

Fall 2025



Engage, Enlighten, Entertain, Enrich.

JCC Programs for Adults

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Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County
"Community is Our Middle Name"

THE STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Wish you and your loved ones a
Happy, Healthy and
Sweet New Year!

*Shana Tovah
U'Metukah!*



Join us as we celebrate the joyous holiday of Sukkot together at our

Sukkot Luncheon

Performance by Avi Wisnia

Date: Thursday October 9, 2025

Time: 11:30am - 2:00pm

Early Bird Pricing:

Register by September 25

\$20/Member; \$24/Guest

Standard Pricing:

Register from September 26 - September 29

\$22/Member; \$25/Guest

Advance Registration Required.

Sorry no refunds.



For more information please contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732.494.3232.

This program is co-sponsored by The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.



ADULT CLUB OF THE JCC OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

New Members Welcome

The JCC Adult Club usually meets two times each month to enjoy a delicious lunch, a brief business meeting and a program of entertainment and/or education. Funds are raised through trips to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse and other venues, allowing the Club members to “give back” to the JCC and the community. Members care for the JCC and are supportive of each other. Friends, new and old, come together and share thoughts, opinions and personal stories. The Club has a rich history and continues to look towards the future. Please consider joining us! New members are warmly welcomed.

Questions? Contact Esther Fendrick, Director of Adult Enrichment & Engagement:
efendrick@jccmc.org or 732-593-5969.

Upcoming Luncheons:

Thursdays @ 11:30AM - October 23, November 6 & 20, and December 4
\$12/Member; \$14/Guest

If you plan to attend the luncheon you **MUST RSVP** to the JCC Member Services Desk @ 732-494-3232 by 12pm on the Monday before the luncheon. .



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HEALTH FAIR

Empower Your Wellness,
Connect - Learn - Thrive!

 Tuesday, November 11  10:00am-1:00pm  JCC of Middlesex County

SAVE THE DATE

MORE INFO COMING SOON!



Hackensack Meridian
JFK University Medical Center



MAH JONGG LESSONS

With Elissa Glinn

\$25 PER PERSON

- ★ Limited to 12 Spots!
- ★ Register by October 6
- ★ Please register in advance
- ★ Sorry, no refunds

6 SESSIONS

4 Weeks of
Lessons and
2 Weeks
of Practice Play



DATES OF CLASSES

October 21
October 28
November 4
November 11
November 18
November 25

LESSON TIME

Tuesday Evenings
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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GAMES AT JCC



MAH JONGG

Free and Open to Community
Campus members only.

Thursdays, 1:00PM – 4:30PM

October 9, 16, 23, 30 (JCC Closed Oct. 2)
November 6, 13, 20 (JCC Closed Nov. 27)
December 4, 11, 18 (JCC Closed Dec. 25)



SOCIAL BRIDGE

Free and Open to Community
Campus members only.

Fridays, 12:30PM – 3:00PM

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 21, 28
December 5, 12, 19, 26



MODERN AMERICAN CANASTA AFTERNOON

Free and Open to Community
Campus members only.

Mondays, 6:00PM - 8:30PM

October 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

(No Canasta on Oct. 6 & 13 - JCC Closes @ 4pm)



MODERN AMERICAN CANASTA AFTERNOON

Free and Open to Community
Campus members only.

Fridays, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 21, 28
December 5, 12, 19, 26

LIVE WELL @ THE JCC

KNITTING FOR A CAUSE

Come join us at our monthly meeting to socialize, share patterns, thoughts and ideas with fellow knitters.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month (September - June) at 10:30AM

Upcoming 2025 Dates:

October 21

November 18

December 16



Knitting for a Cause is on hiatus for July, August & September and will resume on October 21, 2025.

For more information please contact Abby Eisner at abbyeisner855@gmail.com or call the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

This initiative is supported by a grant from the Healthcare Quality Strategies Foundation



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

FACILITATOR - Marnie Kean, LCSW

Owner & Therapist of The Practice with CARE, LLC

Marnie has been a practicing social worker for over 30 years. She specializes in working with adults of all ages, facilitating support groups and connecting people to needed resources.

Please join us in a supportive atmosphere,
bringing yourself with an open mind and an open heart.

WEDNESDAYS @ 3:00PM - 4:00PM

UPCOMING 2025 MEETING DATES:

October 22 & 29, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17

(Topics may include: sharing positive memories, coping with loss, the seven stages of grief.)

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LIVE WELL @ THE JCC

Open to Community Campus
Members or Registered Live Well
@ The JCC Participants

Join Now



Tai Chi - Mondays @ 9:15AM

October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 15, 22 (No class on Dec. 29)
Instructor: Bob Matland

Body Fit Strength - Mondays @ 10:15AM

October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 15, 22 (No class on Dec. 29)
Instructor: Angela Doerr

Zumba Gold - Tuesdays @ 9:00AM

October 21, 28 (No class on Oct. 7 & 14)
November 4, 11, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16, 23 (No class on Dec. 30)
Instructor: Laurie Fechter

Chair Pilates - Tuesdays @ 11:30am

October 21, 28 (No class on Oct. 7 & 14)
November 4, 11, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16, 23 (No class on Dec. 30)
Instructor: EJ Djeu

Line Dancing - Wednesdays @ 9:00AM

October 1, 22, 29 (No class on Oct. 8 & 15)
November 5, 12, 19, 26
December 3, 10, 17 (No class on Dec. 24 & 31)
Instructor: Sari Levine

Chair Yoga - Wednesdays @ 12 noon

October 1, 22, 29 (No class on Oct. 8 & 15)
November 5, 12, 19, 26
December 3, 10, 17 (No class on Dec. 24 & 31)
Instructor: Karen Rosen

Retro Low Impact Aerobics - Thursdays @ 8:30AM

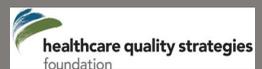
October 9, 16, 23, 30 (No class on Oct. 2)
November 13, 20 (No class on Nov. 6 & 27)
December 4, 11, 18 (No class on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)
Instructor: Kathi Gladis

Stretch, Strength & Mobility - Fridays @ 11:00AM

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 21, 28
December 5, 12, 19 (No class Dec. 26)
Instructor: Angela Doerr

For more information please contact Kathi Gladis, Live Well @ the JCC Program
Coordinator at kgladis@jccmc.org or call the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

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JCC CHALLAH BAKE!

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND INTERACTIVE BAKING EXPERIENCE TO CREATE AND TAKE HOME YOUR OWN CHALLAH!



ALL SKILL
LEVELS
WELCOME!

Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm

JCC of Middlesex County- 1775 Oak Tree Road,
Edison, NJ 08820

Fee: \$20 per person

Registration REQUIRED!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH!

To register, go to: <https://jccmc.org/challahbake>

For more
information
please contact:
Hannah Cohn,
Director of
Community
Engagement &
Jewish Life at
hcohn@jccmc.org.



THIS PROGRAM IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION IN THE HEART OF NEW JERSEY.



THE JCC OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY & MENCH CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

present



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 6:30 PM @THE JCC



(Doors Open @ 6:00 pm)

QUESTIONS? Aimee Braverman (MENCH) 732-261-5107 or
Hannah Cohn (JCC) hcohn@jccmc.org / 732-494-3232



PLEASE REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 6. WE CANNOT ACCEPT WALK-INS!

Register 8-10 people together and we will reserve a table for you.



732-494-3232

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE : (____) _____

(Mail checks, made payable to JCC of Middlesex County, to 1775 Oak Tree Rd. - Edison, NJ 08820)

CHECK ONE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird (by 10/31) -- \$72 pp | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Couple -- \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Patron Couple -- \$360 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Admission (11/1-6) \$82 pp | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Single -- \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Patron Single -- \$180 |

B.Y.O.B

PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE REQUESTING EACH MEAL. Amount Enclosed: _____

___ Sloppy Joe ___ Turkey/Rye ___ Turkey/Gluten Free Bread ___ Tuna Wrap ___ Grilled Veggie Wrap



**THE JCC MEN'S GROUP IS DESIGNED
FOR MEN SEEKING MEANINGFUL DAYTIME SOCIALIZATION,
LEARNING AND INTERACTION IN A RELAXED SETTING, WITH
MEN OF SIMILAR AGE.**

Wednesday mornings from 10:30AM-11:30AM

**Free and open to JCC/Community Campus Members Only
Facilitator: Adam Glinn**

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025 TOPIC SCHEDULE

October 1: Universal Health Care-Medicare for All-Single Payer Health Care System.

October 8: There is NO MEN'S GROUP. JCC Closed for Sukkot.

October 15: There is NO MEN'S GROUP. JCC Closed for Simchat Torah.

October 22: Should the U.S. require compulsory military service as part of citizenship?

October 29: What's Up?

November 5: Donald Trump-Is he good for Israel and the Jews?

November 12: When you arrive in heaven, and God says someone has been waiting for you...?

November 19: Best Friend – What makes someone your best friend rather than just your friend?

November 26: Thanksgiving-What does it mean to you?

December 3: Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Cognitive Decline-What do we do? How do we cope?

December 10: What's Up?

December 17: A New Year is upon Us-What are your hopes?

December 24: NO MEN'S GROUP. JCC/COMMUNITY CAMPUS CLOSSES EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS.

December 31: NO MEN'S GROUP. JCC/COMMUNITY CAMPUS CLOSSES EARLY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Men's Group resumes on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Bagels and coffee will be served. Meet new friends; see old friends.

"What happens in Men's Group stays in Men's Group." Join us!!

For more information, please contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

This program is co-sponsored by The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.





Women's Discussion Group

- Free and Open to Community Campus Members only.
- If you are not yet a Community Campus Member please join us for one discussion as our guest.

Facilitator: Esther Fendrick

The JCC Women's Discussion Group is designed for women seeking meaningful daytime learning, interaction and stimulating conversation in a relaxed setting with new and old friends.

DISCUSSION DATES:

October 30, 2025 @ 11AM: The Four Idols Framework - The Four Idols Framework says that everyone is driven by the pursuit of one (or more) of the following idols: Money, Power, Pleasure and Fame. This framework suggests that we make most of our daily decisions based upon our "worship" of our idol. The irony, however, is that the chase to get closer to and/or achieve our idol actually pushes us further away from finding true fulfillment and happiness. Do you think that this "life" framework is accurate? Do you think that there are other "idols" that we should strive for? Let's discuss.

November 27, 2025 @ 11AM - No Discussion Group / JCC Closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

December 25, 2025 @ 11AM - No Discussion Group / JCC Closed in observance of Christmas.

This program is co-sponsored by The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.



SAVE THE DATE

"Bollywood Meets Pop/R&B"

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 @ 1:30pm

Special Musical Performance by:

Neel Nadkarni



Neel Nadkarni, popularly known as NEEL, is a Pop/R&B and Bollywood-influenced singer-songwriter and producer. Born and raised in New Jersey, NEEL is influenced by both Indian and American culture, which he translates beautifully in his music.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY - ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund.



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AUTHOR SERIES

**Thurs.
Oct 9
7pm**

Liz Hirsh Naftali
Saving Abigail

*Part of JCC October 7th
Commemoration Event

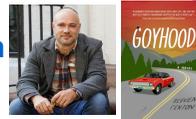


Molly Jong-Fast
*How to Lose Your
Mother*

**Tues.
Jan 13
7pm**

**Weds.
Feb 18
7pm**

Reuven Fenton
Goyhood



Alyson Richman
*The Missing
Pages*

**Tues.
March 24
7pm**

More info. & registration coming soon!

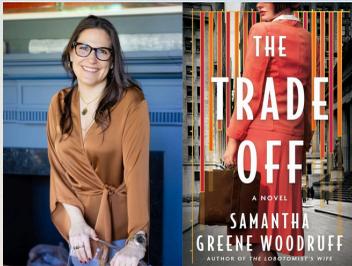


**Jewish
Book
Council**

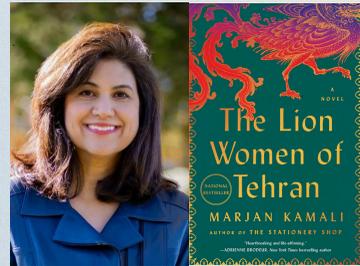
JCC BOOK CLUB

Please join Esther Fendrick, on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am for a fun and lively book discussion. Free and Open to Community Campus Members only. If you are not yet a Community Campus Member, please join us for one discussion as our guest.

October 7, 2025 - NO BOOK CLUB. JCC CLOSED FOR SUKKOT.



November 4, 2025 @ 10am - SPECIAL DISCUSSION
“The Trade Off: A Novel” by Samantha Greene Woodruff
The author will join us via Zoom for our discussion. We will all meet at the JCC as usual and we will watch Ms. Woodruff’s presentation together. Q&A to follow presentation.



December 2, 2025 @ 10am
“The Lion Women of Tehran”
by Marjan Kamali

For more information please contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

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Storytelling... A Human Need

Instructor: Elizabeth A. Pallitto, MA, PhD

Storytelling is only via Zoom at this time.
Check our website (jccmc.org) for updates.

- **Friday, October 10 @ 12 Noon via Zoom**
- **Friday, November 14 @ 12 Noon via Zoom**
- **Friday, December 12 @ 12 Noon via Zoom**

FREE to Community Campus Members –For more information contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.
Once registered, you will receive a Zoom link shortly before the class. Please register by noon the day prior to the class.



SUNDAY CONCERT AT THE JCC

THE DIVERSITY OF BEAUTY

Conducted by: Maestro Robert W. Butts

Performed by: The Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey

Sunday, October 5 @ 1:30 PM

FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
Advance Registration Requested

The Diversity of Beauty concert features music by familiar and lesser known composers with diverse backgrounds and styles. The concert will feature music by Salomone Rossi, a prominent Jewish composer of early Baroque Venice as well as more contemporary Jewish composers.

The concert will also feature selections by African-American composers such as Chevalier de Saint-Georges, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, and Scott Joplin. Music from various periods will be represented with selections by Haydn and Mozart as well as American selections by composers such as James Reese Europe and John Philip Sousa.

New works by New Jersey composers will also be performed, including music by the orchestra's director Maestro Robert W. Butts, who was recently commissioned to compose a special work to celebrate Lafayette 200.

For more information please contact Esther Fendrick at efendrick@jccmc.org or call the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

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JCC OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY OCTOBER 7TH COMMEMORATION EVENT

Thursday, October 9th @ 7:00pm



“SAVING ABIGAIL”: A STORY OF COURAGE, MEMORY, AND HOPE WITH AUTHOR LIZ HIRSH NAFTALI

- JOIN THE JCC OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY’S OCTOBER 7TH COMMEMORATION
- AUTHOR AND ADVOCATE LIZ HIRSH NAFTALI, SHARING THE STORY OF HER GREAT-NIECE ABIGAIL— WHOSE KIDNAPPING ON OCTOBER 7TH AND RETURN INSPIRED MILLIONS.
- THE PROGRAM INCLUDES AN AUDIENCE REFLECTION, HONORING LIVES LOST, AND REAFFIRMING UNITY.

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL AS PART OF THE
JBC AUTHOR SERIES



Light Refreshments will be
served

Free and Open to the
Community

ADVANCE REGISTRATION
REQUESTED

To register, go to:
<https://jccmc.org/october7th>

For more information please contact Hannah
Cohn, Director of Community Engagement &
Jewish Life at hcohn@jccmc.org



JOHN KENRICK PRESENTS...

Tuesday October 21 @
1:30pm

THEATER GHOSTS

**Another Bow, And
Another . . .**

It is said that every old theatre has its ghosts. Who are these specters? And which Broadway theaters are on the list? Entertainment historian John Kenrick celebrates the spirit (or should we say spirits?) of Halloween by sharing some rare videos, intriguing photos and chilling stories of haunted theatres -- including a memorable paranormal experience of his own.

Tuesday November 18
@ 1:30pm

MAE WEST

**Too Much of a Good Thing
Can Be Wonderful**

With her healthy hourglass figure and sexually frank sense of humor, this wisecracking blonde defied the censors on Broadway and in Hollywood, giving America some much needed laughs during oppressive times. John Kenrick gives an affectionate tribute to one of his favorite show biz icons, who defied convention and lived life her own way.

Tuesday December 16
@ 1:30pm

RUDOLPH THE RED- NOSED REINDEER

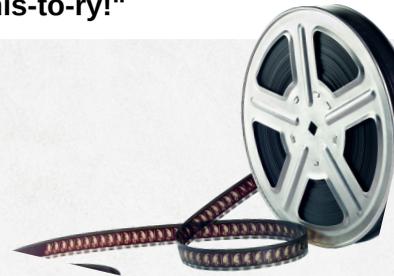
**The Holly-Jolly Misfit
Christmas Classic**

How did a privately printed short story inspire Johnny Marks to write a bestselling song that in turn inspired a TV special that has remained an annual favorite for six decades? Entertainment historian John Kenrick pulls back the curtain on how this non-stop action animated musical made heroes out of misfits, inspiring three generations of viewers. Join us as we celebrate how Rudolph and company "went down in his-to-ry!"

**Cost: \$9 - MEMBERS
\$12 - GUESTS**

SORRY, NO REFUNDS

Advance registration requested



For more information please contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

This program is co-sponsored by The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.



ART & ACTIVISM: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RUTH ASAWA

Presenter: Janet Mandel

Tuesday October 28, 2025

@ 1:30pm

**Free and open to the community.
Advance Registration Requested.**

The groundbreaking work of Ruth Asawa, a Japanese American sculptor and passionate arts activist, will be the subject of a blockbuster retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art from October 19, 2025 to February 7, 2026. Asawa was best known for her ethereal wire sculptures that blur the boundaries between art, craft, and nature, but her extensive body of work also includes paintings, printmaking, and public commissions. Asawa's legacy extends far beyond the studio—she was a tireless advocate for arts education, believing deeply in its power to shape communities and young minds. This presentation will explore her remarkable life, her artistic innovations, and her enduring impact on American art and public life.



For more information please contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

This program is co-sponsored by the Edison Arts Society.



RESCUE IN THE PHILIPPINES

RESCHEDULED
from Aug. 19th

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 @ 1:30 PM

Presented by Steven Pollack



The amazing story of how the Philippines became one of only two countries in the world willing to take German refugees (mostly Jewish refugees) out of Germany during the Holocaust. Led by Colonel Dwight Eisenhower, the new president of the Philippines and 5 brothers from Cincinnati hatched a plan to bring people from Germany to Manila before the outbreak of World War II.

Cost: \$9 - MEMBERS

\$12 - GUESTS

Advance registration requested

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KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Lunch & Lecture Program

Lunch begins @ 11:30am

followed by Lecture @ 1:00pm

COST: Lunch & Lecture for members of the JCC Adult Club: \$12

Lunch & Lecture for non-members of the JCC Adult Club: \$14

Lecture Only: FREE (Advance registration requested.)

Advance Registration Required for Lunch by October 31, 2025. Sorry. No refunds.

Speaker: Dr. Tamara Reps Freeman

**“Commemorating Kristallnacht: Multi-Lingual Holocaust
Music Across Europe and America”**



Yiddish was the predominant language for songs created in Holocaust ghettos and concentration camps. However, persecuted Jews across Europe and the U.S. created songs expressed in the language of their country of origin; this patriotism proclaimed cultural dignity and defiance. Dr. Tamara Reps Freeman, a Holocaust musicologist and recitalist, brings these multi-lingual expressions to life by telling the stories of the composers, sharing their lyrics and playing their evocative music on her 1935 Joseph Bausch viola which was rescued from the Holocaust.

Tamara Reps Freeman, D.M.A. performs Holocaust music lecture-recitals playing her 1935 Joseph Bausch viola which was rescued from the Shoah. Dr. Freeman is the musicologist in the Association of Holocaust Organizations, and is a professor at Yeshiva University in the graduate department of Holocaust Studies. An accomplished classical musician, she is the newly appointed permanent conductor of the North Jersey Symphony Orchestra in Fair Lawn, NJ.

For more information contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

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**PROGRAM PRESENTED
IN HONOR OF
VETERAN'S DAY**

Tuesday November 11, 2025

@ 1:30pm

**LENS ON THE WORLD:
MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE**

"A Pioneering Photojournalist"

Portrayed by Carol Simon Levin

Carol Simon Levin portrays Margaret Bourke-White, the fearless photographer from Bound Brook, NJ who braved Soviet authorities, southern bigotry, Nazi bombs, torpedoes and sniper fire to take photographs of many of the most consequential events of the 20th century. Ms. Bourke-White was the first American female war photojournalist. She photographed the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia and was with Patton's Third Army in the Spring of 1945 when she famously documented the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp.



For more information please contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

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A Shared Community Event

ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY
PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, NOV 12 @ 7:00 PM

AT THE JCC OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Join us as we thank and honor our Veterans.

- Keynote Speaker from the Middlesex County Office of Human Services
- Representatives and Honorees from our Local Legion Posts



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Free and Open to the Community
ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED. To register, go to
<https://jccmc.org/veteransday>

For more information, please contact Member Services Desk at info@jccmc.org or call the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.





Let's Start the Holiday Season Off With

POP SONGS FROM THE '50s, '60s & '70s

Tuesday December 2, 2025

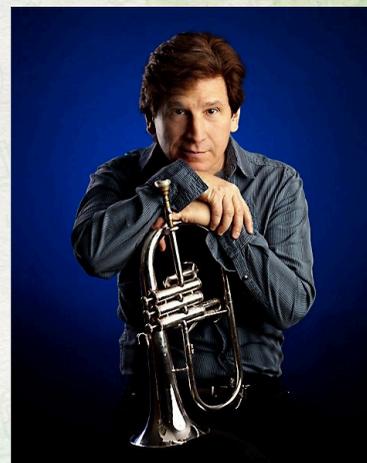
@ 1:30pm

FREE and OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Advance Registration Requested

Performer: Gordon James

This program features artists such as The Everly Brothers, Bobby Darin, Chubby Checker, The Beatles, Elton John and Stevie Wonder. Songs will include Splish Splash, All I Have to Do is Dream, Up on the Roof, Crocodile Rock, Cracklin' Rosie and much more.



Trumpeter/Vocalist Gordon James is an accomplished performer, composer and recording artist with seven CDs out under his name in the jazz genre. His music is played on the radio and streamed in over 50 countries, including the US.

For more information please contact the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

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LIVE WELL @ THE JCC

Presents

Act **3** Life Coaching

Tuesday December 9, 2025

@ 1:30 PM

Speaker: Melinda B. Shorr, PhD

Join Melinda, a psychologist turned life coach, as she shares how you can achieve more joy and meaning in your Act 3 of life.

This is a meaningful and thought-provoking session designed to spark inspiration and connection. During this lively and interactive program you will gain insight into Act 3, the rich and vibrant stage of life after retirement.

Come prepared to learn, share and laugh!

**Cost: Free and open to the community
Advance Registration Requested**

For more information please contact Kathi Gladis, Live Well @ the JCC Program Coordinator at kgladis@jccmc.org or call the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

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CELEBRATE HANUKKAH AT THE EDISON TOWNSHIP MENORAH LIGHTING

Wednesday, December 17th 7pm, JCC of Middlesex County
1775 Oak Tree Road, Edison

Musical entertainment by Courtney Colletti
Refreshments will be served

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUESTED

To register, go to:
jccmc.org/townshipmenorah



For more information please contact Hannah Cohn at hcohn@jccmc.org or call the JCC Member Services Desk at 732-494-3232.

Happy
Hanukkah



This program is co-sponsored by The
Township of Edison and the Jewish
Federation in the Heart of NJ



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS
HOLIDAY OF HANUKKAH TOGETHER AT OUR

HANUKKAH LUNCHEON

TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY MEAL COMPLETE WITH LATKES

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

TIME: 11:30AM – 2:00PM

EARLY BIRD PRICING:

Register by Dec. 5th

\$20/Member; \$24/Guest

STANDARD PRICING:

Register from Dec. 6 – Dec. 9 at Noon

\$22/Member; \$25/Guest

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Musical Entertainment with Phyllis Chapell

Phyllis Chapell vocalist/guitarist, hailing from Philadelphia, PA, has spent her life developing a universal musical style, singing “world songs”. She performs a unique mix of jazz, pop, folk, show tunes, and international music, including songs in up to 13 languages from the U.S., Brazil, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

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Wednesday
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2025

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MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT



Doors open at 8:15am

Play begins promptly at 9:00

Seven rounds of play (4 in the morning, 3 afternoon)

Cash prizes for both morning and afternoon winners

Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks included

Give-a-ways, silent auctions, and cash raffle!

\$70 per person

All players MUST be able to complete 4 games in 50 minutes

JCC of Middlesex County Mah Jongg Tournament - Wednesday October 29, 2025

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OCTOBER

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Oct. 1, 2025 @ 10:30am	MEN'S GROUP
Oct. 1, 2025	JCC CLOSURES @ 4PM IN OBSERVANCE OF YOM KIPPUR
Oct. 2, 2025	JCC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF YOM KIPPUR
Oct. 5, 2025 @ 1:30pm	SUNDAY CONCERT - Baroque Orchestra of NJ conducted by Dr. Butts
Oct. 6, 2025	JCC CLOSURES @ 4PM IN OBSERVANCE OF SUKKOT
Oct. 7 & 8, 2025	JCC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF SUKKOT
Oct. 7, 2025	NO BOOK CLUB / JCC CLOSED
Oct. 8, 2025	NO MEN'S GROUP / JCC CLOSED
Oct. 9, 2025 @ 11:30am	SUKKOT LUNCHEON
@ 7:00pm	OCTOBER 7 TH COMMEMORATION EVENT
	JBC AUTHOR SERIES EVENT -"Saving Abigail" with Author Liz Hirsh Naftali
Oct. 10, 2025 @ 12 Noon	STORYTELLING with Elizabeth Pallitto (Zoom only)
Oct. 13, 2025	JCC CLOSURES @ 4PM IN OBSERVANCE OF SHEMINI ATZERET
Oct. 14 & 15, 2025	JCC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH
Oct. 15, 2025	NO MEN'S GROUP / JCC CLOSED
Oct. 21 @ 10:30am	KNITTING FOR A CAUSE
@ 1:30pm	THEATRE GHOSTS with John Kenrick
@ 6:30pm	MAH JONGG LESSONS with Elissa Glinn
Oct. 22, 2025 @ 10:30am	MEN'S GROUP
@ 3:00pm	BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Oct. 23, 2025 @ 11:30am	ADULT CLUB LUNCHEON
@ 7:00pm	CHALLAH BAKE
Oct. 28, 2025 @ 1:30pm	RUTH ASAWA with Janet Mandel
@ 6:30pm	MAH JONGG LESSONS with Elissa Glinn
Oct. 29, 2025 @ 8:15am	MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT
@ 10:30am	MEN'S GROUP
@ 3:00pm	BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Oct. 30, 2025 @ 11:00am	WOMEN DISCUSSION GROUP

NOVEMBER

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Nov. 4, 2025 @ 10:00am
@ 1:30pm
@ 6:30pm
Nov. 5, 2025 @ 10:30am
@ 3:00pm
Nov. 6, 2025 @ 11:30am
@ 1:00pm
Nov. 11, 2025 @ 10:00am
@ 1:30pm
@ 6:30pm
Nov. 12, 2025 @ 10:30am
@ 7:00pm
Nov. 14, 2025 @ 12 Noon
Nov. 15, 2025 @ 6:30pm
Nov. 18, 2025 @ 10:30am
@ 1:30pm
@ 6:30pm
Nov. 19, 2025 @ 10:30am
@ 3:00pm
Nov. 20, 2025 @ 11:30am
Nov. 25, 2025 @ 1:30pm
@ 6:30pm
Nov. 26, 2025 @ 10:30am
Nov. 27, 2025

BOOK CLUB - "The Trade Off" by Samantha Greene Woodruff
RESCUE IN THE PHILIPPINES with Steven Pollack
MAH JONGG LESSONS with Elissa Glinn
MEN'S GROUP
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
ADULT CLUB LUNCHEON & KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION
KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION BEGINS
HEALTH FAIR
PORTRAYAL OF MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE by Carol Simon Levin
MAH JONGG LESSONS with Elissa Glinn
MEN'S GROUP
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
STORYTELLING with Elizabeth Pallitto (Zoom only)
JCC/HADASSAH DINNER - Performance by "Lights Out"
KNITTING FOR A CAUSE
MAE WEST with John Kenrick
MAH JONGG LESSONS with Elissa Glinn
MEN'S GROUP
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
ADULT CLUB LUNCHEON
BOLLYWOOD MEETS POP/R&B
MAH JONGG LESSONS with Elissa Glinn
MEN'S GROUP
JCC CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
NO WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



DECEMBER

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Dec. 2, 2025 @ 10:00am @ 1:30pm	BOOK CLUB - "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali POP SONGS OF THE 50S, 60S, & 70S with Gordon James
Dec.. 3, 2025 @ 10:30am @ 3:00pm	MEN'S GROUP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Dec. 4, 2025 @ 11:30am	ADULT CLUB LUNCHEON
Dec. 9, 2025 @ 1:30pm	LIVE WELL @ THE JCC LECTURE- Act 3 Life Coaching with Dr. Shorr
Dec. 10, 2025 @ 10:30am	MEN'S GROUP
Dec.. 12, 2025 @ 12 Noon	STORYTELLING with Elizabeth Pallitto (Zoom only)
Dec. 16, 2025 @ 10:30am @ 1:30pm	KNITTING FOR A CAUSE RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER with John Kenrick
Dec. 17, 2025 @ 10:30am @ 3:00pm @ 7:00pm	MEN'S GROUP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP EDISON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING
Dec. 18, 2025 @ 11:30pm	HANUKKAH LUNCHEON
Dec. 23, 2025	NO TUESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM
Dec. 24, 2025	NO MEN'S GROUP JCC CLOSURES @ 2:00PM IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS EVE JCC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS
Dec. 25, 2025	NO WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
Dec. 30, 2025	NO TUESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM
Dec. 31, 2025	NO MEN'S GROUP JCC CLOSURES @ 2PM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE
Jan. 1, 2026	JCC CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 13, 2026 @ 7:00pm

JBC AUTHOR SERIES EVENT / An Evening with Molly Jong-Fast,
the author of "How to Lose Your Mother: A Daughter's Memoir"

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