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The FJMC Advantage, is a newsletter to help **YOU** build **YOUR** Clubs and Regions. Please send: articles for submission (as attachments: plain text, flush left); images (.jpg or .png files only); comments; questions; or suggestions to **FJMCadvantage@fjmc.org**. Thank you for sharing!

FJMC News



FJMC International Convention 2019: Rescheduled and Relocated: TORONTO, CANADA – JULY 3RD to 7TH

The previously announced location (Cleveland, Ohio) and dates in July 2019 had to be changed.

**Pre-convention activities in Toronto
will be held on July 1st and 2nd
Stay tuned – more details to follow!**

FJMC Regional Changes

The FJMC has "realigned" three regions in order to improve services provided by regions to their clubs. The regions involved are:

- The Great Lakes Region of Michigan, Toledo & Youngstown, Ohio has been merged into the **KIO (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) Region**. Informally, some have called it "KIO+."
- The Southwest Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, & Texas) have been merged into the **Anshei Darom Region**.
- Clubs in Western New York from the Lake Ontario Region to their North are transferring to the **Tri-State Region**, to their South.

This Month's Theme: Planning for the New Year

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO FINISH A PROGRAM PLANNING CALENDAR

While most clubs, regions, and synagogues set their calendars in the Spring it is not too late to get your calendar together and out to your members. If you are new to this process, we have a **sample to get you started on our website at www.fjmc.org**. It is always a good idea to check out what other groups in your Kehillah (current buzzword for Synagogue or Shul) are doing to make sure you don't overlap, particularly if you are both targeting the same demographic. And sometimes when you are, it can create a great opportunity for collaboration and joint opportunities. If you'd like some help, just ask **Alan Budman** Chairman of Region and Club Services Committee for the FJMC. He and his committee members would love to help you out.



HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR OFFICERS IN CHAVEROT?

The Advantage is automatically sent to all of the Club and Region Officers that we know about from FJMC's database system, Chaverot. So, if your club or region records are not yet updated with your new officers, please ask your President or Treasurer to log into Chaverot and update your club and region records.

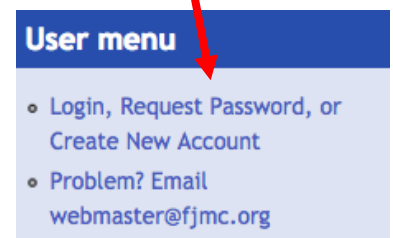
Of course, we always hope you will forward this on to anyone in your club or region which would find the information in the advantage valuable by clicking: Forward this e-mail.

NOTE: Officers need to sign in to their account on the FJMC site to access Chaverot. If you don't have an account, they are simple to create and can be done by going

to our homepage, looking for the User Menu in the upper right and then clicking here.

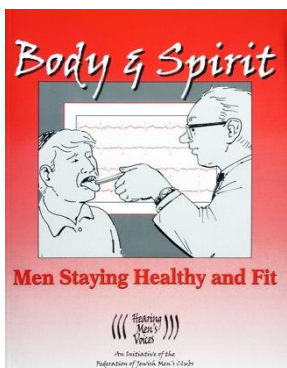
The delightfully outstanding webmasters will make sure you have access to the right information.

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH CHAVEROT, PLEASE E-MAIL: webmaster@fjmc.org. An FJMC IT Committee volunteer will get back to you, they (not the FJMC office) have the technical expertise to help you.



ARE YOU HEARING MEN'S VOICES? MAYBE IT IS TIME YOU SHOULD.

As you plan your calendar for 5779, it is a great time to get some **Hearing Men's Voices (HMV)** programs set up. If you've never done HMV before, **read about it on the website**, download the **Crossroads Implementation Guide** that covers the original HMV series and more and **pick up a set of the HMV books**. Start small, maybe schedule one every other month or so. These are great resources and many lay out sessions that are "turn key" while others require some advance planning and thought. You can also **get a consultant from the FJMC** to help you get started as well.

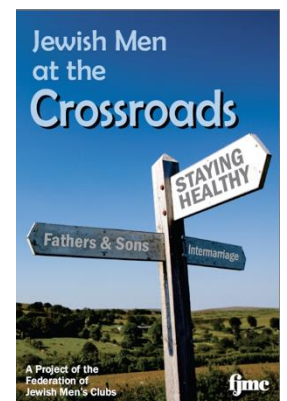


For more advanced HMV programs, try doing a theme for the year and building each session around that, or, having a different person not only lead each session, but also have them prepare the materials for it.

There is a **Bulk Order Discounts on Hearing Men's Voices Books** form in this mailing or on the website for download. Discounts are for FJMC and MRJ affiliated clubs only.

The best price for **Jewish Men at the Crossroads** is \$3.99@ as a **Kindle book on Amazon**. It is the only HMV book available in e-reader format.

The HMV Chair **Paul Davidson** is happy to answer questions and help you out.



ARE YOU WORKING WITH BROTHERHOODS AT REFORM SYNAGOGUES?

The FJMC's formal collaboration with the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) at the national level has come to an end. This formal arrangement came two years ago, after many years of informal interactions of local clubs interacting with each other; co-operation on the Yellow Candle Program; and highly successful pilot programs at the FJMC regional level.

There is no reason for you to stop engaging in working together on projects of mutual interest (for example: Communal Meal or Scotch in the Sukkah; HMY for all men; basketball, baseball or bowling league; Scotch, beer, and/or wine tasting; etc.; etc.) with neighboring MRJ or any other Brotherhood/Men's Club regardless of affiliation, just because the national organizations are not in a formal arrangement. *Keep on truckin!*

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENTS

The first FY2019 FJMC Membership Statements have been mailed to the synagogue address of each Men's Club. One copy will be mailed per club addressed to job titles (President and Treasurer) of the club leadership. Club Officers will get e-mails to remind them that it is coming there via US mail. It costs more than \$75 per officer to send statements through the post office. Club Presidents, Co-Presidents and Treasurers: Please make sure that we have your proper e-mail addresses and that your inbox has not blocked @fjmc.org e-mails. Thank you!

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES

Shout out! Use our hashtag #FJMC_HQ. Post images and short text announcements about yourselves on FJMC timelines and groups: FJMC on Facebook; FJMC_hq on Twitter; FJMC Linked-In Group.

FJMC Calendar for 5779 - October 2018 to August 2019

Effective as of October 3, 2018, Subject to Change

October 8, 2018	Columbus Day – FJMC Office Closed
October 26-28, 2018	Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio-Plus (KIO+) Regional Retreat
October 28, 2018	New England Region FJMC Keeper of the Flame 2018 Tribute and Celebration Event, Newton Centre, MA
November 4, 2018	Florida Region Man-of-the Year/Youth-of the-Year Dinner
November 7, 2018	Northern New Jersey Region Man-of-the Year Dinner South Marlboro, NJ
November 8-11, 2018	FJMC Geffen Leadership Development Institute (LDI) Training, Reisterstown, MD
November 11-12, 2018	FJMC Officers & Executive Committee Meeting; Reisterstown
November 14, 2018	Northern New Jersey Region Man-of-the Year Dinner North Springfield, NJ
November 22-23, 2018	Thanksgiving – FJMC Office Closed
Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2018	Lake Ontario Region Retreat
December 16, 2018	Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) Man of the Year Dinner Wynnewood, PA
December 24-25, 2018	Interchurch Center (ICC) Building Closed – FJMC Office Closed
Dec. 31, 18 – Jan 1, 2019	Secular New Year, ICC Closed – FJMC Office Closed
January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – FJMC Office Closed
February 3, 2019	World Wide Wrap, Everywhere

February 18, 2019	President's Day – FJMC Office Closed
April 6, 2019	Men's Club Shabbat (Suggested Date); Locally Determined
April 14, 2019	Middle Atlantic Region Hersh Muchnick LDI; Penn Valley, PA
April 19 & 26, 2019	Erev Pesach & 7th Day of Passover – FJMC Office Closed
April 29, 2019	Hudson Valley Region (HVR) Man of the Year Dinner Middletown, NY
May 1, 2019*	Light Yom HaShoah Candles™ at sundown** Home observance &
May 2, 2019*	Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day Locally Determined
May 5 – 8, 2019	Rabbinical Assembly Convention***
June 2, 2019	Middle Atlantic Region Installation of Officers Cherry Hill, NJ
June 3, 2019	Celebrate Israel Parade**** National; UJA-Federation & others
June 13 - 16, 2019	The Retreat - New England Region TBA
June 8 - 10, 2019	Hudson Valley Region Retreat Poyntelle, PA
July 4 -5, 2019	Independence Day – FJMC Office in NYC Closed
July 1 -2, 2019	FJMC Pre-convention Events, Toronto, Canada
July 3 – 7, 2019	FJMC Biennial International Convention, Toronto, Canada

Calendar Notes

* - The internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. It marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. In Hebrew, Holocaust Remembrance Day is called Yom Hashoah. When the actual date of Yom Hashoah falls on a Friday, the state of Israel observes Yom Hashoah on the preceding Thursday. When it falls on a Sunday, Yom Hashoah is observed on the following Monday. Per <https://www.ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/remembrance-day-calendar>

**** Yellow Candles™ are lit on "Erev Yom HaShoah. Please help us to teach others to Zachor! Never Forget - take pictures of your lighting of the Yellow Candle(s), and immediately post the image(s) to social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. with these two hashtags: #YellowCandle and #NeverForget**

*** Not an FJMC event, but don't plan anything and expect your Rabbi to be there without checking first.

**** Not an FJMC event, planning an event on this date is discouraged, participation in parade is encouraged.



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