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Happy 106th Birthday, Florence Thaler!

(Editor's Note: with this profile, *News & Views* introduces a new feature, which will highlight a different synagogue member each month. Long-time member Florence Thaler has the honor of being the subject of our first profile.)

When someone celebrates a birthday, it is a Jewish custom to say "Ad meah v'esrim"—literally, "until 120." Our tradition tells us that Moses lived to age 120, and this age is considered the gold standard for a full, complete life.

Long-time FLJC member Florence Thaler, however, apparently sees this as a challenge. Florence will be celebrating her 106th birthday this month. Florence, accompanied by her daughter Joan and son and daughter-in-law Bob and Marsha, visited the FLJC in April and sat down with Rabbi Salston to share some stories.

Florence Vera Robinson was born on May 23, 1916 in Brooklyn, NY. Florence had a brother and two sisters; she was especially close to her older sister, Ruthie. She spent her early years living on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, but with the onset of The Great Depression the family moved around a lot, from Brooklyn to New Haven, CT; Radford, VA; and Kinston, NC as her father relocated his shirt manufacturing business in search of better economic conditions.

Opportunities for young Jewish women were limited in North Carolina. Florence's older sister, Ruthie, was sent back to NY after graduating high school. After her own graduation, Florence visited her sister in NY and never returned to live in NC. While living in Brooklyn, Florence took some classes at Brooklyn College and worked in sales.

In early 1939, Florence met her future husband, David, at the Girls' Club in Brooklyn, where she

was living at the time. They married on September 10, 1939, just before the start of WWII. The wedding was catered by David's mother; Florence wore a borrowed wedding dress.

David was from Passaic, so it is not surprising that David and Florence opened a liquor store in Paterson, which they later moved to East Paterson (now Elmwood Park). During the war, David also worked at Curtiss-Wright, an aircraft manufacturer currently located in Parsippany. Florence and David lived in Paterson and East Paterson before moving to Fair Lawn in 1954, purchasing a large white house on the corner of Morlot Ave. and River Road. By this time, their family had grown to 6, with the addition of children Donald, Robert, Joan, and Randy. After many years, the Thalers sold the liquor store and opened up a

travel agency, which they maintained until they retired.

The Thalers joined the FLJC in 1955, just after Donald's Bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel in Paterson. Between the late 1950s and early 1970s, Florence immersed herself in synagogue life. She took adult education classes with Rabbi Glustrom, Executive Director Henry Ascher, and congregant Gabi Weiss. She took every class that was offered, learning to

read, write, and daven in Hebrew when she was in her 40s. During this time, she changed her kitchen to a kosher kitchen. But that was only the beginning of her involvement in Jewish life. Florence went on to become the President of the Paterson area Hadassah chapter and chaired the Women's Division of UJA (now known as Jewish Federation).

In the early 1970s, Florence became active in the FLJC Sisterhood and agreed to chair the Torah



Florence Thaler, surrounded by (clockwise from left) daughter Joan Mitnick, daughter-in-law Marsha Thaler, Rabbi Salston, son Robert Thaler.

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MAY THE LORD CONSOLE AND SUSTAIN YOU,
TOGETHER WITH ALL THE MOURNERS FOR ZION AND JERUSALEM



RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

Rabbi Rachel Salston

Shalom! Currently we are amidst the Omer, our period of reflection and semi-mourning between leaving Egypt on Pesach and receiving the Torah on Shavuot. After our festive Pesach hiatus, I would like to continue the outlining of our mourning rituals. Our topic this month is *Shiva*.

Shiva means “seven.” These are the seven days of mourning following the funeral. But, like many things in Judaism, there are clarifications and distinctions to be made in the very counting of the days. One principle is that a portion of a day counts as a full day. So, let’s say that the funeral took place on a Monday afternoon. Monday, even though the family only arrives home in the evening, and only sits for a few hours, is Day One. Tuesday-Thursday are observed fully. Then we reach Friday and Shabbat. There is no public mourning on Shabbat; more on that shortly. Shiva resumes Saturday night. Then on Sunday morning, which is Day Seven, after *shaharit* (the service “of the dawn,” the morning prayers), shiva is completed. That amounts to 3 full days of sitting and a few portions of days that Jewish Law equates to seven days.

So what does sitting shiva consist of? After the funeral, the family returns to the home. When there are multiple *avelim* (“mourners”), say a group of siblings mourning a parent, a single location is usually chosen, especially for the first evening. It is permissible to have multiple “shiva houses,” especially if the mourners live in different cities, so they may be comforted by their own communities. A reminder that one is obligated to sit shiva upon the death of the immediate relatives: parent, spouse, child, sibling.

Upon returning home, the mourners eat a meal called *seudat havra’ah* (“meal of healing”) prepared by friends and non-mourning family members. It is likely that the mourners will not be hungry. But the point of this is to take care of their physical needs, especially when they don’t want to. A colleague of mine, Rabbi Joel Alter, said it very well to me: When you come home from the cemetery, you don’t eat because you’re hungry, you eat because you’re alive. This meal usually consists of hard boiled eggs and lentils and other round foods, like bagels, representing the circle of life. Wine is also traditionally drunk in a shiva home; there are many traditional sources on wine’s role in providing comfort to mourners. Of course, as at all times, there is never an obligation to drink alcohol or become drunk. I find this a fascinating custom, an acknowledgement that substances, in moderation, may help ease our pain, while under the watchful eye of family and friends who are there to take care of the mourners.

During the week of shiva, mourners should not go to work or (in our COVID circumstances in particular) work from home. Exceptions can be made if there would be a *hefsed merubah* (“great loss,” substantial financial hardship) involved in missing work or for those in health care professions, as *pikuah nefesh* (“saving a life”) is of extreme value. But in general, we are speaking of the day of the fu-

neral and 3-4 additional days, as shiva includes the weekend. Mourners should not leave the house except for emergencies and to attend services in the synagogue. All errands and chores (food preparation, cleaning, laundry) should be completed or arranged by friends and non-mourning family. Meal Train, the service that we offer to all new parents at FLJC/CBI, is an excellent way for community members to sign up to bring meals to a shiva home. Our Chesed and Social Action committees are happy to assist with such needs.

Mourners should sit on the ground or on low chairs (we have such chairs in the synagogue to loan out, which I or another synagogue leader will personally deliver to the shiva house) and refrain from wearing leather shoes. These are traditional humbling signs of mourning, actually bringing oneself lower to the ground, that have been practiced since antiquity. The mourners wear the torn garment from the funeral for all of shiva, except when out of the home on Shabbat. Mourners should not dress up; they are traditionally encouraged to wear the same clothes all week long. Mourners should not bathe for pleasure, only for hygiene. Mourners should not cut their hair or shave. Sexual relations are not indulged in, but couples may of course offer one another a comforting touch and hugs. A somber mood is kept; one should not watch television or use the internet except for essential news broadcasts and to connect with friends and family.

Upon returning from the cemetery, one should light a shiva candle that will burn for the seven days. It should be allowed to extinguish itself if possible, even if it will burn for longer than shiva is being observed. These candles are provided by Jewish funeral homes; I also keep a supply in the office. There are several other minhagim (“customs”) observed by many in shiva homes. These customs vary across Jewish cultures. Many have the custom of having friends and family prepare the shiva home by covering all the mirrors in the house. This is representative of how the mourners should not bother themselves with concerns about their appearance, to prevent people from praying in front of mirrors (more communal prayer takes place in the shiva home than at any other time), and for mystical reasons concerning spirits and mirrors. This is a meaningful custom and not required by Jewish law. Not all families have this tradition and friends should ask the mourners if this is something they intend to practice before doing the courtesy of covering their mirrors for them. In preparing this article, my father reminded me that our family are not mirror-coverers.

On Shabbat and Holidays, there are no public mourning practices. The mourners leave the house to attend synagogue, including putting on nice, clean clothes and leather shoes. They only wear the torn garment at home. On Friday night, they enter the sanctuary right after *Lekha Dodi*, at which point the congregation offers them the words of comfort (specified in last month’s article). There are a lot of details regarding mourning and holidays that I will ad-

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dress on an individual basis: With a death and burial right before a holiday, the holiday cuts off shiva; and with a death on Pesach or Sukkot, the burial happens on Hol haMoed and shiva is postponed until after the entire week of the holiday.

As mourners are strongly discouraged from leaving the house, the synagogue brings the weekday services to them. With the mourners' lead, we will arrange evening services in their homes (we can of course arrange morning services if there is particular interest). It is traditional for a mourner or a family member or friend of the deceased to lead the services. If the family is unable, I or another synagogue leader will of course be available to lead the services. Along with the low "shiva chairs," we will deliver a suitcase full of siddurim and kippot for the services. Special psalms are added to the services and Mourners' Kaddish is recited in the presence of a minyan.

Making a "shiva call" is a mitzvah. *Nihum Avelim* ("comforting mourners") is an obligation on all Jews, especially on the members of the mourners' community. One is not invited to a shiva; one comes. However, for the family's comfort and privacy, they may specify hours when they will be receiving visitors. The traditional practice is that the mourners are never left alone between the morning and the evening. While receiving visitors, the door to the shiva house is left unlocked. Visitors do not knock, they just walk in. One should bring food of substance, refraining from too much junk food or food that will spoil quickly. As with at the funeral, flowers are not appropriate gifts (among most Ashkenazim and Sephardim). Donations should be encouraged to causes the deceased was passionate about.

Shiva callers should not initiate conversation with the mourners. If the mourners wish to sit in silence, that is their choice. If the mourners wish to talk, the callers should converse with them. The mourners are under no obligation to, and actually discouraged from, verbally greeting their visitors. Mourners may use the time to share memories of their loved one.

Visitors are there to provide for the needs of the mourners, not the other way around. Food should be ordered and prepared for the mourners; the mourners should not be preparing food for the visitors. Visitors should assist and offer the mourners a refill of their water or coffee, do the dishes without being asked (while respecting the family's kashrut and other boundaries), take out the trash, and run out to buy more ice or milk if needed. Much of these practices were suspended during the time of COVID, the era of Zoom Shiva; as we re-enter one another's homes, we should bring back this amazing, countercultural, reverse hospitality.

The best thing to say to a mourner are the traditional words of comfort:

המֶקְומָם יְנַחֵם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שָׁאָר אַבְלִי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלָם.

Ha'Makom ye'nahem etkhem b'tokh sh'ar avei'lei Tziyon Vi'rushalayim.

May the ("Omnipresent") God comfort you and all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

מן השמיֹת תִּנְחַמֵּם.

Min ha'Sha'mayim t'nu'ha'mu.

May you be comforted from Heaven.

We will say these words after the services are complete and everyone should say goodbye to the mourners using these words.

At the end of shiva, on the morning of the seventh day, many families have the custom of going outside and taking a walk around the block. This signifies that they are going outside and breaking the boundary imposed by shiva. Then they may return to work.

Shiva can appear like a burden but is truly a gift. Some are unable to experience it because of the holidays. My grandfather, whom I never knew and for whom I am named, died on Shabbat Shuvah 5735, two days before Yom Kippur. He was buried Sunday morning and Kol Nidre began a few hours later. My father's shiva period lasted about 2 hours total. The family was thrown into Yom Kippur (the day when we all acknowledge our mortality and the amazing gift that God has given us of life on this earth) and then the beginning of Sukkot ended their *shloshim* ("thirty" days of mourning) five days later. Shiva is an amazing buffer zone between life and death that my father sometimes wishes he had been able to truly experience for his own father. As with so many Jewish rituals, I encourage you to trust the process and see what meaning it can bring for you. Sometimes people say, "we don't need to sit shiva" or "we can't." That may be true, but please consider giving the practice a try. It can be a very comforting experience. This is the means by which our people have been mourning our dead since the time when Ya'akov's sons mourned his death. As always, my door, phone, and email are open to your responses, questions, and concerns.

Next month, I will offer an article on the next stages of Jewish mourning and the transition to the new reality of life with a missing piece. Like with shiva, it is a gradual process, starting with a month, then 11 months, then a full year, then a lifetime of anniversaries. We always remember those who we've loved and lost. *Shalom v'shleimut.* Wishing you peace and wholeness.

Rabbi Rachel Salston



CANTORIAL CONTEMPLATIONS

Cantor Yoni Stokar



Shalom to all,

I'm excited to announce two new music and liturgy projects that we're kicking off at the shul. The first is a digital music archive that will include recordings of myself reading and singing various parts of the service as well as popular Shabbat and holiday songs. Examples of tracks will include the *brachot* of the Aliyah, *Birkot Haftarah*, *Kaddish*, *Kel Adon*, and excerpts of *Kedusha*. This resource will be a valuable tool to assist anyone looking to try new roles leading services as well as those who want a refresher.

The second initiative will be the "Nigun of the Month," which will begin God-willing on Shabbat Mevarchim Iyar. Each month before the blessing of the new month, we will learn a new wordless melody which will be added to the archive and used during Shabbat and holiday services that month.

All of these files will be accessible on the Fair Lawn Jewish Center website.

My hope and prayer for these projects is that we continue to grow together in service and song.

Cantor Yoni

NOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Rabbi Ronald Roth

Current Topic: Medical Ethics at the Beginning of Life

We will discuss such topics as: The Mitzvah of Procreation; Assisted Reproductive Technologies; Who Counts As a Parent?; Surrogate Motherhood; Cloning; Lab-Grown Meat – Is It Kosher?; Genetically Modified Organisms – Can I Eat GMOs?; Can We Genetically Engineer Humans?

Classes meet each Tuesday on Zoom. You can choose

either the 11:30 AM-12:30 PM or 8:00 PM–9:00 PM session; they cover the same materials.

The Zoom link is in ***The Insider***. You can call the office to receive reminders each week.

Classes will meet on May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

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Fund campaign. In two years, she increased the number of FLJC Torah Fund donors from 3 to 100, and encouraged Rabbi Glustrom to recognize donors at High Holiday services, a practice that continues to this day. In 1987 Florence was honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary for her contributions, and in May 2003 a plaque (below) was installed in her honor. Florence also served on the FLJC Board of Directors and chaired the Adult Education and Jewish Education Committees for many years.



But Florence was not done leaving her mark on Jewish life in North Jersey. In the mid-1970s, Rabbi Glustrom asked Florence to join a committee that would lead to the creation, in 1974, of the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies. She served on the school's board for 7 years.

Florence's involvement in Jewish education inspired her to return to college. Fifty years after taking classes at Brooklyn College, Florence finally graduated from Thomas Edison State University at age 76.

Florence has been honored by JTS, UJA, and Women's League over the years, and she was FLJC Mensch of the Year in 2003.

Florence's beloved husband David passed away in 1999. In 2005, at age 89, Florence left Fair Lawn and moved to the Cedar Crest community in Pompton Plains. She could have relaxed during her retirement, but that isn't Florence's style. Instead, she founded 2 clubs at Cedar Crest: The Bergen Bunch, for residents who relocate to the community from Bergen County, and the Jewish Council of Cedar Crest, which arranges for clergy for the high holidays and every other Shabbat. At age 95, Florence learned to read music and play piano.

Her pride and joy, though, is her large family. Florence has 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandson! Although her beloved David, as well as her brother and older sister are gone, her 93-year-old sister, "Cutie," still lives in North Carolina.

Florence shared that she has tried to keep up with all the changes she has seen throughout her lifetime. She saw the spread of electricity to private homes, the introduction of the radio, and of course the invention of computers, cell phones, and more. She has been fortunate to travel around the world, taking cruises well into her 80s. She has seen the growth of the Jewish community in Fair Lawn, the shift from Conservative and Reform Judaism in town to the growth of the Orthodox community, and the introduction of egalitarian Judaism and women rabbis.

Florence, Happy 106th Birthday! *Ad meah v'esrim!*



PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Evan Marcus

There have been a lot of conversations and discussions about our use of Zoom on Shabbat, and why we've ended the practice. I thought it would be a good use of my monthly column to discuss it. It's really much simpler than most people realize.

Without question, attending Shabbat services via Zoom has been a great convenience for us and for many congregations during the COVID crisis. It is worth noting, however, that many Conservative congregations decided not to Zoom on Shabbat at all.

Zoom enabled us to hold services during most of 2020, when we could not meet in person. At the time, Rabbi Shargel was our spiritual leader, and when we first approached her in April 2020 with the idea of holding services on Zoom, she was opposed to it. Soon after that, though, the Rabbinical Assembly decided that the emergency situation was serious enough that Zoom-based Shabbat services could be permitted for a limited time. So, we followed their lead and on May 9, 2020, we began running services on Zoom.

So here we are in May 2022, fully two years later. By almost any definition, the emergency has ended, so the justification for emergency Zoom use has ended too. Should the emergency resume, then we would probably resume running services on Zoom.

When we introduced the concept of Zoom-based Shabbat services, there was a fair amount of chaos at first. But in time, people overcame their discomfort and fear of technology, and even many of our seniors figured out how to navigate Zoom. The rules of services were different on Zoom, as several blessings and other parts of the service could not be recited in the absence of an in-person minyan, but we persevered and over time this model became increasingly comfortable.

One of the unexpected benefits of using Zoom came from the decision to open the session about 30 minutes before services began, enabling people to schmooze and catch up. Many of our congregants had been stuck inside for weeks or months and had not seen their friends in all that time. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces.

As we collectively learned to use Zoom for services, we also learned to use it for committee meetings and a variety of synagogue events, something else that turned out to be so very valuable for the congregation.

Some time passed, Covid eased up a bit, and Rabbi Salston re-entered the sanctuary for hybrid services. At first, when we still did not have a minyan in the sanctuary, the service was still on Zoom, so parts of the service still had to be skipped. But later, when we allowed

a minyan in person, we were once again able to run the entire service. The only participation still permitted remotely via Zoom was Mourners' Kaddish and the communal prayers after the Torah reading.

As COVID eased further, we continued to restrict participation in the service via Zoom, gradually eliminating all outside participation except for Kaddish. We did permit more outside participation during the Omicron surge in December 2021 and January 2022.

But now, here we are in mid-April (as I write this), and at least for now, the worst of COVID appears to be behind us. Masks have come off just about everywhere, people are socializing and going out for meals again, and life is returning to something that resembles normal.

At the FLJC, we responded to this by making masks optional in the building, while still requiring vaccinations, and by resuming more and more activities in the building.

Since the emergency situation has passed, we are returning to the way Shabbat services ran before COVID, when no technology was used. We certainly did not use computers. We attended services in person.

And so, at the start of April 2022, we ended Zoom for Shabbat services entirely. Should we see another surge like Omicron, we will certainly revisit this decision. We have all the equipment and knowledge needed to make it happen, and all we would have to do is move the gear back into the sanctuary and resume using it.

We are, of course, sensitive to our members who have been ill and who do not feel safe attending in-person services. That's why we have added livestream. No, you can't schmooze or participate in services via livestream, but livestream is more compliant with our Shabbat observance, as no direct interaction with the technology is required in the services' transmission or reception. We hope that if you cannot attend in person, you can join us there.

If you wish to access Friday night or Saturday morning services via livestream, please go to www.fljc.com/worship. The Shabbat livestream is open to all.

The decision of how to manage other services, meetings, and activities are being made by the committees who run the events. Look for the details on flyers, or in the **Insider** and **News & Views**. The building is open for meetings and activities – you'll need to clear your event with the office, but we welcome and encourage everyone to come back.

Before I go, let me take a moment to thank the people who made it possible for us to use Zoom over the last two years. Thank you to Steve Montag for so many

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things, including development of the weekly services guide, and his taking the lead on directing weeknight minyanim nearly every night. Plus, Mazel Tov to Steve and his wife Rona, as well as their daughter Danielle and her husband Ben, on the birth of their grandson and son Ethan Max.

I also want to thank Larry Bach for taking the lead role in overseeing our Zoom direction for the last several months,

plus our litany of directors, including Sima Alper, Inna Baker, Stacey Murray, Hal Fine, David Gotlib, and Seth Seigel-Laddy. We could not have done this without you. Thank you all so much!

See you at shul!

Evan Marcus

BOARD ROUND-UP

In March, the board of directors voted to enter into an agreement with Cantor Yoni to be our High Holiday Cantor this year. We are pleased that an agreement was reached, and we look forward to Cantor Yoni leading the congregation on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

In April, the board discussed staffing issues in the office. The search for Abe's replacement is ongoing. There was also discussion about creating better financial reports and managing capital expenses.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **May 18 at 8PM** in the Pulka Room. Please join us in person or via Zoom! Learn what each committee has accomplished this year and ask questions to the synagogue leadership. Election of the slate of the Board of Directors and officers (below) will take place at this meeting.

Slate of Nominees for FLJC Board of Directors

The following people are nominated for election in 2022:

Nominees to a 1-Year Term Ending in 2023

Susan Cohen
Stacey Murray
Shari Toron
Shirley Leibowitz
David Lauchheimer
Yana Garger
Gary Haar

Nominee to Fill an Unexpired 3-Year Term Ending in 2024

Sima Alper

Nominees to a 3-Year Term Ending in 2025

Charles Cohen
Carol Marcus
Evan Marcus
Mark Meisel
Scott Pass
Norma Pollack
Jeffrey Zerowin
Steve Montag

Past Presidents Nominees to a 3-Year Term Ending in 2025

Jeffrey Herrmann
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The following are the terms of the other board members not subject to re-election this year:

3-Year Term Ending in 2023

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Neil Garfinkle
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Rona Montag

3-Year Term Ending in 2024

Robin Baer
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Michael Baer
Leonard Kaufmann
Leonard Margolis
Richard Rosen
Jerry Weiner
Bert Wertheim

Past Presidents Term Ending in 2024

Fran Kessler
Steve Schwimmer

What Is the Omer?

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The Omer is the period between the second night of Pesach and Shavuot. Each night during this period, we count up (not down) to 50. This is known as *Sefirat Ha'Omer*.

Counting the Omer is commanded in The Torah:
And from the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering—the day after the Sabbath—you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: You must count until the day after the seventh week—fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to the Lord. (Leviticus 23:15-16)

The beginning of the Omer corresponds to the first harvest of a new crop of grains in Israel. The Omer is also associated with the countdown to receiving The Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai, but this interpretation is not actually in the Torah. The counting ends at Shavuot, which corresponds to the peak of the grain harvest and the traditional first fruits.

The Omer is counted each evening, and is counted in both days and weeks. For example, on Sunday night, May 1, we will say: *Today is sixteen days, which is two weeks and two days of the Omer.*

During the Omer, it is tradition to observe mourning customs; it is forbidden to marry, attend concerts, and get haircuts. Some people do not shave.

The 33rd day of the Omer is a minor holiday called “Lag B’Omer.” The name comes from the Hebrew letters for 33—lamed (ל) (30) and gimel (ג) (3). The festival is not mentioned in The Torah. According to tradition, this date marks the end of a plague that killed many of Rabbi Akiva’s disciples. The holiday is also associated with Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, one of Rabbi Akiva’s disciples. Lag B’Omer is celebrated today by attending picnics and other outings. In Israel, the celebration involves feasting, dancing, and bonfires, especially at Mount Meron, the burial site of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. It is tradition for 3-year-old boys to get their first haircut on Lag B’Omer.

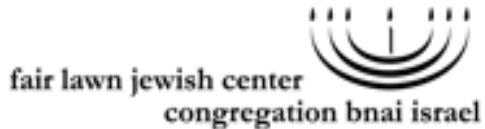


Help Wanted—Kiddush!

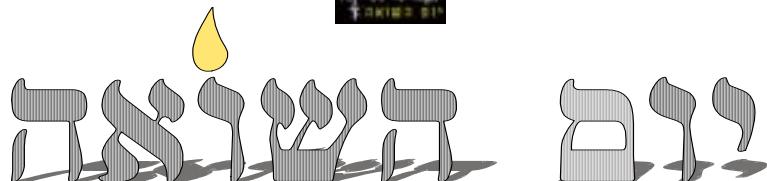
Now that Shabbat Services are back in person, we would like to restart weekly Kiddush. We are in need of a few people to repopulate the Kiddush Committee and assist with organizing, purchasing, and set up/clean up for weekly Kiddushes.

If you can help, please contact Evan at evan.marcus@gmail.com.

Your entire congregation thanks you!



Yom HaShoah Observance



**Sunday, May 1, 2022
11:00 a.m.**



*We invite the congregation to attend
along with our Survivors,
Second & Third Generations
and WWII Veterans.*



***This year we take a look at
Auschwitz 80 Years Later***

The program will conclude with our Commemorative Candle Lighting
as we honor our Survivors and WWII Veterans
and recall and **remember** those who passed during the Shoah.



Livestream will be available for those that can not attend in person.



זיכר - Remember



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Rabbi Salston's Installation Ceremony / Luncheon and Ad Journal

June 12, 2022



On June 12, we will gather to celebrate and honor Rabbi Salston's Installation as our Rabbi at FLJC/CBI.

Rabbi Rachel Iris Salston earned her rabbinic ordination and Master of Arts in Rabbinic Studies from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, earning the USCJ Award for Congregational Leadership. She is a proud alumna of Brandeis University. Rabbi Salston has learned Torah full-time at Yeshivat Hadar and the Conservative Yeshiva. She continues her personal Torah study through regular courses offered by her alma maters and other institutions. Last year, Rabbi Salston became a certified Mikveh Guide.

She has brought to our community her extensive experience teaching adult education and youth programs. She has a passion for social justice and human rights, and has put this passion to work on travels with American Jewish World Service and Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Continuing this work, Rabbi Salston was appointed to the Rabbinical Assembly's Social Justice Commission Human Rights Subcommittee.

A Soferet STaM (ritual scribe), Rabbi Salston brings extensive knowledge and hands-on experience of the creation and repair of Torah Scrolls, tefillin, Mezuzot, and Megillot. She has taught our Hebrew School and Men's Progress Club about the construction of tefillin. She has been inspecting and repairing the synagogue's collection of tefillin so that they may be used by attendees of our weekday minyan.

Immediately before arriving in our community, Rabbi Salston served as Chaplain at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Throughout these past two years, many of us have benefited from her compassion, humanism and kindness. Rabbi Salston has provided comfort and support through her sermons, through thought-provoking Coffee and Commentary Parshat Hashavuah class, and through her guidance for all the joys and grief of the life-cycles events we have experienced. She has guided the synagogue through our journey from virtual to hybrid to in-person services while regularly leading us in prayer herself.

She has taught and inspired our Hebrew School as prayer instructor, guided our students in preparation for Bnei Mitzvah, and has created fun-filled Tot Shabbat and Holiday programming.

In her two years as our religious and spiritual leader, Rabbi Salston has truly established herself as a leader of FLJC/CBI and the broader Fair Lawn Jewish community.

Let us come together to celebrate and honor Rabbi Salston at her Installation Luncheon and Ceremony on Sunday, June 12.

To attend our gala the cost is:

\$150 per person (or \$150 in ads/donations)
\$300 per couple (or \$300 in ads/donations)

In honor of Rabbi Salston's Installation, we are preparing our Ad Journal for publication. Please note that all *Protected Ads must be submitted to the Center office by Friday, April 29*. All additional ads must be submitted to the Center office no later than Friday, May 13. The Business Ad blanks, Listing Submission form, and Protected List are enclosed in the links below:

[**Click Here**](#) Business Ad Blank \$300 Minimum

[**Click Here**](#) Business Ad Blank \$500 Minimum (for businesses that can afford a larger ad)

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**Thank you for supporting our Center's most important FUNDRAISER. For questions, contact Yana Gar-
ger at yana29@gmail.com or 718-288-9291.**



RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Steve Montag

LET'S WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER AGAIN

I am writing this issue from my daughter and son-in-law's house in Fairfax, VA, basking in the glow of having just celebrated the Brit Milah (Bris) of my new grandson, Ethan Max Gorban, Reuven Yitzchak, on my birthday on April 6. All attendees were tested to assure a COVID-free environment, allowing for all the hugs and kisses we wanted and needed and the eating of Kiddush afterwards. We also will celebrate and have the Seders here so the rituals of Passover can be observed as a whole family. How wonderful to be able to be together again.

I also want to share my experience of attending shul on Shabbat, locally, at Congregation Olam Tikvah in Fairfax, VA. They are a conservative synagogue, much like our own, with a congregation of about 625 members. They use the same siddur and Chumash as we do, so following along with the service was easy. As soon as I entered the shul, with my mask on, I was greeted by seated members with and without masks, saying hello, introducing themselves, and asking about me and welcoming me to the shul. I felt at home even as a visitor. No fear of exposure, no awkward stares, and no hesitation to include me with an aliyah (I got Hamishi). Yes, there were others wearing masks and sitting socially distanced as desired, but the feeling of alienation was not present. They had 80-100 attendees of all ages during this regular Shabbat. The ruach present in the room was palpable. Lay men and women were reading Torah, davening, and hosted a

L'Chaim shot bar and Kiddush afterwards. I spoke with the Rabbi and Ritual Director to get their perspective on the services here. They were proud of their lay participation, volunteerism and inclusivity. They said it is a fundamental principal of everyone at the shul from school age to senior members. I left feeling so very happy that my daughter's family would find a place to be part of a larger Jewish community when ready.

This is the hope that I have for our shul in Fair Lawn. We all should work together to bring this sense of community and family back into our shul. It is not gone forever but just set aside. Please try to participate, be a volunteer, join us at services back in person, and don't wait to be asked to do something. When you see a need or feel a desire for change or activity, STEP UP. As one example, we all want a kiddush after services so step up and help to make it happen. We have many opportunities to get involved. We have an eager and capable Rabbi and Cantor looking for your support and engagement. Thank you all in advance for your efforts to make this your safe, comforting and supportive second home.

Let's count the Omer together until nightfall on Saturday, 4 June 2022. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Passover. Stay safe and be well. Rona and I look forward to seeing you in shul.

Steve Montag

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The **Howard Herman Fund** will once again present monetary awards to graduating high school students who belong with their families to the Fair Lawn Jewish Center/ Congregation B'nai Israel.

All applicants must send a resume of their community service and a copy of an essay that was included in their college applications.

Please mail all applications to:
Fair Lawn Jewish Center
10-10 Norma Ave.
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Envelope should be marked:
Howard Herman Scholarship Fund

Entries must be submitted by May 15 for notification before graduation.

MAZEL TOV TO THE MONTAG FAMILY!

Mazel Tov to Steve and Rona Montag, who welcomed their first grandchild! **Ethan Max Gorban, Reuven Yitzchak ben Ben v'Devorah**, was born to Danielle Montag and Ben Gorban on March 30. Danielle and Ben live in Fairfax, VA. Mazel Tov also to loving aunt, Carly Montag!





SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE Mark Meisel

April was a very active month for Social Action projects, and the Social Action Committee would like to thank all of you who supported these programs.

Thank you for baking, donating funds, buying food, utensils, and water, and serving at the Hackensack Shelter on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Your efforts and support allowed our congregation to provide the Hackensack Shelter dinner for 150 people in need.

Thank you for donating food or funds for our Pre-Passover Food Drive (see photo below). These donations went to the Fair Lawn Food Pantry and the Center



For Food Action, organizations that help families in our community with food insecurity. We made three different car deliveries of food with your help and donations.

Thank you for donating to the Fair Lawn NJ Helps Ukraine with donations of clothing and other items (see photo, below). The drop off we held at FLJC/CBI brought in a



huge amount of donations that were brought to the Fair Lawn Municipal Building. About four minivans worth of donations were brought over. *Yashar Kochachem!*

Thank you for ordering flowers through J-ADD for Passover!

Although I am writing this article prior to the event, thank you for joining us to help keep our environment clean at the River Clean Up on April 24 (see photos below). This



was a wonderful event with four local shuls (FLJC/CBI, Temple Israel JCC, Temple Beth Sholom, JCC of Paramus) participating together with the Hackensack Riverkeeper. Thank you for all your help cleaning up the Memorial Park Boat Basin in Fair Lawn.

Upcoming on May 8 (Happy Mother's Day!) we will be assembling Weekend Snack Packs for children who depend on school program meals and may not have enough to eat over the weekends without these snack packs. We are working with students from our Hebrew School (Community Hebrew School of Bergen County) to help assemble these packages. Please see the *Insider* to see how you can help.



Finally, if any congregant returning from the hospital or rehabilitation would like Social Action to deliver a Friday night meal to your home to help you in your recovery, please let the office or the Rabbi know.

We appreciate all your support for the projects we facilitate to help build a stronger, caring community.

Mark Meisel



Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Congregation Bnai Israel

Spring Tot Shabbat with Morah Vivian

Saturday mornings 9:00 AM

April 9 • April 30 • May 14 • May 28

June 11 • June 25

Vivian Gibilisco is a Jewish educator and song leader who has been teaching, leading song, and family worship for many years all over Greater Metro West, New Jersey. She loves teaching Jewish values and creating community and connection to our people through song.



Open to the Community!



FLJC/CBI

10-10 Norma Avenue Fair Lawn, NJ

Security on Premises

SENIOR INITIATIVES

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COMMANDMENT 613

A SACRED CRAFT

A SHORT FILM BY MIRIAM LEWIN & RANDI CECCHINE

Thursday, May 5 at 11 AM

Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Israel Independence Day

Temple Beth Shalom 40-25 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, NJ

In this short documentary, Rabbi Kevin Hale, the son of refugees from Nazi Germany, joyfully practices the sacred craft of a sopher or Torah scribe, restoring ancient handwritten scrolls that contain the five books of the Old Testament and are central to Jewish life. As his work takes him to communities entrusted with scrolls saved in Czechoslovakia during World War II, he reflects on his path from secular Judaism to a life of faith and practice – and the many ways to fulfill the final commandment in the Torah – #613: to write the scroll itself. Discussion following the film.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Social Action is seeking volunteers to drive congregants to shul and back home for Shabbat services. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office at info@fljc.com or call 201-796-5040.

As we get requests, we will contact you a couple of days prior to Shabbat to confirm if we need your help and which congregant needs driving to the shul. Thank you in advance for your help.



Valley Health—A “How To” Series for Living Your Best Life Amidst Illness

As part of The Valley Hospital's ongoing Conversations series, we invite you to attend two informational sessions that will provide support, guidance, and resources when managing a chronic illness or facing a challenging time. Programs are free of charge, but registration is required. [To register, please call 1-800-VALLEY 1 \(1-800-825-5391\)](tel:1800VALLEY1) or go to ValleyHealth.com/Events. All programs are being held virtually. A link will be sent to you to allow your participation from home, via your computer.

[Your Decisions Matter: A Guide to Beginning Important Conversations](#)

Thursday, May 12, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

We can't plan for everything, but we can share with loved ones what matters most. Join us as we discuss the benefits of living well, identifying what your loved ones need to know about your health, and how to share it with your healthcare team.

[Long-Term Caregiving](#)

Thursday, May 19, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

If you are a caregiver for someone who has a long-term illness, no doubt you have experienced occasional periods of exhaustion and frustration. Join us to discover ways to more effectively manage the many tasks and stressors associated with caregiving and take better care of yourself!

Valley Health Systems Invites Seniors to join [PrimeTime!](#)

[PrimeTime](#) is a free membership program available to individuals age 60 and over. Members receive numerous benefits including access to exclusive events, health education programs, free screenings, and much more.

It is your time for [PrimeTime!](#) Become a member and take advantage of all that the program has to offer.

Call **201-291-6467** for more information about these benefits and to enroll in [PrimeTime](#). You may also apply online at ValleyHealth.com/PrimeTime.



ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE Charles Cohen

Shalom Chaverim!

This month we will be concluding our educational examination of the epic book "American Judaism," by Jonathan Sarna. We will have two zoom sessions, as follows:

- **Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 PM:** Chapter 6—"Renewal": Post WWII to end of 20th Century, by our own David Teitelbaum.
- **Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 PM:** "Conclusion": Issues of 21st Century, by Rabbi Rachel Salston.

Q&A will follow each presentation. Please join both zoom sessions for lively discussions on the evolution of American Judaism during challenging times.

Rabbi Emeritus Ronald Roth continues his Nosh & Knowledge zoom classes on Jewish Ethical & Moral Issues (see page 5 for more information). His current classes are focused on Jewish Medical Ethics, which is a wide-ranging topic that covers many challenges of life that

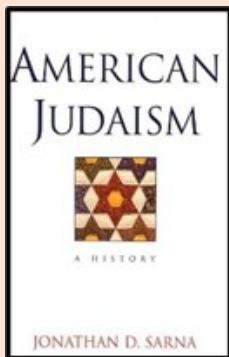
many of us have to face personally or in our families or people we know and care for.

Rabbi Rachel Salston continues Wednesday Parsha of the week classes both on Zoom and in person in the Sanctuary each week. There is plenty of opportunity for members to interact and voice any comments or opinions on the issues that come up. Let us all participate whenever possible in these excellent and informative Torah learning opportunities.

Monday, May 16 at 8 PM: There will be a movie review of an excellent movie written & directed by Lev Schreiber based on a book by Jonathan Foer: "Everything Is Illuminated." This is a comedic drama based on the author's trip back to Europe to find his grandfather's birthplace. Much is illuminated but troubling questions remain. Film can be streamed on Prime Video. Commentator: Rabbi Salston; Moderator: Charlie Cohen

Happy Learning!

Never Stop Learning



American Judaism: A History

by Jonathan D. Sarna

Jewish Experience in America

From Colonial Times to American Judaism Today

Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 PM

Chapter 6 "Renewal"

Period from Post-WWI to the end of the 20th Century
presented by David Teitelbaum

Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 PM

"Conclusion"

Issues of the 21st Century

presented by Rabbi Rachel Salston

FLJC members/guests are welcome to any session.

Go to Zoom US and enter:

Meeting ID 862 9352 4594

Password 793321



SISTERHOOD

Ann Golick

It is so nice that it is finally spring and we all can get outside without so many layers. I hope you enjoyed your Passover holiday and were able to celebrate with family and friends.

Some Recap:

While I wrote about this last month, I once again want to mention our Mishloach Manot program spearheaded by Donna Pasternak. This was the first time that ALL synagogue families received Purim bags due to the generosity of many synagogue members who paid for sponsorships. Those of you that live out of town or did not want bags still received the scrolls. THANK YOU to all our sponsors, participants, and volunteers! While we may have hit some small glitches with pick-ups/deliveries, since this was the first time we did this, we assure you that next year the program will be even better.

On March 13, we had a fascinating and disturbing Zoom discussion with Grant Gochin where we were enlightened about the Lithuanian Holocaust Denial, Distortion and Revisionism that continues to this day. We also heard about Silvia Foti's story that is documented in her book, ***The Nazi's Granddaughter***. This program really kept all attendees' interest. Grant spoke and answered questions for 90 minutes and everyone stayed on the Zoom!

On March 27, we had our 4th Book Club – ***The Last Summer at the Golden Hotel*** by Elissa Friedland – Gail Rottenstrich moderated.

Upcoming Events:

- On **Sunday, May 15** at 1:00 PM, the Sisterhood and MPC will be having a Historic Radburn Walk. Rick Hampson (who spoke about Radburn at an earlier MPC meeting) will lead us on a walk about the Rad-

burn section of Fair Lawn. If you haven't been to Radburn you will be pleasantly surprised. I am fortunate to live in that part of town. (See flyer on page 16)

- On **Thursday, May 19** at 8:00 PM we will be having our annual OPEN Sisterhood board meeting. In honor of Lag B'Omer this open meeting will be in the backyard of our gracious member, Ilene Laufer. PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING!!
- On **Sunday, May 22** at 10:00 AM, we will have our 5th and final book club event of the year. The book, ***An Observant Wife*** by Naomi Ragen, will be discussed. Pauline Mont will facilitate (see flyer on page 15).
- On **Friday night, June 17**, we will have the Sisterhood/MPC installation at services, followed by the Sisterhood and MPC Award Scholarships and an in-person dessert reception! Please attend.
- On **Sunday, June 26**, we will be holding our Torah Fund brunch at the home of Gerry and Howard Kessel. Any woman who has contributed at least \$36 to Torah Fund this year is welcome to attend. This is an awesome brunch!

A consortium of local Sisterhoods (FLJC, Ridgewood, Paramus and TBS) are meeting to see what interesting programs we can share. Look out for more shared events in the coming months!

I hope to see many of you at our open board meeting on May 19 at the home of Ilene Laufer. We would love for more women to be involved with our Sisterhood. Please call me to discuss if you have any thoughts or are just curious. We are a very welcoming group. We are always looking for others to join us on the board. Please contact me at abgolick1@gmail.com.

Ann Golick

A Huge Thank You From Sisterhood for Mishloach Manot Program

The pulse of our synagogue events and programs is powered by our wonderful volunteers. First and foremost, I want to thank my **Purim Mishloach Manot Committee** for their assistance in making all this possible:

Ann Golick, Robin Baer, Leslie Frucht, Gerry Kessel, Fran Kessler, Ilene Laufer, Beth Perlman, Tzivya Kraus and Shari Toron.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped pack this year's Mishloach Manot bags:

Susan Cohen, Lisa Gotlib, Gerry & Howard Kessel, Fran Kessler, Ruth Kirschenbaum, Ilene Laufer, Beth Perlman, Lily Shinkar and Shari Toron.

A huge thank you goes out to all our drivers as well, who drove all over Bergen County to deliver bags that were not picked up on March 16:

Stuart Alper, Laura Fishler & Ronen Wilk, Gerry & Howard Kessel, Fran Kessler, Tzivya Kraus & Jen Mendelsohn, Ilene Laufer & Rich Flanzman, Rona & Steve Montag, Lawrence & Sharon Schwartz, and Lily & Alex Shinkar.

SAVE THE DATE TORAH FUND BRUNCH

June 26, 2022
10AM to noon

Minimum contribution to
Torah Fund
\$36 since September 2021

Questions: Call Gerry Kessel
at 201-796-4368

Thank You From Sisterhood FLJC/CBI

In previous years, the *Mishloach Manot* Purim bag exchange was the biggest fundraiser for Sisterhood, in which members received a bag only if a bag was specifically purchased for them. After going through 2 years of COVID-19 restrictions, we decided to give *Mishloach Manot* bags to all our members and staff.

Without our generous sponsors, we could not have accomplished this goal. We hope to keep this tradition going in the future. We are grateful to the following people for their generosity and support:

Platinum \$360 Sponsorship Level

Michael & Robin Baer, Richard Flanzman & Ilene Laufer, Howard & Gerry Kessel, Loren Rosenthal, Zahavy & Gail Rottenstrich, and Bob Sokol & Ann Golick

Gold \$250 Sponsorship Level

Alexander & Yana Garger, Ofer Kalina & Elayne Gasmer, Jennifer Mendelsohn & Tzivya Kraus, and David & Ellen Teitelbaum

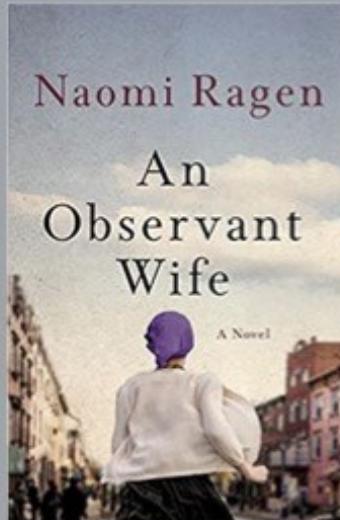
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Michael & Shifra Ansonoff, Susan Cohen, Michael Edelman, Neil & Christina Garfinkle, Arline Herman, Jeffrey & Linda Herrmann, Fran Kessler, Evan & Carol Marcus, Steven & Rona Montag, Lyle & Pauline Novick, Donna Pasternak, Ken & Beth Perlman, Jerry & Judith Pitkowsky, Raviv Ron & Nina Gold, Rabbi Rachel Salston, Saul & Carolyn Shenberg, Michael & Dara Siegel, Shari Toron, and Lisa Urbanski



FLJC/CBI Sisterhood Book Club

Sunday, May 22nd at 10:00 AM



Moderator - Pauline Mont

RSVP to: Leslie Frucht at lesfrucht@gmail.com





MEN'S PROGRESS CLUB Joe Schkolnick

The Men's Progress Club continues to maintain a busy slate of activities.

On March 31 we had our Spring Wine Tasting Event. Howard Kessel moderated, of course. Thanks to all of you who supported this special program and to Howard for all the time he volunteered in organizing this event and procuring the delicious wines. Thank you to all who supported the MPC through the purchase of kosher wines as well. We look forward to having our next wine tasting event in person.

We are in the process of delivering Yellow Candles to our entire shul membership. Our effort was once again spearheaded by the one and only Charles Cohen. Thank you, Charlie. If you have not received a Yellow Candle please call me at 201-522-6192 and I will arrange to get one to you.

Speaking of Yellow Candles, MPC will again be supporting our shul's Yom Hashoah observance on May 1 at 11:00 AM. We are honored to provide refreshments following the program. Please contact me if you are able to volunteer some time that day to help out.

On May 5 we will be "holding" our Poker Tournament at 8:00 PM in the Pulka Room (see flyer on pg. 19). We are grateful that Neil Garfinkle has taken it upon himself to

organize this event. There is a \$25 entry fee and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. A portion of the entry fee will be donated to a charitable organization. Let's have some in-person fun! Contact Neil if you are interested in attending.

MPC continues to encourage all to attend Sunday morning Minyans. In April we honored the Montags and the Shenbergs for their many years of support of our Minyans with a "bagel and a schmier" breakfast. We welcome all shul members on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

We are planning to have a "Radburn Walk" in the afternoon on May 15 in conjunction with Sisterhood. Details and specifics are below for this new and noteworthy activity.

Our upcoming activities include our Installation/Scholarship Awards Shabbat on June 17, a golf outing with Temple Israel on June 21, and line painting in the parking lot in the summer.

Please contact me if you wish to get involved with MPC. We could really use some new faces to help out to continue the great work that our organization provides for FLJC/CBI.

Joe Schkolnick



Fair Lawn Jewish Center / Congregation Bnai Israel



Sunday, May, 15, 2022

1:00-2:30 PM

Meet at Radburn Plaza Clock Tower

Join Sisterhood and MPC for a Historic Radburn Tour

Led by Rick Hampson, resident of Radburn



RSVP Preferred: Ann Golick abgolick1@gmail.com • cell: 201-927-0232

The Men's Progress Club Presents:
Our Spring Poker Tournament
ANTE UP!!!



WHERE: The Fair Lawn Jewish Center Congregation

Bnai Israel Pulka Room

WHEN: Thursday, May 5, 2022

TIME: Minyan at 7:30 PM and the Poker Tournament

at 8:00 PM \$25 Entrance Fee

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers

QUESTIONS: Contact: Neil Garfinkle finkley@aol.com:



Fair Lawn Jewish Center / Congregation Bnai Israel

Everything is Illuminated
Monday, May 16th, 8:00 PM



Commentator: Rabbi Rachel Salston
Moderator: Charles Cohen

Script was written & directed by Lev Schreiber based on book by Jonathan Foer. An American Grandson of a Survivor, Jonathan, goes back to Ukraine to search for his Grandfather's birthplace which was wiped out in the Shoah. He is escorted by two Ukrainian Guides, Young Alex & his enigmatic Grandfather Boris. As Jonathan's quest ends, much more is illuminated than anyone anticipated.

Movie available for Rental on Prime Video.



FAMILY MATTERS

Refuah Shlemah to: Devorah Surah bat Tzirl v'Eliyahu Meryer (Debbie Rosensweig); Hava Yonit bat Yehudit Hasida v'Gabriel Yonatan; Blima bat Devorah (Beth Karetnick); Shimon Ma'aravi ben Edna u'Mordechai; David ben Sarah u'Binyamin (David Gotlib); Dalia Tzril bat Riva Braina; Mildred Bly (Mindel Shaindel bat Ruchel v'Ephraim Barukh); Jacob Astmann (Chaim Yaakov ben Liora v'Nachman); Irene Mandel (Itka bat Yente v'Chaim); Sally Baker (Sarah bat Chana); Tzipporah Rivkah bat Sima v'Aryeh Leib; Liat bat Chava; Judy Kaye (Gitl Raizel bat Malka Shlimah v'Dov Baer); Chana bat Rivka; Nechama bat Chasha v'Leib (Natalie Klein); Laili Golda bat Reuvat v'David; David Wertheim (Binyamin ben Eta Shifra); Judi Margolis (Zisa Ita bat Rachel v David); Irv Pollack (Yehezkel ben Sarah v'Yaakov); Tova Raiza bat Yitzhak v'Malka Esther; Ahava bat Hadassah; Nava Deena bat Stern; Leo Henner (Eliezer ben Shoshanah v'Yosef Meir); Kenny Schmier (Kalman Ben Rivka); Yosef Chaim ben Huddle v' Moshe; Jesse Rosenzweig (Yehuda Laib ben Rachel); Avraham ben Chaya Sarah v'Yisrael; David Hayim ben Batya u'Refu'el; Malka Aviva bat Chana Golda; Neal Lipshitz (Nahum ben Haya Perel v'Yaakov); Layah Shoshanah bat Avihayil Yocheved v'Shlomo Hayim; Roni Zerowin (Rachel Chana bat Tamar); Yosef ben Devorah and Moshe; Esther Oster (Esther bat Sarah and Chaim); Judith Shain-Alvaro (Yehudit Chasida bat Perel); Pincus ben Mina Sora; Larry Mandel (Leibel ben Chaya)

Mazel Tov to our May Birthdays

Benjamin Aminoff, Ronald Baker, Steven Baltin, Gary Ehrich, Gladys Flax, Eugene Frank, Mollie Goodman, Natalie Haar, Joseph Hymovitz, Barbara Kardos, Frank L. Kardos, Gerry Kessel, Wade Klein, Bryan Lakin, David Lauchheimer, Miles Lazerwitz, Sheila A. Linderman, Irene Mandel, Joseph Manela, Evan Marcus, Phyllis Mirchin, Jay Murray, Harold Nussbaum, Irving Pollack, Stacey Rosen, Esther Rubinstein, Judith Schlesinger, Saul Shenberg, Michael Siegel, Barbara Spector, Kenneth J. Spokony, Florence Thaler, Barbara Walther, Holli Weiss, Bert Wertheim, Ellen Wertheim, Beth Wyler, Miriam Zeevi, Sharon Zitaner

Mazel Tov to our May Anniversaries

Judith and Virgilio Alvaro; Laura and Neil Astmann; Robin and Michael Baer; Marlene and Harry Greenbaum; Andrea White and Daniel Greenstein; Robin and Gerald Hanik; Shirley and Evan Leibowitz; Bella and Roy Meyrich; Pauline and Lyle Novick; Debbie and Jesse Rosenzweig; Pearl and Sol Weinberg

Brandeis Men's Club of Temple Israel

Invites you and your guests to our:

18th Annual Golf Outing!



Farmstead Golf and Country Club

Andover, New Jersey (about 60 minutes from Ridgewood)
www.farmsteadgolf.com

Date: Tuesday, June, 21, 12:30 PM ~ Shotgun start!

Time: Arrive no later than 11:45 AM

**Cost: \$65 includes 18 holes and electric cart
Payable in advance to reserve your spot**

Open to all members of Temple Israel and friends

**Space is limited, so reserve your spot now; you don't have to
have a foursome! 1-2-3-or 4 players welcome!**

- Prize for team Low Gross
- Prize for team Low Net (Callaway scoring, everyone has a chance)
- Prize for Longest Drive
- Prize for Closest to the Pin ~~ **\$18,000 Hole in One prize!**

RSVP by June 13th

Howard.TI475@gmail.com

Send your check payable to Brandeis Men's Club to:

Howard Schreiber
10 Baker Court
Ramsey, NJ 07446

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Congratulations on the birth of your
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Welcome to the grandparent's club and
Mazel Tov on the birth of your new
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Jerry Weiner

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Best wishes on your birthday
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Mazel tov to our good friend on your
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Ellen and David Teitelbaum

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Many thanks to all the donors who
thought of me during this time. I really
enjoyed the bag of goodies.
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In honor of Rabbi Salston
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Wishing you a happy birthday
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The Wall is situated by the entrance to the Sanctuary and can also be accessed online. To buy a new standard or enhanced plaque or to enhance an existing plaque, please contact Abe in the office. New standard plaques on the Electronic Memorial Wall may be purchased for \$360 each. New or existing plaques may be enhanced with pictures, biographies/stories, and links to plaques of relatives for \$180.



10-10 Norma Avenue
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**Save The Date
Sunday June 12
Ad Journal Luncheon and
Rabbi Salston Installation Ceremony**

Details to follow, so stay tuned!

**For questions and/or to help make this a fantastic, fun and memorable
event, please contact Yana Garger at yana29@gmail.com 718-288-
9291**