

# ***FJCC FLASH***

Newsletter of the Flemington Jewish Community Center



## **THIS MONTH:**

- **Meditation Shabbat**
- **West Side Woodwind Quintet**
- **Sisterhood Shabbat**
- **Congregational Meeting**
- **Dinner & Show at Hunterdon Hills**
- **Post Passover Beer & Pizza**

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# RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

## Passover: The holiday of liberation from... what?

Rav and Shmuel, great Babylonian rabbis, disagreed about the central story to be told at the Passover Seder. Shmuel said: Start with “We were slaves in the land of Egypt” (*Deut. 6:20*) and move from physical enslavement to political liberation. Teach your children: “We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and God freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm...,

so that God could take us and give us the land that had been promised on oath to our ancestors.” (*Deut. 6:20-23*). And... that’s the story most of us know and tell.



Rav disagreed. He said we should begin with: “Once upon a time our ancestors were slaves of idolatry who worshipped pagan gods. Now – since Mount Sinai – God has brought us close to the Divine service.” In other words, start with Terach, Abraham’s father, and the state of idolatry to which we had descended.

Why? Who needs to know on Pesach whether my ancestors were idol worshippers? Rabbi David Hartman taught that to make sense of Terach’s beliefs and of Abraham’s religious revolt, we have to recognize the appeal, the seduction of idolatry. People need to remember their ancestor who began in idolatry, and who converted to a liberating theology. (See Noam Zion and David Dishon, *A Different Night* Passover Haggadah.)

# RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

Rabbi Hartman suggests that Rav's story asks us to remember Abraham's childhood, and grasp that "lonely man of faith," Abraham *ha-ivri*, Abraham the boundary crosser. The midrash says that '*ivri*' ("Hebrew", but also translated "side") means that the whole world was on one side, and Abraham was on the other, all alone.

We need to teach the pain of loneliness that ensues when we make a brave decision to do something we think is right... and no one else follows us. Passover is about developing a sense of empathy for those who are alone, for those who have nothing and no one.

If all we did was tell the story of our ancestors' physical slavery, we may end up using Passover as an excuse for tribalism, even racism. "Look what we Jews went through." "Those Goyim are awful. Why give them the benefit of the doubt?"

Instead, Rabbi Hartman argued, Passover should focus on the covenant we chose to establish with God. We **CHOSE** that relationship, just as converts choose it. This isn't about tribes or genetics, it's about making the right decision.

While Shmuel's focus on our experience as slaves makes perfect sense, taken to an extreme, it can become dangerous. Rav wants us to focus on our experience as converts. Alone and with nothing in the world, we chose to chart a new path with which to seek out Divinity and to listen to its call for justice.

Perhaps, we don't focus on Rav's narrative enough, and that's understandable, considering our history of oppression. Nevertheless, including Rav's account in our Seder is as important today as it was almost 2,000 years ago... maybe even moreso.

# FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT

Six months ... or 182.5 days or 4380 hours! That's how long the Israeli hostages have been held by Hamas. I can't imagine how they or their families felt after one hour, let alone over 4000 hours of anguish. With the fate of the hostages unknown, each day I say a prayer to **BRING THEM HOME NOW!**



Also imagine that approximately 1.5 percent of the population was killed in war. Translate that proportion to the US and it would be about 5 million people. Wow! That is the reality for the residents of Gaza. My heart goes out to those families caught in a war brought on by Hamas terrorists.

# FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT

Unfortunately, I have no recommendations to relieve this suffering. My personal response is to hold my family members and friends tightly and to be grateful for each moment we have together. But, I am also inspired by these profound words of Elie Wiesel in his compelling book, “Night,” and his Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech:

“I swore never to be silent whenever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Whenever men and women are prosecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must--at that moment--become the center of the universe.”

So, I'll ask you to take a minute for one act of kindness each day. Or, speak out against injustice. Perhaps make a donation to a cause that is dear to your heart. Hug a loved one. Vote. Whatever you choose, take a stand for:

**Truth - אמת**

**Kindness - רחמים**

**Righteousness - צדקה**

**Compassion - רחמים**

# NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A warm welcome back to

## FLO & BRUCE NEWROCK

After a few years away we are excited to have Flo & Bruce back as members of the FJCC community.

Flo and Bruce are both originally from Brooklyn. Flo has a BA In Music and Bruce has a BS In Geology. They have two adult children, Seth and Melissa, and have lived in Hunterdon County since 1972.

Flo was a second grade teacher early on from 1968-72. She is currently a musician, who plays the recorder in a trio, as well as a potter who specializes in bowls, vases, and pitchers.

Bruce worked for New Jersey Department of Transportation and as a consultant supervising Highway and Bridge construction. As a retiree Bruce volunteered at the Hunterdon County library for 7 years and has also been volunteering at the Flemington Area Food Pantry since 2014.

Side note: Bruce and Flo discovered through Ancestry that they are related, second cousins, once removed.

Welcome back Flo and Bruce! We look forward to seeing you around Shul.



# MEMBER OUTREACH

What's your passion? Do you want to get involved with an activity at **FJCC** or have an idea you would like to pursue or see happen or a suggestion but don't know where to start?

Feel free to reach out to Kim Muller for all things FJCC at [membership@flemingtonjcc.org](mailto:membership@flemingtonjcc.org)

Also,

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you want to share your enthusiasm for the FJCC? How about being part of a new team forming to reach out to the many new housing developments in the FJCC area.

If interested in this recruitment initiative please let Kim know and send a message to [membership@flemingtonjcc.org](mailto:membership@flemingtonjcc.org)



# SISTERHOOD

After spending the morning organizing and stuffing 135 Mishloach Manot bags, the Sisterhood Purim Players went out and personally delivered 14 bags with a singing telegram!



Thank you to all of the men and women who stuffed and sang! Each recipient of a telegram was serenaded with two Purim songs and given their Mishloach Manot bags. We can't wait to sing for even more families next year!





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# Thank you

Thank you to a wonderful mensch, DJ Wright of Wright & Ford Funeral Home for his very generous donation of beautiful notepads to our Mishloach Manot bags!

# HEBREW SCHOOL

While I am writing this, Purim is just around the corner. While you are reading this I hope you reflect on the fun time had all.

The students have been bringing in non-perishable food items for the Flemington Food pantry and our bin continues to fill up. We will continue to collect food between now and April 14.

The students return from spring break on Wednesday, April 10th and celebrate Passover on Sunday, April 14th. Then we are off for **Passover Break**.



The staff is beginning to prepare for next year. Please note the schedule change for 7th and 8th graders. Next year the 7th and 8th graders will have class on Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:15, while the 9th – 12th graders will continue to meet on Thursdays from 6:00-7:15.

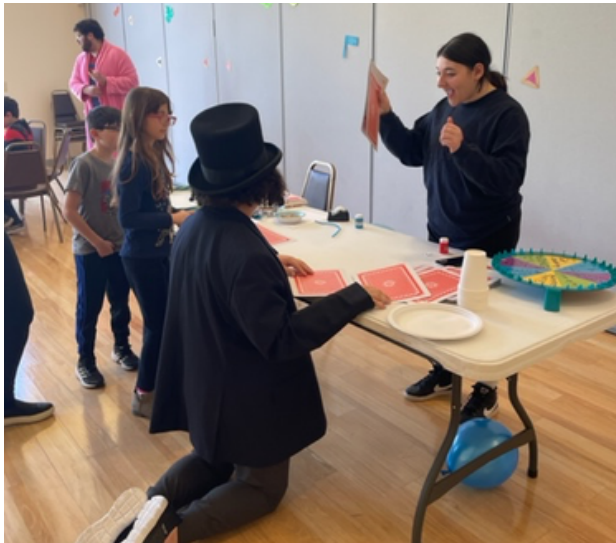
Additional details about the 2024-2025 school year will be available in early June.

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# YOUTH GROUP



# FJCC Kids in the Community

Mazel Tov to the thespians of the FJCC! On February 23rd and 24th, the JP Case Middle School put on a wonderful performance of Into the Woods Jr.! We are so very proud of you Rose, Liam and Lindsey! You were such a joy to watch on stage.



Not to be outdone by their little siblings, the older kids at Hunterdon Central High School put on Something Rotten from March 7th-9th! We are so very proud of you Charlotte, Ian and Ian, Liam and Lindsey! You were “eggcellent!”



Make sure you catch these young stars before they go off to Hollywood!

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# PAST EVENTS

## Dinner Is Served DOCKSIDE

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# PASSOVER GUIDELINES

## PASSOVER

APRIL 22 - APRIL 30, 2024

NISSAN 15 - 22, 5784



**A QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE  
TO PREPARING FOR PASSOVER**



# PASSOVER GUIDELINES

## I THE LAWS OF HAMETZ

### A. DEFINITION OF HAMETZ (LEAVEN)

1. Hametz is any one of the following grains—oats, spelt, wheat, rye, and barley—that has come in contact with water for 18 minutes or more. This is the beginning of the leavening process.

2. Hametz can also be any food product, whether solid or liquid, that is produced from the above grains even if these grains are of the smallest quantities. (The only exception is matzah, when the dough does not come into contact with water for more than 18 minutes and the dough is baked in less than 18 minutes.)

3. Dishes, utensils, ovens, and ranges that have absorbed even the smallest amounts of hametz and hametz products are forbidden to be used during the week of Passover unless they are properly cleansed and kashered according to Jewish law.

4. It was the custom of Ashkenazic Jewry during the week of Passover not to eat rice, corn, and vegetables of the pea family as though they were really hametz. The reason for the custom was that the above vegetables were ground into flour to make bread. To avoid any confusion between these vegetables and the five hametz grains, the custom was created to abstain from eating these foods during Passover week.

- Nowadays, there is little chance of this confusion. Eating these products, *as long as they are marked KOSHER FOR PASSOVER L'Ochlei Kitniyot*, "Kosher for Passover for those whose custom is to eat rice, corn, and vegetables of the pea family," is not a violation of the Torah's prohibition on Hametz. As noted above, Jews of non-European descent routinely eat these on Passover.
- However, out of respect for people eating at your home, or in whose home you eat, ALWAYS ASK WHAT THEIR CUSTOM IS, and abide by it.

5. Any non-hametz food product that was prepared in vessels and utensils that did absorb hametz is prohibited to be eaten during Passover.

# PASSOVER GUIDELINES

## B. WHAT IS NOT HAMETZ?

1. The following types of food are not considered hametz in themselves:

- Meat, poultry, and fish
- Fruits and vegetables
- Dairy products

2. The above mentioned non-hametz food categories must be processed, canned, bottled and packaged with rabbinic certification to guarantee that no hametz ingredient is included in the processing.

a) The following does not require any rabbinic certification:

1. Those foods written in Paragraph #1 in their raw or fresh condition
2. Refined sugar (excluding brown sugar, which does require supervision)
3. Salt
4. Ground coffee (excluding instant coffee)
5. Pure fruit juice without additives in a glass jar or bottle only

3. The prohibition against the use and consumption of hametz applies to those products that are edible and fit for human and animal consumption.

4. Those products that are made from hametz that are not edible and are not fit for both human and animal consumption are not considered hametz, and one may derive use and benefit from them. Some examples of such products are toothpaste, deodorants, hair sprays, shampoos, soaps, lipsticks, talcum & baby powder, and cold creams & hand creams. Although toothpastes and lipsticks do not require rabbinic certification for use during Pesach, one should only use a fresh tube of toothpaste with a new toothbrush and a fresh stick of lipstick.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Dishwashing liquids and soaps must have rabbinic certification.

# PASSOVER GUIDELINES

## C. THE SALE OF HAMETZ

The Torah teaches that during the eight days of Passover, Jews must not own or use any form of hametz. In the past, Jews would destroy all the hametz and hametz products before the Passover holiday or a Jew would give away all the leaven to a non-Jew as a gift that would be his permanent possession. However, Jews began to acquire much larger quantities of hametz for business or the home. The destruction or the giving away of these vast quantities of hametz would have meant a tremendous financial loss for Jews. The Rabbi's teach "Rachmana liba Be-ee." "The Law requires the heart." Jewish law gave us an alternative that has shown great compassion and understanding of the material needs of the Jewish community. This alternative is called "machirat hametz"—the selling of hametz.

The selling of the hametz is a legal business transaction with a non-Jew that involved the drawing up of a legal contract based upon rabbinic law and signed in the presence of two witnesses who also sign the contract. The contract includes an assessment of the value of the hametz being sold, a statement of the terms of delivery, and other conditions. The rabbi on Passover eve acts as the agent who will negotiate the sale with the non-Jew. The two people will reach an assessment of the value of the hametz, and the rabbi will ask for a down payment of money on the hametz. The rabbi will stipulate with the non-Jew that the balance of the money be paid on the night after the eighth day of Passover after the appearance of the stars. If, at that time, the non-Jew does not want to pay the balance, then the rabbi will return the deposit to the non-Jew and the sale will not be completed. This year, please do NOT eat the hametz you have asked the rabbi to sell on your behalf, until **Tuesday, April 30th, 8:45 PM**. This will give the rabbi sufficient time to meet with the non-Jew who purchased our hametz.

This is a legal and binding sale and not a joke as some people claim. Any person who does desire to sell his or her hametz may come to the synagogue office or fill out the form below appointing the Rabbi as his or her agent in the sale of hametz. Please remember that the sale of the hametz is not reserved only for traditional Jews, but every Jew can participate in the mitzvah. Even if that person does not observe the traditions of Judaism in his or her home, the person should not feel ashamed but should try to do this mitzvah.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Even if one will be away from one's home during Passover, one is still obligated to sell his or her hametz.

# PASSOVER GUIDELINES

## II. KASHERING OF UTENSILS

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (keveleio kakh poletio). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

1. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware that has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

2. Metal (utensils wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them that will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water.

- Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

3. Oven and ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous-cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and a cup of water should be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be Kashered for Pesah.

4. Glassware: Authorities disagree as to the method of kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesah or putting it through a dishwasher.

5. Dishwasher: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

6. Electrical Appliances: If the parts that come into contact with hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

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7. Refrigerators need only be thoroughly cleaned with warm water and soap. The racks don't need to be covered, but if you wish to use foil or wax paper, pierce it to allow air to circulate in the refrigerator.

8. Tables, closets and counters: If used with hametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

9. Kitchen sink: A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

10. Hametz and non-Passover utensils - Non-Passover dishes, pots, and hametz whose ownership has been transferred should be separated, locked up, or covered, and marked to prevent accidental use.

## III. THE SEARCH FOR THE HAMETZ

1. The Talmudic tractate known as "Massechet Pesachim" requires an intensive and careful search for hametz in one's house on the night before Passover as soon as possible after nightfall. This cleansing of the home before Passover is traditionally known as "bedikat chametz." This year, the search for hametz takes place on Sunday, April 21st, after sundown.

2. The supplies necessary for the search are:

- A candle
- Wooden spoon, paper bag, paper plate, or paper cup
- A feather

3. Since most of our homes are cleaned and ready for the Passover holidays, it is customary to place crumbs of bread in the various rooms of our homes (especially those rooms in which hametz was consumed) before the search.

4. Prior to beginning the search, the following blessing is recited:

**"BARUCH AHTAH ADONAI, EHLOHAYNU MELECH HA'OLAM ASHER KID'SHANU BIH-MITZ-VOH-TAF, VIH-TZEE-VANU AL BEE UR HAMETZ."**

**"BLESSED ARE YOU, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTIFIED US THROUGH HIS COMMANDMENTS AND COMMANDED US CONCERNING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HAMETZ."**

5. The person then moves from room to room with a lit candle (please note: the house must be darkened) and gathers up the crumbs with the feather and places them in the wooden spoon or paper bag. No conversation is permitted until the search has been completed. The hametz that is found during the search is then tied up and put away so that it will be burned the next morning.

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6. After the search has been completed, the person recites the following formula for nullification of the hametz preferably in the English language:

"ALL LEAVEN AND ALL HAMETZ THAT IS IN MY POSSESSION THAT I DID NOT SEE AND DID NOT DESTROY, LET IT BE NULL AND OWNERLESS AS THE DUST OF THE EARTH."

## IV. FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

1. It is a tradition that on the day preceding Passover, the first-born sons of our people fast as an expression of thanksgiving to G-d for having spared the first born of the children of Israel from the plague that destroyed the first born of the Egyptians.

This year the fast takes place on **Monday, April 22nd**.

2. It is permissible for the first born to break the fast for the purpose of celebrating certain religious observances such as a wedding, a circumcision, or the completion of a tractate of the Talmud. In most instances, the Rabbis of many congregations will study a Talmudic tractate during the year and complete it on the eve of Passover.

There are rejoicing and celebration when the Rabbi asks not only the first born, but everyone to participate in his simcha. The celebration is known as a "siyum." The FJCC will have minyan and a study session on **Monday, April 22nd at 7:30 AM** for the Fast of the First Born.

## V. BURNING OF THE HAMETZ

1. The book of Exodus tells us: "You shall destroy leaven from your houses." On the morning of Passover eve, the hametz that was collected during the bedikat hametz the evening before and other hametz is burned in a fire. The fire is normally lit outdoors, and the hametz is then thrown into the flames.

2. After the hametz is thrown into the flames, the following statement is said in English: "Any kind of leaven which is in my possession, whether I have seen it or not, whether I have destroyed it or not, shall be regarded as null and void and shall be as the dust of the earth."

No hametz may be eaten after 10:40 AM, on Monday, April 22nd. The burning of the hametz should take place on Monday, April 22nd, before 11:50 AM. There will be a community burning of Chametz at FJCC after morning services that day, about 8:30 AM.

# PASSOVER GUIDELINES

## Form to Appoint an Agent to Sell My Chametz (Shtar Harsha'ah)

I, (please print) \_\_\_\_\_,  
fully empower and permit Rabbi Eric Cohen as my agent to act in my place and in my  
behalf to sell all my chametz and chametz mixtures as defined by the Torah and  
Rabbinic Law and to lease all places wherein the chametz owned by me may be  
found, especially in the premises located at (please print addresses):

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Rabbi has full power to sell and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper for such times as he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and forms according to Jewish law. Also, I do hereby give the Rabbi full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and lease. This is meant to conform with all the Torah and Rabbinic regulations and laws, and to be in accordance as well with the laws of the State of New Jersey and of the United States of America.

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Signature

Date

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## **PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (Zoom options)**

Search for Chametz

Sunday, April 21st At home, in the evening

### EREV PASSOVER

Monday, April 22nd

Services for Fast of the First-born 7:30 AM

Burn Chametz After morning services (no later than 11:50 AM at home)

\*Stop Eating Chametz\* 10:40 AM

### FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Monday, April 22nd

Evening services 6:00 PM

Candle lighting 7:28 PM (prepare flame from which to light next days' candles)

1st Seder

Tuesday, April 23rd

Morning services 9:15 AM

### SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

Tuesday, April 23th

Evening services 6:00 PM

Candle lighting 8:31 PM (from existing flame, or non-electric pilot light)

2nd Seder

Wednesday, April 24th,

Morning services 9:15 AM

### SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

Friday April 26th

Candle lighting 7:32 PM

Evening services 7:30 PM

Saturday April 27th

Morning services 9:15 AM



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**PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (Zoom options)  
Cont.**

7th DAY PASSOVER

Sunday, April 28th

Candle lighting 7:34 PM (prepare flame from which to light next days' candles)

Evening Services 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 29th

Morning services 9:15 AM

Candle lighting 8:38 PM (from existing flame, or non-electric pilot light)

8TH DAY OF PASSOVER

Monday, April 29 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 30th

Morning services 9:15 AM

YIZKOR 10:30 AM (an estimate, come earlier)

PASSOVER ENDS

Tuesday, April 30th 8:39 PM

Post-Passover Pizza Party @ Al Fresco 8:45 PM (please: do not eat the Chametz in your home until 8:45 PM)

# APRIL CALENDAR

Booking Calendar, Hebrew School Calendar, Summer Vacay, Jewish Holidays

Apr 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>No School Spring BREAK</b>						
<b>March Madness - Time</b> 9am - Sunday Morning 5pm - Israel Discussion	10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah 7pm - Book Club	<b>LT Meeting</b> 7pm - CS Meeting 7:30pm - Genealogy		11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 7:30pm - Bridge	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service 11:15am - Meditation
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>No School Spring BREAK</b> 9am - Sunday Morning 10:30am - EB Meeting 2pm - West Side	10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	5:45pm - Security	4:30pm - Hebrew School 4:45pm - 7th Grade	11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7:30pm - Bridge	<b>Kem Oneg</b> 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	<b>Sisterhood Leads Service</b> 9:15am - Shabbat service
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Hebrew School Model</b> 9am - Alef - Vav Hebrew 9am - Sunday Morning	9am - Nursery School in 10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	9am - Nursery School in	<b>No School</b> 7:30pm - BoT Meeting	9am - Nursery School in 11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 7:30pm - Bridge	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>No School Passover Break</b>						
9am - Sunday Morning	<b>Passover Eve</b> 10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Passover (Day 1)</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Passover (Day 2)</b>	<b>Passover (Day 3)</b> 11am - Adult Ed 7:30pm - Bridge	<b>Passover (Day 4)</b> 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	<b>Passover (Day 5)</b> 9:15am - Shabbat service
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<b>No School Passover Break</b>						
<b>Passover (Day 6)</b> 9am - Sunday Morning	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Passover (Day 7)</b> 10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	8:45pm - Post Pizza Party		11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7:30pm - Bridge	<b>IVIG</b> 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Register for events on Shulcloud. Links are posted in News and Notes

## FJCC BOOK CLUB

Homesick by Eshko Nevo

April 1st 7:00

This intimate story revolves around an Israeli couple. Through them, we meet their landlords, who live next door; a neighboring family whose older son was killed in Lebanon; and a Palestinian who is working on the renovation of a house down the street.



### Meditation Shabbat

WITH **Cantor Flo**

SATURDAYS, 11:00 - 11:30  
10/21, 11/18, 12/16  
3/9 SHABBAT B'YACHAD  
4/6, 5/18, 6/22

### THE WEST SIDE WOODWIND QUINTET

at the Flemington Jewish Community Center

SUN, APRIL 7 @ 2:00 PM  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

EARLY BIRD: \$18/PP  
AFTER MAR 31: \$25/PP

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### Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, April 13th at 9:15am

Sign up to lead your favorite prayer or blessing. You can even introduce a new tune!

Calling Torah leyners!  
If you can chant from the Torah or read Haftorah, please sign up!

Register by email to [Sisterhood@flemingtonjcc.org](mailto:Sisterhood@flemingtonjcc.org) or come to a meeting!

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 14th 10:30 AM  
at the FJCC

An opportunity to discuss the 2024-2025 budget and changes to our bylaws

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DINNER AND A SHOW HUNTERDON HILLS PLAY HOUSE

Sunday, April 14 2:30 PM  
\$96 include Dinner and the Show



RSVP IS REQUIRED BY: APRIL 1ST  
SEATS ARE LIMITED  
TO RSVP OR FOR QUESTIONS,  
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**Pizza & Beer**  
Let's eat Chametz!  
*Passover is over!*  
Tues. April 30  
8:45pm


BYOB

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# UPCOMING EVENTS IN EARLY MAY



**Yom HaShoah**

Sunday, May 5  
10:30

Zoom Guest Speaker  
**Robert Watson, Ph.D**  
Distinguished Professor, Historian, Author

The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story  
of a Doomed Ship in World War II



**SISTERHOOD WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

**\$36 per person**

**RSVP by May 11th on Shul Cloud**

**May 19th 12-2pm**

**FJCC Social Hall**


# WEEKLY EVENTS

**Parashat HaShavuah**  
with  
**Rabbi Cohen**  
Mondays, 1:00  
Beginning Sep 12



All are welcome!

**CONTRACT & DUPLICATE BRIDGE**  
with  
**DAVID GOLDMAN**



**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**  
MONDAYS- 10 AM  
\$5/pp/session  
includes a light lunch

**CONTRACT BRIDGE**  
THURSDAYS- 7:30 PM  
\$2/pp/session  
includes snacks  
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BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME!

**Mah Jongg**  
Thursdays, 1-3:30  
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**Adult Education Classes**  
with  
**Rabbi Cohen**



Thursdays  
11:00  
Begins Sept. 15  
All are welcome!

# BIRTHDAYS

April 1

Ethan Rednor  
Rose Weitz

April 13

Olivia Kleiman  
Greg Scibilia

April 24

Donna Levinston-Braff

April 2

Matthew Winnick  
Phillip Franklin  
Alexandra Fox

April 14

Cheryl Schutz  
Alexander Rapkin

April 25

Elise Franklin  
James Fox

April 3

Bruce Kamich

April 15

Jacob Walsh

April 26

Brett Bragin

April 4

Carol Wolf

April 16

Rachel Silberman

April 27

Nathaniel Nemeth  
Hannah Sornstein

April 5

Brian Goodman

April 17

Shellie Jacobson  
Marsha Gerstein

April 28

Jackie Lefkow  
Zoe Quinn

April 6

Benjamin Goodman  
Andrew Weinstein

April 18

Alexandra Rubin

April 29

Erica Agins  
Noah Doshna  
Sharon Goldstein

April 8

Steven Weinstein

April 19

Natalie Atlas  
Dana Schindler

April 30

Alan Hylton

April 10

Elyssa Krampel  
Douglas Atlas  
Danielle Rubin

April 20

Alan Blankstein

April 11

Jacob Sperling

April 21

Ethan Gertzman  
Fred Sornstein

April 12

Lisa Ziv  
David Freedholm  
Charlotte Byne

April 23

Colin Jakubowski  
Amy Marshall  
Ian Jakubowski

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# ANNIVERSARIES

April 8th  
Mark & Laurie Weinstein

April 14th  
Jane & Eric Wasserman

April 20th  
Ray & Liz Slavin



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# YAHREZEITS

April 4  
Marvin Zimmerman

April 7  
Edwin Large

April 9  
Denis Edward Ort  
Minnie Arowitz  
Bessie Hurwitz

April 11  
Irwin Kawarsky  
Sidney Gold  
Regina Sperber  
Kitty Lefkow

April 12  
Reubin Bragin

April 13  
Harry Rubin  
David Waldman

April 14  
Harold Kern

April 17  
Bea Friedman

April 19  
Stuart Kamich

April 22  
Samuel Goldman

April 23  
Peter Doshna

April 25  
Ethel Weiner  
Sarah Benari

April 27  
Raymond St. Pierre

April 28  
Martin Shapiro

April 29  
Jules Wasserman

April 30  
Ronald Shankoff

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# CONTRIBUTIONS

## Kiddush/Oneg/Nosh

**Terri Zucker**

Yahrzeit of mother, Ita Marcella Salbin

**Lesley Cohen-Lee & Cliff Lee**

Yahrzeit of father, Charles Cohen

**Roni Stolpen**

Yahrzeit of beloved husband, Alan Stolpen

## General Donations

**Antje Doyle**

Yahrzeit of mother, Hildegarde Likuski

**Elizabeth Lowe**

**Paya Vaimberg**

**Mitchell & Barbara Clarin**

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## Rabbi Discretionary

**Julius Kawarsky & Alexander Soto**

Yahrzeit of Stacey Zisook Robinson

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