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(Please make sure to have the latest version of Zoom.)

Erev Shabbat Services – 6:30 PM
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24
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Shabbat Morning Services - 9:30 AM
Sep 4, 11, 18, 25
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Sunday Morning Minyan – 9:00 AM
Sep 5, 12, 19, 26 2021 09:00 AM
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Meeting ID: 830 2281 1888
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Wednesday Morning Minyan – 7:00 AM
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www.livestream.com/tjc
Monday, September 6

EREV ROSH HASHANAH/SHABBAT
Ma’ariv Service 6:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Torah Service 10:00 a.m.
Shofar Service 10:45 a.m.
Sermon 10:55 a.m.
Musaf 11:05 a.m.

Youth Services – Outdoors, In Tent
Family Service (grades 1-7) 9:00 a.m.
(Parents and grandparents encouraged to join services)

Young Family Service 10:30 a.m.
(Children in Kindergarten and below and their caregivers)

Teen Service 11:15 a.m.
in Jessica’s Garden

Alternative Spiritual Experience 4:15 p.m.
Tashlich at Carnegie Lake 5:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:03 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2
Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Torah Service 10:00 a.m.
Shofar Service 10:00 a.m.
Sermon 10:55 a.m.
Musaf 11:15 a.m.

Friday, September 10

SHABBAT SHUVAH
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:58 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

Shabbat Service 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 15

KOL NIDRE
Kol Nidre Service 6:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:50 p.m.

Thursday, September 16

YOM KIPPUR
Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Torah Service 10:15 a.m.
Yizkor Service 11:00 a.m.
Sermon 11:15 a.m.
Musaf Service 11:35 a.m.

Youth Services – Outdoors, In Tent
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Young Family Service 10:30 a.m.
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in Jessica’s Garden

Yom Kippur Forum 3:00 p.m.
Contemplative Healing & Yizkor Service 4:15 p.m.
Mincha Service 5:30 p.m.
Ne’ilah Service 6:45 p.m.
Havdalah/Ma’ariv 7:40 p.m.
Shofar and Conclusion 7:50 p.m.

Please note:
All service times are subject to change and adjustment due to changing nature of the pandemic.
Dear Friends,

Even as I write this at the start of August, we are unsure about where we will be on the High Holy Days this year. Our preference is to be together AND to keep people safe. For some in our community, this might mean being in-person at TJC and for others it may mean participating in services online. Either way, we are preparing to enter a period where we will spend a great deal of time in religious services during the Days of Awe. Before, let’s consider why we are preparing to enter a period where we will spend a great deal of time in religious services.

Some of us will gather in prayer to fulfill our religious obligations or to honor the traditions of family. Others come to see friends or to feel a part of the community. When I think of why we come to synagogue, I go back to the words of our great teacher Rabbi Dr. Abraham Heschel[^1]. He wrote an essay in the 1960s to cantors about their vocation, but his words ring true for every person entering a synagogue. “We come to the synagogue to “learn about the insights of the spirit” and “to cultivate a sense of reverence and compassion.”

As a prelude to coming to shul on the holidays, please consider Dr. Heschel’s words below. They inspire me to think about what our spiritual work is when we come together for the holidays:

“**What does a person expect to attain when entering a synagogue?** In the pursuit of learning one goes to a library; for aesthetic enrichment one goes to the art museum; for pure music to the concert hall. What then is the purpose of going to the synagogue? Many are the facilities which help us to acquire the important worldly virtues, skills and techniques. But where should one learn about the insights of the spirit? Many are the opportunities for public speech; where are the occasions for inner silence? It is easy to find people who will teach us how to be eloquent; but who will teach us how to be still? It is sure important to develop a sense of humor; but is it not also important to develop a sense of reverence? Where should one learn the eternal wisdom of compassion? The fear of being cruel! The danger of being callous! Where should one learn that the greatest truth is found in contrition? Important and precious as the development of our intellectual faculties are, the cultivation of a sensitive conscience is indispensable. We are all in danger of sinking into the darkness of vanity; we are all involved in worshiping our own egos. Where should we become sensitive to the pitfalls of cleverness, or to the realization that expediency is not the acme of wisdom? We are constantly in need of self-purification. We are in need of experiencing moments in which the spiritual is as relevant and as concrete, for example, as the aesthetic. Everyone has a sense of beauty; everyone is capable of distinguishing between the beautiful and the ugly. But we also must learn to be sensitive to the spirit. It is in the synagogue where we must try to acquire such inwardness, such sensitivity.” - AJ Heschel

As we come to High Holiday services this year let us seek inwardness and sensitivity, reverence and compassion.

Some elements of our services will certainly be different than in previous years. There will be new faces, including mine, and there will be new people. But all our faces will be masked so that we keep each other as safe as possible. There will be the moving tunes we expect to hear, and some new ones as well. There will also be people who are missing. As families and friends we will miss loved ones. As a community we will miss religious leaders. We will miss Rabbi Adam Feldman[^1] and Rabbi David Wolf Silverman[^1] and Rabbi Robert Goldenberg[^1]. Their teachings continue to live in the TJC community and in the Jewish world.

After a year and a half of this pandemic, many will come to services with hearts that feel a bit broken. I also invite you to come to services with an open heart so that you can “experience moments of spiritual relevance.”

Here are just a few suggestions for how to achieve this:

1. **Come to services with an open mind and an open heart.** Be okay if something is not exactly as you remember – we can all practice flexibility and kindness.

2. **Do feel comfortable singing/chanting along with us, but please don’t feel the need to always be on the same page that we are announcing from the bima/stage.** Our Machzor/High Holiday Prayer book is rich in commentary, and you are invited you to spend some time reading and considering the ideas in the commentary. You may find a prayer or poem that is particularly compelling to you. You are welcome sit with your own thoughts or take a contemplative walk.

3. **Come early to support our volunteers and to experience the early, song-filled part of the service.** The early portion of the service is led by dedicated volunteers from the community.

One of my favorite childhood memories is going early to High Holiday services early with my dad. We arrived well before the service began and had time to talk before the service and to be part of the warm-up or introductory prayers.

4. When you come for the service at 9 am you will notice that the Cantor and I are not in the sanctuary. We plan to be leading a service for our families with elementary age children in the tent, with Sharon Diamondstein, because they are also our congregants! We will see you at the Torah service.

5. This one is hard: If you feel like you would like to have a longer conversation with friends or family during the service, we kindly ask you to do so in one of our outdoor areas, so as not to disrupt the prayer experience of others.

This year you may wish to join me for two Alternative Spiritual Experiences. These one-hour gatherings combine Hebrew chanting, meditation, sharing and learning. One is on the first day of Rosh Hashana before Tashlich. The second is a Healing and Contemplative Yizkor Service during the break on Yom Kippur afternoon. All are invited to these outside events.

One beautiful element that I am learning about TJC is that we are not one-size fits all community; we make room for diverse religious practice and honor our diversity. Some may participate by going to a Tot, Family or Teen Service. Some may spend time at the Riverside Service or in our Main Sanctuary. Some may come for the learning during the Yom Kippur Forum. Some come just to feel a sense of community. Many professionals and volunteers make these experiences happen and we thank each of them.

Lastly, feel some joy at our coming together, in person or online, and starting the new year in contemplation, prayer, and song. Rosh Hashana is a time for introspection; it is also the “birthday of the world”, so find some time to feel gratitude for our world and our community.

I look forward to being part of the TJC community for this High Holy Days and beyond! My colleagues and I wish you a Sweet, Happy and Healthy New Year.

RAM-
Rabbi Andrea L. Merow
Lama Sukkah Zu?

Lama sukkah zu,
Abba tov sheli?

In this famous song for Sukkot, sung here by Theodore Bikel (see link below) a child asks, “What is the sukkah all about?” And the parent answers, “We build a sukkah in order to sit in it, and to remember that our ancestors dwelled in temporary huts.”

At this time of year, from tiny balconies in Brooklyn to large and verdant backyards in Princeton, Jews the world over build sukkahs – strong enough to sit in (and visit, eat, sing and study) but flimsy enough to be easily dismantled after the holiday.

Judaism is filled with experiences and practices that, through their physicality, enhance our feelings of connection and spirituality. Lighting candles, breaking bread, inhaling spices, shaking the lulav and etrog, dancing with the Torah, to name but a few, are physical acts that enliven our senses and bind us to each other across space and time, uniting present, past and future.

Perhaps my favorite Jewish experiential observance relates to the sukkah. I love the time-consuming shlep of building it. I love the decorations which, in my house, run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous. I even love the rain that invariably lands in my soup. In years past, Deborah and I collaborated with our friends and Brooklyn neighbors Joey Weisenberg, his wife, Molly Weingrod, and, eventually, their first child! In our postage stamp backyard, we happily erected a Sukkah Depot canvas special. We decorated the sukkah with every plastic fruit imaginable and then spent hours each day eating, singing and welcoming guests. I loved the ruach, but I also kvelled in the quiet hours I spent each evening studying on my own or simply sitting, lost in thought.

The sukkah truly creates a magical space. The great Yiddish poet Avrom Reisen (1876-1953) wrote a popular poem, In Suke, that was set to several different melodies. The words and melody, sung here (see link below) by poet, artist, singer and NEH Fellow Beyle Schaechter-Gottesman, translated by her son, folklorist Itzik Gottesman, beautifully capture the simplicity, sweetness and wonder of the sukkah:

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A sikele a kleyne,
Mit breytselekh gemeyne
Hob ikh mir mit tssures tsnooyfgeklopt.
Tsigeekt deym dakh,
Mit a bisele skakh.
Un ikh zits mir in sikele un trakht.
Der vint der kalter,
Bluht derekh di shpalter
In lehsh mir di lekhtelekh shir oys.
Herts nor a khidesh,
Kom makh ikh nor kidish.

But in the poem, the sukkah also serves as a metaphor – a fitting testament to the fortitude of the Jewish people:

“Gey zay nisht keyn nar,
Un hob nisht keyn tsar,
Un loz dir der vint nisht ongeyn.
Vifl vintn’sveln brimen,
Vifl doyres sveln kimen,
Dos sikele vet eybik shteyn. ”

“Don't be a fool,
And don't have any grief,
And don't worry about the wind.
No matter how many winds will roar
No matter how many generations will come,
The sukkah will always remain standing.”

Deborah and I wish you a joyful, healthy and peaceful Sukkot.

Cantor Jeff

Links:

Lama Sukkah Zu: https://tinyurl.com/72n5tc5b

In suke: https://tinyurl.com/sr5dh6xn
MESSAGE from the President
Alexandra Bar-Cohen
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Dear TJC Family,

What does “Bashana Haba’ah” (Next Year) mean to you? For me it is the rousing song we sang every week in Sunday School. “Bashana Haba’ah” is a popular Israeli classic, first performed in 1970 by the duo Ilan & Ilanit. It is a song of hope for a better future and is performed regularly at public events throughout the country. Songs of hope exist all over the world, but there is something about the Israeli capacity for hope that feels unique to me. The Israeli incarnation is resilient, unrelenting, and almost ludicrously implausible, such as the hope embodied by David Broza’s persistently optimistic “Yihye Tov” (“It Will be Good”). Co-written by Broza and songwriter/author Yehonatan Geffen on the cusp of peace negotiations with Egypt, “Yihye Tov” was added to frequently throughout the years as the peace process alternately progressed, stalled, and sometimes imploded, and it is still resonant and sadly unresolved long after it was penned, forty plus years ago. Perhaps this unremittingly positive perspective is because Israel herself was birthed from enormous hope, as epitomized by her national anthem, “HaTikva” (“The Hope”). Or maybe it is sheer existential necessity; when you live in that particular sandbox, the alternative to hope just isn’t an option.

Much like this past year in which we needed to reframe our perspectives, expectations, and practices in response to the pandemic, this stunningly beautiful version of “Bashana Haba’ah” by Israeli singer Shiri Maimon is quite different from previous renditions. This is most evident in the way she sings the final notes of the song. Rather than ending on the chorus like most versions (you will yet see, you will yet see/how good it will be/next year), Maimon chooses to reprise the second stanza of the song (children on vacation will play tag between the house and the fields) and leaves us suspended within that joyful, free-range future, underscored by her final drawn out and hopeful note. That musical decision highlights the difference between passively imagining that next year will be good, and choosing to create that future.

I invite you all to join in as we create TJC’s next chapter bashana haba’ah, together. Todah rabah to all of you who have made these first several months with Rabbi Merow (and the final months of 5781) a hopeful and positive experience. Thank you to those who came out to welcome Rabbi Merow at services and at meet and greets, to those who have volunteered to be service “greeters” and zoom shomrim, to those who are planning our High Holidays, to those who are building our Hachutzah Exploratory Trail. Much appreciation to the members of the new board for swinging into action to envision the future of TJC at our first ever Board “Retreat” earlier this summer. I am most grateful to our clergy and staff who are working hard to welcome us back home for the High Holidays. Finally, yasher koach to Rabbi Merow who has participated in 19 meet and greets with over 300 congregants, not to mention met with nearly every single TJC committee and many local leaders. Given the amount of genuine interaction Rabbi Merow has managed to pack into five short weeks it feels like she has been here at least five months!

May you all have a Shana Metukah V’Briyah, a sweet and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all during the High Holidays and into 5782. Please reach out to me at President@thejewishcenter.org to talk about ways we can create a beautiful shana haba’ah together.

Want to hear the songs? Shiri Maimon can be found singing “Bashana Haba’ah” on youtube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ojXjl5nLWU

There are many versions of David Broza’s “Yihye Tov” on the web and Apple Music.

Alexandra Bar-Cohen
We were all very saddened when we lost our wonderful Gil Gordon. He passed away almost 12 years to the day of when my father passed away in August 2009. They were both very influential in my life. My father was my childhood hero. Gil was my TJC hero.

To me, from where I sit and learned, it was always about the small things. For my dad, it was doing for others when others did not want things done for them. A check to get someone out of trouble. A car ride for someone who needed it. Always thinking of others and always putting them ahead of everyone else. To me, it was the 6 page hand written letters I got in college. Watching him learn how to type like this. THAT he DID NOT KNOW THERE was a CAPS LOCK KEY on a KEYBOARD! I love him dearly and miss him every day.

And then Gil came into my life. You had him for so many years but for me, it was a wonderful 18 months being a part of his life. We had a monthly breakfast at Panera which I will miss tremendously. But to me, it was always the small things.

If I needed to locate a key to a door, closet, or anything, by the time I hung up the phone, he was already standing in my office.

If I needed plans or an important document to help me do my job better, it was always in my inbox before I even hit send.

He loved being the shamash on Saturday mornings and we kept tweaking the “manual” over and over in our ever-changing world.

If we needed a light bulb changed, there he was on the ladder before the light even went out and the room got dark.

Batteries being changed? He seemed to know when they would burn out before the batteries even knew they would burn out.

This year I learned about winterizing the building from Gil. Who knew? Not this guy from Miami. He already had a document and checklist before the first snow fell.

And that Green Car??? He was so proud of it that he drove by the synagogue, texted us to come outside, not to see the car, but that huge smile that was on his face. It made us all happy.

But here are two little things you might not know about. Gil cared about everyone and wanted to make sure everyone had a Passover meal for Pesach. He was the one, under my watch, that not only put up the money so everyone had a Passover meal but got others to give as well. Yes it was his way of giving back but it’s important to share.

And who do you think was the inspiration of Mazal Tov Mondays? You guessed it. Gil. After Rabbi Feldman z”l passed away, we had another 6-7 deaths and bereavement notices going out almost daily. Gil called me and said, “Can’t we send out happy news? Can’t we just wish people Mazal Tov”. And that was the genesis of Mazal Tov Mondays which goes out every Monday thanks to you, but more importantly, thanks go Gil.

It makes me smile that he and my dad are up in heaven helping others. I know they will hit if off the moment they meet. They both have lots more to accomplish and I know that working together, heaven will be a better place.

I miss you Dad. I miss you, Gil. Just hoping you are both resting in peace.

Joel
MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Friends,

As I continue unpacking the boxes from my move last November, I found one of my favorite books, *The Three Questions*, by Jon Muth based on Leo Tolstoy’s story. Years ago, when I taught first grade at Yeshiva at the Jersey Shore, I would end the school year by reading this story to my first graders. The three questions were: when is the best time to do things? Who is the most important one? And what is the right thing to do?

As we begin the new academic year and perhaps not so coincidentally the Jewish year, I would like to invite you to reflect on these three questions.

We often are presented with opportunities, sometimes to help others, sometimes these are to help ourselves. We often allow these opportunities to pass us by, perhaps out of fear, perhaps the timing isn’t right, perhaps we simply don’t feel that the opportunity is not a good one. So we let them pass us by. Over the past year and a half, I’ve learned that any time we are presented with an opportunity, we should take it. Whether that opportunity is a day to recharge by yourself in New York City (thank you, February 2020) or a week to spend time with your family at the beach (thank you, Ocean City), or the opportunity to learn with some of the best educators in the country (thank you, NewCAJE), one should look at these opportunities and use the present moment to do those things.

The answer to who is the most important one is much simpler than I thought prior to reading the book. The most important one is the person or people with whom you are spending time at that moment. This does not mean family members are not the most important people - of course they are - this means that when you are with somebody, be fully present. Engage with them. Don’t scroll through a device blindly as you half listen to the people around you. If you are in a position to be helpful, be helpful. If you are in a position to be kind, be kind. Wherever you are, be all in.

What is the right thing to do? Also a very simple answer. The right thing to do combines the previous two questions: the most important time is now, and the most important one is the one you are with, which means the right thing is to spend your time doing good for the person at your side.

I would end the year by thanking each of my students for allowing themselves to be the most important ones in my life for the time we were together, and then thanked them for allowing me to do good with them.

As I reread the book, I realized how appropriate it is as we begin the year also. We often get so lost in day to day minutiae that we forget how precious a gift time is. We take those closest to us for granted. We let moments pass us by and forget to do good.

As we embark on a new year, I invite you to be present wherever you are and with whomever you may be. Notice the little things, like the leftover cicada shell still sitting on a tree, a striking sunrise, or the joy of a toddler popping a bubble in the air.

Over the coming year, I would like to take the opportunity to do good, to be present, and to be mindful of the smallest moments the world has to offer. Please join me on this journey and share some of your mindful moments with me. In the midst of the upcoming unknown, I am sure we can all find comfort and beauty in the little things.

On behalf of Marc, Eric, Jason and I, may you have a happy, healthy, sweet and mindful new year.

Shana Tova.

Sharon

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Drop off filled bags on Yom Kippur, September 16 
at TJC between 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Additonal dates/times:
Thursday, 9/9 - 10:00am-3:00 p.m.  Friday, 9/10 - 10:00am-1:00 p.m
Sunday, 9/12* - - 9:00am-1:00 p.m  Monday, 9/13 - 10:00am-3:00 p.m
Tuesday, 9/14 - 10:00am-3:00 p.m   Friday, 9/17 - 10:00am-1:00 p.m

*First day of Religious School; Men’s Club building the Sukkah - 9:00am-1:00pm.

Last year we broke all records of past food collections.
We’re counting on you to make this year even better!
Food will be donated to the Kosher food pantry at
Jewish Family & Children’s Services and Arm-In-Arm
Please open your hearts to those in need. All foods should be non-perishable,
with no glass containers, and no outdated items please.
Also accepting gift cards from local supermarkets. No cash or checks.

Requested foods are shown below. Kosher is preferred.

- Hot & Cold Healthy Cereals -
  - Oatmeal, Grits, Cream of Wheat, etc.
- Shelf stable milk in boxes -
  - Parmalat, Almond Milk
- Applesauce
- Canned low fructose fruit
  - or fruit cups
- Canned low sodium Vegetables
- Canned proteins - Tuna in water,
  - Salmon, Chili, Chicken
- Canned Potatoes
- Honey
- Rice
- Pasta
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Dried beans
- Tomato sauce
- Gluten-free items
- Healthy Snacks
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Olive oil
- Canola oil
- Herbs and spices

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In Memoriam:
We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering:

Gil Gordon, husband of Ellen, father of Lisa Rogel and Adam Gordon
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Ruben Souroujon d'Alcala, father of Beatrice Bloom
Elaine Yaffe, mother of Deborah Yaffe
Lillian Kaye, wife of Murray Kaye z”l and sister of our congregant Meyer (Lynn Joy) Sapoff

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The installation of Rabbi Andrea Merow
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 from Philip Schoenberg
Nancy Lewis’s special birthday
 from Nancy Osborn
in appreciation of Corey Langer, MD
 from Lee M. Herman
the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Levin
 from Judy and Mike Leopold

In memory of
Ellen Avins
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 from Harriet Heilweil, Moshe and Judy Margolin, Maryann Yarin, Robert Teweles, David and Edye Kamenir
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Michele Alperin and Steven Sheriff on the birth of their grandson, Noam Benjamin
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 from Ed Flux and Deirdra Silver, Chavurah Aviv

*This gift is from a Donor Advised Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer.
BUY A LULAV AND ETROG FOR SUKKOT

“...and you shall take the fruit of goodly trees... and rejoice before the Lord your God.”

Two important symbols of Sukkot are the lulav and etrog. We recite the blessing over them each day of the holiday as an expression of gratitude for God’s bounty, and we carry them in procession around the synagogue during each morning service. Rabbi Feldman strongly encourages members of the congregation to purchase their own lulav and etrog set to be displayed in their sukkah or at home and to be brought to the synagogue to participate in the processions (hakafot). While they last for only a short time, their presence is felt beyond the festival. We hope that many of you will continue to participate in this tradition. Sets can be ordered through The Jewish Center office.

Please reserve ______ set(s) of lulavim and etrogim at $54 each for me. Enclosed is my check, made out to The Jewish Center in the amount of $___________. Or, you may choose to pay by Visa / MasterCard / Amex (Circle one):

Name on credit card: ___________________________ Card Number: ___________________________
Exp. Date __________ CCV# ______ Signature: __________________________

Please send to The Jewish Center office by September 10 (Erev Sukkot is September 20).
For more information, contact Roni Garrison at The Jewish Center office, 609-921-0100 x 200 or vgarrison@thejewishcenter.org
Shabbat Katan

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. Ages: K and below.

Open to the community!

September 11
11:00 am

KABBALAT SHABBAT KATAN

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! Ages: K and below.

Open to the community!

SEPTEMBER 17
5:45 PM

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

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Contact the office for more information: info@thejewishcenter.org

Register to Join Team TJC!
ARTS AND CULTURE

Come one, Come all! Do you love the Arts? How about Cultural events? We are looking at reenvisioning the ARTS AND CULTURE Programming committee this year into one that encompasses the entire TJC community, and brings engaging and fun programming ideas to bring all of our congregants together. We will be cross committee planning to make engaging plans for everyone to get involved. How do you envision bringing art or cultural events to TJC? Looking for anyone who wants to get involved, and anyone who wants to think outside of the box.

Contact Shari Allen: shariibdallen@gmail.com or 609-462-1903.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Tzedek, tzedek tirdof is a command, “Justice, justice, you will pursue.” The mission of The Jewish Center's Social Action Committee is to provide specific and substantive ways to fulfill justice and do the work of tikkun olam. Committee members bring their passion, knowledge, and engagement with the community-at-large to The Jewish Center, leading food and blood drives, workshops to examine racism, a thriving garden, supporting affordable housing in the community, volunteering at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and the Cornerstone Community Kitchen, helping to resettle refugees, and working to make TJC more sustainable. Please join the Fall Social Action Committee meeting on September 30 to learn more about the committee and how you might get involved.

For more info, email Jenny and Dana at socialaction@thejewishcenter.org.

TJC MEN’S CLUB

The TJC Men's Club is focused on developing relationships within the greater TJC community based on camaraderie, common interests and Jewish core values, all while having fun. The Men's Club plans to have a committee that meets on a quarterly basis to discuss upcoming programs and events for the entire TJC family, including ways we can celebrate Jewish holidays together as a community.

The first event will be for adults to help build the TJC sukkahs for the entire congregation to enjoy. Other programs will include the popular Torah on Tap meetings with TJC clergy exploring topics from the Torah and socializing as well as attending local sporting events, and your new ideas.

Please reach out to us to express your interest in serving on the Men's Club Committee to share your ideas and to help lead programs. Also, please let us know if you are interested in helping to build the TJC sukkahs in early September. More information to come shortly!

Jeremy Black: jeremyblack@hotmail.com
Brad Bailey: bradbailey5@gmail.com

THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE (AEC)

The AEC is one of most visible program-generating committees of TJC. It was among the first to respond to the pandemic by offering fifteen 45-minute videos by leading scholars on the theme of “Jewish Responses to a Crisis” and later broadened its offerings to include interactive classes with both visiting scholars and members of the congregation. Among last year’s visiting scholars were Dr. Daniel Matt on A Taste of Kaballah and Professor Jonathan D. Sarna on Is America Different? Antisemitism In The United States In Historical Perspective. Perhaps the highlight of the year was a panel discussion on The Future Of The Conservative Movement with Rabbis Annie Tucker, Elliot Cosgrove and Bradley Shavit Artson. The program drew national interest.
This year, the AEC will be looking into new program ideas including multi-session introductory courses which are aimed at broadening our audience. We always welcome program suggestions.

Time Requirements:
The AEC meets between 4 and 6 times/year with meetings between 60 and 90 minutes. In addition, each member of the AEC is responsible for “producing” at least one program a year which involves working directly with the presenter on formulating the topic and working with the co-chairs to finalize program details. Those new to the AEC greatly benefit from guidance and assistance from veteran members, the co-chairs, and the staff.

To Find Out More:
Moshe Margolin: momargolin@gmail.com
Fredi Pearlmutter: fredipearlmutter@gmail.com

ISRAELI AWARENESS COMMITTEE
Israeli Awareness Committee wants you!! Let’s bring the joys of Israeli culture, dance, music, food, and fun to TJC. It's joyous and celebratory! Please add to the fun by joining us.

Please email Nir Yakoby: yakoby@camden.rutgers.edu to be a part!

JEWSH CENTER WOMEN (JCW)
JCW is an arm of The Jewish Center that provides fun, educational and exciting events and gatherings that engage members. You may meet your new best friend during an activity or rekindle a friendship from years ago. We meet the needs of singles and couples from all generations, young families and families with tots, teens and all those in between. There is always room for involvement and we would love to have you!

Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat is a Friday evening service with participation from the women of the congregation. There is always a phenomenal theme and the evening can only be described as beyond special. Our very popular NOSH & DROSH program meets once a month and features a guest facilitator. Our meetings have included an array of topics including current events, Jewish themes, self care and we even took an amazing girl's trip virtually to Greece.

JCW is dedicated to being inclusive to all of our members. Please share with us the unique needs of your family to be able to participate or better yet let us know you'd like to be on a planning committee.

Lauren Neufeld: laur.jcw@gmail.com
Claude Win: cwinn.jcw@gmail.com

The High Holidays are early this year!
We are looking for volunteers to help build the TJC Sukkah on September 12, starting at 9:00 am (rain date September 19).

Please email us and let us know if you are can join.
As it is the first day of Hebrew school, drop off the kids and help build the Sukkah! It’ll be lots of fun and we’ll make sure you have coffee and bagels!

We are also pleased to announce that after years of hard work and planning, Sukkah Village is taking place this year and there are a bunch of Sukkot to build—16 in total around Princeton, 8 of them at TJC on September 19th! If you can provide support on the 19th it would be greatly appreciated.

Please reach out to Joshua Zinder jzinder@joshuazinder.com to let him know you will be coming by to help on the 19th, or to get more info about Sukkah Village.
Sukkahvillage.com
Sophie Winn • September 4

Sophie is an 8th grader who has attended Riverside Elementary School, Princeton Middle School, and the Stuart Country Day School. After living in Needham, Massachusetts for her first eight years (and belonging to Temple Beth Shalom) she moved to Princeton in the summer of 2016. Her second home is in the Pocono Mountains in the woods just west of Greeley, Pennsylvania, where she has spent four summers at Camp Timber Tops. Sophie has an older brother, Sam, who became a Bar Mitzvah on the same weekend in September three years ago, and a younger sibling, Cosmo, a golden retriever whose Bark Mitzvah has yet to be scheduled. In her spare time, Sophie plays soccer with the Princeton Soccer Academy year-round, reads voraciously and spends time with friends. Sophie is highly self-motivated, curious, creative, and devoted to family. Sophie appreciates the help and support she has received from TJC teachers and staff, especially Nancy Lewis, Cantor Jeff and Sharon Diamonstein.

Rachel Kaswan • September 8

Rachel is an 8th grader at Princeton Middle School. She enjoys spending time on the soccer field, on the ski slopes, flipping on the trampoline, or with her gymnastics team where she demonstrates great perseverance and focus. Rachel is a diligent student, and an exceptionally kind friend, sister, daughter, grandmother and cousin. She is looking forward to becoming a bat mitzvah, and would like to thank Nancy Lewis, Cantor Jeff, and Sharon Diamondstein for helping prepare for this special day.

Lauren Kaswan • September 8

Lauren is an 8th grader at Princeton Middle School. She enjoys ski racing, soccer, tennis and doing tricks on the trampoline. Her creativity and determination are evident in the many projects she designs and builds at home. Aside from playing sports and honing her woodworking skills, Lauren loves spending time with family and friends. She values the strong connections she has with others and is always open to forging new friendships. Lauren would like to thank Nancy Lewis, Sharon Diamondstein and Cantor Jeff for helping her reach this important milestone.

Zachary Banner • September 25

Zach is a rising eighth grader celebrating his Bar Mitzvah in September. He attended Princeton Montessori for elementary and Princeton Day School for middle school. Zach's interests include a variety of sports and outdoor activities, the performing arts, engineering and design, and video editing. He participated in TJC’s Daffodil Project in the spring and is always happy to lend a hand to help others. Zach shares a home with sister Carina, parents Amy and Adrian, and their two cats. Zach would like to thank TJC teachers and staff for their teaching and encouragement!
Max Levy • September 25

Max Levy is excited to be called to the Torah for his Bar Mitzvah at the Jewish Center on September 25. He is in 8th grade at Princeton Day School and has been at the Jewish Center with his parents Jill Nusbaum and Jonathan Levy, since the Fall of 2016. He is excited to read from a family Torah which has been read from by 13 family members before him for their own Bar Mitzvahs. He loves the outdoors where he enjoys hiking and playing tennis. He sends special thanks all his teachers, tutors and the clergy at TJC for ALL their help and guidance in preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah. For his Chesed project, he volunteered at Cornerstone Kitchen in Princeton where he served meals to members of the community.

Mazel Tov...On Your Great News!

To Michele Alperin and Steven Sheriff, whose son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Bina Alperin-Sheriff, had a son, Noam Benjamin, whose bris was on July 12
To Mazal to Khaled and Faiza Ahmed on the birth of their daughter Hala on July 24
To the Coulson Obus Family on the marriage of Eli to Emily
To Ken and Michelle Goldman who happily celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on July 13th. They are looking forward to the next 35 years!
To Joyce and Clive Usiskin on the engagement of their granddaughter Dr. Ilana Meryl Usiskin to Dr. Aaron Joseph Ezra Hakim
To Ira Cheifetz on the 60th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
To Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg on his 70th birthday
To Nancy Lewis on her special birthday
To Judi Fleitman on her special birthday
To JoAnn Carchman on her speedy recovery
To Mazal Tov to Jerry Neumann for completing a two-year term as President of Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks. Among his many accomplishments, Jerry spearheaded Federation’s highly successful Covid emergency relief fund and launched the new publication Jewish Together after the New Jersey Jewish News unexpectedly folded.
To Mazal Tov as well to the following individuals for serving on the Federation Board over the past year: Adele Agin, Jeremy Black, Dan Brent, Michael Feldstein, Eliot Freeman, Marsha Freeman, Bob Levine, Carli Masia, Carol Pollard, Elliot Sambol, Marissa Treu, and Stephanie Will

To Tirza Wahrman who received the Endorsement of the West Windsor Democratic Party for Mayor of West Windsor in the upcoming election
To Joan Goldstein’s newest TV30 show with guest historian Larry Kidder talks about his book-in-work, “The Revolutionary World of a Free Black Man.” Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. on FIOS45 and Comcast 30
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To 8 students living at Princeton Community Village who have won college scholarships totaling over $53,000 for the fall semester. We are so proud of these students and their achievements. The scholarships have been awarded by the National Affordable Housing Association and the NJ Affordable Housing Association. Congratulations to TJC for being a steadfast supporter of affordable housing in our community and for helping to build almost 500 homes over the past 50 years!
To Eric and Jason Diamondstein on their undefeated swim season and division champions win with the Rivercrest Bluewave Swim Team
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TJC Welcomes Ethan Weg
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Ethan joins TJC after years of working for and volunteering with a variety of different Jewish non-profits. After spending some time working full-time for Ramah in the Rockies, in Colorado, he has returned to his hometown of East Brunswick, New Jersey. In addition, Ethan has spent most of the last decade engaging with and teaching Jewish youth – he has done everything from being a counselor on Jewish summer programs and at Jewish summer camps, to providing programming and leadership development for several Jewish communities, and he was even staff for a post-high school gap year college leadership program in Israel.

To learn even more about Ethan, you can read his whole bio on our website.

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TJC Teens
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Our 8th through 12th graders enjoy a variety of awesome opportunities. TJC’s programming for our young adults is a combination of many different things, ranging from leadership opportunities and teamwork skill-building to social opportunities to just hanging out and having a good time.

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(Rising 5th–7th Graders)
Our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders, known as Kadima (meaning “forward” in Hebrew), have so much happening in their lives as it is, from schoolwork and extracurriculars to just growing up. Our goal is to create a space for these soon-to-be young adults to grow, be themselves, and blow off some steam.

Nitzanim
(Rising 3rd & 4th Graders)
Our 3rd and 4th graders, known as Nitzanim (meaning “sprouts” or "buds" in Hebrew), have the opportunity to engage in some light-hearted games and activities, with the main goal of Nitzanim being to have fun and getting to know each other.

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Dear Friends,

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Gil Gordon. His tireless devotion to LIFE & LEGACY contributed greatly to its success and to the bolstering of The Jewish Center’s endowment fund. We are grateful for his years of leadership, and in the spirit of continuing his work, we are proud to highlight one of our Promise makers, Amy and Eran Zacks and share the details of our new campaign, Each One Reach One.

We have the opportunity to sustain The Jewish Center into the next generation, and we invite you to participate. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation, founder of LIFE & LEGACY, has launched a new campaign to double the number of legacy donors across North America. This campaign began a few months ago and will end on December 31, 2021. Grants will be given to the organizations with the largest percentage increase in legacy commitments (also known as Promises). With your help, we can strengthen the long-term financial security of our synagogue and perhaps, receive a grant as well.

The new initiative, Each One Reach One, calls on existing Promise makers to reach out to another, tell their story of why they made a legacy gift, and then encourage that person to make a commitment too.

To inspire you to join us, we are proud to share the story of Amy and Eran Zacks, active members of The Jewish Center community and proud parents of Noa and Jacob. Amy and Eran both grew up in New Jersey, spent part of their teen and college years in Israel, and prioritized raising their children in a community where Jewish holidays and traditions were celebrated and shared. The Zacks moved to Princeton when Eran, a cardiologist, joined a medical group in central New Jersey, and the family soon became members of The Jewish Center as the kids entered nursery school. Both Amy and Eran have been involved in many aspects of TJC. Eran recently served on the Rabbi Search Committee, and Amy was a founder of the Young Family initiative and a past Chair of Fundraising.

Last summer, in the middle of the pandemic, Noa celebrated her Bat Mitzvah. Not being able to bring family and friends to the synagogue, the Zacks family brought the community into their home via Zoom and proudly stood by their daughter as she beautifully chanted Torah and Haftorah, right next to Noa’s homemade ark.

When asked why she and Eran made a LIFE & LEGACY Promise, Amy replied, “The Jewish Center is where we have educated our children, celebrated holidays, built friendships, volunteered our time, participated in social action and maintained a connection to community. TJC truly represents a cornerstone of our lives, and we hope it can serve in the same way for future families.”

Amy is currently the Director of Philanthropy at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer. Previously she was a development professional at nationally recognized nonprofits, including the 92nd Street Y, Facing History and Ourselves, and Planned Parenthood. In her role at JCFGM, Amy has been involved with LIFE & LEGACY at several Jewish organizations in our community, and has seen first-hand the impact of this transformational program. Each legacy donor has a unique story of why they made a Promise, and each legacy donor brings energy to the campaign and spurs us on.

Through our current initiative, Each One Reach One, we are honored to share the story of Amy and Eran Zacks and we hope you consider leaving a legacy gift. Your Promise may allow us to earn a grant this year, and it will certainly help secure our financial foundation for the future. If you have already created a legacy gift in your estate plans or if you have any questions, please contact us at: Evy Grossman, evgygrossman@gmail.com, or Eliot Freeman at bandzfreaman@aol.com.
The Jewish Center is home to a treasure trove of people. In our new column, Synagogue Spotlight, we will highlight one member or couple each month, giving us insight into the wonderful lives of some of our members. Up first, I spoke with Joyce Sokolic – read on to get to know her, even if you think you already do!

By today's standards, Joyce Sokolic would be deemed a 'modern woman.' She worked a full-time job (as a doctor!) in a blended family - raising her husband's three boys, then her own three boys. She also volunteered as President at her children's school.

But this isn't all happening in 2021. The fact that she did so back in the 1960s and 70s makes it even more impressive.

Whether she intended to or not, Joyce was a trailblazer. Born in 1939 and raised in West Oak Lane (Philadelphia), she went on to medical school at the city's Hahnemann Medical College (now known as Drexel University College of Medicine).

"In my day, when I started medical school, I think there were 5 women in the class," says Joyce. "When we graduated, 3 of us graduated and the other 2 had dropped out."

It was in medical school that she met her husband. No, he wasn't a fellow student. Though medical students were not supposed to fraternize with their teachers, Joyce and her teacher, Irv, started talking when they realized they knew people in common.

"We started to talk, and one thing led to another," shares Joyce. "We didn't start to date right away, but then we decided we really liked each other and the thing to do was get married."

A general surgeon and a widower, Irv had three boys that had been without a mother for several years. That made Joyce a stepmom from day 1. The couple went on to have three more boys together, David (53), Robert (51) and Jeremy (49).

"I adored my kids. I did everything with them. We were very close," Joyce adds. She was also extremely fond of Irv. "He was a terrific doctor, a very good father and loved me, loved his children. We had a nice life."

The children were raised further north in New Jersey and attended Solomon Schechter Day School in Cranford (now in West Orange.) While working as a family practice doctor, Joyce raised her boys and took on the role of President at their school - which she fondly remembers as one of the best things she ever did.

Despite her success there and having made many friends at the school, Joyce and her family moved to Princeton in 1988, with most of the boys grown or in college. She moved for a new job at Princeton University, working in health services where she would remain for 25 years until she retired.

An avid shul-goer, Joyce and Irv joined The Jewish Center immediately upon arriving in Princeton. They enjoyed many years there together, until his passing in 2003.

Luckily for Joyce, there was a second act. A few years later, her sister introduced her to Arthur. A lovely man, Arthur had endured years in concentration camps during the Holocaust, so he was eager for them to have their own space. The two married and moved together to a house at Princeton Windrows, a community for independent living. With care and sensitivity, Rabbi Feldman had made sure it was special when she and Arthur wed.

"He arranged things so when we came up to the bimah to say our prayers, he made sure all my boys were up on the bimah so they could be around me," Joyce remembers.

Joyce enjoyed Arthur very much, then took care of him when he became ill and passed away shortly after they moved to Windrows. Though she sometimes wishes she now lived in the apartment building and was nearby more people, she has stayed in their home.

And Joyce's energy continues on. Though the COVID pandemic kept has kept her a bit more isolated, at 82 she is ready to get back to services in person at The Jewish Center. Joyce is also looking forward to playing bridge again and taking part in the clubs and activities at Windrows.

Synagogue Spotlight is a joint project by TJC members and journalists Lisa Jacknow and Michele Alperin. Each month they will take turns writing about fellow congregants to help us learn more about one another. This article was written by Lisa.

Lisa lives in Princeton with her husband Bret and their two sons, Gabriel and Cooper. She is Founding Editor/Writer of the monthly online magazine Princeton Perspectives. Michele lives in Princeton with her husband, Steven Sheriff and has written for NJ Jewish News, US1, and Community News Service. Her son, Jacob, and his wife, Bina, live in Rockville, MD, with their children, Nava, Hannah, and Noam. Her daughter, Aliza, lives in the Manayunk neighborhood of Philadelphia.
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Rabbi Andrea Merow

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Welcome to Jewish Center Women (JCW). We are very excited about the year ahead. Our goal is to plan inclusive, educational, exciting, and fun programs, as well as to include programs of Mitzvot, all that we hope will peak the interest of most if not all. We invite you to participate in these activities but also to participate by sharing your ideas and there's always room to join us in planning and executing events and activities. JCW wants YOU!

JCW is so appreciative to all who participated in the annual New Year’s Card project. Your donations allow us to continue to support programs like ensuring each member family receives a New Year’s card and our monthly NOSH & DROSH program, as well as, to create new programs (more on this soon) and to off set costs of other programs when we can. Thank you so much to those who made contributions to this very special project.

Special thanks to our office staff for their assistance with the New Year’s Card project. Roni, we appreciate you collecting checks, taking credit card payments over the phone and providing us with up to date spreadsheets. Emily, thank you for creating emails for us and ensuring our congregants receive them, as well as, posting this opportunity on all of the TJC social media platforms. Joel, your help and support are always appreciated and your suggestions invaluable. Thank you to you all!

As we begin the New Year we hope that it will be one of good health, much sweetness and peace for you and your families. We know that for many, the New Year is starting off with the loss of loved ones. JCW is remembering them, thinking of you and your families and hoping that the memories of those lost will be for a blessing.

L’Shana Tova,

Lauren and Claude

NOSH AND DROSH is a monthly program featuring guest facilitators and supported by Jewish Center Women (JCW). We hope that you will be able to join us often. Please save these upcoming dates for NOSH & DROSH:

October 21
November 18
December 16
October 19 -- Evy Grossman’s *Hidden in Berlin: A Holocaust Memoir*

Lilo and Ernst survived the horrors of WW2 in the center of Berlin, but not without help. An incredible tale of survival and kindness. Lilo was just a teenager when the Nazis took away her mother and father in September 1942. She never saw them again. A year later, she received another painful blow when her brother Hans was taken too. She was now alone at 19 years old in a dangerous and brutal world. Until she heard one familiar voice that called her name, and saved her life. Meanwhile, her boyfriend Ernst was hiding in a small room with his parents, doing all he could to ensure their survival, even when violent explosions and the possibility of exposure threatened to take their lives. They remained hidden for 27 months, but sadly it was only Ernst and his mother who emerged from the shelter after the war. Ernst and Lilo eventually marry, re-locate to America, create a new life, and have a daughter who is the author of this book. This deeply saddening yet touching memoir is not only about the horrific Nazi regime and how it affected both Lilo and Ernst but it is also a memoir to recognize and thank the heroic people who put themselves in danger to save their lives. Without them, we wouldn’t have the opportunity to read their important story. Please contact Louise Sandburg for more information: louise@sandsmith.com

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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 book:

November 16 -- *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland

December 21 -- *Cousins and Strangers* by Leah Hager Cohen

Cathy led a guided meditation called *How to Quiet Your Mind in the Midst of Chaos* which focuses on cultivating awareness, gratitude, showing up with intention, and settling the mind. The meditation was inspired by Rabbi Kalonymus Kalmis Shapira’s teachings within the Warsaw Ghetto. Rabbi Shapira, killed in 1943, was also known as the Pizseczner Rebbe and before his death, he worked in the face of unimaginable suffering to sustain Jewish life, both spiritually and in the physical realm. Some of his teachings were discovered in a buried milk jar.
On July 1, The Jewish Center began a new chapter with the arrival of Rabbi Andrea Merow as our senior rabbi and spiritual leader. The Welcome Committee, Rabbi Search Committee, and Board members greeted her on that sunny morning with a basket of goodies, flowers, and song, accompanied by Cantor Jeff Warschauer on the guitar and Deborah Strauss on the violin, as Rabbi Merow led us in a joyous, spontaneous circle dance.

Thank you to the almost 300 people who have come out to meet Rabbi Merow during the 19 Meet and Greets held so far. The gatherings gave Rabbi Merow the opportunity to introduce herself and to get to know us as individuals, to learn what each person holds dear about our synagogue community, and to hear our visions for the future.

We also sincerely thank our many hosts who shared their hospitality and their backyards to welcome our new rabbi into our Jewish Center family: Dina and Michael Shaw, Tizza Wahrman and Warren Mitlak, Windrows, Dana and Alberto Molina, Alexandra and Barak Bar-Cohen, Eve Coulson, Linda Meisel, Judy and Moshe Margolin, Linda and Michael Grenis, Andrea and David Gaynor, Lisa and Cary Spiegel, Alison and David Politzer, Suzanne Esterman and John McKeegan, Debbi and Ben Gitterman, Arlene and Henry Opatut, and Rona and Allen Porter. And in Jessica’s Garden: Barbara and Bernard Abramson, Polly Strauss, Nancy Lewis and Wilma Solomon. A special Playground Meet and Greet gave young children and their parents a chance to play with and get to know Rabbi Merow. The TJC members at Windrows were happy to provide a history of our community and even sing a Yiddish song or two.

We are very excited to continue the Meet and Greets after the High Holidays and throughout the year until every congregant has the opportunity to meet Rabbi Merow in person.

Planning has also begun for Rabbi Merow’s formal installation as Senior Rabbi of The Jewish Center. A weekend full of events is being planned for March 4 - 6, 2022. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Dina Shaw or Marc Citron.

In addition to helping her connect to as many congregants as possible, the Welcome Committee is also helping Rabbi Merow meet with various Jewish and Princeton area community leaders, including the mayor of Princeton. The committee looks forward to continuing to integrate Rabbi Merow into our TJC community!

Welcome Committee Co-chairs
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Lessons from Mt. Laurel

Sunday, October 3, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

What do we really understand about affordable housing? Why, after almost half a century since the NJ Supreme Court first declared that every NJ municipality is required to provide affordable housing, does this remain a contentious issue? A panel of experts will discuss the background of the Mt. Laurel Supreme Court decisions, how they affect almost every town in New Jersey, and the reason why all our communities should be providing affordable housing for lower-income people.

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For more information, contact neillitt@outlook.com

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