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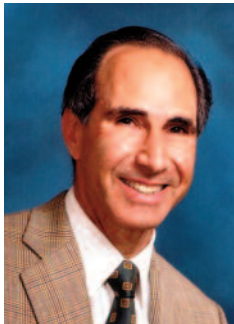
**RABBI'S MESSAGE**

**Minyanim**

Let me tell you about a group in our congregation that needs your support. This small group takes on a very important and honored task for the congregation. While they may not think of their actions in this way, I view what they do as focusing us on who we are as a congregation: people who come to be with each other, to be counted and to pray. I urge you to consider joining this group and encourage others to do so.

Who is this group and what do they do, you ask? This is the group of people who make the minyan at our Sunday and Wednesday morning services in the Beit Midrash. They choose to be a part of the group for personal reasons and they come with varying degrees of regularity. They come to be together, to offer certain prayers, to assist others and to join in prayer with the group. Each person adds so much to the experience and, I'm sure, each benefits from the experience as well.

There is the man who comes every week to say Kaddish for his father and another who says Kaddish for his mother. There is the wife who comes to make sure her husband does not have to *(continued on page 3)*



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Cantor Murray E. Simon**

On behalf of the congregation, I want to thank Cantor Simon for his long tenure as he nears the end of his service to The Jewish Center as our Cantor. Sunday evening, May 16 at 6:00 p.m., we will gather in tribute to Cantor Simon. I hope you will join us for an evening of musical tribute to him after his 14 years with us.

In addition to being an outstanding presence on the bimah, projecting great warmth and caring, Cantor Simon has a distinguished academic record. He has been awarded honorary Doctor of Music degrees from Hebrew Union College and The Jewish Theological Seminary, a Master of Music degree from Hebrew Union College, as well as a Bachelor of Music degree in performance from Temple University.

Cantor Simon has helped prepare well over 600 of our students for their bar or bat mitzvah ceremonies, and beyond that he created the Yad Squad of over 50 teens to bring many of these b'nai mitzvah back to read Torah again and again. In fact, the Cantor has created a culture of lay daveners and leyners- including 75 Torah read- *(continued on page 2)*

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**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Shabbat Worship**

Fridays at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturdays at 9:45 a.m.

**Library Service**

Saturday, **May 8 & 22**  
at 10:15 a.m.

**Midweek Minyanim**

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 1**

Bat Mitzvah of Aubrey Malakoff daughter of Stuart and Elyssa 9:45 a.m.

**Saturday, May 8**

Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Shnaidman son of Michael and Vivian 9:45 a.m.

**Saturday May 15**

Bar Mitzvah of Adam Gershen son of Jonathan and Ilene 9:45 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of William Feuer son of Sherman and Carole 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday May 22**

Bar Mitzvah of Grant Keller son of Lorne and Nina 9:45 a.m.

**Saturday May 29**

Bar Mitzvah of Derek Schneider son of Jeff and Monica 5:30 p.m.

**SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING**

May 7	7:41 p.m.
May 14	7:48 p.m.
May 18	7:52 p.m.
May 21	7:55 p.m.
May 28	8:01 p.m.

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### **President's Message** (continued from pg. 1)

ers who read on a regular basis. This is a treasure for our congregation. The Cantor's huge smile and his encouraging "fist pump" as he calls a student (or an adult) to the Torah have become trademarks of his loving style from the bimah.

Another achievement of Cantor Simon's has been the "Shabbat Alive" Kabbalat Shabbat services which have involved congregants in new ways in the service, bringing a new energy to those Friday nights.

Over the years, Cantor Simon has become an integral part of our clergy team and synagogue family, not only through his and Toby's warm and loving personalities, but also via the Cantor's practice of visiting the sick in area hospitals and nursing homes, and conducting numerous funerals and shiva minyanim in ways that provided great comfort to the families. And let's not forget the joyous times when Cantor Simon officiated at weddings, baby namings and other family celebrations.

Cantor Simon officially concludes his duties to The Jewish Center on August 31. We welcome Toby and Cantor Simon into their new "roles" as beloved members of the congregation, where we hope they will remain for many, many years to come.

The invitation to the May 16 gala dinner in Cantor Simon's honor appears on page 5 and has been mailed to your home. I hope you can join the celebration where you are sure to hear more tributes to Cantor Simon and his many contributions to The Jewish Center.

### **Fran Amir**

We also want to thank and recognize Fran Amir, who will be retiring at the end of the year as Principal of the Religious School, to spend more time with her family.

Since becoming Principal of TJC's Religious School in 1997, Fran's accomplishments have been many and impressive. She introduced the Siyyum Tichon trip to Biloxi and inaugurated Gan Katan (our pre-kindergarten program), added Hebrew language enrichment to the three day program, strengthened and expanded our Shabbat morning youth services, increased opportunities for family learning, spear-headed our award winning Yachdav (special needs) program, created a cadre of teen madrichim (student aides), secured a grant to purchase Smart Board technology, initiated a youth program to complement formal religious school education, and so much more. Most importantly, Fran has brought to our school a love of people – students, teachers, and parents alike – and has created a place where children feel safe and accepted for who they are, and where Judaism is vibrant and full of life. We

tured such a strong foundation for our Religious School and we look forward to building on this solid foundation in the future.

The School Committee has prepared a lovely tribute to Fran which appears on page 9 of this newsletter. Respecting Fran's personal wishes, Joan Levin is organizing a celebration by the Religious School teachers to recognize Fran's years of service to The Jewish Center Religious School. Additionally, the students will have an opportunity to mark Fran's retirement and present her with a gift on the last Sunday of Religious School.

### **Annual Meeting - May 23**

Please do not forget to mark your calendars to attend the Annual Meeting of The Jewish Center, Sunday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at The Jewish Center.

At this meeting you will cast your vote for Officers and Trustees for the coming year (June 1 to May 31, 2011). The slate up for election appears in this Newsletter on page 7.

The congregation will also vote to approve the annual operating budget, which will be distributed to you ahead of time.

All the current Officers and Trustees look forward to seeing you on May 23!

*B'Shalom,*  
*Jesse*  
[jesse@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:jesse@thejewishcenter.org)



*The Jewish Center community wishes Marc Citron, past TJC president, a hearty Mazel Tov for being honored by the American Jewish Committee with its National Learned Hand Award on May 27 at the Princeton Hyatt Regency Hotel. Although this is not a Princeton community event, anyone interested in more details or in making a donation should contact AJC at 973-379-7844 or [newjersey@ajc.org](mailto:newjersey@ajc.org).*



## CANTOR'S Notes

### A TIME OF THE GIVING ... AND THE RECEIVING?

SHAVUOT, the Feast of Weeks,

is so-called because it falls a week of weeks or forty-nine days after the second day of Passover. This holiday gets the "short end of the stick" when it comes to celebrating the Three Festivals or *Shalosh R'galim* of Pesach, Sukkot and Shavuot. The other two pilgrimage holidays extend for a week (eight days outside of Israel), while Shavuot is just two days. The companion holidays have very strong symbols and rituals associated with them. The lulav and etrog and the beautiful sukkah grace the harvest festival of SUKKOT, whereas the strong symbols of the matzah and seder meal make PESACH the most celebrated of all of the Jewish holi-

days. What is the strong symbol for Shavuot? - the cheery, cherry, cheese blintz! How did it come to be that eating dairy foods is all we have to do to celebrate the Feast of Weeks?

SHAVUOT is described as "z'man matan torateynu" - the "time of the giving of our Torah". This is the historic and religious occasion that transforms a rag-tag rabble of former slaves into the People of Israel - thus they became an ordered and law-abiding society. It has always bothered me that the nomenclature for the holiday has been known as the time of the "giving" of the Torah - and not the time of the "receiving" of the Torah. "Receiving" would imply the active acceptance by the Jewish People of God's laws and mitzvot. You can give someone a beautifully wrapped gift for a special occasion, but if they don't unwrap it, open it up and, even

more, use and enjoy the gift for the purpose for which it was intended,



of what benefit is the gift? The Torah is a beautiful gift given to us by God on Shavuot. Let us unwrap it, open it up and "receive" its rewards and benefits.

Why dairy foods on Shavuot? One midrash states that the Torah is as nourishing to us as a mother's milk is to her offspring. Thus, the cheery, cherry, cheese blintz! Chag Sameyach.

*Melodically yours,*  
Cantor Murray E. Simon  
[msimon@TheJewishCenter.org](mailto:msimon@TheJewishCenter.org)

### Rabbi's Message (continued from pg. 1)

say Kaddish alone. There is the couple who goes together to volunteer at the hospital after minyan. There is the man who says Kaddish for his daughter every time he is with us and one who always says a personal prayer for his father. There are two sisters that come together regularly to say Kaddish for their father. There is the person who loves to lead us at the weekday minyan, which he does very well. There are some who could not imagine missing the minyan because there is no place they would rather be. There is one who sits at the back table and enjoys going back and forth between speaking to God and speaking to his buddy next to him. There are some people who come so that others who need to say Kaddish have the required ten. Some people like the smaller, less formal, more succinct service

which also allows them the opportunity to try new skills like leading the service or reading Torah.

There are many uplifting moments in our weekday minyan such as a recent anniversary, marking the end of the year of mourning, a teenager joining us to read. We also experience emotional times when people join us to say Kaddish, when we read the list of names for the healing prayer, when we recite the personal El Maleh Memorial prayer for a relative on their yahrtzeit or when we commemorate an important date in the Jewish calendar. There was a sad time recently when we only had nine people and were unable to say all of the prayers.

The weekday minyan can meet many personal needs. The timing, content, music, size and length of

the service are all quite different from the Shabbat morning service. People attend the minyan for a variety of reasons. It can be a place to grow and look to the future as well as a time to reflect and remember a loved one. The only thing it needs is you.

Consider joining us in the Beit Midrash, on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. We would love to welcome you. You will be helping us guarantee our minyan of ten and your voice will be added to the others as we pray for the things we all need: health, strength and community.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the minyan

*B'vracha,*  
Rabbi Adam Feldman



Passover Haikus

What a group of burgeoning poets we have here at TJC! In fact, I received so many haikus in response to my April 2nd *Erev Shabbat Thoughts* that I simply could not pick a favorite and I imagine you'll be hard pressed to do the same. Below, are the submitted masterpieces and their authors:

**Jess Deutsch**

This cake is so flat  
Are the desert sands in it?  
I could drink the sea!

**Michael Feldstein**

Adios Egypt  
Sitting on a pillow is fun  
Why seven days?

**Louise Forman**

Passover stomach -  
The annual penalty  
For loving matzah!

**Donna Gabai**

Total exhaustion  
Passover preparations.  
Time of our freedom?

**Bob Garber**

Manishevit, Streits,  
Why is this matzah dif'rent?  
I'll tell: it's shmurah!

**Jason Korn**

Hosting a Seder.  
Cook and clean for twenty-three.  
Worth every second.

Reading through maggid,  
Half the table is sleeping.  
Wake up! Time to eat!

Rice balls and corn cakes,  
Are they Kosher for Pesach?  
Our sephardi cousins.

**Mindy Langer**

Passover is here.  
Spring has come and all rejoice.  
Earth is born again

**Mitch Marder**

Barcelona, Spain  
500 Jews for seder  
Happy Passover!

**Alan Medvin**

At 60 she asked,  
The Four Questions, vey is Mir  
4 No children around.

**Mark (and Sam) Merkovitz**

Sam raised his arms up  
The waters parted  
"Who did he think he was ...GOD?!?"

**Leonard Sigal**

They tried to kill us,  
But we survived, didn't we!  
Now, let us eat well.

**Cantor Murray Simon**

Elijah at the door?  
What is he here for?  
It's cold - shut the door!

**Wilma Solomon**

Passover, Pesach  
Matzah balls and Kneidlach  
Joyful and Freilach

Each year we gather.  
Hagaddah stained with wine drops.  
Tears for those missing.

**Sue Stember**

No antiquated rules!  
Baba called she's coming here.  
Quick change the dishes.

**Polly Strauss**

Matzoh crumbs galore,  
One last square of kugel left,  
Holiday enjoyed.

**Debra Yaffe**

We're slaves no longer,  
Yet I've cooked for three straight  
days.  
Where is Mom's Moses?

After four questions,  
A fifth one's still unanswered:  
Why gefilte fish?

This year in Jersey.  
Next year in Jerusalem.  
After that, who knows?

Signs of spring abound:  
The robin, the matzah ball,  
And the leftovers.

*New Machzor Fund*

*A very special thanks to Rachel and Jeff Humphrey for their support of the New Machzor project and especially for their matching donation of 100 new books. The Humphreys generosity helped launch this venture with momentum and has contributed mightily to its success. We are so grateful to them for making this endeavor possible! See page 18 for a list of our contributors*

*Rosh Hodesh:*

*It's A Girl Thing!*

All meetings will take place at The Jewish Center

\* 8th graders will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. followed by dinner from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

\* 9th and 10th graders will begin with dinner from 7:00-7:30 p.m. followed by the gathering from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 25 (Sivan)**

For more information or to register for this year's group, please contact Rabbi Annie Tucker, [atucker@TheJewishCenter.org](mailto:atucker@TheJewishCenter.org)

*A Gala  
Evening  
Celebrating...*

# Cantor Murray E. Simon

*Who Has Honored Us With His Joyful Voice,  
Inspiration, and 14 Years of Dedicated Service*

• **Sunday, May 16, 2010**

• **The Jewish Center**

6:00 p.m. Cocktails, Followed by a Musical Interlude  
Featuring Guest Cantors, and a Gala Dinner (Business Attire)



YES, I WILL BE THERE to honor Cantor Simon. (Please fill in your giving levels):

\_\_\_\_ (no. of tickets) at Donor Level: \$75 per person, including dinner and a gift donation in honor of Cantor Simon

\_\_\_\_ (no. of tickets) at Patron Level: \$180 per person, including dinner, gift donation in honor of Cantor Simon,  
and Mention in the Program. My name as I would like it to appear in the program:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ (no. of centerpieces) Centerpiece Donation: \$36 each

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND, but enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in honor of Cantor Simon

Email address (for confirming your reservation): \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to The Jewish Center,  
noted as "Cantor's Gala," and mailed to The Jewish Center,  
435 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540, no later than  
**May 1, 2010.**

Please include a complete list of the names of attendees  
with your reservation.

For more information or to pay online:  
email [arubin@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:arubin@thejewishcenter.org)  
or call 609-921-0100.

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## Adult Education May 2010 / 5770

Adult Education offerings are available on the Jewish Center website. Check out our many special programs and upcoming classes.

The Adult Education year is winding down after a year jam-packed with films, classes, and lectures. We will be planning for the coming year over the next few months and welcome all suggestions. Please email Jane LeGrange at [jdlegrange@gmail.com](mailto:jdlegrange@gmail.com) your ideas for classes and other programs. Meanwhile, check out Rabbis Freedman and Tucker's May classes and the final session of the Lunch and Learn program, all listed on the website.

### Courses

*"Heretics I have Known"* with Rabbi Silverman.  
Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. May 4, 11 and 25

*"The Book of Deuteronomy"*  
with Rabbi Robert Freedman.

Description: We'll study Deuteronomy's themes, structure, possible history, and how it draws from the rest of the Torah. We'll also look at some of its major ideas – the singularity of God, secular kings, the authority of judges, and "it is not in heaven" – in more recent texts. Throughout, we'll examine our personal involvement with this seminal document.  
Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m. May 6, 13 and 27

*"Finding a Jewish Spiritual Home"*  
with Rabbi Annie Tucker.

Description: How can I make prayer feel more meaningful? What might I do to deepen my sense of connection to God? Is it possible to cultivate a greater sense of wonder and appreciation in my everyday living? While Judaism often emphasizes matters of mind and behavior, it also cares deeply for matters of the spirit, offering resources to give our lives meaning and purpose. In this workshop we will draw upon our own questions and experiences (as well as the writings of great Jewish thinkers) to explore ways in which to deepen and enhance our spiritual lives.  
Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. May 6 and 13

### Lectures

The May Lunch and Learn at noon on May 26 features Alan Mann, professor of anthropology from Princeton University speaking on "Prehistoric Art and the Human Cognition." Bring a dairy lunch.

### Ongoing Study Sessions:

#### Bible BaBoker:

Shabbat mornings at 8:45 a.m.

#### Talmud with Rabbi Silverman:

Select Shabbat afternoons. See the weekly announcements for upcoming dates.

#### Rabbi Diamond's Talmud Class:

Thursdays, Noon- 1:15 p.m.

#### Adult Hebrew:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. following the Religious School schedule. Tuition applies.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, May 2,

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



To schedule an appointment, contact Beatrice Bloom at 609-577-2989 or [info@beatricebloom.com](mailto:info@beatricebloom.com)

## Boomer Wine and Cheese



Sunday, June 6  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The home of  
Art and Linda Miesel  
Princeton, New Jersey  
Watch for your invitation in the mail.

The Jess Epstein  
Lunch and Learn Series



presents

**PROF. ALAN MANN**  
**PREHISTORIC ART AND**  
**THE HUMAN COGNITION**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 AT NOON**

Humans are unique among the living creatures on the planet. It has often been suggested that language and symbolic representation are the singular attributes that distinguish our kind. But when and under what circumstances in our biological history did these features arise? By exploring the earliest manifestations of human art and symbolism left to us in archaeological sites and deep in caves, we can gain insight into how we came about. Many of these creations represent works of great genius but their meaning and significance to the people who made them remain a mystery.

ALAN MANN, professor of anthropology at Princeton University, is a most engaging lecturer. He also holds a research appointment in the Anthropology Laboratory of the University of Bordeaux. His primary interest is the fossil evidence for human evolution; he has done field work in Africa, Asia, Europe and Australia and now works primarily in the southwest of France. His current research focuses on the evolution of the Neanderthals and their relationships to modern peoples. A particular interest of his is the origin of language and art and their importance in the emergence of the quality of 'humanness' – a topic he explicates with striking graphics.

## Slate of Officers

Slate of Officers and Trustees for election by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at The Jewish Center.

All Officers serve a one-year term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same office. Trustees serve two year terms.

### **Nominating Committee Slate 2010/2011 - 5770/5771**

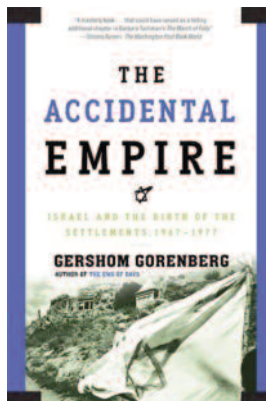
President	Jesse Treu*
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VP/Finance & Development	Joel Reichbart**
VP/Education	Randy Hubert *
VP/Religious Affairs	Bernard Abramson*
VP/Programming	Martha Friedman*
Recording Secretary	Debra Morgenstern**
Past President	Michael Feldstein
Trustees	Deborah Brett***
	Robert Levine***

\*Re-nominated for a second year in current position

\*\* Nominated for a new one-year term

\*\*\* Nominated for a new two-year term

Marc Citron and Robin Persky continue for the second year of a two-year term as Trustees



Gershom Gorenberg  
Lecturing on

"The Accidental Empire:  
Israel's Settlement  
Dilemma"

7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2

The Jewish Center is proud to welcome Gershom Gorenberg, one of Israel's best-known journalists.

Sponsored by Adult Education and Israeli Affairs

## MAY YOUTH PROGRAMS

This year, there have been so many wonderful youth programs at TJC. Below are the Youth programs from now through June. We look forward to seeing your children at future you events.

### **TJC Youth Groups**

#### **Haverim (Grades 3-5)**

May 1-2 – Lag Ba’omer Sleepover

June 6 - Hershey Park

#### **Kadima (Grades 6-7)**

May 16 - Princeton Park Clean-up

June 6 - Hershey Park

#### **Teen - USY (Grades 8-12)**

May 2 – Amazing Race

May 30 – Boardwalk & Seashore Dance

**Save the Date! – June 6**

**Kadima & Haverim**



**Hershey Park**  
**More information**  
**will follow**

For updated Youth Programming, please visit our TJC website at: <http://www.thejewishcenter.org/youth/youth.asp>



**CALLING ALL CAMP RAMAH FAMILIES!!**  
**JOIN THE NEW TJC CAMP RAMAH LISTSERV!**

This new Listserv is a special email list for families at The Jewish Center who have children attending or working at Camp Ramah in the Poconos this summer. The Listserv will allow TJC Ramah families to communicate about their kid's great times at camp, Ramah happenings and coordinate carpooling, rides, Care Package deliveries, etc.

Please contact Alisa Odrechowski at [Alisa@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:Alisa@thejewishcenter.org) if you would like to join!

## **Lag Ba'omer Sleepover**



All students in grades 3 thru 5 are invited to the Haverim Lag Ba'Omer sleepover.

Saturday & Sunday May 1-2

Cost: \$12 youth members

\$15 non-members

Please contact Neil Wise for further information at 609-921-0100 xt. 209



# A Tribute to Fran Amir

Another school year will be ending shortly and with it comes the retirement of a special staff member of The Jewish Center, Fran Amir. She is leaving to enjoy time with her family but will remain in the hearts of those who are blessed to know her. Fran is a devoted educator, gracious coworker and special person who shares many of the outstanding attributes of the four matriarchs – Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

Our matriarch Leah had thirteen children, the average size of one class in Religious School and coincidentally, the same number of years Fran has been the Principal of the Religious School. Fran is not only a teacher and administrator, but also an ima –a mother like Leah, treating the children who cross the threshold to the Religious School office and the classrooms as her own. One of her greatest strengths is in making each class into a family of sisters and brothers, inspired and excited to learn. Fran becomes a family member who is there for all life cycle events, welcoming when students begin Religious School, proud when they are blessed in Gimmel, kvelling when they become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and delighted to see them as teens at Siyyum Tichon and as madrichim in the Religious School. While we will not see Fran in Religious School any more, she has been responsible for making hundreds of special Jewish memories for all of us that we will remember with fondness.

Our matriarch Rachel was beloved and cherished by her husband, Jacob. Likewise, there are so many things that students, their parents and staff cherish about Fran. Her love of all things Jewish and her thirst to keep learning are apparent to all. Fran served as President of the Principal's Cooperative Exchange for seven years and chief organizer of their annual conferences, bringing together Jewish educators to teach, problem solve and exchange ideas. She studied in the Me'ah and post Me'ah Programs, became an Adult Bat Mitzvah and attended a multitude of conferences to promote Jewish education and innovative programming. She is an eager student among her peers. The teachers with whom Fran works are fueled by the professionalism and warmth she exhibits. Coming to school each day with an enthusiasm that is contagious, encouraging her staff to teach in creative ways, fine tuning programs for children and parents,

even creating original Jewish Center textbooks copied by many schools across the country are some of the things for which she is revered. Parents become learners along with their children and are uplifted by Fran's weekly newsletter, complete with a parashat ha shavua curriculum for them to discuss with their family.

In the Talmud, it is written, "Deeds of kindness are equal in weight to all of the commandments". Our matriarch Rebecca was well known for her kindness and hospitality. Likewise, Fran extends a hand to those in need. Her outreach to the community is impressive. Every year since Hurricane Katrina's devastation, Fran has led a group of teens to Biloxi, Mississippi to assist with the rebuilding of the syna-

**"Deeds of kindness are equal in weight to all of the commandments."**

gogue and community. Under her leadership, the Religious School was the first and only school to be a recipient of the Kehilat Award from Jewish Family and Children's Service for community service. In addition, Fran serves as a Jewish National Fund Ambassador. Under her guidance, an integral part of the School's curriculum is facilitating various mitzvah and tzedakah projects within The Jewish Center and

other area organizations. She gives willingly and unselfishly of her time, knowledge and ideas, sharing credit generously with her staff who help to make our Religious School a model of excellence.

In Genesis, Chapter 12, verses 10-20, Abraham describes his wife Sarah as a beautiful woman. In fact, when Abraham sees the reflection of Sarah's beauty in the water, he compares it to the brilliance of the sun. He is speaking of Sarah's physical beauty. However, more important than the physical is the inner beauty of a person. Fran has showed us both in words and deeds that she is a gifted educator and an exceptional woman who has touched our lives with warmth, sincerity and love. We thank her for her years of outstanding service to The Jewish Center and its Religious School. Our matriarch Sarah lived to the ripe old age of 127. May God similarly grant Fran a long, happy, fulfilling and healthy retirement.

*Today rabbah and l'hitraot!*

*"Lovingly compiled by many past and present Religious School families."*



# Nursery News

Shalom,

The month of May in the Nursery School is one special month! It's a time when we evaluate all that we've accomplished throughout the year.

The physical growth of our students is evident in the clothes they've outgrown and their class pictures taken in October. But it's the emotional, social and academic growth that's even more astonishing. The children are capable of *sitting* through stories, not only answering questions but *asking* them now as well, and it's amazing to see them *using* the things they have learned and *applying* them in their daily life. It truly is a gift to be even a little part of their world.

The week of May 3-7, is Teacher Appreciation Week with Tuesday, May 4, being National Teacher's Day. We have all been influenced by a teacher and I am grateful to work amongst such a dedicated, caring and nurturing group of teachers at our Nursery School. Because of them, we are able to provide to your children the high standards which we are all accustomed to. Please thank a teacher today.

May brings us to Community Day, a special day this school has created. On May 12, the lower front parking lot, known to the Nursery School as the Riding Lot, will be transformed into a community--our community-- complete with a Synagogue, Post Office, Library, Flower Shop, Bakery and more. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the community and participate in an activity at all the establishments along the way. Then it's off to the Pizzeria for lunch with all our school friends before heading to, what might be for many, their 1<sup>st</sup> Rock Concert ever! That's right, Mr. Ray, a famous children's Rock artist will perform right here at The Joan Levin Nursery School! Community Day is surely a highlight event of the year and we're certainly looking forward to this one. If you happen to be in the neighborhood, please stop in and visit with us.

L'hitraot,

Gayle

## MAZEL TOV

*To Fran and Assaf Amir on the birth of their granddaughter, Alison Lila Amir.*

*To Nancy Osborn on the marriage of her daughter Elizabeth Osborn to Thomas Schumacher.*



Now accepting  
registration for  
2010 - 2011

Contact Gayle Wagner  
for more information:

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## Religious School Registration

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## Religious School News

JEA Honors Ellen Pristach and Lori Simon

When I think of the teachers and the work they do, a little vignette from Pesikta Buber comes to mind. It tells of a conversation between King David and God in which King David asks God, "of all the tzaddikim that shall be admitted into thy presence, who is your most beloved?" God answers that "the teachers of the youth, who perform their work in sincerity and with joy, shall sit at my right hand". What greater honor is there for our teachers? This spring, The Jewish Educators Assembly held a gala evening to honor a teacher and lay leader from each of its Southern New Jersey member congregations. The Jewish Educators Assembly, or JEA, is the professional membership association representing a broad range of educators and educational administrators that are connected to the Conservative movement. As Principal of The Jewish Center Religious School, I was honored to nominate Ellen Pristach and Lori Simon to receive these prestigious awards of Teacher and Lay Leader of the Year. Both Ellen and Lori have been educational leaders at The Jewish Center, both in the classroom, and in the determination of programs and policies. Their commitment has spanned two decades and has been felt in almost every aspect of our school life. Below are the introductory remarks, as each received her award.

**Ellen Pristach:**

When it comes to being a teacher extraordinaire, Ellen Pristach certainly fits the bill. Since moving to the Princeton area from Georgia, she has been at The Jewish Center for 20 years, teaching in the pre-school

and in the Religious School. She coordinates all of our children's Shabbat services and has been the teacher representative on our School Committee for many years. She has won The Jewish Center Fabian Award for Excellence in Teaching twice and is one of our most sought after teachers. She has given of herself unselfishly in coordinating activities, programs and trips for our youngsters and is always around when we need her. She is a valued member of our staff and a joy to work with.

**Lori Simon:**

Lori Simon has been a friend and supporter of education at The Jewish Center for 18 years, ever since her oldest son started in the Preschool. She has served our Preschool and Religious School in many capacities as a parent volunteer in addition to being a Nursery Parent Association President, long time member of the School Committee and participant in the Life Long Learning Initiative. She was instrumental in the creation of our Yachdav Special Needs program and she has also represented The Jewish Center Schools on the synagogue Board of Directors as the School Chair person. More recently she has become a member of our Religious School staff, imparting her love of Judaism and Jewish values to our students. Lori has been a tireless worker for The Jewish Center Schools and an inspiration to those who know her.

The Jewish Center has indeed been blessed in having Ellen and Lori in our schools and as members of our Congregation. It is our pleasure to honor them.

B'Shalom,  
Fran Amir

**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**Talking about Israel**  
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Sunday, May 9

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- *Shabbat Lataf*: (Preschool, ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old) 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Library
- *Shabbat Latze'eerim*: (Grades K to 2) 11:00 a.m. in the Children's Library
- *Shabbat Layeladim*: (Grades 3 to 5) 10:30 a.m. in the Beit Midrash
- *Zayin Torah Class*: 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge

## May 8:

- *Shabbat Latze'eerim*: (Grades K to 2) 11:00 a.m. in the Children's Library
- *Shabbat Layeladim*: (Grades 3 to 5) 10:30 a.m. in the Beit Midrash
- *Zayin Torah Class*: 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge

## May 15:

- *Vav Family Seminar*: 9:30 a.m. in the Adult Library
- *Shabbat Lataf*: (Preschool, ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old) 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Library
- *Shabbat Latze'eerim*: (Grades K to 2) 11:00 a.m. in the Children's Library
- *Shabbat Layeladim*: (Grades 3 to 5) 10:30 a.m. in the Beit Midrash
- *Zayin Torah Class*: 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge

## May 22:

- *Shabbat LaMispachah*: (Family Service; Preschool to Grade 2) 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge
- *Shabbat Layeladim*: (Grade 3 to 5) 10:30 a.m. in the Beit Midrash
- *Zayin Torah Class*: 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge

**Mazel Tov to our newest  
Minyanaires:**

Jessica Berk, Matthew Berk,  
Samantha Berk and Kay Schwartz

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg at any of the above services in honor of your child's birthday or another special occasion, please contact Ellen Pristach ([EBPecteach@aol.com](mailto:EBPecteach@aol.com)) for further information.

# THE KLEZ DISPENSERS

The Congregation is cordially  
invited to

A Morning of Klezmer  
with Amy and Adrian of  
The Klez Dispensers  
Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Religious School  
Kitah Heh Yiddish program



## Can You Help Honor Jewish War Veterans?

May is a month to remember our veterans.  
You can help with this important task.

Each year, long-time Jewish Center member and past-president Norm Denard recruits volunteers to place small flags on the graves of Jewish war veterans in several Trenton area cemeteries.

It only takes a little time to do a very big honor to these veterans, which you can schedule to suit your needs.

Please contact Norm directly at

609-924-1981

or [normdenard@gmail.com](mailto:normdenard@gmail.com)

# JEWISH CENTER WOMEN

## Spring Luncheon

On April 25 we had the pleasure of welcoming New York Times best-selling author Ellyn Spragins. After we caught up with old friends and enjoyed a delicious catered lunch, Ellyn discussed her new book "What I Know Now About Success."

Thank you to the following local businesses for helping make our Lottery Auction a success. We had a lot of fun and, of course, all proceeds will be returned to JCW to support our continued work at The Jewish Center.

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- Zahava Foods

A special thanks to Karen Rubin and Anne Rutman for their hard work in putting together this beautiful event.

## Stitch & Kvetch

Please join us for our last stitch-fest of the year. Come learn how to knit, show off your work-in-progress or simply meet our group. We will meet on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carole Braun, 31 Herrontown Circle in Princeton. This is a very busy time of year, so please RSVP to Carole at [cbraunnj@aol.com](mailto:cbraunnj@aol.com) if you plan on attending. We will only hold the meeting if we have enough participants to justify doing so.

## Please consider joining JCW

We are currently working on filling positions for next year and have open spots for event chairs or volunteer opportunities...please contact Amy Berk if you are interested at 908-431-4353 or [dasb9999@yahoo.com](mailto:dasb9999@yahoo.com).

*B'Shalom,*

*Amy Berk, Jewish Center Women Chair*



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The shul year is rapidly approaching the summer quiet period but we would still like to get in our Texas Hold'em poker tournament. The tournament was originally scheduled for March 6 but was cancelled due to the tremendous storm that resulted in a power outage at TJC. We have rescheduled the tournament to June 6. All levels of players are welcome at the tournament. See the flyer for details.

The Men's Club maintains an email list of its members on the Google gmail service. We use the list to send out announcements, event reminders and other information of general interest. Please let us know if you want to join the list or update your email address.

We hope to have a final event, most likely a Sunday morning meeting, in June to discuss plans for next year. We will contact everyone by email.

We are always looking for ideas for programs or services, and new members are always welcome. We encourage all of our members, old and new, to come to our events and take an active role in the club. Please contact either one of us with your suggestions or questions.

*B'shalom,*

*Lou Klimoff and Warren Mitlak*  
*Men's club co-chairs*  
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**Where:** The Youth Lounge

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**Contact:** Dave Cheskis:  
[dcheskis@mac.com](mailto:dcheskis@mac.com)  
 Lou Klimoff:  
[louklimoff@earthlink.net](mailto:louklimoff@earthlink.net)

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#### **Reservation Form — Men's Club Texas Hold'em Tournament**

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## Todah Rabbah

The congregation acknowledges with deep appreciation and gratitude the following individuals who participated in our Services during the months of March and April 2010.

### Torah Readers

Tobi Afran, Margie Aretz, Doug Blecher, Jake Blecher, Jake Britton, Adrian Christie, Alex Costin, Rebekah Costin, Nate Costin, Rachel Costin, Steve Curtiss, Noah Curtiss, Jay Edelberg, Daniel Edelberg, Larry Epstein, Michael Feder, Kylie Feldman, Cantor Adam Frei, Kenan Glasgold, Deborah Glick, Michelle Goldman, Linda Greenstein, Lisa Hartman, Bruce Hecht, Danielle Hecht, Sabrina Hecht, Rachel Humphrey, Stuart Isaacs, Alex Kasdin, Jeremy Kasdin, Jordan Kaye, Jessica Klimoff, Alex Krutan, Bob Lebeau, Bruce Leslie, Gila Levin, Riva Levy, Jim List, Elaine Marks, Jose Matiella, Deborah Morganstern, Erica Pramer, James Rosenberg, Michal Saraf, Jeantte Schnurmacher, Cantor Murray E. Simon, Cole Snyder, Julie Snyder, Samantha Surrey, Amanda Tilles, Lori Weir, and Cantor Mike Weis.

### Haftarah Chanters

Jake Blecher, Rachel Costin, Noah Curtiss, Frankie Echeverria, Shellye Echeverria, Daniel Edelberg, Danielle Hecht, and Toby Simon.

### Daveners

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## PASSOVER

### Torah Readers

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### Haftarot

Mindy Langer, Gila Levin, Sherry Rosen, Adam Scheer, and Rabbi Annie Tucker.

## MEGILLAT SHIR HASHIRIM (Song of Songs)

Jonathan Gross

If you would like to chant a Torah portion or a Haftarah, please contact Cantor Simon at [msimon@thejewishcenter.org](mailto:msimon@thejewishcenter.org) or his assistant, Larry Epstein at [lse08520@yahoo.com](mailto:lse08520@yahoo.com).

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## TJC Book Club

We will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, upstairs at McCaffrey's, to discuss The Life of Gluckel of Hameln. The book, which was begun in 1690, is the diary of a forty-four year old German Jewish widow and mother of fourteen children which tells how she took care of her family, engaged in trade and ran her own factory. The book is viewed as one of the earliest major works written by a Jewish woman and provides, in addition to an account of her life, a depiction of 17th century Germany and its Jewish community.

All of our books can be ordered on-line through TJC website at [www.thejewishcenter.org](http://www.thejewishcenter.org) where you can click on the Amazon link to earn a commission for the Synagogue. Multiple copies of our selections are also available at Borders Bookstore. Or, drop by the Princeton Public Library, where multiple copies are available on the "Book Club" table by the entrance. For a list of previous books or to arrange a ride, please contact Louise Sandburg at [louise@sandsmith.com](mailto:louise@sandsmith.com) or (609) 683-8395.

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## Library



In this world of verbal overkill, the Epstein book listed below is noteworthy for its small size and brevity while presenting a significant story.

### Recent acquisitions:

*"The Russian Jew Under Tsars and Soviets"* by Salo W. Baron. The important

role Jews played in the evolution of modern Russia tempered by the history of official persecution as related by a great scholar.

*"The New Treasury of Judaism"* edited by Philip Birnbaum. Three thousand years of Jewish writing on religion, belief and ethics presented with comment in chronological sequence. Gift of Bob Freedman.

*"A Book of Torah Readings"* by Morris Epstein. A remarkable, illustrated, little book that gives a one page summary of each of the 54 sidrot and a short story about the Torah and related matters.

*"Contemporary American Judaism: Transformation and Renewal"* by Dana Evan Kaplan. A focus on the creative responses to contemporary spiritual trends that have made a Jewish religious renaissance possible.

*"Moses the Lawgiver"* by Thomas Keneally. A fictional retelling of the life of Moses illustrated with contemporary photographs.

*"Understanding the Hebrew Bible: A Reader's Guide"* by Elliott Rabin. A learned and lively introduction to the Bible drawing on a wide array of historical and religious sources to deepen the narrative and analysis. Gift of Joan Efron.

*"A History of Judaism: From Abraham to Maimonides"* by Daniel Jeremy Silver. This volume is the first of two that describe the extraordinary diversity and complexity which have characterized Judaism.

*"The Goodly Heritage"* by Avraham Yaari. Memoirs describing the life of the Jewish community of Eretz Yisrael from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Gift of Hazel Stix.

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"The Arab World Today" by Morroe Berger

Jerusalem Report for Feb. 1, 2010

Lilith for Winter 2009





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## for May 2010

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### Saturday, May 01, 2010

Parashat Emor

- 8:00 a.m. Women's Retreat
- 9:30 a.m. Vav Family Seminar
- 9:30 a.m. Zayin Torah Class
- 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service/Bat Mitzvah of Aubrey Malakoff
- 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Layeladim (Jr. Congregation)
- 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Latze'eerim (Mini-Minyan)
- 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Lataf (Tot Shabbat)
- 3:30 p.m. Rabbi Silverman's Talmud Class
- 7:30 p.m. Lag B'Omer Sleepover (Haverim)

### Sunday, May 02, 2010

Lag B'Omer

- 8:00 a.m. Women's Retreat
- 8:30 a.m. RS Lag B'Omer Program; Gan/Alef/Bet
- 8:30 a.m. Blood Drive
- 8:30 a.m. Midweek Minyan
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Beginner
- 11:00 a.m. Religious School Hey Klezmer Program
- 11:00 a.m. Religious School Klezmer Program
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Intermediate
- 1:00 p.m. Teen Event: Amazing Race
- 7:00 p.m. Gershom Gorenberg Lecture "The Accidental Empire"

### Monday, May 03, 2010

- 1:30 p.m. Yiddish Reading Group

### Tuesday, May 04, 2010

- 4:00 p.m. RS Lag B'Omer Program, Gimmel to Vav
- 7:30 p.m. Beit Midrash Elul
- 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Silverman: "Heretics I Have Known"

### Wednesday, May 05, 2010

- 7:00 a.m. Midweek Minyan
- 8:00 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Program Parents Mtg.
- 8:00 p.m. LaShir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 06, 2010

- 12:00 p.m. Rabbi Diamond's Talmud Class
- 4:00 p.m. Three-day Lag B'Omer Program
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Ed: Rabbi Freedman on Deuteronomy
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Ed: Finding a Jewish Spiritual Home with Rabbi Tucker

- 7:45 p.m. School Committee

### Friday, May 07, 2010

- Candle lighting 7:41 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

### Saturday, May 08, 2010

- Parashat B'har-B'hukkotai
- 8:45 a.m. Bible BaBoker
- 9:00 a.m. Vav Shabbaton
- 9:30 a.m. Zayin Torah Class
- 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Matt Shnaidman
- 10:15 a.m. Library Minyan
- 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Layeladim
- 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Latze'eerim

### Sunday, May 09, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Religious School; Gan Katan
- 8:30 a.m. "Second Sunday" program
- 8:30 a.m. Midweek Minyan
- 9:00 a.m. Zayin Museum
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Beginner
- 9:45 a.m. Religious School Gan/Alef/Bet Parents' Mtg.
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Intermediate

### Monday, May 10, 2010

- 1:30 p.m. Yiddish Reading Group

### Tuesday, May 11, 2010

- 5:00 p.m. Youth & Family Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Silverman: "Heretics I Have Known"

### Wednesday, May 12, 2010

- 7:00 a.m. Midweek Minyan
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery School Community Day
- 7:30 p.m. JCW Stitch and Kvetch
- 8:00 p.m. Religious School Gimmel/Dalet/Hey Parents' Mtg.
- 8:00 p.m. LaShir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 13, 2010

- 11:30 a.m. Silver Circle lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Rabbi Diamond's Talmud Class
- 6:00 p.m. Sustainability "Kid Games"
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Ed: Rabbi Freedman on Deuteronomy

7:30 p.m. Adult Ed: Finding a Jewish Spiritual Home with Rabbi Tucker  
7:30 p.m. Executive Committee meeting  
8:00 p.m. JCW Game Night

**Friday, May 14, 2010**

Candle lighting 7:48 p.m.  
Rosh Chodesh Sivan  
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service/Shabbat Alive

**Saturday, May 15, 2010**

Parashat B'midbar  
8:45 a.m. Bible BaBoker  
9:30 a.m. Vav Family Seminar  
9:30 a.m. Zayin Torah Class  
9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah of Adam Gershen  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Layeladim  
11:00 a.m. Shabbat Latze'eerim  
11:00 a.m. Shabbat Lataf  
5:30 p.m. Mincha/Bar Mitzvah of William Feuer

**Sunday, May 16, 2010**

8:30 a.m. Midweek Minyan  
9:30 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Beginner  
11:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Intermediate  
1:00 p.m. Kadima Park Clean-up  
5:30 p.m. USY Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Gala Dinner honoring Cantor Simon

**Monday, May 17, 2010**

1:30 p.m. Yiddish Reading Group

**Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

Erev Shavuot  
4:00 p.m. No Religious School — Erev Shavuot  
7:00 p.m. Erev Shavuot/Siyyum Tichon Service

**Wednesday, May 19, 2010**

Shavuot - Office Closed  
8:00 a.m. Nursery School Closed — Shavuot  
9:45 a.m. Shavuot Service  
4:00 p.m. No Religious School — Shavuot

**Thursday, May 20, 2010**

Shavuot - Office Closed  
8:00 a.m. Nursery School Closed — Shavuot  
9:45 a.m. Shavuot Service and Yizkor  
4:00 p.m. No Religious School — Shavuot  
7:30 p.m. TJC Book Club (Offsite)

**Friday, May 21, 2010**

Candle lighting 7:55 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. Zayin Graduation  
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

**Saturday, May 22, 2010**

Parashat Naso  
8:45 a.m. Bible BaBoker

9:30 a.m. Zayin Torah Class  
9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Grant Keller  
10:15 a.m. Library Minyan  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Layeladim  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat LaMishpacha

**Sunday, May 23, 2010**

8:00 a.m. Last Sunday of Religious School  
8:30 a.m. Midweek Minyan  
9:30 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Beginner  
11:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew, Intermediate  
6:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting  
7:30 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

**Monday, May 24, 2010**

1:30 p.m. Yiddish Reading Group

**Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

8:00 a.m. Last Tuesday of Religious School  
5:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh "It's a Girl Thing" (Consult your schedule)  
8:00 p.m. Rabbi Silverman: "Heretics I Have Known"

**Wednesday, May 26, 2010**

7:00 a.m. Midweek Minyan  
8:00 a.m. Last Wednesday of Religious School  
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn: Prof Alan Mann  
8:00 p.m. LaShir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 27, 2010**

8:00 a.m. Last Thursday of Religious School  
12:00 p.m. Rabbi Diamond's Talmud Class  
7:15 p.m. Adult Ed: Rabbi Freedman on Deuteronomy

**Friday, May 28, 2010**

Candle lighting 8:01 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

**Saturday, May 29, 2010**

Parashat B'haalot'kha  
8:45 a.m. Bible BaBoker  
9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service  
5:30 p.m. Mincha Service/Bar Mitzvah of Derek Schneider

**Sunday, May 30, 2010**

8:30 a.m. Midweek Minyan  
10:00 a.m. Teen Event: Seashore and Boardwalk Trip

**Monday, May 31**

Memorial Day (Offices and Nursery School Closed)  
8:00 a.m. Nursery School Closed

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