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- High Holiday Schedule
- **Back to School!**
- **Giving Garden**
- **Activities Galore!**

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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

The summer is usually a time of relaxation and enjoyment. This summer, however, sees so many awful things going that it's hard to experience the joy of vacation and of sunny weather. Indeed, as we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I imagine many of us are not sad to see 5784 go the way of history. It has been the Jewish people's most recent "annus horribilis," year of terrible news and events. It does not help that the first anniversary of the October 7th massacre falls right between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, highlighting the fraught character of this New Year. And then, a month after our observances, we go to the polls for what might be the most consequential election in our times, if not the history of our country. From the frying pan into the fire!

These are indeed troubling times. Many of us are anxious, upset, maybe angry, maybe scared. This is understandable! I ask us also: do not despair. Let me remind you: we have been through much worse in our history. We have been in circumstances in which we were virtually friendless and powerless.



RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

Today, here, we are not friendless and we are not powerless. That does not mean we do not have enemies; that does not mean that many of them are not powerful. It DOES mean that we have the capability, the wherewith-all, to turn back forces of darkness and ignorance. We may not win every battle. But, we are not weak, and we are not outnumbered. Over this summer, I ask each and every one of us to choose ONE act - just one - that will bring us closer to being the country, the people, that we should be. One conversation, one phone call, one letter, one postcard that seeks to push back the ignorance and hate that is out there. "It is not upon you to finish the task, but neither is it an option to abandon the struggle" (Pirkei Avot 2: 21). Let us be responsible in the tradition of our people. Whatever transpires here, or in the Middle East, let us act so that we may tell our children, and our grand-children, that we did not abandon the struggle.



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we at the FJCC start preparations for the High Holy Days, I sat to reflect on the past year. Currently, I am feeling two vastly different emotions: anxiety and gratitude.

The anxiety comes from many global fronts: The war in Israel continues and I worry that it will be fought for some time to come. As colleges start up again for the semester, I worry about the anti-Semitism people confront on campuses and across our nation. This summer, we saw many climate-related disasters and I wonder what the planet will be like for future generations. I've promised myself to take small steps to address these crises.

Happily, the gratitude list is so much longer and more fun to write about!

- I'm thankful to the Jews of Hunterdon County, all unknown to me personally, who had the foresight to establish the Flemington Jewish Community Center in 1926 – almost 100 years ago.

- I am grateful to the past members of the FJCC (from 1926 through the 1990s) who developed an organization that was available for my family when we moved to the area.

- I so much appreciate the supportive friends I have in this community who encourage me, entertain me, celebrate with me and assist me.

- I am grateful for the members who respond to my requests for dues payments, donations, service on the Board, and participation on committees.

- I have loads of gratitude for all the staff and volunteers of the FJCC who: shop, plan programs, make phone calls, come up with creative ideas, do the tasks they promise to undertake, offer a pat on the back, assist with small and large projects, actively participate in events, etc.

- As President of the FJCC, I am often pulled away from my family and there are no words to express how much I appreciate my husband's and children's understanding, patience, support and unwavering love.

In summary, the FJCC is a respite -- a community that feeds body and soul, restores one's faith and reminds me how lucky I am. I promise to do what I can so the FJCC is thriving for years to come, as my contribution to those who will join long after I am gone!

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 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



HIGH HOLIDAYS 2024-5785

High Holiday Forms

Deadline: September 3rd

<u>flemingtonjcc.shulcloud.com/form/2024-5785-hiho-info-packet.html</u>



SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2024-5785

Selichot, September 28th
Study Session 6:30 PM
Services 7:30 PM
Erev Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, October 2nd
Services 6:15 PM
Candle-lighting 6:21 PM
Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 Thursday, October 3rd
Services 8:30 AM
Junior Congregation 10:00 AM
Baby-sitting 10:00 AM
Tashlich 5:45 PM
Evening Service 6:30 PM
Candle-lighting from/existing flame 7:19 PM
Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 Friday, October 4th
Services 8:30 AM
Baby-sitting 11:00 AM
Shabbat Shuvah, Friday, October 4th
Services 7:30 PM
Candle-lighting from existing flame 6:17 PM

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2024-5785

Shabbat Shuvah - Satur	rday, October 5th
Services	9:15 AM
Fast of Gedaliah Sunda	<u>ay - October 6th</u>
Services	9:00 AM
Yom Kippur Eve - Kol Nidre	e Friday, October 11th
Services	5:45 PM
Candle-lighting	6:06 PM
Yom Kippur Saturday	- October 12th
Services	8:15 AM
Junior Congregation and Yi	zkor 11:00AM
Baby-sitting	11AM –1PM
Minchah	4:15 PM
Neilah	5:30 PM
Fast Ends	7:05PM
Build our Sukkah Sund	lay - October13th
Services	9:00 AM

Breakfast 9:45 AM

Sukkah Building 10:30 AM

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2024-5785

<u>Shemini Atzeret, Wednesday - October 23rd</u>					
Hebrew School Torah Program 5:30 PM					
Services 7:30 PM					
Candle-lighting5:48 PM					
<u>Shemini Atzeret, Thursday - October 24th</u>					
Services9:15 AM					
Yizkor10:30 AM					
<u>Simchat Torah, Thursday - October 24th</u>					
Services 7:00 PM					
Candle-lighting from an existing flame 6:48 PM					
<u>Simchat Torah, Friday - October 25th</u>					
Services 9:15 AM					
<u>Shabbat Bereisheet Friday - October 25th</u>					
Services 7:30 PM					
Candle-lighting from an existing flame 5:46 PM					
<u>Shabbat Bereisheet Saturday - October 26th</u>					
Services 9:15 AM					

SISTERHOOD

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sisterhood meeting on Sunday, August 18th. We went through the calendar of events and started discussing all the amazing things we have planned for this year! We have a few of the same events with some enhancements on others.

Back by popular demand is the Sisterhood Meet & Make where we will be creating decorations for the Sukkah on October 6th, we'll be celebrating Hanukkah with a lovely Chinese Dinner & Karaoke along with a spectacular menorah lighting on December 25th and we're adding some new enhancements to this years Progressive Dinner by kicking off the 100 weeks to the 100th anniversary!

We'll also be leading services and diving headfirst into Purim with some Mishloach Manot and singing. Finally, we'll looking to make some changes to our annual Woman of the Year event! Make sure you stay tuned to all of the Sisterhood news in News & Notes, and the FJCC Bulletin!



HEBREW SCHOOL

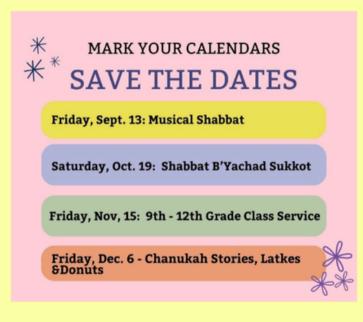
The Rabbi, teachers, staff and I are looking forward to the start of Hebrew School. We are busy getting the classrooms together, organizing lesson plans and preparing for High Holidays. Medical release forms, media consent forms and allergy action plans are due. We are introducing an Israel curriculum which will be taught once a month and was made possible by a contribution from the Nikole Kalafer Fund. Wednesday will start with a bracha and a snack for the first ten minutes of Hebrew School. Students are encouraged to arrive on time for a snack before going to class. There have been changes to the Hebrew High curriculum and schedule. Mrs. Clarin looks forward to welcoming the Gan Goes to Hebrew School student back later this month. Hebrew school parent should review the dress code and cell phone policy that is outlined in the Hebrew School Handbook. We'll see you on the week of September 8th.





Back to School Hebrew School 24-25







For Hebrew School



if you have questions contact karen@flemingtonjcc.org

FJCC GIVING GARDEN



Throughout the month of August our Giving Garden volunteers have been taking not one, but TWO deliveries per week to the Flemington Food Pantry. We can do this because our 13 vegetation-packed beds are producing an INCREDIBLE amount of food!!! Cherry tomatoes, tomatoes, beans, hot peppers and okra have been plentiful. Green peppers, cucumbers and beets are growing well. White and purple eggplants, donated by Karen Walsh, are looking beautiful and nearly ready to harvest. Celery and parsley, planted by Amy Cook, are HUGE!!! And our aromatic basil is the best!!!! Want to make your car smell amazing – drive the less than 10 minute drive to the Flemington Food Panty with a bag of basil on your back seat!!!!

But there are some failures mixed with the successes. Sadly, our zucchini, potato, and watermelon plants prematurely died, and for no apparent reason. Additionally, our kale, though hanging in, hasn't been thriving, unusual for us as we've had great success in past seasons. The broccoli, planted by staff of the Jewish Federation of West Central New Jersey, is in a perpetual Peter Pan state, refusing to grow up. And all bets are in as to whether-or-not the late-planted peppers, grown lovingly by Phil Stern and trans-planted by Dana Cohen, will actually produce a pepper. But most disheartening is that our friendly lawn care guys, who graciously weed whack between the beds every week, cut our butternut squash vines, killing all our growing and future-growing squashes. To solves this problem, (and an additional mud problem,) we plan to cover the grassy areas with garden mulch next spring. Anyone access to free or cheap mulch, or if you would like to contribute to the purchase of mulch, please contact me or make a donation on ShulCloud.



FJCC GIVING GARDEN

July started with a delivery of 47 absolutely GORGEOUS heads of lettuce. (Guess how much 47 heads of lettuce weigh? 26 POUNDS!!!!!!) We immediately planted another 48 lettuce plants that are now nearly ready for delivery.

Considering we aren't delivering heavy squashes, our delivery poundage is quite impressive.

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July 3 - 26 lbs
July 9 - 7 lbs
July 17 - 15 lbs
July 23 - 16 lbs
July 29 - 15 lbs
August 1 - 12 lbs
August 5 - 15 lbs
August 8 - 7 lbs
August 12 - 14 lbs
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Thank you to all who helped in the garden, made Food Pantry runs, and/or purchased plants in our first ever fund-raiser. We hope your plants are doing as well as ours (well, most of ours.) And if you're in the neighborhood and want to see the most ENORMOUS sunflower stalk/flower every, come take a look, first bed on the right where our zucchini and butter nut squashes used to be.



FJCC GIVING GARDEN



PAST EVENTS KUAY TIEW NOODLES











PAST EVENTS END OF SUMMER BBQ











SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Sunday Morning	OFFICE CLOSED	11am - Yoga in the Social 7:30pm - Genealogy	4	1pm - Mah Jongg 7:30pm - Bridge	7:30pm - Sisterhood 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
9am - Alef - Vav Hebrew 9am - Sunday Morning 10:30am - EB Meeting 4pm - Pot Luck Dinner is	10am - Rabbi and 10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah 7pm - Book Club	11am - Yoga in the Social 5:45pm - Security 7pm - Center Series	4:30pm - HS Gimel - Vav 4:30pm - Hebrew High	11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7:30pm - Bridge	7:30pm - Member 7:30pm - Musical 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service 12:15pm - LUNCH &
9am - Alef - Vav Hebrew 9am - Sunday Morning	10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	17 11am - Yoga in the Social	4:30pm - HS Gimel - Vav 4:30pm - Hebrew High 7:30pm - BoT Meeting	11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7:30pm - Bridge	9 20 Schutz Oneg 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	Kleinman Auf Ruf 9:15am - Shabbat service
9am - Alef - Vav Hebrew 9am - Sunday Morning 10am - Sisterhood Polish	10:30am - Bridge 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah 7pm - Federation Movie	11am - Yoga in the Social	4:30pm - HS Gimel - Vav 4:30pm - Hebrew High	11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 7:30pm - Bridge	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
9am - Alef - Vav Hebrew 9am - Sunday Morning	10:30am - Bridge	1 11am - Yoga in the Social 7pm - Movie Club 7:30pm - Genealogy	OFFICE CLOSED No School Rosh HaShanah		7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



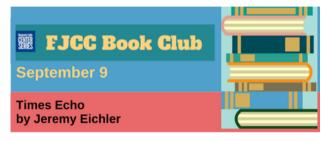




Come join the FjCC Book Club: We are reading new prize winners and timeless classics, fiction and non-fiction. We meet approximately every six to eight weeks, Mondays at 7 PM, snacks graciously served by Carolyn. If you are new to our group. please notify Adah or the office that you are attending our lively discussion. TIMES ECHO by Jeremy Eichler September 9 THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY STORE by James McBride October 28 EOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS: EPORTS FROM A HAUNTED PRESENT y Dara Horn DANIEL DERONDA bu George Eliot February 3 A TALE FO LOVE AND DARKESS by Amos Oz March 10 & April 28 by Sabrina Orah Mark Summer Selections and Dates will be posted in late spring.

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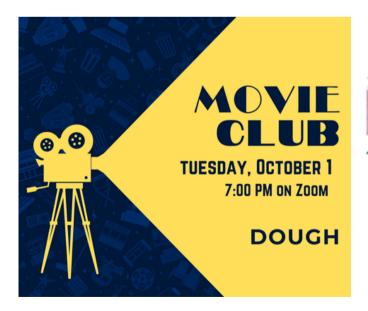
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With a critic's ear, a scholar's erudition, and a novelist's eye for detail, Eichler shows how four towering composers—Richard Strauss, Arnold Schoenberg, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Benjamin Britten—lived through the era of the Second World War and the Holocaust.







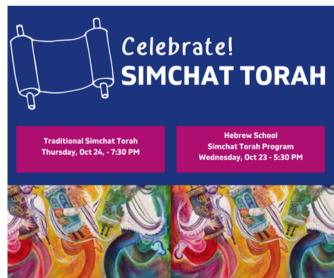
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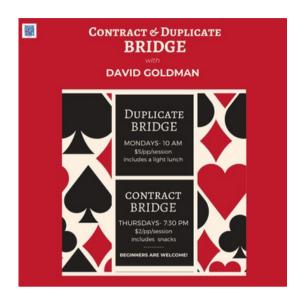




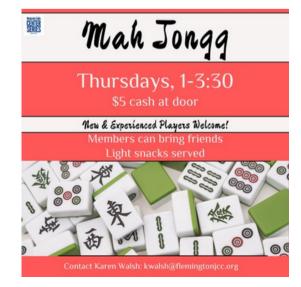


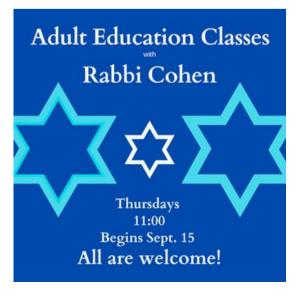
WEEKLY EVENTS











BIRTHDAYS

September 1
Arielle Mizrahi
Ray Slavin
Bruce Davidson
Ariela Rutbeck-Goldman

<u>September 2</u> Amira Kleiman Stephanie McInerney

September 4
Matthew Rednor

September 5 Aaron Sperling

September 6 Liam Franklin Lilah Mason

September 7
Zachary Nemeth
Jeffrey Doshna
Hoyt Holley

September 9 Emily Quinn

<u>September 12</u> Jamie Alexander Abby Walsh Jake Nifoussi September 15 Jordan Alexander

September 16
Frank Rumore
Emma Hornick

September 17
Noam RutbeckGoldman
Deborah Kesselhaut
Howard Nifoussi
William Fernekes

September 18
Benjamin Gavzy
Edward Winnick

September 20 James Fox

September 21 Linda Atlas

<u>September 24</u> Sam Kohn

September 26
David Goldman

September 27
Joshua Sperling
Zachary Sperling

September 30 Rosemary Mehrlust

ANNIVERSARIES

<u>September 2nd</u> Salena & Allen Kern

<u>September 6th</u> Julius Kawarsky & Alexander Soto

September 9th
Bruce & Josephine Kestenbaum

September 14th
Deborah & Drew Farber

September 21st Joel & Sharon Goldstein

September 24th
Edward & Sharon Winnick



YAHRZEITS

Ruth Wolf
Gerald Cohen

September 4, 2024 Leonard Goldenberg

Rita Rednor
Lilie Gerber
Leonard Kaminsky
Joanna Goldman

September 7, 2024
Esther Bragin

September 8, 2024
Theodore London
Frieda Frant

September 9, 2024
Bertha Kahansky

September 12, 2024
William Suess

September 15, 2024
Evelyn Treinish

September 17, 2024
Rose Billowitz

September 19, 2024
Lillian Gerstein

September 20, 2024

Kurt Hylton

Jack Franklin

September 21, 2024

Abraham Greenberg

September 23, 2024
Norman Thomas

September 24, 2024
Bruce Nifoussi

September 26, 2024 Henrietta Farber

September 27, 2024
Carolyn Watts

September 28, 2024

David Bruce Wasserman

September 29, 2024
Julius Kaminowitz



Contributions <u>Kiddush/Oneg/Nosh</u>

Mark & Laurie Weinstein

For the yahrzeit of Judy Weinstein

Lisa & Martin Seymour

For the yahrzeit of Abraham Mondshein, beloved father of Seymour

Jonathan & Pamela Nemeth

For the yahrzeit of Harriet Nemeth beloved mother of Jonathan

Matthew & Cheryl Schutz

In celebration of Cheryl's birthday

Sharon & Austin Rednor

For the yahrzeit of Miriam Lily Rednor, beloved daughter of Sharon & Austin

Scott Schindler

For the yahrzeit of Joyce Schindler

General Donations

Jonathan & Pamela Nemeth

In honor of Marce Z's Birthday

Marlene Dyoor

For the yahrzeit of Father Herbert Dvoor 15 years missed everyday

Sue & Rick Rothstein

In memory of Murray Weinstein (Mark and Laurie Weinstein's father and father-in-law) and for the yahrzeit's of Sue's grandmother, Bessie Triber Rick's grandmother, Jennie Silver Goldstein and Rick's aunt, Blanche Abramson

Anonymous

In honor of Rabbi Cohen for sharing his knowledge and wisdom through adult education classes.

Daniel & Gallagher Weinstock

Kenneth & Sharon Brooks

For the yahrzeit of Newton Brooks, beloved father of Ken

Mitchell & Barbara Clarin

In memory of Murray Weinstein and Beatrice Williamson, grandmother of Rachel Rodriguez SEPTEMBER 2024 | 28TH OF AV - 27TH OF ELUL

Contributions <u>Center Series</u>

Donna Levinston Braff & Ricky Braff

In memory of Irwin Mogel, beloved father of Karen Shankoff.

Rabbi Discretionary

Florence Friedman Hurwitz & Loren Hurwitz

In honor of Cheryl & Matt Schutz's granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah

Lois Butt

In memory of Marvin Jacobson

Linda & Jerry Atlas

for the yahrzeits of Anna Kanter, beloved mother of Linda and Isadore Kanter, beloved father of Linda

Family Promise

Mitchell & Barbara Clarin

For the yahrzeit of Joyce Schindler

Jeff & Amy Marshall
Just because

Building Fund

Zel & Marsha Gerstein

In memory of Ruth Lowenstein, beloved mother of Vivian Daniel, Murray Weinstein, beloved father of Mark Weinstein and Beatrice Williamson, grandmother of Rachel Rodriguez and,

In honor of Matt and Cheryl Schutz on their 20 year anniversary.

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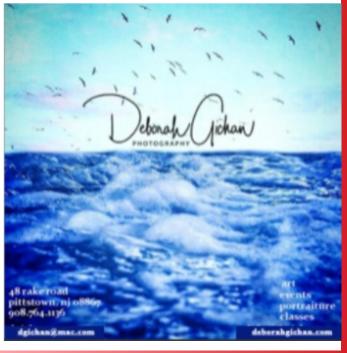
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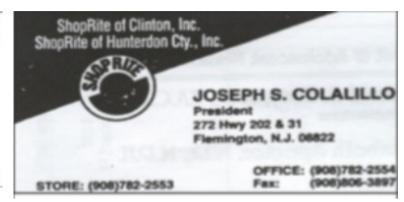
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