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**Rabbi Andrea Merow**  
Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 am

**GALA CELEBRATION**  
Sunday, September 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm

See page 22 for details.



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### MARCH/APRIL 2022 ZOOM LINKS

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

#### Erev Shabbat Services – 6:30 PM

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88948378541>

Meeting ID: 889 4837 8541

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

#### Shabbat Morning Services – 9:30 AM

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87096925962>

Meeting ID: 870 9692 5962

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

#### Sunday Morning Minyan – 9:00 AM

April 3, 10, 17, 24

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834974325>

Meeting ID: 818 3497 4325

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

#### Wednesday Morning Minyan – 7:00 AM

Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84588946125>

Meeting ID: 845 8894 6125

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

#### Live Stream our services:

[www.thejewishcenter.org](http://www.thejewishcenter.org).

Click on the button (shown right).

If we are live, just click the play button.

Cameras go live 10-15 minutes before services begin.

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





# Happy Passover

## TJC PASSOVER 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE AND LINKS

### **Thursday – 4/14**

Search for Chametz (Bedikat Chametz)

### **Friday Morning – 4/15 - 9:00 AM -**

#### **Siyyum for the First Born**

**B.Y.O. Chametz- Sell your Chametz  
Bonfire of Chametz with Marshmallows  
and Passover Songs**

Appoint Rabbi Merow to be your agent to sell your Chametz. See page 32 for the form.

### **Friday Evening – 4/15**

Passover 1st Night Seder

No Friday Night Services

### **Saturday Morning – 4/16**

Shabbat Morning Service – 9:30 AM

1st Day of Passover

Passover 2nd Night Seder - Evening

### **Sunday Morning – 4/17**

Morning Service- 9:30 AM

2nd Day of Passover

### **Wednesday Morning – 4/20**

Minyan 7:00 AM

### **Friday Morning – 4/22**

Morning Service – 9:30 AM

7th Day of Passover - Festive Friday night dinner at TJC after services (by reservation)

### **Saturday Morning – 4/23**

Morning Service - 9:30 AM

8th Day of Passover

Yizkor Memorial Services will begin around 10:00 AM.

*All Zoom links will be sent via email prior to Passover.*

*Prayer Book Pages, Yizkor Service and Book of Remembrance can be found on our website at:  
<https://thejewishcenter.org/about-tjc/services-siddurs/>*



# MESSAGE from the Rabbi

Rabbi Andrea Merow  
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Dear Friends,

Each year on Passover we ask, “Why is this night Different?” in order to begin a conversation about slavery, freedom, Jewish history and who we are as Jews today. Good Passover Seders are about being with loved ones, good food, singing, discussion, and an appreciation for the freedom to do mitzvot and practice Judaism. This year, like the last two years we ask, “Why is this year Different?” Hopefully this year many will feel safe enough to celebrate Passover Seder with family or friends in person, with at least a few others. This year, like the last two, we can still connect with loved ones by Zoom as well. Change often makes us reflect on who we are and what we value.

I love when Passover finally begins and we have family or friends with us at a Seder. It is also one of our holidays that takes so much preparation. We plan seders or we score a good invitation, we clean our kitchens, we make our kitchens kosher for Passover. We shop – and then we shop some more. And then when we realize that we forgot an ingredient we find ourselves back at the store. We recognize that this holiday takes a great deal of planning and work. We can appreciate the preparation because it signals to us how important it is for us to stop and consider our identity, our freedoms, and our traditions.

The Passover story is foundational to who we are as a People. The experience of being slaves, to then of being redeemed and becoming a free people dedicated to the service of God and humanity is the Passover narrative. This is who we are. We know how horrible it is to be enslaved, so it is our sacred mission each year to relive slavery so that we can have empathy for those who are enslaved. The story also reminds us that we are all on a journey away from slavery and towards freedom -and that it is our responsibility to work to leave the “Egypt’s” literally, the narrow places of our lives, and to help others to do the same.

Important Passover Information:

1. Please see on page 32 for the form to invite me to be your agent to sell your chametz for the duration of Passover to a non-Jewish owner. In addition, please join me for a new TJC tradition

on the morning before Seder. Join me on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am-9:45 am for a brief Siyum – so that the first-born children do not have to fast. Also, see our chametz sold, to burn your chametz, to sing Passover songs, and to roast marshmallows over our bonfire. It is a fun way to start Passover. This year we are honored to have Mayor Mark Freda come to buy our chametz! RSVP can be found on ShulCloud. You bring some leftover chametz to burn; we will bring the everything else! Please know that I will be selling your chametz by 9:30 am on Friday. If you sell through me, please know that I will buy back the chametz on Saturday night, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, by 8:40 pm.

2. In a separate email we will send a full guide to ritually observing Passover.
3. Join us for festive Passover services on Saturday April 16, Sunday April 17, Friday April 22, Saturday April 23 at 9:30 am. The Yizkor Memorial prayers are recited on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. If you are able to host people at your Seder this year, or if you would like to be hosted, please at email Roni at [vgarrison@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:vgarrison@thejewishcenter.org) by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please let Roni know the level of kashrut you practice/need and if you would like your guest to COVID test first.
5. Shabbat Dinner Together! Save the date for a communal Shabbat Dinner on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I hope that on this beautiful spring holiday we each have time with family and friends, some good food and some lively discussions at our Seder. I hope that the story of Passover renews our commitment to our People, and our commitment helping all who are enslaved.

This year, unlike the last two years, I hope and pray that you will have the opportunity to be with people that you love and to celebrate.

*Hag Sahmeah v'kasher* – A Happy and Kosher Holiday-

**Rabbi Andrea Merow**



## MESSAGE from the Cantor

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Dear TJC friends,

As I write this, in mid-March, Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine rages on. I pray, as we all do, that by the time you are reading this, sanity will have been restored. But the damage already wrought can never be undone. What makes it all the more evil is that Putin, like many Hamans before him, is preying on the weak and helpless, very much like Amalek, whom we read about in last week's Shabbat Zachor Torah reading. But, fortunately, rather than hide in fear and distress, so many extraordinary heroes are emerging from the ranks of everyday people. I would like to share with you the story of a group of heroes; young people who are helping in a tangible way.

Since the early 1990s, as you may already know, Deborah and I have had the good fortune to travel to Poland, nearly every year, to perform and teach at the Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow. The head of the festival, Janusz Makuch, is an exceptional visionary who has helped bring Jewish life and culture back to the streets of Krakow. We met Janusz' two children when they were merely toddlers. But now, as thoughtful and courageous young adults, they, like many others in Poland, have put everything aside to help the people of Ukraine. Janusz' son and daughter-in-law, along with a team of young volunteers, have been collecting needed goods for the people of Ukraine; diapers, boots, medical supplies... But not only have they been collecting these much-needed items, they are loading up vans and driving the goods across the border into Ukraine, to the western city of Lviv. The photos they've been posting on Facebook are heartening, but frightening. So far, they've managed to stay out of harm's way.

Meanwhile, I have been in constant contact with a dear Jewish friend in Kharkiv, who, because of her aged and ill parents, was not able to leave Kharkiv. But as the fighting and destruction intensified, it became clear that an exit strategy must be found.

We met our friend at the festival in Krakow. She is a brilliant linguist and musician, and a Jewish activist for an independent Ukraine. When our Polish friends heard about our friend in Kharkiv, they leapt into action, and through special connections were able to secure places on a train for our friend, her mother, disabled father and cat. Because of intense shelling in their Kharkiv neighborhood, their departure was delayed several times. But, at last, Ukrainian police arrived on their doorstep and transported them to the train. The train trip, itself, was long and circuitous; often re-routed to avoid the fighting. But B"H, the

family has arrived safely in Lviv. They'll soon be going to Warsaw and then on to settle indefinitely in Germany.

This is just one story, but it illustrates so beautifully the incredible ways so many of us are tied to this part of the world, and how hard people are trying to help, in any way they can. Right now, friends in Berlin and Hamburg, among other places, are working tirelessly. Many of them came from Ukraine in years past, and many still have family there. They are meeting bewildered families at train stations, translating for those who speak neither German nor English, setting up housing, and procuring basic supplies.

It is so easy to feel helpless in these times. But as our European friends have shown, it is incumbent upon us to help in any way we can. And there are many ways to help. Although we are physically far away here in Princeton, please do not minimize the value of monetary donations, no matter how small. There are many excellent organizations who are mobilized to funnel aid directly to the people who need it most. One such Jewish organization is the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, or HIAS, which can be found at [www.hias.org](http://www.hias.org)

As we lead up to Passover, we can't help but be excited that for the first time in several years, many of us will be able to celebrate the holiday in person, with family and friends. Yet, as every year, we are instructed in the Haggadah to tell the story of Passover as if we, ourselves, had come out of *Mitzrayim: B'chol dor va-dor cha-yav a-dam lir-ot et atz-mo k'i-lu hu ya-tza mi-mitz-ra-yim.*

This central tenet has far reaching effects on our lives as Jews. Every year we are reminded anew that we must never be complacent about the world's suffering. All people must be supported and led out of slavery and suffering as Moshe led us out of Mitzrayim.

Deborah and I wish you a sweet and meaningful Pesach.

May the One on high grant peace to us, to all Israel, and to all who dwell on earth, amen. *Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya-aseh shalom, aleinu, v'al kol Yisrael, v'al kol yoshvei teivel, v'imru, amen.*

*Chag sameach,*

**Cantor Jeff**



# MESSAGE from the President

Alexandra Bar-Cohen  
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“April is the cruelest month” according to T.S. Elliot’s poem “The Wasteland” because as spring coaxed new growth from the ground, post WWII Europe was a rotting, decaying mess. In stark contrast, spring at The Jewish Center is far from ironic or cruel; signs of life are everywhere as we emerge from our chrysalis period of the pandemic. The daffodils are blooming in the Memorial Garden along our front wall. Our school numbers are growing. Congregants are coming back in person. The campus overflowed during our Purim celebration - from the ShtikTok Megillah reading, to DJ James’ bubbleful dance party to Rabbi’s rockin’ After Party at the Ivy, to our *achla* (great) outdoor Carnival. What struck me the most was the number of children present AND the large number of adults who came in costume this year because let’s face it, adults in costume is a solid metric for a successful Purim! Check out the photos and videos on our Kehilat Community Connection Facebook group. *Kol ha Kavod*, TJC. You are really making #bringbackfun into a *mitzvah*. But in April I’d highlight another important *mitzvah* that we work on all year long.

In April we celebrate Earth Day. To me, sustainability is not about politics. Stewarding the earth is a basic Jewish value. After all, it’s part of our origin story:

וַיִּקַּח יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם וַיִּנְחָלֵהוּ בְּגַן־עֵדֶן לְעִבְדָּהּ וּלְשָׁמְרָהּ׃

God settled the Human in the garden of Eden, to till it and tend it.  
(Genesis 2:15)

How are we ‘tending and tilling the earth’ at TJC, and how can you be a part of it?

1. **Reduce our food waste:** not only are we keeping Sulam meals low-waste by feeding the scraps to the backyard chicken flocks of various TJC families, but we are now participating in Share my Meals, a local non-profit that fights both food insecurity and the environmental impact of food waste by recovering food from our events and packing them into fresh, healthy meals that are delivered directly to the food insecure in our community. Thanks to Leila Cayton Hodges for bringing this program to TJC as her Chesed Project <https://sharemy meals.org/meal-donations/> Learn more by contacting [gabrielle.cayton@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielle.cayton@gmail.com)

2. **Think GREEN with The Jewish Center Green Task Force** as we help TJC be a model of sustainability! Contact: Chair Jenny Ludmer [jennyludmer@gmail.com](mailto:jennyludmer@gmail.com)

3. **Volunteer in the Exploratory Trail:** increase fauna by building habitats like birdhouses, grow knowledge by identifying and labeling the flora, enhance the trails by planting bushes, plants and trees or help plan interactive exhibits for the trail “mile” markers. Contact Judy Kutin [mrskutin@gmail.com](mailto:mrskutin@gmail.com) or Gerald Seid [gpseid@gmail.com](mailto:gpseid@gmail.com) to learn more about the trail, Heidi Joseph [heidi78m@yahoo.com](mailto:heidi78m@yahoo.com) to join the exhibition planners, and Save the Date for the Trail Ribbon Cutting on May 15!

4. **Join the Greening TJC Facebook group** to keep in the know about our efforts - Share, Like and Comment to help spread the word. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/802506917023148>

5. **Learn from our recent Sustainability Adult Ed talks** on TJC’s youtube channel: Climate Impacts Near and Far with Jenny Ludmer of Sustainable Princeton and Ben Strauss of Climate Central and Dayenu: Confronting the Climate Crisis & Cultivating Spiritual Courage

6. **Support Solar at TJC:** contact House Chair Martin Ettenberg [martin.ettenberg@princetonirtech.com](mailto:martin.ettenberg@princetonirtech.com)

There is more in the works as we work with our landscapers on eco-friendly practices and explore the benefits of transitioning from disposables to reusables in our kitchen.

Being Sustainable (stewarding the earth) is part of being sustainable (vibrant and thriving) as a *kehilah*. Thank you to all TJC staff, clergy, lay leaders and congregants who are working to ensure TJC is both.

Happy Earth Day and *Chag Pesach Sameach!*

**Alexandra Bar-Cohen**



# MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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## A HAPPY Purim

We are still all smiles coming off an amazing Purim celebration this year. We had no idea what to expect and the turnout was mind blowing. How many pizzas should we order? Is it worth getting a DJ for the dance party? Will anyone join Rabbi Merow at The Ivy? Would anyone be crazy enough to make ShtikToks?

Well, you were all amazing. The turnout surpassed anything we ever expected. Who's counting—but over 200 people were here to hear the Megillah reading. People wore all sorts of costumes. People even dressed up as Zoom screens! Alexandra challenged us to guess her idiom.

And the ShtikToks? Over 25 submissions!!! We had no idea how this would go. Would we get one or two? Do people really film themselves doing song parodies? And the creativity was off the charts. Please check out our TikTok channel anytime to watch them over and over. There might even be an Elvis sighting.

And what about the costumes? It felt like people were planning for two years to get dressed up and party. So many variations. So much fun. So much energy. Parades and prizes. It was amazing to see all those people in the sanctuary for the Megillah reading.

And what about that Megillah Reading? Thank you our wonderful volunteers who above all the noise, read beautifully and creatively. It felt like the STOP sign took

a beating as well. Groggers and noise makers and all that beautiful chaos. Special thanks to Shira Kutin for advancing over 200 power point slides throughout it all.

And, of course, the “thank yous.” To Rabbi Merow for leading us into and through Purim. For your staff costume designs, your energy and enthusiasm and your round of drinks at the Ivy! To Judi and Bernie Fleitman who put together the ShtikToks and lead the evening festivities. To Karen Rubin, Debra Bass and Suzanne Esterman who stepped up to help organize and plan our first Purim Dance Party. From the DJ to the food to the decorations, everything was a hit. To Denise Cheskis who takes on our Mishloach Manot project and makes it truly successful. To all the volunteers who came and stuffed bags and stayed late to hand them out.

And a special thanks to our staff. We planned that night at many staff meetings. You made the costumes, brought your energy, stayed late and made sure everyone had a great time. Thank you for giving your energy to TJC and to help making it a great place to work.

Mark your calendars for March 6, 2023. Let's see who else can help out and see if we can top ourselves. I am certainly up to the challenge.

Joel





# MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

Sharon Diamondstein  
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Tw'as the night before Pesach and all through the house  
But one creature was stirring -it wasn't a mouse.  
The cupboards are emptied, dishes removed with care  
And the knowledge that Pesach soon would be there.  
The oven? Self-cleaning (Thank goodness, we said)  
And the children pretend to be sleeping in bed.  
The counters and range get scrubbed carefully  
And the floor gets mopped and is shiny as can be!  
Not a crumb of bread or pasta to be found  
And the cookies we love are no longer around.  
The 15th of Nissan (the Hebrew month) is near  
And we'll retell the story we all hold so dear.  
We start with the question of Ma Nishtana  
(Which is one question not four - who knew? Ha!)  
We hear how the rabbis stayed up all night  
To debate how we left Egypt - it must've been a sight!  
We remember our slavery and pass on the story  
To next generations who marvel at the glory.  
We empty our cups as we recall the Ten Plagues  
That by today's standards may have been brought to the Hague  
And acknowledge G'd's greatness as we sing Dayeinu  
Because even enough just sometimes won't do.  
We eat things that generally don't go together -  
Bitter and sweet remind us that life can be better  
We eat the Matzah and note the Seder plate  
And soon we will eat all the food - we can't wait!  
Hallel praises the Holy One who brought us to freedom  
They tried to kill us, but with Divine help, we beat 'em!  
This year we are reminded that freedom isn't free  
As we say, "Next year in Jerusalem," we hope to be  
We remember that many cannot partake in this feast  
We will add in an extra prayer for world peace.  
From my family to yours, we hope you experience  
A meaningful Passover that's not too serious!

**Sharon**

**For Kids K and below!  
Bring your friends! All are welcome!  
IN PERSON!**

## Shabbat Katan

This spirited service is designed for preschool-aged children and their families. Led by music teacher Susan Sacks and parents, this interactive Shabbat experience includes stories, prayers, songs, and a brief Torah reading. Ages: K and below.

Open to the community!

April 9  
11:00 am



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**Torah  
and Tea**



**APRIL  
8, 15, 29  
9:30 am**

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

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# Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



**Jascha Margolis**  
**April 2, 2022**

Hello everyone! I am a seventh grader going to school at Grover Middle School in West Windsor where I enjoy participating in all of my classes, like my German language and Design and Engineering class. I am a voracious reader and writer. I have read the Harry Potter series 8 times over! A book I am reading currently is Foundation by Isaac Asimov, a book recommended to me by my Grandpa Steve.

I also love being outside. Hiking, bike riding, camping, you name it! I participated in my school cross-country team in the fall and just tried out for the spring track and field team. I enjoy religious school because I am a very social person and enjoy making friends as well as learning about Judaism. It was difficult when the peak of the pandemic struck, but I managed to hang out with my friends on FaceTime and play online games together.

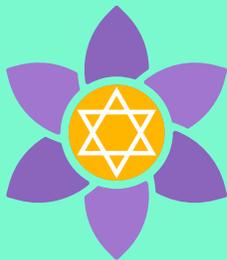
I have studied very hard for my bar mitzvah. But it wouldn't be possible without all of you. So, thank you. Thank you to my tutor, Ronit, who helped me with my torah and haftarah portions. Thank you to Cantor Jeff, Rabbi Merow, and Sharon Diamondstein. You all helped me complete this, and I give you my sincere thanks.



**Nicole Schwarcz**  
**April 30, 2022**

Nicole Schwarcz was born in NJ along with her twin older brothers, Timothy and Liam. Nicole spent the first few years of her life following her brothers around and learning all their sports secrets which she uses to excel in her many activities – soccer, flag football, skiing and softball. When she isn't in motion, she spends much of her time on art projects (from painting to crocheting), cooking, baking or photographing our new pup. Nicole is a kind and loving daughter and sister, helpful and perceptive about the world around her, she is a joy to know.

Her mother, brothers, loved ones and friends are looking forward to sharing her simcha.



## Meditation Mincha

**Saturday, April 2 & 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

# MEMBERSHIP



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

Email your news to us: [mazaltov@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:mazaltov@thejewishcenter.org)

To Dr. Joan Goldstein, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 15th. Born during a winter storm during The Great Depression, she was the first generation of her immigrant family to attend high school, and later university.

To Shai Noiman and Edna Bryn-Noiman, who are ecstatic and grateful to announce that their second grandchild and first granddaughter, Gal, was born healthy and strong at 6:41 PM on Erev Shabat of the 4th of February, 2022 in Rockville, MD. In Hebrew the word “Gal” means wave. Ima Adi, Aba Saul, Brother Ben, Doda Liron, Saba Shai and Safta Edna have been swept away by waves of happiness and love!

To Kenneth and Carol Turkewitz, who are overjoyed to announce the birth of Ezra Robin Bello-Turkewitz to Sarah Bello and Avi Turkewitz on 23 February 2022. Ezra is the first grandchild for all six grandparents.

To Honey Rosenberg<sup>z”l</sup> on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Marley Emma Rosenberg, born on Friday, February 25 and to Marley’s parents Jeremy and Elizabeth Rosenberg. Marley Emma is Honey’s fifth great-grandchild; 3 boys and 2 girls.

To Leah Namenson-Neufeld and Shawn Neufeld, who are excited to announce the wedding of Leah’s dear brother Chanoch to his wonderful fiance

Shoshana, which is taking place on the Seventh of Adar II (March 10). Chanoch Namenson is marrying Shoshana Agren in Baka, Yerushalyim. Their family is excited to be flying to Israel to take part in this joyous event.

To Marissa and Jesse Treu, who were thrilled to celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Eloise, daughter of Rabbi Abigail Treu and Pavel Vaynshtok, at Oheb Shalom Congregation, South Orange, NJ on February 12.

To Barbara Litt, who was so happy to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Asher Litt, son of Kathy and David Litt, at Old York Road Temple Beth Am, Abington, PA, on February 5.

To Paul Cheifetz, the successful recipient of a kidney transplant, and Julie Cheifetz, his sister, who was the kidney donor. Both are doing extremely well 10 days after surgery. Paul and Julie are the children of Linda and Ira Cheifetz.

To Linda and Ira Cheifetz on the speedy recovery of Paul and Julie.

To Michael Goldin and Bible BaBoker with thanks for your adult education programs.

To Bob Freedman for his help and support to the Schonfeld Family.

To Peter Smith and Louise Sandburg for their untiring work.

To Dr. Paul and Bernice Neihauser and Staff's kindness and generosity in helping one of our new Afghan neighbors.

To Shelley Gail Weis Lightman, whose daughter Sarah has moved to Nashville in order to further pursue her musical career.

To Meredith Sherman, who became a partner at Greenbaum Rowe in Woodbridge.

To Jackson Janes, grandson of Mimi and Michael Landau, who co-authored the crossword puzzle published in The New York Times on Tuesday, February 8.

To Sam Daley-Harris, who had his op-ed titled "Suffering from climate anxiety?...Connecting with

others who care and are taking action is a hopeful antidote" published February 11 in *The Invading Sea* an online collaboration of 25 Florida daily newspapers concerned about climate change.  
To Bryce Johnson for qualifying for the 2022 National Ninja League World Championships!

*The Jewish Center is the place to be in Princeton and Mercer County!  
Tell your friends and let's grow our synagogue together.*

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**April**

# TJC YOUTH PROGRAMMING

<b>NITZANIM 7<sup>AD</sup> &amp; 4<sup>TH</sup></b> SUN, 4/3, 12-2 TYE DYING & PIZZA PARTY!	<b>KADIMA 5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup></b> SUN, 4/24, 12-3 BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY	<b>TJC TEENS 8<sup>TH</sup> &amp; UP</b> WED, 4/6, 6-8 COOPERATIVE TEAM-BUILDING GAME BASED ON THE BOARD GAME "PANDEMIC" & PIZZA PARTY!
<b>HOMEWORK &amp; HANG 5<sup>TH</sup> &amp; UP!</b> THURS, 4/7 & 4/28, 4-6:30		

RSVP's for events are required. You can RSVP by emailing Ethan Weg at [eweg@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:eweg@thejewishcenter.org)  
Look out for TJC Youth emails for more info!

# Synagogue Spotlight



Just five years after Israel's founding, Ruth Schulman found her way to a yearlong kibbutz work-study program. The impetus was a brochure that crossed her desk as a Hebrew school secretary in her

hometown of Albany, inviting people to "travel, study, and work on a kibbutz in Israel."

Her mother overcame her reluctance to let Ruth go when she recalled that her own father had bought land in Palestine after World War I but was never able to visit. She told Ruth: "You will be fulfilling your grandfather's dream."

"For 2,000 years Jews had prayed to go back to Jerusalem, and it happened in my lifetime!" Ruth said. "Therefore, I



was responsible somehow for keeping Israel alive and making it a Jewish state. I fell in love with Israel and the kibbutz, and it changed my life."

In 1956 Ruth married Mel Schulman, an engineer. They were different but well matched: she, a quiet, serious reader who learned from books; he, a funny dyslexic guy who learned from people. When Ruth took a vocational interest test, and her highest score was lawyer, and lowest housewife, Mel said: "I already have a mother; I don't need another one."

Mel, who came from a garment worker's family, also brought Yiddishkeit, unionism, and active tzedakah into Ruth's life.

Moving to Franklin Township, the Schulmans lived in a racially integrated co-op and successfully brought suit against the board of education to desegregate two public schools, one black and one white, that were a mile apart. When the Schulmans were about to buy a house in Princeton in 1964, Ruth demanded that the lawyer take out the clause about agreeing "not to sell to a member of the Negro race" before she would sign.

At the Jewish Center religious school where she taught for nine years, Ruth took over midyear a 7th grade class that had already forced out two teachers. "I knew I had to make it real for them," she said. As she planned with her students

to collect signatures at Palmer Square for a petition to the Soviet Union to let Jews emigrate to Israel, she told them, "People will ask you questions, and you will have to be able to answer them." And then she taught them what they needed to know.



When Ruth and Mel's daughter, Amy Adina, just shy of 20, died of a brain aneurysm, they were devastated, but their responses reflected their values.

During shiva Ruth realized that the straight rows of chairs in their living room during the twice daily shiva minyans "did not do it for me." She recalled seeing a circle of women ululating during a visit to Amy in Israel, and that vision grew into a Rosh Chodesh women's group now 36 years old. A month after the tragedy Ruth, Mel, and their sons, Dan and Joel, traveled together to Israel: "When Amy Adina died, it felt like our family was about to vaporize, and we were desperate to reconstitute new memories that would bind us together." A year later the family created the Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Fund, which funds young people to do social action work and offers a yearly lecture at The Jewish Center.

In March 1973 Ruth became the first woman at TJC to be called for a Torah aliyah, with Mel, for their son Joel's bar mitzvah; this move to egalitarianism grew from the efforts of Rabbi Hershel Matt, who came to TJC in 1970.



In 1974, when Rutgers opened a new graduate school of professional psychology, Ruth was hired as executive administrator, retiring 25 years later as associate dean. She joined a doctoral program in 1984, inspired by the admission of the first women to the Jewish Theological Seminary. Wanting to "study those women" and "know who they are," Ruth made them her dissertation topic. Today her granddaughter,

Molly, is a student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

In 1996 the Schulmans renewed their wedding vows in Israel, and their last Israel trip together was in 2004, after Mel's cancer diagnosis, to give him a chance to say goodbye to friends and help some clients.



Ruth's activities match her values: she worked against atomic bomb testing; served on TJC's board, executive committee, and rabbi evaluation committee; is a member of the library minyan and attendee at the National Havurah Institute; and was Princeton Hadassah president.

Ruth loves the Jewish Center community that was there for her when Amy and then Mel died: "When tragedy comes, it is here in this community that I find the stability and steadiness to counteract my initial sense of meaninglessness. I realize I am blessed to be in this community."

*Synagogue Spotlight is a joint project by TJC members and journalists Lisa Jacknow and Michele Alperin. Each month they will take turns writing about fellow congregants to help us learn more about one another. This article was written by Michele, who lives in Princeton with her husband, Steven Sheriff and has written for NJ Jewish News, US1, and Community News Service. Her son, Jacob, and his wife, Bina, live in Rockville, MD, with their children, Nava, Hannah, and Noam. Her daughter, Aliza, lives in the Manayunk neighborhood of Philadelphia.*



## TJC Keepsake Cookbook

Throughout the pandemic we've discovered the many amazing cooks we have in our TJC community. We enjoyed the cooking demonstrations that allowed us to get to know more about each other and hope that we can build on that by sharing some of our favorite recipes that sustained and nourished us. What better way to continue to learn more about each other than to share recipes that have special meaning for us?

To that end, we plan to compile a TJC keepsake cookbook and would love your contributions.

We invite you to think about recipes that have special meaning for you, and that you would like to share with our community.

Look for more details to follow very soon!

Warmly,

**Deborah Marinsky, Judy Margolin and Ellen Gordon**



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# Spa for the Soul

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RABBI MEROW

TUESDAY, APRIL 19  
7:30PM  
VIA ZOOM



JOIN US FOR A  
**LIFE & LEGACY Lunch**  
with Rabbi Andrea Merow  
*Sunday, April 3rd*

**12:30 pm**

The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau St., Princeton, N.J.

We hope you will come and share stories of The Jewish Center with our new Rabbi and reconnect with friends.

*Please RSVP to Evy Grossman, [evgrossman@gmail.com](mailto:evgrossman@gmail.com),  
609-577-1374*



The Jewish Center Princeton  
invites you to join us at the

Rabbi Adam Feldman<sup>z"l</sup>



*Tree of Life*

*Celebration*

**Thursday, May 19**

**Lag B'omer**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

**Farmview Fields | 551 Great Rd, Princeton, New Jersey**

**Games, food, tree dedication, art projects and fun for  
ALL ages!**

**RSVP by May 13, 2022**

*Bring lawn chairs and blankets*

*Art and crafts*

*Picnic style dinner*

*Krav Maga demo*

*Soccer*

*Wiffle ball*



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Jesse and Marissa Treu on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Eloise  
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# APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<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>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School - Pesach Palooza 12:00 PM Nitzanim Tye Dying &amp; Pizza Party 12:30 PM Life and Legacy 7:00 PM EC Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>12:15 PM Talmud Stud 6:00 PM TJC Teens T 7:30 PM Merow, Mer</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>12:00 PM Great Minds 12:15 PM Talmud Stud</p>
<p>Pesach Day 2 1st Day Omer</p> <p>8:29 PM Havdalah</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 2nd Day Omer</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 3rd Day Omer</p> <p>7:30 PM Spa for the Soul 7:30 PM Book Club</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 4th Day Omer</p> <p>12:15 PM Talmud Stud 8:00 PM House Meeti</p>
<p>8th Day Omer</p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM TJC Hike - Herrontown Woods with Ed Simon 12:00 PM Kadima Bowling &amp; Pizza Party</p> <p>24</p>	<p>9th Day Omer</p> <p>25</p>	<p>10th Day Omer</p> <p>26</p>	<p>11th Day Omer</p> <p>12:15 PM Talmud Stud 6:00 PM Yom HaShoa</p>

# ADAR II - NISSAN 5782

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:05 PM Candle Lighting	Rosh Chodesh Nisan Parshat Hachodesh  8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Jascha Margolis 4:00 PM Meditation Mincha 8:14 PM Havdalah
6	7	8	9
Family Group Team Building Games Lot and Matzah	4:00 PM Youth Homework & Hang 7:00 PM Board Meeting	6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM Zamru Shabbat 7:12 PM Candle Lighting	Metzora Shabbat HaGadol  8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 10:00 AM Havurah Minyan 11:00 AM Shabbat Katan 8:21 PM Havdalah
13	14	15	16
Salon Family Group	Search for Chametz	1st Passover Seder Erev Pesach Taanit Bechorot  9:00 AM Burn Chametz 7:19 PM Candle Lighting	2nd Passover Seder Pesach Day 1  8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 4:00 PM Meditation Mincha 8:20 PM Candle Lighting
20	21	22	23
Family Group Dining	Chol Hamoed Pesach 5th Day Omer  9:30 AM Nosh and Drosh 7:25 PM Candle Lighting	Pesach Day 7 6th Day Omer Earth Day  9:30 AM Passover Services 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:26 PM Candle Lighting	Pesach Day 8 Yizkor 7th Day Omer  8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:30 AM Passover Services 10:00 AM Havurah Minyan 8:36 PM Havdalah
27	28	29	30
Family Group Shabbat Program	Yom HaShoah 12th Day Omer  7:30 PM Finance Meeting	13th Day Omer  9:30 AM Morning Services 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:34 PM Candle Lighting	Achrei Mot Shabbat Mevarchim 14th Day Omer  8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Schwarcz 8:43 PM Havdalah

The Adult Education Committee Presents:

**DR. DEBORAH MILLER**

FORMER ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE  
MELTON RESEARCH CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

**IMAGES OF HAGAR**

**Tuesday, April 5**

**8:00 p.m.**

**via Zoom**

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FREE for TJC members  
and students  
\$10 for non-members

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RSVP at  
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by Monday, April 4



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# Pesach Palooza!

**AN INTERACTIVE PASSOVER LEARNING EXPERIENCE**



**APRIL 3**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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**EXPERIENCE PASSOVER IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!**  
**ALL FAMILIES WELCOME**

**THANK YOU TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY MEMBERS FOR  
ASSISTING WITH THE EVENT**

# The Installation of Rabbi Andrea Merow

## Sunday, May 1, 2022

### 11:00a.m.

#### A New Chapter at The Jewish Center

#### SPONSORSHIPS

##### **Weekend Underwriter \$25,000+**

- Name or company logo on all weekend event materials
- 12 tickets to gala event at reserved table
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- Inside Cover Full-Page message/ad (text, photo and/or logo) in Family Album and recognition as Weekend Underwriter with premier placement
- Premier signage recognition at all events
- Special recognition in digital, social, and traditional media
- One Year half-page message/ad (text, photo and/or logo) in Synagogue Newsletter
- Invitation for 12 to the VIP pre-party reception
- Reserved parking spot at TJC for the year 2022-2023
- Private Dinner with Rabbi Merow at Eno Terra

##### **Presenting Sponsors: \$18,000+**

- Name or company logo on gala invitation
- 10 tickets to gala event at reserved table
- Gold Full-Page message/ad (text, photo and/or logo) in Family Album and recognition as Presenting Sponsor with premier placement
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- Special recognition in digital, social, and traditional media
- Invitation for 10 to the VIP pre-party reception
- Reserved parking spot at TJC for the year 2022-2023
- Private brunch for 4 at Peacock Inn with Rabbi Merow

##### **Benefactors: \$10,000+**

- 8 tickets to Gala event at reserved table
- Silver Full-Page message/ad (text, photo and/or logo) in Family Album and recognition as Benefactor Sponsor with premier placement
- Premier signage recognition at event
- Special recognition in digital, social, and traditional media
- Invitation for 8 to the VIP pre-party reception
- Reserved parking spot at TJC for 2022 High Holidays

##### **Innovators: \$5,000+**

- 6 tickets to Gala event
- Bronze Full-Page message/ad (text, photo and/or logo) in Family Album and recognition as Innovator Sponsor
- Signage recognition at event
- Special recognition in digital, social, and traditional media
- Invitation for 6 to the VIP pre-party reception

##### **Patrons: \$2,500+**

- 4 tickets to Gala event
- Full-Page message/ad (text, photo and/or logo) in Family Album and recognition as Patron Sponsor
- Signage recognition at event
- Invitation for 4 to the VIP pre-party reception

##### **Friends: \$1,800+**

- 2 tickets to Gala event
- Half-page message/ad (text, photo and/or logo) in Family Album and recognition as Friend Sponsor
- Signage recognition at event
- Invitation for 2 to the VIP pre-party reception

##### **Supporter: \$1,000+**

- 2 tickets to Gala event
- Listing (name only) in Family Album
- Invitation for 2 to the VIP pre-party reception

Additional information on the Family Album including image and text requirements will be online at [www.thejewishcenter.org/installation](http://www.thejewishcenter.org/installation)

**A New Chapter at The Jewish Center  
RSVP**

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Dear Friends,

Last we were in touch we were preparing for the Pam Schuller “A Fun Night of Comedy & Stories.” Pam wowed us with her positive way of turning obstacles and challenges into the fuel that propels her. She emphasized being comfortable with our own individuality and not being concerned with what others think. She also advised us not to be afraid to approach a person with a disability because that person wants the same thing everyone else wants, to belong and to feel wanted. Many of you told us how much you enjoyed the show, and several families shared personal stories of disability, and expressed appreciation for the commitment our synagogue, including Jewish Center Women has made this year, and especially during February’s Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month.

a fun program celebrating Rabbi Merow’s upcoming installation with The Word Mavens, two ladies from her home town of Philly. The duo, who have been writing together for 20 years, rekindled childhood memories that made us laugh out loud with just a “bisil” of what they covered in their many publications, including Their best-selling Dictionary of Jewish Words, an A-Z guide to everything Jewish.

Special thanks to Suzanne Esterman for being our Zoom Master for both events, and to all who participated. It’s our membership and participants that make JCW the important arm of the synagogue that it is.

You are each amazing people and we are thankful for you all!

We also enjoyed an afternoon of laughter and nostalgia with

**Lauren and Claude**



*Next Nosh & Drosh Meeting  
April 21*

## *Bible BaBoker | Saturdays | 8:45 a.m.*

Bible BaBoker is a diverse community and carries on the Jewish tradition of Torah study in an open and respectful atmosphere. We strive for discussions based on reading Torah, other Jewish texts, and additional relevant resources from ancient to modern sources. Participants with a variety of backgrounds and beliefs deepen our understanding of Judaism, share insights and opinions, extract and develop wisdom, and consider our purpose in life, ethical principles to live by, and ways to be better human beings. Prior Torah knowledge or background is not necessary and new participants are always welcome. Study with us each week or whenever you can make it! We look forward to learning together.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87570201257pwd=SncvMTMvNkJOQklGWwJrdDBFMlp2dz09>

To be added to the BBB mailing list or for questions, contact Michael Goldin at [mmgold18@yahoo.com](mailto:mmgold18@yahoo.com).



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# SOMETHING NEW AT TJC: A FUN Start to Passover

FRIDAY MORNING BEFORE PASSOVER  
APRIL 15  
9AM-9:45AM

## SHORT SIYUM

Celebrate the completion of a book of study...so if you are a First Born you do not have to fast today!

## SALE OF CHAMETZ

Watch Rabbi Merow sell our chametz to Mayor Mark Freda!  
(Don't forget to fill out your chametz sale form)

## BURN YOUR CHAMETZ

Bring chametz from your home to burn  
(that you collected the night before!)

## ROAST MARSHMALLOWS!

over the burning chametz. Why? Because it's fun!  
Bring a stick! We've got the marshmallows!

## SING PASSOVER SONGS!!

rsvp on Shulcloud so we know to expect you

Havurah Minyan  
will be meeting via  
Zoom on these days:  
April 9 & 23  
at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, contact  
neillitt@outlook.com



## Talmud Study Group

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Available via Zoom

Meeting ID: 839 3103 7869  
Passcode: 643177

### April Committee Meetings:

EC	April 3 – 7:00 p.m.
Board	April 7 – 7:00 p.m.
House	April 20 – 8:00 p.m.
Finance	April 28 – 7:30 p.m.

### *In Memoriam:*

*We extend our deepest sympathy in  
remembering:*

Alice Nemeth,  
mother of Bonnie (Jeffrey) Weizman

Honey (Annette) Rosenberg

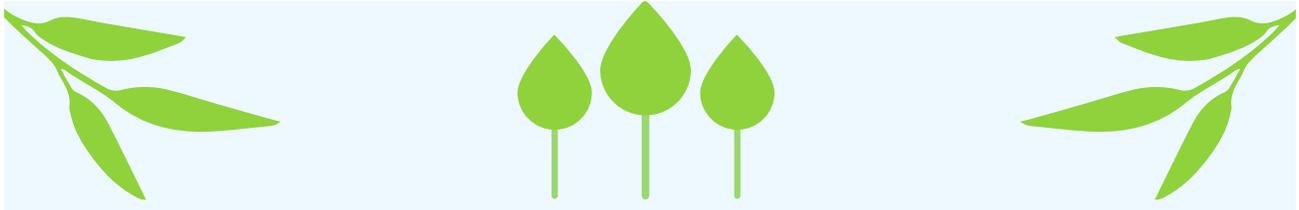


**Sunday  
April 24  
9:00 a.m.  
Herrontown Woods**

**Led by Ed Simon  
Dogs are welcome  
Dress appropriately**

**RSVP by April 22 via ShulCloud**





# TJC HONORS EARTH DAY

## APRIL 22

Watch Two Great Programs About Our Planet  
on Our YouTube Channel and Take Action Here at The Jewish Center!

Dayenu: Confronting the Climate Crisis  
and Cultivating Spiritual Courage

Climate Impacts Near and Far

*Sign up to join our Dayenu Circle at [thejewishcenterofprinceton.shulcloud.com/form/climate-circle](http://thejewishcenterofprinceton.shulcloud.com/form/climate-circle)*

For more information about Dayenu circles & local efforts,  
contact Tirza Wahrman at [twahrman@gmail.com](mailto:twahrman@gmail.com)

Looking for ideas to improve your sustainability?  
contact Jenny Ludmer at [jenny@sustainableprinceton.org](mailto:jenny@sustainableprinceton.org)



The Jewish Center's

**GREAT  
MINDS  
SALON**

**Wednesday, April 13**  
**\*New Time\***  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Curator, Museum of History  
and Holocaust Education at  
Kennesaw State University**  
**Adina Jocelyn Langer**

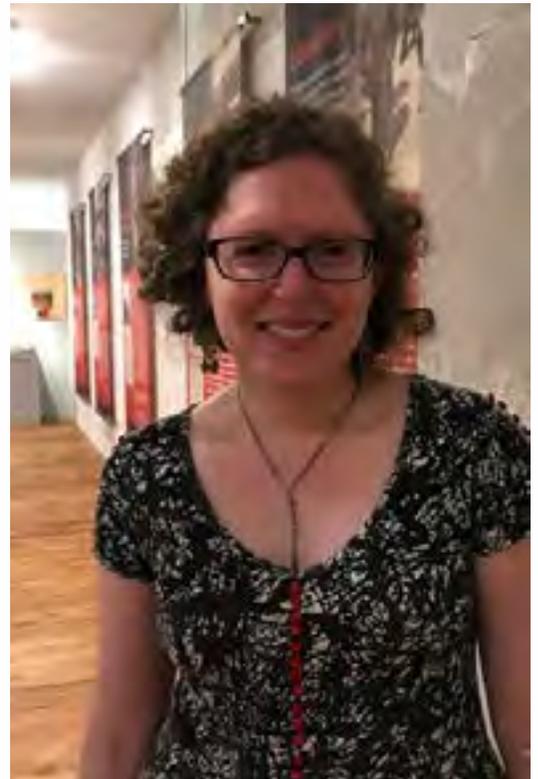
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# Israel & Us

Thank you for letting us choose this month's Song of the Month. My kids, Tal (12) and Rona (11), agreed to help with the daunting task of sifting through all the beautiful Israeli music that we love to pick a single song, but as I should have expected, we were unable to agree on the selection. While we are all avid Israeli music fans, each one of us has his or her own distinct taste. So, for this month, we chose Songs of the Month.

Tal picked "Noah" by Matti Caspi who performed the song with the mythological Shokolad-Menta-Mastik trio. Yoram Taharlev wrote the amusing lyrics that tell the story of Noah's ark from the animals' perspective. Here's a link to the song's performance in the Israeli Song Contest Festival in 1974. The playful song stood out among that year's contestants, most of which corresponded with the trauma of the Yom Kippur war. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rPANbdadHY>

Tal explains that he chose the song because it is about a character from the Torah – which he thought would be appreciated by the TJC newsletter readers - and because he loves music from the '70s. Matti Caspi is one of our favorite Israeli musicians.

Rona wrote about her choice: "I chose the song 'Adam Tzover Zichronot' performed by Avraham Tal (the reason I chose it has nothing to do with my brother Tal). I chose this song because I think the lyrics are very poetic. The way Avraham Tal sang this song I think has a lot of feeling and expression. That is all I can say about this song. I cannot explain very clearly why I like this song so much. As mentioned in the book Ban This Book, 'How do you

explain to someone else why a thing matters to you if it doesn't matter to them? How can you put into words how a book slips inside of you and becomes a part of you so much that your life feels empty without it?' This phrase can be true for music, too. It can be true for anything you like very much. That is why I can only say this one bit." The song was written by Yonah Vollach in 1969 (music by Shimon Gelbetz).

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tf2BfPYsOg>  
And I chose "Le'essof" by Yuval Dayan who was "discovered" ten years ago in the Israeli version of the television talent show "The Voice". Almost immediately, she became one of Israel's most popular performers but since then she also emerged as a wonderful songwriter who writes personal, moving songs. The name of the song - Le'essof - means "to collect" but it can be freely translated to "To pick up [the pieces]".

Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n37bWkwVakI>

About us: Our family joined TJC not long after moving to Princeton in 2014. My wife is a psychologist, and I – Ohad Mayblum - am an intellectual property attorney for a medical device company. We grew up in Israel and before moving to Princeton we lived in Switzerland, California and – most recently – in New York City. Our daily schedule includes "song-time" after dinner, in which each of us plays a couple of music videos to the rest of the family and, of course, Israeli songs are often chosen.

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Tuesday, April 19

7:30 p.m.

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## *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

Based on the true World War II story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris, this is an unforgettable story of romance, friendship, family, and the power of literature to bring us together, perfect for fans of *The Lilac Girls* and *The Paris Wife*.



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Montana, 1983: Lily is a lonely teenager looking for adventure in small-town Montana. Her interest is piqued by her solitary, elderly neighbor. As Lily uncovers more about her neighbor's mysterious past, she finds that they share a love of language, the same longings, and the same intense jealousy, never suspecting that a dark secret from the past connects them.

A powerful novel that explores the consequences of our choices and the relationships that make us who we are—family, friends, and favorite authors—*The Paris Library* shows that extraordinary heroism can sometimes be found in the quietest of places. - *Goodreads*

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

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

**COMING SOON!**

May 17 – *The Venice Sketchbook* by Rhys Bowen

June 21 – *The Magician's Assistant* by Ann Patchett

July date TBD – Covid permitting, Potluck dinner and Book Swap

August 16 – *The Cellist* by Daniel Silva

# Sale of Chametz

**Sale of Chametz:** In preparing for Passover, it is customary to sell your chametz (products leaven - made from wheat, spelt, barley, oats, rye, & their derivatives). Jewish law prohibits Jews from using or even possessing any chametz during Pesach. To ensure compliance with this law, we clean our homes and, just to make sure, we transfer title on any remaining chametz to a non-Jew. This chametz becomes the property of the non-Jew for the duration of Pesach and should be set aside in a place where it will not be disturbed or seen during the holiday. This sale can include the sale of your pet and their chametz pet food. The rabbi will serve as your agent for this transaction. If you would like to sell your chametz, please complete the form below and return it to the Synagogue no later than Thursday, April 14th at noon.

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I (We) hereby authorize Rabbi Andrea Merow to sell my (our) Chametz for Passover 5782. Friday April 15th, 9:30 am – Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Name (s) (please include pet names)

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Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

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