

Adult Learning and Programming at The Jewish Center

WINTER & SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

The Susice Holocaust Torahs: The Story, the Journey, the Reunion April 22

ADULT EDUCATION

Match Wits with Today's Best Jewish Thinkers begins January 12
The Great American Musical and the Jews Who Created It begins January 22
Israeli Short Stories begins February 9
Authors Amongst Us begins February 19

CONGREGATIONAL

Arts and Culture presents: Chagall and His Circle January 8
Teen Shabbat January 28
8:00 p.m. Late Friday Shabbat Services: Pray, Nosh, Schmooze February 17, March 16
Celebrate Purim: Gragger, Costumes, Hamantashen and More!
The Mitzvah of Hearing the Full Megillah March 7
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Passover Pottery Painting March 22
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with Adina Langer, Memorial Exhibition Developer
Spring Luncheon Honoring Toby Simon May 6

MEN'S CLUB

Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Night January 21
Men's Club Shabbat with Hamburger and Hot Dog Kiddush Luncheon February 11
Sake Tasting Event April 28

Please turn the page to learn all the exciting activities planned for TJC this Winter and Spring.

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ADULT EDUCATION

New Mini-Series: "Match Wits with Today's Best Jewish Thinkers"

with Rabbi Annie Tucker

Based on the anthology "Theology in our Time," a recently released collection of essays written by young rabbis and scholars on the topic of God, each session will explore 2-3 selected articles and especially our reactions to them. **Thursdays, January 12, 19 and 26; 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

New "The Great American Musical and the Jews Who Created It"

with Cantor Michael Weis

This 3-session mini-series explores the Jewish roots of the great American musical. We'll take a musical ride through history to explore how Jewish values and identity have infused and dominated one of the most popular forms of American culture. **Sundays, January 22, 29 and February 12; 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

New Mini-Series: Israeli Short Stories

with Rabbi James S. Diamond

Israel is much more than politics. It is a richly developed culture with amazingly talented figures in all the arts, including more than a few world-class writers. We'll read, analyze, and discuss short stories written over the past 60 years that are acknowledged not only as masterpieces of the form but also as important windows into understanding some of the dynamics of Israeli society and the Israeli psyche. The stories will be read in English translation and will be made available electronically upon registration. **Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23 and March 1; 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$36.**

Rabbi James S. Diamond, Ph.D., has taught in the Judaic Studies at Princeton University, where he was also the Director of the Center for Jewish Life at Princeton from 1995 to 2004. His research focuses on Hebrew literature from the Biblical to the modern periods and on Jewish intellectual history in the modern period. He is currently at work with JTS Prof. Alan Mintz on a book about S.Y. Agnon's last major work, unpublished in his lifetime.

Yom Hashoah - April 22, 2012

The Susice Holocaust Torahs: The Story, the Journey, the Reunion

Since 1988, The Jewish Center has hosted a Holocaust Torah from the town of Susice, Czechoslovakia. This special Torah is a legacy to us from a community, from a people, from a time that no longer exists. For this upcoming Yom Hashoah (April 22), we are reuniting the six Holocaust Torahs from the town of Susice for the first time since the Shoah. The entire community is invited to join us for this historic event.

"History and Philosophy of Jewish Law, Part II" with Rabbi David Wolf Silverman

We will continue our consideration of the development of Jewish law from the 8th century on, selecting cases concerning civil, criminal, and ritual matters that illustrate the responsa and the codes. Also under consideration: Is Israel a Jewish or a democratic state, or a combination of both? English-language materials will be distributed. **Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27; April 3; 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Jess Epstein Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn typically meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon. This mainstay of our week-day programming featuring well-known artists, writers, politicians, educators and scholars who impart their insight and learning.

- January: Sam Wang, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology and Neuroscience, Princeton University
- February: Naphatali Meshel, Assistant Professor of Religion and Judaic Studies, Princeton University (and ECE parent)
- March: Rina Marks, Certified Wellness Inventory Instructor (and TJC congregant)
- April: David Bellos, Professor of French and Comparative Literature and Director of the Program in Translation and Intercultural Communication, Princeton University

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Mini-Series: Authors Amongst Us

Within our congregation and Jewish community are numbers of authors who have published books of Jewish interest. Come and join the discussion on **Sundays, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Susan G. Solomon, *Louis I. Kahn's Jewish Architecture: Mikveh Israel and the Midcentury American Synagogue* (Brandeis University Press, 2009) **Sunday, February 19**

How To Make A Modern Space Look Jewish is the topic Dr. Solomon will address, using Kahn's ideas for designing Philadelphia's Mikveh Israel, one of the oldest Sephardic Orthodox congregations in the U.S. Although Kahn's plans were never realized, he provided a fresh paradigm for synagogues that introduced innovation in use of site, space, light, landscape, and Jewish ritual.

Susan G. Solomon, Ph.D., also wrote *American Playgrounds: Revitalizing Community Space* and *Louis I. Kahn's Trenton Jewish Community Center*. Trained at the University of Pennsylvania as an art historian with a concentration on 20th-century architecture, she lectures frequently and heads her own Princeton-based consulting firm, Curatorial Resources & Research.

Julian E. Zelizer, *Jimmy Carter: The 39th President* (Holt, Henry & Co., 2010) **Sunday, March 11**

Prof. Zelizer will draw on his recent book to discuss President Carter's complex relationship with the American Jewish community during his time in the White House and the debates surrounding the Camp David agreement. Zelizer will also discuss the economic and international crises that consumed his term in office, and how Carter has in recent years remade his image as a statesman and an important voice for international diplomacy and negotiation.

Congregant Julian Zelizer is Professor of History and Public Affairs at Princeton University. A columnist for CNN.com, he is the author and editor of 13 books on American political history, and has contributed articles to numerous publications including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Newsweek*.

Talmud Study on Shabbat Afternoons with Rabbi Silverman

Come join Rabbi Silverman in exploring the minor tractates of the Babylonian Talmud to discover their fascinating insights into the manners and mores of the ancient Rabbis. Some of the texts have direct relevance to our own times – either in agreement, opposition or qualification. **Twice monthly, 3:30 to 5:00 pm.**

Bible BaBoker with Rabbi Annie Tucker

Come join our weekly Shabbat morning discussion of Parashat HaShavua (the weekly Torah portion). Filled with lively exploration and debate of the Torah's many wonderful (and often challenging) stories and themes, our Bible BaBoker group always welcomes new participants regardless of background. Study with us every week or whenever you can make it! **Every Shabbat; 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.**

Hebrew Language on Sundays

Our small-group Hebrew classes are just the right size for making great strides with conversational Hebrew.

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.	Mat-hilim 2 (Beginners 2)
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Mamshichim 1 (Intermediate 1)
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Mat-hilim 1 (Beginners 1)

Instructor: Edna Bryn-Noiman **All classes are open to new students.** Not sure which level is right for you? Ask Edna at (609)716-1164, edna.bryn@gmail.com or come try a class! Tuition: \$ 180 per semester. Register by calling the TJC office at 609-921-0100.

Parents' School

Co-Sponsored with Religious School and Early Childhood Education

This innovative, adult Jewish learning program is designed to meet the educational needs of parents of children in the ECE program. The program has two parts: Hebrew with Gila Levin, and Torah with Rabbi Adam Feldman. Take advantage of an opportunity to meet other parents and to create stronger personal ties with our clergy. Contact Gila Levin or Rabbi Feldman at 609-921-0100. **Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

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The TJC Book Club (meets at 7:30 p.m.)

Join a lively discussion of these selected titles:

- *The Fatigue Artist* by Lynn Sharon Schwartz – **January 17**
- *Still Here* by Linda Grant — **February 21**
- *The Little Book, a Novel* by Seldon Edwards— **March 20**
- *The Diaries of Adam and Eve* by Mark Twain – **April 17**
- *The Archivist* by Martha Cooley - **May 15**

JEWISH CENTER WOMEN

New “Journey into Our History” Bus Trip to The National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia

Recently opened, Philadelphia’s stunning NMAJH is the only major museum dedicated solely to the experiences of American Jewry. A luxury bus will take us to the museum for a special tour, lunch and time to explore the hands-on exhibits. **January 18; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

JCW Shabbat Service

A spiritually-imbued Shabbat morning on **March 17** when services will be led by our JCW members, followed by a kiddush luncheon catered by Cyndi Kleinbart of Busy Bee Caterers. All JCW members are encouraged to participate –please contact Nancy Lewis, njl01@aol.com.

Rosh Chodesh Gatherings with Rabbi Annie Tucker

Rabbi Tucker shares her wisdom, compassion and scholarship by facilitating meaningful discussions at monthly gatherings held at TJC.

- Sunday, January 8; 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 7; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 15; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26; 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 20; 10:00 a.m. (Mikveh in Yardley PA)

New Passover Pottery Painting

Add your creativity and artistic ability to the Seder table by painting a Miriam’s, Elijah’s or Kiddush cup or a seder plate! Color me Mine comes to TJC with all you need to create a special Passover ritual object. **March 22; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Memory at Work: A Jewish Perspective on Building the National 9/11 Memorial Museum presented with Adina Langer Co-sponsored by JCW and Men’s Club

Join us for bagels and a poignant presentation by Adina Langer (daughter of congregants Corey and Mindy). Throughout her 5-year tenure at the National 9/11 Memorial Museum (set to open 9/11/2012), Adina has worked closely with artists, survivors and family-members who lost loved ones. Through her work with artifacts, images, oral histories and written tributes, she reflects on the meaning of memory in multiple contexts: inter-cultural, national, religious and personal. **Sunday, April 29; 11:00 a.m.**

Annual JCW Membership Luncheon

This year, we’ll have the pleasure of honoring Toby Simon and enjoying a mouth-watering meal catered by Cyndi Kleinbart of Busy Bee Caterers. **Sunday, May 6; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Yoga: Tranquility, Balance, Strength

Back by popular demand, Brigitte Aflalo-Calderon provides instruction in the practice of yoga in a comfortable and supportive environment for participants from beginner to experienced.

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22; and Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on January 31, February 28, March 6, April 10

Greenwood House Presents: Pasta-bilities

Silver Circle members are cordially invited to partake of fine Italian dining (at no cost) and develop a connection to this organization with its tradition of care, comfort and support. **Sunday, March 4; 5:30 p.m.**

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MEN'S CLUB

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Our annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, in the Youth Lounge. No prior experience necessary!
Saturday, January 21; 7:00 p.m.

Super Bowl Sunday at TJC

February 5: Details to come.

Men's Club Shabbat

Our annual Men's Club shabbat, followed by the now-famous and much-anticipated Men's Club kiddish lunch, with hamburgers, hot dogs and other deli delights. If you are interested in participating in the services, please send us a note at tjcmensclub@gmail.com.
Saturday, February 11

Sake Tasting

An introduction to the wonderful world of kosher Japanese rice-based spirits in a relaxed and informal social environment. Sushi will also be on offer. Everyone welcome! **Saturday, April 28; 7:00 p.m.**

More to come: In cooperation with the Youth Committee, we are in the early planning stages of some fun early summer, Sunday afternoon family-friendly events, including bike touring and picnicking in the beautiful country trails surrounding Princeton, and a day-long fishing expedition on a small chartered boat at the Jersey shore. Please stay tuned for further details!

Got Community?

If you have any questions or suggestions for future programming—or if you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Polly Strauss, TJC Vice President of Programming, at pollystrauss@comcast.net.
Todah rabbah.



SOCIAL ACTION

New Leket Israel, Israel's National Food Bank with remarks by congregant and Leket Israel volunteer Peri Feldstein

Come hear about Leket Israel, which works to alleviate the problem of nutritional insecurity in Israel. Each year, Leket Israel rescues over 700,000 meals and 13 million lbs of produce and perishable goods, and supplies over 1 million (7,500/day) volunteer prepared sandwiches to underprivileged children. Food that would have otherwise gone to waste is redistributed to nearly 300 nonprofit partners caring for the needy. **Sunday, February 26; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Can We Talk?

Intergenerational Storytelling Project. The Zayin class will interview senior congregants and compose a video archive as part of their curriculum: Jews in America. This project is underwritten by the Neimark Fund.

Sunday Afternoon Movie: "Live and Become"

Come and spend National Mitzvah Day learning about the ancient community of Ethiopian Jews and their resettlement in Israel. This French film, which follows the journey that began for many with the 1984 airlift called "Operation Moses," depicts the plight of one young boy who fled from Sudanese refugee camps for relief from famine and persecution. The movie raises many fascinating questions about "k'lal Yisrael" (Jewish unity) and the value of "mizug galuyot" (the Israeli melting-pot).

Join us to see the film and stay for dessert. This program is underwritten by the Neimark Fund. **Sunday, March 18, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

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Collections:

Please bring items to the Jewish Center for the following drives:

- **Warm Clothing** **January 8**
- **Blood Drive** **February 12**
This is such an important mitzvah as one pint of blood saves 3 lives. Also, pick up information on organ donation in honor of Organ Donor Day.
- **JFCS Kosher Food Pantry** **February 12-March 11**
- **Bike Exchange** **March 25**

*Late Friday Evening
Shabbat Services and Oneg*



**February 17 & March 16
8:00 p.m.**

All are welcome. Gather your friends and join us for services followed by dessert and socializing.

Questions? Contact Membership Co-Chairs Nancy Lewis at NJL01@aol.com or Helaine Isaacs at hh.isaacs@verizon.net.

Thanks Again... to our Programming Group listed below and to our wonderful staff and clergy, whose collaborative efforts have produced these opportunities for us to engage in the best of Jewish learning, meaningful social action and cultural activities and, most of all, the warmth of each other's company.

Polly Strauss, Vice President of Programming; **Moshe Margolin and Sherry Rosen**, Adult Education; **Louise Sandburg and Suki Wasserman**, Social Action; **Haim Blecher and Jon Shavel**, Israel Affairs; **Judi Fleitman and Rachel Humphrey**, Jewish Center Women; **Fred Appel and David Cheskis**, Men's Club; **Rebecca Sarett and Amy Vogel**, Arts & Culture; **Merrye Shavel Hudis**, Lobby Art Curator; **Bob Garber, Myra Weiner and Irv Newman**, Lunch and Learn; and **Deborah Marinsky**, Film Series.



Journey into Our History



Bus Trip to the National Museum of
American Jewish History

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Depart The Jewish Center at 9:00
a.m. • Return at 4:30 p.m.

*Recently opened, Philadelphia's stunning
NMJAH is the only major museum dedicated
solely to the experiences of American Jewry.*

- *Special Docent-led tour*
- *Kosher box lunch in private room*
- *Free time for exploring museum & hands-on exhibits*
- *Deluxe touring bus*

Cost: \$50.00

RSVP by January 4 to JCW, The Jewish Center 435 Nassau Street,
Princeton, NJ 08540 or JCW@thejewishcenter.org
Questions? Contact Judi Fleitman at JCW@thejewishcenter.org
or phone 609-454-0110

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

phone: _____

____ Please charge \$50 to my TJC account OR
____ \$50 enclosed. *Check Payable to JCW*

Lunch includes choice of sandwich and beverage, veggie slaw, chips, fruit and dessert. Please choose from the following:
Drinks: ___Pepsi ___Diet Pepsi ___Iced Tea ___Bottled Water
Sandwiches: ___Lox&Bagel ___Tuna Salad ___Grilled Salmon
 ___Veggie Hoagie ___Turkey ___Corned Beef



Paris Through the Window:
Marc Chagall and His Circle
comes to TJC
Sunday, January 8 at 4:00 pm
free of charge

Come out of the cold and warm your soul as a Philadelphia Museum of Art guide brings this colorful, digitally illustrated exhibit to TJC.

As a symbol of culture, freedom, and modernity, the city of Paris held a magnetic attraction for artists from Eastern Europe during the early decades of the twentieth century. This Art Talk will feature 40 paintings and sculptures by the artists of Montparnesse, all created in the unique atmosphere of mutual encouragement in Paris before the Second World War. The presentation will focus on Chagall's works made between 1910 and 1920, including the early masterpiece "Half Past Three (The Poet)," of 1911, long considered one of the great treasures of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Hot cider and homemade cookies will be served.