

## Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Nov. 11	Offices Closed – Veteran’s Day	-
Nov. 15	Shabbat Evening Services	7:15 – 8:15
Nov. 16	Saturday Morning Worship & Torah Study	10:30 – 12:00
Nov. 17	Religious Education Sisterhood Meeting Book Discussion – America’s Jewish Women	9:30 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 1:00
Nov. 20	FSF Greeting Forms Due	-
Nov. 22	Shabbat Evening Services	7:15 – 8:15
Nov. 23	Saturday Morning Worship & Torah Study	10:30 – 12:00
Nov. 24	Religious Education Avishai Mekonen – RSVP Required	9:30 – 12:00 12:15 – 2:00
Nov. 27 -29	Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Shabbat Evening Services	- 7:00 – 8:00
Nov. 30	Saturday Morning Worship & Torah Study	10:30 – 12:00
Dec. 1	No Classes – Thanksgiving Weekend	-
Dec. 6	Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 – 8:00
Dec. 7	Gabriel Harris Bar Mitzvah	10:30 – 12:00
Dec. 8	Religious Education + Parent Programming Torah Tots	9:30 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:00
Dec. 13	Deadline to RSVP for Hanukkah Event Shabbat Evening Services	- 7:00 – 8:00
Dec. 14	Saturday Morning Shabbat Services	10:30 – 12:00
Dec. 15	Religious Education Sisterhood Meeting Book Discussion – Color Me In by Natasha Diaz	9:30 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 1:00
Dec. 20	Congregational Hanukkah Event – RSVP Required	6:30 – 9:30
Dec. 25 – Jan. 1	Synagogue Closed for Winter Recess	-

*The Teen Maus Workshop Will Meet Sundays at 9:30am through November 24th*



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## A New Year: 5780 and beyond....

By Alan J. Brava

The cool nights and chilly mornings of November are upon us and the memory of the High Holiday season dims. Our services this year were greatly enhanced by the participation of Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder, our guest Rabbi, Brian Drutman, who accompanied our choir for Erev Rosh HaShanah and Kol Nidre and the behind the many months of behind the scenes support of Jenifer Rosenberg, Souks Soukhaseum, Rosa and Jose Alvarez.

We are grateful to our many members who participated in the holiday services. We especially thank our President, Edward Schauder for his beautiful reading of the Torah on Rosh HaShanah, Milo Goldman for being our Ba'al Tekiah on Rosh HaShanah and to Django Gelfand who announced the ending of Yom Kippur with the loud and long final blast of the Shofar at N'ilah services.

Again, our synagogue is poised for another great year of programs and events as well as Sabbath and holiday services designed to meet the needs of our membership. The two upcoming programs which I would like to bring your attention to (flyers in this mailing) are the screening of "400 Miles to Freedom", on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and a month later, our annual "Hanukkah Extravaganza!"

Just because we are making puppets with our children shouldn't be a reason not to come and have a leisurely latke dinner with all the trimmings and *savor sweet sugary "Sufganiot"!*

When you have the opportunity, visit our website for updates, news, programs and general information concerning the synagogue.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank the following members who will be serving on our Board of Trustees this coming term. They are Edward Schauder, President, Ilysa Davidson, Vice President, Michael Rosin, Treasurer, Todd Harris, Secretary and Board members, Ian Benson, Brian Drutman, Stuart Geltman, Ingrid Gordon and Aaron Rosenberg. May they go from "strength to strength" and bring honor to themselves and to the Free Synagogue of Flushing.

Alan J. Brava

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### Save The Date!



The FSF Sisterhood is sponsoring a Shabbaton on March 20 – 22!

Planned events include Upstander Training, Guest Speakers, a Social Justice Project, Food, Fun, and Worship!

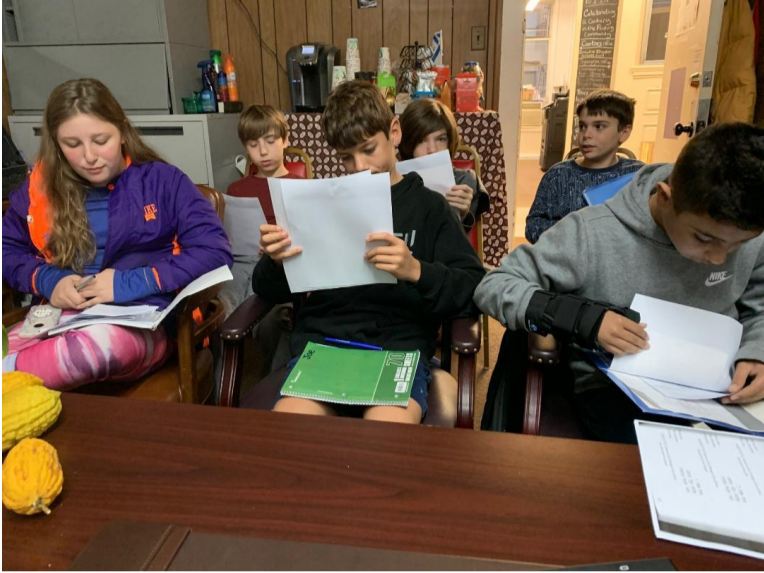
Registration will go live this winter. Advance registration will be required.

Please contact [sisterhood@freesynagogueflushing.org](mailto:sisterhood@freesynagogueflushing.org)

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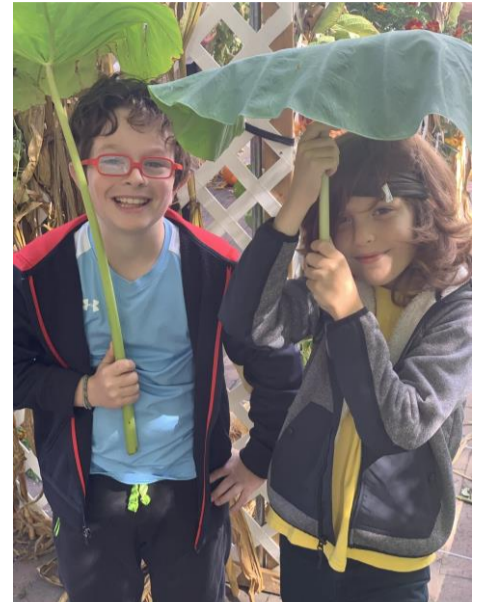
Get Involved! The Synagogue of Flushing Youth Association (SOFYA) meets several times a month! Any post-B'nai Mitzvah Teens who wish to join should email [fsfyouth@freesynagogueflushing.org](mailto:fsfyouth@freesynagogueflushing.org)



Our B'Nai Mitzvah students hard at work!



Director of Community Affairs Souksavat Soukhaseum hands out candy to neighborhood kids on Halloween.



Two of our religious school students at the annual congregational Sukkot event.

## What Is FSFS? *By Jenifer Rosenberg*

**The Free Synagogue of Flushing Sisterhood, AKA FSFS, is dedicated to enriching the experiences of our congregation, as well as making a difference for the greater Queens and NYC communities.**

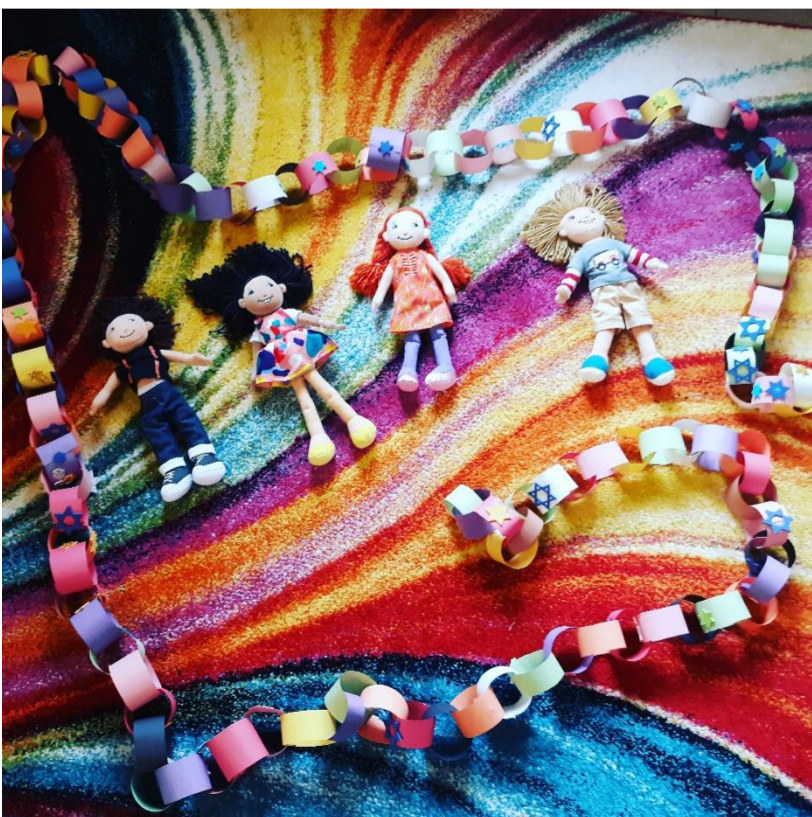
In addition to volunteering at events and services, our members put time and passion into organizing fun, meaningful, and social events for our members and beyond. We hold paint parties, wine tastings, and regular book club meetings. We have a lending library with a variety of books, fiction and non, that are relevant to our community. We have brought in special guests, including an employment advisor and a bestselling author, to speak to our members. But we don't stop there, as we also seek to make a broader difference in the world.

Our library, and almost all of our programming, is open to all members of the Free Synagogue of Flushing. We organize annual food drives and a winter coat drive. We have held used glasses drives in partnership with New Eyes for the Needy. We sponsored a refugee family last Thanksgiving. We are focused on bringing good to the world.

FSFS is a proud and active affiliate of the WRJ, Women of Reform Judaism, a branch of the URJ. Through this wonderful organization, we have access to wisdom, support, and resources that help to enrich our experiences. The WRJ, through their YES Fund, helps to provide amazing benefits to congregations like ours! YES stands for youth, Education, and Special Projects. While you may be aware that the WRJ helps to fund scholarships to URJ summer camps, and helps make possible the education and ordination of Reform rabbis worldwide, did you know that they are a driving force in the funding of PJ Library?

The WRJ also helps NFTY, the National Federation of Temple youth, which is the Youth branch of the URJ - and which our own youth group is affiliated with! For those of you interested in social justice, the WRJ is extremely active in this area, and funds a legislative assistant at the RAC, as well as working with Women of the Wall for gender equality in Israel.

At the WRJ Social Justice Conference earlier this year, we not only learned about gender equality, but also about many important topics such as combating systemic racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, sustainable energy and environmental concerns, poverty, and domestic violence. Recent causes adopted for focus by the WRJ include pay equity, and ending child marriage. When I recently attended the WRJ Northeast District Kallah, we worked on a charitable project to bring needed personal supplies to women in prison, who are forced to pay for items that most people take for granted. It was tangible proof of the WRJ motto, Stronger Together.



## TORAH TOTS

FSF Offers a Fun Jewish Learning Experience For Children Age 3 – 5!

Once a month, our youngest members gather to sing songs, have PJ Library storytime, have a little snack, and work on a craft, all with a Jewish theme that fits the month.

At left, you will see pictured the paper chain our Torah Tots made for Sukkot. For November, we learned to say toda raba, or thank you very much, and worked on a project drawing what we are thankful for. The stories and songs each month fit the theme, and the kids have a great time.

Our December 8<sup>th</sup> class will have a Hanukkah theme, with two fun books, a menorah craft, and plenty of song time! We even plan to play some dreidel!

**Do You know a family with small children who would be interested in our Torah Tots program?**

**Send them our way!**

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or

718.961.0030

**Our Next Class Will Be Held December 8<sup>th</sup>!**