



Jewish Community of Amherst

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Happy Hanukkah!

Hanukkah begins Saturday evening, December 24th

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Photo: Joseph Kushick

Dear JCA,

Greetings from the first month of my sabbatical! While I won't be writing this column for some time, which may come as a relief to the editor of this publication, who has to put up on a monthly basis with my loose sense of a deadline, I thought I would take this last opportunity to write to you before I forget entirely what it means to be a rabbi--at least for a few months.

I've said a few times over the past two weeks that if I knew how events were going to play out in this country, I might have scheduled my time off differently. But hindsight, as they say, is 2020, and despite the fact that we are all still struggling to find our legs aboard this tumultuous new political reality, I'm still heading off for what I hope are six months of farming, writing, fathering, husbanding, maybe a little travel, refreshment, and an effort to reestablish my own bearings. But I do so knowing that it is a tricky time to leave a community without its customary spiritual leadership. Not only will I be unavailable for service leading, committee meetings, and pastoral counseling, but I will also not be there to help with the reconfiguration of perspective and sense of purpose that are now more crucial than ever. I feel this deeply.

I have done my best to put my stamp, at least, on the direction this process may take for the community, even if it gets underway in my absence. I have tried to frame some of the issues in my notes to the community, and tried to offer words of inspiration and encouragement that I hope will continue to have resonance. In my meetings with the Tikkun Olam Committee, in particular, I have suggested ideas for how we might use the field of social action as a means of motivating our own community, and building networks across the Valley, so that we can do our best to insure the continuity of a sane and compassionate social fabric. I will reiterate here my call to community members to join this committee, and help accentuate its strength.

But what gives me, personally, the most reassurance is the humble reminder that I did not invent this community. It has not been my task to bring anything into being, but only to work with the strength and depth of relationships and commitment that I discovered when I arrived. And so, as I fade out for a while, I do so with the confidence that you will continue to rely on the beautiful gift of this community, to rely on yourselves and on each other, and to do well.

b'shalom, Rabbi Benjamin Weiner

Rabbi's Sabbatical

Rabbi Weiner will be on sabbatical from the JCA from December 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. The Ritual Life Committee and a Sabbatical Committee have worked closely with the rabbi over the past weeks to make plans for his absence.

Although a number of people have already committed to helping our community run smoothly over the next six months, we would welcome further assistance. If you would like to lead a service or offer a D'var Torah, please contact Randi Stein (randistein@earthlink.net or 549-0526) or Aaron Bousel (abousel@comcast.net or 253-3544) of the Ritual Life Committee.

If you have need of assistance with a life cycle event, personal difficulties or pastoral counseling, please contact JCA Administrative Director, Ann Wetherbee (admindir@j-c-a.org or 256-0160 ext. 207) who will refer you to the appropriate person or resource as agreed with the rabbi and the Sabbatical Committee.

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 1, Thursday

YIDDISH READING GROUP

12:00 – 1:00 pm

We meet the first Thursday of the month at noon. You may bring your own lunch (no meat allowed). We are continuing to read *Motl, Peiyse dem Hazan's* by Sholem Aleichem. If you are able to read Yiddish, you are welcome to join us. Email me (Friedahowards7@gmail.com) and I will be happy to send you the link to download the section we will be reading. Please note - we are not a class. Zeit gezunt.

ADULT READING GROUP

7:30 – 9:00 pm

We will be discussing the novel, *A Replacement Life* by Boris Fishman. It is available in paperback. New participants are always welcome. Any questions, please call Ken Talan, 253-2248.

December 4, Sunday

JCA ANNUAL MEETING

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

You are invited to attend and participate in the JCA Annual Meeting when you will vote on the new board and have input into other important issues on the agenda. You will hear updates and have the opportunity to engage in discussion on JCA priorities for the coming year. Coffee and bagels are available beginning at 9:30 am.

December 8, Thursday

JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP

7:15 – 8:45 pm

December 11, Sunday

JEWISH FOLKTALES WITH ILAN STAVANS

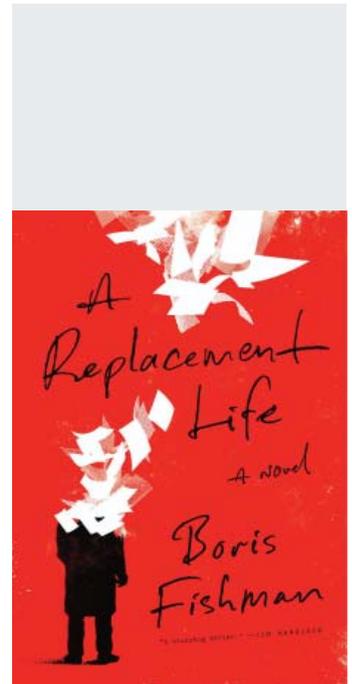
2:00 – 4:00 pm

This class explores the complex, multifaceted function of folktales in Judaism. Adult Education class. Pre-registration required. More information at: <http://j-c-a.org/adult-ed-2016-folk-tales.pdf>

December 15, Thursday

JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP

7:15 – 8:45 pm



Upcoming Programs and Events

January 8, Sunday

DEATH CAFE

1:00 – 3:00 pm

The JCA will be holding its second Death Cafe on Sunday, Jan. 8th from 1-3 pm in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served! Our first meeting was very successful with 32 folks engaging in meaningful small group conversations around the topics of Death/Dying in a safe, supportive space. For more info go to Deathcafe.com or contact Robin Diamond at gemmom3@gmail.com.

Our Community

Richard Cohen and Eliza Gouverneur report with joy the birth of their granddaughter, Sylvia Lincoln Cohen, who was born early on Thanksgiving morning in Boston.

Mazel Tov to Patience and Aaron Bousel on the marriage of their son, Simon, to Yanina Rivas

I Go To Shul: A Poem

by Rachel Schwab-Rehorka

I go to shul for peace.
Peace within,
Peace without,
For a deep quiet that permeates my soul.
The silence of the sanctuary
Envelopes its soft wings
Around my battered and bruised heart.
It is the one place I can go where
Nothing is required of me.
Nothing.
I do not have to
Do anything,
Create anything,
Think anything,
Except be,
Breathe,
Be alive.
I am not required
To be perfect at shul,
Or look beautiful,
With every hair in place.
I don't have to wear
The right clothes,
Or make other people look good.

I am beholdened to
Nothing
And no one,
Except YHVH on Shabbat.
And even Hashem
Knows the longing
In my soul
For the merciful
Not doing
Of Shabbat.
I long for it
All week,
As I work so hard
That I am too tired
For sleep.
On Shabbat
I rest my heart, my soul
My body and my mind.
I am given courage.
I absorb the peace and calm,
The safety of the sanctuary,
For the next week ahead.
I go to shul for
Shalom.

Joining the Jewish Community of Amherst

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the JCA, we encourage you to get in touch with Tobi Sznajderman of the Membership Committee at membership@j-c-a.org. If you are ready to receive membership application materials, please contact the JCA Office at 413-256-0160 or admindir@j-c-a.org. Shalom, and welcome!

New Members

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:

Amy & Nolan Anaya
Amherst

Seeking Your News

We would like to hear from you! Please send us your good news. Maybe a new baby or addition to your family, a wedding, an award, an achievement, public recognition, 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 for the upcoming newsletter to: news@j-c-a.org.

Message from JCA Board Member, Amy Kroin



Dear JCA Community,

I'm 46.

I'm not an over-sharer; I'm telling you my age for a reason. And here it is. I'm leaving the board at the end of this calendar year, which means there will be just one member left under the age of 50. Most of our board, in fact, is over the age of 60.

Lest you suspect me of ageism, let me assure you that I have nothing but admiration and respect for my fellow board members. They are a truly wonderful group: smart, insightful, compassionate, and 100 percent dedicated to our community. But here's the deal. This board, like all previous boards in recent and possibly distant memory, is not representative of the JCA as a whole.

A couple of years ago Rabbi Weiner wrote a column for Kolot exploring this crisis. And it is a crisis, because any organization needs a deep bench. Right now the JCA doesn't have that.

This problem, as our rabbi noted, isn't limited to board service. Most of our committees are composed primarily of older members. And these committees do an amazing job, which has created a sense of complacency. But this isn't a sustainable model.

Right now we have two board vacancies for 2017, and just one person stepped up to submit a letter of interest. We could have as many as 12 vacancies for 2018. While I hope that some of our current board members will serve for additional terms, it's safe to say that there will be quite a few openings a year from now. It isn't too soon to think about volunteering in this capacity.

I'll be honest. Before I decided to join the board I wondered if it would be a drain on my time. My life was already overflowing with work and family, not to mention my twin commitments to politics and pop culture. But I realized early on that unless you're the president or the treasurer (thank you, Bill and Michael!), board service doesn't require a huge time commitment. More than that, it's been a genuinely rewarding experience, and I've connected with people I never would have met otherwise.

So think about it regardless of your birthdate. But if you entered the world in the last 50 years, then please think about it all the more.

b'shalom, Amy Kroin

The 2016 JCA Annual Campaign Is Happening!

Our budget is predicated on us raising \$65,000 to help pay for staff, maintain our building, and preserve our programs. You may contribute online at <http://j-c-a.org/annualfund.html> or by check payable to the JCA, with "annual campaign" in the memo line. Thanks so much for your support!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 1, Thursday

Board Meeting
7:00 pm

December 5, Monday

Fundraising Committee
2:00 pm
Chesed Committee
7:15 pm

December 7, Thursday

Ritual Life Committee
7:00 pm

December 15, Thursday

Executive Committee
7:00 pm
Tikkun Olam Committee
7:15 pm

December 16, Friday

Adult Ed Committee
12:15 pm

If you are interested in learning more about participation on the JCA board either for this coming year or next, please contact Bill Zimmer at wdzimmer@gmail.com or 413-537-7827.

Ritual Life Calendar and Notes



All services are in the main sanctuary unless a different location is specified.

Shabbat Toldot, Genesis 25:19-28:9

December 2, Friday

COMMUNITY & FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT

5:30 pm in the social hall

December 3, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: Yossi Charette

D'var Torah: To be announced

RENEWAL SERVICE

10:00 am in the small sanctuary

Service Leaders: Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley

Shabbat Vayetze, Genesis 28:10-32:3

December 9, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

6:15 pm in the small sanctuary

Service Leader: Ruth Love Barer

December 10, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: Yossi Charette

D'var Torah: To be announced

Shabbat Vayishlah, Genesis 32:4-36:43

December 16, Friday

SHABBAT NE'IMAH

6:15 pm

Service Leader: Diana Brewer and our musical daveners

December 17, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: Catherine Madsen

D'var Torah: To be announced



Candle Lighting

December 2 ~ 3:58 pm

December 9 ~ 3:57 pm

December 16 ~ 3:59 pm

December 23 ~ 4:02 pm

December 30 ~ 4:07 pm

Times shown are 18 minutes before sunset for Amherst, MA

Shacharit (morning) Minyan

Every Tuesday at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary

Meditation Minyan

Every Wednesday at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary

Ma'ariv Minyan

Every Thursday at 5:30 pm in the small sanctuary

Rosh Hodesh Kislev

December 1, Thursday

Rosh Hodesh Tevet

December 30, Friday

Check the JCA website at: www.j-c-a.org/services.html for updated information on services.

Ritual Life Calendar and Notes (continued)

Shabbat Vayeshev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

December 23, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

6:15 pm in the small sanctuary

Service Leaders: Eliza Gouverneur and Richard Cohen

December 24, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: Catherine Madsen

D'var Torah: To be announced

Shabbat Hanukkah/Parashat Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17, Numbers 7:48-7:53

December 30, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

6:15 pm in the small sanctuary

Service Leader: To be announced

December 31, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: To be announced

D'var Torah: To be announced

Torah Reading Coordination

If you are interested in reading Torah and would like to schedule a time to read, please contact: Eliza Gouverneur at elizagouv@msn.com for reading in January.

If you would like to learn to read Torah, would like help choosing or preparing a reading, or would like to schedule a reading for a month when there is no designated coordinator, please contact Batya Perman, 549-4853.

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:

Recent Torah/Haftarah readers: Madeline Berkowitz, Aaron Bousel, Audrey Davis-Brand, Cole Davis-Brand, Marvin Ellin, Rabbi Eddie Feld, Danielle Kadinoff, Ellen Middleton, Elissa Rubinstein, Yosef Rumshiskiy

D'var Torah giver: Audrey Davis-Brand

Lay service leaders: Gordon Freed, Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley

Musicians: Shabbat Band

Sukkah Dismantlers: Arnie Alper, Madeline Berkowitz, Aaron Bousel, Gordon Freed, Cailin and Miranda Reiken

Kiddush & Oneg Sponsors

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

December 3

Connie & Chuck Songer, in celebration of Chuck's birthday

Thank you to our kiddush sponsors for November:

November 5

Merle & Eddie Feld in honor of the 60th anniversary of Eddie's Bar Mitzvah

November 18

The JCA Board in honor of Rabbi Weiner

November 19

Nina Brand and Heather Davis in honor of their daughter, Audrey Davis-Brand becoming Bat Mitzvah



Dear Families,

We wanted to take a moment to re-articulate the kind of learning we are aiming to achieve through our new education curriculum. Many of us are accustomed through our public school and religious school experiences to gauge our learning by how much we know - what facts, dates, important people and places we can recall. Such fact-based learning is important. We also believe that attitude and awareness-based learning are important. We spent all of last year asking ourselves how we could create a program that targets not only thinking goals, but also feeling, doing and being goals. How can we nurture our students to discover and embrace who they are? How can we help them develop relational skills of empathy and active listening? How can we nurture their awareness of the world around them and their place in it?

One of the tools we have introduced this year to help parents be more involved in the learning process and support attitude and awareness learning is Edmodo. It is a platform similar to Facebook that allows teachers to post updates on what is happening in class. Parents can also respond to these posts, ask questions, and contact teachers directly through Edmodo. By reading the Edmodo posts of your child's teacher, and then asking them the "table talk" question that teachers include most weeks, you help to reinforce the learning that is happening at the JCA and provide your student with a chance to demonstrate to you what they are learning in class. Below is a screenshot example of a post from the past few months.

We look forward to seeing you at all of our December events, and hearing from you on Edmodo!

Todah Rabah, Cara & Keren

Edmodo Screenshot

Mr. Tibbetts to ■ Chalutzim (4-5) 

Hi Parents!

Rituals are actions performed for their symbolic value. In this week's class, we concentrated on the role of rituals and focused on hearing the shofar, our central Rosh Hashanah ritual, and what the sound of the shofar reminds us to do. We talked about ritual as different than superstition and a tool to mentally prepare us for something or to connect us to something. We learned about the different calls of the shofar (tekiah = 1 blast, shevarim = 3, truah = 9) and talked about a few of the different meanings the shofar could have and made up some of our own!

Table Talk: Pay attention to your actions this week and see what things remind you to change your behavior for the better.

Have a great week and see you Wednesday!

December Calendar

Friday, December 2

TEEN PROGRAM: CHAI (9th-12th)

Bowling and sleepover. Check out #CHAI 2k16-17 on Facebook for details.

TEEN PROGRAM: JV CORPS (6th-12th)

4:00 – 7:30 pm

Participate in community service by preparing and serving dinner for Family Friday Night while learning about food justice issues. Snack provided. Watch out in your email for exact details and RSVP instructions.

FAMILY PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FRIDAY NIGHT (ALL AGES)

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Enjoy a community Shabbat dinner with singing, blessings, socializing and celebration. Bring a potluck salad topping. Lettuce, salad dressings, and pasta provided. Remember that we have community members with life threatening allergies so all food products must be vegetarian and nut free.

Sunday, December 4

JCA SCHOOL

10:00 am – 12:15 pm

Monday, December 5

WORKSHOP - BEYOND INCLUSIVITY: UNDERSTANDING TRANS IDENTITIES FOR PARENTS & PROFESSIONALS

7:00 - 9:00 pm

This workshop at Lander Grinspoon Academy in Northampton will give parents, teachers, and other professionals the language and tools to support transgender individuals personally and professionally. Contact gan.keshet@cbnorthampton.org for more information.

Wednesday, December 7

JCA SCHOOL

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 11

JCA SCHOOL

10:00 am – 12:15pm

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER

12:30 pm to whenever

Do your holiday shopping in community while helping the JCA! Youth and Family Education will receive 10% of all in-store and online purchases from December 11-17 if you use a special voucher. (Stay tuned for the voucher). There will also be giftwrapping, face painting, story hour and more to entertain you and your family while you shop.

Wednesday, December 14

JCA SCHOOL

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 17

TEEN PROGRAM: JUNIOR CHAI INDOOR GO KARTING!

5:00 – 8:00 pm

View JCA Education website for details. RSVP required.

PARENT DISCUSSIONS & WORKSHOPS:

Sunday, December 4

FAMILY HAVDALAH AND ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, December 11

PJ PARENTS, FOLLOWED BY BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR

Sunday, December 18

END OF SEMESTER SCHMOOZE

11:45 am to 12:15 pm

***Teens attending JV Corps, Junior Chai, Madrichim or Teva Torah must register online and RSVP in advance. Visit our JCA Education homepage for teen registration and RSVPs. View the JCA Education calendar and website for information on vacation, weather cancellations, and more! www.j-c-a.org/education.html*

PLEASE NOTE: No JCA School from December 21, 2016 to January 11, 2017

Chesed Committee

Thank You, Volunteers!

The Chesed Committee thanks all who have recently provided compassionate support to others in the community.

In particular, thanks to Judy Davis, David Piech and Renee Spring for preparing and delivering meals.

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 Hall Gallery

The Hall Gallery is very pleased to be showing the photography of Bob Solosko once again. Come and view his wonderful pictures. His images represent a diverse and eclectic range of subjects, including interesting patterns, old buildings and structures, plants and flowers, small creatures, scenic views, trains, sunsets, and intimate photos of people.

When people look at the world around them, they usually do not notice everything in their visual field. But a camera isn't discriminating; it equally captures everything in a scene. When as a young teenager, Bob learned darkroom techniques, he realized that he could create photographic images more selective than what the camera captures, images that express his perception of the world. Thus, in his photographic work, he tries to express the world as he sees it, feels it and experiences it.

Bob's images have been exhibited in galleries, hospitals and a bank in Western Massachusetts and in a number of private collections. He is an Adobe Lightroom Certified Expert and teaches Lightroom, camera handling, and photography.

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 or by contacting a committee member (current members are listed on the website).

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

Donations to the JCA

Annual Fund

Amy Kroin & Robert Radin
Jackie Rosenbloom & Jeffrey Mazur
Beverly & Steve Woolf
Judy & Kip Fonsh
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Sarah Thomson & Catherine Madsen
Stephanie Sandler & Austin Sarat
Phyllis & Hans Herda
Merle & Ed Feld
Lori Holder-Webb & Jeffrey Cohen

Adult Ed

Aaron Bousel
Phyllis Herda
Thomas Wolff

General Fund

In memory of Sabina May
(Carole & Leslie May)
In honor of the new "reading table" and
its maker (Mary & Herb Bernstein)
An Aliyah for 1st generation JCA members
(Mary & Herb Bernstein)
In honor & appreciation of Judy Davis
(Joan & Monroe Rabin)
In honor of our new grandson, Julian
Margalit Ames
(Pearl-Anne & Nathan Margalit)
With gratitude to Rabbi Weiner and all
on the Religion Committee for their
dedication
(Pearl-Anne & Nathan Margalit)
In gratitude to Susan Zarchin for hosting
our family for our wedding weekend
(Lisa Pack & Michael Kirschenbaum)

In honor of Rabbi Edward Feld's 60th
anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
(Frima Fox Hofrichter)
In honor of the marriage of Lisa Pack &
Michael Kirschenbaum
(Danielle Kadinoff)
In honor of Ruth Love Barer for her
wisdom & friendship (Danielle Kadinoff)
In memory of Bernard Kadinoff
(Danielle Kadinoff)

Open Door Donation

Randi Stein
Mary & Herb Bernstein
Jesse Ferris
In appreciation of the JCA welcome at
Shabbat Shuvah and Yom Kippur 5777
(Janet Potash)

Thank you for the beautiful and
meaningful High Holiday services
and special appreciation for the ASL
interpretation. That was a mitzvah.
(Ellen & Jerry Rosenberg)

Debra & Steven Ellis
Rachel Smith Cote & William Cote
Jodie Pine
Marjory Ackerman & Jeanne Ryan

In honor of my daughter Lisa Blain,
attending services on erev Yom Kippur
and Yom Kippur & for the honor of
being a part of a group Aliyah on Yom
Kippur (Alan Graber)

On the occasion of the Yom Kippur service
(Nancy Krisch & Tony Lachman)

Pick Family Foundation

In appreciation for the inspiring, soul
stirring, and healing (as in making
whole) High Holiday Services
(Deborah Gorlin)

In honor of the interpreter service during
the High Holidays
(Ruth & Winchell Moore)

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Janet & David Quint
In gratitude to Rabbi Weiner for being
such an important person at our
wedding
(Lisa Pack & Michael Kirschenbaum)

Tzedakah

Judith Maloney
In honor of Judy Davis on the occasion
of her d'var Torah on gratitude & hope
(Ziva & Morton Harmatz)

Yizkor Donation

Stephanie Sandler & Austin Sarat
Nancy & David Ratner
Connie & Chuck Songer
Irene Janoff
Yaffa & Haim Gunner
Hollie Kalkstein & Robert Weitzman
Rose Foster
Bina & Ira Addes
Anonymous

Condolences

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

Virgie Ruth Blackwell, mother of
Wayne Abercrombie and mother-in-
law of Kayla Werlin.

Esther Lowenstein Weiner,
grandmother of Rabbi Weiner,
gandmother-in-law of Cantor Elise
Barber, great grandmother of
Efraim, mother of Rabbi Weiner's
father, Stephen Weiner, mother-in-
law of Rabbi Weiner's step-father,
Don Cornuet, mother of Rabbi
Weiner's uncle, Arthur Weiner, and
grandmother of Rabbi Weiner's
siblings, Jay, Miriam, and Isaac.

Mildred Weinstein, mother of Susan
Cinner, mother-in-law of Peter
Cinner, and grandmother of Juliana



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Office Hours:

Monday: Office Closed
Tuesday to Thursday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
When JCA School is in session on Wednesdays, the office will remain open until 6:00 pm.

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Deadline for the January issue is December 12th.



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.



*Everything is our teacher,
if we just pay attention.*

Anne Rudloe

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