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## RABBI'S REFLECTIONS



Lessons from the Book of Jonah

Most of us are familiar with the story of Jonah. He is given an assignment by God, refuses to accept his mission, and flees aboard a ship. When Jonah's presence on the boat leads God to whip up a storm that endangers all on board, Jonah is sleeping in his cabin. He is awakened, acknowledges that his flight caused God's wrath, and tells the sailors to throw him overboard. These sailors refuse at first, and only agree to do so when all hope is lost. Jonah ends up in the belly of a huge fish and prays for deliverance. Only after enduring all of this, does he heed God's

directive, travel to Nineveh, and warn the people there. And, lo and behold, they take his warning to heart. The people—and even their beasts—fast and cry out to God, leading God to renounce the impending punishment, much to Jonah's displeasure.

On one level, this story is a dramatic example of forgiveness, and is very appropriate for Yom Kippur, when we ask God to forgive us.

But, beneath the straight-forward plot, there are many enigmas in this book. "I know the storm is on account of me," Jonah says. "I am fleeing from the God who created heaven and earth. Throw me into the sea." The captain and the other sailors are horrified at Jonah's suggestion. But despite their best efforts, they cannot save the boat, and, in desperation, pray to God to forgive them, and throw Jonah into the sea.

Rather than calling out to God, as the ship's captain asks, Jonah yields to death. Why not cry out? In any event, Jonah is in the belly of this great fish, and prays. This is the first time Jonah attempts to communicate with God. And what is his prayer?

"In my trouble I called to GOD, Who answered me; From the belly of Sheol I cried out, And You heard my voice... When my life was ebbing away, I called GOD to mind; And my prayer came before You, Into Your holy temple... But I, with loud thanksgiving, Will sacrifice to You; What I have vowed I will perform. Deliverance is GOD's!"

Several commentators have noted that the prayer sounds... out of place: it sounds like a prayer of gratitude for a deliverance that has already come. But, we are told Jonah is still inside the fish. The medieval commentator, Ibn Ezra, argues that Jonah was a prophet, and could foresee that he would be rescued. Some modern scholars see this prayer as a later addition to the story.

In either case, no where do we sense any religious or moral awareness of his situation. As Aviva Zornberg notes: there is no acknowledgement of his sin, no remorse, no asking for forgiveness. And, note: we read this book on Yom Kippur. Jonah appears incapable of praying for what is present to him at the moment: danger, loss, a future that is uncertain, unknown.

This is a terrifying moment. Jonah should be wishing for a good outcome, praying for his needs to be fulfilled. And yet..., he can't. Jonah cannot go there. Perhaps, as Zornberg suggests, he cannot stand in that moment of danger, of uncertainty as to what will come next - best to imagine redemption, rather than sit with this not knowing.

Jonah ultimately accepts his mission. He goes to Nineveh and delivers God's message: "Forty days

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more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" The king and people of Nineveh, facing this existential threat, react as the sailors on board the tossed vessel: they repent, and they cry out to God. "Who knows," asks the king, "but God may turn and relent. [God] may turn back from wrathfulness, so that we do not perish."

It is not insignificant that the behavior for which God is looking, the behavior expected from us on Yom Kippur, is here displayed by gentiles, and gentile sinners, maybe even the worst gentile sinners of the day. Jonah, the Israelite, or the Hebrew, as he identifies himself, Jonah the prophet, doesn't grasp this.

We know what happened after the Ninevites turned from their wicked ways: God does indeed relent, and spares the city. And Jonah? "And this seemed evil to Jonah, a great evil. And he was angry."

Jonah is not big on repentance. That is significant, considering what day we read his book. "God," Jonah is saying, "I knew how this story was going to end even before I ever started out! That is why I fled to Tarshish. I know that you are a compassionate God." Jonah the prophet knew how events would develop. He knew what lay in store for him on this mission. No doubt in his mind; he was certain of the outcome. Jonah knows.

Aviva Zornberg notes that this is in strong contrast to the other characters in this short book. They are much less certain than Jonah. When the sailors at sea face their demise, when the captain wakes Jonah from his slumber he says: "Cry out to God! Perhaps God will be kind to us..." Later, the king of Nineveh says: "Let everyone turn back from their own evil ways... Maybe God will turn back from wrathfulness..." We are at the border of life and death. If we act righteously, maybe, perhaps, God will save us... Not Jonah: Jonah knows. He is a prophet after all.

I wonder: is this story poking a little fun at the prophetic ability? Is it asking: do you really think seeing the future is what it's all about? No. What it's all about is delivering the message of God, and inspiring people to repent, and to change their ways.

Jonah is furious. For a second time, he prays to God: "Please, take my life, for I would rather die than live." Jonah, Aviva Zornberg writes, has something of a death-wish.

We have to give Jonah some credit. He is fearless in the face of death. He is fearless when objecting to God's decree. Jonah knows that wrong-doers should be punished. And, Jonah is NOT entirely wrong. Jonah's challenge is that repentance and forgiveness do not fit neatly into his sense of morality. And, this is exactly the lesson we, on this day, are supposed to learn. There must be space for these.

The end of the book of Jonah does not neatly resolve any of the enigmas. It is as puzzling as much of the rest of this short book. We read:

"Now Jonah had left the city and found a place east of the city. He made a Sukkah there, and sat under it in the shade, until he should see what happened to the city." He built a Sukkah! A harbinger of the next holiday we will celebrate. And, thank you to everyone who helped build ours. "Jonah left to see what would happen to the city." But, what precisely was Jonah expecting to see?

One commentator suggests Jonah thought that, although the city would not be destroyed, perhaps God will bring another, lesser punishment on the wicked Ninevites. Another suggests that Jonah was waiting for the Ninevites to revert to their evil ways, and for God to relent on the mercy shown.

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In any event, Jonah is waiting there in this flimsy, lean-to-like structure, and God causes a plant to grow over him to shade him from the sun. Jonah was very happy with the plant - no gratitude expressed for it, no blessing said, just... pleased with it. The next morning God causes a worm to kill the plant, and expose Jonah to the intense heat of the day. Jonah suffers from the heat so much that he, yet again, prays to God, "I would rather die than live." Once again, Jonah shows he is not afraid of death. Once again we infer: God would much rather he pray for life.

And then, the finale from God:

Jonah, you cared about a plant that was created in a day, and died in a day - a plant you put no effort into whatsoever, and you don't want me to care about, "achus," literally have pity on, a city in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not yet know their right hand from their left, and many animals as well!

Did Jonah finally get it? Did he finally understand? We don't know. The enigmas of this story remain... unresolved... The Vilna Gaon wrote that the story of Jonah is the story of every soul's journey in this world. Jonah is all of us. The question is to all of us. We are all angry about something, or with someone, or sad about something, or someone. Can we get past our righteous indignation, our justified disappointment. We are not wrong! Jonah was not wrong. But..., can we allow our imaginations to allow for other possibilities.

Rabbi Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, writes: "In times of personal suffering, it can be difficult to maintain an awareness of what others are going through. And in times of collective suffering and struggle—a time such as now, when [we as Jews feel threatened]—we, as a people, can struggle to remain open and connected too. Understandably, we feel a deeper affinity with those who may share our sense of upset, betrayal, and fear—people who share our values, culture, and beliefs...

"Yet, in the face of this, the story of Jonah reminds us that it is precisely in our most challenging moments that God invites us to move beyond our comfort zone. Building bridges of understanding, and caring in our global and interconnected world, with members of other faiths, cultures, and political allegiances honors our recognition of God's love for all and of everyone's potential to achieve redemption. It also gives us new opportunities for finding common ground with those who are different from us, who can work alongside us toward a better future."

I think Chancellor Schwartz makes an excellent point. And, I acknowledge, this is hard to do. When we hurt the most... is when we withdraw the farthest, is when we circle the wagons the closest. But, this does not have to be the case. And, that is the challenge the Book of Jonah asks us to meet. May we leave anger and disappointment behind us, as we move into a new year full of endless possibilities. My friends, we are called upon to imagine a different way of being... with the hurt and brokenness of our world. To the unanswered question at the end of the book of Jonah..., may we all be able to answer: Yeah, God, I get it.

Eric Cohen, Rabbi rabbi@flemintonJCC.org



### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

There's something quietly powerful about simply being present. Whether it's for Shabbat services, a committee meeting, or a social event, showing up—physically or even virtually—sends a message: this community matters to me.

When we show up, we bring life to the room. We add our voices to the prayers, our laughter to the conversations, and our energy to the shared experience. It doesn't matter if we know all the words, if we're early or late, or even if we're feeling a little unsure. Presence itself has meaning. It strengthens bonds, deepens friendships, and reminds each of us that we're not alone in our Jewish journey.

Our temple isn't just a building; it's a collection of people who choose, again and again, to come together. And that simple act- showing up- is what keeps our community vibrant, connected, and alive.



As we move through this season, I invite you to show up—just as you are. You might be surprised at how much it means to you, and how much it means to others to see you there.

Jonathan Nemeth, President president@flemingtonjcc.org

2025 YIZKOR APPEAL

**GOOD YONTIF** 

I stand before you today, this Yom Kippur, speaking for the first time as President of the FJCC. I have been where you are sitting for the past 26 years, listening to the messages of the Past Presidents and never seriously considering that I might one day be tasked with speaking to you.

Many of you know I'm the dad of three boys, Jake, Zach and Nate, all of whom were not only bar mitzvahed at the FJCC but also went from Katan-Tan to Hebrew High 12 here and attended the excellent FJCC Nursery School. You likely know my wonderful wife Pam and my brother Doug, who joins us occasionally from Long Island.

But what you probably don't know is I had a great aunt and great uncle who were Flemington egg farmers and early members of the FJCC. I did not know them very well, and had no idea they'd

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been congregants, until after Pam and I joined and quite a few folks eagerly asked, "You wouldn't be related to Leo and Paulette Nemeth, would you?" Such a fun small world!! I look over there to their yahrzeit plaques and feel happy that I had mishbuka here and grateful for what they gave to this place so that my sons, wife and I can now benefit from.

I am what you would call a "morning person." Mornings are peaceful. I sit on the family room sofa with a hot cup of coffee. Sometimes my cat lays on my lap. We watch the birds eating at our feeders just outside the window. I do the daily crossword puzzle, and I read a chapter or two from my latest book. I'm not worrying about what's going on in the Middle East or how I'm going to find volunteers to head our Gala committee. Life is good in these moments, and I feel blessed that I can enjoy this simple pleasure.

One book that I recently read and found meaningful is "The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die" by John Izzo. I'm not going to share the five secrets with you now. You can buy the book or grab me for a discussion about it later. But I do want to mention some questions the author poses to help readers with their personal self- explorations.

- What do you wish you learned sooner?
- What are you certain or mostly certain matters in finding a happy life?
- Why does it matter that you are alive?

I did not find it easy answering these questions. But after giving them a great deal of thought, I realized just how much my Judaism is a part of each answer.

- What do I wish I'd learned sooner? Well, I wish I'd known to pay attention in Hebrew School.Had I, maybe when giving Sacred Announcements on Shabbat I wouldn't continually mispronounce holidays and ordinary Hebrew words. I think I've finally got "Mischlot Manot" and "Parsha Hashavouh" down at least. Bruce, I'm working on Yigdal!!!
- What am I certain matters in finding a happy life? Flat out for me it is Judaism. Being born, raised and involved in Jewish life plays a major part in my happiness:

It brought me together with Pam who by chance met my cousin Sandy at a Shabbat dinner. Five months later Sandy introduced her to me.

Judaism made our family closer as we sang, "Shabbat Shalom" after the Kiddish and Hamotzi on Shabbat and gave us an extended family of friends who join or host us for Seders, Hannukah parties and holidays.

It's because we're Jewish that we joined the FJCC. One of the best decisions we made upon moving to Hunterdon County. For the past 26 years, this beautiful space and the special former building have been my spiritual home. This is where I've celebrated simchas and holidays, found emotional support when sitting shiva for our parents and mourning them on their yahrzeits. And most importantly, the FJCC is a place I come to be with friends.

Although we are a small congregation, we don't act like one. There's always something going on here!!! Since the last High Holidays, we had countless activities including:

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- 100 th anniversary events
- Moscovitz/Fellin Center Series programs
- · Monthly dinners are served
- · Book and Movie Clubs
- · Weekly Mah Jong and Bridge
- Adult Education
- · Challah and Hamantaschen baking
- · Youth programs
- · Sisterhood activities
- The Farm Land Ride one of my personal favorites
- · and much, much, much more

As you can see from the calendar left on your seats, we have a lot more planned. These activities do not miraculously come out of thin air. They take a lot of work and planning and are organized primarily by volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers who help in every way.

There are also many administrative and strategic issues that need to be addressed on a regular basis. Thank you to the Board and all the people that serve on the various Committees that keep the FJCC operational.

When you have the opportunity, please extend thanks to our sensational staff - Rabbi Cohen, Deborah, Karen, Lina, Kimi, our teachers and our building and kitchen staff. They are the heart of the FJCC.

The last question I posed earlier was "Why am I alive"? This was a particularly hard one to answer and I am still not 100% sure. So I want to turn that question to you. Why are you alive? Why are you here at the FJCC? Where will your children and their children and their children's children be 20 and 50 years from now. Sadly, many Jewish institutions are hurting, and synagogues are disappearing. It is important that the FJCC not be one of them. We must ensure that the great-grand children of tomorrow have the same opportunities themselves that we had.

This is the reason Pam and I have made a Life & Legacy pledge. Upon our passing, a portion of our financial estate will go the FJCC as well as other Jewish organizations we selected. Of course, we will be leaving some of our estate to our children, but we think a more important gift than money is to leave them strong Jewish institutions. Think about how much better our lives have been because Jews before us built strong Jewish institutions like the FJCC, the Jewish Federation and Hillel, to name just a few.

A synagogue thrives on spirit and energy, but it also needs financial support. Our "new building" will be 20 years old next year. Things are constantly breaking down, our parking lot is falling apart, and our roof is still leaking. Please make your Yizkor gift now to keep our synagogue strong. Be as generous as possible. Your gift enables us to pay our staff, keep the building running, offer a myriad of spiritual, cultural and social activities, and it enables us to be together to support one another in good times and in hard times.

Shana Tova from my family to yours.

We are pleased to announce the newest members of the Flemington Jewish Community Center:

Welcome New Members!

The Angiuli Family
The Berzofsky Family
The Kogosov Family
The Rosenbaum - Weisenberg Family
The Tabachnick - Royal Family

We are happy to have you as new members of the FJCC family and look forward to getting to know you.

# 100 Weeks of Mitzvot Challenge

The winner of this month's Mitzvot Challenge random drawing is "Dancing Queen!!!" Dancing Queen was one of just two Mitzvot Challenge participants to perform every mitzvot over the past two months. Please see Deborah to pick up your prize.

True to his or her name, Dancing Queen both danced to a favorite song and danced with a torah. Additionally, he or she:

- Treated someone to an ice cream float
- Made someone laugh
- Did something to repair a relationship or gave someone a kiss
- Donated a food item to a food pantry
- Made their bed
- Demonstrated good citizenship
- Dipped apples in honey
- · Waived to a neighbor
- Ate in a Sukkah



Mazel Tov to all who participated in the challenges and logged in their participation the past two months: Retired, NJ Gal, Jew on a Mission, Captain Nemo, Cantankerous Con, Anna Scott, and Dov Aryeh.

We miss you: Mitzvah Daddy, Music Lover, Smores, Lady in Red, SeaLover, Sweet Pea, Freesia, Citizen 827, Monster Fam, Potchke Mama, Pilldok, RBGs, Zinnia, SynAdmin, Who Me?, Yankee Fam and RBGs. Come back!!!! And if you haven't added yourself to the spreadsheet and would like to, please do. You can start at any time.

## HEBREW SCHOOL

We had a few busy weeks at Hebrew School. The students returned to the classroom with stories about vacations, camp, and summer activities. We learned about the Tishri holidays, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Bread baker David Weiner taught us how to make challah. The students enjoyed rolling up their sleeves and learned how a few simple ingredients turn into fresh out of the oven challahs for their Rosh HaShanah table. I want to thank Mira Berzofsky for putting on an apron and helping us in the kitchen. Meanwhile, the students gathered on the bima as Rabbi Cohen taught the them to blow the shofar. For Sukkot we made and enjoyed learning the brachot for blessing the Etrog and Lulav.

Hebrew School hosted an early Simchat Torah activity for families and student. We celebrated the simcha with songs as we paraded through the sanctuary, carrying Torahs and waving flags. The family program concluded with the children gathered on the bima under the tallit for the special children's Aliyah. Because the program was not on the actual holiday, parents were able to snap a few photos of their children on the bima. Afterwards, students and parents had the opportunity to play in the dirt and plant daffodil bulbs.

Special thanks to Dale Sperling and her crew for putting a lovely program together for planting, with activities and snacks. We look forward to seeing the flowers this coming spring.

Sharon Gavzy and Ariela Rudbeck Goldman helped organize Tot Shabbat for over a dozen students. It was a great event. Mark your calendar and join us on December 12th for the next Tot Shabbat.

Chanukah is just around the corner. If you listen closely, you will hear Chanukah blessings and Chanukah songs in the Hebrew School hallway. There will be a family Chanukah program on December 14th with children's author, Karen Rosktoker Gruber. The program will have stories and puppets, latkes and donuts. We encourage everyone to register so we have enough snacks for the festivities.

December 17th is the Chanukah dinner with outdoor and indoor menorah lighting. Please register in advance to reserve your spots and take advantage of the early bird prices.

Keep your eyes open for the "This Week in Hebrew School" email sent out each Friday. Click here to go to the Hebrew School Calendar. Questions? Contact Mrs. Walsh at kwalsh@flemingtonJCC.org.



Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah, Jaxson Mason!



Jaxson is in 7th grade at JP Case. He plays football on the Central Youth Football team. He also enjoys playing basketball and video games and riding his new electric scooter. He collects football and basketball trading cards. Jaxson is a huge fan of the Greenbay Packers, and instead of a party after his Bar Mitzvah, he and his family will be taking a trip to Wisconsin to see them play next summer.

Jaxson volunteers with his grandparents at the Flemington Area Food Pantry when his schedule allows.

#### **Hanukkah Family Program**

Don't forget to register on Shulcloud so we have plenty of latkes & donuts.

See the Book order form to purchase signed books.



Signed books make wonderful Hanukkah gifts for grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and all the children you know.





With children's author Karen-Rostoker-Gruber

#### Hanukkah Family Program

Story & Puppets Latkes & Donuts

Gan - 7th Grade

Sunday, December 14 10:00 AM





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#### Farmer Kobi's Hanukkah Match

2016 National Jewish Book Award Finalist

2016 Outstanding Children's Literature Award Winner

2016 Bureau of Education and Research's Best of the Year List

"Kobi's well maaa-nnered goats, donkey, geese, and sheep know eggz-actly how to play host and they give Polly, Kobi's Hanukkah guest, a gracious hee-haw welcome. But when Polly doesn't like playing dreidel with sheep, singing Hanukkah songs with geese, what will happen? "... this funny, friendly tale is a worthy addition to the holiday shelves."-- Kirkus Reviews

#### Maddie the Mitzvah Clown

2017 and 2022 PJ Library Selection

"Maddie, a young mouse, loses her shyness when she realizes that she can make others laugh. She sees the joy on Grandma's friends' faces as Giggles the Mitzvah Clown performs at their senior home. He includes Maddie as he makes balloon hats, entertains with juggling, songs, and dances, and, most importantly, talks with everyone. This cheery outing should not be confined to its Jewish context."--Kirkus Reviews





#### Don't Invite a Bear Inside for Hanukkah

2025 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Book Award Silver Medalist

- "An excellent book for library collections." -School Library Journal
- "A charmer about the special meanings of Hanukkah: joy, friendship, and inclusion." --Kirkus Reviews
- "An amusing tale, speckled with Hanukkah details, about making guests feel welcome."- -Horn Book
- · "Combines humor, fun, holiday spirit, and, most importantly, Jewish values."—Jewish Book Council

#### The Family & Frog Haggadah

Featured in School Library Journal, The Jewish Telegraph Association, New Jersey Jewish News, The Jewish Book Council, The Baltimore Jewish Times, Hadassah Magazine, and more!

- · Start with a traditional Haggadah text, add vibrant artwork, your favorite songs, and fun facts to it. Then add a hopping frog to its pages and you'll get "The Family & Frog Haggadah."
- · "...The disruptive frog in the story spills the wine, bathes in the bowl of salt water and expresses his intention to make the evening TOADily awesome."--NY Times



#### Make checks out to: KRG Entertainment, LLC. Or, you can use cash. This form is due back to Karen Walsh by: November 23, 2025

Title	Autographed To	Price	Number	Total
Farmer Kobi's Hanukkah Match		18		
Maddie the Mitzvah Clown		18		
Don't Invite a Bear Inside for Hannukah		20		
The Family and Frog Haggadah		9		
Happy Birthday Trees Board Book (not shown)		8		

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# HEBREW SCHOOL PREPARING FOR ROSH HASHANAH

















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PREPARING FOR SUKKOT







SIMCHAT TORAH



# YOUTH GROUP





Questions? Contact Julia Sirota, <u>julia.london.sirota@gmail.com</u>





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9am - Sunday Morning		7pm - Movie Club	6:15pm - Chanukah dinner	1pm - Mah Jongg		11am - meditation
10am - Chanukah Family			6:15pm - Chanukah dinner	6:30pm - Rosh Chodesh		
10am - Chanukah Family			7:30pm - BoT Meeting	7:30pm - Bridge		
11am - Sisterhood Pop Up						
12pm - Youth Group Even						
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Winter Break						
9am - Sunday Morning		Asarah B'Tevet (Tenth of	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	9:15am - Shabbat service
					7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	
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# FJCC GIVING GARDEN



If a picture says a thousand words, please let these pictures of thousands of vegetables grown by the FJCC Giving Garden and donated to the Flemington Food Pantry tell you about the amazing growing season we had!!!

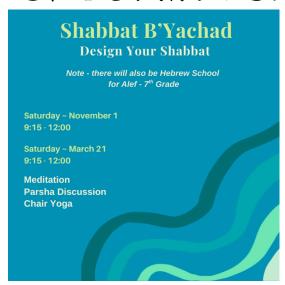
Sincere thanks to our most recent harvesters, Josy Kestenbaum, Sam Kohn, and Dale's mom. And special thank you to Nathan Lefkow for helping blow the water out of the drip line.

What a great growing season it's been - and continues being.

Questions? Contact Pam Nemeth at <a href="mailto:pambn@comcast.net">pambn@comcast.net</a>



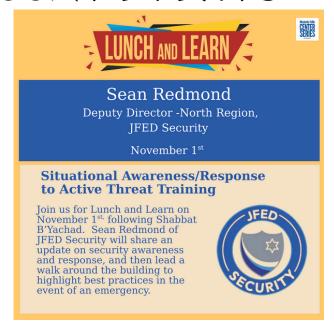
#### **UPCOMING SHABBAT EVENTS**



November 14: Shabbat Dinner, Class Lead Service, and New Member Oneg Early Bird pricing for the dinner is through November 1 Register Here











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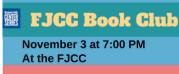
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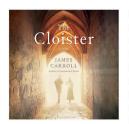
# UPCOMING EVENTS



**The Cloister** 

by James Carroll





From National Book Awardwinning writer James Carroll comes a novel of the timeless love story of Peter Abelard and Héloïse, and its impact on a modern priest and a Holocaust survivor seeking sanctuary in Manhattan.

#### **DINNER IS SERVED**

THURSDAY, NOV. 6 - 6:00PM



#### **LEBANON PUB**

69 MAIN STREET LEBANON, NJ 08833

RSVP By Nov 2
To RSVP or for questions,
contact: kimfmuller@yahoo.com
\*Adults Only

#### THE PIANO GUY



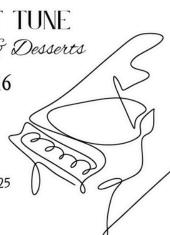
DAVE SALTZMAN



Wine, Cheese & Desserts

Sunday, Nov 16 2 PM

RSVP: Thru Nov 5: \$25 As of Nov 6: \$36









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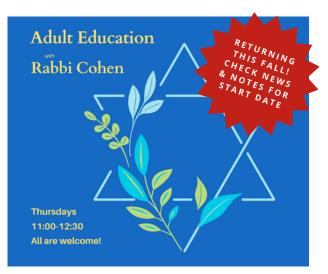


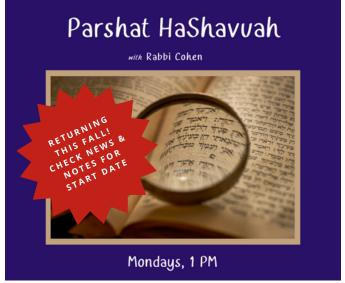




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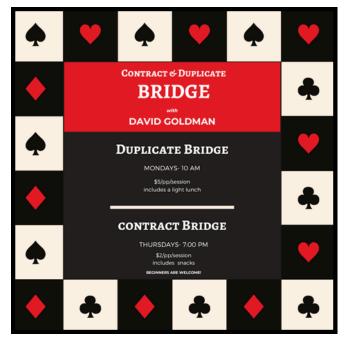
# ONGOING EVENTS-join us!











# Mak Tongg

Thursdays, 1-3:30

\$5 cash at door

New & Experienced Players Welcome!

Bring friends



Contact Karen Walsh kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org



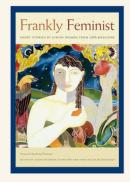
# ONGOING EVENTS-join us!



Rosh Chodesh Discussion Group Short Stories for Women, by Women

Join Mira Berzofsky on Zoom each month and discuss one or two short stories from Frankly Feminist: Short Stories by Jewish Women from Lilith Magazine. Each selection is just a few pages long.

You can purchase Frankly Feminist at Amazon.com. Watch News and Notes for the selection(s) of the month. You do not need to commit to the monthly discussions. Join us when you can.





6:30 PM on Zoom November 20, December 18, January 19, February 17, March 19

### FJCC CARES

The FJCC Weekly Mitzvah Project!

Shabbat Bag prepared & delivered to FJCC members in need, including soup, challah & a cookie.

If you know of someone who needs a Shabbat Bag, please reach out to Rabbi Cohen by Wednesday each week.

The FJCC Cares delivery list has been growing, and we need volunteer drivers to distribute our Shabbat Bags. Let the office know if you would like to help.

Dinner is Served Dora's Restaurant 9-14-25



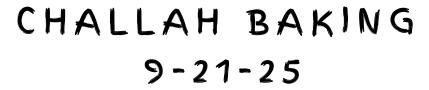














#### SISTERHOOD SUKKOT CRAFTING









Dinner is Served at The Ethnico after a trip to see Sweeney Todd at Music Mountain Theatre on October 19







Rabbi Cohen
participated in an
inter-faith peace service
on October 19th at
Flemington Baptist
Church. He was joined
by his clergy
colleagues, all of whom
offered prayers from a
variety of faith
traditions.

#### Interfaith Vigil for Peace



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 1- Edward Mehrlust, Ruth Gallina

November 2- Sydney Winnick, Arika Gold

November 4- Rebecca Farber, Eleene Gallagher, Heather Goldschmitt

November 5- Jonathan Nemeth, Jenna Clarin

November 6- David Neibart

November 7- Casey Alexander

November 8- Alexander Wasserman, Danielle Brooks

November 9- Evan Gursky, Jaxson Mason

November 12- Rachel Rodriguez

November 17- Cara London

November 19- Owen Gavzy

November 20- Debbie Silverstein

November 21- Jason Cohen, Brett Bragin

November 23- Sarah Farber, Samantha Farber

November 25- Matthew Schutz

November 26- Ariel Jakubowski, Michael Gallina

November 27- Richard Hotchkiss

November 28- Sophie Shor, Dale Sperling

December 3- Alexandra Kesselhaut, Hannah Weinstock-Gallagher

December 5- Monica Gort-Jakubowski

December 8- Mark Gertzman

December 10- Scott Gursky

December 11- Valerie Goldman, Benjamin Jampel

December 13- Allen Kern, Jacqueline Sornstein

December 14- Malka Goodman

December 15- Mira Berzofsky, Alexander Soto

December 16- Seth Cohen, Brynn Jampel

December 18- Kim Muller, Mariia Bordiug

December 20- Eric Rogow, Jason Quinn, Robin Alexander

December 21- Arthur Wetstein

December 27- Alan Radzin

December 28- Bruce Kestenbaum

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS-EMAIL THE OFFICE OR EDIT YOUR SHULCLOUD ACCOUNT



November 8- Nathan and Patricia Lefkow November 10- Jeffrey and Robin Alexander November 14- Frederick and Melissa Kleiman November 21- Howard and Anneliese Nifoussi November 24- Michael and Karen Shankoff



## YAHRZEITS

November 1- Bernard Grossman

November 2- Samuel Lonsk

November 5- Lillian Friedman

November 6- Freda Fox, Benjamin Neustadt

November 7- Alan Clarin

November 9- Marion Rapkin

November 10- Fred Klinger

November 12- Hannah Cohn

November 13- Robert Treinish

November 15- Milton Richman, David Sandler

November 16- Sidney Lifchitz, Irving Radzin

November 17- Solomon Sperber

November 18- Lorraine Sirota

November 20- Annie Goldstein, Sidney Klein

November 21- Ruth Clarin, Calvin Kanter

November 23- Traci Jacobs-Strasfeld

November 24- Lillian Piltzer, Sylvia Rogow

November 25- Rosalind Plantikow, Charles William Bryant Watson II

November 27- Alana Ceilia Cohen

November 28- Herman Simon, Donald Watts

November 29- Mae Suess, Myrna Wasserman

December 1- Brenda Williamson

December 2- Eugene Esterkin, Marvin Skowronek

December 3- Pearl Greenberg

December 4- Joseph Weistock

December 8- Rubin Simon, Ann Simon

December 9- Freydun Daneshrad, Rose Doshna, Charles Slavin

December 10- Phyllis Waldman

December 11- Gustav Eisinger, Adrian Mittler

December 13- Karen Hubert

December 14- Edith Grill

December 15- Abraham Goldstein

December 18- Linda Goldtein

December 19- Joseph Nifoussi

December 20- Myron Kesselhaut

December 22- Samuel Berzofsky, Robert Brooks

December 23- Mildred Rothstein Cohen

December 24- Ira Blair

December 25- Sam Feldman, Lillian Volowitz

December 26- Morris Triber

December 27- Ruth Sudzin

December 28- Susan Mehrlust



# Contributions Kiddush/Oneg/Nosh

#### **Loren Hurwitz and Florence Friedman Hurwitz**

- In memory of Tybee Milecofsky, sister of Nadine
- Kiddush Fund in honor of the Goldman aufruf

#### Joe and Kim Muller

- For the yahrzeit of Barbara Audrey Friedman, mother of Kim
- For the yahrzeit of Michael Muller, father of Joe

#### **Jack Daniels**

- For the yahrzeit of his father Sol Daniels
- In celebration of his son Steven's wedding to Lisa Clemeni

#### Jay Kawarsky and Alexander Soto

For the yahrzeit of Jay's mother Eloise Kawarsky

#### Jim and Alissa Fox

For the yahrzeit of Jim's mother Freda Fox

#### The Trenton Group (Hoyt and Reba Holley, Shellie Jacobson, Cliff and Lesley Lee, Rick and Sue Rothstein, Mark and Laurie Weinstein, Lois Butt)

In honor of Marvin Jacobson's bar mitzvah portion

#### **Richard Goldstein**

For the yahrzeit of his grandmother Annie Goldstein

#### **Eric Sirota and Cara London**

For the 10th yahrzeit of Eric's mother Lorraine Sirota

#### **Edward and Rosemary Mehrlust**

In honor of Michael & Tiferet's auf ruf

#### **Gerald Grossman and Connie Mitchko**

For Jerry's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday

#### **Michael and Carol Wolf**

Karen Walsh and Richard Hotchkiss

# Thank

#### Mitchell and Barbara Clarin

- For the yahrzeit of Carolyn Watts, sister of Barbara
- In memory of Tybie Milecofsky, sister of Nadine Milecofsky

#### **Building Fund**

Zel and Marsha Gerstein

In memory of Tybie Deena Milecofsky, sister of Nadine Milecofsky

# Contributions



#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Anonymous** 

Jerrold and Linda Atlas in memory of Barbara Grace

Hugh and Judy Cohen In celebration of the High Holidays

**Scott Schindler**For Mackenzie's baby naming

#### **General Donations**

**Beverly Landstrom** 

Eric and Mira Berzofsky

Sunday Minyan in year of mourning, in memory of Myron Neil Novick, stepfather of Mira

Frederick and Melissa Kleiman

In memory of Spencer Sarnoff, beloved father of Michael Sarnoff

**Erica Mandell** 

Richard and Deborah Silverstein

**Eric Sirota and Cara London** 

Henry and Sherry Stein

In memory of Bernard Stein

#### **Family Promise**

**Theodoros Toskos and Stephanie Ledgin-Toskos** 

In memory/yahrzeit for mom and grandmother, Barbara H. Ledgin and Jeanne Levine

#### **FJCC Cares**

Jeff and Robin Alexander Thank you for the food





#### **Daffodil Planting**

**Nathan and Patricia Lefkow** 

**Bruce and Josy Kestenbaum** 

**Karen Walsh and Richard Hotchkiss** 

Marce Zuckovicki

# Contributions

#### **Prayer Books**

Gerald Grossman and Connie Mitchko

For the High Holidays



#### **Center Series**

**Jerrold and Linda Atlas** 

In memory of Tybie Deena Milecofsky, beloved sister of Nadine Milecofsky



#### Rabbi Jaffe's 10th Yahrzeit

**Lois Butt** 

**Dan and Lois Gross** 

**Barry and Kimi Mittler** 

**Marlene Dyoor** 

**Michael and Carol Wolf** 

**Judy Gold** 

**Anonymous** 

Jonathan and Jodi Weitz

**Edward and Rosemary Mehrlust** 

**Neal and Marlene Wolff** 

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