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The FHC is pleased to announce the official start of the 2020 summer season. We have scheduled Saturday morning services starting July 11th, at 10 a.m., through Labor Day—covid permitting. These services will be followed by a short, limited Kiddush in the backyard/outdoors. For the safety of our congregants, we will practice social distancing during and after the service. Face masks will be required

at all times including the Kiddush.

Summer Reform services will take place via zoom.

Nina Mizrahi will lead services on July 10 and August 7 at 8 p.m. eastern time.

Anita Silvert will lead services on July 31 and Aug 21 at 8 p.m. eastern time.

Safety First

To enact safe health practices, only one person will handle the Torah during services. The person will take the Torah from the Ark to the Bima, read the Torah, and recite all the aliyahs. We will enforce CDC guidelines. Please do not attend services if you:

- Have a fever
- Have a cough
- Have been around someone with Covid-19 within the last two weeks
- Feel like you are getting sick
- Headaches

Book Discussion.

The next book discussion via zoom will be led by Sharona Shapiro on Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 AM eastern time. The book is *Savage Feast: Three Generations, Two Continents,*

and a Dinner Table. A memoir with recipes by Boris Fishman.

Events

Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of the times, we have decided to cancel the upcoming Charles Troy event for August 2nd and the Annual Lox Box. We are hoping to reschedule these events in the future.

Cemetery Upgrade

A privacy screen on the west fence line will be erected to enhance visitation and privacy of services. If anyone wishes to leave live flowers on gravesites, Barry is watering live plants and flowers twice a week.

Thank You

Please take note of the FHC garden this season, with our thanks to the Hodgman's, LawnBoys, and Karen Tolen and Patti Gaylord.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy go out to the Kaplan family with the passing of Sylvia Kaplan, David's mother and to Barry Fidelman on the passing of his cousin, Evelyn Meltzer. May they rest in peace.

Vorts from Rabbi Cohen

From Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's "Jewish Wisdom"

"The following are the activities for which a person is rewarded in this world, and again in the World-to-Come:

Honoring one's father and mother, deeds of loving kindness, and making peace between a person and his neighbor. The study of Torah, however, is as important as all of them together." (Mishnah Peah 1:1)

I went shopping at Aldi's during senior shopping hours recently. A long line of seniors, all with canes, walkers, and scooters, was waiting to enter. A young man who tried to cut to the front of the line was attacked by canes and walkers, and someone on a scooter ran him back to his car. As he drove away, he yelled, "I am going next door and get a case of water." The seniors yelled, "Why don't you shop during regular hours?" He said, "I am going to get the water for you people. If you will not let me unlock the front door, you people will need to stay hydrated!"
