Highlights this Month

- Family Friday Night, November 1
- Rabin Memorial Lecture, November 3
- Musical Mishpucha, November 9
- Shabbat Ne'imah, November 15
- JCA School Alumni Reunion, November 30
Programs and Events Calendar

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 on Adult Education classes, please see the Adult Education brochure (https://tinyurl.com/jca-adult-ed-fall-2019)

November 3, Sunday
RABIN MEMORIAL LECTURE
1:00 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Lecture
Assaf Elroy from the Jewish Agency Israel Fellows program at UMass Hillel, Amherst, will speak on the topic, “How We Talk About Peace.” He will address questions such as: Is peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis realistic? What is a practical vision for bringing the two populations together? Assaf is a fellow of The School for Peace, which promotes future politicians to be agents for peace in Israel and Palestine. Please let Karen Loeb (kloeb@comcast.net) know by October 31st if you will be joining us for lunch. The event and lunch are free and open to the public.

November 4, Monday
LEARN TO CHANT TORAH WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration required.

November 6, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
SACRED LISTENING: AN EXPLORATION OF THE SIX WORDS OF THE SH’MA YISRAEL WITH DANIEL BERLIN
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration required.

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

November 11, Monday
LEARN TO CHANT TORAH WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration required.
Programs and Events Calendar (continued)

November 13, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

SACRED LISTENING: AN EXPLORATION OF THE SIX WORDS OF THE SH’MA YISRAEL WITH DANIEL BERLIN
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration required.

November 14, Thursday
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.

November 17, Sunday
ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

November 18, Monday
LEARN TO CHANT TORAH WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration required.

November 20, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

November 25, Monday
LEARN TO CHANT TORAH WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration required.

November 27, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Upcoming Events

December 8, Sunday
ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

December 12, Thursday
ADULT READING GROUP
7:00 pm
For the second meeting of the ARG, we are doing something new and will discuss two books at that meeting. Both books have had good reviews and are fairly short. You may come for both books or just one. The first book we will discuss is *The Aleppo Codex*, by Matti Friedman. It is a nonfiction thriller about the most perfect ancient copy of the Hebrew Torah and how it survived and wound up in Israel. The second will be *Dumbfounded*, by Matt Rothchild. It is a “delightful and funny” autobiography. In telling his story, the author “recalls every child’s search for identity, rebellion against commonsense, and the quest for love that has always been there”. JCA book group first timers, and old timers, are welcome. Any questions, please call Ken Talan, 413-896-3372.

Poetry Corner

Shofar/Yom Kippur
by Randi Stein

The blast of the shofar is ancient animal
a cry
a plea
a reaching outward and upward
piercing the walls you have erected around yourself
to keep your life measured
and small.

No! says the shofar.
make your life
as big as you can
and as long as you have time for.
Don’t play safe.
Dare to live life fully.
Shatter your own limitations.
Tekiah!

New Members
We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:
Wai Je Coler and Shannon Seidner Coler

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!

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.
Our focus on Kesher (connection) today encourages us to challenge and support students in ways that nurture pride in achievement and helps them find their authentic Jewish selves. At the same time, we balance the needs of individual families and students with our traditions, and honor our diversity including what defines our Jewish identities. We know that if children experience a Jewish education at an early age, especially in community, they are more likely to take on Jewish values and feel a sense of connection, as they have done since our founding.

**FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT**  
Friday, November 1 at 5:30 pm

Enjoy a meal together at our monthly community Shabbat celebration appropriate for all ages, from tots to grandparents, with music, stories, puppets and more for tots with Felicia Sloin; Torah study with Rabbi Weiner for older children and adults; and a special exhibit of our children’s work. All community members are invited!

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**MUSICAL MISHPOCHA SHABBAT**  
Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 am

We are pleased to have this opportunity to honor and celebrate our educators from past to present during Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary with Rabbi Weiner. Also, as the Torah service begins, Felicia Sloin will offer a musical Mishpucha (extended family) celebration in the library for children of all ages accompanied by an adult. We will come together for a community Kiddush after the service.

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**SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION**  
Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 am

We are looking forward to greeting students who participated in the JCA School at any time over the past fifty years! It will be wonderful to honor our legacy of a vibrant and strong Jewish education through the generations. After morning services, we will all enjoy a special Kiddush luncheon catered by Project Rehovot.
Shana tova to all,

In my Kolot column this month, I am going to recap my annual address to the congregation on Rosh Hashanah, in case you missed it.

The JCA, as my mother’s mentor teacher used to say, “is doing well but could do better”. This is going to be an important year for the JCA. We are 50 years old, amazing but young for Jewish history. Irv Seidman has let us all know about the early days of the JCA and how there were few Jews in the Amherst area back in the 1930’s. It’s amazing that we are 50 now and 340 families strong! I want you all to pay attention to our 50th year celebration events throughout the year. Please attend as many as you can and, of course, give what you can whenever possible.

I want to recognize the efforts of our dedicated board members. Thank you to all of you for the time you give and thoughtfulness with which you approach your role with the JCA. I also urge any of you who are interested in joining the board during the coming year, to consider doing so. If you would like to put your name forward, please contact Judi Fonsh at kfonsh@yahoo.com. We will need up to four new board members before the end of the calendar year, and I am looking forward to having a co-president during the coming year.

I want to recognize the quality of the JCA leadership team, and let all three of them know they have our support. The Executive Committee is looking forward to working closely with them to help improve the JCA and its operations and programs over the coming year. The JCA also has many volunteers who help out in numerous ways, and we could not do what we do without their help and support.

The JCA has improved its security, and we will be looking into other ways to improve in the future. Security is a complex and emotional question for us all and there is no one solution. What is most important is that we keep recognizing each other’s perspectives and points of view, and that we try to do what is best for our congregation at this time.

The JCA Board of Directors is looking into creating a permanent endowment under the control of the JCA. We need to recognize our long time congregants and the need for legacy giving to this wonderful place. Having a well-managed endowment will be an important way to sustain ourselves over the long term.

The JCA offers many programs for our families through the school, adult education programs, and other events and efforts. We are a thriving Jewish community, and we want to keep growing and provide for our congregation’s many needs.

It is an honor to be your president during this wonderful time for the JCA. Thank you!

b’shalom, Eric Weiss

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November 4, Monday
Chesed Committee
7:15 pm

November 6, Wednesday
Ritual Life Committee
7:00 pm

November 7, Thursday
Board Meeting
7:00 pm

November 11, Monday
Building and Grounds Committee
4:00 pm

November 15, Friday
Adult Education Committee
12:15 pm

November 21, Thursday
Executive Committee
7:00 pm
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes

Shabbat Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32

November 1, Friday
FAMILY FRIDAY CELEBRATING YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION
(see page 5)
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

November 2, 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 Lekh Lekha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

November 8, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner and Danielle Kadinoff (guitar)

November 9, Saturday
SHABBAT YOGA
8:45 am in the social hall

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES AND MUSICAL MISHPUCHA
CELEBRATING YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION (page 5)
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner


November 15, Friday
SHABBAT NE’IMAH
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Ḥazzan Diana Brewer and the Shabbat Ne’imah Band

November 16, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Marty Pepper Aisenberg
D’var Torah: To be announced

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

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

Shabbat Ḥaye Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18

November 22, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

November 23, 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

Shabbat Toledot, Genesis 25:19-28:9

November 29, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

November 30, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES AND SCHOOL REUNION
CELEBRATING YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION (see page 5)
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

Torah Reading Coordination
If you are interested in reading Torah 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: Joseph Boucher, Aaron Bousel, Richard Fein, Sam Gladstone, Linda McConnell, Jane Myers, Elissa Rubinstein, Randi Stein
- Service leaders: Ḥazzan Diana Brewer, Danielle Kadinoff, Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley, Marty Pepper Aisenberg
- Sukkah Builders: Ruth Love Barer, Barbara Berlin, David Berlin, Gali Berlin, Andy Chapolani, Gordon Freed, Danielle Kadinoff, Judith Loischl, Leslie Lorber, Guy Wood
- Musicians: JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band

Candle Lighting
November 1 ~ 5:24 pm
November 8 ~ 4:16 pm
November 15 ~ 4:09 pm
November 22 ~ 4:04 pm
November 29 ~ 4:00 pm
Times shown are 18 minutes before sunset for Amherst, MA

Rosh Ḥodesh Kislev
November 28/29, Thursday/Friday

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

Jewish Meditation
Wednesdays at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary

Thank you
Shana Tova to all our JCA families,

In October, we had a very special trip with Rachel’s Table to Atlas Farm in South Deerfield. On the trip we harvested nearly 200 lbs of fresh kale and collard greens that would have otherwise stayed in the fields and gone to waste. This fresh produce was then donated to the Amherst Survival Center along with all the food collected during the Tikkun Olam Yom Kippur food drive. All the families that participated in this event learned about the Jewish history and traditions of gleaning, and the important work that the Amherst Survival Center does for our community.

We hope more of you can join us next year for what has become an annual JCA Sukkot tradition.

b’shalom,

Keren Rhodes
School Calendar

November 1, Friday
FAMILY FRIDAY CELEBRATING YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
This special Family Friday is part of the JCA 50th Anniversary Celebration. Generations will come together to honor and support our youth and family education with an evening of music, singing, puppets, storytelling, blessings, and more. Enjoy a musical family jam with Felicia Sloin for young children and an intergenerational Torah discussion with the rabbi for older children and adults. The programs are followed by a delicious community meal.
*Parent/Guardian attendance is required.*

November 3, Sunday
SHALOM TOTS, MIDOT
10:00 am – 12:30 pm
*Parents are encouraged to stay for Learner’s Minyan from 10:00-10:45 am today!*

BETTER TOGETHER (B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS/INTERGENERATIONAL LUNCH)
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

November 6, Wednesday
ELECTIVES
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

November 7, Thursday
CHALLAH & JAM WITH FELICIA SLOIN AND SAM COATES-FINKE OF BACKYARD BREAD
10:00 - 11:30 am
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 weekly or drop-in. There is a $25 annual registration fee for this program. Please register online at www.jfswm.org/jewish-family-jam.

JCA BAKERY WITH SAM COATES FINKE
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

For updates and complete school calendar listings go to: https://jcamherst.org/calendar/category/youthcalendar/
November 9, Saturday

MUSICAL MISHPUCHA WITH FELICIA SLOIN CELEBRATING YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION
10:30 am – 12:00 noon
Families start out in our traditional morning service, stay for the taking out of the Torah...AND THEN follow Felicia Sloom into another room to enjoy a musical kid-focused Shabbat morning celebration. We will return to the sanctuary to join the rest of the community for kiddush and a light luncheon. This is a monthly service recurring on the 2nd Saturday each month. This family service is appropriate for kids of ALL ages. Adults must remain with their children throughout.

November 10, Sunday

SHALOM TOTS, MIDOT, & B'NAI MITZVAH
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

November 13, Wednesday

ELECTIVES
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

November 15, Friday

JVCORPS
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

SHABBAT NE'IMAHAH
6:15 pm

November 17, Sunday

SHALOM TOTS, MIDOT, & B'NAI MITZVAH
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

November 20, Wednesday

ELECTIVES
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

November 21, Thursday

CHALLAH & JAM WITH FELICIA SLOIN AND SAM COATES-FINKE OF BACKYARD BREAD
10:00 - 11:30 am
www.jfswm.org/jewish-family-jam.

JCA BAKERY WITH SAM COATES FINKE
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Youth and Family Education (continued)

November 24, Sunday
SHALOM TOTS, MIDOT, & B'NAI MITZVAH
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

November 27, Wednesday
NO CLASS TODAY

December 1, Sunday
NO CLASS TODAY
Spotlight on Committees

Green Team

The JCA’s “Green Team” has been meeting since the spring, strategizing and implementing ways to mitigate the climate change impact of our community, and to become better stewards of the earth in general. We feel that Rosh Hashanah is an appropriate time to encourage and issue a challenge to our community to adopt new practices in the new year, in an effort to mitigate the impacts of climate change that are already being felt here in the Pioneer Valley and throughout the world.

We offer these suggestions, but, of course, you can also think up your own practice, or build upon what you are already doing:

- Give up one meal of animal products a week, substituting a vegan meal.
- Sign up in your community for 100% renewable energy.
- Stop using single-use plastics. Reuse what you already have!
- Give up your car one day a week for more energy efficient forms of transportation (public transit, biking, scooters, walking). Or invest in more energy-efficient personal transportation, such as a hybrid or electric vehicle.
- Institute composting, either in your yard or through a pick-up service. The JCA has recently done this through citycompost.com
- Reduce or eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides on your lawn. Use natural organic products instead.
- Learn about resilience and preparedness through https://www.climatecrew.org,
- Join an organization such as the Jewish Climate Action Network, 350.org, or Sunrise focused on climate activism.
- Write to a representative--local, state, or national--to argue for a climate-friendly policy.
- Write to a newspaper to argue for a climate-friendly policy.
- Attend an educational session about the climate change.
- Attend a rally or lobbying effort in favor of climate action.
- Divest your savings/investments from the fossil fuel industry.
- Substitute tap or filtered water for bottled water.
- Install low-energy LED light bulbs.

Cemetery Committee

Lawn Green Burial Section Open

The new lawn green burial section is now open for plot purchases. In the lawn green section, you can choose a specific plot or plots (as opposed to the method of sequential burial in the Forest Green section). A map will be posted soon on the JCA website. A copy is also available in the JCA office. Contact Linda Sinapi for more information: 413-218-3107
Spotlight on Committees (continued)

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).

Yom Kippur Food Drive

A Great Start To 5780!

JCA’s Yom Kippur Food Drive yielded an impressive 2,368 lbs of food for donation to the Amherst Survival Center Free Pantry! Additionally, the JCA Kesher gleaning project collected 200 lbs of fresh kale for donation to the Survival Center - for a total of 2,568 lbs!! Our community has once again made a strong and generous statement about its values and vision. We are clear about our support for food security and our mission of Tikkun Olam. Way to go, JCA!

Special thanks to folks who came to help sort all of that donated food: Emily Bloch, Devorah Jacobson, Amy Rothenberg, Judy Rothenberg, Jay Flint, Ronnie Williams, Margaret Mastrangelo, Mara Hahn, Harry Hahn, Levi Hahn, and Eden Hahn.

The Yom Kippur Food Drive begins our year-round food donations in support of the Free Pantry. Our efforts for the whole year of 5779 totaled 6,542 lbs! JCA members and guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for donation whenever they come to the JCA. Donations may be placed in the dedicated box in the lobby entrance area.

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.
Spotlight on Committees (continued)

JCA Hall Gallery

Exploring Light, Dark and Color: Recent Pastel Landscapes
Richard Cohen

Exhibit: November 1, 2019 – January 30, 2020
Receptions: Thursday, November 7 and Thursday, December 5 at 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
or by appointment

I grew up in Springfield, New Jersey amid watercolor and oil paintings by my
talented mother, who studied with the French painter, Henri Niece. I recall many
visits with my mother to New York City art museums and galleries. She encouraged
me to try sculpture, watercolors and other media. Later, while practicing law and
raising a family, my artistic medium was black and white photography.

Around 20 years ago, my younger daughter, who was studying art in high school,
encouraged me to try pastels on a visit to the Maine coast. It was “love at first try.”
Ever since, I've painted almost exclusively with pastels. Pastels are made from finely
ground pigments and a binder such as gum arabic, and then formed into sticks.
There are hard pastels, soft pastels, oil pastels and pastel pencils. I primarily use soft
pastels, which produce rich and vibrant colors.

As a medium, pastels have the benefit of simplicity, convenience and versatility.
There is immediate contact of the pastel stick with the paper, which makes it seem
like an extension of your fingers. There are many kinds of pastel paper, but I prefer
PastelMat, which has plenty of “teeth” to grab and hold the pigment. Pastels can
be a technical, nuanced medium, and I have been fortunate to have had excellent
teachers, in particular, Kathleen Galligan of Bristol, Maine and Christina Mastrangelo.

I'm excited to be exhibiting again at the JCA Gallery. I've selected mostly recent
paintings of the Pioneer Valley, Maine and Arizona. I paint landscapes because I love
the outdoors. Being in nature, whether woods, fields or ocean, I feel nourished,
energized, at peace and happy. In my paintings I try to capture something of those
feelings. My goal is to enable the viewer to be surrounded by natural beauty, the
play of light on hills, trees and water, and the drama of the sky.

I hope you enjoy viewing the paintings as much as I enjoyed painting them! If you
have any questions or are interested in purchasing, please contact me at ra_cohen@
msn.com or (413) 256-6145.

Not Bread Alone

Volunteers Needed

On the second Sunday of every month, we prepare the midday meal at Amherst's
local soup kitchen. 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). Substitutes are on call
to fill in when regular volunteers cannot be there. This is a great service project
for b'nai mitzvah families. Do a mitzvah and have fun. To volunteer or for more
information, please contact Hollie Kalkstein (holliekalkstein@gmail.com)
Donations to the JCA

Chesed Fund
In honor of our amazing Chesed Committee. Thank you for all you do for us. (Charlotte Schwab)

General Fund
Thank you to Catherine Madsen for her generous donation to the JCA of the proceeds from the sale of her book, *Imaginaton and Obligation-Essays on the High Holiday Liturgy*

In memory of Robert Solomon (Leonard & Marian Lubinsky)
In memory of Eli Kwartler (Kip & Judi Fonsh)
In memory of Randi Stein (Kip & Judi Fonsh)
In memory of Sarah Thomson’s mother (Howard & Ruth Smith)
In memory of Joseph Lapin of blessed memory (Henia Lewin)
Frank Aronson
In memory of Beatrice Tepper (Roberta Pato)
Joy Ladin
Karen Sheingold
In honor of the Tikun Olam Committee (The Leverett Chorus)
In honor of Rabbi Benjamin Weiner (Abby Coren & Paul Bobrowski)
Matt Robison
Ross Midler
Iris Broudy
Seth Kupferschmid
Deborah Sacon
Lynley Rappaport
Deborah Levy
Robin Fordham
In memory of Irving Schrom (Amy Schrom)
Jeffrey Cohen
In honor of Mayanni Liebermann (Maya Liebermann)
In memory of Hilda & Gustav Liebermann (Maya Liebermann)
In memory of Harry Bernstein (Herbert Bernstein)

Beth Girshman
In honor of Vivien Landau (Jessica Wolff)
Stacey Lennard
In honor of Herman Gundersheimer and in memory of Freida Gundersheimer (Ben Gundersheimer)
In memory of Jacob M. Dinnes (Carol Silver)

High Holiday Donation
With gratitude to Barbara Perman and Jim Ballard for their support and prayers during my recent surgery (Sydney Hirsch)
In memory of Adrienne Asch (Randi Stein)
In memory of Dr. Edward Alexander (Mark Phillips)
Gus Sayer
Dr. Steven & Jennifer Markow
Elizabeth & Ted Trobaugh
In memory of Ted Dreyer, Irene Sicurello (Barbara Dreyer)
Daniel Kost
Gail Seefeldt
In memory of Jane Trigère (Jill Kaufman)
Ani Tuzman

Project Rehovot
Larry Gutlerner
In memory of David Conrad (Rona Chayah Conrad)
In memory of David & Nadia Rozman (David Rozman)
Norman & Eva Brown
Ruby Schmerling
In memory of Harvey Ades (James Young)
In honor of Irv & Linda Seidman (Sheldon & Marcia Goldman)
Thank you (Gene Kupferschmid)
In honor of Irma Levenson (William & Ilana Schmitt)
Robert Feldman & Katherine Vorwerk
In memory of Howard Mentin (Daniel & Linda Reif)
In memory of my mother, Peppy Barer (Ruth Love Barer)

Jeanne & Janet Potash
In memory of Johanna Plaut (David & Doris Cohen)
In memory of Robert Stern (Paulina Stark)

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
In memory of Leo & Eda Rabinovitz and Judy, Jesse and Jess Hale (David Rabinovitz)
In honor of Rabbi Weiner, thank you! (Linda Mondschein)
Sending healing thoughts to Elise (Jenny Kallick & Robert Bezucha)
In honor of the holiday hospitality of Bob Horowitz & Catherine Nagel (Deborah Horowitz & John Klemundt)
Lisa Levheim
In honor of Ina and Eli Porth’s 50th wedding anniversary (Carole & Les May)
In honor of Elise Barber, wishing you refuah shlaima (Marilyn & Jeff Blaustein)
With caring for Elise and Ben (Jean Krogh & Bob Solosko)
In honor of Rebecca Altabef (David Altabef)

Tikun Olam
In honor of my loving, amazing family, Rachel, Gary and Benjamin. (Charlotte Schwab)

Youth Education
In memory of Barbara Rehorka (Gary Rehorka)

We apologize for the following Yizkor Book listing that was inadvertently omitted:
In memory of Mark Goldenberg, and Betty & Louis Baker (Evelyn Goldenberg)

We thank the Jewish Federation of Western MA for their generous grant to help pay for the visible presence of security during the High Holidays.
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Office Hours
Monday: Office Closed
Tuesday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Please note: The Office will be closed November 27-29.

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