



Rabbi's message

good family time as well. After a wonderful programming and educational year for our congregation, I hope that in this new year we will be able to accomplish even more and continue to grow together as a community.

As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, I want to share with you a *midrash* about the name *Rosh Hashanah* ראש השנה. We usually translate these words as the beginning of the year. The word *Rosh* ראש means head or beginning like the head of our bodies or the beginning of the year. The word *Shanah* שנה can have various meanings in addition to year, the one most of us know.

Every Hebrew word has its root letters and the root letters for *Shanah* שנה are *Shin*, נ *Nun* and ה *Hey*. In addition to meaning year, these letters can also be put together to create the word שני *Sheni* – as in second. In a sense, that is what a year is. It is a time to do things for a second time (or sometimes more). It is a time to do things the same

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“...a time for reflection...”

The summer is always a time for reflection and it allows many of us to take a step back from our busy lives during the year and reflect. I know that I had the opportunity this summer to do so and I like to think of this as a time to recharge my battery and refocus on the important things that we do here at The Jewish Center. I had good times this summer with my family and I even had a chance to play some golf. I hope that whatever you did this summer, you find the time to relax and enjoy some

Worship Schedule Fridays - 6:30 p.m. Saturdays - 9:45 a.m.
Minyan Schedule Sun. - 8:30 a.m. Wed. - 7:00 a.m.
Library Service Saturdays, September 9, 16, & 30 - 10:20 a.m.
HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE SELICHOT - Saturday, September 16 ROSH HASHANAH - Saturday, September 23 Sunday, September 24 KOL NIDRE - Sunday, October 1 YOM KIPPUR - Monday, October 2 <small>(Please check your tickets for the times and locations of all services.)</small>

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Schedule

- Saturday, September 2**
Blair Nathanson (5:30 p.m.)
Daughter of Marcia and Barry Nathanson
- Saturday, September 9**
Samantha Miller
Daughter of Lisa and Jeffrey Miller
- Saturday, September 16**
Jason Perlman (a.m.)
Son of Laura and Eric Perlman
Jaclyn Kaslovsky (5:30 p.m.)
Daughter of Barbara and Richard Kaslovsky
- Saturday, September 30**
Jonathan Ostroff
Son of Holly Ostroff and Mark Ostroff

Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting

- September 1 ... 7:12 p.m.
September 8 ... 7:01 p.m.
September 15 ... 6:49 p.m.
September 22 ... 6:38 p.m.
September 23 ... 7:41 p.m.
September 29 ... 6:26 p.m.
October 1 ... 6:24 p.m.



President's message

Thinking of the Fall Season...

My summer has been very relaxing. Having longer days and fewer carpools allowed me more time for myself, and I have been able to cross many things off my “to do” list. And now, I am very excited for September - Our son Ricky will be leaving shortly to begin his freshman year at the University of Chicago. But that is not why I am excited!

Although the staff and board were very busy planning and getting organized in the last three months, there is a quietness that prevails at The Jewish Center during the summer. I miss the hustle and bustle. I

miss coming to TJC and seeing the Nursery children busy at play on the playground. I miss the Religious School children socializing with their friends and hanging out in the Youth Lounge. I miss the busy-ness of a typical weeknight at TJC, when there is usually a plethora of meetings and programs going on. I miss the students coming and going as they meet with their B'nai Mitzvah tutor, or hearing the beautiful sounds of our choirs rehearsing. I miss our congregational luncheons that allow me to catch up with friends and community members.

I enjoy coming to shul and conversing with members and making new friends. I appreciate all the ideas and feedback I receive and I especially enjoy sharing life's joys, struggles and life cycle events with

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Cantor's notes

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH SONG

Our congregation along with Jews all over the world will gather in the greatest numbers of the year to worship on the High Holy Days. The logistics as well as the liturgy of the services are the most complicated of the year. The *Amidah* for the Rosh HaShanah *Musaf* Service is the longest one of the year. There are many insertions of *piyyutim* or complex medieval poetry in the High Holy Day prayer book which are very obtuse. How can we come together as a praying community at services which are the least familiar to us? It's especially difficult on the High Holy Days to accomplish this.

In July, I attended the 17th Annual North American Jewish Choral Festival. I witnessed with my own eyes and ears how a disparate plurality of people (over 450 in attendance) became a unified entity with a common purpose the minute they began singing together. Nothing brings a community together more than when it is singing together. I believe that music, and especially song wedded to prayers, has that power. Even unfamiliar prayers can be uplifted on wings of song with beautiful and moving melody. In the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "Song is the most intimate expression of man. In no other way does man reveal himself so completely as in the way he sings. For the voice of a person, particularly when in song, is the soul in its full nakedness."

Some of the melodies of the High Holy Days are so venerable that they are called *mi-Sinai* tunes, which is to say that they seem to have originated at Mt. Sinai with Moses. We know that this is not the case, but the melody for Kol Nidre, for example, which dates back to medieval times as well as many other High Holy Day melodic motifs are certainly centuries old. These musical themes, expressing by turn every mood of the Jewish soul, constitute a veritable symphony in the service. The Kol Nidre melody itself has inspired classical composers such as Ludwig von Beethoven and Max Bruch (19th century) and Arnold Schoenberg and Ernest Bloch (20th century) who have used its time-worn themes in musical compositions.

Keeping with the premise that music can bring us together as a praying community, we will, once again this year before the Kol Nidre Service, meditate while we listen to Max Bruch's composition entitled Kol Nidre for cello and keyboard played before the service begins.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Alistair MacRae, cello, and Ms. Galina Prilutskiy, keyboard, perform this moving piece for us thus creating the proper mood for our Kol Nidre Service. It never fails to amaze me how listening to this beautiful musical setting before we begin the most solemn service of the year transforms a chaotic gathering into a praying community. I know that music has the power to accomplish this.

Toby, Rebecca and I extend to all of you our best wishes for 5767. May it be a year of good health, contentment and fulfillment. *Shanah Tovah!*

*Melodically yours,
Cantor Murray E. Simon*

Prospective Member Open House At The Jewish Center September 10th



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- Adult Ed Lecture or Series \$300-\$600
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- Donation toward Youth Lounge Recreational Equipment
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Simchat Torah Honorees Named

One of the highlights of the High Holiday season each year is on Simchat Torah morning when we celebrate the completion of the Torah reading and immediately start reading from the beginning again. Each year our congregation pays special tribute to three distinguished members by offering them the final *aliyah* at the end of the Torah (*Hatan/Kallat Torah*), the first *aliyah* at the beginning of the Torah (*Hatan/Kallat Bereshit*) and the Haftarah (*Hatan/Kallat Maftir*). Each of these people will be called to the Torah

in a very special way to demonstrate the significance of each *aliyah*. The words *Hatan* and *Kallah* are used to refer to the bride or bridegroom of the Torah to demonstrate the special love we have for the Torah and the sacredness of the relationship between the Jewish people and God's Torah.

This year at our Simchat Torah services on Sunday morning, October 15, our honorees will be Randy Brett (*Hatan Torah*), Bob Garber (*Hatan Bereshit*) and Linda Milstein (Kallat Maftir)

We are honoring these three hard-working congregants in recognition of their devoted service over the past few

years. Linda has just stepped down as Co-chair of the Religious Affairs Committee, Bob has been a Trustee and Randy completed his second year as Vice President of Finance. All of them have made numerous contributions that will benefit the congregation for many years to come, and we are pleased to be able to acknowledge all their hard work.

Please plan to join us at our Simchat Torah services on Sunday morning, October 15 when Bob, Linda and Randy are duly recognized for the many ways in which they have helped improve The Jewish Center.



Library

Our library catalog system is unique, but it works, so don't let it faze you. First there are about 20 categories, designated by a letter or two, e.g., A for General Works, B for Bible, H for History, etc. These are generally in alphabetical order and most are identified by a label on the edge of the shelf. Then there is a three digit number that denotes a subgroup in the category. These are somewhat arbitrary, but provide an organizing framework. Finally there are the initial three letters of the author's last name—except that for biographies, we use the subject's name. This should make it easy to find a book, but don't use it to replace a book that you have borrowed—we will do that for you after we have checked off your record.

Recent acquisitions:

The Jews of Eastern Europe, 1772-1881 by Israel Bartal. Tracing the transformation of a traditional society to one more open to its surrounding cultures while revealing the roots of Jewish modernity.

The Believer by Henry Bean. DVD movie portraying a young Jewish man living an impossible contradiction as a neo-Nazi. Gift of Ellie Schweber.

How to Read the Bible by Marc Zvi Brettler. A unique introduction to the Bible for contemporary readers opening up the cultural context and historical background of the age in which it was born.

Kabbalah: A Very Short Introduction by Joseph Dan. A concise look at the history and character of the various Kabbalah systems that have developed.

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Talking With Christians: Musings of a Jewish Theologian by David Novak. Reflections that explore the central theological concerns of Judaism and Christianity.

After the Apple by Naomi Harris Rosenblatt. Women in the Bible—timeless stories of love, lust and longing.

The following item is missing. If you have it, please return it promptly to the box on the Library desk.

Rights from Wrongs by Alan Dershowitz

Women's Reading group



Please join us on Monday, September 18 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Adult Library as we discuss ***Breaking Trail*** by Arlene Blum. The book recounts the author's mountain

climbing expeditions as well as her difficult childhood, discovery of climbing, struggles with chauvinistic colleagues and work as a research scientist. The book has been called "a unique adventure memoir, not only of mountains climbed, but of a life carefully examined."

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.thejewishcenter.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 or 609-683-8395.

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you. Knowing that the High Holy Days are approaching brings me great pleasure. I look forward to the many opportunities for us to come together both spiritually and socially. And that is what I am excited about. So, while I am sad to bid farewell to summer (and to our son Ricky), I look forward to all the exciting programs, activities and opportunities about to unfold at TJC this fall.

Summer is also time for renewal, and I am pleased to tell you that we have a professional staff which is committed to continuing its learning and growth. This summer Bill Agress, Fran Amir, Sherry Barsky, Lynda Rajfer, Wilma Solomon, Ronni Ticker, Gayle Wagner, and Sue Weiner attended The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) 31st annual conference held in North Carolina. The theme of the conference was "Jewish Literacy: A Learned Community and Community of Learners". The conference focused on what it takes and what it means to be Jewishly literate. I am eager to hear about what they learned and how it will influence the education of our children of all ages.

We enter the fall feeling secure in our relationship with Rabbi Feldman. His involvement with us has energized our community and we will continue to capitalize on this energy. With the addition of Rabbi Tucker we will have many new programs and learning opportunities to look forward to.

Join us for our early fall activities:

- September kicks off with the Second Annual Block Party and Maccabi Mania on September 10. There will be something for everyone and it will be a great day to come and say hello. A Prospective Member Open House is also planned for September 10.
- Watch for our new patio made with Jerusalem stone, to be installed shortly in the courtyard between the two buildings.
- We are looking forward to a brand new sukkah to decorate and celebrate in.
- We officially install Rabbi Tucker on October 21 and hope you will be part of this wonderful ceremony and celebration.
- Save November 15 for our Darfur Day of Action at the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C.

- On the afternoon of October 29 we are co-sponsoring a "Day of Learning" with the Jewish Theological Seminary. This conference, being held at TJC, promises to be very interesting and worthwhile.
- Join Men's Club and JCW's Team for the Race for the Cure which will be held on October 29 in the morning.
- A new adult B'nai Mitzvah class will begin this fall taught in the beginning by Rabbi Tucker and Nancy Lewis. (I highly recommend this class!)
- On November 25 we will honor Joan Levin for her leadership and commitment to our Nursery School.
- Cantor Simon and Fran Amir are both celebrating their 10-year anniversaries at TJC.
- The Youth Group is putting on a musical production and it is sure to be a hit.
- Jewish Center Women is having a monthly study group on Thursdays
- A new membership directory will be published this fall for our members.

This list is only the beginning - it is truly amazing how much will go on at TJC these next few months. I hope you will find your niche and get involved. Be sure to read your newsletter and emails so you don't miss out. Coming soon, our newsletter will be available online at www.thejewishcenter.org. Our full synagogue on Shabbat and all the activities and programs we offer are a testimony to the wonderful community that we have created.

With all of the services, programs and activities offered at TJC, we are fortunate to be in a stable financial condition. We are committed to continuing to provide and enhance the programming and spiritual services that our members expect. I want to remind you that our dues alone do not cover our expenses and we rely on your contributions. This year we are embarking on a new fundraising campaign and have already kicked off our new Annual Fund. With this new concept we ask you to give as generously as you can, once per year. We hope that the Annual Fund can take the place of, and in fact be more successful than, our Kol Nidre Appeal, Sustaining Dues Program and Annual Fundraiser together.

We will of course continue to have a variety of social events, but the focus will be on creating community events that are interesting and fun but where fundraising is not the focal point. We feel confident that a more direct approach to fundraising will

increase our success and enable us to spend more time focusing on the content of our programs and the quality of our services. When you receive your letter or phone call to contribute to the Annual Fund I hope you will contribute as much as you can. After all, this is The Jewish Center of our lives.

Our Board of Directors meets every month. The dates and times of these meetings are always in the newsletter and they are open to the congregation. Please feel free to attend a Board meeting. All of the committees are working hard to get organized for the year to plan events and programs. Please call me and let me know what committee you are interested in serving on. No previous experience or training is necessary - just your willingness to help enrich your own life and the lives of our members.

I look forward to a sweet new year, ritually and spiritually fulfilling, with exciting educational opportunities and full of growth as a person and as a Jew.

Shanah Tovah from my family to yours,
Linda Grenis
TJC President

Feel free to contact me at LGrenis@aol.com or 609-497-1817.

P.S. If you have a child, as I do, going away to school, help them stay connected. Call Sue Weiner and give them your child's e-mail and regular mailing address. We will put them on the email list and send them our newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars

**The entire Congregation
is invited to attend**

**the Installation of
Rabbi Anne E. Tucker
as Assistant Rabbi of
The Jewish Center
Shabbat Services**

October 21, 2006

9:45 a.m.

Kiddush Luncheon to follow

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We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support The Jewish Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

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60th wedding anniversary of Cy and Jackie Meisel and speedy recovery of Rabbi David Silverman

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by Lisa and Jeffrey Miller

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Marriage of Nili Chernikoff to Ezra Auerbach

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against domestic violence in the Jewish community."*



Misery Beyond the Mezuzah

Wednesday, October 25

The Jewish Center

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Optional kosher boxed dinners will be served at 5:30 p.m.*

Book sales and signings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Caryn Goldenberg at JFCS, 609-987-8100, or caryng@jfcsonline.org

Co-sponsored with the Center for Jewish Life at Princeton University

There is no fee for this program, though donations are welcome.



PRINCETON-TIKVAT HA' ATID'S CAFÉ HADASSAH AND NEW MEMBER PROGRAM

September 19, at 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Speaker and Rebitson Shoshana Farhi from the Edmund J. Safra Synagogue in Deal, NJ will address "Words that Build, Words that Heal — What You **MUST** Say, What You **SHOULDN'T** Say, and What You **CAN'T** say." This program lends rich discussion and materials on the negative outcomes of gossip, also referred to as "loshen hora.."

WHERE

Home of Margie Aretz, 109 Rolling Hill Road, Skillman, NJ, 609-466-3222.

RSVP

By September 12th to Eva Tootleman at tootleberg1@comcast.net or 609-936-8834 or to Karen Brodsky at karenbrodsky@comcast.net or 609-716-8844.

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*for 10 years of hard work and
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We are most appreciative!

Save The Date:

**November 15, 2006
Darfur Day of Action**

Join us and the Princeton Community as we visit The Holocaust Museum in Washington. We will tour the museum, learn about the role of the Committee of Conscience and discuss the current crisis in Darfur. Watch your mail for details.

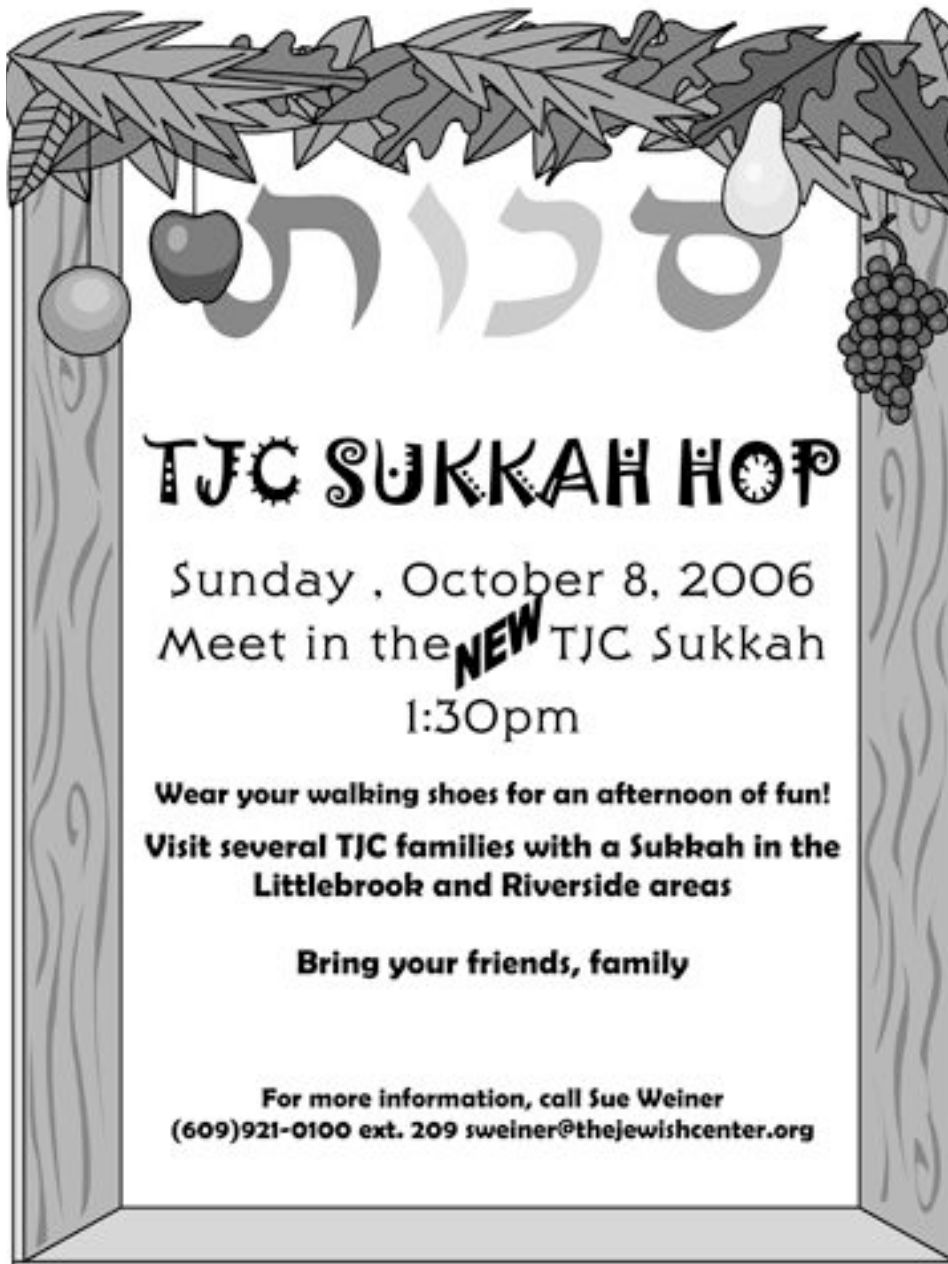
**The Keruv
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**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE
PLANNING AN
IMPORTANT EVENT**

The Keruv Committee which deals with the issues facing interfaith families is planning a session for October entitled "The Most Important Aspects of Judaism". It will be led by one of our rabbis and will feature time for questions and comments. Interfaith families and those curious about what is central to Judaism are encouraged to attend. Look for the date and place in next month's newsletter.

For more information about the event, the Keruv Committee or interfaith issues in general, please contact the co-chairs, Heidi Kahme at hkahme@aol.com or Bob Seidenstein at rseid@msn.com.

*The Board of Directors, Clergy,
and Staff of The Jewish Center
wish you a happy and healthy
New Year. Shanah Tovah!*



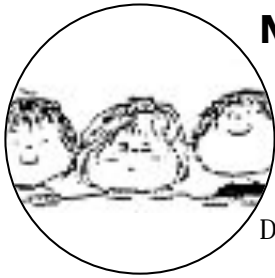
TJC SUKKAH HOP

Sunday, October 8, 2006
Meet in the **NEW** TJC Sukkah
1:30pm

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Nursery news

Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that I write this newsletter to kick off the 2006-07 school year. I love new beginnings and each year at this time, I find excitement in all that I do to prepare for the upcoming year. I look forward to working with familiar families, children and staff and for a chance to welcome all the new Nursery School students and their families as well.

There are many new things to report—especially the renaming of our Nursery School. I am sure you have all read about this in the letter sent to you from Linda Grenis. In honoring Joan Levin, a founder of the Nursery School and the director for 20 years, the school will proudly carry her name and be known as The Joan Levin Nursery School at The Jewish Center.

Also new this year, I am glad to establish an enrichment program for our students. Various classes will be offered to our children at the completion of the regular day of school. The first series will include The Fun Bus, Mad Science and a Cooking Class. Information on The Fun Bus and Mad Science will be available for your review at our Open House on September 10. More information about these enrichment programs will be distributed to you at the beginning of school. While I am mentioning dates, be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday evening, September 7, for Back-To-School Night. All this information can be found in your Nursery School packet that you received in the mail. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Nursery School office.

This year, our students will be introduced to a new program of storytelling along with a Hebrew segment taught by Irit Harris. How lucky all the classes are to share in the love Irit has to offer.

So, has the summer been leisurely? No. Has it been exciting? Yes! New ideas are

always in the making. The plans are in place and final details are being pulled together for a fabulous year ahead.

I extend an invitation to all the parents to get involved. Our Parent Association is growing, the new Playground Campaign is ready to explode and we need your help and support. Our Gift Boutique has been in the planning mode for months now. There are so many things happening to gear up for this new school year and I am anxious to be able to be a part of all of it. Enjoy the last few days of your summer and get ready for a year filled with new beginnings.

May we share many sweet days together that will last in fond memories of your child's Nursery School experience.

I'll be waiting to greet you at the door.

*Shanah Tovah!
Gayle Wagner*

Please Note:

The Nursery School is still accepting enrollment for September in all age levels.

Save the Date! Nursery Gift Boutique

Tuesday, November 7.

*Watch for further
details.*

Calling all High School Students!!

If you like to sing and want to participate in an international Jewish High School Choir, this is for you. HaZamir, a consortium of Jewish high school choirs is in its fourteenth year. Choirs from the United States (Boston, Manhattan, North Jersey, Philadelphia, California) as well as London, Madrid and Montreal practice throughout the year in their own town and give concerts. At the end of the year, they perform in a central location together and give a great concert.

This is a great opportunity to meet and sing with other Jewish high school students as well as a chance to learn and sing super Jewish choral music. Last year the concert was held at Carnegie Hall with hundreds of singers. Contact Robin Wallack for more information and to see the DVD of HaZamir at 609-924-0330 or 609-683-8505.

Congregational Trip to Israel

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and Sara Bucholtz*
July 1-July 13, 2007

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to Eilat

(return home July 16, 2007)

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Additional discounts may apply

To view the itinerary and to register for the trip, go to www.thejewishcenter.org or pick up a copy from the Main Office (Note- deposits and registrations will be handled directly by Educational Encounters International)

* Under the organization of Keshet: The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel

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Payment must accompany this form for your order to be processed. Any questions? Contact Geri Schonberger at 609-430-1848.



Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Email _____

I would like to order Grocery Gelt (please check all that apply):

McCaffrey's Dollar Amount (in \$10's) _____

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Payment: Check enclosed _____ Credit Card _____

Credit Card Type: Mastercard _____ Visa _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Credit Card Expiration Date: _____

Gelt will be available after the 20th of each month.

Planning a simha?

Kippot for your weddings or Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations are available in a variety of colors and fabrics. Color swatches are available for your review in the Gift Shop. Prayer benchers are also available in a variety of styles, and they too are available for you to see in the Gift Shop. Orders take four weeks to process, so plan ahead and order early! Hours for ordering are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! Please call Gail Alba at (609) 275-0469.

condolences

To Linda Meisel and her family on the loss of her father, Aaron Familant.

To Sue Weiner and her family on the loss of her father, Phillip Milstein.

To Lou Klimoff and his family on the loss of his father, Haim Klimoff.

To Clara Saperstein and her family on the loss of her sister, Debbie Peckeer.

To Randy Hubert and her family on the loss of her grandmother, Lillian Briskin

To Gabriella Hecht and her family on the loss of her father Tonino D'Amore.

To Keith Nunes and his family on the loss of his mother, Doreen G. Nunes.

To Larry Shatoff and his family on the loss of his mother, Bernice Shatoff.

The congregation mourns the loss of long-time member, Shirley Kobak.

mazel tov

To Alison and David Politziner on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Peter Cheslock.

To Linda and Art Meisel on the marriage of their son, Micah, to Rachel Reilly.

To Carol and Herb Horowitz on the engagements of their sons, Steven to Wynne Wu and Greg to Aimee Silverman.

To Seva and Peter Kramer on the engagement of their son, Josh, to Renee Willemsen-Goode.

To Iris and Steve Schulman on the engagement of their daughter, Beth, to Ross Provenzano.

To Phyllis and Sy Marchand on the birth of their grandson, Miles Jacob Lefkowitz.



Shalom!

Over the summer our Men's Club sponsored two teams in the JCC softball league. One team finished the season with the best record overall in the standings but had a

tough game in the playoffs and was knocked out before the finals. Our other team continues to improve and is looking forward to a winning season next summer. Everyone involved on both teams had a fun time building community spirit and camaraderie.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year for The Jewish Center Men's Club. Below are some of the events we're sponsoring this year with more to follow. Please mark your calendars and plan on participating throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

TJC Block Party/Maccabi Mania - September 10

The Men's Club will sponsor the barbeque and sell Israeli honey for Rosh Hashanah.

Rosh Hashanah ISRAEL HONEY SALE

New this year ... Honey Gift Sets. Beautifully packaged featuring a variety of honey and honey spreads. Pre-order using the order form found in this month's newsletter.

Building of TJC Sukkah - September 17

We have a brand new sukkah this year and need as many volunteers as possible to set it up. Start time 9:00 a.m. at TJC Plaza.

High Holiday Ushers

Contact Ed Simon or David Goldberg to have the honor of ushering and helping to make the services special for everyone in the community

Third Annual Touch Football Game - October 22

Race for the Cure - TJC sponsored team - October 29

Sunday Breakfast Seminar Series - November 12 "Elderly Planning"

The Third Annual Evening of Tennis (co-sponsored with Jewish Center Women)

Texas Hold'em Poker Night

Lag B'Omer Bike Ride & Picnic - May 6

Trenton Thunder Baseball Family Outing

Yom Ha'Shoah Memorial Candles

Men's Club Special Shabbat

and even more events to come

Join the Men's Club - We need your annual dues in order to be able to continue to provide programs and events for our Jewish Center community. Annual membership dues are only \$36.

There are 3 easy ways to pay the Men's Club Annual Dues:

- 1) You can pay through The Jewish Center annual dues statement. Simply note on the statement or inform the Finance Office that you would like to have the Men's Club dues added to your regular statement.
- 2) Send your check to The Jewish Center:
Attention Men's Club.
- 3) Drop off a check in the Main Office:
Attention Men's Club.

Shalom,

*Co-chairs: Ed Simon, 609-915-8256,
EISimon@aol.com*

*Jeff Schneider 908-359-5291,
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Board of Directors MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of The Jewish Center Board of Directors on Monday, September 18 at 8:00 p.m. Interested congregants are welcome to attend.



Princeton Scholars

THE JESS EPSTEIN LUNCH - AND - LEARN WITH PRINCETON SCHOLARS SERIES **Noon to 1:20 p.m.** **2006-07 Speakers**

Tuesday, October 17

Daniel Kurtzer

Former US Ambassador to Israel
"The Muddled Middle East:
Is There a Way Forward?"

Tuesday, November 21

The Honorable Debra Poritz
Chief Justice, NJ Supreme Court
"The New Jersey Supreme Court:
How It Functions"

Tuesday, December 19

Linda Meisel

Executive Director, Jewish Family and
Children's Services
"21st Century Issues Impacting
Jewish Families"

Tuesday, January 16

Charles Rojet

"Memories of a Holocaust Survivor"

Tuesday, February 20

Daniel I. Rubenstein

Chairman, Department of African
Studies, Princeton University
"How Animals Make Decisions"

Tuesday, March 20

Arnold Levine

Molecular Biologist
"Update on the Human Genome Project"

Tuesday, April 17

Jackie Meisel

Art Historian
"Early 20th Century Jewish Artists in Paris"

Tuesday, May 15

Greg Burnham

New York Port Authority Executive
"Surviving 9/11: A First Hand Account"

Biloxi Katrina Relief committee

the connection continues...

An entire Jewish calendar year has gone by since The Jewish Center "adopted" Congregation Beth Israel of Biloxi, MS after they experienced the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Over the year, thanks to the efforts of many generous and caring congregants, we supported them with financial contributions, holiday supplies and gifts and, just as importantly, the emotional support that came from knowing that we had forged a special connection between our two congregations. Steve Richer, CBI President, visited and spoke to our congregation during Shabbat services last winter, and Linda Grenis and her family made a community service visit to Biloxi over Passover. We

have even continued another connection: Rabbi Annie Tucker, our new Assistant Rabbi, served as student rabbi in Biloxi during her Seminary training, just as Rabbi Jaymee Alpert had done before she came to us.

At the time of this writing, fortunately no further hurricanes have affected the Gulf Coast, but the Biloxi community is still working hard (literally and figuratively) to pick up the pieces of their world and rebuild. We at The Jewish Center have promised them that our connection doesn't end after one year, and we will continue to support them as the new year arrives. Here are some of the Biloxi pro-

jects you can expect to see and help us with: Holiday greetings and supplies – beginning with Rosh Hashanah cards and foods for a sweet new year. Look for opportunities at the Block Party and in the Lobby during Religious School times to sign cards and give small donations to help us purchase and ship our packages to Biloxi.

- Contributions to the Biloxi Katrina Relief Fund are still being accepted, as one of the fund choices available to honor people and events at The Jewish Center (through the office or website).

- Look for information to come about a community service trip to Biloxi over NJEA Weekend for Tichon students and their families.

- We are always open to additional projects or donations that people wish to make to the Gulf Coast community. Feel free to contact us with your ideas.

*L'shanah Tovah,
Mindy Langer and Andrea Gaynor
Biloxi/Katrina Relief co-chairs*

UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION of PRINCETON MERCER BUCKS

Join us for

Campaign 2007 Kick-off Event!

Sunday, September 17

6:00 p.m.

Greenacres Country Club

Our speaker will be

Linda Hooper, Whitwell Middle School Principal,
who inspired the

PAPER CLIPS PROJECT



*It began as a lesson
about prejudice...*

*What happened next
was a **MIRACLE.***

Couvert: \$118 per person.

To register, go to www.ujfpm.org

Suggested minimum total \$1,000 pledge to General and/or Women's Campaign 2007 (payable over 12 months); Dietary Laws Observed.

Attention

TJC Teens in Grades 8 -12

Come meet Linda Hooper!

Sunday, September 17

11:00 a.m.

The Jewish Center

The event is free, but rsvp is a must!

Contact Jill Jaclin, Federation Associate
Campaign Director, at
jjaclin@ujfpm.org.



The Board of Rabbis of Princeton Mercer Bucks
invites you to join us for

Selichot Night

Saturday, September 16

**Return to Salonika,
The Jerusalem of the Balkans:
Reflections on Jewish History & Memory**

Devin E. Naar

Congregation Adath Israel
1958 Lawrenceville Road
Lawrenceville, NJ

Please join us for an evening of inspiration and enlightenment as we enter the 5766 Jewish New Year and the Season of Awe



8:45 - 9:30 p.m. - Refreshments

9:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Havdallah

10:00 - 11:00 p.m. - Program

11:00 p.m. - Selichot Service

Team JCW and Men's Club Race for the Cure

Jewish Center Women, Men's Club and the entire Jewish Center are once again proud to be supporting the New Jersey Race for the Cure hosted by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation of Central and Southern New Jersey. We invite all of our Jewish Center members to join this team on Sunday, October 29 at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company on Route 206 in Princeton. This is a day to enjoy doing a mitzvah with your entire family. Your friends are welcome to join our team, regardless of whether they are Jewish Center members.



For more than 20 years, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs. Working through a network of U.S. and international affiliates and events like the Komen Race for the Cure, the Komen Foundation is fighting to eradicate breast cancer by funding research grants and supporting education, screening and treatment projects in communities around the world.

Get inspired! Get involved! Make a difference! Enjoy lots of giveaways, great food, entertainment and camaraderie. Whether you participate in the Men's or Women's 5K Run, One Mile Co-Ed Health Walk, the Children's Fun Runs or just cheer on your teammates, please become a part of our Jewish Center Team. It's easy! Here's how to do it.

Registration will be done online. The registration deadline is October 9 at 9:00 a.m. *If you do not have a computer or need help registering online, please contact one of us and will be happy to facilitate this process for you.*

1. Go to www.komencsnj.org and click on the link <http://njraceforthecure.kintera.org/2006>
2. Click "Register for the Race".
3. Read and accept the conditions of the waiver.
4. Select "Join a Team" and then "The Jewish Center of Princeton". Click Continue.
5. Enter Team Number 503. Fill in the personal information form.
6. Select one of the Team options from the list of races.
7. If you would like to make an addition pledge, that is optional.
8. Fill in your billing and credit card information.

The Komen Foundation is reaching thousands of women every day and is investing in a cure for the future. Let's all be a part of that endeavor. We look forward to seeing you on the Race day.

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Membership Committee

Membership Committee In Motion This Season!

The Membership Committee has had a busy summer! Our main focus has been planning the annual Prospective Member Open House, scheduled for September 10 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Prospective members are welcome to stay for the Second Annual Block Party and join in the fun of Maccabi Mania. If you know of anyone who is looking for a synagogue, please let them know about this key event!

Integral to our planning is our new ad campaign. The theme is, "Why The Jewish Center Became My Home." It features several of our long-standing congregants giving testimony as to what they love the most about our synagogue and why it's become their home. The ads have been designed to have a contemporary look and feel to attract the attention of

prospective members. The ads will launch this fall – with the kick-off ad in the *New Jersey Jewish News*, featuring our own Linda Grenis. (It is also featured in this newsletter to give everyone a preview of our new look!) The media campaign will continue with the *Princeton Packet* and press releases in local area newspapers.

Speaking of new members...We have welcomed at least 10 new families since June, and have had many inquiries from people that are looking to join a synagogue. The Membership Committee is looking forward to welcoming many more new members in the months to come! If you have a friend, neighbor or family new to your neighborhood who is looking to join a synagogue, please send them our way! If you see any new faces around – make them feel welcome and introduce yourself. We try to help our new members find their way with all the committees and clubs, but it's always nice to meet new people face to face!

And to our current members...Are you the warm, friendly type? Do you like meeting new people? Would you like to make new friends with our current con-

gregants? Then the Membership Committee is for you! We need people to help with making phone calls to new and prospective members, reaching out to our current congregants, and attending membership events to meet and greet. Please send an email to dmorgens@aol.com, or WillSDWII@aol.com to let us know you're interested!

Looking ahead, our committee is planning to work in partnership with other TJC committees and organizations to welcome new members and participate in co-hosted events. And don't forget the updated Membership Directory! It has been somewhat delayed until we have our roster of new members this fall in time for the High Holy Days. We are planning to publish the directory shortly thereafter.

*Hope everyone has had a great summer!
We are looking forward to seeing you
in shul!*

*Shanah Tovah!
Debra Morgenstern, Co-Chair
Stephanie Will, Co-Chair
Membership Committee*

GIFT BOUTIQUE/SILENT AUCTION

The Jewish Center Nursery School is gearing up for the 20th Annual Gift Boutique to be held on Tuesday, November 7. A highlight of our fundraiser will be a highly visible and heavily promoted Silent Auction. We urge you to get involved with this important community event by donating products and/or services that could be auctioned off for the benefit of the Nursery School. As in previous years, funds generated by the Gift Boutique help support the Nursery School Scholarship and Playground Funds.

As you consider your involvement in our Silent Auction, please remember the many wonderful things The Jewish Center Nursery School provides for our children's education. The Nursery School offers a unique program that encourages children to develop and enhance a sense of pride and commitment to Jewish values and ideals through story, discussion, art and music. The program is also known for its excellence in helping children develop basic reading, writing and math skills. Our area needs our Nursery School and the programs we offer, but it can only flourish with your help.

We hope that you will support the Nursery School with your contribution to the Silent Auction. We look forward to seeing you at the event on November 7. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and your donation is tax deductible. Please contact me at the Nursery School should you have any questions. Donations may be dropped off in the Nursery School office during school hours. The deadline for these donations is October 1.

*Thank you in advance for your support.
Gayle Wagner*

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Religious School news

B'ruchim ha'baim! Welcome back to all of the Religious School students and to their families from the entire staff. We have spent a busy summer getting ready for the coming school year. We have planned many new programs, as well as returning favorites and I am anticipating an exciting year.

In August, Sue Weiner and I along with five teachers from the Religious School made the annual trip to CAJE, the Conference on Alternatives In Jewish Education, this year at Duke University. The CAJE conference is THE conference for Jewish educational professionals and offers a wide variety of courses from Torah to *t'fillah*, art to archeology, music to being *menchen*, and everything in between that is Jewish. It is always an invigorating experience and this year was no different. We returned with fresh ideas for programs and curriculum. The ruach generated by 1500 Jewish teachers from all over the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Israel is very special and one can't help returning with a renewed sense of purpose and excitement for the coming year.

Todah rabbah to all of the members of the congregation who gave so generously to the Religious School Teacher's Professional Development Fund for making this kind of staff development possible.

Midweek Religious School classes begin on Tuesday, September 12, Wednesday, September 13 and Thursday, September 14. Sunday classes begin on September 17.

I wish you and your families Shanah Tovah and a year of health, happiness and peace.

Fran Amir

Save the Dates:

Sunday, September 10

2nd Annual Jewish Center Block Party
New Member Open House
Religious School Madrichim Training

Tuesday, September 12

First Tuesday classes

Wednesday, September 13

First Wednesday classes
Tichon Student/Parent Orientation

Thursday, September 14

First Thursday classes

Saturday, September 16

First day Jr. Congregation, Mini Minyan and Zayin morning class

Sunday, September 17

First Sunday Classes
Zayin Family B'nai Mitzvah Program
Teens Only program with Linda Hooper (Paper Clips)
Primary Grades Craft Round Robin

Saturday & Sunday, September 23 & 24

Rosh HaShanah

No classes scheduled on Sunday, September 24

JCW Women

Jewish Center Women has had a busy summer planning for our upcoming fall and winter events. This fall promises to have something for everyone, whether you are looking for an intellectually stimulating Torah discussion group, or a social night out with friends. What all of our events have in common is a chance to get to know the warm, interesting and diverse group of women we have here at The Jewish Center.

October will be a busy month. On October 9, JCW will have a potluck dinner in The Jewish Center's new sukkah followed by a screening of the award-winning Israeli movie *Ushpizin*. Soon after, JCW will host its second annual wine tasting at the picturesque Hopewell Valley Vineyards. This event was sold out last year, so please get your responses in early to reserve your space. October will end with JCW and Men's Club working together to make The Jewish Center's Race for the Cure team a major success. All of these events have flyers in this newsletter with more details and response forms.

In November, JCW will begin its monthly Sunday morning Torah study sessions. This year Rabbi Feldman and Rabbi Tucker will alternate leading these discussions and the theme for the year will be the Five Megillot. JCW will be donating money to help The Jewish Center to purchase one hundred copies of the Five Megillot so that we will have these books both for services and for our study sessions. We also will be adding a Thursday morning Torah study session which will meet the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. The theme for these discussions will be Mid-Day Midrash. November will also feature our fall cooking demonstration with the chef from the Blue Bottle Café.

Please join us for one or more of these exciting events. If you are interested in learning more about Jewish Center Women or would like to get involved in planning an event, please contact Randy Hubert at randykhubert@hotmail.com or at 609-252-9671 or contact Anne Rutman at jrskiapr@aol.com or 609-730-8166. And if you have not yet joined Jewish Center Women for our 2006-2007 year, we are making it easier — you can now pay your JCW dues on your Jewish Center bill.

B'Shalom,

Randy Hubert and Anne Rutman

More Religious School Honors:

Molly Mitlak for attending the Zayin morning class 18 times

Hannah Mitlak for being a Mini Minyanaire

Liana Bloom for being a Minyanaire

Gabriella Bloom for being a Minyanaire

Thanks for supporting The Jewish Center of our lives!

The following congregants have contributed to our Annual Fund as of August 25. We look forward to many more joining this list for our October newsletter.

Ira and Susan Akselrad
 Stuart and Judy Axelrod
 Scott and Charlene Borsack
 Evan and Jennifer Cadoff
 Joann Carchman
 Michael and Susan Falcon
 Rabbi Adam Feldman and Sara Bucholtz
 Michael and Lori Feldstein
 Richard and Joanne Fishbane
 Spencer and Louise Forman
 David Goldfarb
 Sam and Irene Goldfarb
 David and Nativah Greenberg
 Michael and Linda Grenis
 Harold Heft and Martha Friedman
 Hanan and Helaine Isaacs
 Neil and Nancy Lewis
 Alan Medvin and Harriet Kass
 Walter and Linda Meyer
 Warren Mitlak and Tirza Wahrman
 Edith Neimark
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 Henry and Arlene Opatut
 Bob and Carol Schwartz
 Jon Shavel
 Ed and Lori Simon
 Ed and Debbie Soffen
 Joyce Sokolic
 Rick and Polly Strauss
 Mark and Lisa Tobias
 Jesse and Marissa Treu
 Rabbi Annie Tucker
 Bob and Linda Weber
 Harlan and Sally Weisman
 Anonymous
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The Annual Fund Committee

The long awaited Annual Fund has now begun. After several months of careful consideration by both the Annual Fund Committee and the Board of Directors of The Jewish Center, the new process of raising needed funds to operate The Jewish Center is now under way. With September here, the first letters have been sent to the congregation explaining the mission, the need for the funds and the need for the active support of the membership.

For years it was hoped that the Kol Nidre Appeal would provide the necessary funds to operate the Jewish Center and all of its activities in an economic fashion. Unfortunately, this rarely occurred. All too often, the envelopes remained on our seats during the High Holidays unanswered. All too often, the result has been a necessary use of funds reserved for other purposes such as unexpected repairs or unanticipated events.

The money sought during Kol Nidre and the funds now requested through this Annual Fund campaign are not as many believe for new activities and events. Rather these monies are sought to support the primary and very essence of our Jewish Center. Supporting tradition, our children, our adults and seniors through spiritual leadership, pivotal life cycle events such as B'nai Mitzvah, weddings and funerals; Nursery School through Religious School through Siyuum Tichon; and much more.

All gifts are welcome, appreciated and acknowledged. The framework of the giving levels is from Friends to Heroes, from *Haverim* to *Giborim* as follows:

<i>Giborim</i>	Heroes	\$5400
<i>Amudim</i>	Pillars	3600
<i>Shomrim</i>	Guardians	1800
<i>Bonim</i>	Builders	900
<i>Tormim</i>	Supporters	500
<i>Haverim</i>	Friends	180

With the campaign just beginning, the co-chairs, Nancy Lewis and Richard Fishbane, are not surprised by the initial success. Early pledges indicate that this campaign will be successful and reach the necessary fundraising to help sustain our Center and more than that, help it flourish.

As both Richard and Nancy say and remind us in their own words, "In Princeton, synagogue life and the community it represents are central to sustaining our people, our history, our culture. We thank you in advance for the support and contributions we expect to receive to help us all to collectively continue to do our good work. Thanks to all of you for your support."

A member of the Annual Fund Committee or the Board will be contacting many of you during the next few weeks to answer any questions. Please feel free to contact Nancy Lewis at nlewis@thejewishcenter.org or Richard Fishbane at fishbane@comcast.net if you want more information (or even if you want to make your pledge to the Annual Fund). Pledges can be paid at any time in the next six months, in installments, by check, with credit cards or appreciated stock.



BUY A LULAV AND ETROG FOR SUKKOT

"...and you shall take the fruit of goodly trees... and rejoice before the Lord your God."

Two important symbols of Sukkot are the *lulav* and *etrog*. We recite the blessing over them each day of the holiday as an expression of gratitude for God's bounty, and we carry them in procession around the synagogue during each morning service. Rabbi Feldman strongly encourages members of the congregation to purchase their own *lulav* and *etrog* set to be displayed in their *sukkah* or at home and to be brought to the synagogue to participate in the processions (*hakafot*). While they last for only a short time, their presence is felt beyond the festival. We hope that many of you will continue to participate in this tradition. Sets can be ordered through The Center office.

Please reserve _____ set(s) of *lulavim* and *etrogim* at \$36 each for me. Enclosed is my check, made out to The Jewish Center in the amount of \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please detach and send to The Center office by September 26. For more information, please contact Helen Schaffer in The Center office, 609-921-0100, ext. 200.

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For your Holiday table or an enjoyable gift to others

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Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to The Jewish Center - attention Men's Club/Israel Honey
Mail or for faster pick-up: bring order form to The Jewish Center Office
If you need more information, contact Ed Simon at 609-915-8256, or E1Simon@aol.com



HIGH HOLY DAYS



Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5767
Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday evening, September 22.

On Simchat Torah 1973 with the Yom Kippur War raging, Elie Wiesel danced joyfully at the *Kotel*. "How can you dance at a time like this?" a stranger asked him. "So many people have been killed. So many more are still in danger. There are bombs and bullets and peace seems so far off. Who could possibly dance at a time like this?" Looking the man straight in the eye, Wiesel spoke softly. "The Torah fixes the times for our *simcha* (rejoicing)," Wiesel answered. "We cannot let our enemies dictate when to rejoice and when to mourn."

This year, perhaps more than any in recent memory, the sweetness of our Rosh Hashanah celebration is tinged with heaviness

as we continue to pray for peace in the Middle East and a conclusion to the bloodshed that has claimed far too many victims on both sides of this conflict. Like the stranger at the *Kotel* it can sometimes feel indulgent to engage in practices of self-reflection and spiritual renewal when our brothers and sisters across the ocean live in fear and pain. Yet we are also reminded of Wiesel's sage encouragement that one of the most powerful ways to fight terror is to live life as usual, refusing to succumb to its pull. By celebrating Rosh Hashanah this year we affirm our belief that peace will ultimately prevail over violence and pray that this truly will be a *shannah tovah* – a good year – here, in Israel, and throughout the world.

As we dip our apples we remember our connection to the land of Israel, a land overflowing with milk and honey, and hope that sweetness will soon be restored to our beloved country and its neighbors.

Ye-hi ra-tzon mil-fa-ne-ha
Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu vay-lo-hay ah-votay-nu, she-te-ha-desh ah-lay-nu shannah to-vah u-me-tu-kah.

יהי רצון מלפניך, ה' אלהינו גא-ל-הי אבותינו, שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה.

May it be Your will, Adonai, our God and God of our ancestors, to renew us for a good and sweet year. Amen.

ROSH HASHANAH

Candle Lighting

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu be'mitzvotav vet-zivanu lehadlik ner shel (Shabbat ve') Yom Tov.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has instructed us to kindle lights ushering in the New Year.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigyanu lazman ha'zeh. (First Day)

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this joyous season.

YOM KIPPUR

Candle Lighting

(On Kol Nidre Eve, candles should be lit before leaving home to attend services.)

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu be'mitzvotav vet-zivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom HaKippurim.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has instructed us to kindle lights ushering in the Day of Atonement.

Baruch Ata Adonai elohenu melech ha'olam sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigyanu lazman ha'zeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this joyous season.

Please remember High Holiday tickets must be purchased in advance for extended family members of congregants (such as parents or adult children) for a donation of \$95 per ticket. Non-congregants may purchase tickets for \$350 each. Tickets are valid for the entire High Holiday period. Contact The Center office, 609-921-0100, for additional information. We hope congregants will not abuse the privilege of membership by not purchasing tickets for their guests or by using tickets inappropriately.

Watch for information about our Annual Yom Kippur Food Drive to benefit the Crisis Ministry.

Torah Readers

The congregation acknowledges with deep appreciation and gratitude the following individuals who participated in our Worship Services during the months of July and August 2006.

TORAH READERS

Eytan Kurshan, Naomit Gerber, Bob Weber, Ariella Kurshan, Cynthia Sage,

Barbara Abramson, Phyllis Kurshan, Brian Solomon, Sharon Solomon, Gila Levin, Sarah Solomon, Larry Epstein, Reza Green, Mark Killingsworth, Jacob Kaufman, Dylan Klein-Denk, Rabbi Annie Tucker, Larry Epstein, Glenn Gabai, Bruce Reim, Susan Stein, Rebekah Costin, Reza Green, Jason Kay, Gil Gordon, Daniel Flax, Warren Flax, Bruce Reim, Brian Solomon, David Greenberg and Sandy Kutin.

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TISHA B'AV (Megillat Eicha)

Rabbi David Wolf Silverman, Adam Scheer, Rabbi Annie Tucker, Rabbi Adam Feldman, Jonathan Gross and Jason Kay.

TJC's 2nd Annual Block Party
featuring

Maccabi Mania

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SOCIAL ACTION EVENT

**FREE FUN!
FOOD FOR PURCHASE**

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EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Silver Circle Members & Friends • School Age Families • Nursery Families
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OLYMPIC MEDALS

NO ATHLETIC ABILITY REQUIRED

**SING & SWING
WITH THE CANTOR**

Shmooze with Friends...Listen to Great Music...Eat at Our Delicious BBQ
Buy Rosh Hashanah Honey and Cards from Men's Club and JCW
Participate in Our Intergenerational Games and Pep Rally

FREE GIVE-AWAYS TO ALL MACCABI PARTICIPANTS

Pep Rally and Games begin at 10:45 a.m.

****WET...WACKY...WILD...EVENTS****

For more information, contact Sue Weiner at 609-921-0100, ext. 209, or
sweiner@thejewishcenter.org

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion which has no festive home meal. Yet the meal which precedes this fast (Yom Kippur Eve) is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early so that the family can be in the synagogue before sundown. Following the *Birkat Ha'Mazon* (Grace after Meals), holiday candles are lit. Yom Kippur begins this year on Sunday evening, October 1.

Memorial Lamp

It is customary to light a memorial candle for departed family members. The memorial candles must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

Forgiveness

At this time, too, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs and hurts they have done, knowingly or unknowingly, during the year.

Fasting

Although children are not obliged to fast until they are of Bar or Bat Mitzvah age, it is a fine tradition that the fast be observed in part or full at an earlier age. Jewish law and tradition hold the maintenance of life and health as a prime religious duty. Therefore, when a person is ill or weak, a physician should be consulted about fasting. Self-denial in food and other physical pleasure is part of the tradition of the "Sabbath of Sabbaths." Refraining from meals as well as work helps in the self-discipline of heart and mind, and prepares us to face our Creator in prayer and repentance, seeking forgiveness and blessings for life and health in the New Year.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

EREV ROSH HASHANAH
Friday, September 22

ROSH HASHANAH
Saturday, September 23
Sunday, September 24

SHABBAT SHUVAH
Saturday, September 30

KOL NIDRE
Sunday, October 1

YOM KIPPUR
Monday, October 2

SUKKOT
Saturday, October 7
Sunday, October 8

SHEMINI ATZERET
Saturday, October 14

SIMHAT TORAH
Sunday, October 15

Please check your tickets for the times and locations of all services.

YOM KIPPUR

HAVDALAH SERVICE

For many years The Jewish Center has conducted a "family experience" *Havdalah* service at the end of Yom Kippur. We shall continue this lovely tradition at the end of Yom Kippur Day on Monday, October 2.

As the sun begins to set and the gates of Heaven prepare to close, our young people, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will receive a special *Havdalah* light. Together with Rabbi Feldman, Rabbi Tucker, and Cantor Simon they will say farewell to the High Holidays and usher in the New Year, 5767. Younger children will receive a light stick and form a procession down the aisle of the Sanctuary. Classes Heh and older will participate on the *bimah* and all are invited to bring their own *shofar*.

On Yom Kippur, *Mincha* will begin at 4:05 p.m. followed by *Neilah* at 5:15 p.m. *Maariv* and *Havdalah* will begin at 7:15 p.m. with the conclusion at 7:25 p.m. Don't miss this very moving experience for yourself and your entire family.

High Holiday Family Service

led by Rabbi Annie Tucker

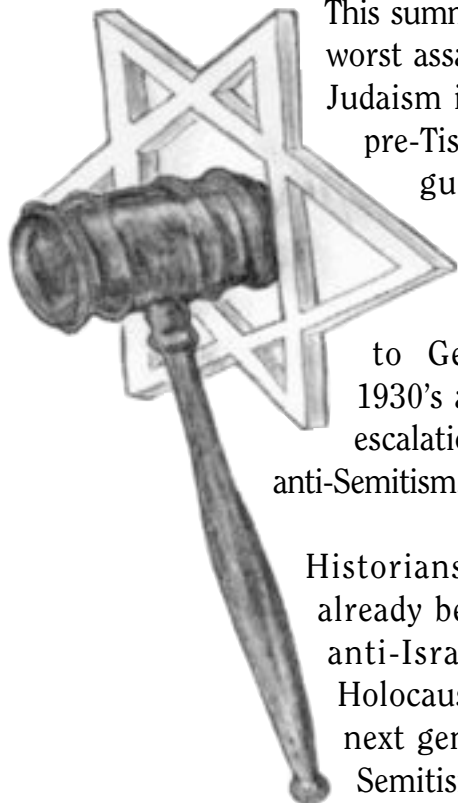
Bring children, grandparents,
and the whole mishpacha to services
that the entire family can enjoy together!

Rosh Hashanah - First Day 9:30 a.m. Yom Kippur 9:30 a.m.

Geared towards families with school-age children, this participatory High Holiday experience will feature an abridged prayer service and Torah skit supplemented by songs, games, stories, discussion and movement activities. Children and adults of all ages are welcome and activities will be designed with a broad range in mind. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Rabbi Tucker, 609-921-0100 x213 or atucker@thejewishcenter.org. Hope to see you there!

The Jewish Center's Jews on Trial Used to Teach Anti-Semitism to New Jersey Teachers

by Rebekah Marks Costin



This summer witnessed the worst assault on Jews and Judaism in decades. In a pre-Tisha B'Av sermon, guest Rabbi Jim Diamond equated the current situation in Israel to Germany in the 1930's and spoke of the escalation of world-wide anti-Semitism.

Historians have, in fact, already begun to identify anti-Israel attacks and Holocaust denials as the next generation of anti-Semitism. This was the message that Kenneth

Jacobson, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, offered in his opening remarks to over two hundred New Jersey teachers attending an Anti-Semitism/Racism Workshop last May sponsored by the New Jersey Holocaust Education Commission. In addition to studying anti-Semitism, the participants discussed racism with members of the New Jersey Amistad Commission and listened to the compelling stories of two high school students who had been subjected to prejudice. I was invited to elaborate upon the issues of anti-Semitism with specific example from the *Jews on Trial* book.

In very general terms, the Jew-hating associated with the medieval period was generally religious in nature. Since both Christianity and Islam based their religions on the belief that they superseded

Judaism, the continued practice of Judaism threatened the core of their own theology. The issue of deicide, the allegation that Jews killed Jesus, was also a contributing factor in predominantly Christian areas.

But with the advent of the Enlightenment, a new generation of hatred toward the Jews developed: one that was racial rather than religious. The Enlightenment sought scientific explanations of all kinds of questions, including what makes people and nations different. Under this new analysis, the Jews were described as a separate, and inferior, race. Now, hatred of Jews was presented as rational and sanctioned by scientific knowledge. Judaism was no longer on trial, it was the Jewish people themselves.

And today with the relentless attack on the State of Israel, we are witnessing the latest manifestation of anti-Semitism: the denial of the right of the Jewish people to exist. Ken Jacobson said that anti-Semitism differs from other forms of intolerance and hatred, and that understanding that is the first step to combating it.

I didn't know in May, though, that we would see the ugly head of anti-Semitism rise so quickly and so violently. After my presentation on the individual cases from *Jews on Trial*, many participants admitted they had never fully understood the issues surrounding anti-Semitism and that the presentation was helpful. My only hope is that as the school year begins, those two hundred teachers will take these lessons back to their students throughout New Jersey.

Youth and Family Programs

This summer I had the privilege of attending the CAJE (Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education) conference at Duke University. It was an unbelievable feeling learning, socializing and dancing with 1300 Jewish professionals from all over the world. I am happy to say I returned with many new program ideas which I hope to implement this year. The first of EXCITING activities takes place the Sunday after Labor Day, the **Second Annual Block Party** featuring **MACCABI MANIA** will be held Sunday, September 10. This day will be full of music, fun, information, food and more for congregants of ALL ages. Last year was a huge success, let's do it again!!

Being a part of TJC youth groups is a wonderful addition for the children at The Jewish Center and local synagogues. We encourage all of our students to grab a friend from another synagogue to join the fun every month. It's always nice to attend an event with a friend or two. Whether you attend 1, 5, or 10 events a year, it's great to get involved.

The fun never stops at TJC as the opening Youth Group events happen on Sunday, September 17. After hearing Linda Hooper, the Whitwell Middle School principal who inspired the PAPERCLIPS PROJECT, the USYer's (9th-12th grade) will be traveling to Great Adventure for an afternoon of rides, connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. The KADIMA members (6th-8th grade) will enjoy dinner and fun at a member's house while the HAVERIM members (3rd-5th grade) will have lunch and sports at TJC.

There are two new events that we are excited to promote through the YOUTH and FAMILY department. These two special events include a professional youth production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on February 10 and 11 and a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on Sunday, April 23.

If anyone is interested in getting involved in the many exciting activities that take place, please join the Youth and Family Committee. Call me at TJC or email sweiner@thejewishcenter.org.

Looking forward to a wonderful year!
Sue Weiner



As the summer comes to a close, many of you are preparing to enjoy the last few weeks along with getting ready to send your child to college. The College Connection at The Jewish Center would like to be a part of their college experience. Email notices will be sent throughout the year to stay connected with our students. There is no charge to you for your child to participate in our email program; however, their email address must be provided.

We will also send packages to students for their birthday, the High Holidays, Hanukkah and Purim/Passover. The cost to participate in this program is \$36 per student. Please complete the form below with a check made payable to "TJC College Connection" so we can send a package to your student.

If your child is a returning student, a new form **must** be completed. Please respond early. We would like to wish all of our college students a sweet New Year by sending the first email and/or package by September 15.

We at The Jewish Center look forward to staying connected with our students. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

For more information, contact Sue Weiner at sweiner@thejewishcenter.org

COLLEGE CONNECTION INFORMATION 2006-2007

Student Name _____ Birthday _____

College Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Year in College _____ Semester Abroad: Fall __ Spring __

Email Address: _____

Please mail this form with a check for \$36 made payable to "TJC College Connection" to The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

HIGH HOLIDAYS HONORS AT THE JEWISH CENTER

Summer and vacation time are coming to a close, and the High Holidays are right around the corner. A committee of lay volunteers met over the summer to plan the distribution of this year's High Holidays honors. There are often many questions about this process and so we offer an explanation in this article.

We all have our personal mental scrapbooks about the honors process - based, perhaps, on what we observed long ago as children in our parents' shuls, and on what we have since seen and experienced. Having heard many of these stories over the years and having exchanged information with other USCJ synagogues, we realize that assigning the honors is a very challenging - and often misunderstood - process. Some congregations (and congregants) are very satisfied with how it goes, some are very dissatisfied, and most are somewhere in the middle.

Here are some typical questions about the honors process:

How many honors are there to be distributed?

There are, give or take, 210 honors available for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, spread across the Classical and Sanctuary services. These include all the *aliyot*, all the Ark openings and closings, the English readings, holding the Torahs, and more. The honors of leyning, or reading from the Torah, davening, and leading services, are not included among the honors assigned by the committee. We have more than 725 households as members, and thus we start off at a disadvantage of not being able to come even close to assuring that every adult or every household can receive an honor.

Who decides to whom the honors are offered?

Each year there is a committee that typically includes many of the same people from the previous year, to help assure a consistent approach, plus some new members. This year's committee members are listed at the end of this article. In addition to its own suggestions, the committee solicits suggestions for honors recipients from TJC's clergy, professional staff and lay leaders.

What factors does this group consider when assigning honors?

We believe that the High Holidays honors are exactly that - an opportunity to recognize and express our gratitude to those members who have distinguished themselves in one or more of these categories:

- o Volunteerism
- o Leadership
- o Financial Support

In addition, honors may be offered to members who have reached significant mile-

stones in their lives, who have recovered from serious illnesses, or who represent TJC positively in the community by virtue of their involvement with civic or volunteer organizations.

We do not sell or auction honors. While these practices are favored in some congregations, they are not something we want to see at TJC.

Why does it seem that so many of the same people get the honors year after year?

The committee keeps records of previous years' honorees and tries not to offer the same honors to the same active and supportive congregants repeatedly. However, the reality is that we are blessed by having a large group of volunteers and lay leaders who do in fact remain active and involved year after year - in some cases in ways that are not visible to the congregation at large - and we believe that it is entirely appropriate to recognize their service in this way.

Why don't you just give out the honors on a random basis, to make sure that more people can get them?

A partially or fully random basis has been discussed, and in fact some congregations simply go through their membership lists and pick, for example, every fifth name and those people receive honors. That way, the entire congregation is pretty much assured of receiving an honor at least once every five years. We do this on a small scale - and are trying to increase it - by selecting people at random for honors that remain available after most have been assigned. Also, this year we reached out to members who have joined in the past twelve months to see if they would like to receive an honor; we believe this is a very tangible way of continuing to welcome these new members and express our thanks for their decision to join TJC. Because we believe so strongly in the value of the High Holidays honors to visibly acknowledge the support of involved congregants, it is not likely we will shift to a random or every-fifth-year (or similar) system.

What if I'd like to receive a particular honor?

You're welcome to express this to Gil Gordon or Nancy Lewis (see contact information below) and we will take your request into account for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah or Sukkot. Please understand that we may not be able to fulfill those requests.

What happens if I'm offered an honor that isn't what I'd prefer?

There are many reasons why people say they'd rather receive a different honor from the one offered. These include a preference for an honor that comes earlier or later in the service, is on the first day of Rosh Hashanah instead of the second day, is at the Sanctuary Service instead of Classical Service (or vice versa) or, to be blunt, is perceived as a "better" honor.

Trying to deal with these preferences and requests is very difficult - and the last point especially so. Nobody would deny that on its face, an Ark opening early in Shacharit may be seen as a "lesser" honor than an *aliyah* on Yom Kippur. We would like to say that congregants should treat any honor as an honor, no matter what it is, but we can't deny that different honors are perceived differently.

It is almost impossible to give everyone their first choice, in honors and in life. Sometimes there are legitimate reasons why one honor is less desirable than another, e.g., a medical issue that makes certain honors difficult to accept, or if you will be visiting with family at another shul on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and would rather have an honor on the second day. We need to know about these issues and will do our best to cooperate and accommodate your needs.

But we must ask for your cooperation and forbearance as well. The numbers noted above and the logistics of managing two sets of services for a total of more than 1500 people mean that we simply cannot make everyone happy. If you are able to accept the honor offered, that's wonderful and we look forward to your participation. If not, we will keep you in mind for next year.

What are my obligations as someone who receives an honor?

We have three very simple requests. First, respond to the invitation letter by the date listed. If we don't hear from you by then we have to assume you're not able to accept the honor, and we will go on with our planning and offer it to someone else. Second, plan to arrive at the designated service in plenty of time so there isn't any last-minute scurrying to locate you. Third, please be sure to check in with one of the *shamashim* or ushers - or a member of the Honors Committee - when you arrive; they are typically standing near the entrance to the Sanctuary or the Riverside meeting room. The more we try to broaden the base of honors recipients, the more likely it is that the *shamashim* will have difficulty attaching the name on their list to a face in the congregation, so we ask you to introduce yourself.

Please let us know if you have any questions not addressed in this article. We extend our best wishes to you and yours for a New Year filled with good health, happiness, and peace.

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60th wedding anniversary of Phyllis and Jerry

Kurshan

by Marsha and Eliot Freeman

In appreciation of the loving support of my

friends during my recent illness

by Norm Denard

Rabbi Feldman's one year anniversary at The

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Kurshan

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Bat Mitzvah of Fran Amir

by Barbara, Joe, Sam and Kay Schwartz

In memory

Aaron Familant

by Michelle and Joe Rosenthal

Tonino D'Amore

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Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Solomon

by Lori and Ed Simon and family

Malvina Greenfield and Wilma Solomon for

receiving the Fabian Award for Excellence in

Teaching

by Bunny and Alan Paley

Sapoff Art Purchase and Restoration Fund

In honor of

Speedy recovery of Rabbi David Silverman

by Lynn Joy and Meyer Sapoff

In memory of

Nathan Cohen

by Brenda and Elliot Kleinman, Susan

Goldstein and Sandy Zeitler, Esther and

Joel Silver, Susan and Joel Heymsfeld,

Marilyn and Les Wagner

Marjorie Cornacchio

by Lynn Joy and Meyer Sapoff

Murray Kay

by Lynn Joy and Meyer Sapoff and family,

Brenda and Elliot Kleinman

Shabbat Luncheon Fund

In honor of

Engagement of Rebecca Weiner to David Smolar

by Martha Friedman and Harold Heft

In memory of

Arrel Friedman, Cecile Friedman and Rita

Weinstein

by Martha Friedman and Harold Heft

Sheket

In honor of

Robin Wallack

by Brian and Ellen Frasco

Social Concerns

In honor of

High school graduation of Amelia Behar and Dina

Grossman; middle school graduation of Gabe

Siciliano

by Marian Bass and Jeffrey Albert

Adult B'not Mitzvah Class

by Lois and Brian Perkins

Marriage of Micah Meisel to Rachel Reilly

by Betsy and Don Rosen and family

Engagement of Sarah Politziner to Peter Cheslock

by Betsy and Daniel Saudeer

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In memory of
Aaron Familant
by *Helaine and Hanan Isaacs*

Shabbat Luncheon Fund

In honor of
Al Klein as Congregant of the Year
by *Ruth Schulman*

Torah Fund

In memory of
Aaron Familant
by *Linda and Walter Meyer*

Tree of Life

In honor of
Adult B'not Mitzvah of Linda Grenis, Elisa Spiegel, Sally Weisman, Arlene Opatut and Lesley Wishnick
by *Sally Steinberg-Brent and Dan Brent, Sheryl and Richard Feinstein, Nancy and Neil Lewis, Sheila and Jack Marrero, Nancy Osborn, Lynne Ross and Jane LeGrange and Doron Zeilberger*

Youth and Family Programs

In honor of
B'not Mitzvah of Linda Grenis, Arlene Opatut, Elisa Spiegel, Lesley Wishnick and Sally Weisman
by *Lisa and Mark Tobias*
Malvina Greenfield receiving the Fabian Award
by *Lisa and Mark Tobias*

In memory of
Ruth Feldstein
by *Lisa and Mark Tobias*

Phillip Millstein
by *Helaine and Hanan Isaacs, The Kutin Family, Lori and Michael Feldstein, Martha Friedman and Harold Heft, Denise and David Cheskis, Marilyn Cheskis Lear and Robert Lear*

Aaron Familant
by *Mindy and Corey Langer*

**New to Our
Jewish Center
Family**

(as of mid August)

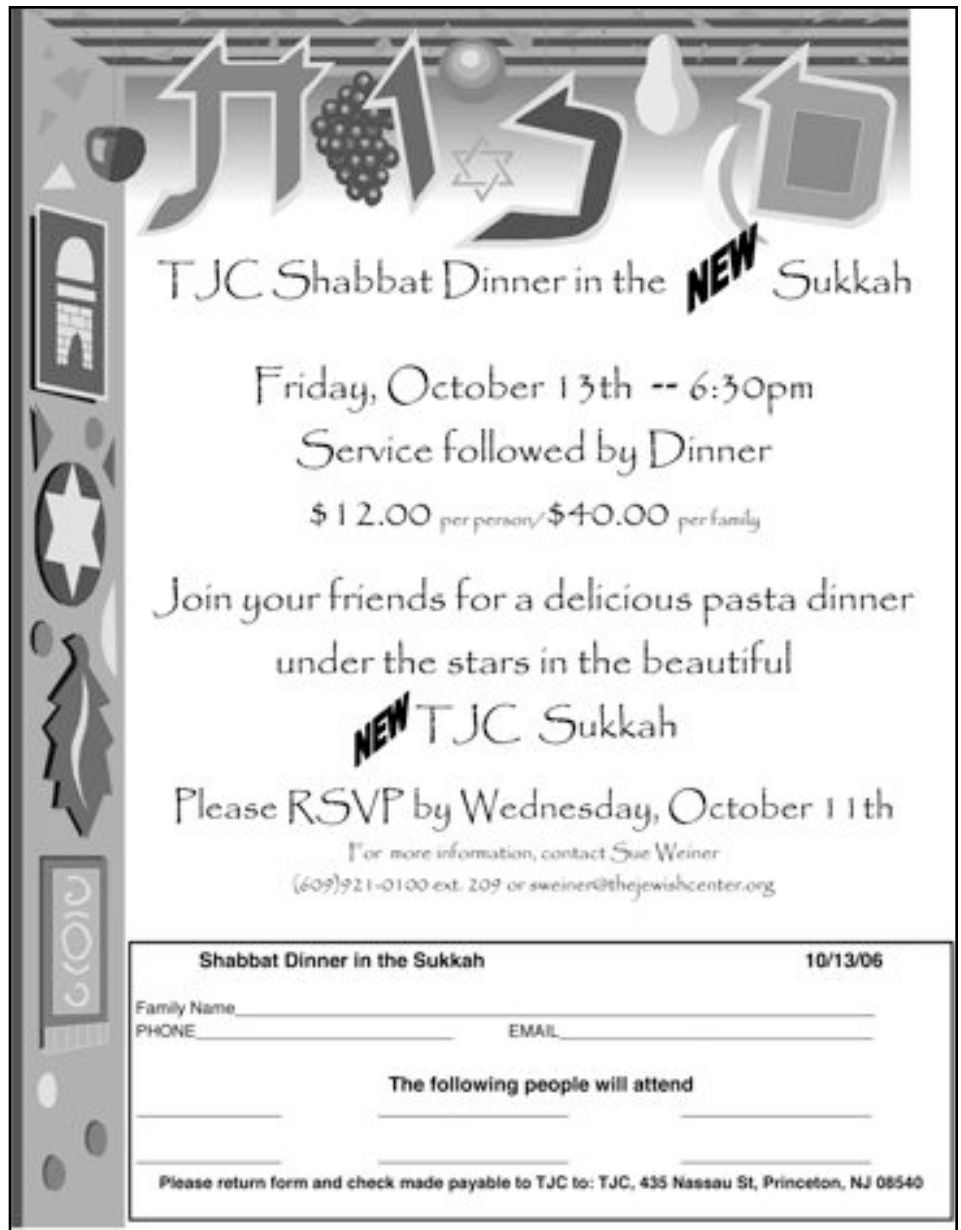
Wendy and Simon Richmond and their children, Madison (6) Eden (4) Toby(1). 47 Grasmere Way, Princeton.

Joan Spindel and Milan Vaclavik and their son Milan (5) 416 Riverside Drive, Princeton.

Frayda and Bruce Topolosky. 237 Hamilton Avenue, Princeton.

Danna and Ben Weiss and their children, Jack (5) and Shayna (1). 150 Neil Court, Princeton.

Laurette and Seymour Schechtman. 2110 Windrows Drive, Princeton.



TJC Shabbat Dinner in the **NEW** Sukkah

Friday, October 13th -- 6:30pm
Service followed by Dinner
\$12.00 per person / \$40.00 per family

Join your friends for a delicious pasta dinner
under the stars in the beautiful
NEW TJC Sukkah

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 11th
For more information, contact Sue Weiner
(609)921-0100 ext. 209 or sweiner@thejewishcenter.org

Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah	10/13/06
Family Name _____	EMAIL _____
PHONE _____	
The following people will attend	
_____	_____
_____	_____
Please return form and check made payable to TJC to: TJC, 435 Nassau St, Princeton, NJ 08540	

Our Sukkah is Your Sukkah

הסוכה שלנו היא הסוכה שלכם

Mi Sukkah es Su Sukkah



Spend time in
the **NEW**
TJC Sukkah

Call Sue Wiener for availability,
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ADULT EDUCATION

"Journey through Shabbat Morning" with Rabbi Annie Tucker

*Every second Shabbat beginning September 9
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge
No meeting on November 11*

Come join Rabbi Tucker and members of The Jewish Center community for an intimate Shabbat morning study experience. Designed to provide opportunities for exploration and conversation in an informal setting, the Journey program will combine learning and discussion aimed at increasing participants' understanding of the structure, themes, and liturgy of Shabbat morning. Whether you've been coming to synagogue for years or are new to Shabbat, we hope that the Journey program will provide a space to look at issues of meaning in Jewish prayer as well as to create a *kehillah kedosha* – a holy community – in which to study and dialogue together.

Torah on Thursdays with our Rabbis "To Be(lieve) or Not to Be(lieve): A Jewish Look at God" with Rabbi Annie Tucker

*October 19, October 26 & November 2 in the Beit Midrash
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.*

This three session class will provide an opportunity to investigate the elusive character we call God and to explore our own beliefs and questions surrounding the Divine. Looking both at traditional Jewish texts as well as at the texts of our own lives, we will analyze how God is portrayed in both sacred literature and modern philosophical works as well as how the various names and metaphors that we use for God reflect what we believe (or want to believe) about the Divine. We will also look at some of those obstacles that make belief challenging and have the opportunity to reflect on our own relationship with God. Believers, non-believers, and sometime believers are all welcome!

The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning with Rabbi Adam Feldman

*October 19, 26 & November 2
8:30 – 9:45 p.m.*

The Jewish tradition views death as a part of life – in fact it can be a celebration of life and it is important to understand our rituals and customs so that we can prepare for the passing of our loved ones and ourselves. Please join us as we examine the customs related to death, preparing for burial, *tahara* (preparing the body for the funeral), *keriah* (tearing of one's garment as a sign of mourning), the funeral service and burial, *kaddish*, *shiva*, *yahrtzeit* (the anniversary of the death), *yizkor* and more. Feel free to bring any questions that you have and we will examine some traditional texts as well as contemporary sources.

"Bible Ba'Boker" with Rabbi Tucker

*Shabbat mornings beginning October 21
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.*

Begin Shabbat morning with a discussion of *Parashat Ha'Shavua* (the weekly Torah portion). All are welcome regardless of Bible background.

"The Eternity and Modernity of Talmudic Wisdom"

with Rabbi Adrian Skydell

*Tuesday evenings, October 17, 24, 31 & November 2
8:00 p.m.*

Explore a world created 2000 years ago that touches our lives and our souls so acutely today.

"Learn to Leyn" with Cantor Murray Simon

*Wednesday evenings, October 18, 25, November 1, 8 & 15
8:00 p.m.*

"The Bible should be read in public," says the Talmud, "and made understood to its hearers in musical and sweet tones." Learn to chant Torah on Shabbat, holidays, or your (grand)child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. (No musical background required; our talented Cantor has an abundant sense of humor.)

Me'ah Graduate Institute at The Jewish Center with Dr. Jenna Joselit of Princeton University and Dr. Benjamin Gampel of JTS

*Monday evenings from November 6 through
January 29 and February 5 through April 30*

The first semester course will focus on American Jewish History with Dr. Joselit. The second semester will concern the History, Society and Culture of Medieval Sephardic Jewry from the Golden Age to Expulsion with Dr. Gampel. These courses are for advanced students only. Please consult Rabbi Feldman about admissions criteria and the fee for the class.

Talmud in the Afternoon with Rabbi David Wolf Silverman

*Shabbat Afternoons – October 14, 21, November 4 & 11
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.*

Explore Jewish law and Rabbinic literature responsible for shaping Judaism as it is today through selections from the Talmud, Midrash and Codes (using English translations) Ethical and political issues will be thoroughly examined in this fully participatory offering.

ADULT EDUCATION

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

Initial Meeting – Sunday, November 19 – 10:00 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. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings.

Hebrew on Sundays – Ivrit b'Yom Rishon with Edna Noiman

Sunday morning classes will follow the Religious School calendar. The first class is September 17.

Intermediate Hebrew – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Beginning Hebrew – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Learning Hebrew is not just for kids! Remember what you learned all those years ago or start from the beginning! Beginning Hebrew is for those who can read the letters and want to learn contemporary Hebrew. Intermediate is for those who have studied in TJC's adult Hebrew classes or who have some previous knowledge of Hebrew vocabulary and grammar. Tuition is \$118 per semester. To register, please call Janice Berg at 609-921-0100, ext. 201, or jberg@thejewishcenter.org.

Princeton Area Me'ah Collaborative with faculty from the Boston Hebrew College

*Tuesday evenings beginning October 10
7:00 p.m.*

*At the Center for Jewish Life/Hillel, 70 Washington Road on
the Princeton University campus*

Me'ah, an intensive two-year adult Jewish learning experience, approaches Jewish history and Jewish thought through an intelligent and sophisticated conversation with core texts. This conversation is guided by academic faculty who will lead and enrich your study of four central periods in Jewish History: Biblical, Rabbinic, Medieval, and Modern. Tuition for the entire year is \$360. To register, please call 646-472-5390.

Hebrew Reading Crash Course I with Larry Epstein

*Thursday evenings, September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26 &
November 2*

7:30 p.m.

Learn to recognize Hebrew letters and read prayers in this special reading course sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program.

Introduction to Judaism with members of the Mercer County Board of Rabbis

*Tuesday evenings starting October 10 and running for
16 consecutive sessions*

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

This course, which is open to the entire community is for those who want to learn on a beginner's level and for those who want a refresher course on Judaism. All are welcome. No background necessary. The \$100 fee for the entire course covers tuition for you and a significant other (spouse, friend, partner, or sibling, for example). There is an additional cost for textbooks. Please contact Rabbi Eric Wisnia by September 20 at 609-799-9401 to register.

"Meet and Greet" our Modern Greats! with Rabbi David Wolf Silverman

*Wednesday evenings, September 27, October 4, 11, 18 & 25
8:00 p.m.*

We Jews have produced many great and influential figures in religious philosophy. The thinkers whose ideas we will explore did not confine themselves in an ivory tower. Rather, they shaped communities and forged movements. Come and meet them!

Save the Date! A Community Study Day

A Blueprint for Life: A Jewish Theological Seminary Day of Discovery on Jewish Law and Practice



*with Rabbi Joel Roth, Rabbi Marc Wolfe,
Rabbi David Hoffman and Rabbi Julie Roth*

Sponsored by:

The Hereld Institute for Jewish Studies of
the Jewish Theological Seminary

Sunday, October 29

12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The Jewish Center

JEWISH CENTER WOMEN

Educational Programming

JCW Sukkot Event – Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah and a Movie

Monday, October 9
6:00 p.m.

Join us for a potluck dairy dinner followed by a screening of the movie, *Ushpizin* (roughly translated as “Holy Guests”). This Israeli film is a revelatory – and humorous – look at the daily lives of ultra-Orthodox Jews learning, living, and loving in modern-day Israel. Moshe and his wife are given a sum to help prepare for Sukkot and end up hosting two unannounced guests, rather, escaped prisoners! The couple must deal with their boorish visitors who reveal Moshe’s not-so-holy past. RSVP is a must. Email Naomi Richman at naomirichman@comcast.net.

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

Sunday mornings
November 19 – 11:00 a.m. (*Kohelet – Ecclesiastes*)
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*)

“Watermarks” – A Film

Monday, December 4

Time to be announced

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.

JCW Shabbat

Saturday morning, January 20

Mid-Day Midrash with Rabbi Feldman and Rabbi Tucker

Second Thursday of the month
November 9, 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.

Pesach Workshop with Rabbi Feldman

Sunday, March 18
11:00 a.m.

Gather new ideas to enhance your seder and enrich your knowledge of Pesach.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, November 15, 2006



Jewish Center Women presents an
Evening Cooking Demonstration
with the Chef from The Blue Bottle Cafe in Hopewell
complete with recipes and wine

At the Home of Wendy Richmond, 47 Grasmere Way, Princeton

Questions??? Contact Sue Kushner at 609-737-9582 or
suskushner@yahoo.com or
Michal Scheer at 609-683-8232 or michalscheer@yahoo.com

Please join us for an evening of local wine tasting under the stars and a sumptuous autumn kosher buffet dinner at this beautiful scenic winery in Pennington.

Jewish Center Women invites women & men to

JCW's
2nd Annual Wine Tasting
at Hopewell Valley Vineyards
Saturday, October 21



TIME: 7:00 - 10:00 pm

PLACE: Hopewell Valley
Vineyards

36 Yard Road, Pennington, New Jersey
(www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com)

COST: \$54/per person/\$108 per couple

Non-JCW members: \$60 pp/\$120 pc

RSVP: Reservations required
by Friday, October 13

Space is limited to the first 50 replies, first come, first served. Please don't delay.

Send in your reservations today!

Please return the form below to:

Jewish Center Women, c/o The Jewish Center,
435 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

Attn: Jewish Center Women's 2nd Annual Wine Tasting

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

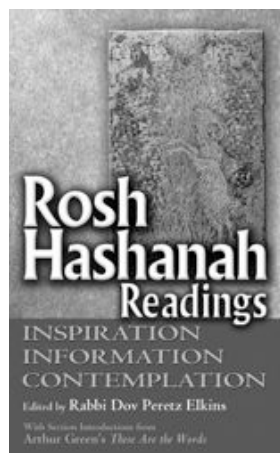
Number of guests _____

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$ _____

(PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO JEWISH CENTER WOMEN)

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS HOW CAN WE MAKE THEM MORE MEANINGFUL THIS YEAR?



Almost everyone can relate to the need to make a fresh start, whether it's reconciling after an argument, changing your daily routine or making a recommitment to your values. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and the day that marks the beginning of the most sacred days of the Jewish calendar—the High Holy Days—challenges us to undertake a spiritual and moral self-examination so

that we may have a new beginning. How do we enter into the spirit of Rosh Hashanah in a personal and powerful way? How can the Days of Awe inspire us to improve ourselves, and ultimately, the world? How can our experience deepen our appreciation for the divine gift of life?

“The Midrash says that every blade of grass has an angel that whispers to it, ‘Grow, Grow!’ So there is such an angel that tells us every Rosh Hashanah, ‘Grow, grow!’ You have the power to change and become the person God meant you to be,” writes Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins in the introduction to his new anthology, **ROSH HASHANAH READINGS: Inspiration, Information and Contemplation** (Jewish Lights / September 2006 / Hardcover / \$24.99). “When we come to High Holy Day services, we need to be aware of our own divine power to be a better person.... This is the meaning of Rosh Hashanah.”

Powerful and inspiring, the selections in **ROSH HASHANAH READINGS** are designed to renew the meaning of the High Holy Day themes of sin, repentance, personal and social change, societal justice, forgiveness, spiritual growth, living with joy and hope, commitment to high ideals and much more. Drawn from a variety of sources—ancient, medieval, modern, Jewish and non-Jewish—it explores the opportunities for inspiration and reflection inherent in the subjects addressed on Rosh Hashanah.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Elkins on the publication of his new book! Join him for a book signing at Barnes and Noble on Route 1 on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m.