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THE BULLETIN

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Adar/Nisan 5780
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Coming Events

Rabbi's Classes

Mondays, From 10:00am to 11:00am

"Building a Relationship with God"

Wednesdays, From 10:00am to 11:00am

"The Book of Job"

Thursdays, From 7:00pm to 8:00pm

"Introduction to Judaism" continues through May 2020.

Monday, March 9

Purim Megillah reading at 5:45pm. After services, snacks and special treats will be served.

Tuesday, March 10

Megillah reading at 9:00am, followed by a Purim Seudah! Food! Games! Entertainment! Don't miss it!



Thursday, March 26

The Book Club will discuss the book "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The group meets at 11:00am.

PLEASE NOTE:

A meeting of the Sisterhood Board members will take place following the Book Club.

Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9

This year Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center will host Sedarim both nights.

Come, join us at 6:15pm for Mincha/Maariv service, to be followed by the seder.

Cost: \$55.00 per person per night

\$80.00 per person for both nights.



Monday, April 20

Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Commemoration will be at the Hillcrest Jewish Center. Details to come!

Thursday, April 23

The Book Club will discuss the book "A Piece of The World" by Christina Baker Kline

Thursday, April 30

Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 72nd Independence Day. Buffet Luncheon will be served consisting of Israeli cuisine includes virtual tour of Israel, games and songs.

Time: 12:30pm **Cost:** \$25.00 per person



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2020

Friday, March 6

Mincha/Maariv5:15 PM
Candle Lighting.....5:35 PM

Saturday, March 7

Parshat Tetzaveh
Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....6:35 PM

PURIM

Monday, March 9

Fast of Esther
Purim Megillah Reading.....5:45 PM

Tuesday, March 10

Purim Megillah Reading.....9:00 AM

Friday, March 13

Mincha/Maariv6:15 PM
Candle Lighting.....6:43 PM

Saturday, March 14

Shabbat Parah/Parshat Ki Tisa
Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....7:43 PM

Friday, March 20

Mincha/Maariv6:15 PM
Candle Lighting.....6:50 PM

Saturday, March 21

Shabbat HaChodesh/Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei
Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....7:50 PM

Friday, March 27

Mincha/Maariv6:30 PM
Candle Lighting.....6:58 PM

Saturday, March 28

Parshat Vayikra
Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....7:58 PM

Friday, April 3

Mincha/Maariv.....6:30 PM
Candle Lighting.....7:05 PM

Saturday, April 4

Shabbat HaGadol/Parshat Tzav
Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....8:05 PM

תג שמחה!

FIRST TWO DAYS OF PESACH

Wednesday, April 8

Mincha/Maariv.....6:15 PM (Seder Following)
Candle Lighting7:10 PM at home
6:10 PM at the synagogue

Thursday, April 9

Shacharit Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv.....6:15 PM (Seder Following)
Candle Lighting8:11 PM
(Candles must be lit from a preexisting flame)

Friday, April 10

Shacharit Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv.....6:45 PM
Candle Lighting.....7:13 PM
(Candles must be lit from a preexisting flame)

Saturday, April 11

Shabbat & Pesach Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....8:13 PM

LAST DAYS OF PESACH

Tuesday, April 14

Mincha/Maariv.....6:45 PM
Candle Lighting7:17 PM

Wednesday, April 15

Shacharit Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv.....7:30 PM
Candle Lighting8:18 PM
(Candles must be lit from a preexisting flame)

Thursday, April 16

Shacharit Services.....9:00 AM
Yizkor..... T.B.A.
Holiday Ends.....8:20 PM

Friday, April 17

Mincha/Maariv6:50 PM
Candle Lighting.....7:20 PM

Saturday, April 18

Parshat Shmini
Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....8:20 PM

Friday, April 24

Mincha/Maariv.....7:00 PM
Candle Lighting.....7:27 PM

Saturday, April 25

Parshat Tazria-Metzora
Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
Shabbat Ends.....8:27 PM



Thank You

To: Rohana Sharma for sponsoring a Kiddish in memory of her beloved mother Lily Sharma.
 To: Efraim Klamka for sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of his beloved wife Ann.
 To: Gustav Hirschhorn for sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of his dear wife Clara. We also extend our thanks to the Mandel and Hirschhorn Families.

Mazal Tov

To: Robert Greenberg on his marriage to Roslyn Silbergleit.

Welcome Back

To: Stuart Cohen, who has returned home after recovering from a stroke. A special Kiddish was prepared to welcome him back on Saturday, February 8.



**Daylight Savings Time Begins on
 Sunday, March 8, 2020
 at 2:00am**

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Snowbirds

**Don't forget to let the office know
 when you will be returning to New
 York so you will be assured of
 getting your mail here, not in
 Florida**

A Wonderful Tu Beshvat At FFMJC by Rabbi Dan Wolpe

On Monday, February 10, The Flushing Fresh Meadows Jewish Center hosted a Tu Beshvat Seder. The Tu Beshvat Seder is a tradition that goes back 500 years and it celebrates the beauty of God's creation. Tu Beshvat is often called "The new year of the trees," and is a minor holiday which is basically the Jewish Arbor Day. It is a celebration of nature and is celebrated in many different ways. The name Tu Beshvat literally means, "The 15th day of the month of Shevat." In Israel, it is customary to plant trees on this day in honor of it being the New Year of the Trees.

In the Talmud, Tu Beshvat is listed as one of four New Years in our calendar. The first of Nisan which is the new year in the Torah, the rabbis declared to be the "New year for kings and festivals." The first of Elul is the new year for tithes and cattle, the first of Tishrei is Rosh HaShannah, and is the date by which the calendar is counted and celebrates the creation of the world, and Tu Beshvat was ruled to be the date by which the agricultural calendar began.

In the 16th century, the mystics of Tzfat instituted the Tu Beshvat seder. This seder gave symbolic meaning to various fruits in Israel. Although much shorter than the Passover seder, it does include four cups of wine. However, whereas one is supposed to drink red wine on Passover, the Tu Beshvat seder switches between white and red, and even has a cup where the two are supposed to be mixed! Different fruits and nuts are also eaten throughout the seder.

In the Torah, we are commanded to take care of the Earth. Sadly, it is a commandment we have not fulfilled to the best of our ability. Tu Beshvat is a reminder of this holy responsibility, and it signals a need that is truer now than it has ever been before.

March 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Adar</i> 5	2 6 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Building a relationship with God" 10:00am to 11:00am	3 7	4 8 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Book of Job" 10:00am to 11:00am	5 9 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Introduction to Judaism" 7:00pm to 8:00pm	6 10  5:35pm	7 11 Shabbat Zachor/Parashat Tetzaveh Ends: 6:35pm
8 12 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	9 13 <i>Rabbi's Class 10-11am</i> <i>Fast of Esther</i> Purim Megillah Reading at 5:45pm	10 14 Megillah Reading at 9:00am	11 1 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Book of Job" 10:00am to 11:00am	12 16 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Introduction to Judaism" 7:00pm to 8:00pm	13 17  6:43pm	14 18 Shabbat Parah/Parshat Ki Tisa Ends: 7:43pm
15 19	16 20 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Building a relationship with God" 10:00am to 11:00am	17 21	18 22 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Book of Job" 10:00am to 11:00am	19 23 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Introduction to Judaism" 7:00pm to 8:00pm	20 24  6:50pm	21 25 Shabbat HaChodesh/Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei Ends: 7:50pm
22 26	23 27 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Building a relationship with God" 10:00am to 11:00am	24 28	25 29 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Book of Job" 10:00am to 11:00am	26 Nisan 1 Book Club "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh followed by Board Meeting	27 2  6:58pm	28 3 Parashat Vayikra Ends: 7:58pm
29 4	30 5 <i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Building a relationship with God" 10:00am to 11:00am	31 6		<i>Rabbi's Classes</i> "Introduction to Judaism" 7:00pm to 8:00pm on Thursday, March 26		

April 2020

Nisan/Iyar 5780

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>5 11</p>	<p>6 12</p> <p>Rabbi's Classes "Building a relationship with God" 10:00am to 11:00am</p>	<p>7 13</p>	<p>8 14 Erev</p> <p>Passover Seder Mincha/Maariv at 6:15pm. Seder begins after services  Home: 7:10pm Shul: 6:10pm</p>	<p>9 15 Day 1</p> <p>Passover Seder Mincha/Maariv at 6:15pm. Seder begins after services  8:11pm *</p>	<p>10 16 Day 2</p> <p> 7:13pm *</p>	<p>11 17 Day 3</p> <p>Shabbat and Pesach Services</p> <p>Ends: 8:13pm</p>
<p>12 18 Day 4</p>	<p>13 19 Day 5</p> <p>Rabbi's Classes "Building a relationship with God" 10:00am to 11:00am</p>	<p>14 20 Day 6</p> <p>Pesach Services at 6:45pm  7:17pm</p>	<p>15 21 Day 7</p> <p>Pesach Services at 9:00am and 6:45pm  8:18pm</p>	<p>16 22 Day 8</p> <p>Services at 9:00am Yizkor</p> <p>Holiday Ends: 8:20pm</p>	<p>17 23</p> <p> 7:20pm</p>	<p>18 24</p> <p>Parashat Shmini</p> <p>Ends: 8:20pm</p>
<p>19 25</p>	<p>20 26</p> <p>Rabbi's Classes "Building a relationship with God" 10:00 to 11:00am</p> <p>Yom Hashoah</p>	<p>21 27</p> <p>Yom Hashoah</p>	<p>22 28</p> <p>Rabbi's Classes "Book of Job" 10:00am to 11:00am</p>	<p>23 29</p> <p>Book Club Rabbi's Classes "Introduction to Judaism" 7:00pm to 8:00pm</p>	<p>24 30</p> <p> 7:27pm</p>	<p>25 Iyar 1</p> <p>Parashat Tazria-Metzora</p> <p>Ends: 8:27pm</p>
<p>26 2</p>	<p>27 3</p> <p>Rabbi's Class "Building a relationship with God" 10:00am to 11:00am</p> <p>Erev Yom Hazikaron</p>	<p>28 4</p> <p>Yom Hazikaron</p> <p>Erev Yom Ha'atzmaut</p>	<p>29 5</p> <p>Yom Ha'atzmaut</p> <p>Rabbi's Classes "Book of Job" 10:00am to 11:00am</p>	<p>30 6</p> <p>Yom Ha'atzmaut Luncheon Time: 12:30pm Cost: \$25.00 per person Rabbi's Class 7:00 to 8:00pm</p>		



Sisterhood News

We are looking forward to all the upcoming programs that are planned for the Sisterhood and also for the Synagogue's new season.

The book club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th at 11:00AM. The book to be discussed is "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The book is now available at the Fresh Meadows library. Following the book club, at 12 Noon, the Sisterhood Board will meet to plan for the new season.

Save the dates: April 23...Book Club, book to be discussed is "A Piece of The World" by Christina Baker Kline: April 30... lunch and entertainment in celebration of Israel Independence Day: May 14...Board meeting lunch and program featuring a doctor from Northwell Health speaking on cognition and aging: June 18... Board meeting, lunch and program.

Watch for details in the mailings.

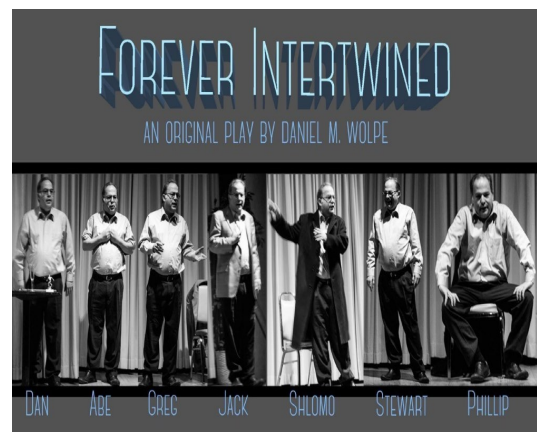
Joan and Marilyn, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

FOREVER INTERTWINED:

On Sunday, June 7, Rabbi Wolpe will be putting on his other hat—that of playwright and actor—to perform his one-man show, Forever Intertwined.

Daniel M. Wolpe has written 30 plays. His plays have been performed in Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Boca Raton, Orlando, Latham, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Westhampton Beach, and Palmer, Mass. For the last five years, he has performed his one-man show, Forever Intertwined, which concerns the six archetypes of Jewish males in cinema.

You'll meet: Abe, a holocaust survivor; Shlomo, an Orthodox Jew; Phillip, a Jew in an interfaith relationship; Jack, an accidental Jew; Gregory, a New York Jew, and Stewart, a nerd Jew.



More details to come!

There's More To FFMJC Than Meets The Eye!

By Rabbi Dan Wolpe

Let's face it. We are the best kept secret in Queens. Well, it's time to let the secret out. We have A LOT going on in the next few months. Put these dates on your calendar and tell your friends who aren't members of FFMJC (yet!) about these great events and invite them to join us!

PURIM: We will be reading the megillah on Monday, March 9, starting at 5:45 PM. On Tuesday, March 10, the reading of the megillah will begin at 9:00AM. After the reading, we will be having a Purim Seudah (meal) with games and laughter!

PASSOVER SEDARIM: We will be having a seder both nights and they are open to all! On Wednesday April 8 and Thursday April 9, beginning at 6:15 both nights! \$55.00 for either night per person or \$80.00 for both! Let all who are hungry come and eat!

YOM HASHOAH (Holocaust Remembrance Day) COMMEMORATION: This annual community commemoration will be on Monday, April 20. Details to come!

YOM HA'ATZMAUT (Israel Independence Day): Join our celebration of the State of Israel on Thursday, April 30. Cost per person \$25.00. There will be food, music with Cantor Katz and games with Rabbi Wolpe! Come and bring a friend!

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: The weekend of May 2 and May 3, FFMJC will have as its scholar in residence, Dr. Paul Root Wolpe, for a special weekend devoted to Jewish Medical Ethics. Dr. Paul Root Wolpe is the Raymond F. Schinazi Distinguished Research Chair in Jewish Bioethics, a professor in the Departments of Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neuroscience, and Biological Behavior and Sociology, and the Director of the Center of Ethics at Emory University. He spent 15 years as Senior Bioethicist for NASA, the first person to ever hold the position. He will be joining us the weekend of May 2 to share some fascinating insights into Jewish Bioethics.

LAG B'OMER: May 12, 12:00-2:00. Lag B'Omer celebration! Details to come!

SHAVUOT: Shavuot begins the evening of May 28 and ends May 30. On the first night, Thursday, May 28, 5:30PM to 7:30 PM, there will be a special dinner and learning session after services. Details to be announced!



