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The Jewish Center Celebrates 75 Years in 2024!

Save the Date for The Main Event May 4, 2024

Live Stream our services:
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



High Holiday Schedule

Friday, September 15

EREV ROSH HASHANAH/SHABBAT
Ma'ariv Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:50 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE
Family, Youth, and Teen Services
Youth Services - Outdoors, In Tent

Family Service (grades 1-7) 9:00 a.m.
(not a drop off service)

Young Family Service 10:30 a.m.
(Children in Kindergarten and below and their caregivers)

Teen Service (Jessica's Garden) 11:30 a.m.

Alternative Spiritual Experience 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.
(in the tent at TJC)

Candle Lighting 7:47 p.m.

Sunday, September 17

ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO
Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Torah Reading 10:00 a.m.
Shofar Service 10:40 a.m.
Sermon 10:55 a.m.
Musaf 11:15 a.m.

Family, Youth, and Teen Services
Youth Services -
Outdoors, In Tent

Family Service (grades 1-7) 9:00 a.m.
(not a drop off service)

Young Family Service 10:30 a.m.
(Children in Kindergarten and below and their caregivers)

Teen Service (Jessica's Garden) 11:30 a.m.
Tashlich at Carnegie Lake 4:00 p.m.
+Ma'ariv (Rt. 27 parking area)

Friday, September 22

SHABBAT SHUVAH
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:40 p.m.

Saturday, September 23

Shabbat Service 9:30 am

Sunday, September 24

KOL NIDRE
Kol Nidre Service 6:15 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:35 p.m.

Monday, September 25

YOM KIPPUR
Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Torah Service 10:15 a.m.
Yizkor Service 11:00 a.m.
Sermon 11:15 a.m.
Musaf Service 11:35 a.m.

Youth Services – Outdoors, In Tent
Family Service (grades 1-7) 9:00 a.m.
(Parents and grandparents encouraged to join services)

Young Family Service 10:30 a.m.
(Children in Kindergarten and below and their caregivers)

Teen Service 11:30 a.m.
(Jessica's Garden)

Yom Kippur Forum 3:00 p.m.
Alternative Healing & Yizkor Service 4:00 p.m.
Mincha Service 5:10 p.m.
Ne'ilah Service 6:10 p.m.
Havdalah/Ma'ariv 7:20 p.m.
Shofar and Conclusion 7:35 p.m.

Everyone is invited to blow the final Shofar blast



MESSAGE from the Rabbi

Rabbi Andrea Merow
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Every year I love watching the State of The Union Address given by the President of the United States. I love the traditions and even the pageantry. I love to see both Houses and the Judiciary together. I love listening to important ideas and policies. I even appreciate hearing ideas that do not align with my own values, presented with care, as they usually make me stretch my mind to try to understand the positions of those with differing views. I think I also love the speech because people dress up, guests are invited, there are traditions, a counter narrative, and even after-parties. I care for our Country so I love when we take stock. In some ways it reminds me of our own Jewish High Holy Days. In just a few weeks we will come together to allow ourselves to take stock of our souls, to strive to be better Jews and people, to endeavor to be a better community, to celebrate as a community, and to start the year anew and with renewed vigor to become our best selves and our best community.

In 1966 our teacher, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel²¹, wrote about what we should look for when we enter a synagogue for prayer; his words continue to inspire us as we prepare to enter a New Year. He asks, "What then is the purpose of going to the synagogue?" His answers help us to consider why we might want to come to synagogue services. He reminds us that the point of a religious service is to find "insights of the spirit" and to work on the state of our neshamot, our souls.

"Many are the facilities which help us to acquire the important worldly virtues, skills and techniques. But where should one learn about the insights of the spirit? Many are the opportunities for public speech; where are the occasions for inner silence? It is easy to find people who will teach us how to be eloquent; but who will teach us how to be still? It is sure important to develop a sense of humor; but is it not also important to develop a sense of reverence? Where should one learn the eternal wisdom of compassion? The fear of being cruel? The danger of being callous? Where should one learn that the greatest truth is found in contrition? Important and precious as the development of our intellectual faculties are, the cultivation of a sensitive conscience is indispensable." (A.J. Heschel)

It is my hope that each of us will find opportunities over the High Holy Days at TJC to cultivate our spirits. With this as a goal I invite you to think about services as a time to reconnect with Our People, our community, your neshama, and of course, first, with The Holy One of Blessing. I hope that throughout the many services that we engage in you find time to sit with the words and ideas of the *Machzor*, the High Holy Day Prayer book, and just contemplate. Though I may announce page numbers and encourage you to chant or sing with us, I also want to encourage you to use the time in shul to concentrate on one page, line or idea from the words of our sacred Tradition to see how your soul might be moved or changed. You do not need to "say every word" or to "finish" any one given prayer; instead please feel open to using the time and our ancient words to take stock of the "State of Your Soul."

I invite you to be open to new experiences and tunes. Avi and I are working to bring you services with your old favorite tunes, and with ones that are new, and can open our hearts to joy or to contemplation, or both. As "*shlichai tzibor*," or "emissaries of the prayer community" we are also part of the community, and it is our High Holy Days as well. As such, our souls could use your help: If you are moved to sing/chant along with us, please do, with gusto. We promise that it will be a gift to you and the entire community to have a larger sound in our prayer space. Last year, one of our youngest members, at age 5, was moved to dance

during one of the prayers. Every person who witnessed this, including Avi and myself, were transported to a higher spiritual place because we witnessed the authentic spiritual actions of this young person. So if the spirit of a prayer moves you to dance, *L'Chaim*, please do so. And if you need a break from our services try one of our other spaces for quiet contemplation, or take a walk on our beautiful grounds, catch up with a shul friend. That too is the work of our High Holidays.

Last year on Yom Kippur we debuted a new way to sing the part of the service where we recount the actions of the ancient High Priest on Yom Kippur. We hope that you will stay for the Musaf, the additional part of the Yom Kippur service into the early afternoon and beyond. We hope you will return for Mincha and for the end of our Neihlah service, where each person is invited to come to the bima alone or with family to say a prayer in front of the Aron Kodesh (Ark of the Torahs). We will end the day with a beautiful Havdalah service together. Anyone with a shofar is invited to sound the shofar at the end of the service. All children will be given light sticks.

In addition to our traditional Congregational service please consider joining me for Two Alternative Spiritual Experiences. On the first day of Rosh Hashana, Saturday at 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. in the Tent, I will be accompanied by musician Sally Mitlas and others for a time of song, study, joy, contemplation, music and more. On Yom Kippur afternoon we will have an alternative Yizkor service where we will share our losses and the love that we have for those who touched our lives. Both of these options are open to anyone.

Also, let's remember that the holidays can be hard for those without family/friends nearby. If you are able to host someone/a family for a holiday meal, or you would like to be hosted, please reach out to Cynthia at crichman@thejewishcenter.org asap. Also, please consider family and friends who are not yet affiliated with a shul and invite them to join our community.

A note about TJC staff and clergy: our dedicated staff and an army of volunteers will be working hard throughout the holiday season to create a warm, welcoming, spiritual and safe atmosphere where we can start the year off right. Many members in the community give of their time and expertise so that we can all start the year together and well. Please remember to give all the benefit of the doubt if something is not how you wish it to be.

We hope that this holiday season will be one where we joyously celebrate as a community, one of inner silence and soaring soulful sounds, one where we elevate the ideas of compassion and contrition for ourselves and for others. And then, onward to the holiday of Sukkot, a time to dwell outside in our Sukkah. Like last year, all are invited to a light breakfast in my own Sukkah on the first two days of the holiday at 9:00 a.m. before the service. I hope to see you there!

My best wishes for a Shana Tova, a sweet and happy New Year.

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MESSAGE from the President

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Weaving is the practice of connecting fabrics to make a complete garment. In Judaism, many ritual objects weave distinct strands together to link them, to create a stronger whole. The three strands of a challah, the multiple wicks of a braided Havdalah candle used to end Shabbat, and the knotted tzitzit at the corners of a tallit are woven together to convey that we are stronger together, with the parts inextricably woven into the design.

Just as these ritual objects weave different objects together, our congregation is comprised of different people with remarkable attributes. The more we learn about each other and get to know each other, the more friends we will have and the more our congregation will be woven together.

As I have begun attending services more frequently, I have met many people. I've had conversations with these folks and learned so much about them—their childhoods, their work history, their families, their interests and their likes and dislikes.

I remember a Girl Scout song from my childhood - Make New Friends, But Keep the Old - One is Silver and the Other is Gold. Maybe the Girl Scouts were on to something!

On the High Holy Days and throughout the year, I believe you will enrich your life by reaching out to the people you do not know. When you are at services this year, find someone you have never spoken with before and wish them a happy new year. You never know what friendships will be started. Please introduce yourself to me as well, when you are in shul for the High Holy Days. I look forward to greeting my “old” friends and welcoming my new ones.

David and I wish you and your family a year of good health, happiness and peace. *Lshannah tovah!*

Heidi

Get your copy of
Welcome To Our Table
a cookbook of TJC
congregant recipes
compiled by Judith Margolin,
Ellen Gordon,
and Deborah Marinksy.

All preorders can be
picked up September 10 at the
Welcome Back event. \$36 - Order
at thejewishcenter.org/table



EC AND BOARD SCHEDULE

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| 07 SEP | EC AND BOARD TRAINING 6 PM |
| 12 OCT | EC MEETING 7 PM |
| 26 OCT | BOARD MEETING 7 PM |



MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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What team do you root for?

As I am writing this, I am enjoying the Hard Knocks series on HBO about my beloved J-E-T-S, JETS, JETS, JETS! Will this be the year we make the playoffs with Aaron Rodgers? Will this be the year we don't have to wear bags over our heads saying "The same old Jets?" I will let the season play out and then make my judgement as to how it went.

The other South Florida excitement is MESSI!!! The best player in the world is now playing for our Inter Miami soccer team. He has taken this last place team and has lead them to the finals of the in-season tournament. The results will be done after I write this but hoping for the best. There were many Bienvenue 10 billboard in Miami during my recent visit. (Messi wears #10)

I have also opined on other sports teams I root for in this space but want to share which team I am really rooting for this year. TEAM TJC!

There are not many opportunities, during the life of a synagogue, to celebrate milestones. While I have been here a little less than four years, this amazing synagogue is now entering our 75th year. It's not something to take lightly. Strong synagogues can last a long time. Weak synagogues cannot. There has been so much transition over the last few years, including a global pandemic—yet we are stronger than ever.

So come and celebrate with us! We have already announced our main event on May 4, 2024. Please mark your calendar and clear all your social events and attend. We will announce our theme soon so be on the lookout. But we also will have many other opportunities to celebrate our team throughout the year. Games nights. Special Mitzvah projects. Historical looks backwards and forward. The 75th committee has been working hard already.

But most of all, we need you. Don't sit on the sidelines. Get involved and take a piece of the action to help us out. Whatever "donation" you can make, either volunteering or financial, is very appreciated. We have a chance to win the

Superbowl, World Series, Stanley Cup, World Cup, NBA Finals all over the next 10 months.

Join our team. Come help celebrate our 75th anniversary. Let's show the world who the best synagogue team is!



The Jewish Center Celebrates 75 Years in 2024!

Save the Date for
The Main Event
May 4, 2024

High Holy Days 5784 Workshop

SONGS AND PRAYERS OF THE SEASON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
7:00 PM

Led by Avi Paradise

RSVP ON SHULCLOUD



Spa for the Soul

Singing | Learning | Getting Ready for the Holidays

Led by
Rabbi Merow

September 12
7:00 PM
via zoom



MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Friends,

Time boggles my mind. As I write this, I am sitting outside, the sun is shining, and there is not a cloud in the sky. My kids are in the pool with their friends, and the din of voices and music through the pool speaker serves as the perfect background noise for a perfect summer day.

But as you read this, the leaves are changing color, the school has started, we are in the throes of the Holy Day season, and the world has turned into pumpkin spice everything. Somehow, so much changes, and yet so much stays the same.

As with every summer, this summer I made the time to go watch the sunrise on the beach.

As of this writing, I've only gone twice, and while each sunrise was remarkably similar, they were both so different. So much can change in the course of a day, an hour, a minute, and somehow the sun continues to rise and set as though nothing changed. Something HAS changed, however. We have changed. In one day, we see things a little differently, notice something we hadn't previously noticed, or seek out a new experience. The first sunrise I was watching, mesmerized as the first glimmer of light broke over the shimmering ocean. The second sunrise, I tried to find where the moon had gone and felt a sense of loss that I didn't see it fade away.

The Torah is the same way. Every time we read it, the words are the same. Bereishit barah Elohim et ha shamayim v'et ha aretz. In the beginning, the Creator created the heavens and the earth. And every year, somehow, I hear something different. One year, I heard about how something materialized from nothing. The next year, I pondered the word Bereishit and found the words create and head, and wonder what it means to create something in one's head. Perhaps that is why Rabbi Ben Bag Bag said we should "turn it and turn it for everything is in it." Keep this in mind, as Simchat Torah is upon us, and we will restart the Torah reading cycle.

I invite you to look at something familiar and find something different. Is it an aspect of nature? Is it the Torah? Is it another text? To me, life is about turning and turning and turning again. You might be surprised at what you find.

L'Shalom,

Sharon

Would you like to read Torah?

Would you like to LEARN to read Torah?

When was your Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

How about a Haftarah?

Please help expand our Torah & Haftarah reading lineup and let us know how you can help.

Come back on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversary, a birthday or anniversary or any occasion to help us out.

If you can help, please contact Nancy Lewis at Nancy.nehama@gmail.com

Preliminary 2023-2024 Religious School (RS) Calendar

Please mark your calendars in advance for these RS events.

Please note these dates / times are subject to change & more to be added.

| DATE | EVENT | TIME |
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| Sunday, September 10 | First Day of RS | 9:00am-12:00pm |
| Saturdays during school year | Grades 3-5 Shabbat Shelanu | 10:30am-12:00pm |
| Wednesday, October 11, 18 & 25 | 7 th Grade Tallit Program | 6:00pm-8:00pm |
| Sunday, October 15 | 6 th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Meeting | 9:30am |
| Friday, October 13 | Young Family Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:00pm |
| Sunday, October 22 | 3 rd Grade Trip | 9:00am-1:00pm |
| Saturday, October 28 | School-Wide Shabbat L'Kulanu + Lunch & 7th Grade Chesed Fair | 10:00am-12:30pm |
| Sunday, October 29 | NO RS | ---- |
| Saturday, November 4 | 6 th Grade Shabbat & Lunch | 10:00am-12:30pm |
| Friday, November 17 <i>possible move to 11/3</i> | Grades 3-6 Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:00pm |
| Friday, December 1 | Grades 7-12 Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:00pm |
| Saturday, December 9 | School-Wide Shabbat L'Kulanu + Lunch | 10:00am-12:30pm |
| Sunday, December 10 | NO RS | ---- |
| Sunday, December 17 | 5 th Grade Sacred Spaces & B'nai Mitzvah Meeting | 9:30am-12:00pm |
| Saturday, January 6 | 5 th Grade Shabbat & Lunch | 10:00am-12:30pm |
| Sunday, January 14 | RS Day of Service | TBD |
| Friday, January 19 <i>possible move to 1/12</i> | All School Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:00pm |
| Sunday, January 21 | 6 th Grade Chesed Meeting | 12:00pm-1:00pm |
| Friday, February 2 | Young Family Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:00pm |
| Saturday, February 10 | School-Wide Shabbat L'Kulanu + Lunch & 3rd Grade Siddur Presentation | 10:00am-12:30pm |
| Sunday, February 11 | NO RS | ---- |
| Sunday, March 3 | 4 th & 5 th Grade Trip Brooklyn Jewish Museum | 8:30am-3:00pm |
| Friday, March 8 | Grades 3-6 Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:00pm |
| Saturday, March 9 | 4 th Grade Shabbat + Lunch | 10:00am-12:30 pm |
| Friday, April 5 - 7 | Family Shabbaton Weekend | ---- |
| Friday, April 12 | Grades 7-12 Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:00pm |
| Sunday, April 14 | 6 th Grade Family Program | 9:00am-12:00pm |
| Saturday, April 27 | School-Wide Shabbat L'Kulanu + Lunch | 10:00am-12:30pm |
| Sunday, April 28 | NO RS | --- |
| Sunday, May 5 | 6 th & 7 th Grade Trip Phil Jewish Museum | 8:30am-3:00pm |
| Friday, May 17 | School-Wide Shabbat Dinner | 5:30pm-7:30pm |
| Sunday, May 19 | Last day RS | 9:00am-12:00pm |
| Sunday, May 19 | 7 th Grade Moving Up Ceremony | 5:30pm-8:00pm |

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



Stephanie Spielholz is excited to start as our new Youth Director. She has been a member of the community for many years. You may know her as Stephanie Arons who had her bat mitzvah at TJC in 2004. You may know her from her many years working at the Joan Levin Nursery School Summer Camp. You may know her as your child's Geshet LeKeshet advisor. You may not know her but will meet her soon at one of our upcoming youth events. She is excited to bring her passion for Jewish community building back to the place that started it all for her.

Feel free to welcome her at sspielholz@thejewishcenter.org or 609-921-0100 ext. 219

PRE-KADIMA AND KADIMA EVENTS

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| PRE - HEBREW SCHOOL HANG SEPT 20 3:00-4:00PM | DAY TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF ICE CREAM! OCT 9 LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFO |
| PRE-HEBREW SCHOOL HANG OCT 25 3:00-4:00PM | THIS A PREVIEW OF ONLY A FEW OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS! |

◆ MORE EVENTS COMING SOON!

USY EVENTS

Look for updates on more events coming soon!

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| September 10 | Thomas Sweet Trip after Sulam Meet the new staff and plan for the year over ice cream! |
| October 5 | Joint Event with East Brunswick Jewish Center More information to come |
| November 17-19 | Fall Convention Regional Weekend Long Event Toms River, NJ |



Lulav and Etrog

ORDER FORM

Deadline: *September 21*

BUY A LULAV AND ETROG FOR SUKKOT

*"...and you shall take the fruit of goodly trees...
and rejoice before the Lord your God."*

Two important symbols of Sukkot are the lulav and etrog. We recite the blessing over them each day of the holiday as an expression of gratitude for God's bounty, and we carry them in procession around the synagogue during each morning service. Rabbi Merow strongly encourages members of the congregation to purchase their own lulav and etrog set to be displayed in their sukkah or at home and to be brought to the synagogue to participate in the processions (hakafot). While they last for only a short time, their presence is felt beyond the festival. We hope that many of you will continue to participate in this tradition. Sets can be ordered through The Jewish Center office.

Pick-up Wednesday September 27 and Thursday September 28

Order lulav & etrog at <https://bit.ly/lulav-etrog-5784>

Full Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Please reserve _____ set(s) of lulavim and etrogim at \$54 each for me. Enclosed is my check, made out to The Jewish Center in the amount of \$ _____ Or, you may choose to pay by Visa / MasterCard / Amex (Circle one)

Name on credit card: _____ Card Number: _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature: _____

Please send to The Jewish Center office by September 21 (Erev Sukkot is September 29).
For more information, contact Roni Garrison at The Jewish Center office, 609-921-0100 x 200 or vgarrison@thejewishcenter.org

Shabbat Under the Stars

September 29
and October 13

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 Emilie Kovit at ekovit@thejewishcenter.org
or call 609.921.0100 x 209



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OUR MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS!

DIANE GUVENIS

The TJC Membership committee is happy to welcome Diane Guvenis, who will be joining Jerry Neumann as co-chair. Greet her if you have not yet met her!

Diane's path to TJC membership began by attending Saturday morning services and immediately feeling the sense of a community and spiritual home. She said, "Becoming a member of TJC's congregational community has enriched my life and I encourage you to join in membership."



JERRY NEUMANN

- TJC member for 37 years
- Served as VP Admin & Trustee
- Served as co-chair of Religious Affairs, Fund-Raising, Israeli Affairs & House Committees & chair of Nominating Committee
- Very active in Jewish Federation & Jewish Community Foundation

Some programs to check out this September and October:

- **The first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.:** Mah Jongg
- **Tuesday, 9/19 at 10 at 10 7:30 p.m.:** TJC Book Club reads The Latecomer
- **Saturday, 9/23 at 1:00 p.m.:** Shabbat Meditation with Ruth Goldston
- **Friday, 9/29 at 7:30 p.m.:** A very special Shabbat Under the Stars to welcome our New Members!
- **Saturday, 9/30 at 9 a.m.:** Breakfast in Rabbi's Sukkah
- **Wednesday, 10/4 - 7:00 p.m.:** Bring your own Wine or Beer to Pizza in the Hut! Guest Speaker Reverend Seth Kaper-Dale discusses Refugee Resettlement in New Jersey.
- **Sunday, 10/15 at 11:45 a.m.:** Bless The Pets
- **Tuesday, 10/17 at 10 a.m.:** Together and Apart - The Future of Jewish peoplehood with Rabbi Merow.

Questions? Email ekovit@thejewishcenter.org.
Please register at thejewishcenter.org/calendar/.

HEAR THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR!

EITHER AT YOUR HOME OR ON THE PHONE!

If you or someone you know would like to hear the Shofar blasts, but can't make it to TJC or live out of town, our wonderful Robin Wallack will connect with you to hear the Shofar blown. She can either come to your home, or do it over the phone.

Please reach out to Robin at 609-462-2340, 609-924-0330, or robinwallack@verizon.net

Don't miss out on this great opportunity if you are not able to attend in person.



B'nei Mitzvah

Makenna Schneider

September 9, 2023

Makenna is a current eighth grader at Melvin H. Kreps Middle School in East Windsor, New Jersey. She has been enrolled at the TJC Religious School since first grade, and it has been a huge part of her life both socially and spiritually ever since. Makenna is enrolled in the Sulam program this fall and looks forward to continuing her Judaic studies throughout high school and beyond.



Makenna also enjoys competitive cheerleading, softball as of recent, travel, and watching her beloved Yankees!

Makenna spends her summers at The JCC Abrams Camps and is now part of the JCC Teen Travel Program where she credits for further shaping her Jewish Identity while introducing her to the best of friends from all over Mercer and Bucks Counties.

Makenna is a loving sister to both her older sister, Hadleigh, as well as her younger brother, Fordham, as well as her furry brother, a Puggle named Jett.

Makenna wants to express extreme gratitude for Rabbi Merow, Avi Paradise, Gila Levin, Ronit Rackowski, Sharon Diamondstein, and all of the teachers that she has had along the way who have helped her build up to this milestone. She also thanks Joel Berger, Cynthia Richman and the rest of the staff at TJC and all who have supported her along the way!



Leah Rotman

October 14, 2023

Leah is looking forward to being called to the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah on Oct 14th. Leah is currently in 8th grade at Montgomery Upper Middle School. Her passion is dance, and she enjoys competing year-round across the country, with ballet being her favorite style. When she is not dancing, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. Leah sends her thanks to everyone at TJC who has helped her to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.



The Jewish Center Princeton

Annual Fund 5784



75 for 75!

This year our Annual Fund has a special ask: we're looking for an increase of \$75 per donation to commemorate the Jewish Center turning 75.

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Questions? Please contact Executive Director Joel Berger at jberger@thejewishcenter.org

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SEPTEMBER 10, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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FOOD DRIVE

Food insecurity is still an ongoing issue in our country. We are asking our community once again to open your hearts and donate to families in need.



**HAPPILY ACCEPTING:
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Shopping list to follow
**PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN
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**PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 TO THE JFCS
FOOD TRUCK
AND EREV YOM KIPPUR & YOM KIPPUR
SEPTEMBER 24 & 25**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
TO HELP SORT FOOD**

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FOOD DRIVE



HAPPILY ACCEPTING:

★ **LOCAL SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS**

★ **CANNED GOODS**

★ **NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**

SHOPPING LIST:

Please check that your food is kosher and not expired

Cereal - both hot and cold

Granola bars

Canned tuna, salmon or chicken

Canned low fructose fruit

Canned low sodium vegetables

Peanut butter

Jelly/Jam

Beans, either canned or bags of dried

Apple sauce

Tomato sauce & canned tomatoes

Shelf stable milk

Pasta

Rice

100% fruit juice

Herbs & spices

Maseca Corn Masa Flour

Olive oil

Vegetable oil

CONTAINERS MUST BE PAPER OR PLASTIC (NO GLASS)

PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN

ARM IN ARM & JFCS KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

**PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO THE JEWISH CENTER BY
YOM KIPPUR - SEPTEMBER 25TH**

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SPEAKER: REVEREND SETH KAPER-DALE**

**PIZZA AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED
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Thursday, November 16

Thursday, January 18

Thursday, March 14

Thursday, May 23

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SUNDAY MORNING
OCTOBER 15, 2023

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- 50 Mile
- 25 Mile
- 10 Mile
- 3 Mile



**Bike Ride
 Fundraiser
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 (18 and under)





A Note From Rabbi Bob Freedman

So many of you have approached me with outstretched hands and hearts to offer consolation for my brother Ted's death. So many have given to TJC to honor his memory. You sent beautiful notes. You sat shivah and worshiped with me in my house. To say "Thank you" seems a small return for the life-affirming comfort you've given me, yet I say it from the depths of my heart. And I thank God who has granted me to live and serve for so many years in the midst of such a warm, strong community.

Bring your friends! Community is invited! \$1.00 PER BOOK!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00 AM

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JCW JEWISH CENTER WOMEN

Happy New Year from JCW! As the newest co-chairs of this vibrant and dynamic organization, we're honored to accept the responsibilities of developing a slate of initiatives for the coming year. However, before we began brainstorming plans for the year ahead, we were asked to consider a donation from JCW's funds towards the construction costs of TJC's Welcome Home Apartment. Guided by the spirit of *tzedakah*, the decision was made to allocate \$5,000 to that very meaningful endeavor. In the course of making that donation using JCW funds, it was suggested that we add some structure to the organization which led us to draft a charter and our governance process. In addition, an Advisory Board has been formed, primarily to conduct oversight of how funds are allocated, as well as to provide programming support and serve as ambassadors to the broader TJC community.

Our plans for the year will include programming across a spectrum of social, cultural and celebratory activities, some of which will be in partnership with the Men's Club and Arts and Culture. We look forward to continuing the traditions of those events that JCW has hosted in the past such as the Big Apple Bake Off and JCW Shabbat along with introducing new programs that will reflect our commitment to *tzedakah* such as the upcoming House Warming Tea Party to collect an assortment of household goods for the Welcome Home Apartment.

There are lots more exciting plans that we're keeping under wraps for now, with the hope that JCW members will find worth in their affiliation and that the relationships they cultivate are the dividends.

Here's to a meaningful and productive year,

Roberta Sternthal and Pam Zaifman

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HAVURAH MINYAN

Our service will resume on October 7 and will take place beginning at 10:00 AM on the first and third Shabbat of every month in the Adult Library and on Zoom.

MEETING ID = 861 4274 5562

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MAH JONGG

Join us for Mah Jongg

The First Thursday of every month.

7:00 PM
All levels welcome!



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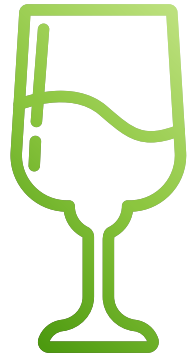
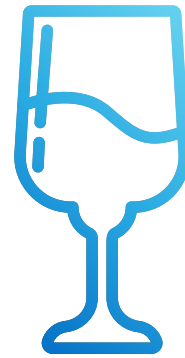
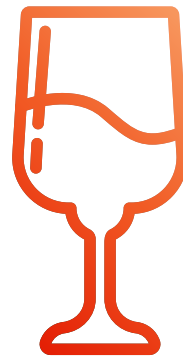
Kiddush Community

Kiddush Community is a way to build more connection 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:

- Adding a source of alternative revenue
- Increasing participate in Shabbat: services or social
- Allowing us to celebrate more *simchot* together

• 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.)



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



Book Club

**Tuesdays, September 19
& October 17 | 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.***

The Latecomer follows the story of the wealthy, New York City-based Oppenheimer family, from the first meeting of parents Salo and Johanna, under tragic circumstances, to their triplets born during the early days of IVF. As children, the three siblings – Harrison, Lewyn, and Sally – feel no strong familial bond and cannot wait to go their separate ways, even as their father becomes more distanced and their mother more desperate. When the triplets leave for college, Johanna, faced with being truly alone, makes the decision to have a fourth child. What role will the “latecomer” play in this fractured family?




Coming up in October:

The Calculating Stars by Mary Robinette Kowal, 7:30 p.m. on October 17

Shortly after President Thomas Dewey leads the United States to victory in the space race in 1952, a meteorite strikes the Chesapeake Bay, obliterating most of the Eastern Seaboard. In the aftermath, the mathematician and former Women Airforce Service Pilots pilot Elma York calculates that the resulting climate change will make the planet uninhabitable within 50 years. The threat accelerates efforts to colonize space and leads to Elma joining the International Aerospace Coalition in its attempt to reach the Moon and then Mars.

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



Talmud Study Group
Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
Available via Zoom

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

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In honor of

Jerry Neumann for generously leading shivas for the David Greenberg and Heidi Shegoski families

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Susan Falcon on a great job running the 2022-2023 Annual Fund and generating a record response

from Heidi Joseph

Lisa and Andrew Smukler on the birth of their granddaughter, Kaia Susana

from Heidi Joseph

Roger Behar on his birthday

from Diane Guvenis

Susan and Michael Falcon on the birth of their granddaughter, Arielle Freida Falcon

from Heidi Joseph and David Saltzman

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In honor of

Shabbat Under the Stars, July 21

from Ted and Renee Altman

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In honor of

Susan and Michael Falcon on the birth of their granddaughter, Arielle Freida Falcon

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In honor of

In appreciation of Linda Milstein who along with Gil Gordon welcomed me as part of the long-distance TJC minyan community since 2020 where I feel at home honoring the memory of my parents, Albert and Rena Klein

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In honor of

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Jeanne Leiman

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Lillian Brill
from Judy and Mike Leopold

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from Anonymous

Shabbat Meditation

Led by **Ruth Goldston**

September 23, October 7 & 21

1:00 PM TJC Adult Library

New Time!



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.

September 23, Shabbat Shuvah: Forgiveness

October 7: Creation & New Beginnings

October 21: Psalm 150: Hear A Symphony!

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 Minyan.

RSVP not needed - please email ruth.goldston@gmail.com with any questions.

In Memoriam:

We extend our deepest sympathy
in remembering:

James Adler Levy,
father of Jonathan (Jill Nussbaum) Levy

Samuel Goldfarb,
husband of Irene Goldfarb, father of
David A. Goldfarb and Sally (Joseph Straus)
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Contact the office for more information:
info@thejewishcenter.org

Muslim-Jewish Sisterhood

On June 7, over 40 Jews and Muslims from the greater Princeton area came together in our social hall for a cooking and tasting class featuring local chef and food influencer, Samira Ghani. Not only was the evening delicious as we learned how to prepare and then enjoyed Lychee Mint Punch Mocktail, Pakoras with Mint Chutney, Tiropita Kourou, and Baklavaish (Crinkle Dessert) but we also raised \$845 to help fund the TJC refugee apartment in which Ugandan political asylum seekers, Esau and Yonatan, will be the first temporary residents later this year. To further support the cause, Samira generously donated her personal cake making services to lucky donors! For food inspiration and easy and scrumptious meals to make for dinner and every occasion, check out Samira Ghani at Slice of Gourmet webpage: sliceofgourmet.com and insta: [@asliceofgourmet](https://www.instagram.com/asliceofgourmet).



Samira is no stranger to the TJC community; she is a “sister” of congregants Lori Feldstein and Alexandra Bar-Cohen through a local Jewish/Muslim sisterhood group that builds connection and cooperation between the two communities through personal relationships built in monthly meetings in members’ homes. In addition to the personal bridges the



Sisterhood has built it has inspired cooperation between our two communities as well, with members attending significant milestone events in each other’s communities and inspiring initiatives and events in service to others, like the recent blood drive organized by both TJC and the Muslim Center of Greater Princeton, and when Samira coordinated with Gil Gordon z”l to donate a record-breaking collection of 110 packages of period products to the Princeton Period Project by hosting a Galentine’s party which generated these donations.



There are a number of Jewish Center congregants who are part of Muslim-Jewish sisterhood groups. To learn more, contact Alexandra Bar-Cohen via info@thejewishcenter.com.



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



Join the Men's Club for the

SUKKAH BREAKDOWN

OCTOBER 14

To advertise, please call the office at 609-921-0100 or email us at info@thejewishcenter.org



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Cocktails in the Corridor

September 8
5:00 pm
At The Jewish Center
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Artwork of Harold Kent presentation at 5:15 pm
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Before Shabbat Services at 6
Before Sha-Bar-B-Q at 7

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LIFE & LEGACY

Thank You!

Our community recently lost a very special member. Ruth Schreiber Fath passed away on May 12, 2023. Many of us will long remember seeing Ruth at Shabbat services, sitting with her devoted and compassionate caregiver, Shirley. With her inextinguishable smile, Ruth warmly greeted every congregant who stopped by her wheelchair to say hello.

Ruth's journey was one of intellectual pursuits, cultural exploration, and a deep-rooted connection to Judaism, which culminated in her generous bequest of \$100,000 to the Life & Legacy Endowment Fund. This magnanimous donation is a testament of Ruth's devotion to The Jewish Center and her desire to ensure its continued flourishing.

With deep appreciation for a life richly lived and a remarkable individual, we'd like to tell you a bit of her story.

Born November 10, 1937, Ruth grew up in an orthodox home in Rochester, N.Y. She earned an undergraduate degree through a joint program with Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary. As a college student, she lived in Israel for a year studying Hebrew language and literature and spent several months on Kibbutz Tirat Zvi.

When she returned to the U.S., Ruth enrolled in graduate studies at Hunter College which led to an MSW degree. Later, Ruth shifted her focus, delved into the realm of psychology and earned a degree from the New York Freudian Society. With her intellectual insight and compassionate nature, Ruth built a thriving practice as a psychoanalyst in Manhattan in the 1970s.

Ruth's niece, Ronda Schreiber has fond memories of visiting her aunt, "a hip, independent young woman living an interesting life in Manhattan." Ruth made many life choices that were rather unconventional at that time, especially as the daughter of traditional parents. All those choices made Ruth a beloved aunt, and later, after marrying Joe, the beloved stepmother of Joe's four adult children, Dan, Jon, Rebecca and Deborah.

With Joe, Ruth loved traveling across Europe, Israel and South Africa and welcoming extended family and friends to celebrations in their homes in Princeton and Nantucket.

After moving to Princeton in 1985, Ruth continued to work as a psychoanalyst, along with serving as chairperson of the Commission for the New Jersey Children's Trust Fund, a fund dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect.

In addition to all the contributions Ruth made to family, friends and the community, Ruth played an important role

in my life. In November 1988, my mother, Elisabeth Joseph who was born in Berlin, spoke at TJC about hearing the noise of broken glass on Kristallnacht. My mother spoke about the deportation of her family and how she survived the Holocaust by being sheltered in the home of a school friend, Eva Cassirer.

Ruth heard my mother speak that night, and she approached me and said "Evy, I think there is someone in Princeton who is related to the Cassirers." I was a bit incredulous and skeptical, but indeed Ruth was right. She had the amazing insight to connect Eva to Peter Paret, a professor at the Institute of Advanced Studies. His mother, Suzanne Cassirer was Eva's cousin. Peter grew up knowing the story of how Eva saved a Jewish girl during the Holocaust, but he never knew her name, or what happened to her after the war. It was Ruth who listened to my mother's words and made that remarkable connection. Along with all that Ruth has given to the Princeton Jewish community, this was a special gift to me.

It will be difficult to walk into Rosh Hashanah services this year without glancing at the seats where Ruth and Shirley always sat. Ruth will be remembered and missed. Her generous legacy gift to the synagogue underscores the value she placed on supporting and sustaining The Jewish Center. May her memory be a blessing to us all.

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