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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Before I begin my message, I want to make everyone aware of the fact that there has been an interest shown in a synagogue trip to Israel. Members have been stopping me by the cake at the oneg table to ask about the possibility of such a trip. I was thinking sometime in November — say a ten-day trip sometime in November between the 3rd and the 20th, 2008. We have our own homegrown tour guide in Zev Forman, and plenty of tour groups to arrange the trip. If people are interested, please let me know by phone or email. I'd like to have a meeting by late January or early February.

Now to my message.

As most of you know, the death penalty has recently been outlawed in New Jersey. I thought, in light of this development, it might be an appropriate time to provide just a brief overview of the topic as seen by Jewish law. I emphasize "brief," as everyone must understand that when one says "Jewish law" one is talking about a legal history that stretches back more than 2500 years. So here's the summary.

The Torah prescribes the death penalty for a variety of offenses including murder, adultery, idolatry, being a rebellious son and violation of Shabbat, insulting one's parents, kidnapping and a whole host of other offenses we would probably not deem liable today. However, it should also be noted that however broad the ranges of offenses, the death penalty could not be carried out unless at least two witnesses had testified against the accused and that each witness be willing to carry out the execution personally.

The Talmud defined adultery, idolatry, violating the Sabbath and rebellious son among others as capital crimes, and prescribed four means of execution: stoning, burning, slaying by the sword and strangulation. Each crime was linked to a particular punishment, and it should be noted that stoning was not carried out as described, say, in Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery"; rather, the perpetrator was thrown off a cliff, and if he didn't die from the fall, a stone was thrown on him. Burning meant pouring molten lead down the guilty one's throat.

To continue: the Talmudic rabbis could not abolish the death penalty as it was divinely mandated, but they did make it extremely difficult to carry out. Capital cases had to be heard by a court of 23 judges or, in some cases, 71. Rabbi Judah said that any person disposed to be cruel was not qualified to sit in judgment. Witnesses could not be related to the perpetrator, they could not be gamblers or usurers, they had to warn the accused and had to tell him that he would be liable to incur the death penalty if he committed his crime. Capital cases were only tried during the day, and the judges sat on three semicircular tiers so they could look at each other. Rabbi Judah said that there were three clerks: one to record the arguments for conviction, one for acquittal, and the third for both.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Congregants,

One of the difficulties in being a volunteer for a large organization is ensuring that you have enough time to dedicate to the cause. Nowhere else is this more evident than in being president of a growing synagogue. I have enjoyed my time as President of the Board of Trustees, and am honored that the Trustees have elected me to another 1-year term in office.

I want to make sure that in 2008, I continue to be responsive to the needs of our congregation. The entire congregation should feel free to contact me at any time – and not just during Shabbat Services! Please do not hesitate to call, and leave a message if necessary, at my home (908-284-2027). I have also set up a dedicated email address – president@flemingtonjcc.org – so that I can give timely attention to all FJCC business.

The third way to reach me is during my “office hours.” Perhaps it is my college professor inclination, but setting aside dedicated time to work on shul business has been very successful for the past couple of months. I plan on being at the FJCC on Mondays from 12:30 – 2:30 PM, and on Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Please stop by, or phone the synagogue during those times, if there is anything that you need to discuss.

I would like to congratulate the following Trustees for their election to the Board, for a 3-year term (2008-2010):

Richard Frank
Mindy Friedman
Steven Greenstein
Edward Mehrlust
Marilyn Norinsky
Sharon Rednor
Dena Scibilia

Please join with us as our new Trustees and Executive Officers are installed during services on Friday evening, January 11th.

L'hitraot
Jeffrey Doshna

Sisterhood Co-Presidents Corner

As of late, I've been inquiring of other shuls about their Sisterhood and the role they play in their own shul. I find the minimal activity and participation they have amazing. Other Sisterhood presidents and co-presidents tell me that we (the FJCC) seem to have an extremely active Sisterhood, and how fortunate we are. I agree!

The FJCC Sisterhood is an exceptional group of women that brings about camaraderie and involvement within our community and the community at large. Here are some examples:

We recently celebrated Hanukkah among FJCC friends and family. Pam Nemeth led her group of outstanding volunteers, providing an exciting evening with a delicious dinner. Everyone helped to make the room bright by lighting their Hanukkiah's. When speaking about the community at large, the orchestra from Hunterdon Central Regional High School, led by Will Maglio, beautifully entertained by playing Hanukkah songs to help fill the room with cheer. Jennifer DaCunha from SAFE in Hunterdon was there to provide information about the Luminary Kits for their Communities of Light Program.

Also, Roni Silverberg orchestrated a jewelry show and workshop. This workshop was given by Ada Yalin, a most talented and creative Israeli jewelry designer. Above and beyond the wonderful conversation, participants created their very own unique piece of jewelry. The “students” were Anneliese Nifoussi, Adah Radzin, Tari Jaffe, Phyllis Lerner, Sandy Siegel, Susan Kamich, Sarah Frank, Carolyn Goldman, Sharon Camins, Laurie Rapkin, Sharon Winnick and Malka Goodman. You can be sure they would be more than happy to show you their “masterpiece.”

And there is always more—activity is abundant! Honestly and favorably, there is never a dull moment when it comes to the FJCC Sisterhood!

We thank each and every one of you who have put forth great effort and support thus far to the FJCC Sisterhood. We look forward to your continued participation. Have an idea? We would love to hear from you!

See you at the next event—the Progressive Dinner!

B'Shalom,
Debbie Hylton & Melissa Kleiman

Rabbi's Message

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Circumstantial evidence was disallowed. There is the famous story of Rabbi Shimon ben Shetach who saw a man chasing another man into a ruin; the rabbi ran after him and saw a sword in his hand dripping with blood and the murdered man in his death agony, but because Rabbi Shimon did not see the actual crime being committed, his testimony was inadmissible. The list of safeguards against convicting the innocent goes on: the cross-examination was rigorous and bearing false witness was considered a capital crime. Verdicts could be reversed in favor of acquittal, but not in favor of condemnation. If a guilty sentence was pronounced, a herald was dispatched to stand in front of the condemned man, proclaim the imminent execution and ask if anyone had anything to say in favor of the condemned man. A retrial was allowed if someone made a statement in favor of the guilty party, but not if a statement was made against him.

There is much more extremely interesting material pertaining to the death penalty and its imposition in rabbinic

literature, but my purpose was, as I said, an overview, and I hope to stimulate further interest. Judaism has much to say and much that is wise to say on this subject. I leave you with the following quote from the Mishnaic tractate call Makkot, words set down by the rabbis 1800 years ago:

A Sanhedrin (Jewish court) that puts a man to death in seven years is called destructive.

Rabbi Eliezer ben Azariah says: or once in 70 years.

Rabbi Tarfon and Rabbi Akiva say: Had we been in the Sanhedrin, none would ever have been put to death.

However, Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel says: Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Tarfon would thus have multiplied the murderers in Israel.

There you have it: the opponent and proponents of the death penalty. And in modern day Israel, where Jews once again can impose the death penalty, the reluctance of the rabbis of the Talmud is evident. It was abolished in 1954 except for two crimes: treason during times of war and genocide.

ABOUT THE HOLIDAY TU B'SHVAT

On Tuesday, January 22nd, we will celebrate the holiday of "*Chamishah Asar B'Shvat*," the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Shvat. It is also referred to as Tu B'Shvat from the two Hebrew letters, tet and vav, which are numerically equivalent to fifteen. This date marks the first day of spring in Israel and is mentioned in the Talmud as *Rosh Hashanah L'llanot*, the New Year for Trees.

Traditionally, it is a day which is observed by eating fruits which have been grown in Israel. With the restoration of the Jewish homeland, the day has taken on additional significance as Arbor Day, a day when trees are planted in the State of Israel. Trees have always had a spiritual significance to our people. They represent goodness and nobility. The Psalms compare the righteous person to a tree planted near a stream, bearing fruit in due season. In Israel it was customary to plant a tree when a child was born: a cedar for a boy and a cypress for a girl. The children cared for their own trees as they grew up and when it was time for them to marry, branches from their trees were used to support the wedding canopy.

It is therefore appropriate to observe Tu B'Shvat this year, and every year, by partaking of products grown in

Israel and by helping to rehabilitate the land by planting trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund at 1-800-542-8733.

While on the subject of trees, a member of the congregation had a wonderful suggestion for all families whose children have **not** yet made Bar or Bat Mitzvahs. Instead of distributing the usual "favors" to all your child's friends at the end of the reception, why not plant trees in Israel in their honor and give them the certificates? Instead of loading these kids with junk that serves no purpose, save to gather dust in the closet or take up space in a landfill, why not fill the Land of Israel with trees our people there so desperately need? You've budgeted the money anyway; why not spend it in a meaningful way? Why not spend it in a way that will remind your child and his or her friends that the Bar or Bat Mitzvah they are so intently celebrating is a religious ceremony and if one is to be a Jewish adult in the true sense of the words he or she is obliged to support our community here and in Israel. Before you go out and buy those favors for your child's reception, do Israel a favor and order trees.

Kosher Meat in Flemington!

As many people have noticed, the Flemington ShopRite had kosher beef and lamb in addition to chicken for Rosh HaShana. They also had kosher meat at Passover. ShopRite is making a real effort to improve our holiday preparations. If you took advantage of this, please drop a note at the Customer Service desk to say "Thank you." Also note that

any time of year you can order kosher meat from the meat department. With a simple phone call a few days in advance, a meat order can be waiting for pickup when you do your regular shopping, or while the kids are in Hebrew School, saving yourself a trip out of town.

AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

YAD SQUAD

We wish a yasha co'ach to Michael, Nadine and Stephanie Goldman, and Jeremy Weisblatt for reading Torah during the month of December. We would also like to thank Rebecca Short for reading Haftarah.

MAZEL TOV TO:

- Alissa McInerney on being inducted into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Fraternity, University of Maryland chapter

REFUAH SHLEMAH TO:

- Miriam Blaher
- Bryan Kamich
- Barbara Clarin
- Ben Goodman
- Keith Reid-Green, Doug's father
- Sarah Resnick
- Joan & Milt Rosen's grandson, Bryce

- Adina Rothfeld

- Bill Thomas

- Victoria Wakefield

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO:

- Nancy & Laurence Shatkin on the loss of Nancy's beloved father, John R. Decker

- Beth Sztuk on the loss of her beloved mother, Gloria Roemer

- Delane Lipka on the loss of her beloved husband, Harry

- Yoni Avital on the loss of his beloved grandmother

Correction: Mazel tov to Joan & Milt Rosen on the birth of the twin grandsons. We apologize for any inconvenience our mistake has caused you.

BENEFIT CABARET

Come see Flemington talent and support a noble cause! There will be a Benefit Cabaret on Saturday, January 12th, at 7:30 PM. This event will be held at the Flemington Jewish Community Center, and will benefit the Doctors Without Borders Organization. Costs of tickets are \$5 per student and \$7 per adult, and will be sold at the door. Refreshments will be sold during intermission. There will be a chance to make an additional donation to the Doug Gross TUFFS fund, a fund to provide clothing for the unit of the Israeli Army in which Doug Gross serves.

YONI AVITAL

Yoni Avital will join us for Shabbat Shirah, January 18-19. Please plan to attend.

"A HERO IN HEAVEN"

I would like to let the congregation know that Sally Mitlas, the wonderful leader of the band who played at my gala, will be returning to the FJCC on a far sadder note to present a documentary she created entitled "A Hero in Heaven" about Michael Levin, the young man from Bucks County, PA, who made aliyah, joined the Israeli army, and was killed in the Lebanese War on August 1, 2006. The presentation will be held on Wednesday, January 9th, in the sanctuary, at 7:15 PM. Suggested donation is \$5 to benefit the Michael Levin Foundation.

Rabbi Evan Jaffe

SISTERHOOD PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Please join us for a wonderful evening of meeting, eating and chatting with fellow members of the FJCC.

The Sisterhood Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 26th. Starting time will be 6:30 at our appetizer house, then off to different homes for dinner, ending the evening at the synagogue for dessert and music.

Cost is \$36.00 per person.

If you haven't received an invitation with the details of the evening, or would like additional information, please call Nancy Rumore or Debbie Symanski.

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, January 2nd – Classes Resume

Wednesday, January 2nd – Ido joins us for Young Judaea during Hebrew School for Gimel-Vav, 7th –12th grades, from 6:15-7:00

January 20 and 21st – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed

Friday, January 25th – Tot Shabbat 6:15

Vav Class Leads Services

Saturday, January 26th – Jr. Congregation 9:15 with Rabbi for 4th-7th graders, and 10:30 for 3rd and younger

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December was a very busy month as the students began with lots of ways to celebrate Chanukah. Among the many activities was a visit by the students to Independence Manor and the Hunterdon Care Center, where they lit the menorah, attended a wonderful Chanukah dinner, sang at services and donated peanut butter, jelly and potato latkes to the Flemington Food Pantry. Both Tot Shabbat and Jr. Congregation were well attended.

Watch your mail for Kidbitz, Lunar Times and report cards. As January approaches the Vav class will lead services. We will begin gearing up for a wonderful Havdalah program (see attached flyer) and the B/B Mitzvah and HH8 students will participate in a special three-week program.

Have a warm wonderful and relaxing Winter Break. See you on January 2nd.

Karen Walsh

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Bar Bat Mitzvah Class and HH8 Participate in a Special Three-Week Interfaith Seminar

Sue Fox, the Education Director at Our Lady of Victories Church in Baptistown, and I have been meeting monthly since October to co-write an interfaith CCD/Hebrew School program for our 7th and 8th grade students. The program will run for three consecutive sessions beginning on Thursday, January 24th. In the first week, the students from the FJCC will go to Our Lady of Victories to learn about Christianity. The students will first participate in an icebreaker, and then Father David will host an informal discussion. The following week, the students from Our Lady of Victories will join our students here at the FJCC. Once again they will participate in an activity followed by a discussion with Rabbi Jaffe. At the final

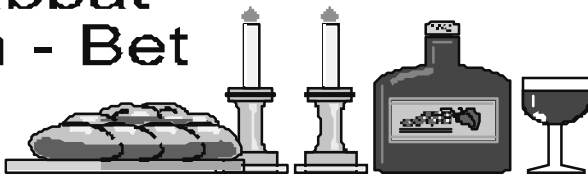
session both Rabbi Jaffe and Father David will meet with the students.

The goal of this seminar is for students to learn a little about each other's faiths, identify the commonalities and explore the differences with the objective of opening a dialogue between the students. Parent volunteers are needed to coordinate carpools, chaperone and set up snacks.

In addition, I have been in contact with my mentor, David Bossman, at Seton Hall, Department of Jewish Christian Studies, and Sue and I hope to submit our curriculum for their virtual library of lesson plans.

Karen Walsh

Tot Shabbat Katonton - Bet



January 25th

Join us for Tot Shabbat. The Rabbi will conduct a
"mini-Shabbat" Service at 6:15

Oneg Following services

RSVP kwash@flemingtonjcc.org to reserve your spot

ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE NEEDS OUR HELP

The Doug Gross TUFFS (Tsanhanim Unit Fund For Supplies) has been established. Most of you know Doug (brother to Fallon and Mitchell, son of Lois and Dan). He went to the FJCC Hebrew School where, to quote Karen, he was actively involved (understatement) in tutoring, teacher assisting, youth group, Torah reading, etc.

Doug Gross sent the letter below to Young Judaea asking for their assistance in obtaining high quality backpacks for his Paratrooper Unit, which Young Judaea forwarded to Karen Walsh. She did not know TUFFS had been started, and that Doug had already requested that the FJCC membership and others enable his unit to be warm and dry through the purchase of thermals, gortex and fleece. In order to avoid confusion, all donations made through the FJCC should be earmarked for TUFFS.

In addition, to show support for Doug, the FJCC Hebrew School will be donating all tzedakah collected for the month of January to TUFFS, and Hebrew High School students are encouraged to contribute as well. The students will also be making cards to send to Doug and his unit in January. The purchases have been handled. Now all that is needed is the funds.

Questions can be answered by any member of the Gross family.

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Dan Gross

My name is Douglas Gross, I am 20-years-old and live in Israel. I moved to Israel one year ago from the United States, where I lived in Flemington, New Jersey. I was very involved in Young Judaea throughout my childhood, attending Camp Sprout Lake, Tel Yehudah, Israel summer programs, and in 2005-06, Year Course. I also was involved on a regional level as a member of both my regional and local board. A lot has changed since then.

As you may know, every 18-year-old in Israel, after finishing high school, is required to join the army. After moving here I was required to do the same. I am now proud to say that I am a member of the Israeli Defense Force. For the past 5 months I have been in training for one of the elite divisions of the paratrooper unit, where I will serve my 3 years of duty. However, unlike the American army, the IDF has a very tight budget and all of the special equipment that soldiers need must be paid for by donations that the soldiers collect for themselves. When I heard about this, I immediately thought of Young Judaea. I am asking for help in raising money for high quality backpacks which will be purchased for all 25 members of my unit. I appreciate your kindness and generosity. Know that your help is greatly appreciated by me and all of my fellow soldiers.

Douglas Gross
Israeli Defense Force

SCOUTS TO LEAD SERVICES

Calling all Scouts Young and Old! Please join us on February 9th in following the nationwide trend of Jewish Scouts leading services when the FJCC will hold its first annual Scout Shabbat. All Scouts are encouraged to participate. The service will be conducted by Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and former Scouts. Please contact Joan Kaplan ASAP if you are interested in taking part in any aspect of the service.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

On February 3rd, at 1:00 PM, the FJCC will be holding their first Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Robert Kaplan. Senator Leonard Lance will be among the honored guests. All congregants are invited to join us for this simcha. Refreshments will be served following the program. Any Scouts attending, please come in uniform.

Joan and Larry Kaplan

Gift Case January 2008

Here's To A Happy New Year Of Shopping!

Now that the Hanukkah rush is over, don't forget about us. We are still your one-stop shopping emporium with new merchandise coming soon. We have beautiful gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvah events weddings, decorative mezzuzot and jewelry from Israeli designers. We also have tallitot from Israel, and many gifty items, and, of course gifts for children.

We will gladly assist you with your upcoming simchas and have catalogues in the office for you to browse. Our new hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 4:15-6:30, and Sundays from 9:30-Noon. We look forward to seeing you soon.

To shop by appointment contact:

Lois Gross
Staci Schipper

Melissa Wissner-Fico
Gayle Neibart

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Doors Open at 6:15
Game Starts at 7:00
\$10 Admission



Jan 14 & 28
Feb 11 & 25
Mar 3 & 17
April 14 & 28

May 5 & 19
June 2, 16 & 30
July 14 & 28
Aug 11 & 25

Sept 8 & 25
Oct 27
Nov 10 & 24
Dec 8 & 15

Contact Karen to volunteer
kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org
782-6410 ext. 13

Carol Wolf & The Sisterhood Knitting Club
Just Keeps On Going



Four Blankets, can you believe it? We have sent four blankets to Israel in the past 18 months. We have just started working on the 5th full size blanket and also hope to put together a baby blanket or two.

BLANKET #5 - All you have to do is knit or crochet a 7x9" rectangle, any stitch will do, and drop your rectangle(s) off at the FJCC. We will continue to collect rectangles through the spring. Rectangles should be made out of worsted weight acrylic yarn.

BABY BLANKET - rectangles should be 7x9", and should be made of pastel colors.

Call Carol Wolf for more information.

ASK SISTERHOOD

Q: What are some of the upcoming Sisterhood events?

A: Film Festival, "Shem".....Saturday, January 5, 8:00 PM at the FJCC
 Book Club.....Thursday, January 10, 7:30 PM
 Progressive Dinner.....Saturday, January 26, 6:30 PM
 Next Meeting.....Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 PM at the FJCC
 Book Club.....Thursday, February 7, 7:30 PM
 Film Festival, "Trembling Before G-d".....Saturday, March 1, 8:00 PM at the FJCC

Q: So many wonderful people volunteered for events in December, how can I thank them all?

A: The best way is to send a personal note, but a mention in the bulletin is acceptable. Please, see the example below.

Today Rabah

- Family Hanukkah Dinner Chairperson Pam Nemeth and her committee: Barbara Clarin, Michelle Cohn, Jennifer DaCunha of SAFE in Hunterdon, Leah Greenstein, Sheri Hampson, Daniel Kaplan, Denise Hilzer, Rabbi Jaffe, Mark Kaplan, Debbie Hylton, Amira Kleiman, Melissa Kleiman, Will Maglio and the Hunterdon Central High School Red Devils Orchestra, Jake Nemeth, Chris Ondrak's Gilded Lily Florist, Sharon Rednor, Karen Walsh and Ronit Zilberboim.
- Mitzvah Star Project Co-Chairs Jami Miller and Rochelle Moneta, which benefited Jewish Family Service of Hunterdon, Somerset & Warren Counties. Thank you to all who generously donated gift cards!
- Roni Silverberg for implementing the Jewelry Show & Workshop with Israeli Jewelry Designer, Ada Yalin.
- Alissa Fox for hosting the most recent Book Club discussion.
- Gayle Neibart, Lois Gross, Melissa Wissner-Fico & Staci Schipper for stocking the Gift Shop with wonderful Hanukkah merchandise and the many volunteers for their helpful and courteous assistance.
- Thank you, Carol Wolf and Joan Shenker for volunteering in the Gift Shop in December.
- Rabbi Jaffe for your guidance and support.

Q: I'm going to be a host for the Sisterhood Progressive Dinner on Saturday, January 26, at 6:30 PM, but I'm at a total loss as to what to serve. Do you have some suggestions that will "wow" my guests?

A: The Sisterhood Cookbook is full of delicious recipes for any occasion, and it's on sale at the Gift Shop! You will find ideas for your menu, as well as everyday meals. Please note, the Gift Shop's new hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 4:15 PM - 6:30 PM, and Sundays from 9:30 AM - Noon. Thank you for volunteering to host a dinner!

Q: I'm looking for a good book, and I've read everything on Oprah's list. Any recommendations?

A: February's Book Club selection, *The History of Love*, by Nicole Krause, is a fine choice. Join the club for a pleasant evening of conversation and refreshments, (location to be announced). For information, please contact Alissa Fox or Malka Goodman.

Q: I heard that the date for the Mother's Day Celebration has been changed. When is it?

A: This evening promises to be grand, so please mark your calendar: Tuesday evening, May 13th. Along with celebrating Mother's Day and announcing the Sisterhood Woman of the Year, we will honor Israel's 60th Anniversary! More information regarding the Celebration will follow in future bulletins.

Q: My friend is having surgery this week. I'd like to send my get well wishes, but my life has become so hectic, I haven't the time to purchase, sign and send a card. What can I do to show I care? (Please, make it simple.)

A: Sending Sunshine Cards are an excellent way to brighten anyone's day. It's as easy as pie to arrange this Sisterhood service, too. Start by calling Marsha Gerstein or Carolyn Goldman. They will choose a beautiful card, add a handwritten sentiment, stamp it and mail it, all for \$5. (Good luck to your friend.)

Q: Who is the Treasurer for Sisterhood?

A: Currently, Amy Rubin has her finger on the pulse of Sisterhood's financial health, but she will be stepping down this month. We would like to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to Amy for her commitment to Sisterhood. She has spent many hours toiling over the ledger and advising our past and current board, and we look forward to her continued support as a civilian. We gladly welcome Leah Greenstein on board as our new Treasurer!

Q: I'm interested in joining the Sisterhood. Who should I contact?

A: Membership Chairperson Sheri Hampson. Call or email her for more information.

We'd love to hear from you! Please, send your Sisterhood questions to: Ask Sisterhood, c/o bclarin@patmedia.net.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK® 2008

Entertainment Book® 2008 is now available for \$25.00. We can order any edition for you. It's full of great restaurants and a great fundraiser. Please support Sisterhood. Books can be purchased in the FJCC office or by calling Lenore Levine.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Visiting the Sick. It is not just a nice thing to do, it is something we are commanded to do. Our tradition tells us that just a visit to the sick can reduce the amount of time until they are healed. Want to be a part of this "healing community?" Here's how it's done. Call Sharon F Brooks at 908-735-4780 or email her at sfbrooks@excite.com and tell her you want to be a part of this important committee – to give just a little of your time and be of immense help to others. You will be scheduled for no more than three visits during the course of the next year. In addition to having your scheduled dates published in the bulletin, you will get a mailing about one month before that will include a reminder memo and a few brochures to bring with you.

On your assigned date, call the synagogue office after 10:30 AM to get a list of names of Jewish patients at the

Hunterdon Medical Center. You will then go to Flemington Floral to pick up flowers and cards and proceed to the Hunterdon Medical Center with these items for the patients as well as a brochure. Make sure to bring some comforting words, and share a few minutes of your time to brighten someone else's day. It may be the best medicine they can get! So call or write, get involved with this extraordinary mitzvah, and make everyone's day a bit brighter.

All members of the Bikur Cholim committee will receive our new volunteer handbook, if they did not already receive it.

Thank you to all who are currently, or who plan to participate in this wonderful committee.

January 4	Anneliese Nifoussi	February 1	Beth Krampel
January 11	Sandy Siegel	February 8	Lisa Martin
January 18	Marsha Gerstein	February 15	Evie Stern
January 25	Rhonda Krupen	February 22	Dena Scibilia
		February 29	Dena Scibilia



FJCC Sisterhood Presents: The FJCC Sisterhood Film Festival 2007/08

Saturday Nights, 8:00 PM at the FJCC

Admission \$5.00 donation per person

To go to the Flemington Food Pantry's new home

January 5

Shem

Disenchanted and disconnected with his Jewish heritage – and everything else in his life – Daniel is prompted by his grandmother to embark on a journey to locate his grandfather's final resting place. What begins as an indulgent trip abroad transforms into a quest of self-discovery. Jumping from city to city at a frenetic pace, this story explores the foundation of family and personal identity.

March 1

Trembling Before G-d

An unprecedented documentary that shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality, and religious fundamentalism, Trembling Before G-d is built around intimately told personal stories of Hassidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay and lesbian.

RSVP for each film to Lois or Michelle as seating is limited.

Light refreshments will be served.

Make it a date night.

Bring a friend.

Support the Flemington Food Pantry.

FJCC Cookbook Sale

The Sisterhood Cookbook Sale, which will continue to be an ongoing project for the Sisterhood, helps support many essential programs at the FJCC. Please consider purchasing one or more cookbooks to keep on hand as a last minute hostess gift or present for family and friends. It is a thoughtful as well as meaningful gift that anyone would enjoy, and your \$18 donation will also help to support the synagogue.

"Timeless Recipes" has a beautiful cover that depicts our colorful Ark Doors, and is filled with over 250 delicious and easy to prepare recipes contributed by your fellow congregants and friends. Copies may be purchased in the FJCC office or in the gift case. Many thanks to all who helped!

Lisa Martin and Marsha Gerstein
Cookbook Committee

Dear Booklovers,

We have "booked" some dates and picked some titles for this coming year's Book Club.

- January 9th, 2008 - 7:30 PM at the home of Alissa Fox
Snow in August, Pete Hamill
- February 7th, 2008 - 7:30 PM, place to be determined
The History of Love, Nicole Krause
- April 8th, 2008 - 7:30 PM, place to be determined
Everything is Illuminated, Jonathan Safran Foer
- June 5th, 2008 - 7:30 PM, place to be determined
Outwitting History, Aaron Lansky



Please call us to reserve your copy today!

B'Shalom,

Alissa Fox & Malka Goodman

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_____	Snow In August	7.99
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I have enclosed a check to the FJCC Sisterhood in the amount of _____.

FEDERATION NEWS

JEWISH LIFE

- **Dr. Steven M. Cohen on Wednesday, January 16th, at 1:00 PM.** The topic will be *American Jews: Implications for Jewish Education and Community-Building*. Dr. Cohen, a sociologist of American Jewry, was appointed Research Professor of Jewish Social Policy at HUC-JIR/New York. The program fee includes a bagel lunch: \$10/Jewish LIFE Member and \$15/Guest.
- **Amy-Jill Levine**, author of *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, will speak on **Thursday, January 31st, at 7:00 PM.** Ms. Levine is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Department of Religious Studies, and Graduate Department of Religion. The fee

for Ms. Levine's talk is \$10/Jewish LIFE Member and \$15/Guest.

- Prize-winning Author Kurt Leviant will be the speaker on **Thursday, February 21st, at 7:00 PM.** Mr. Leviant's latest book, *The Mystery of the Golem*, is the translation of Yudl Rosenberg's influential Hebrew Novel, *The Golem and the Wondrous Deeds of the Maharal of Prague*.

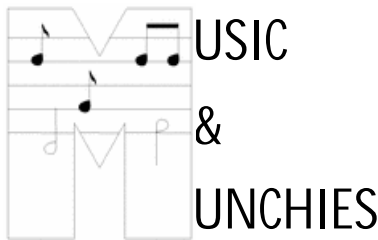
All programs will be held at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC in Bridgewater. The fee for each program is \$10/Jewish LIFE Members; \$15/Guest. Please register in advance for all programs by calling the JCC at 908-725-6994 x201. For further information on Jewish LIFE programs, please go to www.ssbjcc.org/jLife.htm.

OHR TIKVAH

Living Hopefully with Illness and Physical Challenges

Ohr Tikvah is starting a support group for individuals living with chronic illness and physical challenges. Co-led by Rabbi Robin Nafshi and a social worker, the group will provide a safe and caring environment to share personal stories, to laugh and maybe cry, and to learn from Jewish

text and traditions how to live life fully in the face of adversity. A minimum of eight people is needed to launch the group. Dates and time are to be determined. Please call if you are interested in participating.



Flemington Jewish Community Center
5 Sergeantsville Road (523)
6:00 PM - \$10 General Admission, \$ 5 Students

January 27, 2008 – Relive the 60s and 70s – An evening of classic rock with Fragile

February 24, 2008 - 78 West (jazz ensemble)

March 23, 2008 – Aviv String Quartet

April 13, 2008 – The Blawenburg Band (60 piece concert/pops band)

June 1, 2008 – BassBoards Blues Band

Call 908-782-6419 or email Michael Wolf at: musicandmuchies@gmail.com

DONATIONS

Todah rabah to all those who made donations to:

GENERAL FUND

- Rubin Camins in honor of his grandchildren, Josh, Jacob, Jared and Jonathan
- Barbara & Mitch Clarin:
 - In memory of Sandra Rosen, beloved mother of Jeanne Weisblatt
 - In memory of Marcia Reid-Green, beloved mother of Doug
 - In memory of Gloria Roemer, beloved mother of Beth Sztuk
 - In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Cydney Cohn
 - In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Sirota
- Vivian & Fred Daniel:
 - For the yahrzeit of Julius Lowenstein, beloved father of Vivian
 - In memory of Dr. Marvin Skowronek, beloved father of Ken
 - For a refuah shlema for Bryce, grandson of Joan and Milt Rosen
- Lori & Harry Findley for a mazel tov to the London-Sirota Family on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Julia
- Nomi & Jack Forman:
 - For get well wishes to Bryan Kamich, son of Sue and Bruce
 - For a mazel tov to Evie and Phil Stern on the birth of their grandson
 - For a mazel tov to Joan and Mark Schneiderman on Erin's engagement
- Arlene, Jack & Sara Gebert in memory of Jeanne Strauss, beloved aunt of Larry Wissner
- Anneliese & Howard Nifoussi:
 - In memory of Sandra Rosen, beloved mother of Jeanne Weisblatt
 - In memory of Gloria Roemer, beloved mother of Beth Sztuk
 - In memory of Shirley Kushnick, beloved mother of Arnie
 - In honor of the birth of the twin granddaughters of Marsha and Mark Chazin
- Marie & Trudi Peters in memory of Jeanne Strauss, beloved aunt of Larry Wissner
- Joan & Steve Rogow for a thank you to Nancy Blankstein for her helping hands
- Sue & Rick Rothstein:
 - For the yahrzeit of Mildred Rothstein Cohen, beloved mother of Rick
 - For the yahrzeit of Lillian Volowitz, beloved mother of Sue
 - For the yahrzeit of Morris Triber, beloved grandfather of Sue
- Sandy & Scott Siegel in memory of Dr. Marvin Skowronek, beloved father of Ken
- Evie & Phil Stern:
 - In memory of Dr. Marvin Skowronek, beloved father of Ken
 - In memory of Ruth Jacobson's beloved husband, Henry
 - In memory of Linda Skupp's beloved grandmother

PRAYER BOOK FUND:

- Lois Brothers in memory of Sandra Rosen, beloved mother of Jeanne Weisblatt
- Victoria Wakefield & Pablo Fraenkel in memory of Josh Friedman, beloved husband of Tilly Friedman
- Rona Waltzer in honor of her son, Jimmy

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Sheila Littman in honor of Rabbi Jaffe's 20th anniversary at the FJCC
- Debbie & Marty McInerney:
 - For congratulations to their daughter, Alissa, on her induction into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Fraternity, University of Maryland chapter
 - In honor of the anniversary of Alissa's Bat Mitzvah
 - For a thank you to Debbie Hylton for all her help
 - For a mazel tov to Cara London and Eric Sirota on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Julia
 - For the yahrzeit of Edith Tapper Grill, beloved mother of Debbie, and grandmother of Stephanie and Alissa
 - For condolences to Sharon and Ken Skowronek and Family on the loss of Ken's beloved father, Marvin
 - For condolences to Leslie and Doug Reid-Green and Family on the loss of Doug's beloved mother, Marcia
 - For a refuah shlema to Keith Reid-Green, Doug's father
 - For a refuah shlema to Miriam Blaher
- Rose Moses for the yahrzeit of her beloved husband, Kurt
- Bruce Moskovitz & John Fellin:
 - In memory of Sandra Rosen, beloved mother of Jeanne Weisblatt
 - For a mazel tov to Anneliese and Howard Nifoussi on their 25th wedding anniversary
- Joan & Milt Rosen for get well wishes to Leon Gottlieb
 - For congratulations to Michelle on her engagement
 - For get well wishes to Bernard Willet
 - For thoughts and prayers to Boris Reznikov
- Sharon & Ken Skowronek in appreciation to Rabbi Jaffe and the FJCC for all their support

BUILDING FUND

- Nomi & Jack Forman in memory of Yoni Avital's beloved Bubbie
- Marsha & Zel Gerstein:
 - In memory of Marvin Skowronek, beloved father of Ken
 - For a happy 25th anniversary to Anneliese and Howard Nifoussi
 - In memory of Gloria Roemer, beloved mother of Beth Sztuk
 - For continued good health to Adina Rothfeld
 - For a mazel tov to Cara London and Eric Sirota on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Julia
 - For a mazel tov to Monica Jakubowski on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Ariel
 - For a happy 80th birthday to Joseph Weinstock, father of Dan
- Neila & Jeff Green for congratulations to Anneliese and Howard Nifoussi on their anniversary
- Rose & Ed Mehrlust:
 - For get well wishes to Ben Goodman
 - For congratulations to Anneliese and Howard Nifoussi on their anniversary
 - For a refuah shlema to the parents of Marsha and Zel Gerstein
 - For sincere condolences to the Reid-Green family on the loss of Doug's beloved mother, Marcia
- Jake Nifoussi in honor of Rabbi Jaffe's 20th anniversary at the FJCC
- Freda & Hyman Salzberg in honor of Rabbi Jaffe's 20th anniversary at the FJCC

- Nathan Treinish:
 - In memory of Sandra Rosen, beloved mother of Jeanne Weisblatt
 - In memory of Shirley Kushnick beloved mother of Arnie

ONEG/KIDDUSH

- Lori & Harry Findley in honor of the naming of Janet and Jerry Cohen's granddaughter
- Sarah & Rich Frank:
 - In memory of Dr. Marvin Skowronek, beloved father of Ken
 - For get well wishes to Joan Cohen
 - For a complete and speedy recovery for Bryce, grandson of Joan and Milt Rosen
 - In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Sirota
 - In memory of Harry Lipka, beloved husband of Delane, and father of Sherain Arbistman
- Nathan Treinish in memory of Nathan's beloved brother, Robert

HEBREW SCHOOL

- Marsha Hedrick in memory of Jeanne Strauss, beloved aunt of Larry Wissner
- Melissa, Fred, Amira, Livia & Leah Kleiman:
 - For a happy and healthy secular New Year to our Hebrew School teachers, Karen Walsh and Rabbi Jaffe
 - For a happy and healthy secular New Year to Ali Rovensky, Craig Schindler and Keith Gerstein
- Phoebe & Fred Nover for the yearzeit of Dorothy Ochacher, beloved mother of Phoebe

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- Ruth & Manny Wolf:
 - For a happy birthday to Max Berkowitz

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PARSHIYOT SUMMARIES FOR JANUARY

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Parshat Va'era – January 5, 2008

Parshat Va'era (Exodus 6:2-9:35) begins with Hashem reassuring Moses that He will indeed redeem the Jewish people from servitude and bring them into the land of Israel. After the Torah interjects a detailed genealogy of the tribe of Levi (Moses' family), Hashem reminds Moses that Pharaoh will initially refuse to set the Jewish people free, and Hashem gives Moses more detailed instructions for the upcoming encounter with the king of Egypt.

Moses and Aaron go before Pharaoh again to request a three-day hiatus from work so that the Jewish people can worship Hashem in the desert, and Aaron's staff is miraculously turned into a serpent as a sign of their Divine mission. When the Egyptian sorcerers counter by transforming their staffs into snakes as well, Aaron's staff swallows theirs. Even so, Pharaoh adamantly refuses to free the Jewish people, and the series of ten gruesome and torturous plagues begin. The first seven plagues are described in this week's portion: Blood, frogs, lice, a swarm of wild beasts, pestilence, boils, and hail. Despite the plagues, Pharaoh continues to refuse to free the Jewish people, as his heart is hardened. The portion comes to a close in the middle of these momentous events.

Parshat Bo – January 12, 2008

Parshat Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16) begins with the eighth plague that Hashem brings upon the Egyptians as the land is covered by swarms of locusts, destroying all of the crops remaining from the plague of hail. After the locusts are removed at Pharaoh's behest, he once again refuses to set free the Jewish people, and the ninth plague of darkness encompasses the land. When that plague ceases, Pharaoh becomes even more defiant about not freeing the slaves, at which point Moses warns Pharaoh about the upcoming tenth plague, the death of the Egyptian firstborns. The Torah interrupts the narrative here with the first mitzvah given to the Jewish people as a nation - the sanctification of *Rosh Chodesh*, the new month, beginning with the month of *Nissan*. Hashem teaches Moses about the *korban Pesach* (Paschal lamb) and the rest of the laws of the Passover holiday, which Moses transmits to the Jewish people. At midnight of the appointed night, the plague strikes with every non-Jewish firstborn dying, including Pharaoh's own son, and the Egyptian king speedily sends the Jewish people from his country. The Children of Israel travel forth in a hurry with the great wealth they have just been given by the Egyptians. The Torah portion concludes with various mitzvot commemorating the exodus.

Parshat Beshalach – January 19, 2008

Parshat Beshalach (Exodus 13:17-17:16) begins with Hashem leading the Jewish people out of the land of Egypt. Pharaoh's heart is once again hardened, and he pursues them with the Egyptian army, trapping the Jews on the shores of the Red Sea. When the former slaves begin to panic, Hashem reassures them and commands Moses to raise his hand over the sea, miraculously parting the waters and allowing the Jewish people to pass through safely. Pursued by the Egyptians into the sea, Moses once again raises his hand and the waters come crashing down upon Pharaoh's army. Awed by this indisputable miracle, Moses leads the Jewish people in the *Az Yashir*, a song of praise to Hashem acknowledging their debt of gratitude for their remarkable salvation. After traveling from the Red Sea, and following the miraculous sweetening of the bitter waters at Marah, the Jewish people complain to Moses and Aaron that they have no food to eat. Hashem responds by causing a daily ration of manna to fall from the sky every morning (except for Shabbat), sustaining them for their forty years in the desert, while at the same time testing their faith that they would trust in Hashem's providing for them on a day-to-day basis. They are also given a constant water source when Hashem commands Moses to strike a rock, miraculously causing water to flow from it. The Torah portion concludes with the nation of Amalek's unprovoked sneak attack and the Jewish people's victory, followed by Hashem's promise that the memory of Amalek will ultimately be erased.

Parshat Yitro – January 26, 2008

Parshat Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23) begins with Moses' father-in-law, Yitro, arriving at the Jewish people's camp in the desert, where he is greeted warmly by a large entourage. Yitro was inspired to join them when he heard about the wonders and miracles which *Hashem* performed for the Jewish people during the exodus from Egypt. Upon witnessing Moses serving as the people's sole judge from dawn until dusk, Yitro declares that this system will never work. He therefore suggests that subordinate judges be appointed to adjudicate the lower cases. Moses agrees to this plan. The Jewish people arrive at Mt. Sinai and prepare to receive the Torah. Moses ascends the mountain and *Hashem* tells him to convey to the people that they will be to Him a treasure from amongst the nations. After three days of preparation, the appointed moment of revelation finally arrives, and amidst thunder, lightning, and the sound of the shofar, *Hashem* descends upon the mountain and proclaims the Ten Commandments. Moses then ascends the mountain to receive the remainder of the Torah from *Hashem*, both the written and oral segments, and the portion concludes with several *mitzvot* dealing with the construction of the altar in the Temple.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Jeffrey Gold-Feinberg	13 - Jacob Camins-Esakov	24 - Abbey Mondschein
3 - Ariel Kimberly Hylton	15 - Randall Schwartz	- Daniel Siegel
- Mark Rothfeld	16 - Jack Daniels	25 - Evie Stern
4 - Wanda Lazarus	- Jason Holley	26 - Michael Kay
- Kenneth Stern	- Evelyn Kay	- David Lazarus
7 - Arnold Kushnick	18 - Leslie Dudzinski	- Debbie Shiffman
8 - Ben Kates	- Jeffrey Esakov	- Ellen Weinstock
- Nathaniel Silberman	- Atara Jaffe	27 - Debbie Auerbach
- Gary Waldman	- Laurie Rapkin	28 - Julia Cass
9 - Melanie Ezra	19 - Asa Liebowitz	- Deborah Ort
10 - Stacey Gould	- Andrea Stess	- Lydia Shatkin
11 - Ronald Ort	21 - Kenneth Brooks	- Nathan Treinish
12 - Barbara Batt	- Suzanne Rothstein	30 - Chloe Stein
- Lois Gross	- Samantha Schapiro	- Victoria Wakefield
- Audrey Riche	22 - Julianne Gallina	31 - Maya Grof
- Dena Scibilia	- Zel Gerstein	- Daniel Wasserman
- Benjamin Silber	24 - Sarah Frank	

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Barbara & Bill Thomas	28 - Carole & David Jacobson
12 - Pearl & Milton Levine	30 - Marta & Mike Klepner
27 - Evelyn & Bruce Kay	

JANUARY YAHRZEIT OBSERVANCES

1 - Milton Friedman	16 - Florence Landstrom	27 - Abraham Hendrick
2 - Marilyn Suss Santiago	- Ruth Lifchitz	- Louis Lederman
- Jacob Zegman	- Rose Lowenstein	- Ida Linsenbaum
5 - Charles Cohen	18 - Arthur Cohen	28 - Luba Frieman
6 - Mark Levine	- Max Lerner	- Irving Kirschenbaum
- Leonard Lipnich	- Anton Stobb	- Louis Levin
7 - Louis Kates	- Bernard Volowitz	- Shirley Welt
- Max Wortman	19 - Samuel Potter	29 - Shlomo Kohane
9 - Abraham Lapidus	21 - Sarah Jacobson	30 - Murray Benimoff
- Celia Levine	- Milton Kravitz	- Alan Blankstein
11 - Philip Benjamin	22 - Maxine Blau	- Martin Pavelich
12 - Leonard Ehrlich	- David Schwartz	- Sarah Pesachowitz
- Joseph Stern	23 - Morris Pesachowitz	31 - Samuel Blumenthal
13 - Esther Boorstein	24 - Janice Luelling	- Gisele Entenberg
- Irving Faro	- Sye Weinstein	- Sam Hammer
- David Lipsitz	25 - Robert Bernstein	- George Jacobson
14 - Lora Deutsch	26 - Frances Coburn	- Andrew Katz
- Flo Lehrer	- Sidney Elstein	- Molly Kay
- Rae Weiss	- Jeanne Glickman	
- Naida Wetstein	- Sadie Zucker	

Yahrzeit candles are lit the night before the yahrzeit is observed.

PLEASE NOTE: If your birthday, anniversary or yahrzeit information is missing, please bring or mail your information to the FJCC office, or email it to Flo Newrock so it can be included in future bulletins.

FJCC Sisterhood Community Service

Brooke Liebowitz

Karen Walsh

We are on our way to putting the FJCC Community Service Calendar together and the only thing missing is You! There is something for everyone and lots of ways to get involved...roll up your sleeves and give blood, donate gift cards for Jewish Families at holiday time...light up your sidewalk in an effort to create awareness about domestic violence...grab a book and read to a child...put on your sneakers and join the team...donate your toiletries for gift bags. Sign up for one activity or a few...drop us an email and share your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

Brooke & Karen

February: Etz Ha'Daot Literacy Program



Project Coordinator: Brook Liebowitz

Learn more by coming to the February Sisterhood Meeting.



April 13, 2007: MS
Walk—Liberty Village
Project coordinator:

The Wolffpack & Karen Walsh
kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org
7826410 ext 13

Toiletry Collection to Benefit Local Charities
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Lois Gross
Start saving now!



CONTRIBUTIONS

Tzedakah is always “in season.” If you have an event coming up such as an anniversary, a birthday, a *yahrzeit*, etc., it’s a *mitzvah* to contribute to your favorite fund. You

can send your check to the FJCC with a note telling us where you would like the money used, or call one of the following people. Do a *mitzvah*; send a donation.

Gift Case	Lois Gross
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Hebrew School	Karen Walsh
Library	Lois Gross
Nursery School	Jane Wasserman
Prayer Books & Pentateuchs	FJCC Office
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Sunshine Cards	Marsha Gerstein
	Carolyn Goldman

PENNINGTON MARKET and SHOP-RITE will each donate 5% on every dollar of scrip you purchase from the FJCC. Come in to the FJCC office to get your scrip and use it at these stores as you would cash.

ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY CARA LONDON - Paintings in oil, acrylic, and watercolor - 40% of all sales will benefit the FJCC. 20% of all commissioned pieces, portraits included, will be donated. Call Cara London at 806-4364.

ITC Tours will donate \$50.00 for every referral from the FJCC who books a trip and travels to Israel with them. Call (973)-535-2575 and ask for Marlene Ritter.

TIRPOK CLEANERS - will “rebate” 5% of your dry cleaning bill to the synagogue. All you need to do is bring your receipts to the FJCC office.

RAMADA FLEMINGTON is offering a 10% discount on all rooms booked if you mention the Flemington Jewish Community Center.

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SUNSHINE

SEND A BIT OF SUNSHINE...Sisterhood offers a service that has become stagnant and we'd really like to see more of you utilize this wonderfully easy greeting. With one quick call to one of our Sunshine Committee people, Marsha Gerstein or Carolyn Goldman, a lovely store-like card will be sent that's personalized with your name and greeting inside. Send a wish to someone who's ill, a mazel tov for a new house or a mitzvah, or even a birthday greeting. Just let them know the info; they address it, stamp it and send it out for you all for \$5 a card! And these "donations" will go to Sisterhood. So think about sending a smile or a sentiment today!

Sunshine cards were purchased by:

Beth & Doug Krampel:

- For Beth Sztuk in memory of her beloved mother, Gloria Roemer
- For Ken Skowronek in memory of his beloved father, Marvin Skowronek
- For Jeanne Weisblatt in memory of her beloved mother, Sandra Rosen

Joan & Steve Rogow for Ken Skowronek in memory of his beloved father, Marvin Skowronek

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5	Sisterhood Film Festival	April 13	Music & Munchies
January 10	Sisterhood Book Club	April 14	BINGO
January 14	BINGO	April 19	Erev Pesach
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	April 20 – 27	Pesach
January 26	Sisterhood Progressive Dinner	April 28	BINGO
January 27	Music & Munchies	May 3	Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Ollwerther
January 28	BINGO	May 4	Yom HaShoah Program
February 2	Sisterhood Progressive Dinner Snow Date	May 5	BINGO
February 5	Sisterhood Meeting	May 8	Yom HaAtzmaut Program
February 7	Sisterhood Book Club	May 10	Yom HaAtzmaut
February 11	BINGO	May 13	Sisterhood Mother’s Day Celebration
February 14 – 18	President’s Weekend	May 17	Bat Mitzvah of Jamie Alexander
February 24	Music & Munchies	May 19	BINGO
February 25	BINGO	May 23	Lag B’Omer
March 1	Sisterhood Film Festival	May 24	Bar Mitzvah of Jason Holley
March 2	Hamantaschen Bake-off	May 26	Memorial Day
March 3	BINGO	June 1	Music & Munchies
March 8	Jewish Theological Seminary Sabbath	June 2	BINGO
March 9 & 10	Rummage Sale	June 3	Sisterhood Meeting
March 17	BINGO	June 5	Sisterhood Book Club
March 20	Family Megillah Reading	June 8	Erev Shavuot
March 21	Purim	June 9 & 10	Shavuot
March 23	Music & Munchies	June 16	BINGO
April 5	Bat Mitzvah of Chanel Davis	June 21	Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Wolff
April 6	Sisterhood Meeting	June 30	BINGO
April 8	Sisterhood Book Club		

ONEG/KIDDUSH/BAGEL NOSH SPONSORSHIP

ONEG	Sponsor	KIDDUSH	Sponsor
Jan 4		Jan 5	Dudzinski Family in honor of the anniversary of Tasha’s Bat Mitzvah
Jan 11	FJCC Board of Trustees Installation	Jan 12	Shapiro Family in honor of the anniversary of Samantha’s Bat Mitzvah
Jan 18		Jan 19	
Jan 25	Vav Class Service	Jan 26	Wolf Family in honor of the anniversary of Adam’s Bar Mitzvah

If you would like to sponsor onegi Shabbat or kiddushim at the FJCC, please call 782-6410 or email Lori at the FJCC office (office@flemingtonjcc.org). Last minute sponsors may not necessarily appear in the above calendar.

Do you like to shop? The Kiddush Committee is looking for a few willing and able shoppers for weekly Kiddush sponsors. Do you like to plan meals? The Kiddush Committee is looking for members to put together a practical Package 3 alternative to offer for weekly Kiddush sponsors. Call Marilyn Norinsky to volunteer.

ShopRite of Flemington has kosher cut up fruit that doesn’t need to be pre-ordered.