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Kol Nidre Campaign 5787

The High Holidays are fast approaching and soon the haunting, soulful notes of Kol Nidre sung beautifully by our Hazzan will echo through our sanctuary. We will enter the most sacred hour of the Jewish calendar, and in this quiet moment of introspection, many will pause to reflect on where we have been, who we are, and what we hope to build together in the year ahead.

For decades, the Forest Hills Jewish Center has served as a vibrant anchor of Jewish life in Central Queens. We are a community where generations gather to pray, learn, celebrate, and support one another through life's triumphs and challenges. From our egalitarian services, engaging adult learning, and youth programs to our deep-rooted commitment to social justice and interfaith bridge-building, FHJC remains a sanctuary of warmth, tradition, and sacred connection, which we know will continue even as we transition to our new facility.

In the coming days, we will stand together at this solemn juncture, asking to be inscribed in the Book of Life. We are reminded that our community's strength rests on the commitment of every single member.

Today, we launch our 5787 Kol Nidre Appeal.

Dues and program fees cover only a portion of what it takes to sustain our congregational home. Your contribution to the Kol Nidre Appeal directly supports:

- **Vibrant Spiritual & Cultural Life:**
Keeping our Shabbat, holiday, and daily services accessible, engaging, and meaningful for all generations.
- **Community Security & Facility Upkeep:**
Ensuring our sanctuary and classrooms remain safe, welcoming, and secure environments for our families and visitors.
- **Education & Youth Engagement:**
Fueling innovative learning experiences for our children and enriching, thought-provoking adult education.
- **Inclusivity & Chesed (Loving-Kindness):**
Providing support and religious guidance to our membership.

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that *Teshuvah* (repentance), *Tefillah* (prayer), and *Tzedakah* (charity) have the power to transform our world. As we look ahead to our future and our commitment to a new building, we ask that you put that very commitment into action.

For all of us at the Kol Nidre Committee, we join you in asking for a year of health, a year of peace, and a year where the pain caused by anti-semitism is no longer felt. We ask every family to participate in our Kol Nidre Appeal at a level that is meaningful to you. Every gift, regardless of size, is a declaration of faith in the future of the Forest Hills Jewish Center.

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שנה טובה ומתוקה

We wish you all a sweet new year and the blessings of good health, happiness, prosperity and peace.

Deborah Ball Witlin, President,
and the members of the Executive Board:
Debra Bochner,
Elizabeth Caudle, Howard Pollack,
Gail Port, Matthew Beizer,
and Helaine Fox



ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

ROSH HASHANAH:

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 11

6:30 PM, Little Synagogue

6:53 PM Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah Day One, Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM, Main Sanctuary;

6:30 PM Mincha/ Ma'ariv; 7:51 PM Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah Day Two, Sunday, September 13

8:30 AM, Main Sanctuary;

6:00 PM Tashlich (Jewel Ave.)

7:00 PM Mincha/ Ma'ariv; 7:50 PM Havdalah

KOL NIDRE AND YOM KIPPUR:

1:30 PM, Mincha; Little Synagogue

Kol Nidre, Sunday, September 20

6:00 PM, Main Sanctuary

Yom Kippur, Monday, September 21

9:00 AM; 4:30 PM, Main Sanctuary

7:35 PM Yom Kippur Ends

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Daniel Graber

Dear friends,

Rosh Hashanah is Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment. And judgment requires truth. A court, Divine or human, cannot function with “my truth” and “your truth.” Our experiences and perspectives may differ, but truth itself is not ours to choose. Sometimes we do not know what is true, and honesty requires us to say that too.

The Torah commands us, as a sacred mitzvah, מִדְּבַר שָׁקֶר תִּרְחֹק - “Keep far from a false matter.” Zechariah tells us, דַּבְּרוּ אִישׁ אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ - “Speak truth to one another.” And the Talmud declares, חותמו של הקדוש ברוך הוא אמת - “The seal of the Holy Blessed One is truth.” The rabbis even extend the Torah’s command to creating a false impression without actually speaking a lie. Emet is a quintessential Jewish value, and it is indispensable in understanding and acting in the world around us.

Today, as often in the past, falsehood, in half-truths and whole lies, has become a most effective weapon aimed at the Jewish people, and the State of Israel.

We have seen it when Hamas’s claim that Israel bombed Al-Ahli Hospital raced around the world before evidence pointed instead to a failed Palestinian Islamic Jihad rocket; when Hamas denied sexual violence on October 7 despite video, testimony and even UN findings; and when a senior UN official warned that thousands of babies would die within forty-eight hours even though the UN’s own underlying data said no such thing. The claims change, but the pattern is familiar: a quickly and loudly told lie outruns the Truth before the damage can be stopped.

More subtle, yet just as much a manipulation of the truth, is the framing of the Israel discourse now dominating outsized media and political attention. Select the right facts, leave out the inconvenient ones, and even a collection of true statements can create a picture that is not emet. Israeli journalist Haviv Rettig Gur has spoken about the way much Western coverage approaches Israel through a ready-made moral story while showing too little curiosity about Hamas’s ideology and motivations. Qatar-funded Al Jazeera offers a particularly stark version of this. Palestinians are presented as individuals, with names, families, fears, and suffering, while Israelis too often become abstractions: “Israel,” “the IDF,” “Zionism.” I believe Palestinians should be seen as individuals, and recognized as a nation. Israelis and Jews should be too.

Rosh Hashanah asks us to stand honestly before God. Emet therefore cannot be only a standard we demand of others; we must demand it of ourselves and of Israel as well, but neither can we become exhausted into silence when falsehood is directed at us.

We have to keep insisting on the distinction between evidence and assertion, between reporting and propaganda, between a claim repeated everywhere and a claim that is actually true. A lie does not become truth simply because enough people have learned to repeat it.

חותמו של הקדוש ברוך הוא אמת. The seal of the Holy One is emet. As we enter a new year, may our words bear that seal with the discipline to seek truth, the courage to live by it, and the persistence to speak it to each other.

Bivracha - with blessings,
Rabbi Daniel Graber

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NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

Hazzan Randall Levin

The Kol Nidre service is an emotional peak of the High Holidays, yet its history is rooted in legal complexity rather than prayer. Originating in the geonic period (around the 6th to 11th centuries), this Aramaic declaration was created to annul unfulfilled vows made under duress or impulse. Despite early rabbinic opposition to its legalistic nature, the text endured because it answered a deep, communal psychological need for spiritual cleansing. The 13th-century rabbinic authority Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg (the Maharam) cemented this atmosphere of radical acceptance by adding the introductory declaration: Anu matirin l'hitpalel im ha-avaryanim – "We declare it permissible to pray together with transgressors." Drawing from the Talmud, the Maharam reminded us that just as the holy Temple incense required a foul-smelling ingredient to achieve its beautiful aroma, a community cannot achieve true atonement without including its flawed members.

While the precise origins of the Kol Nidre melody remain entirely unknown, it belongs to a sacred category of Ashkenazi liturgical music known as MiSinai melodies – melodies so deeply venerated by the community that they are to be treated as though they were given directly to Moses on Sinai. The structure of this traditional chant mirrors the stages of a soul in distress, beginning with low, hesitant whispers and building into soaring, dramatic cries of supplication. The Machzor Vitry, a 9th-century compilation of French Jewish customs, beautifully describes this progression: the Cantor must utter the text softly at first, like someone hesitant to enter the palace of a king out of fear, before growing louder and bolder, like a close friend accustomed to dwelling at court.

The marriage of this legal formula and melody mirrors our own human vulnerabilities as we enter Yom Kippur. We arrive at the sanctuary burdened by the spiritual weights of the past year: broken promises, unfulfilled potential, and internal compromises. Here, the formulation of the text and the music work in tandem. The dry legal prose provides the objective framework for erasing past liabilities, while the music seeks to unlock the heart, transforming a technical court procedure into a deeply personal confession. By declaring our spiritual bankruptcy right at the outset of the fast, we strip away our defensive facades and stand entirely honest before the Divine.

This powerful binding of text and tune sets the trajectory for our spiritual journey on Yom Kippur. The wisdom of our sages reminds us that no one is barred from the community, while the musical arrangement gives a voice to our unspoken grief and hopes. It teaches us that true repentance begins with radical honesty and the courage to release past baggage. Cleaned of our self-imposed chains and comforted by the familiar melody, we are prepared to begin the deep, transformative work of teshuvah.

May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life; as we raise our prayers in unity, may our voices be truly heard by God and by each other, bringing renewal and a sweet, healthy new year to our entire community.

Hazzan Randall Levin



JOIN US FOR TASHLIKH - Sunday, September 13

Please join your Forest Hills family and friends in the Rosh Hashanah tradition of *Tashlikh* in the late afternoon after services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 PM.

Tashlikh takes us outdoors into the realm of nature as we take part in the symbolic ritual of casting off our regrets from the previous year and looking forward to the New Year. *Tashlikh* takes place by a body of water where we throw away breadcrumbs to symbolize our sins.

We will meet at Flushing Meadows Park, right off Jewel Avenue. This is a wonderful event for all ages and especially for families.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Deborah Ball Witlin

The Gregorian calendar is the universal timekeeper throughout the world. Of course, we adhere to all of the dates and deadlines in our lives in accordance with it. But for me, the year truly begins anew in September. The cycle of my life revolves around it. Rosh HaShanah as we know, means the "head of the year." How remarkably fitting that we renew everything from the beginning of the school year, to work obligations, to reconnecting with friends, and to the ushering in of our most holiest of holidays. For me, even as a child, the year started in September. In my professional life, colleagues "disappear" after Memorial Day weekend. Cases that aren't emergencies get adjourned by the Courts and judges take well-deserved vacation breaks. In fact, the summer is a good time to catch up on the work that has piled up. After Labor Day, our professional and personal lives are in full swing.

I start my summers, which are the end of the year for me, by exploring new places. May to June (depending on when Shavuot falls out) has given me the opportunity to jumpstart my summer relaxation. This year, we visited countries where despite having minimal Jewish communities, were welcoming to Jewish travelers. In fact, our Jewish tour guide in Sarajevo was Muslim. We couldn't have asked for a more knowledgeable guide. For two weeks, we visited places without seeing any antisemitic graffiti or hearing anti-Israel rhetoric. In a tiny mountain town in Croatia, we met a Jewish artist couple whose roots went back to my grandparents' city in Eastern Europe.

Having a more relaxed mindset in the Summer did not relieve the Executive Board or our dedicated staff at FHJC from our obligations. While my shul

attendance normally ebbed during the summer, I attended Shabbat services weekly. Admittedly, I enjoyed the intimacy of summer Shabbat. I met new members and developed new friendships during kiddush. Summer davening led by our clergy and lay leaders has been as inspiring as ever. I enjoyed Rabbi Graber's discussion "break-outs" and Hazzan Levin has introduced wonderful melodies to our services.

Our staff never stopped working and our building never stopped being riddled with physical challenges. Over the summer, lay leadership continued to serve the community. When an unprecedented BOT meeting was scheduled this summer, there was no problem getting a quorum. Thanks to everyone for a productive summer!

Soon we will welcome the coming of the High Holiday season. As always, I look forward to greeting people in shul and catching up on the latest news from my fellow congregants. Our enthusiastic executive board has been planning for the year ahead, with an eye on the future of our community. We welcomed our new ECD and coordinator who are enthusiastic about the upcoming school year. It will be wonderful to see the children in the building for the opening of the school year. Our building project is in full swing. We anticipate a busy calendar of events and a productive year that will enrich our community.

As 5786 nears its end, I look forward to beginning the year together. Wishing everyone Shana Tova u'Metuka - a sweet year of good health, happiness and peace to you and your families.

Deborah Ball Witlin
FHJC President

Order Your Lulav & Etrog Sets

Each year we offer members and friends the opportunity to order lulav and etrog sets. To place your order, send the information requested below to dbartolomeo@fhjc.org

Your account will be billed, and payment (by check or credit card) may be made when you pick up your set.

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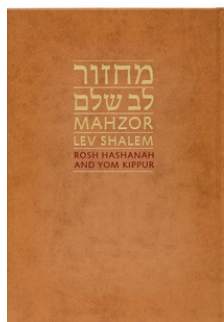
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All orders are due by Friday, September 4.

You can mail a check payable to FHJC, attn: Donna Bartolomeo, 106-06 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375
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Borrow a Mahzor for the High Holidays



Are you planning to join our High Holiday service virtually on Zoom? We will again be lending out the *Mahzor Lev Shalem* to help you Zoom along with us this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Reserve one by by clicking on the link below. Pick-up from FHJC will be the week before Rosh Hashanah, the week of September 4, from the security guard.

Mahzorim must be returned to FHJC by Friday, October 9, or you will be charged \$70 to cover replacement plus shipping. (Non-members of FHJC must provide credit card information when borrowing but you will not be charged unless you don't return the mahzor.)

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High Holiday Programs for Children & Teens

FHJC is again happy to announce THREE DIFFERENT High Holiday Programs especially for your children. These programs are designed to give your children a meaningful holiday experience geared just for them:

You will receive an email immediately after registering that will serve as your ticket. These programs are available in person only and will not be available via Zoom.

We look forward to seeing you and your children on the High Holidays.

While there is no charge to join our High Holiday Youth programs, please help support FHJC Youth Activities with a donation, by clicking [here](#). Once at the PayPal page, scroll through the drop down box and click on Youth Activities to direct your donation.

Young Kids Yom Tov For ages 2 - 2nd grade

A musical and joyful mini-service focusing on the unique melodies and themes of the holidays led by FHJC music teacher Marcy Mirkin. Service will be in the Heller Ballroom.

At least one adult must accompany your child(ren).

Rosh Hashanah: Saturday, Sept 12 and
Sunday, Sept 13: 9:30-10:30 AM

Yom Kippur: Monday, Sept 21: 9:30-10:30 AM

[Register for Young Kids Yom Tov](#)

Junior Congregation For grades 3-8

A fast-paced and participatory service, games and discussion led by Ben & Felicia Leeman in the Little Synagogue. Adults are welcome, but not required.

Rosh Hashanah: Tues., Sept 23 and Wed,
Sept 24: 10:30-Noon

Yom Kippur: Thurs., Oct. 2: 10:30-Noon

[Register for HH Junior Congregation](#)

Teen Program For teens only

Teens only, in the Youth Lounge. Time and location are subject to change.

Rosh Hashanah: Tues., Sept 23: 11:00-Noon

Yom Kippur: Monday, Sept. 21: 11:00-Noon

[Register for HH Teens](#)



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**Family Sukkah
Decorating Party**



**Thursday, September 24
4:00-6:00 PM**

**Join us to help
decorate our
FHJC sukkah!**

Selichot

A Prelude to the High Holidays

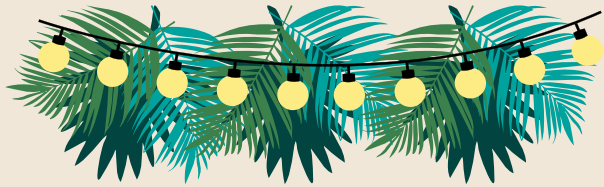
The Selichot prayers begin to be recited following Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah to prepare ourselves for the upcoming days of repentance. The beautiful prayer and poetry of selichot introduce the themes of self-examination, apology, and forgiveness.

Saturday Night, September 5th

9:30-10:00pm - Workshop with Rabbi Graber

10:00pm - Selichot Service

Selichot will be held in person in the Little Synagogue and on Zoom

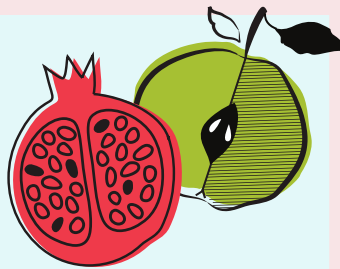


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Schedule of Services

SUKKOT

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 25

6:30 PM, Little Synagogue

First Day Sukkot

Shabbat, September 26

9:00 AM, Main Sanctuary

6:15 PM, Little Synagogue

Second Day Sukkot

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM, Main Sanctuary

7:25pm Havdalah, Zoom

Hoshanah Rabbah

Friday, October 2

6:30 AM, Little Synagogue

Shemini Atzeret

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Friday, October 2

6:00 PM, Little Synagogue

Shmini Atzeret

Shabbat, October 3

9:00 AM, Main Sanctuary (with Yizkor)

6:15 PM Minha

SIMCHAT TORAH



Erev Simchat Torah

Saturday, October 3

7:15 PM, Hakkafot & Dancing

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM, Main Sanctuary

7:15 PM, Havdalah



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATES

Silvia Kogan

The first teachers in a child's life are not found in a classroom; they are found at home. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers have always been the primary transmitters of culture, values, stories, and traditions. For generations, Jewish learning has flourished within the family, where Jewish identity is lived, celebrated, and proudly transmitted. The home is where family priorities are established, rituals are created, memories are made, and values are passed from one generation to the next.

At FHJC Religious School, we want to empower families to see themselves as Jewish educators. One of our roles as a school and as a Jewish community is to help our families recognize that they already possess the most important qualification: the ability to model a meaningful Jewish life. Jewish identity is shaped not only through schooling, but also through the experiences children have at home, the conversations they share with their families, the traditions they practice, and the values they see modeled every day.

Our role as a school is to inspire, teach, and guide; to provide accessible learning, practical tools, and opportunities for shared experiences; but it is the partnership between home and school that allows Jewish learning to take root and flourish. It is about helping our children grow with purpose, compassion, curiosity, and a sense of responsibility.

Every Shabbat dinner, holiday celebration, blessing, act of kindness, and family tradition becomes an anchor point that connects today's family to generations past and inspires generations yet to come.

We invite every family to be an active partner in this journey. Keep up with our calendar and weekly emails to participate in our community events and celebrations. Read your child's weekly newsletter and use it as a springboard for conversations around the dinner table or at bedtime. Ask what they learned, what surprised them, and what questions they are still thinking about. Then send them back to school with those questions. Curiosity is one of Judaism's greatest strengths, and the best learning happens when the conversation continues from the classroom to the home and back again.

Most importantly, stay connected with us. Reach out whenever you have questions, ideas, or concerns. We are your partners in raising knowledgeable, compassionate, and engaged Jewish children. Together, we can build a learning community where children, parents, grandparents, and educators all teach, all learn, and all contribute to the unfolding story of the Jewish people.

When families learn together, celebrate together, and create meaningful Jewish rituals together, they cultivate not only knowledgeable Jews but also connected families, vibrant communities, and a stronger Jewish future.

Together, we strengthen our children's Jewish identity, deepen their sense of belonging, and connect them to the enduring story of the Jewish people: honoring our past, embracing our present, and inspiring them to shape our future. Wishing you a happy and healthy new year 5787!

L'Shana Tova u'Metuka!
Silvia Kogan
Religious School Director



Meet our Shlichah

Eden Ezra

Hi everyone! I'm Eden Ezra, the Community Shlichah of Queens, and I'm so excited to be back for another wonderful year with the FHJC community!

I'm really looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones, teaching at the Religious School, joining you for Shabbat and holidays, and creating meaningful and fun programs that bring Israeli culture, traditions, music, food, and stories into our community.

I'm so happy to continue building connections between our community and Israel, learning together, celebrating together, and creating special memories throughout the year.

Can't wait to see you all soon!
שנה טובה ומתוקה!



EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Anna Itzkowitz

Dear FHJC Community,

As we prepare to begin a new school year, I am filled with gratitude, excitement, and hope for the year ahead.

For many years, I have had the privilege of being part of the FHJC Nursery School community as an educator. I have worked alongside an incredibly special and dedicated team of teachers who create a warm, nurturing, and joyful environment where children are encouraged to wonder, explore, create, and discover.

My connection to FHJC is also deeply personal. My own children have attended our Nursery School, and experiencing this community as both a parent and an educator has made being part of FHJC incredibly meaningful to me. I have watched my children build friendships, gain confidence, celebrate Jewish traditions, and grow into curious and capable learners. I have seen firsthand what makes this community so special.

This year, I am honored to take on the role of Director of the Early Childhood Program. I step into this role with tremendous gratitude for the foundation that has been built and with great excitement for what we can continue to create together.

It is a true gift to begin this chapter alongside Allison Bernstein, our Coordinator of School Operations and Jewish Programming. Allison is a familiar and beloved face in our FHJC community. She brings with her years of dedication to our school and a genuine and heartfelt commitment to Jewish learning, Jewish joy, and the values that make our community so meaningful. Having someone who shares such a deep connection to this place, as a colleague and a lover of Jewish life, makes this new chapter feel that much more full of possibility. I am so grateful to walk into this role with her beside me.

At the heart of our program is the belief that children learn through curiosity, relationships, and play. A glass of spilled milk becomes an invitation to investigate. A block tower becomes an engineering challenge. A painting becomes a story. Our Reggio-inspired approach allows us to listen closely to children, follow their interests, and give them the time and space to explore and make meaning of the world around them.

One of the things that makes our Early Childhood Program so special is the way we bring together meaningful learning, strong relationships, and the warmth of our FHJC community. Our children are given opportunities to explore the world around

them through play, creativity, and discovery, while also experiencing the joy of Jewish traditions and community. Through Shabbat, Hebrew songs, holidays, stories, and traditions, our children begin to develop a meaningful connection to Judaism and a sense of belonging that can grow with them throughout their lives.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, we are reminded of new beginnings, reflection, growth, and hope. The sound of the shofar calls us to listen, to connect, and to look ahead with intention.

My hope for this year is that FHJC continues to be a place where children feel loved, known, and inspired; where teachers feel supported and valued; where families feel welcomed and connected; and where Jewish joy and pride are woven into the life of our community.

I am so grateful to begin this next chapter with all of you. I look forward to a year filled with laughter, discovery, learning, friendship, and lots of Jewish joy. May we all have a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, a good and sweet new year, filled with health, happiness, and beautiful new beginnings.

With warmth and gratitude,

Anna Itzkowitz
Director of the Early Childhood Program
Shanah Tovah!





Debra Bochner, VP Education

Welcome back to a new school year. I want to welcome Anna Itzkowitz as our new Early Childhood Director. Anna will be working with Allison Bernstein who is the Coordinator of School Operations and Jewish Programming.

Both have been seasoned teachers in our school. I wish them lots of luck, laughter and love for all our children. Welcome to our teaching staff old and new. The classrooms are bustling with fun and joy. Anna and Allison have welcomed their staff and all the children to school and are ready for a fabulous year ahead.

I hope everyone had a restful, fun and healthy summer.

I want to welcome back our super terrific Religious School Director Silvia Kogan and her staff. We have a few new teachers and they have meshed right in with all the others. Religious School has started a littler later this year because of all the holidays that fall out on weekends this year.

Wishing everyone a L'Shana Tova, a Sweet and Healthy New Year ahead.

See you around the building during class times, Shabbat or special events.

Debbie Bochner
VP of Education.



FHJC BIKUR CHOLIM

Rabbi Graber, Hazzan Levin, our small committee and I are working very hard to keep ourselves apprised of anyone who needs calls or visits or direct them to the help they may need. We are a family and a special community. Please check on your friends and neighbors.

Debbie Bochner, Committee Chair
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



Elizabeth Caudle, VP Membership

As we approach the High Holidays—a time for reflection and renewal—I've been thinking deeply about what makes the Forest Hills Jewish Center our home. Since stepping into the VP of Membership role this summer, my focus has been on one thing: strengthening the relationships that make our community thrive.

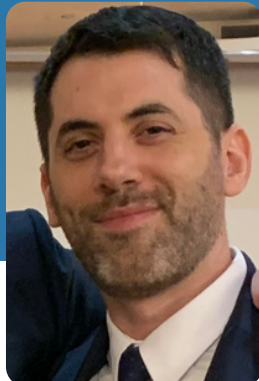
One of our first major initiatives this summer was to streamline how members can plug into the life of the synagogue. Thanks to the overwhelming response to our recent committee and program sign-up drive, we have identified many members who are eager to share their time and talents. Whether you signed up to help with our Bedek HaBayit building committee, joined the team planning our Daven and Dine, or offered your expertise to our new Technology Committee, your participation is what keeps FHJC thriving. Thank you to everyone who stepped forward—we are currently reaching out to follow up on these exciting new connections. Please reach out if you would like to get involved with a committee or program planning.

As we prepare for the year ahead, I encourage you to reach out if you have ideas for programming, feedback on how we can better support our members, or if you simply want to get involved. Membership is not just about numbers; it's about the relationships we build with one another. Whether you've been a member for decades or just joined, your voice and your presence are the heart of the Forest Hills Jewish Center.

I look forward to celebrating the New Year with you all.

Warmly,
Elizabeth Caudle
VP of Membership





ADULT EDUCATION

Judy Gostl

Azi Graeber

David Snyder

The 2026-2027 lecture series is shaping up to have an engaging and diverse lineup of speakers and topics, including the return of some favorites alongside new presenters.

The History Readers Book Group will kick off the year with a discussion of *In the Catskills: A Century of Jewish Experience in "The Mountains"* by Phil Brown, a leisurely end-of-summer read with photographs and anecdotes from the golden years of the "Jewish Alps." Join us on Thursday, September 3rd at 8:00pm on Zoom.

The Hebrew Literature Group will return with an author interview by Lenny Picker, details to follow.

The upcoming community-led lecture series will feature Rabbi Chana Thompson-Shor, David Zipkowitz, Jay Luger, Jonathan Kastin, and Azi Graeber. Newcomers will include Yael Beer and Paul Jenner. Jerry Klibanoff is going to do a series of classes teaching calligraphy. Both Rabbi Graber and Hazzan Levin will also be featured this year.

Since the Yomim Tovim fall early this year, the schedule will follow later. Keep an eye out, as it will be packed with interesting topics.

Shana Tova U'Metukah to everyone!
Judy, Azi & David

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Elizabeth Caudle &
Minna Rivera

The Parents' Association is thrilled to jump into a brand-new school year! We are kicking off the fall with a wonderful group of volunteers and programs designed to bring our families together. The PA is delighted to distribute honey to every member of our incredible Early Childhood Program and Religious School to wish them a sweet new year. We are also launching our Early Childhood Program Challah Sale, where our youngest learners can take challah home with them each Shabbat. Haken through 2nd-grade students will soon gather to create beautiful decorations for our sukkah, followed by our kid-approved Pizza in the Hut program. We are also excited to host a welcome breakfast for all Religious School parents, offering a warm space to connect with fellow families and catch up as the new school year begins.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!



SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE THE ADULT EDUCATION TEAM WANTS YOU!

We are preparing the schedule for this year's Shabbaton sessions and are looking for presenters. If you have a topic that you are passionate about and would like to share it — either on Zoom or after a Shabbat kiddush — please contact [Judy Gostl](#), [David Snyder](#), or [Azi Graeber](#).

2026 KIDS KONGREGATION & KEHILAT YELADIM 2027

FHJC SATURDAYS 11:00am - 12:00pm

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
19, 26	17, 24	7, 14
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
5	9, 30	6, 17
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
6, 20	10, 17	1, 15

Kids Kongs ONLY

Kids Kongregation	Kehilat Yeladim
Toddlers - 1st grade with Morah Riki Crystal Room	2nd - 5th grade with Morah Marcy Little Synagogue

Enjoy singing, dancing, praying, storytelling, and, of course, Shabbat treats!



SISTERHOOD

Laurie Lax, Presiding Officer, September-October

As we approach the high holidays and reflect on this past year, our Sisterhood members have a lot to be proud of. Our one and only Debra Weil now represents us as the President of the Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island (BQLI) Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. We have two additional members on the BQLI Board of Directors from FHJC. Our own FHJC Sisterhood Board is very committed and active in planning an exciting year of activities beginning with our Board Installation on Shabbat, September 19th, when we will receive a group aliyah.

We have many other activities planned, including "Sangria in the Sukkah" on October 1, where we will have a seasonally appropriate presentation on apples by Susie Spodek, with tastings of varieties of apples, accompanied by other munchies and sangria, of course. On October 28, we will visit The Renee and Chaim Gross Foundation museum and have a curated tour of the historic home, studio and art collections of the sculptor Chaim Gross. We are anticipating a book discussion in November to coincide with National Jewish Book Month led by Gail Port. There will be a mosaic tile art program in December. Our successful Transition Center drives are continuing. Regular ongoing programs include our popular Game Nights, Daytime Readers, Pilates, and Yoga classes. Finally, please consider participating in Sisterhood Shabbat. Members and "almost" members are welcome to layn Torah, recite haftorah, and participate in all other parts of the service.

See our monthly Sisterhood Blast for details about all our activities and contact a member of our Presidium (Debra Karsif Baer, Rae Theise Kerzner, Judy Gostl, Laurie Lax) to get on the mailing list. If you aren't a member already, please consider joining this year to be part of our warm and welcoming community.

**SISTERHOOD
GAME
NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

**SNACKS
CARD GAMES
MAH JONGG
BOARD GAMES**

**FEEL FREE TO JOIN ALONE OR BRING YOUR FRIENDS
\$5 PER PERSON
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 6**

Meet in the Crystal Room | Admission is \$5

[Click Here](#) to make your reservation

**HEY PERFORMERS!
IT'S TIME FOR...
COFFEE HOUSE!**

**Grab your 5 minutes in the spotlight at
the annual FHJC Coffee House.**

Singers, dancers, musicians of all ages!
Solos, duets, groups, are welcome!
Performance slots are limited, so don't wait.
Click here for the details and the
registration form.

The **VERY FIRM** deadline is **October 15.**
(Performance date: January 30, 2027.)

How to Sign Up

Click [here](#) to complete the registration form and submit payment.

(This form is for performers only, NOT audience members.)

Email all audio files and lyric documents
to dberkowitz@fhjc.org by October 15, 2026.



MEN'S CLUB

David Snyder, Men's Club Presiding Officer, August-October

After a relatively quiet summer, Men's Club will shift into high gear. This Sunday (August 30th), FHJC and the Men's Club will again support the Queens Jewish Community Council (QJCC) in its Rosh HaShanah food distribution. We will join Sisterhood, the Parents' Association and the Religious School in decorating the Sukkah during the late afternoon of Thursday, Sept 24th. We will have our annual BBQ in the Sukkah on Monday, Sept. 28th. Even though Fall will be well underway, we will enjoy a taste of summer fun with our annual Batting Cage/Miniature Golf outing on Sunday, October 18th. Our breakfast series will kick off on November 1st. Looking even further into the future, our Men's Club and members of our community will be going to the UBS Arena on Dec. 10 to see the Islanders take on the Calgary Flames on Jewish Heritage Night. There will be a Heritage-related t-shirt giveaway. We also are looking forward to Coffee House and the World Wide Wrap.

David Snyder
Men's Club President, August-September 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join the Forest Hills Jewish Center
Men's Club

for a fun-filled afternoon

Batting Cage & 18-Hole Mini-Golf

Sunday, October 18, 2026

1:30 PM

Five Towns Mini-Golf & Batting Range
Lawrence, NY

Details to come!



FHJC USY KICKOFF EVENT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

FHJC SUKKAH

OPEN TO 8-12 GRADE NO COST!!!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

HONEY FROM THE HEART FUNDRAISER



The Parents Association annual Honey from the Heart fundraiser is on now. Click here, log in or create an account, click "[Order Now](#)," and select FHJC. Cost: \$18/jar.

Order by September 4 for guaranteed RH delivery. (Sorry – free shipping offer is over.)

**Honey Store Closes Oct. 5
(or while supplies last)**

DON'T MISS THE LATEST UPDATES ABOUT OUR NEW BUILDING



Click [here](#) to opt in for email updates.

To send questions to the Committee, click [here](#).



Happy, healthy and sweet

NEW YEAR 5787



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MAZAL TOV TO OCTOBER B'NEI MITZVAH



Joshua Leinwand

Bar Mitzvah, October 10, 2026

Josh Leinwand is a 13-year-old eighth grader at Queens Hebrew Academy who is excited about celebrating his upcoming Bar Mitzvah at FHJC, where he davens every Shabbat. During the summer, Josh goes to Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, where his favorite sports are Frisbee, volleyball, and basketball. Josh is an avid reader, with a particular love of nonfiction as well as having completed the entire Percy Jackson series. He also enjoys classic movies, writing his own stories, and, of course, playing video games. Curious, creative, and always ready to explore a new story or idea, Josh is excited to celebrate this important milestone with his parents, Abe and Marta, his brother Jonah, and the rest of his family and friends, as well as the whole FHJC kehillah.



Alta Sklar

Bat Mitzvah, October 17, 2026

Alta Sklar is the oldest of three siblings, a gold honor roll student at Halsey Junior High School in Forest Hills, and an aspiring chemist and vocalist. Alta loves to sing in several choirs at Halsey, including the Select Chorus that recently won the highest NY State award for excellence. She also plays the piano, skis, and cannot be caught without a book in her hand. As part of her Bat Mitzvah, Alta has started a club called "No Signal, No Stress", that encourages her friends and fellow students to avoid social media through their adolescence.



Ruby Fay Gonzalez

Bat Mitzvah, October 24, 2026

Ruby Fay Gonzalez started religious school at FHJC in the middle of Kitah Vav in 6th grade, but quickly felt like a part of the synagogue. She is currently an 8th grader at Louis Armstrong Middle School, as a dance major and visual arts minor. Ruby's interests are music, dance, and musical theater. She also loves anime, and can usually be found drawing or reading. Her favorite foods are Mexican and Asian cuisines. Ruby's mitzvah project is focusing on literacy, and she will be collecting books to give out to children who may not have access to them. She lives in East Elmhurst with her parents and her older sister, Sadie. She is very excited for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah!

Life Cycles

Mazal Tov

מזל טוב

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

to Abe Leinwand and Marta Ravin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua

to Akiva Sklar and Zlata Golubitskaya on the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Alta

to Sara Markel Gonzalez & Jose Gonzalez on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ruby

to Evelyn Wortsman Deluty and Marvin Deluty on the engagement of their daughter, Julie B. Deluty, to Saul S. Siller, son of Jill and David Siller

to Barbara & Jerry Klibanoff on the occasion of their 70th anniversary

to Leah Silberman & Paul Jenner on the occasion of their 49th anniversary

to Rae & Gary Kerzner on the occasion of the engagement of their son, Natan to Rachel Zax

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to Religious school director, Silvia Kogan and her husband Rabbi Manes Kogan on the marriage of their son Rabbi Ilan Kogan to Sara Merkin and their daughter Abby Kogan to Yoni Bierig

to Lori & Gary Wolf on the marriage of their daughter, Esther to Kiah Stewart

to Kerry and Michael Rosen on marriage of their daughter, Jamie Rosen to Scott Overbey

to Ilana Altman, Ariel (Denh) Altman, and Joshua Altman on the marriage of their daughter and sister, Aliza Altman to Jack Fischer

Hamakom Y'naheem

המקום ינחם

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

to Warren Wankoff on the loss of his sister, Brenda Litzky

to Joanne Klaristenfeld and children Toby (Allan) Silvera and Helaine (Andy) Bass on the loss of their beloved husband and father, FHJC past president, Haskell Klaristenfeld

to Marian Krasilovsky on the loss of her dear husband Martin to Stuart Greenberg and Susan Greenberg on the loss of their dear mother Nathalie.

to Lynn Schleimer on the loss of her dear husband Mark.

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May their memories be for a blessing.

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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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YOGA WITH LORAIN on Zoom – Wednesdays – 6:15PM.
Email [Lorain](#) for information.

RABBI GRABER'S WEEKLY PARSHA CLASS – Mondays – 7:50PM, following minyan. (Will resume soon!)

LEARN TO READ HEBREW – The Men's Club offers you the chance to get started or improve your skills.
Click [here](#) to schedule your session.

WEEKLY WATCH PARTY – Wednesdays – 8:00PM,
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PILATES – Fridays – 9:30AM and 10:40AM.
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See the [FHJC Calendar](#) for links to these events.

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May 9: Beizer Family in honor of Dr. Judy Beizer's election as the President Elect of the American Geriatrics Society
May 16: Hazzan Randall & Emily Levin in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Henry
Lorain & Warren Wankoff in honor of...
June 6: Gillian & Daniel Solinsky in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jaiden
June 6: Kerry & Michael Rosen in honor of the wedding of Jamie Rosen to Scott Overbey
June 13: Heather Cook & Jason Isenberg and Lucy Isenberg's bubbe, Janice Rudman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lucy.
June 20: Ilana Altman in honor of the aufruf of Jack Fischer and Ilana Altman

Graduation Kiddush

- Augustowski Family
Donna Bartolomeo
Beer Family
Chase Family
Pauline Clements
Kirschner Family
Kroffoff Family
Marshall Family
Stein/Monaco Family
Newman Family
Pollack Family
Dinkin/Schrag Family
Mirkin/Schutz Family
Larry Warmflash

Summer Simcha Kiddush

- Dorrie & Hal Berkowitz
Pearl Buitron
Hilda & Rick Chusid
Bonnie Dassa
Maureen & Jason Dunkel
Helaine & Joe Fox
Friends of Rabbi Daniel Graber
Stephanie & Jonathan Kastin
Candice & Carl Koerner
Emily & Hazzan Randall Levin
Gail Port
Pauline & Mark Raphael
Leah Silberman & Paul Jenner
Babette Sommer
Diana Walcott & David Snyder
Larry Warmflash
Debra & Gary Weil
Judy & David Zipkowitz

Pride Shabbat

- Edie & Ira Beer
Judy & Matt Beizer
Dorrie & Hal Berkowitz
Donna Bartolomeo
Bonnie & Keith Chernin
Maria Cusano
Tami & Preston Forman
Lari & Mitchell Frank
Sara Kaufman & Eric Greenberg
Ashleigh Barraca & Brad Hersh
Marcia Hittner
Rae & Gary Kerzner
Barbara & Jerry Klibanoff
Laurie Lax & Eric Kober
Cathy Koatz
Sarah & Stephen Markowitz
Elizabeth Robins & Aaron Potash
Pauline & Mark Raphael
Lillian & William Regen
Azi Graeber & Bentzy Rosengarten
Shirley Rossman-Zucker
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Zach Wichter
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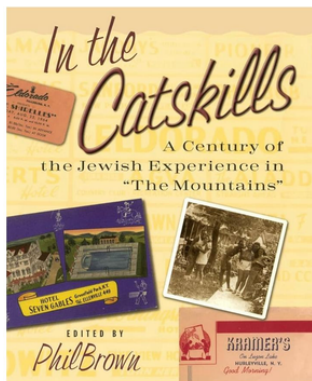




Packing with Purpose: Volunteers came together to prepare food for QJCC's Rosh Hashanah distribution, helping neighbors celebrate the holiday with dignity.

HISTORY READERS BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | 8:00PM | Zoom



In the Catskills: A History of Jewish Experience in "The Mountains,"
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This entertaining volume contains articles, photographs, and more from celebrities, historians, sociologists, and just regular folks about their experiences in "the Jewish Alps."

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TEEN BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 6-7PM

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Join us to kick off the year!
Learn about IMPACT,
our new teen leadership program.
Explore exciting ways to get involved at FHJC.
Sign up for Madrichim.

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2026-27

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2/2 • 3/2 • 4/13 • 5/25

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