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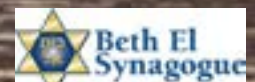
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May 5, 12, 19, 26

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May 6, 13, 20, 27

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May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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Meeting ID: 893 5324 5502

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# DAVID BROZA IN CONCERT

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## MESSAGE from the Rabbi

Rabbi Andrea Merow  
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Many years ago, there was a Dry Bones Comic Strip that read: “Some say *Shavuot*, some say *Shavous*, most people say, “huh?” While not fully accurate, there might be some truth in the idea that the holiday of *Shavuot* often seems to be celebrated by a smaller number of people than other holidays of equal importance. In both biblical and rabbinic texts, Passover, *Shavuot*, and Sukkot have the exact same standing; all three festivals are mentioned at the same time, and all are celebrated by not working. Our ancient ancestors made pilgrimages up to the Temple in Jerusalem for these festivals. Each of these festivals has religious, agricultural, cultural, and historical significance and a somewhat shared liturgy. As the joke communicates, *Shavuot* has had a harder time taking hold in our hearts and homes than the other two holidays. But that can, and I hope, will change that.

*Shavuot* is the 2nd of the Pilgrimage holidays and comes 49 days, or seven weeks after the second night of Passover. Many Jews have counted the days leading up to *Shavuot* by counting the “omer,” or by counting each day of the barley harvest. In this way *Shavuot* is intimately tied to harvest in the Land of Israel. Our festivals are tied to the land and thus even if we live our lives far from the agricultural calendar, we are reminded of our dependence on thriving crops to provide food for all. During *Shavuot* services we chant the Book of Ruth where famine plays a major role in the story. This story reinforces for us the religious meaning of noticing the harvest, of gratitude for the food that we have and for paying attention to those who do not have enough to eat. Currently in the United States millions of people remain food insecure. This month in honor of *Shavuot* visit [Mazon.org](http://Mazon.org) and see how you can help with food insecurity in America; or visit [leket.org](http://leket.org) to help Israelis who are food insecure.

*Shavuot* is also a celebration of “first fruits” (*bikurim*). In the ancient world our ancestors brought the first fruits of the harvest as an offering to the Temple. Today some envision *bikurim*, or first fruits, as a way of recognizing the first fruits of one’s work product, agricultural or not. Many years ago, I had the joy of spending *Shavuot* on a *Kibbutz*. The entire community celebrated by recognizing the “fruits” of each work area in the community. They celebrated and displayed the work that every area of the *kibbutz* had done that year. This year in honor of *Shavuot* consider taking a few moments to honor the work that your co-workers and you have produced in the last year.

*Shavuot* is also the holiday of Receiving Torah or Revelation at Mount Sinai. Today we remember this in many ways. One

*Shavuot* tradition is to eat sweet dairy products as a reminder of how sweet Torah makes our lives. Another tradition is to learn Torah, in its most expansive meaning on the night of *Shavuot*. On the holiday of *Shavuot* we remember that the Jewish People said yes to God when we were given Torah. We said “we will do (your mitzvot) and then we will understand.” In every generation our sacred task is to continue to receive and accept God’s Torah. Each *Shavuot* we are reminded to look and listen for God’s voice and to understand that the experience of hearing God’s Revelation was not a one-time event, a long time ago; hearing and responding to God’s Revelation is an ongoing process throughout our lives. *Shavuot* celebrates this!

This year we invite the entire community, from children to adults of all ages to join us on the eve of Thursday, May 25 as we usher in *Shavuot* and celebrate with sweet dairy treats and expansive Torah. Join us also for services on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27 for festive services.

*Hag sahmeah*- Happy Holiday!

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# MESSAGE from the President

Alexandra Bar-Cohen  
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In this, Dear Reader, my last “Message from the President,” I want to share a story about the beginning. It was March 2020, during the lockdown depths of the pandemic. My good friend Abby Rose texted me: can Michael Feldstein and I come over to talk TJC? Oh no, I thought, how can I find an elegant way to tell them I am not going to be on the board this year?

Of course it wasn't a seat on the board they pitched that day, standing six feet distant on my driveway. Being President wasn't something to which I had aspired- it wasn't even on my radar. I hadn't made the rounds of the Executive Committee like most prior presidents. Heck, I hadn't even been on the EC. And I was pretty busy. Cocooned in the sacred pause of the pandemic I was consumed with creating coherence of our family's photographic oeuvre - from faded early 80's snapshots taken with my first camera (a plastic Bugs Bunny point-and-shoot) to unsorted stacks of doubles from Snapfish to decades of digitals never printed but that overlapped chronologically (and confusingly) with photos from my SLR phase that weren't online at all, making actual photo albums a Herculean endeavor.

Saying yes to the presidency wasn't an easy decision. It took more than one long conversation with Nominating Committee chair, Edye Kaminer, before I did. Aside from worrying about the time commitment, I had heard that being synagogue President is a thankless job-something I would be crazy to take on.

Two years later, I can tell you that I vehemently disagree with that characterization, and I think we should change the narrative. You won't hear me counting down the days until my term is up. Serving TJC as your President was one of the most rewarding professional decisions I've made. Not only have I challenged myself in myriad ways, I've had the opportunity to work with and make real connections with so many interesting and caring individuals. Far from being a thankless role, being President - and being able to be part of the post pandemic reengagement and revitalization of our incredible TJC querencia - is a thankful one.

When I began, the building was closed, congregants were putting memberships on hold, our B'nai Mitzvah families were in crisis trying to navigate this milestone virtually, and synagogues across the country were folding. It was the wide-open opportunity to shape the next chapter of a community my family had come to love through our baby namings, b'nei mitzvot, and friendships forged as preschool parents that compelled me to commit.

As we emerged from the chrysalis period of loss and isolation, our first challenge was how to enact the ingathering of our virtual exiles. We were barely in the building and people's synagogue-going muscles were atrophied. Even when it was possible to come back in person people initially stayed away. We had no rabbi; one month after I began, Rabbi Merow arrived and we began the journey of coming together, rabbi and kehilah.

We went “Hachutzah” by which I mean “outside of the box, outside of the building” and found ways for our community to come together joyfully and safely while covid was an issue and continue to do so now because of the joy and conviviality of Cocktails in the Courtyard, committee meetings in the Adirondack chairs, walks in our Exploratory Trail, and gatherings round our fire pit.

We are “bringing Israel back” in ways that allow us to both think critically and celebrate but don't take the Shalom out of our Bayit because we value *derech eretz* and our community more than we do our personal agendas.

We practice what Judaism preaches by protecting our earth; implementing green infrastructure, and ditching the disposables in favor of reusables.

We are creating a community ‘Welcome Home’ refugee resettlement apartment for those in need.

We involve members in fresh ways, encouraging connection via the Facebook group Kehilat Community Connection, cultivating new leaders with “Sulam for Emerging Leaders,” and sparking engagement with affinity groups like Mah Jongg, pickleball, and TJC Hikes to name a very few.

Encompassing this all, we are shifting our synagogue paradigm from TRANSACTIONAL to COVENANTAL. No longer about what I get for my TJC dues, it is about what we get to do - TOGETHER- as part of the Jewish Center community. And we are working to ensure the long term sustainability of this incredible covenantal community through our strategic planning initiatives of *Dorot* (Generations) and *Atidaynu* (Our Future). Come to the Annual Meeting on May 21 to learn more about how we are working to ensure TJC is here for our children and our children's children. There is much exciting work yet to do, and we are fortunate to have the incomparable Heidi Joseph and the next administration of lay leaders to take us *kadima* (onward).

I am thankful to have had an incredible team in my hardworking Executive Committee and board, Rabbi Merow, Joel Berger, Sharon Diamondstein, Avi Paradise, Rabbi Bob Freedman, Emilie Kovit, Cynthia Richman, Roni Garrison, James Itomo, Nikita Agyei, Marc Sene Charles, and Khaled Ahmad, as well as many others who have helped in innumerable ways.

These past two years have been truly transformational - and I thank each and every one of you for your part in that and for the honor of serving The Jewish Center community. as President.

Alexandra



## MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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### Covenantal, Chrysalis, Querencia, Oh My!

I write this article with 6 weeks remaining in the Presidency for Alexandra Bar-Cohen. It has been an amazing ride and I can't thank her enough for her vision and direction over the past two years. Allowing all of us to remain creative but making sure our members, and our environment, became our top priority. She worked hard to create a covenantal community here at TJC and her efforts have been profound. Name tags when you come to services and programs. A warm and welcoming environment. Making our newest members feel most welcome. And so much more.

A few of the highlights from your presidency:

- We moved away from disposables and now have reusable plates, utensils and drink cups. We saved more than just money. We increased our carbon footprint by keeping plastics out of the landfills.
- You envisioned and helped create not on our Hachutzah Exploratory trail, but a new water basin in the front of our property where we can get water back into or eco-system.
- You increased our recycling efforts, not only having recycle bins throughout the campus but also a plastic recycling bin in our lobby that gets filled up on a weekly basis.

- You helped lead the effort of onboarding our new Rabbi and making her feel a part of our community the minute she stepped on campus.
- You have been actively involved in looking at solar on our campus to helping with the greening of TJC (a committee she also put together)
- You helped welcome our refugees into the community and are spearheading the effort to convert our old apartment into a home for not only Esau and Yonatan, but future refugee families who can call Princeton home.
- You introduced Cocktails in the Courtyard. A way to get people together before Shabbat in an informal setting.
- You brought Israel back into our life by helping organize the Great Debates series this year and now bringing in David Broza for Israel 75.

Shall I go on?

- You raised our educational knowledge through your amazing words which are now a part of our lexicon here at TJC. See the title of this article. We hope you continue to bring us a new word every month going forward!

But most of all, you brought people back onto the TJC campus.

You lead this synagogue through a global pandemic. Working with doctors and lay leaders, making people

feel safe coming back but messaging that we are back. Our Purim last year was a testament to your efforts to get people back on our campus.

But we don't only thank you Alexandra. Yes, you were the face of all of our initiatives but the people behind you were influential as well. We say thank you to Barak, Gabriel, Gefen and Luna. Thank you for giving us Alexandra these past 2 years. Her impact will be felt for years to come and while we needed her time here, she always found time to be a part of your lives as well. Thank you for sharing her with us these past two years.

Alexandra, your legacy and efforts will be felt for years to come. Kol Hakavod for not only making TJC a better place, but the world a better place as well.



# MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Technology is amazing. As I write this, I am sitting on a train in Israel, on my way to the north to visit a close friend. Last month I promised I would share reflections upon landing in Israel for the first time since before I was married!

Landing was quite emotional. I cried. A lot. So as I reflect, I would like to share my open letter to Israel:

You are not the way you were when I last saw you. Nor am I the same as I was when you last saw me.

Just as I have grown and evolved, so have you. You are still home, but you are not a shadow box that I can hang in the wall. I was expecting you to be different than when I last saw you, and I was unsure whether I would be comfortable with the changes. But certain things are very much the way I remember them.

I caught it right away when I got off the plane. The familiar smell in the air. I still have no words that adequately describe it. The old, familiar scent of home juxtaposed with a Ben Gurion Airport that is (much) newer and more modern than I had seen.

And yet, some things are so familiar. The hugs from friends and family that warmed our souls. The shuk and the smells of the spices and fresh baked goods. The loud conversations. The taxi drivers. The Israeli humor.

Yes, Israel. The version of you that I held on to is still very much here. The flowers, and the foods, the family, the friends, though evolved, are the way I would have expected

them. I have also evolved. As has my understanding of you. You are beautiful, and complex. You have my heart even when my physical self is away.

Israel, you are almost 75. I wish I could be here with you to celebrate. I will honor you from afar. I will listen to your music. I will eat your food. I will continue to speak your language. And I will promise not to stay away for so long again.

As Yehoram Gaon said so beautifully in his song that I am now listening to on the train,

*“Shalom lach, eretz nehederet!  
(Shalom to you, wonderful land)  
Shalom, Shalom and not Lehitraot  
(Shalom, Shalom and not ‘see you later’)  
Gan im lefamim noded ani al derech  
(Even if I sometimes roam)  
Zeh tov lindod, ach tov yoter lachzor  
(It’s good to roam, but even better to return)*

L'Shalom from Israel,

**Sharon**

*Religious School dates for May*

*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!**

May 20

11:00 a.m.

Youth Lounge



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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87570201257pwd=SncvMTM-vNkJOQklGWWJrdDBFMlp2dz09>

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# WELCOME

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David and Theo

Sarah Weinstein and Ezra Bobo and their children,  
Ralph and Ava



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

Now collecting for April-June 23. Please do not bring in older receipts. Receipts with discounts will not be accepted.

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)





# Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



**Jocelyn Ludmer**  
May 6, 2023

Jocelyn is a 7th grade student at Princeton Middle School and the youngest of three siblings. She is a member of the Trenton Circus Squad, a gifted artist, and talented piano player. Jocelyn lives in Princeton with her family, two dogs, and four hens.



**Noah Strauss**  
May 13, 2023

Noah is a seventh grader at Princeton Day School, where his favorite subjects include math and history. In addition to playing goalie for his school and club soccer teams, Noah enjoys tennis and loves to ski. He likes word puzzles, reads voraciously, and bakes a mean lemon cupcake. One of Noah's greatest joys is travel, including a recent trip to Israel, and earlier ones to Europe and Iceland, for seeing great cities, finding the best local ice cream, and exploring nature. For Noah's Chesed project, he helped out at the Cornerstone Community Kitchen, where he served meals to Princeton area families affected by food insecurity. He would like to thank Gila, Jonathon, Avi, Rabbi Merow, and his other TJC teachers for helping him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.



**Sophie Kaswan**  
May 27

Sophie is a 7th grader at Princeton Middle School. She spends her summers at Camp Walt Whitman where she enjoys playing tennis and hiking. During the school year she loves playing soccer, skiing and spending time with her family, friends, and lovable dog Louie. Sophie can often be found organizing her room or making delicious and original creations in the kitchen inspired by her trips to Playa Bowls with friends. For her Chesed project, Sophie cooked and delivered lasagnas to families in need with Lasagne Love, a nonprofit organization connecting neighbors through homemade meal delivery. She plans to continue making Lasagnas long after her Bat Mitzvah day. Sophie would like to thank her parents and siblings as well as Rabbi Merrow, Avi, Gila, Sharon and her religious school teachers for helping her prepare for this day.

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

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To Don Polakoff on his special birthday.

To Ginger and Jay Schnitzer who celebrated 20 glorious years of marriage on March 23.

To Fran Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman on their 5th anniversary.

To Maxine and Rabbi Emeritus Dov Peretz Elkins who are proud to announce the marriage of their son Rabbi Pesach (Jeremy) Stadlin to Morane Bensousan (formerly of Paris) on March 29 in Jerusalem, where they live. Morane practices law in Tel Aviv and Pesach teaches online.

To Ruth and Rob Goldston on the marriage of Jake Goldston to Dana Goodman.

To Robin and Alan Wallack who are are thrilled to announce the engagement of their nephew, Ben Donati (Bar Mitzvah TJC 2000) to Sarah Appelt. Ben is the son of Dana Liebmman of Princeton (Robin's sister). The wedding is scheduled for October. Ben is a veterinarian in Maryland.

To grandparents Moshe and Judy Margolin and parents Ayelet and Mickey Lehtman on the naming of Arya Tamar.

To Avi and Sally Magram who, after eight granddaughters and two great-granddaughters, are thrilled to announce the birth of their great-grandson.

To Sherry E. Meyer and Gerard Meyer, great aunt and uncle, who share the joy in the announcement of the birth of Livia Stiglitz on March 13. Great-grandmother Linda Edelman (may her memory be a blessing) is surely happy, as are Frances Zeitler Edelman and Fred Edelman, who share the title of great-grandparents. Livia's parents Samantha and Nick, as well as sister Lyla, are enjoying their new arrival.

To Drew R. Schwartz, son of Andrew and Jill Schwartz, who has been accepted and will be attending Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA in the fall of 2023.

To Malvina and Sasha Greenfield whose hearts are full with pride and joy, as we congratulate their son Daniel Greenfield on his successful Ph.D. defense!

To Shoshana Silberman who is proud to announce that her grandson Noam Silberman Brenner received a fellowship to attend Columbia University's Graduate School of International and Public Affairs.

To Eve Ostriker and Nat Bottigheimer who are proud to report that their daughter, Abigail Ostriker, has accepted a faculty position at the Questrom School of Business at Boston University starting fall of 2024. Abigail will be getting her Ph.D. from MIT, keyne here, in Economics this coming May. Then she will work for a year as a post-doc in the Economics Department at Harvard before assuming her position at Boston University.

To Gefen Bar-Cohen, son of Alexandra and Barak, who was named to the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) all-conference squad for his hard work this past season on the Kenyon men's basketball team.

To Jake Richter, a senior at Princeton High School, who was honored at the National Football Foundation Delaware Valley Chapter's 61st Annual George Wah Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards on Sunday, March 12, 2023. Jake played defensive line, offensive line, and punted for Princeton High School's varsity football team. To Barbara and Lew Gantwerk whose daughter Heidi Gantwerk was named to Masa's Inspiring 12: Jewish Women Working to Make a Difference on International Women's Day. Heidi is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of San Diego County.

To Lori and Ed Simon returning to Princeton.

To the Adult Bat Mitzvah class of 1997.

To Dr. Joan Goldstein, host/producer of "Back Story with Joan Goldstein," who has a new TV show with Princeton University graduate student Matt Mleczko--a Ph.D. candidate in Demography and Social Policy. They explore affordable housing policy in

Princeton and housing for Black families as well. Upcoming TV shows feature Dr. Myra Weiner on her spiritual journey to Israel and Dr. Ruth Goldston on her journey to meditation.

To Alexandra Bar-Cohen on her leadership and dedication.

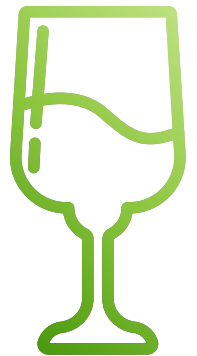
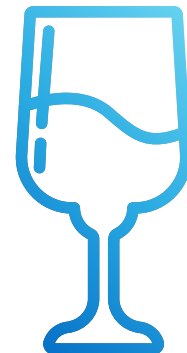
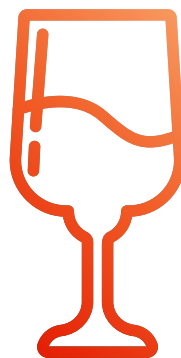
To Ethan Weg on his next adventure.

To Sharon Diamondstein, our Director of Congregational Learning, who was a panelist on a webinar hosted by the Jewish Education Project called “Navigating Israel in Unprecedented Times,” where she discussed strategies for Israel education.

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# Kiddush Community



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).

It's a Mitzvah!

“Thank you so much for saving my life ❤️”

“Thank you so much for your blood donation!

It has helped me reach full recovery and avoid additional surgery  
as a first-time mother. I'm so grateful! “

Donors must be between 16 and 76 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in general good health. Those 76 and over can continue to donate with a note from their doctor unless one is already on file. Most medications will not keep you from donating. People on blood pressure medication or who have diabetes can donate. If you were previously deferred due to time spent in the UK, France, or Ireland in the 80s and 90s, you may now be eligible to donate blood (updated guidance from the FDA). Questions: call 800-933-2566 or Lynne Ross at 732-616-9284. The blood drive is open to the public and all blood types are needed! (You do not need to know your blood type to donate.)

Here are some additional messages from recipients of blood donations that will remind you of the importance of blood donors to others.

“Thank you very much thanks to your blood my daughter will be saved.”

“Thank you so much for your donation! Without people like you, I wouldn't have my husband and our 2 little girls would not have their dad!

“Thank you so much for donating the gift of life! I was the recent recipient of your donation. It means so much that you take the time and that you care to do this for others.

“Thank you so much. Your donations make a big difference in people's lives. Your generosity and others like you help so many people you'll never know how much you are appreciated.”

“Thank you so much for your donation. My son is in the hospital right now battling Pneumonia on life support. Your gift allows him to rest his lungs and recoup. Thank you is not enough to say. From this Mom, I am grateful for your generosity!”

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**@ TJC**  
**Wednesday, May 10**  
**1:00-7:00 p.m.**

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

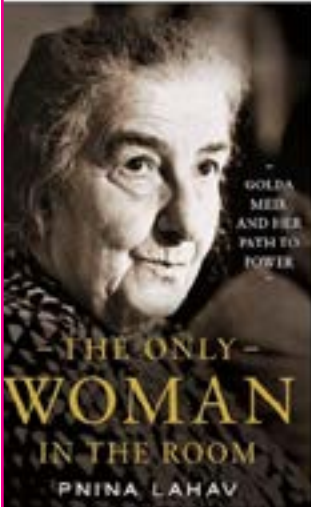
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435 Nassau Street - Princeton



Annual  
MEETING OF THE  
CONGREGATION  
SUNDAY, MAY 21 10:00AM

D'VAR TORAH BY RABBI MEROW  
OPENING REMARKS AND HIGHLIGHTS  
APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND  
ELECTION OF 2023-2024 OFFICERS  
GIL GORDON CONGREGANT OF THE YEAR AWARD  
RICHARD B. FISHBANE AWARD

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



## Talk: Pnina Lahav on Golda Meir and Her Path to Power



Wednesday, May 31

7:00pm - 8:00pm

[Add to Calendar](#)



**Princeton Public Library**

Community Room

Pnina Lahav discusses "The Only Woman in the Room", a biography of Golda Meir's political rise to prime minister of Israel. Presented in partnership with the Phyllis Marchand Leadership Lecture Fund.



The Jewish Center

# COOKBOOK



## Coming soon!

## A compilation of deliciousness! The Jewish Center Cookbook.



# Religious School May Happenings

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May 3 7:00 p.m.  
David Broza in Concert  
(Community-wide)

May 5 5:30 p.m.  
All School Shabbat & Teacher  
Appreciation Dinner  
(All School Families)

May 7 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**NEW TIME!**  
Young Family Trike-A-Thon  
(Grades 2 and Below)

May 20 10:00a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Shabbat L'Kulanu  
One Shabbat for All

**Questions: Email Sharon**  
**[sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org)**



The Jewish Center's

GREAT  
MINDS  
SALON

Thursday, May 18  
8:15 PM

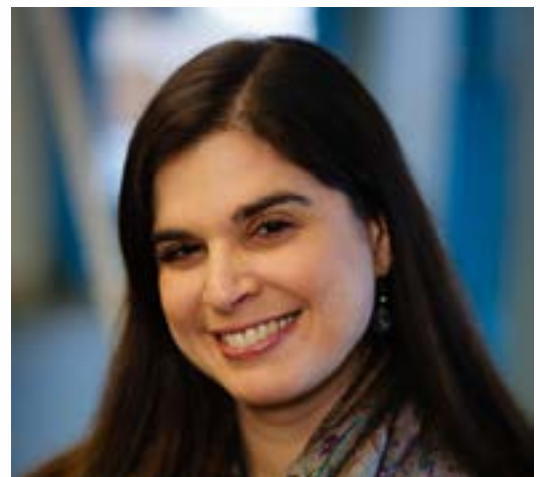
**Jamie Beran**  
Chief Executive Officer of Bend the  
Arc: Jewish Action

*Doing Jewish Social Justice:  
Reflections from a new CEO  
on leading a progressive  
Jewish organization*

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

It's a divisive time in the United States and a challenging time to lead a Jewish organization, as we grapple with how to translate Jewish values into action. Jamie will reflect on some key lessons she is learning about how to lead as a new CEO of a progressive Jewish organization committed to racial equity and justice. She will share insights into opportunities for Jewish political engagement nationally and here in New Jersey, particularly in the context of rising antisemitism and the threat of the far right. She will also provide insights about how a commitment to anti-racism and equity can translate into culture and policies at organizations and synagogues.

As CEO of Bend the Arc, Jamie is leading the organization to build a multiracial, multiethnic, intergenerational movement of Jews and allies across the country who are working towards an American future free from white supremacy, antisemitism, and racism. Prior to becoming CEO, Jamie was Bend the Arc's Chief Operating Officer, where she shepherded a resilient organizational culture, and oversaw planning, policy development, strategic partnerships, budget development, internal security, and personnel. Jamie's Judaism and commitment to justice first became intertwined through her experiences growing up in the Habonim Dror Youth Movement. A native of New Jersey, Jamie and her husband Elon moved to West Windsor in 2016, and became members of The Jewish Center in 2021. Their two elementary-school aged children, Levi and Eden, attend religious school.



**8:15 p.m. Via Zoom - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

PROGRAM WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM. PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE THOUGH SHULCLOUD AT  
[WWW.THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG) A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants prior to the event.

The Jewish Center  
Religious School  
invites you to our

## All School Shabbat Dinner & Teacher Appreciation

Friday, May 5  
5:30 pm Dinner  
6:30 Services  
Dessert following services

## Holidays and meetings in May

May 9  
Lag Ba'Omer

May 14  
Mother's Day

May 19  
Yom Yerushalayim

May 25-27  
Shavuot

## Shabbat L'Kulanu: Shabbat for All

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, May 20th

10:00am-12:00pm Lunch to follow



Do you have a  
Simcha or happy  
occasion to  
celebrate?

Email us at [mazaltov@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:mazaltov@thejewishcenter.org)  
so we can celebrate with you!

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

Email Rabbi Merow at  
[RAM@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:RAM@thejewishcenter.org) to let us  
know.



# Shabbat of Appreciation

Friday, June 16

6:30 PM

Friday Night Services

7:30 PM

Dessert Reception & Ceremony

*Thank our volunteers, decommission the outgoing board, install the new board and acknowledge this year's Gil Gordon Congregant of the Year and the Richard B. Fishbane Leadership recipients.*

*All TJC volunteers are invited to Shabbat of Appreciation*



## 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)

### Meetings May 2023

EC Meeting - May 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
Annual Meeting - May 21 at 10:00 a.m.

### 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

# MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>All communications are via email. If you are NOT on our email list, please email us at <a href="mailto:info@thejewishcenter.org">info@thejewishcenter.org</a></p>	25th Day Omer 1	26th Day Omer 2 12:00 PM Bridge Club	27th Day Omer 12:00 PM Talmud Stu 7:00 PM David Bro
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Rosh Chodesh Sivan 21 45th Day Omer 9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Annual Meeting 11:00 AM R.S. Dance Party 1:00 PM Federation Event 6:00 PM Sulam	46th Day Omer 22	47th Day Omer 23 12:00 PM Bridge Club	48th Day Omer 12:00 PM Talmud Stu
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# IYAR-SIVAN 5783

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>28th Day Omer</p> <p>10:00 AM 55 Plus 7:00 PM Mah Jongg</p> <p>Study Group Tza in Concert</p>	<p>4</p> <p>29th Day Omer</p> <p>5:30 PM Religious School Dinner + Teacher Appreciation 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:40 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>30th Day Omer Emor</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Jocelyn Ludmer 10:00 AM Havurah Minyan 4:00 PM Shabbat Meditation 8:49 PM Havdalah</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10</p> <p>35th Day Omer</p> <p>9:30 AM Pikers 7:00 PM EC Meeting</p> <p>Study Group e</p>	<p>11</p> <p>36th Day Omer</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Under the Stars 7:47 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Behar-Bechukotai 37th Day Omer</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Noah Strauss 8:56 PM Havdalah</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p> <p>42nd Day Omer</p> <p>9:30 AM Nosh and Drosh 10:00 AM 55 Plus 8:15 PM Great Minds Salon</p> <p>Study Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer</p> <p>11:00 AM Kiddush Krew Prep 6:30 PM Zamru Service 7:53 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bamidbar Shabbat Mevarchim 44th Day Omer</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 10:00 AM Havurah Minyan 10:00 AM Shabbat L'Kulanu 11:00 AM Shabbat Katan 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 4:00 PM Shabbat Meditation 9:02 PM Havdalah</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Erev Shavuot 49th Day Omer Tikun Layl Shavvot</p> <p>7:59 PM Candle Lighting</p> <p>Study Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Shavuot - 1st Day</p> <p>9:30 AM Services 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:00 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Shavuot Yizkor</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible BaBoker 9:30 AM Services with Yizkor 5:00 PM Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Kaswan 9:08 PM Havdalah</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Study Group</p>			

# Synagogue Spotlight



Have you ever walked into The Jewish Center and admired the exterior of the building, where reliefs on the stone depict images of Moses, Miriam and others? Have you ever marveled at the stained-glass window art in the sanctuary that depicts the first five days of creation, or the beautifully sculptured ark? If so, you can thank Judy Brodsky for bringing forth the artists that created them. An artist herself, Brodsky has lived in Princeton most of her adult life and her contributions extend far beyond the sanctuary.



The daughter of a Brown University professor, Judy studied art history at Harvard. She married David Brodsky at the end of her junior year, and together they raised two children, Frances and John. She'd taken some time off to raise them but once the youngest entered kindergarten, it was time to get back to her art.

"I tossed a coin, literally, to see whether I'd go back into art history for my Ph.D. or go for an M.F.A. in studio art. I decided studio art was what I wanted to do. If I was serious about my artwork, it was time to do something about it."

Many in this area are thankful she did, for her decades of work in the arts has opened doors for some, laid a groundwork for others and led her to create pieces that have made an impact for many.

Thanks to the help of her husband, Judy was able to take off early every morning for classes at Tyler School of Art at Temple University where she also taught art history.

"I became a printmaker as well as a painter while I was at Tyler. I was starting to exhibit, and had work purchased by the Library of Congress print collection by the time I graduated." Her prints are now in over 100 permanent collections globally.

That led Judy to a tenured professor track in printmaking at Beaver College (now Arcadia University). Rutgers, from which she retired as a Distinguished Professor Emerita, was her next stop, first in New Brunswick and then she became immersed in the city of Newark. Judy's six years at that campus, first as art department chair, then as Dean and finally as Associate Provost, were impactful on Newark. A brass plaque in the city park pays tribute to her efforts to restore their downtown parks. But she missed doing art. So, back to the New Brunswick campus she went, and she continued to pursue her artistic dreams by

establishing the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper in 1986.

"Our mission was to provide women artists and artists of color the opportunity to create new work in printmaking or hand papermaking," Judy explains, recalling that this was decades before the Me Too and Black Lives Matter movements took root. She had been involved in diversity activism from early in



the 1970s and is known as a founding member of the Feminist Art Movement. "The center stayed at Rutgers until 2018 when it moved to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Over this period of time, there's been about 350 artists in residence, from NJ artists, emerging artists and established artists from all over the world. 60% of the artists that came to the

studios were women and 40% were artists of color."



Closer to home, Judy had also been instrumental in launching the artistic aspirations and careers of many other printmakers, like Maggie Johnson and Marie Sturken. A print center, opened with Carol Stoddard at the corner of Nassau and Bank Streets in the 1960s, became a gathering spot to learn printmaking from Judy.

"At that time in the 1960s, it's when women started to come back into the world a little, so a whole bunch of women in

Princeton who'd been to art school came to learn printmaking. It really led to Princeton becoming known as a place where a lot of print artists lived," she recalls.

In 1997, Judy's husband, David, who was Executive Vice President at Educational Testing Service, passed away after 43 years of marriage. Though it was difficult, she's been lucky to find great love again. Judy was introduced to Michael Curtis by a mutual friend and in 1999 they married. With Michael, an eminent

# Synagogue Spotlight



political science scholar in his own right and also a Rutgers University professor, the two motivated each other to work hard and write numerous books in their given fields, all while traveling and enjoying life together.

Sadly, Michael passed away last October, just a few months before the opening of the print studio at Arts Council of Princeton, which was officially named the Judith K. Brodsky Print Studio in April.



“They now have printmaking classes. But we’ll expand, and the idea is to have artists-in-residence and produce print editions available to the public to nurture new generations of printmakers,” Judy adds.

The studio will also be a place to educate the community on the history of Judy and the other local printmakers that made a mark here. And she

has. Whether it’s through this studio, admiring one of her prints, by reading one of her published books on subjects ranging from women’s leadership in the arts to restoring women artists to the

history of digital art, or simply taking note of the works Judy helped to place in and around The Jewish Center, you can learn and benefit from the great impact Judy has had on the world of art, and Princeton. And she’s not done. Judy is currently working on another book and a citywide festival of women artists to be held in Philadelphia.

Synagogue Spotlight is a joint project by TJC members and journalists Lisa Jacknow and Michele Alperin. Each month they will take turns writing about fellow congregants to help us learn more about one another. This article was written by 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 Princeton Perspectives.

## Coming up June 7!

### Save the Date for a Cooking demo with Samira Ghani



On Wednesday June 7 we will be treated to a vegetarian cooking demonstration by Samira Ghani, renowned local cook, food influencer and recipe creator. Samira has a passion for food and a reputation for wonderful, healthy recipes. She is the food blogger behind Slices of Gourmet. Her intention is to celebrate each other and bring people together through our universal love of food! You can check out Samira’s wonderful recipes and photos of her creations at her website or on Instagram “Slice of Gourmet”.

Save the date and stay tuned for more details about this program.



# Israel & Us



When I was a Freshman at Rutgers University, our Hillel ran an annual Festival of the Arts. The Festival's headliner that spring was none other than David Broza. I had never been to Israel and had no idea who David Broza was. I went to the concert because my friends were going. At the time, I could neither speak nor understand a

word of Hebrew but that night in the Nicholas Music Center, David Broza fed my soul with both his passion and virtuosity on the guitar. I was a guitar player– but I had never heard someone use the instrument in a way that produced so many different sounds. I loved everything he played, but the song that I could get out of my head that night was Yihye Tov (things will get better).

Broza said that Yihye Tov was his first song. He wrote it when he was 22 years old– just a few years older than I was back then. The lyrics came from a poem written by Yonatan Geffen penned on the eve of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's historic first visit to Israel. It has become an anthem for optimism and keeping hope for peace alive, even under challenging circumstances.

As soon as I got back to my dorm room that night I pulled out my guitar, and with the melody fresh in my mind, I hummed and strummed. I didn't know the words but that didn't matter. This was well before Google and YouTube, so all I had was a memory of the chorus and how it made me feel. I eventually had it on a cassette tape and convinced the Assistant Executive Director of my Hillel to write out the lyrics phonetically in Hebrew so that maybe one day I could learn to play it.

I admit, I still can't play that song- though I have looked at the chords many times. I will get back to it, but I will never be able to play it like Broza. Here is a

version of it with English subtitles ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFUdG\\_1i-dI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFUdG_1i-dI)). This video is great but if you want to experience Yihye Tov with me, come to the David Broza concert at The Jewish Center on May 3rd! I will be there singing Yihye Tov at the top of my lungs. I dare you to join me!

Ginger Gold Schnitzer is a mediocre guitar player who lives in Plainsboro with her husband Chef Jay, amazing daughter Miki, and precocious poodle Babka. The Schnitzers have been members of The Jewish Center since 2007.

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)

## HOW DO I FIND THE JEWISH CENTER DIRECTORY?

- 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: May 18, 2023  
Guest Facilitator: Adriana Saipe

*The Modern Ketubah: How today's ketubah artists both honor tradition and bring a fresh perspective to this ancient custom*

With the first known ketubah being almost 2,500 years old, this uniquely-Jewish wedding custom has been developed, refined and reimagined time and time again. Over the centuries, ketubot have ranged from elaborately-illuminated manuscripts hung with pride in the homes of the wealthy, to grainy photocopies that a Rabbi asks the couple to quickly sign before the wedding ceremony, to pieces of contemporary art that reflect the couple's personal values and artistic styles. Ketubah texts have also transformed over the years in fascinating and forward-reaching ways. Contemporary ketubah artist and Montgomery resident Adriana Saipe has hand-crafted over 4000 ketubot for couples around the world. She's excited to chat about the custom and artform of ketubahs from the past to the present, as well as discuss where this beautiful Jewish custom may be heading next.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/inkwithintent/>



## Shabbat Meditation

Led by Ruth Goldston

May 6 & 20 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.

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

FEATURING  
**Y-STUDS & KOLEINU!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**  
2-5 PM

**HINDS PLAZA, PRINCETON, NJ**  
Open to the Community • Family Friendly

Join us to celebrate our Jewish roots and honor our heritage! Enjoy lively performances featuring the Y-Studs and Koleinu - Princeton University Jewish A Capella. Visit the Princeton Public Library to view Jewish history displays and learn about the Jewish life in Mercer County on a self-guided tour. Kids will enjoy arts and crafts and seeing a real life Einstein character!

Make sure to register to receive food vouchers!

**DETAILS: JEWISHPMB.ORG/FESTIVAL**

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# **Tikun Layl Shavuot**

**Thursday, May 25**

**5:30-9:00 p.m.**

**5:43-6:00 p.m. Kids' Program for 2nd Grade and below**

**6:00-7:00 p.m. Cheesecake making & Festive Dairy Dinner for all**

**7:00 p.m. Ma'ariv - Davening for those who wish**

**7:15-8:30 p.m. Torah Sparks - Meaningful Torah from TJCers**

(adults and kids)

## **Shavuot Schedule**

**Thursday, May 25 – Tikun Layl Shavuot**

**Friday, May 26 – Morning Services at 9:30 a.m.**

**Evening Services at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday Morning, May 27 – Services 9:30 a.m.**

**Yizkor Memorial Services after 10:30 a.m.**



# THANK YOU FROM LASHIR



LaShir would like to express its deep appreciation to The Jewish Center for hosting LaShir for past 40 years. This was LaShir's last year of making music together. The Jewish Center provided the chorus with a practice space and a piano for its weekly rehearsals. In appreciation, the chorus's remaining funds have been donated to The Jewish Center to sponsor the David Broza concert and other in-house music programs. Thank you to the TJC community for supporting LaShir!

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# Book Club

**Tuesday, May 16**

**7:30 p.m.**

via Zoom.\*

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

In her jolting first novel... Julia Dahl sent her heroine, the crime reporter Rebekah Roberts, into an ultra-Orthodox Jewish community in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn. In her strong sequel, *Run You Down*, Rebekah ventures into Roseville, an enclave in Rockland County, where a community of strictly observant Hasidim may be sheltering a murderer. In the course of investigating the death of a young and presumably virtuous wife, Rebekah continues her search for her mother, Aviva, who abandoned her as an infant after fleeing Borough Park to marry a Christian. Rebekah's narrative provides insights into marriage rituals, burial customs and other intimate details of Hasidic life. But it also involves child abuse, hate crimes and a school shooting. Even so, it isn't as harrowing as her mother's story, in which Aviva emerges as a woman with the great strength to survive suffering on a biblical scale. (New York Times)



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

July 18 – Annual Potluck and Book Swap

August 15 – *Portrait of an Unknown Woman* by Daniel Silva

September 19 – *The Latecomer* by Jean Korelitz

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

**Havurah Minyan**  
**May 6 & 20**  
**10:00 a.m.**

In May, the Havurah Minyan is meeting on the first and third Shabbat.

Contact Neil Litt ([neillitt@outlook.com](mailto:neillitt@outlook.com)) closer to the date to inquire whether these will be hybrid services or Zoom only.

The Zoom link remains the same:

Meeting ID = 861 4274 5562;

Passcode: = 311195.

**Talmud Study Group**  
**Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.**

Available via Zoom

The Talmud Study Group continues via Zoom every Wednesday at 12:00. The Zoom link remains the same: Meeting ID = 839 3103 7869; Passcode = 643177.

No study group on April 12.

# Jewish Themed Civil Rights Trip

Sunday, November 5 - Tuesday, November 7  
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Join TJC friends for a 3-day Civil Rights trip to important sites of the Civil Rights Movement in Georgia and Alabama.

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**Deposit is \$250.**

Please email [ekovit@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:ekovit@thejewishcenter.org) to indicate interest or to confirm your spot!



# Shabbat Under the Stars

May 12

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

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TJC IS ABLE TO SEND A SMALL GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING MAY 3RD.

### DETAILS:

WHEN: FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, FROM ABOUT 4:30-6:45

WHERE: PRINCETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
7 VANDEVENTER AVE

WHAT: VOLUNTEERS WILL BE HELPING SERVE FOOD AND BUS TABLES IN THE KITCHEN AND/OR WORK IN THE GROCERY OR CLOTHING STORE BY ASSISTING PEOPLE SHOPPING, MANAGING CROWD FLOW, AND STRAIGHTENING UP. MASKS MAY BE REQUIRED.

HOW MANY: 3 VOLUNTEERS OR A FAMILY OF FOUR FOR EACH DATE

WHO: OPEN TO THE TJC COMMUNITY TO VOLUNTEER. NO MINIMUM AGE FOR VOLUNTEERS BUT ANY CHILD UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

GO TO THE SIGN-UP BELOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

MORE QUESTIONS? EMAIL LISA ROGOL AT [LMROGOL125@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LMROGOL125@GMAIL.COM)

NOTE: THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY, WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FOR THAT AS WELL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THAT OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE EMAIL SARA JUST AT [SARAJUST@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SARAJUST@GMAIL.COM)

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