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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.

December 4, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

December 5, Thursday
YIDDISH LEYNER’S GROUP
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
We welcome anyone who enjoys reading Yiddish to join us.
KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 9:00 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.

December 8, Sunday
ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Coffee, tea and bagels available 9:30 am

December 11, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 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.
Programs and Events Calendar (continued)

December 13/14, Friday/Saturday
COMMUNITY SHABBATON
See pages 4 and 8 for more information.

December 15, Sunday
REMINISCING WITH THE RABBIS
This program, part of the JCA 50th anniversary celebrations, has been postponed until February. Further information will follow.

INTERGENERATIONAL LUNCH
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

December 18, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

December 19, Thursday
KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

December 22, Sunday
ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
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COMMUNITY SHABBATTON

Friday & Saturday, December 13 & 14

Friday, December 13
NE’IMAH SERVICE at 6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner, Hazzan Diana Brewer & Shabbat Ne’imah Band

Saturday, December 14
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES at 10:00 am
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner with elements of Ne’imah Band & Renewal Service
D’var Torah: Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President of Reconstructing Judaism

KIDDUSH FOLLOWED BY ARMCHAIR CONVERSATION at 12:30 - 3:00 pm
Rabbis Waxman and Weiner will explore the arc of Reconstructionist Judaism together and open the conversation to discussion with the community.

Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Ph.D., is president of Reconstructing Judaism, the central organization of the Reconstructionist movement. A leading thinker and advocate for liberal religion as a force for positive societal change, Deborah is the first woman rabbi to head a Jewish congregation union and rabbinical seminary. “On behalf of the Reconstructionist movement, I’m thrilled to be celebrating this milestone with the Jewish Community of Amherst,” said Rabbi Waxman. “This intellectual, eclectic and thriving community has an impressive history and an even more promising future.”
Congratulations to Randi Stein whose submission to the Gurvich art exhibit at the Jewish Community Center in Springfield won a blue ribbon (first prize) in the drawing category. The drawing is a pastel of JCA member Joseph Boucher.

New Members

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:

Emily and Robert Boutilier
Dawn Beckman
Dvora Eisenstein

Condolences

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


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!
Annual Appeal

YOU KNOW WHY THE JCA IS IMPORTANT TO YOU,
AND WHY YOU ARE HERE

At this time, we are able to look with gratitude at our community and with appreciation for the involvement of each one of us. We are blessed that the JCA is flourishing.

Our individual reasons for engagement will differ. We may want to help sustain an intentional spiritual community; provide a nourishing home for Jewish life; explore and experience ritual and worship opportunities; offer a Jewish education for each generation; maintain a cultural environment that is familiar, flexible and safe; or feel called to individual and communal social action by living in accordance with our ethical heritage. Perhaps, it is all of the above.

We know, too, that our donations to the Annual Appeal have an impact on the strength and financial stability of our vibrant growing community. They allow us to sustain our services, support our staff, and maintain our home.

The $50,000 goal for the appeal this year is a line item in our budget. It is not for a wish list but is an amount we have projected to help meet our expenses for the year.

Please give now to support the opportunities we have to gather for study, prayer, music, and cultural programs; to volunteer for mitzvah projects; and for our vital work together as we strive to meet the challenges of our world.

Make your contribution at https://jcamherst.org/donations and choose Annual Appeal in the pull down menu or mail your check to the JCA with “For Appeal” on the memo line. Thank you!

Janis Levy and Jeff Roth-Howe
Coordinators, Annual Appeal 2019
Message from JCA President

Hello Everyone,

This month, I want to focus on volunteering for the JCA and upcoming events. It is the time of year when we are recruiting people to serve on the board of directors and other committees, and I appreciate all who step up to serve.

There are many wonderful opportunities for you to contribute whatever skills and experience you bring with you to the JCA, or perhaps you are looking for a way to open up your involvement and explore new possibilities to make a difference to our community.

I think we do this particularly well at the JCA, and we even have a Kavod Code that spells out how we all treat each other with respect and dignity, recognizing our differences. It is a guide and a principle that was developed some years ago, and I have always appreciated it.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has served, is serving, and will serve in a volunteer capacity. Your time and thoughtfulness are important to the JCA and all it represents. This is a joyous time for the JCA. We have the rabbi whose family is growing, as well as a thriving organization. Mazel Tov to us all!

I want to remind people we have an Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 8th starting at 10:00 am. We will have updates on the budget and security, and a general review of what is important to the JCA at this time. We will also hear from our Director of Communal Life and Learning, Keren Rhodes.

As you know, there are many planned events that are part of our 50th anniversary celebration throughout the coming months. Please read your JCA emails so you can attend events that are important to you.

We continue to be a vital and growing organization, and I think we can all be proud of that!

b’shalom, Eric Weiss

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 2, Monday
Chesed Committee
7:15 pm

December 4, Wednesday
Ritual Life Committee
7:00 pm

December 5, Thursday
Board Meeting
7:00 pm

December 6, Friday
Adult Education Committee
12:15 pm

December 19, Thursday
Executive Committee
7:00 pm
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes

Shabbat Vayetse, Genesis 28:10-32:3

December 6, Friday
FAMILY FRIDAY
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

December 7, Saturday
SHABBAT YOGA
8:45 am in the social hall
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 Vayishlah, Genesis 32:4-36:43

December 13, Friday
COMMUNITY SHABBATON NE’IMAH SERVICE
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner Ḥazzan Diana Brewer and Shabbat Ne’imah Band

December 14, Saturday
COMMUNITY SHABBATON MORNING SERVICES AND MUSICAL MISPUCHA
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner with elements of Ne’imah Band and Renewal Service
D’var Torah: Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President of Reconstructing Judaism

KIDDUSH FOLLOWED BY ARMCHAIR CONVERSATION
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Rabbis Waxman and Weiner will explore the arc of Reconstructionist Judaism together and open the conversation to discussion with the community.

Shabbat Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23

December 20, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner and Danielle Kadinoff (guitar)

Check the JCA website at: https://jcamherst.org/calendar/month/ for updated information on services.

Kiddush & Oneg Sponsors
Thank you to last month’s kiddush sponsors:
November 16- The Schoen-Trigère family, in memory of Hannah Jane Trigère
November 23- Hannah Blau, in memory of Norma Simon
If you would like to help with or sponsor a kiddush, please contact Ann Wetherbee, our Administrative Director, at admindir@jcamherst.org
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes (continued)

December 21, 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

December 27, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

December 28, 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: Jane Myers, janemyers18@gmail.com, 401-451-6020 for reading in January, Marty Pepper Aisenberg, maisenberg@videntpartners.com, 978-249-8470 for reading in February. 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, Joseph Boucher, Aaron Bousel, Richard Fein, Hadar Grabel, Jane Myers, Elissa Rubinstein, Yosef Rumshiskiy
• Service leaders: Ḥazzan Diana Brewer, Danielle Kadinoff, Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley, Marty Pepper Aisenberg
• D’vrei Torah: Ḥazzan Diana Brewer, Ken Schoen
• Musicians: JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band

Candle Lighting
December 6 ~ 3:59 pm
December 13 ~ 3:59 pm
December 20 ~ 4:01 pm
December 27 ~ 4:06 pm
Times shown are 18 minutes before sunset for Amherst, MA

Hanukkah begins Sunday evening, December 22

Rosh Ḥodesh Tevet
December 28/29, Saturday/Sunday

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

Jewish Meditation
Wednesdays at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary
I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to a fun, exciting, new activity we are doing as part of JCA Kesher Education. We are currently running an online, digital, Jewish, escape room. What is that you ask?

Each month families explore a new digital "room". They click the various objects and spaces within the room, and some of them reveal clues. Put the clues together to find the code to "escape" the room. In the process, families learn about Jewish music, prayers, Israel and more. Then each month, a series of "challenges" must be completed in order to advance to the next level. These challenges include things like: doing a mitzvah, celebrating Shabbat, learning about Talmud, and more. The online platform guides step by step through the process.

Spread throughout all the different rooms are an additional series of clues that when put together reveal the location of an important missing historical artifact. Miriam’s timbral is waiting to be found. Do you have what it takes to crack the code?

This program is open to any JCA members. Just let me know that you want to be signed up. It's not too late.

b’shalom,
Keren Rhodes

Here are a few reviews from families that have already started.

The time I spent with my kids doing the first section of the escape room was the best hour of my week. We were all thoroughly engaged the whole time (which is not easy to do given the range of ages and abilities), we each learned a bunch of interesting information, and it stimulated rich discussions. Over the past few days I have found myself reflecting on different ideas and words I learned from the videos. For example, I have been inspired to see if I can notice 100 blessings every day, and I have told three different people about many positive qualities listed in the “periodic table” of middot.

The very next day my younger daughter started asking “When can we do the escape room some more?!”

Thank you!!
- Cailin

It’s so much fun. You should do it.
- Jonah

We had a great time as a family working on cracking the code and also doing the activities for the month. We all learned something, enjoyed some Jewish music, and our kids were really motivated to do the activities.
- Lee and Eric
December 1, Sunday

**NO JCA SCHOOL TODAY**

December 4, Wednesday

**ELECTIVES**

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

December 5, 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

December 6, Friday

**FAMILY FRIDAY**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Generations will come together for a Shabbat celebration 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. Programs are followed by a delicious community meal.

*Parent/Guardian attendance is required.*

December 8, Sunday

**JCA SCHOOL**

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Learner’s Minyan this morning.

**B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS FIELD TRIP TO THE MIKVAH AT UMASS CHABAD HOUSE**

Drop off to JCA at 10:00 am - Pick up from Mikvah at 1:00 pm

This field trip is required for current B’nai Mitzvah students (gr 6 & 7) and is also open to current 8th graders. Students should arrive to JCA School at the regular time and will travel with their class to the Mikvah. Pick up your students from the Mikvah at 1:00 pm, 30 North Hadley Road in Amherst.

For updates and complete school calendar listings go to:
https://jcamherst.org/calendar/category/youthcalendar/
December 8, Sunday  
**JCA ANNUAL MEETING**  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
*Parents are encouraged to participate!*

December 11, Wednesday  
**ELECTIVES**  
4:00 - 5:30 pm

December 12, Thursday  
**JCA BAKERY WITH SAM COATES FINKE**  
5:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, December 13  
**JV CORPS**  
5:00 - 9:00 pm  
**SHABBAT NE'IMAH**  
6:15 pm

Saturday, December 14  
**MUSICAL MISHPUCHA WITH FELICIA SLOIN**  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Families start out in our traditional morning service, stay for the taking out of the Torah...AND THEN follow Felicia Soin 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.

Sunday, December 15  
**SHALOM TOTS, MIDOT, & B'NAI MITZVAH**  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
**BETTER TOGETHER (B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS/INTERGENERATIONAL LUNCH)**  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18  
**ELECTIVES**  
4:00 - 5:30 pm
Youth and Family Education (continued)

Thursday, December 19
CHALLAH & JAM WITH FELICIA SLOIN AND SAM COATES-FINKE OF BACKYARD BREAD
10:00 - 11:30 am

Sunday, December 22
NO JCA SCHOOL TODAY

Wednesday, December 25
NO JCA SCHOOL TODAY

Sunday, December 29
NO JCA SCHOOL TODAY

Wednesday, January 1
NO JCA SCHOOL TODAY
Spotlight on Committees

**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).

**Tikkun Olam Committee**

**Craig’s Doors**

The JCA Tikkun Olam Committee has supported Craig’s Doors for several years by spearheading a volunteer effort during the holiday weeks when student volunteers are in short supply. Volunteers can sign up to help with shelter set-up, meal service and clean-up.

Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) is a key Jewish value. Our efforts to support this invaluable resource help repair our local world; Craig’s Doors provides warmth, shelter, sustenance and welcome to our vulnerable homeless neighbors. Volunteering at Craig’s Doors is important, rewarding, and eye-opening.

Please join in our effort by signing up to help now or especially during the holiday weeks of Dec. 22-27 and Dec. 29-Jan. 3. Potential volunteers should know that Craig’s Doors has a behavior based admission policy; “all those who show respect for the safety and well being of our guests, volunteers and staff are welcome”.

In previous years, JCA members have often volunteered in pairs. This "buddy system" has proven to enhance the volunteering experience - If you need a “buddy” contact Harry Hahn or Judith Souweine and we will try to link you up with another JCA member. Please note that this Tikkun Olam opportunity is not suitable for minors.

Sign up online by going to "http://www.craigsdoors.org", hovering over "Get Involved" (upper right of page), clicking on "Volunteer", and then clicking on the "Sign Up To Volunteer at the Shelter" button. It's multi-step but doing good often is. Please be sure to enter "JCA" in the "Organization" field.

We are also sponsoring a drive to collect funds for bus passes for the Craig’s Doors guests who often don’t have sufficient funds to get to the shelter. There will be an envelope on the Tikkun Olam bulletin board in the JCA lobby where you can put in a few dollars to help folks get on the bus.

**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.

Craig’s Doors
Spotlight on Committees (continued)

JCA Hall Gallery

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

Exhibit: November 1, 2019 – January 30, 2020
Reception: 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.
Donations to the JCA

Chesed Fund
In honor of my dear friend, Susan Myers  
(Barbara Berlin)
In memory of Susan Myers  
(Arnie & Reed Alper)

General Fund
In memory of my mother, Hilda  
Greenblatt (Joan & Monroe Rabin)
In memory of Susan Myers  
(Howard & Ruth Smith)
Nancy Pick & Lawrence Douglas
In memory of Eli Kwartler  
(Elizabeth Young)

High Holiday Donation
Thank you for Yom Kippur Services  
(Benjamin Bailey & Julia Rueschemeyer)
Beautiful services – ASL interpreters are truly appreciated!!  
(Jerry & Ellen Rosenberg)
In honor of Ellen Rosenberg  
(Larry Rosenberg)
In memory of Adelyn Soifer – beloved elder sister (Laurence Soifer)
Deborah Evans
Lenore Miller
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(Fay Zipkowitz)
In memory of Eli Kwartler (Fay Zipkowitz)
Martin & Barbara Winn
Janet Klausner-Wise & Jeremy Wise
In memory of Rick Pio  
(Elinor Levine & Scott Nielsen)
In honor of all the wonderful women of the JCA!  
(Sarina Ergas & Allan Feldman)
Carol Kaminsky
Sheila Weinberg
Ed & Merle Feld
In honor of Judy Davis’ 75th birthday  
(Donald & Nina Tetenbaum)
Barbara & Jim Pistrang
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Charles & Tanjam Jacobson
In memory of Dr Arnold Belchetz  
(Sarah Belchetz-Swenson)
Mark Israel
Megan Gross
Hal Schneider

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
In memory of Barbara Earl Thomson  
(Ruth Love Barer)
In memory of Jane Trigère  
(Ruth Love Barer)
In memory of Martin Weiss  
(Ruth Love Barer)
In memory of Rose Foster  
(Ruth Love Barer)
In memory of Bob Stern  
(Ruth Love Barer)
Wishing Refuah Shelema to Cantor Elise Barber (Ruth Love Barer)
Thank you for the beautiful High Holiday services (Marcie & Dick Sclove)
In memory of my father Norman N. Gill  
(Roslyn Gill Heafitz)

Ritual Life
Martin & Barbara Winn

Youth Education
In honor of the birth of our grandson,  
Dennis Levi Nielsen  
(Elinor Levine & Scott Nielsen)
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Office Hours

Monday: Office Closed
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Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Affiliated with Reconstructing Judaism

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.