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The Weekly Newsletter from the Center for Jewish Life

Upcoming Calendar

To view the full program calendar of events for the year, [click here](#).

- March 27 [Friday Night Lights](#)
April 13 [Holocaust Survivor Evi Blaikie Speaks](#)
April 15 [Holocaust Remembrance Day](#) Commemoration
including *Conversations with Anne*
April 17 [Friday Evening Services](#)
April 17 JCP YOUth: Challah Back! [Middle School](#)
Sushi Shabbat Dinner
April 18 [Tot Shabbat](#)
April 19 JCP YOUth: [Grades K-2](#) and [3-5](#), JCP Matinee



[For our Spring 2015 Calendar through June, click here.](#)

Eleven More Days

A Note from Rabbi Jason

Dear Friends,

Passover is coming!

This coming Shabbat is called *Shabbat Hagadol*, the great Shabbat, likely because of a lengthy teaching that was given in synagogues of old to help people prepare for the holiday, long before synagogue sermons were commonplace.

Of course, I am not planning to deliver a six-hour sermon at Friday Night Lights this week. I would however, like to make myself available to you as a resource if you are in the process of figuring out how you wish to celebrate Passover with your family this year. For instance, perhaps one of these scenarios applies to you, or maybe you have a different question:

- We are hosting the family seder for the first time this year, I have done nothing to prepare yet, and I don't know where to begin. Help!
- I really like the idea of changing what we eat during the whole week of the holiday, but one of my children has been a picky eater recently. Do we really have to give up rice and peanut butter?
- We have been saying for years that we are going to do something to make the seder more engaging for our children, and each household who is coming is responsible for one detail of that. Do you have any ideas?

- Our children are getting a little older so I think we are ready for a more sophisticated Haggadah to guide us on the seder night. What are your favorites?
- My cousin says that the seder isn't really kosher unless we read every single word of the Haggadah, but then it's late by the time we eat and the children are barely awake through dinner. What to do?

Throughout the week, we will have a display of Haggadot and other Passover resources available in the lobby of JCP, so you can explore some of them if you would like--whether you are considering purchasing something new, or just want to be inspired by their ideas.

I welcome the opportunity to check in with you in the days ahead--by email, phone, or in-person--if you have a question as you prepare for the holiday. And as a community of diverse backgrounds and experiences, this is a great time to share your Passover stories and questions with others in the community. Passover is the holiday which sets the tone for thousands of years of asking questions as a Jewish norm, so please do not be shy.

Have a wonderful week.

Warmly,



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Dedicate a Siddur (Prayer Book)

Would you like to Dedicate a JCP Siddur (Prayer Book), to honor or memorialize a special person or moment in your family's life?

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Featured Photo

Thank you for being such an amazing crowd at the 2015 JCP Annual Benefit!

[Click here](#) to see more photos from this event, and don't forget to follow us on [instagram!](#)

YOM HASHOAH 2015
REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST: 70 YEARS LATER

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015, 5:30 PM

Evi Blaikie tells her story.
To survive the long shadow of the Third Reich, many Jewish children were placed in hiding, forced to keep their true identities—names, religion, places of birth, even gender—absolutely secret. Although these "hidden" children avoided capture and murder, many of their family members did not, and their experiences marked them for life. Evi Blaikie's passionate memoir *Magda's Daughter: A Hidden Child's Journey Home* depicts a life lived in the shadow of exile.
This program is recommended for 8th graders through adults, open to the entire community, and will take place at JCP, 146 Duane Street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015, 7:30 PM

Yom Hashoah Memorial Ceremony & *Conversations with Anne*
Conversations with Anne is a one-act solo show taken directly from Anne Frank's *Diary of a Young Girl*, that gives the audience an interactive look at her experiences in hiding. Through the performance, audiences will learn about Anne's relationship with her parents, her growing romantic interest in Peter van Pels, her fearful experience of the war around her, and her hopes for the future.
This program is recommended for fourth graders through adults, open to the entire community, and will take place at JCP, 146 Duane Street.

These programs are generously underwritten by Daniela and Guy Ben-Zion in honor of Daniela's parents, who are survivors of the Holocaust. Please RSVP to allison@jcpdowntown.org to let us know to expect you.



Featured Event

[Yom Hashoah 2015](#)

Monday, April 13

Join us for a special conversation with Holocaust survivor Evi Blaikie, who was a hidden child and has written her own memoir of her story.

Wednesday, April 15

The entire community is invited to gather for a memorial ceremony and a performance of *Conversations with Anne*, a one-woman show taken directly from Anne Frank's *Diary of a Young Girl*, that give the audience an interactive look at her experiences in hiding.

To RSVP for either/both events, please email allison@jcpdowntown.org.

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