Highlights this Month

Intergenerational Lunch, March 3
Shabbat Ne'imah, March 15
Erev Purim Dinner, Megillah Reading & Carnival, March 20
English Megillah Reading & Brunch (adults only), March 21

HAPPY PURIM!
Dear Friends,

A famous rabbinic saying goes something like this: “You are not expected to complete the task, but neither are you free to avoid it.” I’m honestly not sure what Rabbi Tarfon was thinking about in particular when he said this, back in the day, but it isn’t very hard to hear a relevance for us. His words speak to the feeling of being overwhelmed at the specter of a task too large for us to accomplish. They offer comfort, I suppose, by suggesting our engagement should be independent of our estimation of whether or not we can achieve ultimate success. That’s not for us to know, or even to concern ourselves about. We are only asked, on our own scale, to make a consistent effort.

I have found a little bit of comfort in this mentality as I take stock of what I can do to address our present day ecological crises, climate change first and foremost among them, especially when the immensity of the dilemma makes my personal efforts feel futile. My own dependence on, and appreciation for, a fossil-fuel driven technological lifestyle often leaves me feeling hypocritical and counter-productive. My perusal of the hard science sometimes leaves me feeling a despair in the human capacity to change direction to a significant degree in a proper timeframe to avert catastrophe. I often find myself just trying to push it all from my head and find some modest and trivial pleasure in the day, which leaves me with a sense of moral malaise— that kind of dissonant feeling that arises when you know you should be doing something but can’t find your way into meaningful action.

This is where Rabbi Tarfon comes in, reminding me that the righteous life is less about accomplishment than effort, that such effort must be scaled to our true capacities if it is to be sustainable, and that, as Jews, we are commanded to find our right-sized version of the task, and to undertake it.

This is actually a very significant moment in climate activism, both because of the increasingly dire warnings from the scientific community, and because of the real upswelling of earnest effort to make change, seen most recently in the emergence of the aspirational Green New Deal.

I want to invite you to help me in getting the JCA better on board with the energy of the time. In particular, I wanted to invite you to attend the Jewish Climate Action Network conference in Boston with me, at the end of March (https://www.synagoguecouncil.org/events/jewish-climate-conference-the-task-is-great-the-time-is-short), and to return to Amherst ready to rededicate ourselves to not avoiding a task we cannot complete.

b’shalom, Rabbi Benjamin Weiner
Mark your calendars for community activities, programs, study opportunities, and more. Please see the Ritual Life Calendar for information on Shabbat and other services. For more information about Adult Education classes, please go to: https://jcamherst.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/adult-ed-2019-01.pdf

March 3, Sunday
**INTERGENERATIONAL LUNCH**
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
People of all faiths are invited to join Jewish Community of Amherst teens for a monthly intergenerational lunch. A program for teens and senior citizens to come together and form meaningful relationships. We enjoy lunch and activities, schmooze, share stories, and have a good time!

March 4, Monday
**PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS WITH JANIS LEVY**
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Become more comfortable participating in Hebrew in services and at times of prayer. A program specifically developed for mature learners.
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 6, Wednesday
**LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER**
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
**WISE AGING WITH JODY ROSENBLOOM & TIM OPPENHEIMER**
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
This introductory workshop for folks sixty and older offers both a deepening spiritual process and an interpersonal connection opportunity to look at how we find meaning as we age.
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 7, Thursday
**YIDDISH LEYNER'S GROUP**
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
We welcome anyone who enjoys reading Yiddish to join us.

**ADULT READING GROUP**
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
The book for the JCA ARG this month is The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish. It has been described as, “Electrifying and ambitious, sweeping in scope and intimate in tone, The Weight of Ink is a sophisticated work of historical fiction about women separated by centuries, and the choices and sacrifices they must make in order to reconcile the life of the heart and mind.” JCA book group first timers, and old timers, are welcome. Any questions, please call Ken Talan, 413-896-3372.
Programs and Events Calendar (continued)

March 10, Sunday
ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 11, Monday
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS
WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 13, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
WISE AGING WITH JODY ROSENBLOOM & TIM OPPENHEIMER
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 14, Thursday
JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm
An ongoing workshop for instrumentalists interested in learning how to play Klezmer music. Instructor Brian Bender (Wholesale Klezmer Band, Yiddishkeit Klezmer Ensemble, Little Shop of Horas) teaches Klezmer repertoire and style in a fun, relaxed setting. All instruments welcome. The workshop periodically performs as an ensemble for JCA events. Fee is $15/class.

March 18, Monday
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS
WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 20, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
March 24, Sunday
"A HUNDRED ACRES OF AMERICA: THE GEOGRAPHY OF JEWISH AMERICAN LITERARY HISTORY" WITH AUTHOR MICHAEL HOBERMAN
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Jewish writers have long had a sense of place in the United States, and interpretations of American geography have appeared in Jewish American literature from the colonial era forward. But troublingly, scholarship on Jewish American literary history often limits itself to an immigrant model, situating the Jewish American literary canon firmly and inescapably among the immigrant authors and early environments of the early twentieth century. In A Hundred Acres of America (Rutgers University Press, 2018), Michael Hoberman combines literary history and geography to restore Jewish American writers to their roles as critical members of the American literary landscape from the 1850s to the present, and to argue that Jewish history, American literary history, and the inhabitation of American geography are, and always have been, contiguous entities.
No registration is required.

March 25, Monday
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 27, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
WISE AGING WITH JODY ROSENBLOOM & TIM OPPENHEIMER
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Adult Education Class. Registration is required.

March 28, Thursday
JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm
Our Community

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:

Joining the Jewish Community of Amherst
If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the JCA, or you are ready to receive membership application materials, please contact Ann Wetherbee, Administrative Director, at 413-256-0160 or admindir@jcamherst.org. Shalom, and welcome!

New Members

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:

Faye & Mike Brady          Rhonda Frankel-Fein & Richard Fein
Margie & Shelly Kremms     Marjory Ackerman & Jeanne Ryan
Jamie Rowen & Christopher Klimmek
Annique Boomsma & Jeffrey Gold

Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died.

Tom Plaut, father of David and Rebecca, father-in-law of Tanya and Yano, grandfather of Max, Reiko, and Sarah

Programs and Events Calendar (continued)

March 31, Sunday

CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI FILM SERIES: "ZERO MOTIVATION"
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Described as “darkly funny and understatedly absurd,” Zero Motivation is an irreverent war comedy. In the words of one reviewer, “Private Benjamin meets M*A*S*H, speaks Hebrew, and keeps kosher.” A unit of young women soldiers, all Israeli conscripts, serve out their time at a remote desert military base playing computer games, singing pop songs, and conspiring to get transferred to Tel Aviv, while endlessly serving coffee to the men who run the show. If there is a war going on, it’s one against boredom, bad uniforms, dopey rules, and doing everything in triplicate. Israeli refreshments provided courtesy of Project Rehovot. This event is co-sponsored by the JCA World Jewish Concerns Committee. No registration needed.

Upcoming Events

April 11, Thursday

GATHERING OF ELDERS LUNCHEON
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Mark your calendars! The theme of the event will be “Memories of Seders Past.” For more information, call or write Judy Davis, 413-530-3998, judavis@acad.umass.edu.

Our Community

Samuel Minot Jones Award for Literary Achievement

The Jones Library proudly announces Richard Michelson as the winner of the Sixth Annual Samuel Minot Jones Award for Literary Achievement. A gala event, the Sammys, will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 6:00 pm at Converse Hall on the Amherst College campus. Tickets available: https://www.joneslibrary.org/sammys

Seeking Your News

We would like to hear from you! Please send us your good news or anything significant you would like to share. We welcome your announcement up to 120 words and an accompanying jpeg photo up to 1MB in size. Please send by the 12th of the month before the publication of the next newsletter to: news@jcamherst.org.
The JCA has always been a place of safety and sanctuary for all who come through our doors. This open access is something that as the JCA Board of Directors we do not want to change, and with the rabbi, consider paramount to our very core as a religious and spiritual place. That being said, we also recognize that the recent violent events directed towards religious communities require us to pause, and reconsider practices here at the JCA that help congregants feel safe while they are here.

The board of directors in concert with our rabbi, administrative director and education director are currently taking a very deliberative approach in how to balance the JCA’s "Safe and Welcoming" ethos with the safety of our community. Over the coming months you will notice some changes such as having greeters for the front door, participation in safety trainings (we recently went through an ALICE training with the help and support of the Amherst Police) and some technical and physical changes to keep the JCA safe and welcoming.

We recently held a special session of the board of directors to discuss only safety issues and as result of that meeting created a "Safe and Welcoming" subcommittee. The task of this important subcommittee is to help the board understand and evaluate our potential options regarding safety and their impact on the community.

We are also communicating with other congregations, attending workshops, and working with the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts to learn what others are doing. Through our pro-active staff, we have already put in place a number of improvements. We will hold a Community Forum on March 31st from 10:00 - 11:30 am to present what steps we have already taken, and to discuss "How to keep the JCA a Safe and Welcoming Place" to provide congregants a voice in this complicated and challenging environment.

As the board of directors, we want all members to know we recognize the importance of this issue, and that we need to take seriously the balance for safety with our critical role as a sanctuary, and a place that welcomes all through its front doors. There will be much more to come on this important issue, and we appreciate your understanding and support as we determine our next best steps to help keep the JCA a "Safe and Welcoming" place for all. If you have any suggestions feel free to email me at eweiss0022@gmail.com.

Once again, thank you.

b'shalom, Eric Weiss
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes

Shabbat Shekalim, Parashat Vayakhel
Exodus 35:1-38:20, Exodus 30:11-16

March 1, Friday
FAMILY FRIDAY
5:30 pm
A monthly community Shabbat celebration appropriate for all ages

March 2, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: To be announced

Shabbat Pekudey, Exodus 38:21-40:38

March 8, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner & Danielle Kadinoff

March 9, Saturday
RENEWAL SERVICE
10:00 am in the small sanctuary
Service Leaders: Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

Shabbat Zakhor, Parashat Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26, Deuteronomy 25:17-25:19

March 15, Friday
SHABBAT NE’IMAH
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner, Hazzan Diana Brewer, & the JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band

Kiddush & Oneg Sponsors
March 9-
Barbara Schaffer Bacon and Roger Bacon, in honor of the babynaming of their granddaughter.

March 16-
Marty & Susan Pepper Aisenberg in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary

If you would like to help with or sponsor a kiddush, please contact Ann Wetherbee, our Administrative Director, at admindir@jcamherst.org

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Check the JCA website at: https://jcamherst.org/calendar/month/ for updated information on services.
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes (continued)

March 16, Saturday

SHABBAT YOGA
8:45 am in the social hall

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

March 20, Wednesday

COMMUNITY EREV PURIM DINNER & TABLE MAGIC
5:30 pm
Breakfast for dinner!

MEGILLAH READING AND CARNIVAL
6:30 pm
A night of fun and merriment for all ages

March 21, Thursday

ENGLISH MEGILLAH READING & BRUNCH
11:00 am
Join us for a rollicking adults only reading of the Megillah in English. Brunch provided.

March 22, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

March 23, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Linda McConnell

March 29, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: To be announced

Purim

Rosh Ḥodesh Adar II
March 7/8, Thursday/Friday

Shaḥarit Minyan
Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary

Shabbat Tsav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Shabbat Parah, Parashat Shemini
March 30, Saturday

**SHABBAT YOGA**
8:45 am in the social hall

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES**
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D'var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

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**Torah Reading Coordination**

If you are interested in reading Torah and would like to schedule a time to read, please contact: Marty Pepper Aisenberg, 978-249-8470, maisenberg@videntpartners.com for reading in April, Ruth Love Barer 413-222-6988, ruthlove7@hotmail.com for reading in May. For other times, please contact Aaron Bousel, abousel@comcast.net, 413-253-3544.

If you would like to learn to read Torah or would like help choosing or preparing a reading, please contact Batya Perman, 413-549-4853, or Jane Myers, 401-451-6020.

**Thank You**

The Ritual Life Committee would like to thank those who have given their time and expertise in service to the ritual life of the community:

- **Torah/Haftarah readers:** Hannah Blau, Aaron Bousel, Leo Brosh, Oded Brosh, Hilary Curwen, Marvin Ellin, Richard Fein, Sam Gladstone, Ben Kingston, Cara Kingston, Talya Kingston, Linda McConnell, Jane Myers, Randi Stein
- **Service leaders:** Ruth Love Barer and Randi Stein, Hazzan Diana Brewer, Danielle Kadinoff, Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley, Marty Pepper Aisenberg
- **D'var Torah:** Cara Kingston
- **Musicians:** JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band
Dear JCA Community,

Over the past few years, I have created many new programs that touch not only the school families, but also the wider JCA community members. I am writing this month about another such program, and I hope that many of you will choose to participate.

This year we have the gift of a talented baker working on our staff. Sam Coates-Finke is responsible for the delicious pizza that you have been tasting at the Annual Meeting and during Sukkot, as well as for the challot that you have been buying one week each month.

But did you know that you can participate in the baking process? What had originally been conceived of as a teen program has morphed into a family and community program. On the second Thursday of each month, families and individual community members can sign up to help Sam create the challahs that are then sold to raise tzedakah money.

Anybody can join, just sign up ahead of time so we know you are coming. Have a chance to learn to braid challah with 3, 4, and even more strands. Learn all about how they bake in the outdoor wood fired oven, and know that you are helping to raise tzedakah money to support funding service dogs for those who need them for sight, mental health, and more.

We have had many families join us over the last few months, and we hope that you will chose to join us in the amazing program as well.

To sign up, just go to www.jcamherst.org/bakery. And as always, feel free to reach out with any questions.

*b'shalom,*

Keren Rhodes  
*Director of Youth and Family Education*  
413-256-0160 x203  
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### School Calendar

**March 1, Friday**

**FAMILY FRIDAY**  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Community Shabbat celebration appropriate for all ages - from tots to grandparents. Tots enjoy music, stories, puppets and more with Felicia Sloin. Torah study with Rabbi Weiner for older children, teens, and adults. All come together for a meal. All are welcome!  
*Parent/Guardian attendance is required.*

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**March 3, Sunday**

**JCAT & B’NAI MITZVAH: BETTER TOGETHER**  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  

**LEARNER’S MINYAN: TOT – 5TH GRADE**  
10:00 am – 10:45 am  
*Parent/Guardian attendance is encouraged!*

**JCA SCHOOL: MIDOT & SHALOM TOTS**  
10:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Students move into their classrooms following Learner’s Minyan.

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**March 6, Wednesday**

**JCA SCHOOL: ELECTIVES**  
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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**March 10, Sunday**

**B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS FIELD TRIP TO MIKVAH AT UMASS CHABAD HOUSE**  
10:00 am: drop off at JCA  
12:30 pm: pick up at Mikvah, 30 North Hadley Road, Amherst  

**JCA SCHOOL: MIDOT, B’NAI MITZVAH & SHALOM TOTS**  
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

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**March 13, Wednesday**

**JCA SCHOOL: ELECTIVES**  
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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For updates and complete school calendar listings go to:  
https://jcamherst.org/calendar/category/youthcalendar/
March 14, Thursday
**JCA BAKERY**
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
All JCA households are invited to braid and bake challot in our wood fired oven. Loaves are for sale to the community and all proceeds go to JCA Kesher Tzedakah Fund.

March 15, Friday
**JCAT: JVCORPS**
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
JV Corps cooks prepare community meals once a month for Shabbat Ne’imah while learning about creating and serving community. RSVP at: https://jcamherst.org/education/youth-and-family-education/teens/jv-corps-cooks/

March 17, Sunday
**JCA SCHOOL**
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

March 20, Wednesday
**COMMUNITY EREV PURIM DINNER & TABLE MAGIC**
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
**MEGILLAH READING & CARNIVAL**
6:30 pm

March 24, Sunday
**JCA SCHOOL**
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

March 27, Wednesday
**JCA SCHOOL: ELECTIVES**
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

March 31, Sunday
**JCA SCHOOL**
10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Spotlight on Committees

Adult Education Committee

Adult Education Spring 2019
For detailed information about these programs go to:

Lunch & Learn
Rabbi Benjamin Weiner
Wednesdays • 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Wise Aging*
Jody Rosenbloom and Tim Oppenheimer
Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 27, April 3 • 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wood-Fired Bagels*
Sam Coates-Finke
Sunday, March 17 • 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

A Hundred Acres of America
Book discussion with Michael Hoberman
Sunday, March 24 • 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Israeli Film Series, Zero Motivation
Introduced by Eyal Tamir
Sunday, March 31 • 2:00 pm

Greatest Hits of the Talmud II*
Rabbi Devorah Jacobson
Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24, May 8, 15, 22 • 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

“A Reason to Remember" Exhibition Tour
Debbie Roth-Howe
Sunday, April 14 • 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation*
Rabbi Nancy Flam
Mondays, April 15, 22 • 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm


Chesed Committee

Thank You, Volunteers!
The Chesed Committee thanks all who have recently provided compassionate support to others in the community.

And thanks, again, to everyone who has made a meal, provided a ride, lent a sympathetic ear, visited a person in need of companionship, or performed other acts of chesed (loving kindness).

A Compassionate Community
The Chesed Committee assists JCA members in times of joy, sorrow, and need, coordinating volunteers to help with meals, rides, errands, visits, shiva minyans, etc. We also welcome babies to the community.

Please let us know if you, someone in your family, or someone in the community is ill, hospitalized, or in need of assistance. We can’t help if we don’t know.

Contact the Chesed Committee by email at jcachesed@gmail.com or by calling the office at (413) 256-0160.

We encourage you to be part of the JCA’s growth as a compassionate community. New committee members are welcome at any time to participate in this mitzvah.
In The Valley

Mak’hela: The Sacred and Secular Music of Salomone Rossi
Sunday March 3, at the JCA, 3:00 pm
Suggested donation: $10

A collaboration between Mak’hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts, and The Five College Early Music Collegium. Salomone Rossi (1570 - 1600) was the first Jewish choral composer. Rossi’s liturgical music is an intoxicating blend of traditional Hebrew prayer and quintessential Renaissance sounds. Conductors: Dr. Elaine Broad Ginsberg (Mak’hela) and Dr. Robert Eisenstein (The Five College Early Music Collegium).

Yale Spizzwinks Concert
Saturday, March 9, 7:00 pm

The JCA is delighted to be providing space for a concert of the Yale Spizzwinks, the world’s oldest underclassman a cappella group. Come and experience an unforgettable night, featuring our own Tavi Wolfwood (Yale ’21.) Doors open at 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm performance. There will be one 15-minute intermission. Suggested donation of $10 for students and $15 for adults.

The Spizzwinks have been sharing their unique blend of music and comedy since 1914. Over the years, their repertoire has grown to include an eclectic range of songs—everything from Sinatra to Ed Sheeran, The Beatles to Bruno Mars. Concerts also include Yale classics and a touch of tongue-in-cheek humor. This winning brand of collegiate a cappella has moved audiences around the world to tears and laughter, with a fan club including Lady Gaga, Joe Biden and the Vice Premier of China. They also work to spread music education and performance around the globe—most recently in Morocco and Myanmar—and have a tradition of performing at significant venues in the hometowns of their members. We are honored that Tavi has brought them to us!
Donations to the JCA

Adult Education
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Annual Fund
Maria Scudere & Eric Weiss
In honor of Irene Eigner & Bill Simmons
35th wedding anniversary
(Irene Eigner & Bill Simmons)
In honor of our father/grandfather
Harold Zalkind’s birthday
(Nina, Don, Josh & Noah Tetenbaum)
In honor of Edie & Alan Graber
(Lisa & Peter Blain)
Adi Bemak & Rob Okun

Building Fund
In memory of Harry Eigner
(Irene Eigner & Bill Simmons)

General Fund
In memory of my uncle Frank R. Nutis &
my mom Ethel N. Gill
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In honor of Ruth Love Barer & Aaron
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(Beth & Marta Lev)
In honor of Diana Brewer
(Phyllis & Hans Herda)
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(Barbara Berlin)
In honor of Diana Brewer
(Nina & Don Tetenbaum)
In honor of Diana Brewer with much
appreciation for heart openings
(Susan Zarchin)

Emily & Aaron Fine
In honor of Diana Brewer’s ordination
(Diane & Douglas Gnepp)

Oneg/Kiddush
In loving memory of Abraham Levine,
father of Elinor Levine
(Elinor Levine & Scott Nielsen)
In appreciation for Ann Wetherbee’s
assistance around our father’s death
(Rebecca Plaut & David Plaut)

Ritual Life
High Holiday prayerbooks in honor of
Cara Kingston becoming bat mitzvah
(The Kingston Family)
High Holiday prayerbooks in honor of
Julia Edgerly becoming bat mitzvah
(The Edgerly Family)

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
In honor of Diana Brewer on the occasion
of her ordination as a Hazzan!
(Selena & Burt Woolf)
In honor of Bill Simmons 75th Birthday
(Irene Eigner & Bill Simmons)
In memory of Ida & Harry Schneider
(Diane & Douglas Gnepp)
In appreciation to Rabbi Weiner
(Rebecca Plaut & David Plaut)

Youth & Family Education
Rachael Goren-Watts
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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Have you checked out the JCA Judaica Store lately?
The Judaica Store features books by JCA members and others, siddurim, chumashim, tallitot, mezzuzot and many lovely gift items.
You can shop whenever the office is open.