



"To be an inclusive and thriving center of Jewish spiritual, cultural and social life for the Lawrence area."

## A Message From The President

Here comes 2012. There goes 2011, and what a year it has been at the Center! Let's review, and then look ahead. There have been some changes, and we are moving forward.

In regards to the budget, we are just above water. Please keep those dues and contributions coming in. The Center office, the LJCC hub, is now in the capable hands of Suzanne McAlister with the aid of our dedicated treasurer, Bob Buddemeier. You can get to know Suzanne by reading her introduction in this newsletter, or come by the office and introduce yourself.

Due to financial circumstances, it was necessary to ask the Religious School director, Svetlana Sorokin, to step down. The dedicated Religious School Committee has adapted to the change, and the curriculum will remain as will many of the excellent teachers. The Board has been meeting almost twice a month to take care of the many pressing situations that have occurred, with quite successful results, I might add.

A wish list was started in last month's newsletter with some requests fulfilled. For example, 100 spring bulbs were donated to the Center and then planted (thank you Marcia Riley and Lucy Hurst, respectively). A donation toward repair of the railing by the west door was made (thank you, Hilda Enoch). The table tennis club, meeting Mondays at the Center, has volunteered to do light maintenance around the building, and this is greatly appreciated. If you have anything to add to the Wish List or could help fulfill it, please let the office know. These are small things, but taken in total, they can have a significant effect.

Looking forward, the Center always will need more funds to keep it operating. I am hopeful that our Flo Harris Grant is fully accepted. We hope to be able to remodel the Religious School facilities. We are in communication with a private donor from out of state, and this holds much promise. With these grants and other donations, I predict enhanced programs for the pre-school, Religious School and adult education leading to more participation and involvement at the Center.

Here's wishing you and your families and the Center a very happy and healthy New Year!

Shalom,  
Terri

## Rachel Black LJCC Cantorial Soloist



A new dimension has been added to LJCC services by the leadership of Cantor Rachel Black on two Fridays in each month, thanks to an anonymous donor. Many of you have already heard Rachel, as she has sung the Kol Nidre at High Holiday services for the past two years. She is also a member of the musical group, Shiray Shabbat, which leads Shabbat services once a month. Rachel will be leading services on January 13 and 20, and February 3 and 17. Outside of the Sanctuary Rachel is a singer and songwriter ([www.rachelblack.com](http://www.rachelblack.com)). She and the Ninth Street Band perform at a variety of venues in the area.

## Contributions

Make a contribution to one of our funds, or send a donation in honor of someone special this month! Donations can be sent to the LJCC at 917 Highland Dr., Lawrence, KS 66044 or paid on-line at [lawrencejcc.org](http://lawrencejcc.org).

Celebrate the joyous events of life with the addition of a leaf on our beautiful Tree of Life created by Herb Friedson. Suggested donation for each leaf is \$130.

Preserve the memory of your loved ones with a bronze plaque in their name for our Memorial Board. Each plaque is \$175.



Join the Chai Squared  
Campaign!

\$18 x \$18 = \$324

# Calendar

## JCW Programs

Jewish Community Women will have a strategic planning session to discuss JCW's mission and future direction, **Sun. Jan. 8, 2pm.**

Joan Stone will present a dance recital at the LJCC, **Sun. Jan. 22 at 2pm.**

## LJCC Book Club

The LJCC Book Club will be discussing Nicole Krauss's Great House at 10:30am, Sun. Jan. 15, at the LJCC. It is the story of a remarkable carved desk that has passed from one seemingly unrelated person to another, spanning continents, cultures, generations, and remarkable lives. A most fascinating book.

## LJCC Preschool Playgroup

Families with children ages birth to five, please mark your calendars. Next meeting of the preschool playgroup will be **Sun., Jan. 15.** All sessions will be held from **10am—11:45am** at Googols of Learning, 500 Rockledge Road. For more information, contact Kathleen Levy.

## Mah Jongg

The Mah Jongg group meets twice a month. No prior experience with Mah Jongg is necessary; we will teach you how to play. If you are interested, please contact Herb Friedson.

## Religious School

The new term for Religious School begins at 9:30 on January 22. The Religious School Committee has reviewed the curriculum for the new term, made arrangements to hire a very well-qualified teacher, and is looking forward to the remainder of the school year.

## Weather Advisory

It's winter, and we're in Kansas. That means sooner or later, snow and/or ice. LJCC has a contract for automatic snow removal (driveway, parking lot and walks) IF there is 2" or more on a Friday. That leaves a lot of room for looking after ourselves. There is a snow shovel and a gallon jug of environmentally friendly de-icer in the utility (water heater) closet. There are buckets of sand there and in the N closet by the door. If things turn ugly, treat promptly. **A message will be left on the answering machine if services or events are cancelled, and we will update the Facebook page and send a general email as soon as possible after closure is decided on.**

## Dec./January Calendar

- Thur. Dec. 22** LINK, First Christian Church  
**11:30am**, Bring food & drinks  
**12:30pm**, Help serve or clean-up
- Fri. Dec. 23** **5:45pm**, Hanukkah Celebration
- Fri. Dec. 30** **5:45pm**, Wine & cheese reception. Hosts, Daphne Fautin & Bob Buddemeier  
**6:15pm**, Early Shabbat Service, Herb Friedson  
Dinner location afterwards-TBA
- Fri. Jan. 6** **5:45pm**, Wine & cheese reception. Hosts, Caryn Mirriam Goldberg & Ken Lassman  
**6:15pm**, Early Shabbat Service, Jack Winerock & Caryn Mirriam Goldberg
- Sun. Jan. 8** **2:00pm**, The Jewish Community Women will meet to discuss their mission and future direction
- Fri. Jan. 13** **7:45pm**, Shabbat Services, Rachel Black. Oneg, Shelley Skie
- Sun. Jan. 15** **10am** Preschool Playgroup, Googols of Learning, 500 Rockledge Road.  
**10:30am**, LJCC Book Club
- Fri. Jan. 20** **7:45pm**, Shabbat, Rachel Black. Oneg, TBD
- Sun. Jan. 22** **9:30am**, Religious School  
**2:00pm**, Joan Stone Dance Recital
- Thur. Jan. 26** LINK, First Christian Church  
**11:30am**, Bring food & drinks  
**12:30pm**, Help serve or clean-up
- Fri. Jan. 27** **7:45pm**, Shiray Shabbat Services. Oneg, Cheryl Lester
- Sun. Jan. 29** **9:30am**, Religious School

## January Anniversaries

- 13 Katherine & David Berkowitz  
24 Sharyn Brooks & David Katzman

## Contributions

### General Fund

Herb Friedson & Martha Taylor

In honor of Hilda Enoch for her continuous humanitarian effort.

Lois Schneider

In honor of Audrey Leban's dedication to LJCC

Susan Elkins

In honor of Terri Rosen's and Bob Buddemeier's service to LJCC

Larry & Suzanne Sherr

John & Lauren Hoopes

In honor of Anita Herzfeld's retirement

Herman & Louise Leon

Frances & Floyd Horowitz

Louis B. Wolfe

### Donations to the Religious School

Lois & Jim Schneider for a Happy Hanukkah

### Donations to Local Charities

Shirley & Goody Garfield (LINK)

Cheryl Lester & Philip Barnard (LINK) in memory of Williams Harris.

Leni & Neil Salkind (LINK)

Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego in honor of Nick Gottschamer's Bar Mitzvah.

### In-Kind Donations

Lois Schneider

Daphne Fautin & Bob Buddemeier

### Wish List Donations

Hilda Enoch

Marsha Riley

## January Birthdays

4 Sophie Kenn	18 Noah Lepley
5 Lyman Fox	21 Katherine Berkowitz
6 Paige Lawrence	22 Mike Rose
7 Ariela Jacobson	26 Julia Barnard
13 Terri Rosen	30 Jessica Schneider
17 Michelle Schneider	

## Lawrence GiveBack Card

The LJCC is participating in the Lawrence GiveBack program, but we are in peril due to low participation. A percentage of your purchases with GiveBack merchants will be donated to the LJCC, and you accrue loyalty points. After 200 points, you receive a \$10 credit that you can use with any of the restaurants and retailers in the program. All you need to do is pick-up a free card from the LJCC or a participating local merchant, activate your card on-line, select LJCC as your charitable organization, and show the card whenever you go to any of the GiveBack merchants.

## LJCC Office Operations

The office is gradually shifting back into a more normal routine. However, there are still things to be learned and decided, and the new normal may not look exactly like the old normal, so please feel free to get in touch if you have questions or concerns.

Upcoming projects – tidying up for the end of the calendar year, including getting the donation summary letters out for your tax preparations. Barring unexpected problems, we should have those in the mail by mid-January. We've received a couple of requests to resume an earlier practice of providing monthly statements, and we're looking at how we might do that. It sort of looks like it would be possible if we could do it by email, but we will get back to you with a firmer response.

**Wanted:** Volunteer(s) to help sort office files into archive and current categories, re-order, check contents, etc. Requirements – availability for one to several hours between 9 and 3 on any weekday, basic literacy, patience. Call the office to set up your own personal appointment.

## A Note From The New Office Manager

Hello LJCC! My name is Suzanne McAlister and I'm the new office manager. My husband, Shawn, and I have enjoyed living in Lawrence for many years. We have three teenaged daughters and one large, furry son (of the four-legged variety). My business background in is program and project management, so this position fits nicely with my previous office experience. I'm thankful for the opportunity to be the office manager for such a wonderful community. I know I have really big shoes to fill, so I ask for your patience while I learn the ropes. I look forward to meeting you soon. Please feel free to stop by the office. I'd love to see you. ~Suzanne McAlister



## Treasurer's Island –

Aaargh, matey, here be a wealth of information for ye!

**Plea for help #1** – I'm trying to get a grip on what it REALLY costs to run LJCC. Phase 1 of gripping is to consider the value of in-kind donations of or for expendable goods. (Phase 2, labor and time, will take longer and start later.) I know a lot of people buy kitchen supplies, religious school materials, postage stamps, etc. without claiming reimbursement or an identified donation. We greatly appreciate that, but if a shipload of Martian Jews were to arrive to take care of all the financing, we'd need to be able to tell them the real costs. So, if you routinely but unofficially buy stuff for the center to the tune of more than \$10-20 a year, please give the office (phone, email, or note\*) a rough estimate of the \$ value of your total in-kind donations. Thanks!

**How to save the LJCC time and money Tip #1:** When you send in a check (not if, when), use the Memo line to indicate what it's for – and ESPECIALLY if you are including more than one item in a single check. Notes are nice, especially to explain involved "in honor of" donations, but they have to be separated from the check before we get to the recording and as-signing stages.

### **How to save the LJCC time and money Tip #2**

If you get airline miles or points or dollars or personal convenience from using the PayPal/credit card method of making payments, by all means, carry on – customer satisfaction is our number one (secular) goal. However, if it's just as easy and beneficial for you to write a check, please consider doing so. Paypal takes a 3% fee off the top, and involves noticeably more bookkeeping for the office.

Stand by for the next in the series!

\* For after-hours communication, the office now has a mailbox on the wall next to the door, and also a squawk sheet for reporting problems or needs while the trauma is still fresh in your mind.

### January Wish List

**Replace step-stool** in the kitchen.

**Need planter-boxes and potting soil** for spring planting.

**Paint** north and east doors (outside), kitchen, foyer, upstairs and downstairs hallways, and the office.

**Continuing campaigns** (some funds in hand)

**Repair/replace wooden railing** by west main door. It's rickety and unsafe!

**Automated light switches** for the bathrooms (behind-the-door monsters abhor light and fans)

# LJCC & JCW Boards

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## JCW Hosts a Gourmet Foods Program

On Sunday, December 4, the JCW met for a Gourmet Foods program. Marilyn Naron was the guest pastry chef and made some delectable bites. Marilyn is shown below on the left, and Bonnie Liscek is on the right. They were making rugelach. Watch for Marilyn's delicious rugelach recipe and others in next month's newsletter.



## Yahrzeit

Irving Joel Rose—January 1, 1986  
 David Paretsky—January 2, 1996  
 Morris Cohen—January 6, 1979  
 Anna Keltz—January 8, 1977  
 Leon Keltz—January 9, 1969  
 Thelma Wellman Weiskopf—January 15, 1999  
 Samuel & Leo DeHetre—January 16, 2008  
 Esther Zelman Moses—January 18, 2011  
 Claire Rosenbaum—January 23, 1991  
 Annette Brill—January 23, 2008  
 Clarence Lovitch—January 24, 1999  
 Clare Stoner—January 28, 2002  
 David Phillip Litwin—January 30, 1949  
 Siegfried Sokal—January 30, 1957  
 Darrell Pollack—January 30, 2004  
 Jacob Enoch—January 31, 2008

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**Interested in Membership at the Lawrence Jewish Community Congregation?**

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Our dues are established by each member on the basis of his/her financial situation and our suggested guidelines, which are 1.5% of gross income. Single-parent families and new members for the first year are **1%**. Associate Membership for those who live outside of Lawrence or pay dues to another congregation is **\$216** per year. For special circumstances or questions, contact the Treasurer, Bob Buddemeier.

To become a member, please print the following information and send with your check to: LJCC, 917 Highland Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044.

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