As you know, Princeton University is conducting the fall semester virtually. This decision, while disappointing, reinforces Jewish values of *pikuah nefesh* (preservation of life) and sustaining *kehilla* (community). CJL made the successful pivot to virtual programming and student engagement in March, and our commitment to ensuring that Jewish students at Princeton will always be able to count on us to provide a welcoming, vibrant Jewish community remains strong-as-ever. CJL and Jewish life is not cancelled this fall, even if on-campus activities are. CJL is offering diverse programming for the fall semester, developed by our amazing students and outstanding staff. Meaningful Jewish learning, fun social and cultural activities, thought-provoking dialogues and joyous holiday celebrations will continue – even as the doors of our building remain closed.

We look forward to engaging our first-year and returning students, wherever they are in the world, with CJL and Jewish life at Princeton. We also plan to provide opportunities for alumni, parents, and friends to connect with CJL through special online events. We invite you to stay connected to us on Facebook, by visiting our website and by signing up to receive our newsletters. Please join CJL for our free, virtual High Holiday services described below. Share this email with other people that may be interested in Jewish life at Princeton. And, if you are able, please consider making a gift to support CJL in this challenging new year.

On behalf of our Students, Staff, and Board of Directors,
we wish you and your family a happy, healthy, safe and peaceful New Year.

Marc Mehl '87, CJL Board of Directors Chair  
Rabbi Julie Roth, CJL Executive Director
Rav Mati and Shira Kahn are taking CJL engagement “off campus” to connect with Orthodox Union’s Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus at Princeton (JLIC), housed at CJL.

Nearly two dozen Jewish Princeton students are currently in Israel including 8 who are taking Princeton courses this fall and completing additional classes or an internship through Hebrew University (HU). Other students are taking a gap year mid-study or enabling outdoor hosting during holidays and Shabbat. The Kahns delivered food to students who were required to complete a two-week quarantine and will be delivering a holiday welcome package.

“We are in touch with students via phone and email and are working to connect the wider Princeton community in Israel virtually and physically (as Covid regulations will safely permit),” said Rav Mati.

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CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH CJL
We will usher in the New Year 5781 at the end of this week, and being together spiritually as a community this year is more important than ever.

CJL cordially invites you to participate in our free virtual Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Our amazing students have been working for months with our rabbinic staff to create interactive, soul-stirring and inspiring prayer experiences.

Conservative services will be led by students in partnership with Rabbi Julie Roth, CJL Executive Director, and Reform services will be student-led with Rabbi Ira Dounn, Senior Jewish Educator. Registration is required for all CJL services.

We look forward to welcoming students, alumni, parents and friends from around the world to our High Holiday services.

We are grateful to acknowledge Hillel International’s Higher Holidays initiative, the Rabbincal Assembly and Zamru for their support with producing our Conservative service.

For service times and to register, CLICK HERE