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Message

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Time (EDT)	Teacher	Subject
9:30-10:15pm	Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal, Rabbi Lauren Henderson, and Dr. Keren McGinity	We Are All Ruth: Commitment, Connection, and Community
10:15-10:45pm	Rabbi Michael Knopf and Rev. Hollie Woodruff	Shavuot/Pentecost: An Interfaith Exploration
10:45-11:15pm	Jewish Young Adults with Rebecca Weisman	Choosing Torah: The Balance of Self & Community
11:15-11:45pm	Rabbi Adam Greenwald & Darrell M. Blocker	The Power of Relationships w/ The (Jewish) Spy Whisperer
11:45pm-12:15am	Rabbi Amy Eilberg	Reparations: Jewish Wisdom on Repairing Collective Harm
12:15-12:45am	Rabbi Reuven Kimelman	Why Are the Books of Esther and Ruth So Alike? (pre-recorded)
12:45-1:15am	Rabbi Michael Klayman	How Far Should We Go For Shalom Bayit/Keeping Peace Among Partners: The Extraordinary Lesson of Rabbi Meir (pre-recorded)

Night Under the Stars

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SUMMER 2022 WATCH FOR INFO



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

That Was The Year That Was

Our Jewish calendar is marked, according to the Mishnah, by four separate new years. Most people are familiar with the first of Tishrei, which is the first day of our Rosh Hashanah, but there are three others, including Tu B'Shvat, the new year for trees. A lot of folks have heard of that one, too.

It seems like a lot, I would think, to mark four separate beginnings and endings of a year. But in truth, even in our secular calendar, we pretty much do the same thing. We have fiscal years, academic years... Each is significant, and important, for its own designated reason.

Both personally and professionally, in a secular vein, I have always regarded the academic year- i.e., September 1 of a given year until June 30 of the next- to be the year that resonates with me the most. It happens to sync up quite nicely with the cycle of Jewish holidays, but I suspect that, having spent so many years in school, those dates have made me feel the import of both beginnings and endings that mattered to me. School beginning, school ending; vacations ending, and vacations beginning, and so on. Endless cycles of both infinite sameness and difference.

Here we are, in May of 2022, contemplating the end of another academic year, and about to complete the cycle of major Jewish festivals as well. Two and a half years into our COVID experience, we continue to experience periods of time when it looks as if we've passed the

worst of this disease- that is to say, those of us who have survived it- but even as I write, our neck of the woods is experiencing a resurgence of higher infection rates and hospitalizations. I don't think that any of us imagined that it would last this long, and of course the existence of vaccines and anti-viral medications has made tolerating COVID that much easier for most of us. But still- we continue to be hesitant to socialize as we did pre-pandemic, and certainly hesitant to gather together in larger numbers for synagogue services or social gatherings. It is terribly frustrating for me personally, and I'm sure for all of you as well.

And yet, as we near the onset of summer (when I've heard it's actually supposed to warm up!), there is an unmistakable sense of moving forward. Despite all the lingering challenges, and the fact that so many people are still getting sick, we are doing what we are supposed to be doing- living our lives, celebrating our joys, mourning our sorrows, and hoping for better and easier times. As a person of faith I like to say that I live in hope- the hope that, as we move forward, things will indeed both look and feel better. I'm so grateful to all of you- the members of the FHJC family- for being a part of my extended "pod" during this most unusual time of our lives, and helping to sustain me when my spirits would occasionally flag. I hope that we all can find some opportunity to find peaceful quiet over the summer months, and renew ourselves and our spirits so that we can more ably meet the challenges of the year still to come...

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

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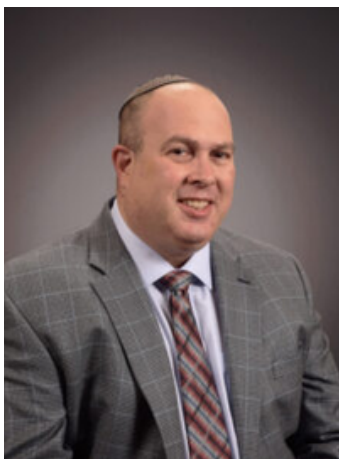
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NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

Hazzan Randall Levin



One of the many recurring conversations I have with parents is on the topic of their child's b'nei mitzvah lessons during the summer. On the one hand, I most certainly want the parents and kids to get their well-deserved rest and relaxation during these months of the year. On the other hand, going 3-4 months without any instruction is a bit unrealistic if we expect the students to progress in a meaningful way during their religious school years. If possible, I try to encourage parents to give their kids a summer experience that includes a Judaic element, such as a few weeks at a Jewish summer camp. As Jeri Zeder succinctly puts it, summer camps provide "Jewish experiences inextricably linked to the pleasures of friendships forged in outdoor summer fun." What makes the experiences meaningful is the context in which they occur - specifically that camp is an opportunity for our kids to exercise a bit of their own Jewish autonomy while also enjoying their summer vacation. Though not a sustainable year-round proposition, the Jewish summer camp experience can be an important one.

I usually end up conceding to the parents that, although I am willing to give lessons regularly during the summer months, even my best students usually experience a small regression during this time of the year. Lessons during camp are particularly ineffective. The lessons themselves are, of course, the same, but the context is different. The best aspects of summer camp (even Jewish summer camp) are precisely what is most incompatible with the type of learning that happens in preparation for typical bar mitzvah. The environment of camp is so wonderfully different from what they experience at home. During the academic year the kids are acclimated to the routine and discipline of book learning which occurs in a school setting and the hours spent doing homework (and practicing) under their parents' roof. Much of that goes out the window in the summer, when communication and motivation are often in short supply.

Jewish adults are not so different. A 2019 New York Times article describes the phenomenon of "summer Judaism" as dating back to the early 20th century and chronicles its cultural persistence into our own era. The pre-pandemic piece sympathizes with pulpit clergy who "encounter yet another hurdle as their congregants make for the shore, the lake, or the mountains, challenging the clerical powers-that-be to come up with film screenings, concerts, and classes to keep the lights on." Indeed, it sometimes seems as if Judaism itself takes summers off. This year, with Shavuot in early June and Rosh Hashanah in late September, there is no biblically mandated holiday in the summer (though I look forward to seeing you for Tisha B'Av on August 6-7th).

Spiritual repair may wait for the fall, but summer is the maintenance season. There is an art to "Being Jewish" in the summer and I recommend the following for those who want to explore their horizons while staying connected to Judaism (think of it as relaxing with God). Practice Jewish mindfulness when you are on vacation. Design your own personal Jewish summer camp. Visit someplace Jewish, be it a museum, a synagogue, or a Jewish enclave. Find an opportunity to explore a Jewish space outside of our own neighborhood. Staying in town? Stroll down to FHJC for a Saturday morning l'chaim! Going somewhere a bit off the grid? Imagine creating your own summer Mishkan. Pack portable Shabbat candles (available in our gift shop), a compact study siddur, a Jewish book, cookbook, or a magazine (if any still exist). Essentially, bring a physical reminder that you are Jewish, no matter how big or small it may be. A Jewish playlist on your iPhone is easy enough to create these days. Find a Jewish musical artist with a new recording to enjoy as part of your summer rotation (I am happy to provide suggestions). Most importantly, think about bringing something Jewish back home, be it a moment, a memento, or an insight that will enrich our community upon your return. I will look forward to seeing you soon, and to hearing about your experiences.

Wishing you all a relaxing and rejuvenating summer,

Hazzan Randall Levin

SURJE: Standing Up for Racial Justice & Equity

SURJE has been hard at work with programming this year, including starting up a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat discussion group. Our first meeting was on April 29 where we explored the topic "the year in social justice so far." The next installment will be on May 27 (yes, the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend) where we'll be discussing the latest news on Roe v. Wade and why abortion access is a Jewish value.

Zach Wichter and Allison Abrams





THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Romi Narov

The month of Nissan is behind us but it still feels like winter. The calendar says that spring is here, but it is yet to feel this way. We know though that before long we will indeed see a change in weather and will be able to enjoy the weather and some more outdoor activities.

It has been a while since *The Message* has been published and I will be remiss if I did not mention some of the events that we celebrated in the last two months.

This year Adar brought to us the Siddur Celebration of our Gimmel Class. Last year it could not be held in person because of the pandemic, but this year we most definitely celebrated! It was magnificent to see our students and their families in the Sanctuary and the children's participation in the service reminded us what we missed over the past two years. With Junior Congregation resuming, I hope that this will again become a weekly affair.

We had a very successful Mishloach Manot. Thanks to all who participated. We celebrated Purim in person again and enjoyed a costume parade and our teens reading of the Megilah.

We celebrated the installation of Hazzan Levin with a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat service, followed by a kiddush luncheon. It felt great to finally have a communal meal after two years of "social distancing."

And, last but not least, we enjoyed this year's main event, A Night Under The Stars. The honorees, the stars of the event, were Norman Gursen, a very special FHJC member, and Anita Miller who is our "shining star." We had a great time and raised much needed funds for our synagogue.

As of the writing of this column our Rabbi Search Committee is hard at work. We have activated a web site dedicated to this very important task and we will welcome input from our entire community.

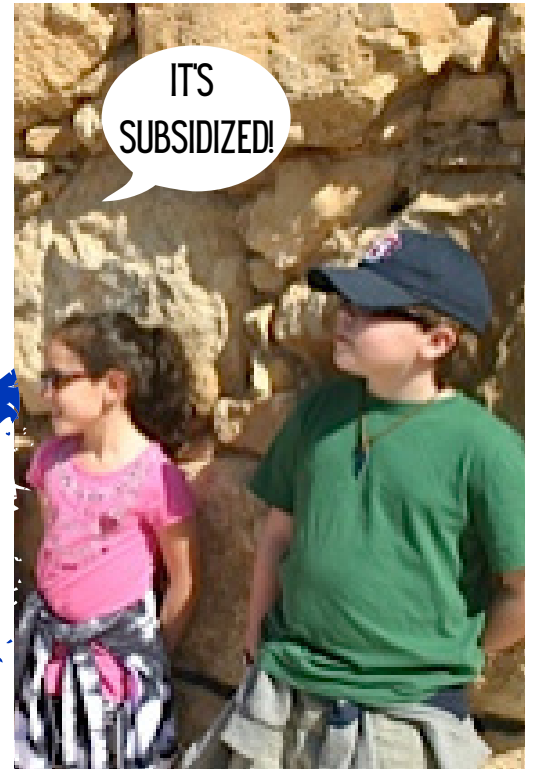
Looking forward, we will be celebrating Lag Ba'omer and Shavuot in the coming weeks and we will also be celebrating moving up ceremonies of both our Nursery and religious schools. We have indeed had a busy year, and although the pandemic is by no means behind us, life is slowly returning to normal (we hope).

B'Shalom

Romi Narov



February Break 2023



FHJC FAMILY TRIP TO ISRAEL

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NEWS FROM NURSERY SCHOOL

Lynn Fisher

Adar came twice this year! As it is a leap year on the Jewish calendar, we were lucky enough to have two months to be silly. Play can often be silly, but purposeful play allows children to make discoveries, build knowledge, experiment with literacy and math, and learn to self-regulate and interact with others in socially appropriate ways. A heavy focus of our early childhood program is a play-based curriculum. Children are naturally motivated to play. Our play-based program builds on this, using play as a context for learning. Children can explore, experiment, discover and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways.

Our play-based approach involves both child-initiated and teacher-supported learning. The teachers encourage children’s learning and inquiry through interactions that aim to stretch their thinking to higher levels. Play can be in the form of free play (activity that is spontaneous and directed by the child), and guided play (also child-directed, but the teacher is involved in the activity as a co-player) with intentional teaching.

There are many stages of play such as:

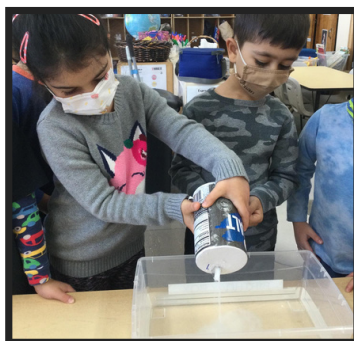
- **Unoccupied play** - when the child is not playing, just observing. A child may be standing in one spot or performing random movements.
- **Solitary** (independent) play - when the child is alone and maintains focus on his/her activity. Such a child is uninterested in or unaware of what others are doing. More common in younger children (age 2-3) as opposed to older ones.
- **Onlooker play** (behavior) - when the child watches others at play but does not engage in it. The child may engage in forms of social interaction, such as conversation about the play, without actually joining in the activity. This is also more common in younger children.
- **Parallel play** - when the child plays separately from others but close to them and mimics their actions. This type of play is seen as a transition from socially immature solitary and onlooker play, to a more socially mature associative and cooperative type of play.
- **Associative play** - when the child is interested in the people playing but not in coordinating their activities with those people, or when there is no organized activity at all. There is a substantial amount of interaction involved, but the activities are not yet in sync.
- **Cooperative play** - when a child is interested both in the people playing and in the activity they are doing. In cooperative play, the activity is organized and there is increased self-identification with a group, and a group identity may emerge. This is relatively uncommon in the preschool and Kindergarten years because it requires more social maturity and more advanced organization skills.

As psychologist Jean Piaget noted, “Play is the work of childhood.” Mr. Rogers elaborated: “Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning.”

As we wind down the school year, I can reflect on how the children have grown physically, socially and emotionally. Through the power of compassion and love-filled teaching, our students have been able to grow at their own pace. I hope you enjoy a happy, healthy and safe summer with your children. I look forward to seeing all of the changes in our returning students in September. I also want to extend a big mazal tov to our children who are moving up and continuing on their journey.

Congratulations to FHJC Pre-K Graduates:

- William Conway
- Austin Cruz-Garcia
- Scarlet Elimeliah
- Dasha Encalada
- Ari Finkelstein
- Dora Frank
- Emet Friedman
- Vera Goldfien
- Jordan Gross
- Oliver Gutman
- Yosef Heber
- Essie Hoinacki
- Addie Iskovitz
- Elizabeth Israel
- Alma Kamelhar
- Bina Kirschner
- Sophia Liao
- Ryan Lin
- Trandy Liu
- Hannah Lowe
- Samuel Moldovan
- Nikolas Ortiz
- Nathan Pinto
- Juliet Rivera
- Guy Sadeh Brosh
- Alyssa Samson
- Layla Shah
- Julia Sheyman
- Ethan Singhal
- Gianna Stefanidis
- Cora Sylvan
- Yakov Tichauer
- Ezra Yaddaw





EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Jessica Braginsky



The end of the year gives me an opportunity to check in with the goals of the FHJC Religious School and see how we are doing. As printed in our Religious School Handbook, our goals are:

- To Build Strong and Supportive Community with each other, with Klal Yisrael, the larger Jewish community, and Eretz Yisrael, the State of Israel.
- To nurture a Positive Jewish Identity within each of our learners.
- To provide opportunities for Family Learning that encourages, enables and enhances Jewish Family Life.
- To provide our learners with an appreciation for lifelong Torah Study as a link to our Jewish heritage and a tool for daily living.
- To develop basic Jewish Literacy, including Hebrew, prayer, siddur skills, Jewish heritage, values and history, and skills for Jewish living and ritual.



Based upon conversations with our Religious School families and our School Board, I would also add to this the goal of imbuing our students with the imperative to do chesed, acts of kindness.

This is quite a bit to strive for and I think we have some evidence that we are on the right track. On Shabbat, March 3, our Gimmel/ 3rd grade students received their siddurim. These gifts from FHJC contained two book plates that represent the legacy being handed down to our students. One book plate contains a dedication from FHJC with words of Torah. The other book plate contains the prayers and blessings written by each student's parents; beautiful words of love and hopes for the future. These two bookplates symbolize the winning combination for a positive Jewish identity - the partnership between parents and teachers at FHJC.



By the smiles I saw that Shabbat, and the ability of our Gimmel students to lead our congregation in prayer, I could tell that we are also developing the fundamental skills and knowledge needed for Jewish literacy.

Throughout the year many of our students and their parents enjoyed Cooking Connections and joined forces to combat food insecurity in Forest Hills. We learned about what it's like to rely on a soup kitchen for meals and that 22% of children in Queens face food insecurity. We studied Torah together, questioned and debated what our tradition says about feeding the hungry. Then, informed by our learning, together we prepped apple crisps which were delivered to the Commonpoint Food Pantry. Thank you to The Jewish Education Project for making this example of chesed, Torah study, family learning and community building possible through a generous grant.



And let's not forget the relationships that are forged at FHJC. Youth Group and chug/electives, model seders and Purimpalooza, bagels and pizza. This is fun and more. It builds a strong and supportive community of friendships and social connections that foster resilience in our children and that strengthens their mental health. And no one knows how to do that better than our FHJC Religious School teachers.

In Judaism, every Torah reading cycle ends and begins at the same time. So too with FHJC Religious School. As we end this year, we also open registration for next year. Please spread the word!





ADULT EDUCATION

JUDY GOSTL & DAVID SNYDER

What a winter and spring! There were very well received Shabbaton at Home programs with David Snyder, Jay Luger, Rabbi Chana Thompson Shor and David Zucker. The Hebrew Literature group has done explorations of Megillat Esther and Shir HaShirim. Lenny Picker interviewed Shaul Magid. Most of these programs were recorded and the recordings are posted in the Adult Education section of the FHJC website.



The month of May will feature Rabbi David Cavill teaching on Satan in the Torah, and the Hebrew Literature group will study The Book of Ruth. June will feature Nora Mandel taking her presentation into the world of the Jewish movies. Early in the summer the Hebrew Literature group will round out their year of studying Megillot with Eicha.

Many of these topics came about because people said: "Judy, Lisa, what do you think of this idea?" Now Lisa Levy is leaving our community and David Snyder is taking over as co-chair of Adult Education. We Thank Lisa for her hard work for our shul and wish her the best as she starts the next part of her life in Philadelphia. As she leaves, Lisa sent the following note: "Thanks for the chance to work with Judy Gostl for the past four years on the Adult Ed Committee. I have learned a lot from her, and it has been a pleasure developing programs of value for the FHJC family together. "

So, feel free to come up with your own topic to share with our congregational family and suggest ideas for study. Talk your ideas over with Judy Gostl and /or David Snyder in person or on email. The more suggestions we receive, the more varied are the programs we can create for our FHJC community.

Meet Our CAHAL Social Worker

We are excited to share with you the news that our synagogue has been awarded a grant from UJA. With it we have formed CAHAL, which stands for Community, Action, Health And Lovingkindness. CAHAL will create opportunities to forge bonds between our FHJC elders or FHJC members in need of support and our families and teens with an aim to strengthen the mental health of all the participants. By matching families and teens with an elder of FHJC everyone in the relationship gains! Youth gain social connections which foster resilience. Elders can share their wisdom and gain companionship. Those needing support get a hand. And all participants will gain a much-needed boost from knowing someone cares about them. CAHAL will also work with the Chesed Committee on social and community action events.

To shepherd our CAHAL program, we have hired Renee Herman. Renee is a licensed Social Worker who lives in Forest Hills. She has many years of experience fostering intergenerational relationships. Please see Renee's bio. Renee will be reaching out to our membership and will also be available to provide individual counseling for seniors as needed and help with mental health referrals for children and teens.

Don't be surprised to get a call from Renee to explain more about CAHAL. We hope that you will consider participating in this exciting new project either as a family or individually. We look forward to strengthening our ties to one another. To learn more about CAHAL, or to participate in the program, you can reach Renee at cahalfhjc@gmail.org.

Meet Renee Herman

I am so pleased to serve as the CAHAL Project Intergenerational Program Coordinator.

It has always been a passion of mine throughout my Social Work career connecting individuals and families of all ages, promoting well-being and enjoyment of life, sharing ideas and projects, strengthening community and enhancing emotional resilience.

My other great love encompasses interior and environmental design. Working on Miami Beach I also coordinated fundraising projects engaging retired executives and high school students.

I'm a happy resident of Forest Hills and "Auntie Mame" to 11 great nieces and nephews!

Forest Hills Jewish Center is a beacon in our community and I look forward to a happy collaboration.



SISTERHOOD

Laurie Lax, Presiding Officer, March/April

Debra Weil, Presiding Officer, May/June

Following a rather cold and COVID-challenged winter, we are hopeful that Spring will bring us warmth, a renewed sense of hope, and G-d willing, more in-person time with friends and family alike. We are well into the busy holiday season, with Purim and Pesach having been celebrated, and looking forward to Shavuot, Graduations, and more family centered gatherings. After so much time apart from the FHJC shul community, friends and families, we are all looking forward to slowly coming together on a regular basis.

Sisterhood was quite active in bringing programming to the shul community during the month of February. Early in the month, we held a very important and stimulating program to learn about Transition Center (formerly known as Transition House) and the services that they provide to families confronting domestic violence. On February 22, we co-sponsored a program with SURJE to honor Black History Month. It was a book discussion of *The Personal Librarian*, led by Allison Abrams and Zach Wichter of the SURJE Board. At the end of February, we held Sisterhood Shabbat on Shabbat Shekalim (also Parshat Veyakel), in shul and on Zoom, of course. There was active participation of many Sisterhood members in conducting the service.

We held our second annual Torah Fund Tea on April 3 via Zoom, to support the work of JTS and the other affiliated Conservative Movement seminaries. We were so pleased with the wonderful participation of so many of you who attended to honor this year's Torah Fund honoree, Gail Port and the generous outpouring of donations to Torah Fund in her honor (as well as Gail's generosity in matching all donations that were made!). Mazel Tov to Gail on this honor and for your well-deserved retirement!

Sisterhood is continuing to meet throughout the Summer! We are looking forward to another exciting presentation and discussion led by Candice Koerner, where she will speak about **3 Outstanding Jewish Women Artists** on the evening of May 11. Then pull out your passport and your Wonder-Woman Boots, and join us on Sunday Morning, May 29 for a Virtual Guided Tour of the **New ANU Museum in Tel Aviv**, where we will have a personalized tour focusing on the lives of Famous Jewish "Wonder Women" highlighted in their exhibits.

After a successful Daytime Readers Meeting (in the Evening!) with Melanie Winawer discussing her book *Anticipation*, Daytime Readers will return to their Thursday afternoon meetings during the Summer. All are also invited to join our very popular ongoing Yoga classes with Lorain Wankoff. For information about these and all other Sisterhood programs, recipes, Musings from the members of the Sisterhood Board, please watch for our monthly newsletter "The Blast" that is sent out each Rosh Hodesh. **Please continue to support Sisterhood by participating in our activities and by becoming a member.**

Laurie Lax & Debra Weil
FHJC Sisterhood Presiding Board Members



Woman of Achievement Virtual Gala

June 16, 2022 - 7:15 PM

FHJC Sisterhood is proud to honor our "Woman of Achievement" Robin Segal Skolnik at the BQLI Women of Achievement Virtual Gala on Thursday, June 16. Zoom room will open at 7:15PM, with the program beginning at 7:30PM. Help us honor Robin by placing ads in the commemorative journal and attending the online gala. For more information, email Sisterhood@fhjc.org.

Visit the BQLI website for more information:

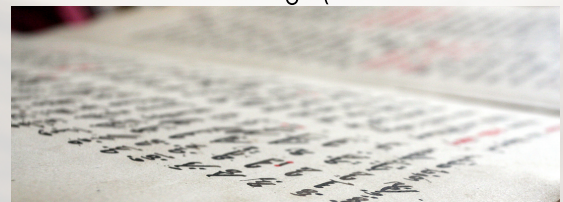
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HEBREW LITERATURE GROUP

The Hebrew Literature Group's theme for the year has been the five Megillot (plus Jonah). To date we have had eye-opening sessions on Jonah, Koheleth (Ecclesiastes), Esther, and Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs). Our next meeting, via Zoom, is scheduled for Thursday, May 26 at 5:00 pm, when we will read selections from the book of Ruth and discuss. Look out for a notice, coming soon, with the Zoom link for that meeting.

Our sessions involve readings in Hebrew accompanied by English translation with discussion in English, and can be enjoyed by participants with all levels of Hebrew knowledge (or lack of same). Come join us!

Mitchell Frank



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Arthur Caser – in memory of **G. Paul Fishman**

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi David Cavill – Monday, May 23 at 8:00PM

The Devil is in the Details: Do Jews believe in Satan? Is Satan an agent of God? A fallen angel? Or just misunderstood? Please join FHJC member Rabbi David Cavill for an exploration of Satan in biblical and rabbinic texts. We will look at a handful of fine details in the original Hebrew, but all texts will be presented with translation.

Click [here](#) to RSVP and receive the unique Zoom link.

Hebrew Literature Group – Thursday, May 26 at 5:00pm

The Book of Ruth

Nora Mandel – Watch Party on June 13 at 8:00PM;

Nora's Presentation on June 20 at 8:00PM:

Joan Micklin Silver's 1975 Oscar-nominee has been restored. Based on Abraham Cahan's 1897 novella, Nora will explore how the film stands up as a Jewish feminist classic. You can watch it as part of a Zoom group with us or download it yourself at your convenience from Amazon, Google Play, iTunes, and Vudu.

Click [here](#) to make your reservations.

The Hebrew Literature Group – Thursday at 5:00PM Date TBD – Eicha – Lamentations

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Judy & David Zipkowitz - in honor of the birth of **Elizabeth Caudle & Matthew Ziegelbaum's** son

Pauline & Mark Raphael - in honor of **Ilana & Bill Altman** becoming grandparents

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Toby & Allan Silvera - in honor of the upcoming marriage of **Debra & Gary Weil's** son, **Lavey Weil**

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Life Cycles

Mazal Tov מזל טוב

...to those in our Center family who are celebrating a simcha:

- to Amy & Kevin Manheim on the marriage of their son Dr. Jeremy Manheim to Dr. Juliet Prieto
- to Shira & Anthony Fisher on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ariella
- to Deborah Healy and Koleman Strumpf on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael Strumpf
- to Marcelle and Phil Kaskawits on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Siena
- to Michelle and Evan Picard on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Zoe
- to Elizabeth Caudle Ziegelbaum & Matthew Ziegelbaum on the birth of their son, Arthur Benjamin Ziegelbaum
- to Debra & Gary Weil on the upcoming marriage of their son, Lavey to Alexa Dunetz
- to Fran & Zev Spiro on the marriage of their son Raphael to Jacqueline Wolozin
- to Judy and David Zipkowitz on the marriage of their son Joshua to Lynn Rozkin
- to Risa Matzner and Rob Samuels on the upcoming marriage of her son Jacob Levine to Rebecca Evans
- to Roz and Oskar Matzner on the upcoming marriage of their grandson Jacob Levine to Rebecca Evans

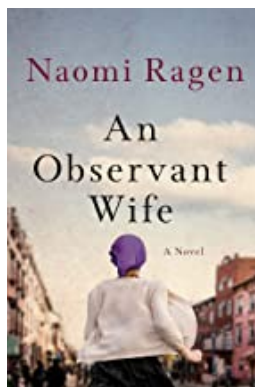
Hamakom Y'nahem המקום ינחם

...may God grant comfort and consolation to those who have lost a loved one.

- to Ben Leeman on the loss of his dear mother, Lillian Leeman
- to Stephanie Kastin on the loss of her dear mother, Isabel Foner

We mourn the loss of our dear Center members:

- Lucy Goldhaber, Louis Jaari, Ruth Barnett
 - Past President, Henry Burger, Scott Sharinn
- May their memories be for a blessing



SISTERHOOD DAYTIME READERS

June 23, 2022, 2:00PM

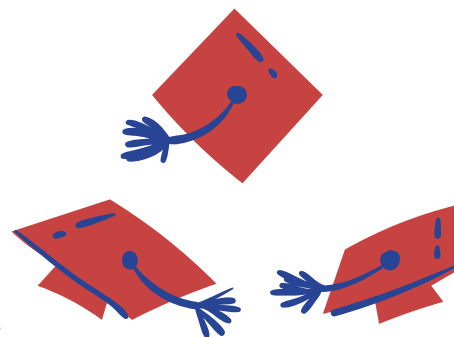
From the joy of their wedding day surrounded by supportive friends and family, Yaakov and Leah are soon plunged into the complex reality of their new lives together as Yaakov leaves his beloved yeshiva to work in the city, and Leah confronts the often agonizing restrictions imposed by religious laws governing even the most intimate moments of their married lives.

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MAZAL TOV TO OUR B'NEI MITZVAH

Mazel Tov!



Ariella Fisher

Bat Mitzvah, April 9, 2022

Ariella Mairead Fisher was born in Manhattan and has grown up in Astoria since the age of 2, the oldest of three loving sisters. From an early age, she drew a connection between her Jewish faith, the responsibilities of citizenship, and her innate sense of concern for other people. She has organized charity bake sales for military veterans and people experiencing homelessness, and conscientiously donated her own allowance money to charitable causes. She's travelled a lot for a kid her age, and has taken several trips to Israel to visit her great-grandmother, her aunts and uncles, and her many cousins. Ariella is a voracious reader of fiction and comic books, a die-hard sports fan (especially baseball, Go Yankees!), an artist and writer, and she also enjoys playing softball, basketball, bike-riding, and ice skating. She loves music (both modern and vintage), plays piano and sings, and is such a Beatlemaniac she's even seen two Beatles perform in concert. She's an inquisitive student, currently participating in the Lang science program at the American Museum of Natural History. More than anything, Ariella is a generous, sensitive soul who shines a light of love on all in her orbit.



Michael Strumpf

Bar Mitzvah, April 30, 2022

Michael is a 7th grader at Hunter College High School. In his free time, Michael is on the swim team, likes to ride trains, and bake. Michael has been baking challot for Shabbat since preschool.



Siena Kaskawits

Bat Mitzvah, May 28, 2022

Siena Taylor Kaskawits attended the FHJC nursery school from ages 3-5. When she left for Kindergarten she returned to Hebrew school and has attended since she was 5. She is currently an honors student at Halsey Junior High school. When the pandemic happened Siena saw a need for masks in the community and decided to make masks and donate them to some homeless shelters as her mitzvah project. When she is not reading or listening to music she can be found either sitting at her sewing machine or sketching something creative.



Zoe Picard

Bat Mitzvah, June 18, 2022

Zoe Rachel Picard (Haya Rachel) was born June, 23, 2009, is named after her Great Grandmother. Like her Great Grandmother, Zoe is full of life and cares deeply about her family and friends. She has a style of her own and from a young age has shown a passion for creativity in the arts (painting, drawing, singing), and cooking. As a cook Zoe has a flair for flavors and enjoys putting together delicious meals for us. Her family and friends wish her a Mazal Tov on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. With love, Mommy, Daddy, & Izabella

Book of Remembrance

On the 2nd day of Shavuot, as on all other designated holidays
when Yizkor is recited, Rabbi Skolnik will read the names of those inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

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Sundays at 9:25AM: Yoga with Lorain. Email Lorain for details.

Mondays at 1:30PM: Study with Rabbi Skolnik Click [here](#) for the registration sheet and [here](#) for the Zoom link.

Mondays at 5:00PM: De-stress with Dr. Mitchell Frank and Ariela Frieder, M.D.

Wednesdays at 4:45PM: The FHJC Watch Party - Enter the sports world and join us as we watch *Ted Lasso*.

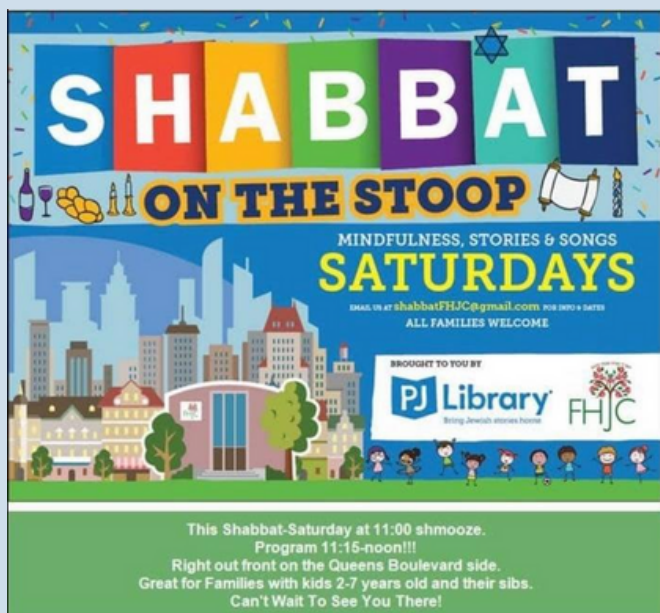
Wednesdays at 6:25PM: Yoga with Lorain. Email Lorain for details.

Wednesdays at 8:15PM: Men's Club Watch Party resumes with the award-winning Netflix series, *Schitt's Creek*.
Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

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