Please join us as we honor Past President Joe Fox
at the Gala Journal Dinner Dance
Saturday evening, March 7, 2015

We are proud to announce that this year’s guest of honor at our annual Journal Dinner Dance is our immediate past president, Joe Fox.

Joe grew up in Far Rockaway, the sixth of seven children in a household that was dominated by religion and family. Joe and his wife, Helaine, have been members of the Forest Hills Jewish Center for almost 25 years. Joe, together with Helaine’s invaluable support, has served as an officer, trustee, and committee chair. Joe has been dedicated to the growth and development of the Forest Hills Jewish Center. For the past three years as the president of FHJC Joe was committed to opening our doors and embracing the broader community, religious and secular, and expanding programming. He was especially effective in creating new programming for children and welcoming their families into our community.

On March 7th, please join us in celebrating this evening and in honoring Joe for all that he has given to our community.

Adult Education — SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE—FEBRUARY 6-7, 2015

Why Amazement Matters

We are fortunate to welcome back Rabbi Shai Held to the Forest Hills Jewish Center this February. We will have three wonderful learning opportunities with Rabbi Held during our Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat.

Please join us for Shabbat dinner on Friday, February 6, followed by Rabbi Held’s first lecture, “Why Amazement Matters: Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Vision of the Spiritual Life.” To RSVP for the dinner, please see the reservation form on page 11.

Rabbi Held will deliver the d’rasha during Shabbat morning services.

Shabbat services are followed by a cholent Kiddush in the Heller Family Ballroom. Rabbi Held will lead a text study after lunch entitled “What are human beings worth? Tzelem Elohim and the meaning of our lives.”

Kiddush generously sponsored by:

Rabbi Shai Held is Co-Founder, Dean and Chair in Jewish Thought in Mechon Hadar. Before that, he served for six years as Scholar-in-Residence at Kehilat Hadar in New York City, and taught both theology and halakha at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He also served as Director of Education at Harvard Hillel. A renowned lecturer and educator, he is a 2011 recipient of the Covenant Award for excellence in Jewish education. He has taught for such institutions as Drisha, Me’ah, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, and the Rabbinic Training Institute, and currently serves on the faculty of the Wexner Heritage program. Rabbi Held has a PhD in religion from Harvard. His main academic interests are in modern Jewish and Christian thought and in the history of Zionism. His book, Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Call of Transcendence was published by Indiana University Press, 2013.

The Forest Hills Jewish Center’s Scholar-in-Residence Program is made possible through the generous support of the Sevin family, in loving memory of Malvin Peace Sevin.
From the Rabbi’s Study

If Your Head Hurts, Study Torah!

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

For reasons that completely escape me, one of the things that I remember clearly from my years as a young Yeshiva student was my rebbe’s predictable response to anyone seeking to be excused from class because of a headache. Chashe b’rosho, ya’asok b’Torah, he would say (From whence the quote comes, I do not know). If your head hurts, study Torah! I don’t recall the Torah study actually easing the headache, but I think it was the idea that mattered more than the result...

There is, sadly, more than enough going on in the world as I write to give us all a well-deserved headache. The deeply troubled relationship between the African-American community and law enforcement is obliging us all to take a good, hard, honest look in the mirror- and America’s mirror- and see what the truth is about our society, and its deeply ingrained values and ideas. Israel’s vibrant democracy has just seen fit to dissolve the Knesset and opt for new elections, a move that is hard to interpret as anything other than crass political maneuvering that is not in the best interests of the country as a whole. And... it’s beginning to feel a lot more like winter.

The best idea that I can come up with is what my Rebbe suggested to me long ago: Chashe b’rosho, ya’asok b’Torah! If your head hurts, study Torah. And that is exactly what we plan to do at our annual Scholar-in-Residence program on the weekend of February 6-7, when we welcome the remarkable scholar and teacher Rabbi Shai Held to our community for Shabbat.

Currently serving as the Rosh Yeshiva of Mechon Hadar on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, Rabbi Held is widely considered to be a master teacher, and a powerful spiritual guide and role model. His scholarly work on the life and teachings of Abraham Joshua Heschel has gained him broad acclaim, and his commitment to translating Jewish values and practice into a real-time commitment to social justice has earned him, and the Jewish community, great respect.

If your head hurts, study Torah! Please join us for our scholar-in-residence weekend; your head may still hurt, but your spiritual self will feel much better!

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

SHABBAT AT FHJC

Kids Kongregation
2-5 years old / 10:45 AM in M4
Singing—Dancing—Stories

Junior Congregation
1st-6th Grade / 10:15 AM
in the Little Synagogue
Come sing, daven and journey through the Torah!

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As we move into the new secular year, we want to share with you an innovation that the professional staff is quite proud of. In an attempt to better coordinate the different elements that go into excellent training of our children for Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Rabbi Skolnik, Lynn Lancaster, Shanna Segal, Karen Stein and I have created a new handbook that was distributed to those families whose Simha will be celebrated beginning in May of 2015.

It was presented to them on December 14th, the first in a series of three meetings designed to help foster learning, socializing, and a feeling of community among the families beginning this journey together. The next 2 meetings will be held in February and April.

Shanna’s contribution was twofold. First, she authored a document entitled “Your Simha and the environment” that discusses different ways in which families can address the environmental impact of their child’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah, ranging from invitations to dining utensils to Bima decorations, and more. Secondly, by raising our awareness of the amount of paper that would be used in disseminating this information, we placed this entire handbook and associated materials on a thumb drive for each family to take home. All of this information will also be found very shortly on our FHJC website, again eliminating the need for wasting paper. Kol Hakavod to Shanna.

Lynn Lancaster moderated the opening session which facilitated a conversation on the part of the parents present concerning their feelings about their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations or their feelings about not having had one altogether. They also shared their hopes and desires for their children as they begin this process that will culminate in their becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and how it will segue into continued Jewish education and synagogue involvement. Since the document also contains menus for Shabbat Kiddush and Shabbat meals in the Synagogue under the auspices of our in-house caterer Aodi Zilkha and Beth Torah Caterers, Aodi very generously provided a delicious breakfast for all present prior to the beginning of the meeting.

At the heart of this document is a new Bar/Bat Mitzvah handbook created by Rabbi Skolnik that I edited. It addresses many issues ranging from guidelines on how we honor Shabbat through our behavior in the Synagogue, the family honors received at the Simha, appropriate dress and decorum, the child’s preparation and training leading up to the Simha, the Torah Reading scholarship, and more. This will be an invaluable aid for all families, not just those preparing for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Karen Stein added a document that she put together entitled “Bar/Bat Mitzvah Bootcamp: Finding a Mitzvah Project” which will help guide families in their search for an appropriate Hesed or Mitzvah project for their child. In addition to this is a chapter from the very important book “Putting God on Your Guest List” entitled “Putting the Mitzvah back in Bar/Bat Mitzvah.” It is our hope that these readings and the 2 remaining family sessions which will focus on “Tallit and Tefillin: theory and practice”, and “Hesed projects: study and choices” will help us highlight and accentuate the concept of “Mitzvah” in this special rite of passage.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy secular New Year.
B’Shalom,
Hazzan Henry R Rosenblum

MERCAZ UPDATE

On Jan 13, the Mercaz election campaign finally begins. MERCAZ, the Zionist arm of the Conservative Movement, will once again represent Conservative Judaism in the World Zionist Organization (WZO), the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the Jewish National Fund-KKL. As the official lobby of Conservative/Masorti Judaism in these world Jewish institutions, MERCAZ advocates in Israel for religious pluralism, women’s rights, environmental awareness, and more; and also, a strong MERCAZ voting bloc will ensure financial benefits in excess of $2 million annually to Conservative/Masorti institutions in Israel and around the world.

The strength of the MERCAZ lobby within the “National Institutions” (WZO, JAFI and JNF-KKL) is in direct proportion to the size of the MERCAZ delegation at the Zionist Congress. The next Zionist Congress will take place in Jerusalem in October 2015, with elections in the United States to determine the composition of the 145-member American delegation. (MERCAZ’ competition, as always, is the other religious streams as well as the other US Zionist organizations.)

Visit the MERCAZ website, www.mercazusa.org, for information about voter registration starting Jan 13!! Voting will continue till April 30. Register to vote MERCAZ.

Visit www.mercazusa.org or call the Campaign Headquarters at 212-533-2061 to learn more. Now is our chance to make our voices count this year in the Zionist elections!
Anniversaries

Anniversaries, or yahrzeits, are important in Judaism. These anniversaries encourage us to remember events and people who were important parts of our past. Yet, in December, we had an anniversary that passed almost unnoticed. On December 8, 1941, Lodz Poland saw the opening of the Chelmo extermination camp.

About three years ago I found the passports that my parents used in their 1938 escape from Nazi Europe. (See inset – my father’s passport.) These passports caused me to do a great deal of thinking about the Shoah, and I find that even after 70 years of intensive study, new lessons, new observations and even new archaeological evidence continue to emerge. This is silent testimony to the magnitude of these events.

For lack of a better phrase, I feel we are not seeing the trees for the forest. The cumulative events of the Shoah are so monstrous as to make us forget the details that make it up. The Shoah did not begin like the turning on of a light switch. The killings from 1941-1945 were the end product of years of demonization and dehumanization of the Jewish populations of Europe. In 1932, the best place to be a Jew in Europe was Germany. Six years later we had Kristallnacht. Three years later the mass killings began. Nine years in total, not very much time at all.

Unfortunately anti-Semitism is still alive and well in the world and each anti-Semitic event further desensitizes the world to what could happen. This generates uncomfortable echoes of Europe in the 1930s. Chess players call it an “accumulation of small advantages.” Each move creates a tiny, almost imperceptible movement, but after enough of these small movements, an insurmountable position of strength has been achieved.

But what should concern us the most is that we are on the verge of losing all of the first hand memories of the Shoah. Someone who was 15 when the last camp was

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As I am writing this it is still Hanukah. This year the calendar was in our favor and we had the opportunity to spend it together as a school. On Sunday our School came together to celebrate. Each of our teachers was asked to create a challenge for their class, based on their Hanukah curriculum. After successfully completing the challenge the class was given a number of mysterious pieces marked with numbers.

Together we took those 26 pieces and before the children’s eyes we built and lit a beautiful Hanukkah. After the excitement abated, at least a little bit, I asked the children why we had done this. They got it instantly. We are a community, I heard from across the room. We all need to work together. We need each other. In the glow of the candles several classes presented games and short plays for their schoolmates. We finished the day with sufganiyot ice cream sundaes, as it was the first day of winter—sundaes as it was Sunday morning and donut topping as it was Hanukah! That along with singing made for a perfect morning. It was just right.

December break is a wonderful opportunity. Besides the obvious, it is a time to take a breath and assess where we are and where we are going, what we have accomplished and what we need to give greater focus. The wonderful thing is, we are not yet halfway through the school year. There is still much of the year ahead of us.

I believe that the children are right. We are an amazing community made up of amazing individuals. Our families, staff, children and FHJC as a whole do amazing things when we come together. Perhaps as we take a breath and enter 2015 it would be appropriate to appreciate this community that we are so blessed to be a part of and to dream of what we can accomplish if we work together.

Religious School Reflection

Lynn Lancaster

FHJC YOUTH GROUPS

FHJC NURSERY SCHOOL PRESENTS PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

PAINT NITE

Saturday, January 31, 2015—7:30-9:30 PM at FHJC

$45 per person—BYOB (Must be Kosher)

Let’s get creative for a great cause!

Join us! Spaces are limited.

RSVP: http://tinyurl.com/FHJCPaint

Socialize and sip cocktails while a master artist guides us step-by-step to create a work of art! We’ll go home with a masterpiece.

No art experience or materials needed—canvas, paints and brushes will be supplied.

PaintNite will donate a portion of ticket sales to the Forest Hills Jewish Center Nursery School. Friends and family welcome—adults only.

Check the calendar and join the fun!
Allowing children to do for themselves sometimes makes more work for us. It is very important for parents to let young children make mistakes and then learn from them. It is often hard to watch our children struggle and learn from their mistakes. We need to let them try to do as much as they can for themselves so they can learn to be independent and function on their own.

Learning to recognize their mistakes helps children grow, which is essential for them. Parents and caregivers try to protect their children, but if they aren’t allowed to make mistakes they become fearful of making decisions and are hesitant to solve problems and try new experiences.

We want to promote resilience in our children. Resilient children make mistakes and learn to move on. The best way we can go about this is by reminding children that we aren’t perfect and everyone makes mistakes. This is how we all learn.

By reminding children of their accomplishments we take the focus away from the negative and put it on the positive. We have to give our children a chance to find solutions. It is sometimes hard not to give a solution but to allow them to figure it out by themselves. Parents can share their mistakes with their children and what they have learned from them.

Allowing children to make mistakes and learning from them promotes resilience and helps them to be successful in their future.

The Men’s Club holds its next open meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 8:00 PM at Carlos and Gabby’s Mexican restaurant on Main Street. This will be a meeting open to all. Come share Mexican food with friends. We will discuss our Man of the Year Award, our Bud Harrelson lunch, Men’s Club Shabbat and any new business that comes up.

On February 1, Super Bowl Sunday in the morning, we hold our annual World Wide Wrap in which we come together to teach how to lay tefillin. This year’s wrap will be held again in cooperation with the Hillcrest Jewish Center. Teach your children, learn yourself or help teach others how to wrap tefillin while having breakfast with friends. Watch for further details as to location. Also, the February open membership meeting will be February 12. Again, please mark your calendars and watch for details.

Finally, looking ahead, we are continuing to make plans to have Bud Harrelson, former New York Mets superstar shortstop come to the FHJC on March 22 in the morning.

Bob Koenigsberg, Men’s Club Co-President

What do Progresso, General Mills, Ziploc and Hanes have in common?

They are just some of the participating products in the Box Tops For Education program, one of America’s largest school earnings loyalty programs. Over 80,000 K-8 schools participate including the Forest Hills Jewish Center. Each box top is worth 10 cents for our nursery and Hebrew schools. Box Tops earnings are sent out twice per year, in December and in April.

I want to thank everyone who responded to my call for action and clipped, saved and dropped off their box tops in the FHJC Office last Fall. I am happy to report that we received a check for $227 which will benefit our nursery and religious school children. Our earnings goal this year is $1,000. Together, we can make that happen. Be sure to check the expiration date on your box tops before you submit them. The next deadline is March 2 so keep on clipping and thanks for supporting our schools.

Amy Manheim, Box Tops Coordinator

Our first Shabbat Teen Service will take place on January 10th to daven musaf together. Post B’nei Mitzvah teens will meet in the Youth Lounge after Rabbi Skolnik’s sermon (~11:20 am) and will enjoy a teens-only kiddush afterwards.

Please bring your enthusiasm and your ideas for future teen Shabbat morning programming.

Questions? Contact Ilana Altman ilana.altman@misys.com

FHJC Chesed Day—December 25—Volunteers spent time giving back to the community at Masbia in Queens and in Flatbush as well as delivering meals for Gods Love We Deliver. Thank you to all who participated and to David Zipkowitz for coordinating this important mitzvah day.
You may have never even heard of one of the more important institutions of the Conservative Movement, but it needs you now. Here in the United States, MERCAZ is the Zionist organization of the Conservative Movement. MERCAZ promotes and supports Zionist education, Israel programs and aliya within our movement. At the same time, MERCAZ represents the interests of Masorti Judaism and the worldwide Conservative/Masorti Movement in the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and in the Jewish Agency for Israel. Within those bodies, MERCAZ is the advocate to enhance the value of religious pluralism within Jewish life in Israel and the force that guarantees funding for religious streams in Israel in general and for the Masorti/Conservative movement in particular.

Here is how it works: The WZO and the Jewish Agency divide monies raised for Israel by local Federations. The apportionment of those monies is directly affected by the relative sizes of delegations from each Zionist organization. The more delegates we the Conservative Movement have in these bodies, and particularly within the World Zionist Congress, the more money our movement receives and the more say we have in ensuring that the flow of money and the guiding philosophy of the Jewish Agency supports our concerns for pluralism in Israeli society.

The size of the MERCAZ delegation is a direct result of votes in the World Zionist Congress election. The more that Conservative Jews vote, the more MERCAZ delegates are elected and the more representatives we have, the more money we are allocated and the more we can make a difference. The problem is that though Conservative Jews have historically led the way in their commitment to Zionism, we are not as strongly represented in the WZO as we should be, given the number of Conservative/Masorti Jews around the world.

That’s where you come in. The election for the 37th World Zionist Organization Congress is almost here. You can help MERCAZ increase the size of our delegation simply by registering with the American Zionist Movement, the US affiliate of the WZO, and then voting for MERCAZ delegates when you receive your ballot. Registering costs just $10.00. You can register by going to www.mercazusa.org and clicking on “Register” or completing a mail-in registration. Registration begins on January 13th and ends April 30th.

How much does your vote help? To date, MERCAZ has been securing annually on behalf of our movement $1.7 million of direct allocations to Masorti institutions in Israel, including funding for Masorti congregations, TALI (Masorti Public) Schools, USY’s Nativ Year Program, the Conservative Yeshiva, the Schechter Rabbinical School in Jerusalem and programs to promote outreach and pluralism. MERCAZ also has gained hundreds of thousands of additional dollars to support Conservative/Masorti educational projects around the world, including adult Jewish study in England and shlichim (Israeli representatives) to work with American Jewish teens. Most important MERCAZ has earned appointments to various committees and boards of the Jewish Agency that allow us direct influence in the decision-making process and in the distribution of millions of dollars in areas that are of direct concern to us.

Just think. You can achieve all that with just $10.00. Register now, and vote the MERCAZ slate – Slate #2 in the Zionist Congress election.

Rabbi Robert R. Golub
Director, MERCAZ USA
Schedule of Services
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**Sha'arit:**
- Weekdays: 7:00 AM
- Shabbat: 9:00 AM
- Sunday, and legal holidays: 8:20 AM

**Minha/Ma’ariv:**
- Weekdays: 7:30 PM
- Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: See calendar
- Saturday night, Sunday, and legal holidays: Sundown

Schedule of Children’s Services
- Junior Congregation: 10:15 AM - Noon — Little Synagogue
- Kids Kongregation: 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM — Room M4

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Please try to attend the minyan on the nights you attend those events. Thank you

**Congregational Kiddush Hosts**
Jan. 3—Alexandra and David Heitner in honor of the naming of their daughter.
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- **Minha/Ma’ariv:**
  - Weekdays: 7:30 PM
  - Shabbat: 6:45 AM
  - Tu B’Shevat: 5:26 PM

### Schedule of Children’s Services

**Junior Congregation & Clubs**

- 10:15 AM - Noon: Little Synagogue

**Kids Kongoregation**

- 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM: Room M4

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*ALL WEEKDAY EVENING EVENTS AND CLASSES ARE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:30 PM MINYAN, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. Please try to attend the minyan on the nights you attend those events. Thank you*
PULPIT FUND
Regina Geber in honor of the birth of Rabbi and Robin Skolnik’s granddaughter, Calanit
Lois Friedman in honor of Meir Toshav’s birthday
Roz Feuer in honor of Ruth Danis’ 90th birthday
Hilda, Rick, and Jonah Chusid and Greta Mares in honor of Lisl Topper’s special birthday
Joanne and Haskell Klaristenfeld in honor of Norman Gursen’s 80th birthday
Louis Jaari in honor of Judy and Matt Beizer’s 30th anniversary
Melanie and Martin Topol in honor of Judy and Matt Beizer’s 30th anniversary
Roz and Oskar Matzner in honor of Judy and Matt Beizer’s 30th anniversary
Miriam, Justin, Shelley, Ashley, and Ethan Weintraub in honor of Judy and Matt Beizer’s 30th anniversary
Susan and Alan Kirschner in gratitude to Norman Gursen for honors received
Susan and Alan Kirschner in gratitude to Judy Beizer for honors received
Marcia and Ellis Hittner in gratitude for honors received over the holidays
Charles Binder in gratitude to Azariah Eshkenazi for all his kindness
Senta Baum in gratitude to Martin Topol for honors received
Len and Diane Fogelman in gratitude to Norman Gursen for honors received
Regina Geber in gratitude to Norman Gursen for honors received

Maurice and Anita Miller wish mazel tov and great health to Florence Lotker
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Maurice and Anita Miller wish mazel tov and great health to Esther Wohlberger
Maurice and Anita Miller in memory of Ethel Ingberg, sister of Marty Elowitz
Anita, Janet & Kenneth, and Jeffrey & Jackie Spechler in memory of beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Paul Regina Geber in memory of her mother, Marta Geber (yahrzeit)
Gloria and Stanley Horowitz in memory of their beloved parents, Ruth and Harry Horowitz, and Helen and Louis Kaplan Geogette and Anthony Dankner in loving memory of her father, Alex Verebes
Ellen and Paul Walk in memory of Jean Biegelson
The following people have made donations in memory of Hy Campeas:
   - Esther and Ted Feldman
   - Ellen and Martin Elowitz
   - Miriam Weintraub
   - Barbara Kupferberg
   - Adam Banks and Rachel Lapidus in memory of Hy Cohen, father of Alyse Koenigsberg
   - Miriam, Justin, Shelley, Ashley, and Ethan Weintraub in memory of Walter Weintraub (2nd yahrzeit)
   - Roz Okun in memory of Melanie Krieger

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND
Rikki, Alissa, Paul, and Ari Chaskes in honor of Josh Leeman’s Bar Mitzvah
Pauline and Mark Raphael in honor of Josh Leeman’s Bar Mitzvah
Pauline, Mark, Melissa, Robbie, and Erica Raphael in honor of Judy and Matt Beizer’s special anniversary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

LEAH WEINBERG FUND
Lesley and Allen Kanter in memory of their dear friend, Michael Bernstein

CANTOR’S MUSIC FUND
Elaine Brill and family in memory of loving son, husband and father, Jan Brill

AG KRAUS FUND
Ruth Shulim in memory of Ethel Ingberg, sister of Marty Elowitz
Gloria and Stanley Horowitz in memory of Ethel Ingberg, sister and sister-in-law to Marty and Ellen Elowitz

KIDDUSH FUND
Monica, Ezra, Caroline, and Evelyn Lagnado in honor of Judy and Matt Beizer’s special anniversary

BIBLE FUND
Esther Feldman in memory of Elias Strauss (40th yahrzeit)
Ilana Bandel in memory of Elias Strauss (40th yahrzeit)
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Mazal Tov
...to those in our Center family who are celebrating a simha:
Ruth Waldman on the birth of her grandson, Liel Madison
Bernie Berko, Rolf David, Ruth Danis, Saul Diamond, Florence Lotker, Mena Rohkars, Ilse Seitenbach, Lisl Topper and Esther Wolberger on the celebration of their 90th birthdays
Rae & Gary Kerzner on the engagement of Rae’s daughter Rebecca Theise to Chaz Firestone
Efrat & Artem Golub on the birth of twin girls.

Hamakom Y’nahem
...may God grant comfort and consolation to those who have lost a loved one:
Marty Elowitz on the loss of his dear sister, Ethel Ingberg
Al Krieger on the loss of his dear wife, Melanie

We mourn the loss of our dear Center Members and friends
Joe Cynamonde, Dale Kaplan and Melanie Krieger
May their memories be for a blessing.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

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liberated is now 85. Once those first hand memories are gone, the problem
grows exponentially. Fifty years from now, someone looking back at the
events of the Shoah would have trouble believing they occurred, and frankly, I
can sympathize with that. (I am not talking about the Holocaust deniers who
have a different agenda.) A nation state built not a policy, not a business, but
an industry, a *profitable industry*, for the purpose of eliminating people who
were an “inconvenience”.

A healthy, sane mind, simply cannot comprehend the systematized evil that
occurred during the Shoah, and as a result there is a real risk that these
events will get minimalized, trivialized and reduced to an urban legend.

That can’t be allowed to happen, because if it does happen, the worst case
scenario is totally possible. As George Santayana said, “Those who cannot
remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Taking that to heart, we
now have a unique opportunity to make sure that this past is remembered.

(For the record, this isn’t solely a “Jewish” thing. Although Jews do tend to be
in the front row when victims are selected, it could happen to any group.)

I don’t delude myself into thinking that I can solve the world’s problems, but I
can certainly try to deal with them in my own part of the world. I am going to
try to construct an exhibit, either in the current building or the new one. I am
going to ask our membership to locate Shoah related items, especially docu-
ments, and lend them to that exhibit. Each time someone looks at that exhibit
and asks “what is that?” we win, and the memory is extended. We need to
keep this memory alive.

Stay warm, I hear a rumor that spring is coming.

Jack Gostl, President

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**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE — Shabbat Dinner Reservation — February 6**

**Reservations for Friday Night Dinner:**

- # of adults age 13 up at $30: _________
- # of children age 4–12 at $10: _________
- # of children age 3 & under free: _________

List All Names Please: ____________________________________________

Please seat me with ____________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

Email ____________________________________________________________

Total for dinner: $___________ # of Vegetarians ______

Enclosed is payment of $__________ for the Shabbat dinner.

Credit card info (MC or Visa)_________________________ exp _____________

sec. code___________ or enclose a check

Please return to the FHJC Office no later than Friday, January 30th.

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**Purim is Coming!**

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