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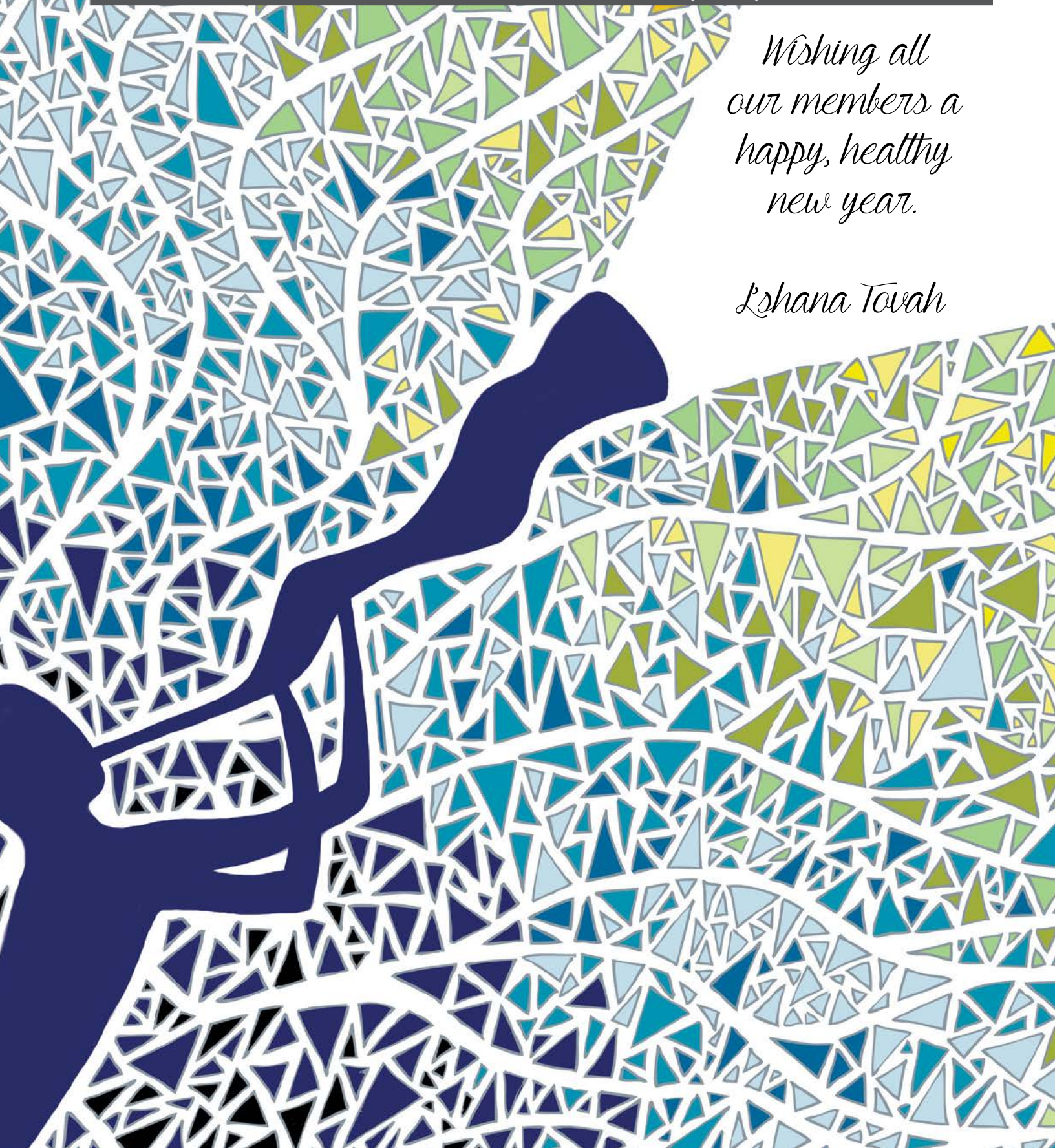

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SEPTEMBER LIVESTREAM SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Night Shabbat Services – 6:30 PM
September 4, September 11, September 18, September 25

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Saturday Morning Shabbat Services - 9:30 AM
September 5, September 12, September 19, September 26

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Sunday Morning Minyan - 9:00 AM
September 6, September 13, September 20, September 27

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Wednesday Morning Minyan - 7:00 AM
September 2, September 9, September 16, September 23, September 30

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Meeting ID: 865 7611 3669 Passcode: TJCMinyan
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HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2020

COMMUNITY SELICHOT

Saturday, September 12	
Service via Zoom	9:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 13	
Hear the Sound of the Shofar	12:00/1:00 2:00/3:00 & 4:00 pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18	
Erev Rosh Hashanah/Shabbat	
Candlelighting	before 6:43 pm
Ma'ariv Service	6:45 pm
Saturday, September 19	
Rosh Hashanah Day 1/Shabbat	
Shacharit	9:00 am
Torah Service	10:00 am
Sermon	10:45 am
Musaf	11:15 am

Youth Services

(Separate Zoom links will be provided)	
Family Service (up to 2nd Grade)	8:45 am
Featuring Eliana Light	
Grades 3 - 6 Youth Service	11:30 am
Teen Forum w/Scott Fried	3:00 pm

Sunday, September 20	
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	
Shacharit	9:00 am
Torah Service	10:00 am
Shofar Service	10:45 am
Sermon	10:55 am
Musaf	11:15 am

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 25	
Candlelighting	before 6:31 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
Saturday, September 26	
Shabbat Service	9:30 am

KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 27	
Candlelighting	before 6:28 pm
Kol Nidre Service	6:15 pm

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 28	
Shacharit	8:45 am
Torah Service	10:00 am
Sermon	10:45 am
Musaf Service	11:15 am
(Please note Yizkor will be at 5:30 pm)	

Youth Services

(Separate Zoom links will be provided)	
Family Service (up to 2nd Grade)	8:45 am
Featuring Eliana Light	
Grades 3 - 6 Youth Service	11:30 am
Teen Forum w/Scott Fried	4:00 pm

Afternoon & Evening Services

Yom Kippur Forum	2:00 pm
Mincha Service	3:30 pm
Yizkor Service	5:30 pm
Note new time	
Ne'ilah Service	6:30 pm
Ma'ariv/Havdalah	7:20 pm
Shofar and Conclusion	7:30 pm

All members will be sent a unique Zoom link prior to the High Holy Days

A Message from Our Interim Rabbi

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Dear friends,

Now we are alone, together. We are all hunkering down as outside our doors, the Coronavirus brings increasing amounts of sickness and death to Americans and to the world. The last six months has been a time of chaos and difficulty.

One service on Yom Kippur is the *Avodah*. It describes in detail what our ancestors did and did not do in the Temple. The *Mahzor* records the High Priest's pronouncement over the sacrifice. "And thus would he count, one, and one and one; one and two, one and three." The High Priest (*Mahzor Lev Shalem* p. 330) What is the High Priest doing?

We are learning that the ancient Temple is a tightly structured, highly ordered space. Who may enter where, at what time, and in what garb—there are strict rules. The profane must never spill over into the sacred and violate it. The sacrifices are carefully choreographed. In a chaotic, terrifying world, one place, at least, is governed by order and structure. Bible scholar Richard Nelson explains about the sacrificial service, "sacred space was seen as an island of structure and order surrounded by malevolent chaos. Sacred space provided the human mind with a fixed center, the solace of formed order in the midst of formless chaos."

The order and regularity of the *Avodah* in the Temple gave our ancestors a sense of safety, harmony and joy. The services permitted people a taste of the possibilities beyond our world of suffering and chaos. The regularity of the Temple service gave them comfort and hope, and sent them forth with a sense of optimism. As we pray these words, we, too, can enter that space of harmony and joy.

Outside, people are sick and dying and whether their deeds tended towards goodness or evil is totally irrelevant to their disease. But as we contemplate our lives at the awesome time of year, we see that this is not the final statement of life, that we in our own lives can create opportunities for joy and harmony. The structure of the *Avodah* service gives us the strength to face our world with hope and optimism.

May we all learn from this High Holiday liturgy to find blessings, joy and harmony in our lives.

Rabbi Cathy Felix and my three sons Daniel, Ariel and Gabriel join me in wishing you a *Shanah Tovah u'metukah.*

With blessings.

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg

Responding to the Call

In his message in the February 2019 bulletin Rabbi Feldman z"l taught us about the wording used to call people to the Torah, its history and the limitations of Hebrew as a gender-based language when gender fluidity is becoming widely accepted in our own time.* He wrote: "As is true in many of our Jewish rituals, the realities of the day influence what we do and how we change and adapt."
Rabbi Feldman wanted The Jewish Center to be "ahead of the curve" in using gender-neutral language, as we had been decades earlier in making egalitarianism a core element of our ritual practice. With the full support of the Religious Affairs Committee and positive responses from the congregation, we started using a form of gender-neutral language for calling people to the Torah. As Rabbi Feldman himself noted at the time, he anticipated other forms would evolve, prompting us to revisit our usage.
Earlier this year, with the approval of Rabbi Bob Freedman, the Religious Affairs Committee considered a different Hebrew construct, agreeing to implement this language in our upcoming services. Due to COVID-19 we have not been able to call people to the Torah and that new language has been delayed. We will be using if for the first time on the High Holidays. When you hear the honorees called to the Torah with the gender-free "Na-la'amod…" "Please stand [the honoree's name…]" for the appropriate aliyah, you will hear one of the legacies that Rabbi Feldman has left for us, a respect for the choices individuals make about their gender.

*The full article is available on the TJC website under the **About Us/Resources/Newsletter** tab

MESSAGE from the President

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TRANSITIONS – REDUX

September 2019 seems like a century ago. I had just started my term as president of The Jewish Center. In my TJC Bulletin article, I wrote about transitions and beginnings, stating "…Normally, I use the weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah to reflect and to anticipate what the new year will bring. This time, I know what the new year has in store for me." Well, at least I thought I did.

In the twelve months since those words were written, all of us have endured a series of shocks and transitions. Little is like it was last year. While I could list all that has happened in our community and nation since last September, it would be depressing to do so. Instead, I'll sum up 5780 in one phase – "oy vey!" Yiddish has such a way of expressing sentiments.
So, how do I view 5781? Actually, quite optimistically. Let me list the reasons:

1. For the first time in my memory, we have enjoyed an unprecedented and fantastic array of entertaining programs, lectures, discussions, and educational events during the summer months. Members and staff have taught us how to do needlepoint, plant and nurture a garden, explore the weekly Torah portion, enjoy Jewish music from around the globe, learn about racism and what we need to do to improve our society, meditate, make dolls, and much more. While all of this has been "virtual", it has allowed us to remain connected in an increasingly fragmented world.

2. As we progress towards the High Holidays, many congregants are involved in ensuring that Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkoth will be spiritually meaningful and engaging through the creative use of technology. Judi Fleitman and Cheryl Mintz, working closely with the Religious Affairs Committee, Rabbi Schoenberg and Cantor Warschauer, have devoted countless days to preparing ruach-filled services for our congregation. While we will not be together physically, we will be joined in worship emotionally and spiritually.

3. The subcommittee of the Safety and Security Committee, chaired by Dr. Joshua Eisenberg and joined by many congregants with expertise in various medical specialties, social work, and facility layout, have developed a plan and protocols to reopen TJC. We are gradually implementing this plan as external conditions allow. We are also permitting b'nai mitzvah to occur in the sanctuary with very strict limitations on the number of people who can be in the building at the same time.

4. We are finally moving to a modern, stable, and integrated membership database/financial system with the adoption of ShulCloud. Over the summer, we started the conversion process and by the time you read this, it should be substantially complete. The staff is undergoing training in the new system and we anticipate it going "on-line" just after the holidays. Once the system is fully operational, you will be able to see your TJC account, understand and pay your bill, register for events and programs, and perform other membership activities in a simple and intuitive manner.

5. While it will be a few more months until we can hold large-scale events in The Jewish Center, we have found a way for our b'nai mitzvah families to celebrate their simchas in the virtual world. The Jewish Center has invested considerable money to upgrade our Zoom system. We have purchased equipment to enable a b'nai mitzvah to occur in the child's home, including his or her family no matter where they live, and allowing our congregants to participate. Many thanks go out to Bernie Fleitman for identifying our software and equipment needs, Joel Berger for ensuring that the details are smoothly handled, and to Cantor Warschauer for putting together a comprehensive guide to conducting a b'nai mitzvah in the home.

These are just the highlights of all that has been going on at The Jewish Center since the end of May. There are numerous other examples of what many of our community have been doing to maintain a vibrant, exciting and caring home for all of us. When I see the energy and enthusiasm of our members, coupled with the creativity and hard work of our staff, I cannot help but be optimistic about our future.

Perhaps the transition from 5780 to 5781 is not as I anticipated it would be last year at this time. But I am confident that the new year will bring us all nachas and joy. Debbie and I wish you and your family *l'shana tovah tikatevu* – may you be inscribed in The Book of Life for a good year.

B'shalom,

Randy Brett

What involves a dedicated committee of 12, 3 Rabbis, a cantor, 24 Torah Readers, 29 Aliyot, 5 Haftarah readers, 2 Shofrot, traditional and creative readings by more than 24 congregants, 4 lay daveners, 4 photo montages, a professional production manager and film crew, 2 engineers, several hard working volunteers and 5 staff members? Our Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services that are part live from our Bimah, part filmed in advance, and part live Zoom that will be a "uniquely TJC" experience. Further information will be sent out in the upcoming days. Guaranteed to make High Holidays 5781 memorable.

MESSAGE from the Cantor

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"Mi-Sinai" Melodies, the Maharil and the High Holidays

Have you ever wondered why your favorite melody for say, *Hashkivenu*, might be by Craig Taubman, or maybe Rabbi Shefa Gold? Or why there are so many different melodies for *L'cha Dodi?*

But *Kol Nidre,* is always, well…*Kol Nidre?*

In fact, there's a very interesting reason. Let's explore:

Rabbi Jacob Ben Moses Moellin, most often referred to as the *Maharil*, was born in approximately 1360 in Mainz, in the Rhineland (present-day Germany).

According to the Encyclopedia Judaica, in his youth, Moellin studied and was ordained in Austria, and then returned to Mainz as a young man to take over from his father, who had passed away in 1387. Moellin was considered the foremost talmudist of his generation, and he became the head of the Jewish communities of Germany, Austria, and Bohemia.

His most famous work was *Minhagei Maharil* (also known as *Sefer Maharil*), which was compiled by his pupil Zalman of St. Goar from the Maharil's teachings.

In addition to his Rabbinic activities, Moellin was active as an astronomer and a poet. And, most importantly for the subject of this article, the Maharil was a renowned *Hazzan*.

According to the scholar Alfred Sendry, the German folk song "had a powerful impact upon the formation of the synagogue songs of German congregations. In fact the most beautiful synagogue melodies owe their origin to this musical exchange in Germanic countries, especially in the Rhineland. Some of these tunes acquired the halo of 'sacred melodies.'"

These melodies came to be called *"Mi-Sinai"* ("from Sinai") melodies, connoting that they were of divine origin.

What's the *Maharil's* place in all this?

"Moellin was renowned as a hazzan and his activities left a lasting influence on the Ashkenazi tradition. His opinion that traditional tunes should not be changed was a constantly stabilizing factor."

And as Cantor Sherwood Goffin [2][3], faculty of the Belz School of Music at Yeshiva University, and Cantor at the Lincoln Square Synagogue in NYC wrote:

"The *Maharil* 'sanctified' more than 50 *niggunim* plus another 50 or more 'corollary,' related phrases, which he referred to as '*Missinai*', (a euphemism for 'very old'). He gave these melodies, found in our *tefillot* throughout the year but primarily on the Yamim Noraim, the force of an ancient tradition/minhag that cannot be changed."

The most famous of these obligatory melodies is *"Kol Nidre."* But some others, which many of you of course know, are the Barchu from the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur evening services (think of the song "L'shana Tova Tikatevu" that also uses this melody), *Hamelech*, from the High Holiday *Shacharit* services (this melody also makes a guest appearance at Purim!), and the "Great *Alenu*" (the one where your cantor finds himself stretched out face down on the floor).

As we've seen, these melodies are not just custom, but in fact, they are endowed with the force of Rabbinic law for Ashkenazim. As *hazzanim*, we are not just urged, but in fact required to use these sacred tunes for these texts. And this requirement, which links us to a deep and historic tradition, is happily embraced by Ashkenazic prayer leaders throughout the Jewish world.

So you can rest assured that you will always hear these beloved melodies as part of the TJC High Holiday services, along with other favorite melodies from more recent periods and composers.

Deborah and I wish you, your families and all your loved ones blessed, joyous and meaningful High Holidays, in safety and health. *L'Shana Tova!*

Cantor Jeff

1. Ephraim Kupfer, "Moellin, Jacob ben Moses"
2. "The Music of the Jews of the Diaspora"
3. Kupfer
4. "On the Proper Use of Niggunim for the Tefillot of the Yamim Noraim"

MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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Boy, will this year be different

Boy, will this year be different. Let's start off with a pandemic. I never thought we would be conducting services this year virtually. I was looking forward to seeing how The Jewish Center does High Holiday services until Covid-19 came on the scene. The committee that has put together the services has given so much time and attention to the details that we will have a special experience this year. Will it be different? Certainly. But it will be different in a good kind of way. Some will be live. Some will be pre-recorded but for sure, we will have memories to last a lifetime after this year.

Boy, will this year be different. This will be the first year in many that Rabbi Feldman will not be with us. We are all still mourning his passing. And many of you have already shared some great memories from your years of listening to sermons, doing Tashlich, Yizkor services and everything that he made special during the holidays. Don't let those memories fade. Bring him with you as you experience this year's services. It will bring a smile to your face. It will bring a tear to your eye. But know that he is looking down upon you all the time.

Boy, will this year be different. For the first time in 57 years, I will not have a parent alive. With my mother's passing this June, it will be the first time that both of my parents won't be around for the High holidays. I'll miss checking in. I'll miss the singing. I'll certainly miss the cooking. I'll definitely miss the stories and memories. A Rabbi once sermonized that if there was one seat open next to you, during these High Holidays, who would you want sitting there? For the last 11 years, it was my father. Now I wish I had two seats next to me.

Boy, will this year be different. I am worried about my older daughter going back to college on September 1st. We know she will be fine but as a parent, the thought of being in school in a Covid world is frightening. I am worried about my younger daughter. Starting school virtually. Not being able to socialize with friends or sing in a chorus. And what about doing plays which she loves so much? We can all empathize with each other but these decisions are difficult and we agonize over them every day. And what about my amazing wife? She has been with us during August and hopefully will be back here in September. But living apart is never easy. However, she has loved being able to pick fresh fruits and vegetables every day. I hope this pandemic slows down so that we can visit as often as possible.

Boy, will this year be different. One of the best parts of moving out of South Florida was avoiding hurricane season. But wait, two tropical storms have hit New Jersey since my arrival and none have hit Miami? What is going on? We also had, according to many, the mildest past winter in a long time. Wait, maybe it's me?

Boy, will this year be different. For all of us. We each face new and different challenges every day. We ask for forgiveness for things we did not do well and pray for health and happiness for everyone in our lives. This TJC community will be different when we come out on the other side of this pandemic. But it will be much better. Stronger. More connected. More passionate than ever before. I feel it every day.

On behalf of my family, Gloria, Stephanie and Lauren, may you have a healthy, happy and sweet New Year and may you be inscribed in the Book of Life for 5781 and beyond.

L'Shana Tovah!

Joel

Dear Fellow Congregants,

As you may know, the Jewish Week Media Group decided to cease publication of the New Jersey Jewish News this past month. The Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks is committed to keeping you informed of the news affecting our Jewish Community. Please go to our website http://www.jewishpmb.org and sign up - at the "Sign-up for Newsletter" button - with your contact information to continue to receive current information regarding news, programs and events. We are committed to keeping our community informed, together and engaged.

Thank you,

Jerry Neumann
President
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MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Friends,

I blinked my eyes one July morning - I promise it was a quick blink - but somehow it is now September. Our tradition instructs us to listen to the shofar every day (except Shabbat) in the Hebrew month of Elul, the month leading up to Rosh Hashana. The shofar is often viewed as a wake up call. Something is happening - change is coming. I worked with a teacher who likened the word shofar to the word l'hishtaper, meaning change. The shofar blasts often stir something inside, and spark a moment of reflection.

When I hear the shofar, I reflect on what that evolution or change should be. We are currently living in a state of constant change. In fact, the 100 blasts we hear change throughout the Shofar service. We start with tekiyah - a long, unbroken blast. The word tekiyah shares the root of the word takuah or stuck. During this blast, I often reflect on places in which I've been "stuck." Perhaps it was a moment in which I had to make a choice, and wasn't sure of the right decision. Perhaps it was a time when transitions were happening so quickly that I didn't have time to catch my own breath, and I was stuck in motion and neglected the needs of others. Regardless, it was a moment in which I needed to work harder to get myself unstuck and ground myself in the present.

No sooner do I finish reflecting on my "stuck" moments, than we move on to shevarim or the three broken sounds. Shevarim takes the stuck sound and breaks it into three. Sh'varim does, in fact, mean broken, and that is where I reflect on my brokenness. Have I been responsive to the needs of my family? My community? Have I been a good friend? Have I maintained the connections I've needed? Is there anyone with whom I need to make amends? What in my life needs fixing? How can I do better? From Rosh Hashana to Yom Kippur, we have 10 days - each day a gift and opportunity - to repair that which we need to repair, and to make things right to the extent that we can.

The next sound we hear is the nine short blasts of T'ruah. These quick, short blasts are an alert - much like an alarm arousing us to shake out of those broken and stuck moments and take action. I quickly shake my head because it's not enough to acknowledge the places in which one is stuck and broken, this is my call to action. I know that I need to move forward and do the work to repair what is broken. I am reminded that I can't freeze where I am, rather I need to consider how to move forward. How do I do the necessary teshuva; how do I answer for the ways in which I've hurt others and, just as importantly myself? This is the opportunity I take to evaluate my spiritual connection with the Holy One and perhaps assess ways in which I can connect better. This is often the time that I consider a new mitzvah, or commandment, that I will take on for the coming year.

This year, however, the sounding of the shofar will be different. We will not gather together as we have in the past. We instead are being given the opportunity to construct our own sacred spaces in our homes. I would argue that the reality of having to create these spaces in our homes not only asks us to examine our spiritual connection (will we be present or will the service be on in the background?) but also challenges us to create a connection in ways we have never done before. This year, we are being gifted with the ability to create our own Holy Days, and make them sacred for ourselves. We are able to reimagine what these Days of Awe mean to us, as we are separate and together all at once.

I invite you to share your reflections as we move closer to Rosh Hashana. I invite you to consider the blasts of the shofar, which will be heard on Sunday because the first day of Rosh Hashana is Shabbat. I invite you to design a sacred space for you to worship throughout the holiday. I invite you to pause as you hear the blasts of the shofar. I invite you to fill these Days of Awe with a sense of awe and renewal.

Shana Tova,

Sharon

Fridays:
September 4
September 11
September 18
September 25

For more information , or to RSVP, contact Sharon Diamondstein in the TJC Religious School office at (609) 921.0100 ext 220 or sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah

Michaela Fay Schnitzer | September 5, 2020

Since the day Rabbi Feldman[z"l] announced her name on the bima, Miki Schnitzer has been a dedicated congregant of The Jewish Center. She is a proud alumnus of the Jewish Center Preschool, a shabbat regular, and loves being part of our community. Miki will be entering the 8th grade at Thomas Grover Middle School where she plays trumpet in multiple ensembles--and especially loves jazz. Miki is also an accomplished pianist, an avid tennis player, and a committed Zionist having taken three trips to Israel. Miki is known for her dry sense of humor, love of dogs, and making the most delicious chocolate chip cookies.

Raphael Ploss | September 12, 2020

Raphael Aaron Ploss was born in New York City and moved from Manhattan to Princeton in 2013. He currently attends 8th grade at the French-American School of Princeton. Raphael is an avid basketball, tennis and chess player and enjoys playing the cello. For his chesed project Raphael volunteered his time at the Princeton Nursery School.

Havurah Minyan: Study Service

10:00 a.m.
September 12
and September 26
via Zoom

Minyan members prepare and lead an in-depth discussion of a range of material that is usually, but not always, related to the themes of the weeks' Torah portion. Newcomers welcome. To receive a Zoom invitation, or for more information, contact neillitt@outlook.com.

Bible Baboker

Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.

Zoom video study session each week.

Each week a reminder notice is sent. If anyone wishes to participate, they are welcome to join via Zoom.

Email Michael Goldin, at mmgold18@yahoo.com to receive the zoom link.

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from Vickie and Jeff Solomon
Marsha Forman Goldfine
from Marcie Citron

ADULT EDUCATION FUND
In honor of
The marriage of Sarah Weiner and Joe Ganz
from Mindy and Corey Langer

In memory of
Doris Hanson
from Christine Hanson Kaufman

ANNUAL FUND
In memory of
Judith Berger
from Bret Jacknow

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
In memory of
Marsha Forman Goldfine
from Mindy and Corey Langer

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND
In honor of
Cantor Jeff Warschauer and Deborah Strauss
from Myra Weiner and Irv Newman
Nancy Lewis on her birthday
from Ruth Schulman
Cantor Jeff Warschauer
from Amy and Eran Zacks

In memory of
Elliott Ribner
from Shoshana Silberman

JESS AND MARION EPSTEIN LUNCH-AND-LEARN FUND
In memory of
Samuel Leibman
from Stephanie Gittleman
Robert Gittleman
from Stephanie Gittleman

THE JEWISH CENTER REFUGEE FUND
In honor of
The engagement of Lily Brent to Jonathan Tescher
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg
Louise Sandburg and her birthday
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg

MARCHAND ESPIR FAMILY HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND
In memory of
Fay Schleider
from Myra Weiner and Irv Newman

PRAYERBOOK FUND
In honor of
Gila Levin
from Amy and Eran Zacks

In memory of
Fay Schleider
from Myra Weiner and Irv Newman
Robert Cohn
from Marlene and Zola Horovitz

RABBI ADAM FELDMAN MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of
Rabbi Adam Feldman
from Gerry and Naomi Eisenberger

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In honor of
The marriage of Sarah Weiner
from Dee Silver and Ed Flax
Rabbi Schoenberg
from Amy and Eran Zacks

In memory of
Ethel Kessler
from Marsha and Eliot Freeman
Dr. Arthur Ackerman
from Marsha and Eliot Freeman
Rabbi Adam Feldman
from Arlene and Bob Kagan
Bertha Kaplan and Dr. Irving E. Bach
from Bobbi and Barry Freedman
Al Klein
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg

RABBI TUCKER LIFE CYCLE FUND
In memory of
Harriet Bogdonoff
from Lenore Gordon
Harold Gardenswartz
from JoAnn Carchman

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS FUND
In honor of
Rabbi Bob Freedman
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg
Nancy Lewis
from Amy and Eran Zacks

In memory of
Marsha Forman Goldfine
from Debbie and Randy Brett

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND
In honor of
Sharon Diamondstein
from Amy and Eran Zacks

In memory of
Dr. David Kligman
from Ricky Shechtel

SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND
In honor of
Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman on the marriage of granddaughter Moriah to Jason
from Ruth Schulman
Irv Newman and Myra Weiner on the marriage of Sarah Weiner to Joseph Ganz
from Ruth Schulman
Suzanne Esterman being named Congregant of the Year
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
In honor of
Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman on the marriage of granddaughter Moriah to Jason
from Myra Weiner and Irv Newman
Joyce and Clive Usiskin on the birth of their great-grandson
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg

In memory of
Marsha Forman Goldfine
from Seva and Peter Kramer
Reeva Isaacs
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg

TORAH REPAIR FUND
In honor of
the birth of Marley Nicole, granddaughter of Dan Brent and Sally Steinberg-Brent
from Wilma Solomon and David Goldberg

In memory of
Murray Lampert
from Maxine Lampert

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS FUND
In honor of
Leo Rothman-Dick on his first birthday
from Bonnie and Norman Dick

In memory of
Judith Berger
from Maryann Yarin

In Memoriam:
We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering

Marsha Forman Goldfine z"l, sister of Spencer Forman (Louise). She is also survived by her husband Mel Goldfine.

Welcome!

TJC Welcomes New Members

Joel and Eileen Goldman
Donald Barrack

HEAR THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR!
(Socially distanced that is)

Sunday, September 13
12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

In the TJC Main Parking lot.
Limited spaces available: every other spot.
• Stay in your car • Bring a lawn chair • Wear a Mask!
• Bring your own shofar to join in during the final *Tekiyah G'dolah!*

If you would like to hear the shofar via phone, please email info@thejewishcenter.org to make arrangements

Watch your email for a Sign Up Genius to reserve your spot. #UniquelyTJC

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COMMEMORATE A LOVED ONE
YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE 5781

Every year TJC produces an annual Yizkor Book of Remembrance. This booklet is used at services four times during the year when Yizkor is recited, beginning with Yom Kippur. In the past it has been made available to you at services. **This year we will provide a copy of the booklet in addition to making an electronic version available to you on our website.**

To commemorate a loved one in this booklet, please list their name(s) below and return the bottom portion, together with a check or credit card payment of $25 per name (through August 15 only). After August 15, the price increases to $30 per name.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING:
The TJC Book of Remembrance is prepared **solely from your responses** – the deadline to order is September 1.

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

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Maryann Yarin at The Jewish Center office, (609) 921-0100 Ext. 201 or e-mail at myarin@thejewishcenter.org.

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5781 YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ORDER FORM
Deadline, Sept. 1
Return Form to TJC – 435 Nassau St., Princeton, NJ 08540 Attn: Maryann Yarin

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation: $25 Per Name THROUGH August 15 only – AFTERWARDS $30 per name. Use the form below.

___My donation of $_____is enclosed by check payable to The Jewish Center.

___Please charge my credit card (MC/VISA/AMEX) for my donation of $_____.

Card number_____Exp. Date_____

Cardholder Signature _____CVV:_____

_____
(Your name as Donor as you want it to appear in the Book of Remembrance)

I wish to honor the memory of the following: (PLEASE PRINT FULL NAMES IN ENGLISH) If a past TJC congregant please place an asterisk * next to the name	
1.	7.
2.	8.
3.	9.
4.	10.
5.	11.
6.	12.

CELEBRATE SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH 5781!

SUKKOT

Friday, October 2	Erev Sukkot
Ma'ariv Service	9:00 pm
Saturday, October 3	Sukkot Day 1
Shacharit	9:30 am
Torah Service	10:00 am
Sunday, October 4	Sukkot Day 2
Shacharit	9:30 am
Torah Service	10:00 am

SHEMINI ATZERET

Friday, October 9	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
Saturday, October 10	
Shabbat Service	9:30 am
Torah Service	10:00 am
Yizkor Service	10:30 am
Ma'ariv Simchat Torah	7:30 pm
SIMCHAT TORAH	**Sunday, October 11**
Shacharit	9:30 am
Torah Service	10:00 am

Order your lulav and etrog using the order form on page 19

We own what we are willing to share. That is tzedakah; charity as justice.

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Annual Fund 5781

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THIS YEAR MORE THAN EVER

I/We want to contribute to The Jewish Center's 5781 Annual Fund.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone: (cell)_____ (home) _____

Email _____

Enclosed is my/our gift:

❑ $7200 ❑ $5400 ❑ $3600 ❑ $1800 ❑ $900 ❑ $500 ❑ $360

❑ $180 Other _____

❑ I wish my gift to be anonymous

Payment Type:

❑ Check ❑ Visa ❑ Mastercard ❑ Amex ❑ Securities

Please make checks payable to: The Jewish Center

Account Number_____ Exp. Date ____/_____ CVV_____

Signature _____

❑ I/We want to make a gift of stock or mutual funds. Please have someone contact us.

❑ I/we want to make a gift with an IRA Charitable Roller (the donor must be at least age 70 ½ at the time of transfer and the funds must pass directly from the donor's IRA custodian to TJC) Please have someone contact us with specific instructions.

❑ I/We are interested in including The Jewish Center in my/our estate planning. Please have someone contact us about setting up a Life and Legacy gift.

GIVING LEVELS

Manhigim	*Leaders*	*$7200 and above*
Giborim	*Heroes*	*$5400 and above*
Amudim	*Pillars*	*$3600 and above*
Shomrim	*Guardians*	*$1800 and above*
Bonim	*Builders*	*$900 and above*
Tormim	*Supporters*	*$500 and above*
Haverim	*Friends*	*$180 and above*

September 2020

Tammuz/Av 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All programs are held via Zoom until further notice. All communications are via email. If you are NOT on our email list, please email us at info@thejewishcenter.org		1 7:00 PM Getting our children back to school	2 7:00 AM Morning Minyan 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Book of Yonah with Rabbi Schoenberg - "It's a Whale of a Story"	3 7:30 PM Tammy Jacobowitz - High Holiday Prep	4 Candle Lighting is 7:06pm 9:30 AM Torah and Tea 4:00 PM Pre-Shabbat Meditation - Ruth Goldson 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5 8:45 AM Bible Baboker 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service / Bat Mitzvah of Michaela Schnitzer
6 9:00 AM Morning Minyan	7	8 7:00 PM Religious Affairs Committee Meeting	9 7:00 AM Morning Minyan 12:00 PM Book of Yonah with Rabbi Schoenberg - "It's a Whale of a Story" 7:00 PM Rabbi Search Committee	10 7:30 PM EC Meeting	11 Candle Lighting is 6:54pm 9:30 AM Torah and Tea 4:00 PM Pre-Shabbat Meditation - Ruth Goldson 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	12 8:45 AM Bible Baboker 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Raphael Ploss 10:15 AM Havurah Minyan 9:00 PM Community Selichot Svc.
13 9:00 AM First Sunday of Religious School 9:00 AM Morning Minyan 12:00 PM Shofar Drive Through begins	14	15 4:00 PM First Tuesday of Religious School 7:30 PM TJC Book Club - *The Parisian*	16 7:00 AM Morning Minyan 4:00 PM First Wednesday of Religious School	17 7:30 PM Board Meeting	18 Erev Rosh HaShanah Candle Lighting is 6:42pm 9:30 AM Torah and Tea 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	19 Rosh HaShanah 5781 - Day 1 Candle Lighting is 7:49pm 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
20 Rosh HaShanah - Day 2 Candle Lighting is 7:47pm 9:30 AM Rosh HaShanah Day 2 Morning Service	21	22	23 7:00 AM Morning Minyan	24 7:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting	25 Candle Lighting is 6:31pm 9:30 AM Torah and Tea 4:00 PM Pre-Shabbat Meditation - Ruth Goldson 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	26 Shabbat Shuvah 8:45 AM Bible Baboker 9:30 AM First Shabbat School 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 AM Havurah Minyan
27 6:15 PM Kol Nidre	28 8:45 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service 3:30 PM Mincha Service 5:30 PM Yizkor Service 7:30 PM Conclusion of Service	29	30			

YOM Kippur 5781 FOOD DRIVE

Due to Covid-19 we're collecting in a different way

Monday, September 21 - Friday, September 25

Drop bags off at TJC between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Last year we broke all records of past food collections. We're counting on you to make this year even better! All food will be donated to the Kosher food pantry 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. Requested foods are shown below.

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

Also accepting Gift Cards from local supermarkets.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
September 21-25
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive will be done a little differently this year. We'll be collecting food @ The Kosher Food Pantry at The Jewish Center from Monday, September 21 - Friday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Jewish Family & Children's Services & Arm-In-Arm will be receiving the food donations, but we'll need volunteers to help with sorting it out as it comes in.

Please join us and sign up for 3-hour shifts on those days.

Covid-19 has changed our lives in so many ways and many more people need our help.

Let's make this the most successful food drive yet.

To sign up, please contact
Arlene Opatut: amjopatut@aol.com

Thank you for your kindness.

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 (repairing the world). Committee members bring their passion and knowledge to lead food collections, blood drives, workshops to examine racism, refugee resettlement efforts, a thriving garden, and more. If you are interested in joining the Social Action Committee or helping it take on new initiatives, please email Jenny at socialaction@thejewishcenter.org or reach out to any of the following members.

ADDRESSING RACISM
Linda Oppenheim
linda.oppenheim@gmail.com

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Wilma Solomon
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HOUSING & SHELTER ISSUES
Sara Just
sarasjust@gmail.com

MULTIFAITH ACTIVITIES
Judy Leopold
judyleopold@yahoo.com

REFUGEE SUPPORT
Louise Sandburg & Alison Politziner
louise@sandsmith.com, a.politziner@gmail.com

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

Email socialaction@thejewishcenter.org for Zoom information.

BUY A LULAV AND ETROG FOR SUKKOT

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

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

Name on credit card: _____

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Card Number: _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature: _____

Please send to The Jewish Center office by SEPTEMBER 22.

For more information, contact Roni Garrison at The Jewish Center office, 609-921-0100 ext. 200 or vgarrison@thejewishcenter.org

PICK UP AT TJC between September 30 & October 1

Adult Hebrew Sunday Zoom Classes Are Back!

- **9:00-10:00 a.m. Intermediate Hebrew**
- **10:00-11:00 a.m. Advanced Hebrew**
- **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Beginners Hebrew**

For further information contact:
Edna Bryn-Noiman @ edna.bryn@gmail.com

Thursday, October 8

7:30-8:30 pm

Via Zoom

Please join us from the comforts of your own Sukkah or Sofa for an evening of wine tasting. Ed Ventura, owner of The Grape Escape Winery in Dayton, NJ will be discussing wine making, tasting and selecting.

RSVP to Fran Mascia Lees

jcw@thejewishcenter.org

Zoom link will be provided on 10/7

The Jewish Center
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JCW Invites You to Kick off Our Mitzvah Mission for Princeton Period Project

This year Jewish Center Women (JCW) will be holding four events to support the Princeton Period Project (PPP).

The home of PPP is the Princeton Cornerstone Community Kitchen which operates in the Princeton United Methodist Church. PPP provided period products (pads, liners and tampons) through the church and also through Arm in Arm, Homefront, Trenton Rescue Mission, and more.

TJC member **Gil Gordon,** who started the PPP, will be speaking at our kickoff event and will share the history and evolution of this incredibly important organization.

JCW will hold three "PPP PARADES" this year giving all of us an opportunity to donate and help those in need. We have been asked to help PPP expand its offerings by collecting adult incontinence products for which there is a tremendous need.

Please join us for a very informative evening. Let's work together to help those in our very own community.

JCW
Kick off of our Mitzvah Mission for Princeton Period Project

Guest Speaker: Gil Gordon

Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 7:30 pm

On Zoom (link to be provided the day before)

RSVP to Lois Safer
jcw@thejewishcenter.org

Jewish Center Women

As we start the New Year, we do so with much uncertainty. Over the last seven months or so we have had to find new ways to stay connected, keep busy, and avoid feeling isolated.

This year, despite the challenges, Jewish Center Women very much wants to be a source of enjoyment, fun and connection. We also want to work together to help those in need in our own community.

This year, it looks like gathering together in our Synagogue Sukkah will not be feasible but JCW has a very exciting evening planned for October 8. Whether from your own Sukkah or sofa we will be having an evening of wine tasting via Zoom with Ed Ventura, owner of Grape Escape Winery. Please see the flyer and Ed's business card included in this month's newsletter, for all of the details and please RSVP as soon as possible.

JCW is also very excited to announce it's NEW Mitzvah Project. We will be working with the Princeton Period Project, started by Gil Gordon. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for details about the "KICK-OFF event, on October 22.

NOSH & DROSH will continue to meet monthly. The dates for 2020-2021 can also be found below. Although, meeting via Zoom, our participation continues to grow and we have some wonderful facilitators that we are in the process of scheduling. If you are not a NOSH & DROSH regular please consider joining us, if your schedule allows. This is a very special group that learns together, discusses together, is supportive of one another and means a great deal to many of us and I get to Co-Chair it with my mom Cynthia Neufeld, which is absolutely awesome!

Exciting things are in store for JCW's year ahead. I know many of us have been doing a lot more COOKING than usual, which has inspired this JCW 2020-2021 recipe which I'd very much like to share with all of you.

Gently mix together the following ingredients:

Endless Cups of Kindness
Multiple Cups of Participation
4 Cups of Mitzvoth
Add heaping tablespoons of caring & sharing
Sprinkle with sweetness
Add the zest of ZOOM
Enjoy with your JCW friends & family!

May we all have a New Year full of blessings and simchas,

Lauren

NOSH & DROSH

October 15
November 19

ADULT EDUCATION

FALL 2020
ZOOM INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PRE-HIGH HOLIDAYS CLASSES

IT'S A WHALE OF A STORY: THE BOOK OF JONAH

LUNCH AND LEARN

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 2ND & 9TH FROM NOON TO 1:30 PM

RABBI ELLIOT SCHOENBERG

A TIME TO TEAR AND A TIME TO MEND:

REIMAGINING TESHUVA IN LIGHT OF RABBINIC NARRATIVES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

TAMMY JACOBOWITZ, PH.D.

OTHER UPCOMING CLASSES

A TASTE OF KABBALAH

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 18TH & 25TH FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 PM

DANIEL MATT, PH.D.

TWO PROPHETS SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 12TH & 19TH FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

RABBI ERIC WISNIA

THE FUTURE OF THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

RABBI BRADLEY ARTSON RABBI ELLIOT COSGROVE

RABBI ANNIE TUCKER

MODERATED BY RABBI ELLIOT SCHOENBERG

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES. PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL WITH YOUR NAME AND THE COURSE CODE(S)—SEE THE LIST IN THE ADULT EDUCATION BROCHURE—YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR TO

ADULTEDUCATION@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG

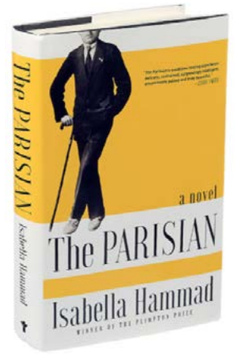
DURING THE REMAINDER OF 2020, ALL CLASSES ARE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE AND ARE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.

Book Club

Tuesday, September 15
7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

We'll be meeting by Zoom to discuss:

Isabella Hammad's *The Parisian*



"Time was a treacherous distance," Isabella Hammad writes in her dazzling debut novel, "and it would not be crossed but through the dangerous substitutions of the imagination." Perilous journeys in time and space form the crisscross weave of "The Parisian," a deeply imagined historical novel with none of the usual cobwebs of the genre. (New York Times)

If you have a Princeton Public Library card, you can reserve the upcoming books. The library has multiple copies of these titles. They can also be ordered online, and you can click on the synagogue link (below) to order a book from Amazon to earn a commission for the Synagogue:

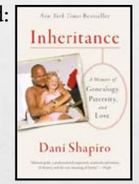
https://thejewishcenter.org/Participate-With-Us/Our-Commitees/Book-Club.aspx

All are welcome to join our Book Club. Please contact Louise Sandburg for more information: louisesandburg@sandsmith.com

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

October 20 **Dani Shapiro's** *The Inheritance*
November 17 **Alice Hoffman's** *The World that We Knew*
December 15 **Mark Helprin's** *Paris in the Present Tense*

Next read:



Mazel Tov ...On Your Great News!

To Cynthia and Jake Sage on the birth of their granddaughter, Zelda Rose
To Myra Weiner and Irv Newman on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Weiner to Joseph Ganz
To Fran Zeitler and Fred Edelman on the marriage of their granddaughter Moriah to Jason Soritkin
To Leo Rothman-Dick on his first birthday
To Rabbi David and Ziona Silverman, who on August 1, celebrated 25 years of retiring to Princeton
To Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins who published a new book, *The Power of Human Speech in Jewish Tradition*
To all of our honorees at this year's Shabbat of Appreciation
To Nancy Lewis on her birthday
To Cantor Jeff Warschauer, Sharon Diamondstein, Nancy Lewis, Gila Levin and Rabbi Schoenberg for their support and guidance as we prepared for Noa Zack's Bat Mitzvah
To Melissa and Simon Pankove who announce that their daughter, Rebecca starts her MD program at Emory School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA

Search

Rabbi Search Committee Update

We are excited to report that more than 200 congregants from diverse segments of our TJC community accepted our invitation and participated in a series of lively focus groups! The focus groups, conducted via Zoom, were not only informative but also social, and many participants told us how much they valued meeting new people while being otherwise isolated. We heartily thank everyone for their time and thoughtful participation.

The task of the Rabbi Search Committee is to attract excellent candidates and find the rabbi among them with the energy, spirituality, vision, and experience to lead TJC. To that end, the focus groups were designed to 1) help us accurately portray our community for the applicants and 2) clarify for ourselves what qualities we would most like in our new rabbi. The discussions generated great ideas as well as pointing to areas of consensus.

This information was included for further exploration in the next phase of our search: the online congregational survey. *By now you should have received a link to the survey in your email. If you have not received it or if you would prefer an alternative to an online survey, please contact Maryann Yarin in the office:* myarin@thejewishcenter.org or call (609) 921-0100, ext. 201.

A summary of the focus group and survey findings will be published in TJC's October Bulletin. The input will be used to develop our job posting in September.

Whether or not you participated in a focus group, you are always welcome to send us your comments and suggestions at rabbisearch@thejewishcenter.org.

Arts & Culture

Upcoming Events

Fall 2020

AE - Adult Education AC - Arts & Culture

2020 Zoom Interactive Programs from Arts & Culture

Challah Baking
Judy Leopold
Monday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Taking Better Photos
Princeton Photo Workshop
Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Making Gluten Free Focaccia
Marilyn Besner, owner of Wildflower Bakery
Monday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Uprooting the Poison Tree
Author presentation from Myra Weiner's memoir
Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Myra's personal journey interwoven with her passions for science, spirituality and family.
The book may be bought from Amazon (remember to use smile.amazon.com, or email Myra:myraweiner@yahoo.com

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

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

A Long Walk down a Winding Road
Author presentation with Sam Farmer
Monday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Steps for overcoming adversity from the perspective of someone living on the autism spectrum

Latke making with Sherry Meyer
Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Unusual and Yummy Latkes

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

Pre-registration required for all events.
These programs are open to all.
Look for emails with complete details.

Helaine Isaacs and Lynne Ross
Co-Chairs
artsandculture@thejewishcenter.org

LIFE & LEGACY

Not All Superheroes Wear Capes
You can be a Superhero. Yes, you.

LEGACY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT RESOURCE

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of GREATER MERCER

July 29, 2020

Joel Berger, Executive Director
Randy Brett, President
The Jewish Center
435 Nassau Street
Princeton, NJ 08540

Dear Joel and Randy,

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer is uniquely positioned to benefit many worthwhile causes in our local community and beyond, as we assist donors in recommending charitable donations. We are pleased that The Jewish Center is one of several nonprofit organizations in our region that secures annual support recommended by funds at our Foundation. In fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020), our records show that your organization received $28,087.87 from donor advised funds and restricted funds at the Jewish Community Foundation.

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If your organization needs additional assistance in the handling of grants from funds at our Foundation, we are happy to share information and provide guidance. Thank you for being a partner of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer and we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

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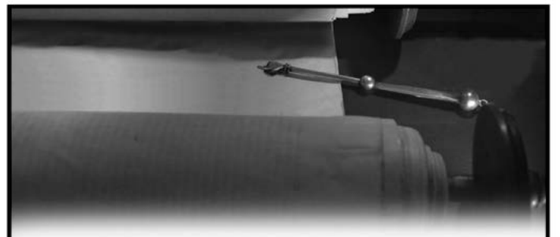

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