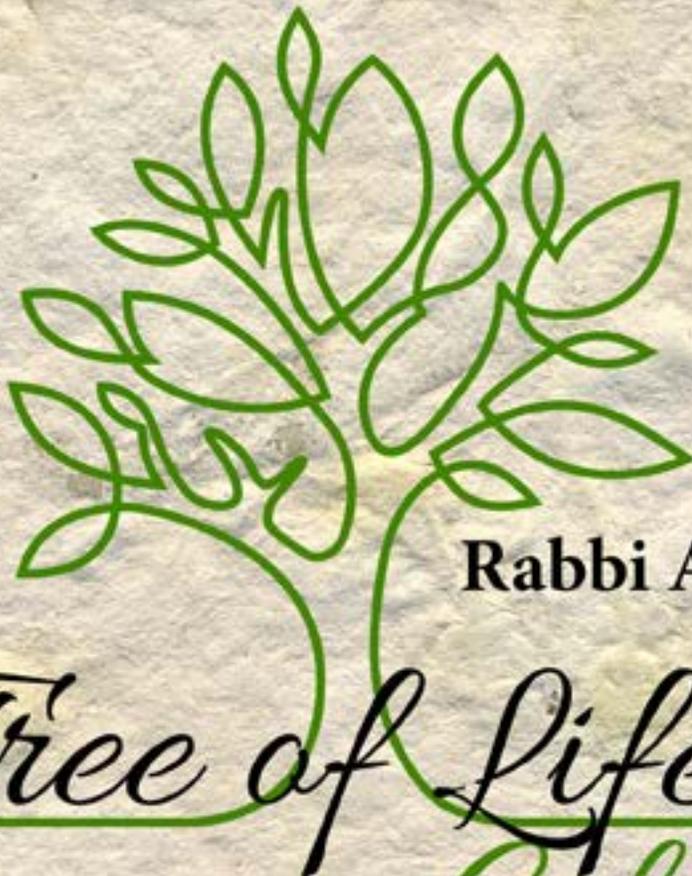




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Thursday, May 19 at 4:00p.m.

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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

May 6, 13, 20 27 / Jun 3, 10, 17, 24

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83314434553>

Meeting ID: 833 1443 4553

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

Shabbat Morning Services – 9:30 AM

May 7, 14, 21, 28 / Jun 4, 11, 18, 25

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89358905597>

Meeting ID: 893 5890 5597

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Sunday Morning Minyan – 9:00 AM

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / Jun 5, 12, 19, 26

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89237278076>

Meeting ID: 892 3727 8076

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Wednesday Morning Minyan – 7:00 AM

May 4, 11, 18, 25 / Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85987746862>

Meeting ID: 859 8774 6862

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YOM HA'ZIKARON

Israel Memorial Day
Commemoration



YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Israel Independence Day
Celebration

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

5:30 PM – 8 PM

AT THE JEWISH CENTER
435 NASSAU ST, PRINCETON, NJ

- 5:30 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE/ TEKES (CEREMONY)
FOLLOWED BY "STARTUP NATION" PANEL
- MOCKTAILS & COCKTAILS, ISRAELI POETRY & BRING A
STORY OF YOUR TRIP TO ISRAEL
- ISRAELI DANCING
- ISRAELI FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FOR KIDS & TEENS

- 6 – 7 PM – YOUNG FAMILY MUSIC AND CRAFTS WITH SUSAN
- 6 – 8 PM – KIDS GADNA IDF SIMULATION GRADES 3-7
- 7 – 8 PM – TEEN PROGRAM

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MESSAGE from the Rabbi

Rabbi Andrea Merow
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This month The State of Israel will begin its seventy-fourth year; we of course hope, work and pray that The State of Israel, the 3rd Jewish Commonwealth will continue, *l'olam*, for eternity. Each year around Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day and Yom HaAtzmaout, Israel Independence Day, I reread our Declaration of Independence to be reminded of the aspirations of the founders of The State of Israel. Each year I encourage us to think about what we love about Israel and what we wish for Israel in her future. Every time we return our sacred Torah to the ark we sing the words: "Renew our days as of old", *hadesh yahmeinu kekedem*. It is with this phrase in mind that I turn to the text of the Declaration of Independence to restate our hopes and dreams for the State of Israel, in her 74th year and beyond.

Following are a few excerpts of the Declaration. Go here for the full English text https://www.knesset.gov.il/docs/eng/megilat_eng.htm

"The State of Israel will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; ... We appeal - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

We extend our hand to all neighbouring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighbourliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.



We appeal to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream - the redemption of Israel."

In this Declaration signed in 1948 we learn that the founders of The State envisaged our Jewish homeland as a place for all Jews and as a place that respected all its inhabitants. It would be a State founded on justice, freedom, equality and security. The lofty ideals set out in our Declaration of Independence continue to inspire us, and all of Israel, to support a Jewish State that is at peace with her neighbors and where all its inhabitants enjoy freedom, justice and opportunity. May the leaders and citizens of The State of Israel, and the Jewish people, continue to work to build a State based on these founding values. It is our hope and prayer that as Israel enters its

74th year more and more of these aspirations will come to fruition, and that we will all have a part in helping Israel to be a place of peace and justice, happiness and security.

Please join me and our TJC community on Wednesday May 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a ceremony to mark Israel Memorial Day and to honor the memory of all who perished while defending our Holy Land. We will then transition to a time of celebration for Israel Independence Day. The program will include a panel of speakers to teach us about Israel as the "Start-Up" Nation. The event will include Israeli dancing, food and more. We will have special programs for kids and teens! This program is open to the larger community; you are welcome to bring friends.

Rabbi Andrea Merow



MESSAGE from the Cantor

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As many of you know, and as I wrote about in my December article, my mother, Susi Idstein Warschauer, passed away in September. As you can imagine, these past few months have been filled with many firsts without her; first Hanukkah, first birthday, first Pesach. I know that so many of you can relate to the sense of loneliness, sadness, and even some anger and regret, that comes with the loss of a loved one. But it is a comfort that she lived for many long and productive years and that she played such a significant role in my life. Though her life was not always easy, she lived with a vivacity that was truly inspiring. From refugee to teacher, birth doula to poet, she was always growing, learning and exploring new interests.

I can't help but think of her as we approach the full flowering of spring, which she so dearly loved. We are also in the month of the secular American holiday, Mother's Day. For many, this is a time for cards, flowers, and maybe a well-deserved dinner out. But for many others, it is a difficult day. As we learn from the Tanach, the path to motherhood and mothering is not always smooth; each situation is unique and full of its difficulties as well as its joys. Even today, in the 21st century, where there is much more diversity of choice, expression and experience, the scenarios around motherhood and mothering are anything but simple. It's why I feel so fortunate to have grown up with a mother and two sisters who have always been forthright with their thoughts, opinions and experiences, and to have a wife and many dear friends who are always ready to share their ever-evolving perspectives.

With these thoughts in mind, I offer a special prayer written by Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder, and found at www.ritualwell.org Mother's Day Prayer

Dear God and God of our Ancestors
Sarah Rebecca Rachel and Leah the mothers of our tradition are mothers to us all.

They were not perfect but they were holy. And their merits are a blessing to us through to this day.

Through the generations, our collective mothers have struggled and sacrificed, celebrated and rejoiced, persevered and flourished and for this we are grateful. We thank them for all they have done and tried to do.

On this Mother's Day we ask that you bless all the mothers, that they find strength, clarity, patience and love to be all that they can and want to be.

On this Mother's Day we ask that you bless those who are missing their mothers, mourning their absence or whose relationships are tinged with regret.

On this Mother's Day we ask that you bless those mothers whose hearts are broken and who are missing their children.

On this Mother's Day, we ask that you bless those who are seeking to become mothers.

On this Mother's Day, we ask that you bless those whose love and care provides mothering throughout our community.

And may we all navigate our days with grace and love so that our Motherhood journeys will be counted for a blessing.

Deborah and I wish you a healthy and beautiful spring.

Cantor Jeff

*Join us in the
TJC Courtyard*

May 22

3:00-5:00 pm

*In Celebration of
Cantor Jeff Warschauer
and Deborah Strauss*



MESSAGE from the President

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New Chapter

You are only installing Rabbi Merow now?! What took you so long?

The easy answer is that The Jewish Center calendar isn't simple. Once you consider the holidays, the blessing of an abundance of b'not mitzvah, "*Motzay Shabbat Creep*" impacting Saturday night events, and the uncertainty of planning for crowds during the pandemic I think it's easy to see why our installation is taking place ten months after Rabbi Merow arrived.

But the real answer is that we needed time to get here—not just in terms of Covid-safety, but also spiritually.

It's quite fitting that as I write this, Pesach is nearly upon us. After the Israelites escaped the "narrow place" (*Mitzrayim*) of Egypt and weathered forty years of desert wandering they finally crossed into the Promised Land. I've hiked the Sinai Desert; it took me ten days. The traditional explanation of the additional 14,590 days in the desert is lack of faith, but I prefer to believe that it took several generations for the "oppressed mentality" to be eradicated before a new chapter could begin. In this sense, entering the Promised Land was a journey, not (just) a destination.

We TJCers had our own narrow place and desert wandering; we withstood our chrysalis period of the loss of Rabbi Feldman,^{z"l} and the isolation of the pandemic and the slow return to (almost) normalcy. Joined by Rabbi Merow in July we've spent the past ten months working on the ingathering of our virtual exiles and thinking deeply about the beloved TJC traditions we want to keep as well as the innovative new ones we wish to create. This "gestation period" allowed us to shed attitudes and habits that do not serve us and build those that do. It gave us the opportunity to dream together about the place we want TJC to be going forward.

That is important work because a rabbinic installation isn't just about new leadership. It is about a community coming

together to start the next chapter. It isn't a destination, it's a journey.

By the time you read this we will have joyfully come together for the May 1st installation, but there are yet more ways to mark this exciting new chapter in the life of our congregation:

1. Be An Installation Sponsor! We are grateful for your support of this momentous event at any level <https://contacc/3744Fgz>
2. Celebrate TJC with Rabbi Merow at the September 10th New Chapter Gala
Do not miss the TJC social event of the season! Many sponsorship levels (link above) include tickets or stay tuned to purchase tickets.

Beyond these communal opportunities to celebrate TJC's New Chapter with Rabbi Merow, there are personal ways we might want to mark this important milestone.

Have you reached out to Rabbi Merow?

Joining a new community in ordinary times can be challenging. But think about how much harder it is to introduce yourself and build a meaningful relationship with your congregation when you can't see someone's face from behind an N95 mask or invite them to your home for a meal. With the weather turning warmer and all of us learning how to get back to our normal lives, we can invest in not only welcoming our new Rabbi but in making sure we have a one-to-one relationship with our Rabbi who will be there for us—in good times and bad.

The wandering and searching is over. We are beginning an exciting new chapter in our journey.

Let's come together and celebrate!

Alexandra Bar-Cohen



MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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Thoughts on Mother's Day

This June will be two years since my mother passed away. I think about her and miss her every day. We did not always get along. She enjoyed being a part of every aspect of my life, especially in high school, and I did not. But it was always done with love. Hard love from me much of the time. But in the end, she was an amazing mother and an unbelievably proud grandmother. I remember vividly her attending our daughter's plays, smiling from ear to ear. Taking all of us to myriad Broadway shows, both when we were young and when our kids were at the age to enjoy them. It's probably one of the key factors of their love for theater today. She is truly missed.

As we approach another Mother's Day on May 8, my thoughts turn to the many mothers who have been a part of my life. My mother. My mother-in-law, my aunts, and great aunts. And even now, my nieces and cousins. What an incredible thing for them to be mothers. And to the many mothers I have come across in the various jobs I have held, and of course, here at TJC. Your warmth, understanding and love you show your children is unmatched. You all deserve all the hugs and kisses you get, even if you don't get them every day. Know that the people you care for really appreciate all you do, even though they don't always show it, or show it in "different" ways.

But I'd really like to thank my special wife and mother of my children, Gloria. We have now been apart two years and hopefully seeing the light at the end of the tunnel to be together. She has held the fort down in Miami, while I work here in Princeton. She has guided our younger daughter through the maze of college applications, college rejections, college acceptances and much more. Giving all her efforts to make the right choice, while I consult from a distance. Taking care of the house. Taking care of the cats. All with a smile. I truly cannot thank and love her enough and honor her this upcoming Mother's Day. I can't wait to kvell with her again this June as

Lauren graduates. She is the main reason that Lauren has succeeded in all her endeavors. I cannot explain how amazing she has been.

So, take the time this May 8, and EVERY day, to reach out to the moms in your life. They deserve it. They've earned it. They love you and you should love them back with everything you have.

Joel





MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Friends,

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of participating in a fellowship called iCenter. This fellowship is important to me, as it enables me to help others navigate creating a love for Israel. During this time, we had the opportunity to learn how to teach about Israel. Together with colleagues from around the world, including Israel, we've had conversations about Israeli culture, arts, science, history, and food, among many other discussions. I was gifted the opportunity of working with some of the top Israel educators in the world. I share this because we will be celebrating Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Remembrance and Independence Day) and this year, I am able to see it through a more intentional lens as an educator. I will be looking not just at 74 years of independence, but at 74 years of culture, technological growth and state-building.

Through this process, we've had conversations about where Israelis come from. In fact, I had lunch and learns with the #Sulam students to discuss just that, as we looked at a variety of narratives from those of non-Ashkenazic descent. We've examined poems and compared them to today's current events. We've discussed the Ukrainian immigrants to Israel and whether that would change the landscape (and add to the food!) of Israel.

We've had conversations about Israel as a Biblical Homeland and a realization of Zionist dreams. We've talked about Israel being an emotional topic, and how we so often grapple with issues, policies and people. We've discussed the diverse narratives of Israeli people including those who have been "othered."

We've explored the challenges of Statehood. We grappled with whether there is a center of the Diaspora, and discussed the importance of getting a proverbial bigger table, just to make sure there is room for everyone to sit. And yes. As we have these discussions, they WILL be uncomfortable. We WILL be challenged. And that is ok. Because when we lean into discomfort, we find that we care enough to be upset.

This year, as we celebrate 74 years of Israeli independence, I will remember that the challenge with the dream of Zionism is that it is a dream. And. When dreams become reality, they get messy. Israel, like any other state is a beautifully flawed state that holds many tensions. The question we were left with, and will continue to explore at the end of this month when I meet my colleagues for the last seminar (and hopefully in person!) is how do we move forward holding all these tensions?

I am looking forward to continuing to learn how to grapple with these and many other questions about Israel.

In the meantime, my family and I will have discussions about Israeli foods such as the proper way to make hummus (do we shell the chickpeas? Is it cheating to use canned chickpeas?) Whether we eat red shakshuka or white (tomatoes vs. labeneh) (also, go with the white). The best way to make Yemenite beef soup, and whether you should put the pita dough on the bottom of the oven or into a frying pan (oven). We will listen to Israeli music, and I will continue to learn about all the voices that make up this very beautiful state.

L'Shalom,

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!

May 7
11:00 am



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Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



Talia Berkman

May 14, 2022

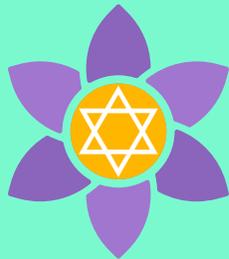
is a seventh grader at Princeton Day School. Talia's favorite activity is skiing. She skis on a competitive team during the winter in the Poconos, and she also enjoys skiing with her family. Talia plays goalie for her travel field hockey team and for her school. Talia LOVES spending her summers at sleepaway camp in Maine. Talia is very social, and enjoys spending time with her friends, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins. She is so grateful to everyone at TJC and would like to thank Cantor Jeff, Rabbi Merow, Jonathon Adler, Sharon Diamondstein, and her parents for helping her prepare for her special day.



Hannah Desirée Ploss

May 21, 2022

Hannah Desirée Ploss was born in New York City and moved from Manhattan to Princeton in 2013. She currently attends 7th grade at the French-American School of Princeton. Hannah is a competitive swimmer and enjoys playing the piano. For her Chesed project Hannah grew vegetables in the TJC garden which were donated to the Jewish Family & Children's Service food pantry. She would like to thank Ronit, Cantor Jeff, Rabbi Merow, the TJC religious school, her friend Gabriel and her parents for guiding her on her path of becoming a Bat Mitzvah.



Meditation Mincha

Saturday, May 7 & 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Do you know someone
who is ill or in the hospital?

Email Rabbi Merow at
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to let us know.

Do you have a Simcha to celebrate?

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so we can celebrate with you!

MEMBERSHIP



Mazal Tov...On Your Great News!

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To Harriet Kass and Alan Medvin on the birth of their grandson, Justin Shea Jin on March 2. Justin's parents are Emily Medvin and Joe Jin.

To Andrea and David Gaynor on the birth of their grandson, Eli Moses Gaynor on March 10. Eli's parents are Shana and Aaron Gaynor.

To Linda and Michael Grenis on the birth of their grandson, Simon Asher Grenis.

To Ginger and Jay Schnitzer, who will be celebrating 19 glorious years of marriage on March 23.

To Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman on their 4th wedding anniversary.

To Marilyn Miller on her very special birthday.
To Bernice Gelzer on her Special Birthday.

To Ray and Jerry Kaufman, who were so happy to be with their granddaughter, Janna Rose, daughter of Keren and Jeffrey Winkelman, for her Bat-Mitzvah in Tucson, AZ on Shabbat, March 19th. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first Bat-Mitzvah in the United States made it especially meaningful. It was a wonderful experience.

To Judy and Mike Leopold, who on the 100th anniversary of the first Bat Mitzvah, were privileged to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Celia Madeline Max in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Judy presented Celia with a tallit that she had made and they tied the techelet tzitzit together. Celia was thrilled to have her favorite, very pregnant, rabbi on the bimah with her. Rabbi Rachel delivered a baby girl 3 days later.

To Bernie Fleitman and Joel Berger for their commitment to the new assistive hearing system for the congregation.

To Alison Politziner and Louise Sandburg for their tireless efforts helping Afghan families adjust to life in the US and to integrate into our community.

To Alison Politziner on her birthday and dedication to helping families resettle in the community.

To Louis Abramson, son of Barbara and Bernard Abramson, who is now a candidate for California State Assembly (District 51), encompassing Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, and parts of Los Angeles.

To Dr. Joan Goldstein, who has just taped her TV show, "Back Story with Joan Goldstein," with her guest, Nelli, a Ukrainian teacher now living in Princeton. Her current show is with guest Jeff Grosser, Princeton Deputy Administrator for Health and Community Services as they explore the status of Covid and changes in our society. The show appears on Sundays at 5:30pm and Wednesdays at 8:30pm on FIOS45 or Comcast 30.

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TJC Youth Programming

Ages 8 and up

*Laser Tag | Sunday

May
1

TJC's kids and teens will have the opportunity to play laser tag the afternoon of Rabbi Merow's Installation.

3rd through 7th will get lunch at 11:30 AM followed by laser tag until 1:00 PM.

8th & up will eat with the rest of the community following the installation ceremony and will be able to play laser tag from 1:00 PM and until 2:00 PM.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration | Wednesday

May
4

Join TJC for our *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israeli independence Day, celebration.

Starting at 5:30 PM there will be food and fun for **all ages!**

There will be a special program for **anyone 8th & up** from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Although this program is during Sulam, you do not need to be in Sulam to attend

Who Knows? Game Show | Wednesday

May
11

During this week's regular Religious School, from 4:15 PM to 6:00 PM, students in

3rd through 6th will be able to test their knowledge in game show-style program with Ethan Weg. We will even have buzzers! Even if you do not normally come to Religious school on Wednesdays please join us.

Wiffle Ball in the Park | Thursday

May
19

This afternoon, TJC will be commemorating the life and legacy of Rabbi Adam Feldman z"l with the dedication of the tree planted in his honor at Farmview Fields in Princeton. In the spirit of honoring Rabbi Feldman, **at 4:00 PM TJC Youth will be organizing a wiffle ball game for all ages.** If you are interested, please let Ethan Weg know. More information about the commemoration itself can be found on our website.

*Event requires RSVP & activity forms

To RSVP & for more information: eweg@thejewishcenter.org



Explore the weekly Torah portions with Sharon Diamondtsein

May 6, 13, 20, 27
9:30 a.m.

Questions? Contact Sharon Diamondstein
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May 5

7:00 p.m.

Ivy Inn, 248 Nassau Street
With Rabbi Merow

Sponsored by TJC Men's Club
Open to ALL!

RSVP on ShulCloud

Synagogue Spotlight



67 years living in Princeton has provided Alan Medvin with not only a love for this town, but many great stories to support it.

Recently, Alan was tasked with the role of taking each Cantor candidate around town and giving them a tour. It was then he recalled how much this town truly has to offer as he shared history and stories with every site. He recalled the school system, which he felt blessed to be able to send his children to and the downtown Nassau Street business district that he's always felt was so beautiful. Alan pointed out Princeton Cemetery (and the fact that it has two consecrated Jewish areas) and the Waxwood apartment building that was once home of the Quarry Street middle school he attended just 10 years after Princeton desegregated.



Starting in 3rd grade, when his family moved from Flushing, NY, Alan has called Princeton home. His family resided just a short walk from what is now the site of The Jewish Center, but at the time it was

in a small building on Olden Street.

“We didn’t have space for High holiday services, so they took place at the playhouse on the campus of Westminster Choir college. Sunday school was in various places including classroom space at Princeton Theological Seminary and many houses of Sunday School teachers,” recalls Alan.

Growing up Jewish in Princeton shaped a lot about him. When Alan was just 12 years old, the trumpet-playing boy was tagging along with his father when they made a quick stop at Rabbi Gelberman’s house, the Rabbi of TJC at the time.

“There was a shofar lying around. I asked if I could try to blow it and he said OK. So, I blew it and he goes, ‘Oh my! You are going to be 13 next year, would you consider

blowing the shofar for high holiday services?’” shares Alan.



And he did, Alan went on to blow shofar for the next 15 years or so. Around that same time, he and his mother were searching for a place to hold his Bar Mitzvah luncheon when they stopped into the Nassau Inn. At the time, the manager had never heard of a Bar Mitzvah and wasn’t sure what it entailed. Soon after, Alan and his family hosted

the first of many Bar Mitzvahs held there.

Alan left Princeton for just a short stint when he went to Colgate University and then returned to the area to attend Rutgers Law School where he took classes from fulltime faculty law professor, Ruth Bader Ginsberg.



“She was later nominated for the Supreme Court by Clinton in June 1993 and so I wrote a relatively long congratulatory letter to her,” remembers Alan. “I started by saying I was one of the faceless students that

she had taught at Rutgers, then I said ‘I took it as a personal challenge to see if I could get you to smile...’ By return mail, she wrote me a letter, which I now have framed that says, ‘Dear Alan. You and my daughter. She kept a record of her successes in a book called Mommy Laughed.’ This signed letter remains one of his most prized possessions, and it’s no wonder. For 42 years, Alan was a trial lawyer, with his last 25 spent doing mostly medical malpractice cases.

The only other time Alan didn’t live in Princeton was for the few years that he lived in Plainsboro, in an apartment complex where he met his beloved wife, Harriet. The two immediately hit it off and bonded over a love of tennis. After marrying in 1976 and returning to Princeton, they went on to have three children, 2 girls and 1 boy. When his oldest daughter was 3-years old she started in the first class of the Jewish Center Nursery School, founded by Alan and

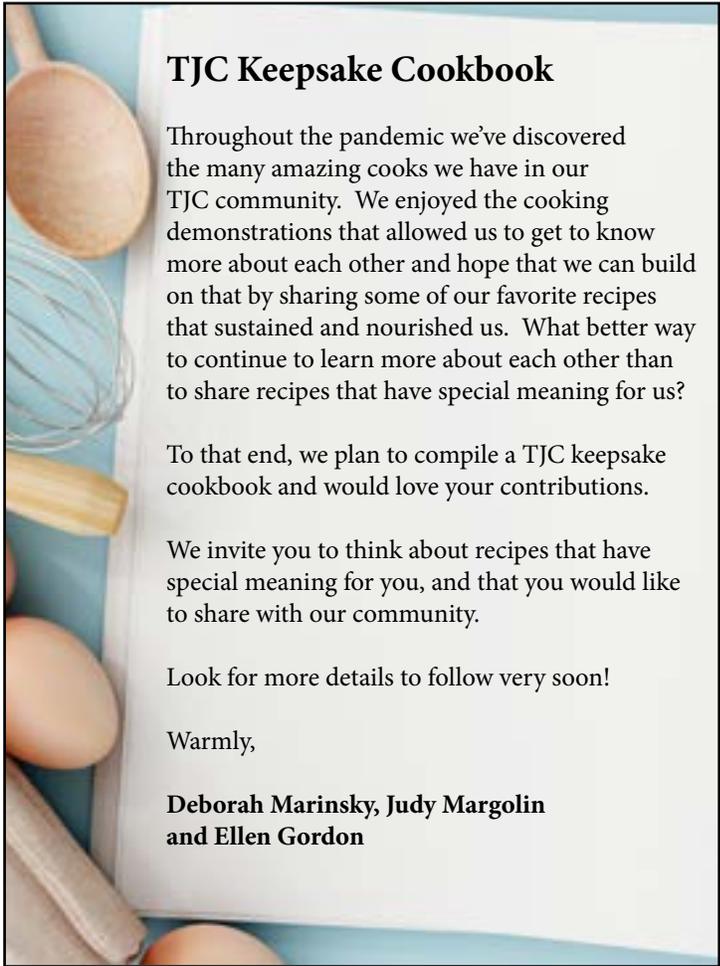


Harriet with 11 other families.

“Of all the things within the Jewish community, that’s something to look back on. We miss having it,” says Alan, who once served as a President of TJC. “Being a founding family of that is probably the thing I’m most proud of.”

Now retired with six grandchildren (his most recent just born in March), Alan and Harriet still love being involved in The Jewish Center and other efforts around Princeton and look forward the many new stories yet to be written.

Synagogue Spotlight is a joint project by TJC members and journalists Lisa Jacknow and Michele Alperin. Each month they take turns writing about fellow congregants to help us learn more about one another. This article was written by Lisa, who lives in Princeton with her husband Bret and their two sons, Gabriel and Cooper. She is Founding Editor/Writer of the monthly online magazine PrincetonPerspectives.com.



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



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. Chavurat Chesed is here to help “anyone, any time, anywhere.” Please contact Martha Freedman at marthafriendman1@aol.com with any needs or to be added to our Chavurat Chesed list of volunteers.



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<p>Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th Day Omer</p> <p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School 11:00 AM Rabbi Merow Installation</p>	<p>Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th Day Omer</p> <p>2</p>	<p>17th Day Omer</p> <p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM EC Meeting</p>	<p>Yom Hazikaron 18th Day Omer</p> <p>12:15 PM Talmud Study 5:30 PM Yom Ha'Zikaron Celebration</p>
<p>22nd Day Omer Mother's Day</p> <p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School</p>	<p>23rd Day Omer</p> <p>9</p>	<p>24th Day Omer</p> <p>10</p> <p>7:30 PM Rethinking Genesis I with Rabbi Gordon Tucker</p>	<p>25th Day Omer</p> <p>12:15 PM Talmud Study 8:15 PM Great Minds</p>
<p>Pesach Sheni 29th Day Omer</p> <p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Membership Open House 11:00 AM Hacutzah Trail Dedication 1:30 PM The Jews of Uganda 2:00 PM Community Event</p>	<p>30th Day Omer</p> <p>16</p>	<p>31st Day Omer</p> <p>17</p> <p>7:30 PM Book Club 7:30 PM Finance Meeting</p>	<p>32nd Day Omer</p> <p>12:15 PM Talmud Study 8:00 PM House Meeting</p>
<p>36th Day Omer</p> <p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School - Last Day 11:00 AM Annual Meeting 3:00 PM Cantor Jeff Event</p>	<p>37th Day Omer</p> <p>23</p>	<p>38th Day Omer</p> <p>24</p>	<p>39th Day Omer</p> <p>12:15 PM Talmud Study</p>
<p>Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer</p> <p>29</p>	<p>44th Day Omer Memorial Day</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th Day Omer</p> <p>31</p>	

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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>4</p> <p>Study Group Sharon Yom Ha'Atzmaut</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Yom Ha'Atzmaut 19th Day Omer</p> <p>7:00 PM Torah on Tap</p>	<p>6</p> <p>20th Day Omer</p> <p>5:15 PM Cocktails in the Courtyard 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:41 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Kedoshim 21st Day Omer</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Jane Ullman 11:00 AM Shabbat Katan 4:00 PM Meditation Mincha 8:50 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>Study Group Salon</p> <p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>26th Day Omer</p>	<p>13</p> <p>27th Day Omer</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:48 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Emor 28th Day Omer</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Talia Berkman 10:00 AM Havurah Minyan 8:57 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>Study Group Ang</p> <p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer</p> <p>9:30 AM Nosh and Drosh 4:00 PM RAF Memorial Tree Dedication 7:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>34th Day Omer</p> <p>5:15 PM Cocktails in the Courtyard 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:54 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Behar 35th Day Omer</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Ploss 4:00 PM Meditation Mincha 9:03 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>Study Group</p> <p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>40th Day Omer</p>	<p>27</p> <p>41st Day Omer</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:00 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bechukotai Shabbat Mevarchim 42nd Day Omer</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 10:00 AM Havurah Minyan 9:09 PM Havdalah</p>
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Memorial Service for Fay and Herbert Abelson | Friday, May 13, 2022

A memorial site for Fay and Herbert Abelson, six-decade members of the Jewish Center of Princeton, will be dedicated on Friday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. The dedication will take place at Princeton Cemetery, located at Witherspoon and Wiggins Streets in Princeton.

The service will be conducted by Cantor Richard Lawrence of Keshet Israel Congregation, West Chester, PA. Cantor Lawrence is the grandson-in-law of the Abelsons.

Visitors should park on the street near the cemetery and walk in at the main entrance, Greenview Avenue off of Wiggins Street.

Signs will direct visitors to the site of the service (Section 4, Area 20, Site 010).

Questions can be directed to Rachel Hickson at rhickson731@gmail.com.

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**Wednesday, May 11
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Josh Winn

Strange New Worlds

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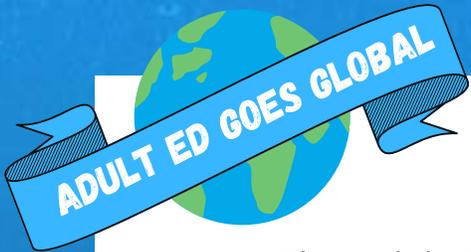
For centuries, people have wondered whether the stars in the sky harbor planets of their own. Astronomers began discovering such "exoplanets" in the 1990s, and by this point, more than 5,000 are known. Advances in technology have brought us to the threshold of finding planets similar to Earth, while also revealing bizarre new worlds unlike anything in our solar system. These new discoveries have implications for the theory of planet formation and the search for life elsewhere in the galaxy. This presentation will describe the basic techniques that are used to find exoplanets, some of the most interesting and surprising results, and the prospects for future discoveries.

Josh Winn is a professor of astrophysics at Princeton University. He and his family (his wife Lara, and their two children Sam and Sophie) moved to Princeton and joined the Jewish Center in 2016. Previously they lived in the Boston area, where Josh had been a professor at MIT. Josh has recorded two lecture series about astronomy for the Teaching Company (and their streaming service, Wondrium), and is writing *The Little Book of Exoplanets*, to be published by Princeton University Press.



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Board May 19 – 7:30 p.m.

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mother of Susan Falcom

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Dear Friends,

We hope that you enjoyed a lovely Passover with family and friends. April was a busy month for JCW and we thank all who participated.

The Men's Club invited JCW to co-sponsor the Matzah, Merlot and Rabbi Merow event. The evening was well attended in person and on zoom. The event was informative, fun and for those who were able, a great way to socialize in person. Special thanks to Jeremy Black and Brad Bailey, Men's Club Co-Chairs for including JCW in this wonderful event.

NOSH & DROSH is a monthly JCW favorite and March was no exception. Special thanks to Rabbi Merow for being our guest facilitator for NOSH & DROSH last month. It was a very special Purim morning of conversation and discussion, Purim facts, Esther vs Vashti, questions, insight and learning.

We are very pleased to announce that after many months of preparation, the congregation will be hearing about TJC's relationship with Kulture City. Kulture City is an organization that provides Sensory Inclusion Certification to venues, small businesses and organizations like TJC. There will be opportunities for the congregation to participate and as a synagogue community we will continue together to create acceptance and inclusion for all. JCW would like to thank Randy Brett for working with us to successfully get the contract signed, as well as Joel Berger and Alexandra Bar-Cohen who each played a role as well. If you or a family member would benefit from the use of items that could lessen sensory

overload, Kulture City sensory certified products are available for use at TJC. Please look for more information regarding the Kulture City roll out and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to be in touch.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who supported JCW events this year. It's your participation that makes our programs a success. You have shared kind words and thoughts with us, you have joined us as we tried new and exciting programming and many have become NOSH & DROSH regulars. The dues that JCW collects each fall allows us to send New Years cards to the entire congregation and provide programming that attracts interest from ALL. We accomplished our goal of focusing on developmental disabilities and supporting TJC's efforts of inclusion for all of our members. We appreciate YOU so much!

Speaking of appreciation May is always a special month that includes college graduations and Mother's Day. To those who are graduating or have a child or grand child graduating from college Mazel Tov! We wish all of the moms among us a very Happy Mother's Day and to those for whom Mother's Day is bittersweet, please know we are thinking of you too.

Warmest Regards,

Lauren and Claude



NOSH & DROSH had a fun, informative and very special morning on April 21st. We were thrilled to welcome Eleni Litt who attended for the first time, as well as, all the NOSH & DROSH friends who participated. Our Guest Facilitator was Kathy Angelinovich, Manager of Vaseful Florist on Witherspoon Street in Princeton. Kathy has been in the floral design business for over 30 years and for the last several at Vaseful. Vaseful is an extra special flower shop in that it employees staff with various disabilities. The staff process (pull off the leaves from the stems),cut the flowers, create terrariums, maintain the shop and learn life skills. Did you know flowers had faces?

Kathy showed us how to take flowers and greens from the local grocery store and create beautiful centerpieces and a terrarium. It's all in using a "pin" or "foam" to hold the pieces your working with and following the line. We learned about a product called Alum that is used to increase the life of hydrangeas and discussed to use or not use those packets of Flora Life that often are included with flowers. Another trade secret is the use of Osmocote which increases the life of indoor and outdoor plants. Several of our attendees asked questions about their own house plants which Kathy could see, diagnosis and suggest treatment. Watering was a popular talking point and we discussed the ice cube and 1,2,3 method of watering. Rachel part of the Vaseful team taught us how to design a terrarium. We thank both Kathy and Rachel for an absolutely wonderful program. If you have questions, want to pick up some flowers to DIY, or place an order Kathy is more than willing to help. Just stop by...

A beautiful terrarium designed in just a few minutes by Kathy and Rachel of Vaseful.

Lauren and Claude



Israel & Us



My name is Gal Lavid, TJC Bar-Mitzvah '85.

Returning to the Princeton Jewish Center after a few decades, accompanied by my wife Jenny and daughter Talia (Evelyn), I again find myself in “Hebrew School” Sunday mornings in Conversational Hebrew or *מדברת עברית* with Edna. And somehow, now, with the most difficult assignment ever – my favorite Israeli song?! A sabra raised in the United States, I spent every other summer in Israel, immersed in her culture; hopping between grandparents, visiting relatives, taking trips across the country; with any downtime spent on

Dan 66 between Petah Tiqva and Tel-Aviv Beach.

This assignment should be (Israeli-)American Top 40 or Desert Island Discs. -The song catalog is endless – some predate me – if only I still had a cassette deck for the 50+ year old mix tape of children’s songs my parents made for my older brother, Raviv. Thanks to the internet, I found many of them and share with Talia as she embraces her heritage (and I sneak in Hebrew lessons):

- *Adon Shoko* <https://youtu.be/LrB-uCw-AKA>
- *Geveret Im Salim* https://youtu.be/hnUoDP_o9ck (Every trip to the market with my grandmothers ended with endless bags strapped to our arms)
- and of course, *HaYaldah Ha'chi Yaffa Ba Gan* the classic obviously written about my Talia despite predating her by decades, https://youtu.be/1_E1W_K_0MA

I can still picture the 3-story department store across from the Petah Tiqva central bus station where Raviv bought that Benzene vinyl record. Decades later, on a family excursion to the Golan we stopped at a gas station and found a 3-pack CD of Beneze, T-Slam and Machina’s greatest hits. Using my artistic license, I substituted “P-T” for “Tel-Aviv” in *Haija-Haija, Tel-Aviv* <https://youtu.be/PSJg2yFDYWg>; a nod to my roots as we sang along, indifferent on blowing out the rental car’s speakers. A few years later, Jenny and I stayed at a bed & breakfast in Zikhron Ya'akov and convinced a small pub bartender to play DJ to my nostalgic 80s Israeli rock classics and love ballads as we closed out the bar:

- *Gidi* <https://youtu.be/n-IRt0BqsrS> or
- *Radio Hazak* https://youtu.be/HVBK_E4BZR0!
- *He teekah otcha* <https://youtu.be/DPzzMDS95WE>

I’ve attended minor league baseball games specifically to hear Israel’s latest and greatest offerings on Jewish Heritage night – overzealously acquiring Hadag Nahash’s music catalog and merchandise solely because they’re Israeli and it gave me an opportunity to speak with their manager.

I even found one for the Rabbi:

- <https://g.co/kgs/rYGRqS>
- Most recently, I stumbled across 59 סגול who merged my worlds with:
- <https://thepromisedland1.bandcamp.com/album/sagol-59-ami-yares-the-promised-land-the-original-studio-album>
- Each song triggers fond memories of Israel and of family. I’ve spent the last few weeks on my commute, attempting to narrow my pick. With the due date upon me and for the sake of not failing Hebrew:
- *Yom Shishi* https://sonichits.com/video/Benzeen/Yom_Shishi

However, depending on the time of day, you can find me in my yard with either *cafe botz* or a *Goldstar* still debating. השיעור הזה היה הקשה והמגניב ביותר

לדור לדור לשיר משיר,

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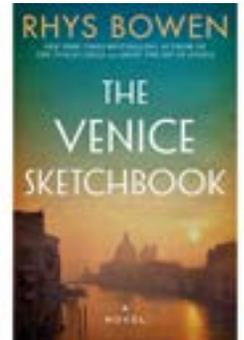
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The Venice Sketchbook by Rhys Bowen

On her first trip to Venice in 1928, 18-year-old Juliet “Lettie” Browning falls in love with both the city and Leo, the handsome heir of Conte Da Rossi. The trip sets in motion events that result in Lettie’s unexpected life in World War II Venice. In 2001, Caroline, Juliet’s grand-niece, retreats to the family home when her marriage disintegrates. Aunt Lettie dies during Caroline’s visit and leaves her a box containing two sketchbooks, three keys, a diamond ring, and glass beads. Caroline travels to Venice to scatter Lettie’s ashes, where she unravels the mystery of the items in the box and learns that Aunt Lettie was far from the proper English art teacher she seemed. (*Library Journal*)



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