Wine Cup with Grapes by Greta Kessler, in the JCA Gallery August 1 – October 28

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Highlights this Month
Tisha B'Av: Service and Chanting of Lamentations, August 10
Shabbat Ne'imah, August 16
Mark your calendars for community activities, programs, study opportunities, and more. Please see the Ritual Life Calendar for information on Shabbat and other services.

**August 1, Thursday**
**YIDDISH LEYNER’S CIRCLE**
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
We welcome anyone who enjoys reading Yiddish to join us.

**August 7, Wednesday**
**LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER**
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

**August 14, Wednesday**
**LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER**
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

**August 15, 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.

**August 21, Wednesday**
**LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER**
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

**August 22, Thursday**
**JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP**
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

**August 25, Sunday**
**ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS**
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Registration required

**August 28, Wednesday**
**LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER**
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Our Community

New Members

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:
Murray and Peggy Schwartz
Michael Lesy

Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:
Barbara Rehorka, mother of JCA-member Gary Rehorka, mother-in-law of Rachel, and grandmother of Ben. We offer the whole family our condolences, including Barbara's husband Frank, and her other son, David, with his wife, Michelle.

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.

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!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 1, Thursday
Executive Committee
7:00 pm

August 15, Thursday
Board Meeting
7:00 pm

August 21, Wednesday
Green Team
3:00 pm
Cemetery committee
5:00 pm

August 30, Friday
Adult Education Committee
12:15 pm
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes

Shabbat Mattot/Mas’ei, Numbers 30:2-36:13

August 2, Friday
NO FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

August 3, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

Shabbat Ḥazon, Parashat Devarim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

August 9, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner and Danielle Kadinoff (guitar)

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

Shabbat Naḥamu, Parashat Va’et-ḥanan
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

August 16, Friday
SHABBAT NE’IMAH
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner, Hazzan Diana Brewer, and the JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band

August 17, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

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**Shabbat Ekev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25**

**August 23, Friday**  
**SHABBAT SERVICES**  
6:15 pm  
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

**August 24, Saturday**  
**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES**  
10:00 am  
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner  
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

**Shabbat Rosh Ḥodesh Elul-Day 1, Parashat Re’eh**  
*Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17, Numbers 28:9-28:15*

**August 30, Friday**  
6:15 pm  
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

**August 31, Saturday**  
**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES**  
10:00 am  
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner  
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

**Torah Reading Coordination**

If you are interested in reading Torah and would like to schedule a time to read, please contact: Ruth Love Barer, 413-222-6988, ruthlove7@hotmail.com for reading in September. 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 to the ritual life of the community:

- Service leaders: Ruth Love Barer, Ḥazzan Diana Brewer, Yossi Charette, Gordon Freed, Sam Gladstone, Danielle Kadinoff, Catherine Madsen, Marty Pepper Aisenberg, Randi Stein
- D’vrei Torah: Joseph Boucher, Rabi Mednicoff-Misra, Pearl Strong, Ben Wolfson
- Musicians: JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band

**Candle Lighting**

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**Rosh Ḥodesh Av**

August 2, Friday

**Rosh Ḥodesh Elul**

August 31/September 1, Saturday/Sunday

**Tisha B’Av**

August 10, Saturday evening at 8:30 pm  
We will meet in the small sanctuary for a service and chanting of Ekhah (Lamentations).

**Shaḥarit Minyan**

Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation**

Wednesdays at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary
Youth and Family Education

Camp Shemesh is in full swing, and my attention has shifted to the new school year beginning in September. All of our existing programs are continuing or expanding. Stay tuned for more details on those. We do have one new program I am very excited to announce for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. **Challah & Jam** with Felicia Sloin and Sam Coates-Finke will take place at 10:00 am on the first and third Thursday of each month beginning in October. Explore Jewish holidays, language, culture and values through music, movement and drumming. Meet other families, braid some challah, make some music and have some fun! Come regularly or just drop-in!. Please help us spread the word on this amazing new program, and join us if you can. Enjoy the rest of your kayitz (summer), and see you soon.

Keren Rhodes, Director of Communal Life and Learning
**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).

**JCA Gallery**

**Jewish Papercuts By Greta Kessler**

August 1 - October 28

Traditional papercuts were made by Jews in Central and Eastern Europe for holidays, birth announcements, ritual events, marriage contracts, memorials, new moon blessings, and in synagogues. A revival of papercut artwork has taken place in the past sixty years. Greta’s papercuts celebrate Jewish holidays and the historical land of Israel. She uses many Judaic symbols and forms in her designs. Her imagery is sourced in the Bible, Psalms, Jewish history, and observations of nature in Israel. Exhibition receptions: Amherst Arts Night Plus, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Thursday, August 1, and Thursday, September 5.

**Not Bread Alone**

**Monthly Volunteers Needed**

The JCA Committee for Not Bread Alone prepares the midday meal at Amherst’s local soup kitchen on the second Sunday of every month. We would welcome several new volunteers for the cooking crew (9:30 am-12:00 pm) and the cleanup crew (12:00-2:00 pm) to replace people who are rotating off. The commitment for new volunteers will begin in October 2019. Substitutes are on call to fill in when regular volunteers cannot be there.

Do a mitzvah and have fun. It is a great service project for b’nai mitzvah families. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Hollie Kalkstein at holliekalkstein@gmail.com

**Stop & Shop Food Collection**

In May, JCA member volunteers helped collect 2,756 pounds of food and $522.00 to support the Amherst Survival Center’s free pantry!! Our congregation has once again shown its unwavering commitment to the value of Tikkun Olam and the welfare of our larger community. Many thanks to our awesome volunteers: Jenny Kallick, Judi Fonsh, Hadar Grabel, Joan Epstein, Amy Mittleman, Aaron Berman, Joan Rabin, Fay Zipkowitz, Jeff Cohen, Robin Diamond, Ellen Middleton, Ruth Love Barer, Josette Henschel, Danielle Kadinoff, Susan Zarchin, Mara Hahn, Madeleine Charney, Eli Perkins, Jay Flint, Joni Beck Brewer, and Elaine Walsh. Also special thanks to: Aaron Bousel, Susan Zarchin and Deavorah Jacobson for help with food transport to the Survival Center, and to Arnie Alper, who provided invaluable guidance and wisdom.
Donations to the JCA

**Adult Education**
Elya Rowa
Judith Loischild
Ken Bernstein
Danielle Kadinoff

**Cemetery Fund**
In honor of my husband Alex Chajes’ Yahrzeit (Diane Chajes)

**Education Fund**
In honor of Ben Wolfson becoming Bar Mitzvah
(Jody Rosenbloom & Joel Kaminsky)
In honor of Batya Perman’s 70th birthday
(Jody Rosenbloom & Joel Kaminsky)
In honor of Merle & Ed Feld’s 50th Anniversary
(Jody Rosenbloom & Joel Kaminsky)

**General Fund**
In memory of Hannah Blau’s father, Monte (Reed & Arnie Alper)
In memory of Albert Geller, father/father-in-law of Robin & Ted Diamond
(Devorah Jacobson & Margaret Mastrangelo)
In honor of the marriage of Amy & Nolan Anaya’s daughter, Leah Anaya,
to David Ajasin (Devorah Jacobson & Margaret Mastrangelo)
In memory of Monte & Guitta Blau, parents of Hannah Blau
(Patience & Aaron Bousel)
In honor of Shirley & Harold Zalkind on the occasion of their 75th Wedding Anniversary
(Their children & grandchildren, Nina, Don, Josh & Noah Tetenbaum)
In honor of Frieda Howards’ birthday (Irv & Linda Seidman)
In honor of Frieda Howards’ 95th birthday (Judy Bernstein)
In celebration of Frieda Howards’ 95th birthday (Barbara Berlin)
In honor of Frieda Howards (Nancy Wilson & Nicholas Simms)
In honor of Frieda Howards (Micha & Naomi Peleg)
Honoring Frieda “Fritzi” Howards (Barbara Schaffer Bacon)
In honor of Frieda Howards’ 95th birthday (Janet & Albert Chevan)
In celebration of Frieda Howards (Judith Glaser)
In celebration of Haim Gunner (Judith Glaser)
In honor of Frieda Howards (Nankin Family)
With best wishes to Susan Thomas on her retirement (Judy & Allen Davis)
In honor of Frieda Howards’ 95th birthday (Sheldon & Marcia Goldman)
In honor of Frieda Howards’ 95th Birthday (Lewis & Caden Mainzer)
In Memory of Elaine and Arnold Trehub and daughter Lorna Trehub
(Lewis & Caden Mainzer)

**High Holiday Donation**
In honor of Eric Weiss’s 60th Birthday (Rachel Goldenberg)

**Kesher Lego Donations**
Ken Bernstein
Josh Wilkinson

**Music Fund**
In gratitude for all our dear Ruth Love does for our community, particularly leading Shiva (Lisa Kirschenbaum)
Lisa Kirschenbaum

**Prayerbook Fund**
In honor of the 10th Wedding Anniversary of Rabbi Weiner and Elise (Barbara & Marty Winn)

**Project Rehovot**
In honor of Marilyn Kushick’s Bat Mitzvah on May 18, 2019
(Christine & Frederick Bloom)
In honor of Ruth Love Barer’s help with Marilyn’s Bat Mitzvah
(Marilyn & Joe Kushick)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick’s Bat Mitzvah (Paulina Stark)
Ina & Eli Porth

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**
In honor of Rabbi Weiner and Marilyn Kushick’s Bat Mitzvah on May 18, 2019
(Christine & Frederick Bloom)
In honor of Rabbi Weiner for his help with Marilyn Kushick
(Marilyn & Joe Kushick)
In honor of Merle & Eddie Feld’s 50th Anniversary. Mazel Tov to Merle & Eddie (Barbara Berlin)
In honor of Shirley & Harold Zalkind on the occasion of their 75th Wedding Anniversary
(Their children & grandchildren, Nina, Don, Josh & Noah Tetenbaum)
In honor of Eli Porth’s 75th birthday
(Linda & Irv Seidman)
In celebration of
Janis Levy’s new granddaughter
(Judy & Allen Davis)
In honor of Eli Porth’s birthday (Anonymous)
In honor of Frieda Howards’ special birthday
(Susan Zarchin)
Suzanne Sznajderman

Tzedakah Fund
In memory of Howard Mentin
(Judi & Kip Fonsh)

In The Valley

Film Screening: Leaving Memel - Refugees From The Reich
With Special Appearance by Producer/Director Fred Finkelstein
August 4, Sunday
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm All Soul’s Church, 399 Main Street in Greenfield
Part of Temple Israel’s Love Your Neighbor summer film series. A small, personal memoir tucked inside a much larger, darker tale that has strong resonance today as anti-immigration fervor reaches new highs under our present leadership. It’s also a story of survival, great timing and strong family bonds that make the difference between life and death. Suggested donation $5-18, but all are welcome!

Opening The Heart, Befriending The Mind, Acting Wisely:
A Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Retreat
November 17 – 21, Sunday through Thursday
Mindfulness practice helps us welcome each moment of our experience with kindness, balance, and discernment. In this way, we learn to make friends with our own minds, open our hearts to the fullness of life, and show up more lovingly and wisely in relationships
Join Rabbi Sam Feinsmith, Rabbi Nancy Flam, Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg, and Laura Rotter for this heart-opening retreat in the beautiful scenery of Garrison, New York. For more information on pricing, room types, and the retreat schedule, visit: jewishspirituality.org/silent-retreat-2019.
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You can shop whenever the office is open.