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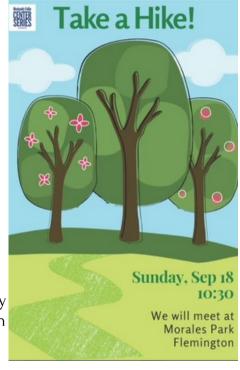
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Rabbi's Reflections

In Parshat BeHalotekha, in the Book of Numbers, we read that the whining and complaining of the Israelites has taken its toll on Moses: "God, "Did I conceive this people or give birth to it?... Am I its nurse maid...? How shall I bear [this people] alone?" As I read these words, I recall the summer days of my youth. As my family returned from the beach, from the park, from whatever activity or event we attended, the excitement and fun of the day began to wear on us kids, three little boys now getting tired and irritable. "Are we home yet?" "I'm thirsty!" "I'm tired!" "He's pushing me!" My parents, whose Yahrzeits I'll be observing this month, were patient people. They knew where these complaints were coming from. Most of the time they remained calm and collected – but there were times when our whining wore on them just as much as the long day had worn on us kids. Promises of ice cream when we returned home sometimes did the trick, so also did games my parents could invent, it seemed, out of nowhere. But... these creative ideas did not always work. In the long narrative that is our growing up, sometimes parents and children are able to find a way to cope with difficult circumstances... and sometimes they are not.

I can't help but read this Torah story onto my own life experience, especially as we read it this season. In the Torah, however, God comes to the rescue: "Moses, gather for Me seventy men from among the elders of Israel...to the Tent of Meeting...I shall descend and speak with you there. I will spread forth the spirit that is upon you and place it upon them...and you shall not bear it alone." God knows the burden of leadership, and the value of delegating. Nowadays, I'd like to think God also recognizes the burden of parenting. We probably don't expect God to come to us, while we are returning from a family trip with whining kids in the car. But, as people living in the modern world, shouldn't we have a support system, the way the 70 Elders supported Moses?



Grand-parents, nannies, baby-sitters, and day care are all great supports. We are lucky to have these..., if we have them. Too many Americans do not have such a support system. Either because we don't have family, or family nearby, or because we can't afford these resources. Child-care is a hugely important issue for this country. If we did not know that before COVID, we know it now. Providing access to child-care is crucial, and yet too many of our elected officials do not think so. I call my representatives asking them to support universal pre-K, among other things. I hope you will too. Moses was our greatest prophet. If he needed some help, can't we admit that we do as well?

Rabbi Eric S. Cohen, PhD

From The Desk of Our President

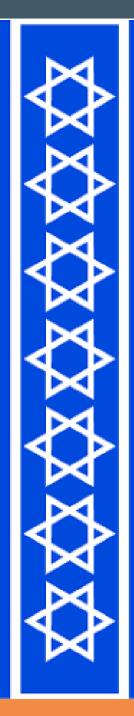
It is August ... to most of us, that means the hazy, lazy dog days of August! It is an optimal time to enjoy getting outdoors in the warm weather, downtime, farm fresh vegetables, vacation with your family, etc. To celebrate, the FJCC will host a fun, music-filled BBQ extravaganza on August 28 th — please register on Shul Cloud today! For the FJCC staff and volunteers, August is an extremely busy month, so thank goodness the air conditioning is working well. Rabbi Cohen, Deborah Kesselhaut, Karen Walsh and the various committee members are hard at work planning for the High Holidays. As a congregant, it is not always apparent how many people have dedicated how many hours so we can have a joyous Rosh Hashanah, a meaningful Yom Kippur and a celebratory Sukkot. Ritual - The Ritual Committee, under the guidance of Rabbi Cohen, is working tirelessly lining up a chazzan, finding and tutoring Torah readers, assigning honors for the members of the congregation, monitoring Covid, cleaning the silver and dressing the Torahs, arranging seating, planning Junior Congregation. Thank you to Rabbi Cohen, Jeff Doshna, Cheryl Faigan, Shellie Jacobson, Bruce Moskovitz and Anneliese Nifoussi.

Finance — Although it might not seem like a lot of effort goes into maintaining our financial books, it does! At this time of year, lots of calls are made to ensure our membership records are accurate. Only families who have made a membership pledge and made at least one payment toward that pledge will be given an honor and reserved seats for the holidays. Thank you Lina Avallone and Jonathan Weitz for all you do.

Building and Grounds — In addition to the day to day maintenance, the Building and Grounds Committee is busy checking off items on their list: painting in the building so it looks as good as it did when we moved in, monitoring the air conditioning, upgrading the lighting, repairing the parking lot, working with the Fire Marshall to make sure the building is up to code, addressing the audio visual needs for the holidays, supervising the landscapers and many more. Thank you to Dave Cohn, Zel Gerstein, Alan Hylton, Nathan Lefkow, Adam Wolf, Mike Wolf. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank our building staff: Angelica Calix, Laura Hernandez and Samantha Perez.

Security — The safety of our staff and members is paramount. The Security Committee is actively addressing security by hiring police coverage for the holidays, making equipment upgrades, researching funding opportunities, getting updates on regional threats, consulting with local law enforcement, and planning training sessions. Thank you to Jerry Atlas, John Fellin, Zel Gerstein, Marvin Jacobson, Nathan Lefkow, Nadine Milecofsky, Bruce Moskovitz.

Cemetery — Starting about Memorial Day, when flags are placed on appropriate graves, and through the High Holidays, the cemetery requires a lot of grooming. Excavating, mowing, tree trimming is done by Keith Fields and Brian Green so the grounds are ready to welcome your visits. Thank you to Jeff Doshna, Carolyn Goldman, and Deborah Kesselhaut for managing all and honoring our dearly departed relatives and friends.



From The Desk of Our President



Center Series — The Center Series Committee certainly hasn't been on summer break! They have been quite busy planning engaging programs for the members to enjoy in the coming year. Their work includes a lot of logistics — brainstorming, identifying event chairs, contacting speakers, arranging catering, enlisting volunteers, organizing the publicity machine, managing the calendar and many more. Of course, we can't forget the gorgeous posters that Cara makes to adorn our lobby and advertise our activities. Many thanks to the hardworking Center Series volunteers: Barbara Clarin, John Fellin, Nomi Forman, Carolyn Goldman, Marsha Goldstein, Selena Kern, Cara London, Nadine Milecofsky, Bruce Moskovitz, Kim Muller, Jonathan Nemeth, Adah Radzin, Harry Rapkin, Rachel Rodriguez, Mona Shapiro, Cheryl Schutz, Karen Walsh, Sharon Zimmerman, Marcela Zuchovicki.

Sisterhood — I'm excited to announce that Sisterhood has a new Co-President, Rachel Rodriguez. She will join Sonia Bellamy in running the organization this year. They published a schedule of upcoming events and meetings which is available on the FJCC website. Log in to your ShulCloud account (email the office if you need help) and add your name to the Rosh Hashanah card being produced by Sisterhood. We are looking forward to fun programs thanks to the Sisterhood Board of Sonia Bellamy, Andrea Goldstein-Byne, Rachel Rodriguez and Cheryl Schutz.

Please know that the Nursery, Hebrew School, Youth Group, Membership Committee, Long Term Planning Group, and Communication volunteers are very active as well. You'll hear more about those efforts in another newsletter. My gratitude goes to Garry and Ian Rodriguez for stepping forward to publish this August newsletter. Thanks!

Finally, a host of large and small arrangements for the High Holidays are undertaken by our office manager, Deborah Kesselhaut and assisted by office volunteers Evelyn and Phil Stern, Josy Kestenbaum and Richard Goldstein. I thank them all! Deborah is in the midst of completing the huge job of learning how to use Shul Cloud then designing the forms for you to order extra seats, list names in the memorial book, buy a lulav and etrog, make a donation to the parking raffle, and more. This year, the forms are database-linked and registrations will be done primarily online via Shul Cloud. Check flemingtonjcc.shulcloud.com to make sure you have your login credentials or email the office. Deborah's additional holiday duties continue throughout August and well into September. So, when you contact her next, be patient and appreciative for all she is handling at this busy time of year.

For our hard-working staff and generous volunteers, my hat goes off to you! If I have inadvertently missed someone, please accept my apology. And, to anyone with an extra few hours, there are plenty of opportunities for you to learn a new skill and give back to your shul community — just give me a call, text or email.

Sharon Rednor

Hebrew School

I hope the students are enjoying their summer vacation time. I am sure they are excited to be back at camp, doing activities and vacationing.

This is the time of year that we are busy organizing class lists, ordering books and supplies and preparing for back to school.

In addition to Shabbat Dinners and student-led services we will be offerings several new and creative Hebrew School Interactive Shabbat Programs. This fall there will be a two part musical Shabbat featuring Shabbat music from around the globe. Student will be making instruments on the first day of Hebrew School to enhance the program. There is also Ruach Shabbat with guitar accompaniment. Rebecca Kelly is returning for Storytelling Shabbat and will then be working with the Hebrew School students to present a Parsha Skit for Beyachad.

Dates to remember:

July 27th— GOING DIGITAL! Back to School Forms will be sent via email. You can complete the pdfs and return them to kmittler@flemingtonjcc.org by August 19th.

August 19th - Registration and Program Fee is due and the calendar link will be emailed to you.

September 7th - Rosh HaShanah High Holiday Jr. Congregation September 12th - First day of Hebrew School

2021-2022 Schedule

	Sunday	Wednesday	Thursday	Teachers	Assistants
Alef-Bet	9:00-11:30			Karen Walsh	Sam Muller
				Karen Walsh, Saul	Charlotte Byne &
Gimel - Vav	9:00-11:30	4:30 - 6:15		Katz, Emily Quinn	Kylei Mittler
				Karen Walsh, Saul	
Dalet - Hay	9:00-11:30	4:30 - 6:15		Katz, Emily Quinn	Kylei Mitttler
7 th Grade		4:45 - 6:10		Rabbi Cohen	
HH8-11 *			6:00-7:15	Rabbi Cohen	
HH12 TBD					

First three Thursdays of the month

CLASS SERVICES, DINNERS, & HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER

- · Chicken Shabbat Dinner
- · Fourth & Fifth Graders Lead Services
- · Storyteller Rebecca Kelly



DELI DELIGHT

- · Deli Sandwiches Shabbat Dinner
- · 7th 12th Graders Lead Services



CHANUKAH DINNER

- · Outdoor Menorah Lighting
- · Family Menorah Lighting
- Chanukah Dinner



CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

- Chinese Food Shabbat Dinner
- · Fifth & Sixth Graders Lead Services



PURIM DINNER

- Family Megillah Reading
- Purim Dinner
- Traditional Megillah Reading



IT'S A WRAP

- · Dairy Wraps & Pizza Bagels Shabbat Dinner
- . Third & Fourth Grade Class Service
- Third Graders Recieve their Shabbat Prayer Book

Save the Dates

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SAVE THE DATE

September 16th

Musical Shabbat Part 1

Kabbalat Shabbat from Around the World. A two-part Global Shabbat Experience in our Sanctuary with the Strauss/Warschauer Duo. Students will participate with their handmade instruments.

October 14th

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Program

Shabbat

Ruach Shabbat Plus

New Member Oneg, Ice Cream Social in the Sukkah with song leader Emma Rehfeld. Get your ruach on! **Ruach** - spirit

October 28th

Dalet Hay Class Service

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner followed by Dalet and Hay students leading services. Rebecca Kelly will entertain us with her magical story-telling.

November 5th

Beyachad with Story-teller

A congregation-wide Shabbat experience. Hebrew School students will participate in the Torah Service and present a Torah Skit that they prepared with Rebecca Kelly during Hebrew School.

November 18th

Musical Shabbat Part 2

The Strauss/Warschauer Duo return for part two of the Kabbalat Shabbat Global experience.

High Holidays Schedule 2022-5783

Selichot

Saturday, September 1

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 25

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1

Monday, September 26

 Day 1 Service
 8:30 AM

 Junior Congregation
 10:00 AM

 Tashlich
 5:00 PM

 Evening Service
 7:00 PM

 Candle Lighting (from existing flame)
 7:32 PM

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2

Tuesday, Sentember 2

 Fast of Gedaliah Wednesday, September 28

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 3

Services7:30 PM

Shabbat Shuvah

Saturday, October 1

Services 9:15 AM

Yom Kippur Eve - Kol Nidre

Fuesday, October 4

High Holidays Schedule

2022-5783



Giving Garden

We recently delivered to the Flemington Food Pantry one zucchini, a lot of cherry tomatoes, and a huge sack of string beans. Together, they weighed six pounds. The reaction of the woman who accepted the donation was one of pure joy. I have to admit, it took so much self-control not to munch on them during the drive to drop them off.

It hasn't been an easy last few weeks with little rain and very hot sun watering every day is essential. We also have some unwanted but so, so, so cute residents in our kale bed. Two bunnies, smaller than my hand. They were moved to the forest but they were right back to greet our Woman of the Year, Josy Kestenbaum when she came to water the very next day. I purchased deer fencing awhile ago, but putting it up is a big job that I can't handle myself. If you can help, I think we really need to put it along the fence to make it harder for little critters to get in.

Remember to bring in your compostable scraps!!!

Pam Nemeth





Grow a Row

Volunteers (Selena Kern, Marsha Goldstein, Cara London, Mona Shapiro, Rich Goldstein) picking zucchini with Grow A Row, an organization that donates pounds and pounds of produce to those in need.







Weekly Events

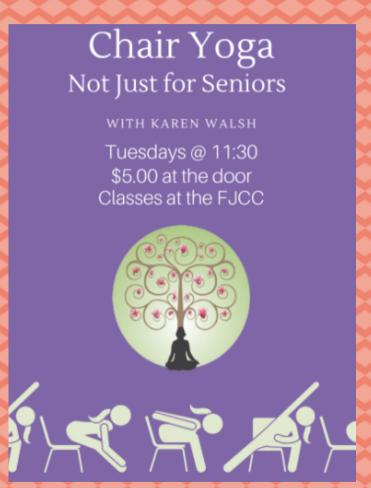


New & Experienced Players Welcome!

Members can bring friends Light snacks served



Contact Karen Walsh: kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org





Upcoming Events

DINNER IS SERVED

FJCC DINNER CLUB*



Thursday, August 18th

RSVP REOUIRED.

TO RSVP OR FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: KIMFMULLER@YAHOO.COM *ADULTS ONLY

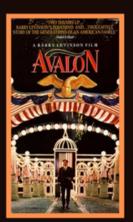


Watch the film at home~ then let's discuss!

Avalon

Film Discussion: Tues, August 23 7PM ~ on Zoom

Facilitated by John Fellin



End of Summer Celebration!

Save the Bate Sunday, Aug 28 3-6 PM

Live Music Kids' Activities BBQ + Beer (& bubbly soft drinks)

> early bird specia register by 8/15 \$18/adult

Do You Know about the Dawson's Field Hijacking?

Join us for the documentary Followed by discussion with passengers 52 years later





Sep 6 6:30



Sisterhood



2022 Meeting and Event Schedule

August 14th 6-8pm in the Social Hall, join us for Breakfast for Dinner as we discuss the exciting year ahead!

September 11th 10:30am-11:30am, general meeting in the Social Hall

October 9th 10:30am-12pm Make a Sukkah craft and meet in the Social Hall

November 6th 10:30am-11:30am, general meeting in the Social Hall

December 18th 10:30am-12:30pm, Make and Take Latkes in the Social Hall



Meeting and Mimosas!

August 14th from 6-8pm General Sisterhood Breakfast for Dinner!

Sisterhood





Pull up those wigwams, tease that hair and get ready to crown the next Woman of the Year on

May 21, 2023



July Birthdays

July 2 Marce Zuchovicki Craig Schindler

July 4 Shira Engle-Friedman Joyce Nahama **David Rothstein**

> July 5 Becky Lefkow

July 6 Nadine Goldman **David Cohn** Samuel Doshna Nathaniel Mehrlust

July 7 Jacob Stirberg

July 8 Phoebe Stein Stacy St. Pierre

July 9 **Austin Rednor** July 10

Sharon Rednor Judith Leibowitz

> July 11 Ross Holley Amy Cook

July 13 **Cory Franklin** Ian Weitz Jami Krampel Harry Rapkin

July 14 Alisa Grossman Arielle Engle-Friedman Samuel Szych

> July 15 Denise Vasquez

July 16 Adrienne Scibilia Jeffrey Marshall

July 17 Michael Goldman Jonathan Treinish

Bruce Moskovitz

July 18 Carly Braff

July 20 Samantha Cass

July 22 Gabrielle Spinowitz Nadine Milecofsky

July 25 George Ollwerther

July 26 Danny Braff Raymond Bragin

July 29 Brianna Glacken

August Birthdays

August 1 Sonia Bellamy

August 3
Jessica Ort

August 6
Matthew Shankoff

August 7 Susan Kamich Melissa Kleiman

August 10 Douglas Krampel

August 11 Barbara Thomas

August 14
Beth Krampel
Stacey Wetstein

August 16

Ethan Rosen Richard Goldstein Neil Pollack Randee Hilzer

> August 17 Evan Lipson Alyx Green

August 19 Erika Ollwerther

August 20 Deborah Hylton Drew Farber

August 21 Jodi Weitz Anneliese Nifoussi

August 22 Zachary Kesselhaut

> August 24 Landon Jampel

August 25

Chase Martoccia Alissa McInerney Sheila Fernekes

August 26 Samantha Muller

August 27
Garry Rodriguez
Justin Nahama
Jacqueline Kestenbaum

August 28 Gerald Grossman

August 29 Julius Kawarsky

August 30 Jeremy Silberman

August 31
Alissa Shankoff
Hunter St. Pierre
Mindy Ezra

Anniversaries

July 1

Edward and Rosemary Mehrlust Kenneth and Sharon Brooks

July 4
Matthew and Cheryl Schutz

July 5
Eric Sirota and Cara London

July 7
Reba and Hoyt Holley

July 11
Adam and Larissa Wolf
Philip and Evelyn Stern

July 14
David Freedholm and Maria Shepard

August 1
Ian and Courtney Bursztyn

August 5
Jonathan and Jodi Weitz

August 7
David and Julie Cass

August 11
Michael and Carol Wolf

August 12
David and Carolyn Goldman

August 19 Mitchell and Barbara Clarin

August 23
Frederick and Suzanne Rothstein

August 30
Alan and Adah Radzin
Jonathan and Pamela Nemeth

Contributions

General Donations

Edward Warner

In honor of Michael Wolf. Thank You for making Scott and Natalie's Wedding such a special occasion.

Jack and Nomi Forman

In memory of Harry Kazman, beloved husband of Reva

Ruth and Jack Laks

Our donation is honor of the birthday of our dear friend Flo Hurwitz

Frederick and Suzanne Rothstein

For the yahrzeit of our grandmothers - Jennie Silver Goldstein and Bessie Triber

Elizabeth Lowe

In memory of Jules Wasserman, Eric Wasserman's beloved father

Zelic and Marsha Gerstein

To the Sperling family, mazel tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your son, Jacob

Arthur Wetstein

To Donna Levinston-Braff, in memory of your beloved mother, Beth Levinston

Jane and Eric Wasserman

In honor of Josy Kestenbaum for being named WOTY!

Amy and Seth Rubin

In memory of your beloved father, Jules Wasserman, to Eric Refuah Shelemah Jane Wasserman

Mitchell and Barbara Clarin

In memory of your beloved father, Jules Wasserman, to Eric Wasserman

Kiddush/Oneg

Brian and Dale Sperling

In memory of Steven Epstein, beloved father of Dale Sperling

Bruce Moskovitz and John Fellin

In memory of Beth Levinston, mother of Donna

Mitchell and Barbara Clarin

In memory of Beth Levinston, mother of Donna Braff

Rabbi Discretionary

Jerrold and Linda Atlas

For the vahrzeit of Isadore Kanter, beloved father of Linda Atlas

Mazel Tov

Zelic and Marsha Gerstein

Mazel Toy to Jeff and Robin Alexander, on the engagement of your son Jordan to Kiley!

Building Fund

Zelic and Marsha Gerstein

To Donna Levinston-Braff, Condolences on the loss of your beloved mother Beth Levinston

Wishing you a speedy recovery, Adah

For Jack, wishing a speedy recovery to your mother.

Refuah Shelemah Jerry Atlas

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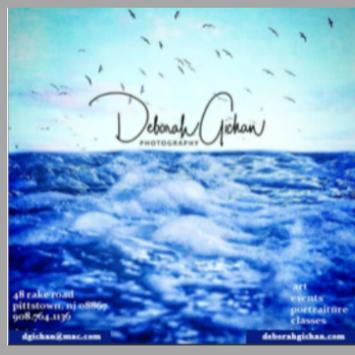


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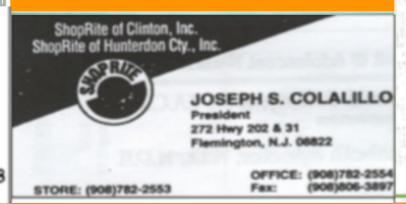
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