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FOREST HILLS JEWISH CENTER

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FOREST HILLS JEWISH CENTER

INVITES YOU FOR AN EVENING AT THE

West Side Tennis Club



MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024 | 6:00 pm | \$100

Join your friends from the Forest Hills Jewish Center for an evening at the West Side Tennis Club.

Enjoy a delicious hot-off-the-grill BBQ dinner, wine & beer, & fabulous silent auction prizes.

See the gallery of tennis greats in the historic Tudor-style clubhouse, and enjoy all its facilities and lounges.

Join us as we recognize

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for her dedication and service to Forest Hills Jewish Center



For Questions or Sponsorship Opportunities:
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<https://tinyurl.com/FHJC2024Summer>

Diane & Len Fogelman, Adam Malitz, Risa Matzner,
Howard Pollack, Pauline & Mark Raphael,
and Zach Wichter, Event Chairs

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT
SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Plan to join us for an inspiring Shabbat service led by the members of FHJC's Men's Club. Following services, Men's Club is sponsoring a lovely kiddush.

After kiddush a reservations-only luncheon is planned, with Dr. Jay Luger as our guest speaker.

The cost of the deli luncheon is \$30.00 per person.

To RSVP, email Gary Weil at geedubs1953@gmail.com.

FOREST HILLS JEWISH CENTER

PRIDE SHABBAT

16 Sivan 5784 | June 22, 2024 | 9 AM

Join us for Shabbat services as FHJC celebrates **LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**

Let's celebrate our community together.

For more information and to participate, contact Zach Wichter, event chair, at zlwichter@gmail.com



Please show your support and help make this year's Pride Shabbat festivities extra special by contributing to the congregational Kiddush luncheon. Any amount is appreciated!



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Daniel Graber

The Spirituality of BBQ

With summer upon us, the usual trappings will accompany it including Stadium concerts, water fights, beach days, and, of course, barbecues. As Americans it is typical (though not obligatory) to celebrate many American holidays with grilling and cookouts, including Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and the Fourth of July. Whether you put on veggie burgers or steaks, burn gas or charcoal, firing up the grill is a beloved seasonal activity for more than just the tasty food.

As our Men's Club knows well, a barbecue is a great way to gather people and have a good time. Yes, people come for food, but like at kiddush we are really coming to be together, and to celebrate the opportunity to do so. On the American BBQ holidays we use togetherness and food to celebrate the freedom we have and express gratitude for it. In that way, it is not so different from the large amounts of cooked meat that was shared around at the festivals in the ancient Temple, expressing gratitude and freedom through gathering. When you are enjoying something from the grill this summer, feel free to picture yourself in Jerusalem.

In addition to the joyful atmosphere, the act of barbecuing also has some hidden lessons for our Jewish selves:

1) "These burgers aren't going to cook themselves" - Just like a BBQ needs a grillmaster to light the flame, keep an eye on the food, and intervene when needed, a life of meaningful Judaism needs the same. We need to seek out a chance to have a passion for Torah ignited, make sure we have something of substance in the works, and be ready to adjust. How will you keep your flame lit this summer? You could take some time to prepare Shabbat, or look for a synagogue on your trip to Mumbai, and bring a Jewish book to the beach. We also can always find ways to give of our time and money to the repair of the world.

2) Rare or Well done? - Even if everyone is going to have a burger, everyone is having it their way. Maybe rare and with pickles, or maybe burnt to a korban-worthy crisp. Even in the same synagogue, each person will experience Judaism in a way that is

flavored by their family, other communities they have been a part of, and the journey that led them to now. Diversity is a necessary and positive result of coming together. Just as we are in relationship with our friend who I think has too much ketchup (or not enough), we can be in relationship with our fellow Jews who do it a little differently.

3) It doesn't all cook the same way - Hot dogs, wings, steak, corn, peppers, salmon, tofu...they can all go on the grill, but it's not just the diners that will be different. They need different amounts of preparation and time on the fire. Well, the Jewish actions and events we build into our lives also take different preparation and time. Sometimes it's a filling brisket-style Saturday morning service. But Jewish action can also be more of a one-bite slider, pairing nicely with saying borei pri hagafen over a glass of pool-side sangria.

However you get fired up this summer, remember to bring your spirituality with you, and enjoy!



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NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

Hazzan Randall Levin

I was fortunate to travel to Minneapolis last month to attend the 77th Annual Cantors Assembly Convention – an emotional, thought-provoking, and rejuvenating experience. In addition to the daily learning tracks on repertoire, self-care and professional development, this year’s convention also focused on the state of World Jewry, Judaism in America and the subsequent roles that clergy now play in synagogue life and beyond.

Our annual meeting began with a keynote address delivered by Yizhar Hess, Chair of the World Zionist Organization. That evening normally would have featured a concert, but instead our delegation attended a special presentation by Noa Tishby, who spoke on the history of the conflict in Israel and its portrayal in the media. In another year we may have lamented having one less major concert, but this year the choice to focus on Israel affairs struck just the right chord (feel free to connect with me to discuss the content of these presentations).

The convention was, of course, still full of musical moments. The opening concert, “Chadesh Yameinu,” focused predominantly on contemporary Jewish music in the singer/songwriter modality. A wonderful daytime showcase of Hazzanut and Classical music demonstrated both the relevance and importance of preserving traditional Jewish music, and the great variety of musical expression in the classical form. A second “musical showcase” featured pop and Broadway melodies, while the third evening brought a Gala Concert of World Premier Compositions, as we traveled to one of the large local synagogues to perform (to a packed house) new music. The final concert perfectly bookended the convention, with “Shirei Tefillah – Prayersongs: Contemporary Israel Songs as Tefillah.” It was an appropriately emotional

musical ending to a transformative week of spiritual and professional growth.

I look forward to sharing these musical experiences and lessons in more detail in the coming months (and most especially as we work toward an exciting concert of Jewish music this coming fall!). Beyond the details, however, I am compelled to share a bit about the overall experience of attending the convention. In four short days the convention managed to encapsulate a beautiful example for congregational life – particularly as we continue to refine (and hopefully embody) our core values, and evolve as a welcoming, inclusive community here in Forest Hills. Yes, the CA conventions are meticulously planned, and informative, but they are also a source of validation for the notion that we can be our best selves in the context of a community. The convention serves as a sacred time and place where we cantors are somehow able to be our full selves in Jewish, musical, and human expression, while at the same time celebrating, and enjoying, each other’s talents. As one of my peers noted, the Cantors Assembly has the capacity to serve as a second family: a real place of love and support where a person can “make mistakes, seek out a new identity and practice self exploration.” A sense of belonging and of self worth is surely intrinsic to a Jewish community, and also essential to our spiritual health. And while a great performance can indeed be a miraculous blessing, it doesn’t provide half the satisfaction that we receive from the knowledge that we are holy and precious to one another. May we all enjoy the gift of being in such a community, and experience a ta’am of the sweet singers of Israel.

Hazzan Randall Levin

FHJC’s Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5784
Tuesday June 11th
9:00pm-11:30pm

9:00pm- Ma’ariv followed by light dinner
 And Learning presented by
 Rabbi Daniel Graber
 Yonah Kirschner
 Dr. Mitchell Frank
 Rabbi Chana Thompson Shor

Light dinner provided, RSVP requested by 6/10 [CLICK HERE](#)

You are invited to attend the
FHJC
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
Thursday, June 20, 2024
8:00 PM
 in person & Zoom

Please see Page 8 for agenda and nominations.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gary Kerzner

What A Year!

It's hard for me to believe that June marks the completion of my first year as President of Forest Hills Jewish Center. And what an incredible year it has been!

A lavish Kiddush that was planned for Rabbi Skolnik's retirement turned into an exercise in how quickly we could evacuate the building as acrid fumes filled the Sanctuary. The cause turned out to be a badly worn fan belt on a blower motor, not an actual fire, and once the Fire Department checked out the building we were able to continue services and then enjoy the kiddush - but not before we had our first Sermon on The Stoop.

The summer saw our lower level flooded by rainstorms and a broken drainpipe. Heroic efforts by our Maintenance staff and an exceptionally agile plumber had us back up within a couple of days.

The High Holidays came, and we were able to observe them in a freshly plastered and repainted Sanctuary, befitting the solemnity of the Days of Awe.

In November, Mayor Adams visited and addressed the efforts his administration was making to ensure the safety and security of Jewish New Yorkers. Though it was heartening to hear the mayor, recent events on college campuses and public venues have shown us how deep-seated and pervasive antisemitism is in the U.S.

The cold weather can bring a different set of problems for an aging structure like our building, but it can also make us more attractive to wildlife of Forest Hills that are looking for a temporary home. Rocky Raccoon thought he'd found a nice, warm, comfortable place in FHJC to pass the winter. Fortunately, it took little time for a professional to discover his hideaway and remove Rocky from the premises. (I don't know where he's currently residing, so I can't forward any cards or letters.)

And though the hardy members of Con Ed provide a valuable service that maintains our power and comfort, once in a great while they make an "oops" - as on the Shabbat morning that Con Ed workers on 69th Road hit the wrong electrical main and cut power to all our systems, including lights, heating, elevators and phones. We put on coats and began services using ambient light in the Sanctuary, but we were in the dark (pun intended!) about setting up the ballroom for a nice kiddush to follow services. Fortunately, shortly before 10:00 am power was restored, and we all gave thanks and continued services as the lights came on and the building began to warm up.

I can't know what challenges and joys the coming year will bring but I'm looking forward to them and I plan to do everything I can to help strengthen the congregation and ensure FHJC continues to be warm and welcoming. May all the hostages be freed speedily and reunited with their loved ones, may you have a wonderful summer, and may we all merit to welcome the High Holidays together in the fall.

Gary Kerzner, President



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Bikur Cholim is working and helping our membership when needed. If you need a visit or phone call or know someone in need please email Hazzan Levin (rlevin@fhjc.org) or Rabbi Graber (rabbie@fhjc.org) or Debbie Bochner (Debbiebochner@gmail.com)

If you would like to have someone on the *misheberach* list please call Laurie Worthman in the center office 718-263-7000



EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Jessica Braginsky

We have been through a lot together. Reflecting back I see an abundance of blessings that I have received in my years at FHJC.

I was excited by the wonderful things that Lynn Lancaster had told me about the FHJC Religious School. And then there was the engagement piece. At my job interview for the position of Director of Education and Engagement, I asked what successful engagement would look like. I was met with a pregnant pause and a palpable communal question mark. Luckily that was accompanied by the blessing of a willingness to experiment, grow and learn.

In my first year, I set about getting the lay of the land. I quickly saw that my niece, Sarah, was right. She had told me that the teachers really cared about the students. These caring, supportive interactions were visible in every minyan, class and program. That became a touchstone for me. And I have been blessed to work with teachers, seasoned and new, who ensure that FHJC continues to prioritize the teacher-student relationship.

I have also been blessed that parents at FHJC are passionate partners with the Religious School. They care deeply what gets taught and how it gets taught and I learned to listen and trust their judgment. They set me straight on the best ways to send out information, how to engage families, and how to help their children thrive.

In the middle of my second year at FHJC everything changed - COVID closed most in-person activities, including religious services and Religious School. It also forced us to update our relationship with

technology and gave us a fresh perspective on the importance of community. I was so inspired by FHJC members who literally risked their lives to pick up groceries for fellow members. The FHJC community showed me the meaning of chesed.

And that was just the start. Acts of chesed and tzedakah (in the literal sense of righteousness) proliferated! We made art with seniors, (you can still see it under the LIRR trestle crossing Yellowstone), cleaned beaches, fed hungry people with sandwiches and soup mix. We learned together what it means to celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion at FHJC. What a blessing to be able to facilitate this powerful force for good.

Together we have danced at Simchat Torah, celebrated b'nei mitzvah, watched some great TV, froze our patooties at Havdallahs in the alley and shared so many joyous moments. And we have weathered the transition of both clergy members. We have survived the sale of this property. We grapple with the loss of loved ones, including the loss of my mother. And now we are faced with increased antisemitism and Israel at war.

I know that despite all of this, FHJC will continue to be a welcoming haven and a dynamic leader in the community. How can I be so sure? Because we have learned together that FHJC isn't one person or one place. It's a community that can get through hard stuff and still thrive because our strength comes from within our unity. And, even though I am leaving the staff of FHJC, I still consider myself blessed to be part of this amazing and resilient community.

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Come say L'hitraot to Jessica Braginsky with a special Shabbat service and a lovely Kiddush luncheon on Shabbat June 8

Jessica has enriched our lives at FHJC in so many ways during her time with us. Please join us to say thanks and to wish her well in her new chapter. We will not say goodbye, rather L'hitraot, because we know that Jessica will come and visit.

Hazzan Levin will be reaching out to engage our children's participation in the Shabbat morning services.

We'd love to be able to make this luncheon extra special, and are asking for sponsors to help. Any amount will be appreciated, and remember, you and your family's presence on Shabbat will be appreciated the most. Those contributing \$36 or more will have their names printed in a keepsake handout.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO HELP SPONSOR THE KIDDUSH LUNCHEON



NEWS FROM NURSERY SCHOOL

Lynn Fisher



As we approach the end of the school year, I am filled with awe and pride reflecting on the incredible journey our preschoolers, their families and our FHJC community have taken. Like the vast and ever-expanding universe, each child has grown, explored, and shone brightly in their own unique way.

Our theme of "Solar Eclipse and Galaxy" has provided an incredible backdrop for learning and discovery. Just as this year's amazing solar eclipse is a rare and awe-inspiring event, so too are the milestones the FHJC Early Childhood Program children have reached this year. From separation to the first time a child makes marks with a crayon to the moment they confidently share a story with their peers, each achievement is a brilliant star in their own personal galaxy of learning.

Our dedicated teachers have been the guiding constellations for our littlest learners, lighting their way with patience, creativity, and endless enthusiasm. It is truly inspiring to watch the passion our educators bring into the classroom each day. They skillfully navigate the diverse needs of each child, fostering an environment where curiosity is celebrated and every question is a bridge to greater learning.

Throughout the year, our classrooms have been alive with the sounds of joyful discovery. Our journey through the galaxy has also been a metaphor for personal growth. Just as the universe is in a constant state of expansion, so too have our little learners expanded their horizons, building friendships, developing new skills, and gaining confidence.

As we prepare for the end of the school year and our Moving Up Day celebration, we honor the unique light within each child and their families. We are immensely proud of the children's accomplishments and the incredible potential they have shown. We are grateful for our teachers, whose unwavering dedication has made this journey possible. Their ability to inspire and nurture is the heart of our program.

Let's look forward to the future with the same wonder and excitement that the solar eclipse or a distant galaxy evokes. I hope that the curiosity and growth that developed this year continues to shine brightly throughout the summer and for years to come. Here's to a stellar end of the year and an even more brilliant future!



Pre-K Graduates:

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Victoria Chan
Ruby Edelstein
Daniel Fink
Irving Frank
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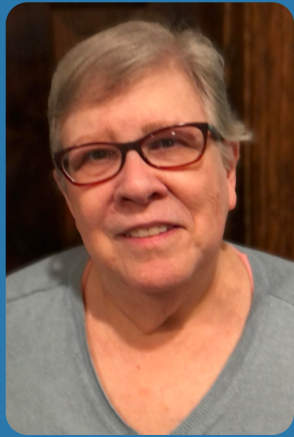
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Michael Barenboym
Juno Berman
Eliana Marks
Florian Rafalaf
Noah Rubenstein





ADULT EDUCATION

Judy Gostl and David Snyder

There is only one adult Education program left in the 2023-24 year. The History Readers Book Group will meet next on June 6 at 8:00PM to discuss: America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today by Pamela Nadell. After this event we, David Snyder, Azi Graeber and Judy Gostl, will begin to work on the program for next year.

The FHJC History Lovers Book Club (non-fiction) will continue as part of Adult Education. The Hebrew Literature Group will also continue to enlighten us on Thursdays throughout the year.

If there are other programs that you think will fit under the mantel of Adult Education at Forest Hills Jewish center, please send your suggestions.

Once again, Shabbaton presentations will take place throughout the year. This year we will continue to have both Zoom presentations on weeknights and in-person presentations in Shul after Shabbat kiddush.

To volunteer to teach for FHJC Adult Education or to submit suggestions for new programming, please click [HERE](#).

To do this, we need our members to step forward and volunteer to teach for this program. We already have several programs set for next year, but we need more. Please let Azi, David and Judy know if you are willing to teach and send a very short topic description to what you plan to present.



HEBREW LITERATURE GROUP

Mitchell Frank

By the time this edition of *The Message* goes to print, the Hebrew Literature Group will have, on May 23rd, had its last meeting of 5784. We dedicated the year to the theme, Poems of Resistance and Hope, in recognition that today we exist as Jews in the shadow of October 7, 2023, and that resistance and hope are the air we need to go on breathing. We studied modern Israel's songs of courage in the face of seemingly hopeless odds side by side with the biblical Song of Deborah.

A theme for FHJC's Hebrew Literature Group, 5785, has not yet been determined, but one option is contemporary Israeli voices post-October 7, 2023.

In the Hebrew Literature Group, selections are read in Hebrew with English translation, and discussion is in English. Join us!

Mitchell Frank

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SISTERHOOD

Rae These Kerzner, Presiding Officer, May-June

Right after Passover, I was the victim of identity theft. Apparently, a “fraud-proof” check from my business account was stolen and was used to generate seven fraudulent business checks. My account was emptied. I felt infuriated, vulnerable, angry and frustrated. Fortunately, my bank was able to recover the money and restore it to my account.

The thieves tried to steal my identity and my money. Ultimately, they were unsuccessful, thank God. After this experience, however, I began to think that actually, there are many integral parts of my identity that are impossible to steal. I am a mother, a wife, grandmother (aka Gamma Rae), a sister and a friend. I am also a daughter, although that role is mostly based on memories and saying Kaddish. And, I am a committed Jew and Zionist.

I am a member of an incredible community, the Forest Hills Jewish Center, which has supported me in times of great joy and devastating sorrow. I am also a member of our Sisterhood, and the Sisterhood Presidium. I have the honor and pleasure of serving with a group of smart, funny, compassionate and dedicated women on the Sisterhood Board, and have also come to know women from our BQLI region and women across the country from the Women’s League International Convention.

All these components of my identity are theft-proof. Despite all the frustrations, uncertainties and complications we all face every day, it is comforting to remind ourselves that some things can never be stolen from us.

For upcoming and ongoing Sisterhood programs, please see our monthly Blast! and the E-Shabbat Shalom.

Rae These Kerzner, Sisterhood Presiding Officer

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOREST HILLS JEWISH CENTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 8 PM in-person and on Zoom.

Agenda

- Call to Order and Anthems
- Gary Kerzner - President’s Annual Report
- Rabbi Daniel Graber - Official Discharge of Officers & Trustees
- A Tribute to the Outgoing Officers & Members of the Board of Trustees
- Election and Installation of New Officers and Trustees
- Carl Koerner - New Building Progress Report
- A Vision of Our Future Home - WXY Architecture

Candidates for Office Nominated by the Nominating Committee and Recommended by the Board of Trustees:

- Gary Kerzner, President
- Debra Bochner, Vice President
- Mitchell Frank, Vice President
- Howard Pollack, Vice President
- Zach Wichter, Vice President
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| Caty Koatz | Bentzy Rosengarten |
| Laurie Lax | Zach Wichter |
| Abe Leinwand | Randi Zwick-Marks |

Additional candidates may be placed in nomination by petition signed by ten (10) members. Such petition must be filed with the Secretary of the Center at least six (6) days prior to the date of election, and only members in good standing may be nominated. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Vick, Secretary

Mazal Tov to Torah Fund Tea honoree Debra Weil



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Dorothy Mahlab – in memory of beloved mother, **Suzette Mahlab**

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David Vogel – in honor of **Nicole Malitz** being nominated to the Board of Trustees

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Ilana Altman – in honor of the birth of **Judy & Matt Beizer's** grandson, **Charles Solomon Beizer**

Tikva, Zahava, Hanna & Dorothy Mahlab – in celebration of **Senta Baum's** special birthday

Pauline & Mark Raphael – in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Jonah Monaco**

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Robin, Glenn & Russell Rothbort & Caryn & Aaron

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Dorothy Mahlab – in memory of **David Rosenthal**

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

to Amy, Jared & Miles Newman on the birth of their daughter and sister, Dolly Mae

to Debbie & Jeff Bochner on the birth of their granddaughter, Dolly Mae

to Sandra Zalbe on the birth of her great granddaughter, Dolly Mae

to Barbara Klibanoff on the occasion of her 90th birthday

to Dorrie & Hal Berkowitz on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary

to Carol & Norman Guttman on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary

to Carol Guttman on the occasion of her special birthday

to Judy & Matt Beizer on the occasion of the birth of their grandson, Charles Solomon Beizer

to Soraya & Frank Baharestani on the birth of their grandson, Ryan Benjamin Fidler

Refuah Shleimah

רפואה שלמה

...for the full and speedy recovery of:

Jerry Klibanoff

Judy Gostl

Hamakom Y'nahem

המקום ינחם

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

to Roy Rosenthal on the loss of his son, David Rosenthal
to Rebekah Fassler on the loss of her brother, David Mendelson

We mourn the loss of our dear Center members:

Al Kingsley

Esther Wolberger

May their memory be for a blessing.

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JUNE 15: FHJC Men's Club



JUNE 22: PRIDE SHABBAT

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Michael & Lynn Fisher
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Zach Wichter
Matthew Ziegelbaum & Elizabeth Caudle
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JUNE 8: IN HONOR OF JESSICA BRAGINSKY

Ilana Altman
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Philip Braginsky & Sharon Matzner and Family
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Andrew Rafalaf & Penney Vachiraprapun, Florian and Henry Rafalaf
Mark & Pauline Raphael
Bill & Lillian Regen
Jose & Minna, Penelope and Juliet Rivera
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Joshua Rubenstein, Mei Chow, Noah and Benjamin Rubenstein
Juan Santamaria & Marina Santamaria-Zakry, Eliana and Daniella Santamaria-Zakry
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Jill Seiden
Akiva Sklar, Zlata Golubitskaya, Alta, Milyena, and Zalman Sklar
Dan & Gilly Solinsky, Jaidyn & AJ Solinsky
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Meir & Jill Tshav
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Jessica White and Jonah white
Matthew Ziegelbaum & Elizabeth Caudle, Abigail and Arthur Ziegelbaum

FHJC holds a weekly congregational kiddush, starting immediately after Shabbat Musaf services. It may be a seated luncheon in the Heller Ballroom, or light refreshments in the Crystal Room. If you can contribute time and effort, please consider volunteering with the Kiddush Committee. Many hands make light work. If you can contribute funds to sponsor a kiddush in honor of a simcha, either individually or as part of a group of co-sponsors, there is no minimum, and we can work with any budget.

Contact the office to sponsor, or [Frank Caisaguano](mailto:Frank.Caisaguano@center.org) to volunteer or for any questions. See our website at: www.FHJC.org/kiddush

Book of Remembrance

On all designated holidays when Yizkor is recited, Rabbi Graber will read the names of those inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

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Yakov Hassid Abraham	Sam Fox	Jesse Heller	Larry Leef	Feiga Remetier
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ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays at 9:25AM: Yoga with Lorain. Email Lorain for details at LLSW@AOL.COM.

Monday at 8:00PM: Parasha Study with Rabbi Graber

Wednesdays at 4:45PM: The FHJC Watch Party - The votes are in – we are watching the award-winning series, *The Bear!* Join the party in the kitchen!

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

Friday morning – Pilates: 9:30 mat class (bring your own mat); 10:40 chair class. Both sessions meet in the Heller Family Ballroom.

Once a Month on Tuesdays at 8:00PM: Yiddish Conversation Group. Join us for a bit of *mameh loshen*.

See the [FHJC Calendar](#) for links to these events.

History Readers Book Club

Thursday, June 6, 2024 | 8:00 PM (ZOOM)

America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today by Pamela Nadell

What does it mean to be a Jewish woman in America? In a gripping historical narrative, Pamela S. Nadell weaves together the stories of a diverse group of extraordinary people—from the colonial-era matriarch Grace Nathan and her great-granddaughter, poet Emma Lazarus, to labor organizer Bessie Hillman and the great justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, to scores of other activists, workers, wives, and mothers who helped carve out a Jewish American identity.

Click [here](#) to register & receive the Zoom link.

FHJC Sisterhood Summer Drive for Transition Center

Drop off:

Monday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Requested donations include:

Summer clothing all sizes (children and adults): shorts, skirts, dresses, shirts (long and short sleeves), swim/beach wear, socks, undergarments, T/under shirts, sandals and hats.

Infant/toddler wear and gear: sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, diapers, strollers, etc.

Summer entertainment: activity books, washable markers, backpacks/lunch bags, children's DVD, toys, semi-active games and crafts for all abilities/needs.

Toiletries: sunscreen, lotion, soap, toothpaste/brushes, and hygiene products.

Laundry detergent: prefer if labeled sensitive, for babies or "free/clear".
Always needed: shopping carts, umbrellas and gift cards.



Please place clean donations in the bin at the base of the stairs to the left of the FHJC security desk.

Drop off only on June 17 and 18, 2024.



FHJC Represents at Israel on Fifth

The weather was great, the ruach/spirit was superb, and the FHJC contingent (of 40 people!) marching in the Israel Day On Fifth parade was excited to show our love and support for the Jewish state. If a couple of pictures can capture the joy and pride we all felt, they're the ones shown below.



Kol HaKavod to Parade Director Howard Pollack!

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