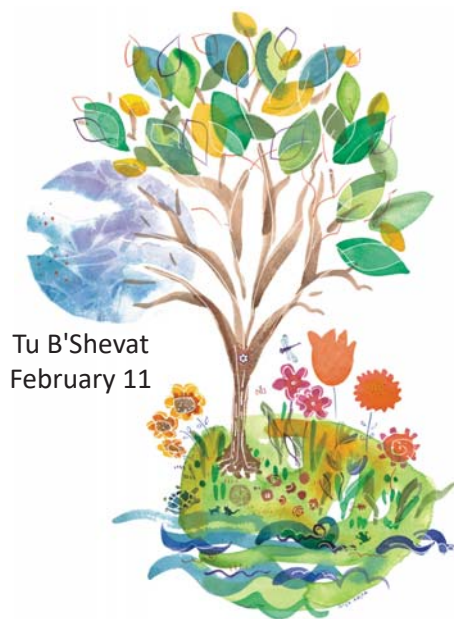




Jewish Community of Amherst

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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.

February 1, Wednesday

LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI DAVID SEIDENBERG

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

Continuing its investigation of Halakha, or the tradition of Jewish law, the Lunch and Learn program focuses on the intersection of kashrut (kosher dietary laws) and ethics, with an emphasis on animal welfare, and explores related issues as they arise according to participants' interests. Rabbi David Seidenberg has been a frequent teacher in the JCA community, is the author of *Kabbalah and Ecology: God's Image in the More-Than-Human World*, and he leads the Prayground Minyan based in Northampton.

February 2, Thursday

YIDDISH LEHNER'S GROUP

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

We welcome anyone who enjoys reading Yiddish to join us at the JCA the first Thursday of every month. We are now reading Chapter 4 in *Motl Patsie Dem Hazns* by Sholem Aleichem. It can be downloaded from the Yiddish Book Center. We begin with a schmooze in Yiddish as we have lunch (bring your own - no meat or nuts). Everyone takes a turn reading, but the best part is the translating where we get the real "tahm" (taste) of Yiddish from our experts. So – come and join us. It's truly a mechiah. Please send all correspondence to friedahowards7@gmail.com

February 2, 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 5, Sunday

MAH JONG

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

February 8, Wednesday

LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI DAVID SEIDENBERG

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm



Programs and Events Calendar (continued)

February 8, Wednesday

MODERN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW WITH HENIA LEWIN

5:45 pm – 7:15 pm

Adult Education class. Pre-registration required.

February 15, Wednesday

LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI DAVID SEIDENBERG

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

February 15, Wednesday

MODERN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW WITH HENIA LEWIN

5:45 pm – 7:15 pm

February 16, Thursday

JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP

7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

February 19, Sunday

**JEWISH MOURNING AND BURIAL PRACTICES -
RABBI DEVORAH JACOBSON**

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Presented by the Death Cafe Committee. Learn about Jewish rituals beginning with the moment of death throughout the funeral service, burial and various periods of mourning. Members of the Chevra Kadisha, the Shomerim, and the Cemetery Committee will also contribute to the discussion. For more information contact Margaret Mastrangelo at mastrangelom@comcast.net

February 19, Sunday

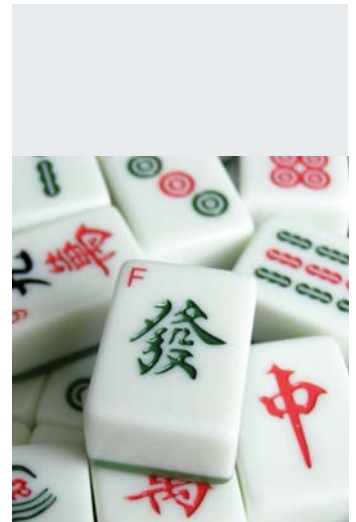
MAH JONG

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

February 22, Wednesday

LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI DAVID SEIDENBERG

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm



Programs and Events Calendar (continued)

February 26, Sunday

CONTEMPORARY U.S. AND ISRAELI RELATIONS - JESSE FERRIS

10:15 am – 11:45 am

The course and outcome of the 2016 Presidential campaign have important implications for the relationship between the United States and Israel, the future of democracy in both countries, and the growing divide between Jews in Israel and in North America. Join us for a discussion of these timely issues with Jesse Ferris, Vice President of the Israel Democracy Institute.



Jesse Ferris

February 28, Tuesday

STAYING CONNECTED: JUDAISM'S ONLINE PRESENCE - JODY ROSENBLOOM

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The internet has transformed many of the traditional structures of Jewish life and has been the inspiration for many new ones. Jody will help us examine sites for Torah study, hevruta/study partners, life cycle rituals, on-line yarzeit minyans, social action, cultural resources and more, and discuss the application of these tools for community building and how we would define Jewish community and identity in light of new trends. Adult Education class. Registration required.

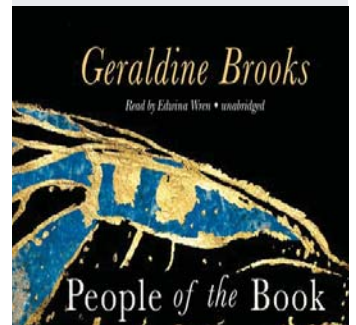
Upcoming Programs and Events

March 2, Thursday

ADULT READING GROUP

7:30 pm

Join us for the 3rd meeting of the year of the ARG. We will be discussing *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. This story is about the Sarajevo Haggadah that survived centuries of purges and wars thanks to people of all faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it. Our discussions are lively, and you almost always come away with a deeper appreciation of the book you have read; new participants are always welcome! Any questions, please call Ken Talan at 413-253-2248.



March 17-19, Friday - Sunday

RABBIS-IN-RESIDENCE: BREAD & TORAH

Affirming the importance of both spiritual and physical sustenance in Jewish life, Bread and Torah Programs (<http://breadandtorah.org/our-programs>) are creative, hands-on learning experiences that combine traditional Jewish scribal arts and bread making with Jewish spiritual teachings and practices. Rabbis Linda Motzkin and Jonathan Rubenstein will join us for an entire weekend of baking and Torah studies. Help proofread Torah panels, bake the tastiest sweetbread you've ever had, and learn Jewish spiritual teachings behind baking and scribal arts. The weekend will include a number of different programs for all ages. Stay tuned for further details!



Rabbi Linda Motzkin
and
Rabbi Jonathan Rubenstein



Photo: Emily Bilbao

Reflections on Money

On behalf of the board, I want to express deep appreciation to all the members who contributed so generously to our recently completed Annual Campaign. While we didn't meet our original goal, we consider this to have been a very successful and gratifying campaign. As we now begin the second half of the fiscal year, I want to share with you all some of my thoughts about where we are and what it means as we move forward.

I've spent considerable time the past few weeks reflecting on our relationship to money, as we've taken a good look at our revenue and expenses for the first half of the fiscal year, and our projections for the next six months. It's clear that our revenue projections are not holding up in a number of areas and we may well have to make cuts in our original expense projections to balance the budget this year. We'll keep you informed as we reconcile this year's budget and will ensure that at the end of the year our budget will be balanced, as we promised the community.

But as I look at the broader picture, what's become clear to me is that our revenue needs will always lag behind our spending desires, and that we need to come to terms with that in a proactive and constructive way.

The backbone of our revenue strand is, of course, our dues structure and what it generates, and in this regard it is clear that an effective Fair Share system is still an aspiration, not an accomplishment. While we are clearly generating more revenue than in past years (an average of \$1,300 per member, up by nearly 30% since 2012), we are still very far from what we would be generating if people were following the income guidelines in the policy. More than 40% of our membership pays less than \$1,200, 63% of members pay less than \$1,800, and only 17% of members pay as much as \$2,400. If people were following the income guidelines, we'd expect the average member to be paying much closer to \$1,800 than \$1,300.

What I have come to accept is that people are using the income levels as a very rough guide, rather than as an expectation, and that the payments people are making reflect what they are willing and able to pay given the many competing demands on their household income. Demands such as housing, saving for college education for their children, much-needed vacations that relieve the pressure of stressful professional jobs, contributions to social and political organizations that support the work of social justice, and many other pressures too numerous to mention.

I think we should honor and respect what people are telling us regarding their capacity to support dues, annual fund contributions and other fundraising activities at a level that is comfortable for them and reflective of their values. We should acknowledge and celebrate what people contribute, not focus our energy on what we wish they could contribute. We should be proud and grateful for the \$1300 per member we receive, not wistful about the \$1800 per member we wish we had. One of the values underlying the Fair Share system is dealing with dues in a respectful and positive way, and we need to honor that spirit.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 1, Wednesday

Ritual Life Committee
7:00 pm

Youth & Family Education Committee
7:00 pm

February 2, Thursday

Board Meeting
6:00 pm

February 6, Monday

Fundraising Committee
7:00 pm

Chesed Committee
7:15 pm

Membership Committee
7:00 pm

February 13, Monday

Fundraising Committee
7:00 pm

February 15, Wednesday

Youth & Family Education Committee
7:00 pm

February 16, Thursday

Executive Committee
1:00 pm

Tikkun Olam Committee
7:15 pm

February 17, Friday

Adult Education Committee
12:15 pm

Message from JCA President (continued)

I'd like to stop spending so much energy pleading with, cajoling and haranguing people about money. It's spiritually enervating. It's not what the board should be spending so much of its time on, and it interferes with the critical work of building and sustaining community. This is going to require us to shift the way we think about our budgeting. We've been used to identifying all the things we want and "need", and then identifying a hypothetical revenue strand that, by hook or by crook, we hope to generate. Sometimes that works, but often, especially in recent years, it doesn't, and we engage in numerous creative strategies to stay ahead of our bills.

An alternate approach is to identify the resources we know we have, using conservative assumptions about our revenue generating capacity, and then create budgets that reflect what we can comfortably afford with our known revenue. This may well reflect reining in our desires and reprioritizing our goals but is a more responsible and sustainable way to operate. This won't be easy and it will involve hard and sometimes painful choices that will negatively impact the careers and well-being of valued and committed staff. But I think it is consistent with the message the community has given us regarding its financial capability. I think we're obligated to listen, respectfully and non-judgmentally, to that message.

As was said in the policy manual in regard to the Fair Share dues system, the way we deal with money "represents a complicated experiment in living our values." Hopefully these thoughts and observations will stimulate further dialogue regarding those values.

B'shalom,
Bill Zimmer

Our Community

New Members

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:

Stanley Shore

Condolences

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

Leo "Sonny" Rabinovitz, father of David Rabinovitz, father-in-law of Jordene Hale, and grandfather of Sophia and Chana Rose

Robert Potash, husband of Jeanne Potash, father of Janet Potash and the late Ellen Potash Arrick, father-in-law of Martin Arrick and his wife, Linda Arrick, and grandfather to Daniel, Graham and Alexander Arrick, and to Emma and Remy Bernstein

June Roberts, mother of Jill and Judith Roberts, mother-in-law of Richard Pivrotto and grandmother of Jenny Salzman and the late Peter Salzman

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!

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 before the publication of the next newsletter to: news@j-c-a.org.

Ritual Life Calendar and Notes



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

Shabbat Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

February 3, Friday

COMMUNITY & FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Tots Storytime and Shabbat Sing-Along

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Community Shabbat Celebration

February 4, Saturday

SHABBAT YOGA

9:00 am in the social hall

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: Catherine Madsen

D'var Torah: To be announced

RENEWAL SERVICE

10:00 am in the small sanctuary

Service Leaders: Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley

Shabbat Shirah/Parashat Beshallah/Tu B'shevat Exodus 13:17-17:16

February 10, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

6:15 pm in the small sanctuary

Service Leaders: Ruth Love Barer and Randi Stein

February 11, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: Diana Brewer

D'var Torah: Jane Trigère

There will be a Tu B'Shevat Seder following services as part of kiddush.

Shabbat Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:22

February 17, Friday

SHABBAT NE'IMAH

6:15 pm

Service Leaders: Diana Brewer and our musical daveners



Candle Lighting

February 3 ~ 4:47 pm

February 10 ~ 4:56 pm

February 17 ~ 5:05 pm

February 24 ~ 5:14 pm

Times shown are 18 minutes before sunset for Amherst, MA

Shacharit (morning) Minyan

Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary

Meditation Minyan

The Wednesday 7:30 am meditation minyan will resume on April 5.

Ma'ariv Minyan

Thursdays at 5:30 pm in the small sanctuary

Rosh Hodesh Adar

February 26/27
Sunday/Monday

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

Ritual Life Calendar and Notes (continued)

February 18, Saturday

SHABBAT YOGA

9:00 am in the social hall

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: To be announced

D'var Torah: To be announced

Shabbat Shekalim, Parashat Mishpatim
Exodus 21:1-24:18, Exodus 30:11-30:16

February 24, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

6:15 pm in the small sanctuary

Service Leaders: Eliza Gouverneur and Richard Cohen

This will be a service especially geared for those preferring more English.

February 25, Saturday

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

Service Leader: Catherine Madsen

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: Aaron Bousel, abousel@comcast.net, 413-253-3544.

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/Haftorah readers: Hannah Blau, Aaron Bousel, Danielle Kadinoff, Janis Levy, Jane Myers, Yosef Rumshiskiy, Ilana Schmitt, Randi Stein

Service leaders: Aaron Bousel, Diana Brewer, Yossi Charette, Gordon Freed, Eliza Gouverneur and Richard Cohen, Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley, Marty Pepper Aisenberg, Rabbi Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser

D'var Torah givers: Diana Brewer, Yossi Charette, Rebecca Fisher, Catherine Madsen, Rabbi Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser

Musicians: Shabbat Musical Daveners

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

Purim is Coming!

Megillah reading and spiel, Saturday evening, March 11. English Megillah reading and late afternoon meal, Sunday March 12. More details to come.



Youth and Family Education

Dear JCA Community,

Over the last few months, increasing incidents of anti-Semitism have occurred in the lives of some of our students and families, specifically at Amherst Regional Middle School (ARMS). We feel three core impulses as educators: educate our students about history, context, and responses to anti-Semitism; help our students feel as safe as we can emotionally and spiritually; and support parents as they explore how to address anti-Semitism with their children. We wanted to take a few moments to share with you how we have addressed, and will continue to address, anti-Semitism within JCA Education.

- After the incidents occurred at ARMS, Principal Patty Bode organized grade-wide assemblies and has since been working with her staff to implement educational curricula. The JCA Education Leadership Team (Cara Michelle Silverberg and Keren Rhodes) facilitated a discussion with the JCA 6th-7th grade b'nai mitzvah class about their personal experiences and reactions to the incidents and ensuing assemblies at school.
- Keren moderated a parent discussion about anti-Semitism that focused on providing resources for parents navigating this topic within their families. Rabbi Efraim Eisen attended the discussion to provide pastoral support.
- Principal Bode met for over an hour with Jewish middle school parents at the JCA during Wednesday religious school to answer questions and address concerns.
- Principal Bode will meet with the 6th-7th grade b'nai mitzvah class to offer students an opportunity to communicate with her directly about their questions, experiences and concerns. This discussion will be part of a month-long curricular exploration of the history and context of anti-Semitism, as well as ways to respond to it. As part of this unit, b'nai mitzvah students will be crafting comics, stickers and other visual aids that represent their views on creating safer space - not just for Jews, but for everyone. Keep on the lookout around the JCA for their work.
- JCA Teens (JCAT) is exploring a spring program for high school students turning their gaze towards college. It will focus on expressing Jewish identity and engaging in Jewish life on college campuses, including in the face of anti-Semitism. This program will include college students sharing their experiences.

We take very seriously our responsibility to hold space for youth and families to learn, dialogue, and joyfully express themselves Jewishly. Exploring these hard topics is part of this process.

Today Rabah,

Cara Michelle Silverberg
*Youth and Teen Programs
Coordinator*

Keren Rhodes
*School Principal & Family Education
Coordinator*



February Calendar

February 1, Wednesday

JCA SCHOOL

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

February 3, Friday

TEEN PROGRAM: JV CORPS

4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Participate in community service by preparing and serving dinner for Family Friday Night while learning about food justice issues. *Slots are FULL this month. Check our website for details and RSVP instructions each month.*

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Tots Storytime and Shabbat Sing-Along

6:00 – 7:30 pm

All ages: 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.

February 5, Sunday

JCA SCHOOL

10:00 am – 12:15 pm

COMMUNITY HAVDALAH

10:00 am – 10:30 am

February 8, Wednesday

JCA SCHOOL

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

TOTS TU B'SHEVAT PUPPET SHOW WITH

ANNA SOBEL

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

February 12, Sunday

JCA SCHOOL

10:00 am – 12:15 pm

February 15, Wednesday

JCA SCHOOL

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

February 19, Sunday

NO JCA SCHOOL

February 22, Wednesday

NO JCA SCHOOL

February 26, Sunday

JCA SCHOOL

10:00 am – 12:15 pm

SHALOM SUNDAY

10:00 am – 11:45 am

**TEEN PROGRAM: JR. CHAI AND TEVA TORAH
AT CENTRAL ROCK GYM, HADLEY**

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

PARENT DISCUSSIONS & WORKSHOPS

February 5, Sunday

SHALOM LEARNING CURRICULUM:

HAKARAT HATOV

February 12, Sunday

SHALOM LEARNING CURRICULUM:

KOAḤ HADIBUR

February 26, Sunday

CONTEMPORARY U.S. AND ISRAELI

RELATIONS - JESSE FERRIS

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Offered through JCA Adult Ed. No registration required. See page 4 for more information.

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

Adult Education Committee

Adult Education, Spring 2017

For Brochure With Full Program And Registration Information, go to:
<http://www.j-c-a.org/adult-ed.pdf>

You may register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/jca-adult-ed-2017> or mail in your Registration Form to Boris Wolfson, 71 Larkspur Drive, Amherst, MA 01002. Checks may be written to JCA with "Adult Ed" on the memo line.

Lunch and Learn - *Rabbi David Seidenberg*

Wednesdays, January 25 - April 5

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Bring your own lunch and remember that JCA kashrut laws allow only dairy and pareve foods inside the building – no meat. No registration needed.

Mah Jong - *Charlotte Schwab*

Sundays, January 22, February 5, 19, March 5

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

For more information and to rsvp, call Charlotte Schwab at (413) 253-7910.

Talmud Peer-Reading Group - *Coordinator: Jonathan Lewis*

Information and planning session

Sunday, January 29

10:15 am - 11:45 am

For more information and to express interest in future meetings, contact Jonathan Lewis at jdlewis647@gmail.com

Modern Conversational Hebrew - *Henny Lewin*

Wednesdays, February 8, 15, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

5:45 pm – 7:15 pm

Registration required

Contemporary U.S. and Israeli Relations - *Jesse Ferris*

Sunday, February 26

10:30 am - 11:45 am

No registration needed. See page 4 for more information.

Staying Connected: Judaism's Online Presence - *Jody Rosenbloom*

Tuesdays, February 28, March 7, 14

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Registration required

Hebrew Calligraphy Workshop - *Jane Trigère*

Sunday, March 5

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration required

Bread and Torah Shabbaton - *Rabbis Linda Motzkin and Jonathan Rubenstein*

Friday, March 17 - Sunday, March 19

Scheduling details forthcoming. See page 4 for more information.

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Spotlight on Committees (continued)

Israel & Palestine: A Clash of Nationalisms - Aaron Berman

Thursdays, March 23, 30, April 6, 20, 27, May 4

7:00 pm- 8:30 pm

Registration required

Charoses Taste-Off

Friday, March 31 after Shabbat services

No registration needed.

Passover Preparation: An Experiential Workshop based on Joanna Macy's *The Work That Reconnects* - Cara Michelle Silverberg

Sunday, April 2

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration required

Counting the Omer - Diana Brewer

Wednesdays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

No registration required

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 Shiva Service Leaders Ruth Love Barer, Gordon Freed, and Monroe Rabin; to David Piech, Renee Spring, Amy Rothenberg, Marilyn Blaustein, Ann Armon, Kitty Talan, Judi Fonsh, Anne Nusbaum, and Dana Parrot for preparing and delivering meals; and to Kitty Talan, Robin Diamond, and Judy Davis for helping at a funeral.

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

Works of Marius Sznajderman

Painter and print maker Marius Sznajderman will exhibit paintings and collages, including judaicas. This exhibit consists of early works rooted in a Latin American tradition. Some of the judaicas are collages on panels, mizrachs and menorahs, created in the 1970's. Sznajderman will also show recent acrylics and ink on paper.

This exhibit is his third one-person show in Amherst. He exhibited at the Yiddish Book Center. In 2015, his work was shown in the Garden Room at Applewood, where he is a resident artist. The exhibit runs from February 2 to April 30.

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 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

Adult Ed

Patience Bousel
Richard Cohen
Robin Diamond
Lisa Enzler
Ziva Harmatz
Eleazar Nudell
Dorothy Pam
Kari Ridge
Connie Songer
Suzanne Spencer
Paulina Stark
Ronnie Williams
Anonymous
Sarah Thomson
Catherine Madsen
Karen Lavender

Annual Fund

Elaine & Arnold Trehub
Renee Spring & David Piech
Nancy Cohen
Anne Nusbaum
Nina & Donald Tetenbaum
Rachel & Jay Flint
Alison & Richard Ellis
DJRJ Charitable Fund
Barbara Benda Jenkins & Eli Kwartler
Robin & Ted Diamond
Lisa & Peter Blain
Evelyn Goldenberg
Peggy & Murray Schwartz
Arlene Ash
In honor of Rabbi Ben Weiner
(Suzanne & Peter Spencer)
Catherine Nagel & Robert Horowitz
In honor of Chesed Committee members
(Susan & Jim Richardson)
Susan & Marty Pepper Aisenberg
In memory of Joseph Weizenbaum
(Sharon Weizenbaum)
Krista Harper & Michael Ash
Ronnie Williams & Suzanne Arnopolin
Amanda Walling, Boris & Ben Wolfson
For Amy Kroin, in recognition of her witty
messages (Hannah Blau)

In honor of Rabbi Weiner and with thanks
to Michael Burkart, Bill Zimmer & the
entire Board of Directors
(Devorah Jacobson & Margaret
Mastrangelo)

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

Christine Denison Bloom &
Frederick Bloom

Rose Lander & Rabbi Yechiael Lander

Jane Trigere & Ken Schoen

Richard Tessler

Lisa Kent & David Glassberg

Yaffa & Haim Gunner

Nina Brand & Heather Davis

Frieda Howards

Jana Silver & Aaron Kropf

Ellen & Rob Kaufman

Karen Sheingold

Amy & Michael Woolf

In honor of Jeff Cohen
(Ellen Grobman & Evan Bollinger)

In memory of Rabbi Weiner's
grandmother
(Pearl-Anne & Nathan Margalit)

In honor of Kathy Perlmutter
(Barbara Goldstein)

Danielle Barshak & Oran Kaufman

In honor of Lisa Pack
(Diana & Sara Brewer)

Deborah & Larry Fine

Donna Baron & Steve Silvern

Ken Bernstein

In honor of Ruth Love Barer
(Ziva & Morton Harmatz)

In honor of Aaron Bousel
(Ziva & Morton Harmatz)

Laura Roberts

Libby Army

Jennifer Holme & Robyn Miller

Dyan Wiley

Henry Lappen

Melanie & Jonathan Lewis

Emily Bloch

Sarah Belchetz-Swenson

Betsy Brooks & John Machta

Ann Armon & Len Huber

Jaymie & Michael Chernoff

Marcia & Sheldon Goldman

General Fund

In gratitude for the 3rd Friday musical
Shabbat services that I have enjoyed at
the JCA! I look forward to many more
(Laura Broad)

In honor of Reed Alper of the Chesed
Committee, and Gordon Freed and Ruth
Love Barer, service leaders at my mom's
Shiva (David Rabinovitz)

In memory of Eda Rabinovitz
(Amy Rothenberg & Paul Herscu)

In honor of Diane Chajes for her many
acts of kindness and caring
(Janet Chevan)

In memory of Tara Michelle Katzner
(Ruth & Donald Katzner)

In memory of Charles Lubinsky
(Marian & Leonard Lubinsky)

In appreciation of open High Holiday
Services (Sally Pick)

In memory of Arnold Perlbiner
(Lisa Perlbiner & Tom Porter)

In memory of Leo Rabinovitz
(Amy Rothenberg & Paul Herscu)

In memory of Robert Potash
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