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Newsletter of the Flemington Jewish Community Center



THIS MONTH:

**High Holidays remarks
Hebrew School is back
So many upcoming events...**

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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.



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
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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.

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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 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:

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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:

- 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.

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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.



Our 100 Year Anniversary Mitzvot Challenge

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, Pildok, 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.

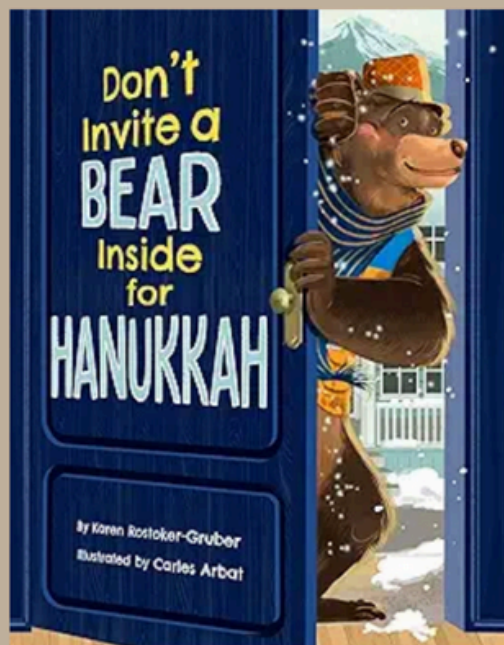
Hanukkah Family Program

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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HEBREW SCHOOL



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		

Questions?

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PREPARING FOR ROSH HASHANAH



HEBREW SCHOOL

PREPARING FOR SUKKOT



SIMCHAT TORAH



YOUTH GROUP



Questions? Contact Julia Sirota, julia.london.sirota@gmail.com





hello NOVEMBER



Booking Calendar, Hebrew School Calendar, Jewish Holidays

Nov 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am - Alef - 7th Grade 9am - Sunday Morning	27 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	28	29 4:30pm - Gimel - Vav	30 11am - Adult Ed 6pm - HH	31 Fox Oneg 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	1 Trenton Group Kiddush 1:30am - Rosh Chodesh 9:15am - B'Yachad 9:15am - Shabbat service 12pm - Lunch and Learn
2 9am - Alef - 7th Grade 9am - Sunday Morning	3 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah 7pm - Book Club	4 11:15am - No Yoga 7:30pm - Genealogy	5 No Hebrew School Teacher's Convention	6	7	8 9:15am - Shabbat service
9 No Hebrew School 9am - Red Cross Blood 9am - Sunday Morning	10 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	11 11:15am - No Yoga 5:45pm - Security Meeting 7pm - Center Series	12 4:30pm - Gimel - Vav	13 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7pm - EB meeting 7pm - Federation Event 7:30pm - Bridge	14 Goldstein (Richard) Oneg 6pm - Shabbat Dinner 6pm - a Shabbat dinner 7:30pm - Class Service 7:30pm - Class Service 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	15 Sirota Kiddush 9:15am - Shabbat service
16 9am - Alef - 7th Grade 9am - Sunday Morning 10am - Gan Goes to 12pm - Youth Group Lasai 2pm - Piano Guy Event	17 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	18 11:15am - No Yoga	19 4:30pm - Gimel - Vav 7:30pm - BoT Meeting	20 11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 6:30pm - Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm - Bridge	21 Mason Bar Mitzvah Mason Bar Mitzvah 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	22 9:15am - Shabbat service
23 9am - Alef - 7th Grade 9am - Sunday Morning 3pm - Interfaith	24 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	25 11:15am - No Yoga	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed 7:30pm - College Shabbat 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	29 9:15am - Shabbat service
30 No School Thanksgiving 9am - Sunday Morning	1 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	2 11:45am - Yoga 7:30pm - Genealogy	3 11am - Deb, Karen, Rabbi	4 11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7:30pm - Bridge	5 7:30pm - Musical Shabbat 7:30pm - Musical Shabbat 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	6 Eisinger Kiddush 9:15am - Shabbat service





December



Booking Calendar, Hebrew School Calendar, Jewish Holidays

Dec 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

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30 No School Thanksgiving 9am - Sunday Morning	1 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	2 11:45am - Yoga 7:30pm - Genealogy	3 11am - Deb, Karen, Rabbi	4 11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7:30pm - Bridge	5 7:30pm - Musical Shabbat 7:30pm - Musical Shabbat 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	6 Eisinger Kiddush 9:15am - Shabbat service
7 9am - Alef - 7th Grade 9am - Sunday Morning 10am - Sisterhood	8 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	9 11:45am - Yoga 5:45pm - Security Meeting 7pm - Center Series	10 4:30pm - Gimel - Vav 7pm - EB meeting	11 11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6pm - HH 7:30pm - Bridge	12 5:30pm - Tot Shabbat 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	13 9:15am - Shabbat service 12pm - Lunch and Learn
14 Gan Goes to Hebrew 9am - Alef - 7th Grade 9am - Sunday Morning 10am - Chanukah Family 10am - Chanukah Family 11am - Sisterhood Pop Up 12pm - Youth Group Even	15 Hanukkah (Day 1) 1pm - Parshat Hashavuah	16 Hanukkah (Day 2) 11:45am - Yoga 7pm - Movie Club	17 Hanukkah (Day 3) 4:30pm - Gimel - Vav 6:15pm - Chanukah dinner 6:15pm - Chanukah dinner 7:30pm - BoT Meeting	18 Hanukkah (Day 4) 11am - Adult Ed 1pm - Mah Jongg 6:30pm - Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm - Bridge	19 Hanukkah (Day 5) 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	20 Hanukkah (Day 6) / Rosh 9:15am - Shabbat service 11am - meditation
21 Hanukkah (Day 7) 9am - Alef - 7th Grade 9am - Sunday Morning	22 Winter Break Hanukkah (Day 8)	23	24	25 Office Closed 5:30pm - Sisterhood	26 Office Closed 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	27 9:15am - Shabbat service
28 Winter Break 9am - Sunday Morning	29	30 Asarah B'Tevet (Tenth of	31 Office Closed	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed 7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	3 9:15am - Shabbat service



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!!! Please contact Pam Nemeth at pambn@comcast.net with questions and to volunteer.



UPCOMING SHABBAT EVENTS

Shabbat B'Yachad
Design Your Shabbat

*Note - there will also be Hebrew School
for Alef - 7th Grade*

Saturday ~ November 1
9:15 - 12:00

Saturday ~ March 21
9:15 - 12:00

Meditation
Parsha Discussion
Chair Yoga

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

New Member Oneg

Friday, Nov 14
following services



Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov 28
7:30

WELCOME BACK
VISITING COLLEGIANS!!!



LUNCH AND LEARN

Sean Redmond
Deputy Director -North Region,
JFED Security
November 1st

**Situational Awareness/Response
to Active Threat Training**

Join us for Lunch and Learn on
November 1st following Shabbat
B'Yachad. Sean Redmond of
JFED Security will share an
update on security awareness
and response, and then lead a
walk around the building to
highlight best practices in the
event of an emergency.



שבת שלום

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner
Friday, November 14 6:00 PM

Through 11/1 Adults \$25
As of 11/2 Adults \$36
Kids are free
vegetarian option
upon request



Meditation Shabbat
WITH **Cantor Flo**

NOVEMBER 15 &
DECEMBER 20



UPCOMING SHABBAT EVENTS

Musical Shabbat
Sing-a-long Shabbat with Craig Sirota



Fri Dec 5
Services @ 7:30 PM

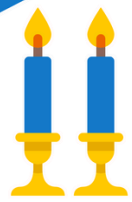
Additional Musical Shabbat on March 13 and May 1

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FAMILIES WITH GAN - SECOND GRADERS

TOT SHABBAT
12 | 12 | 2025
5:30 PM

Here at the FJCC
Mini Shabbat Service
Followed by a Mini Oneg



LUNCH AND LEARN

Guest Speaker
December 13th
details in news and notes

Save the Date
Celebrate 20 Years in the Building!
with representatives from
the Building Committee

February 28



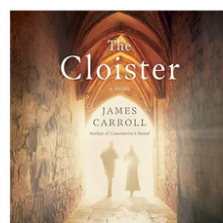
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FJCC Book Club

November 3 at 7:00 PM
At the FJCC

The Cloister
by James Carroll



From National Book Award-winning 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

TIME: 9:00 - 2:00



Flemington Jewish Community Center
5 Sergeantville Road
Flemington, NJ
908.782.6410
office@flemingtonjcc.org

THE PIANO GUY

DAVE SALTZMAN

PLAY THAT TUNE

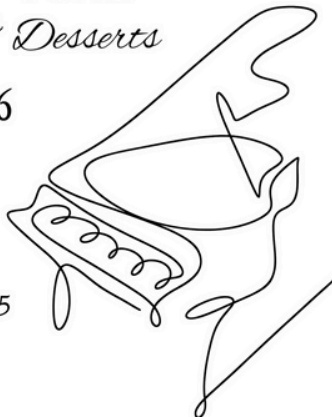
Wine, Cheese & Desserts

Sunday, Nov 16

2 PM

RSVP: Thru Nov 5: \$25

As of Nov 6: \$36



Sunday
November 23, 2025
at 3:00 pm

**A CommUnity Interfaith
Thanksgiving Celebration**
What are You Thankful For?

Stay for community fellowship after the service

Hosted by the First Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship of
Hunterdon County
Route 519 & Oak Summit Rd.,
Baptistown, NJ

We will be collecting for
Hunterdon Interfaith Outreach Council
(HIOC)

DINNER IS SERVED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 6:00 PM

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Sisterhood Meet & Make

Let's Make Sufganyot!

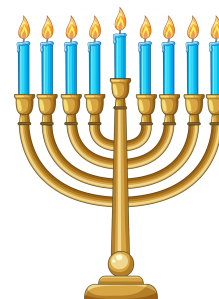
December 7th

10:30am
FJCC Social Hall

Register on
ShulCloud by
December 1st!

Break out your
apron and join
us for a little
baking!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register for events on ShulCloud.

ONGOING EVENTS-join us!

Adult Education
with
Rabbi Cohen

RETURNING THIS FALL!
CHECK NEWS & NOTES FOR
START DATE

Thursdays
11:00-12:30
All are welcome!



Parshat HaShavuah
with Rabbi Cohen

RETURNING THIS FALL!
CHECK NEWS & NOTES FOR
START DATE

Mondays, 1 PM



Not Just for Seniors

Chair Yoga

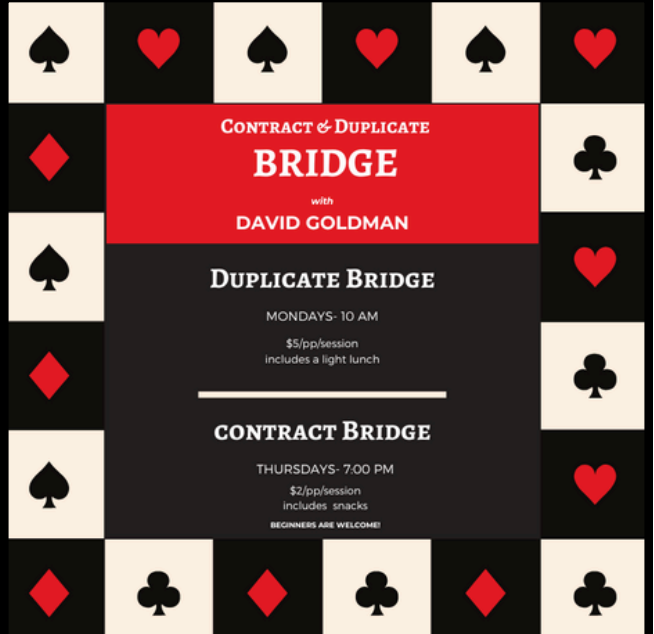
At the FJCC
Tuesdays 11:15 \$5
Register karenyoga108@yahoo.com



**CONTRACT & DUPLICATE
BRIDGE**
with
DAVID GOLDMAN

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

CONTRACT BRIDGE
THURSDAYS- 7:00 PM
\$2/pp/session
includes snacks
BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME!



Mah Jongg

Thursdays, 1-3:30
\$5 cash at door
New & Experienced Players Welcome!
Bring friends
Light snacks

Contact Karen Walsh
kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org



DINNER IS SERVED
FJCC Dinner Club

Sept 14 ~ Oct 19 ~ Nov 6
Dec 17 ~ Jan 18 ~ Feb 12
Mar 22 ~ Apr 9 ~ May 31



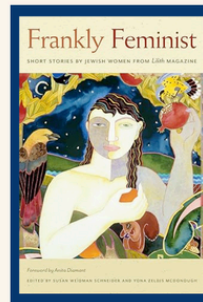
ONGOING EVENTS—join us!



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

NEW!

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.



Happenings

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



Happenings



CHALLAH BAKING
9-21-25



Happenings

SISTERHOOD SUKKOT CRAFTING



DAFFODIL
PLANTING!
10-12-25



Happenings

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

HAPPY
Anniversary!

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

Love

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 Clemen

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 93rd birthday

Michael and Carol Wolf

Karen Walsh and Richard Hotchkiss

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

Hugh and Judy Cohen

In celebration of the High Holidays

Jerrold and Linda Atlas
in memory of Barbara Grace

Scott Schindler
For Mackenzie's baby naming

General Donations

Beverly Landstrom

Erica Mandell

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

Richard and Deborah Silverstein

Eric Sirota and Cara London

Frederick and Melissa Kleiman
in memory of Spencer Sarnoff, beloved
father of Michael Sarnoff

Henry and Sherry Stein
In memory of Bernard Stein

Family Promise

*Thank
You*

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

Contributions

Prayer Books

Gerald Grossman and Connie Mitchko

For the High Holidays

Thankyou

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

Eric Sirota and Cara London

Marlene Dvoor

Scott Gerstein

Michael and Carol Wolf

Phyllis Lerner

Judy Gold

Alan Seltzer

Anonymous

Joseph and Kim Muller

Jonathan and Jodi Weitz

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