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### APRIL 2021 ZOOM LINKS

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

#### Erev Shabbat Services

**Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2021 06:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84739583653>

Meeting ID: 847 3958 3653

Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

#### Shabbat morning services for April 2021

**Apr 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021 09:30 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88070695003>

Meeting ID: 880 7069 5003

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#### Sunday morning minyan for April 2021

**Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021 09:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85742233610>

Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 857 4223 3610

#### Wednesday morning minyan for April 2021

**Apr 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021 07:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83919366597>

Meeting ID: 839 1936 6597

Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

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[www.livestream.com/tjc](http://www.livestream.com/tjc)

# YOM HASHOAH

APRIL 7 - 7:30 PM

Virtual memorial candle lighting by congregants whose relatives perished in the Holocaust. Additional candle for those not attending to light at home in memory of all the lives that were lost.

Recitation of El Maley Rachamim and Mourners Kaddish

Songs and instrumental music with Cantor Jeff Warschauer

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

The Zoom link will be sent prior to the program.





# A Message from Our Interim Rabbi

Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg  
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Dear friends,

This year, Holocaust Memorial Day is Thursday, April 8. In honor of our martyrs, I would like to share with you a story of an amazing woman.

Bella Chazan was born in December 1922 in the town of Rozyszcze, Poland. She had eight siblings and her family was religious. Her father died when she was 5 years old. Despite the family being poor, her mother made sure she gained an education so she would make something of her life.

She and her friends Tema Schneiderman and Lonka Kozybrodska were members of HeHalutz-Dror Jewish youth movement. Once World War II broke out, the youth movements with their elaborate network of connections, proved to be an unexpected asset for the Jewish communities in eastern Europe that were purposely isolated by the Germans.

Bella was only 16 when she, Tema and Lonka became “Kashariyot” couriers between the Jewish communities under lock-down. Disguised as non-Jews, they risked their lives to move from ghetto to ghetto, traveling through treacherous territory, transporting documents, papers, money, ammunition and weapons across borders and into ghettos. Bella established a safe house in Grodno and had infiltrated the Gestapo headquarters working as an interpreter. Tema and Lonka were using the house as a

stopover as they traveled between locations in performance of their assigned missions. Bella’s circuit included Vilna, Grodno, Bialystok and Lida.

They did important, morale-building work. But their luck ran out. Caught in the Warsaw ghetto during one of her daring missions there, Tema was sent to Treblinka and perished. Bella and Lonka were caught separately at a border crossing. Maintaining their identities as Polish Underground partisans, they were transported to Auschwitz, and worked as Polish peasants in the forced work detail. Lonka died of typhus in April 1943. Though Nazis forced Bella into a 4-day death march to Germany, she survived and made Aliyah.

In Israel, she married, had two children and eventually five grandchildren. She worked presenting testimonies of her lost friends, and wrote an incredible autobiography “*They Call Me Bronislawa.*”

We remember the courage, ingenuity, and passion that motivated these young women, and we celebrate Bella’s survival against impossible odds. May their examples help us get through the challenges we each face today.

Best wishes

**Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg**

*Celebrate  
Simcha Shabbat.*

*3rd Shabbat of the  
Month:*

*April 17, 2021*

**Shiur  
with  
Schoenberg  
&  
Sharon**

Join Rabbi Schoenberg and Sharon Diamondstein as they discuss the origins of the Jewish holidays and how to observe them. 12:00 p.m.

**April 13  
Israel Independence Day**

**May 11  
Shavuot**

All programs are via zoom.

Please RSVP to [Info@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:Info@thejewishcenter.org).

Subject: SHIUR



# MESSAGE from the Cantor

Cantor Jeff Warschauer  
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Some years ago, I travelled to Boston to celebrate my mother's 75th birthday. As was part of her normal Shabbat practice at the time, we attended services at Congregation Beth El of the Sudbury Valley, a renowned Reform synagogue. We were all sitting together when suddenly I heard my mom being called for an aliyah – this in itself was a thrilling surprise. But when she picked up the yad and started to read from the Torah, I nearly fell off my seat. She had managed to keep her entire adult Bat Mitzvah a secret. At 75 years old, my mom was called to the Torah, and read from the Torah, for the very first time. I can barely explain how this affected me – tears filled my eyes and joy, astonishment and pride filled my heart. My mother, a refugee from Germany, elementary school teacher and poet, was now also a Bat Mitzvah. Years later, my elder sister also decided to become an adult Bat Mitzvah. For both my mother and my sister, the process of learning Hebrew and trope connected them to Jewish tradition as nothing had before.

One of the most satisfying aspects of my work as a cantor is helping to prepare a Bar or Bat mitzvah. Watching a student go from the first, tentative steps to confident and poised reading and leadership is always a joy. I really love working with, and getting to know, the kids!

But when the Bar or Bat mitzvah is an adult, particularly a woman who is reading from the Torah for the first time, the sense of joy is particularly striking.

Although women were and are teachers and leaders at many congregations, for some, being called to the Torah is an important marker of inclusion and honor. As one woman said to me, "Although I appreciate that there are many ways to feel included in Klal Yisrael, for me, learning to read Torah and being called to the Torah on Shabbat has been particularly important, something I've been waiting to do my whole life."

As we end the week of Passover, Shavuot approaches. Shavuot is a holiday that celebrates Torah and the covenant between God and the Children of Israel. According to our tradition, all Jews were present at the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. When I reflect on this, I feel so proud of these inspiring teenage and adult B'nei Mitzvah who can experience such a direct connection to Sinai by being called to, and reading, Torah. In a time when congregation size is shrinking and there is a real concern about the future of synagogue life, these are some of the people who will secure our Jewish future.

Happy April to the entire TJC family!

**Cantor Jeff**

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Dear TJC members,

Our heartfelt thanks, gratitude and appreciation for the MANY contributions you made in honor of our 70th wedding anniversary, to the many and varied programs of the Jewish Center, as well as to other national and international worthy causes, and lovely flowers as well. We are truly blessed with all the opportunities this community provides to do, to help, to learn, to worship, to be an enriched Jewish community.

Rabbi David and Ziona Silverman



# MESSAGE from the President

Randall Brett  
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***“Never look back unless you are planning to go that way.”***

Henry David Thoreau

As this is being written, at the beginning of March, spring is rapidly approaching. It is one year since we had to cancel in-person gatherings inside the building and move to a Zoom and LiveStream environment for services and programs. We remember what has occurred in a little more than a year – the passing of Rabbi Feldman z”l, loss of relatives and friends to the pandemic, the inability to have a kiddush lunch or nosh with friends after Shabbat services, missed holidays and visits with family, and children’s and grandchildren’s birthday parties conducted over Zoom. It is difficult to visualize our future. However, as Richard Wlodarski wrote in his poem *“Moving Forward”*,

Woke up this morning  
On this side of yesterday  
Retired on yesterday  
Waking for tomorrow

Over the past year, we have developed a robust capability to remain connected with each other, if only electronically for now. Our volunteers and staff have created unique and diverse programs that have challenged the mind, enriched the soul, and filled our stomachs (thank you to everyone who presented cooking and baking programs!). Our b’nai mitzvahs have brought together families and friends from – literally – all corners of the earth and allowed simchas to be celebrated as never before. We have had latkes for pickup and delivered hamentashen to all. We planted daffodils for remembrance and built our sukkahs safely despite the pandemic environment. We launched a campaign to make our bimah accessible to all, regardless of physical limitations. Our new Senior Rabbi will begin her Jewish Center rabbinate shortly. Despite the travails of the past months, The Jewish Center is poised on the edge of a new era – one filled with hope, with potential, and with anticipation.

We are on this side of yesterday. Now it is up to you to move us from yesterday to tomorrow.

“Jews in pews” is a phrase I picked up from one of our past presidents. It refers to getting people into the shul in person, not just virtually. Many of us, myself included, have medical conditions that must be considered when deciding to enter a building or participate in an activity. Crowd size, mask wearing, and “social spacing” will be on our minds for the foreseeable future. However, the COVID vaccine roll-out is proceeding, if not always smoothly or efficiently everywhere. Many of us have been or shortly will be vaccinated. Our Safety Committee is

continually updating our protocols and practices based on the latest available scientific information. We are taking all practical steps to ensure a safe environment both inside and outside of our buildings. **Now is the time to return to shul.**

Over the next few weeks, we will offer you many reasons to return to the TJC campus in person. There will be outdoor services, programs and activities for families, and perhaps even ways to enjoy a kiddush lunch with each other in a safe yet enjoyable manner. Increasingly, we are having b’nai mitzvahs in our sanctuary. We will be slowly increasing the number of people that can be in the sanctuary on Shabbat and anticipate bringing our children back with in-person Religious School classes. While our “new normal” will look somewhat different than our old normal, it will still be filled with connection, ruach, and community.

The Jewish Center needs you to be here as we safely reopen. Your presence is what makes this our spiritual and community home. I look forward to seeing you in shul in the weeks and months to come. We are truly “waking for tomorrow”.

B’shalom,

**Randy Brett**

**Help support our  
Bimah Accessibility Project.**

See page 18 for more details.



## MESSAGE from the Executive Director

Joel Berger  
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### Israel on my mind

I have been to Israel two times. The first time was in 1980 when I participated on the USY Israel Pilgrimage program. I was not an active USY participant at the time but we felt it was a good program to go with. I don't remember much of the trip but a few highlights still stand out to this day.

The first day we were there, we went directly to the Kotel. I vividly remember our group leader saying the following, "There is only 1 time, that you can see the Kotel for the 1st time". He asked those of us who had not been to Israel before to come to the head of the group and walk ahead. It was an amazing site to see the Kotel live, after years of seeing pictures of it in text books. (This pre-dates the internet). I used this same strategy when I lead a group years later. More on that below.

I also remember leading services every day and even the morning we climbed Masada. What an emotional moment to lead Shacharit services, at 6AM, as the sun was rising on Masada. I ended up leading most of the services that summer and was nicknamed The Chazzan by the group.

I remember walking through Israel and Tel Aviv and feel blessed to have visited it when I was 17 years old.

The 2nd time I visited Israel was in 1996. I was leading a bus group on the March of the Living from Miami. The March of the Living was a two week journey through the concentration camps in Poland the first week, then Israel the 2nd week. And boy did you need Israel that 2nd week.

In Poland, we visited the site of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and visited Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek and Treblinka. It was an unbelievable experience and the stories and memories of what I experienced will never be forgotten. We also had two survivors with us on the trip which made it even more memorable.

After Poland, we traveled to Israel. It had a much different meaning that 16 years before. The first day we arrived, we made the important trip to see the Kotel. As our group moved closer, I did what was done to me 16 years before. I stopped the group and asked anyone who had never been to Israel before, to come to the front of the group. I explained

that there is only 1 time you can see the Kotel for the 1st time. The moment was magical for them. We had a huge group hug, crying and singing together. I lead services on Friday night for our group on the grounds of the Kotel. Words cannot describe that feeling.

We visited many sites, met many local people and experienced Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. We even visited Yad Vashem which took on a totally different meaning from being in the concentration camps just a few days before. The week was a blur as the feelings from the week before never leave you. But it was home in Israel. And I can't wait to go back, especially with my family someday.

I write this as we embark on the month of April here at TJC with both of these themes very prevalent. We will commemorate Yom Hashoa on April 7th with a very moving program remembering the holocaust. On April 11th, we will take the next step in our Daffodil project which commemorates all the children who perished in the holocaust. If you have come by TJC recently, or seen some photos, the Daffodils are blossoming beautifully and we can't wait to see them in bloom on the 11th. We will also celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

It will be quite a month of commemoration and celebration. For me, thinking about Poland and Israel will be prevalent in my mind. Remembering the stories and experiences I had will keep the memories alive for years to come.

Please join us if and when you can at these wonderful programs happening in April.

**Joel**



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# MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

Sharon Diamondstein  
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Friends,

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a workshop with Jewish educators from around the country in which we created Kintsugi. Kintsugi is the Japanese art in which broken pottery is repaired with gold. During this process, we explored the text of ki hinei k'chomer (like clay in the potter's hands) and learned about how so much of what we do impacts those around us. Not just as educators, of course, but as humans. Our daily interactions, whether with our families, friends, colleagues, or the strangers on the street have the capability to stir something within each of us.



We reflected upon things in our lives over the past year which have been broken. Some shared professional experiences while others shared personal. To know that none of us are alone in the feeling of brokenness - in whichever iteration it took - was comforting. And so we gently wrapped our bowls in a cloth, symbolizing that which we are protecting, took our hammers, and shattered these perfectly made ceramic bowls. Then we were instructed to put the bowls back together.

Like many others, I struggled. This bowl would never again be perfect... it will forever be flawed and damaged. It will be scarred. There were shards that were too tiny to glue back in. At that moment, I learned to let go of my image of perfection, because only the Divine is perfect. Instead, I focused on repairing and making something more beautiful. I focused on aspects of my own life that were in need of repair and how to go about doing the work...that

focus is not just limited to the High Holy Days.

As I worked, almost in a trance-like state, I was hearing others across the Zoomiverse talking about how using too much glue can actually backfire – a reminder that an overcorrection is sometimes worse than no correction at all. I remember the frustration of holding some pieces in place longer than others, just to get them to stick.

And as everything dried, I covered the glue with gold paint. I learned what it meant to be beautifully broken. The “light” of the gold shone through the cracks, and I was mesmerized by knowing that I took something that I perceived as perfect and made it my own. In my bowl's brokenness, I learned that “scars” are places for light to shine through.



I would like to invite you to reflect on ways in which you have found light shining through the cracks, and how even though we sometimes see things as broken, there is beauty in their repair.

This past year has taught us many things, and we have found beauty and light through the darkness. We learned, as Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Klotzk said, “There is nothing

more whole than a broken heart.”

B'Shalom,

Sharon

## Torah and Tea



April 2, 9,  
16, 23, 30

Explore the weekly Torah Portion with Sharon Diamondstein.  
Friday mornings, 9:30 -10:30 am

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

The Zoom link will be shared to those who registered prior to the program.



# Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



**Jacob Winn**  
April 10, 2021

**Jake** began his education at The Jewish Center at eighteen months old and has benefited so much from the many wonderful pre-school and religious school teachers over the years. Jake is now in 7th grade at Chapin School, enjoying subjects like math and history, while also being active in music, and basketball. Jake is a talented artist and enjoys playing video games. He also has fun traveling and skiing with his family, and biking around town with his friends. Jake would like to thank Ronit Rackowski, Sharon Diamondstein, Cantor Jeff and Rabbi Schoenberg for all their support to prepare him for this moment.



**Ilan Baird**  
April 24, 2021

**Ilan**, a seventh grader at PUMS, loves to ask big and challenging questions and is passionate about tackling climate change. An active member of Boy Scout Troop 40, Ilan loves spending time outdoors camping, hiking and fishing. He has the kind of curiosity that leads him to disassemble old electronics and teach himself coding. He reads every day, mostly fantasy. And he nurtures his artistic side by playing saxophone. Ilan thanks his teachers Avi Paradise, Matthew Kritz, and Etti Raskin who have guided him in his learning and the TJC Shabbat morning community.



**Rafael Baird**  
April 24, 2021

**Rafael**, a seventh grader at PUMS, is always looking for a new challenge. Board games, word puzzles, wooden models...he loves them all. He likes baking so much that he sold from-scratch cinnamon rolls to the neighborhood for two weeks last summer. Rafael likes to roll, and often gets around on his scooter, skateboard, rollerblades or bike. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 40, he enjoys being outdoors and visiting the rock climbing gym. He reads and plays cello almost every day. Rafael thanks his teachers Avi Paradise, Matthew Kritz, and Etti Raskin who have guided him in his learning and the TJC Shabbat morning community.

# Kabbalat Shabbat Katan

**April 10**

**5:45 pm via zoom**

**Open to the Community!**

Please join us for **Kabbalat Shabbat Katan** and greet **Shabbat** with young families from TJC!

We will sing songs, tell stories, and make new friends!



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.

**Open to the Community!**

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



**zoom With Zadie** (Bubbie's invited too!)

...for Shabbat Katan

- Our next Shabbat Katan will be April 23 at 11:00 a.m. (Following that we have Shabbat Katan on May 8, and June 12 all at 11:00 a.m.) and Families should RSVP to [drothman@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:drothman@thejewishcenter.org) for the Zoom Link.

In addition, we also have Kabbalat Shabbat Katan with Sharon Diamondstein on screen at 5:45 p.m. on April 10.

We invite all of our senior congregants to join us with your grandchildren.

Open to both members and non-members. What better way to spend Shabbat than online with the kinder?? Email Daryl Rothman at [drothman@thenewishcenter.org](mailto:drothman@thenewishcenter.org) to make sure you are signed up to get the Zoom link each month.

# TJ CONNECTIONS

## Coffee, Conversation, Connections

Join us for our monthly Coffee, Conversations and Connections zoom get together. Learn an interesting fact about coffee.

Have a conversation with our Senior Staff: Rabbi Schoenberg, Cantor Warschauer, Executive Director Joel Berger, and Director of Congregational Learning Sharon Diamondstein, and find more ways to connect with TJC.

Wednesday, April 7 at 12:00 p.m.  
Zoom link to follow.

## Adult Hebrew Sunday Zoom Classes Are Back!

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

For further information contact:  
Edna Bryn-Noiman at  
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## *Bible Babaker | Saturdays | 8:45 a.m.*

Each week a reminder notice is sent. If anyone wishes to participate, they are welcome to join via Zoom. email Michael Goldin, at [mmgold18@yahoo.com](mailto:mmgold18@yahoo.com) to receive the zoom link.

**Zoom video study session each week.**



## **MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT APRIL 17**

### **9:30 AM**

### **COMMUNITY HEALING**

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The Bar Mitzvah of Cooper Jacknow  
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The Jewish Center's

**GREAT  
MINDS  
SALON**

**Monday, April 19**

**TJC CONGREGANT AND  
THEATRICAL & OPERA PRODUCTION  
STAGE MANAGER**

**Cheryl Mintz**

**A THEATERMAKER'S  
PERSPECTIVE:  
CREATIVE PIVOTING  
DURING A PANDEMIC**

**THE JEWISH CENTER'S "GREAT MINDS" SALON IS A SPEAKER SERIES FASHIONED AFTER THE 1900'S ERA PARIS SALON HOSTED BY JEWISH AUTHOR GERTRUDE STEIN (PICTURED ABOVE), WHICH REGULARLY BROUGHT TOGETHER THE BRIGHTEST ARTISTS AND THINKERS OF THAT ERA TO DISCUSS THEIR LATEST WORK.**

Cheryl Mintz is a founder and partner of princetonVIRTUAL, which through creative virtual events brings your community together. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting suspension of production activity at theaters around the country, Cheryl pivoted to independent virtual theatrical projects which span Broadway, Off-Broadway and regional companies. 2020 marked Cheryl's 29th season as McCarter Theatre's Resident Production Stage Manager, where she has Production Stage Managed over 190 productions and workshops, 37 productions with director and playwright Emily Mann, and collaborated with America's finest theater makers. Cheryl has enjoyed thirteen collaborations with Maestro Gian Carlo Menotti and the Spoleto Festival USA and Italy, six Broadway shows, five seasons at Lincoln Center with New York City Opera where she has 40 operas and musicals, three tours and three PBS telecasts to her credit. For the Stage Managers' Association, she has been an Executive Board Member for 17 years. Cheryl received her MFA from the Yale School of Drama, Management Development Certificate from Princeton University, BA from SUNY Stony Brook, and named a SUNY Notable Alumni in the Arts. Cheryl received the 2020 Award of Excellence and the 2011 Applause Award from the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.



**8:00-9:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY  
PROGRAM WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY EMAILING  
INFO@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG**

***A Zoom link will be sent to all  
registrants prior to the event.***



**The  
Daffodil Project**

Please join us on  
Sunday, April 11  
At 11:30 am

For the Dedication of  
The Jewish Center  
Daffodil Garden

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We're looking forward to recognizing the efforts of all those who participated in the fall planting and enabling TJC to join with the 230+ worldwide organizations in fulfilling the goal of building a Global Holocaust Memorial Garden, honoring the memories of the children who perished and in support for children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today.



Masks Required. All Social Distancing Rules Apply.

# APRIL 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p>All programs are held via Zoom until further notice.</p> <p>All communications are via email. If you are NOT on our email list, please email us at <a href="mailto:info@thejewishcenter.org">info@thejewishcenter.org</a></p>                                                 |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Pesach Day 8 <span style="float: right;">4</span></p> <p>8:00 AM NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL<br/>           9:00 AM Morning Minyan<br/>           9:00 AM Passover Yizkor Service</p>                                                                                                 | <p><span style="float: right;">5</span></p>                                         | <p>8:00 AM NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL <span style="float: right;">6</span></p>                                                                                                  | <p>8:00 AM NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL<br/>           12:00 PM Coffee, Connections<br/>           12:15 PM Adult Ed Program<br/>           7:30 PM Yom Hashoa Celebration</p> |
| <p>8:00 AM NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK <span style="float: right;">11</span><br/>           9:00 AM Morning Minyan<br/>           11:30 AM Daffodil Project Yom Hashoa Program<br/>           2:00 PM AC Iraqi Cooking Demo<br/>           7:30 PM EC Meeting on Zoom</p> | <p>Rosh Chodesh Iyar <span style="float: right;">12</span></p>                      | <p>Rosh Chodesh Iyar <span style="float: right;">13</span></p> <p>12:00 PM Shiur with Schoenberg and Sharon - Yom Ha'atzmaut<br/>           4:00 PM Religious School</p> | <p>Yom HaZikaron <span style="float: right;">14</span></p> <p>12:15 PM Adult Ed Program<br/>           4:00 PM Religious School<br/>           7:00 PM #Sulam</p>     |
| <p>9:00 AM Morning Minyan <span style="float: right;">18</span><br/>           9:00 AM Religious School</p>                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>8:00 PM Great Minds Salon Cheryl Mintz <span style="float: right;">19</span></p> | <p>4:00 PM Religious School <span style="float: right;">20</span><br/>           7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting<br/>           7:30 PM TJC Book Club</p>             | <p>12:15 PM Adult Ed Program<br/>           4:00 PM Religious School<br/>           7:30 PM #Sulam</p>                                                                |
| <p>9:00 AM Morning Minyan <span style="float: right;">25</span><br/>           9:00 AM Religious School<br/>           7:30 PM #Sulam</p>                                                                                                                                        | <p>Pesach Sheni <span style="float: right;">26</span></p>                           | <p>4:00 PM Religious School <span style="float: right;">27</span></p>                                                                                                    | <p>12:15 PM Adult Ed Program<br/>           4:00 PM Religious School</p>                                                                                              |

# NISSAN-IYAR 5781

| Wednesday                                                                                                | Thursday                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                     | Saturday                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                          | 1                                                                                                                               | 2<br>Pesach - Candle Lighting is 7:06 PM<br><br>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service                           | 3<br>8:00 AM NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL<br>8:45 AM Bible Baboker<br>9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service                                                          |
| 7<br>RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS<br>Conversation and<br>Sessions<br>Programs - Talmud Study<br>Shoah Commemoration | 8<br>Yom HaShoah                                                                                                                | 9<br>Candle Lighting is 7:14 PM<br><br>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service                                    | 10<br>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker<br>9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah Jacob Winn<br>9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service<br>10:15 AM Havurah Minyan<br>11:00 AM Shabbat Katan |
| 14<br>Programs - Talmud Study<br>School                                                                  | 15<br>Yom HaAtzma'ut<br><br>9:30 AM JCW: NOSH & DROSH<br>7:30 PM Barbara Abramson Arts and<br>Culture Program - Breathing Space | 16<br>Candle Lighting is 7:21 PM<br><br>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service                                   | 17<br>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker<br>9:30 AM Men's Club Shabbat<br>9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service                                                          |
| 21<br>Programs - Talmud Study<br>School                                                                  | 22<br>7:30 PM Israeli Bobsled Team                                                                                              | 23<br>Candle Lighting is 7:28 PM<br><br>5:45 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Katan<br>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 24<br>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker<br>9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service<br>10:15 AM Havurah Minyan                                                             |
| 28<br>Programs - Talmud Study<br>School                                                                  | 29<br>7:30 PM IDIC Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer                                                                                    | 30<br>Lag BaOmer - Candle Lighting is 7:35 PM<br><br>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service                      |                                                                                                                                                       |

# ONE CONGREGATION – ONE BIMAH FOR ALL

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

- Mark and Carol Pollard

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

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

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

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

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

- Rabbi David and Ziona Silverman

In order to make this vision of equal opportunity

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

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

Help us ensure equal access for all by raising ANOTHER \$93,000 by April 30!

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

- Barry Ableman

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

## One Congregation - One Bimah for All

B'shalom,

### Randy Brett

President

Alexandra Bar-Cohen

President-Elect



# YOUNG FAMILIES

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**Celebrate Israel's  
73rd Birthday**

**Celebrate  
Yom Ha'Atzmaut!**

**Wednesday, April 14  
4:00-6:00 pm**

Join our religious school  
and young families outside  
for outdoor activities and crafts set up  
for kids in the religious school ages  
K-2nd grade.

For our young families, Susan will  
be leading a Yom Ha'atzmaut  
sing-a-long and there will be blue  
and white t-shirt tie dying.



# ADULT EDUCATION

**The end is near,  
Yigdal is here!**

**A deeper look into the poetry  
and philosophy of this prayer.**

**Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m.  
Lunch and Learn  
April 20, 27, May 4**

**Havurah Minyan:  
Study Service  
10:00 a.m.  
April 10 & 24  
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](mailto:neillitt@outlook.com).

## ***In Memoriam:***

***We extend our deepest  
sympathy in  
remembering***

**Elisabeth Joseph,  
mother of Evelyn  
Grossman**



It was so nice to have such a wonderful turn out for the JCW Zoom Talent Show. Each and every one of you included in the 107 screens that rsvped made the show a success before it even started.

We had exceptional talent including; Cantor Jeff and Deborah Strauss, Ephraim Sternthal, Maya Winn, Ezra Clayton Hodges, Gabriel Bar Cohen, Dr. Joan Goldstein, Sivan Deutsch, Dave Saltzman, Daryl Rothman and Adrian Banner and Amy Zakar-Banner It's amazing the talent we have right here at The Jewish Center. Thank you all for performing on our virtual stage.

During intermission, it was so much fun to POOF be in breakout rooms visiting with old and new friends and engaging while answering trivia questions. A lot of fun was had with Fun Facts.

Behind any great performance are the people who worked behind the scenes. Special thanks goes to Daryl Rothman who Chaired the talent show, was our MC and performed. What an amazing and extraordinary job she did in each role! I'd also like to thank my mom, Cynthia Neufeld, whose idea it was to have a talent show, as well as Ellen Pristach, Linda Milstein and Gil Gordon who covered Zoom technology like the professionals they are. Lew Gantwerk got the afternoon started as our phenomenal announcer and also was a trivia host. Thank you to the rest of our trivia host team ; Nancy Lewis, Martha Freedman, Suzanne Esterman, Alexandra Bar-Cohen, Randy Brett, Debbie Brett, Lew Gantwerk, Gil Gordon, Ellen Pristach and Daryl Rothman. All of you played a significant role in bringing our show to fruition. Our committee was so creative and worked so nicely together to address every detail in hopes of achieving an in person show feeling on Zoom. JCW greatly appreciates the participation and efforts of each of the talent show committee members.

Heidi Joseph, VP of programming always provides guidance and support and I wanted to acknowledge her assistance as well. Of course, no JCW event is complete without the support from our TJC staff Joel Berger and Roni Garrison.

We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. Whether in the audience, on the virtual stage or behind the scenes, the participation of our performers and audience members was so greatly appreciated and certainly made the first JCW zoom talent show an enormous success.

Stay Well,

**Co-Chairs: Lauren Neufeld and Cynthia Neufeld**  
908-216-1412      908-256-0142



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

**APRIL 15**

**Linda Milstein-Learning From a Unique Genocide Exhibit: A Do-cent's Perspective is Best**

## So This Happened...



Photos from our JCW talent show and Purim!





## U.S. – ISRAEL RELATIONS AND MIDDLE EAST POLICIES IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES

ZOOM LECTURE WITH QUESTIONS & ANSWERS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

### AMBASSADOR DANIEL C. KURTZER

The Biden administration is quickly distinguishing its foreign policy values, interests, and goals, from those of its predecessor, including a different approach to Israel and the rest of the Middle East. Israel's March 2021 election will result in a new coalition that may significantly affect aspects of Israeli foreign policy and relations with its neighbors and the United States.

Ambassador Kurtzer will offer his analysis and views of the impact of both recent elections on U.S.- Israel relations, their respective Middle East policies, U.S.- Palestinian relations, Israeli - Palestinian relations, and prospects for peace in the Middle East.



**Daniel C. Kurtzer** is the S. Daniel Abraham Professor of Middle East Policy Studies at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs. During a 29-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service, Ambassador Kurtzer served as United States Ambassador to Israel and United States Ambassador to Egypt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research. Kurtzer was a member of the Middle East peace team for Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Secretary of State Warren Christopher, playing an instrumental role in formulating and executing American policy, in particular helping to bring about the Madrid peace conference. He was the coordinator of the multilateral peace talks, served as U.S. representative to bilateral talks between Israel and the Palestinians and between Israel and Syria, and chaired the U.S. delegation to the multilateral refugee negotiations. In 2007, he was named the first Commissioner of the professional Israel Baseball League. Ambassador Kurtzer received his Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University.

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This program is open to the community free of charge. Registration is required.

To register, please send an email with your name and course code "IDIC-4" to: [idic@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:idic@thejewishcenter.org)

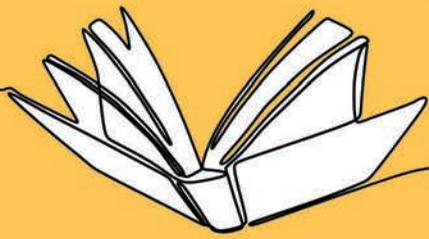
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Our IDIC series, Understanding the Legal System in Israel and Its Impact on Israeli Society, exploring the interaction of religious law, civil law, military law, and international law, and specific outcomes of those interactions will resume in the Fall.

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The Israel Dialogue Initiative Committee of The Jewish Center is charged with providing congregants with programming that examines in depth those aspects of Israel and Israeli society that are sometimes controversial or confounding to American Jews and seldom broached in other TJC programming. Donations to support these efforts are appreciated.

If you would like to make a donation to support our efforts and help defray the costs of this program and series, please contact The Jewish Center office at 609-921-0100.



# Book Club

Tuesday, April 13

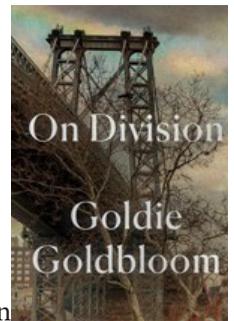
7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

We'll be meeting by Zoom to discuss:

Goldie Goldbloom's *On Division*

\*\* Winner of the 2020 Jewish Fiction Award \*\*

"...a wonderfully complex example of what it means to be an Orthodox Jew in modern times.... offers deep, engaging insight into the life and faith of a person not normally known... audaciously communicates to those unfamiliar with the Chasidic community how they are not as different as they may seem." (Jewish Book Council)



*On Division* features a wonderfully complex example of what it means to be an Orthodox Jew in modern times. Goldbloom is a Chasidic-Lubavitch woman who is also an activist for LGBTQ Chasidic youth. The burden of this identity is perfectly encapsulated by her protagonist, Suri, whose identity is called into question several times throughout the novel. Through artful storytelling, the reader is able to feel every bit of the anxious suffering Suri endures within the tight-knit and secretive Chasidic community. The traditions they follow are based on the Torah, but the setting is medieval Eastern European, as most of the community still adhere to the dress code and customs of the middle ages.

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-Committees/Book-Club.aspx>

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

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

**COMING SOON!**

May 25 -- Rachel Kadish's *The Weight of Ink*

June 15 -- Colum McCann's *Apeirogon*

July 20 -- Daniel Silva's *The Order*

# ARTS & CULTURE

April



Shabbat  
Iraqi Style  
April 11  
with Carol Basri  
2:00 pm

Use code BASRI when registering

Zoom in and enjoy a glass of wine or arak as Carole cooks an authentic Iraqi Shabbat dinner. Take a Magic Carpet Journey to ancient Babylon and Baghdad and enjoy the Ta'am, the special tastes of Jewish Iraqi cuisine dating back thousands of years. These tastes include sweet and sour fish with squash, Salouna; stuffed chicken baked slowly with ground cardamon seeds and surrounded by rice, Tabeet; and a light, delicate rolled cookie infused with rose water, Malfuf.

Come on this culinary journey with Carole to the place of her ancestors for over 2700 years and where she has traveled six times! Carol will also show short clip from her latest documentary, "Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives" which she made along with co-director, Adriana Davis.

Carol Basri has taught cooking classes at the 92nd St Y and contributed a chapter on Iraqi cooking to their International cookbook. Carol has also taught cooking at the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue in New York City, Sephardic House and the American Sephardic Federation. She is currently working on her own cookbook.

## From Frozen Chosen to the Hebrew Hammer: The Inspiring Story of Israel's Olympic Bobsled and Skeleton Team

April 22 at 7:30pm.



Join us and meet David Greaves and Larry Sidney to hear the incredible and unlikely story of Israel's Bobsled and Skeleton Team. Bobsleigh Skeleton Israel (BSI) National Sports Federation of Israel was originally Israel's Bobsled Team in 2002 when three American Jews decided to represent Israel in

winter sliding sports. The three made Aliyah, exceeded all expectations and qualified Israel for two World Championships.

Through passion and dedication, Israel qualified her first skeleton athlete for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. In 2020, David Greaves, one of the founding bobsled members of the 2002 Israeli Bobsled and Skelton Team, is President of BSI today. He oversees Israel's seven athletes competing internationally in Bobsled and Skeleton. Professionally, David is the Executive Director of JNF Canada.



Larry Sidney took up the sport of skeleton in 2012, joining the Israeli program in 2015. After the 2018 Olympics, Larry became BSI's Secretary General. Working alongside David Greaves, they manage the BSI program supporting the current group of athletes. Today three Skeleton athletes and two Bobsled teams, are trying to qualify for the 2022 Winter Olympics, to represent Israel. Professionally, Larry is a Holistic Wealth Advisor in Reno, Nevada.

All programs via Zoom.

# ARTS & CULTURE

April/May

## BREATHING SPACE

April 15 class with Barbara Abramson, 7:30 PM via Zoom

Fear. Cold weather. Rock hard abs. Stiffness that comes with aging. Tax Day looming... There are many reasons we tend to contract the chest and abdomen and even hold the breath. When this becomes habitual and unconscious, it robs us of our birthright—the potential for a full breath out and in, proportional to any situation. Using imagination and gentle touch, this lesson is designed to effortlessly restore the vitality of your spontaneous breathing. Part of the lesson may be done lying down on the floor or bed, and it's recommended to have a couple of towels available for support. Suitable for anyone who breathes.

*Barbara Zera Abramson is a teacher of the Feldenkrais Method® of Somatic Education, a mind-body awareness practice that accesses the brain's neuroplasticity to reduce pain and improve movement and learning. She joined The Jewish Center upon moving to Princeton in 1993 with her husband, Bernard, and children, Louis and Galia.*

*Email [info@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:info@thejewishcenter.org) to RSVP. Code: Space*



## GROWING VEGETABLES AND HERBS IN CONTAINERS MAY 3 AT 7:30

Learn to grow a wide variety of vegetables and herbs in containers on your steps, your back porch, or any sunny spot around your home. This program will include information on how to choose the right container for the right crop, start seeds, and provide the best light and soil conditions for your growing plants. The basics of container gardening can be applied at any scale, making this the perfect gardening technique for beginners and those with limited outdoor space.

Margaret Pickoff is County Horticulturist for Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County, where she delivers educational programming on home horticulture and coordinates the Rutgers Master Gardener and Rutgers Environmental Stewards programs. She holds a Master of Science degree in Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences from the University of Maine, specializing in organic crop production and soil fertility. She developed her interest in plants and land stewardship while working on small farms and in community gardens in New Jersey, Maine, and Washington State. Margaret loves growing vegetables, flowers, and herbs in her community garden plot.

RSVP: [info@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:info@thejewishcenter.org) Code: HERBS



# CHAVURAT CHESED



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

We are inviting you to join us in this rewarding effort.

Please contact Martha Freedman or Leah Neufeld at [chavuratchesed@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:chavuratchesed@thejewishcenter.org) to be added to our Chavurat Chesed list of volunteers.



## Mazel Tov...On Your Great News!

To Jane Silverman on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Samuel Robinson

To Our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, who just published a new book, *Hayyim Nahman Bialik - Life & Work*.

Go to Amazon or the publisher's site and order your copy today!

To Joan Goldstein who celebrated her birthday on February 15

To Susan Hefler on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Jackson

To Barbara and David Reiff on the birth of their grandson, Archie Barnet Ruttenberg

To Barry and Terri Rossman on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Girouard

To Carol and Bob Schwartz on the birth of their grandson, Eli Meyer Schwartz

To Rick Rosenberg who celebrated his birthday on February 26

To Louise and Spencer Forman on the birth of their grandson, Casey Jake Forman

To Jack Feigenbaum who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 5

To Roslyn and David Vanderbilt on the marriage of Karen Vanderbilt to Marc Shapiro

To Gil Gordon on his special birthday

To Marc Shegoski and Heidi Glickstein-Shegoski on the 1st birthday of their granddaughter, Lilah Noa Warren

To Talia Feldman for being awarded the Jewish Community Youth Foundation (JCYF) 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award.

JCYF is a project of Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County and is funded by the Ricky and Andrew J. Shechtel Philanthropic Fund and the Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks.

To our TJC members being honored at JFCS Cheers to the Volunteers: Fran Amir, Steve Barnett, Stacey Bialow, Charlene Borsack, Ben Goodfriend, Hallie Goodfriend, Harriet Kass, Carli Masia, Wendy Richmond, Adam Rothstein, Jill Rothstein, Michal Scheer, Lisa Smukler, Michele Spektor, & Audrey Wisotsky

# Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

May 16, 2021

8:00-10:00 p.m.

## It's Been a Year....

of many challenges, and also some joys. Encompassing both are our continuing efforts to extract from Torah stories wisdom that impacts us meaningfully, enriches our lives and guides us in navigating the ethical, moral and spiritual challenges of today. Join us for a virtual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot to engage in Torah learning with rabbis, scholars, and congregants.

Right now, just save the date. Future e-mails will explain how this virtual evening will be conducted, how to sign up, and what the program will be. Look for our e-mails and make sure to sign up early to reserve your spot!

*Tikkun Committee: Michele Alperin, Suzanne Esterman, Michael Goldin, Arnold Landy, Linda Milstein, Avi Paradise, Mik Rosenthal, Shoshana Silberman*

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**Ezra Oberfeld and Amanda Agan and their children, Gus (5) and Ramona (3)**

**Yaacob Dweck and Juiliana Ochs Dweck and their children, Harry (12) and Emma (12)**

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