

Melissa Levy, Director of Congregational Engagement

The Season of Giving Thanks



"Who is rich? One who is happy with their lot." - Pirkei Avot, 4:1.

Research shows when we put a focus on gratitude, we actually become happier people. Our tradition has a lot to

say about appreciating what we have. So, are you happy with your lot?

Sisterhood President Nancy Carlton reflects, "I feel grateful for relationships with my PJTC community, and, in particular with my Sisterhood family." She notes "We have been fortunate in that the streaming and Zoom platforms allow us to participate, and in some cases, {make} it more convenient and easier for some who otherwise might not make the drive or feel comfortable with an evening time program away from home."

With that in mind, what are you doing to focus on and take care of yourself this month? Your PJTC family is here to provide you with ample opportunities! Here's a few suggestions:

Sign up for PJTC's Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions. Choose from seven different group leaders/topics for this 3 week series focused on gratitude through various Jewish and secular lenses. Click <https://tinyurl.com/yyqaau3o> for more information.

Attend Shabbat Jewish Mindfulness Meditation with Rabbi Lisa Goldstein, who has begun a 10 week series focused on cultivating resilience. She spoke this past Shabbat of five qualities, the first of which is Gratitude, and all of which are innate within our human spirit. She reflected on how we begin each day in our Jewish tradition with the prayer of gratitude- "Grateful am I." To join at 12:45PM on Saturdays, Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88216727729>.

Join Men's Club in showing gratitude for those who have served our country at their annual Veteran's Day event (click <https://www.pjtc.net/mensclubveteransdayevent2020> for more information)

Share pride in our youth as USY leads Shabbat services on Friday November 20. Teens will share their own reflections on

gratitude throughout the service.

Join Sisterhood in their support of Friends in Deed, an interfaith organization that provides supportive services to meet basic human needs, so our homeless and at-risk neighbors can rebuild their lives.

Take the #PJTCHighFiveChallenge- write five things you/your family are thankful for on your fingers, take a photo of yourself "high-fiving" the camera, and send to/tag on social media 5 new people to take the challenge. Don't wait to be tagged by others! You can use the language HERE (<https://tinyurl.com/y54q93j6>) to begin.

Men's Club President Fred Rotenberg shares, "we'll all be reflecting on the past year, grateful that even with all of the pandemic related incursions, health, family and friendships abound and we look forward to the day where we can say, 'do you remember when we had to do everything virtually?'" So, as the lemons on the trees in Southern California ripen, your PJTC family is here to help you make some lemonade for your Thanksgiving table.



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Service Schedule

Nov 6/7	Parshat: Vayera	Nov 20/21	Parshat: Toledot
Fri. Shabbat Service	7:30 PM	Fri. Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Shabbat Service	9:30 AM	Shabbat Service	9:30 AM
Nov 13/14	Parshat: Hayyei Sarah	Nov 27/28	Parshat: Vayetse
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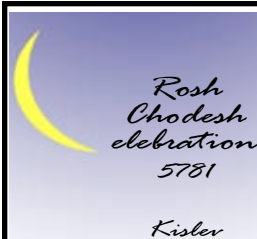
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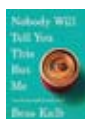
Via Zoom

Ellen Dinerman will share her journey as an artist, together with guest artists who will be featured at the Sisterhood Pop-up Art Fair at PJTC on December 6.

Please RSVP to Louise Wannier; lwannier@gmail.com.
All are welcome.

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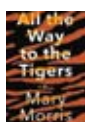
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Melton Classes

Thursday nights at 7:30 PM
Classes taught by Rabbi Carrier
on Zoom

Pirkei Avot

Wednesday Nights
8:00 PM on Zoom

Social Justice Committee

by Carl Selkin, Committee Member

By the time this Flame sees the light, the election will be over and perhaps the robocalls will have ceased. However, the work of Social Justice never ends. We are already planning events for 2021 as we begin the process of selecting new SJC leadership.

Last month we held a webinar on the ballot propositions that benefitted not only from the presentation of the League of Women Voters but also from the extensive research by SJC and the survey of Social Justice Committee members. We hope that many of you found this endeavor helpful in navigating the long and complicated list of issues.

Thank you, too, for the gracious responses to phone calls from our committee members as we completed our initiative to achieve 100% voting by eligible members of PJTC. The calls gave us the opportunity to connect with each other. We hope that these connections will continue and deepen as we strive to live our commitment to Jewish values.

In that regard, I want to alert you to our monitoring and responding to anti-Semitism and racism. We responded to a recent incident in South Pasadena that our committee found very troubling. The Chief of Police sought to approve

and promote a public event by a chapter of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property. Certainly, groups and their members have first amendment protection to speak freely. However, the use of South Pasadena resources to promote and hold this event elicited our support for an investigation by the South Pasadena City Council into this invitation. The Society is a campaign of the Foundation for a Christian Civilization, which has been cited by the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group, so the decision by the SJC to support an inquiry was an imperative. SJC has been actively combatting anti-Semitism since our inception. In 2017, for example, we added our voices to the successful lobbying that stymied the identification of Crescenta Valley Regional Park as Hindenburg Park, and we pushed for the County to remind visitors of the dark past when Nazi, anti-Semitic rallies and events were held there in the 1930s.

Please join our November Zoom meetings (11/1, 11/15 and 11/29 at 10 a.m.).

Shalom.

Remembering Robert Brown

On Thursday evening, October 1, Sisterhood and the Men's Club hosted a dedication ceremony for the Robert Brown yahrtzeit plaque via the weekly Social Hall Zoom platform with approximately 75 in attendance. Our community gathered to remember Robert on the first anniversary of his passing. Thank you to Rabbi Carrier and Cantor Ruth for their participation and all those who had beautiful memories to share about Robert.



Torah Fund



Support Sisterhood's Torah Fund Campaign

Give to the heart of the Conservative/Masorti movement by supporting Torah Fund. The Torah Fund theme for 2020-21 is *B'Yachad* which means "Together." Together since 1942, the contributions of thousands of individuals to this fundraising effort have helped to educate each generation of Rabbis, Cantors, scholars, educators, camp directors, Jewish life staff and committed lay leaders. These are the people who guide and teach, console and uplift our spirits, whether in person or remotely during these challenging times. Every gift matters no matter the amount. Questions about Sisterhood's Torah Fund Campaign can be directed to Bobbi Sloan at (626) 254-9724 or db Sloan@sbcglobal.net.

Men's Club

by Fred Rotenberg, President



Hello PJTC,

Another month has come and gone and with it more Men's Club activities are in the books. For those of you that were able to join us and Sisterhood in the unveiling of Robert Brown's memorial plaque it was a memorable and touching evening. Thank you to Rabbi Carrier, Cantor Berman-Harris, our own Stu Miller and Sisterhood

President Nancy Carlton for putting together a thoughtful and touching program.

B'nai Mitzvahs are in full swing and so too are MC Yad presentations to our deserving celebrants. We present the Yads at Friday services so the kids can use them the first time they are called to the Torah as an adult on Saturday. Zoom, Facebook live or stream on in. The kids are amazing!

Our November program is our annual Veteran's Day event (Sunday November 8 at 10:00 a.m.). If you are a veteran or the relative of a living or deceased veteran of any armed forces (eg., US, Israel, UK, etc.) please let us know your/their

name, branch and rank so we can honor them during roll call, by emailing us at mensclub @pjtc.net. This year we are partnering with the Jewish Federation so that we can expand our reach, recognize and thank so many deserving honorees. Follow this link to RSVP ASAP since Zoom space will be limited. You'll receive a confirmation email with the Zoom Link <https://givingtools.com/give/389/40>. Finally we are very excited to have Mr. Dan Schnur as our keynote speaker for this event. <https://communicationleadership.usc.edu/fellows/senior/schnur/> Mr. Schnur is nationally renowned for his political acumen and will be giving us a synopsis of the General election results. This is a DON'T MISS event.

Finally, notwithstanding that we are not charging membership dues this year, we are still making contributions to all youth organizations in an amount equal to, or greater than, last year. B'nai Simcha preschool was just presented with a check that doubled last years' donation. Your participation in our programs and continuous generous donations make this possible. Please consider making a tribute or donation in one's honor (perhaps a Veteran?) using the same rsvp link above.

Thank You to Our Donors!

By Nancy Carlton, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood continues to receive very generous donations in support of Sisterhood's Caring Community Outreach program which made it possible for us to offer all synagogue

and Sisterhood members a High Holy Day Celebration bag. In addition to those listed in the October issue of the Flame, I would like to thank Karen Linstone and Steve Sorell.

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Beryl Strauss at beryl@pjtc.net
or call 626-798-1161 to chat

Sisterhood

by Nancy Carlton, Sisterhood President



In my role as Sisterhood President, I participate on the PJTC Board of Directors, representing the interests of our organization. Should you have any questions or concerns about how the Board operates or if you have an issue you would like brought to the attention of the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me. As you may know, monthly Board meetings are open to all congregants.

Watch for date and time announcements via the weekly email blasts you receive from the synagogue.

One of Sisterhood's missions is to support Jewish education. To that end, I am proud to announce that your Sisterhood is a Librarian-level sponsor of the Jewish Federation's 22nd annual Jewish Book Festival. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the exceptional programming being offered during the Festival.

Sisterhood programming such as our monthly Rosh

Chodesh continues, but through the Zoom platform. I am interested in hearing from our membership about other activities or programs that might be of interest to you. Would you participate in on-line bridge? Bunco games? Mah Jong? Do you have any other ideas?

Sisterhood's Recording Secretary, Gail Gendler and husband Mitch Gladstein, are moving back East, and I want to take this opportunity to thank Gail for her dedicated service to Sisterhood as well as her volunteer support of many activities at PJTC. We wish them well in their new home and adventures! Thank you to long-time Sisterhood member Stacy Miller for stepping in to assist with recording our meeting minutes.

Open to all Sisterhood members, join us for our upcoming Sisterhood Board Meeting on Monday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. I hope to welcome you as a continuing or new member of Sisterhood this year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 798-5920 or iamyou082@aol.com.

Sisterhood's "Family Favorites" Cookbook Available for Purchase Now!

With over 260 recipes from 80 contributors, you will find family favorites from traditional briskets to modern vegetarian dishes to famous desserts and more, including recipes to share during the Jewish holidays. Spending more time at home during this pandemic provides an opportunity to try some of these recipes. This cookbook is the perfect gift for any occasion, a must "addition" to the library of a veteran or novice cook and is a wonderful keepsake for a mere \$18.00 each cookbook.

Available for purchase through Theresa Brekan in the PJTC Office or by contacting Sisterhood President Nancy Carlton.



Save the date



for Sisterhood's Artisan Pop-up on Sunday, December 6th!

A small number of our favorite artisans will be showing and selling their work surrounded by lots of space-outdoors! We will have safety protocols in place.

Details forthcoming!

Sisterhood Shabbat

a celebration of the women of our congregation

**Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Via Zoom**



**All are welcome to join Shabbat services
led by Jill Gold Wright and Sisterhood members.**

Everyone needs a home - Can you help?

By Claire Gorfinkel, Caring Community Coordinator

Altadena Congregations Together Serving (ACTS), in which PJTC is a member, is investigating ways that congregations in Altadena might help individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We are seeking men and women who are interested in forming an exploration and action committee to discuss both the needs and the possibilities for outreach in this regard here in Altadena.

Is God calling you to help? Do you have a curiosity and interest in being part of this group? No particular requirements are needed to join the group, only an open heart and desire to lend a helping hand. We are hoping to schedule a meeting very soon to get the ball rolling. We would love for you to join!

If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please email ACTS at AltadenaCTS@gmail.com. Additional details and meeting times will be emailed to all who are interested. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to this request.

November Birthdays

Laurie Pack	Hilary Graves
Andrew Leventhal	Sasha Yeh
Susannah Copi	Hannah Owen
Michael Sencer	Lia Blundell
Marcia Alper	Elana Friedman
Meredith Zohar	Isabel Green
Nancy Carlton	Aaron Booker
Peggy Schiffman	Loretta Slifkin
Deborah Reff	Josephine Savodnik
Marc Karish	Harriet Neal
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14 Heshvan	11/1/2020	22 Heshvan	11/9/2020	28 Heshvan	11/15/2020	9 Kislev	11/25/2020
Reuben Joseph		Henie Aberstein		Shinji Miyazaki		Sarah Bar Chaim	
James Woolsey		Avremal Aberstein		Pauline Kuchinsky		Sara Rosentweig	
Bea Davis		Minne Solomon Aberstein		Lillian Burton Brenner		Abraham Vegotsky	
Emma Gottfeld		Michal Aberstein		Howard Rotter			
Charles Goldman		Itzhak Aberstein		Meyer Patrick		10 Kislev	11/26/2020
15 Heshvan	11/2/2020	Chaya Vegodsky Family		Meyer Stepnick		Harriett Gerst	
Mary Brown		Cherna Vegodsky				Samuel Dinin	
H.B. Black		Chaim Weinstein		29 Heshvan	11/16/2020	Dolores Ober	
Greg Pais		Yirschel Weinstein		Lilly Lackey		Hyman Orenstein	
Earl Greenblatt		Moshe Weinstein		Aron Mastey			
Julius Nelson		Leya Weinstein		Joseph Kokis		11 Kislev	11/27/2020
Nathan Gulkis		Hinde Mirel Solomon		Phyllis Brown		Bert Fishman	
16 Heshvan	11/3/2020	Frank Grossman				Anne Sites	
Morris Feinberg		Jeannine Blanche Mazel		1 Kislev	11/17/2020	Rosa Steinman	
Hyman Paper				Stanley Z. Bekey		Issac Neger	
Jaime Blum		23 Heshvan	11/10/2020	Robert Sencer		Max Wiskind	
Otto Wolman		Erik Rambach		Anne Zimmerman		Louis B. Silver	
Jack Collins		Heyman Bravman		2 Kislev	11/18/2020	12 Kislev	11/28/2020
17 Heshvan	11/4/2020	Gertrude Chait		Arthur Silberman		Yona Kollin	
Carl Breitman		William A Mallet		Bessie Berkman		Maurice Ufland	
Sadie Abend		Gary Richard Priestner		Phyllis Rotman		Josephine Holzer	
Jacob Neumann				Jack Streiker		Shirley Weissman	
Abraham Epstein		24 Heshvan	11/11/2020	Bascha Snyder		13 Kislev	11/29/2020
Justine Goldschmidt		John Sites				Everett Hong	
Gary David		Betty Lipshutz Greenhouse		3 Kislev	11/19/2020	Arthur Abend	
18 Heshvan	11/5/2020	Sam Roth		Meyer Rose		David Goldman	
Rubin Hassman		Revekka Slutsky		Morris Sharfstein		David Genss	
Joseph Seldon Kahn		Harry Lepold		Sarah Silberblatt		14 Kislev	11/30/2020
Anna Mauff		Tamar Braun		Lena Posner		Charles Moskowitz	
19 Heshvan	11/6/2020	25 Heshvan	11/12/2020	Robert A. Brown		Gordon DeBoskey	
Nathan Miller		Jacob Gold		Leonard Wassum		Lea Russo	
Ella Hochstein		Pearl Howard		4 Kislev	11/20/2020	Issac Fleishman	
20 Heshvan	11/7/2020	Yetta Engelhardt		Ethel Harris		Abraham Cheslow	
Ruth Rosenberg		Claire Spicer		Norman Ziffrin		Ann Feuer	
Alexander Moyer		26 Heshvan	11/13/2020	5 Kislev	11/21/2020		
Sylvia Blitz		Max Barnett		Ernestine King			
Theodore Dreier		Samuel Freeling		James Meehan			
Frances Leibl		Diane Epstein		Chana Glinberg			
21 Heshvan	11/8/2020	Isadore Shalom Ravetch		6 Kislev	11/22/2020		
Friedrika Donner		27 Heshvan	11/14/2020	Rose Gorelick			
Linda Dunn		Shana Sergie		Clare Selig Magnus			
		Jay Jorban		Jean Dale Kleeman			
		Rueben Fox		7 Kislev	11/23/2020		
		Samuel Goldstein		Mildred Melvin Radin			
				Abraham Fain			
				8 Kislev	11/24/2020		
				Anita Sharfstein			
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To Kristi Garroway, condolences on the passing of your grandmother
To Debbie Alpers in memory of her mother, PJTC member Judy Ungar, from Edie Taylor
To Judy & Jeff Alkana, in memory of Thelma Alkana, from Lee & Mickey Segal

Foothill Unity Center

Foothill Unity Center and the PJTC Food Bank Committee wish to thank everyone who donated groceries, toiletries and checks to this year's High Holiday Food Drive.

We recognize how difficult it was for everyone to navigate the logistics of donating during a pandemic but we were very pleased with how many families donated either by check, directly to the Foothill Unity website or by dropping off their bags of groceries to the food bins outside PJTC.

Foothill Unity Center was extremely grateful for all of our efforts as the need this year has been greater than in previous years.

With gratitude,
PJTC Food Bank Committee and Clergy



Foothill Unity Donations for the High Holy Days.

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Interfaith Study Group

Interfaith Study Group Planning Committee Looking for New Members

The Interfaith Study Group Planning Committee is made up of members from All Saints Church, Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center and the Islamic Center of Southern California. This chair role rotates between the three religious organizations and this year is PTJC's year to provide leadership. The planning committee is currently comprised of three ASC, two PJTC, four ICSC members. PJTC needs more representation in general on the planning committee (so you can also choose to join the planning committee but not as chair) and more PJTC participation at the Interfaith Study Group events.

The Interfaith Study Group hosts a monthly event. It's a lovely group of all religions, races and ages. It's a diverse, curious group that until COVID met monthly for a panel discussion and a vegetarian potluck dinner, breaking bread with neighbors to create community. ISG has a mailing list of 550+ emails of individuals who have attended prior events. Virtual events began in August.

ISG events are not focused on conversations about interfaith couples. Recent events included:

- February 2020: Carolina Sheinfeld, Immigration Relations Coordinator, Los Angeles County of Education

and Martin Zogg, Executive Director of International Rescue Committee Los Angeles Office on Immigration

- August 2020: "John Lewis: Good Trouble" Panelists: Reverend Dr. Najuma Smith Pollard (USC), Salam Al-Marayati, President of MPAC and Umar Hakim, Executive Director of Intellect Love Mercy Foundation

- Sept 2020: Fighting for Climate Change with two teen activists presenting a compelling overview with action items that you can take to make a change

The role of the chairperson for the ISG involves:

1. Coordinating with PJTC's Executive Director to schedule and host the once a month planning meeting;
2. Scheduling rehearsals with the panelists during the week leading up to the monthly virtual events;
3. Taking minutes during the monthly planning;
4. Coordinating publicity for PJTC membership;
5. Finding, as needed, panelists;
6. Being an advocate for the group;
7. Creating the ZOOM webinar event.

For additional details about this opportunity, contact Beryl Strauss at (626) 798-1161 or beryl@pjtc.net.

Board Report

The PJTC Board of Directors met on October 6 and October 26 via Zoom and heard membership, annual campaign and fiscal updates. Previous Shulcloud reports indicated PJTC had more members than was accurate. Moreover, the temple has had fewer new members join this year than last year at High Holy Days. However, PJTC's annual campaign and renewal rate indicates a strong start, especially given the pandemic. The Paycheck Protection Program – a forgivable loan PJTC received last fiscal year – also assisted in providing income.

The board approved a budget for a "Zoom Gabbai" of not to exceed \$15,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year to facilitate live streaming and Zoom coordination of b'nai mitzvahs and weekend services. The cost of the service will be partially offset by fees collected from b'nai mitzvah families.

The board also discussed the revised Centennial plans and approved a \$90,000 budget for the remaining costs. PJTC had taken out a loan of \$250,000 for the Centennial plans. However, the revised estimate totals about \$165,000, so PJTC was able to pay back a portion of the loan to reduce interest costs. The Centennial programming has been pushed back a year with a gala and capital campaign kickoff slated for March 2022. Other anticipated programs include family and youth events, a scholar-in-residence, history book and a Shabbat weekend.

The board approved proceeding with hiring an architectural firm to design and create drawings for the main kitchen remodel, with the vote stipulating the cost be underwritten by Sisterhood if the affiliate group provides approval.

At the November board meeting, a Nominating Committee will be elected to develop a slate for the new officers and board members for the 2021-2023 term.

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November Calendar

14 Heshvan - 14 Kislev

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 14 Heshvan 9:30a Religious School 10:00a Social Justice Meeting 5:00p Kadima Election Night 7:00p JF Festival of Books - Beth Kalb	2 15 Heshvan 7:30p Men's Club Meeting 7:30p Sisterhood Meeting	3 16 Heshvan 8:45a Meditation 4:00p Religious School 7:30p Zoom Social Hall	4 17 Heshvan 8:00a Morning Meditation 8:00p Pirkei Avot Discussion Group	5 18 Heshvan 10:00a Thursdays with Torah and Rabbi Jason Mann 7:30p Melton Class "Member of the Tribe"	6 19 Heshvan 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 20 Heshvan 9:30a Shabbat Service 12:45a Shabbat Meditation with Rabbi Lisa Goldstein Parashat: Vayera
8 21 Heshvan 9:30a Religious School 10:00a Men's Club Veteran's Day Program 10:30a Kadima Book Club 5:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 5:00p Interfaith Study Group 5:00p USY and Alumni Book Club 7:00p JF Festival of Books	9 22 Heshvan 7:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 7:30p Ritual Committee Meeting	10 23 Heshvan 8:45a Meditation 11:00a Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 4:00p Religious School 7:00p JF Festival of Books - Jennifer Steinhauer 7:30p Zoom Social Hall	11 24 Heshvan 8:00a Morning Meditation 12:30p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 8:00p Pirkei Avot Discussion Group Veteran's Day	12 25 Heshvan 10:00a Thursdays with Torah and Rabbi Jason Mann 1:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 5:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 7:30p Melton Class "Member of the Tribe"	13 26 Heshvan 1:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 27 Heshvan 9:30a Sisterhood Shabbat Service 12:45a Shabbat Meditation with Rabbi Lisa Goldstein 4:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions Parashat: Hayyei Sarah
15 28 Heshvan 9:30a Religious School 10:00a Social Justice Meeting 10:30a Kadima Book Club 4:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 5:00p USY and Alumni Book Club	16 29 Heshvan 7:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions	17 1 Kislev 8:45a Meditation 11:00a Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 4:00p Religious School 7:00p JF Festival of Books - Mary Morris 7:30p Zoom Social Hall	18 2 Kislev 8:00a Morning Meditation 12:30p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 7:30p Sisterhood's Rosh Chodesh 8:00p Pirkei Avot Discussion Group	19 3 Kislev 10:00a Thursdays with Torah and Rabbi Jason Mann 1:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 5:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 7:30p Melton Class "Member of the Tribe"	20 4 Kislev 1:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 7:30p Shabbat Service led by USY	21 5 Kislev 9:30a Shabbat Service 12:45a Shabbat Meditation with Rabbi Lisa Goldstein 4:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions Parashat: Toledot
22 6 Kislev 9:30a Religious School 10:30a Kadima Book Club 5:00p USY and Alumni Book Club	23 7 Kislev 7:30p Temple Board Meeting	24 8 Kislev NO LBSRS 8:45a Meditation 7:00p JF Festival of Books - Danielle Renov 7:30p Zoom Social Hall	25 9 Kislev 8:00a Morning Meditation 8:00p Pirkei Avot Discussion Group	26 10 Kislev 10:00a Thursdays with Torah and Rabbi Jason Mann Office is Closed	27 11 Kislev 7:30p Shabbat Service Office is Closed	28 12 Kislev 9:30a Shabbat Service 12:45a Shabbat Meditation with Rabbi Lisa Goldstein Parashat: Vayese
29 13 Kislev NO LBSRS 10:00a Social Justice Meeting	30 14 Kislev 7:00p Thanksgiving Small Group Discussions 7:30p Zoom Social Hall			Thanksgiving Day	Candle Lighting 4:26p	



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A suggested minimum donation of \$18 per inscription will go toward the PJTC general fund.