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### APRIL 2023 ZOOM LINKS

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

#### Erev Shabbat Services – 6:30 PM

April 7, 14, 21, 28

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85822310897>

Meeting ID: 858 2231 0897

#### Shabbat morning services – 9:30 AM

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81874292908>

Meeting ID: 81874292908

Meeting ID: 870 6775 4264

#### Sunday Morning Minyan – 9:00 AM

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765294784>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83919494175>

Meeting ID: 839 1949 4175

#### Wednesday Morning Minyan – 7:00 AM (Zoom only)

April 5, 12, 19, 26

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89353245502>

Meeting ID: 893 5324 5502

#### 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)



Watch  
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# Happy Passover

## TJC PASSOVER 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

### **Tuesday – 4/4**

Search for Chametz (Bedikat Chametz)

### **Wednesday Morning – 4/5**

Siyyum for the First Born – 9:00 AM

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 forms on page 17 and 18.*

### **Wednesday Evening – 4/5**

Passover 1st Night Seder - Evening

### **Thursday Morning – 4/6**

Shabbat Morning Service – 9:30 AM

Lunch following services

1st Day of Passover

Passover 2nd Night Seder - Evening

### **Friday Morning – 4/7**

Morning Service – 9:30 AM

Lunch following services

Evening Service – 6:30 PM

### **Saturday Morning – 4/8**

Morning Service – 9:30 AM

### **Tuesday Evening – 4/11**

Services 6:30 PM

7th Night Dinner, see page 19

### **Wednesday Morning – 4/12**

Morning Service – 9:30 AM

7th Day of Passover

Lunch following services

### **Thursday Morning – 4/13**

Morning Service - 9:30 AM

8th Day of Passover

Yizkor Memorial Services will begin after 10:00 AM.

Lunch following services

*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/Services-Siddurs.aspx>*



## MESSAGE from the Rabbi

Rabbi Andrea Merow  
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The day after Purim I look at all the hamantaschen and other baked goods and feel so grateful for community, friends and family. I even like them the next few days. But soon after, I begin to see all the baked goods only as *hametz*, leavened foods forbidden to us on Passover. Passover is exactly one month after Purim. The month of April begins with the ancient Exodus out of Egypt and the rejoicing over our freedom. We then observe three modern days that mark important events in Judaism in the 20th century: Yom HaShoah: Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaZikaron: the Day of Remembrance for fallen Israelis and Yom haAtzma'ut: Israel Independence Day. Like each holiday or important time in our lives, preparing for these sacred days makes each one meaningful and special. In the fall we call our Holidays the High Holidays; the spring collection of sacred days, most packed into April this year, needs a catchy name in English as well; let me know if you have one!

Passover celebrates our Exodus from slavery to freedom, and how we can change from the mentality of being enslaved to that of being a free People. Pesach celebrates our journey towards a life filled with mitzvot. It celebrates our ability to change how we view circumstances in our world, and to consider that how things presently are, does not have to be how they always will be. Pesach celebrates our leaving of Egypt, literally, leaving a narrow place for a place expanse and potential. We prepare for Passover by cleaning our kitchens and ridding our homes and offices of all hametz. In addition to cleaning our kitchens and preparing seders and meals, can we take a moment to prepare our minds and hearts to be more open to new deeper ways of encountering Jewish life. Let us fill our seders with both nostalgia and with new readings and questions to help us to build a better Jewish future.

In addition to your family Passover celebrations, I hope you will join us at TJC to celebrate Passover. On the morning of April 5th join for a brief Siyum (the completion of learning so that the First-Born children among us do not have to fast). This will be followed by the sale and burring of your hametz, Passover singing and a marshmallow roast, a great way to get in the Passover spirit. We have Passover services on April 6th and 7th and 12th and 13th and Shabbat at 9:30 a.m. – please help your community to have a festive service by joining us. Your presence is needed and appreciated. Please remember to register by April 9 for our community Passover dinner and sing-down on Tuesday April 11th.

Under a week after Passover the entire Jewish People turn our attention to *Yom HaShoah v'haGevurah* Holocaust Memorial Day, literally, the Day of conflagration or catastrophe and heroism. Began in 1951 and codified by the Israeli government in 1959, it is on the 27th of Nisan that world Jewry remembers the Holocaust. We live in the shadow of survivors and their children, so for many, the Holocaust is always present in our thoughts. Our community will screen the film *Complicit* and hear from survivors on Wednesday eve April 19th. Please invite family, friends and

neighbors, and also extend this invitation to those in the larger community who would benefit from learning about the Shoah.

One week later the Jewish world honors *Yom HaZikaron*, Israel Remembrance Day and *Yom HaAtzma'ut* – Israel Independence Day. Our community is thrilled to host an incredible concert celebrating the 75th year of Israel's Independence. This means that there are still some folks living who remember a time when we did not have a Jewish State. We are fortunate to live at a time in history when we both look towards Jerusalem and can actually go there and see the “desert bloom.” We are fortunate to have young men and women who put their lives on the line and defend Israel. We are fortunate to live at a time when the Jewish People have a Jewish State. TJC will celebrate Israel at a Community-wide festive concert at TJC on May 3rd and at The Israel Parade on June 4th in New York City.

While some in our community are appreciative of the current Israeli government, I deeply recognize that many of our members, are troubled by the current political climate in Israel. As of this writing we watch from afar as many Israelis protest. This is of course, how democracy works. Democracy is messy. As in the United States, and in many countries, we are witnessing a time when populations and governments are increasingly polarized. As the Psalms teach, we “Pray of the Peace of Jerusalem.” We pray for peace and security for all who live in the Land and State of Israel. We pray for a thriving State of Israel that fulfils its promises enumerated in its Declaration of Independence.

Please join us as we recognize and celebrate 75 years of Statehood on May 3rd for an amazing concert featuring Israeli performer David Broza. Cosponsored The Jewish Federation, Beth Chaim and Beth El, this concert will truly be a community gathering. Broza's guitar playing, and his ballads are legendary; his music spans over 40 years of Israeli history. His music is part of the soundtrack that plays in my head and heart. His iconic song, *Yihye Tov* – “it will be good” first released in 1977, has been added to over the decades reflecting the complicated relationship of Israel with her neighbors. It remains our prayer: that it will be good. If you do not yet know Broza's music, please take this month to listen to his wide variety of Hebrew, Spanish and English songs on YouTube or on my Facebook page. Join us to Celebrate Israel's 75th on May 3rd.

Join us for all of the Spring holidays – some happy, some days of remembrance -all part of the fabric of Jewish life.

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# MESSAGE from the President

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## Yom HaAtzma'ut begins this year on the evening of the 25th of April

Yom Haatzmaut begins this year on the evening of the 25th of April.

It was around Yom Haatzmaut back in 1998 that we discovered that I was pregnant with our firstborn. My husband, Barak, and I were living in an apartment on Rehov Hayim v'Elisha, a small street off of Ahad Ha'am, between the venerable HaBimah Theater and Tel Aviv's rocking Rehov Sheinken. I worked in publishing and learned Hebrew through the songs of David Broza, Barak fulfilled his national service then worked in investment banking (but was called for reserve duty nearly half of every month to make up for the years he had spent in the States), and I made *aliyah*, becoming an Israeli citizen. We returned to the U.S. to attend graduate school, trading the raucous conviviality of Tel Aviv (עיר ללא הפסקה / the city without pause) for the remote silence of the snow-capped mountains round Hanover, NH. With the notable exception of Susannah Heschel it felt like there were few Jews at Dartmouth, and even fewer Israelis. When our son was born amid the rage and bluster of a Nor'easter turned ice storm I felt we were as far from our Israeli home as we could be. Yet I remember holding baby Gabriel in my arms just after he was born, his finger clutching my pinkie, and feeling floored by the thought that one day this tiny being would grow up and need to decide whether to fulfill his national service in the IDF.

Barak and I never told our children how they should feel or think about Israel, or whether or not they should serve in the Israeli Defense Force (as all citizens are required to do when they turn 17). We feel it is our job to raise them to ask questions, seek answers, and forge their own path, guided by their love for and connection to Israel.

Israel's national anthem is "Hatikva," the hope, a song I must have heard hundreds of times in my life but never as I did at the beret ceremony when Gabriel became a *tzanhan* (paratrooper) on Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem. He and his fellow soldiers had been in motion all night, hiking over 50 km in full gear, carrying stretchers, their uniforms completely sweated through, with their families (and Rabbi Merow, Nancy and Neil Lewis) lining the streets to cheer them on up that last stretch of hill to the amphitheater to the ceremony. Nothing prepared me for the experience of standing shoulder to shoulder with thousands of people, every parent, spectator, and soldier proudly singing "Hatikva" with one voice. As beautiful as other anthems may be, they are usually performed *for us*, not inhabited *by us* as was that day.

Gabriel is no longer a babe in arms; he is a young man who carries arms. And as this *tzanhan's* mother, I cannot wait until he is back in our arms. I am proud of him for navigating his Jewish and Israeli identity. That in order for him to speak knowledgeably about Israel, he decided to literally walk miles in someone else's boots. That being a part of the paratroopers has challenged him not just physically and mentally, but has also demanded serious study and rigorous reflection about identity, Zionism, responsibility, and ethics. There may be truth to what David Broza sings in his famous ballad, "Yihehe Tov": "Children wear wings and fly off to the *tzahvah* (army), and after two years they return with *notchuvah* (answer) but Gabriel has taken every opportunity to question and to learn and to grow.

As I write this, it feels as if the country I love and that my son is defending has been torn apart. I have great faith in the Israeli people, and I know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel - we just can't find the tunnel yet.

יהיה טוב/יהיה טוב, כן / לפעמים אני נשבר / אז הלילה הו הלילה/ איתך אני נשאר

It will be good/ yes, all will be good/  
though I sometimes break down/  
but this night/  
oh, this night/  
I will stay with you.  
David Broza, "Yihehe Tov"

Please join me on May 3 for the David Broza concert to mark Israel's 75 years of existence.

L'Shalom,

**Alexandra Bar-Cohen**

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# MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Friends,

Etgar Keret is a fantastic writer. If you're looking for great Israeli literature, look him up. Recently, I read his book The Seven Good Years, a memoir recounting the seven years between his son's birth and his father's death.

I deep dove into the chapter entitled "Jam" as a part of a workshop in which I participated called "The Tiniest House in the World." In exploring that chapter, Keret challenges us to consider the question of "home." Dubbed "the world's narrowest house," the 46 square-foot home was built in 2012 when an architect named Jakub Szczesny told Keret that he "...saw a narrow gap between two buildings. And that gap told me that I had to build you a house there." Keret, of course, saw this call as a prank and filed it away in his memory under "Unclear Practical Jokes." Szczesny called him again from Tel Aviv just two weeks later to talk to him about an unused space between two buildings on Chlodna Street in Warsaw that had the "proportions of [Keret's] stories: as minimalist and small as possible."

Why Warsaw? Because Keret's grandfather told his mother that because the Nazis wanted to wipe their family name out, she had only one job: to survive the Holocaust. And she did. She once told Keret that he was not an Israeli writer, but rather a Polish writer in exile. So Keret went to Warsaw and saw this space where Szczesny would design his home. Coincidentally, the place was where a bridge connected the small ghetto to the larger one. His mother recognized the place immediately. Keret saw the space become a home, and fulfill his grandfather's wish: that the family name would live on in a city that attempted to wipe it out.

The chapter ends with Keret sitting in his house, eating jam made by a neighbor, and telling his mother that he is in their home in Warsaw.

Questions abounded from my fellow workshop participants. Is 46 square feet enough space to make a home? How do we define home? Billy Joel once sang, "Home can be the Pennsylvania Turnpike / Indiana's early morning dew / High up in the hills of California / Home is just another word for you." All over Youtube, there are channels with people who live out of vans (VanCity Van Life is a favorite of ours)

who talk about the luxuries (and challenges) of having your home wherever you go. There are reality shows about tiny houses and people downsizing, often leading me to question whether I really need all of the "stuff" that I have.

But the main part of this story that I took away was the notion of "home." As you read this, I will have just returned home - to Israel. I have no doubt that 38 Vinik Street in Rishon Le Zion does not look the same as I remember it, nor does the neighborhood of my beloved family friend at 18 HaDuchifat St. I'm fairly certain that Beigeleh Cham - my favorite place to get borekas - is no longer where I remember it (if it even exists anymore...) and I'm curious to see what became of my Savta's house in Kfar Aharon. Even with all the changes, I anticipate crying upon arrival and crying even harder when it's time to return.

To me, though, I'm going home. And I am bringing Marc, Eric and Jason home with me.

Where is home to you? What is home to you? Can we have multiple homes? I'd love to hear your thoughts! Email me! [sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org)

*L'Shalom,*

**Sharon**

\*If you would like to learn more about the Keret House, you can Google Keret House or go to this link: <https://www.archdaily.com/289630/inside-the-keret-house-the-worlds-skinniest-house-by-jakub-szczesny>

## *Religious School dates for April/ May*

*There will be no religious school from April 1-15, classes resume Sunday, 4/16.*

*May 5 Full School Shabbat Dinner and Teacher Appreciation Dinner  
May 20 – Shabbat L'Kulanu*

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

## 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 22 & May 20

11:00 a.m.

Youth Lounge



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

# Shabbat Under the Stars

May 12

Services - 6:30 PM  
Dinner - 7:30 PM

POTLUCK DINNER  
Fish entree and beverages provided by  
The Jewish Center.

Bring a dish! Bring a friend! Bring kosher wine!  
Please RSVP via ShulCloud & let us know what  
dish you are sharing

Stay after dinner for Chess! All levels welcome

Want to host? Contact Emile Kovit at [ekovit@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:ekovit@thejewishcenter.org)  
or call 609 921 0100 x 209

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## Join us!

TJC Hike Led by Ed Simon

Sunday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Sourland Mountains Preserve  
421 East Mountain Road  
Hillsborough Township



Meet at the Trailbend Map Stanchion located off the right side of the parking lot.  
Dogs are permitted on leash.

Large Nature Preserve with well groomed trails and interesting rock formations.  
Trail hiking is rated moderate as it has an elevation gain of 500+ feet.

Roundtrip hike of approximately 3 miles with an option to extend up to 5-1/2 miles roundtrip for those desiring. Wear hiking boots or sturdy sneakers.  
Hiking Poles are always recommended to make hiking easier.  
Bring water, energy snacks are suggested.

Portable toilets are available in the Preserve's parking lot.



# Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



**Talia Martinez**

**April 1, 2023**

Talia Martinez is a seventh-grade student at Princeton Middle School. She spends much of her free time at The Dance Corner where she is on the competition team for many styles of dance including jazz, hip hop, acro and lyrical. She has studied ballet for six years and recently began pointe class. Talia also plays field hockey and is on the swim team for her school, and loves skiing with family and friends. She spends summers having fun at Abrams JCC Camp – this summer will be her tenth year! For her Chessed project, Talia volunteered weekly as an assistant in Ballet 1 at her dance studio, demonstrating technique for younger dancers. In addition, she collected over 150 lbs of gently used dance attire for Dance Fairies, to be sent to aspiring dancers in need around the world. She also donated some of her Bat Mitzvah gift money to help with the redistribution cost of costumes. Talia would like to thank Rabbi Merrow, Avi, Ronit R. and Jonathon for their help in preparing for her Bat Mitzvah, as well as all her religious-school teachers and family for their support over the years.



**Liora Spiegel**

**April 15**

Liora is a seventh grader at Princeton Middle School. She moved here in 2020 from Philly and quickly adopted the local customs of playing lacrosse and walking to town with friends. Liora likes cooking and baking, and brought joy to many with her treats from the oven throughout the pandemic. Liora also loves animals and, especially, spending time with her dog, Frida. For her Chessed project, Liora volunteered at Trenton Animals Rock, an animal shelter in Trenton where she helped care for cats and prepared treats for dogs. She spends her summers at Camp Harlam in the Poconos where she loves to swim and relax with her bunk. Liora is grateful to Gila, Cilla, Avi, Rabbi Merow and the TJC community for helping to prepare her for her Bat Mitzvah.



**Leila Cayton-Hodges**

**April 22**

Leila is a seventh grader at Princeton Middle School where her favorite subject is social studies.

Leila began dancing ballet at age two and currently studies ballet, modern, contemporary, jazz, and lyrical dance. When not at the dance studio, Leila can be seen competing in the long jump on the Princeton Middle School Track and Field team. She also loves to run, bake, and paint. For Leila's Chessed project, she helped to bring Share my Meals to the Jewish Center, starting a continuing partnership that has already been responsible for delivering hundreds of meals to local families in need. She would like to thank Jonathon, Rabbi Merow, Avi, Sharon, and all of her religious school teachers for their help preparing for this special day.



**Georgina Gitterman**

**April 29, 2023**

Georgina is a seventh grade student at Princeton Middle School. She has been a participant of the district’s Dual Language Immersion Program since kindergarten and is fluent in Spanish. Georgina enjoys working behind the scenes for the drama department at school and has been the Stage Manager for the Fall play and Spring musical. She is an avid reader and loves to draw and paint and create. When Georgina is not hanging out with friends, she spends her time listening to music. Her favorite activity by far is hiking with the family, including rescue-pup Pepi.

Georgina is proud to follow in her older siblings’ footsteps and become a bat mitzvah at The Jewish Center, a place where she has learned and thrived since birth! Special thanks to Gila Levin, Carol Alpert, Avi Paradise, and Rabbi Merow for their help and support.



Kiddush Community is a way to build more connections between congregants and eat good food. It involves re-imagining how we organize Kiddush luncheons.

This re-imagining of the Kiddush Luncheon BUILDS our community by:

- 1. Adding a source of Alternative revenue
- 2. Increasing participate in Shabbat: services or social
- 3. Allowing us to celebrate more simchot together

- Macher \$1000
- Supporter \$540
- Contributor \$360
- Friend \$180

Each week multiple congregants can mark simchot at TJC by donating towards the kiddush luncheon. The spread stays the same (with some options for upper levels or additional donations).

# MEMBERSHIP



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

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

To David Politziner on his special birthday.

To Dr. Joan Goldstein, who celebrated her birthday with loved ones on February 15th. (She was really born on the 14th, but a winter storm kept the doctors from reaching the hospital, so they held her back until one in the morning of the 15th.)

To Maryann Yarin on the birth of her granddaughter, Alexandra Marin Holloway, to parents Rachel and Rob Holloway and sister Julia.

To Ellen and Stewart Borrow on the birth of their grandson, Adam, to Amanda and Simon. Ronan is delighted to have a baby brother.

To Susan and Jonathan Gross, who celebrated the B'not Mitzvah of their twin granddaughters, Alice and Ruth Gross, at Beth Hillel-Beth El synagogue in Wynnewood, PA on Shabbat Shira.

To The b'not mitzvah class of 1997.

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Join The Jewish Center on

**Sunday, April 23**

as we celebrate Earth Day at TJC

Help us plant flowers in our new Meadow at 9:00 a.m.

Young Families Teddy Bear Scavenger Hunt at 12:30 p.m.

Work in our Hachutzah Exploratory Trail

Let's make the Earth a better place to be!

Join us!



## A Picnic For Teddy Bears

AND THEIR PEOPLE!  
IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY!

Sunday, April 23

12:30 pm

Meet in Jessica's Garden

Bring your own lunch (and bear!)



RSVP

<https://bit.ly/tjcbears>

# 33rd Annual Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Lecture Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m.



Please join us on Sunday, April 30 at 3:00-4:00 p.m. for the 33rd Annual Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Lecture at The Jewish Center of Princeton, 435 Nassau St.. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.. There is no charge; it's not a fund-raiser, but over the years we have learned to require prior registration to ensure a smooth yet full seating capacity. For this year's very special talk, we are inviting clergy, social activists, elected legislators and leaders from Princeton and surrounding communities, in addition to our regular friends, family, congregants, and supporters.

We are honored to welcome the dynamic speaker and visionary leader, Bishop William J. Barber II, who pursues justice and equity from within the grassroots community to the halls of political power as he builds broad inter-religious collaborations to foster lasting racial and economic justice. He leads the Poor People's Campaign and Repairers of the Breach, and soon as Professor at Yale U's Divinity School and Director of its new Center for Public Theology and Public Policy. In this time of extreme tension and strife, we anticipate his talk will energize us in our necessary work of building a prophetic moral vision of social and economic justice Together on Life's Narrow Bridge, A Bridge to Action.

Some of you remember that Amy Adina's moral "brand" is the quote from Reb Nachman of Bratzlav, "All the World is a Narrow Bridge..but The Main Thing is Not

to Fear." She sang this song, in Hebrew, "*Kol ha-olam Kulo. Gesher Tsar Me'od, ..V'ha-ekar, Lo Lifad.*" the last time she was home from college, after the end of the Rosh HaShanah services, pirouetting through the streets of Princeton with her curls bobbing up and down. Just two months later, in November 1986 an aneurysm shattered her brain.

We've worked to keep her values ongoing, and with your support we've awarded 1600 grants to young people who have volunteered in social justice activist programs throughout the world. To thank you for your ongoing support we have an Annual Memorial Lecture each year, a thoughtful and informed discussion on a timely topic. This year we are thrilled to invite you to join us and welcome Bishop Barber to our Jewish Center..

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to ensure your seat. There is no charge, but unclaimed seats will be filled from a wait list at 2:50 p.m. If you register and then find you cannot come, it would be most helpful if you would let us know so others can attend knowing there is a seat for them.

Register NOW at:

EVENT BRITE: <https://aasmf2023.eventbrite.com>

**Much thanks, Ruth and the Schulman Family**

# TJC Youth Programming

## Earth Day Activities | After Religious School

All ages are welcome to join The Jewish Center community after Religious School for various Earth Day related projects on the TJC campus.

Apr 23

## Nitzanim Laser Tag | Sunday, 4-5 PM

3rd and 4th graders are invited to join us for outdoor laser tag this afternoon!

Apr 23

## Kadima Laser Tag | Sunday, 4:30-5:30 PM

5th through 7th graders are invited to join us for outdoor laser tag this afternoon!

Apr 23

## JCUSY Laser Tag | Sunday, 5-6 PM

8th through 12th graders are invited to join us for outdoor laser tag this afternoon before Sulam!

Apr 23

RSVPs are required to Youth Director Ethan Weg at [eweg@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:eweg@thejewishcenter.org)

## Jewish Holidays in April

Passover April 5-13

Yom HaShoah – April 18  
(Film: Complicit on April 19)

Yom Hazikaron April 25  
(Israel remembrance day)

Yom Ha'atzmaut – April 26  
Israel turns 75!



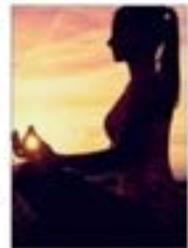
## Shabbat Meditation Led by Ruth Goldston

April 1 & 15 4:00 p.m.  
In TJC Adult Library

Shabbat is a time for rest and renewal. Our busy lives make it hard to slow down, not just physically, but mentally as well. Join us as we use mindfulness meditation techniques to savor our moment-to-moment experiences, and to connect with our Jewish souls in the richness of silence in each other's company.

The Jewish calendar, the liturgy, or the parshah will provide the focus for our practice. You will leave relaxed, refreshed, and centered as you enter the next week.

Appropriate for beginners as well as more experienced mindfulness practitioners. And if you've tried mindfulness or meditation before, and think you've "failed," you are especially welcome to join us.



### Open to the Community!

Ruth Goldston is a long-time congregant, as well as a psychologist in private practice in Princeton. She has been leading Shabbat Meditation (aka Meditation Mincha) for the past 6 years at TJC. She has used mindfulness techniques successfully with her clients for many years, and has drawn on them to create meaningful prayer experiences in TJC's Havurah Miryan.



JOIN US!

# Cocktails in the Corridor

**April 21st**

**5:15 pm**

**At The Jewish Center**

**435 Nassau St, Princeton, NJ**

**Featuring Our Newest Art Display!**

**Artwork presentation at 5:30 pm  
by TJC member Rebecca Meurer**

**Before Shabbat Services**

**Drinks, Snacks and Schmoozing!**

# DAVID BROZA IN CONCERT

A community-wide  
concert  
in honor of Israel's  
75th Anniversary  
of Independence

*Photo: Ehud Lazin*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The Jewish Center  
435 Nassau Street. Princeton 08540

Premier admission: \$75 | General admission: \$36  
Sanctuary Seating      Social Hall Seating

David Broza, world-renowned Israeli singer, songwriter, and guitarist, joins us in concert. A music icon for decades, Broza appeals to music lovers of all ages.

*Presented by:*





# DAVID BROZA IN CONCERT

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### **Yiheyev Tov/It Will Be Good - \$5,000**

- 6 Tickets to Performance
- Reserved Seating in Center Front Section
- Donor Dessert Reception with David Broza
- Name or Logo on all Marketing Materials
- Reserved Event Parking
- Full Page Ad in TJC newsletter

### **Mitachat Lashamayim/Under the Sky - \$2,500**

- 4 Tickets to Performance
- Reserved Seating in Center Rear Section
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- Name or Logo on all Marketing Materials
- Reserved Event Parking
- Half Page Ad in TJC newsletter

### **Ha Isha Sh'Etee/The Woman With Me - \$1,000**

- 2 Tickets to Performance
- Reserved Seating in Main Side Section
- Donor Dessert Reception with David Broza
- Quarter Page Ad in TJC newsletter

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For more information on becoming a sponsor, or to purchase tickets, please visit [thejewishcenter.org/broza](http://thejewishcenter.org/broza)



### McCaffrey's Receipts

Thank you for bringing your McCaffrey's receipts to TJC! We appreciate you thinking of us whenever you shop.

Now collecting for April - June 2023. Please do not bring in older receipts.

Thank you!

Would you like to sort? We are looking for volunteers to help sort receipts. Contact Roni at [vgarrison@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:vgarrison@thejewishcenter.org)

# Share My Meals

We just marked our one year anniversary of partnership: The Jewish Center and Share My Meals - over 800 meals served to local families and almost 5,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions saved! Thank you!



## Jewish Center Princeton

Mar 1, 2022 - Mar 16, 2023

Number of Pickups

**26**

↑ N/A

Number of Containers

**225**

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Meals Served

**849**

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Food Saved (lb.)

**1,072**

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CO2 Saved (lb.)

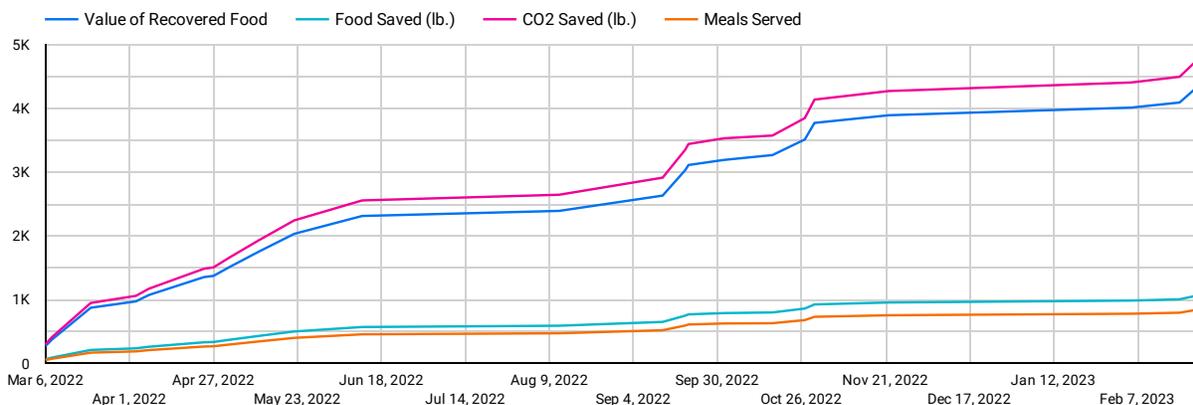
**4,790**

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Value of Recovered Food

**\$4,364**

No data



# 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 **Tuesday, April 4th at noon.**

I (We) hereby authorize Rabbi Andrea Merow to sell my (our) *chametz* for Passover 5783. Wednesday, April 5th, 9:30 am – Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 8:30 p.m.

Name (s) (please include pet names)

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Complete Addresses

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 Zip

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please estimate the value of the chametz that you are selling: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE some contribute to *Tzedakah, Maot Hittin* – a fund for those in need, when selling your *chametz*. Rabbi Merow will contribute to agencies that combat food insecurities from your donations.



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# A FUN Start to Passover

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BEFORE  
PASSOVER  
APRIL 5  
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  
(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!!**

**Register at [bit.ly/SaleofChametz2023](https://bit.ly/SaleofChametz2023) so we know to  
expect you**

JOIN RABBI MEROW AND THE TJC COMMUNITY FOR

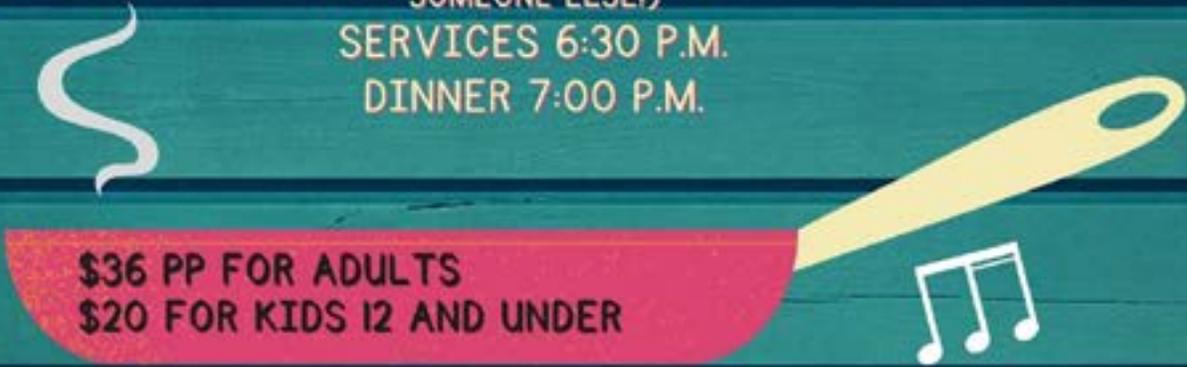
# 7TH NIGHT PASSOVER DINNER AND A PASSOVER SINGDOWN!

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

(THE 7TH NIGHT OF PASSOVER - LEAVE THE COOKING TO  
SOMEONE ELSE!)

SERVICES 6:30 P.M.

DINNER 7:00 P.M.



\$36 PP FOR ADULTS  
\$20 FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER



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NO RESERVATIONS TAKEN  
AFTER APRIL 9TH AT 10 AM

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# NISSAN-IYAR 5783

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# ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, May 21, 2021

10:00 AM

Main Sanctuary

Election of 2023-2024 Officers

Approval for 2023-2024 Budget

Light refreshments will be served



## Judaism's Best Kept Secret

Jewish tradition asks of us to honor our loved ones, even after they pass on. The volunteers who take on this task of preparing our loved ones for a proper Jewish burial are called the Chevra Kadisha—Holy Society. Women care for women, men care for men.

Judaism embraces the reality of death giving the Chevra Kadisha the opportunity to be the last ones to attend to these memorable people. Jews caring for Jews... a most beautiful tradition, one that must be cherished and continued.

**We invite our Jewish community, women and men, to learn more about participating in this Ultimate Mitzvah. Please contact Laurie at [rablau@comcast.net](mailto:rablau@comcast.net)**

## Celebrate Israel Parade



June 4,  
2023



11:30 am – 4 pm

On 5th Ave. 57th-74th St

This Year's theme:

Israel@75

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Chagigah B'Yisrael

Interested in attending with TJC?

Email us at

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Meetings in April 2023 | 7:00 pm

EC Meeting April 20 | Board Meeting April 27

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# COMPLICIT

A FILM ABOUT THE VOYAGE OF THE SS ST. LOUIS  
A SHIP THAT ATTEMPTED TO HELP REFUGEES FLEE THE HOLOCAUST

**Featuring a discussion with  
Director Robert Krakow and  
SS St. Louis survivors  
Sonja Geismar & Eva Wiener**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19  
FILM SCREENING - 7:00 P.M.  
DISCUSSION - 8:00 P.M.  
AT THE JEWISH CENTER  
435 NASSAU ST., PRINCETON, NJ

Refreshments will be served

**Register at [bit.ly/StLouisDoc](http://bit.ly/StLouisDoc)**

This program is being made possible through a gift from the  
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# Synagogue Spotlight



Hinda Winawer, passionate about family therapy, social justice, music, and her family, had a “complicated” connection to Judaism, but has had a rich, long journey “back” to religious practice.

In her Brooklyn immigrant, working-class household, she was influenced by her older brother and sister. When seventh-grade Hinda told Sidney, 12 years her senior, that a wealthy girl had pulled her ponytail, he advised her to follow the girl home and tell the girl’s mother. The girl was reprimanded by her mother and never bothered Hinda again. “What my brother taught me was not that I should be rescued, but that I could advocate for myself.” Her brother, discriminated against as a Jew when applying to medical school, followed his own advice, and has an illustrious international career in treatment, research, and teaching.



Hinda attended a Conservative Talmud Torah, but on Shabbos went to Young Israel of Flatbush. “I was handed down from the women’s section to the men’s section when I was four or five. On my brother’s lap, I played with the *tzittit* on his *tallis*.” Hinda learned the alef-beys in the Forverts from her *rebbetzin* bubba.

Her wealthy aunt sent Hinda to Orthodox summer camps. “I embraced the religious spirit. I loved zemiros; we sang until the rooftop shook.” But as a teen Hinda became disenchanted with the Orthodox community, having observed hypocrisy, shady business practices, and wealthier Jews looking down on others.

At 16½ Hinda matriculated at Brooklyn College and studied comparative literature. “A whole new world opened to me”—great professors, languages, study abroad with “kids from all over the world,” singing in a Renaissance and Baroque choir. “I saw a world that wasn’t Jewish, bigger than Flatbush, Brooklyn.” She moved away from religion, became a “beatnik,” and on Fridays frequented folk music cafes in Greenwich Village.

Hinda met her first husband, Sol Steiner, an experimental psychologist, when he was in grad school. They had a small Jewish wedding to please their parents. However, they divorced when their sons, Kurt and Erik, were five and seven. So as not to disrupt her sons’ lives, she found a cheaper apartment nearby. Because her husband had refused to support her doctorate, she started studying social work.

In September 1975 in a postgraduate clinical training program at the Ackerman Institute for the Family, Hinda met her now-

husband, Norbert Wetzel, a visiting psychologist, a German former priest, and an activist, who “was part of the generation that assumed the guilt and responsibility for the Holocaust.”

Hinda and Norbert share many values and interests. “Oddly, I talked more about Judaism with my Catholic-husband-to-be than with my Jewish husband—perhaps because we both were fascinated by difference and because he was educated as a theologian and respected Jewish religion and tradition. That is, in part, when I started to get closer to Jewish practice.”

Worrying about bringing Norbert to her family’s Passover seder, Hinda threw a string of excuses at her sister, Joyce, ending with “It won’t work; he’s German.” Joyce responded, “Bring him anyway,” illustrating that, in their family, “family together trumps everything.”

Hinda and the boys moved to Princeton when Norbert started working at Trinity Counseling Service. She joined a practice in Lawrenceville and taught family therapy at Rutgers University, at the Ackerman Institute, and worldwide.



In 1983 their daughter, Sara, was born, and a few years later, their son Andreas.

In the mid-1990s Hinda and Norbert founded the Center for Family, Community, and Social Justice, and Hinda became executive director. The Center’s diverse faculty and supervisor group provided training and supervision to teams in 20 schools. “Instead of blaming Black and Latino families, we saw them as resources for their children and engaged them in counseling.” In Camden, Hinda “learned about being aware and accountable for my whiteness in a Black community context.” The center became an “undoing racism” organization having trained with the People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond. Among Hinda’s professional publications, several deal with racism in the professional context

Hinda has become co-organizer of the Jewish Center’s library minyan, where she enjoys its study services that “allow us a time for commentary that integrates biblical, historic, and contemporary issues of social justice.”

For a long time Hinda saw herself as a “wandering Jew,” at Shabbos dinner at therapy conferences, as a member of String of Pearls, and as an attendee at Zamru, university high holiday services, and the library minyan. She also sings in the choir of the

historic Witherspoon Street Church.

“Over time,” she says, “I’ve integrated the personal, religious, professional, and political—it took a while for me to embrace the ‘religion part.’ When I cut back in my work, I want to be more involved in the Jewish Center.”



Photo captions

Previous page top left: L. to r. Sister Joyce Kevelson, z”l; brother Sidney; Hinda

Previous page, right column: Hinda and her husband, Norbert Wetzel, cycling on Martha’s Vineyard  
This page Hinda with her extended family  
Trenton Middle School team reads students’ “letters to my father”  
Former Trenton team with Hinda.



*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 about one another. This article was written by Michele.*

*Michele 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 Olney, MD, with their children, Nava, Hannah, and Noam. Her daughter, Aliza, lives in the Manayunk neighborhood of Philadelphia.*

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**FREE at TJC**

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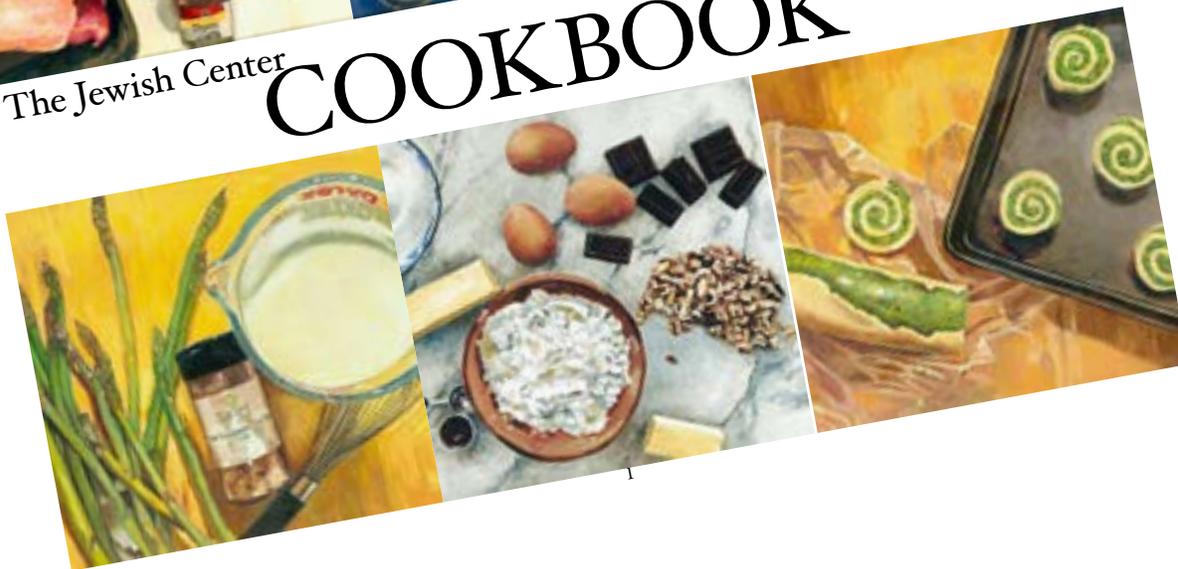
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The Jewish Center

# COOKBOOK



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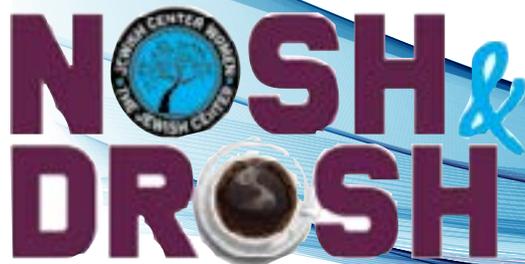


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- Log into ShulCloud
- Go to "My Account"
- Scroll down to the third category on that page, "My Communications and Directory Options" and then click on Member Directory.





**Join us:** April 20 at 9:30 am  
Guest Facilitator: Ellen Pristach

*Anne Frank - Beyond the Diary  
Do You Know Her Story?*

**BLOOD DRIVE  
@ TJC  
Wed. May 10  
1-7 PM**



Appointments suggested

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/tjc0510>

This blood drive is being organized by The Jewish Center and The Muslim Center of Greater Princeton in partnership with the New York Blood Center

For more information, contact:  
Eric Roberts, Chair: [eroberts325@gmail.com](mailto:eroberts325@gmail.com)

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Marty and Judy Schwartz are long-term members of two synagogues, The Jewish Center and Temple Sholom in Plainfield, N.J. Their ties to Temple Sholom reach back to 1913 when Marty's grandfather, Samuel Schwartz, helped establish the first reform synagogue in Plainfield and served as President of the congregation.

When we began our Life and Legacy campaign ten years ago, Marty and Judy created a Promise, a promise to leave a legacy gift to both synagogues. We are proud to honor them and share their story.

Marty grew up in a home deeply rooted in the city of Plainfield and in the traditions of Judaism. His grandfather, the oldest of 11 children, was born in New York and settled in Plainfield as a young man along with eight of his siblings. Temple Sholom was populated with aunts, uncles and cousins and Marty's father, Harold Schwartz, served as President of the congregation from 1946 to 1949. With little separation between the shul and family, Marty became interested in Judaism at an early age and took pride in celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with a congregation that was truly his family.

Judy's grew up in North Plainfield, a borough of Somerset County. While she was in high school the family moved to Plainfield, a community with a greater Jewish population. The family belonged to the reform temple, celebrated Jewish holidays and Judy was involved in social activities at JCC. She met Marty in the summer before starting college. Two years later, after Marty graduated from University of Pennsylvania, they were married. Their son Joe was born the following year. Judy managed to juggle her college classes with motherhood, graduating from Douglass College with a major in English literature.

Marty's professional career began at Queen City Finance, a company founded by his father. Eleven years later, Marty's father retired, the business was sold and Marty accepted a position with Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant. Marty remained with Merrill Lynch for 35 years where he worked with corporations and individual clients and managed a range of financial products, including pension plans, individual retirement accounts and profit-sharing plans.

# LIFE & LEGACY

In 1969, Marty and Judy moved out of Plainfield and settled in Warren. They were now a family with three young children, Joe, Jane, and Andrew. Marty became active at Temple Sholom, served on the Board, and the family became Shabbat regulars at Friday night services. In 1971, Marty was elected president of the congregation, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

That was also the time when Judy and a friend opened The Country Book Store in Martinsville. As a lover of books and an avid reader, Judy enjoyed running a local book shop. The store served the community for almost ten years, but competition from the large, national, retail booksellers forced them to close

After Joe, Jane, and Andy left home for college, Marty and Judy transitioned to a two-hundred-year-old home on a five-acre property in the hills of Mendham. They loved the house, but when Marty was about to retire, Judy said “this is no place for retired people.”

At that time Andy was living in Brooklyn and Jane and Joe were settled in Princeton. Joe was working as a math specialist in the East Brunswick school system and attending weekly Shabbat services at The Jewish Center, and his wife Barbara taught in the synagogue’s nursery school and religious school. Marty and Judy knew where their new home would be.

Once settled in Princeton, Marty became involved with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer and served as the chairman of the investment committee for twelve years. He and Judy created a Donor Advised Fund at the Foundation, which is truly a Schwartz family fund. The three adult children have access to the account, and their six grandchildren are encouraged to make donations to organizations of their choice knowing their grandparents will double the contribution.

L’dor V’dor is a reality for Marty and Judy. The legacy of their parents and grandparents in Plainfield has been passed on to the next generation. The six grandchildren have all celebrated their B’nai Mitzvah and the family continues to gather together throughout the year to celebrate Jewish holidays.

We hope you consider making a legacy gift to TJC. A Promise can be completed by downloading the form, <https://www.foundationjewish.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/LL-Promise-Form-9.22.pdf>, or by completing an online Promise with the Jewish Community Foundation, <https://bit.ly/LifeandLegacyPromise>, or by contacting us.

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# Israel & Us

## אושר כהן - כל הזמן אומרת

By Gefen Bar-Cohen

My name is Gefen Bar-Cohen. I am currently a sophomore at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where I am studying philosophy and play on the basketball team, but I spent my childhood in large part at The Jewish Center, attending preschool, Religious School, and becoming a bar mitzvah. You may know my mother, President Bar-Cohen.

My father is Israeli and so I grew up listening to a lot of music by artists like David Broza, Gazoz, and Arik Einstein. When the guitars come out at family get-togethers we invariably sing “רוני/Roni” by Gazoz and childhood favorites from the quintessential children’s album *הכבש* / *The Sixteenth Lamb* like “אני אוהב שוקולד/Ani Ohev Shokolad” and “הילדה הכי יפה” / *Hayaldah Hachi Yafah BaGan*” (which my mom always changed to ‘yeled’ when she sang to me and my brother at bedtime). I still listen to all of these artists and would consider many of their songs to be some of my favorites of all time; however, for this month’s Israeli Song of the Month, I chose “כל הזמן אומרת/You Always Say” by Osher Cohen.

I first heard this song while living in Israel during a gap year in 2020 during which I played for the Beersheva basketball team. Not having a car, I hitched a ride with one of my teammates to practice every day. I got more than just a carpool because each time we rode together he introduced me to new, popular Israeli artists such as Osher Cohen, Omer Adam, and Michael Levi. Of all of them, “כל הזמן אומרת” by Osher Cohen was my favorite.

The song is about a failed relationship between Osher and an ex-girlfriend. While the story and lyrics are pretty simple, it is the fascinating mix of pop melodies, rock guitar licks, and Mizrahi riffs that make this song stand out. This compelling combination of genres - almost a collision of culture - was new to me in Israeli music. Once dominated by Ashkenazi music, Mizrahi music has grown in popularity from niche to mainstream over the past several decades, bridging cultures and reflecting the diversity of Israeli society. And you can hear this vast journey in this one simple song!

I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.



“Kol Hazman Omeret” by Omer Cohen: <https://youtu.be/lgkKvOEo8q4>

“Hayaldah Hachi Yafah B’gan” by Yehudit Ravitz: <https://youtu.be/lu2uORJVJFQ>

“Ani Ohev” by Yonatan Geffen, Yehudit Ravitz, Gidi Gov, David Broza, and Yoni Rechter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vC1T5vkLs-k>

“Roni” by Gazoz: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg\\_1IRdHKps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg_1IRdHKps)

Do you have an Israeli song you would like to share?  
Contact Edna Bryn-Noiman at [edna.bryn@gmail.com](mailto:edna.bryn@gmail.com)



# Book Club

**Tuesday, April 25**

**7:30 p.m.**

via Zoom.\*

## **April 25– *Mr. Perfect on Paper: The Matchmaker has met her Match* by Jean Meltzer**

As the creator and CEO of the popular Jewish dating app J-Mate, matchmaker Dara Rabinowitz knows the formula for lasting love—at least, for everyone else. When it comes to her own love life, she’s been idling indefinitely. Until her beloved bubbe shares Dara’s checklist for “The Perfect Jewish Husband” on national television and charming news anchor Chris Steadfast proposes they turn Dara’s search into must-see TV.



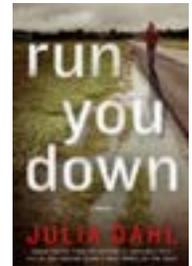
As a non-Jewish single dad, Chris doesn’t check any of Dara’s boxes. But her hunt for Mr. Perfect is the ratings boost his show desperately needs. If only Chris could ignore his own pesky attraction to Dara—a task much easier said than done when Dara starts questioning if “perfect on paper” can compete with how hard she’s falling for Chris...(Goodreads)

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

**May 16 – Run You Down by Julia Dahl**

**June 20 – Waking Lions by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen**

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The Zoom link remains the same:

Meeting ID = 861 4274 5562;

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