

**FHJC BULLETIN**  
**PARSHAS MIKEITZ**  
**December 14/15– Teves 4**

**SHABBAT**TIMES

**Friday Night Services: 4:13 PM**  
**Candle Lighting: 4:23 PM**  
**Shabbos Services: 9:00 AM**  
**Rabbi Matthew Jackson's Class: 11:20 AM**  
**Are You Any Different?**  
**Mincha: 4:08 PM**  
**Havdallah: 5:30 PM**

**RABBI'S DESK**

Chanukah this year has been different.

We talk about the Assyrian Greeks fighting against us and trying to destroy our Judaism. They outlawed Bris Milah, Torah Study, Rosh Chodesh and Shabbos; they tried to uproot that which we hold sacred. But why did they care? Why couldn't they say "You do you."?  
I mean, why should a Greek care if I give my kid a Bris?

Perhaps they cared because deep down, they know we are Hashem's nation, and that drives them crazy. My friends, nothing has changed. "You do you" applies to everyone else, but it will never apply to us because of who we are and what we represent. Our mission to be the divine light in this world is a difficult one, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

May HaShem see all the beautiful candles burning, and be compelled to have us return to the Temple with its Menorah speedily in our days.

Love you all and thanks for inspiring me.

**Rabbi Elie**

**This Week's Kiddush**  
**Is Sponsored By Jon & Lily Otis,**  
**In Memory of Jon's Father, Ron z"l**

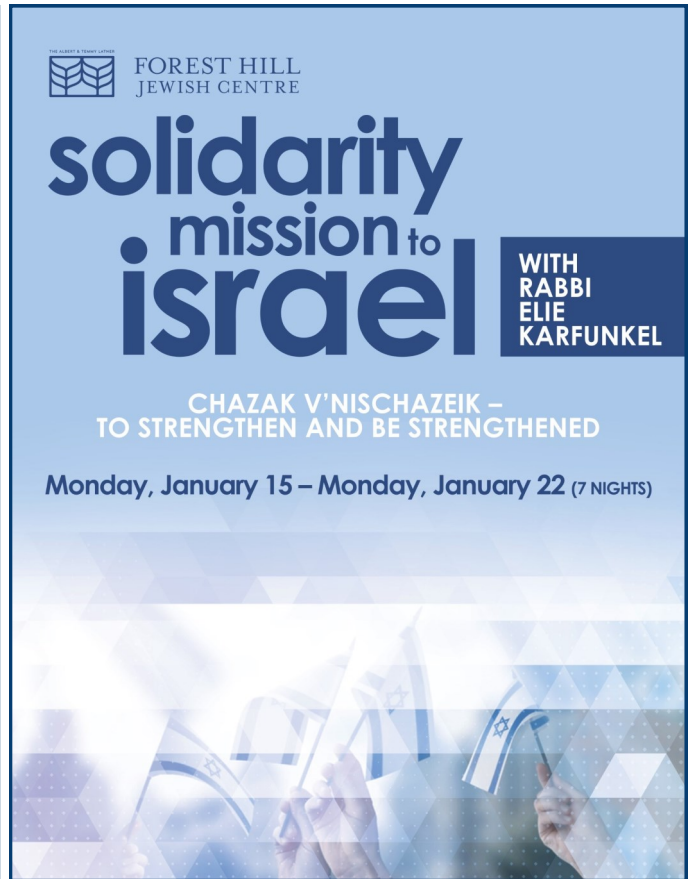
## Adopt-a-Hostage

Recognizing that hostage posters are continually being ripped down, Gary Chapman is suggesting that volunteers agree to "adopt" 3 – 4 names hostages. The volunteers would be responsible for posting those 3 or 4 posters in conspicuous places and checking every few days to ensure that they stay up. This way, we can have all the hostages remaining posted all the time.

Supplies will be provided.  
Please speak to Gary Chapman for more details.

## ISRAEL MISSION

Join Rabbi Elie on the FHJC Solidarity Mission to Israel, January 15 – 21. See flyer and speak to Rabbi Elie for more details. Special financial benefits for those who apply by December 31<sup>st</sup>.



FOREST HILL  
JEWISH CENTRE

**solidarity  
mission to  
israel**

WITH  
RABBI  
ELIE  
KARFUNKEL

CHAZAK V'NISCHAZEIK –  
TO STRENGTHEN AND BE STRENGTHENED

Monday, January 15 – Monday, January 22 (7 NIGHTS)

**If you are interested in joining a group of women to say Tehillim (psalms) together, please reach out to Rifky at 416.707.9186**

## UPCOMING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 17 - 8:45 AM Maharal in the Morning with Rabbi Goodman

Tuesday, December 19 - 1:00 PM Derech Hashem with Rabbi Goodman

Thursday, December 21 - Women's Parsha Class with Rabbi Elie

**Services** - Sunday 8:00 AM, Monday & Thursday, 6:50 AM, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 AM  
Mincha/Ma'ariv this week 4:30 PM

## **Hannah Zilbert's Riddles**

Q: Why didn't the melons get married?

A: Because they cantaloupe!

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jaxson Gibbert 12/1  
Aaron Glassman 12/18  
Yaakov Kaplan 12/18  
Akiva Dubrofsky 12/18  
Samantha Rose Herczeg 12/18

Golda Rochel Karfunkel 12/20  
Mimi Karfunkel 12/20  
Shifra Greenberg 12/20  
Warren Krug 12/20  
Ariel Sabbah 12/20

Belinda Schneeweiss 12/20  
David Sutton 12/21  
Moshe Kaplan 12/21  
Albert Simhon 12/21  
Jacqueline Kahn 12/22

### **YAHREZITS THIS WEEK**

Melody Lipschitz, 4 Teves, 12/16  
Mother of Anthony Lipschitz

Marion Swersky, 4 Teves, 12/16  
Grandmother of Barry Nathanson

Bernard Weiss, 5 Teves, 12/17  
Father of Allan Weiss

Sarah Spiro, 8 Teves, 12/20  
Mother of Solomon Spiro  
Grandmother of  
Adina Wagman and David Spiro

Esther Fien, 8 Teves, 12/20  
Mother of Phyllis Fien

Ben Albaum, 10 Teves, 12/22  
Father of Terri Weintraub

Miriam Lipsey, 10 Teves 12/22  
Mother of Antony Lipsey

Zavel Fien, 10 Teves, 12/22  
Father of Phyllis Fien

### **CONDOLENCES**

Sincere condolences to Clifford & Judy Librach and Max & Sylvie Librach on the recent loss of Clifford's mother, and Max's grandmother, Evelyn Librach A"H.

Sincere condolences to Philip Siller & Ellen Gutterman on the loss of Ellen's father,  
Irving Gutterman (Avraham Yisroel ben Chaim) z"l

### **MAZEL TOV!**

Mazel Tov to Jodi Katzeff & Isaac Klein on the naming of their baby girl, Adeel!

### ***We would like to thank the following for their Generous Dedications and Sponsorships***

#### **Aliyah Donations**

Jerry Tollinsky, Nathan Zilbert

#### **General Donations**

Steven Aronoff

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Johannes Cornelis Sturkenboom

#### **Yahrzeit Donation**

Stephen Freedhoff, Betty Winston

#### **Booster Seats**

Lindsay & Mathew Frieberg

Thank you to last week's volunteer greeters:

**Joe Dason, Meny Grauman, Gary Landon, Effy Lev, Jackie Vidal, Allan Weiss.**

We need **YOUR** help: Being a volunteer greeter has never been more important than now.  
Please speak to Gary Landon if you are able to help us out.  
Formal training will be arranged in the near future.

## **Upcoming Events @ The FHJC!**

**January 14 - 22**

### **Mission to Israel**

Join Rabbi Elie to help our fellow Jews in Israel. Speak to Rabbi Elie or Rabbi Mordechai for more...

**Shabbos, April 5 - 7, 2024**

### **Rabbi Mordechai Becher Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton**

Rabbi Becher is fascinating, enlightening and always entertaining.

Be sure to join our upcoming Shabbaton with him

**Thank you to Joe & Nancy Dason for sponsoring this Shabbaton!**

**Monday, June 3rd, 2024**

### **The Albert & Temmy Latner Forest Hill Golf Classic**

Held each year at Wooden Sticks, it's a great day on the green. Everyone wins prizes, everyone eats well and everyone has a great time. Reserve the date and help the Centre with our most important fundraising event of the year!

**May 26 - June 2, 2024**

**Living Legacy Poland Mission with Rabbi Elie**

### **Images from the FHJC Chanukah Party and Menorah Lighting**





THE FHJC  
YOUTH NEWSLETTER

*we're so glad you're here!*

TEEN TORAH TALK



BY: BAILEY KARFUNKEL  
SWEET DREAMS

In last weeks Parsha, Parshas Vayeshev, Yosef interprets dreams, and at the end of the Parsha he winds up in jail. In this weeks Parsha, Parshas Miketz, Yosef also interprets dreams, and at the end of the Parsha he winds up being second to the king.

Whats the difference?

Last week Yosef was interpreting his own dreams. When you are busy thinking about yourself, you usually end up getting no where. In this weeks Parsha Yosef was thinking about the dreams of other people. When you help other people, that is when you succeed in life.


Good Shabbos!



MITZVA MAVEN

REUBEN ABECASSIS | LIGHTING HIS CHANUKAH MENORAH!!

**Did You Know:** We light 8 candles because the oil lasted for 8 days, but the first day was not a miracle. The miracle was only the last 7 days!! There is a book with 1000 answers to this question, but here's a quick thought: What we see as natural is really all from G-d, and it's all a miracle. Don't be fooled. Hashems hands are in everything and He is constantly preforming miracles for us even when we do not see it.

 **YOM HULEDET SAMEACH**  
(Happy Birthday!!!)

JAHSON GIBBER DEC 17

SAMANTHA HERCZEG DEC 18

ARIEL SABBAAH DEC 20

GOLDIE KARFUNKEL DEC 20

MOSHE KAPLAN DEC 21

LEAH KARFUNKEL DEC 22

RIDDLE: I'M LIGHTER THAN A FEATHER, YET THE STRONGEST PERSON CAN'T HOLD ME FOR FIVE MINUTES. WHAT AM I?

# COMING THIS JANUARY....

ALL NEW  
SHABBOS FHJC KIDS CLUB  
TURNING SATURDAY INTO SHABBOS

### MEGA PRIZES

NEW KIDS CLUB PRIZE SYSTEM

Save up or cash out!! Each week you can earn FHJC TICKETS by participating in games, parsha stories, jewish trivia and even just for showing up!!

TICKET ROUNDUP @ 11:40





### KIDS KIDDUSH

MAKING KIDDUSH GREAT AGAIN

Make sure that you don't miss out on the kids kiddush!! We are taking kiddush to a whole new level. Delectable hot food, yummy snacks..... what could be better?

KIDS ROOM @ 11:20

TEEN LOUNGE & MINYAN  
GOOD FOOD. GOOD PEOPLE. GREAT CHILL.

### ORDER UP

TEEN MINYAN KIDDUSH ORDER

Look out for a new way to bump up your kiddush game. You will soon be able to pre-order sushi, beef jerky and so much more by participating in the weekly minyan & lounge.

TEEN LOUNGE @ 11:40



ALL THIS AND MORE. STAY TUNED!!

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



## STAFF SHOUTOUT

I'M MAYA VIDAL AND I'M A GRADE 9 STUDENT AT CHAT. I'M SO GLAD TO BE A YOUTH LEADER AT THE FOREST HILL JEWISH CENTRE. IT HAS TAUGHT ME MANY USEFUL LIFE SKILLS LIKE RESPONSIBILITY AND PATIENCE, AND I GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SO MANY NEW PEOPLE. THE YOUTH PROGRAM IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JUDAISM WHILE ALSO PLAYING GAMES AND HAVING FUN!

MAYA VIDAL  
IN 1 MINUTE



ice cream

Cookies and cream

sport

Basketball and volleyball

hobby

Gymnastics

## BE FEATURED IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

MITZVA MAVEN | PHOTOS OF THE WEEK | TEEN TORAH TALK | RIDDLE

We're so excited to announce the start of our weekly youth newsletter!! Everyone is invited to join the team by sending in photos, a d'var torah or just a riddle!!

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Havdalla 5:45 p.m. | This weeks kids kiddush is in honour of Nancy for putting up with all of us!