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September/October 2021

Elul/Tishrei/Cheshvan 5782



# High Holy Days

with Port Jewish Center

## Rosh Hashanah

*Monday, September 6*

Erev RH Service at 8PM

*Tuesday, September 7*

RH Morning Service at 10AM

RH (virtual) Family Service at 2 PM

Tashlich Service at 3PM (Manorhaven Beach)

## Yom Kippur

*Wednesday, September 15*

Kol Nidre Service at 8PM

*Thursday, September 16*

YK Morning Service at 10AM

YK (virtual) Family Service at 2 PM

YK PM, Yizkor & Neilah Service at 4PM

*All in-person services will be at the United Methodist Church and will also be live-streamed. To attend in person, you must provide proof of vaccination. See inside for more information.*





## News of the Congregation

### Mazel Tov to:

- ✻ Niloo & Richard Mayeri on Oliver & Luca's b'nei mitzvah
- ✻ Hillary & Jay Beberman on Jake's bar mitzvah
- ✻ Karina & Jeffrey Brodsky and Bert & Muriel Brodsky on Ashley's bat mitzvah

## Shabbat Services

- Friday, September 3, 8:00 pm – Shabbat service
- Friday, September 10, 8:00 pm – Shabbat service
- Friday, September 17, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Friday, September 24, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Friday, October 1, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Saturday, October 2, 10:30 - Oliver and Luca Mayeri's b'nei mitzvah
- Friday, October 8, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Saturday, October 9, 10:30 - Jake Beberman's bar mitzvah
- Friday, October 15, 8:00 pm -Shabbat Service
- Saturday, October 16, 10:30 - Ashley Brodsky's bat mitzvah
- Friday, October 22, 8:00 pm -Shabbat Service
- Friday, October 29, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service

## Weekly Torah Portions

Sept 3	Nitavim	26 Elul	Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
Sept 10	Vayeilech	4 Tishri	Deuteronomy 31:1 - 31:30
Sept 17	Ha'Azinu	1 Tishri	Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:60
Sept 24	Sukkot Shabbat Chol ha-Moed	18 Tishri	Exodus 33:12 – 34:26
Oct 1	Bereshit	25 Tishri	Genesis 1:1 – 6:8
Oct 8	Noach	2 Cheshvan	Genesis 6:9 – 11:32
Oct 15	Lech-Lecha	9 Cheshvan	Genesis 12:1 – 17:27
Oct 22	Vayera	16 Cheshvan	Genesis 18:1 – 22:24
Oct 29	Chayei Sara	23 Cheshvan	Genesis 23:1 – 25:18



## Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf – TEKIAH!

In just a few days from now, we will begin our celebration of Rosh Hashanah with a blast of the shofar. Tekiah! The sounds of the shofar convey the joy that comes with celebrating a new year and the solemnity that comes with confronting the ways that we have missed the mark in the year that has passed.

What will it mean for us when we hear the shofar this year? Unlike years when Rosh Hashanah begins a few weeks into September, Rosh Hashanah begins on Labor Day weekend. Oy! For me, hearing the shofar when it is essentially STILL SUMMER will feel a bit shocking.

I'm always amazed by how quickly the summer can fly by, but this summer felt especially fleeting. Vaccines and warm weather enabled us to reunite with friends and family, travel, eat out at restaurants and mostly get back to life as we once knew it. For many of us with school-age children, we sent our kids back into the summer camp bubble where they could play and just be kids without worry. We all NEEDED this summer. And I, along with most, if not all, of you, wish it could last a little longer.

The shofar, however, will call us back. The reprieve that summer gave us will end. And now, we begin again.

What will it look like for us to begin again? At Port Jewish Center, we are looking forward to seeing more of one another in person. Religious school will be back in the building. We have six students who will become bar/bat mitzvah on the bimah this fall. We will celebrate Sukkot with a Sukkah in front of the building and Simchat Torah by unrolling our Torah in its entirety and holding it up, as we always do, around our students. Our wonderful songleader,

Jeremy Sipe, will be back for most Friday night services, and I join you in being incredibly excited for his return! We even have our Chanukah party planned for the beginning of December.

Although we will be “back,” we may be doing some things a little differently. In light of the Delta variant and the fact that our youngest students are still not eligible to be vaccinated, our students and teachers will wear masks during religious school. We will have our annual Sukkot dinner outside the building (not so out of the ordinary for Sukkot, but a little out of the ordinary for us). A food truck will be on site to provide dinner! When we unroll the Torah, it will be at Manorhaven Park (weather permitting). For Shabbat services and bat/bar mitzvah services, there will be multiple points of access. In other words, even when our services are in person, there will also be a virtual option.

One of the things we have learned over the last year and a half is that there are many ways to stay connected. Zoom has allowed us to learn together in ways we never could have dreamed of just two years ago. For the time being, all of our Adult Education classes will continue to be held online. If you turn just a few pages in the newsletter, you will find that we have another incredible year of author visits planned. Without the option of virtual learning, this never would have been possible! Please invite friends and family to attend with you online. Finally, I am hoping that we will be able to gather for our annual Chanukah party. Who doesn't want some of Rich and Hillary's famous Chanukah chicken? Of course, there is no predicting what life will look like in December. No matter what, I know we will once again gather every night

on Zoom to light the Chanukah candles together. For our family, those were some of our favorite PJC gatherings.



Saadia Gaon, the 10th century sage, taught that there were ten reasons for blowing the shofar. These reasons include: awakening us to the arrival of the Days of Awe, reminding us of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and calling for us to strive for renewal, summoning our humility before God, and foreshadowing a time of Israel's deliverance. (Mishkan HaNefesh-Rosh Hashanah, p. 168, FN3.) I hope that we will each find our own meaning for sounds of the shofar. However, I hope they will include being spiritually, intellectually, and/or emotionally roused during these Days of Awe; being reminded that although the Temple and Jewish life as we knew it in Jerusalem were destroyed, Jewish life actually thrived and grew in beautiful new directions after the Second Temple; and believing that though the path ahead may not always be clear during these unique times in history, a new day will dawn and we will navigate our way there together.

Tekiah! Adam, Gideon, Solomon and Rafi join me in wishing you a Shana Tovah Tikateivu--A Sweet New Year filled with hope and optimism for the days ahead.

*Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf*



## Co-President Matthew Kepke

It is my pleasure to share my thoughts in my first message to you as your Co-President. For those of you who have yet to meet me, my wife Jackie and I have been members of PJC for the past five years. Our children, Noah (7th grade) and Mia (4th grade) have been in the religious school for several years, with Noah becoming a bar mitzvah this coming January. I have been on the Board since the 2018-19 year, serving as your Treasurer for the past two years. It has been a rewarding experience, despite many challenges, and I look forward to a wonderful future with our temple leadership and congregation.

Since our annual meeting in June, Mark and I have been working very well together with the Rabbi and the other members of the Board and we are all excited for the year ahead. I wanted this message to be one about community and to focus on what our PJC community has meant during the past year and a half. I want to discuss how we have endured significant challenges as a community and how, working together, we are now an even stronger PJC family.

Jewish life revolves around both the home and the community. For our PJC community, these two institutions have had a unique meaning and, before March 2020, this largely involved separating our homes from our community but also, sometimes, allowing for the community to come into our homes. However, Jewish families cannot live in isolation. To live a full Jewish life requires engagement with other Jews as part of our Jewish community. The community provides services and experiences that the home cannot, and in addition, fellowship and

participation in a community that has inherent spiritual value in Judaism. This need for engagement while we were all required to stay home and isolate with our families presented a challenge for our temple. However, by using technology and creativity, we were able to meaningfully engage with our community while living in isolation.

During the past year and a half, we have seen the institutions of home and community become even more intertwined as we have Zoomed and Facetimed into each other's living rooms, kitchens, offices and even our backyards. Some have had our cats and dogs attend Shabbat services, whether intentional or not. We have had to find ways to creatively connect to be able to preserve our community. We have prayed, learned, sang, laughed and cooked together through on-screen programming. We have been able to use technology to engage in enriching programming with authors, musicians and community leaders across the country. As we are now moving into another phase of the pandemic where we are, cautiously, coming back to more in person gatherings, we need to remember how important these continued connections are to our community. PJC's leadership is focused on balancing "getting back to normal" with modifying how we did things before to be an, even more, engaged and connected community moving forward.

In order to continue to link our home and community, we will be offering the opportunity for those to access our High Holiday services remotely. We hope that this will allow PJC to reach out to all of our members, members' families and

guests during this holy and special time of year for our Jewish community. Also, as we hope to move back to more in-person services and



programming, we are exploring the best way to offer streaming Shabbat and other holiday services and other programming.

During the past 18 months, it has become evident how important music is to our congregation. Not only for our religious services, but for our religious school and special events. For the coming year, we have budgeted to have more music and, thanks to an anonymous contribution from one of our PJC families, Jeremy Sipe will be joining us for our services and certain events throughout the year, both in person and remotely. Jeremy's singing and guitar playing provided a special element to our Shabbat services and we are excited he will continue to join us.

Along with our community coming back for religious services in person, we are also planning to bring our religious school back to in-person instruction in the fall. Lauren Chizner, PJC's Religious School Director, and our faculty did an absolutely outstanding job with our children while they were learning remotely. They held educational and engaging classes every week and the children were able to have fun connecting with each other and their teachers.

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## SHABBAT SERVICES

EVERY FRIDAY AT 8PM

WITH RABBI MENDELSON &  
SONGLEADER JEREMY SIPE

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

## STUDENT-LED SHABBAT

Three Fridays this year

@ 6:45PM:

10/22, 1/21, 4/8

### October B'nei Mitzvah



Luca Mayeri was born in Port Washington to Iranian immigrants. He went to TBI for preschool, attended Guggenheim Elementary School and is in the Yellow house at Weber. Luca is the son of Niloo and Richard Mayeri, has an older brother Max and a twin brother, Oliver. He loves to practice and play tennis. He loves to help his dad cooking and prepare food.



Oliver Mayeri was born in Port Washington to Iranian immigrants. He went to TBI for preschool, attended Guggenheim Elementary School and is in the Yellow house at Weber. Luca is the son of Niloo and Richard Mayeri, has an older brother Max and a twin brother, Luca. Oliver also, loves to practice and play tennis. Oliver loves to swim and spend many hours in the ocean.



Ashley Brodsky lives in Port Washington and went to Manorhaven and Daly elementary school. She is in Blue House at Weber Middle School. Ashley has a strong passion for all animals. She adores all creatures and they all gravitate toward her. She has a pet bird named Tweety and the bird and Ashley have an incredible bond. Ashley is excited for her Bat Mitzvah and believes it is an important step towards adulthood. She is welcoming her new journey as a bat Mitzvah and is eager to carry on her Jewish traits within herself and family. She is the daughter of Karina and Jeffrey Brodsky.



Jake Beberman went to Guggenheim Elementary School and is going into the eighth grade at Weber, where he is in the blue house. Jake is very passionate about all sports (especially basketball), and spending time with his family - which has been pretty easy to do during the pandemic. Jake thinks becoming a Bar Mitzvah is an amazing tradition to celebrate growth and responsibility. He is the son of Jay and Hillary Beberman.



# High Holy Days



## Information regarding the status of our IN PERSON High Holy Days programming

PJC's leadership team, in consultation PJC's COVID advisory committee as well as with local and governmental health advisors, has been working hard to determine what safety measures need to be taken, with the safety of our entire community as a priority.

We initially announced that we will require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours of attendance. However, in light of the increased risk of transmission with the Delta variant, we have decided to tighten our COVID-19 policies. We will now require proof of vaccination for ALL people attending our in-person services. In addition, all people at services, other than our rabbi, cantor and music director, will be required to wear a mask.

We are aware that individual comfort zones around safety and risk vary widely among our community across a spectrum of protocols – vaccinations, masking, social distancing, indoors vs. outdoors, etc. – and we are keeping a close eye on the constantly changing conditions, including the Delta variant. Please stay tuned.

## Information regarding the status of our VIRTUAL High Holy Days programming

Once again, there will be virtual access, via zoom, to all of our High Holy Day services. Please make sure to register for services in advance. You may also send the registration link to family and friends who may want to join us virtually.

## High Holy Day Food Drive

**As you are shopping for your family,  
please remember our neighbors  
and the food pantry at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**The food pantry is in constant need of:**

**Oil  
Cereal  
Pasta Sauce  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Mac & Cheese  
Rice  
Pasta**

**Oatmeal  
Canned Tomatoes  
Canned Beans  
Dry Beans  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Salmon  
Canned Chicken**

**Canned Corn  
String Beans  
Peas  
Beets  
Canned Soup  
Canned Fruits  
Mayonnaise  
Ketchup**

**Food donations can be brought directly to Port  
Jewish Center or to United Methodist Church before  
each High Holy Day service**



**CELEBRATE SUKKOT AT PJC**  
 our z'man simchateinu ~ season of our rejoicing  
**Monday, September 20**  
 Crafts, a Food Truck Dinner  
 & a Brief, Family Friendly Service  
 RSVP: [INFO@PORTJEWISHCENTER.ORG](mailto:info@portjewishcenter.org)

THIS year RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEGINS ON EREV SUKKOT. We will celebrate WITH SUKKOT-THEMED ACTIVITIES DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND WILL CONCLUDE OUR DAY WITH A COMMUNITY DINNER & A SERVICE (HELD OUTSIDE)

SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE THE LULAV & ETROG!



You've prayed . . .  
 you've fasted . . .  
 now its time to dance!



**Celebrate Simchat Torah with Port Jewish Center**  
**Monday, September 27**

*Weather permitting we will hold*  
**Simchat Torah services at Manorhaven Park**  
*BYOC! Bring Your Own Chairs. BYOPD! Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner.*

**Simchat Torah Service @ 6:15 PM**

*Help us unroll the Torah and hold it around the children.  
 We need lots of ADULTS for this!  
 This event will replace Religious School for the day.*



## Religious School Director

“The more we get together  
Together, together  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be...”

The lyrics to this child's song by Raffi have been playing over and over again in my head. Since my youngest is 18, I don't think I have listened to this song in over 15 years, but it won't leave me. It is kind of surprising that I don't have a Jewish song stuck in my head, since I just returned from my 15th summer at URJ Crane Lake Camp. But maybe this song is more apropos as I reflect on my time at camp.

Summer 2021 was a summer of joy! The lyrics to Raffi's song could not ring truer. The more we were together the happier we were. I witnessed true joy this summer, just what the doctor ordered after 22 months away from our summer home. I witnessed joy as our campers entered the gates of camp for the very first time. I witnessed joy as campers saw their previous counselors and friends after such a long time apart. I witnessed joy as we sang and prayed together in our outdoor sanctuary. I witnessed joy on the courts, at the lake, in the pool and in the art room. I witnessed an unbridled, pure joy when we reached the 8-day mark and learned that all of our PCR tests came back negative on day three and day six and that the masks could come off! For

six weeks, I saw joy and happiness on the faces of our campers and staff, and it was amazing.

“The more we get together, the happier we'll be.” When I think of September 20th, and bringing our Religious School community back together in person for the first time since March of 2020, I get a smile on my face. I know I will feel joy being with the students in person (with masks on), hearing their voices, and seeing how much taller each one has gotten. I will feel joy welcoming new members to our community and students who joined last year - those I never had the privilege of meeting in person. I will feel joy when we gather for our first Tefilah with Rabbi Mendelson. I will feel joy as I sit at my desk and listen to the sounds of Jewish learning emanating from our classrooms. I will feel joy when I can see our teachers face to face and watch them as they do their magic. I will feel true joy when our PJC Religious School community comes back together, even if we are socially distancing and masked.

Our 2021/2022 school year will begin on Monday, September 20th, with a Sukkot celebration from 4:15 – 6:15 pm. We will decorate our PJC Sukkah, have the chance to wave the lulav and etrog, meet our teachers and classmates and join together for a special food truck dinner! The following week we will celebrate the joyful holiday of Simchat Torah together

on Monday, September 27th, at Manorhaven Park (weather permitting)! We will join together for



a BYO picnic dinner followed by Simchat Torah services. Stay tuned for more details. Our formal classes will begin Monday, October 4th. This year, we will meet in person from 4:15- 5:45 each Monday. Students in grades 2-7 will have the option of in-person Hebrew from 5:45 to 6:15 or virtual Hebrew one-on-one or in a group of two at another mutually convenient time during the week. We found last year that virtual Hebrew was extremely successful in helping our students learn. I am counting the days until we are together again.

Hineh ma tov uma na'im  
Shevet achim gam yachad.  
How good and pleasant it is  
For brothers & sisters to sit together.

I look forward to a year of joy, learning, and celebrating together!

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah—wishing you a good and sweet New Year!

*Lauren Chizner*



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

GRADES K-7

Classes meet in person  
**MONDAYS**  
**4:15-5:45PM**

Hebrew classes meet either:  
remotely at a second time scheduled by the teacher  
or in-person, immediately after school.

**First Class: September 20**

## Hebrew High School

*Meets every Monday  
from 6:15-7PM  
(note slight time change)*

During these unique times,  
our 8-10th grade students  
will be meeting weekly  
for 45 minutes via zoom.

Topics of discussion include:  
Ethics, Current Events,  
Israel & Zionism,  
Jewish History,  
Contemporary Jewish  
Issues

**First Class: October 4**

**Help us  
make a match!**

**Do you know someone who  
might be interested in our  
Religious School?**

**Please send them our way!**

Lauren Chizner or Rabbi Mendelson  
would be thrilled to speak with them,  
answer any questions and arrange  
for a visit to our school.



Co-President's Column *continued*

Lauren has been working with the staff on implementing a new and exciting curriculum in the fall as we bring our students back to our PJC classrooms in a safe and healthy environment.

Our temple leadership is focused on a plan for a successful 2021-22 year as we bring our community back together in person and celebrate how we accomplished so many goals while navigating the challenges of the past 18 months. We have set out our annual goals as a Board which fall into six categories: Finance and Administration, Religious School, Social Action, Marketing /Membership, Technology and Building/Beatification. Each member of the Board will serve on a committee focused on accomplishing specific goals within each category.

The Finance and Administration Committee will be focused on carrying out recommendations to improve bookkeeping, budgeting and finance administration and it will look at ways to improve PJC's administrative functions. The Religious School Committee will work with Lauren on keeping our

students engaged beyond religious school and it will explore new programming such as a Jewish parenting center and potentially hosting "mommy and me" groups at PJC. Our Social Action Committee will be focused on community outreach, including continued support of the Plan-A-Row program and Our Lady of Fatima's community assistance programs. The Marketing/Membership Committee will have the goal of promotion of PJC in the community, increasing engagement within the community and attracting new members to our congregation. Our Technology Committee will look to expand and improve PJC's virtual communications and programming, and it will explore the viability of a virtual-only membership tier for PJC. The Building and Beautification Committee will work on finishing the ongoing renovations to the building, including the complete transformation of the lobby, exploring landscaping projects surrounding our building and working to assist with planning for our religious school reopening in the fall.

We are asking for members of the congregation to also volunteer to join one of

the committees so that they each have a composition of expertise, experience and interest. If you have an area of knowledge or interest within one or more of the categories, please reach out to me or Mark if you would like to learn more about the committees and if you have interest in participating.

We are also very excited to, finally, "un-pause" our 50th Anniversary Jubilee celebration. We had several events planned for 2020 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of PJC, including the unveiling of our Oral History Project. In the coming months, we will be working on rescheduling the events and we look forward to celebrating the golden anniversary of our PJC community at a "Spring Fling" event on April 30, 2022 at the Village Club of Sands Point.

I hope that you and your families have a wonderful remainder of your summer and that you continue to be safe and in good health and spirits.

*Matt Kepke*



# Adult Education

Welcome to another fantastic year of learning at Port Jewish Center. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for some great programs. All author talks will be virtual and are planned in partnership with the Jewish Book Council. Lunch & Learn is taught by Rabbi Mendelson and meets every Tuesday on Zoom. Rosh Chodesh is a monthly program and is taught by local Jewish clergy, including Rabbi Mendelson.

**Lunch & Learn**  
**Tuesdays at 12**

We are studying the book of Numbers.  
No prior experience necessary!

During this time of social distancing,  
all classes will meet remotely.

Questions? Reach out to [rabbi@portjewishcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@portjewishcenter.org)

[www.portjewishcenter.org](http://www.portjewishcenter.org)



## Dates

November 4 -- December 9 -- February 3 -- March 3 -- March 31



*A conversation with*  
**Meryl Ain**  
*author of*  
**The Takeaway Men**

After the Holocaust, twin sisters Bronka and Johanna Lubinski and their parents arrive in the US from a Displaced Persons Camp. As the girls get older, they start to wonder about their parents' pasts, and they begin to demand answers. Poignant and haunting, *The Takeaway Men* explores the impact of immigration, Jewish identity, prejudice, secrets, and lies on parents and children in mid-twentieth-century America.

**Wednesday,  
 October 6  
 8PM ET  
 on Zoom**



*A conversation with*  
**Lori Banov Kaufmann**  
*author of*  
**Rebel Daughter**

The 1st Century war of the Jews against the Romans, as the ancient historian Flavius Josephus called it, lasted four bloody years. At stake was the survival of the Jewish people. This book is based on the unlikely but true story of a woman and a man who lived through this momentous time. The woman's 2000-year-old gravestone was discovered near the Bay of Naples and its epitaph revealed their ancient love story. This saga, based on real characters and meticulous research, blends the fascinating story of the Jewish people with a timeless protagonist determined to take charge of her own life against all odds.

**Wednesday,  
 November 3  
 1PM ET  
 on Zoom**



*A conversation with*  
**Raffi Berg**  
*author of*  
**Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort**

In the early 1980s on the Sudanese coast, a new luxury holiday resort opened. It attracted guests from around the world. Little did they know that the staff were undercover spies, working for the Mossad – the Israeli secret service. What began with one cryptic message pleading for help, turned into the secret evacuation of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who had been languishing in refugee camps, and the spiriting of them to Israel.

**Wednesday,  
 December 1  
 1PM ET  
 on Zoom**



*A conversation with*  
**Lisa Scottoline**  
*author of*  
**Eternal**

Elisabetta, Marco, and Sandro grow up as the best of friends despite their differences: Elisabetta dreams of becoming a novelist; Marco the brash and athletic son in a family of professional cyclists; and Sandro a kind-hearted Jewish mathematics prodigy. Their friendship blossoms to love, with both Sandro and Marco hoping to win Elisabetta's heart. As anti-Semitism takes legal root and World War II erupts, they realize Mussolini was only the beginning. The Nazis invade Rome, and with their occupation come new atrocities against the city's Jews, culminating in a final, horrific betrayal.

**Wednesday,  
 January 5  
 8PM ET  
 on Zoom**





*A conversation with*  
**Naomi Ragen**  
*author of*  
**An Observant Wife**

Naomi Ragen continues the love story between newly observant California girl Leah and ultra-Orthodox widower Yaakov from *An Unorthodox Match*. From the joy of their wedding day surrounded by supportive friends and family, Yaakov and Leah are soon plunged into the complex reality of their new lives together as Yaakov leaves his beloved yeshiva to work in the city, and Leah confronts the often agonizing restrictions imposed by religious laws governing even the most intimate moments of their married lives.

**Wednesday,  
 February 2  
 11AM ET  
 on Zoom**



*A conversation with*  
**Helene Wecker**  
*author of*  
**The Hidden Place**

The *Hidden Palace* is the follow-up to the bestselling and award-winning debut novel *The Golem* and the *Jinni*. It introduced readers to Chava, a golem made of clay, and Ahmad, a jinni made of fire, in turn-of-the-century New York. This new work is set in the years leading up to World War I, and introduces even more characters and adventures, while deepening the relationship between these two fantastical creatures who must decide what exactly they mean to each other, all the while living disguised as humans and constantly fearing they will be exposed for who they really are.

**Wednesday,  
 March 2  
 8PM ET  
 on Zoom**



*A conversation with*  
**Anno Sebha**  
*author of*  
**Ethel Rosenberg**

Seventy years after Ethel Rosenberg's trial, this is the first time her story has been told with the full use of the dramatic and tragic prison letters she exchanged with her husband, her lawyer and her psychotherapist over a three-year period, two of them in solitary confinement. Hers is the resonant story of what happens when a government motivated by fear tramples on the rights of its citizens.

**Wednesday,  
 March 30  
 3PM ET  
 on Zoom**



*A conversation with*  
**Silvia Foti**  
*author of*  
**The Nazi's Granddaughter**

A deathbed promise leads a daughter on an incredible journey to write about her grandfather who was a famous World War II hero. But this journey had a terrible destination: the discovery that he was a Nazi war criminal, directly responsible for thousands of Jewish concentration camp deaths. Foti had no idea that in keeping her promise to her mother, her discoveries would bring her to a personal crisis, unearth Holocaust denial, and expose an official cover-up by the Lithuanian government that resulted in an internationally followed lawsuit.

**Wednesday,  
 May 4  
 8PM ET  
 on Zoom**





## Adult Education: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @8PM ET

All classes to be held on zoom. Registration link will be sent out in advance.  
In partnership with the Jewish Book Council.



### Joanne Samuel Goldblum

*Broke in America*

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

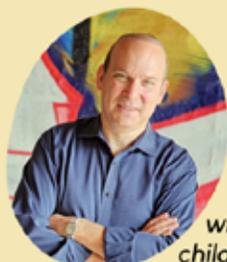
*Water. Food. Housing. The most basic and crucial needs for survival, yet 40 percent of people in the United States don't have the resources to get them. Public policy has purposefully erected barriers that deny access to basic needs, creating a society where people can easily become trapped—not because we lack the resources to lift them out, but because we are actively choosing not to.*

### Tracy Walder

*The Unexpected Spy: From the CIA to the FBI, My Secret Life Taking Down Some of the World's Most Notorious Terrorists*

DECEMBER 15, 2021

*Tracy Walder, a Jewish American woman, was recruited by the CIA out of her sorority at USC. She is a former Staff Operations Officer at the CIA's Counterterrorism Center and a Special Agent at the FBI's LA Field Office specializing in Chinese counterintelligence operations.*



### Andrew Feiler

*A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 Schools that Changed America*

JANUARY 19, 2022

*In 1912, Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington launched an ambitious program to partner with Black communities across the segregated South to build public schools for African American children. One of the earliest collaborations between Jews and African Americans, this initiative drove dramatic improvement in African American educational attainment and fostered the generation who became the foot soldiers of the civil rights movement.*

### Professor Jonathan Boyarin

*Yeshiva Days*

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

*Yeshiva Days is Boyarin's uniquely personal account of the year he spent as both student and observer at Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem on Manhattan's Lower East Side, and a poignant chronicle of a side of Jewish life that outsiders rarely see. Boyarin*

*explores the yeshiva's relationship with the neighborhood, the city, and*

*Jewish and American culture more broadly, and brings vividly to life its routines, rituals, and rhythms.*



### Professor Sheila Jelen

*Salvage Poetics: Post-Holocaust American Jewish Folk Ethnographies*

MAY 18, 2022

*Jelen explores the literary sources and visual images American Jews in the post-Holocaust period have used to formulate an understanding of pre-Holocaust East European Jewish life. Salvage Poetics traces an arc from the literary to the visual in popular American Jewish apprehensions of the Jewish world destroyed in Eastern Europe.*





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To all my friends at PJC & our wonder-  
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support, love, friendship, and condolenc-  
es. The comfort you have provided has  
enabled me to endure this difficult time.  
Observing the yahrzeit of George Bobek  
*Mina Bobek*

Thank you for Charlotte's wonderful  
baby naming  
*Erin & Jason Thrope*



## September Yahrzeits

### To be read September 3

- Aug 31 Charlotte Keller Marmaros, aunt of William Keller
- Aug 31 Mae Lagana, former mother-in-law of Deborah Lorber
- Sept 3 Anne Emsig Sucher, mother of Arnie Sucher\*

### To be read September 10

- Sep 4 Jerry Moccio, father-in-law of Merrill Moccio
- Sep 5 Miriam Katz, grandmother of Ralph Katz \*
- Sep 5 Carmine Moccio, father of Suzanne Moccio
- Sep 8 Barry Zeltzer, nephew of Janice & Gary Zeltzer
- Sep 10 Max Golub, grandfather of Heidi Oringer

### To be read September 17

- Sep 12 Simon Berman, father of Linda Berman
- Sep 15 Anthony Lemonda, father of James Lemonda
- Sep 16 Richard Abramson, uncle of Cheryl Littman
- Sep 17 Gustine Bruckmann, grandmother of Joan Charney
- Sep 17 Anne Lench, mother of Arlene Wasserman\*

### To be read September 24

- Sep 18 Irwin Harrison, uncle of Andrew Hyman
- Sep 20 Norman Feldhun, brother of Mina Bobek
- Sep 21 Larry Feldhun, brother of Mina Bobek
- Sep 21 Pearl Becker, mother of Sandy Hyman
- Sep 21 Irwin Thrope, father of Jeffrey Thrope
- Sep 21 Esther Levine, grandmother of Linda Berman
- Sep 22 Chester Tow, father of Ilise Tow-Friedman
- Sep 24 Ida Goldman, grandmother of Robert Alpert

### To be read October 1

- Sep 25 Jennie Small, grandmother of Mark Meltzer
- Sep 26 John Levin, father of Samuel Levin
- Sep 27 Chester Rose, father of Fredda Meltzer
- Sep 28 Peter Maltese, grandfather of James Lemonda
- Oct 1 George M. Zeltzer, father of Gary Zeltzer\*



Zichronam livrachah.  
May their memories  
be a blessing  
for us all.

## Remember a Loved One

Our Memorial Board is a way of remembering loved ones and keeping them in our minds when we are in the sanctuary, particularly during the month in which a yahrzeit falls. A plaque on our memorial board is a beautiful tribute to a blessed memory.

Please contact Cindy for more information.



## October Yahrzeits

### To be read October 8

- Oct 3 Julius Mayer, father of Joseph Mayer
- Oct 4 Gloria Herman, wife of Stuart Herman
- Oct 4 Felipa Castro, mother of Angie Klemes
- Oct 5 Bonnie Corn, mother of Judith Corn
- Oct 6 Stephen Majer, father of Stephanie Teff
- Oct 6 Herbert Silverstein, family friend of Mina Bobek

### To be read October 15

- Oct 10 Miriam Klang, mother of Robert Klang
- Oct 10 Albert Appel, father of Marsha Appel
- Oct 10 Florence Love, mother of Barbara Mayer
- Oct 10 Manfred Strauss, father-in-law of Evelyn Strauss
- Oct 11 Samuel Keller, father of Judith Keller\*
- Oct 11 Shirley Berger, mother of Janice Zeltzer\*

### To be read October 22

- Oct 16 Benjamin Katz, father of Ralph Katz\*
- Oct 16 Kathleen Ellegaard, mother of Michael Ellegaard
- Oct 16 June Keller, mother of William Keller\*
- Oct 16 Dorothy Golub, grandmother of Heidi Oringer
- Oct 17 Bessie Labenson, mother of Joe Labenson\*
- Oct 18 Joseph Epstein, father of Judy Epstein
- Oct 18 Minnie Warshawsky, grandmother of Rochelle Potak
- Oct 18 Grace Zeltzer, aunt of Gary Zeltzer
- Oct 20 Bernard Helfat, father of Jonathan Helfat\*
- Oct 21 Jerome Lorber, father of Daniel Lorber
- Oct 21 Niela Farber, wife of Martin Farber

\*Asterisks indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the temple sanctuary.

If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, please contact the PJC office.

### To be read October 29

- Oct 23 Lillian Mayer, mother of Joseph Mayer
- Oct 25 Evelyn Burns, mother of Barbara Lemyre, grandmother of Stefanie Seidner
- Oct 25 Vivian Smith, mother of Nancy Federlein\*
- Oct 25 Eli Levin, father of Karen Levin
- Oct 26 Jesse Mohel, father of Muriel Brodsky\*
- Oct 26 Helene Behar, sister of Leslie Lindenbaum
- Oct 27 Bernard Marvin Curtis, father of Jeffrey Curtis
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- Oct 28 Sidney Lindenbaum, father of Sandy Lindenbaum\*
- Oct 29 Hedy Garris, mother of Lisa Miller
- Oct 29 Marion Hyland, mother of Brian Hyland\*
- Oct 29 Helen Jonap Titunck, mother-in-law of Stuart Johnson



## Happy Birthday to Us —September and October Birthdays

9/1	Mikayla Hyman	9/28	Kyra Thaler	10/18	Gary Cohen
9/2	Jaime Levin	9/29	Brian Hyland	10/18	Tina Fuchs
9/5	Neil Schultz	9/30	Daniel Wallick	10/19	Adam Cohen
9/7	Jay Beberman	10/2	Bert Brodsky	10/19	Andrew Hollander
9/10	Allison Roditi	10/3	Sarah Silverstein	10/21	Tyler Brahe
9/14	Kathy Bernhard	10/3	Matthew Pagano	10/24	Steven Greif
9/21	Fredda Meltzer	10/5	Lisa Miller	10/26	Jerry Halm
9/21	Dan Lorber	10/12	Adam Lenter	10/27	Sophie Klemes
9/22	Leonard Rosenberg	10/14	Ryan Roditi	10/28	Angie Klemes
9/23	Mark Weiselberg	10/17	Brett Schaffner	10/29	Renae Cohen
9/25	Judith Corn	10/17	Miles Schaffner	10/30	Michele Greene



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## Upcoming Events

### **Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Monday, September 6 at 8pm

### **Rosh Hashanah Morning Service**

Tuesday September 7 at 10am

### **Rosh Hashanah Family Service**

Tuesday, September 7 at 2pm

**Virtual Only**

### **Tashlich Service** at Manorhaven Beach

Tuesday, September 7 at 3pm

### **Kol Nidre**

Wednesday, September 15 at 8pm

### **Yom Kippur Morning Service**

Thursday, September 16 at 10am &

Family Service - 2pm **Virtual Only**

### **Yom Kippur Afternoon,**

**Yizkor & Neilah Services**

Thursday, September 16 at 4pm

### **Sukkot**

Monday, September 20 at 6pm

### **Simchat Torah Service**

Monday, September 27 at 6:15pm

- Manorhaven Park (weather permitting)

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