

Message

THE FOREST HILLS JEWISH CENTER

FHJC ANNUAL SHABBATON

December 7-8, 2018

Shabbat Dinner

Keynote Presentation

Russian Jewry: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Congregational Cholent Kiddush

8 Sessions to Choose from on Shabbat

Seudat Shlishit learning with Rabbi Skolnik

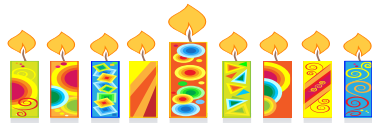
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Our hearts are broken for the victims of the Tree of Life Congregation.
May their memories be for a blessing.



LIGHTS & LATKES



Lights & Latkes

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

6:00 PM—7:30 PM

Communal Candle Lighting

Singing, Latkes & Sufganiyot



Cinamatek Forest Hills Presents

Bye, Bye, Germany

Saturday evening, November 17

8:00 PM

(\$10 –includes ticket, drink & snack)



Join the Forest Hills community for the

2018 INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 18—4:00 PM

Reform Temple of Forest Hills (71st Rd/ 112th St.)

Be there with the entire Forest Hills community to lift our voices as one in Thanksgiving prayer and song!

Refreshments following the service. Sponsored by the Forest Hills Interfaith Dialogue



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

What a Way to Start a Year

As most of you know, I take summer vacation in August, and it's always challenging, to put it mildly, to come back from a more restful, restorative time away directly into the seasonal angst and demanding schedule of the High Holiday season. This year it was particularly true, owing to the very early onset of Rosh Hashanah.

But adding still more craziness to the beginning of 5779, my daughter Talya's wedding on October 28 has taken me right from the High Holiday pressures into the admittedly more joyous, to be sure, but nonetheless real pressures of all that goes in to making a wedding. Thank God for Robin... always true, but particularly now.

I share all of this with you because, far more than usual, some of the activities that I usually move very quickly on, particularly Adult Education, are starting a bit more slowly this year. The world will surely go on, but I have discovered that there are only so many balls one can juggle at the same time...

There are, however, three upcoming events that I want to highlight.

On the Sunday morning of November 4, we will be sponsoring, along with four important Jewish communal organizations, a major program on depression- a follow-up to the sermon that I delivered last spring on how it had impacted my family, and how we in the synagogue world need to provide support for those among us who are struggling. I urge you to participate; it promises to be a memorable morning, and hopefully the beginning of an ongoing initiative on mental health support services in the FHJC.

On the Shabbat of November 10, it will be my pleasure and honor to welcome to the pulpit Ms. Gillian Caplin, a dear friend from London who serves at the President of Masorti Olami, the world-wide Masorti movement. During my tenure as RA President, Gillian and I worked closely, particularly on South America. She is in town for Masorti Olami's annual fundraising gala on November 10 (here is the link if you'd like to attend... it's a vitally important event for our movement around the world- <https://masortiolami.org/>

[purchase-journal-ad-for-2018-tribute-event/-](#) and I'm delighted that Gillian will be here in Forest Hills to update us on our efforts to be a spiritual force on the world scene.

And, last but not least, co-sponsored by our Sisterhood and the FHJC Adult Education Committee, I will be presenting a three-part program on Jewish law and practice related to visiting the sick, funeral, and mourning practices. The programs will take place on Monday evenings from 8-9:15 PM on November 19, December 17, and Sunday morning, 9-10:30 AM, January 6, 2019.

And coming down the road... a return to Thursday morning Talmud study!

It's all good; slowly but surely, 5779 is shaping up just fine!

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

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FHJC United Parents Book Fair

Sunday, November 18— 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Monday, November 19—9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Heller Ballroom



NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

Hazzan Henry R. Rosenblum

A few months ago I received an email from a young woman who introduced herself to me as a violinist who wanted to have herself recorded performing in what she called "the beautiful sanctuary she had heard about". I agreed to meet with Kinga Augustyn a few weeks later so she could see the shul and experience the acoustics of the sanctuary and so I could hear her play. We were both pleased far beyond our own expectations. Kinga said she would like to offer a free violin concert to the community in exchange for our permitting her to be filmed and recorded in the Ben Zion Bokser sanctuary and it was immediately obvious that this was a true win-win situation. We had nothing to lose and in truth, an amazing opportunity to be realized. So, I can now tell you that we are all invited to a violin recital of extraordinary quality on January 13th at 3:00pm. Ms. Augustyn also inquired if I knew of any solo violin music of Jewish content that she could include in the recital so I immediately shared some Klezmer volumes that I have in my office. It was at that moment that she revealed that she has some Jewish ancestry and I was not at all surprised.

I will include some of her biography below as well as a link to her website where you'll be able to read more about her and even hear and see some videos and recordings. I'm confident that once you hear her you will surely want to join us here for this unique gift to the entire Forest Hills community, from the oldest to the youngest. The only requirement is that you come prepared for an amazing afternoon of beautiful music.

Kinga Augustyn is a Polish-born and New York City-based versatile classical concert violinist and recording artist gaining worldwide recognition

through her performances as a concerto soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. She has been described as "an adventurous performer valuable to New York's scene" (NY Concert Review), "stylish and vibrant...playing with verve and superb control" (The Strad Magazine), and "beyond amazing, one hell of a violinist!" (The Fanfare Magazine). Her repertoire ranges from early baroque, which she sometimes performs on a baroque violin, to modern, oftentimes written especially for her. She is known for unique programming of unaccompanied solo violin recitals.

<https://kingaagustyn.com/about/>

B'Shalom,
Hazzan Henry Rosenblum

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 2** Family Shabbat Dinner
- November 4** Understanding Depression
- November 18** Hanukkah Book Fair
Torah Fund Breakfast
Teen Masbia Volunteer Project
Interfaith Service
- November 30** Teen Shabbat Dinner

DECEMBER EVENTS

- December 2** First Night Hanukkah
- December 4** Lights and Latkes
- December 7-8** Shabbaton
- December 12** Men's Club Islanders Outing
- December 15** Rock and Roll Night
- December 25** FHJC Chesed Project

Understanding Depression—How Our Synagogues Can Help Sunday, November 4—9:30 –12:30 PM

Keynote:

Dr. Sam Klagsbrun, a renowned New York psychiatrist, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and a founder and Executive Medical Director of the renowned Four Winds Hospital in Katonah, New York. His presentation will be titled "Understanding Depression." Following his presentation and some time for Q and A, Center member **Steven Topal** will share with us how depression tragically affected his family growing up. This is the first time that Steve is speaking about this publicly, and we are deeply grateful to him for his courage, and also for enabling us to plan this program with the underwriting of the Arlene Topal Creative Arts Fund. There will be time for Q and A following his presentation as well.

Breakout Sessions:

Individuals struggling with depression: Jonathan Katz

Mr. Jonathan Katz, LCSW, Director of the Rita J. Kaplan Community Services for the Jewish Board, will lead the session for individuals who may be struggling themselves;

Parents with Depressive Children or Family Members: Dr. Ariela Frieder

Dr. Ariela Frieder, a Center member and psychiatrist who has extensive experience in treating depression and is now the physician in charge of perinatal programs at Zucker Hillside Hospital, part of the Northwell Health Network, will lead the group for families with depressive children or other family members;

Geriatric Depression: Dr. Heidi Mandel

Dr. Heidi Mandel, the Social Work Supervisor at the Jewish Board, will lead the session on geriatric depression.



THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The Chagim Sisterhood on Wednesday to mark Rosh Hodesh Heshvan, Daytime Readers book discussion on Thursday afternoon, also brought to us by Sisterhood, and finally kicked off our busy calendar at FHJC with an Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat on

Friday evening. Rather than greeting 'shuled-out' faces, we welcomed families eager to share an energetic service, complete with live musicians and shakers and tambourines for all. No one shushes children at this service, and each is engaged, from those who can barely crawl to the older children charged with collecting the instruments as the sun sets and the soothing calm of Shabbat takes over. It was a great favorite to start off our 'regular' year of programming.

The following week you could fill your calendar with FHJC activities – informal Torah study with Rabbi David Cavill on Monday evening (BYOB to enhance your study of Torah!), an evening dedicated to Breast Cancer awareness brought to us by

Sisterhood on Wednesday to mark Rosh Hodesh Heshvan, Daytime Readers book discussion on Thursday afternoon, also brought to us by Sisterhood, and finally our new 'Lit and Learn', a spin-off of our long-standing Shabbat Hebrew Literature Group, brought to us by Mitchell Frank and Lisa Levy, had their inaugural meeting on Shabbat. All in one week!

Despite the Chagim eating up most of our weekdays for a while, we had a pretty busy September. Both of our schools opened, and held social functions so returning families and new joiners could meet in a relaxed setting. Our Nursery had a 'field day' at Cunningham Park, while our Religious School had an opening day ceremony and breakfast at FHJC. Our favorite events in the Sukkah – the annual Sukkot Luncheon, Men's Club BBQ, Nursery School breakfast and Religious School Taco night all managed to stay dry.

Our favorite programs are returning – Cinematek Forest Hills will bring us a whole new line-up of Jewish-oriented films that have been featured in Jewish Film Festivals, usually once a month, Israeli Dancing with Dancing Danny meets on

Tuesday evenings, Yoga with Lorain meets on Wednesday evenings, Balance and Posture on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Nagillah rehearsals on Sunday mornings. Soon we will hear our Coffee House performers practice, practice, practice, while committees plan our upcoming Family Shabbat Dinner, Lights and Latkes and our Shabbaton.

Everything we offer at our synagogue requires the support of our professional staff, volunteers, maintenance and security. We have a single appeal each year to our membership, the night of Kol Nidre. To those who already provided their financial support, thank you. To those who have not yet pledged, our Kol Nidre appeal remains open through December.

There is a rhythm to our year, and with the summer and Chagim behind us, we are in full swing. Read our electronic Shabbat Shalom on Thursdays, our print version on Shabbat or listen to our weekly bima announcements. There is a lot going on at FHJC – attend a class, exercise, join a book review. Take in all we have to offer!

Ilana Altman, President



ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Skolnik will be teaching a three part series called: "On Death And Dying." This topic was chosen in response to a request from Sisterhood. (See the Sisterhood

article elsewhere in this edition of the Message.) This is an important and difficult topic and Rabbi Skolnik has broken it into three separate topics. It is best discussed when people are not facing an immediate crisis in their lives. Please plan on joining this class which will take place over three sessions as outlined below. (Note that the third session is in conjunction with the annual Shiva Minyan Breakfast.)

- Bikkur Cholim and End of Life—Monday, November 19th from 8:00PM – 9:30PM
- The Jewish Funeral—Monday, December 17th from 8:00PM – 9:30PM
- The Laws of Mourning —Sunday, January 6th from 9:00AM – 10:30AM

Rabbi Skolnik will also be resuming his Thursday morning Talmud class in November. This class follows the 7:00AM morning minyan. Interested students gather in the Rabbi's Study and work their way through a section of Talmud. Coffee and bagels are provided. New participants are always welcome. The dates planned in the next two months are: November 1, 8, 15, & 29, and December 6 & 13.

Hazzan Rosenblum is planning to work on continuing basic Hebrew language skills. He is calling his class: **Ratchet up your Reading.** This class is designed to improve your reading and comprehension of the Hebrew of both the Siddur and the H-mash. The class will meet after 7:30PM evening minyan in the Hazzan's office on Tuesday nights, beginning October 23rd.

Rabbi David Cavill will be continuing the informal Torah Study sessions that he has been leading on the second Monday of every month immediately following the 7:30 evening minyan. Look for it on November 12 and December 10.

The new program, "Lit and Learn" had a very successful debut and a new session is being planned for November 17. The Hebrew Literature group will meet on Shabbat, December 22. Both

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EDUCATION

The FHJC Religious School and Nursery School both had smooth starts to the school year.

As I looked around the

Sanctuary on the first day of Religious School, at a gathering that included students, parents, teachers, the Rabbi and Hazzan, and FHJC staff, I could feel the excitement of starting a new school year. Jessica Braginsky welcomed the families and officially kicked off the year. The Rabbi and Hazzan added their welcome as well, and led everyone in song. After the children left with their teachers to go to their classrooms, the parents participated in a Back to School Breakfast in the Youth Lounge. It was a great opportunity for them to reconnect with one another, make new friends, and plan for the coming year.

Speaking as a parent, it is exciting to see my daughter starting a new year at the FHJC. Eliana has been part of the FHJC schools since she was less than two years old. She has developed her own friendships, built her own community, and she loves spending time at FHJC.

In the Nursery School, Lynn Fisher and Iris Chomsky spent the summer planning and making sure that it would be another rewarding year. On September 16, the Nursery School held its Welcome Back Picnic in Cunningham Park in Fresh Meadows. The weather was beautiful and parents, teachers, and children all had a great time! The event really helped get the school year off to a great start.

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, families were invited to Junior Congregation and Kids Kongregation. Thank you to Marcy Mirkin who led Kids Kongregation during the holidays. Thank you to Felicia and Ben Leeman who led Junior Congregation during the holidays. Thank you to Josh Leeman, Sarah Zipkowitz, and Sam Leifer

who led Junior Congregation on the first day of Sukkot.

Both schools celebrated Sukkot by inviting families into the sukkah. The Nursery School shared breakfast with the families and the Religious School families gathered for dinner. We began our celebration of Simchat Torah with an ice cream party. After a special Hakofot for children, families enjoyed ice cream and other treats in the back of the Ballroom. Thank you to the Pollack family for sponsoring the ice cream party. It was wonderful to see so many families dancing with the Torahs.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- On November 2, please join United Parents and the Nursery and Religious Schools for Family Shabbat. Following Services, we will enjoy a traditional Shabbat Dinner together. Please make your reservation and don't miss this amazing program.
- On November 18, support United Parents at the annual Scholastic Book Fair and do a little shopping for Chanukah!
- On December 4, please join us to celebrate Chanukah at Lights and Latkes.

Please join our FHJC community every Shabbat. Junior Congregation and Kids Kongregation meet weekly. Morah Riki will continue to lead the Kids Kong services for our youngest children. Marcy Mirkin and Aaron Yavelberg will continue to lead Junior Congregation for the older children. This is a great way to meet new families.

I would like to thank everyone for their support as we began our school year. I appreciate all the feedback I have received so far and look forward to making this a successful year.

Randi Zwick-Marks
Vice President, Education



KOL NIDRE 2018

Dear Friends,

As Vice-President of Fundraising, on behalf of the Kol Nidre Committee, I hope that you found purpose and spiritual inspiration during this past holiday season. Although the High Holidays may seem light years away, the Kol Kidre campaign is still underway.

Our synagogue not only provides a place of worship, but a place to celebrate life's milestones and to comfort us when we are suffering. For many of us, coming to *shul on Shabbat allows us greet our friends to catch each other after a busy week. We educate our children, provide learning opportunities for adults and engage in making the world a better place by providing social action programs. We strive to look forward without forgetting our history.*

As an organization, we are committed to living within our means. Our expenses are monitored closely and we are fortunate to have thriving early childhood and religious school programs. Additionally, our current space has afforded us the ability to generate income from excess spaces in the building. However, our operating budget reflects the challenging economic times in which we live. Dues represent less than fourteen percent of our budget, and thus we rely on your generosity for financial security and stability.

"Hineni" or "Here I am" resonates with me as much as the sound of the Shofar on the High Holidays. As individuals we can each make a difference by accepting the challenge of maintaining the financial security of our synagogue. The Kol Nidre committee made an effort to reach each of you to request your participation in our annual campaign. Every member has been requested to donate to the best of their ability. Every donation, no matter what the amount, is greatly appreciated. FHJC is an organization that is fortunate to have so many committed members. Volunteering remains part of our fabric, as does financially supporting our shul. But to continue to be a vibrant synagogue community, I ask each of you to say these words and make FHJC your top charitable donation. As members of this community, each of us can make a difference. Please answer the call and be counted as a supporter of FHJC.

Recognizing that we are often busy juggling various responsibilities in our lives, the Kol Nidre Committee reached out to members by telephone and email. We found that the email follow-up was often

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Education and Engagement

Jessica Braginsky

On October 12, the New York Times published an op ed piece by David Brooks that focuses on a new anthology, "The Crisis of Connection." The articles in the book point out that young girls and boys are innately open, emotional and care about connecting with others. As they enter their teen years, this changes because of the societal messages about how men and women should behave. David Brooks points out that college students were 40% less empathetic in 2010 than in 1980; that 39% of college students reported feeling depression and anxiety and there has been a startling rise in teen suicide rates. Thankfully, there are ways to battle this crisis. Scientists are now studying well-being and learning that there are things we can do to flourish and to help our children flourish in these difficult times.

The surprising thing is that many of the things that help us flourish are already happening in Religious School. Research shows that there are 5 routes to well-being: positive emotion, engagement, meaning, positive relationships and accomplishment. In this article we will look at positive relationships and how they are fostered in Judaism and in our FHJC Religious School in particular. Judaism is replete with examples of how to foster relationships: from the idea that one cannot have a full worship service without a minyan of 10 people, to the Torah's command that we befriend the stranger in Deuteronomy 10:19, to advice of our contemporary sage Ron Wolfson on the [spirituality of being welcoming](#). FHJC's program on Understanding Depression is a wonderful example of a Jewish institutional response to

combating the isolation and pain of mental illness including a special track for families with children through teens.

At FHJC Religious School, we recently held a morning of family learning for our Gimel class students and their parents. Here, parents had a chance to create deep connections with each other and their children as they discussed what "l'dor v'dor/from generation to generation" means to them. Our teachers are remarkable modelers of positive relations. Several of our Religious School graduates have told me how they felt that our 6th grade teacher (and fellow FHJC congregant) Karen Stein, "really cared about us, the students."

Recently we instituted chuggim/elective for our 5th-7th graders for the last 45 minutes on Sundays. Teachers get to share a passion of theirs through the lens of Judaism and students get to choose what course they would like to take. These informal environments foster friendships between grades and as a bonus some students are learning about Jewish mindfulness or discussing gender in a Jewish context, things that will enhance their own resiliency. Finally, our Hebrew Academy 1st and 2nd graders are hosting our Religious School Kindergarteners for a celebration of Shabbat. Besides learning that challah is delicious and lighting Shabbat candles is beautiful, they are all learning how to be gracious hosts and guests.

I look forward to continuing this important discussion of how Judaism provides powerful tools to help your family thrive at our Shabbaton in December.

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**The Sisterhood of
The Forest Hills Jewish Center
Torah Fund Campaign
Brunch**

Featuring Guest Speaker
Jessica Braginsky, Director of Education
and Engagement

Celebrating Our Woman of Achievement
Anise Parnes
Past Sisterhood President

Sunday, November 18—10:00 AM
Reservation: \$54

Couvert: \$18, minimum suggested donation
RSVP by Monday, November 12

Event Chairwomen:

Anne Frankel and Shirley Rossman-Zucker

a better way to get our message out. A number of members took advantage of the PayPal option instead of sending a paper check to the office. Many members appreciated the option of making a pledge with a "click of their mouse!"

For those of you who have already made your 2018 Kol Nidre donations or submitted your pledges, thank you for your generosity. If you have not made a Kol Nidre pledge in the past, we hope you are convinced that supporting our synagogue is a worthwhile endeavor. For those of you who have given in the past, but have not contributed this year, please support us again. We hope you will also consider "moving up" to the next level of support. To make your donation, contact the office ([718 263 7000 x203](tel:7182637000)) or go to our website to make your donations and, please answer this call of "Hineni!"

May 5779 bring happiness, peace, good health and friendship to our entire FHJC community.

With warm regards and many thanks,

Deborah Ball-Witlin, Vice President, Fundraising

Rae These Kerzner and Steve Goffner, Kol Nidre Appeal Co-Chairs

News from Nursery School

Lynn Fisher and Iris Chomsky



November and December are very busy months for the children of the Nursery and Pre-K for All programs. The holidays that we celebrate in these months give us a wonderful opportunity to teach our children Jewish values.

The children have finished celebrating and preparing for the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. The Sukkot holiday was a very good segue for learning about Thanksgiving. They are both connected to the harvest and giving thanks to G-d. While the children will be learning about turkeys, pumpkins and cranberries, they will also be learning about the deeper meaning of the holiday. The Morahs will be focusing on the importance of giving thanks and modeling it in the classroom. They will be learning about sharing with people that are less fortunate than they are, and will continue to learn about sharing with their friends.

In Kislev, we celebrate Hanukkah, The Festival of Lights. The word Hanukkah has the same root as the word Chinuch. Chinuch means to educate. The Gemara teaches us that on Hanukkah we light one candle on the first night, and an additional candle each subsequent night. It is the same with Chinuch. We have to keep adding on to what we have already taught. The more we enhance the child's experience, the more they will learn and remember.

Just as each candle on the Hanukkah is special, so is each of our children. As the teachers are getting to know your child, they are discovering all of their strengths, as well as ways they can be of help to your child. They are made to feel comfortable and happy in school because they are being treated as special individuals. Our Morahs are teaching by example and by developing meaningful relationships with the children.

As parents, you have the strongest influence on your children. You can continue instilling the deep meaning of these holidays at home. Having the children contribute to a food drive and having them light their own Hanukkiot are just some simple ways that you can enhance the holidays.

Have a meaningful Thanksgiving and a very Happy Hanukkah.

Kadima & FHJC Teens/ USY Upcoming Events

FHJC Youth kicked off the year in October with Win, Lose or Draw! Our Kadima & Teens/USY group had a great time and laughed a lot as they used their artistic abilities to help their team guess the clue. In October, several FHJC teens participated in the METNY Freshfest making new friends and Leadership Training Day where they honed their skills. Together with Hebrew High, we travelled to Temple Emanu-El to see Alan Dershowitz and Joe Lieberman put Noah on Trial. (He was found not guilty of crimes against humanity!) Later in October, our Kadima group got together for the annual Cupcake Wars, using their culinary talents to create the most attractive dessert treats! It's been a great start to the year and we're excited for the year to come! Karen & Adam



Grades 5-7

6:00—7:30 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday, November 8
Thursday, November 29
Thursday, December 13

For More Information,
Contact Adam at
FHJC.Kadima@gmail.com

SEEKING DONATIONS & UPCOMING TEEN EVENTS

DONATE:

Comfort Cases for children going to foster care. From **now through November 8** we are collecting —Small duffel bag or backpack, pajamas (2T-9), small blanket, youth toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, lotion, soap or body wash, stuffed animal(s), coloring book & crayons, book(s). (Toiletries should all be travel size please!)

Transition House from **November 18 through December 2** we are joining Sisterhood for a drive for **holiday gifts for teens**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday, Nov 18 — 1:00-3:00 PM — Masbia Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day
Friday, November 30 — Kabbalat Shabbat & Teen Shabbat Dinner
Sunday, December 2 — USY's Sababa Skates (Bryant Park)
Sunday, December 16-6:00-7:30 PM-Hanukkah's Over Hanukkah Party

For more information
contact Karen at FHJCTeens@gmail.com



FHJC TEENS/ USY IS OPEN TO ALL IN GRADES 8-12



FHJC SHABBATON

Join our community as we come together to celebrate Shabbat

**Reservations
required for
dinner,
all classes and
childcare.**



Friday Night, December 7

5:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv in the Estelle Feiner Crystal Room
Following services, there will be a traditional Shabbat dinner (*by reservation only*)
7:45 PM Keynote Presentation— **Russian Jewry: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**— (*open to all*)
We will join Hazzan Rosenblum in singing Zemirot throughout the evening.
Friday night Dinner reservations: Age 13 and up—\$30 per person / Age 4-12—\$12 per person

Saturday, December 8

Shabbat services at 9:00AM followed by a Cholent Kiddush in the Heller Family Ballroom
8 different classes to choose from for afternoon study (**Childcare** available)
3:50PM early Mincha. Rabbi Skolnik will give the final presentation during Seudah Sh'lishit
(the third meal of Shabbat)
We will conclude Shabbat with Ma'ariv at 5:30PM and a musical Havdalah and lighting of the
7th Chanukkah candle

Friday night Keynote Presentation: *Russian Jewry: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

Yesterday: *A brief sketch of Russian Jewish history since 1880.*

Today: *Thoughts, observations and analysis of the current status of Russian Jewry based on our recent trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg.*

Tomorrow: *What the future holds for Russian Jewry as seen in my crystal ball.*

Primary Presenter will be **Jay Luger** with help from **Zita Goldfinger** and **Hilda Chusid**.
With a special presentation by Alla Roytberg: My Childhood in Soviet St. Petersburg

Jay Luger is a veterinarian and Jewish history educator. Hilda Chusid is a social worker.

Zita Goldfinger is a veterinarian and science teacher.

Jay, Hilda and Zita (along with Rick Chusid) have recently returned from a trip intended to teach American Jews about the current status of the Russian Jewish community.

Alla Roytberg is an attorney and mediator who was born in Russia and came to this country with her family at age 14.

All are long-time members of FHJC who raised their families in our community.

The Shabbaton expenses are sponsored by some of our members. The list will be available on the day of the program.

RSVP by Tuesday, December 4 by returning the form to the FHJC Office, or online at www.FHJC.org/Shabbaton

FHJC SHABBATON

SESSION 1—Choose from A-D (1:30-2:15 PM)

A – Lenny Picker - Was Chanukah Really Celebrated At Valley Forge? Or, The Yiddish Are Coming, The Yiddish Are Coming - As we celebrate a victory over tyranny, let's review the role American Jewry played in the Revolutionary War. Were all Jews supporters of the rebels? How did involvement with the Revolution correlate with level of religious observance, affluence, profession, or country of origin? Was Chanukah really celebrated at Valley Forge, and did it actually inspire George Washington at his hour of greatest need? **Lenny Picker** is an extreme reader, life-long learner, writer, lecturer, investigator, attorney, and mediocre chef.

B – Nora Lee Mandel - Hasidim in the House: Recent Portrayals of the Ultra-Orthodox In Movies - Recent portrayals in Israeli and U.S. films of today's Ultra-Orthodox/Hasidim/Haredim may help us to understand them and hopefully reach out in real life. **Nora Lee Mandel** has been a film critic for a dozen years, particularly covering movies of Jewish and women's interest.

C – Jessica Braginsky - Judaism: the Happiness Life Hack - Studies show that people are becoming less empathetic, sadder and more anxious. Scientists are finding signs of serious depression in younger and younger children. Explore the alignment of new positive psychology and ancient Jewish wisdom that can help you and your family thrive. **Jessica Braginsky** is the new FHJC Director of Education and Engagement. She has been a Jewish education leader for over 10 years. Jessica has a Masters in Jewish Education from JTS and has honed her parenting skills raising her 4 sons.

D – Eric Greenberg - Jews and Catholics: The Unfinished Agenda – Just over 50 years ago, the Vatican adopted the historic document Nostra Aetate. It called for a new and improved relationship between Catholics and Jews after a horrifying 2,000 year relationship of persecution and murder of Jews by Christians. There has been some success yet many, of both faiths, remain unaware of this transformation, which is a model for religious reconciliation. Explore Nostra Aetate, the changes in the Jewish Catholic dialogue, and how much more work is left to be done. **Eric Greenberg** is a national award-winning investigative newspaper reporter with expertise in religion and environmental issues. He is currently is Director of Public Affairs for the Center for Interreligious Understanding.

SESSION 2—Choose from E-H (3:00-3:45 PM)

E – Marcia Belgorod - Emma Lazarus and The New Colossus: An Exploration - Speakers often quote "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus when discussing immigration. However, there is more to the poem than a few well-known lines. Emma Lazarus was more than the author of a single poem. We will talk about her short life and then review the full text of the poem. **Marcia Kaplan Belgorod** is the Co-President of FHJC Sisterhood. Marcia has a long-standing interest in New York history and women's history which has been demonstrated every year with the Eshet Chayil presentation on Sisterhood Shabbat.

F – Rabbi Chana Thompson-Shor - Views into an ancient "Bromance": David and Jonathan - The relationship between the biblical David and Jonathan is generally presented, in the Jewish tradition, as a model friendship. Were David and Jonathan (just) the best of friends? We will look at the context in the book of Samuel, and explore different views of this key relationship to discover what may be behind the scenes. **Rabbi Chana Thompson Shor** was ordained from JTS in 1995, where she went on to complete "about half" of an advanced degree in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Languages.

G – David Snyder - Thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of seed: Halacha of GMOs, grafting and other agricultural practices - While farming is not stereotypically a "Jewish" profession agriculture is one focus of Jewish law. "Thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of seed" prohibits what the Mishna calls "Kilayim" or "mixtures". Agricultural traditions such as letting fields lay fallow for Sabbatical years are forward thinking. But modern agricultural practices (grafting different trees together, intercropping, and the creation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)) - all seem to create prohibited mixtures. Are ecologically responsible and scientifically sound agricultural practices actually prohibited? **David Snyder**, a biochemist and Professor of Chemistry at William Paterson University, will briefly introduce some of the relevant Halacha and how it actually applies both within and outside of the land of Israel.

H – Rabbi David Cavill - Aleinu - On Shabbat, holidays, or ordinary weekday, one prayer is always recited – Aleinu. Even those who come late to services, arrive in time for Aleinu. Other than Kaddish, it is our most recited prayer. Rabbi Cavill will lead an exploration of Aleinu that will touch on the historical, theological, and literary. **David Cavill** was ordained as a rabbi in April 2017 at the Academy for Jewish Religion. He earned the degree of Master of Divinity at Yale University and completed the Jewish Theological Seminary's undergraduate Joint Program with Columbia University. David currently works as the Controller of New York City Audubon Society and has a background in nonprofit management.

Childcare/ Babysitting will be available!

**Special Kids Kongregation on Dec. 8.
Watch for details on listserve.**

FHJC SHABBATON

Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 4, 2018, for all parts of the Shabbaton.
 Thanks to our generous sponsors, there is no charge for the Shabbaton, except for Shabbat dinner.
 Please use this form to sign up for the dinner and/or the Shabbat afternoon sessions and childcare.

Or, register online at www.FHJC.org/Shabbaton.

Family reservations for Friday Night Dinner:



of adults age 13 up at \$30: _____
 # of children age 4–12 at \$12: _____
 # of children age 3 & under free: _____

List first name & last name of all participants please:

Address _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Total for dinner: \$ _____ Handicap Access Required ___yes ___no # of Vegetarians _____ # of GF _____

Please seat me with: _____

Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ for the Shabbat dinner. _____ # Children needing childcare during presentation

Credit card info (MC or Visa) _____ exp _____ or enclose a check payable to FHJC.

Shabbat afternoon session reservations: Please list each family member separately:

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Additional donation to help defray the extra costs of the Shabbaton: \$ _____

Please send this form with your payment (if attending the Shabbat dinner) to
 the Forest Hills Jewish Center, 106-06 Queens Blvd, Forest Hills, NY 11375 attn: Shabbaton



SISTERHOOD

This is the time for our FHJC family. We celebrate

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah at home with family,

whether we have a large extended family or a small nuclear family. The media usually portray families of two or more generations seated around a bountiful table, but families today come in all different shapes and sizes. Some are family by blood; others are family by choice. Still others are those we consider family because they are part of our community, like our FHJC family. Regardless of why and how they are family and whether we agree with them or are infuriated by them, let's give thanks for all of our families this year.

At our family celebrations, we often recognize those who are no longer present. We at FHJC Sisterhood want to give thanks to all of those who donated to the fund memorializing our past-president, Ruth Shulim, z"l, in the Book of Remem-

brance. Ruth was a powerful voice within our FHJC family. Your generous responses to the memorial fund prove that she will be remembered for years to come.

How to remember Ruth became clear to us after some discussion, but often when a family member reaches the end of life, we are unsure of our obligations. We don't all know what is required of us as Jews. To help and support the FHJC community at such times, Sisterhood and Adult Education are sponsoring a three-part series of mini-modules with Rabbi Skolnik called "On Death and Dying."

- Bikkur Cholim and End of Life—Monday, November 19th from 8:00 – 9:30 PM.
- The Jewish Funeral —Monday, December 17th from 8:00 – 9:30 PM.
- The Laws of Mourning —Sunday, January 6th from 9:00-10:30 AM.

On a different note, we also like to celebrate living family members who shine. Please celebrate with the Sisterhood family on Sunday morning, November 18, as we honor Anise Parnes, Past Sisterhood

President, current Sisterhood Torah Fund Vice President and BQLI Region President of Women's League. Please contact Torah Fund Co-Chair, Shirley Rossman Zucker, for more information and to make a reservation.

Continuing with the theme of family, Sisterhood will recognize Jewish Book Month with a book about a well-known family. On November 29, Robin Skolnik will lead us in a discussion of *Famous Father Girl*, a memoir by Jamie Bernstein, daughter of Leonard Bernstein. We hope to see you there.

On Thursday, December 19 at 1:30 pm, our Daytime Readers Group will discuss *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles, a portrait of New York in the 1930's. Although it may not be about family, it deals with relationships and touches on how they are affected by families. This group is open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books. Join in for a lively conversation.

Also, while we are with our families this year, let's think about families that may

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A MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

It's hard to believe that it's almost November. It seems like it was last week that members of the FHJC Men's Club were standing by the doors of the

shul, handing out sweet-tasting chocolate bars on Rosh Hashanah and decorating our sukkah before the festival of Sukkot began. As is our custom and pleasure, the Men's Club hosted a BBQ in the sukkah one evening during Sukkot.

Despite the few drops of rain, everyone enjoyed the food, the company, and the time spent in our beautiful FHJC sukkah. No one went home hungry; and, we are already looking forward to next year's event.

Our next scheduled event, on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM., is an outing

to Barclay's Center to enjoy a New York Islander's hockey game against the Stanley Cup finalist, Vegas Golden Knights. Each person attending the game with our group will receive a free, replica New York Islander's jersey. All may attend. Anyone interested in joining us, should contact Gary Weil, at Geedubs1953@gmail.com for more information with respect to ticket prices, seating level.

Three days later, on Saturday night, December 15th, at 8:00 PM, please join us for an evening of Rock N Roll. The well-known band, RockHouse, will be playing our favorite, oldies tunes. Snacks and soft drinks are included in the \$ 20.00 ticket price. Remember, if you purchase three tickets, you will receive a fourth one free. Please visit <https://conta.cc/2xUZif6> to make your reservations and payments by December 7th.

In addition to the above, on a Sunday morning, in either late November, or early December, we plan on having a Hearing Men's Voices conversation entitled, "Keeping our post-Bar and Bat Mitzvah children involved in Judaism in a non-Jewish world.." I know that January 2019 seems far off; but trust me, it is coming quickly. Please save the dates for our:

- Children's Havdalah on Saturday night, January 5
- Shiva Minyan Breakfast, on Sunday, January 6
- FHJC's Coffee House extravaganza on Saturday night, January 12

Hope to see you at these events!

Warren Wankoff, President

FHJC Men's Club

Schedule of Services

Unless otherwise indicated, our regular schedule of services is as follows:

Shaharit:

Weekdays.....7:00 AM
 Shabbat9:00 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

Thank you to our Congregational Kiddush Hosts

November 10— Lottie & Henry Burger are sponsoring the kiddush in honor of the babynaming of their great granddaughter

November 17— Temma & Al Kingsley, in honor of Temma receiving her honorary doctorate from JTS

~ November 2018 / Cheshvan-Kislev 5779~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday morning, Nov 4 at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour.				1 23rd of Cheshvan 7:30a Rabbi's Talmud Class 8p Sisterhood Board Mtg.	2 24th of Cheshvan 5:30p Family Shabbat and Dinner 5:33p Candle Lighting	3 25th of Cheshvan Parashat Chayei Sara 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation 3p Play in the Gym
4 26th of Cheshvan 2a Daylight Savings Ends 9a Nagillah 9a Understanding Depression 4:35p Evening Services	5 27th of Cheshvan	6 Election Day 28th of Cheshvan Election Day - No RS Nursery School 1/2 Day 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class 7:50p Dancing Danny 8p Improving Your Hebrew (Hazzan)	7 29th of Cheshvan 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class	8 30th of Cheshvan Rosh Chodesh Kislev 6:45a Rosh Hodesh Kislev 7:30a Rabbi's Talmud Class 6p Kadima	9 1st of Kislev USY Fall Kinnus (Offsite) 6:45a Rosh Hodesh Kislev 4:25p Candle Lighting 4:25p Kabbalat Shabbat	10 2nd of Kislev Parashat Toldot 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation
11 Veterans' Day 3rd of Kislev 9a Nagillah	12 4th of Kislev 8p Torah Study with Rabbi Cavill	13 5th of Kislev 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class 7:50p Dancing Danny 8p Improving Your Hebrew (Hazzan)	14 6th of Kislev 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class	15 7th of Kislev 7:30a Rabbi's Talmud Class 8p Board of Trustees Meeting	16 8th of Kislev 4:19p Candle Lighting 4:20p Kabbalat Shabbat	17 9th of Kislev Parashat Vayetzei 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation 1p Lit & Learn 3p Play in the Gym 8pm Cinematek
18 10th of Kislev 9a Book Fair 9a Nagillah 10a Torah Fund Brunch 1pm FHJC Teens/USY @Masbia 4p Thanksgiving Interfaith Service (@Reform Temple)	19 11th of Kislev 9a Book Fair 8p Rabbi Skolnik class (Sisterhood/Adult Ed)	20 12th of Kislev 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class 7:50p Dancing Danny 8p Improving Your Hebrew (Hazzan)	21 13th of Kislev 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class	22 Thanksgiving Day 14th of Kislev Thanksgiving - Building Closed 8:20a Shacharit 4:20p Ma'ariv	23 15th of Kislev 4:14p Candle Lighting 4:15p Kabbalat Shabbat	24 16th of Kislev Parashat Vayishlach 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation
25 17th of Kislev No Religious School/ No Heb Academy 9a Nagillah	26 18th of Kislev	27 19th of Kislev 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class 7:50p Dancing Danny 8p Improving Your Hebrew (Hazzan)	28 20th of Kislev 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class	29 21st of Kislev 7:30a Rabbi's Talmud Class 6p Kadima	30 22nd of Kislev 4:10p Kabbalat Shabbat 4:11p Candle Lighting Teen Shabbat Dinner	



January 12, 2019

7:30 PM

RSVP by January 7

\$20 per person (No charge for children 11 and under)

Mark Your Calendar

Chesed Committee—December 25 Project

The Chesed Committee is happy to announce that its next chesed events will take place on December 25, 2018. FHJC volunteers will be going to the Central Queens Y to serve meals and the Young Israel of Forest Hills Annex to work with seniors. Adults and children are welcome. You can get more details or sign up by contacting Susie Spodek at 147sunshine@gmail.com or Laura Marks at ljmarks@gmail.com

~ December 2018 / Kislev- Tevet 5779 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 23rd of Kislev Parashat Vayeshev Shabbat M'va'r'chim 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation 3p Play in the Gym
2 Hanukkah 24th of Kislev 9a Hebrew Academy Chanukah Celebration 9a Nagillah USY Ice Skating Hanukkah: 1 Candle	3 Hanukkah 25th of Kislev 6:45a Shacharit Hanukkah: 2 Candles	4 Hanukkah 26th of Kislev 6:45a Shacharit 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class Hanukkah: 3 Candles 6p Lights and Latkes 8p Improving Your Hebrew (Hazzan)	5 Hanukkah 27th of Kislev 6:45a Shacharit 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class Hanukkah: 4 Candles	6 Hanukkah 28th of Kislev 6:45a Shacharit 7:30a Rabbi's Talmud Class Hanukkah: 5 Candles	7 Hanukkah 29th of Kislev 6:45a Shacharit Hanukkah: 6 Candles 4:10p Candle Lighting 4:10p Kabbalat Shabbat	8 Hanukkah 30th of Kislev Parashat Miketz Shabbat Chanukah & Shabbat Rosh Hodesh 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation Hanukkah: 7 Candles
9 Hanukkah 1st of Tevet Rosh Hodesh Tevet 8:20a Shacharit 9a Nagillah 4:10p Ma'ariv Hanukkah: 8 Candles	10 Hanukkah (End) 2nd of Tevet 6:45a Shacharit 8p Torah Study with Rabbi Cavill	11 3rd of Tevet 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class 8p Improving Your Hebrew (Hazzan)	12 4th of Tevet 9a Nursery School Parent-Teacher Conferences 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class	13 5th of Tevet 7:30a Rabbi's Talmud Class 6p Kadima	14 6th of Tevet 4:10p Kabbalat Shabbat 4:11p Candle Lighting	15 7th of Tevet Parashat Vayigash 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation 3p Play in the Gym 7:30p Rock & Roll Night
16 8th of Tevet 9a Nagillah 6p Teen Lounge/USY	17 9th of Tevet 8p Rabbi Skolnik class (Sisterhood/Adult Ed)	18 10th of Tevet Asara B'Tevet 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class 8p Improving Your Hebrew (Hazzan)	19 11th of Tevet 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class	20 12th of Tevet 8p Board of Trustees Meeting	21 13th of Tevet 4:13p Candle Lighting 4:15p Kabbalat Shabbat	22 14th of Tevet Parashat Vayechi 8a Heb Literature 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation
23 15th of Tevet No Religious School/ No Heb Academy 9a Nagillah	24 16th of Tevet Nursery School Winter Break	25 17th of Tevet FHJC Office Closed No Religious School Nursery School Winter Break Chesed Project @ CQY	26 18th of Tevet Nursery School Winter Break 10:45a Sisterhood Balance Class	27 19th of Tevet Nursery School Winter Break	28 20th of Tevet Nursery School Winter Break 4:18p Candle Lighting 4:20p Kabbalat Shabbat	29 21st of Tevet Parashat Shemot 10:15a Junior Congregation 10:45a Kids Kongregation
30 22nd of Tevet No Religious School/ No Heb Academy 9a Nagillah	31 23rd of Tevet Nursery School Winter Break	<p>*ALL WEEKDAY EVENING EVENTS AND CLASSES ARE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:30 PM MINYAN, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.</p> <p>Please try to attend the minyan on the nights you attend those events. Thank you.</p>				

The 5779 FHJC Sukkah looked beautiful thanks to a terrific turnout of volunteers:

If we've misspelled a name, or if we've left out anyone, let us know so we can make the correction.

Thanks to the **educators and the students and their families in our Early Childhood and Religious schools** for enhancing the sukkah with their decorations.

Thanks to **Sisterhood** for providing the art supplies, garlands, and other "produce."

Thanks to **Men's Club** for providing all the snacks and beverages.

And very special thanks to our masterful Maintenance Staff for building a sukkah and hanging lights so the whole FHJC community can celebrate!

Dorrie Berkowitz, Membership Committee Co-Chair

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Shari Bennett	Elana Greenberg	Nelly and Eyva Rubinstein
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Regina Geber
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Gloria Horowitz - in honor of **Alyssa Pollack** being Kallat Bereishit
Marian & Martin Krasilovsky – in honor of **Alyssa Pollack** being Kallat Bereishit
Marian & Martin Krasilovsky – in honor of **Richard Chase** for being Hattan Torah
Tikva, Zahava Mahlab - in gratitude to **Norman Gursen, Judy Beizer & Martin Topol** for honors received on Sukkot
Deborah Ball Witlin & Andrew Witlin - in honor of **Zeke Silvera's** marriage
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Trudy Emanuel - in honor of the 35th Anniversary of **Teri and Steven Goffner**
Richard & Nancy Chase - in honor of the 50th Anniversary of **Jack and Judy Gostl**

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Tikva, Zahava, Hanna, Dorothy Mahlab - in gratitude to **Norman Gursen** for his kindness and friendship
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a full and speedy recovery to

Hal Berkowitz, Sybil Mailman, Allan Rolnick, Dan Shaham

Mazal Tov מזל טוב

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

to Rabbi and Robin Skolnik on the marriage of their daughter

Talya to Adam Dicterow

to Helaine & Joe Fox on the marriage of their daughter

Stephanie to Alex Branovan

to Bernie Berko on the occasion of his 95th birthday

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Michelle to Ofir Mazor

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Amy to Jared Newman

to Rachel & Mike Lebovich on the birth of their son

Hamakom Y'nachem המקום ינחם...

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

to Judy Zipkowitz on the loss of her dear father, Ephraim Leibowitz

to Pamela Goodman-Deutsch on the loss of her dear brother,

Howard E. Goodman

to Jennifer Taub on the loss of her dear father, Averill Williams

We mourn the loss of dear Center member David Kule

May their memories be for a blessing.

Ruth & Ron Greenberg
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memory of **Leah Weinberg**
Lesley & Allen Kanter - in
memory of **Stanley Horowitz**

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groups gather in Hazzan Rosenblum's office about 30 minutes after the end of services.

If you love the Shabbaton, the Scholar-in-Residence program and all of the other work of the Adult Education committee, please consider contributing to support its work and to provide the funding that allows the large kiddush luncheon to which the entire congregation is invited. Let Laurie Worthman or Judy Gostl know if you plan to contribute. We thank everyone who helps. We will be working on some new programs for the winter and spring. We appreciate your suggestions.

Judy Gostl and Lisa Levy, Chairs

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be divided or less advantaged. One way you can help other families is by contributing to Sisterhood's donation drive on behalf of the families at Transition House who have experienced domestic violence. We are holding our next drive November 18-December 2. Once again, we are seeking gifts for teenagers, who are often left out in the traditional holiday drives for children. Please look for flyers and the white box on the landing between the first and mezzanine floors.

Lastly, we want to celebrate a family birthday. Mathilde Schechter, who founded the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, was born on December 16, 1859. Happy 159th!

Debra and Marcia, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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