Chanukah is
November 28 through
December 5, 2021
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NOVEMBER 2021 ZOOM LINKS
(Please make sure to have the latest version of Zoom.)

Erev Shabbat Services – Fridays, 6:30 PM
Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83092650858
Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866
Meeting ID: 830 9265 0858

Shabbat Morning Services – Saturdays, 9:30 AM
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88380253291
Meeting ID: 883 8025 3291
Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866

Sunday Morning Minyan – Sundays, 9:00 AM
Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87512374060
Meeting ID: 875 1237 4060
Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866

Wednesday Morning Minyan – 7:00 AM
Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 2021
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198028662
Meeting ID: 891 9802 8662
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The Jewish Center Princeton
Community Candle Lighting
at the TJC Menorah Monday 11/29 5:45 PM

Virtual zoom candle lighting most nights at 5:45 PM

Second Yahrzeit of Rabbi Feldman

Menorah lighting by Religious School
students and families – Wednesday 12/1 – 5:45 PM

Chanukah in Palmer Square – Sunday 12/5 at 4:00 PM

Below is the link for blessings for candle lighting:
Cultivating Gratitude

On Thursday November 25 we will gather to celebrate the American holiday of Thanksgiving. We gather with family and friends and rejoice in the land and culture that we are fortunate enough to be part of. On Thanksgiving we rejoice in the courage of our American ancestors who came here to build a new society. In recent years we are also reminded that early European immigration to this land was disastrous for the indigenous people of this land. Though we cannot go back into history to right wrongs, we can use Thanksgiving as a way to now honor native American culture and its Peoples who knew and loved this land. Thanksgiving reminds us that God’s blessings are universal, meant for all. We are reminded to have a sense of deep gratitude for all that we have. In this sense, Thanksgiving is a very Jewish holiday.

When parents teach young children to say “thank you” they are not only teaching them to be polite; they are teaching a sense of gratitude for what they have and a sense of awe and wonder. Sometimes the word thank you becomes rote. Jewish tradition teaches us to cultivate a sense of Thanksgiving each day. Each blessing that we verbalize helps us to internalize a sense of gratitude. Each time we utter thanks we sensitize ourselves to look at our lives as filled with blessing.

I encourage you to use the time at your Thanksgiving tables to make the traditional brachot, blessings over wine and bread, and to share your personal gratitude for all the other blessings that you enjoy. On Thanksgiving we cultivate gratitude.

Just three days later celebrate the miracles of Chanukah. We celebrate the miracles of the Maccabees victory, the miracle of there being enough pure light and the miracle of Jewish continuity. Each time we light the candles we sing al hanisim, “on these miracles.” We thank God for the miracles of Chanukah and the miracles in our lives. On Chanukah we also cultivate gratitude.

When the rabbis composed the Amida, said three times each day, they included a remarkable prayer of thanksgiving. In the “Modim” prayer we say: “We thank You and praise You for our lives that are in your hand, for the souls that are in Your charge, for your miracles that daily attend us, and for Your wonders and gifts that accompany us, evening, morning, and noon.” In the coming month we celebrate Thanksgiving and Chanukah. May we each find ways to notice and to celebrate the simple and large miracles that are in our lives – morning, noon and night.

Rabbi Andrea Merow

Do you know someone who is ill or in the hospital? Email Rabbi Merow at RAM@thejewishcenter.org to let us know.

Do you have a Simcha to celebrate? Email us at info@thejewishcenter.org so we can celebrate with you!
Having learned my lesson in London I ordered our turkey online (with reunion would be in Princeton during Gefen's Thanksgiving break. To Israel, where his older brother was already living on a kibbutz. Our anytime soon. If our world was going to be remote in any case, why freshsman year of college it hit home that the pandemic wasn’t ending ended up being constituted by an enormous breast, four medieval-chop sage for stuffing while keeping the turkey moist and succulent, the aromas of the kitchen tickling everyone’s noses while we watched the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade until it was time to tumble out into the backyard to play full family football. 

When my kids were very young we moved to London for one year. Our lives were a whirlwind of “residential tourism” as we attempted to pack learning about centuries of history and culture into twelve short months. We found ourselves celebrating new-to-us holidays, like watching the fireworks on Guy Fawkes Day, but struggling to find a place to purchase candles for Chanukah, or matzah for Pesach.

One thing I wasn’t worried about was a turkey for Thanksgiving because unlike many other citizens of the world, Brits eat turkey. Not only did our neighbors barbecue turkey breast on their grill next door, but they reassured us that no Christmas dinner was complete without a roast turkey. So although I was still adjusting to the fact that I needed to have a one pound coin in order to unlock the shopping trolley at the local supermarket, and no baker in our corner of West London was ever going to have a challah, I was pretty confident I could pull off the traditional Thanksgiving feast. That is, until I discovered that although I could buy any given part of a turkey, whole turkeys wouldn’t be available until December.

T-minus two hours, trying to pull together Thanksgiving on my own with a overtired baby on my hip and a head full of oven temperature conversions it hit me: we were disconnected from our family back in the U.S. for the very first time since having kids, the “whole” of us divided into parts. Our holiday was as deconstructed as our turkey, which ended up being constituted by an enormous breast, four medieval-style drumsticks, and a box of frozen meatballs. With no competition for turkey legs all three boys (counting Barak) were ecstatic, and as baby Luna flung a spoonful of cranberry sauce across the table then proceeded to fall asleep in her mashed potatoes, we Skypeed with my mom and dad back home. We might not have had a traditional Thanksgiving, but we were grateful to be “all together.”

Last year when Gefen, our middle child, was getting ready for his freshman year of college it hit home that the pandemic wasn’t ending anytime soon. If our world was going to be remote in any case, why not be really remote! We decided to drop him at school and decamp to Israel, where his older brother was already living on a kibbutz. Our reunion would be in Princeton during Gefen’s Thanksgiving break. Having learned my lesson in London I ordered our turkey online (with an extra order of drumsticks on the side) so that it would be ready to pop in the oven once we returned. But when Gefen decided to take a gap year on the kibbutz picking dates from a platform where the treetops met the sky instead of a year of zooming lectures from a dorm room, everything changed. Luna, Barak, and I returned home only to realize that in addition to the boys being absent from our table that year, none of our extended family could join us either, due to quarantine restrictions. Thanksgiving would just be the three of us and a whopping 20 lb turkey. There is deconstructed, and then there is decimated. We weren’t up to trying to celebrate a holiday that felt so picked apart. I called a local food pantry who connected our bird with a family that didn’t have one. Leaving the unwanted turkey out on the porch per the food pantry instructions I felt empty; were we giving up on the very holiday for which we came home? But when the astonished man who picked it up knocked on the door to thank us, I realized that although the traditional feast and the togetherness were missing, the essence of the holiday was nevertheless the same...and perhaps even more meaningful.

This year my family is having Thanksgivingukkah. Yes, I get that it’s not a genuine Thanksgivingukkah, when Thanksgiving coincides with the first day of Chanukah, but in this year’s holiday iteration, dates do not matter. We have new and serious health issues in our family that make gathering difficult enough without taking into account the schedules of family members in college and across the world. And when it comes down to it, it’s what my mother really wants - to be together as much as possible. There will be a feast, not necessarily traditional: cranberry sauce instead of cranberry sauce, sweet potato latkes instead of sweet potato casserole, turkey brisket. Hopefully no one will have a cold, but if they do, they will have to join us on zoom. Everyone in the house will be masked and we might be eating outside, but none of that matters.

Deconstruction is the act of breaking something into its component parts so that you can reinterpret it. The deconstruction of our Thanksgiving holiday over the years has illuminated what matters most. So too, have we at The Jewish Center had to deconstruct our ritual and communal world during the past year and a half: What constitutes a bar or bat mitzvah? How much of a Shabbat service must be performed in order to retain its kavanah, its meaning? What part of a kiddish are we willing to forgo in order to nevertheless have a kiddish? How do we remain a kehilah/community when we are not all together?

As life begins to normalize we are nevertheless forced to continue to be creative in our reinterpretations. We constantly evaluate what absolutely must be preserved as we add or subtract elements of our day to day lives. What is the essence?

However you celebrate this year, deconstructed or reconstituted, traditional or reimagined, may your Thanksgiving (and your Chanukah) be filled with light, love, and meaning.
This November 5th marks my two-year anniversary of coming to The Jewish Center. I never knew if the terrible two’s were the year UNTIL you turned two, or AFTER you turned two. We can all agree that the last year was certainly terrible and let’s hope the next year is much better. We all feel we have turned a corner but to say we are out of this pandemic is not the right terminology. Covid cases are still around us and we must remain vigilant in protecting ourselves, and the people around us. We are all in this together so let’s continue to keep TJC and our community a safe place. Let’s be thankful for all we have. Let’s not make it the terrible three’s!

Speaking of thankful, there is an interesting scenario that arrives this year at the end of November. Thanksgiving weekend AND Chanukah. The first night of Chanukah arrives on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. We will just be getting over our Thanksgiving meals and then immediately go into a Latke and Sufganiyot stupor. What a great time to celebrate both holidays. Being thankful for all we have in life, being able to start seeing family and friends in person and to also celebrate the festival of lights. It feels like the culmination of a year and a half in the pandemic, with two connected holidays to bring joy into our lives.

At The Jewish Center, we will once again celebrate Chanukah full on. There are many programs being planned and we hope you participate in one or many. We will light our menorahs virtually every night and celebrate together as best we can. We will also recognize the second yahrzeit of Rabbi Feldman and continue to be inspired by his leadership, even two years after his passing.

Thanksgiving and Chanukah. May these two holidays take away the Terrible Twos we have all encountered and bring joy and light into our lives.

From my family to yours. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Chanukah.

Joel

Light from the Synagogue
Krystallnacht
November 9, 2021

The synagogues of Israel are renewing this wonderful project and invite the Jewish communities of the Diaspora to partake by leaving the lights of the synagogue lit throughout the entire night. This tradition of leaving candles/lights in the synagogue on this night is spreading from year to year. TJC will participate this year!

Remembering our beloved Rabbi Adam Feldman 21

Your memory will never be forgotten on the second yahrzeit of your passing
MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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In November's gusty gale / I will flop my flippy tale / and spout hot soup.  I'll be a whale! Spouting once / spouting twice / spouting chicken soup with rice. - Maurice Sendak Chicken Soup With Rice

November.  The month of fall.  The month of comfort. The chicken soup type of comfort that warms your soul.

I love November.  It's the month in which I became a wife first, and then (five years later, to the day) I brought my first child home from the hospital.  The feelings of gratitude in November are not limited to that fourth Thursday for me, they are there the whole month.

I look forward to Thanksgiving - to me, the epitome of the holiday comfort food.  There is nothing like the smell of a turkey roasting in the oven, the hot pumpkin soup on the stove, the fresh stewing cranberry sauce, and the apple cider mulling in the crock pot.

I look forward to crackling fireplaces, or in my new home, a crackling fire pit.  The warmth brings me comfort.  The crisp air offers a sense of cleanliness, and the early sunsets seem to be even more beautiful, as the sky is no longer hidden by all the leaves in front of my window.

I look forward to walks outside and hearing leaves beneath my feet.  I look forward to cool, salty air as we walk on the boardwalk in Long Branch.  There is something special to me about the outdoor November air - it invites a longing for warmth.

I love the celebrations of November. Our 18th wedding anniversary (chai!) and an upcoming Bar Mitzvah as we celebrate Eric's 13th birthday make this year a little extra special, but any other year, we still look forward to celebrating our family.

As I considered the multitude of things that gave me comfort in November, I realized how fortunate I am to have so much for which to be grateful.  For me, gratitude is comfort. The very act of being grateful helps me ground myself through challenging moments, and refocuses my attention.

What I love about Maurice Sendak's book, Chicken Soup With Rice, is that reminder of being comforted by the ultimate "Jewish Penicillin." While traditionally we think about chicken soup when either a holiday is approaching or we are not feeling well, Sendak's book offers us the opportunity to find comfort in chicken soup year around.  Not just in November, when we pretend to flip flop our tails, or in July when chicken soup is selling cheap, or even in April when we travel to far away lands and just think about chicken soup with rice!

We can find comfort year around, at any time, in any place.  I would love for you to share with me some things in which you take comfort. Is it a great pie recipe? Is it walking outdoors with your family? Is it time with a pet? Is it a quiet moment reading with your children?

There are so many opportunities to find things that give us comfort, and for those opportunities, we should always be grateful.

Not just in November.
On behalf of Marc, Eric, Jason (and Harry the Caterpillar!) we would like to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very happy Chanukah!

B'Shalom,

Sharon
David Hirschwerk is an Infectious Diseases Specialist in the Northwell Health System in New York. He is the Executive Vice Chair in the Department of Medicine at North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center, and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

He has been heavily integrated into the Health System’s COVID response since December, 2019.

**8:15-9:15 p.m. Via Zoom**

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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!

NOVEMBER 12
5:45 PM

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!

November 20
11:00 am

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

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:00PM
VIA ZOOM

RSVP to: info@thejewishcenter.org by November 1

For Kids K and below! Bring your friends! All are welcome!
GENERAL FUND
In honor of
Martha Friedman ascending to the presidency of PAS
from Judy and Mike Leopold
Bar Mitzvah of Ben Levin, grandson of Joan Levin
from Marsha and Eliot Freeman
Art Meisel’s Birthday
from David and Alison Politziner

In memory of
Walter Leo Schiff
from Linda and Art Meisel, Judy and Mike Leopold, Marc and Marcie Citron, Ed Flax and Dee Silver
Naomi Wahrman
from Bonnie Wax, Judy and Mike Leopold, Donna and David Gabai
Alvin Brown
from Judy and Mike Leopold, Debra Morgenstern
Elias Shylit
from Sharon Shylit
Gil Gordon
from Joel Tenenbaum
Susan Warschauer
from Rachelle and Douglas Berkman, Jose Matiella, Michael and Beatrice Bloom

ADULT EDUCATION FUND
In honor of
Shoshana Silberman
from Harriet K. Greenblatt

In memory of
Alvin Brown
from Sandra Sussman and Ronald Schnur
Naomi Wahrman
from Randy and Debbie Brett

ANNUAL FUND
In honor of
Alexandra Bar-Cohen on her special birthday
from Suzanne Berman, Adam Little, Harold and Sandra Haber, Cathy, Brad, Ari and Gabby Bailey, Riva Levy
Alexandra Bar-Cohen becoming President of TJC
from Sandra Haber

In memory of
Alvin Brown
from the Wahrman-Mitlak Family

CANTOR’S MUSIC FUND
In honor of
Cantor Jeff Warschauer
from Donna and David Gabai
Rabbi Andrea Merow in appreciation of your officiating the funeral and shiva minyan of Naomi Wahrman
from Aron Wahrman

In memory of
Susan Warschauer
from Marsha and Eliot Freeman, Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman, Myra Weiner, Irene and Sam Goldfarb, Adam and Leslie Schwartz, Sheila Marrero, Ed Flax and Deidra Silver, Jeremy and Jennifer Black, Sassy Weinstein, Adam and Michael Scheer, Daniel Brent and Sally Steinberg-Brent, Debbie Freedman and Avi Paradise, Jerry and Ray Kaufman, Gerard and Sherry Meyer, David and Alison Politziner, Amy and Eran Zacks, Sandra Sussman and Ronald Schnur, Lew and Barbara Gantwerk, Adrian Banner and Amy Zakar-Banner, Marc and Marcie Citron, Sher and Jeanne Leiman, Joanne Fishbane, Robert and Ruth Goldston, Shoshana Silberman, Joshua and Abbye Cornfield, Ken Turkewitz, Bret and Lisa Jacknow

ISRAELI AFFAIRS FUND
In memory of
Alvin Brown
from Myra Weiner

THE JEWISH CENTER REFUGEE FUND
from Judi and Bernie Fleitman

In memory of
Rabbi David Wolf Silverman
from Martin and Rogie Rome
Alvin Brown
from Martin and Rogie Rome, Helaine and Hanan Isaacs

JEWISH CENTER WOMEN FUND
In memory of
Gladys Weisbourger
from Ellen and Ken Goldblatt

LIFE AND LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND
In honor of
Susan and Michael Falcon on the marriage of Eric and Emily
from Linda and Art Meisel

In memory of
Gil Gordon
from David and Edye Kamenir

PRAYERBOOK FUND
In honor of
Yom Kippur Aliyah
from Marsha and Eliot Freeman
RABBI ADAM FELDMAN MEMORIAL FUND
from Harvey and Joan Bucholtz

In memory of
Gil Gordon
from Sheila Marrero

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
from Donna and David Gabai
from Stuart and Sheila Damens

In honor of
Rabbi Andrea Merow
from Donna and David Gabai
Rabbi Justus Baird
from Donna and David Gabai
Rabbi Andrea Merow in gratitude for your guidance and officiating the funeral and shiva minyan of Naomi Wahrman
from Aron Wahrman
Rabbi Bob Freedman for demonstrating incredible sensitivity, insight and compassion
from Jeff Denard
Art Meisel on his special birthday
from Robert Familant Family

In memory of
Walter Leo Schiff
from Francine Engler, Marsha and Eliot Freeman
Gil Gordon
from Sue and Morty Levine, Martin and Rogie Rome
Betty Ribner Borok
from Shoshana Silberman
Albert Kaplan
from Barry and Bobbi Freedman
Robert Freeman
from Eliot and Marsha Freeman

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS FUND
In honor of
Linda Milstein
from Donna and David Gabai
Bob Lebeau
from Donna and David Gabai
Sandy Kutin
from Donna and David Gabai
Mindy Langer
from Donna and David Gabai
Suzanne Esterman
from Donna and David Gabai
Avi Paradise
from Donna and David Gabai
Eleni Litt
from Donna and David Gabai
Jonathan Gross
from Donna and David Gabai

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
In memory of
Alvin Brown
from Linda and Art Meisel, Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS FUND
In honor of
the Bat Mitzvah of Eleanor Nayden
from Andrea and Alan Martinez
Cynthia and Fred Neufeld on the Bar Mitzvah of Mason Neufeld
from Andrea and Alan Martinez
Mason Neufeld’s Bar Mitzvah
from Harriet Hamburger

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info@thejewishcenter.org
The ‘Israel & Us Committee’ aims to bring the many aspects of Israeli culture to our community, including holidays, food, and traditions. The committee consists of Riva Levy, Edna Bryn-Noiman, Beth Yakoby, and Nir Yakoby (committee chair). We welcome any help and ideas that serve to bring Israel into our lives at the TJC. Please email Nir at nyakoby@gmail.com

On Sunday Sept. 26, we enjoyed our first activity, which was a Shir B’Tzibur or Sing-a-long where we enjoyed the presence of about 40 talented singers. The two guitar players, Mathan Edvy and Lior Alon, were terrific. We sang awesome Israeli songs for about an hour and a half; it was tons of fun! Stay tuned as we plan to host another event in the near future!

Shir Ha’Chodesh- The Song of the Month.
Another way to bring some Israeli culture to our community is by sharing a Shir Ha’Chodesh – the Song of the Month. Every month, we will post a new Israeli song that has meaning to the person who selected it. We welcome selections from the TJC community nyakoby@gmail.com. When you select a song, please provide some context and also introduce yourself.

The November Shir was written by Tirza Atar and composed by Yoni Richter, the “Shabbat B’Boker Yom Yaffe” (Saturday morning is a nice day) was performed by Arik Einstein, an actor and one of Israel’s greatest performers. The themes of many of his songs reflect nostalgia of his childhood in Tel Aviv and the areas around it. He died prematurely at the age of 74 (2013), which was a complete shock and brought great grief to many Israelis (more information about Arik Einstein can be found in the Wikipedia link here: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arik_Einstein).

My name is Nir Yakoby. I grew up in Israel in a secular home. I served in the Israeli military and studied at Hebrew University prior to moving to the US in 2000. I am married to Beth Yakoby; we have three boys, Noam and Eyal who already graduated from the TJC, and Oren who is now in Sulam. I selected this song since it reminds me of the Shabbat atmosphere where most places are closed, and it provides for a slower day with more local and family activities. To enjoy the song, please go to YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxeq5F_pii8

Please join us for our next Israel and Us committee program on zoom:
Sunday November 21 @ 12:00 p.m. time with Dr. Robert Rathauer and Ben Rathauer “From Princeton to Israel: Home is where the heart is...To Israel after High School... To Israel after retirement...Two stories in one family.”
Exploratory Trails... Thank You!

A big Thank you to the Seid Dickler family for donating 6 Cypress trees to TJC. They will be planted on a Sunday morning along the inside of the new fence near Nassau Street. The family is very excited to make this long-term contribution.

The Exploratory trail is always looking for volunteers. Please join us every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at the trail. Planting and mulching assistance is always needed. Bring gloves and work boots before the weather gets bad.

Havurah Minyan:

Havurah Minyan will be meeting via Zoom on these days:
November 13
November 27
For more information, contact neillitt@outlook.com

Talmud Study Group is back

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM

The Zoom link for Talmud Study:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83931037869?pwd=Wmo1OVhrYU1oQitxaG5YdGtiSG0xZz09

Meeting ID: 839 3103 7869
Passcode: 643177
Our Annual Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur Food Drive

The High Holy Days snuck up on me and caught me a little bit by surprise. Gratefully, Joel Berger, our Executive Director was way ahead of me on this and had already prepared our flyer and food list, had them attached to shopping bags and ready for distribution in time for Erev Rosh Hashanah. Thank you, Joel for bringing me up to speed.

Food insecurity is as prevalent this year as it had been last year during the height of the pandemic. We don't hear about it as much as we had, but it's very much at the forefront of the local food pantries and has been a priority for all of the charitable organizations.

This year again, we split the food collected between Arm-In-Arm and The Kosher Pantry @ Jewish Family & Children’s Services. Arm-In-Arm and JFCS each received amazing amounts of food. In addition, they were both overwhelmed by the amount of gift cards, over $2,000, that were donated by our congregants from Shoprite, McCaffrey’s and Wegman’s, which was also split between the two organizations.

There are a number of people to thank, without whom none of this would have been as successful. Margaret Cowell from Arm-In-Arm and Beth Englezos of the Kosher Pantry @ Jewish family & Children’s Services have been running food drives for their respective organizations for a number of years. They and their fabulous drivers were always ready at a moment’s notice to pick up the bags of food we had ready for them.

I owe special thanks to Roni Garrison and Emily Kafas for organizing, printing flyers, re-printing flyers and being available. And of course, Marc Sene Charles, James Itomo, Nikita Agyei, and Khaled Ahmed, our custodians for always making sure I had whatever I needed, including coffee every morning for our volunteers.

And then there are our volunteers. For the hours of receiving, unpacking, sorting and repacking bags & bags & bags of groceries, a great big thank you to Mel Benarde, Debbie Brett, Eugenia Erlij, Judi Fleitman, Evelyn Grossman, Bill Hartman, Ethan Hartman, Helaine Isaac, Heidi Joseph, Edye Kamenir, Harriet Kass, Helen Ray Kaufman, Phil Kirstein, Lisa Kramer, Joan Levin, Nancy Lewis, Henry Opatut, Mark Pollard, Ellen Pristach, Amy Pruitt, Lynne Ross, Cynthia Sage, David Saltzman, Lana Sambol, Carol Schwartz, Diane Schwartz, Lisa Spiegel and Roberta Sternthal. It was a pleasure working with and spending time with all of you.

The biggest thank you goes our congregants for once again opening your hearts and contributing to another incredibly successful food drive.

Stay safe, stay healthy,

Arlene Opatut
Dear Jewish Center Congregants,

We want to thank you for the absolutely amazing High Holiday donation of non-perishable items to JFCS’s Mobile Food Pantry and the Yvette Sarah Clayman Kosher Food Pantry. Once again, The Jewish Center has provided an enormous amount of food and monetary donations!

As you may know, our pantry is the only Kosher food pantry in Mercer County. We are also a healthy food pantry and provide fresh fruits and vegetables as well as meat and dairy products. Your donations allow us to serve more individuals in the community who are then able to utilize limited financial resources to pay other essential bills like rent, utilities and medications.

It is a special mitzvah to help feed people in our community. Your support – especially at this time – illustrates your commitment to the mitzvah of Ma’achil Re’evim – feeding the hungry.

Sincerely,

Beth Englezos
Manager of Hunger Prevention

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Arm In Arm is thankful to our partners at the Jewish Center of Princeton for your commitment to reducing food insecurity and improving the well-being of the low-income neighbors we serve. Your impactful support of our mission to end hunger in our community is so appreciated.

The generous donation of 1,339 pounds of food collected at the Yom Kippur food drive has helped us provide a healthy variety of food and a high quality of service through our three food pantries and Mobile Pantry service. We are also grateful for $1,110 in gift cards that offer our clientele dignity of choice in the foods they take home. We believe that this ensures equity for those whose grocery options are otherwise limited, lifts up our neighbors, and helps them thrive.

Thank you for your commitment to nurturing our community. With healthy food on the table, our neighbors make progress every day toward the stability we all deserve.

Thank you. We truly are better together!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David R. Fox
Executive Director
Mazel Tov to our B’nai Mitzvah

Isabella Benuar
November 6

We are happy to celebrate Isabella Benuar as a Bat Mitzvah on November 6th. Bella is an avid dancer and competes nationally in different forms of modern and contemporary dance. She is excited to compete internationally for the first time this spring. Travel has been a love of hers always from a very young age, and this past summer she was able to do that on her own with a group of peers in Hawaii! She looks forward to continuing her studies deeper of art and history as she gets ready for high school next year. Bella’s older brother David also became a Bar Mitzvah at the TJC three years ago!

Emanuella Dweck
November 13

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Isabella Benuar
November 6

We are happy to celebrate Isabella Benuar as a Bat Mitzvah on November 6th. Bella is an avid dancer and competes nationally in different forms of modern and contemporary dance. She is excited to compete internationally for the first time this spring. Travel has been a love of hers always from a very young age, and this past summer she was able to do that on her own with a group of peers in Hawaii! She looks forward to continuing her studies deeper of art and history as she gets ready for high school next year. Bella’s older brother David also became a Bar Mitzvah at the TJC three years ago!

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Mazal Tov...On Your Great News!

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Avi Paradise & Debbie Freedman on the multiple blessings of the engagement of daughter Daniella Paradise to Ross Chapman, and daughter Leora Paradise and Elijah Stone celebrating a tenaim ceremony during the week of Sukkot.

Camille Rosenthal, granddaughter of Ellen and George Pristach, on her selection as a Teen Talk Mental Health Advisor with the Teen Talk Mental Health Fellowship.

Eli Obus and Ross Urken (they met as four year olds in the Jewish Center nursery school!), whose short film “Cicada Time” was chosen to appear in the Princeton Environmental Film Festival, October 12-24.

Myra Weiner and family on the marriage of her daughter, Sarah, to Joseph Ganz on October 10.

Jane and Joe Maida on the marriage of their son, Ed, to Eesha Malick on October 9.

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11/14 – 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee (EC)
11/18 – 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors
11/23 – 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

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Susan Warschauer, Mother of Cantor Jeff Warschauer
Walter Leo Schiff, brother of Carol Horowitz
Alvin Brown, brother of Ruth Schulman
NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

AN INTERVIEW WITH DIANE GUVENIS

This month we want to introduce you to Diane Guvenis – Diane moved to Princeton twenty years ago from New York City. Initially, she lived in close proximity to The Jewish Center, and the first year she lived here she attended High Holiday services but did not connect in a way that motivated her to join the synagogue.

About eight years ago, she became friendly with Nadivah and David Greenberg, longstanding members of TJC. At David’s encouragement, Diane began to attend Shabbat morning services with him on a somewhat regular basis. Over the years, Diane has attended other programs at the synagogue – social events, musical programs, and participated in TJC’s adult education and arts & cultural programming. Diane supported the synagogue by making donations but still did not become a member.

So what tipped the scale? Diane had established such strong relationships with other congregants over time and came to realize that The Jewish Center was in fact her Jewish community. That realization led to her decision to “tie the knot” and make it official. In hindsight, she’s not sure why it took her as long as it did to become a member, but she does know that joining the synagogue has deepened her experience of belonging and being part of our congregational community. She remarked that, “the difference is palpable.”

Since joining, Diane has shared her professional expertise as a fundraiser by volunteering on the Fundraising Committee and TJC is grateful for her involvement in this effort.

Diane currently lives in Lawrenceville with her husband, Metin, and is the Chief Development Officer at the Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, PA.

Some individuals or families new to our community join TJC and then find ways to create that sense of belonging. For Diane, it was the other way around. We’re sure that there are others in our community that connect with TJC’s offerings – through services or programs – before they ever make the decision to officially become a member. Sometimes, all it takes is inviting someone to join you at a program, a class, or Shabbat services, as David did with Diane.
Jewish life in Hungary in the 1930s and 40s had its own unique challenges. The first law against Jews dates from 1920, and more than 20 other laws and regulations followed, curtailing civil rights of Jewish citizens. In 1933, when Hitler came to power in Germany, Hungary elected a pro-fascist Prime Minister. When Hungary entered WWII on Hitler’s side, Jewish men were conscripted into the army, and most were lost because of cruel treatment by their fellow countrymen. The rest of the Jewish population suffered from abuse and discrimination, but the Holocaust did not touch them until March 1944 when the German army occupied its ally Hungary. Almost immediately, ghettos were set up, and in 56 days, almost half a million Jews were killed in Auschwitz.

This program will be a conversation with two Hungarian Holocaust survivors: Agnes Kaposi and Maritza Shelley, facilitated by László Csősz.

Dr. Agnes Kaposi is an engineer. She was born to Jewish Socialist parents in 1932. Her memoir, Yellow Star – Red Star, is underpinned by historical commentary, describing her early years before the war, her experience in the camps both in Hungary and in Austria, her post-war years under a Stalinist regime, and her immigration to the United Kingdom in 1957, where she continues to live to this day.

Maritza Shelley was born in 1928 into a middle-class Jewish family. Along with her sister, she was sent to a slave labor camp. Later they were joined by their mother. They were forced to march—the final destination would have been a concentration camp in Germany (“Eichmann’s death march”). The three escaped before the march crossed the German border and were reunited with her father in Budapest, where they all lived under forged papers with the support of non-Jewish friends. Her father died right after Budapest was liberated. Maritza immigrated to the United States; her sister and mother stayed in Hungary.

To facilitate the conversation, we are fortunate to have Dr. László Csősz. He is a historian and senior archivist at the Hungarian National Archives in Budapest. His main fields of research include the social history of the Jews in Hungary as well as antisemitic social and economic policies and the Holocaust in Hungary.

Topics to be discussed will include Jewish life in Hungary before and during WWII and the postwar challenges of creating new lives in Europe and America.

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In this talk we will discuss the so-called “Revival of Hebrew”, namely the transformation of Hebrew from a traditional language used by Jews throughout the ages for liturgical and written purposes into a full-fledged national language, employed by a modern speech community for all its communication needs. This intriguing process involved both social and linguistic dimensions. The social process was historically conspicuous, since it manifested in the formation of a Hebrew-speaking community after a hiatus of almost two millennia. By contrast, the far-reaching changes in the character of the language itself remained for many years unnoticed, as the gap between classical Hebrew and contemporary usage had been considered by contemporary observers to result from insufficient command of the language by members of the forming speech community. We will outline the timeline of the process and show that the social and the linguistic processes overlapped only partially: change processes in the written language started to occur among Hebrew writers on European soil since the rise of the Jewish Enlightenment (Haskala) in the late 18th century, whereas the idea of speech revival was first raised only towards the end of the 19th century, and was implemented primarily in Eretz Yisrael. Focusing on the social dimensions of the process, we will discuss the origins of the term “revival” and its connection to 19th century modern nationalism, will assess the role of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda in the process, and discuss the contribution of the educational system and the immigrants of the Second Aliya to the successful implementation of the idea of speech revival.

Prof. Yael Reshef is chair of the Department of Hebrew at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and member of the Academy of the Hebrew Language. She held visiting positions in universities in the US and in Italy, and was a senior member of the 2014-2016 research group on “the emergence of Modern Hebrew” at the Scholion Interdisciplinary Research Center at the Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities. Her main field of research is the revival of Hebrew in speech and writing. Her studies examine linguistic, cultural and social aspects of this unique process, with special focus on the contribution of linguistic traditions and Jewish languages to the formation of the modern linguistic system. She is the author of three books, “The Early Hebrew Folksong” (2004, in Hebrew), “Hebrew in the Mandate Period” (2015, in Hebrew), and “Historical Continuity in the Emergence of Modern Hebrew” (2020). In addition, she co-edited “Linguistic Contact, Continuity and Change in the Genesis of Modern Hebrew” (2019) and “Usage-based Studies in Modern Hebrew: Background, Morpho-lexicon, and Syntax” (2020), and published more than 70 scientific articles in Hebrew, English and Italian. She has two daughters and a son.
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Dear Friends,

JCW is very excited to start achieving one of our priorities. We are getting the conversation started on TJC’s campus on how programs can be modified or accommodations made to be more welcoming and meet the needs of our adult members with developmental disabilities, as well as families of children with developmental disabilities.

This month we have invited Dr. Audra Kaplan, a psychologist and thought leader in the field of disability inclusion to The Jewish Center to meet staff, teachers, leadership, and congregants to discuss how those with developmental disabilities can enrich our entire synagogue community, Kehilat. All of us will be working together on this very important endeavor.

We hope that you will participate too! There will be opportunities this month and in the near future to join us for many meaningful discussions. If you or a loved one have a developmental disability or you are simply concerned, we want to hear from you, and hope that you will be comfortable sharing your experience with others. The Jewish Center is a home away from home for all of us, including our members with developmental disabilities.

Warm Regards,

Lauren and Claude

Please join us on November 18 when guest facilitator Dr. Audra Kaplan, PsyD and thought leader, discusses: Looking at what drives you to participate at the synagogue and thinking about how including members with disabilities enriches everyone’s experience.

Upcoming meetings:

December 16

Save the Date!
Saturday, January 8, 2022
for the return of the JCW Scavenger Hunt

Watch for More Information!
Interested in joining the Committee, please contact:

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JCW would like to extend our appreciation to Fran Amir for the generous support and help with our New Year’s card project.
November 16 -- Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland

We prize vulnerability, living out loud and truth telling even when it hurts—especially if it hurts. Not so long ago, however, there were families who considered secrecy a virtue.

Rachel Beanland captures this age of discretion in her debut novel. Set in Atlantic City in 1934, "Florence Adler Swims Forever” tells the story of a Jewish family struggling… (NY Times)

Every summer, Esther and Joseph Adler rent their house out to vacationers escaping to “America’s Playground” and move into the small apartment above their bakery. This is the apartment where they raised their two daughters, Fannie and Florence. Now Florence has returned from college, determined to spend the summer training to swim the English Channel, and Fannie, pregnant again after recently losing a baby, is on bedrest for the duration of her pregnancy. After Joseph insists they take in a mysterious young woman whom he recently helped emigrate from Nazi Germany, the apartment is bursting at the seams.

When tragedy strikes, Esther makes the shocking decision to hide the truth—at least until Fannie's baby is born—and pulls the family into an elaborate web of secret-keeping and lies, bringing long-buried tensions to the surface that reveal how quickly the act of protecting those we love can turn into betrayal after tragedy. If you have a Princeton Public Library card, you can reserve these books. The library has multiple copies. (Goodreads)

All are welcome to join our Book Club Discussions.

Please contact Louise Sandburg for more information:

louise@sandsmith.com

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

December 21 -- Cousins and Strangers by Leah Hager Cohen
January 18 -- Akin by Emma Donoghue
February 15 -- An Unorthodox Match by Naomi Ragen
Bible BaBoker

Saturdays | 8:45 a.m.

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.

Social Action

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. For more info, email Jenny and Dana at socialaction@thejewish-center.org.

Refugee Resettlement

Our TJC Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee is bringing three Afghan families to Princeton and would appreciate gift cards to ShopRite and Target to allow them to buy necessities. There is a box in the TJC office to place these gift cards.

If anyone has questions, wants more information or would like to join our listserv, please contact Louise Sandburg: at louise@sandsmith.com

Save the date:

We walk
Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Join Interfaith-RISE, a U.S. State Department designated official resettlement agency, for our seventh annual walk-a-thon to raise money in support of refugee resettlement. Interfaith-RISE, in Highland Park, is our umbrella agency.

Keep up with our events! Follow @thejewishcenter on Instagram.
When Phil Carchman first retired, he thought, “This will be great! I’ll read all the books I never read before!” Yet, Phil has retired twice and is still working. But that doesn’t surprise anyone that knows him well. Phil loves to serve and has done so for his profession and The Jewish Center for several decades.

Born in the Bronx and raised in W. Orange, NJ, Phil has a twin sister – she’s five minutes younger! Growing up, he was a very inquisitive, studious child who liked to play sports. Phil went to the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School and continued onto law school there. It was there he met his wife, JoAnn, then a UPenn senior.

“In my 3rd year of law school, I met this woman in the library – we went on a date for coffee and it lasted about 6 hours, just talking,” recalls Phil. “There’s actually a plaque in the library at Penn which marks exactly where we met.”

After completing the Bar exam a year later, the two were married in JoAnn’s hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico and then moved straight to Princeton. They knew Princeton from visiting for college football games and it was convenient to his clerkship and her job at Educational Testing Services (ETS). They went on to have two children, Becca and Jenny, who have grown into independent women with successful careers. They are also grandparents to three granddaughters and a grandson.

After Phil’s clerkship, he became a Deputy Attorney General in Trenton, and then started a law practice with his father, with an office in Newark and one in Princeton. Phil enjoyed working in his Palmer Square office and for the state simultaneously, until 1973, when he left the AG’s office as he was appointed as the municipal judge of Princeton Boro and Princeton Township. Then in 1981 came a phone call summoning him to Governor Brendan Byrne’s home.

“I was sitting in the office with a client, and I got a phone call asking me to come to Morven, then the Governor’s mansion, to speak to the governor,” Phil shares. “I said to my client, I’m sorry I have to stop this appointment. I apologized and walked over to Morven, and the rest is history. He found me and I left private practice about 6 months later.”

Governor Byrne had tapped Phil to become Mercer County Prosecutor, which he did until appointed by Governor Tom Kane to be Judge of the Superior Court. And that’s where Phil stayed until his first retirement in 2012. The retirement lasted one day, when a judge called him back on recall status and he remained with the Superior Court until retiring last September. That retirement lasted until earlier this month, when Phil was appointed as a member of the NJ Apportionment Commission, which is charged with reapportioning the state legislative districts.

But Phil has always been a multitasker. Upon moving to Princeton, he and JoAnn immediately joined The Jewish Center, where he served on and chaired various committees and became VP. By age 33, Phil was The Jewish Center’s President, overseeing some of the temple’s biggest changes, such as constructing a new building and affiliating.

Then a congregation of about 325 families, The Jewish Center was a big part of their lives. Phil and JoAnn had both grown up in kosher homes and from traditional conservative synagogues, but TJC’s Rabbi Everett Gender drew them in with his guitar on Friday nights and unique sermons.

“One day, instead of giving a sermon, he made a few remarks and then said ‘we’re going to have 7 minutes of silence.’ He then set the parameters of what he wanted people to think about. It had a profound impact, and that’s the way he operated,” notes Phil.

JoAnn and Phil are friends to this day with many of the people they met in their early years at TJC. In fact, a poker game pulled together at a TJC Game Night in the early 70s is essentially still meeting today. Though some members have passed on and a few new ones have joined, the crew still plays together: Herb Horowitz, David Vilkomerson, Sher Leiman, Mark Pollard, Harold Heft, Jack Wolinetz, Peter Epstein and Walter Frank, and the late Norm Agin, Steve Farmer and Arnold Kritz.

55 years after coming to Princeton, Phil lectures around the state and enjoys teaching, which he now does at the Evergreen Forum for the Senior Resource Center. And he still calls The Jewish Center “the center of our Jewish Life.” Though they spend a few months away in Rancho Mirage, CA each winter, Phil and JoAnn continue to call Princeton home. He feels incredibly fortunate for the career opportunities he’s had and the wonderful family he and JoAnn have made together and figures one day he’ll fully retire and start reading the books that have been waiting on the table.

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.
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