DIAMOND JUBILEE Honorees

SAIL THE Chai Seas

May 4, 2024
7:30 p.m.

Above, left to right
Lori and Michael Feldstein
Linda and Michael Grenis
Arlene and Henry Opatut
Alison and David Politziner

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Celebrate with us!
May 4, 2024
“Sail the Chai Seas”
Sponsorships available - see pages 20-21

The Jewish Center Princeton
Lori & Michael Feldstein

Celebrating TJC’s 75th anniversary fills us with gratitude and nostalgia. For Michael, it’s been a lifelong presence from Hebrew School to his bar mitzvah. Years later, Lori was warmly welcomed to TJC and this community would go on to shape our family’s journey. Our children grew up at TJC and formed enduring friendships. TJC is our anchor, offering support in joy and sorrow. Serving on the board gave us both an opportunity to give back, and for Michael, the honor of serving as President was a privilege. As the TJC turns 75, we extend heartfelt wishes to its current leaders, hoping TJC’s flame burns bright for 75 more years.

Linda & Michael Grenis

We joined The Jewish Center in 1990. We jumped into TJC with two feet, becoming actively involved in the school, volunteer roles in shul and participating in oodles of adult education, social events and trips. TJC became the center of our lives, and it is where we met the majority of our friends! There hasn’t been a better decision we could have made upon moving to Princeton. From baby namings, to B’nai Mitzvot, to Aufrufs, TJC has been there for us. It has been an especially comforting place during our darkest and most challenging times. Each member of our family would tell you that The Jewish Center has helped shape their life. Our family’s strong love of Judaism was etched, nurtured and cultivated at TJC and we are forever grateful.

Arlene & Henry Opatut

We became members in 1979, soon after we moved to Princeton and the birth of our daughter, Jessica. And yes, we remember services for the High Holidays taking place in a tent. When our son Daniel turned 2, he joined the pre-nursery school play group, and then spent the next 15 years growing up in this building. Over the years we’ve participated in many programs and activities, both educational and charitable. We’re grateful for all that The Jewish Center has given us and cherish the family we’ve acquired since becoming members.

David & Alison Politziner

The rhythm of our lives is played out at The Jewish Center Shabbat after Shabbat, Yom Kippur after Yom Kippur. The melody holds long measures of Sammy and Sarah’s Hebrew School experiences leading to the crescendos of their bar and bat mitzvahs. Listening back on our 40 years of membership, we hear ourselves adding the high notes of many friendships and appreciating the opportunities to add more, the blessing of an unfinished symphony.
MESSAGE from the Rabbi

Rabbi Andrea Merow
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Why is Passover so late this year? Why is Rosh Hashana in October? This is a Jewish leap year where we have two Hebrew months of Adar. When this occurs, Purim is celebrated in the second Adar. There is a Jewish teaching about Adar that says, “mi she nichnas Adar, marbim b’simcha” Whoever brings in the month of Adar increases joy. Some take this to mean that we are commanded to bring in the month of Adar with extra joy. This command begins at Adar 1, meaning that leap years require an entire month of heightened joy. In mid-January, as the war in Israel continued, my rabbinic colleagues and I started a discussion about how we would bring joy to Adar and Purim this particular year. The Jewish people have celebrated this holiday during many times of great challenge, so we asked about what our ancestors had done at times of peril. We also turned to our Israeli colleagues for guidance to see how they were feeling and planning. Of course, we had no idea when we spoke, nor do I now as I write, what the situation will be in Israel in late March, and how the rest of the Jewish world will encounter anti-Semitism. Will we still be at war? Will there still be hostages? Or maybe, the world could be on a path towards healing?

Purim is our holiday where we celebrate the triumph of the Jewish people over those who wanted to destroy us. We metaphorically link Haman back to Amalek and forward to those who seek to destroy us in every generation. I note that with the change of one letter, Haman becomes Hamas. Purim is difficult this year, even for someone like me who loves the deep rejoicing of this holiday. Demanding joy for ourselves seems hard. Nevertheless, Purim will come at the end of March, and we will celebrate, maybe in more muted ways, but we will celebrate the steadfastness of our people throughout history and in difficult times. I don’t read Megillat Esther as a historical account; rather I see it as a paradigmatic and hopeful narrative about a time when our people overcame those who sought and seek our destruction.

Joy and Uncertainty

So how will we celebrate Purim? I listened to my Israeli colleagues who reminded themselves and us that it is our job to make Purim joyful, to remind ourselves that our people live- Am Yisrael Chai, even as we dwell with the uncertainty and sadness of the time. It is also important for us to create good memories of Purim for the children in our congregation. It is important for us to lean into all the mitzvot of Purim– hearing Megilat Esther, creating a festive meal, giving gifts to each other, and sharing our gifts with those in need. And to also know that as we celebrate Purim with joy it will feel different this year. I hope you join us on Wednesday afternoon March 20 for a Purim carnival. Thursday, March 21 is the fast of Esther. Purim begins Saturday night March 23 with an early program for kids, Megillah reading, and a late adult event. Sunday morning join us at 9 a.m. for adult services, Megillah reading. Children’s programming for elementary and high school at 10 a.m. and Tot Purim at 11 a.m. May our holiday be filled with opportunities to create joy!

Rabbi Andrea Merow
MESSAGE from the President
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Our Jewish life is enriched by the rituals attached to the lifecycle milestones that punctuate our lives – a baby’s birth, a bar/bat mitzvah, a wedding simcha, each anniversary, and yes, end-of-life. The sanctity of Jewish ritual binds us to generations of Jews who have come before us and to the continuity of our people. L’Dor v’Dor. We create significant memories by sharing these times with family and friends.

Just as our family life is touched by these milestones, so is our Jewish Center life. This year marks the 75th anniversary of The Jewish Center. We have an incredible evening planned for May 4th!

This year we are proud to honor Lori and Michael Feldstein, Linda and Michael Grenis, Arlene and Henry Opatut, and Alison and David Politziner. They will be honored for their commitment, generosity and volunteerism to The Jewish Center. Please buy your tickets and be on board as we set sail for the evening.

With our team of volunteers, we will be turning The Jewish Center into a cruise ship. We will be celebrating our major life cycle event with you as we sail into our future. Plan to be wowed! The ship will have a sports bar, casino, piano bar, dining room, shops, theatre and two excursions. We’re headed to Paris and the Islands!

Sponsorships are available for the evening. Please check this bulletin or speak with the office.

Raffle tickets are available. You can win a travel voucher which can be used for your next cruise or any travel adventure you choose. As it is said, “You have to be in it to win it!” The winners will be announced on the cruise.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you. Just as it’s important to be part of any lifecycle event, we are counting on you to support our May 4th celebration. It won’t be the same if you aren’t there!

So come sail away on the Chai seas with The Jewish Center as we embark on our next 75 year journey!

Heidi

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.

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To be added to the BBB mailing list or for questions, contact Michael Goldin at mmgold18@yahoo.com.
I am pleased to share that I completed the process of getting my FSA, the Fellow in Synagogue Administration certificate back in February. Having been an Executive Director for almost 25 years, I felt it was time to get recognized for the work that I have done and continue to do. As part of the National Executive Director organization, and current board member, it will give me the opportunity to move up on the board and have a bigger voice than I already have. I know, that scares some people.

Here is the wording from the NAASE website about the FSA certification:

The Fellow in Synagogue Administration (FSA) Program is the certification program of NAASE which affords synagogue executives the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership, professionalism, experience, competence and knowledge of the field. Similar to certification programs in other fields, the FSA program exhibits one's commitment to continuing professional development and education, as well as the association's commitment to fostering growth and excellence in its members. The attainment of the Fellow in Synagogue Administration Certification recognizes one's longevity in the field, participation and leadership in the association, and an advanced understanding of the required knowledge to be a successful synagogue executive.

The Significance of the FSA Certification

Executive Directors serve as role models for their congregants and the local Jewish community. They fulfill a role that involves synagogue administration, budget and finance, human resources, membership, facility management and ritual knowledge. Executive Directors in Conservative synagogues are often part of a leadership team that includes the Senior Rabbi and President. In recognition of the critical role that Executive Directors play in the life of a congregation, this credential has been developed and is recognized by one's peers at NAASE and the national synagogue association for conservative Judaism – USCJ. This FSA credential is a standard of knowledge and experience that demonstrates the competence of an Executive Director. Through this certification NAASE also is continuing its effort to enhance the professionalism and competence of its members. This credential also demonstrates to synagogue professionals, congregants and the community-at-large the executive director's commitment to knowledge, personal growth and improved professional performance.

Looking forward to bigger and better things in the future. And of course, I will need new business cards!

Joel

MEETINGS
7:00 pm
MARCH/APRIL

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Shabbat Under the Stars

March 15

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 Shucloud & let us know what food you are bringing
Want to host or help cook dinner?
Contact Emilie Kovit at ekovit@thejewishcenter.org
or call 609-421-0100 x 209

Stay after dinner for Chess! All levels welcome
MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning
Sharon Diamondstein
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Sharon decided to take the month off from writing her bulletin article, and since we are good at making noise, we decided to fill in for her.
Our names are Rami Rashan and Tzippi Tzfarde’ah. Rami is a grogger (noisemaker!) and will go first, and then Tzippi will go next.

In Rami’s words:

Being a grogger is my favorite thing because I get to make noise. I come out once a year, on Purim, when they read the Megillah. My friends and I LOVE this night - we have people in costume (Purim’s not just for kids, you know…). They listen to the WHOLE Megillah to hear the story of Purim, and every time they mention He Who Must Not Be Named (the OTHER one, not the one whose name starts with a V), the listeners use us to make a lot of noise to drown out his name. It’s so much fun!!!

But there is so much more to Purim than me making my noise when listening to the Megillah. We eat festive meals, exchange food, and give gifts to the poor.

As we build up to Purim, I’ve heard many whispers around The Jewish Center! The Purim carnival will be on Wednesday, March 20, at 4:30 p.m.

There will be a family programming on Saturday evening, March 23, at 6:45 p.m., which will include dinner and crafts leading up to the Megillah reading (featuring ME!) at 8:00 p.m. For parents who would like to continue the festivities, there will be babysitting in the school building until 10:45 p.m.

On Sunday, March 24, typical religious school classes will not be held. Instead, wear your costumes and join us in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. to hear the Megillah read again, and then have breakfast and some fun Purim programming!

I will stop here and turn it over to Tzippi since she has a lot of stuff going on for Pesach (Passover) as well!

Thanks, Rami! I’m Tzippi Tzfarde’ah (Tzippi the Frog), and I’m so excited for Purim because that means we get to celebrate my favorite holiday, Pesach (Passover), a month later! Passover comes with a lot of preparation, including cleaning the house to get rid of chametz (leavened foods). Sharon leaked to me that we have some great programming happening over Pesach; there will be a Selfie Seder on Sunday, April 21, followed by in-room cleaning complete with feathers! We will also have a bonfire to burn our chametz and a special treat to go along with it! Please be sure to check your email from Sharon for exact program times and locations. So many exciting things are happening! We can’t wait to see you soon!

Wishing you all happy holidays!

Rami and Tzippi
TJC Religious School Events

**MARCH - APRIL 2024**

March 2
Shabbat L’Kulanu & Gimmel Siddur Ceremony **9:30 a.m.**

March 8
Grades 3-6 Kabbalat Shabbat at **6:30 p.m.**
Followed by dinner at **7:30 p.m.**

March 9
Fourth Grade Shabbat Lunch Following Services

March 20
Purim Carnival **4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

March 23
Children’s Evening Purim Program **6:45 p.m.**

March 24
Family Megillah reading and program **10:00 a.m.**

April 10
Great Minds Salon for Teens **7:00 p.m.**

April 12
Zayin - Sulam Shabbat Services at **6:30 p.m.**
Followed by dinner at **7:30 p.m.**

April 21
Pesach Selfie Seder **9:00 a.m.**

April 27
Shabbat L’Kulanu **9:30 a.m.**
**TJC Youth Events**

**MARCH/APRIL**

**FRI MARCH 08**

**3RD-6TH GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DINNER**

- @TJC Services at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

**SUN MARCH 17**

**GOOD DEEDS DAY**

- Beth El Synagogue 12:30-2:00 p.m.

**WED MARCH 20**

**PURIM CARNIVAL**

- @TJC 4:30-7:00 p.m.

**SUN MARCH 24**

**KIDS PURIM PROGRAM**

- @TJC starting at 10:00 a.m.

**FRI APRIL 12**

**ZAYIN-SULAM DINNER**

- @TJC Services at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

**SUN APRIL 14**

**SEDER PLATE DECORATING PROGRAM**

- @TJC 12:00-2:00 p.m.

**TBD**

**USY 8TH-12TH GRADE SIX FLAGS TRIP**

The Jewish Center Princeton
NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT
AN INTERVIEW WITH ELAN DANIEL, JAMIE LEVINE-DANIEL, AND MAYLA DANIEL

Background:
Jamie is originally from Cleveland and went to a religious day school. Jamie did her BA at American University in DC, and she completed her MBA and PhD at (THE) Ohio State University. She worked for BBYO and was a JDC fellow in Izmir Turkey for a year. Jamie currently works for NYU Wagner School of Public Service.

Mayla is a 3rd grader at Riverside Elementary.

Elan spent the formative years of high school in Princeton. He is a former community development professional who now does some consulting work and coaches soccer at PFC.

TJC: How did you decide to join TJC?
We decided to join TJC because of Elan’s ties to the synagogue from the time he lived in Princeton before. Although nearly everything is different, it is still a center of Jewish life in Princeton and that feature remains an important one both for the synagogue and our family. Also (TJC member) Abbye Cornfield is one of Jamie’s closest friends from college, so having friendly faces in a new place made TJC that much more welcoming.

TJC: What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?
Jamie: Passover; I love the traditions, how the themes stay so relevant, and how rooted in the home the observance is.
Mayla: Purim
Elan: Pesach

TJC: What has been your favorite TJC event so far?
Jamie: Shabbat; I love having a place to go for Shabbat.
Mayla & Elan: Game night!

TJC: What are you looking forward to at TJC?
Jamie: Looking forward to continuing to build a community and connections for our family.
Mayla: Making more friends.
Elan: Getting to know the community better and meeting new people.
Rabbi’s Tuesday Class Continues

With Rabbi Merow on Zoom

“Together and Apart – The Future of Jewish Peoplehood”
An iEngage Course from The Shalom Hartman Institute

March 5  |  March 26

Save The Dates: Tuesdays April 2, 9, 16

Learn about Pesach/the Hagada - More to follow

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:15 PM

Zoom link will be sent prior to each class for those who have registered
Joshua Sambol
March 16, 2024

Joshua is a seventh grader at Montgomery Upper Middle School. He has been at The Jewish Center since he was two years old in the mommy and me class and was in the last class to graduate from the Joan Levin Nursery School. He is an avid computer coder and interested in all things technology. He is also fascinated by aviation and is going to take his first flying lesson this year. He is very musical and plays percussion in the school band and takes piano lessons at home. He goes to Island Lake sleep away camp for four weeks in the summer and looks forward to it all year. Josh would like to thank all of his Hebrew School teachers who have helped him get to this point in his Jewish education. A special thank you to Gila Levin who helped him prepare his Torah and Haftorah readings. And a special shout out to Cynthia Richards, Carol Alpert and Ellen Pristach who have been there since that mommy and me class.

Oren Hertz
April 20, 2024

Oren and his family are visiting Princeton from Israel for a year and are happy to celebrate Oren’s Bar Mitzvah at The Jewish Center. Oren enjoys drawing and painting, listening to music, watching classic sketch shows, and playing video games. He has a ready joke for every occasion, and always makes his friends and family laugh. Thank you everyone in the Jewish Center for your warm welcome.

Our next meeting:
Sunday, March 17
2:00-4:00 p.m.
at The Jewish Center
LET’S ALL WISH EACH OTHER A HAPPY PURIM!

With a $36 donation, you can send EVERYONE a Purim basket (Mishloach Manot) containing hamantashen, groggers, and more. Your name will be included on the Purim card!

Order online at bit.ly/purim2024
or send a check to The Jewish Center
Payment is due by Monday, March 11

Hamentashen provided by Michael & Beatrice Bloom in Loving Memory of Michael's mother, Bunny

“I love all the fillings you can have in Hamantaschen, like apricot, chocolate or raspberry and ESPECIALLY the ones with prune! Those are very helpful.”
TJC PURIM CARNIVAL 2024

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
4:30 TO 7:00 P.M.

Giant Inflatables  Music  Games  Sensory Room
BBQ  Prizes

Pre-Sale Discounted Tickets
90 - $40
72 - $32
54 - $25
36 - $18
Pre-Sale prices good until March 19

Tickets used for all attractions.
Attractions range from 3-9 tickets.
Food will be available as a separate purchase.
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

For more Information and and to buy Pre-Sale Tickets go to https://bit.ly/TJCPurimCarnival24

Volunteers & Sponsors Needed!
Please Contact: Stephanie Spielholz at sspielholz@thejewishcenter.org.
PURIM CARNIVAL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Grillers
Prize Table
Tickets
Games

NOTE THE NEW TIME
Wednesday, March 20
4:30 p.m.
The Jewish Center
435 Nassau Street
Sponsorship opportunities available

For More Information
click here

or email sspielholz@thejewishcenter.org
JOIN THE PARTY AT THIS YEAR’S PURIM MEGILLAH READING!

Add your voice to a raucous Purim Megillah reading this year! Traditional readers wanted, yes! - but also those who want to read spoken parts in character – jumping in with their parts as others narrate.

Very small and easy parts are available - just a couple of phrases in all parts of the story - as well as larger narrations.

Last year two parent teen partnerships participated with great success, and one new reader had a great time narrating just a couple of sentences including some special, dramatic, hammed up melody. Recordings are available for everything.

Characters available include Esther, Mordechai, King Ahasueras, Haman, Zeresh (Haman’s evil wife), servants, eunuchs, Harvonah.

Please contact Avi Paradise: aparadise@thejewishcenter.org to find out more or get started.
DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Purim 2024

In Honor of our 75th Anniversary

Carnival – Wednesday, March 20 – 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Purim Night – Diamonds are Forever – Saturday, March 23
- 6:45 P.M. – Family Program
- 7:45 P.M. – Maariv
- 7:55 P.M. – Havdallah
- 8:00 P.M. – Full Megillah Reading

9:15-Featuring Mystery Purim Party
RSVP is required by 3/19 - Light Dinner

Kids activities – Sunday, March 24 – 10 A.M.
MYSTERY PURIM PARTY

Saturday, March 23, 9:15 -10:45 p.m.
(Following the 8 p.m. megillah reading)

Who stole Esther's diamonds?
Follow the clues to find the culprit!

Includes light dinner
Costumes encouraged!
Registration is required
by Tuesday, March 19
Celebrating 75 Years!

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum - $75,000
- 18 Admissions to the Main Event
- 18 Cruise Raffle Tickets
- Name on a Platinum Sponsor Brick in the TJC Courtyard
- Private meet and greet with entertainer
- Full Page Platinum Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin

Diamond - $25,000
- 12 Admissions to Main event
- 12 Cruise Raffle Tickets
- Name on Diamond Sponsor Brick in TJC Courtyard
- Private meet and greet with entertainer
- Full Page Diamond Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our Website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin

Sapphire - $10,000
- 10 Admissions to Main event
- 10 Cruise Raffle Tickets
- Name on Sapphire Sponsor Brick in the TJC Courtyard
- Private meet and greet with entertainer
- Full Page Sapphire Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our Website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin

Pearl - $5,400
- 8 Admissions to Main event
- 8 Cruise Raffle Tickets
- Private meet and greet with entertainer
- Full Page Pearl Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our Website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin
Celebrating 75 Years!

Sponsorship Levels

**Ruby - $2,700**
- 6 Admissions to Main Event
- 6 Cruise Raffle Tickets
- Full Page Ruby Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our Website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin

**Emerald - $1,800**
- 6 Admissions to Main Event
- 3 Cruise Raffle Tickets
- Full Page Emerald Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our Website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin

**Opal - $1,080**
- 4 Admissions to Main Event
- 2 Cruise Raffle Tickets
- Full Page Opal Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our Website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin

**Topaz - $540**
- 2 Admissions to Main Event
- 1 Cruise Raffle Ticket
- Full Page Topaz Page in the Ad Journal
- Listing on our Website
- Listing in the TJC Bulletin

To sponsor or donate please scan this code and you will be taken to the online form.
Raffle ticket cost: $100/ticket
BLOOD DRIVE

@ The Jewish Center
Sunday, March 10
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Register at: https://tinyurl.com/tjc0310

This blood drive is being organized by The Jewish Center and the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad

For more information, contact Lynne Ross,
Chair: lplross@yahoo.com

For medical or travel related questions
call 800-933-2566

The Jewish Center | 435 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. If you have a medical related question
visit nybc.org/eligibility or call 800.688.0900

New York Blood Center draws and provides blood to hospitals and patients in the greater New York metropolitan area including to Princeton Penn Medicine and RWJ hospitals and beyond.

The Jewish Center Princeton
SAFETY SERIES: BREAKDOWN

PART THREE:
CPR AND FIRST AID

Sunday, March 3 - 1-3 p.m.
With guest teacher, Ari Meisel

This class will cover:
- The basic knowledge and skills to respond confidently during medical emergencies.
- This class will introduce participants to essential techniques for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and foundational first aid procedures.
- While this session does not offer certification, it aims to equip every participant with the confidence and know-how to potentially save a life or assist someone in distress until professional medical assistance arrives.

Registration is required by Friday, March 1 at noon.
Questions to Emilie Kovit at ekovit@thejewishcenter.org.
Ha Bayta Song

As we light our candles to celebrate the day of rest, we pray for the hostages that are still not home. If you have not seen this video, it is incredibly inspiring and moving. 1,000 musicians from all over Israel joined together at the Caesarea amphitheater to play Ehud Manor’s classic song, “Home” (Habaita). This heart-warming event was the brainchild of Israeli Producer, Talya Yarom. Bring our hostages safely back home and bless them … and bless their families who are waiting for them … and bless Israel. Amen

Shema Yoga with Eleni Litt
at The Jewish Center
Princeton, NJ

Fridays 10:00 - 11:00 AM
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26

**Shema Yoga**, developed by Eleni Litt, infuses the practice of yoga with a Jewish sensibility. Yoga is (among other things) about listening to your own body and noticing sensations, thoughts, and feelings as they come and go. You are invited to enter the practice from a place that works best for you. While the practice is open to all, please consult with your doctor if you have any concerns about the appropriateness of yoga for your situation. **Eleni** is a longtime member of The Jewish Center and a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance (RYT, 200 hrs). She has a daily yoga practice with Rudy Peirce: [https://www.gentle-yogis.com/](https://www.gentle-yogis.com/)

Contact Eleni with your questions: ezlitt@gmail.com
Havurah Minyan Study Sessions

A series of monthly programs will be presented by Minyan members on topics related to Jewish culture, theology, history, and philosophy. The programs will be held in the Adult Library on the second Shabbat of every month at 1:00 p.m.

We welcome new members and invite you to join us for one or all of our programs. We adhere to the idea that every teacher is also a student and every student has something to teach. Learn with us; teach with us—all are welcome.

March 9. Neil Litt. “What reward is received for performing a mitzvah?” This is not a question you should even ask. The performance of a mitzva should be its own reward. Nevertheless, the Talmud suggests that the reward for even a “minor” mitzvah is fantastic. You can’t make these things up, but the rabbis did! Come and see for yourselves. This is not a lecture and there will be a lively discussion.

April 13. Rob Goldston. “The Meaning of Evil.” In 1710 Leibniz wrote in Theodicy that this is the best of all possible worlds, and in 1759 Voltaire pilloried the idea in Candide. In between, philosopher and cabalist Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (1707 - 1746) developed a powerful Jewish theology of evil. We will look at passages from his Derech HaShem and maybe The Philosopher and the Cabalist. The most inexplicable evil to befall the Jewish people was the Shoah. So we will also look at passages from sermons given by Rabbi Kalonymous Kalman Shapira, the Rabbi of the Warsaw ghetto, including his final footnotes as his writings were being consigned to milk cans, buried to survive the ultimate destruction of the ghetto. We will also share our own experiences of evil and any meaning we might have drawn from them.

In Memoriam:
We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering:

Richard (Dick) Bergman, husband of Vicky

Dr. William Besser, husband of Ruth Besser

Jane Felder, cousin of Nancy (Neil) Lewis

Zola P. Horovitz, PhD, husband of Marlene Suki Lewin, former mother-in-law of Miki Mendelsohn

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March/April | Adar I/Adar II/Nissan 5784
Sale of Chametz: In preparing for Passover, it is customary to sell your chametz (products leaven - made from wheat, spelt, barley, oats, rye, & their derivatives). Jewish law prohibits Jews from using or even possessing any chametz during Pesach. To ensure compliance with this law, we clean our homes and, just to make sure, we transfer title on any remaining chametz to a non-Jew. This chametz becomes the property of the non-Jew for the duration of Pesach and should be set aside in a place where it will not be disturbed or seen during the holiday. This sale can include the sale of your pet and their chametz pet food. The rabbi will serve as your agent for this transaction. If you would like to sell your chametz, please complete the form below and return it to the Synagogue no later than Thursday, April 18, 2024 at noon.

I (We) hereby authorize Rabbi Andrea Merow to sell my (our) chametz for Passover 5784. Monday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. –Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Name (s) (please include pet names)

Complete Address

Phone (____)___________ Email ____________________________

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

PLEASE NOTE some contribute to Tzedakah, Maot Hittin – a fund for those in need, when selling your chametz. Rabbi Merow will contribute to agencies that combat food insecurities from your donations.
TJC PASSOVER 2024 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday – 4/21
Search for Chametz (Bedikat Chametz)

Monday Morning – 4/22
Siyyum for the First Born – 9:00 AM
B.Y.O. Chametz - Sell your Chametz Bonfire
of Chametz with Marshmallows and Passover
Songs
Appoint Rabbi Merow to be your agent to see
your Chametz.
See form on page.

Monday Evening – 4/22
Passover 1st Night Seder - Evening

Tuesday Morning – 4/23
Shabbat Morning Service – 9:30 AM
1st Day of Passover
Passover 2nd Night Seder - Evening

Wednesday Morning – 4/24
Morning Service – 9:30 AM
Lunch following service

Friday 4/26
Service – 6:30 PM
Dinner 7:30 PM (see page 29)

Saturday Morning – 4/27
Morning Service- 9:30 AM

Monday Morning – 4/29
Morning Service – 9:30 AM
7th Day of Passover

Tuesday Morning – 4/30
Morning Service - 9:30 AM
8th Day of Passover
Yizkor Memorial Services will begin around
10:00 AM.

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

Prayer Book Pages, Yizkor Service and Book of
Remembrance can be found on our website at:
https://thejewishcenter.org/Resources/Services-Sid-
durs.aspx
A FUN START to Passover

MONDAY MORNING BEFORE PASSOVER APRIL 22
9:00 A.M.-9:45 A.M.

SHORT SIYYUM
Join us for the completion of a book of Torah study so if you are a First Born you do not have to fast today!

SALE OF CHAMETZ
Watch Rabbi Merow sell our chametz
(Don’t forget to fill out your chametz sale form)

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

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

SING PASSOVER SONGS!!

Questions? contact: Ekovit@thejewishcenter.org
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FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT PASSOVER DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
(LEAVE THE COOKING TO SOMEONE ELSE!)

SERVICES 6:30 P.M.
DINNER 7:30 P.M.

$45 PP FOR ADULTS
$25 FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER

BRING YOUR OWN KOSHER FOR PASSOVER WINE!

NO RESERVATIONS AFTER
MONDAY, APRIL 22

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THE JEWISH CENTER
LIFE & LEGACY SHABBAT

Celebrating our Life & Legacy
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Saturday March 9 | 9:30 a.m.
at The Jewish Center
435 Nassau Street | Princeton, NJ 08540

All are welcome to join us for Kiddush
following services
Elad Hazan is a professor of computer science at Princeton University. His research focuses on the design and analysis of algorithms for basic problems in machine learning and optimization. Amongst his contributions are the co-invention of the AdaGrad algorithm for deep learning, and the first sublinear-time algorithms for convex optimization. He is the recipient of the Bell Labs prize, the IBM Goldberg best paper award twice, in 2012 and 2008, a European Research Council grant, a Marie Curie fellowship and twice the Google Research Award. He served on the steering committee of the Association for Computational Learning and has been program chair for COLT 2015. In 2017 he co-founded In8 inc. focusing on efficient optimization and control, acquired by Google in 2018. He is the co-founder and director of Google AI Princeton.
Dear Rabbi Merrin,

I hope this finds you well. I write on behalf of All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Princeton to share with you and your congregation the enclosed resolution. As you will see, this resolution, which was recently passed by the leadership (vestry) of our congregation, condemns the alarming rise of anti-Semitism over the last few months and expresses our solidarity with the Jewish community. As our neighbors and fellow citizens and brothers created in the image of God, you are in our hearts during these challenging times. Please let us know if there may be of service to you in any way.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

The Rev. George Paulk
Rector, All Saints’ Church

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**Date: March 7, 2024**  
**Topic: Strange New Worlds**  
Speaker: Joshua Winn, a professor of astrophysics at Princeton University  
THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING (in-person at TJC & via Zoom)  
Check https://princetonol.com/groups/55plus/ to join online.

**Date: March 21, 2024**  
**Topic: Judicial Ethics**  
Speaker: Edwin H. Stern, New Jersey Superior Court Judge  
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There are the 55-Plus Club meetings March, April and May. All meetings start at ten a.m. Meetings are free. A $5 donation per meeting is suggested.
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Sundays, Feb 25
March 17, April 7

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Open to the community

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Order your copy of WELCOME TO OUR TABLE a cookbook of TJC congregant recipes compiled by Judy Margolin, Ellen Gordon, and Deborah Marinsky. $36 – order at the jewishcenter.org/table
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 participation 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.)

Please join us for Nosh and Drosh on

Thursday, March 21 & April 18 2024

Save the date

Macher $1000
Supporter $540
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On Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 pm we’ll meet by zoom to discuss: 
*The Prison Minyan* by Jonathan Stone

“The Federal Correctional Institution in Otisville, N.Y., stands apart from most prisons...the prison's minimum-security camp has “long been the lockup of choice among Jewish white-collar offenders,” who are able to access kosher food and daily prayer services. There are crimes aplenty within the prison walls — the newest prisoner comes awfully close to being “Epsteined,” and more blood will be shed in an incident involving a vengeful, white nationalist-identified warden — but Stone is after something more diffuse and philosophical. Can middle-aged men who spent their entire lives flouting rules and laws, cheating and lying, and knowingly and unknowingly hurting others, find self-worth, meaning and even salvation by forming a community adhering to ancient traditions?” (New York Times)

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:30 pm we’ll meet by zoom to discuss: 
*The Matzah Ball* by Jean Meltzer

“Rachel was raised in an Orthodox Jewish household… She is chronically ill and became a writer because she can’t hold a full-time job outside her apartment. Part of her shame about her illness is its name: chronic fatigue syndrome. So many people in both the medical and social communities think the disease is psychosomatic and don’t take it seriously. Yet it massively handicaps Rachel's life. All this is carried along by light, clear prose, making Matzah Ball readable and entertaining even while it examines profound questions many people grapple with during their lives.” (New York Journal of Books)

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

May 21 — *In the Hands of Women* by Jane Loeb Rubin
       June 18 — *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn
       July-- Date TBD for our annual Potluck/Book Swap

All are welcome to join our Book Club Discussions. Please contact Louise Sandburg for more information: louise@sandsmith.com
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Wednesday, March 13
7:15 – 8:45 p.m.
in person at The Jewish Center
435 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

Rabbi Bob Freedman is ordained as a cantor and a rabbi. He has served TJC and other congregations as both, often at the same time. He is presently a staff chaplain at the Medical Center of Princeton, and lives in Princeton with his wife Sally.

Questions? Contact: ekovite@thejewishcenter.org
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The speaker is Christine Hayes, Sterling Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus in Classical Judaica at Yale University. Her most recent book, *What’s Divine about Divine Law? Early Perspectives*, received the 2015 National Jewish Book Award in Scholarship and the 2016 Jordan Schnitzer Award from the Association of Jewish Studies.

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Open to the community!

March 2
April 13
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FAQ
WHERE IS THE CONVENTION?
SPRING CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT DIAMOND RIDGE CAMP IN JAMISON, PA. THE PROGRAMMING WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 PM ON FRIDAY AND END AT 11:00 AM ON SUNDAY.

HOW DO I GET TO THE CONVENTION?
NY BUS PICK UP: MIDWAY JEWISH CENTER, 330 S OYSTER BAY RD, SYOSSET, NY 11791 @ 10:45 AM
NJ BUS PICK UP: TEMPLE BETH SHalom, 792 N. MT PLEASANT AVE, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039 @ 12:45 PM
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SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS
ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE STAYING IN CABINS. THERE ARE HUNGRY KIDS AND SINGLES FOR UP TO 20 PARTICIPANTS IN EACH CABIN. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR SLEEPING BAG AND COLONIAL CAMP IS EQUIPPED WITH HEATING AND BATHROOMS.

WHAT WILL WE DO AT THE CONVENTION?
THE WEEKEND WILL BE FILLED WITH TIME TO GET TO KNOW OTHER TEENIES, MEALS, SLEEP SINGING, SOCIAL ACTION ACTIVITIES, A SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAM, AND MANY MORE SURPRISES.

WHAT IF COST IS AN OBSTACLE?
DON'T LET COST BE AN OBSTACLE! PLEASE EMAIL USY@USYJ.COM ABOUT THE HAGALIL METLVTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

WHAT ABOUT COVID?
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□ Social Action
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□ Youth and Family Programs

Plaques and Remembrances

□ Memorial Plaque $350
□ Tree of Life Leaf $216
(to commemorate a simcha)

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