Shabbat of Appreciation
6/12  9:15 p.m.  Havdalah
6/12  9:30 a.m.  Bat Mitzvah Eleanor Nayden
6/12  11:00 a.m.  Shabbat Katan
6/19  9:19 p.m.  Havdalah
6/19  9:21 p.m.  Havdalah
6/26  9:23 p.m.  Havdalah

Sundays  6/13  8:00 p.m.  Outdoor Summer Movie Series
6/20  8:00 p.m.  Father's Day
6/27  8:00 p.m.  Outdoor Summer Movie Series
Fast of Tammuz

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

**June**
4- 8:07 pm
11- 8:11 pm
18- 8:13 pm
25- 8:14 pm

**July**
2- 8:14pm
9- 8:12pm
16- 8:09pm
23- 8:04pm
30- 7:57pm

Final Conversation of the Year!
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**Happy Summer**
WELCOME, RABBI MEROW!

We anticipate with excitement the arrival of Rabbi Andi Merow, our new Senior Rabbi. The Welcome Committee is busy planning activities and events for us to get to know her—and for her to get to know us.

Rabbi Merow has already started introducing herself, calling many of our lay leadership team and speaking with the staff and President Alexandra Bar-Cohen. She also met with the High Holidays Committee to begin setting expectations and goals for services this Fall.

At the same time, the Welcome Committee is compiling a list of local resources to ease her transition to The Jewish Center, Princeton, and surrounding communities. We also plan to introduce Rabbi Merow to local Jewish leaders, interfaith clergy, and key members of the general community.

Planning is underway for opportunities for Rabbi Merow and our congregants to meet each other in small, informal settings. To that end, a series of outdoor gatherings in congregants’ backyards and in Jessica’s Garden will begin in July and August, pause for the High Holidays, and then continue through the year. Scheduling will be through Signup Genius, and gatherings will follow the Safety Committee’s guidelines of masking and social distancing. The plans for the summer Meet-and-Greets will be finalized soon and more information will be shared in the weekly TJC emails.

Rabbi Merow’s arrival on July 1 will be a very special occasion! Stay tuned for more information about the events and how you can participate.

Finally, save the date for Rabbi Merow’s formal installation, which will take place the weekend of March 4-6, 2022. The installation will coincide with her 25th anniversary in the rabbinate so we will have much to celebrate!

Jen Black and Harry Cummins, Welcome Committee Co-chairs
ONE CONGREGATION – ONE BIMAH FOR ALL

“We are supporting the Bimah Accessibility Project because The Jewish Center is one home for all of us. We are donating because the bimah is the focal point of our sanctuary and it should be accessible to everyone.”
- Mark and Carol Pollard

The bimah is the heart of our sanctuary. It is the gathering place for life cycle events, the focus of our High Holiday worship rituals, and the site that draws us together when we seek comfort from pain and sing out in joy.

Unfortunately, the bimah at The Jewish Center is not easily accessible for those who have difficulty climbing steps or use a wheelchair or a walker. We value inclusivity in our community, but entry is barred to the most sacred spot in our sanctuary for many who wish to be there.

Beginning today, however, you have the power to ensure that everyone at TJC has an equal seat in the sanctuary—that we stand by our vision of being an inclusive community and that every one of us can be included on the bimah.

At our mid-year congregational meeting on December 20th, we presented preliminary plans for the Bimah Accessibility Project. Based on extensive congregational feedback, input from our incoming Rabbi, Andrea Merow, and in consultation with experts in synagogue design and construction, we have modified the design to be safer, more visually appealing, and cost-effective. The electrical system will also be enhanced to better accommodate improvements to our sound system and the sanctuary and social hall will have the necessary infrastructure to provide assistance for the hearing impaired, making our sanctuary even more inclusive. Drawings can be viewed at https://thejewishcenter.org/Resources/Bimah-Accessibility-Project.aspx.

“We are delighted that plans are underway for redoing the bimah. Personally, reaching the blessed space for an honor or to read from the Torah has been a challenge and a burden. It has been difficult not only for our own members, but also for guests who are unable to participate fully because they can’t easily access the bimah. Long overdue, the redesign plan will be a happy and welcome change for which we are grateful.”
- Rabbi David and Ziona Silverman

In order to make this vision of equal opportunity access a reality, we are launching the One Bimah for All campaign. The goal is to complete construction before the High Holidays. To date, generous congregants have donated or pledged approximately $157,000 towards our $250,000 budget. In addition, $5,000 has been specifically donated to improve our sound system. Others have donated their time and professional talents to the redesign of the bimah and the aesthetics of the sanctuary.

Just as the bimah should be for everyone, the effort to raise the necessary funds affords us the opportunity for every member of our community to participate. Even our school children are pitching in, making tzedakah boxes to collect donations!

Help us ensure equal access for all by raising ANOTHER $93,000!

“I have Multiple Sclerosis. Nine years ago at our daughter’s Bat Mitzvah I struggled, needing my wife and daughter’s assistance to stand next to her as she read from the Torah for the first time. When Rabbi Adam Feldman z”l asked me if I would be interested in joining a committee to explore accessibility at TJC, my response was “when are we meeting?!” It is heartening to see how much the TJC community has engaged in the discussion of enabling accessibility for everyone. We need more financial assistance from the congregation to make sure that the The Jewish Center bimah and sanctuary are accessible to all. I hope that you will do what you can to help.”
- Barry Ableman

Please donate to the Bimah Accessibility Project by sending a check to The Jewish Center and marking your donation “for the Bimah Accessibility Project.” This is your opportunity to make our most sacred space accessible and usable by all members of our congregation. Together we can meet our obligation to ensure equal access to the bimah for all people, regardless of physical limitations.

One Congregation - One Bimah for All

B’shalom,

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Dear Friends,

Linda Milstein facilitated a very important and informative NOSH & DROSH at our April meeting. Linda gave a Docent’s perspective and a virtual tour of some of the exhibits at the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education, “Chhange,” located in our own backyard at Brookdale Community College, in Lincroft, NJ.

In her calm and gentle way, Linda explained how the museum educates about the Holocaust, genocide and human rights. She discussed why genocides are dangerous and shared slides from the museum’s exhibits that were very moving and meaningful. Linda’s passion for educating and informing those who visit the museum was very apparent during her morning with us. Seeing exhibits through Linda’s eyes as a Docent, provided a perspective that enriched our experience of this virtual tour. Several attendees suggested that we visit the museum when it is open and safe to do so. We hope to be able to organize a trip in the future and have Linda, TJC’s own Docent, lead our group through the entire museum.

Linda, special thanks from NOSH & DROSH for bringing us a difficult but very important subject matter and introducing many of us to the museum right here in N.J. For more information about Chhange, please visit their website https://www.chhange.org/ and YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/user/ChhangeBCC/videos

At the time of the Newsletter’s publication, NOSH & DROSH had not yet had the pleasure of welcoming Mindy Langer as our guest facilitator to our May 20th meeting. Please look forward to reading about our morning together featuring: A Behind the Scenes Look at Stitching the Pieces Together to Create Seamless Services for TJC, in the August Newsletter. We thank Mindy for all of her efforts at TJC including being a NOSH & DROSH facilitator.

Looking forward to “seeing” you this month on Zoom,

Lauren and Cynthia

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

**JUNE 17 - 9:00-11:00 AM**

Ellen Pristach “Creating Memories...Holocaust Art and Poetry

**COMING UP DURING SUMMER:**

**JULY 15 (DETAILS BELOW) & AUGUST 19 FROM 9:00-11:00 AM**

NOSH & DROSH

July 15, 9:30-11:00 am

invites you to join one of Europe’s finest tour directors, Elena Salerno, for a virtual tour of **Greece**. You will surely discover ancient ruins and new and interesting sights as Elena shares her favorite spots in Greece. Escape to the Hellenic Republic and let your mind go where your heart wants to be. Come along on this journey!

The NOSH & DROSH special sharing portion will take place from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 13 - High Point State Park (northwest NJ)

Looking for guest hike leaders” and “meetings monthly
Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the “Appalachian Trail Hiker Parking Lot” on Rt 23 once in the park, on the left, just after two stone pillars.
Approximately 2 hours from Princeton.
There will be two options - a shorter, easier 4 mile route and a longer, moderate 8 mile route.
There is some uphill on both routes to get to the monument.
Everyone welcome—dog friendly as well! Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Masks required

RSVP required by Sunday, June 6 to rick.rosenberg@gmail.com, 570-394-4633

Tisha B’Av is an annual fast day in Judaism, named for the ninth day (Tisha) of the month of Av in the Hebrew calendar. The day commemorates the destruction of both the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, as well as other major tragedies in Jewish history including the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492. Accordingly, the day has been called the “saddest day in Jewish history.” It is one of the two full-day fasts in the Jewish year.

Please join us on Saturday night for a short discussion prior to our Tisha B’Av Service. The discussion will begin at 8:00 p.m. and the Evening Service that will include the Biblical reading of Eicha (The Book of Lamentations) will begin at 8:40 p.m.

On Sunday, our morning service begins at 9:00 a.m. and we will include all the appropriate readings for Tisha B’Av.
Wrapping up our 2 year stint as co-chairs of Arts and Culture Committee, we want to thank the army of support we had to bring all the programming to the congregation. All congregants are identified in **BOLD**. If we left anyone off this list, our sincere apologies!

We appreciate the efforts of so many of our congregants and are impressed with the talents in our community. Their willingness to share their passions with us is greatly appreciated. While we hope we never have to shelter in place again, we look forward to more exciting programs from TJC - both virtual and in person - in the year to come.

**Helaine Isaacs and Lynne Ross**  
Arts & Cultural Affairs Co-chairs
June 15 -- Colum McCann’s *Apeirogon*

Colum McCann has written something he calls a “hybrid novel,” in which the form’s mutability, its stance on both sides and neither, is used to address the entrenched positions of the Middle East. The title is taken from the mathematical term for an object of an “observably infinite number of sides”, a shape that serves as a model for a new way of thinking about a conflict that is too often reduced to simple, opposed positions. (The Guardian)

July 27 -- *We’ll meet at a member’s home at 6:00 pm for an outdoor Potluck Dinner, weather permitting. Questions? Email louise@sandsmith.com for details.*

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: louise@sandsmith.com

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

*August 17 -- Daniel Silva’s *The Order*  
Due to the High Holidays, we will not be meeting in September.  
October 19 -- Evy Grossman’s *Hidden in Berlin: A Holocaust Memoir*
While we don’t have the power of running faster than a freight train, we have the power to make The Jewish Center a strong and welcoming home for the next generation, as it has been for the past seventy years.

Over the past few months, we prayed together on Shabbat as we always have, we connected to each other through study sessions on Shavuot and we even learned how to make beer bread and lemon meringue pie through the power of Zoom.

We are meeting the demands of today through the dedication of our religious leaders, professional staff and talented congregants and lay leaders. There will certainly be obstacles in the future and to meet those unknown challenges, we need your support. Please consider making a legacy gift as part of your estate plans. Your Promise today – with no cash outlay required now - will help ensure a strong and vibrant Jewish Center for our children and grandchildren. Isn’t it time for your name to be on this list?

To all our Promise makers, THANK YOU!

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Eran and Amy Zacks
Judi, a native of San Francisco, and Bernie, a native of Kansas City met in October 1981 in Palo Alto California at a “YAD” (Young Adult Division of SF Jewish Federation) lecture event. They were married in San Francisco Thanksgiving weekend 1982. Bernie, who received his BSEE from The University of Kansas, had been recruited from the Midwest to the burgeoning Silicon Valley technology industry, and Judi was pursuing a Master’s in vocal performance.

They raised two daughters, Jessica, born in 1985 and Dana, born in 1987. Jessica lives in Brooklyn with her husband, Willem, and is an award-winning playwright and lyricist who is currently employed as Marketing/Communications Director for Central Synagogue. Dana, who lives in Silver Spring, MD with her husband, Brian, is a professional advocate for women’s issues cultivating awareness, support and prosecutorial guidance on stalking. In her spare time, she is a stand-up comedian and also hosts DC Improv’s Pun competitions.

Working for Dow Jones in 2007, Bernie was relocated to the Princeton Area. Judi left her job as Grants Manager for Arts Council Silicon Valley to join him. In 2009, they switched local synagogues and joined The Jewish Center. The Jewish Center provided many opportunities for Judi and Bernie to engage and soon became the focal point of their social and spiritual life.

Judi found a niche for her capabilities and talents in so many facets of the TJC community, from leadership roles (JCW Chair 2010-12, VP Programming 2012-14, VP Religious Affairs 2014-16, VP Administration 2016-19) to leyning and leading davening, to creating and directing Purim spiels, to chairing, or participating in the works of, countless committees. This past year, she spearheaded the creation and execution of our virtual High Holiday services. “My intent,” she states, “was to create a uniquely TJC experience, giving opportunities for our learned, talented and appreciative community to come together, albeit virtually, to celebrate who we are and how much we mean to each other”. She will also co-chair (with Ra’anan Boustan) this coming year’s High Holiday committee.

Once Bernie retired in 2017, he quickly answered the call to assist with technology issues (actually the call was from Judi, who was VP of Admin at the time). A lifelong technology professional, Bernie’s knowledge, capabilities and insight became integral to TJC operations on many fronts. Beginning with wi-fi issues and our initial services’ live-stream, Bernie’s role quickly expanded to data base migration, internet upgrades, acquiring professional tech support (where he is our primary liaison), sound systems, and optimizing technology for Zoom services. “Bernie has gone way above and beyond to help TJC. Every time we ask for more help, he always says Yes. He has saved us tens of thousands of dollars and done it all with a big smile” In addition to his role as “TJC Chief Technical Officer”, he also is a valued member of the Finance Committee.

Judi and Bernie stated “We are honored to be jointly named “Congregant of the Year” and truly share this with our entire TJC community who welcomed us, supported us, and became our Princeton family”.

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June 4 – Outdoors
June 11 – Indoors – Bat Mitzvah Nayden
June 18/25 – Outdoors

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We, Sam and Anita Cohen, have had a long relationship with the Princeton Jewish Center. We may be the longest dues-paying members. We are:

Sam, born in 1921, CCNY-BS, NYU -LLB/JD.
Anita, born in 1923, Brooklyn College -BA, Case Western Reserve-MSW.

Sam was an officer in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII and the Korean War. We were both born and raised in NYC and moved to New Jersey when Sam joined the staff of RCA at David Sarnoff Research Center in 1954 as a patent attorney. We came with our children Carolyn, 3, and Michael, 2, and were soon joined by Alan, born in Princeton Hospital. He was the first baby to have a ‘bris’ in the hospital. The ‘minyan’ rounded up Sam’s friend and colleague Jess Epstein. We built a house in Princeton Township on Littlebrook Road North and moved in on July 4, 1957. We formally joined the Jewish Center.

Volunteers were important in the past as well as now. In 1956, when the Jewish Center was being built on Nassau St, RCA men installed the lighting and sound systems. Sam planned the landscaping for the Center with DeVreise Landscaping Co. I helped Rose Rappaport set up the library system later taken over by Jerry Kurshan. I joined the choir led by Sylvan Friedman, who taught music at Princeton High School. We sang at services once a month and at all holidays. Notable alumni of the choir were Maurice Glicksman, a President of the Center, who went on to be Provost of Brown University, Paul Rappaport, appointed Head of Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI) in Golden, CO, and Phyllis Kurshan, who continued to lead us in song and other Senior activities for many years.

For fund raising, we ran rummage sales and we did our own catering. In the years before the Princeton Public Library was built on Witherspoon St, the library was in Bainbridge House on Nassau St, which was too small for large meetings. Harriet Feldman and I planned book reviews for the library and hosted them at the Center. We painted posters advertising the events and put them in all the store windows in town and the bulletin boards of supermarkets. I joined Hadassah and B’nai Brith Women (BBW), which held our meetings in the Jewish Center. I was a President of BBW (later Jewish Women International (JWI)) held luncheons in the Center’s ‘Sukkah.’

All our children were involved with youth activities and attended Sunday School and Hebrew School. Our two sons were Bar Mitzvahed by Rabbi Everett Gendler and all three were confirmed.

My father, Phil Langsam came to live with us in 1963, after mother’s death and he joined the Jewish Center. He was active in the Jewish Center's Men’s Group and also in the town, volunteering at Littlebrook School and the Princeton Nursery School.

I went back to work in 1966 as a School Social Worker in Lawrence Township Schools on a part time basis, so still had time for volunteering. In the 1980s and 1990s, for nine years I led, as a volunteer, the Drop-In Lounge for seniors, based in the Jewish Center. With Celia Herzog as a treasurer, we planned weekly programs, picked up and drove folks to meetings and back home, provided refreshments and programs of interest.

We women of the Women’s Division made casseroles, tuna in mushroom sauce and macaroni and cheese, which we donated to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK).

In 2000, the Princeton Historical Society, now housed in Bainbridge House, held a series of exhibits honoring the black, Italian, and Jewish communities. I served on the committee for the Jewish exhibit, representing BBW. All the Center members provided memorabilia for the showcases, including candelabras, heirloom candlesticks, Chanukah menorahs and dreidels, Passover Seder plates, posters, newspaper articles, my grandmother’s wooden bowl and chopper, the BBW banner and Hadassah tablecloth. In addition to our contributions, the University provided a vast amount of material on Jewish involvement on their faculty and undergraduate life.

In 2013, my daughter and I joined a group of women from the Center on a trip to eastern Europe: Budapest, Vienna and Prague, led by Rabbi Annie Tucker, to sites of Jewish history, including Theresienstadt.

In recent years, Sam and I have had several hospitalizations at Princeton Hospital and we greatly appreciated the hospital visits of Rabbi Canter Bob Freedman and Nancy Lewis. I attended all High Holy Day services at the Center and Riverside School, until the pandemic struck. I am grateful for all the fine programs and ZOOM activities the Center has arranged for us and look forward to the return of normalcy.

Thanks so much!
Gil Gordon was founder of Gil Gordon Associates in Monmouth Junction, NJ, a management consulting firm specializing in telecommuting-telework-virtual office and other alternative work arrangements, and in strategic employee retention. He is now retired but is busier than ever with various volunteer activities.

He has a B.S. in Business Administration from Northeastern University and an M.S. in Organizational Behavior from Cornell University. Before starting his consulting business in 1982, he worked for almost ten years in Human Resources with Johnson & Johnson.

He has been extensively involved with nonprofits in the greater Mercer County (N.J.) area for more than twenty-five years as a volunteer and leader, and as a trainer and informal consultant on issues of governance, volunteer recruitment and management, and more.

His volunteer positions included construction worker and interim construction supervisor at Habitat for Humanity in Trenton, former board member and board chair of VolunteerConnect, board member and president at The Jewish Center in Princeton, board member with Jewish Family and Children's Service and a member of the “Chore Corps” for its Secure@Home program that enables seniors to age in place. He also sits on the national board of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCI). He is also the “mailman” for the 55PLUS group that sponsors bi-weekly lectures for the greater Princeton area.

Also, he is a volunteer and board member of the Princeton Cornerstone Community Kitchen at the Princeton United Methodist Church. He began the Princeton Period Project there to help make sure that girls and women in low-income households get a reliable supply of feminine hygiene products they need.

He also sits on the Biomedical Ethics committee at Pen Medicine Princeton Medical Center and on the board of Goals of Care Coalition, whose goal is to strengthen communication between health care providers and patients nearing the end of life to eliminate burdensome care, improve quality of life, and ensure that treatment decisions focus on patients’ goals.

His most important volunteer position these days is as grandfather to four of the world’s cutest grandchildren.

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Mazel Tov ...On Your Great News!

To Anita Cohen who celebrated her 98th birthday on April 15
To Mildred Borkan Kranzler who celebrated her birthday on April 29
To Sandie Rabinowitz on her special birthday
To Sally Steinberg-Brent and Dan Brent on the birth of their granddaughter
To Randy Brett in recognition of your service to The Jewish Center as President during the last 2 years
To Judi and Bernie Fleitman being named Congregants of the Year
To Lori and Ed Simon on your new adventure
To Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman who are thrilled to announce that their grandson, Ben Edelman, became engaged to Jenny Kaufmann on Thursday 4/8/2021. Ben is the son of Pam and Dean Edelman
To Jen & Jeremy Black who are proud to announce that Shira Black will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall of 2021
To Molly Schulman, granddaughter of Ruth and Mel (z”l) Schulman, has been admitted to the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia starting September 2021
To Joel Berger, TJC’s Executive Director, on being elected to the national board of NAASE, the North American Association of Synagogue Executives. Joel will serve a two year term with 2 additional terms available. Joel was also recognized for over 18 years of service as an Executive Director at the recent national conference for NAASE
To Sharon Diamondstein who was just accepted to iFellows Master’s Concentration in Israel Education
To Isaac G. Mayer on his acceptance to the Hybrid Master of Jewish Education program at Hebrew College and the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in the Pardes Educators Program. Isaac will begin his studies in Jerusalem in August
To Ginger Schnitzer who has been appointed to the New Jersey Israel Commission by Governor Phil Murphy
To Bryce Johnson, who has officially qualified for the National Ninja League World Championships, which are being held at his home gym in New Jersey this summer
To The Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee for their great programming during the pandemic
To our Jewish Center “Zoom Engineers:” Joel Berger, Bernie Fleitman, Nancy Lewis, Gil Gordon, Linda Milstein, Suzanne Esterman and Judi Fleitman who have kept us together through Zooming for learning and religious services
To Gil Gordon on winning the Richard Fishbane Award
ATTENTION EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS: YOU’VE GOT A FRIEND AT TJC!

The “FRIEND OF THE JEWISH CENTER” category is for people who live 50 miles or more from the synagogue and want to stay in the know! It's perfect for extended family, such as parents and adult children of TJC members, who live out of town and want to stay in touch with TJC.

For $100 per year, Friends of The Jewish Center receive all mailings and emails – including the monthly bulletin. They can also sign up for annual Yartzeit notices (now sent via email from ShulCloud).

Jerry Neumann's mother Shirley is already signed up and says, "Knowing how important The Jewish Center is to my son and daughter-in-law, and having visited your shul many times over the years, I enjoy keeping up with TJC news and information."

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To sign up your family members or for more information, please contact us at info@thejewishcenter.org.

Bible BaBoker
Saturdays | 8:45 a.m.

Zoom video study session each week.

Bible BaBoker is a diverse community and carries on the Jewish tradition of Torah study in an open and respectful atmosphere. We strive for discussions based on reading Torah, other Jewish texts, and additional relevant resources from ancient to modern sources. Participants with a variety of backgrounds and beliefs deepen our understanding of Judaism, share insights and opinions, extract and develop wisdom, and consider our purpose in life, ethical principles to live by, and ways to be better human beings.

Prior Torah knowledge or background is not necessary and new participants are always welcome. Study with us each week or whenever you can make it! We look forward to learning together.

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To be added to the BBB mailing list or for questions, contact Michael Goldin at mmgold18@yahoo.com.

Havurah Minyan: We will be on hiatus this Summer. Our next service will be on Wednesday, September 8, the second day of Rosh Hashana.

For more information, contact neillitt@outlook.com

Adult Hebrew Sunday Zoom Classes Are Back!

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Intermediate Hebrew
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For further information contact: Edna Bryn-Noiman at edna.bryn@gmail.com
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