SHALOM FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we enter the New Jewish Year, we take the opportunity to reflect upon our own behavior as well as review what can be improved upon at work, with our friends, family and the world at large. The Adult Committee and the staff periodically review Departmental policies and practices. This year we decided to update our Behavior Policy. You are probably thinking, I did not even know that we had such a policy. That is one of the problems. It has not been consistently distributed and has not been updated in years.

Every JCC Department has a policy that is relevant to the membership they serve. For example, in Early Childhood and Camp, biting is not allowed. A Behavior Policy is comparable to the behavioral expectations we have had for our children, friends, partners, colleagues, etc. As many of you have indicated, the JCC is like your second home. In order for us to have “shalom bayit” (a peaceful home), we want everyone to be respectful of one another.

We will be distributing the policy during the month of October. We would appreciate it if you read, accept and sign the form. We will make you a copy and keep one on file. Similar to the medical forms we ask you to complete and sign, we hope never to have use them, but they are available if needed.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support and look forward to a New Year with new beginnings.

Respectfully,
Marcy

BANK OF AMERICA Festival
Katz JCC Cherry Hill

Celebrating 30 years!!! Wow what a milestone for our amazing book festival. It’s been a great ten plus years working on this event and every year has its own special highlights. I’m delighted that this year we have such incredible speakers who have wonderful Jewish stories to tell. Isaac Mizrahi and Suzi Weiss Fischmann both came from immigrant homes and have gone on to become global icons in their respective industries.

On a more local level, some of our favorite writers like Zach Berman who covers the Eagles, Pam Jenoff, our local NY Times best seller, and Eric Dezenhall who grew up in Cherry Hill, will be part of the festival. The Jewish librarian trio (Irene Afek, Minna Siegel, and Amy Kaplan) will be incorporated into the festival as moderators for various programs.

Of course, we will also have a meaningful Kristallnacht event with Ariel Burger. A student of Elie Wiesel, he will share some of the great wisdom from his mentor with us on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 1:00pm. We’ll celebrate our Veterans on Friday, Nov. 15, at 10:00am, when former Congressman Steve Israel joins us to share his new novel, Big Guns.

From The Marx Brothers to dating advice to Sherlock Holmes to politics, you name a topic and we probably have you covered. The week of Nov. 10 – 17 is filled with an array of amazing speakers for all to enjoy. Stop by the adult department to get your tickets.

Sabrina

For more information about Cultural Programs, contact Sabrina Spector at sspector@jfedsnj.org or x1108

For more information, contact Marcy Lahav, Director at mlahav@jfedsnj.org or x1247
**INTERNS AT THE J!**

My name is Alexandra Negri. I am currently a 2nd year occupational therapy student at Stockton University. This fall, I am fortunate to be completing the second of my three level 1 fieldwork opportunities here at Katz JCC. I am an alumna of Kean University where I graduated in 3 years with Magna Cum Laude honors. I majored in Recreation Administration (Therapeutic option), I am a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS), also known as a recreation therapist. I currently work at JFK Hartwyck as a recreation therapist where I assess patients and organize, plan, and implement various group programs for individuals from 21 to 104 years of age!

I truly have a passion for working with the adult and older adult populations. I look forward to pursuing a career as an occupational therapist. In my leisure time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, going to the beach, and spending time outdoors. I am grateful for this opportunity, and I look forward to making many memories here at the JCC.

My name is Madeleine Brownsey and I am a second year Occupational Therapy Student at Stockton University. Born and raised in a small suburban Philly town called Glenside (Go birds!), I played lacrosse at Wilkes University where I majored in sports management and marketing.

After graduation I realized that I wanted a career that involved helping others as well as getting a little active. As an OT, I will be helping people across the lifespan and engage in the activities they find the most meaningful to them. My classmate and I will be spending every Wednesday here at the JCC for a 10-wwwk period and we can’t wait to bring some OT to your community!

**FROM THE CULTURAL DESK**

Sukkot is such a beautiful time of year. I love the fall colors, the cool air with the sun shining, and I really love sitting in my sukkah. My family takes Sukkot seriously, I mean hard core serious. My husband insists that we hang fresh fruit and vegetables from the roof, we are part of the community Sukkah hop just about every year, and we host at least 15 people at each meal. It takes hours to assemble the sukkah and every child helps putting it up or is cooking up a storm with me. It’s truly a family affair.

There is so much focus on the Rosh HaShana, that people sometimes forget about Sukkot until they see huts popping up. It’s actually one of the three holidays when the Jews were supposed to go to the temple. It’s one of the happiest holidays, celebrating our relationship with G-d and our survival as a nation. Here at the Katz JCC, we have been putting up a community Sukkah for over 20 years. Thanks to the staff and the South Jersey Men’s Club, we always have a Sukkah for anyone to enjoy the holiday.

Our Sukkah is open for social groups to gather, for families to dine, for kids to play, and professionals to lunch. This year, hundreds of people will see our beautiful sukkah when they come to the numerous events at the JCC. I hope that you’ll have an opportunity to enjoy Sukkot at the Katz JCC. The Adult Department will have lunch in the Sukkah on Thursday, October 17, weather permitting. Come join us!

**For more information about the Appel Art Gallery, please contact Suzanne Post at spost@jfedsnj.org or x1226.**
MEN’S CLUB
Our next meeting is Sunday, October 27, and our speaker, Marcy Lahav, JCC Director of Adult, Cultural and Judaic programming will talk about the JCC and Jewish demographics.

Meeting starts at 9am in the Family Activity Center of the Katz JCC. Lox and bagels will be served for $8. Note new price!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
HEALTHY SNACK

One of the most popular and well-known food customs for the New Year is to dip apple slices into honey. This sweet combination stems from an age-old Jewish tradition of eating sweet foods to express our hope for a sweet new year. The custom of dipping apple slices in honey is believed to have been initiated by Ashkenazi Jews during later medieval times.

Want to partake in this custom but have difficulty managing a whole apple? You can now buy packaged apple slices in the produce section of your grocery store. Want that sweetness but need to watch the sugar? Try a no sugar added jam on your slices.

Have trouble chewing or swallowing the raw apple slices? Try baking them. Put apple slices in a microwaveable dish. Add juice or diet soda to moisten and microwave until slices are soft enough to eat. Don’t let them dry out.

Enjoy your New Year Snack!

Friends of the Harold L. Sanders Library
Our library is a gem in the Katz JCC! We invite you to join the Friends of the Harold L. Sanders Library. We are building an endowment for the library, to sustain and ensure its continued growth. Supporting the Friends of the Harold L. Sanders Memorial Library will help us expand and maintain our collection, providing materials of Judaic interests to all for now and, more importantly, for the future. In addition, it will allow us to continue to develop new programs and provide more services to our community.

To support the library, look for donation information at the library or contact Irene Afek at 856-424-4444, Ext. 1259, or email: iafek@jfedsnj.org.

Thank you very much, in advance, for your donation.

Next Chapter Book Club
Join us for the next Chapter Book Club! We have a very lively and thoughtful discussion of each month’s selection. The discussion is led by librarian Irene Afek and facilitator Fran Pliskin. We meet at 1:30pm in the Adult Lounge.

Mark your calendars now for upcoming Book Club dates:

Thursday, October 31:
The Floating Feldmans by Elyssa Friedland

For more information about the Sanders Memorial Library, contact Irene Afek at iafek@jfedsnj.org or x1259.

For more information about the Lunch Program, please contact Robin Lazarow at rlazarow@jfedsnj.org or x1260.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mariani Hogan, Carole Zaslav, Marilyn Greenberg, Louise Kauffman, Natalie Sykes, Rochelle Sax, Barbara Wallenstein, Shirley Maranoff, Irene Rellosa, Phylis Stier, Barbara Spigler, Linda Tender, Barbara Ciesla, Ann Kravitz, Maxine Pinzur, Phyllis Cooper, Mark Pinzur, Rhoda Lander, Bonny Hohenberger, Barbara Spigelman, Karen Wallenobrien, Michelle Miller

If we’ve missed your special day, please let us know and we’ll add you to our list!

GOODTIMERS

Due to the Jewish holidays, we will not be meeting in October. We are looking for new and committed Board Members to help us continue and grow programming for Goodtimers Meetings and other activities. Please contact Robin in the Adult Department if you are interested.

IN THE FAMILY

- We welcome back Barbara Schwartz after a recent surgery.
- We extend our thoughts and prayers to the Debbie and Steve Davis family at the loss of their son Philip. May his memory be a blessing to his family and friends.
- We are happy that Rob Sax has recovered from his most recent hospitalization and is on his way to visit his granddaughters in Florida.
- We are glad that Steve Shaffer is feeling better and is back with the guys at lunch.
- We wish Roz and Chuck Gorenberg a safe journey to Florida and we look forward to their return trip to their JCC family.

If you have any news you want to share with us, please let the staff know by the 15th of every month.

COUPLES CLUB

Thanks from our collective Couple Club, to Sid and Bev

Severe, Sandy Levin and Linda Tender for handling all the details associated with our very successful Closing Affair for 2019.

Doolan’s came through starting with their open bar, tasty lunch, rib-splitting comedian, and extremely entertaining Rod Stewart Tribute show. Take a look at the pictures from Doolan’s by clicking on "View Album." You can see by their smiles that everyone had a enjoyable time.

Next up is our visit to the American Treasure Tour Museum on September 19. See the August newsletter for details or contact Bernie Shuster. We will be announcing the Hanukkah party to be held December 10 shortly. Plus stay tuned for other events through the end of the year.

Warmest regards

Steve Kravitz
Couples Club President