



HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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by Rabbi Kurshan

Our Communal Journey

In listening recently to some Passover reflections of Rabbi Roly Matalon, the rabbi of Bnai Jeshurun in Manhattan, I was reminded that there are two important holiday cycles within Jewish tradition. There are two great spiritual journeys that we make each year as Jews. The first is the journey that begins with Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur culminating in Sukkot. It is a journey that we make as individuals. We reflect on the state of our souls. On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur we examine our shortcomings and imperfections, and ask how we can do better in the coming year. Then on Sukkot we give thanks that we have been judged mercifully and rejoice in gratitude for the many blessings that fill our lives.

The other great holiday cycle is the one that we will begin in just a couple of weeks on Passover. We retell the story of our people's journey from Egypt toward

redemption in Israel, and proclaim the hope that those who still do not know freedom will experience it next year in Jerusalem. This holiday cycle culminates in Shavuot reminding us how we stood at the foot of Mount Sinai as a newly constituted people receiving the Torah that would guide our destiny and weld us together as a Jewish community. The space between these two holidays of Passover and Sukkot is punctuated by Yom HaShoa as we recall one of the darkest times in Jewish history (HJC is hosting the Community Holocaust Memorial Service this year) and Yom HaAtzmaut when we mark the miraculous return of our people in our own generation to the land of Israel. Unlike the holiday cycle at the beginning of the year which we traverse as individuals, this second holiday cycle is the story of the journey we have made as a Jewish community.

Of course these distinctions are not pure. On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur we confess our wrongdoing as a community and we do not dwell in our Sukkahs alone. Passover includes an individual dimension of ridding our lives of hametz (excess) and recovering what is essential in ourselves. Yet, by and large the journey of the first holiday cycle is an inward one of the soul; the journey of the second set of holidays is an external and communal one recalling our people's history and reminding us of the collective work that we have yet to undertake.

While we can celebrate our accomplishments in past decades of having physically rescued Jews from Russia, the Arab Middle East, and Ethiopia, the communal work of redemption is not yet complete. Perhaps we need to speak more now of spiritual rescue, but Jews in Russia, Eastern Europe, and even in Israel and here in America are seeking to

recover a meaningful Judaism that will engage them and link them to their fellow Jews. Moreover there are still many Jews both here and abroad beset by poverty who are in hunger and in need. As part of our Seder liturgy we extend an invitation to them to join us at the Seder, and each of us can ask ourselves who because of emotional or financial need should be with us at our Seder tables this year.

May this be for all of us a meaningful Passover as we retell our communal story. Let us continue to work together so that next year we may dwell in Jerusalem closer to the full realization of our people's redemption. Alisa and I extend our warmest wishes to you for a *Chag Kasher Sameach*.



MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Each year at Selichot, we dedicate plaques in memory of our departed loved ones. This year, Selichot falls on Saturday evening, September 20th. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque, orders are now being taken in the synagogue office.

*The plaques are \$450 and the deadline to order is **June 2nd**.*

Huntington Community Holocaust Memorial Service

Sunday evening, April 27

at 7:00 pm at HJC

**Speaker: Dr. Moshe Avital, Survivor of
Buchenwald and Auschwitz**

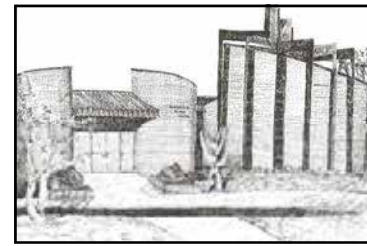
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Community Holocaust Memorial Service. Our speaker will be Dr. Moshe Avital who has a remarkable story to tell. After surviving six concentration camps, his ship was intercepted by the British as he made his way to Palestine. After imprisonment in a detention camp, he joined the HaGanah and fought in the War of Liberation as well as in 1956. Join with us and bear witness to this compelling testimony from one of a small group of living survivors. The service is co-sponsored by Kehillath Shalom Synagogue and Temple Beth El. A collation by Sisterhood will follow the service.

HOST A FAMILY FOR SHABBAT

If you are able to host a couple who are new to the community for the second seder, please contact Rabbi Kurshan at hjcrabbi@optonline.net



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April 2014

5774 Nisan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ROSH CHODESH	2 LTV (Long Term Vision) Meeting 7:45pm	3	4 Minyan Breakfast Shabbat Services 6pm	5 Bat Mitzvah Hannah Bailin  <i>Metzora</i>
6  <i>JNN</i> Mitzvah Day Open House 11am  Men's Club 9:30 USY/Kad	7 <i>YOGA</i> Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm	8 RS Seders  Chavarim	9 Social Action 2pm	10 ECC Seders 10:30am 	11 Shabbat Services 6pm	12 <i>Acharei Mot</i> Shabbat Hagadol
13 <i>JNN</i>	14 <i>Office closed</i>	15 <i>Office closed</i>	16	17	18	19 Congregants will chant Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs) at Shabbat Services <i>Chol HaMoed</i>
Search for Chametz	Siyyum 7am FIRST SEDER Candle Lighting 7:11pm	PASSOVER Services 9:30am SECOND SEDER Candle Lighting 7:52pm	PASSOVER Services 9:30am	Chol HaMoed	Shabbat Services 6pm Chol HaMoed	
20 <i>JNN</i> No Religious School ~ No Early Childhood Center Services 7:15pm Candle Lighting 7:17pm Chol HaMoed	21 <i>Office Closed</i> SEVENTH DAY Services 9:30am Services 7:15pm Candle Lighting	22 <i>Office Closed</i> EIGHTH DAY PASSOVER Services 9:30am YIZKOR	23	24 Sisterhood Challah Workshop 	25 Parent Assoc. 9:45am Shabbat Services 6pm	26 Bar Mitzvah David Mosden  <i>Kedoshim</i>
27 <i>JNN</i> RS Yom Hashoah Assembly Endowment Board 9:30am Community Holocaust Memorial Service at HJC~7:00pm	28 <i>YOGA</i>	29 Jewish Public Affairs-Ken Bob 8:00pm  Chaverim	30 ROSH CHODESH			



Thank you!

At the recent HJC Blood Drive in memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss, 37 volunteer donors responded to our annual appeal. Many thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules to donate blood at HJC for LI Blood Services. A special acknowledgement to our repeat donors.

Stay healthy and enjoy spring! We look forward to seeing you in 2015!



HJC SUMMER ADVENTURE

Come Join Us This Summer At

Our Exciting Summer Program!

Theme Days,  Water Fun,

Sports, Drama, Arts & Crafts



Music, Science and so much more!



If you are interested inquire in the office or leave a message for the Program Director

Jen Bamberger 631-427-1089

June 30th - August 22nd 10:00am -2:00pm

Early and late care available

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Partners in Caring Counseling Available

Under the auspices of Partners in Caring, a UJA funded program bringing together FECS Health and Human Services (the region's Jewish human services agency) and synagogues, we have the services of FECS social worker, Marcy Klein, available to Huntington Jewish Center members. Partners in Caring brings educational programs and workshops, volunteer opportunities and projects to the synagogue. Free and confidential short-term individual, couples, and family counseling and referral services are available to our members. Children, adolescents and adults are welcome.

*For more information or to speak to a social worker, please contact:
Marcy Klein, LCSW-R, at 516-496-7550 x312210
or by e-mail at maklein@fecs.org.*



Bar/Bat Mitzvahs April



Hannah Rose Bailin

Daughter of
Tami and Seth
Bailin

Hannah is a 7th grade high honor roll student at J. Taylor Finley Middle School. She is an accomplished cello player and

has been a competitive swimmer on the Huntington YMCA swim team for 5 years. Other activities she enjoys are reading, creative writing, art, and archery. Hannah's parents and her brother Josh are so proud of her on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.



David Foster Mosden

Son of Jennifer
and Avi Mosden

David is a seventh grade honor roll student at Finley Middle School. He participates in the Robotics club, band, plays basketball and lacrosse and is learning to play the guitar. David loves to read and enjoys going to the movies and

amusement parks with his family. David is a loving son and brother and is adored and looked up to by his younger cousins, Ben, Jake, Jacob, Matthew and Evan. Mom, Dad and big sister Sarah are very proud of all of his past achievements and looking forward to the many more to come.



First Holiday Poster Contest Ben Tasman Library

Gabriella Messing is our first contest winner with a beautiful poster for the holiday of Purim and will be getting a special prize. Stop by the library to see it on display. While you are there, browse our magazines and of course look at our children's section for some wonderful books on Passover. Then, check our cookbooks for new ideas.

JNN News

The Jewish Nutritional Network continues to prepare upwards of 300 meals for approximately 75 families living in emergency (motel type) housing. Every Sunday we deliver these meals to two locations in both Commack and Smithtown. Most of the residents of these shelters are children. A mother at the Commack motel thanked me and said, "if not for this meal, many would not have something to eat today".

The volunteers of the JNN meet every Sunday, some as early as 7:15 am, to start preparing the day's meal. Most days we cook pasta, beans, fresh vegetables seasoned to perfection and freshly baked biscuits. The rest of the volunteers arrive at 8:45 am to prepare sandwiches and all of the other components to complete this amazing meal.

The cost to feed the growing number of families is challenging our resources. It costs the JNN approximately \$300.00 each week for food and supplies. We always welcome new volunteers and/or financial donations.

Please consider making a donation to this amazing program that has found a piece of the world that needed to be fixed. We invite all to come to the dairy kitchen at 8:45 am any Sunday to see what a small group of caring people have been doing quietly for the past 20 years.



BREAKING NEWS!!

The Jewish Nutritional Network is very proud to announce an amazing milestone of providing approximately 250,000 meals over a 20 year period to families in need! That's right 1/4 of a million meals!! In celebration of this amazing accomplishment, an anonymous donor will match all donations made to the JNN, not to exceed \$900.00 in total. Please consider making a donation to The JNN.

**Thank you,
Rob Fisher
Rfish51@aol.com**

HJC Community News



MAZAL TOV

Elaine & Walter Kleinmann announce the birth of their granddaughter, Talia Zoe Kleinmann.

Vicki & Arthur Perler announce the birth of their granddaughter, Rina Marissa Perler.

Karen & Michael Fishelson announce the engagement of their daughter, Elise, to Scott Kaufman.

Lesley & Jeff Stark announce the birth of their granddaughter, Rachel Stark-Fargo.

CONDOLENCES

Joe Glassman on the death of his mother, Selma Glassman.

Joan Blank on the death of her husband, Bob Blank.

Laurie Birzon on the death of her mother, Sondra Stoller.



Celebrating Purim.

President's Perspective

by William Wertheim



A few weeks ago, while starting his usual discussion and D'var Torah one Shabbat morning, Rabbi Kurshan mentioned that Pesach is coming. I said to him (tongue-in-cheek) after services, that that thought strikes fear in many congregants' hearts: the cleaning, the changing of dishes, the shopping, the cooking, and the search for a dessert that doesn't taste, well, Pesahdic.

But truth be told, I look forward to Pesach, even though it is a lot of work.

When I was growing up, we always had seder at our house. They were raucous and joyous, filled with delicious food, lots of singing, and a fair amount of laughing. My father always prepared a few things to say, and carefully assigned different parts to different participants: my brothers, myself, various cousins and friends over the years who came, some year after year. The food was always enough to make the table creak, and always included treats from the Lower East Side—matzah from the Streit's factory (okay, maybe that wasn't a treat!), pickles, fish, dried fruits and nuts. They are very, very happy memories.

Rosalind and I hosted our first seder when we lived in Michigan—we had a memorable seder with two fellow residents who are Jewish, and Rosalind's thesis advisor and his wife, who are not. I think we only had one haggadah at the time, so we picked and chose, but still told the story of Exodus from Egypt and exchanged stories. If you want more information ask me in person, but we had a great time. When we moved to New York in 1994, we took over the seders—and when we moved to Huntington in 1996, my mother happily gave us her Passover china so she could be spared. We also inherited the haggadot from my parents, and still use them, the names of guests from years and years ago still written in the margins in my father's handwriting indicating who was to read which section.

I sometimes look at those notes from my father, and leaf through his old notebook where he collected his readings and his essays for the seder. My father was, if you knew him, someone who enjoyed sharing his opinion freely, and thought carefully about what he wanted to say. Each year when I thumb through the pages, I feel guilty. I never manage to prepare the haggadah as my father did. I rarely have any introductions (though I do like to talk!), I've never organized the seder so the people I know are coming have assigned parts. Rosalind, who as usual has a more realistic and suitable view of things, points out



Sisterhood News

by Marsha Buchholtz and
Evelyn Silverberg

*Our spring book discussion will be on **Monday, May 5th at 11:30 am.** The book, entitled "**The Kitchen House**," is written by Kathleen Grissom who gives us a new perspective on slavery, families and human ties in the old South. This book is readily available at libraries and at the Book Revue in Huntington where a discount is given to Huntington Jewish Center members. As usual, a light lunch will be served. Syd Schlesinger will be leading our discussion and can be reached at syd519@gmail.com to register or for further information.*

*Our third and final **Collegian package** for this academic year was sent in time for Purim and, as usual, was very well received. Thanks once again to our Collegian Committee, Debbie Cadel, Patricia Schoeffler and Jill Sherman for a job well done.*

*Another super Sisterhood team, Allison Reiver and Karann Pashkin successfully prepared **Purim Gift Bags** for our HJC community. Included in the bags were Hamantaschen baked by our members under the able eye of "**Chief Baker**," Jeff Moss. His team, which included his daughter, Rachel, provided over 400 dozen delicious assorted "hummmies."*

*Our **Early Childhood Center Readers Program**, in conjunction with the **HJC Social Action Committee**, is now underway. Each ECC teacher is provided with a volunteer reader who reads a book selected by the teacher to her class. Usually done on a weekly basis, the volunteers report that they love the experience and hope the children enjoy it as much as they do.*

*Thanks to **Vicki Rosen** for a job well done as a chair of the **Women's League For Conservative Judaism's** workshop on the **Diversity of Mishpachah in the Jewish Community**. We also thank **Rabbi Kurshan** for his generous participation as a workshop leader and panel participant. By the way, the Kosher Chinese food served for lunch was great.*

*Just as a reminder, we will be celebrating **Janet Kushnick** as this year's **HJC Sisterhood Women of Achievement** on **May 28th** at a gala dinner arranged by the Women's League. Time and place to be announced.*

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Early Friday Night Services continue through May 2. All services at 6 pm in Lief Chapel except May 2 when services will be held in Kiddush Lounge for FNL.

The late Friday 8:00 pm service begins May 9 and continues through Labor Day Weekend.



Changing Seasons

by Cantor Israel Gordan



This was one of the worst winters in memory: long, cold, and a whole lot of snow. And yet, by the time you read this, it is (hopefully) ancient history. And with the snow gone, it is almost impossible to remember what it looked and felt like: where it was, how high it was piled, and how dirty it got.

That's often how I feel about fasting on Tisha B'Av and Yom Kippur. You can be so

hungry that it is almost all-consuming and prohibits you from focusing on other things. But once you break your fast, you almost immediately forget what it felt like to be hungry. The taste of the food quickly replaces the pangs of hunger. Why is that? And how we can hold on to our feelings longer to better experience and appreciate each moment?

I think with fasting, it is natural to go through phases and think about different foods. "I'd really like a slice of pizza now. Or a cold glass of soda. Or now I wish I could just have a cupcake." But hopefully you're not only focusing on the food. In fact, using your feelings and thoughts of food can help you to refocus on the task of the day: whether it is the collective mourning of the Jewish people on Tisha B'Av or the personal reflection of Yom Kippur. Realizing that you're losing focus can help you to focus again. And the idea of not eating can help in that spiritual cleansing by recognizing that self-denial serves a purpose and that this day is different from all other, when so much of our attention is focused on food.

With the changing of the seasons, trying to remember what the cold was like can help you to appreciate a beautiful spring day. While we are not often blessed with wonderful weather in the northeast, we do have four distinct seasons. The freezing cold of winter naturally gives way to the sunshine (and rain) of spring. Remembering the cool breezes during spring can help us through the heat and humidity of summer. We like to think that it is easy to fondly recall the summer when the autumn chill starts to set in, and with it, only a matter of time before winter. With each season, it may be hard to remember what it was like before, but attempting to do so, helps us to better appreciate today.

The passing of time and the holding of the feeling of each distinct season is also reflected in the progression of our holidays. As the school year begins, so does the Jewish year followed by Succot and Simhat Torah. When winter is at its darkest, we lighten it up with Hanukkah and Purim. For spring, we have Passover and count our days until Shavuot. Each holiday holds distinct feelings and memories and being able to access those each year can enhance our celebration. But we also must allow for space to create new memories and experiences. They might escape us tomorrow, but for today, we can certainly try to hold on.

Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher

Religious School Administrator

Now that we are finished with winter—and hopefully all of the snow—we can move on to spring.

On **April 6**, we have a very busy morning. First, the Bet class and their parents are celebrating mastering the Aleph Bet with a party and certificates. These children started the year just recognizing letter and can now read—and translate—multiple syllable words. They have worked very hard to reach this accomplishment. The program runs from 9:15 - 10:00.

The Gan and Aleph classes will have their mock Passover Seder that morning, with the rest of the school celebrating on Tuesday, **April 8**.

At 10:30 am, Mitzvah Day will begin. Cantor Gordan has organized many different projects such as helping with our gardens here at HJC or on Dunlop Road, cleaning kitchens and classroom desks, making Passover cards for seniors, and much more. Please let us know if you want to help and how we can best use you.

While all this is going on, we have HJC's open house from 11:00 - 1:00 with activities for children including a bounce house.

When we come back after Passover, the Religious School will have a Yom Hashoah assembly on Sunday, **April 27th**.

I want to wish everyone a Zisen Pesach,
Maxine



Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



BIRTHDAYS ARE FOR CHILDREN

Each candle giving light for
every year I've been here

We're celebrating---Me!

I get a song, a gift, a rush---

I must be special

You must be really glad you had
Me.

When my oldest daughter turned three years old, I decided to have a party for her. At least I thought I was having a party for her. Like most parents, I ran around town weeks before the party getting balloons, party favors, a special cake with a Sesame Street character on it, and lots of gifts that she had put on her "wish list" throughout the year. My husband and I invited our closest friends and their children (which numbered 18 adults and 14 children, all under the age of 5) as well as my immediate family of eight adults. And, if that wasn't enough, we included four of her favorite friends from pre-school and their parents.

The entertainment for the afternoon was a neighborhood clown followed by a sit-down brunch. The minute the first guests arrived, I knew my husband and I made a serious mistake. My daughter, being totally overwhelmed with all the attention being given her, became shy for the first time and hid behind my body. When some of the other children came, she had trouble sharing some of her toys in the room, because she was not quite sure her friends would give them back at the end of their stay. Then the relatives arrived, filled with love and good intentions, as they pulled her out of my arms passing her around for squeezes, juicy kisses and demands of "thank yous" for their presents.

I thought when the clown arrived all would get better. Instead, the opposite occurred. Many of the children never experienced a clown before and they became hysterical seeing this person with flaming red hair, a bulbous blue nose, face paint and clothing they had never seen or any of their shopping sprees with

Early Childhood News (con't)

Mommy. By the end of the day, having heard crying from every child in our home for two straight hours (parents as well), my husband and I knew that the party we planned just for her, was really meant to please only us.

Most children that are under the age of five have a great deal of difficulty with large group experiences, especially when they are the center of attention. The high expectation placed on the birthday child to respond with graciousness and appreciation for all that was done for him/her, is totally inappropriate for this age group.

All birthdays should be celebrated and for the early childhood age group, the simpler the better. Inviting one or two children over the house for lunch, cake and games is more than enough. Other suggestions could be taking a trip on a train or bus, seeing a puppet show in some of our local theaters, visiting a science museum, the seashore, fish hatchery, or fire station. If little ones could tell just how they feel about their birthday, I am certain they would tell us that the simplest happenings traced out in love become a pattern for their own quilt of birthday memories.

MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS:

STEVE STERN,

Suffolk County Legislator

*who will be speaking at the next Men's Club meeting next **Sunday, April 6th, at 9:15am.** Talk will include what's going on in the County Legislature, and a chance for Questions and Answers.*

*ALL HJC MEMBERS ARE INVITED. Breakfast will be served. Please contact **Eric Gemunder at Eric723@hotmail.com or 516-978-5237** for more information.*

Donations

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GENERAL FUND

Selma Greenstein in memory of Max Bass at yahrzeit.
Jack Rubin in memory of Mordecai Rubin at yahrzeit.
Jack Rubin in memory of Gilla Rubin at yahrzeit.
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Stephen Holbreich in memory of Mortimer Holbreich at yahrzeit.
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Tracy Kaplowitz & Jonathan Boxer in honor of the wedding of
Jason, son of Miriam & Joel Wirchin, to Ellen Klein.
Tracy Kaplowitz & Jonathan Boxer in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Sari Hope Reiter, granddaughter of Judy & Lester Fox.
Tracy Kaplowitz & Jonathan Boxer wishing a speedy recovery to
Elaine Kleinmann.
Tracy Kaplowitz & Jonathan Boxer wishing a speedy recovery to
Vicki Rosen.
Tracy Kaplowitz & Jonathan Boxer wishing a speedy recovery to
Ken Rosenblatt.
Amy Marcus in memory of Norma Gordon at yahrzeit.
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Joan Blank.

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Ofer Rind in memory of Paul Zimmerman, father of Jeff
Zimmerman.
Ofer Rind in memory of Sondra Stoller, mother of Laurie Birzon.

ARK & PULPIT FUND

Joan Blank in memory of Louis Galowitz at yahrzeit.

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HJC Sisterhood
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Marsha Buchholtz in honor of Debbie Cadel, Patricia Schoeffler &
Jill Sherman for a job well done.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Bea Pedowicz in memory of Martin Rencoff at yahrzeit.

Vicki & Tom Rosen in memory of Bob Blank, husband of Joan
Blank.

Vicki & Tom Rosen in memory of Selma Glassman, mother of Joe
Glassman

Alan Orloff in memory of Eric Orloff at yahrzeit.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Adele Kalstein in memory of Selma Glassman, mother of Joe
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Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Mac James
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Woghin, grandson of Marilyn & Gary Woghin.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the wedding of Jason, son of Miriam
& Joel Wirchin, to Ellen Klein.

HUMASH FUND

Yolanda Barfus in memory of Jerome Barfus at yahrzeit.

NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

Susie & Jay Meisler in honor of the wedding of Jason, son of
Miriam & Joel Wirchin, to Ellen Klein.

Susie & Jay Meisler in memory of Sondra Stoller, mother of Laurie
Birzon.

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The Hummel family in memory of Sondra Stoller, mother of Laurie
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Marlene & Lenny Hummel in memory of Selma Glassman, mother
of Joe Glassman.

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Eileen & Harvey Berger

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at yahrzeit.

Hannah Kampel in memory of Selma Glassman, mother of Joe
Glassman.

Hannah Kampel in memory of Bob Blank, husband of Joan Blank.
Ellen & Jay Steinberg with thanks & appreciation to the devoted
volunteers of the JNN.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the wedding of Jason, son of
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Sarah & Jerry Saunders in memory of Sondra Stoller, mother of
Laurie Birzon.

Rene Levy in memory of Bob Blank, husband of Joan Blank.

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DR. MOSHE AVITAL



Dr. Moshe Avital was born in Ruthenia Czechoslovakia, which was annexed by Germany in 1939. At the age of 14, Dr. Avital was sent to the Berehovo Ghetto, Hungary and imprisoned there.

From there he was deported with his entire family to Auschwitz, Poland, to Plaszow, then to Gross Rosen, to Bolkenheim, and finally to Buchenwald. The United States Third Army liberated him on April 11, 1945. After weeks in a makeshift hospital in Buchenwald, he was sent to a village in northwest France for recuperation.

In July 1945, Dr. Avital joined an illegal immigration group to Palestine (now Israel). The British Navy intercepted the ship and he was placed into a detention camp near Haifa from which he was liberated by the Hagannah. He fought in the 1947-50 war of liberation as well as the 1956 war in the Israel army.

Dr. Avital came to the U.S. in 1950. He received his Ph.D. from Yeshiva University and has published several books and numerous articles.

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that the children (or now, my nieces who are young) wouldn't sit for the "usual" seder, and anyway, with all the newer haggadot we have accumulated over the years, we have lots more interesting readings. Not to mention a collection of plague finger puppets and conversation-starting cards ("Have you had a personal 'exodus?'" "What can we do today about other people who are enslaved? And what does 'enslaved' mean today?") that guests have brought us as well.

Nonetheless, I couldn't shake the feeling that I was falling down at my task. Until a couple of years ago, when Rosalind and I suggested we do something different for Pesach—go away, do something away from home and not host a seder. My children were having none of it. All three of them insisted that this was their favorite holiday, and they would be very unhappy if we couldn't host our friends and family at our house both nights. To their credit, they are vigorous helpers when it comes to Passover cleaning and cooking. It was reinforced when Ariel, and then Anna, went off to Israel and then to college. Both of them—despite spending Seder in Israel among family—enjoyed it, but missed being home for the holiday. The rituals we have, the water spraying and the frogs croaking during the recitation of the plagues, the singing with new tunes every year, the new voices singing the four questions, are all just as compelling to them as the pot-banging while we sang clearing the dishes when I was young. So, I stopped feeling like my family and guests were missing out.

I hope your Seders are filled with rituals new and old, and your stories of the departure from slavery to freedom will be as meaningful and as memorable as you could hope for.

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