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A SPECIAL SHABBAT WEEKEND WITH
RABBI DR. BRADLEY SHAVIT ARTSON

March 21-23, 2025

Join us for a weekend full of learning
with Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson,
Dean of the Ziegler School of
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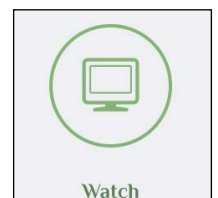
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vimeo.com/event/4775452

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vimeo.com/event/4783396



A WICKED Purim 2025

March 12 + 13, 2025

JOIN US IN THE EMERALD CITY

Carnival – Wednesday, March 12 – 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Games, rides, food. Purchase tickets and sponsor on Shulcloud

Purim Night – Thursday, March 13 - Fly into Oz

- 5:30 P.M. - Young Families/Tot program with Susan Sacks
- 5:30 P.M. - Welcome to Shiz and the Land of Oz,
School Aged Children (Grades 1-12)
Light Dinner and activities, RSVP on Shulcloud
Pizza Dinner for adults, RSVP on Shulcloud
- 6:10 P.M. - Maariv/ Evening service
- 6:30 P.M. - Family Megillah Reading, Costume Parade,
Grogger and Mask Judging
- 7:30 P.M. - Join us in the Oz Dust Ballroom
- 7:30 P.M. - Full Megillah Reading in Beit Midrash

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MESSAGE from the Rabbi

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Save the Date – March 21-23, 2025, Jewish Wisdom During Difficult Times

Since 1997, I have had the privilege of attending the Rabbinical Assembly Convention, where I am continually inspired by my beloved colleagues. One of the highlights for me each year has been the opportunity to learn from Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson. Rabbi Artson's teaching is nothing short of transformative—his ability to integrate theology, philosophy, ethics, and Bible with contemporary issues and spirituality is unparalleled. Over the years, I have eagerly sought out his classes, often arriving early to secure a seat, and more than once, I have found myself sitting on the floor to absorb his wisdom. You now will have the same opportunity to learn with Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson when he joins us at The Jewish Center for a special weekend on March 21-23.

Although I did not encounter Rabbi Artson until after rabbinical school, I've been fortunate to be his student since my first year in the rabbinate. His Torah resonates deeply with rabbis and the broader Jewish community, and I know you will find his teachings profound and inspiring.

We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Artson to The Jewish Center for a special weekend of learning and reflection from March 21-23, 2025. Rabbi Artson is the Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and Vice President of American Jewish University in Los Angeles. He is also the Dean of the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany, where they ordain Conservative rabbis for Europe. An accomplished author, Rabbi Artson has written twelve books on topics ranging from theology and philosophy to Torah study and inclusion. His Torah is at once accessible and erudite, making him a master teacher for both rabbis and lay people alike.

Here is a glimpse of the weekend:

- **Friday, March 21: 6:00 pm** Service, followed by dinner and learning with Rabbi Artson on the topic, "Embracing the God We Actually Love: Process Theology and Judaism"
- **Saturday, March 22: Dvar Torah** during morning services, followed by a Lunch & Learn on Kol Adat B'nai Yisrael – The Whole People of Israel: Lessons on Inclusion from the Torah and My Son.
- **Sunday, March 23:** Morning session on Alexander the Great Life Lessons from African Women Warriors – all in the Talmud!

I encourage you to join us for this special opportunity to engage with one of the leading Jewish thinkers of our time. It promises to be an enriching and transformative weekend, and I hope you'll plan to spend it with us at The Jewish Center.

Rabbi Merow



MESSAGE from the President

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After this, I only have one more bulletin article to write as President of The Jewish Center. It's been an incredible almost two years - but more about that in the next article.

February at The Jewish Center always means one thing - NOMINATING COMMITTEE time!!!! Soon I will announce the nominating committee that will be charged with selecting the slate for the 2025 - 2026 year. It's a very exciting time - and a heavy burden for the committee.

Last year, Lew Gantwerk was named the Incoming President. This process allows us to know who our new President will be, and provides us with the opportunity to bring Lew up to speed with issues facing TJC.

The Nominating Committee will review our membership list and try to determine a good fit for our organization. If you are called, please strongly consider taking the position. We need your insights and expertise. The more people that get involved, the stronger The Jewish Center will be.

This year, three of our VPs will be stepping down after their terms end. Additionally, two trustees and several committee chairs will also be stepping down.

If you have any interest in being on our board, please send me an email to heidi78m@yahoo.com. Let me know if you prefer to meet for coffee to discuss what it means to be a TJC board member. I'd be happy to share your name for consideration with the committee once it is announced.

I can tell you from personal experience - you will definitely get so much out of your experience.

Enjoy the rest of the winter and hope to see you at shul soon.

B'shalom,

Heidi

**Are you interested in serving on the
Board of Directors for 2025-2026?**

**Please email Heidi Joseph
at heidi78m@yahoo.com
and let her know.**



MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY

Many years ago, while attending a United Synagogue convention, my good friend grabbed my arm and told me we were going to hear a lecture and that I did not have a choice. Not one to enjoy lectures, especially from someone I don't know, I begrudgingly went along to hear this person speak.

The speaker was Bradley Shavit Artson. Our Scholar-in-Residence is coming to TJC in March. You can see the detailed information inside the bulletin.

I was blown away by what I heard, and I have no idea what the topic even was. He was a tremendous speaker, laid out the case for what he was talking about, and I can't stop thinking about it now. It totally impacted my life hearing someone like that speak.

Move ahead many years. I was the Executive Director at Beth David Congregation in Miami and we were talking about who to bring in for our Scholar-in-Residence weekend. I immediately suggested Rabbi Artson. He happily accepted and taught us so many things over the weekend. Just being in his presence was worth it. We laughed, we learned, and most of all, everyone had a good experience.

So, when we were talking about a Scholar-in-Residence this year for TJC, I talked to Rabbi Merow and we agreed, it should be Rabbi Artson. We reached out immediately and made sure we were on his calendar. We got it booked.

Now I can go on and on about why you should attend ALL his talks. But that might be asking a lot. He is speaking at services briefly on Friday night, after Friday night at Shabbat Dinner, at lunch on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning. The topics of his talks are in the bulletin. I ask you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to have one of the top scholars in the world (my opinion) come to The Jewish Center.

I also realize that we do a lot of programming throughout the year. Our committees have done a tremendous job bringing quality programs for our members. But this is a weekend you should circle on your calendar. It's an individual you will enjoy hearing talk. Come to one program. Come to ALL the programs. But please try to make it at some point. You will not be disappointed.

Joel



MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Shalom!

Back in 1920, a man named Earle Dickson and his wife Josephine lived in Highland Park, New Jersey. Like many of us still do today, Josephine often cut and burned her hands while cooking. Earle, an employee of Johnson and Johnson, wanted to find a way to help, so he created something that allowed her to dress her wounds by herself. He then shared his idea with his employer, and thus, the Band-Aid was born!

We have Band-Aids in many shapes, sizes, and even colors and designs, and they all serve the same purpose - to help heal a wound. Back in the fall, I invited our fifth, sixth, and seventh graders to join me in the social hall. As they walked in, I handed each of them a Band-Aid, and we discussed what the Band-Aid represented. Some said healing, others said helping, but they all understood that when given a Band-Aid, its purpose was to help. I told them that they would have an opportunity to help heal the world with their Band-Aids.

As a group, we learned about different organizations. Some were local, some were based in the United States, and some were based in Israel. The students walked around the room and placed Band-Aids on sheets of paper with the name of the organization they wanted to learn more about. They researched their organizations, learned about their history, saw how their donations were spent, and then created posters to teach our community about their cause. On December 15 at 11:00 a.m., our religious school students in grades Pre-K through 4 (Gan Katan through Daled) as well as many of you, came into the Social Hall for our Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) Festival. Together as a community, we learned about how JFCS and Mazon address food insecurity. We learned about the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and Homefront and all the help they provide to our community. We learned about the

Hero's Circle and Zichron Menachem and how they help kids with cancer. We learned about the First Responder efforts of ZAKA and the American Friends of Magen David Adom. We supported our Jewish War Veterans and helped the visually impaired in Israel while learning about the Israel Guide Dog Center, and we learned about how the JSPCA helps the stray animals living in Jerusalem.

We sold Band-Aids for 1 dollar each. These Band-Aids gave each person who purchased an opportunity to "heal" (or donate) to one of the above organizations. Imagine everyone's collective surprise and joy to learn that we ran out of Band-Aids! We raised \$510 for these organizations, and our religious school students were so proud of their hard work. They not only learned the importance of helping, but they also learned that they can make a difference in the world.

I am so proud of each of them!

If you could "heal" any organization, which one would you choose to "heal?" Why? Please let me know and maybe we will include it in the next Tikkun Olam Festival! Email me at sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org - I can't wait to learn about more organizations that need help! For now, I'm off to restock our Band-Aids!

L'Shalom,

Sharon



Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



HAILEY ROBIN GALLAGHER

February 1, 2025

Hailey is a seventh grader at Princeton Middle School. She was born in New York City and moved to Princeton when she was 6 years old. She loves to travel and explore new places. She runs Cross Country and Track and is currently involved in her school's musical. Hailey loves spending time with her family, friends and her new puppy, Archie. Hailey also loves helping people. She has chosen to participate in a program called Lasagna Love for her Chesed project because it's a great forum for helping others and spreading kindness.

Hailey has worked hard to prepare for her special day and thanks her family and friends for their support. She would also like to extend a special thank you to Rabbi Merow, Avi and Ronit for all of their help.



JACOB CORNFIELD

March 1, 2025

Jacob is in seventh grade at Crossroads South Middle School in South Brunswick and has been a member of The Jewish Center community since 2018. He has attended Camp Ramah in the Poconos since he was 6. Jacob loves sports, including playing basketball, flag football, and baseball. Jacob plays the clarinet in the band at school and also loves playing video games with his brother, Oren, and creating videos on YouTube Shorts.

Jacob's Chesed project was making and delivering food to community members through the Lasagna Love project. Jacob would like to thank Rabbi Merow, Avi Paradise, Sharon Diamondstein, Ronit Johnson, Gila Levin and his religious school teachers for preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah.



The Main Event
Thursday,
May 22, 2025
We will Rock the
Night Away!



A WICKED Purim 2025

March 12 + 13, 2025

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Purim

Thursday, March 13 - Fly into Oz

Young Families:

Ages 5 & Under

5:30 P.M.

Music and Crafts

Make your own

grogger/make your own mask

in Teen Lounge

School Aged Children

(Grades 1-12)

Oz Pizza Party & Programming

5:30 P.M. - in Adult Library

Followed by Ma'ariv service

and Family Megillah reading at

6:30 P.M.

Not a drop off

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Happy Purim 2025

MISHLOACH MANOT

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/purim2025
or send a check to The Jewish Center
Payment is due by March 3**

**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."



**Something
WICKED
is coming to TJC**



PURIM CARNIVAL

Wednesday

March 12th

4:30pm-6:30pm

Scan the code below to purchase tickets or sponsor



**Please email sspielholz@thejewishcenter.org to
volunteer**

DISCUSSIONS ABOUT FAITH

With Rabbi Merow

Foundations for a Thoughtful
Judaism: From The Shalom
Hartman Institute



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FEBRUARY 4

FEBRUARY 11

FEBRUARY 18

FEBRUARY 25

MARCH 18

MARCH 25

**OPEN TO
THE
COMMUNITY**

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:30 pm

on zoom with The Jewish Center

This class is text based, discussion based, and open to all. You do not need to know Hebrew to participate.

**Zoom link will be sent prior to class for those registered
RSVP via Shulcloud to register**

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Shabbat L'Kulanu

Shabbat for All Of Us

Family prayer
Children's Religious School Programming
Parent programming
Alternative Family Friendly Prayer Service
Community Exploration of Jewish Values

**Celebrating the
Gimmel (Third Grade)
Siddur (Prayer Book)
Ceremony**

Saturday, February 8, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Community Lunch to Follow
RSVPs Requested

Exploring the Jewish Value of
Achrayut
אחריות
Personal Responsibility

Register Here

Questions? Email sdfamondstein@thejewishcenter.org

Upcoming Shabbat L'Kulanu Dates:
March 8, 2025
April 5, 2025



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RSVPs Requested

Exploring the Jewish Value of
Bitachon
בטחון
Confidence

Register Here

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Upcoming Shabbat L'Kulanu Dates:
April 5, 2025



SOUP-ER BOWL COLLECTION

Please bring a can of soup to services for Mercer Street Friends - the food bank of Mercer County on Soup-er Bowl Shabbat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The soup can also be dropped off during the week to the TJC office
Tuesday 2/4 - Thursday 2/6 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday 2/7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

THANKS FOR YOUR SOUP-PORT

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JOIN TJC FOR AN

*Upscale Italian Jewish
Cooking Demo and Dinner*

The event will include a cooking demonstration and
gourmet authentic Italian Jewish Dairy meal at a
congregant's private home with a chef from Blu Aubergine
Beverages will be provided

Saturday, Feb 8th at 6 p.m.

\$250 per person

(Fundraiser for TJC)

Max 30 people

RSVP VIA SHULCLOUD

Questions? Email Judy Kutin at
judykutin@gmail.com

A blue background with musical notation (treble clefs, notes, and stems) arched across the top and bottom. The text is centered in the middle.

The Jewish Center invites you to

KLEZMER JAM

9 SUNDAY
FEB in The Jewish Center Lobby
10 am- 12pm

Join Anna Meisel and Marilyn Tal for a klezmer play-along at TJC!
All instruments and all levels are welcome. If you're advanced, help lead. If you can only play one note, play that note. Klezmer is music of celebration, so let's celebrate! We look forward to you joining us for a fun, stress-free musical event.

*Scores will be provided at the jam; if you'd like them in advance, email Marilyn at marilynmarkstal@gmail.com.
Bring a music stand if you have one*

JOIN US FOR THE

2025 World Wide Wrap

Learn about tefillin and
wrap with Jewish Men
and Women's Clubs
around the world

Everyone can wrap!
Open to the community!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:45 AM - WRAP

9:00 AM - MINYAN

(PLEASE COME A FEW MINUTES EARLY SO WE
CAN HELP YOU GET WRAPPED UP! NO
EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, WE WILL TEACH YOU!
EVERYONE WELCOME)

TJC MAIN SANCTUARY

Coffee & Bagels will be provided

Locally sponsored by The Jewish Center Men's Club & JCW

*Co-sponsored by Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) and Women's
League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ)*



WWW.FJMC.ORG/WRAP



**Please join us for our
next meetings on:
February 20, 2025
March 20, 2025**

**9:30-11 A.M.
on Zoom**
Zoom link will be sent from
Cynthia Richman at TJC

Topics:

February: Heart Health Month, speaker TBD

**March: “You Are What You Eat: Gleaning
Genealogy Clues from Jewish Food Customs”
Presented by Caryn Alter and Stephen Cohen**

Join Us!

Shabbat Under the Stars

February 21

Services with Musicians - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 7:00 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

RSVP by
2/14/2025



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**TU B'SHVAT HAS ARRIVED
THE HOLIDAY FOR THE TREES**

ט"ו בשבט הגיע, חג לאילנות

**CELEBRATE WITH TJC AND
CONGREGATION MAGEN AVRAHAM
OF OMER, ISRAEL**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2025
12:00 P.M. EST/7 P.M. ISRAEL TIME
ON ZOOM**

Program

- Tu B'Shvat reflections from Rabbi Merow and Rabbi Yos Baruch
- Discussion about the resettlement of the evacuees from Kibbutz Kissufim in Omer led by Mrs. Revital Malamud, a social worker and a member of Magen Avraham
- "Chat Rooms" to get to know each other.

**This program is a joint venture of the Israel &
Us and Religious Affairs Committees
RSVP IS REQUIRED ON SHULCLOUD TO RECEIVE
ZOOM LINK**

HAPPY TU'BSHEVAT

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE TREES

February 13, 2025
From The Jewish Center



Happy President's Day
February 17, 2025

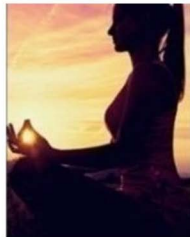
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TJC *Soulful Judaism*
MIND • BODY • SPIRIT

Shabbat Meditation

Led by **Ruth Goldston**

February 1 and March 8 at 1 P.M.
In TJC Adult Library



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

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

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

Open to the Community!

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

YOUNG FAMILY PROGRAMS

FOR CHILDREN IN FIRST GRADE & BELOW WITH THEIR CAREGIVERS

NOTE
SHEVA
MISHA

AT THE JEWISH CENTER
11:00AM-NOON

WINTER WONDERS
JEWISH WONDERS

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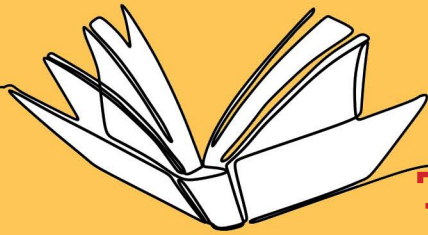
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Book Club

Tuesdays, February 18 and March 18

7:30 p.m.

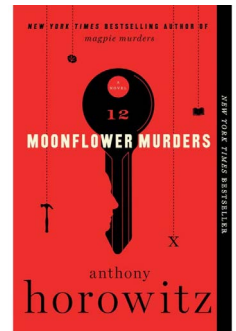
via Zoom.

February 18

Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz

“One Whodunit Nests Inside Another in ‘Moonflower Murders’... one an old-fashioned whodunit, the other a modern meta-story — meaning that what we are reading can literally be described as a mystery wrapped in an enigma. How these books speak to each other is one of many puzzles ripe for solving... a richly plotted, head-spinning novel about a present-day disappearance, a murder eight years earlier and a fictional murder that may be relevant to both... There’s something very satisfying about a complicated whodunit that actually makes sense.” (NY Times)

Retired publisher Susan Ryeland is running a small hotel on a Greek island with her long-term boyfriend. But life isn’t as idyllic as it should be: exhausted by the responsibility of making everything work on an island where nothing ever does, Susan is beginning to miss her literary life in London - even though her publishing career once entangled her in a lethal literary murder plot.

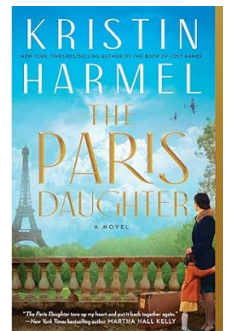


March 18

The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel

“Taking the reader from wartime Paris to 1960s New York, *The Paris Daughter* is a story about mothers and daughters, the way loss transforms us, and the roads we find to begin anew in the face of impossible odds.” (The Guardian Bookshop)

“A gorgeous, gut-wrenching” (Kate Quinn, New York Times bestselling author) historical novel about two mothers facing unthinkable choices as the Nazis invade France—from the New York Times bestselling author Kristin Harmel. Paris, 1939: Young mothers Elise and Juliette become fast friends the day they meet in the beautiful Bois de Boulogne. Though there is a shadow of war creeping across Europe, neither woman suspects that their lives are about to irrevocably change. - Goodreads



When Elise becomes a target of the German occupation, she entrusts Juliette with the most precious thing in her life—her young daughter, playmate to Juliette’s own little girl. But nowhere is safe in war, not even a quiet little bookshop like Juliette’s Librairie des Rêves, and, when a bomb falls on their neighborhood, Juliette’s world is destroyed along with it.

COMING SOON!

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

- April 15 – *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz
- May 20 - *The Saturday Wife* by Naomi Regan
- June 17- *Jews Don’t Count* by David Baddiel

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

Frame Our Story!

The Jewish Center is looking for photographers to take photos at our events at and around TJC!

Any kind of camera works!



If you are interested, contact Lynne Ross 609-439-6834 or email info@thejewishcenter.org

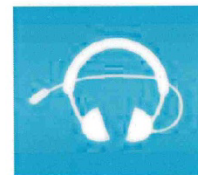
Did you know TJC has a hearing-impaired system in our Sanctuary?

The next time you visit, look for the card below and connect via your Bluetooth!

Wi-fi Network: TJCOP

Password: Tjc435457 [note only the first letter is capitalized]

2. Download the Listen EVERYWHERE app from Listen Technologies Corporation. It's available on both the Apple App Store and Android/Google Play stores.
3. After you've downloaded the app, you'll have an icon on your phone that looks like this:



4. Click it and it will open the app. The app will perform a quick venue scan to find the available audio channels (you need to do this at TJC when the PA system is turned on).
5. The app will display a Welcome screen and may play a Welcome video. You can skip this by tapping the 'Skip Ad' button at the top right of the screen.
6. It will then show the audio channel. Tap the channel and the sound should come through the app.
7. From there, however you integrate audio with your hearing aid, you should be able to adjust volume and choose your preferred equalization curve via your hearing aid app.

THE JEWISH CENTER PRESENTS SHABBAT KATAN

Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
in the Teen Lounge

Open to children ages 5 and under
WITH their caregivers

UPDATED

2025 Dates

February 8

March 22

April 5

May 10



Do you have a
Simcha or happy
occasion to celebrate?

Email us at mazaltov@thejewishcenter.org
so we can celebrate with you!

The Sounds of SHABBAT

Live music on Shabbat! All are welcome

***6:00 P.M.* Service**

Dates:

Friday, February 7

Friday, February 21

Friday, March 7

Friday, March 21

Join us as our
congregational musicians
play during services



Sharing Shabbat at Home

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 9 for Sharing Shabbat at Home!

Coming Soon: an opportunity to build our community and your TJC friendship circle by sharing a Shabbat dinner with new friends, to meet new congregants, and to strengthen connections within TJC.

Dinners at the homes of TJC families.

Consider being a host or a guest at warm, friendly Shabbat dinners on May 9 at people's homes all over the community.

No need to be familiar with Shabbat rituals! Enthusiasm is more important than prior knowledge or gourmet cooking!

Information details forthcoming.

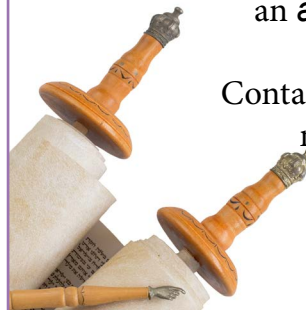
For information: Contact Judy Richman at richman.judy@gmail.com or Myra Weiner at myraweiner@yahoo.com

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 us expand our Torah and chanting lineup and let us know how you can assist.

Come back on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversary, a birthday or anniversary or any special occasion to have an *aliyah* or to read Torah.

Contact Nancy Lewis at: Nancy.nehama@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR

UNMASKING OUR INNER SELVES



Art & Text Class for Adults - Pre-Purim with Rabbi Merow

On Purim we wear masks. How can masking help us to be our authentic selves; how can unmasking do the same?

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025
9:30 AM - 12 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025
7 PM - 9 PM



Pre-Purim meditative text & art workshop. Paper mâché mask making.
This is a two part class, attendance is required at both classes.

Art portion will include paper mâché on your face - prepare to get messy

Pre-registration a must so that we have enough supplies.
RSVP via Shulcloud by 2/21/25 - Space is Limited



**Upcoming Movie:
Sunday, March 9
*Vishniac***

Roman Vishniac is best known for having traversed Eastern Europe from 1935 through 1938, on assignment to photograph Jewish life. Less than a decade later, these communities would be wiped out and Vishniac's iconic photographs would provide the last visual record of an entire world. He captured a world that, only a few years later, would vanish in the Holocaust. But those photographs comprise only one chapter of his remarkable life. Now, for the first time, Vishniac's life and work will be explored in a feature-length documentary.



**Showing will be 1-3 P.M.
Walk-Ins Welcome
Open to the Community
Free to TJC members; \$5 for non-members.**



TJC STORY TIME AND BOOKFAIR

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**SUNDAY
MARCH 9**

11 AM

Prizes

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BY JEWISH
AUTHORS!**

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AND
CRAFTS!**



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JEWISH WISDOM DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

A SPECIAL SHABBAT WEEKEND WITH RABBI DR. BRADLEY SHAVIT ARTSON

March 21-23, 2025

Join us for a weekend full of learning with Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson,
Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles.

Friday, March 21

6:00 P.M. – Shabbat Services with Musicians

7:00 P.M. – Shabbat Dinner – Free of charge, RSVP Required by 3/17/2025

8:00 P.M. – Session 1 - Embracing the God We Actually Love: Process Theology & Judaism

Saturday, March 22

9:30 A.M. – Shabbat Services

D'var Torah - Kol Adat B'nai Yisrael - The Whole People of Israel:

Lessons on Inclusion from The Torah and My Son

12:15 P.M. - Session 2 - Lunch and Learn - The Present and Future of the Jewish People

Sunday, March 23

10:00 A.M. – Session 3 - Bagel Brunch, RSVP Required

Alexander the Great - Life Lessons from African Women Warriors! (It's in the Talmud)

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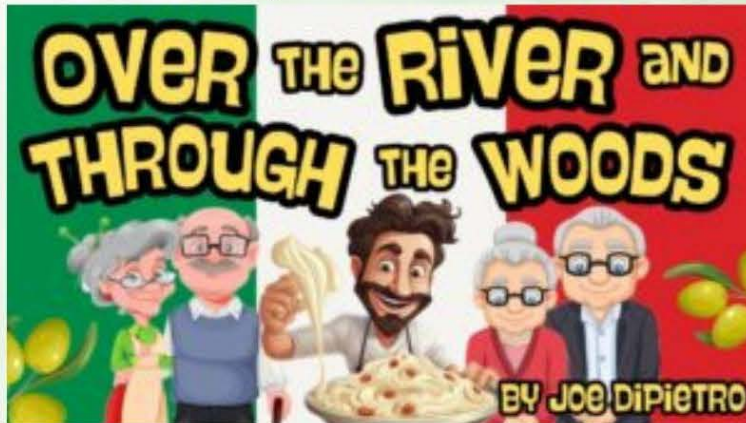
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RSVP for all sessions and meals via Shulcloud

TJC Meet-Up At the Theatre!



Starring TJC's own,

Lew Gantwerk, President Elect!

as Frank Gianelli

Nick is a single, Italian-American guy from New Jersey. His parents retired and moved to Florida. That doesn't mean his family isn't still in Jersey. In fact, he sees both sets of his grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is routine until he has to tell them that he's been offered a dream job. The job he's been waiting for—marketing executive—would take him away from his beloved, but annoying, grandparents. He tells them. The news doesn't sit so well. Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around. How could he betray his family's love to move to Seattle, for a job, wonder his grandparents? Well, Frank, Aida, Nunzio and Emma do their level best, and that includes bringing to dinner the lovely—and single—Caitlin O'Hare as bait...we won't give the ending away here.

**Use Code: jcp316
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Discount on ANY
TICKET for the
run of the show!**



March 7 - March 23



**The Somerset Valley
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let's do
LUNCH

85+ Senior Lunch Group

Featuring, Fred Appel, Princeton University Publisher in the fields of religious studies and social-cultural anthropology.

Fred will speak about “The Future of the Book”

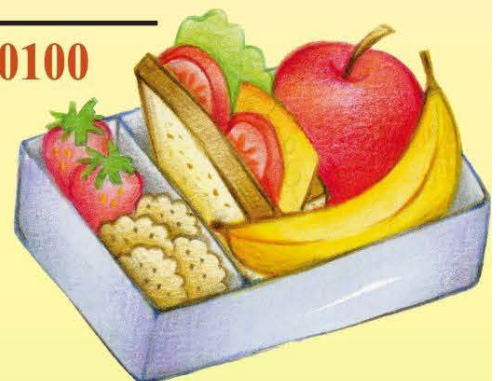
Wednesday, March 19 | Noon - 2:00 p.m.

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

At The Jewish Center - Adult Library

Rides Available Upon Request

RSVP and Questions? Call the office at 609-921-0100



***formerly Seasoned Souls**

MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE NEWS

Winter is always an exciting and active time for the TJC Membership Committee and this year is no exception.

We're off to a great start having just welcomed our 'empty nester' new members last month with a lovely brunch hosted by Martha Friedman and Harold Heft. It was a great way to get to know one another and learn which figure from the Bible might make a good dinner guest.

Making time to come to TJC and enjoy all the activities offered, meeting fellow congregants and sparking conversations are the best (and easiest) ways to build and support your own Jewish community.

Speaking of community, our membership continues to rise! Please join us to welcome, AND welcome back, the newest members of the TJC community:

Leah Targon
Karen Anderson
Marion Sommer
Jennifer Freedman & Darren Gorden
Laura Zwanziger & Jacob Schwartz

Itamar & Becky Kestenbaum
Lorin & Kim Decker
Anna Kohn
Cyndi & Ric Kleinbart

Our total number of families is now 509, much ahead of our pre-Covid membership of 500 families and this is wonderful news!

If you know of someone who might be interested in joining The Jewish Center, please invite and bring them to one of the many programs, services and events offered in February and March - they are all highlighted in this bulletin.

There are many committees covering all aspects of the synagogue's operations. Please consider helping out with a program that interests you - including joining the Membership Committee. Contact any one of us and we'll help you find the perfect fit for your passion and your time:

Diane Guvenis dlgirer@gmail.com
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Jennifer Black jentblack@hotmail.com



GROW WITH US

Join **Jewish Center Women** for a trip to the

ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION IN NYC

Thursday, March 27

TIME: TBD



SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for details in the weekly emails.
Scan the QR Code for more info about the exhibit



Stay tuned for upcoming JCW Events:
1. JCW Shabbat on April 4, 2025
2. JCW Retreat on May 4, 2025

The Jewish Center's

GREAT
MINDS
SALON

Thursday, March 27
8:15 P.M.

“Judgment at Tokyo:
World War II on Trial
and the Making of
Modern Asia” with
speaker, Gary Bass

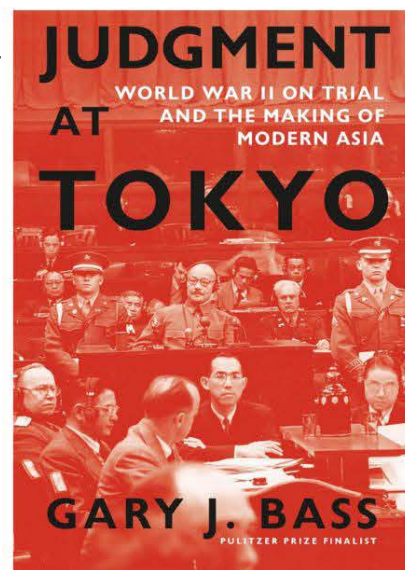
THE JEWISH CENTER'S "GREAT MINDS" SALON IS A SPEAKER SERIES FASHIONED AFTER THE 1900'S ERA PARIS SALON HOSTED BY JEWISH AUTHOR GERTRUDE STEIN (PICTURED ABOVE), WHICH REGULARLY BROUGHT TOGETHER THE BRIGHTEST ARTISTS AND THINKERS OF THAT ERA TO DISCUSS THEIR LATEST WORK.

Gary Bass, the William P. Boswell Professor of World Politics of Peace and War at Princeton University, is the author of *Judgment at Tokyo: World War II on Trial* and the *Making of Modern Asia* (Knopf); *The Blood Telegram: Nixon, Kissinger, and a Forgotten Genocide* (Knopf); *Freedom's Battle: The Origins of Humanitarian Intervention* (Knopf); and *Stay the Hand of Vengeance: The Politics of War Crimes Tribunals* (Princeton University Press).

Judgment at Tokyo won the Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations, was the finalist for the Mark Lynton History Prize, a finalist for the Cundill History Prize, and longlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize. It was named one of the year's 10 best books by *The Washington Post*, one of the 12 essential nonfiction books by *The New Yorker*, one of the 100 notable books by *The New York Times*, one of the 10 essential books by *The Telegraph*, and a *New York Times Book Review* editors' choice, as well as a best book of the year by *The Economist*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *Prospect*, and *Air Mail*.

The Blood Telegram was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in general nonfiction and won the Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bernard Schwartz Book Award from the Asia Society, the Cundill History Prize, and the Lionel Gelber Prize, among other awards.

A former reporter for *The Economist*, he has written for *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Affairs*, and other publications.

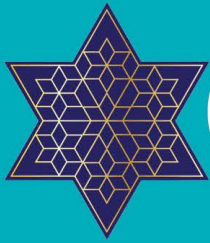


8:15-9:15 P.M. In Person at The Jewish Center

Open to the community

Please register via Shulcloud





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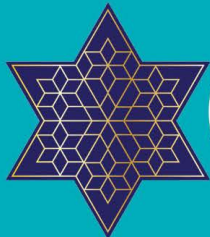
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55+ UPDATE

During the academic year, the 55Plus Club of Princeton presents two lectures per month at the Jewish Center, usually on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at ten a.m. These events are open to everyone free of charge, with a \$5 donation suggested. They are also available live via a Zoom feed at <https://princeton55plus.org>.

55PLUS was organized in 1986 as a non-sectarian club and welcomes all attendees, regardless of gender, age, race, or religious affiliation.

Volunteer groups find interesting speakers, manage the finances, outreach, and support information technology. If you would like to help, please contact our head volunteer coordinator, Sanjay Sehgal (sehgal@iname.com).

Meetings in February and March 2025 include:


FEBRUARY 6: Bruce Fein, The Lichfield Group, and the Turkish Coalition of America will speak on “Has the Constitution been taken off life support?” Via Zoom only.

FEBRUARY 20: Agnieszka Markiewicz, Director Central Europe Office, American Jewish Committee, will speak on the situation in Ukraine. Via Zoom only.

MARCH 6: Sam Daley-Harris, activist, author and founder of “Results,” will speak on “Citizen Involvement and Politics.” In person and via Zoom.

MARCH 20: Elizabeth Matto, Rutgers University, Eagleton Institute of Politics, will speak on “Student Politics.” In person and via Zoom.

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Every second Thursday of the month at TJC
9:30 am-Noon



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 PM.

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.

February 8: Ruth Goldston. “How does singing together affect our prayer experience?” In honor of Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, we will study texts from the liturgy, scripture, and the psalms that have been set to music by Rabbi Shefa Gold. And of course, we will sing! All are welcome, whether you think you can sing or not.

March 8: Shoshana Silberman. “Purim for Adults.” Through an active knowledge-sharing activity, the group will learn what the Megillah is all about. Some topics we’ll explore: whether this is an historical account of an actual event, or a carnival tale with a purpose, as well as what is the point of this story and why Jews have loved this holiday for centuries.

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,
contact Michael Goldin at mmgold18@yahoo.com.



LIBRARY



We hope that you've had a chance to stop by the updated and improved TJC library. We're continuing to add new books to the collection focusing primarily on recent publications.

You can see the entire library collection from anywhere: Go to the TJC webpage, click on "Learning," then "Library," and then "Visit the Library Now." You will be able to view the collection as well as "Online Resources," which offers many sites and resources on all things Judaism and Israel.

Books can be checked out whenever the building is open. Instructions are at the circulation desk. There is also a suggestion box which we check regularly.

We are planning several interesting programs for the spring:

- Since the "Let's do Lunch – 85+ Senior Lunch Group" meets regularly in the Library, we have been collaborating with coordinator Ellen Arian to provide at least one book-related talk each year for their programming. On March 19 Fred Appel will give a talk on "The Future of the Book"
- On April 27 the Library Committee will be hosting Elana Brock, retired Princeton University research librarian and genealogy addict, who will present a program to the congregation on "Jewish Genealogy: Researching Your Family History". We know many congregants are interested in this topic.
- We are planning a Library Shabbat sometime in the spring with committee members participating in the service.

Check out our new books. Below is a sampling of our latest acquisitions:

- *Such a Time as This: On Being Jewish Today* by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove
- *The Gates of Gaza: A Story of Betrayal, Survival and Hope in Israel's Borderlands* by Amir Tibon
- *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World* by Sharon Brous
- *The Triumph of Life: A Narrative Theology of Judaism* by Rabbi Yitz Greenberg
- *Tablets Shattered: The End of an American Jewish Century and the Future of Jewish Life* by Joshus Leifer
- *Israel Alone* by Bernard-Henri Levy
- *On Being Jewish Now: Reflections from Authors and Advocates* by Zibby Owens
- *Long Island Compromise* by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
- *Her First American* by Lore Segal


Deborah Marinsky and Roslyn Vanderbilt, Library Committee Co-chairs



Love is all around!

Here are some love stories from our congregants


A butterfly's wings could have knocked Mike and Kate Shapiro's fate off course, given they met in a fleeting moment at Dublin Airport when Mike found himself working in Ireland for a year after law school. Quickly inseparable, the Atlantic Ocean didn't stand a chance, and Kate moved over once Mike finished his clerkships (and made it out of his mom's basement). They've been through thick and thin since and are thrilled now to be united not only in love but in faith, following Kate's conversion here at The Jewish Center. With a little girl a couple weeks and a b'sha'a tovah away, the Shapiros can't wait to become a family of three and to see what twist of kismet HaShem next has in store. - Mike and Kate Shapiro



On November 29, of 2023 my husband Ron passed away. Many women say "I lost my husband ". No I didn't lose him, I once lost him in Home Depot but I found him, he was looking for bulbs...for his bulb collection. Don't they all collect bulbs. Once I lost him in Costco, but I found him checking out all the food samples.

The memories of 57 1/2 years are not lost.....flashbacks of our life together flicker each day to remind me he is not lost. But, I know exactly where he....Beth David Cemetery in Edison.

As my Granddaughter Miki said "Big Daddy is Well Grounded " - Arlene Gold



At the age of fourteen, I entered a classroom of a new regional Hebrew High School. A cute boy named Mel told his friend, "This is the girl I'm going to marry." He asked me if I would take a walk with him during the break. That became our routine. I soon realized that Mel was also smart. Yes the attraction was there, but what made him so irresistible to me were the wonderful conversations that we had together. I still wonder how through all of time and space we ended up in class together at a regional Hebrew High School and how two young teenagers knew their love was meant to be. I wish he were still on this earth but am grateful for our time together. - Shoshana Silberman

Shema Yoga at The Jewish Center

Weekly on Fridays 10:00-11:00 am

Shema Yoga, developed by **Eleni Litt**, infuses traditional breath and posture practices with a Jewish sensibility --- weaving in teachings inspired by the weekly Torah portion and other Jewish texts, along with songs and wordless tunes.

Yoga is (among other things) about listening to your own body and always doing what feels comfortable and available to you! Participants have complete agency and choice to follow (or not!) the invitations and cues offered. Multiple options are consistently provided for all breath practices and postures.

Shema Yoga is open to members and non-members. Come once just to check it out (in case you are curious!) or every week. Come when you can, and feel free to bring a friend!

While Shema Yoga is open to all, please consult your doctor regarding the suitability of this gentle practice for your particular health needs. Contact Eleni with any additional questions: ezlitt@gmail.com



Eleni Litt, a long-time member of The Jewish Center, is a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance (RYT, 200 hrs), having trained with Jeff Migdow, MD (*Prana Yoga Teacher Training*) and Larry Payne (*Prime of Life Yoga*). She has a daily yoga practice with Kripalu teacher Rudy Peirce <https://www.gentle-yogis.com/> and in 2025 is doing his **Dynamic Gentle Yogis Teacher Training (DGYTT)** with a focus on chair yoga.



Please Join us to Launch

Chavurat Chesed 2.0

The newly invigorated Chavurat Chesed 2.0 met to brainstorm needs within our congregation. The focus was widened to include all ages and a variety of needs.

We want to share with you some needs that were identified. In the next two months, we'd like to assemble volunteers into various groups to begin implementing these ambitious program.

Please send an email to chavuratchesed@thejewishcenter.org letting us know an area (or more) in which you'd like to volunteer/ share your skills. Feel free to make additional suggestions. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you for helping all of us create a more compassionate community!
Martha Friedman and Pam Zaifman



Technology

- Help with developing a system to request assistance when needed.
- Volunteers to provide congregants with simple computer support.



Kids/parents

- Pursue ways congregants can help one another with rides and possibly other needs for kids.
- We need parents of preschool, elementary and secondary school kids.



Empty Nesters/ others

- Identify needs for parents of college aged kids.
- Help making calls and visits to homebound congregants.



Shiva

- Help prepare the home for shiva and stay in the home when mourners attend funeral.
- Offer post shiva check ins and support.



Meals

- Provide meals for families of newborn children, those recovering from an illness, sitting shiva, etc.



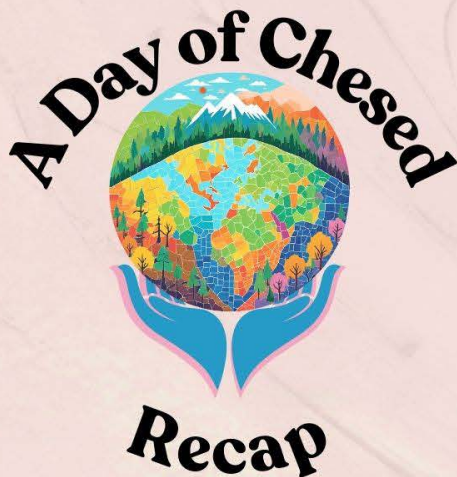
Seniors

- Help with rides to appointments or with simple tasks around the home.



Publicity

- Find ways to share what Chavurat Chesed is doing for our community and bring congregants into the program.



TJC celebrated a Day of Chesed in conjunction with Martin Luther King weekend and it was a great day! There were many varied activities and a wonderful atmosphere. Over 120 people participated in acts of loving kindness and had the opportunity to strengthen their connection to other congregants and to TJC and to the community.

Some highlights:

The art project where parents and children made beautiful collage banners to adorn senior living spaces. Come see the beautiful creative collages which will be displayed in the lobby for viewing prior to delivery to their ultimate homes!

The library project helped us to relocate our children's library to the school building. This activity benefitted from participation of strong, tall adults who could reach the upper shelves and manage large boxes of books as well as children who sometimes carried just a book or two to the other building.

About 35 soupmakers of all ages cut, chopped and cooked vegetables which allowed us to deliver 40 quarts of soup to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Participation was brisk and a quick run to the supermarket to replenish supplies was needed for the second shift.

Project Linus blankets were made while attendees chatted and made knots to complete 10 cute and cuddly blankets for hospitalized children.

Interfaith stitchers had their monthly meeting at TJC where ranks from our congregation swelled significantly beyond previous meetings.

The blood drive we hosted drew congregants and others from the community which resulted in the collection of 39 pints of blood and will help over 100 patients.

Off-site TJC congregants helped with sorting of groceries at JFCS.

Several of our talented musicians gathered and jammed to the entertainment of others in the Java Nagila café.

And of course there were bagels at the kick off and pizza at the close.

The organizational efforts and involvement of so many from TJC made it this successful, rewarding and enjoyable day. We are looking forward to even more activities and involvement next year. You won't want to miss it!



Thank you to all the participants!



A Day of Chesed



Recap





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TJC Religious School

Tikkun Olam Festival

(Repairing the World)

Thank you all for your donations!

Together we raised

\$75 for JFCS of Greater Mercer County

\$44 for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

\$31 for HomeFront

\$48 for Kids Kicking Cancer

\$38 for ZAKA

\$32 for Zichron Menachem

\$48 for American Friends of Magen David Adom

\$46 for Jewish War Veterans of the USA

\$25 for JSPCA

\$90 for Israel Guide Dog Center

\$33 for Mazon

Totaling \$510!



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FULL HOUSE AT TJC

On Wednesday, November 13, TJC hosted a panel of experts on the newly passed law that assigns affordable housing obligations to every community in New Jersey: bill co-sponsor Senator Troy Singleton, Fair Share Housing executive director (and TJC bar mitzvah) Adam Gordon, and former president of Princeton Community Housing Valerie Haynes. The panel was moderated by the Honorable Peter Buchsbaum, retired NJ superior court justice. Over 100 people attended in-person or on Zoom.

The program was organized by TJC along with Har Sinai (Pennington) and Beth Chaim (Princeton Junction). The video link to the program is <https://youtu.be/ysJwhEyomTk>.



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TJC TOT SPOT!

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9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Dates
Feb 23 - Winter Wonders YF Program
March 30 - Pre Pesach Prep YF Program
April 27 - Celebrate Israel YF Program

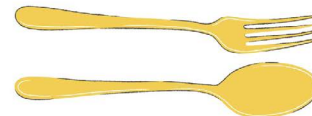
These dates will be followed by Young Family Programs at 11 A.M.

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TJC'S Community Table

Join TJC adults for a new quarterly initiative. Break bread and join the conversation at one of TJC's Community Tables.



SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30 PM
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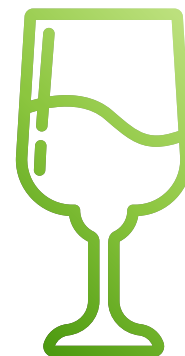
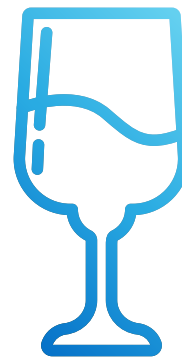
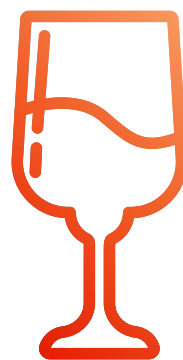
Robert Vichnevetsky,
longtime congregant

Sandra Schwartz,
mother of Adam (Leslie) Schwartz

Gloria Schwartz,
sister-in-law of Marty (Judy) Schwartz

Donna Laurie,
longtime congregant

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.

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

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

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



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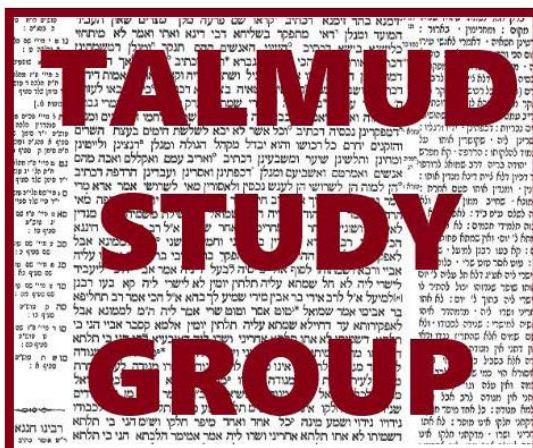
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