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# *Shabbat of Appreciation*

*Friday, June 7*

**6:30 PM**  
*Friday Night Services*

**7:30 PM**  
*Dessert & Reception*

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

*Everyone is invited to join us for the Shabbat of Appreciation*





## MESSAGE from the Rabbi

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### TAKING HOLD OF TORAH

Shavuot is the second of the three pilgrimage holidays given in the Torah. Each festival corresponds to an ancient harvest time, and to an event in the religious history of the Jewish people. Shavuot, fifty days from the 2nd night of Passover, celebrates the start of the wheat/grain harvest in the Land of Israel. It is our holiday of First Fruits, where we celebrate the produce of the land. Shavuot connects us to the cycles of the earth's year in a universal way, reminding all of our dependence on land, rain at the appropriate times, sun, and the entire agricultural system. The holiday connects us to the specific land of Israel, as it, and all of the Pilgrimage festivals, follow the calendar of Israel, our ancient and modern homeland, thus tying our people to the Land.

Shavuot is also important in our liturgical or religious calendar, called *z'man matan Torateinu*, our time of receiving of Torah. On Shavuot we celebrate receiving Torah by imagining that each one of us, our souls, actually stood at Mount Sinai and either perceived, felt or heard God's Presence. Of course, we cannot really know what occurred at Mount Sinai at the time of the Giving of Torah. Some believe that we received only the Ten Commandments; others say the entire written and oral Torahs. Some say that all that we received at Mount Sinai was Revelation itself – God revealing God's Presence to each of us, and all of the written words came later throughout the generations. Each of these approaches to what occurred at Mount Sinai have been discussed by our great thinkers; each way of approaching what occurred at Sinai can bring holiness into our lives.

What each approach has in common is the notion that the entire Jewish People stood at Mount Sinai together, anticipating God's Presence and living in the aftermath of the experience of sensing God. What could it look and feel like if we rededicated ourselves to being together

as a community to celebrate the receiving of Torah as a community? Even if you do not usually see yourself as someone who joins in at TJC for this kind of program, we invite you to come and to be part of celebrating Jewish identity by coming to all or any part of the holiday festivities. This year we open our Shavuot programming with something for every age and stage, and we hope that you will join us and bring friends. In a year where there has been an increase in moments of anti-Semitism and unrest for our people, please come together for the opposite: a meaningful and fun celebration of Torah and community.

Join us on Tuesday, June 11 for an evening of Receiving Torah. We begin with a program for ages 5 and under and their families. Later, young and older, are all invited to make cheesecake together. It is a time for intergenerational connection in our TJC community. We will join together for dinner, davening, singing and three learning sessions. Our featured speaker is our own Dr. Ra'anan Boustan, scholar in the program of Judaic Studies at Princeton. In addition, our teens will teach their Torah of advocacy. All of us will have the opportunity to engage in traditional *hevruta* (paired) study, where everyone in the community can learn and share their insights on our sacred text. Come and be part of our collective receiving of Torah. And/or, join us for services on Wednesday and Thursday (Yizkor memorial prayers are said on Thursday) mornings as we celebrate our connections to Land, the Land of Israel and the endeavor of Torah study. And if the prayer part of the day is not your "thing," feel free to come to our lobby, enjoy some coffee and conversation and be on TJC's campus during the holiday! See page 14 for the Shavuot flyer.

**Rabbi Andrea Merow**

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

Email Rabbi Merow at  
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## MESSAGE from the President

Heidi Joseph  
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It's hard for me to believe a year has passed since I had the pleasure of becoming President of The Jewish Center. This experience has been a gift to me. I know we have dealt with happy times and most difficult times and continue to do so together. We have fortunately had many successes - some bigger than others.

A year ago, I stood on the bima and said I hoped to raise \$750,000 this year in honor of The Jewish Center's 75th anniversary. Most didn't think this was achievable. I knew I was setting the bar high, but I was optimistic we could reach this goal. We almost got there. We raised \$650,000 - more than we had ever raised in a single year before! Let's set our sights on raising \$750,000 this coming year - we're so close. Wouldn't it be great if we could do this?

In addition, The Jewish Center also raised more than \$600,000 for the newly started Israel Impact Fund as an immediate response to October 7th. The fund is now key to helping Kibbutz Holit rebuild.

We successfully planted daffodils in Tiger Park in Palmer Square in the fall. This past March, we held a ceremony in the new daffodil garden and unveiled the stone and plaque that is dedicated to the memory of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. This is the first and only Holocaust memorial in Princeton.

We all came together to share our 75-year history as we sailed the Chai Seas into the next 75 years. It was a beautiful evening of friendship, memories, and fun. We celebrated our honorees and each other in recognition of our incredible journey.

While we have much to be thankful for, there is still so much work to be done...at The Jewish

Center, our schools, our university campuses, and the world.

Every one of us should volunteer. Give an hour a month, more if you can. It's so important. We would love to have you on a Jewish Center committee. Let me know what interests you, and we'll make a connection. Check out the article on page 41 that lists potential volunteer opportunities.

When David and I first joined The Jewish Center, Helaine Isaacs asked me to be on a committee. One thing led to the next - I became the chair of the committee and a board VP, and after taking a year or two off, I became president. You never know what volunteering can lead to! I never thought this was a position I would have or want. But as I said earlier, it has been a gift.

Please challenge yourself. Share your skills with us. Share your time with us. Make new friends. Engage in your community. You never know what you will get out of the experience. Please see page 41 for our volunteer information.

We need you. The world needs you. It's time to be involved.

I wish you a wonderful summer.

**Heidi**



## MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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### TIME TO LOOK BACK. TIME TO LOOK AHEAD...

Welcome to our summer edition of the Bulletin. We are still trying to catch our breath from the fantastic cruise gala we experienced on May 4. Thank you, all 370 of you, who came out that night and participated. We hope you have seen the pictures and video of our honorees.

We extend a special thank you to our honorees, who selflessly allowed us to recognize their contributions at the gala.

It's not always easy for honorees to accept public appreciation, as they already give so much in their own ways. Yet, our exceptional honorees embraced this opportunity, and for that, we are truly grateful.

It took 10-12 months to put together that event. And it was over in 4.5 hours. It feels the same as Rosh Hashanah. We plan for months, the day comes and goes, and we look at each other. How did that happen so quickly?

I know that everyone has their memories of that fantastic night. Aside from meeting everyone in the lobby, my favorite part was the show from Ben Seidman. Many have asked how I found out about Ben and booked him.

Last year, Ben appeared at my daughter Lauren's school in Ohio. He was the entertainer for their homecoming event. Around midnight, Lauren called me and yelled, "Dad, you have to get this guy to The Jewish Center!!!" I pretty much said, whatever, but then started watching his videos. And boy, was I blown away! I reached out for something last year, but he was booked. Then I



asked, "Are you free on May 4, 2024?" And he was! But more interesting than his show that night were his interactions with our members. I witnessed his various games of Jewish Geography with our members on many occasions. It made our giant world feel smaller and smaller. It was amazing to watch all of you interact and enjoy the entertainment Ben provided.

So, where do we go from here? Well, our 75th year is not over. There will be other events in the fall and winter, and we hope you will continue to come and participate. We are also planning another great lineup of programs, lectures, and activities for all ages. And if you have ideas for programs, please let us know. Email me or give me a call anytime. We'd love to hear from you.

Gloria, Stephanie, Lauren, and I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer!

**Joel**



# MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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*Shalom!*

As of this writing, we are coming to the end of the school year. Like every other year, this was a year of tremendous learning, growth and new experiences. We kicked off the school year together with a school-wide Rosh Hashanah program, where the students learned about the different symbols of Rosh Hashanah. We took advantage of the holidays landing on Sundays by celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah together as a community of learners. We learned together as our older students solved the *Chanukanundrum* while our younger learners laughed and created Chanukah jokes. We celebrated the trees with a Tu Bishvat seder for our older students, and enjoyed learning about Purim through another escape room program! For Passover, we had a school-wide selfie seder, and we are looking forward to gathering at "Sinai" for Shavuot!

Our learners participated in four Shabbat programs in which they actively participated in leading Shabbat morning services, attended Shabbat dinners, and had grade-level Shabbat lunches.

And that was just for grades pre-K - 7!

Our 9th and 10th graders went to Washington, DC to lobby and advocate in Senator Booker's and Congresswoman Watson-Coleman's offices, in which they shared their thoughts on mental health and antisemitism, respectively. Our 8-12th graders participated in intergenerational programming where they baked together, ate together, played games together, and learned together as part of the Better Together program through the Legacy Heritage Foundation.

Our teens took advantage of our new Moadon (teen lounge) for social activities and learning. They watched movies, professional sports games, played ping pong, and hung out with friends. They also had a great year assisting in the religious school classrooms and working with the younger students. They took their jobs as madrichim quite literally - they served as role models and enjoyed guiding their learners in their growth!

Our young families also enjoyed numerous activities as well! Besides our monthly Shabbat Katan program, our

youngest learners explored the synagogue, built edible sukkahs, had a pajama havdalah service, and so much more! We also started the TJC Tot Spot in the school building where parents and tots can come together!

I can't believe all of this happened in under 30 weeks! Next year promises to be even more exciting! We will continue our learning, breakfasts and Shabbatot together. We will have trips to the Turtleback Zoo, the Brooklyn Jewish Children's Museum, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C.! There's so much to look forward to, and we want you to join us here at The Jewish Center - register now to be part of the fun!

Have a restful summer, and I will see you on Sunday, September 8!

*L'Shalom,*

**Sharon**

**TJC Summer Splash**  
**Camp Bus Activities**  
**Summer 2024**

- Wednesday, June 26  
8:00 a.m. Bagels at the Bus
- Thursday, June 27  
4:15 p.m. Braid Your Own Challah
- Thursday, July 18  
4:15 p.m. Make Your Own Sundae
- Wednesday, July 24  
8:00 a.m. Bagels at the Bus
- Thursday, August 1  
4:15 p.m. Bubble Dance Party
- Thursday, August 15  
4:15 p.m. Boardwalk Games

# TJC WELCOMES

ERIC BAUM  
AND CHILDREN  
JULIA AND ASHA

SANDY BISHINS

MICHAEL & REBEKA  
MARKOWITZ  
AND CHILD  
ZOE

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AND CHILDREN  
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## NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

### AN INTERVIEW WITH RACHEL & JEFF MILLER



**Background:** Originally hailing from Toledo, Ohio (Rachel) and Boca Raton, Florida (Jeff), our lives led us to Los Angeles, where we crossed paths and casually decided we'd spend the rest of our lives together. Before all that, we got some learning at Yale, Penn, Columbia and Loyola Marymount.

Rachel's professional journey has been one of educational leadership and innovation. Gaining experience from her days as a teacher and principal to founding and spearheading a charter middle school, Rachel is now consulting for K-12 schools and is always looking for more opportunities, especially here in New Jersey.

Jeff's career began in film and television and has taken him on a creative odyssey, including living in New York, Hong Kong, Mumbai, and Iowa City. Having been a writer, editor, director, performer, and producer of both fiction and nonfiction stories, he found that his skills also served him well in the business world, and he transitioned to a career in the cannabis industry. He is now the CEO of HoneyGrove, a growing dispensary chain in NJ.

Our son Moses was born in 2019, and he has not yet chosen to focus on his career. We moved to Princeton for Jeff's work, to be closer to our families, and because we were looking for a more family-friendly lifestyle, which we have certainly found. For fun, we try to think of things to do for fun, then usually run out of time.

**TJC: How did you decide to join TJC?**

**Millers:** We came to high holiday services last fall and felt such warm and welcoming energy from everyone! Moses loves being at TJC, too, and it didn't hurt that we recognized so many familiar faces from his Taekwondo classes at Princeton Martial Arts Center, affirming our sense that these were indeed "our people." We have wanted to bring more spirituality into our lives, and TJC gives us the opportunity and community to do just that.

**TJC: What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?**

**Millers:** Well, Passover – we did name our son Moses...

**TJC: What has been your favorite TJC event so far?**

**Millers:** We loved the 75th Anniversary Gala: the synagogue was completely transformed, and the magician Ben Seidman was truly astonishing. Moses' favorite TJC events have been when Sharon gave him a toy shofar, and playing in Rabbi Merow's study with her dog, other kids, and various tchotchkes.

**TJC: Is there something you are looking forward to at TJC?**

**Millers:** We look forward to enjoying TJC as a vibrant community where we can form friendships, a place where we can nurture and deepen our family's Jewish identity and values, and a path to explore our spiritual connection to Judaism.





# Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



**David Li Seliger**  
**June 1, 2024**

David and his family are new members at TJC, having relocated to Princeton recently from Shanghai, China, where David was born and grew up. David is a 9th grader at Princeton High School. His original Bar Mitzvah plans with his Congregation in Shanghai were scuttled due to the Zero Covid policies and lockdown, so when he moved to Princeton he needed to basically start from scratch. David learned Hebrew, the liturgy and overall Judaica in only the past nine months, much to the amazement of Avi Paradise and Rabbi Merow (but not to his parents, who always knew he could do it!).

David is on the PHS Fencing team, loves music, fashion, and has an active social life. He is big into baking and will spend this summer back in Shanghai interning with an acclaimed Italian pastry chef.

David and his family would like to thank the entire team that helped him become Bar Mitzvah: Gila for her amazing work teaching him Hebrew from aleph, Avi for keeping him in tune, Sharon for welcoming him to *Madrichim*, Avi Chessler for "Judaism 101," Joel for helping his parents navigate all the logistics, and of course Rabbi Merow, for her warm welcome to this family from afar and for the many hours of counseling and hand-holding. We are truly blessed to have found such a warm and caring community.

## *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=SncvMTMvNkJOQklGWwJrdDBFMlp2dz09>

To be added to the BBB mailing list or for questions,  
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# PRIDE SHABBAT

AT THE JEWISH CENTER

SATURDAY JUNE 1 - 9:30 A.M.

WITH GUEST SPEAKER:

**RABBI GIL STEINLAUF**

TOPIC: MY JOURNEY TOWARD UNDERSTANDING THE REAL  
MEANING OF LGBTQ INCLUSION IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



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KIDDISH LUNCH FOLLOWING SERVICES



*Congratulations to our  
Gil Gordon Congregant of the Year*

## **The Kiddush Krew**

The Gil Gordon Congregant of the Year Award recognizes extraordinary volunteer service to TJC.

The legacy of our beloved Gil Gordon (zikaron l'vracha) is one of commitment, menschkeit, leadership and exemplary service.

This year's committee chaired by Judi Fleitman included Martha Friedman, Michael Goldin, Nancy Lewis and Dana Molina.

In choosing this year's recipient, the Committee, inspired by our award's namesake, decided to think out of the box to pay tribute to exemplary service and therefore has unanimously chosen to award an entity, rather than a single individual. This is the first time a group has been so honored.

This entity is made up of many dedicated individuals who have come together on many, many Friday mornings. Their collective efforts fortify The Jewish Center's most core values – working towards the benefit of the TJC community while forging new relationships and strengthening their commitment to each other and the tasks at hand.

What would Shabbat morning services be without Kiddush to look forward to? Where would our Kiddush luncheons be without The Kiddush Krew?

Each week we look forward to delicious food, expertly prepared and presented.

It is with great pleasure we recognize the men and women of The Kiddush Krew collectively as "The Gil Gordon Congregant of the Year".

Please join us at Shabbat of Appreciation, Friday, June 7, when we will recognize all the Kiddish Crew members for their commitment to The Jewish Center.





# TJC TOT SPOT!

Meetup at Barbara Boggs Sigmund Park in Princeton from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

**Sunday  
June 9**



For parents/caregivers and their children, infant to 3 years. Open to the community

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT ANNA MEISEL AT [ANNAMEISEL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANNAMEISEL@GMAIL.COM).

TO BE ADDED TO THE TOT SPOT MAILING LIST, PLEASE EMAIL EMILIE KOVIT AT [EKOVIT@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG](mailto:EKOVIT@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG).



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**Shavuot  
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# the **LATE SHOW** with **the Torah**

**TUESDAY JUNE 11 5:30 P.M.**

5:30-6:30 - Torah for Tots - 5 & under w/ families

6:00-6:30 - Cheesecake making - adults & kids over 5

6:30-7:00 - Dinner for all

7:00 - Study session I - featured scholar

Dr. Ra'anán Boustán, Princeton University

- Kids Programs grades 1-5 & 6-8

7:45 - The Torah of Advocacy - taught by our teens

8:10 - Evening Service

8:30 - Study Session II - group learning w/ Rabbi Merow

9:15 - Dessert & Singing w/ Avi Paradise

**Torah for every age & stage!**



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## TJC Trivia Contest by Dave Saltzman

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What was the first Hebrew congregation in Princeton? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which is neither the current nor a past address for The Jewish Center/predecessors:  
\_\_\_ 35 Witherspoon Street                      \_\_\_ 27 North Harrison Street  
\_\_\_ 61 Olden Avenue (Street)                      \_\_\_ 435 Nassau Street
3. Of numbers from 1 (ONE) to 1,000,000 (ONE MILLION), how do you spell the highest number that doesn't include the letter N ? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Princeton was originally named The College of New Jersey. What is the original name of each of these other colonial schools: Rutgers, Yale, Columbia, Harvard, and Univ. of Pennsylvania? Write an R, Y, C, H and P next to your choices. Choose from these 8 (3 are incorrect):  

___ New England Academy	___ New College
___ College of Philadelphia	___ Atlantic Pedagogy
___ Collegiate School	___ Kings College
___ Queens College	___ Friends University
5. Which Ivy League school had the first kosher kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_ What year? \_\_\_\_\_
6. There are 88 keys on a typical piano. How many keys are Black? \_\_\_\_\_ White? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In the 1970s, a railroad in Michigan sued a rock and roll band to stop using the name of the railroad as the name of their band. What was the railroad's name AND what name did the band change it to?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the name of the President of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the name of the announcer on Shark Tank? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Besides the Giants and the Jets, who use NY in their name, 3 NFL franchises identify their team by their state, not their city. Which? \_\_\_\_\_

### Tie-breaker / extra credit: 613 is a very significant number in Judaism.

Using only exactly seven (7) 4's and no other digits, calculate the number 613. (We've found 3 solutions so far.) Use decimal points, fractions, factorials, parentheses, radical signs for square roots, and plus, minus, multiplication, and division signs. Here is an example that uses eight (8) 4's. Try to find as many ways to arrive at 613 with seven (7) 4's as you can:

$$((4 \times 4 \times 4) \times 4/.4) - 44 - 4 + 4/4 = 613 \text{ (but it required ten (10) 4s)}$$
$$(4! \times 4!) + 44 + 4 - 4.4/.4 = 613 \text{ (but it required eight (8) 4s)}$$

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To submit your answers, please email Dave Saltzman at [dstjc435@gmail.com](mailto:dstjc435@gmail.com).

Entry with the most correct answers will win a bottle of wine. If more than one winning entry is submitted, a winner will be chosen randomly.

Answers will be given in the August/September Bulletin.

**Deadline for submissions is June 30, 2024.**



# SUMMER Breakfast Food Drive!



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# Seasoned Souls

85+ senior lunch group



let's do  
**LUNCH**

Guest Speaker, Phil Carchman

**Bring your own dairy or pareve lunch, we'll provide the beverages and dessert**

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**Wednesday, July 17 | Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

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**At The Jewish Center-Adult Library**

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**Rides Available Upon Request**

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RSVPs and Questions to Emilie Kovit: [ekovit@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:ekovit@thejewishcenter.org) or call the office at 609-921-0100.

A large, bright yellow sun with orange rays is the central focus. To its left is a red and white striped popcorn bucket and a film reel. To its right is a pair of blue flip-flops with orange floral patterns. Above the sun are two black stage lights hanging from green palm fronds against a light blue sky.

# Sun-sational Movie Series

Looking for a way to take a break from the summer heat  
and connect with friends?  
Join us for a weekday movie!



Showings will be on weekdays from 12:00-2:00 P.M.  
Bring your own Dairy/Veg lunch and TJC  
will provide drinks and desserts.

Dates and movie selections to be announced via email



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# LIFE & LEGACY

Each person who makes a Promise, a Promise of a legacy gift, has his or her own reason. For me, the reason is my father. Born in Berlin, before the rise of the Nazis, my father, Ernst Joseph, grew up in a Jewish home that was intertwined with German culture. He survived the Holocaust by living in hiding. In a small apartment in the center of Berlin, Leni and Paul Pissarius, a gentile couple, hid my father and grandmother for 27 months. When the war ended, my father walked out to the street only to encounter a soldier, a Russian. The soldier aimed his rifle at a young, thin man with straight blond hair and bright blues, a man who resembled so many Nazis. My father shouted, "Jude, Jude! Ich bin Jude!" The rifle stayed focused, and the soldier demanded, "Recite the Shema." My father quickly shouted, "Shema Yisrael Adonai eloheinu Adonai echad."

With a stroke of luck, or perhaps divine intervention, the soldier put down his rifle, walked up to my father and embraced him, saying that he too was a Jew. The world had turned upside down.

Sadly, the world is again turning. My parents have passed away, and indeed, the number of Holocaust survivors is rapidly shrinking. It is painful to witness the rise in antisemitism erupting throughout the US, a return to hate-filled speech and violence that our parents and grandparents experienced in Europe.

A strong synagogue is a powerful weapon against antisemitism. Here in Princeton, The Jewish Center is our Jewish home, a place of prayer, learning, and a symbol of Judaism. We just recently celebrated our 75th anniversary, and with your support, we will continue to provide a vibrant Jewish life to the community for the next 75 years.



Making a Promise strengthens our synagogue. How do you make a Promise? It's simple. Download the form (scan the QR code) and send it to Joel Berger at The Jewish Center.

There is also a digital version that is sent directly to Amy Zacks at The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer.



When you make a Promise, there is no cash outlay. You do not need to write a check. Your legacy plans do not need to be completed when you sign the form, but we do ask that you legally formalize the commitment within six months of signing a Promise.

Many of you have already made this commitment. Thank you. And many of you have made donations to the Life and Legacy Endowment Fund as tribute gifts in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one. All these gifts help our Fund grow.

Questions? Please contact the Life and Legacy team:

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*Todah Rabah,*

Evy Grossman  
Life and Legacy Team

## *Make Your Promise!*

# LIFE & LEGACY *Shabbat*

D'var torah for Vayakhel and Shekalim – March 9, 2024

Phil Carchman

We join a synagogue for different reasons. Perhaps given our varied backgrounds, we join because we simply want a place to pray as Jews; possibly, we are a young married couple looking for social interactions with other young Jewish couples; maybe we have children, and we look for a place to provide a Jewish education; or perhaps we come here from a different community and the synagogue provides an important resource for integrating into our new lives. In sum, we join to meet spiritual, social, educational and common issues with people of our faith. And everyone who becomes part of this unique community wants to see it survive and prosper.

This Shabbat is unusual - we have a double header as we have a special Shabbat - shekalim, where the maftir describes that when the temple in Jerusalem stood, a census required every Israelite man to contribute a half shekel to support specifically the temple's communal sacrifices. The contribution was egalitarian. "The rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than half a shekel." As an aside, I have learned that during temple times, while the primary use of the funds collected was to maintain the sacrifices, a secondary use of funds was to pay the salary of judges - for some reason, that just caught my eye.

This morning, I want to focus on this Shabbat's parsha - Vayakhel, as it provides us with the historical background of the construction of the Tabernacle - the Mishkan. First, Moses instructs the Israelites on the requirements of Shabbat and then discusses the construction of the Mishkan. Moses encourages the

Israelites and says "everyone whose heart so moves him shall bring gifts for the Lord - gold, or silver, wool or linen, wood or oil, spices or stones, anything to make the sanctuary more glorious for God."

For Moses was instructing the Israelites that the construction of a Mishkan would be a community effort. But note the specific limiting condition - the gifts would be given by those whose heart so moves them. The people responded in force. The text tells us that "the whole community of Israelites left Moses' presence to find gifts for the Lord; everyone whose spirit was moved brought offerings. Men and women, moved by their hearts, brought the gifts, and these men and women worked together using their skills to make the sacred sanctuary for god."

Then a strange circumstance occurred. A phenomenon that would make Heidi, Alexandra, and all of us past presidents swoon - the contributions of the Israelites, responding to Moses' appeal, resulted in another exhortation from Moses, who said: "Bring no more gifts for the sanctuary." The gifts had been enough for all the work. There was too much. (A fundraiser's dream.) But the serious message is that the hearts of the Israelites were full and committed to fulfilling the mandate. The tabernacle was built, and the parsha describes in exquisite detail how it was built; what it looked like; the artisans who worked on it - all to fulfill the needs of the community.

As I said earlier, we come together here at TJC for different reasons. We come together

to meet our spiritual, educational, social or personal needs and then over time, our focus changes where we must think less about our needs and more about the future of the institution that has been so much a part of our lives. We come to recognize that sustaining the health and heart of our congregation is critical to our being. How do we do this?

Over 12 years ago, one of our congregants, Florence Kahn, who was then president of the Jewish Community Foundation and the Foundation's executive director, Julie Davison Meyers, successfully secured a grant from the Grinspoon Foundation for seed money to establish a Life and Legacy program in the Princeton area. Two then-board members, Jerry Neumann and Gil Gordon, were integral players in the process, and the Princeton area was one of nine communities throughout the country to receive the funding. A historic note - included in the grant application was a letter written some years before by a local resident and part of the Princeton Jewish community, seeking funding from the Princeton University for support for WWI Jewish refugees. The author, speaking from his heart, was Albert Einstein.

After securing the grant, The Jewish Center board established our own Life and Legacy program, which has been led by two of our congregants who are here today - Evy Grossman and a former TJC President, Eliot Freeman. What motivates those participating in the Life and Legacy program is the modern fulfillment of Moses' admonition - to act from the heart and make certain that as we celebrate our 75th year, this congregation has the financial wherewithal to survive. To be clear, unlike the Israelites in Vayakhel, who came with hearts and hands full with their contributions, or even the mandated ½ shekel in Shekalim, the Life and Legacy program does not ask for a contribution. There is no need to bring gold, silver, wool or even cash. All that is necessary is a promise; a commitment to make

an endowment gift at some future time. Some choose to fulfill the promise through their wills, while others make current gifts during their lifetime to the endowment fund to ensure that there will be resources to sustain The Jewish Center.

Vayakhel instructs us that the gifts must be made from the heart. It is the heart that brought us to this place in the first instance. It is the heart that educated our children; it is the heart that met our spiritual needs; it is the heart that gave us fellowship among friends; it is the heart that assisted us in times of grief or in times of want.

Rabbi James Jacobson-Maisels sums it up this way: "like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too can offer our sacrifices, our money, and our generosity to enable others to dwell within us and to give the others, like the divine, a secure dwelling-place on earth."

Vayakhel instructs us that our heart must govern. Vayakhel leads us to understand that our hearts will inspire a promise for future generations that will follow and sustain our TJC.

*Shabbat shalom.*

*In Memoriam:*  
*We extend our deepest sympathy in remembering:*

**Dr. Rhonda (Ronnie) M. Kavee,**  
sister of Dr. Ellen Kavee (Stephen Nadler)

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mother of Bill Hartman (Dr. Ellen Hirsh)

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mother of Mitchell Gladstein (Gail Gendler)

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father of Sarah Barkow (Joshua Kalb)

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longtime congregant

We apologize for our errors  
in the last Bulletin issue:

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husband of Marlene

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father of Adam (Bonnie Guth) Dubow

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Summer

**NOSH & DROSH**

THURSDAY, JUNE 20  
9:30 A.M. via ZOOM

Topic and speaker  
will be announced

Join Us!

The Jewish Center Princeton

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# A Message from Lynne Ross

It's been a great 75th year!

The cruise was a big highlight of the year and it took a lot of volunteers to create the wondrous event. Overall it was a busy year with many great programs which could only be offered with the dedicated committee chairs and the volunteers who support them.

Many thanks to the chairpeople for their creativity and energy leading the way: Jeremy Black and Brad Bailey for Men's Club, Pam Zaifman and Roberta Sternthal for JCW, Melissa Hager for Social Action, Fred Appel for Lifelong Learning, Judy Kutin and Becca Meurer for Arts and Culture, and Riva Levy and Moshe Margolin for Israel and Us.

Thanks to all who stepped up to help and to all who attended as well. I am looking forward to the events of the coming year- it's sure to be a good one. If you want to get more involved and are not sure how your talents can contribute to TJC programming, I'd be happy to talk with and connect you!

And of course, thanks to our professional staff for all their support.

*Yashar koach* to all. Have a great summer!

Lynne Ross  
VP Programming  
609-439-5834. [lploss@yahoo.com](mailto:lploss@yahoo.com)

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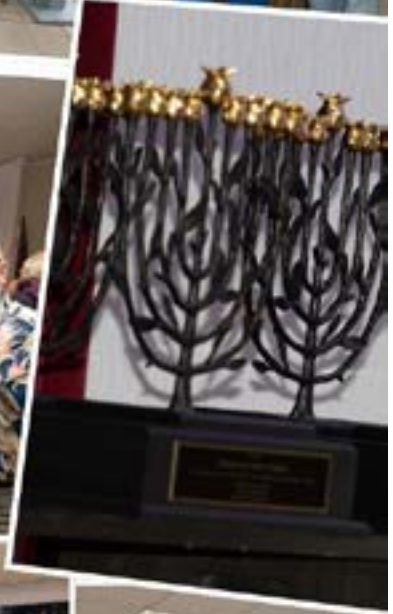
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# WE



In conjunction with TJC's 75th Anniversary, we dedicated Princeton's

## FIRST HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL on Sunday April 7

More than 150 members and friends were there for the beautiful dedication ceremony that included students from our religious school who read poems and biographies of children who perished in the Holocaust.



Princeton's Mayor Freda unveiled the monument that acknowledges our pledge to honor the memories of the 1.5 million children whose lives were lost, by dedicating the perpetual Daffodil Garden that so many of you participated in planting.



What a joy it was for us to be together last fall in establishing the garden and we appreciate all who were there for the dedication of this meaningful and beautiful tribute that reflects our kehilla and our pledge to:

- Remember and Never Forget
- Hope for the Future
- Stand Up & Make a Difference



# REMEMBER



# JCW YEAR IN REVIEW!

## **New Year Card Fundraiser**

a long standing TJC tradition, drew the participation of more members than ever, raising over \$4,000 that was used toward our events and programs

## **The Big Apple Bake Off**

our kick-off event that showcased so many incredible bakers with over twenty delicious and competitive entries that provided a sweet start for the new year.

## **Sukkah Decorating**

provided an opportunity to spend time with old and new friends while being creative and making the most out of the décor that's stood the test of time.

## **Got Judaica**

we ran a "tag sale" that allowed TJC members to donate their unwanted treasures for us to sell with the very significant proceeds going to the Israel Impact Fund.

## **Magic at the Mikvah**

served as the theme of our inspirational visit to Shir Ami where we learned about the ancient custom and the contemporary purposes the mikvah has come to fulfill.

## **Game Night**

gave us the opportunity to partner with the Arts and Culture committee by contributing our decorating skills that set the tone for a fun and festive event.

## **A Day of Chesed**

in partnership with the Religious School, we engaged students in activities that produced soup and blankets that were donated to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and Project Linus.

## **Tour of Beth Sholom**

we organized a tour of the very famous synagogue in Elkins Park, PA. designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright and singled out by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the seventeen Wright buildings most-worthy of preservation.

## **JCW Shabbat**

the wonderful TJC tradition was resumed and included welcoming Shabbat with a joyous service, highlighted by unique reflections, the warmth of community and a special dinner that was shared with friends.

**JCW's role is to learn, share, celebrate, and support the TJC community. We'd love to hear from you -- your input inspires us! Please provide us your feedback. It makes a difference and you can help shape where we take this amazing organization next year.**

**Roberta Sternthal and Pam Zaifman, JCW Co-Chairs  
rhsternthal@gmail.com; and pzaifman1@verizon.net**

Have a great...  
**IDEA?**  
Tell us!

Ideas for programs, events, classes?  
[Info@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:Info@thejewishcenter.org)

WELCOME TO GARDENERS  
AND GARDEN APPRECIATORS!



At our TJC Gan (Garden) for All, we grow veggies and deliver them to the JFCS Food Pantry and to the Princeton United Methodist Cornerstone Kitchen.

Planting, Building, Weeding, Watering, Harvesting, Supporting—assistance for all of this is needed. Whether you can come once or all through the season, please let us know if you are interested.

**Contact: Wilma Solomon [wsolomon84@gmail.com](mailto:wsolomon84@gmail.com)**

# TISHA B'AV

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 PM

MA'ARIV SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY THE  
READING OF EICHA  
THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS  
AT BETH EL SYNAGOGUE

50 MAPLE STREAM ROAD

EAST WINDSOR, NJ

THOSE WHO PLAN ON ATTENDING IN  
PERSON PLEASE BRING A FLASHLIGHT



# SUMMER MEET AND GREET!

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14  
4:30 - 6:30 PM  
AT THOMAS SWEET  
183 NASSAU ST,  
PRINCETON, NJ

GRAB A FREE SCOOP  
OF ICE CREAM!

MEET THE TJC STAFF!

Learn about our  
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for the upcoming  
year!

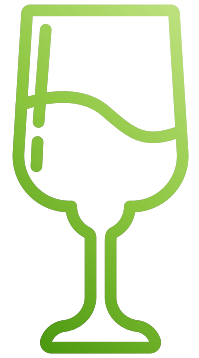
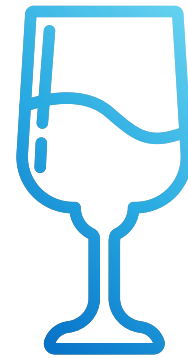
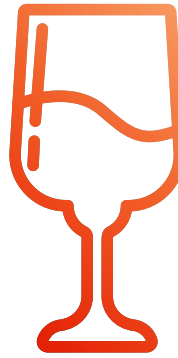
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summer  
is going!

**Meet the Membership Chairs!**  
**Meet the JCW co-chairs!**  
**Meet the Men's Club co-chairs!**

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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 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.)*

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



*Shema Yoga with Eleni Litt*  
*at The Jewish Center*

**Weekly on Fridays**  
**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

***Shema Yoga***, developed by Eleni Litt, infuses the practice of yoga with a Jewish sensibility. *Shema Yoga* is a gentle yoga practice for all ages and bodies. No registration is needed, and newcomers are always welcome! Bring a friend!

***Eleni*** is a longtime member of The Jewish Center and a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance (RYT, 200 hrs).

Feel free to contact Eleni: [ezlitt@gmail.com](mailto:ezlitt@gmail.com)



# Book Club

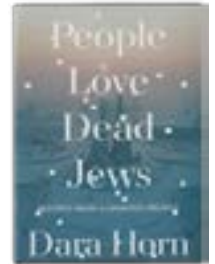
**Tuesdays, June 18 & July 16**

**7:30 p.m.**

via Zoom.\*

On Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. we'll meet by zoom to discuss:

*People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn



“Horn’s main insight is that much of the way we’ve developed to remember and narrate Jewish history is, at best, self-deception and, at worst, rubbish. The 12 essays in her brilliant book explore how the different ways we commemorate Jewish tragedy, how we write about the Holocaust, how the media presents antisemitic events, how we establish museums to honor Jewish heritage, how we read literature with Jewish protagonists and even how we praise the “righteous among the nations” (those who saved Jews during the war), are all distractions from the main issue, which is the very concrete, specific death of Jews...Horn deals with the upswell of anti-Semitism in the United States. Here it becomes clear that her concern about the ways we remember is inextricable from the way we relate to what is happening today.” (New York Times)

On Tuesday, July 16, we'll meet at a member's home at 6:00 p.m. for an outdoor Potluck Dinner and Book Swap, weather permitting. To RSVP, and for more details, email [louise@sandsmith.com](mailto:louise@sandsmith.com)

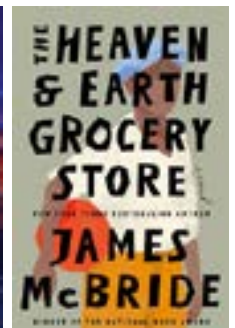


**For future planning, save these dates and read these books:**

**August 20** - *The Collector* by Daniel Silva

**September 17** - *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

**October 15** - *This Magnificent Dappled Sea* by David Biro



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





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Granddaughter, Jennifer Hackett

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Here are some ways you can get involved. Please email me at heidi78m@yahoo.com. We will then be in touch and get you involved.

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2. Greeter for Friday night services! How lovely to see old familiar faces and meet new friends. Friday night services will be outside during the summer (weather permitting) and we need greeters. Services begin at 6:30 p.m.
3. Serve on any of our committees: School, Religious Affairs, Membership, Fundraising, Finance, JCW, Men's Club, Adult Education, Arts and Culture, Social Action. Help shape the programs and events you want to see happen at TJC.
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5. Be a Green Events coordinator--help TJC follow the value of Baal Tashhit (do not destroy) by helping organizers of events make planning decisions through the lens of sustainability
6. Membership calls--like to connect with others? We need people to call and check in on fellow TJCers. Monthly calls are welcome.
7. Welcome new members - Volunteer to call new members.
8. Be a barista - Help maintain and supply our new Café in the outside lobby.
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20. Interested in securing our campus? - Join the security committee.

Email Heidi Joseph at heidi78m@yahoo.com and let her know how you can help.

# 55+ UPDATE

## 55PLUS speakers for June 2024

6/6 - Sean Wilentz - Princeton University Professor of History. Subject as yet unknown.

6/20 - Ephraim Isaac - Director of the Institute of Semitic Studies based in Princeton, NJ. Prof. Isaac will speak on Peacemaking - history, barriers, methods and opportunities.



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