#### OCTOBER 2024 28TH OF ELUL - 29TH OF TISHREI

# FJCCFIASH Newsletter of the Flemington lewish Community Center



Potluck at the Wolf Home on October 8th

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#### **THIS MONTH:**

- Remembering October 7th
- New Member Alert!
- Giving Garden

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#### RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

We are always in the process of learning. Hopefully, a good deal of that is Torah learning. My colleague, Rabbi Avi Strassberg of Yeshivat Hadar, asks: to what extent does our Torah learning make an impact on our actions? Remember, we finish the High Holy Days, during which we commit to behaving better in the new year, to striving toward a more righteous way of living. Are we actually better people as a result of our Torah study? Or, are we basically the same, with maybe a bit more learning under our belts?

In his teaching on Parashat Bereishit, in his great work, the Eish Kodesh, R. Kalonymous Kalman Shapira writes: "A person who learns Torah, but is not transformed thereby into Torah and holiness, is merely a bookshelf containing books—they remain merely a piece of wood, as they were before."

Torah learning is not just an end in itself. Rather, the goal of learning Torah is nothing less than to transform our very selves into Torah and into holiness. As Rabbi Strassberg explains: it's not just that we are people who sometimes perform holy actions; rather, in our essence, we embody holiness with every breath, every choice, every interaction.

Indeed, our Sages teach, again in Pirkei Avot: "Study is not the most important thing, but rather action is..." Rabbi Natan Zvi Finkel who lived in the 19th century, adds: "The meaning of this is not that without action, study is not central, but rather without action, there is no value to Torah at all... We are obligated to mold ourselves through action, meaning to change our existence to one of holiness, through keeping mitzvot."

The Torah is called the Tree of Life. Both trees and bookcases are made of wood. Trees are living, growing creatures. Bookcases are useful and convenient, but it is what they hold that matters the most. We can all become bookcases to one extent or another. We can spend time learning, and achieve, intellectually, what we are capable of achieving. But... can we become Torah? Can we transform ourselves with the learning we do? As we begin this New Year, I pray that I am able to do so. I hope you will join me. Shanah Tovah!



#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Shana Tovah! Happy New Year!

After a most pleasant summer, we dove right into preparations for the start of the programming year, Nursery School, Hebrew School classes, and the Yomim Tovim at the FJCC. Please join me in thanking the many people who spent the past few months meeting, researching, planning and implementing their ideas so we can enjoy a sense of community, spirituality and learning at the FJCC.

- **Staff** Rabbi Cohen, Jordan Gelber, Richard Goldstein, Deborah Kesselhaut, Kimi Mittler, Kathleen Skeehan, and Karen Walsh
- **Ritual Committee** Shellie Jacobson, Bruce Moskovitz, Anneliese Nifoussi, Cheryl Schutz
- **Security Committee** John Fellin, Zel Gerstein, Nathan Lefkow, Nadine Milecofsky, Bruce Moskovitz
- Center Series Committee Carolyn Goldman, Marsha Goldstein, Cara London, Nadine Milecofsky, Adah Radzin, Harry Rapkin, Mona Shapiro, Karen Walsh)
- **Sisterhood Board** Rachel Rodriguez, Cheryl Schutz and Andrea Goldstein-Byne
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- 100th Anniversary Committee Paul Hubert, Alan Hylton, Bruce Moskovitz, Jonathan Nemeth, Howard Nifoussi, Phil Stern, Michael Wolf
- Giving Garden Volunteers Sharon Brooks, Charlotte and Liam Byne, Nick Chinedu, Dana and Jamie Cohen, Rabbi Cohen, Amy Cook, Federation staff, FJCC Nursery students and teachers, Les Geisel, Rich Goldstein, Deborah Kesselhaut, Jake, Nate, Jonathan and Pam Nemeth, Chinedu Nick, Kathleen Skeehan, Sarah Sornstein, Phil and Evie Stern, Garry and Ian Rodriguez, Virgie, Karen Walsh, Rose and Ian Weitz
- Youth Heather Goldschmitt, Alan Radzin, Rachel Rodriguez
- Summer Torah readers Jeff Doshna, Florence Friedman-Hurwitz, David Goldman, Loren Hurwitz, Shellie Jacobson, Bruce Moskovitz, and Harry Rapkin.

To ALL volunteers: Thank you! Without these wonderful members who volunteer their precious ideas, time and energy, the services and programs at the FJCC would not happen. I am always happy to assist members in learning a new skill, volunteering for a small job or a project that is close to their heart – just give me a call to volunteer. Your help is greatly needed and greatly appreciated!

Sharon Rednor



#### **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

Welcome to our newest member Judy Heffron. Judy moved to Flemington in 1972 from Buffalo, NY and joined the FJCC. Some of you may remember her from years ago in our old FJCC building. She was a secretary in the Flemington Raritan School District for 23 years.

Judy was a founding member of Congregation Bet Tikva. After almost thirty years their Temple merged with Congregation Knesseth Israel in Bound Brook. Judy married her second husband Peter in 2001. Judy and Peter became snowbirds traveling back and forth from Scottsdale, Arizona for 23 years. They moved into the Walnut Brook community, behind the FJCC, in 2016. Peter passed away this past June so she will no longer be going back to Arizona. Judy joined the FJCC for greater opportunities for spiritual and social life.

Welcome to the FJCC community Judy, we all look forward to getting to know you.





# SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2024-5785

Selichot, October 28	<u>th</u>
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	<u>y, October 3rd</u>
Services	. 8:30 AM
Junior Congregation	10:00 AM
Baby-sitting10	
Tashlich 5:	:45 PM
Evening Service	6:30 PM
Candle-lighting from/existing flame.	7:19 PM
<u>Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 Friday,</u>	October 4th
Services	8:30 AM
Baby-sitting1	1:00 AM
Shabbat Shuvah, Friday, Oc	tober 4th
Services	7:30 PM
Candle-lighting from existing flame	

# SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2024-5785

<u> Shabbat Shuvah - Satu</u>	<u>rday, October 5th</u>
Services	9:15 AM
Fast of Gedaliah Sund	ay - October 6th
Services	9:00 AM
<u>Yom Kippur Eve - Kol Nidr</u>	<u>e Friday, October 11th</u>
Services	5:45 PM
Candle-lighting	6:06 PM
Yom Kippur Saturday	<u> - October 12th</u>
Services	8:15 AM
Junior Congregation and Y	izkor 11:00AM
Baby-sitting	11AM –1PM
Minchah	4:15 PM
Neilah	5:30 PM
Fast Ends	7:05PM
Build our Sukkah Sun	<u>lay - October13th</u>
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>
Services7:30 PM
Candle-lighting from an existing flame 5:46 PM
<u>Shabbat Bereisheet Saturday - October 26th</u>
Services 9:15 AM

#### **SISTERHOOD**

Sisterhood had a lovely evening leading services on Friday, September 20th! Several women participated in leading services and some brought back tunes from our childhood! We ended the service with all our ladies on the bima leading Yigdal.

Then on Sunday morning we were back for some polishing! Thank you to Cara London, Eric Sirota, Marsha Goldstein, Pam Nemeth, Andrea Goldstein-Byne, Carol Wolf, David Goldman, Carolyn Goldman, Marce Zuckoviki, Laurie and Harry Rapkin, and Rachel Rodriguez! The silver for the Torahs is nice and shiny and the Torahs are all dressed and ready for their big High Holiday debut!





#### **HEBREW SCHOOL**

#### First Day of Hebrew School

**Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another** 

#### Rebecca Kelly

Hebrew School Artist in Residence

Rebecca Kelly has been sharing stories and crafts at the FJCC for over twenty years. In years past she has prepared the students to share a Torah skit at Beyachad, and told Jewish Ghost Stories to our students at many October Hebrew School classes.

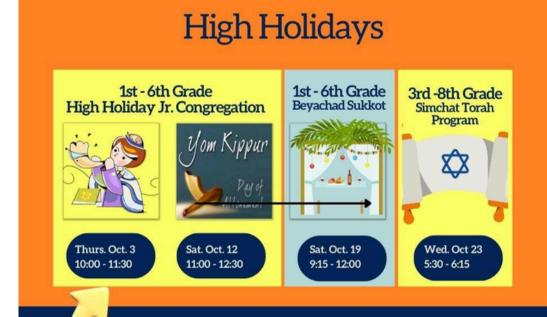
This year Rebecca will be joining our students five times during the school year to share stories, hand on activities and skits. She will also help the Hebrew School students prepare something for the time capsule as part of the 100 Anniversary Celebration.







#### **HEBREW SCHOOL**



For Hebrew School Corrections - Thursday, October 3

Gan Goes to Hebrew School with Mrs. Clarin

Sept. 22 - Oct. 13 - Nov. 17

Dec. 15 - Jan. 12 - Feb. 9

Mar. 16 - Apr. 6 - May 18

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Did you know? Gan means garden!



# FJCC GIVING GARDEN 10th Season Giving Garden

"When you are asked in the world to come, "What was your work?" and you answer, "I fed the hungry," you will be told, "This is the gate of Adonai, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry."" (Midrash to Psalm 118:17)

The Torah and Jewish tradition are explicit in commanding that we feed the hungry. It's a particularly amazing feeling contributing to the FJCC's part in this very important mitzvah. Believe it or not, this summer was the TENTH season of our Giving Garden!!! Ten years ago our garden was built with six beds. Today we have thirteen. Just one year ago we hand-watered every bed nearly every non-raining day. This year we have a dripline and hand water infrequently. We've had good seasons and poor seasons but this summer we have had a SPECTACULAR yield!!! And every bit of the vegetables and herbs grown were donated to the Flemington Food Pantry. It is likely we will still be delivering through the High Holidays.

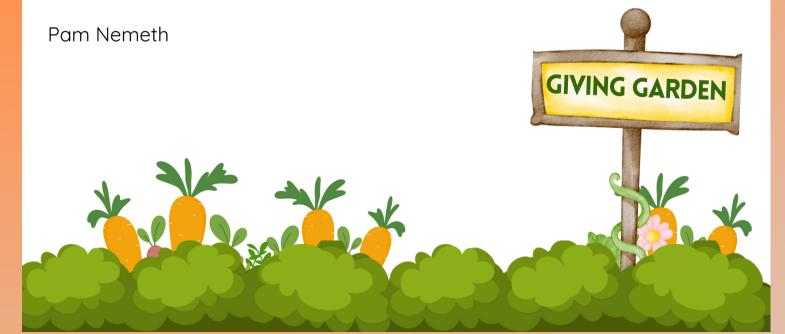
Grown this year were: Basil, beets, bell peppers, butternut squash, celery, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, hot peppers, kale, lettuce, okra, oregano, parsley, peas, potatoes, string beans, tomatoes, watermelon and zucchini. While the basil, beans, okra, lettuce, peppers and tomatoes were in abundance, the beets, kale and eggplants didn't grow well. The watermelon and zucchini plants died early. And the lawn care guys weed-whacked through the butternut squash vines. So our success came with some failures, but we continue to learn, make adjustments and will do better next year.

Without the need for near daily hand watering, far fewer volunteers were called upon. But volunteers are essential for getting the beds ready, planting, improvements and repairs. I am grateful to everyone who contributed your time, labor, plants and growing prowess. And also to those who made a donation during our first ever take a plant home fundraiser, and to our community partners who donated soil, plants and supplies.

Thank you volunteers and partners: Rich Goldstein, Virgie, Amy Cook, Charlotte Byne, Chinedu Nick, Dana Cohen, Deborah Kesselhaut, Rabbi Eric Cohen, Evie Stern, FJCC Nursery School teachers, FJCC Nursery School Students, Garry Rodriguez, Ian Rodriguez, Ian Weitz, Jake Nemeth, Jamie Cohen, Jewish Federation of West Central New Jersey staff, Jonathan Nemeth, Karen Walsh, Kathleen Skeehan, Les Geisel, Liam Byne, Nate Nemeth, Phil Stern, Rose Weitz, Sarah Sorensen, Cross Country Nurseries, Home Depot, Lowes, Rutgers Landscape & Nursery

A typical garden season runs from March to October, beginning with planning in March, cup planting in April, and bed-prep and in-garden planting in May, usually between Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Next year at this very time I will be quite pre-occupied with the wedding of my son, Zachary, and will not be able to do all that is required prior to planting. In order for our garden to continue someone/s will need to take on the responsibilities. If a few people divide the tasks we can continue doing our beautiful mitzva and also have a brilliant eleventh season.

Sincerely,





#### **PAST EVENTS**

# Potluck at the Wolf Home!



















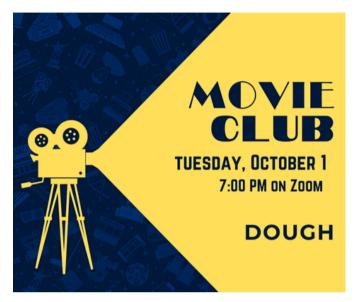


Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
9:15am - Shabbat service	4	3	2	1	30	29
			OFFICE CLOSED	11am - Yoga In the Social	10:30am - Bridge	Bam - Alef - Vav Hebrew
	Rosh Hashana (Day 2)	Rosh Hashana	Rosh Hashana Eve	7pm - Movie Club		Bam - Sunday Morning
	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat			7:30pm - Genealogy		
1	11	10	9	8	7	6
Yom Kippur	OFFICE CLOSED	1pm - Mah Jongg	4:30pm - HS Gimel - Vav	11am - Yoga in the Social	10:30am - Bridge	Gedaliah Fast
9:15am - Shabbat service	Yom Kippur Eve	6pm - HH 9-12	4:30pm - Jr. HH 7&8	5:45pm - Security	7pm - Community	Bam - Alef - Vav Hebrew
	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	7:30pm - Bridge		7pm - Center Series		Bam - Sunday Morning 10:30am - Sisterhood Ipm - Federation Baking
1	18	17	16	15	14	13
(Sukkot (Day 3)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	(Sukkot Eve	11am - Yoga in the Social	Columbus Day	Build the Sukkah
9:15am - Beychad in the	Sukkot (Day 2)	Sukkot (Day 1)	6pm - Supper in the	7pm - 100 anniversary	Indigenous Peoples' Day	Bam - Alef - Vav Hebrew
9:15am - Hold for 9:15am - Shabbat servio	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat				10:30am - Bridge	Barn - Sunday Morning 10am - Gan Goes to 10:30am - EB Meeting Spm - Dinner is Served
2	25	24	23	22	21	20
9:15am - Shabbat service		OFFICE CLOSED	Hebrew School Simchat	Sukkot (Day 6)	Sukkot (Day 5)	Rogow Bat Mitzvah
	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	Adult SIMCHAT TORAH	Sukkot (Day 7) /	11am - Yoga In the Social	10:30am - Bridge	Sukkot (Day 4)
		Shemini Atzeret /	4:30pm - Jr. HH 7&8	PER MINISTER		Jam - Alef - Vav Hebrew
						am - Sunday Morning
	_ 1	31	30	29	28	27
Bar Mitzvah - Sperling		Halloween	4:30pm - HS Gimel - Vav	Senior Dance	10:30am - Bridge	Bam - Alef - Vav Hebrew
Bar Mitzvah - Sperling		1pm - Mah Jongg	4:30pm - Jr. HH 7&8	11am - Yoga in the Social	1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	Barn - Sunday Morning
	First Day of American	7:30pm - Bridge	7:30pm - BoT Meeting		7pm - Book Club	
	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	F.				



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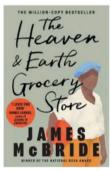


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FJCC Book Club
Oct. 28 - in the Sukkah
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride



In 1972, a skeleton is found in a well, and secrets are kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side.

Join us for a special evening with Steve Katz, a founding member of Blood, Sweat & Tears, at the FJCC on December 14 at 7 PM! This is your chance to see him one last time before he retires!

Grab your early bird tickets for this final concert by November 14 <u>HERE</u>.

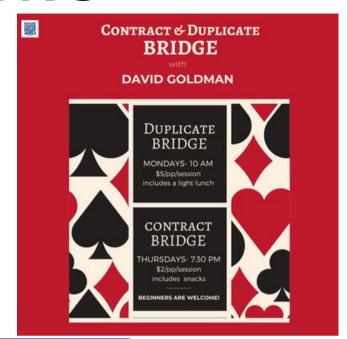
Don't miss out!

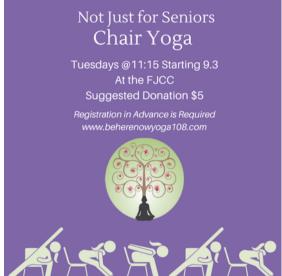
We are always looking for volunteers to help distribute posters and to assist before and after the event. To volunteer contact Nadine at auntdeeny@qmail.com.



## **WEEKLY EVENTS**











#### **BIRTHDAYS**

October 1
Lois Butt
Kylei Mittler

October 2
Nancy Rumore
Lucy Shor
Brendan Daneshrad

October 3
Elaine Stern

October 4
Adah Radzin

October 6
Robin Mason
Rebecca Mondshein
Jack Nahama

October 7
Lindsey Rodriguez

October 15 Ethan Mehrlust

October 20
Jacob Clarin
Eliot Friedman
Evan Pollack
Richard Goodman

October 23
Mitchell Clarin

October 26 Kari Gursky

October 27
Karen Stirberg
Steve Kesselhaut

October 29
Scott Berk

October 30
Benjamin Goldstein

October 31 Kimi Mittler



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

October 2nd
Zel & Marsha Gerstein

October 11th

Diane & Stuart Naar

October 13th Barry & Kimi Mittler

October 17th

Jeremy Silberman & Alisa Grossman

October 18th
Deborah & Steve Kesselhaut
Kim & Joe Muller

October 19th
Scott & Jeanne Berk

October 26th

Marsha Golstein & Bruce Davidson



#### **YAHRZEITS**

October 1, 2024
Sarah Neibart

October 2, 2024
Ruth Elstein
Harry Povlotsky

October 4, 2024
Samuel Stein
Barbara M Berg
Arnold Stein

October 5, 2024 Edward Wagscal

October 6, 2024
Daniel Alexander
Abraham Goldstein

October 9, 2024
Sarah Wetstein
Henry Schindler

October 10, 2024
Sandra Beluch
Leona Braff
Michael Muller

October 12, 2024 Richard Kaplan

October 13, 2024
Thomas Doshna

October 14, 2024
Celia Rosenberg
Marion Brooks

October 15, 2024
Joseph Ritwe

October 17, 2024 Helene Hubert October 18, 2024
Gloria Barak
Alvin Farber

October 19, 2024
Avram Benari
Frank Stolpen

October 21, 2024
Ritalou Rogow Harris
Lyla Grossman

October 22, 2024
Joy Ronald
Reuben Billowitz

October 23, 2024
Abraham Chaiken
Daniel Shor

October 25, 2024
Edward Alan Cohn
Harvey Goldstein
Sylvia Goodman
Raphael Zackowitz

October 28, 2024
Sol Daniels
Irving Waskowitz
Barnett Kamich

Ethel Kissin
Loretta Grossman
Jerome Goodman
Rubin Kaplan
Edward Stern

October 30, 2024 Rosalyn Zackowitz

October 31, 2024

Manfried Wolf

Eileen Wortman

Lucille Waskowitz

Remembering October 7, 2023



that occurred on October 7.

Ceremony & Community Dinner



P) Bridgewater, NJ

Sponsoring Agencies: Chabad of Greater Somerset County, Basking Ridge, Congregation B'nai Israel, Basking Ridge, Congregation Knesseth Israel, Bound Brook, Flemington Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties, Jewish Federation of West-Central New Jersey, Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough, Temple Sholom, Bridgewater





All events are free to the community and require pre-registration.



## Contributions

## Kiddush/Oneg/Nosh

**Eric Sirota & Cara London**For the yahrzeit of Cara's beloved father, Ted London

Matthew & Cheryl Schutz For the Yahrzeit of Cheryl's mother, Bertha Kahansky.

**Sharon & Austin Rednor** 

## **General Donations**

**Brenda and Avraham Zlatin** In honor of Sheila Milecofsky's special birthday.

Neil & Helen Pollack Just because

**Sue & Rick Rothstein**In memory of Rick's father,
Abraham Rothstein

Stephanie Ledgin-Toskos & Theodoros Toskos
In memory of Barbara H Ledgin

**Anonymous** In memory of Marvin Jacobson

## Rabbi Discretionary

#### **Lois Butt**

In memory of Murray Weinstein Get well wishes to Matt Schultz

# Contributions

## FJCC Cares

#### **Anonymous**

in celebration of the aufruf of Leah Kleiman and Ethan Shapiro

## **Building Fund**

Zel & Marsha Gerstein

IRefuah Shlemah to Matt Schutz

## **High Holidays**

#### Steve and Deborah Kesselhaut & family

Flowers for holidays

#### Jeff Doshna

Yom Kippur Breakfast, in memory of Thomas Doshna

#### **Phil & Evie Stern**

Flowers for holidays

#### **Rachel Rodriguez**

Hand made Women's head coverings



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