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Erev Shabbat:

vimeo.com/event/4775460

Saturday Morning:

vimeo.com/event/4775456

Congregation event:

vimeo.com/event/4775452

Funeral:

vimeo.com/event/4783396



Watch

Happy Passover



TJC Passover 2025 Service Schedule

Friday - 4/11

Search for Chametz (Bedikat Chametz)
Siyyum for the 1st Born - 8:30 AM
9:00 AM Burning Chametz
B.Y.O. Chametz - Sell your Chametz

Saturday Evening - 4/12

1st Passover Seder at Sundown

Sunday Morning - 4/13

Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 AM
Lunch following services
1st Day of Passover
Passover 2nd Night Seder - Evening

Monday - 4/14

Morning Service - 9:30 AM
Lunch following services
2nd Day of Passover

Friday Evening - 4/18

Services - 6:00 PM
7th Night Dinner, see Bulletin for more info

Saturday Morning - 4/19

Morning Service - 9:30 AM
7th Day of Passover
Lunch following services

Sunday Morning - 4/20

Morning Service - 9:30 AM
8th Day of Passover
Yizkor Memorial Services will begin after 10:00 AM
Lunch following services

All services will be livestreamed on Vimeo.
Links to Follow

Prayer Book Pages, Yizkor Service and Book of Remembrance can be found on our website at:
thejewishcenter.org/Services-Siddurs



MESSAGE from the Rabbi

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The Challenge of Passover

Some believe that Passover is our holiday with the most strictures, and the most varied traditions of all our festivals. It is certainly true that the physical preparation for keeping kosher during Passover can be time consuming and expensive. On the other hand, Passover preparations make our holiday more meaningful. Taking care to clean out leavened products encourages us to rid ourselves of the metaphorical leaven in our lives; this can be a time to think about our own character traits, including being boastful or arrogant. The Exodus story reminds us that it was God that took us out of bondage, in partnership with Moses.

Another great challenge in Passover comes during the Seder itself. During the *maggid* section we read or sing, “In every generation one is obligated to see oneself as one who personally went out from Egypt. As it says in the Torah in Exodus 13:8, ‘You shall tell your child that very day: It’s because of this that God did for me when I went out from Egypt.’” In addition to being a place and nation, the word “Egypt” literally denotes a place that is narrow. In each generation and at each seder we are meant to feel empathy for our ancestors who were enslaved and who went through the process of becoming free. We are also asked to think about what narrow places we are in our own lives so that we can envision a path out of narrowness; or into what the psalmist calls, “a great expanse,” a place that is open with possibilities. Doing this spiritual work is demanding.

I find however that the most difficult part of observing Passover might be crafting a seder that accommodates and speaks to the diverse observances, views, attention span and ways of learning from our participants. I hope that we are all well beyond a time when the most asked question at a seder is, “when can we eat?” Seder can be educational, meaningful, fun, intellectual and filled with good food, family and friends. I invite you to spend time planning your seder in a deliberate way. Below are some of my quick tips for planning a meaningful seder:

- Know your crowd. Plan goals for content and time. Plan. Every good class has a lesson plan; the seder is a class and needs to be planned. Have enough of the same Haggadot for everyone at the table and have other Haggadot available to explore.

Make sure you have good translations and transliteration for parts where you want participation. Buy good Haggadot, or create your own Haggadah: <https://www.haggadot.com/>

- Find a way to remember those who are no longer living. A picture, story or recipe.
 - Start eating at Karpas! When I was a kid we dipped parsley into salt water, said the blessing, ate a salty bite and moved on. Not anymore. We do this and then we literally serve dips—all kinds of Israeli *slatim*/dips/salad. My favorite is boiled artichokes with dipping sauces – a sure sign of spring. Just no matza yet! (you can use Kosher for Passover tam tams)
 - Remember that *Maggid* (the story of The Exodus) is the key part of the seder.
 - “In every generation we are obligated to see ourselves as if we have left Egypt.”
 - Let participants know about how long the seder will be, when the meal will arrive and approximate end time.
 - Assign parts beforehand. Make sure there are appropriate parts for kids and elders.
 - Invite guests to dress comfortably.
 - If you can afford to do so, have help. Delegate kitchen jobs so it is not the same people.
 - Invite a non-family member. It changes the dynamic, for the better.
 - Have comfortable seating. Recline. Use the living room/den for the seder before the meal.
 - Make this joyful, musical, intellectual, and meaningful. Not everyone wants to read—give those who do not another task. Remember that you may have people with differing opinions at your seder—be calm.
 - Place cards are helpful. Do not sit “talkers” near each other.
 - Move around during the seder. Get up and stretch.
 - Make Seder joyful, musical, intellectual, and meaningful. Not everyone wants to read—
- and, Have a good time!

Rabbi Merow



MESSAGE from the President

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Two years ago I recall meeting with a friend and fellow congregant to discuss what it meant to be president of The Jewish Center. What I want to accomplish? What were my key goals? What did I want to leave as my legacy? I remember responding - I don't know, I don't know, I don't know. It was scary to be assuming this responsibility and not really having a true direction.

In for a dime, in for a dollar. The board and I started working really hard at figuring out our future.

We started by addressing the face of The Jewish Center. We neatened up the landscaping, repaired and added lighting, cleaned up the parking lot and painted fresh lines, added security features and planted mums for the high holidays that looked nice throughout the winter.

Then we moved inside. We spruced up the Teen Lounge with fresh paint (and a large Star of David and stripes) and added games our teens love. In the lobby, we added new seating areas, creating a place for the Shabbat Lobby Minyon. We moved the Tree of Life plaques to be on full display in the lobby, and we created a coat room where there was none. The number of repairs we made within the building are too numerous to mention. The Library has been cleaned out and organized. It's now a very functional space. We have even established an arts and crafts room for everyone to use!

One of our biggest accomplishments has been the creation of the Java Nagilah Cafe. We created a wonderful open space in an unused foyer. Now it is a popular gathering place for folks to meet for coffee, fun, relaxation or a meeting. Come visit!

We created opportunities to partner with members of the larger community for rental income. We rented our grassy lot to a nonprofit that sold Christmas trees to the community and rented our meat kitchen to Princeton University's Center for Jewish Life. We even rent out space in the Social Hall to a Bridge Club!

The Daffodil project was a partnership with Palmer Square. We planted daffodils in memory of the children that perished in the Holocaust. The following spring we installed and had an unveiling of a stone placed in Palmer Square to keep the memory of these children alive and in celebration of our 75th anniversary.

We created a team to develop plans to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The celebration broke all Jewish Center records - for attendance and for the amount of money raised! It was a fabulous evening!

We traveled as a community to the south to learn about our history. We added musicians to our Friday night services and expanded our Shabbat dinner programs.

There is SO much more - so many wonderful accomplishments we have done these last two years. I am so proud of and grateful for everything we have accomplished.

So whether we have improved the outside of our building, the inside of the building, our relationships with each other or the larger community, we have made so much progress.

But what I am most proud of, is the fact that The Jewish Center has become a NICER place to be. We are KINDER to each other. We ARE a warm and welcoming community. We have welcomed an extraordinary 39 new families into our fold just this year alone! We have introduced "welcome bags" for new members, welcome phone calls, TJC buddies, and have really made an effort to make all people feel welcome here. We have invited people to a new member brunch and Havdalah. I'm hopeful this trend is here to stay.

L'hitraot,

Heidi



MESSAGE from the Executive Director

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HOW TO SAY THANK YOU FOR A THANKLESS JOB

I write this article with admiration and love in my heart. On May 31, Heidi Joseph will turn over the reigns of TJC to Lew Gantwerk. It has truly been a wonderful experience working with Heidi these past two years. But it started earlier than that.

Within the first 2 days of my coming to Princeton, November of 2019, the VP of Programming walked into my office, introduced herself, and said we had a lot of work to do. Always with a smile, always with her notebook, we headed straight into our work together and never looked back. When names were bounced around a few years ago about who could be President, one person stood out. Heidi Joseph.

I can take about 10 pages in this bulletin to list the myriads of accomplishments that took place over Heidi's two years as President. Just listen back to her High holy day talks, her presentations at the Annual meetings, and anytime you are with her, and she will gladly tell you how she helped transform The Jewish Center. In a very humble way.

Outstanding programming. Growth of services. Amazing 75th Anniversary celebration. Our new Java Nagila Café. Each of them was touched by Heidi. She was a part of everything that took place here over the past two years. But now it's time to say...I won't say it.

Heidi will always have a place here at TJC. While she might take a step back, there are so many lives that she has touched over the years, that she will always be a welcome voice around the table. Her input has been invaluable, and she has let me grow in this position, which is not an easy thing to do. I thank her for all the support she has shown me and look forward to many more adventures together.

As for my family, I cannot thank Heidi enough.

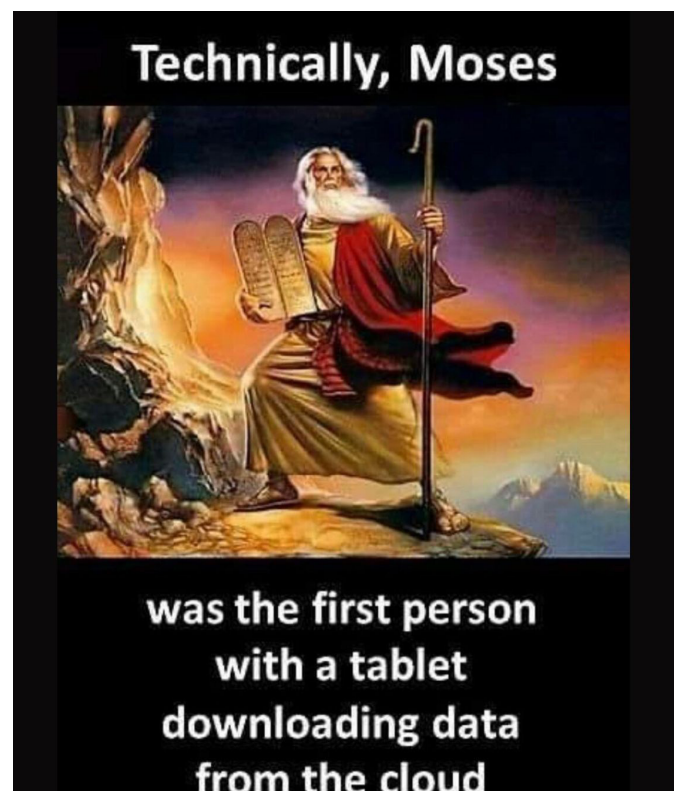
Always welcoming Gloria and Lauren when they are in town and now hiring Stephanie to continue her marketing and communications work here at TJC. Inviting us to her house. Meeting for breakfast, lunch and dinners. You have always opened your arms to my family as wide as you possibly could. I speak for all the Bergers to say Thank you! It meant so much to all of us.

So, let's celebrate Heidi until the last day she is in office. Send her an email of thanks. Greet her with a big smile like she would greet you every time you met. Let's show her the love and admiration we all feel for all the great work she has done.

Kol Hakavod Heidi. A job well done!

And Lew, I'm looking forward to your presidency!

Joel





MESSAGE from the Director of Congregational Learning

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Shalom!

I'm often told, "Words have meaning." The words we use can vastly impact someone's life. Words are so powerful that Judaism has halachot or laws about the power of our words. Leviticus 19:16 teaches us not to speak slander or be a talebearer. I bring this up because words can (and should!) be used for good. From February 28 to March 3, I took our teens to Washington, D.C. to learn how to use their words for good. We participated in a program called L'Taken, run by the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism (RAC), and we gathered with 400 teens from around the United States. Over the four days we were there, we sang an anthem written by Elana Arian, called I Have A Voice. They sang choruses of "I have a voice / my voice is powerful / my voice can change the world," and indeed, it has.

They used their voices to learn that weekend. They learned about how government works and how money and power often influence decision-making. They were reminded about how bills become laws. They chose two topics to explore on a deeper level so they could become better advocates. These topics included equal pay, antisemitism, climate change, mental health, disability inclusion, women's reproductive rights, economic justice, gun violence prevention, immigration, voting rights, gender identity and orientation, Israel, and antisemitism. The students were given Jewish texts on a "Living Talmud," where they could relate the topic they were studying to the Jewish values we uphold. They participated in activities that helped them understand the issues better. They discussed this with their peers from TJC and other synagogues. They took the information they learned and used it to write speeches. Their weekend culminated on Monday, March 3; these students went and met with senators and members of Congress and lobbied on behalf of the RAC.

The students shared excerpts of their speeches at Shabbat services on March 8, where they talked about women's reproductive rights, disability inclusion, antisemitism, and mental health. Beyond the content of their presentations, both in Washington and here, I was most impressed with the way these young people handled themselves. They were kind to each other, respectful, thoughtful and considerate. We should all be proud of the way they represented TJC. They all came off the bus on Monday night, ready to go back next year.

If this is our future, we are in great hands.

L'Shalom,

Sharon





Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



AYLA ROSENBLUM
APRIL 26, 2025

Ayla Ruthie Rosenblum is a 7th grade student at Princeton Middle School. Ayla loves spending time with her great group of friends and is an active member of Princeton Middle School's performing arts community. She has acted in two comedies: 'Help Desk' during her 6th grade year and 'Hoodie' this past year. Ayla is also an intrepid world traveler; in 2023 she visited Israel with her family – the fourth foreign country she's visited in her 13 years (the others include Mexico, Denmark, and St. Thomas). Ayla is grateful for her large extended family of cousins, Aunts, Uncles, and Grandparents as well as her Mom and Dad, her brother Ari, and her beloved labradoodle, Moxie. Ayla would like to express her gratitude for Rabbi Merow, Avi Paradise, Mya Bodnick, Sharon Diamondstein, and all of the teachers who have helped her reach this milestone. She also thanks Joel Berger, Cynthia Richman and the rest of the staff at TJC and all who have supported her along the way!



ILAN SPIEGEL
MAY 10, 2025

Ilan is a seventh grader at Princeton Middle School. He moved here in 2020 from Philly and brought with him a love of Philadelphia sports. Go Birds. Ilan likes playing basketball, flag football, baseball and pretty much everything else with his friends. Ilan also enjoys earning money so that he can buy snacks in town. He mows lawns in the spring and summer and shovels snow in the winter. For his Chesed project, Ilan volunteered at the Littlebrook Elementary School library where he helped with the school's bookmark project and organized books and materials. Ilan is grateful to Gila, Cilla, Sharon, Avi, Rabbi Merow and the TJC community for helping to prepare him for his Bar Mitzvah.

Annual MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, MAY 18 10:00AM

D'VAR TORAH BY RABBI MEROW
OPENING REMARKS AND HIGHLIGHTS
APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 BUDGET
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND
ELECTION OF 2025-2026 OFFICERS
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER RABBI YOS BARUCH FROM MAGEN AVRAHAM
SYNAGOGUE IN OMER, ISRAEL

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Jewish Center Women Shabbat

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 | 6:00 P.M.

Open to All

Join us for a special musical Shabbat service followed by a catered dinner. Services, joyously led by women in our congregation along with Rabbi Merow, Avi and musicians Matt and Dan, will feature shared reflections on our personal journeys out of Egypt.

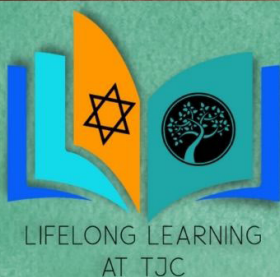


Registration required for dinner by March 28

Dinner is FREE for JCW members and their families

\$18 per person for Non-JCW Members
Free for children under 12

Please RSVP via Shulcloud



LIFELONG LEARNING AT TJC

SPRING 2025

Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 PM

American Jewish Philanthropy: Its Past, Present, and Possible Futures with Jamie Levine Daniel & Lila Corwin Berman

The roundtable will feature TJC congregant Jamie Levine Daniel, Henry and Marilyn Taub Associate Professor Nonprofit Management and Public Service at New York University, and Lila Corwin Berman, Paul & Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History at New York University and author of *The American Jewish Philanthropic Complex*.



THE ROUNDTABLE WILL TAKE PLACE AT
THE JEWISH CENTER
435 NASSAU STREET
PRINCETON, NJ 08540

OPEN TO THE
COMMUNITY!

Lifelong Learning programs are made possible by donations to the Adult Education Fund.



**Please join us for our next
meeting in April:
“The Art of the Four Children”
featuring Rabbi Annie Tucker**

This session will explore the symbolism and meaning behind the Four Children of the Passover Haggadah: Wise, Wicked, Simple, and One Who Does Not Know How to Ask. Along with studying the traditional text, we'll look at artistic interpretations of the Four Children and have a chance to create our own visual or written representations of these timeless figures.

All are welcome regardless of artistic or Jewish background!

Join Us!

**Thurs, April 17
9:30-11 A.M.
on Zoom**

**Zoom link will be sent from
Cynthia Richman at TJC**



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A FUN Start to Passover

FRIDAY MORNING BEFORE PASSOVER

APRIL 11

9:00 A.M.-9:45 A.M

Open to the Community

SHORT SIYYUM - 8:30 AM

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

SALE OF CHAMETZ

Watch Rabbi Merow sell our
chametz
(Don't forget to fill out your
chametz sale form)

BURN YOUR CHAMETZ
Bring chametz from your
home to burn
that you collected

ROAST MARSHMALLOWS!
over the burning chametz. Why?
Because it's fun!
We've got the marshmallows!

Questions? Email
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**SING
PASSOVER
SONGS!!**

Sale of Chametz

Sale of Chametz: In preparing for Passover, it is customary to sell your *chametz* (products leaven - made from wheat, spelt, barley, oats, rye, & their derivatives). Jewish law prohibits Jews from using or even possessing any *chametz* during *Pesach*. To ensure compliance with this law, we clean our homes and, just to make sure, we transfer title on any remaining *chametz* to a non-Jew. This *chametz* becomes the property of the non-Jew for the duration of *Pesach* and should be set aside in a place where it will not be disturbed or seen during the holiday. This sale can include the sale of your pet and their *chametz* pet food. The rabbi will serve as your agent for this transaction. If you would like to sell your *chametz*, please complete the form below and return it to the Synagogue no later than **April 8, 2025**.

I (We) hereby authorize Rabbi Andrea Merow to sell my (our) *chametz* for Passover 5785. Friday, April 11, 9:30 am – Monday, April 21 at 8:30 p.m.
Name (s) (please include pet names)

Complete Addresses

 Zip

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

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

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



Join The Jewish Center for

Friday Night Shabbat Passover Dinner

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18
7TH NIGHT OF PASSOVER
LEAVE THE COOKING TO SOMEONE ELSE!**

**SHABBAT SERVICES 6:00 PM
DINNER 7:00 PM**

**\$45 FOR ADULTS
\$30 FOR KIDS**

**BRING YOUR
OWN KOSHER
FOR PASSOVER
WINE**

**PLEASE LET RABBI MEROW KNOW IF
YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO
ATTEND AT
RAM@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL
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**RSVP BY
4/14/25
ON
SHULCLOUD**

THE 34TH ANNUAL
**Amy Adina Schulman
Memorial Lecture**

**CULTIVATING
HOPE IN A TIME
OF CONFLICT:
BUILDING THE
FOUNDATION
FOR A FUTURE
OF PEACE**

*featuring
Rabbi Michael Cohen
of the Arava Institute
for Environmental Studies*

Come listen, learn, and discuss.

Sunday, April 27, 2025

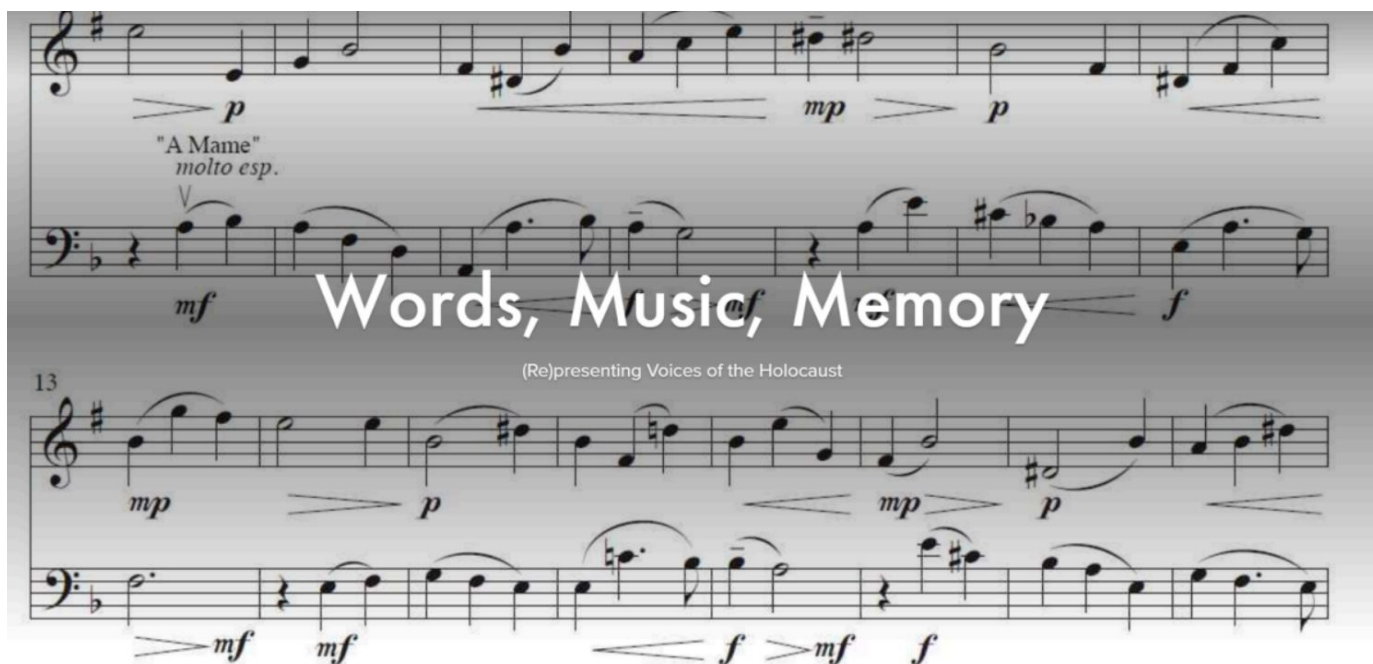
The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

You must pre-register to reserve your seat.
Please pre-register now at <https://aasmf2025.eventbrite.com>

The Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Lecture is a free event to thank our many communities for keeping our beloved daughter and sister's soul and values ongoing since her death at age 20 from a brain aneurysm, nearly 39 years ago. Together we have supported more than 1600 young people who devoted months of their life to volunteering in social justice activist programs across the world.

For more info, visit The Fund at www.AmyAdinaSchulmanFund.org

Together on life's narrow bridge...



New Lobby Exhibit: "Words, Music, Memory"

Exhibit Dates: March 25 - April 30

TJC will host a traveling exhibit from the Kennesaw State University Museum of History and Holocaust Education, curated by Adina Langer, Senior Curator in the department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books (and daughter of Mindy and Corey Langer). The exhibit focuses on writings and artwork from people who experienced the Holocaust, some of which have been set to music. As Adina has written,

"This ten-panel traveling exhibit and accompanying digital gallery guide highlights the links along the chain of commemoration that connect the past and the present and generation to generation. While the panels focus on the words of writers who witnessed the Holocaust, the gallery guide includes biographies of the writers, sketches by the panel illustrators, information about musical and dramatic pieces adapted from the writers' works, and interviews with composers, lyricists, performers, and producers. It also provides visitors with opportunities to access performance videos and share their perspectives."

Adina will speak about the process of curating the exhibition and its evolution as it has traveled and been used in various venues, on April 23 following the Yom HaShoah service.



Save the Date: Friday night, May 9!

A special evening to create connections within the TJC community and with Shabbat

Meet new friends from the TJC community

Share a fun Shabbat dinner in TJC members' homes

Enjoy being a Shabbat guest in a congregant's home or hosting congregants in your home

Everyone is warmly invited and welcome

Prior experience hosting or attending Shabbat dinner is NOT required

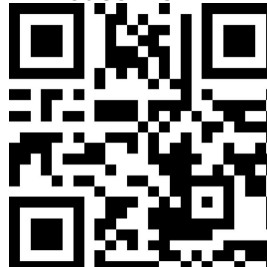
Hosts and guests will be given clear basic information about how to conduct a simple Shabbat dinner.

Host Form



<https://tinyurl.com/TJCHostForm>

Guest Form



<https://tinyurl.com/TJCGuestForm>

Sign up [to host](#) or [to be a guest](#) and you'll be matched with TJC members to share a fun Shabbat evening.

Any further questions? Please let us know at guesswhoscomingtoshabbas.tjc@gmail.com



FAQ'S

What about the food?

First, it's not about the food! It's about the warmth and beauty of Shabbat, and while we hope the evening will be special for everyone, gourmet or fancy food is not necessary.

Our goal is to accommodate as many congregants as possible while respecting and honoring those who keep kosher and those who don't keep kosher, and of course, to keep it as simple as possible for everyone. Therefore, whether you keep kosher or not, we are going to ask you to please use certain foods that are kosher.

Specifically, we respectfully request that hosts please do not serve any shellfish or non-kosher meat/chicken/fish. You are welcome to serve a dairy/veggie meal or to purchase kosher meat or chicken and prepare it in your own kosher or non-kosher kitchen. Fish such as salmon is fine to purchase wherever you purchase fish. If you do serve meat or chicken, please do not have any dairy with the meal/dessert.

Purchasing prepared food is also fine and you can find cooked kosher chickens and side dishes at ShopRite in Lawrenceville.

What if I have special food needs or I'm allergic to some pets?

The Questionnaires that you click on and complete asks about any special food needs you have and pet allergies, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Can I bring my kids and my significant other or a friend?

Yes! Please just add them to the Questionnaire you fill out.

What if I don't get home from work until later on Friday nights/What if I don't want to be out late on a Friday night? What if I don't drive or don't drive at night?

You'll have the opportunity to tell us on the Questionnaires.

What if I'm not sure how to host or be a guest at a Shabbat dinner?

No problem! We will provide you with a simple brochure with everything you need to know and Rabbi Merow will be offering a class with all the basic information and how-tos. The Committee and Rabbi Merow are available to answer all your questions.

What support will hosts have?

Each host will receive 2 challahs, a bottle of grape juice, cards with questions and suggestions to stimulate conversation and discussions, and a brochure that has everything you need to know including the blessings (in Hebrew, English and transliteration) for lighting candles, blessing the children, Kiddush, handwashing, and Motzi.



The goal of the Chavurat Chessed is to extend life cycle support in times of need and celebration to members of our community. Whether a congregant is recovering from an illness or juggling the demands of a new baby, our community wants to help when needed. We encourage families and friends to notify the synagogue office or call a member of the Chessed Committee when you hear of a congregant who might need support.

Currently, the Chavurat Chessed committee offers services in the following areas: Meals, transportation, shiva arrangements and check-ins with people to make sure their needs continue to be met.

Let us know the ways in which you're able to volunteer:

- Prepare and deliver a meal for a member in need**
- Connect with congregants in need, whether by phone or a visit in person**
- Assist with setting up for shiva**
- Be part of a shiva minyan**
- Call or visit elderly congregants**
- Run errands**
- Provide rides to synagogue**
- Drop off a meal for a family with a newborn**
- Help members with small projects (like helping elderly members set up online banking)**

If you would like to join our ranks as a volunteer in any of the categories listed above, please email chavuratchessed@thejewishcenter.org. Your help is always on a volunteer basis.

Performing these mitzvot benefits not only others but also yourself, for, in the words of Hillel, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?"

WICKED PURIM 2025





The TJC Library presents a program on

JEWISH GENEALOGY

Sunday, April 27th at 10:30 A.M.
at The Jewish Center

Researching your Family History...There's No Time Like the Present

Family History is a rewarding endeavor that can increasingly be conducted from the comfort of home. As new records are found, scanned, and indexed, more information becomes available in free or paid databases, as well as at local libraries, archives, and historical societies. Whether you have conducted extensive research or recently became interested in knowing about your family (or sharing your family history with your children or grandchildren), this presentation will touch on some of the resources available.

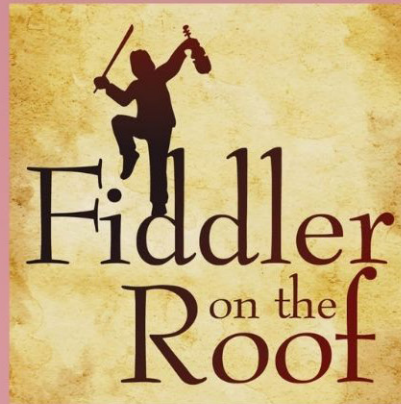
Elana Broch (PhD, MLIS) recently retired from her position as a public policy librarian at Princeton University. A psychometrician by training, she is interested in how genealogists “keep found things found” and in increasing the utility of archives within both the amateur and professional genealogy communities. Her research focuses on Holocaust-era family members. Elana has been offering genealogy courses at the Princeton Adult School for the past few years as well as presenting at Jewish genealogy conferences.

RSVP via Shulcloud!

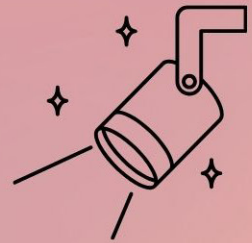


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TJC Meet-Up At the Theatre!



Starring TJC's own,
Stephanie Berger
as Fruma Sarah



Fiddler on the Roof is a musical with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and book by Joseph Stein, set in the Pale of Settlement of Imperial Russia in or around 1905. It is based on Tevye and his Daughters (or Tevye the Dairyman) and other tales by Sholem Aleichem. The story centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions as outside influences encroach upon the family's lives. He must cope both with the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters, who wish to marry for love – each one's choice of a husband moves further away from the customs of their Jewish faith and heritage – and with the edict of the Tsar that evicts the Jews from their village.

Cost: \$55
**Must provide own
transportation**

Dinner not included
**20 Tickets Available at
this time**



May 15, 2025



Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
510 Centerville Road
Lancaster, PA 17601





THE ISRAEL AND US COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

- ISRAELI - DINNER

IN CELEBRATION OF YOM HA'ATZMAUT
& ISRAEL



Friday, May 2



The celebration will include an Israeli Dinner as
well as guest speakers

Services will begin at 6:00 PM with Musicians
Dinner will follow at 7:00 PM

RSVP VIA SHULCLOUD

**HAPPY 77TH
BIRTHDAY TO ISRAEL!**

YOUNG FAMILY PROGRAMS
FOR CHILDREN IN FIRST GRADE & BELOW WITH THEIR CAREGIVERS

AT THE JEWISH CENTER
11:00AM-NOON

CELEBRATE ISRAEL

APR 27

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SDIAMONDSTEIN@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG

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TJC TOT SPOT!

Meetup at the Porch Room at The Jewish Center School
457 Nassau St.
9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Date
April 27 – Celebrate Israel YF Program

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

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

RSVP REQUIRED AND ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL SHARON DIAMONDSTEIN AT SDIAMONDSTEIN@THEJEWISHCENTER.ORG

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Shabbat L'Kulanu
Shabbat for All Of Us

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

Saturday, April 5, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Community Lunch to Follow
RSVPs Requested

Exploring the Jewish Value of
Da'at
דעת

Awareness/Knowledge

Register Here

Questions? Email sdiamondstein@thejewishcenter.org

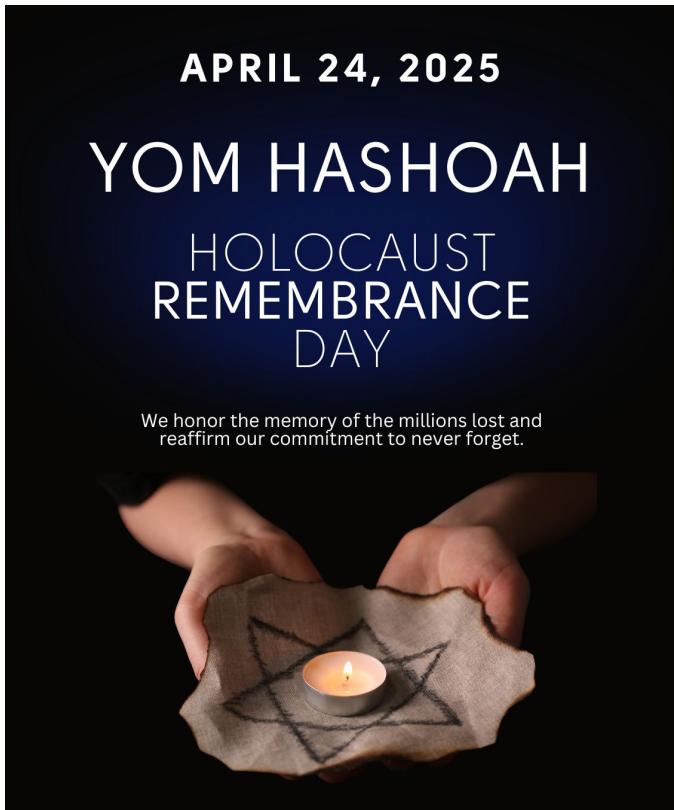
THE JEWISH CENTER PRESENTS
SHABBAT KATAN

Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
in the Teen Lounge
Open to children ages 5 and under
WITH their caregivers

UPDATED

Upcoming Dates

April 5
May 10





MERCER COUNTY JEWISH COMMUNITY

SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 1–9, 2025

**EXPLORE COMPLEX ISSUES IN CURRENT
ISRAELI SOCIETY.**

**MISSION INCLUDES TIME IN THE SOUTH,
JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, THE GAZA BORDER,
KIBBUTZIM, NOVA SITE AND
VOLUNTEERING.**

Supported by the Board of Rabbis of Princeton Mercer Bucks





**Shema Yoga
with Eleni Litt
at The Jewish Center
Open to the Community!**

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

***Shema Yoga**, developed by Eleni Litt, infuses the practice of yoga with a Jewish sensibility. Options are provided for all poses, and you are invited to enter the practice in a way that is most comfortable for you.*

***Eleni** is a longtime member of The Jewish Center and a 200-hr. RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher) with Yoga Alliance. In April she completed an advanced training (focusing on chair yoga) with Kripalu teacher Rudy Peirce: <https://www.gentle-yogis.com/> Contact Eleni with your questions: ezlitt@gmail.com*



SAVE THE DATE



CONNECT WITH JEWISH CENTER WOMEN AT OUR SPRING EVENT

**Come together on May 4
from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM for a special mid-morning gathering.**

- Enjoy a sumptuous brunch
- Be inspired by Gail Siggelakis, award-winning author of "The Affirming Way of Life" midlife and beyond reinvention coach
- Chair and mat yoga and meditation with our own Eleni Litt (please bring your own mat), and
- Fun and relaxing art project.

For Jewish Center Women members only.
If you are not a member, we welcome you to join JCW.
Your paid membership will carry over to next year.



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

NEW DATE!

The Jewish Center invites you to

KLEZMER JAM

Open to the
community!

4 SUNDAY
MAY 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*

MAH JONGG

Join us for Mah Jongg

Now EVERY Sunday,
at 9:15 A.M.
(except holidays)

Additionally,
Saturday, April 19 - 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 3 - 1:00 P.M.

Come to play! Come to learn!
Come to services or drop your kids off at Religious
School and join us!
In the Java Nagila Cafe!

Questions? Email beatricebloom@gmail.com

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let's do **LUNCH**

85+ Senior Lunch Group

Featuring, Alan Medvin who will be discussing his work with the
Innocence Project: How people are incarcerated for crimes they
never committed and how they are ultimately cleared.

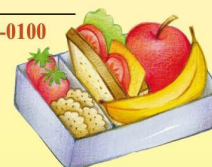
Wednesday, May 21 | Noon - 2:00 p.m.

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

At The Jewish Center - Java Nagila Cafe

Rides Available Upon Request

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



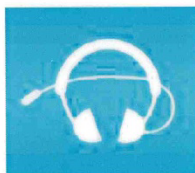
***formerly Seasoned Souls**



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

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.

Do you have a
Simcha or happy
occasion to celebrate?

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

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

Dates:

Friday, April 4

Friday, April 18

Friday, May 2

Friday, May 16

**Join us as our
congregational musicians
play during services**



Would you like to read Torah?
Would you like to LEARN to read Torah?
How about a Haftarah?

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

Join our Shabbat lineup!

Contact Nancy Lewis at
nancy.nehama@gmail.com





Book Club

Tuesdays, April 15 and May 20

7:30 p.m.

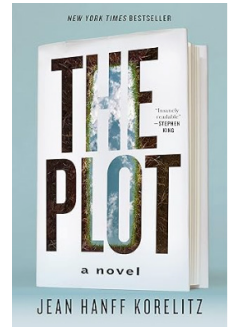
via Zoom.

Tuesday, April 15

The Plot

by Jean Hanff Korelitz

"If you're a person who harbors notions about the glamour of the writing life, *The Plot* will jettison them to the deepest, darkest trench of the ocean floor. If you're a novelist who has endured the humiliation of a reading with no audience, Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel will help you laugh about the empty room. And if you're a reader who likes stories where a terrible decision snowballs out of control, this book is just what the librarian ordered. Welcome to a spectacular avalanche." (NY Times)

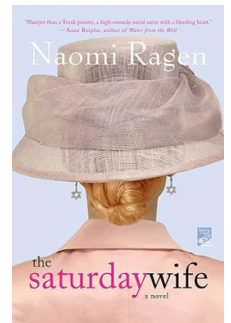


Tuesday, May 20

The Saturday Wife

by Naomi Ragen

"Beautiful, blonde, materialistic Delilah Levy steps into a life she could have never imagined when in a moment of panic she decides to marry a sincere Rabbinical student. But the reality of becoming a paragon of virtue for a demanding and hypocritical congregation at an Orthodox synagogue in the suburbs leads sexy Delilah into a vortex of shocking choices which spiral out of control into a catastrophe which is as sadly believable as it is wildly amusing." (Macmillan Publishers)



COMING SOON!

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

June 17- *Jews Don't Count* by David Baddiel

July 15 - Watch for details for our Annual Pot Luck/Book Swap

August 19 - *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline

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

MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE NEWS

A recent article in the New York Times addressed a “reawakening” of Jews, “...those who are distanced are coming back.” Across the country, synagogues report a rise in the number of new congregants; TJC is experiencing that as well.

In the past few months we have welcomed new and returning individuals and families into our congregational community. If you know somebody who might be curious about being a part of the comfort and connection of a Jewish community, please have them get in touch with us.

If you're interested in helping us grow, please contact us at the emails below - We'd love your ideas and assistance!!

Please welcome our newest members:

Zachary Byrd

Dana-Maxx Pomerantz and Brandon Goodman

Ellen Sklansky

Sasha Peatman

David Kiviat

Jen Black, VP Membership jentblack@hotmail.com

Diane Guvenis, Membership Co-Chair dlgirer@gmail.com

Suzanne Esterman, Membership Co-Chair suzanne.esterman@gmail.com

GROW WITH US

Save the Date!

Shabbat of Appreciation

Friday, June 6

6:00 PM

Friday Night Services with Musicians

7:00 PM

Dessert & Reception

Everyone is invited to join us for Shabbat of Appreciation

The Jewish Center's

GREAT MINDS SALON

**Thursday, May 29
8:15 P.M.**

**“The Dark Side of the
Universe: Dark-
Matter and Dark-
Energy” with speaker,
Dr. Neta Bahcall**

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.

Dr. Neta A. Bahcall is the Eugene Higgins Professor of Astrophysics at Princeton University. She is Director of the Undergraduate Program in Astrophysics, recipient of the 2024 Henry Norris Russell award of the American Astronomical Society, the 2021 President's Distinguished Teaching Award of Princeton University, past Director of the Council on Science and Technology of Princeton University, and is an elected member of the US National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Legacy Fellow of the American Astronomical Society, Past Chair of the Astronomy Section of the National Academy of Sciences, Editorial Board member of the PNAS, and past Vice-President of the AAS.

Bahcall research interests are focused on Observational Cosmology, Dark Matter, Dark Energy, and the Mass Density of the Universe. Bahcall was born in Israel. She received her PhD from Tel Aviv University. She married John N. Bahcall in 1966; they have three children: Safi, Dan, and Orli – all scientists.



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

Open to the community

Please register via Shulcloud



LIFE & LEGACY

Rogie and Martin Rome

Rogie (a nickname for Rebecca) moved to Princeton from Brooklyn in 1962, and Martin followed in 1963 after leaving the Army. Knowing that greater Trenton had a strong Jewish community at that time, the Romes looked at a number of synagogues before joining TJC. Our vibrant and active Jewish community more than met their expectations. The Romes now live in Windrows, as do other TJC members.

Martin, a retired dentist, recalls the time when TJC was unaffiliated, and its membership included Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox families. Many members worked at RCA in the 1950s.



The Romes knew many of TJC's founding families. At one time, Martin served on the TJC Board. Their oldest child went to Sunday School here.

They no longer attend services regularly in person, but watch on Livestream. Rogie considers TJC as her "second home." Both Martin and Rogie are impressed with our clergy and lay leadership. They have also attended sessions of the 85+ group,

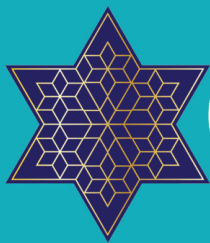
which meets during the week.

The Romes were part of the first group of congregants to make a Promise to TJC's Life & Legacy Fund to help assure the continued presence of our synagogue in the Princeton area, and they continue to provide support for many special programs and events.

We hope you will join Rogie and Martin Rome and make a legacy gift to the synagogue. A Promise can be completed by downloading a form, <https://www.foundationjewish.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/LL-Promise-Form-9.22.pdf>

Or, scan the QR code below.





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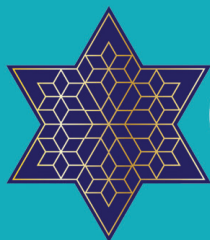
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My grandfather, Irwin Zigman, on his
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In honor of

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*from Anne and Stephen Math
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In memory of

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My beloved husband, Edward
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In memory of

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In honor of

Moshe and Nira Lavid welcoming their
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from Joe and Barbara Schwartz

Heidi Joseph and David Saltzman on
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from Carol and Bob Schwartz

Sandy Kutin, wishing you a speedy
recovery

from Heidi Joseph

Joan Goldstein on her 93rd birthday

*from Heidi Joseph, Ruth
and Robert Goldston*

Linda and Ira Cheifetz on their 55th
wedding anniversary

from Linda and Ira Cheifetz

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55+ UPDATE

April 3, 2025: Allan Westreich

To Catch a Serial Killer: A Visual Introduction to Investigative Genetic Genealogy.

April 17, 2025: Marna Seltzer

Director Princeton University Concerts, History of Princeton University Concerts - three speakers.


May 1, 2025: Adela Raz

Hudson Institute, Director of the New Afghan Women Center at Princeton U (director of newly established Afghanistan Policy Lab).

May 15, 2025: Dr. Noah Goldman

Princeton University Medical Center. Status of Dx and Rx of Cancer and the new Princeton Cancer Center.

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9:30 am-Noon



Havurah Minyan Hosts Study Sessions in April and May

A series of monthly programs are presented by Minyan members on topics related to Jewish culture, theology, history, and philosophy. The programs are held in the Adult Library following Shabbat services at 1:00 PM. We welcome new members and invite you to join us for one or all of our programs.

APRIL 19. April is Shakespeare's month—his birth and death both occurred on an April 23. Elizabeth Socolow will facilitate an exploration of his take on the Akeda, the near sacrifice of Isaac by his father, Abraham, and commanded by Adonai. What is it to commit murder? Does knowing help us to stop such an impulse?

May 10. Myra Weiner will facilitate a discussion on the relationship between spirituality and faith. Spirituality involves the recognition of a feeling or sense that there is something greater than oneself; that there is something more to being human than sensory or intellectual experience. Have you had spiritual experiences either in a Jewish context or outside that context, such as in Nature? Can we have spirituality in the absence of faith? Can we have faith in the absence of spirituality?

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.

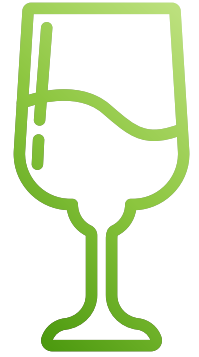
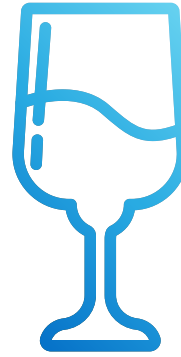
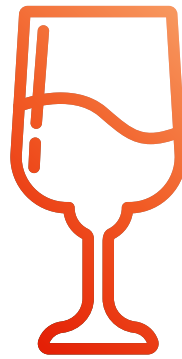
Bible BaBoker *Saturdays | 8:45 a.m.*

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

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To be added to the BBB mailing list or for questions,
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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.

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- Adding a source of alternative revenue
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Shabbat Meditation

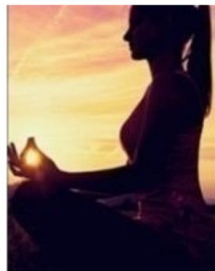
Led by **Ruth Goldston**

**April 5 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.



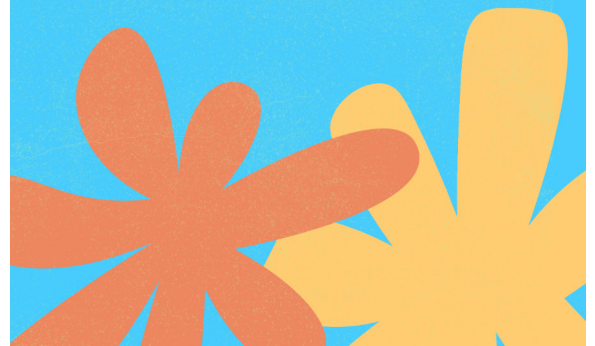
Open to the Community!

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.

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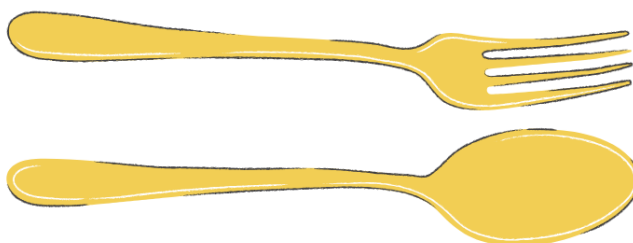
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