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Dear Members: As Israel reaches its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday we'd like to present this gift to you: a week of festivities as the FLJC/CBI celebrates this remarkable milestone with 7 days of programming covering music, dance, thought, and retrospection. I hope you plan to attend some or all of these events. The Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Congregation B'nai Israel gratefully acknowledges the generosity of The Cecile Roth Fund in underwriting our milestone 7 Days for 7 Decades Celebration. This gift is a profound reflection of the family's ardent and longtime devotion to Am Yisroel and Eretz Yisroel.

-Michael D. Baer, President, FLJC/CBI

***We're having a party for  
Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!***

*Schedule of Events for  
Celebrating Israel's 70th Birthday  
7 Days of Programming for 7  
Decades*

***Kick-Off Event for Israel at 70!***

*Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Shabbat Services, 7:30 p.m.*

*Speaker Ms. Sivan Aloni, 8:15 p.m.*

*Refreshments to follow*



Ms. Sivan Aloni, Advisor to the Consul General of Israel in NY, will present the "Israel Update". Oneg to follow.

RSVP to [charlessara@optonline.net](mailto:charlessara@optonline.net).

Sivan Aloni serves as Advisor to the Consul General of Israel at the Office of the Consulate General in New York. Before Ms. Aloni was appointed Advisor to the Consul General in August 2016, she held the position of Director of Public Diplomacy at the Consulate General of Israel in New York, in which capacity she worked with a team to develop outreach programming and public engagement events and panels on behalf of the Government of Israel in New York.

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.**  
**Scholar-in-Residence Program**  
**(Sanctuary)**



Dr. Michael J. Reimer, Ph.D in International Relations, will speak on "Israel's Quest for Peace, Past (2000-2016), Present and Future Prospects." Dr. Reimer will speak in the morning, after the Torah service at approx. 11:00 a.m. Second presentation will be approx. 1:00 p.m. after Kiddush. *Q & A will follow.*

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Religious School Celebrates**  
**Israeli Dancing & Café Shalom**  
**In the Ballroom**



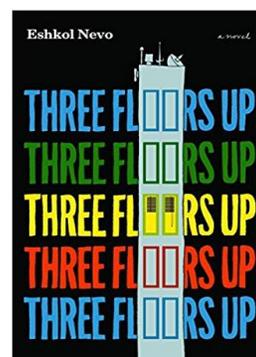
Learn with our dance instructors, Maya and Arik. Dine at the Café Shalom and enjoy Israeli cuisine such as falafel, humus, Israeli salad & pita. A surprise birthday dessert will be served!

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**  
**Wine Tasting and Hors d'oeuvre**



The Men's Progress Club will be hosting a festive wine tasting featuring Israeli wine from the Golan Heights, Galilee, Mediterranean Coast, Judean Hills and the Negev Desert. Join Howard Kessel, our enthusiastic, Israeli Wine Advocate as he shares his knowledge of 400+ Israeli wineries. Learn about the winemakers who have revived a 2000 year old industry in Israel. Light refreshments with an Israeli flair will be served. RSVPs are essential to Howard Kessel at [hskessel@optonline.net](mailto:hskessel@optonline.net). Cost is \$5 per person.

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:30 p.m.**  
**Book of the Lunch**



Rita Jacobs reviews and discusses *Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo. Behind the cold, steel reinforced doors that separate the living spaces in an Israeli high-rise apartment, three loosely, connected, confessional narratives unfold. Event is \$15 and RSVPs are required. Please email Randi Paul-Heskins at [rpaulhesk@optimum.net](mailto:rpaulhesk@optimum.net).

*Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.*  
*F.I.D.F. Friends of Israel Defense Forces*



Join us as we listen to modern day IDF heroes as well as Howard Gases, Director of the FIDF New Jersey Chapter. Learn about how Friends of the IDF helps our brothers and sisters who fight for Eretz Israel every day.

You will hear stories from a lone soldier who made Aliyah to Israel to fight for the country he loves dearly. Staff Sergeant Nati is a fighter medic and has helped numerous Syrian refugees at the Syrian Border. Sergeant Maayan is also a lone soldier who is in the only fighter unit that allows women. She works in field intelligence and aids in stopping terrorists from crossing the borders. Lieutenant Tal has climbed the ropes in the army all the way to platoon commander. He also received a Major-General Citation after assisting in eliminating enemy targets during Operation Protective Edge.

*Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.*  
*Speaker Professor Dr. David Senesh*

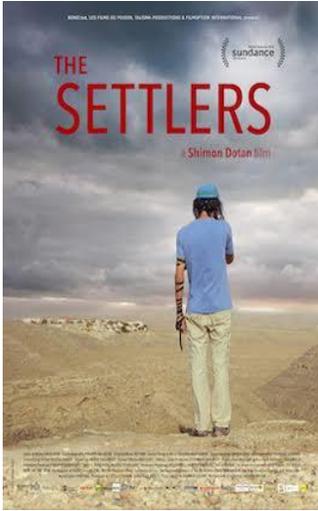


JTS Professor will speak on “Resilience in the Face of Trauma: How Israelis Cope with Trauma.” A dessert reception will follow the program. *David Senesh Ph.D is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at JTS, where he is currently teaching a course in trauma and resilience.*

*Over the years, David has given many lectures telling his personal and family story as a former prisoner of war in the 1973 Yom Kippur war, and his family background as the nephew of the late Hannah Senesh, national hero of Israel and the Jewish people during WWII.*



**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon**  
**"The Settlers" a movie by**  
**Shimon Dotan**  
**Matinee Showing & Lunch**  
**With Guest Moderator**



"The Settlers" is a documentary that takes a look at the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, a feature of modern Israeli life and a part of the global conversation for close to 50 years. After the 1967 Six Day War, Israel expanded its territory three-fold into areas formerly held by Jordan, Egypt and Syria. The film focuses more on the fallout from the settlements than the ideological and historical forces that led to their creation. Since Israel's decisive victory in the 1967 Six-Day War, hundreds of thousands of Israeli citizens have made their homes in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank. With unprecedented access to pioneers of the settlement movement and a diverse group of modern-day settlers, religious and secular alike, The Settlers is a comprehensive exploration of the controversial communities that exert inordinate influence on the sociopolitical destinies of Israel and Palestine.

Nominated for the following awards:

- Grand Jury Prize, World Cinema Sundance Film Festival
- Official Selection, Sundance Film Festival
- Official Selection, New York Film

**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sisterhood Israeli Dancing**  
**(Pulka Room)**

Join us for this celebration as we host Israeli dancing. If you plan on joining us please RSVP by Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to Lisa Urbanski at [lrurbanski@hotmail.com](mailto:lrurbanski@hotmail.com).



*7 Days for 7 Decades!*

How fortunate we are to be able to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel as our modern day homeland. We could not let this auspicious occasion go by with just one day of celebration, so we planned seven days; seven days for every member at the Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Congregation B'nai Israel to celebrate Israel.

From dancing to movies, from guest authors to lecturers, from a Wine Tasting Event to an Israeli Café, your five senses will be immersed from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup> in the country and culture of Israel.

These programs have come together because of the amazing energy and participation of many people. With much gratitude and appreciation we thank our chairs and event planners.

*Israel @ 70 Committee\**

Co-chairs: Gary Baskind, Gerry Kessel  
Joe Schkolnick  
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Rabbi Ronald Roth

Claudia Judelman, Executive Director  
Judy Gutin, Religious School Director

**\*Every effort was made to list the many volunteers who have participated in this program. We apologize to anyone whose name has been omitted.**

RSVPs are required for planning and refreshments. Please list your name and the program(s) you wish to attend on the tear-off sheet below and return to the main office by Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. You may also call-in your reservation to the main office at 201-796-5040.

**NOTE: There is no cost for any of these programs except a \$5.00 charge for the Wine Tasting and Hors d'oeuvre event on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and a \$15.00 charge for the Book of the Lunch event on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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7 Days of Programming for 7 Decades*

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