We miss you!

We're still here, we're thinking about you, and we continue to gather content we think you'll enjoy as we eagerly wait for the day when our JCC reopens. And about that: we're a non-profit and obviously no income means it's going to be difficult to stay financially afloat and reopen quickly if this shutdown goes on too long! Never the less, for now, we are here and we want to stay as connected with you as always. We are community—even while sheltered in place!

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Membership

A heartfelt thank-you to all of you who have chosen to keep your membership active during this shutdown. The staff appreciates your generosity.

Let's get to goal!

203 of you have chosen to opt in and keep your membership active during the shutdown. Thank you!

C'mon. Let's ALL "unfreeze" our membership accounts and click the green button above.

If you, too, would like to keep your account active, please just click the button below, type your name, press "send," and your account will NOT be
frozen on April 1. You are helping us stay financially afloat as we prepare to reopen.

Cultural Arts & Trips

Let's return to Broadway for a most special celebration!

Having set the standard for modern American musical theater, composer-lyricist **Stephen Sondheim** has won a record seven Tony Awards for his songwriting and a Pulitzer Prize. Celebrate his 90th birthday (which was two days ago) by learning about and enjoying the work of this Broadway genius!

For a brief biography on Sondheim, [click here](#).

For highlights from the 2011 Sondheim Celebration at Carnegie Hall, [click here](#).

To listen to NPR's Terry Gross interview, 'On Sondheim: The Musical-Theater Legend At 80, [click here](#).

Jewish Peoplehood

With cultural institutions around the world closed to the public, the silver lining is that there is some phenomenal remote content that allows you to access museum collections from your living room.

This week, I am taking myself on a virtual tour of the [Jewish Museum](#) in New York. Their site offers [audio tours](#) for kids and families, [video archives](#) of past live performances and public programs, and—my personal favorite—Artist's Voices, a series of virtual museum guides, led by a roster of contemporary artists. **Isaac Mizrahi** kibbitzes about the joys of Yiddish, **Maira Kalman** talks about the mural she created for the museum's Russ & Daughters cafe, and **Kehinde Wiley** explores the intersection of ancient Jewish nomadic art and his perspective as an African...
To watch the HBO documentary Six by Sondheim, [click here.](#)

American artist. It's a fun and contemporary spin on Jewish art and culture.

Bonus: You can use their mobile site to preview the [Leonard Cohen exhibit](#) that is scheduled to be at our local Contemporary Jewish Museum this fall.

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**Free Online Class**

**Wednesday, March 25, 1-2:30pm**

**American Jewish Cultural Diversity**

We're pleased to bring the third class of Professor Leeder's American Jewish Culture class to your living room! This week, she will present on Jewish assimilation vs. acculturation, Jews in Hollywood, and the evolving relationships between Jews and African Americans.

Join with this URL: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/899865253](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/899865253)

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**Health & Fitness**

Heather Skoda, JCC General Manager

Join Eli Cohen for a 20-minute qigong class.

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**Jewish Engagement**

Joanne Greene, Director of Jewish Engagement

If you're stuck at home with a craving for Jewish learning, there are a number of websites that are up and running.
In this pre-recorded video, he combines dynamic, active, fluid movements (yang) and static, meditative, grounding postures (yin) to develop strength, flexibility, and internal energy!

See Eli’s Class

Next Live Online Class
in Health & Fitness

Strength
with Norma Prieto

TODAY
Tuesday, March 24
at 4pm

Hop onto Facebook for a live, power-packed workout that includes cardio, strength and core. Everyone is welcome!

Join Strength with Norma

There’s TorahAnytime, a repository of sermons and learning videos, as well as video-chat meditation groups and classes from the Institute for Jewish Spirituality

The international youth group BBYO, B’nai Brith Youth Organization, has launched The first major initiative: BBYO On Demand, a website with hundreds, maybe thousands, of live-streamed and pre-recorded classes, entertainment specials, games and discussions for Jewish teens.

And, finally, you can take a virtual tour of Israel via a Facebook group, launched by Nir Buchler, VP of Philanthropy for The Jewish Agency for Israel.

Go here:
Virtual Israel

for guided tours with licensed tour guides

Early Childhood Education

Camp & Youth

Tamar Lai
Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems!

JCC Preschoolers LOVE Mo Willems—author of Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! and stories about the beloved Piggie and Gerald.

Join him each day in his studio for his LUNCH DOODLE. Learners worldwide can draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo’s studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks. Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of writing and making together.

Join Mo Willems!

A friendly hello from one of Camp & Youth’s finest: Nersh, aka Anissa and Tarzan.

Grab your family and repeat after us...

Anissa Sings

Performing Arts

Music soothes the soul.

An up-close and personal video performance from local talent and the JCC’s own:

Linda Bolt, Director, Kanbar Center for Performing Arts

Adult Learning

Are you wondering what to do with your day? Even though we cannot have Wonderfest at the JCC today as planned, we can have them at home.

Join me in viewing any or all of the videos from the Wonderfest.org web page!

Danielle Vierra, Adult Learning and Living
Caroline de Lone
sharing a little song to brighten your day and start your week off with a smile.

Caroline was scheduled to open our 4/4/20 Hot Buttered Rum concert and we are almost ready to announce the new date. Stay tuned!

Watch Caroline Sing!

Wonderfest
These programs stimulate curiosity, promote careful reasoning, challenge unexamined beliefs, and encourage life-long learning. Wonderfest has been a valued partner to the Adult Learning and Living Program area for several years and though we are sorry to miss them at the center today, they are here for you in the virtual world.

Visit Wonderfest Online

Thank you, Wendy H, for renewing your membership for the year — especially while we're shut down.

My membership renewal is due and I would like to pay in full for the year. I'm so pleased that you are able to take care of your wonderful employees. I love the JCC family.

Sending love and peace to all, Wendy H

Click to Keep Your Membership Active

Stay well, Friends.

Expect Issue #4 on Thursday, March 26.

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