



## Rabbi's message

warmth and hope in this time of year when so much around us is dark and cold.

I thought about this concept of light in the midst of darkness on a recent trip that I took with members of our congregation and our community to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. The museum is designed to educate the visitor about the atrocities the Jewish people and humanity faced during World War II and to honor the lives of the millions of people who were killed. Each time I visit the museum, I am struck by the enormity of the crimes against humanity and the phrase our people have said over and over again since the Holocaust - *Never Again*.

As I walked through the museum this time, I saw a quote on the wall that gives us a powerful perspective on a humanitarian crisis in our world today and makes it challenging to say the words *Never Again*. The quote was written by Martin Niemoller, the son

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## Hanukkah... Many Explanations"

As the winter months approach, we Jews prepare for the wonderful holiday of Hanukkah - The Festival of Lights. There are many explanations for this holiday including the story of the miraculous cruse of oil that contained enough oil for one night but lasted eight nights. There is the great military victory of Judah Macabee, his brothers and a small army that defeated the powerful Syrian Greeks even though they were incredibly outnumbered. And there is also the message of lighting a candle and bringing light,

<b>Worship Schedule</b> Fridays - 6:30 p.m. Saturdays - 9:45 a.m.
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<b>Family Service</b> Friday, December 8 - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Tot Shabbat</b> Saturday, December 2 and December 16 - 11:00 a.m.
<b>Healing Service</b> Thursday, December 14 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Shabbat Alive!</b> Friday, December 15 - 6:30 p.m.

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Schedule

### Saturday, December 2

Miriam Goldstein  
Daughter of Tammy and Harold Goldstein

### Saturday, December 9

Reina Gabai  
Daughter of Donna and David Gabai

### Saturday, December 16

Joshua Rose (a.m.)  
Son of Gail and Bill Rose

Janie Smukler (5:15 p.m.)  
Daughter of Lisa and Andy Smukler

## Shabbat Candle Lighting

December 1 . . . . 4:09 pm.  
December 8 . . . . 4:08 p.m.  
December 15 . . . 4:09 p.m.  
(First Hanukkah Candle - Light before Shabbat)  
December 22 . . . 4:12 p.m.  
December 29 . . . 4:17 p.m.



## President's message

giving it some thought and trying to look at it positively, I made a conscious decision to embrace the experience and try to enjoy the silence.

I recalled a book I read to my children when they were young titled *Lost In The Zoo On Erev Shabbat* by Devorah Leah. She writes, "God gave each creature two ears but one mouth; a person should speak half as much as he hears." The Shabbat before my surgery I was in shul and as we recited the *Sh'ma*, it occurred to me that the *Sh'ma* is a cryptic piece of advice, as it begins with the word LISTEN! I found lessons of silence and its virtues mentioned in the Torah as well as in *Pirkey Avot - Ethics of the Fathers*. In the first chapter (Mishna) Shimon, the son of Rabban Gamliel, says, "All my days I grew

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## Silence is Golden...

"Closing one's lips makes a person wise" (as King Solomon wrote in the *Book of Proverbs*). Silence and the art of listening have been on my mind a lot lately. As many of you know, I had vocal cord surgery in October and part of the healing process was a week of no talking. Can you imagine - me not talking for a week? At first the idea of being silent for a week seemed overwhelming and impossible. But after

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of a pastor from Lippstadt, Germany:

*First, they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me.*

I thought about these words in light of the humanitarian crisis currently happening in the Darfur region of Sudan. Darfur has been embroiled in a deadly conflict for nearly four years. At least 400,000 people have been killed; more than two million innocent civilians have been forced to flee their homes and now live in displaced-persons camps in Sudan or in refugee camps in neighboring Chad; and more than 3.5 million men, women, and children are completely reliant on international aid for survival. There are many websites that can give us more information about the crisis and I encourage everyone to learn more about the situation. We are planning for many programs to raise awareness and create political activism in our local community.

Many government leaders including President Bush have recognized these atrocities as genocide. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has described the situation in Sudan and Chad as "the largest and most complex humanitarian problem on the globe." The Sudanese government and the Janjaweed militias are responsible for the burning and destruction of hundreds of rural vil-

lages, the killing of tens of thousands of people and the rape and assault of thousands of women and girls.

The violence in recent months and years has made it dangerous, if not impossible, for most of the millions of displaced persons to return to their homes. Humanitarian aid agencies face growing obstacles to bringing widespread relief. Indeed, the violence in Darfur rages on with government-backed militias still attacking civilian populations with impunity.

During our recent trip to Washington, we learned from people who are very involved in addressing this crisis in Darfur. They told us that the 1948 Genocide Convention specifies that signatory states are committed to doing all they can to prevent or punish the crimes of genocide. The Sudanese leaders that are perpetrating these crimes need to be held responsible for their actions so that they can be punished individually for the crimes they are committing. As Americans, we have a responsibility to pressure our government to provide information to the International Criminal Court that would help indict the Sudanese leaders who are responsible for these humanitarian crimes. There are also economic and military channels that can be explored to pressure the Sudanese people to stop their actions.

Niemoller's poem implores us to not let this happen and Leviticus 19:16 commands us as Jews to "not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor". We need to do something to address this humanitarian crisis and The Jewish Center is joining with other religious institutions in Princeton to create programs to raise awareness and political activism on the issue of Darfur.

In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing more ideas for things that we can do, including those that we can do as families and as a community. We hope that you will join our campaign and do what you can to help stop these atrocities. We have a moral imperative and a religious obligation as Jews to do what we can to help and I am proud that The Jewish Center sees this as a priority. We have an opportunity to save lives and we cannot leave this work for people in other parts of the world.

As we light our candles for Hanukkah this year and we talk to our children and grandchildren about the core Jewish values of respect and love for humanity and the value of saving a life, I hope we will talk to them about the innocent people being killed and tortured in Darfur. As we light our candles, which provide us with light and warmth, I hope that we can join with others to develop ways to provide light and warmth and hope to the victims of Darfur. And I believe in the power of prayer. So as we say our prayers on Hanukkah, let's say a prayer for the people of Darfur and let's pray for a miracle.

Let's praise God as *she'asa nisim l'Avoteinu ba'yamim ha'hem ba'zman ha'zeh* - As the one who provided miracles for our ancestors in previous generations and for us in our generations. The people of Darfur need it.

*B'shalom,*

*Rabbi Adam Feldman*

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To all my friends:

I thank you for your kindness in saluting my recovery and birthday by contributing to various funds and charities both within and outside our congregation.  
May God's richest blessings be yours!

As ever--

Rabbi David Wolf Silverman

## Board of Directors MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of The Jewish Center Board of Directors on Monday, December 18 at 8:00 p.m.





## Cantor's notes

### Happy, Homey Hanukkah!!

In ancient times, as in our own, victory over the enemy was always the signal for an outburst of poetry and song. The Jewish community looked forward eagerly to the celebration of Hanukkah, for it was the first relief from the bleakness of the late fall and early winter. That is why the candles of the *hanukkiah* which are lit at home are so significantly a part of this Festival of Lights.

Here are some interesting "factoids" about Hanukkah:

• Did you know that Hanukkah is not even mentioned in the Bible? The recounting of its story has been preserved for us in the first, second and third Books of the Maccabees, which are part of the Apocrypha, and in the Scroll of the Hasmonians, a seventh century composition that was used in some Italian synagogues as part of the festival liturgy.

• Did you know that the lighting of Hanukkah lights is not even mentioned in the Books of the Maccabees? It was adapted as a custom for Hanukkah at a later period.

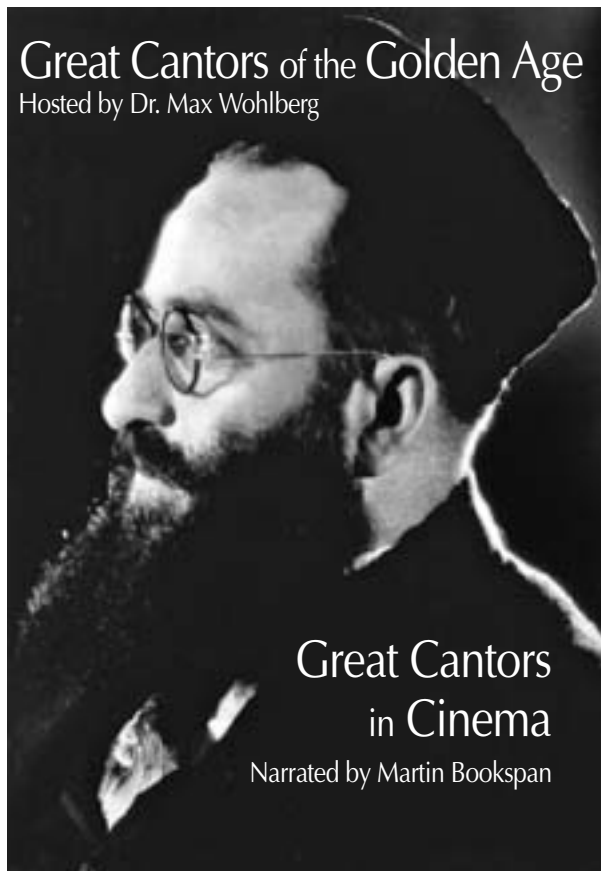
• Did you know that Hanukkah was considered such a minor holiday that people are not required to suspend their normal activities and that there is not even a *musaf* service added to the liturgy?

• Did you know that the Hebrew root of the word Hanukkah means "education" as well as "dedication"? In order to sweeten the process of Torah study, youngsters were given coins if they did well in their mid-term exams around Hanukkah time – and this reward became the custom of giving Hanukkah gelt.

My earliest childhood recollections of Hanukkah were at home and revolved around the lighting of the candles, the singing of the beautiful Hanukkah songs and the eating of the delicious Hanukkah treats. What is interesting is that most of these holiday songs are geared for home singing – not the synagogue. Some of the glow was from the candles to be sure – but it was augmented by the glow we felt from within as we sang together around the *hanukkiah*. If you would like a Hanukkah song sheet for use at home, please call me and I will be happy to provide it for you. *Hag Hanukkah Sameach* – have a Happy, Homey Hanukkah!

*Melodically yours,  
Cantor Murray E. Simon*

PS. A special thanks to Emily Pramer (whose name was inadvertently omitted from last month's article) for leyning on Yom Kippur morning. *Yashir Ko-ach!*



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# Race for the Cure

Eighty-two members of The Jewish Center participated in the Race for the Cure on October 29. Some of us ran, others walked and many were cheerleaders for our team members, encouraging them through the races. All of us were inspired by the more than 20,000 people who were there to support the challenge of raising money to fund research in the hopes of finding a cure for breast cancer.

Our Jewish Center team was the fourth largest community team and was given an award for the highest participant increase from 2005 to 2006. Please stop by The Jewish Center and see the beautiful award that we were given and the many photos of our team.

Thank you to all who participated and to Jewish Center Women Co-chairs, Randy Hubert and Anne Rutman, and the Men's Club Co-chairs, Ed Simon and Jeff Schneider, for all their support for this project.

We hope you will join our Jewish Center team next year!

Jason Kay  
Joan Levin  
Co-Chairs, Jewish Center Race for the Cure Team



## Jewish Center Women Shabbat

Saturday, January 20

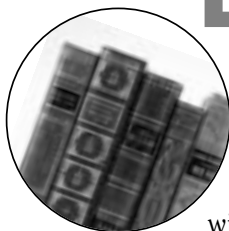
The entire Shabbat Service  
will be conducted by  
women of  
The Jewish Center.

You are invited to a  
Kiddush Luncheon  
sponsored after the service  
by JCW

All are welcome  
to participate!

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in the service or to help  
with the luncheon,  
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## Library



This month we add ***The Syrian Bride***, an award winning DVD film that was shown in connection with the Silver Circle potluck supper in November. The speech is in five languages, but the subtitles are all in English.

### Recent acquisitions:

***Praise Her Works*** by Penina Adelman. Stories, commentaries, original monologues and discussion topics celebrating 23 biblical women, based on the 13th century *Yemenite Great Midrash*.

***Rising from the Abyss*** by Sara Avinum. An adult's struggle with her trauma as a child in the Holocaust. Gift of Ellie Schweber.

***Baruch Spinoza and Western Democracy*** by Joseph Dunner. An interpretation of Spinoza's philosophical, religious and political thought in light of the social problems of our own time. Gift of Gerald Seid.

***Food & Judaism*** edited by Leonard Greenspoon, Ronald Simkins, and Gerald Shapiro. The results of a wide range of research on the history and interpretation of Jewish food practices and meanings.

***Big Lies: Demolishing The Myths of the Propaganda War Against Israel*** by David Meir-Levi. The title says it all, but the myths are that Israel illegally occupies a country called Palestine and that the Middle East problem is that Israel has created five million Palestinian refugees. Gift of the publisher.

***The Syrian Bride*** by Eran Riklis. A multi-language DVD with English subtitles that tells the sad and frustrating story of Druze families cruelly separated by the border between Syria and the Israeli occupied Golan heights. Gift of Ellie Schweber.

***The Man Who Fell into a Puddle*** by Igal Sarna. A book of short stories that reveal the profound human suffering at the heart of the process of creating the Israeli nation. Gift of Fran Zeitler.

***Emma Lazarus*** by Esther Schor. The biography by Princeton poet, English professor and Jewish Center congregant Esther Schor of the gifted 19th century poet who was ahead of her time as feminist, Zionist and Jewish American writer.



## A message from Rabbi Annie Tucker

A well known *midrash* from Shir *HaShirim Rabbah* explains that as our ancestors stood at Sinai hundreds of years ago, God asked them to provide securities in order to guarantee that they would truly keep the Torah that they were about to receive. The Children of Israel first indicated that their ancestors would be their securities but God was not satisfied. "I have faults to find with your ancestors," the Divine replied. "But bring Me good securities and I will give [the Torah] to you." Next the Children of Israel indicated that their prophets would be their securities. But this, too, was not acceptable to God. "I have faults to find with your prophets," said the Divine. "Still, bring Me good securities and I will give the Torah to you." Finally the Children of Israel indicated that their children would be their securities, and the Divine word came back immediately. "Indeed, these are good securities," said God. "For their sake I will give you the Torah."

The Jewish tradition has long emphasized the importance of children, not only as a source of joy and wonder but also as those who are key to keeping our heritage alive

and transmitting it forward after we are gone. Judaism is truly a religion passed *midor l'dor* – from generation to generation. It is the responsibility of each and every one of us to learn from those who have come before and then to commit ourselves to passing the lessons of the past on to those who come after. In fact, one of the Hebrew words often used to talk about Jewish tradition is *mesorah* – a word which literally means something which is passed on from one to another. Judaism is a faith handed from person to person and transmitted lovingly from one generation to the next. In that sense, each of us serves as a conduit linking the past and the future, thereby ensuring Jewish continuity.

As many of you know, this past month I had the privilege of traveling to Biloxi, MS along with Fran Amir, Sue and Lara Weiner, and twelve of our tenth grade Siyyum Tichon students (Lindsey Brenner, David Borsack, Avery Fagen, Rachel Frommer, Josh Gilens, Billy Grenis, Natalie Heker, Rebecca Kahme, Zack Kleinbart, Julia Perry, Emily Pramer, and Anna Wolfe). While there are many incredible details of the trip that stand out in my mind, from our work in Congregation Beth Israel's storage pods to our drive up and down I-90 to view the devastation of the storm, our Shabbat spent with the Biloxi community to the stories we heard from those who survived Katrina, one of the most poignant pieces of the trip for me occurred inside the Beth Israel building where our students were asked to assist in removing the shul's memorial plaques – a process which involved painstakingly unscrewing the small metal plates and carefully wrapping them in protective paper lining.

Over the course of our time in Biloxi, TJC's students removed hundreds of these plaques – all of which will be moved into Beth Israel's new building once it is constructed and re-hung on the shul's new walls. Our students were the agents who allowed Beth Israel to preserve its past and carry it with them, quite literally, moving forward. I can only imagine the stories that will some day be told of these restored memorials – carried carefully from one building to the next in the aftermath of Katrina. Our students were truly the securities that allowed for the preservation of Beth Israel's rich history!

It was not only the physical work of saving the memorial plaques, however, that made our Siyyum Tichon students true securities and conduits of tradition, for Jews also know the importance of bearing witness and in so doing becoming vehicles to transmit stories of suffering in order to educate others. I hope that over the next few weeks many of you will have the opportunity to hear firsthand from our students and to view the incredible pictures that they took of our trip. As Chad, a local Biloxi musician and activist, told our group the most important thing that we can do is to go back and talk about our experiences, allowing others to learn from what we witnessed firsthand.

As the Festival of Lights approaches, I wish you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season and a month filled with brightness and warmth.

*L'Shalom,  
Rabbi Annie Tucker*

*Rabbi Tucker can be reached at  
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### Human Rights Day with Rabbi Melissa Weintraub Saturday, December 9

In honor of International Human Rights Day on December 9, The Jewish Center will be offering a day of programming devoted to issues of human dignity and civil liberties facilitated by Rabbi Melissa Weintraub, Director of Education and

Organizing for Rabbis for Human Rights – North America. Rabbi Weintraub, who has written and lectured extensively on the topic of the ethics of war, is the founder of the Jewish-Palestinian Encounter program in Jerusalem and a veteran of Jewish-Muslim and Israeli-Palestinian dialogue projects. Please join us Shabbat morning, when Rabbi Weintraub will be speaking on the subject of Judaism's commitment to social jus-

tice, and on Saturday afternoon when she will be leading a study session on issues of torture and human rights. For more information, please contact Rabbi Tucker at 609-921-0100, ext. 213 or atucker@thejewishcenter.org.

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# Siyyum Tichon in Biloxi - Kol Ha'kavod!



## Women's Reading group



Please join us on Tuesday, December 26 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Adult Library as we discuss **Peony** by Pearl Buck. **Peony** tells the story of a prominent Jewish family in nineteenth century China through the eyes of their Chinese bondmaid.

Feel free to come whether you liked the book or not, or even if you have not yet finished it. Our discussions are eclectic and often center around how the themes of the book relate to us as Jewish women on a personal level.

All of our books can be ordered online through TJC website at [www.the-jewishcenter.org](http://www.the-jewishcenter.org) where you can click on the Amazon link to earn a commission for The Center. Multiple copies of our selections are also available at Borders Bookstore and at the

Princeton Public Library on the Book Club table by the entrance. For a list of previous books or to arrange a ride over, please contact Louise Sandburg at [louise@sandsmith.com](mailto:louise@sandsmith.com) or 609-683-8395.



# JCW Women

The month of November continued to be busy and exciting for Jewish Center Women. We initiated our Torah Study Sessions with Rabbi Feldman and Rabbi Tucker on Thursday, November 9 for Mid-Day Midrash as we studied the text about Sarah, Abraham and Isaac. On November 19, we began our Sunday morning sessions. Many thanks to Tirza Wahrman for welcoming all of us into her home for such an interesting and educational discussion on Ecclesiastes. Our next Torah Study Session on Sunday, December 10 at 9:15 a.m. will continue our study of The Five Megillot and will focus on Esther. December's Mid-Day Midrash will be on Thursday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m. Whether you are an active participant or prefer to just listen and absorb...we welcome ALL to join us.

JCW's first cooking demonstration was a huge sold-out success! The head chef

from Hopewell's new restaurant, Blue Bottle Café, shared her incredible culinary talents. Thanks to Michal Scheer and Sue Kushner, our new Cooking Demo Co-chairs, for organizing this event. Also, thank you to Wendy Richmond for graciously opening her home to this group of JCW gourmet chefs.

Jewish Center Women is very pleased to be teaming up with Silver Circle on December 3 at 7:15 p.m. to present the movie screening of *Watermarks*, an inspiring documentary about a group of champion women swimmers from a Jewish sports club in Vienna who fled Austria to escape the Nazis. The film documents their reunion many years later and Greta Stanton, one of the swimmers, will join us for a discussion about the movie.

Womanspace is a non-profit agency in Mercer County serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Jewish Center Women is proud to represent TJC as we raise awareness of this critical social concern. Together with Womanspace and The Princeton Clergy Association, we will be participating in a

Service of Light and Hope at The Jewish Center on Thursday, December 14 at 5:45 p.m. Please join the community as we share our support by lighting a special candle... a powerful symbol of warmth, comfort and prayer for victims, survivors and their families.

Please join us for services on Saturday, January 20. We welcome all congregants to celebrate this special Shabbat which will be led by Jewish Center Women and will be honoring many of the extraordinary women of the Jewish Center.

If you are interested in getting involved in Jewish Center Women or would like to help us plan an upcoming event, please contact Randy Hubert at 609-252-9671 or [randykhubert@hotmail.com](mailto:randykhubert@hotmail.com) or contact Anne Rutman at 609-730-8166 or [jrskiapr@aol.com](mailto:jrskiapr@aol.com).

*B'Shalom,  
Randy Hubert and Anne Rutman  
Co-chairs, Jewish Center Women*

Join Us!

## JCW and Silver Circle Movie Night

Sunday, December 3 • 7:15 p.m.



## Religious School News

As always, there are so many activities to talk about with regard to what is happening in the Religious School. The Zayin Values class provided (shopped and paid for) 13 Thanksgiving meals for needy families through Jewish Family and Children's Service. The Bet classes had a program on *Molly's Pilgrim*, the story of a Russian Jewish immigrant child's acceptance into her class and community. The Vav families began a new Shabbat morning seminar and had several programs on B'nai Mitzvah with the Rabbis and the staff. The Dalets attended a Jewish environmental program with students from four other local congregations. These are just a few of the many activities and *mitzvot* taking place in the Religious School, but what stands out most is our recent trip to Biloxi, Mississippi.

On November 8, Rabbi Annie Tucker, Sue Weiner, Lara Weiner and I accompanied 12 tenth grade. Siyyum Tichon teens to Biloxi on a trip that we planned would combine community service, Shabbat observance with our friends at Congregation Beth Israel, and social activities. What turned out was an incredible experience for both the students and for us.

Our journey started on a rainy Wednesday, with flight cancellations, rerouting through Chicago and Memphis and lost luggage. We arrived in Biloxi late at night with very little and immediately understood what it must have been like for the residents to be without "their things", despite the fact that we were in a lovely hotel and had plenty to eat.

The next morning, in clothes from the day before, we met with Chad, a native of Biloxi, who told us about life on the Gulf Coast and sang songs he had written about Katrina and the aftermath. He also told us about the video he had made, the proceeds of which were used to help the renewal effort. After that, we went to Congregation Beth Israel and began to work at the synagogue. The students reorganized two storage pods at the site: unpacking, repacking and sorting scores of boxes of books, office supplies and ritual objects. They took down and packed

all of the memorial plaques and leaves from the Tree of Life, and cleaned up debris that was still left inside the synagogue. In a short time, they completed more than 60 hours of work. Their only complaint was that there wasn't more for them to do. The sense of camaraderie and accomplishment was very evident as the students worked together to complete the tasks were given. Our day ended with an "all you can eat" pizza restaurant and a trip to Island Strikes, the local bowling and entertainment center. Needless to say, our luggage did finally arrive.

On Friday, we toured the Biloxi coastal area, seeing emptiness in what was once a lively strip of hotels, casinos, restaurants, and beautiful homes. And although there is some new construction, we could still see twisted business signs, floor tiles where buildings once stood, shells of hotels with curtains and beds showing through broken window frames, and driveways and stairs leading to weed strewn lots where houses once stood. We also helped the local economy with visits to the rebuilt mall and to the supermarket for groceries for our Shabbat potluck supper with our new friends of Congregation Beth Israel. On returning to the hotel we prepared desserts, salads, pasta and garlic bread. Members of the Beth Israel Congregation joined us at our hotel for dinner, services and social time afterwards.

On Shabbat morning, we again had brunch and services with the congregants of Beth Israel. Rabbi Noah led the service, Rabbi Tucker read Torah, and all of the students had *aliyot*. In the afternoon, everyone relaxed in the pool and hot tub and visited a nearby casino to see an eye opening photo exhibit of *Biloxi: Before and after Katrina*. Fortunately for us, two casino employees spotted us and gave us a first hand explanation of the photo exhibit. Later in the afternoon we had a program with two Israeli women sent by Israel to do trauma counseling in Biloxi. Shabbat ended with Havdalah by the pool, Chinese food for supper and a trip to another casino to see *Cirque Dreams*.

Our trip home was uneventful with only one layover in Dallas-Fort Worth. We arrived back in New Jersey as we had left, in the rain, tired but excited about our experience and wanting to go back to do more. It will take years to rebuild Biloxi and we hope that other groups from The

Jewish Center will find their way there. The people of Biloxi were so appreciative, and everywhere we went, we were greeted with "Thank you for coming".

Our students are a very special group. Beginning with their commitment to make the trip, their willingness to do whatever chores needed doing and the desire to go back to do more showed *menchlikite* and maturity. They were outstanding representatives of The Jewish Center. Rabbi Tucker, Sue and I couldn't have been more proud.

*Hag Sameach!*  
*Fran Amir*

### December Dates:

#### **Saturday, December 2**

Tot Shabbat and Vav Family Seminar

#### **Sunday, December 3**

Teen Program at Federation Super Sunday

Zayin Family Program: Tallit Making

Vav Family Program #2 with the Rabbis

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

Year 2009 B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting

#### **Friday, December 8**

Family Service - 6:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, December 10**

Vav Family Program #3 with the Rabbis

Heh Mitzvah Mall

Madrichim Training Program

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

Year 2008 B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting

#### **Thursday, December 14**

Light a Candle for Womanspace at TJC  
5:45 p.m.

#### **Friday, December 15**

Shabbat Alive Service

Tichon Shabbat and Family Dinner

#### **Saturday, December 16**

Tot Shabbat and Vav Seminar

#### **Sunday, December 17**

School Hanukkah Programs

#### **Monday, December 18**

Family Hanukkah Supper Party

#### **Thursday, December 21**

Zayins Visit Seniors for Hanukkah

Last Day of Religious School

Sunday - Sunday, December 24 - 31

Religious School Winter Break

#### **Tuesday, January 2**

Religious School Classes Resume

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## Homosexuality and the Conservative Movement

December 6  
8:00 p.m.  
The Jewish Center

We stand at an exciting moment in time as the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS), the Conservative Movement's law making body, prepares to vote on four new *teshuvot* (legal position papers) regarding homosexuality, setting new policy on this issue for our movement. We will investigate the *halakhic* (Jewish legal) issues related to homosexuality, studying the arguments put forth by each *teshuvah*, the conclusions at which each paper arrives, the decision made by the Committee and how that will influence synagogue life at The Jewish Center.

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## Shalom!

We hope you and your family enjoyed the new *sukkah* this year! Thank you to ALL who helped with the building & disassembly of the *sukkah*, especially project foreman Josh Zinder and lead tool guys Milan Vaclavik and Gil Gordon.

The Jewish Center's Third Annual Touch Football Game was held in October. It was a heated, humorous, and most importantly, fun game, complete with cheerleaders and fans. Appropriately, the game ended in a tie with all the players being winners. Next year we'll have to videotape the game for America's Funniest Home Videos. Regarding a different type of football game; Congratulations to Joel Reichbart's Hamstring Hokies for their win against the previously undefeated Commish in the Men's Club 2006 Fantasy Football League.

On October 29, we had 82 people represent The Jewish Center at the New Jersey Race for the Cure. The team walked and ran to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Our Jewish Center team was the fourth largest community team and was given an award for the highest participant increase from 2005 to 2006. Thank you to Joan Levin and Jason Kay for coordinating our team's involvement.

In November our Educational Breakfast Seminar Series resumed with a presentation on "Resources & Planning for Adult Children of Elderly Parents". Thank you to Linda Meisel and Irv Urken for lending your time and expertise on this subject. All those present learned important steps to follow-up for themselves and their elderly parents. If you missed the seminar and want valuable information on this subject, feel free to contact Linda regarding available resources or Irv for planning and financial tools.

Please join us this winter for the next breakfast seminar on the Maccabi Games. We will hear from previous game participants and participate in an athletic demonstration.

We have a full schedule of events and activities planned for the coming months and joining the Men's Club has never been easier: Send your check for the annual amount of \$36 to The Jewish Center. You can drop said check off in the Main Office or you can sign up at any of our events. You can also contact Jeff Schneider or Ed Simon and have the dues included on your regular TJC billing statement.

If you are interested in learning more about the Men's Club, or would like to help in the planning of an established or new event, please contact Jeff Schneider or Ed Simon.

*Shalom,*

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## *Communities of Light* *Womanspace Community of Light Program*

Stand Up against Domestic Violence

Join JCW, Rabbi Feldman, with Rabbi Tucker,  
The Princeton Clergy Association and the Congregation  
for  
A Service of Light & Hope

Thursday December 14  
At TJC  
5:45 p.m.

The project which began in 2002 by Womanspace in Mercer County, continues to bring multiple New Jersey Counties together to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault and services available to victims and survivors in their communities. Hundreds of volunteers throughout New Jersey bring together neighborhoods, businesses faith-based and community organizations to illuminate the night and send the message that peace begins at home. Families who struggle in silence with violence in their homes will know that their community stands with them.

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# DARFUR

## DAY OF ACTION

### AT THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

by Michelle Alperin

Death is omnipresent and continuous in Darfur, whether from sickness and malnutrition or murder in cold blood. The numbers of dead range upwards of 200,000, and we call it a genocide; yet since the Washington rally last April not much has happened. But the echoes of Elie Wiesel's remarks at that rally remained with Rabbi Adam Feldman of The Jewish Center in Princeton: "There was no one there for us during our genocide; we need to be here now to respond to this genocide in Darfur." So he took action, inaugurating a community-wide interfaith effort with a Darfur Day of Action at the Holocaust Museum in Washington on November 15 to view both the permanent and Darfur exhibits and to hear experts speak about the situation in Darfur.

Almost 30 people from The Jewish Center, Nassau Presbyterian, Christian Science, and the wider Princeton community started the day by meeting with Congressman Rush Holt at the museum. Holt said that he finds the inaction in Darfur to be "unfathomable." He urged community members to press their elected officials at town meetings, through phone calls and office visits, and with letters to the editor, because although "most people think a U.N. peacekeeping force is necessary," nothing has happened.

Princeton High School senior Dan Weisman, whose mother Sally Weisman organized the trip with Alison Politziner, is angry at this lack of movement. He described watching CNN clips from 2004, 2005, and 2006 at the museum, where Bush and his cabinet members acknowledged what is happening in Darfur and asserted that something needs to be done and that the UN should be involved. "All the news stories are interchangeable," he observed, "and nothing substantive happens. It's the same officials saying the same things." It baffled him that in two to three years nothing has changed. "Everyone's saying the right things, but nothing is happening."

After speaking to Holt, the group listened to Darfur policy experts and activists and to a Holocaust survivor who told her



*The panel including Sarah Weisman (second from left).*

story. John Heffernan of the Holocaust Museum's Committee on Conscience is the Director of the Genocide Prevention Initiative. Describing the role of his department, he said, "We try to move people from memory to action," and he cited two primary goals: first, trying to prevent genocide by keeping their ears to the ground and consulting with policy professionals, government officials and nongovernmental organizers, and second, creating a community of conscience that is prepared to act against genocide.

The next speaker brought the Holocaust front and center, creating a chain of necessity from the past to the present. Manya Friedman was 13 and living in a town near the Polish-German border when the war began. For her the museum is both a memorial to those who died and a means of educating for the future to learn about the consequences of "hate, prejudice, racism, and disregard of human beings." As she told her story, the listeners could feel the options narrowing for her and her family as she moved from her town, through deportation, to life in the camps.

For Rabbi Annie Tucker, the memory of the Jewish experience during the Holocaust, brought into the present by Friedman and the museum itself, demands action today. "The museum hammers the message that we suffered genocide ourselves, and for that reason we have the responsibility to prevent it happening to other people," said Rabbi Tucker, who was also excited about working with other faith communities to help the people in Darfur. "Issues like this transcend religious boundaries and provide an opportunity to come together to work on an issue important to all of us."

For Reverend Dave Davis of the Nassau Presbyterian Church, the two hours tour-

ing the Holocaust exhibit was moving in a way that other modes of learning are not, and it raised some troubling questions for him. He mused that, as somewhat of a Calvinist, the sinfulness of humanity does not surprise him, yet the museum still affected him powerfully: "The breadth and magnitude of the exhibit forces us to encounter it in a way that history books do not," he said. The museum's exhibits also struck him and with something he hadn't wrestled with previously how much people in this country and the world knew about the Holocaust during World War II and yet chose not to respond. "Themes in the exhibit surrounding the lack of response to human suffering struck me as timeless," he asserted. "Darfur becomes the starkest example currently in the world."

Jill Wasserman, a member of The Jewish Center, is upset by the world's silence: "I find it outrageous that we can stand by and do nothing," she said, and added that perhaps this lack of response was fueled by racism, because the victims in Darfur are black.

The next speaker was John Prendergast, Senior Advisor to the International Crisis Group, who provided a policy perspective on Darfur. Although genocide conventions are vague, he said, they do specify that signatory states are committed to doing all they can to prevent or punish the crime of genocide. Punishment can serve as a tool, he believes, for changing the calculation of the regime in Khartoum. Moving to a legal perspective, he suggested that the International Criminal Court could be far more effective if the Bush administration could be persuaded to provide declassified intelligence to be used for indictments. In the economic arena, Prendergast has been working with Congress on a bill to place capital market sanctions on companies that do business with Sudan. Militarily, he talked about the urgency of high-level planning with NATO on deploying a force to protect civilians in Darfur, especially in light of the United States's loss of prestige and leverage around the world.

Dan Brent, a Princeton arbitrator and TJC member, appreciated this policy perspective. "The trip was worthwhile because of the briefing received from people analyzing the issues thoroughly, with full appreciation of the complexity of the situation," he said. "It gave us insight into how to focus community pressure to move the government and private entities to press

*Darfur Day of Action (continued on pg. 21)*

## Save the Date!

# Sarah Aroeste

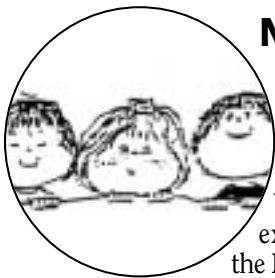
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Saturday, February 3  
7:00 p.m.

Sarah Aroeste, daughter of congregant Jane Silverman, inspired by her Sephardic heritage and roots from Salonika, Greece, is the leader of the Ladino Rock band, the Sarah Aroeste Band. Determined to help bring Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) music back to life for a new generation, Aroeste and her band fuse traditional Ladino folk songs music with contemporary influences such as rock, funk and blues. With its unique modern take, the Sarah Aroeste Band brings an updated, sexy new sound to Ladino and Sephardic music.

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## Nursery news

Hello everyone!  
Welcome to the exciting times at the Nursery School.

The Gift Boutique is now behind us, but what an awesome day it was. There are so many people I'd like to thank for making it the success that it was. First, to the parents who chaired a committee and all the volunteers who worked under their guidance, I greatly appreciate the time and effort you put forth and I truly thank you. To my colleagues who supported me in my time of total, controlled chaos, you'll never

know how grateful I am to have your support and friendship. Next, to those who came and shopped, all of you reading this article, without you we could not have reached the goals we set out for on that day. Thank you for your continued support of the Nursery School.

I am happy to announce that we have wholeheartedly begun our drive for the remodeling of the playground. Donations are graciously accepted. If you have any questions regarding the playground, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our hope is to create a playground for the use of all Jewish Center children to play and grow in a safe environment enhancing their physical, emotional and social skills. Thank you again to those who have already donated to this cause.

This month I look forward to sharing Shabbat Dinner on Friday, December 1, with my Nursery School families, Schmooze Time with Linda Meisel on Thursday, December 14, and our Nursery School Hanukkah Shows on Monday, December 18.

Please pass the word--registration at The Joan Levin Nursery School for the 2007-2008 school year is underway! I am available for tours and any questions about our program.

I wish you a very Happy Hanukkah. May the light from your menorah cast a warm glow on you and your family.

*B'Shalom,  
Gayle Wagner*

**Darfur Day of Action** (continued from pg. 5)

the Sudanese government.” He was also enthusiastic about the possibility of organizing the wider Princeton community around Darfur: “It was good for us to be together in the staging of the Holocaust Museum to create resolve for us in the Princeton area to take some action and not sit idly by as the situation deteriorates.”

The last part of the program was a short presentation by Sarah Weisman, a senior at George Washington University, former Princeton High School student and daughter of Sally Weisman. She shared a pragmatic list of possible actions to help Darfur: joining the Darfur Interfaith Network; participating in the national weekend of prayer and reflection for Darfur, December 8 to 10; being part of a student-sponsored national call-in day and letter-writing and lobbying days; holding rallies; raising money for humanitarian relief; showing films; writing letters to the editor of local papers; and sponsoring art or photo displays on Darfur.

The group who participated in the Darfur Day of Action discussed some possible projects and plans to meet to

solidify its next steps. Bob Duncan, a member of Nassau Presbyterian, has been involved in issue advocacy, including support for immigration reform and needle exchange and opposition to “what has become United States legal torture,” and this trip gave him the opportunity to learn more about advocacy on Darfur. He is hopeful that a Darfur action committee that involves all the faith communities in Princeton will be more effective than the efforts of a single institution. He sees the group's work as two pronged, the first being consciousness

raising, which will prepare participants for the second step, which is advocacy.

Reverend Davis also talked about the potential consequences of the Darfur Day of Action: “We need to process it and talk about it in relationship, set reasonable goals for local action, and recommit ourselves to politics in a democratic way where voices that are expressive of concern and rage about Darfur matter.”

*The group with Congressman Rush Holt at the Holocaust Museum (below).*



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# JEWISH CENTER WOMEN

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### **"Watermarks" – A Film Sunday, December 3**

7:15 p.m.

Join us for a film about a group of champion women swimmers from the Jewish sports club in Vienna who fled Austria to escape the Nazis. Sixty-five years later, the women reunite. Now in their eighties, the women return to the Vienna pool where they trained. The film captures the reunion and chronicles the athletes' stories.

### **Sunday Morning Torah Study – The Five Megillot with Rabbi Feldman and Rabbi Tucker**

Sunday mornings

December 10 – 9:15 a.m.

(*Esther*)

January 7 – 9:15 a.m.

(*Shir Ha'Shirim – The Song  
of Songs*)

February 11 – 11:00 a.m.

(*Ruth*)

April 15 – 9:00 a.m.

(*Eicha – Lamentations*)

### **Mid-Day Midrash with Rabbi Feldman and Rabbi Tucker**

Second Thursday of the month

December 14, January 11, February

8, March 8, April 12 & May 10

11:30 a.m.

Join our Rabbis as they teach this mid-day program where we will have the opportunity to examine some of the classic Biblical stories through the lens of the traditional rabbinic commentators. We will see how the rabbis understood the deeper meaning of these stories in their time and why they are still relevant for us to study today.

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*by Barbara and Frank Curran*

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*by Adeenah and Steven Yeger*

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In honor of

Special birthday of Rabbi David Wolf Silverman  
and Simhat Torah honors of Linda Milstein, Bob  
Garber and Randy Brett

*by Ruth Schulman*

Special birthday of Rabbi David Wolf Silverman  
*by Fran Frankel*

Linda Milstein

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In honor of

Bat Mitzvah anniversary of Sarah Devery  
*by Robby and Jack Devery*

### Shabbat Luncheon Fund

In honor of

Bar Mitzvah of Jason Perlman, Bat Mizvah of  
Samantha Miller  
*by Helaine and Hanan Isaacs*

### Silver Circle Scholarship Fund

In honor of

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### Social Concerns

In memory of

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*by The Paley Family*

Dr. Lloyd Nimaroff

*by Helaine and Hanan Isaacs*

### Torah Fund

In honor of

Engagement of Nicole Citron to Adam Koplan  
*by Linda and Walter Meyer*

In memory of

Dr. Lloyd Nimaroff

*by Linda and Walter Meyer*

### Tree of Life

In honor of

B'not Mitzvah of Cara W. Zeldis and Sydney A.S.  
Zeldis

*by Jerry Zeldis and Shary Stamm*

### Youth and Family Programs

In honor of

Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Goldstein  
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In memory of

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Edith Gelzer

*by Arnold Gelzer*

Fannie Laskin

*by Marian Leibowitz*

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## Mazel Tov

To Marcie and Marc Citron on the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Adam Coplan.

To Maxine and Steve Farmer on the marriage of their son, Jacob, to Jenna Moskowitz.

To Mindy and Corey Langer on the engagement of their daughter, Adinah, to Matt DeAngelis.

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## Condolences

To Robin Persky and her family on the loss of her father Dr. Lloyd Nimaroff.

To Karen Barmak and her family on the loss of her father, Herbert Chinich.

To Mitchell Schwartz and his family on the loss of his father, Bernard Schwartz.

To Sam Morgenstern and his family on the loss of his father, Bernard Morgenstern.

To Roslyn Vanderbilt and her family on the loss of her mother, Ina Gilbert.

**President's Message** (continued from pg. 1)

up among the sages, and I have found nothing better for a person than silence." Also, "The vehicle for wisdom is silence" (Ethics of the Fathers, 3:13). I found myself becoming intrigued and looking forward to what this silent experience might bring.

The virtues of silence are mentioned in other places as well. It is customary throughout the world to remember those who are no longer with us with a moment of silence. Silence in Judaism is associated with mourning as well. We don't speak to a mourner until he/she speaks to us first. This silence allows the mourner (and comforter) to collect their thoughts, and then have meaningful, purposeful conversation.

The dictionary defines silence as being the absence of noise, but the Torah defines silence as being the key to a positive and healthy relationship with God and oneself. In my week of silence I listened differently because I didn't need to hurry to form my response. I had much more time to be introspective, hear my own inner thoughts, hear the sounds of nature and to enjoy my own company. It

was empowering to have all this time to contemplate; it was truly quality time to listen, pause and reflect.

On the few times I ventured out, I definitely felt uncomfortable, and was surprised to realize that I had relied on my voice as a source of safety. Without it I felt vulnerable and unable to protect, explain or assert myself if necessary. After accidentally knocking into a woman with my grocery cart and apologizing with body language, it was obvious she remained annoyed. She seemed to view my silent response as a less than genuine apology. This made me aware of how easy it is to make judgments about others and how often we simply don't know what is going on in someone else's life.

I observed how others were uncomfortable with my own silence, and how we are all accustomed to having silence filled with noise. People responded to me differently; sometimes they whispered back to me, or spoke extra loudly, and on one occasion someone wrote out her response to me.

The surgery helped me in two ways. It not only improved my voice, but it gave me some time alone to contemplate and listen.

My inner conversations went deeper and were more honest, and I was grateful for this opportunity. For me, the cliché "silence is golden" took on a very special meaning.

You don't need to have vocal cord surgery to enter into your own temporary world of silence for a short while. If you do, you might find as I did that it was a bit unsettling but by far much more beneficial. It was a (blessedly brief) enforced retreat from the normalcy of noise, and thus was a welcomed and needed break from the routine.

My life is now back to its normal noise level - just in time to get ready for Hanukkah. May your time with family and friends during December be filled with relaxation, reconnection, and perhaps even a few brief moments of quiet.

Happy Hanukkah to you and yours!

*Shalom,  
Linda Grenis  
TJC President*

*Feel free to contact me at [LGrenis@aol.com](mailto:LGrenis@aol.com)  
or 609-497-1817.*

# *Heh Mitzvah Mall*

*Sunday, December 10*

During Religious School

The Heh classes will be selling tribute cards for several important charities in time for holiday sending. Honor family members, friends, teachers and those you care about by giving *tzedakah* in their honor. Cards are \$1, \$2 and \$3.



**TJC Religious School**

# **Annual Make a Hanukkah Contest**

## **Be as creative as you can be!**

**Bring all entries to the Religious School Office.**

# Youth News

*Shalom from Sue Weiner*

As I prepare for both my departure from The Jewish Center and the Thanksgiving holiday, I am thinking about a tradition my family has. We collectively come to the table with a list of things for which we are thankful. This year my list will include the wonderful friends and colleagues I have at The Jewish Center.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of getting to know you and your families through our shared experiences. My daughter, Lara, has grown up in our congregation and has felt the warmth and care from all of you, and for that I am grateful.

We are all so fortunate to be part of this wonderful Jewish community and I look forward with great anticipation to interacting once again

with all of you in my new position as JCC Program Director and Abrams Day Camp Director.

I won't say good-bye, but *l'hitra'ot* as I continue teaching in the Zayin class on Thursdays. Lara, of course, will happily remain in Kitah Yarok in the Nursery School.

*Happy Hanukkah!*  
*Sue Weiner*



## STUDENTS HELPING SENIORS 'THE MITZVAH OF GEMILUT HASIDIM ACTS OF KINDNESS

The snow is falling and everyone deserves a chance to get out of their house. Please be a part of this wonderful program at The Jewish Center.

- Students, let us know if you would like to shovel a neighbor's driveway or walkway
- Seniors, let us know if you need assistance

Please call Cyndi Kleinbart, Youth Committee Co-chair, at 609-921-0100, ext. 209. We will match you with someone in your neighborhood.

# Israel Affairs

## SHULHAN IVRIT B'PRINCETON - JOIN OUR HEBREW SPEAKING CLUB!

The Israel Affairs Committee is proud to sponsor *Shulhan Ivrit B'Princeton*, a monthly club for those of us in the community who want to practice our Hebrew language skills. So if you want to meet Sabras in our community or if you are planning a trip to Israel and want to brush up on your Hebrew or if you just want to hang out over coffee and dessert, please join us. All levels of Hebrew language proficiency are welcome!

Here are the details:

**Dates:** Thursday, November 30 &  
Thursday, December 14  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** The Jewish Center

## ISRAEL AFFAIRS STILL WANTS YOU!



We are still looking for your involvement in the Israel Affairs Committee. We recently had our kick off meeting and began planning events for our community including an AIPAC event, a Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration, an Israeli lecture series and more. But we still need help. If you would like to be involved in our committee, please contact Adam

Scheer by email at [israelaffairs@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:israelaffairs@thejewishcenter.org) or by phone at 609-903-5067.

*Shalom!*  
Adam Scheer  
Chair, Israel Affairs

# Social Concerns Update

Social Concerns and The Jewish Center have agreed to sponsor a refugee family who has been granted permission by the State Department to come to the United States from Burma. But this is only the beginning of a series of challenges.

Upon arrival they will need to find transitional housing, obtain employment, register for Social Security cards, undergo a medical screening, and learn to navigate their new community.

The primary need will be decent housing. The State Department provides \$425 per refugee to help them achieve self-sufficiency within 90 days. In New Jersey this doesn't even pay for a security deposit. Our committee is working to find affordable housing in Princeton.

### As sponsors we hope to provide:

- Temporary housing, food and clothing
- Assistance in finding and furnishing permanent housing
- Assistance in employment networking
- Orientation to the new community
- Transportation to and from a job, medical appointment, etc.
- Assistance in obtaining health services
- Financial assistance through cash donations for miscellaneous needs

If you would like to be part of the committee to welcome this family, come to a training to learn more, or can help with any of the above, please contact Louise Sandburg at: 609-683-8395 or [louise@sandsmith.com](mailto:louise@sandsmith.com)

### Two frequently asked questions about refugees

- Who is a refugee?

Generally, a refugee is a person who has fled his/her country because of fear of persecution. "for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion." Once refugee status is granted, they are immediately eligible to work, after one year to get a green card and five years after arrival, to apply for US Citizenship.

- What is the difference between refugees and immigrants?

Refugees have fled because of persecution while immigrants have left their home countries for other reasons.

For additional information about our Social Concerns Committee and this special project, please contact Arlene Opatut, Social Concerns Co-chair, at [amjopatut@aol.com](mailto:amjopatut@aol.com).

# Makom T'fillah:

A Place for Prayer and Healing

Please join us on

Thursday, December 14  
at 7:30 p.m.

for what will become a  
regular series of TJC healing services.

Designed for caretakers and family members as well as individuals grappling with physical illness, depression and anxiety, and other kinds of challenges, *Makom T'fillah* will provide a space to join together in prayer with hopes for healing and to support one another through some of life's more difficult moments. The service will last for approximately 30 minutes and is open to the entire congregation (and the community at large), whether one is in need of healing or simply looking for a quiet place for prayer. Please contact Rabbi Annie Tucker, atucker@thejewishcenter.org or 609-921-0100, ext. 213, for further information.



# SHABBAT ALIVE

Please join us on

Friday evening,  
December 15,

for a singing, swinging  
Kabbalat Shabbat with  
Cantor Simon and the  
Shabbat Alive Band.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Jewish Family & Children's Service  
of Greater Mercer County**

invites you to a

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

**DEMITRI PAPOLOS, MD**

presents

# **UNDERSTANDING THE BIPOLAR CHILD**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2007**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Adath Israel Congregation • 1958 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ

Papolos is co-author with his wife, Janice, of *The Bipolar Child: A Comprehensive and Reassuring Guide to Childhood's Most Misunderstood Disorder*

The book was featured on *ABC News' 20/20*, the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *NPR's "The Infinite Mind"* and in *Time Magazine*.

There is no fee for this program.

Please RSVP to Debra H. Levenstein at 609-987-8100 or [debral@jfcsonline.org](mailto:debral@jfcsonline.org).

This program is co-sponsored by NAMI of Mercer County.



# Princeton scholars

**THE JESS EPSTEIN  
LUNCH - AND - LEARN  
WITH  
PRINCETON SCHOLARS SERIES  
Tuesday, December 19  
Noon to 1:20 p.m.**

Bring a friend and a bag dairy lunch to The Jewish Center at noon on Tuesday, December 19, to learn about the many ways Jewish families are being affected by

the economy, the conflict in the Middle East and conditions in Israel.

The speaker at the monthly Jess Epstein Lunch-and-Learn with Princeton Scholars will be Linda Meisel, Executive Director of Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County, who has more than two decades of experience counseling families. Her talk, entitled "21st Century Issues Impacting on Jewish Families", will begin at 12:20 p.m.

A licensed clinical social worker, Linda Meisel joined the agency after 10 years of service as Executive Director of Corner House Counseling Center in Princeton. A native of Brooklyn and a graduate of Brooklyn College, she received her master's degree in social work from Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work.

As Director of Jewish Family and Children's Services, Linda heads up an agency staff of licensed social workers who provide comprehensive, non-discrimina-

tory, affordable, and accessible services.

Among the many services are counseling, planning and therapy, senior services, financial assistance, geriatric assessments and customized care, support services for Holocaust survivors, programs for families with special needs, community education, and outreach.

Jewish Family and Children's Services is a beneficiary agency of the United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks and receives funding from the United Way of Greater Mercer County.

Chair David Atkin announced that the speaker for the Tuesday, January 16 Lunch-and-Learn meeting will be Dr. Charles L. Rojer who will discuss his memories as a Holocaust survivor.

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For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please contact Dr. Howard Rosenblatt, Head of School at 732-238-7971. Learn more about us by visiting [www.ssdsv.org](http://www.ssdsv.org) 511 Rydors Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

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## Bikur Cholim

*"Acts of kindness are among those things that have no limits." Mishnah Peah 1*

The Bikur Cholim Committee provides a variety of functions which help our Jewish Center family in need. We are comprised of a group of people ready to assist when a fellow congregant requires help due to an illness or disability. The kinds of things we've done for one another in the past and are planning for the future are:

- \*sending get well cards to congregants
- \*driving people to and from hospital procedures
- \*picking up medicine from the pharmacy
- \*supermarket shopping
- \*bringing meals
- \*visiting people in the hospitals and in the senior care facilities
- \*organizing a blood drive
- \*doing errands

We ask that if you or a family member are hospitalized anywhere that you call The Jewish Center office and let us know. Helen or Janice will then notify Alison and Margie, Co-chairs of the Bikur Cholim Committee, and an email will go to the entire committee asking for volunteers to make a hospital visit or do whatever may be helpful.

Please call Alison Politziner, 609-924-3066, or Margie Atwater, 732-398-9761, for more information.

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Monroe.

Ronni Davidson. 46 Florence Lane,  
Princeton.



*is pleased to present*

## **The Nature of Existence**

*Photographs by*

# **Maia Reim & Gil Gordon**

**Exhibition: Now through January 7**

**Reception for the Artists:**

**Sunday, December 10**

**3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

The Jewish Center has many talented artists among its members, and this month we are delighted to present the work of two friends and photographers: Maia Reim and Gil Gordon.

Maia Reim lives in Skillman, works as an art director at Princeton University Press, and has been a Jewish Center member for almost 20 years. She has both undergraduate and graduate degrees in fine arts. Encouraged by her father, a talented darkroom hobbyist, she began taking photographs over 40 years ago. The work she has selected for this exhibition includes landscapes, many taken close to home – a sagging barn, a fog shrouded field, a rusty abandoned bike. Quiet, still, and beautiful, they have the power to give viewers a welcome moment of respite from the hectic world we live in.

“Making photographic images is my way of sorting through my own inner feelings,” says Maia. “Two major themes run through my

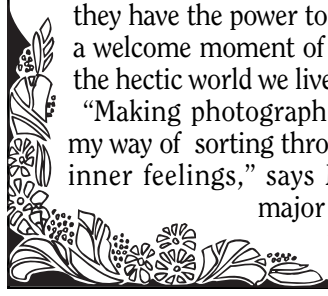
work. I am drawn to natural scenes in which humans are involved only as witnesses, in which we must recognize forces higher and more enduring than ourselves and consider our place within that scheme. As a counterpoint to this, I also focus on places and things created by humans and then abandoned, left behind with their history of use and abuse, in which the temporality of our lives is revealed and explored.”

Gil Gordon lives in South Brunswick and runs his own consulting company that specializes in telecommuting. He currently serves on the Board of The Jewish Center as VP of Religious Affairs. Mr. Gordon is a relative latecomer to photography, only becoming seriously hooked after taking several workshops in the 1990s. His photographs are views of the magnificent landscapes of the Southwestern United States.

“There is something profoundly uplifting and purifying about spending time in the Southwest. The spaciousness, the solitude, and the sheer vastness of the

landforms are so alien to those of us who have spent most of our lives in the Northeast,” says Gil. He tries to travel to the area at least once a year, as part of the eclectic, ecumenical group that came together through the photography workshops. “On almost every trip, we come upon a particularly inspiring, and jaw-droppingly beautiful setting and, together – Jew, Episcopalian, Catholic, Mormon and Protestant – offer some words of prayer for being the recipients of the gift of natural beauty that God has put before us.”

Come enjoy these inspiring photographs, nibble on a cookie or cheese and crackers, and talk to the photographers about their work at a reception for the artists on Sunday, December 10 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Maia Reim will also have additional work to show from her portfolio at the reception. All Jewish Center members and the general public are welcome to this free event. For more information, contact Gallery curator Jennifer Cadoff at 609-497-0635.



## **UPCOMING SINGLES EVENTS AT TJC**

The Jewish Center Singles are meeting and enjoying Jewish Storytelling after Kabbalat Shabbat Services on selected Friday evenings.

There are two different kinds of gatherings. One includes only adult singles, while the other includes singles and their children, ages 10 and older.

We meet at The Jewish Center. The

event is free and open to the public. One need not be a congregant to attend and all ages are welcome.

### **December 8**

Singles WITH children (10 and older)

Come and enjoy our Family Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:30 p.m. followed by Kiddush and storytelling.

### **December 15**

Singles without children

### **January 12**

Singles with children

### **January 19**

Singles without children

# The Annual Fund Committee



The response to The Jewish Center Annual Fund has been gratifying, but we are not finished yet. Less than half of our congregants have made their pledge. Your participation remains as important as ever and we ask you to consider making a pledge at this time, if you have not already done so.

We have always been a community that generously gives to a wide variety of causes. It is encouraging that more people now see The Jewish Center as an institution that deserves additional support. Meeting, and hopefully exceeding, our goal will allow us to end the financial deficits we have had over the past several years and eventually build our cash reserves. We can then set the stage for the enhancement of our programming and improvements to our facilities.

Your participation in The Annual Fund is important at any level of giving.

Our success will only be complete if this is a true congregational accomplishment. Please make your pledge in the next few weeks - - the deadline is December 31. ( Payment may be made at a later time.)

We hope to hear from you soon.

## Annual Fund Gift Contributions

<i>Giborim - Heroes</i>	<i>\$5,400 and above</i>
<i>Amudim - Pillars</i>	<i>\$3,600 and above</i>
<i>Shomrim - Guardians</i>	<i>\$1,800 and above</i>
<i>Bonim - Builders</i>	<i>\$900 and above</i>
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<i>Haverim - Friends</i>	<i>\$180 - \$500</i>

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## Thanks for supporting The Jewish Center of Our Lives!

The following congregants have contributed to our Annual Fund. (We have also included Sustaining Members.) We look forward to many more congregants joining this distinguished list.

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# Be COOL Come to SHUL!

## December 2

Jr. Congregation Heh L T 1 & 2  
Mini Minyan  
Tot Shabbat

## December 8

Family Service - 6:00 p.m.

## December 9

Jr. Congregation - Dalet L W  
Mini-Minyan

## December 16

Jr. Congregation - Gimmel L T  
Mini-Minyan  
Tot Shabbat

## December 23 and 31

Jr. Congregation - Gimmel L T  
Services in Main Sanctuary

Mazal Tov to our first  
Mini-Minyanaires this year:  
**Dena Feldman and Talia Feldman**

*Todah rabbah* to the following families  
for sponsoring a Kiddush at a  
Children's Service:

Randy and Steven Hubert in honor of  
their daughter Carly's fourth birthday;  
Jen and Jeremy Black in honor of their  
daughter Shira's fourth birthday.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush  
at any of the Children's Services, please  
contact Ellen Pristach at the Religious  
School, 609-921-7202, or by email at  
EBPecteach@aol.com.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program with Rabbi Feldman, Cantor Simon, Rabbi Tucker, and Nancy Lewis

*Sunday mornings - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.*

Join us for this special two-year program encompassing Jewish studies, Hebrew reading, prayer and Torah and culminating in a B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. There is still time to join!

## Jewish Center Women

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# Shalach Manot Baskets

There are three mitzvot of Purim:

1. Sending mishloach manot baskets  
to friends and family
2. Giving tzedakah

3. Hearing the reading of the Megillah.

You can accomplish two of these three mitzvot  
just by participating.

2007 Shaloch Manot order forms are coming in  
the mail soon.

Orders are due by January 15.

Any questions, contact the  
JCW Shalach Manot chairs,

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