

HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

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INNOVATE & INTEGRATE - CREATING COMMUNITY & CONNECTION



by Rabbi Kurshan

The Jews in the Pew (Study)

The results of the recent Pew Research Center survey of the American Jewish community have caused much consternation. Among the statistics that caused the most alarm are figures that only 18% of American Jews identify their denominational affiliation as Conservative and that 22% of American Jews identify themselves as Jews of no religion. We also learned that Jews often shift their denominational affiliation during their lifetimes usually from Orthodox to Conservative, from Conservative to Reform, or from Reform to no denominational affiliation.

These and other statistics in the Pew Study mirror religious trends in the general American community. One out of five American do not identify with

any religious denomination--almost exactly the same percentage as Jews who say they have no religious affiliation. 50% of American Jews change their religious identity at some point during their lives. There is tremendous polarization in religious identification today. Whereas in the 1950's the center was the place to be, it is the religious extremes today that are growing most quickly. It is cold comfort, however, to say that as Jews we are becoming more like everyone else.

Some have read the Pew Study as cause for despair and as grounds for predicting that liberal Judaism in the United States is on its deathbed. I understand the study differently. I believe it clarifies the opportunities that lie before us as a synagogue community and as an American Jewish community. I find myself re-energized and optimistic about our challenges.

First the study tells us that there is a large number of Jews in the community who can be reached by us. When asked how they identify, 36% of Jews in the study list themselves as "other" or "just Jewish". 41% of Jews under the age of 30 claim they have no denominational affiliation. The statistics do not mean that the Jews in these categories do not care. They simply do not identify with a specific denomination. If we can open our synagogue doors as widely as possible, we can draw some of these Jews into a meaningful engagement with the Jewish community. Many of these Jews are seeking meaning and community, and if we can make a connection with them, they will walk through our doors. That does not mean we have to abandon that for which we stand, but rather that we need to make



JEWISH PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM

Tuesday evenings

**December 10-Tikkun Olam: Jewish
Communal Responsibility for Healing
the World, the United States, and Israel**

April 29 - 8 pm - TBA

Instructor: Ken Bob

We will look at some of the main topics on the American Jewish and Israeli public agenda by reading circulated articles in advance and then delving into the issues in depth at each session. In our first session, we will look at the textual roots of the notion of Tikkun Olam, and examine how they are being understood and applied in the modern day. As Jews around the world engage in acts of Tikkun Olam, is there a conflict between our particularistic and universalist impulses?

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our synagogue and the kind of Judaism which we represent as welcoming and accessible as possible. To cite just one example it would be a mistake for us as a Conservative shul to change the majority of our service to English. People are drawn to us, in part, because our services are traditional. On the other hand, knowing that not everyone in the congregation can read Hebrew, we added transliterations of the service to the back of our prayer books a few years ago so that everyone can participate.

We also have to focus on the "reachable" moments when families are open to establishing a connection with a synagogue. We know that one of those moments is the early childhood years when parents are figuring out their priorities in raising their children. We need as many inspiring models of Jewish life as possible for parents during these early childhood years. Thus in our search for a new Early Childhood Center director it is important that this person continue to be not only someone with an expertise in early childhood education, but also someone who is a positive and accessible model of the richness of Jewish life.

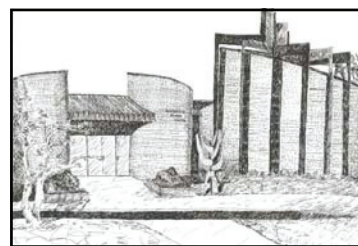
We also need to remember that not everyone fits into the conventional definition of a family. According to the Pew study only 51% of Jewish adults are married. Often when people think synagogue, they think couples or families. We need to embrace the diversity of the community and find the ways of connecting to Jews who are widowed, divorced, single parents, or who are couples who do not yet have children.

It is important to remember that while the Pew study and other similar studies tell a national story through their statistics, all religion is local. If we can create a Judaism and a synagogue community that is engaging and inspiring, people will want to connect with us at HJC, and the statistics won't matter very much.

In his speech a few weeks ago before the Centennial Celebration of United Synagogue, Chancellor Arnold Eisen of the Jewish Theological Seminary made the following comment: "The word, religion, may resonate less with American Jews than it did years ago, but spirituality, pursuit of justice, the building of communities, and the service of God matter just as much as they always have."

We are a Jewish people who have survived for 4000 years. That makes us long term investors, and we should not focus overly much on any particular snapshot of the Jewish community. Already at various times in our American Jewish history it has seemed as if the demise of Orthodox Judaism and Reform Judaism were imminent. The Reform movement resuscitated itself by opening its doors to the intermarried. The Orthodox Movement saved itself from extinction by creating a network of day schools that perpetuated its brand of Judaism in a younger generation. It took many years for these efforts to bear fruit.

The decisions we make today will determine what our synagogue community, our Movement, and the American Jewish community will look like ten, twenty or thirty years from now. The future does not shape us; we shape the future through our choices. I hope we will be able to look back saying we seized the opportunities before us and created a future that made us proud.



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December 2013

Kislev/Tevet 5774



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 JNN NO Religious School Hanukkah	2  Hanukkah	3 Candle Lighting 6:15pm Dinner to follow Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah	4  Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah	5 Challah Workshop 10am  Hanukkah	6 Minyan Breakfast Shabbat Services 6pm	7 Religious School Havdallah 5pm Vayigash
8 JNN Men's Club Board Vav Workshop 9:30am USY/Kad	9 Sisterhood Board Meeting-8pm	10 Jewish Public Affairs Forum – 8pm with Ken Bob Chavarim-6:15	11 HIHI	12	13 Parent Assoc. 9:45am Shabbat Services 6pm	14 Bar Mitzvah Max Gordon Saturday Night at the Movies 7:30pm  Veyechi
15 JNN RS Board 9:30am Gimel Workshop 9:30am Ridotto-4pm USY/Kad 	16	17 Chavarim-6:15	18	19	20 Shabbat Services 6pm	21 Winter Begins  Shemot
22 JNN	23	24	25	26	27	28
	NO EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER-NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WINTER BREAK					
			HIHI		Shabbat Services 6pm	Va'era
29 JNN	30	31	1 	2	3 Minyan Breakfast	
	NO EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTR-NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WINTER BREAK					
			Main Office Closed		Shabbat Services 6pm	

HJC Community News



MAZAL TOV

Susie & Steve Lax announce the engagement of their daughter, Yonit, to Jacob Hyman-Kantor.

Amy & Rick Marcus announce the birth of their grandson, Harrison Noah Rubovitz.

Dorothy & Larry Tydings announce the birth of their grandson Martin Sebastian Bressler.

Gail & Jerry Ellstein announce the engagement of their son, David, to Erin Hall.

Debbie & Richard Rosenkrantz announce the birth of their granddaughter, Penelope Lily Silver.

Rabbi Neil and Alisa Rubin Kurshan announce the engagement of their son, Eytan, to Anna Squires Levine.

Ken & Nancy Bob announce the engagement of their son, Amit, to Adina Teibloom.

CONDOLENCES

Janet Goldstein on the death of her father, Ralph Arditti.

Jewish Nutritional Network



The Jewish Nutritional Network (JNN) is a non-denominational, non-profit food service organization. For over 18 years our volunteers have helped provide meals to families in need in our community. Currently we prepare meals in HJC's dairy kitchen every Sunday for approximately 300 people, including an after-school program in Huntington for children in need and families living in two motel-type shelters.

From our deliveries each Sunday we knew that there would be no Thanksgiving dinner provided for the motel residents. Just as in years past the JNN purchased individual Thanksgiving dinners at a discounted price from Zan's Kosher Deli (135 Alexander Ave, Lake Grove). That day, 300 holiday meals were delivered hot and ready to eat. When our volunteers arrived to the motels in Commack and Smithtown the residents were all waiting for their arrival, and were

deeply appreciative of the meals that they received. It was a deeply heartwarming experience for our volunteers, making the residents feel that someone cared about them on Thanksgiving.

The JNN is volunteer based and depends on individual contributions for its support. You can find us in the dairy kitchen every Sunday at 8:45 AM – come stop by and lend a hand anytime! You'll do a mitzvah and meet some really great people.

HJC Adult Education, Family Life Committee & Rabbi Kurshan present



SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FILMS ABOUT FATHERS & SONS

SATURDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 14, 2013 AT 7:30 PM

"A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT"

"A River Runs Through It", directed by Robert Redford, is a beautifully photographed movie that recounts the story of two boys growing up in Montana as the sons of a minister.

The movie will be followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Kurshan



Refreshments will be served



~ BYOKB ~

Adults, Bring Your Own Kosher Bottle

*** Please also note the new venue***

The movie will be shown on our new full-sized screen in the Social Hall

~~~~ FOR THE CHILDREN ~~~~

Drop the kids off at 7:15 pm in their favorite PJ's

~ BYOKB ~

Children: Bring Your Own "Kozy" Blanket

*Wear your PJ's, bring a sleeping bag/pillow, ask a friend.*

*Child supervision & snacks provided at no charge*

RSVP to Debbie 427-1089x10 or [debbier@hjcny.org](mailto:debbier@hjcny.org) to ensure adequate supervision

There is no admission charge

Saturday Night at the Movies Chairpersons: Michelle Stack & Donna Zimmerman





## President's Perspective

Are you in a Havurah?

by William Wertheim



According to my Hebrew dictionary (morfix.co.il—it's great, if you are looking for a Hebrew-English dictionary, and it's free), Havurah means a "band, company, small group of people" or in mathematics, a group. We have a number of Havurot in our community. Some of them go back many years, and some are quite new.

I have been thinking about Havurot for a few reasons. First, I am in a Havurah, and Rosalind and I enjoy meeting with our Havurah very much. We started meeting with the new effort that HJC put into creating Havurot two years ago. Our Havurah has allowed Rosalind and me to have another avenue to connect with longtime friends, and also to get acquainted with people we didn't really have the chance to know previously. We have talked about a number of different topics, from our diverse religious backgrounds to Seder memories to our relationship with Israel, and we've also just plain schmoozed. Most of our meetings have been over dessert, but we had a recent meeting over Shabbat dinner, after a little challenge in scheduling, and it really was a great evening. While we did not have a topic for this most recent meeting, it was nice to simply talk, take pleasure in each other's company, eat together, and drink some very tasty kosher wine. Our Havurah has really added to our HJC experience.

I was also recently talking to a long-time member of our community, and she told me about her experience. Some Havurot, hers included, have been meeting for over 20 years. While perhaps not all of them have remained intact, this group was particularly striking: regular newsletters (using typewriters!), long-term friendships that grew from the group, and regular meetings. One of the lessons she relayed was in preparing for the meetings, keep things simple: food is put out buffet-style and people eat on bridge tables scatter throughout the house; one rule, for dessert, you had to move and sit next to someone else in the group. I think the prospect of creating a full dinner for 15 or 20 people would give many of us pause, so this was a very practical way to overcome the obstacle of how to feed people (potluck is another one). More important than the food or the topics, or the impressive organizational skills displayed by this Havurah, is the fact that this group has really supported each other throughout the years, through happy times and sad. This is not, to choose one of the definitions, just a small group of people. It really is a band of people in the community who, over the years, have learned to trust each other, to rely on



## Sisterhood News

by Marsha Buchholtz and  
Evelyn Silverberg

Please join us for our **Challah Workshop on December 5th at 10am** in the dairy kitchen. The following is our tried and true recipe, used last year to provide challahs to other synagogues damaged by Super Storm Sandy. Once again our program will be led by expert Challah bakers Felicia Messing and Michelle Behr. This year the challah will be donated to our own Jewish Nutritional Network Sunday morning project which provides meals to family shelters and a local after school program.

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup warm water  
2 tsp or 1 envelope dry yeast  
1/3 cup sugar + 1 tsp to activate yeast  
2 large eggs  
1/3 cup oil  
3 1/2 cups flour, plus more as necessary  
1 1/2 tsp salt

Mix water, yeast and 1 tsp sugar in a large bowl. Allow to "proof" for 5 minutes. After bubbles form, add sugar, eggs and oil. Mix. Add flour and salt. Mix with spoon and then with hands. If dough is too sticky, add more flour. Place dough on a lightly floured surface and knead about 200 counts until the dough is smooth. Place in an oiled bowl with a little oil on the dough ball. Cover with a towel and allow to rise in a warm location until double in size (about 2 hours). Knead 10 counts. Divide dough in half to make 2 loaves. Divide each section into 3, 4 or 6 sections to roll out into "snakes" for braiding. Place on baking tray lined with parchment for easier clean-up. Brush with a beaten egg. Allow to rise 30 minutes in a warm location. Preheat oven to 375. Bake approximately 27 minutes until nicely browned.

Variations: Substitute honey for sugar, white and part white whole wheat with white flour, add raisins when making braids.

Hope to see many Temple family members as learners and helpers.

## Social Action Committee

On January 11 the Social Action Committee will host a Kiddush sponsored by the Lone Soldier Center in Jerusalem. There will be several former Lone Soldiers present who will share some of their experiences. The Social Action Committee is encouraging members of the congregation to send letters or very small packages containing items such as warm caps, socks, etc to the Lone Soldiers to show our appreciation to those brave young people. For further information contact

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## Thanksgivukkah by Cantor Israel Gordan



As Rabbi Kurshan mentioned in his last bulletin article, this year provided us with a unique opportunity as the first day of Hanukkah overlapped with Thanksgiving for the only time in our lives. On Wednesday evening, November 27th we lit the first Hanukkah candle and the next day, which was the first day of Hanukkah, we also celebrated Thanksgiving. This important Jewish holiday and this important American holiday actually have

many interesting similarities. Rabbi David Paskin, who is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Abraham in Canton, Massachusetts as well as the co-Head of School of Kehillah Schechter Academy in Norwood, Massachusetts wrote a song called the Ballad of Thanksgivukkah, which is a great (and funny) amalgamation of the two festivals. Please find the lyrics below and enjoy. And I hope you had a very happy Thanksgivukkah!

The Ballad of Thanksgivukkah

by Rabbi David Paskin with help from Ayelet Paskin and Dana Reichman Gitell

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Imagine Judah Maccabee sitting down to roast turkey  
Passing the potatoes to Squanto  
And pilgrims in Jerusalem standing with Hasmoneans  
Got to get this temple cleaned up pronto

Like applesauce with cranberries, turkey stuffed with fried latkes  
It's clear that this is one heck of a mitzvah  
Let's celebrate this great country, religious minorities  
Everybody loves Thanksgivukkah  
I had a little turkey(toykey), I named him Macabee  
I tried and tried to spin him but I was not lucky

### CHORUS

Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; Let's celebrate across America  
Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; Happy Holidays, Thanksgivukkah!

Nun, Gobble, Hay, Shin  
Apple, rhubarb and pumpkin

167 BCE the Has-mo-ne-an dynasty  
Was challenged by the lure of Hellenizers  
But Greek culture could not compare to spinning tops and Jewish prayer  
The miracle of light kept burning brighter

## Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher  
Religious School Administrator

On November 17th an amazing event took place at HJC—our annual Hannukah Happening! For two hours that Sunday morning 200 community members of all ages celebrated the fun of Hanukah with a sing-a-long led by Cantor Gordan, crafts including making cards and tissue flowers for the elderly, raffles, Hannukah shopping at the book fair and in our gift shop, not to mention the delicious hot dogs, latkas and sufganiot!

Todah rabah to everyone who helped to make the Hanukah Happening such a great success! Thank you to the ladies from the ECC who made the beautiful raffle baskets, the Men's Club for preparing and selling the food, the Membership and Social Action Committees, the Sisterhood Members for running the gift shop, and all of the parents that helped with the craft tables. Certain individuals also deserve a special thank you—Marlene Hummel for running the book fair, Lauren Singer for teaching Israeli dancing, and of course Cantor Gordan for leading us in song. Most of all I want to thank Sisterhood for their financial support. Thank you all for your hard work!

On Tuesday, December 3rd everyone is invited to join the Religious School as we light the congregation's Chanukiah outside in front of the building. Please join us and stay for some Hannukah songs. Afterwards, everyone is welcome to join us for hot cocoa and sufganiot compliments of Sisterhood. The Family Life Committee will have a Hannukah Dinner after the candle lighting.

On Sunday, December 8th is the third Vav workshop with Rabbi Kurshan. The fourth workshop is the following Sunday (December 15) with Cindy Dolgin. The Gimel G-d workshop is also on the 15.

I hope everyone has a restful winter break and a Happy Secular New Year!

In 1620 pilgrims came across the ocean here to claim  
A new land where the Mayflower could dock  
At a place we must mention they met native Americans  
When they landed here at Plymouth...

Rock of Ages let our song  
praise Thy saving power

### CHORUS

Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; let's celebrate across America  
Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; Happy Holidays, Thanksgivukkah!

# Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



Many years ago when I went to Israel with my staff, I was fortunate to visit a day care center on a Kibbutz and speak with many Israeli children along our journey. I was quite impressed with the sense of independence and self-confidence that the children exhibited in their actions and dialogue. As a parent, teacher and director, I am always in the position of encouraging children to become autonomous. Many parents have come to me for help

in this difficult task.

I feel the hardest job for parents is to restrain themselves when they see their children make mistakes or struggle with a problem. especially when just a few words of wisdom could protect their child from hurt or disappointment. Somehow, our children's failures become our failures as well. When my own children ask me "Mom, what do you think I should do?" I have to bite my lips to keep from responding with the words I'm certain will make the situation all better.

Teachers and parents so enjoy the feeling of being needed, but all too often this feeling interferes with children making their own decisions and learning from the outcome.

Parents also contribute to their child's dependency by doing every thing for them. In the parent's busy schedule, it is much more convenient to button their child's button, tie their shoes, wipe up the spilled milk, and solve their social problems. It has been said that when one person is dependent upon another, feelings of helplessness, worthlessness, resentment, frustration and anger can arise.

There are many opportunities that come up daily to encourage children's autonomy:

1. Let children make choices: For example, allow your child to decide whether he wants to wear a red shirt or a green shirt or eat cereal or eggs for breakfast etc.

2. Show respect for a child's struggle-when a child tries to zip his or her own coat, instead of saying "here, let me do it," say "zippering takes a lot of funny finger work."

3. Try not to ask too many questions. It always amazes me the amount of questions parents of pre-school children barrage their children with when the classroom door is opened at the end of the day. "Did you have fun today?" "Did you paint?" "Did you share the pretzels with the class?" "Whom did you play with?" "Were you a good boy/girl today?" My simple advice to parents when they greet their child at the end of school is simply to say "I'm happy to see you!"

4. Don't rush to answer questions. A younger child loves to ask questions. For example, "Daddy, where does snow come from?" One can simply answer "Where do you

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think it comes from?"

5. Don't take away hope! Adele Faber, author of "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen And Listen So Kids Will Talk" said "By trying to protect children from disappointment, we protect them from hoping, striving, dreaming and sometimes, from achieving their dreams."

It's a bitter sweet road we travel. We start with total commitment to a small, helpless human being. Over the years we worry, plan, comfort and try to understand. We give our love, our labor, our knowledge and our experience-so that one day he or she will have the inner strength and confidence to leave us. Let's allow children longer periods of time to figure things out and show them we have confidence in their journey to do so!



All New at HJC!



~ Ready-made Challah Dough ~

**What:** Beginning December 6 and continuing on the first Friday of every month through June, you can now buy already-prepared challah dough. Just braid it and pop it in the oven and you will have fresh-baked challah for Shabbat. The challah dough is prepared by Zucker Bakers in Wantagh (a kosher and nut-free bakery) and will arrive at HJC by 9:00 am on the day of pick up. You can pick it up until 2:00 pm that afternoon (if not picked up by the end of the day, it will be donated).

**Dates:** December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6

**Cost:** \$28 for 7 months (must pay in full)

**Questions?** Call Allison Reiver ~ 631.673.0927

**YES, SIGN ME UP!**

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each other, and to share in each other's lives. Many of us,  
after school and training and the preparation for adult life,  
look for a network of people like this, who can discuss things  
that are important to each other, who can turn to each other in  
times of need, who can share the joys of life with each other,  
and who can provide that feeling of belonging to a community  
which is more than just a transitional community. I was  
inspired, and I hope in 20 years I can say the same thing  
about my own Havurah.

Recently HJC held a brainstorming session about Havurot,  
and how to maintain their energy after that first couple of  
meetings. Members of different Havurot attended to share  
ideas, discuss ways to select topics, and other thoughts  
on sustaining this effort. There are also enough members  
of HJC who hadn't been part of a Havurah who could form  
a new one, and perhaps there will be even more. What is

needed to participate? I think people need only to be willing  
to share their thoughts, be open to meeting some new people  
and hearing new ideas, and once in a while hosting the  
group at their homes. Though I must say I've also known of  
Havurot who see a movie or a concert together, so meeting  
at someone's house is not mandatory. While our HJC  
community at large is a vital and important thing to maintain,  
I see Havurot as strengthening that greater community,  
much the way a city draws its strength from the vitality of its  
neighborhoods. I think this effort to keep the energy going in  
our Havurot is very important, and will help our synagogue.

If you'd like more information about joining a Havurah, or  
about ideas for Havurot activities, please contact me or Rabbi  
Kurshan.

*An evening talk with Dr. Jeremy Benstein from the Heschel  
Center in Tel Aviv was interesting and engaging and was well  
attended..*





Help us plan the event of the year!

## *Purim Masquerade 2014*



*Please help by joining the Purim masquerade committee. This will be a great fundraiser for HJC and a ton of fun for all that participate! WE NEED YOU!*

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## **HIHI SUPPLY DRIVE**

This December, Huntington Jewish Center will be joining with other local houses of worship to provide food, shelter and basic clothing to approximately 20-30 homeless men in our community through the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative, organized through the Family Service League. We will be hosting these guests for eight nights this winter. Many supplies and volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this program. Please bring in any of the items below to assist those in need. Look for the HIHI bins.

### **CLOTHING NEEDS**

- Knit hats
- New Warm Socks
- New Underwear M/L
- Winter Gloves
- Jeans
- Sweatshirts
- T-shirts
- Flannel pants/shirts

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Spanish DVDs
- Monetary donations welcome
- CD player

### **KITCHEN SUPPLIES**

**All food must be marked Kosher, Dairy**

- Individual hot chocolate packets
- Lemonade/Fruit punch drink mixes (Jumbo)
- Pretzels (large jar)
- Hot sauce
- Large bags of Tortilla chips
- Salsa
- Jumbo Paper lunch bags
- Juice boxes
- Granola Bars
- Small bottled waters
- Snack size bags of chips
- Styrofoam soup bowls
- Large bags of rice
- Paper towels

**This year we will be hosting on the following dates:**

**December 11, 25, January 8, 22, February 12, 26 and March 12, 26**

**For more information, please contact:**

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