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Dear friends,

While leading Kabbalat Shabbat last month, I shared an experience I described as a “rabbinical-parental fantasy moment.” (Maybe I should call it “parental-rabbinical” instead. You can judge that for yourselves after you read the story.) This is what happened:

Getting home late one weeknight after a meeting at the JCA, I went up to kiss Efraim, my seven-year old son, goodnight, thinking I would be kissing a sleeping child on the forehead. But I found him wide awake and eager to talk to me. About what? About the Torah portion! He’d been studying it with his teacher and class at the Lander-Grinspoon Academy, and was still mulling over its implications as he waited for sleep to overtake him.

One question seemed to preoccupy him more than any other: how does someone wrestle with themselves? Maybe you can guess which story he’d just learned that day...Time’s up! It was the one about Jacob, on the lonely hilltop, wrestling with a mysterious being various midrashim suggest could have been an angel, or his brother, or, and this is what was troubling Efraim, himself.

As a parent—and a rabbi—I was touched. (I can’t even begin to tell you.) In the dim glow of his nightlight, we sat together on his bed and turned the matter over and over. I asked him how he might describe the feeling that comes over him when he’s playing with his toys in the living room and his imma tells him it’s time to set the table—not an unfamiliar circumstance. Doesn’t he feel a little torn—between pleasure and responsibility—as if there are two sides of him battling it out? He saw what I was getting at, but, in the end, felt more comfortable thinking about the adversary as Esau, Jacob’s brother. “Because,” he said, “they wrestled with each other when they were in their mother’s belly. And now his brother comes and says: let’s finish this, Jacob!”

In one way or another, we’ve studied each of the Torah portions that have since followed. Last night, at dinner, he actually turned to me, unsolicited, and asked me what the next parashah was going to be, and we started talking about Moses, put in the basket as a baby, drawn out of the water by Pharoah’s daughter, and coming to manhood amidst the complexity of his identity and the weight of his destiny.

I share this partly as an endorsement of LGA, which is a beautiful place of learning, and partly as an endorsement of traditional study, but mostly just to let you know that, in my experience, there really is no delight quite like wrestling with Torah with the people that you love.

b’shalom, Rabbi Benjamin Weiner
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.

February 2, 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!

February 5, Wednesday

**LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER**
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

February 6, Thursday

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

February 12, Wednesday

**LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER**
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

February 13, 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.

February 17, Monday

**INTERMEDIATE HEBREW LITERACY WITH JANIS LEVY**
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
This class is for those of you with exposure to the Hebrew alphabet, whether recently or in your childhood, and who are able to read out loud, however slowly. It is not necessary to have comprehension of the text, although some familiarity is helpful. Also, participation in earlier Hebrew Literacy classes at the JCA is not required. Adult Education Class. Registration required.
February 19, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

February 23, Sunday
ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Registration required

REMINISCING WITH THE RABBIS
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
This past summer, Rabbi Weiner conducted wide-ranging interviews with two previous JCA spiritual leaders, Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg (1989-2002) and Rabbi David Dunn Bauer (2003-2010). Both sessions were filmed and edited by JCA member and videographer, Jeff Weston. Come and watch these intriguing, profound and fun conversations, with a heartwarming winter soup supper in between the showings.

February 24, Monday
INTERMEDIATE HEBREW LITERACY WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education Class. Registration required.

February 26, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

February 27, Thursday
JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

Upcoming Events

Adult Reading Group
The third meeting of the JCA ARG will be on Thursday, March 26 in the JCA library or multi-purpose room at 7:00 pm. The book will be *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. It got excellent reviews on Amazon and the following particular review: “A luminous, Marquez-esque tale” (O, The Oprah Magazine) “is a forbidden love story set on a tropical island about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to painter Camille Pissarro—the Father of Impressionism. We will learn about his father, a man of Portuguese Jewish descent, his mother, from a French Jewish family, and his maternal grandmother, a pillar of a small refugee community of Jews who escaped the Inquisition.” All are welcome at our next meeting, even if you’ve never come before, and if there are questions, please call Ken Talan 413-896-3372.
Performance in Memory of Robert Stern
Coro Allegro will perform Robert Stern’s oratorio, Shofar, with libretto by Catherine Madsen, on March 8 at 3:00 pm, at Sanders Theater in Cambridge. This concert titled Shofar: In Memoriam, will also feature work by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Johannes Brahms.

Mazal Tov, Mayor Eisen!
JCA member Rabbi Efraim Eisen has let us know that his son, Adam Eisen, has been elected mayor of Half Moon Bay, California.

Volunteer Needed
We are pleased to say that donations to the JCA continue to flow in almost every week. In the past, we have sent hand-written thank you notes to donors, as well as a note to those honored by the gift. We have newly-created cards now that are just waiting to be completed by someone with very legible handwriting and some time to do this on a regular basis. It is something that could be done in your own home, and then dropped off at the JCA for mailing. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact Ann Wetherbee at 413-256-0160 ext. 207 or admindir@jcamherst.org.

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

Leonard Kamins, age 74, the beloved soulmate of Henia Lewin for more than 22 years. Len is preceded in death by his loving wife Annette (Schneiderman) Kamins. He leaves behind his children, Marna (Kamins) and Leo Ducharme, and Jessica (Kamins) and Robert Granger; his grandchildren, Brayden and Macy Granger; his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Jack and Nancy Kamins, and his older brother Douglas Kamins; and many nieces and nephews.


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!
REMINISCING WITH THE RABBIS
Sunday, February 23 beginning at 3:00 pm

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MAK’HELA CELEBRATES MUSIC AT THE JCA
Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 pm

Join us for a special concert offered by Mak’hela, Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts, in honor of their founders and Mak’hela alumni who are also JCA members. Enjoy their voices raised in song, and learn more about the vital role that the JCA had in the development of this group that has so much meaning for so many in our region.

In celebration of our 50th Anniversary, Rabbi Benjamin Weiner will MC the event, and members of the JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band will join with Mak’hela for the concert finale. There will be a suggested optional donation of $10 to be shared between Mak’hela and the JCA. All are welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION WEEKEND
Friday, March 27, Saturday, March 28, Sunday, March 29

An integral part of the Jewish journey is learning in community. To taste the richness of Jewish thought and experience, the Adult Education Committee has planned a celebratory weekend in honor of our 50th anniversary for us to further explore our tradition together.

We begin with Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evening led by Rabbi Weiner, followed by a communal Shabbat meal. The next day, we will welcome Rabbi Allan Lehmann, co-director of Hebrew College’s Beit Midrash, as our guest scholar at Shabbat morning services who will offer the d’var Torah and further teaching following a delicious kiddush luncheon. The afternoon gathering will include the opportunity for havruta study, a traditional Jewish method in pairs or small groups, and interactive discussion led by Rabbi Lehmann.

On Sunday, all are invited to the JCA for lunch followed by rich and varied learning in the style of Limmud, an immersive model of Jewish study that began in London some years ago and has since spread internationally to great acclaim. We will offer a mini version of this program with two different time slots in the afternoon, each offering choices of study with some of our favorite local teachers, across a range of categories: higher Jewish learning; Jewish living; spirituality; social justice/tikkun olam; and the creative arts. We will come together at the end for a closing ceremony.
Greetings,

This column is my version of an annual “State of the JCA” speech. We had an excellent annual meeting in December, and now we welcome new board members and thank those who finished their time with the board and, of course, a big thank you to all who have given their time to the JCA. It is a rewarding place to be and we are all here for our own personal reasons.

Over the past six months we have seen many positive changes; our budget is strong and our school is doing well; we continue to attract new members and we have made security improvements. We recently exceeded 350 families in our total membership, and we will be bringing the camp back to the JCA building this summer. We are in the process of creating an endowment and we are always expanding our programs as we move ahead.

We all understand it is a challenging time to be Jewish in this complex world around us, and we are all aware of how challenging the times are in our country right now. Part of my message is to say thank you to all of you and part of my message is to remain connected with your identity. It is unfortunate that there is so much intolerance and hatred brewing in the world, and it is more disturbing that dividing us is encouraged by some of our leaders.

The JCA is our safe-haven, and a place of sanctuary and of deep spiritual identity. I treasure the JCA as I know all of you do. Let’s all keep working together creating what is a wonderful and spiritual environment.

b’shalom, Eric Weiss

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**February 5, Wednesday**
- Education Committee 7:00 pm
- Ritual Life Committee 7:00 pm

**February 6, Thursday**
- Board Meeting 7:00 pm

**February 9, Sunday**
- Youth & Family Education Committee 10:30 am

**February 14, Friday**
- Adult Education Committee 12:15 pm

**February 20, Thursday**
- Executive Committee 7:00 pm
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes

Shabbat Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

January 31, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

February 1, 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 Beshallah, Exodus 13:17-17:16

February 7, Friday
FAMILY FRIDAY
5:30 pm
A monthly community Shabbat celebration appropriate for all ages

February 8, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES & MUSICAL MISHPUECHA
10:00 am
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner and Ḥazzan Diana Brewer
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner
Tu B’Shvat Seder at kiddush following services

Shabbat Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:22

February 14, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

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)

February 15, 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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Candle Lighting
February 7 ~ 4:53 pm
February 14 ~ 5:02 pm
February 21 ~ 5:11 pm
February 28 ~ 5:20 pm
Times shown are 18 minutes before sunset for Amherst, MA

Tu B'Shvat
February 10, Monday
Tu B'Shvat Seder at kiddush on February 8, Saturday

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February 21, Friday
SHABBAT NE'IMAH
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner & the JCA Shabbat Ne'imah Band

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February 22, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D'var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

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February 21, Friday
Shabbat Shekalim, Parashat Mishpatim

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February 22, Saturday
Shabbat Terumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19

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February 28, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Ruth Love Barer & Randi Stein

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February 29, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D'var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

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Rosh Ḥodesh Adar
February 25/26, Tuesday/Wednesday

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

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Jewish Meditation
Wednesdays at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary
Torah Reading Coordination
If you are interested in reading Torah and would like to schedule a time to read, please contact: Marty Pepper Aisenberg, maisenberg@videntpartners.com, 978-249-8470, for reading in February; Randi Stein, randialicestein@gmail.com, 413-549-0526, for reading in March. 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: Joseph Boucher, Aaron Bousel, Sam Gladstone, Danielle Kadinoff, Linda McConnell, Jane Myers, Randi Stein, Rabbi Weiner
- Service leaders: Ḥazzan Diana Brewer, Danielle Kadinoff, Catherine Madsen, Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley, Marty Pepper Aisenberg, Felicia Sloin
- Musicians: JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band

Ritual Life Calendar and Notes (continued)

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A number of our members have allergies to perfumes, colognes and other fragrances. Please try to minimize the use of these products when coming to JCA services and other events, and inform your guests about this policy. Thank you.
Dear JCA Community,

While one especially hot day in January doesn't mean winter is over just yet, it does make me start thinking of summer. And for us, here at the JCA, summer means Camp Shemesh. I am excited to announce that Joelle Simon will be returning in her role as camp director for summer 2020. And we have one other important announcement. Camp Shemesh will take place at the JCA from this summer onwards. Below is the letter about this decision that we have posted on our camp website. This decision was not made lightly, and many factors were taken into consideration. But in the end, I and the rest of the JCA leadership staff and board, feel that this is the best decision to help camp continue to be a vibrant Jewish summer experience for our community.

b’shalom, Keren Rhodes

Dear Families,

Since 2014, Camp Shemesh has taken place at the Hampshire College campus. There we have had access to an indoor space, lots of outdoor green space, and the pool for daily swim. However, over the past several years, our rent from Hampshire has increased significantly (and therefore so have our tuition fees) and the facilities were no longer suitable for our camp environment. As a result we have made a decision to move camp’s home base to the JCA. The things that make Camp Shemesh feel like ‘Camp Shemesh’ will remain in place as they have throughout the history of camp.

In fact, for the last thirty plus years, Camp Shemesh has been run out of a variety of home bases. From home backyards to Amherst College to Hampshire College (for two separate stretches of time), we have maintained our fundamental framework that allows camp to feel like and be Camp Shemesh no matter where it is. This framework involves the songs, rituals, and activities of camp as well as the day-to-day language and values that are incorporated.

What about swimming and outdoor spaces?

Monday through Thursday campers will travel to the Mill River Recreation Area to take advantage of their green spaces, playground, and pool. On Fridays, campers will remain at the JCA to participate in challah baking and other special Shabbat activities. We will also offer water play on Friday afternoons at the JCA, including our ever popular inflatable water slide.

Campers will also get to engage more fully with the green spaces at the JCA including working in the garden on a daily basis, exploring the wetlands surrounding the JCA property, and taking field trips to places like Amethyst Brook.

Making this change will assure that camp has a permanent home that is equipped to provide all the services we need, while freeing up funds to re-invest in high quality staff to provide exceptional camp experiences. All without sacrificing the core components of Camp Shemesh including the culture, community, and activities like swimming and gaga.

We look forward to sharing another fun summer with you!

JCA & Camp Shemesh Staff
Youth and Family Education

School Calendar

February 2, Sunday
JCA SCHOOL
10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Learner’s Minyan this morning

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

February 5, Wednesday
ELECTIVES
4:00 - 5:30 pm

February 6, 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.

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

February 7, Friday
FAMILY FRIDAY
5:30 - 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 Soin 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.

February 8, Saturday
MUSICAL MISHPUCHA
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
A musical, kid-focused Shabbat morning celebration. Afterwards we will join the rest of the community for kiddush and light luncheon.

We encourage your family to come early to participate in our traditional service beforehand, which starts at 10:00 am, co-led by Rabbi Weiner and Ḥazzan Diana Brewer and (new!) also co-led by rotating JCA School classes. This is a great introduction to traditional congregational life.
Youth and Family Education (continued)

February 9, Sunday
JCA SCHOOL
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

February 12, Wednesday
ELECTIVES
4:00 - 5:30 pm

February 15, Saturday – February 16, Sunday
CHAI (GR 9-12) SLEEPOVER
6:00 pm
This is an offsite event. For more info email chaiteens413@gmail.com or check the Chai Facebook page.

Sunday, February 16, Sunday
FEBRUARY BREAK: NO JCA SCHOOL CLASSES

February 19, Wednesday
FEBRUARY BREAK: NO JCA SCHOOL CLASSES

February 23, Sunday
JCA SCHOOL
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

February 26, Wednesday
ELECTIVES
4:00 - 5:30 pm

For updates and complete school calendar listings go to:
https://jcamherst.org/calendar/category/youthcalendar/
ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2020
PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

For detailed information about these programs in our spring brochure, and to register for classes, please go to Adult Education page on our website: https://jcamherst.org/education/adult-education

Lunch & Learn
*Rabbi Weiner*
Wednesdays • 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

Intermediate Hebrew Literacy
*Janis Levy*
Mondays • February 17, 24; March 2, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20 • 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Family Pictures: Looking and Talking About Snapshots
*Michael Lesy*
Thursdays • March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 16 • 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Maidels and Dreidels and Ladles, Oh My!
The Journey of a Jewish Children’s Book Writer
*Lesléa Newman*
Sunday, April 2 • 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

JCA 50th Anniversary Celebrating Adult Education
*Detailed information about programs and registration coming soon*
Friday - Sunday, March 27 – 29

If you would like to suggest future programming, please contact a member of the Adult Education Committee:

Barbara Burkart (chair), Jane Brodwyn, David Glassberg, Diane Gnepp, Phyllis Herda, Jonathan Lewis, Melanie Lewis, Ruth Smith, Linda Terry, Boris Wolfson, Rabbi Benjamin Weiner (ex officio)
Chesed Committee

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.

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).

Not Bread Alone

Monthly Volunteers Needed

Sunday February 9

JCA members help to prepare a meal at Not Bread Alone the second Sunday of every month. We need four volunteers for the cooking crew (9:30 am-12:00 pm) and three for the cleanup crew (12:00 pm-2:00 pm). Do a mitzvah and have fun.

SIGN-UP HERE: (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054cafa72aabfe3-notbread). Please contact Hollie Kalkstein holliekalkstein@gmail.com with any other questions.

JCA Hall Gallery

A Line is a Point With Karma:
Explorations of the Unseen and Meditations on Connections

Artist: Anne Burton

Exhibit Dates: February 6th through April, 2020

Artist reception: Thursday, February 6, 5:00 pm – 7:00 PM

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm or by appointment

The Zohar teaches that we are all connected by a single thread. Each of these one-of-a-kind prints imagines earthly and spiritual connections in time and space. My images emerge as I search for the comfort of a visual construct to make order out of the unknown.
Donations to the JCA

**Annual Appeal**

Shelly & Margie Krems  
In memory of our parents  
(Jeffrey & Marilyn Blaustein)

In memory of Jack Talan  
(Kitty & Ken Talan)

Aaron & Patience Bousel  
In memory of Michael Kirschenbaum  
(Lisa Kirschenbaum)

In honor of Nathan Margalit’s 70th birthday (Moira & Stephen Clingman)

Jim & Susan Richardson  
Ronnie Janoff-Bulman & Michael Bulman

Judith Glaser  
In honor of the birth of Moses Monte Ludwig  
(Joan Saperstan & Josette Henschel)

Frieda Howards  
Daniel & Linda Reif

In celebration of the JCA’s 50th anniversary  
(Eric Weiss & Maria Scudere)

In celebration of the JCA’s 50th anniversary (Helen Weiss)

Aaron Kropf & Jana Silver  
Jeffrey & Deborah Roth-Howe  
Bob & Janet Winston

In honor of Rabbi Benjamin Weiner  
(Martin & Brenda Miller)

In honor of the 50th anniversary of JCA  
(Devorah Jacobson & Margaret Mastrangelo)

In honor of Rabbi Ben Weiner & Cantor Elise Barber on the occasion of the birth & their adoption of their daughter Batya-Toshtoneriq (Devorah Jacobson & Margaret Mastrangelo)

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Geiger, grandson of Judith Souweine (Devorah Jacobson & Margaret Mastrangelo)

Catherine Madsen & Sarah Thomson

Zahava & Israel Koren  
Guy Wood

In honor of JCA (Hans & Phyllis Herda)

Ellen Landis & Lisa Thompson  
Pedro & Maïtal Levy

Robin & Ted Diamond  
In honor of the Michael Ash family (Arlene Ash)

Danielle Kadinoff

Jonathan & Melanie Lewis  
Nancy Cohen

In honor of the JCA Board (Ziva Harmatz)

In memory of Adele Sandler  
(Stephanie Sandler & Austin Sarat)

In memory of Rebecca Levine  
(Karen Levine)

Marty & Susan Pepper Aisenberg

Suzanne & Peter Spencer

Rob & Ellen Kaufman  
Stephen & Beverly Woolf

Connie & Charles Songer

Robert Weitzman & Hollie Kalkstein

David Glassberg & Lisa Kent  
David Sharken & Verena Smith  
Joshua Goldstein & J. Alden Cox

Nina Babek & Peggy Shannon

Robert & Katherine Feldman

Martha Hoffheimer

Kevin Lake & Sallie Deans-Lake

Diane & Douglas Gnepp

**General Fund**

In memory of Ruth & Abe Ozer (Alison Ozer)

In memory of Susan Myers (Norman & Eva Brown)

In honor of the contributions of Eli Kwartler to JCA (Norman & Eva Brown)

In celebration of a daughter into Rabbi Weiner’s family (Norman & Eva Brown)

In memory of David Brenner, father of Ina Porth, and Helen Atlas Porth, mother of Eli Porth (Eli & Ina Porth)

Daniel Sheff

In memory of Len Kamins (Diana & Sara Brewer)

Robert Brainin & Ruth Hutton

In memory of Charles Lubinsky (Leonard & Marian Lubinsky)

Thank you so much for your meaningful services (Barbara Goldin)

In honor of Melanie & Jonathan Lewis’ 50th anniversary (Ina & Eli Porth)

In honor of Connie & Chuck Songer’s 50th anniversary (Ina & Eli Porth)

In loving memory of my brother (Beth & Marta Lev)

In honor of Frances Katse on her yahrzeit (Bill & Judy Kates)

**Project Rehovot**

In honor of Jody Wax (Caryl Pofcher)

Frieda Howards  
Shelly & Margie Krems

In honor of Marilyn Kushick  
(Martin & Brenda Miller)

Yechiael & Rose Lander

In memory of Alex Chajes (Diane Chajes)

In honor of Shirley & Hal Zalkind (Anne Nusbaum)

Robert Weitzman & Hollie Kalkstein

Monroe & Joan Rabin

In honor of Marilyn Kushick (Kent & Lorena Faerber)

Joe & Marilyn Kushick

On the occasion of Jody’s retirement (Jody Wax & Tom Butler)

In honor of Jody Wax’ retirement (Joan Oatis)

In honor of Jody W’s retirement (Ann Armon & Eliezer Huber)

In honor of Jody’s retirement (Burton Franzman & Joan Epstein)

In honor of Jody Wax’ retirement (Annique Boomsma & Jeffrey Gold)

In honor of Jody Wax’ retirement (Irene Eigner & William Simmons)

Douglas & Diane Gnepp

Emily McClung

Michael Broad

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**

In honor of Tashtoneriq (Rhoda & Ronald Juelis)

Robert & Catherine Horowitz Nagel

In honor of Batya’s arrival (Judith Glaser)

In honor of Batya Hanna – Mazel Tov (Danielle Kadinoff)

In memory of Grayce Perlbin (Tom Porter & Lisa Perlbin)

In honor of Alexandra Hoffman, daughter (Karen Hoffman)

In honor of the Rabbi’s extended family! (Susan & Peter Cinner)

In memory of Ellen Middleton’s mother, Norma Teitler (Reed & Arnie Alper)

Randi Stein

In appreciation of Andra Rose’s thoughtfulness (Irving & Linda Seidman)

**Youth Education**

Molly & Rachel Goren-Watts
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