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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

In Parshat Beha'alotecha, we read:

"And whenever the cloud lifted from the Tent, the Israelites would set out..., and at the spot where the cloud settled, there the Israelites would make camp." (Numbers 9: 17)

In the wilderness of Sinai, our ancestors had their ancient version of GPS. They knew when to start a journey, and when, and where, to end it. Nowadays, we do have software equivalents. Even with these, however, we are never sure that where we are ending up is where we really ought to be...

It would be so comforting if we were certain that all our journeys in life are paths on which we are meant to tread. Take a wrong turn, even with the help of GPS, and... who knows? Is that destination truly where we are supposed to end up?

I have read several sources which suggest that our journeys are just that: paths which we are supposed to walk, even if we are not sure why. From this perspective, where we travel, or the destination we reach, is not so crucial. "All roads lead to Rome," or, all paths offer us important lessons, and all destinations unique gifts. There is some comfort in this: we don't have to angst about where to go, or how to get there. Just start putting one foot in front of the other, and the travel itself will be objective enough.

I am not entirely comfortable with this approach. I think that active engagement with goals and processes is a good thing. If we don't have a Divine Cloud guiding us, it's OK to be thoughtful about where to go, and how to get there. Perhaps, though, the lesson of the Divine Cloud is not so much about intention, but about faith. Coming to a crossroads, trying to figure out which path to take – this involves not just careful attention, but an acknowledgement that, whichever way we turn, there will be a Cloud with us. If we recognize that God is everywhere, we can liberate ourselves from the anxiety that informed choices might be wrong choices. Being thoughtful, considerate and responsible on life's journey allows us to move forward, and to accept whatever we encounter.

May we all recognize the Divine Clouds in our lives.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT

It is YOU, our members, who are the stars of the FJCC!

Whether you attend only at the High Holidays, come to gatherings of a social group, offer your skills occasionally, are a regular minyan-aire, serve in a leadership role, or are involved in a myriad of other ways ... we value you. Rather than being a place, I see the FJCC as a robust group with varied and valuable experiences to share. We learn from one another, celebrate together and offer support in times of need.

Publicly, I want to give a shout out to our volunteers! We are so fortunate to have a bevy of committed individuals with diverse interests and skills who donate their time to the FJCC. Whether joining a committee, assisting in the kitchen, keeping the building in order, leading services, running the garden, helping in the office ... we have the best people doing small or large tasks that interest them and serve our community. Without that help, the FJCC would not be able to provide such a wide range of services and programs. I thank each and every one of you!

Please get involved, we need assistance with any of the following:

- •publish an edition of the newsletter (until we find an intern),
- supervise installation of a building project,
- create a celebration video,
- brainstorm fundraiser ideas,
- deliver soup to home-bound members,
- make phone calls,
- •research and compile a list of past members for use at the 100th Anniversary

Summer flies by and September will be upon us sooner than you think! The staff and organizers at the FJCC are already starting preparations for the programming year and the High Holidays. We look forward to counting you among our membersin-good-standing and welcome your participation in our many exciting activities. Make sure you have made and paid toward your pledge by August 1 in order to maintain your membership (https://flemingtonjcc.shulcloud.com/form/2024-2025membership-renewal1.html).

Save the date of August 25th for our annual "Welcome Back BBQ" at the FJCC. We have some delicious surprises for you!

Sharon Rednor

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 <u>membership@flemingtonjcc.org</u>

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 <u>membership@flemingtonjcc.org</u>



MEMBER OUTREACH

Please join in giving a warm welcome to our newest members Ken and Wendy Simons. Ken and Wendy met at Temple Israel on Staten Island. They have been married 52 years and currently live in Basking Ridge.

Ken is the developer and founder of the Velochair mobility device, see *Velochair.com*. n his early 50's Ken was diagnosed with a medical condition that resulted in him being unable to bear weight on his legs for any extended period of time.



WELCOME TO THE FJCC COMMUNITY, KEN AND WENDY

After being a lifelong runner and avid downhill skier Ken found most mobility devices did not promote his activity thus prompting his creation of the Velochair.

Many from our FJCC community may have already met Ken and Wendy when they attended our Havdalah and Klezmer event earlier this year, Ken was out on the dance floor with his Velochair, or met up with Wendy at the Sisterhood Woman of the Year event. If not, be sure to look for Ken and Wendy at future FJCC events. They look forward to meeting you too.

HEBREW SCHOOL



The 2024-2025 Hebrew School Handbook and Back to School paperwork will be sent out the week of July 22nd.



Please notice the changes in the Hebrew High schedule for next year. The 7th and 8th graders will meet on Wednesdays for 4:30 -6:15 and 9th through 12th graders will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:15.



The best way to reach Mrs. Walsh in the summer months is via email, kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org



HEBREW SCHOOL



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For Children in Pre-k & kindergarten. You don't need to be a member to participate. Email Karen for detail kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org

IS IT TIME FOR FIRST GRADE?

Contact Karen kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org for registration information



YOUTH GROUP

The leadership of the yourth group for next year:

President: Jamie Cohen Co Vice Presidents: Ian Rodriguez and Charlotte Byne Secretary: Lindsay Rodriguez Treasurer: Ian Weitz



FAMILY PROMISE

As many of you know, the FJCC supports Family Promise, which provides temporary shelter and support services to homeless families in Hunterdon County.

Family Promise is close to opening "The Promise Center", the new transitional home for families, until they locate permanent housing. No more motels, or moving each week from one synagogue/church to another!

At the current time, FJCC is seeking donations so we can purchase gift cards to enable the families to buy food and essential necessities. Thank you for your continued support.

To donate, please click the DONATE tab on the website or on ShulCloud. Or, you can use the following link: https://flemingtonjcc.shulcloud.com/payment.php

FJCC Family Promise Coordinators Alisa Grossman, Amy Marshall & Josy Kestenbaum

FJCC GIVING GARDEN

Each of the 13 beds at the FJCC Giving Garden are cram-packed with BEAUTIFUL plants, some with vegetables ready to be delivered to the Flemington Food Pantry by the end of June. So far it's been a GREAT growing season with plenty of rain and wonderful helpers. Sadly, a hungry bunny paid a few visits to the garden, eating her way through bean and pea plants. But now she's looking elsewhere for her dinner as Garry Rodriguez, lan Rodriguez and I installed a permanent rabbit-proof fence. Thank you to Rich Goldstein, Amy Cook and Rabbi Cohen for volunteering your utility staplers for the task!!!

When Jake Nemeth conceived of the garden ten years ago he wanted it to be accessible to all, including people in wheelchairs and those who might have trouble squatting/sitting on the ground. So he built a double-decker raised bed for this purpose. In all this time, no one with a need for a doubledecker bed has volunteered – until now. We are thrilled to introduce our newest volunteer – Chinedu Nick, who helped thin out the beets and graced us with his huge smile!!! Nick is a resident of Lebanon, residing at the home of Sharon and Ken Brooks.

Cross Country Farm in Stockton gave our garden sixty plants that they had not sold by the end of their season. As a small fundraiser, these plants are available while they last in the lobby of the FJCC for a donation to help our operations. Please help yourselves!

Pam Nemeth









FARMLAND RIDE











Thank you to the Farmland Ride Committee: Dena Scibilia, Mitch Clarin, Barry Mittler, John Fellin, Bruce Moskovitz and Sharon Rednor and

thank you to the many volunteers -we couldn't have done it without you!

FARMLAND RIDE <u>GRAND SPONSOR</u> WRIGHT AND FORD

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PAST EVENTS Dinner is Served Tavola Rustica Restaurant









PAST EVENTS

Interfaith Picnic

THE FLEMINGTON AREA FAITH LEADERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL

Interfaith Picnic



1:00 P.M.

For the first time since the pandemic our Annual Interfaith Picnic is Back. The Flemington Area Faith Leaders Association will hold its Interfaith Picnic First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County (Hunterdon UU).



JULY CALENDAR

Sat	Fri		Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
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9:15am - Shabbat servic			OFFICE CLOSED		7:30pm - Genealogy	10:30am - Bridge	9am - Sunday Morning
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	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat		7:30pm - Bridge				
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9:15am - Shabbat service	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat		11am - Adult Ed	10:30am - EB Meeting	5:45pm - Security	10:30am - Bridge	Bar Mitzvah - Bradley
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			7:30pm - Bridge				

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9am - Sunday Morning	10:30am - Bridge			11am - Adult Ed	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
	1pm - Parshat Hashavuah			1pm - Mah Jongg		
				7:30pm - Bridge		
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9am - Sunday Morning	10:30am - Bridge	7:30pm - Genealogy	5:30pm - LT Meeting	11am - Adult Ed	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
	1pm - Parshat Hashavuah			1pm - Mah Jongg		
	7pm - Book Club			7:30pm - Bridge		
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10:30am - EB Meeting	10:30am - Bridge	5:45pm - Security		1pm - Mah Jongg		
•	1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	7pm - Center Series		7:30pm - Bridge		
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Sisterhood General	10:30am - Bridge		7:30pm - BoT Meeting	11am - Adult Ed	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
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				7:30pm - Bridge		
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9am - Sunday Morning	10:30am - Bridge			11am - Adult Ed	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
3pm - End of Summer	1pm - Parshat Hashavuah			1pm - Mah Jongg		
				7:30pm - Bridge		

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DINNER IS SERVED KUAY TIEW 9 NOODLES (THAI BYOB Thursday, July 25

6:30 PM



RSVP IS REQUIRED BY JULY 21 TO RSVP OR FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: MEMBERSHIP@FLEMINGTONJCC.ORG 'ADULTS ONLY



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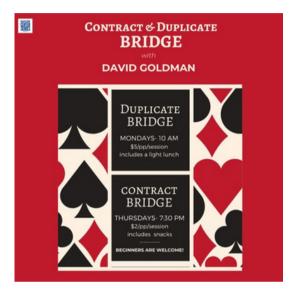




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WEEKLY EVENTS









BIRTHDAYS

<u>July 2</u> Craig Schindler Marce Zuchovicki

<u>July 4</u> Shira Engle-Friedman David Rothstein Joyce Nahama

<u>July 5</u> Becky Lefkow Miller

J<u>uly 6</u> Nathaniel Mehrlust David Cohn Nadine Goldman Samuel Doshna

> J<u>uly 7</u> Terri Zucker Jacob Stirberg

<u>July 8</u> Stacy St. Pierre

<u>July 9</u> Austin Rednor

<u>July 10</u> Judith Leibowitz Sharon Rednor

> <u>July 11</u> Ross Holley Amy Cook

J<u>uly 13</u> Jami Krampel Cory Franklin Ian Weitz Harry Rapkin

July 14 Arielle Engle-Friedman Alisa Grossman

> <u>July 15</u> Denise Vasquez

<u>July 16</u> Adrienne Scibilia Jeffrey Marshall Anthony Ricciardi

J<u>uly 17</u> Jonathan Treinish Bruce Moskovitz Michael Goldman

> J<u>uly 18</u> Carly Braff

J<u>uly 22</u> Nadine Milecofsky

J<u>uly 25</u> George <mark>Ollwert</mark>her

<u>July 26</u> Raymond Bragin Danny Braff

<u>July 29</u> Brianna <mark>G</mark>lacken

> <u>August 3</u> Jessica Ort

<u>August 6</u> Matthew Shankoff

<u>August 7</u> Melissa Kleiman Susan Kamich

> <u>August 8</u> Ross Gordon

<u>August 10</u> Doug Krampel

August 11 Barbara Thomas

August 14 Beth Krampel Stacey Wetstein <u>August 16</u> Richard Goldstein Neil Pollack

<u>August 19</u> Erica Ollwerther

<u>August 20</u> Drew Farber Deborah Hylton

August 21 Jodi Weitz Anneliese Nifoussi

<u>August 22</u> Zachary Kesselhaut

> <u>August 24</u> Landon Jampel

August 25 Sheila Fernekes Alissa McInerney Chase Martoccia

August 26 Samantha Muller

<u>August 27</u> Garry Rodriguez Justin Nahama Jacqueline Kestenbaum

> August 28 Gerald Grossman

August 29 Julius Kawarsky

<u>August 30</u> Jeremy Silberman

August 31 Alissa Shankoff Hunter St. Pierre

ANNIVERSARIES

J<u>uly 1</u> Ken and Sharon Brooks Ed and Rose Mehrlust

J<u>uly 4</u> Matt and Cheryl Schutz

<u>July 5</u> Eric Sirota and Cara London

J<u>uly 7</u> Hoyt and Reba Holley

J<u>uly 11</u> Adam and Larissa Wolf Phil and Evelyn Stern

J<u>uly 14</u> David Freedholm and Maria Shepard <u>August 5</u> Jonathan and Jodi Weitz

August 11 Michael and Carol Wolf

> August 12 David and Carolyn Goldman

August 19 Mitchell and Barbara Clarin

August 23 Frederick and Suzanne Rothstein

<u>August 30</u> Jonathan and Pam Nemeth Alan and Adah Radzin

YAHRZEITS - July

<u>July 2</u> Abraham Mondshein

J<u>uly 3</u> Harriet Nemeth Ida Kamich

J<u>uly 5</u> Minnie Lipsitz

J<u>uly 6</u> Marc Alan Suess

J<u>uly 8</u> Simone Kestenbaum

J<u>uly 9</u> Wesley Goldstein Julius Goodman

J<u>uly 10</u> Joyce Schindler

<u>July 12</u> Helen Handler

J<u>uly 13</u> Miriam Lily Rednor

<u>July 15</u> H. Ronald Treinish J<u>uly 19</u> Judith Weinstein Michael Galer

July 21 Jesse Mehrlust

J<u>une 22</u> David Quinn

July 23 Sheila Neibart Leon Suslow Harry Lehrer

J<u>uly 24</u> Louis Hurwitz Elsie Simon

J<u>uly 25</u> Shirley Cohen

J<u>uly 28</u> Edna Goldstein Isaac Mizrahi

<u>July 29</u> Daniel Doshna

YAHRZEITS - August

<u>August 2</u> Sarah Doshna

<u>August 5</u> Beatrice Klein

<u>August 7</u> Herbert Freedholm

> <u>August 8</u> Ozzie Nahama Allan Goodman

<u>August 9</u> Herbert Dvoor

August 10 Reba Chaiken Ruth Naar

> August 11 Ira Siegel

<u>August 15</u> Anna Kanter <u>August 18</u> Lillian Shapiro

> <u>August 22</u> Sarah Rubin

August 23 Renee Gold Maurice Suess

August 24 Benjamin Wetstein Abraham Rothstein Benjamin Rubin

August 25 Eva Cohen Sophie Sunny Neustdt

> August 29 Saul Galowner

<u>August 30</u> Elizabeth Chaikin

<u>August 31</u> Rabbi Evan Jaffe

Kiddush/Oneg/Nosh

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Florence Friedman-Hurwitz and Loren Hurwitz In memory of Marvin Jacobson

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Antje Doyle For the yahrzeit of her father W. Likuski

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In honor of Kim Muller being named Sisterhood's Woman of the Year. This is an honor well deserved!

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