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by Rabbi Kurshan

## The Unveiling

This is the time of year when I am often asked to officiate at an unveiling. Unlike many of our traditions which stretch back over thousands of years, the unveiling is relatively recent in origin--only a few generations old. Thus there is very little that is "set in stone" about when the unveiling is done or how it is conducted.

In this country it is the custom to schedule the unveiling before the first Yahrzeit--usually six to eleven months after a death. In Israel the unveiling is often done sooner--as early as the end of the Sheloshim (i.e. as soon as a month following the death). Most people invite to the unveiling a much smaller group than was at

the funeral--usually immediate family and sometimes some very close friends.

I find that the purpose of the unveiling is often misunderstood. It is not an occasion for a second funeral or a second eulogy. In my remarks at an unveiling I try to capture the essence of a person in a few sentences. I do not want to send those who mourn backwards into intense grief. In fact, the unveiling from a psychological point of view is intended to allow people to move ahead in their lives. It is an opportunity to acknowledge that time has passed since the death, and that while our sadness over the death of someone we love never entirely disappears, there comes a time when we have to once again pick up the routines of our lives. This can be very hard to do, and I find that the unveiling can give people permission to return to their lives with less guilt. While the unveiling is an opportunity for family and friends to come together to see the stone, it is most importantly an opportunity to pause after the passage of time following a death and to remember the deceased from a little more distance than was possible at the funeral.

There is no "halacha" about what is written on the gravestone. I encourage people to include the Hebrew name of the individual since this is often one of the ways that Hebrew names are preserved within families. When we don't have a Ketubah or other record of a Hebrew name, I will often ask if there is a family member buried in a nearby cemetery where we might find the Hebrew name inscribed on a stone. I now encourage people to include mothers' names as well as fathers' names on the stone so that those names will also be preserved.

There is a custom at the end of the unveiling --or for that matter whenever we visit the cemetery--of leaving a pebble atop the gravestone. On the most literal level it is a way of leaving something permanent which indicates that we have visited, but there is also a more poetic explanation. At the bottom of many gravestones five Hebrew letters are inscribed that are an abbreviation for the phrase "teheye nishmato tsurah b'tsror ha-chayyim" --"May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life." "Tsror" in



## Summer Programs

### The Synagogue Never Sleeps

Beginning Friday night, June 21 all Shabbat services during the summer are held in the Lief Chapel (except when we daven under the stars on July 12 and August 16). Services begin at 8:00 pm on Friday nights and 9:30 am on Shabbat morning. We especially appreciate help making the minyan on Friday nights during the summer.

Members of the congregation present Divrei Torah on Shabbat morning and services are more informal than during the rest of the year. Please join us during the summer.

### Shabbat Under the Stars

A summertime HJC tradition will continue on Fridays, July 12 and Aug 23 when Shabbat evening services will be held in the back courtyard of the synagogue under the stars. The services have a special beauty as we usher in Shabbat outdoors as the sun sets. Services begin at 8:00 P. M. and all are welcome.

### Tisha B'Av Services

Tisha B'Av services will be held on Monday night, July 15 at 8:30 pm in the Lief Chapel. Members of the congregation will chant the Book of Eicha (Lamentations) by candlelight as we commemorate the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other tragic events in Jewish history. It is customary not to wear leather shoes and to wear comfortable clothes in order to sit on the floor. Candles will be provided, but those attending are encouraged to bring a flashlight.

### Israel Oneg

Everyone is invited to join us for Friday night services, August 30 in the Lief Chapel at 8:00 pm when our teenagers who were in Israel will share their summer experiences at the Oneg following services.

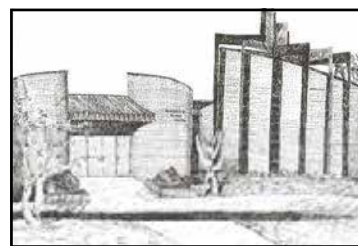
Hebrew also means a pebble. In ancient Israel when a shepherd would take the sheep out to pasture in the morning, he would carry a sling over his shoulder. In his pouch he would put the number of pebbles corresponding to the number of sheep. In the evening when he was ready to return home from the fields, he would count the number of pebbles and make sure there was a sheep for each pebble. Thus when we place stones on a grave we are asking God to remember the soul of the person we love in His sling. With our pebbles we are asking God to remember the soul of the person we love.

Just as we ask God to remember those we love, we also need to find the times to remember. The unveiling can be a very meaningful time to gather with family and find a few precious moments to remember.

## Federation of Jewish Men's clubs Awards dinner



Marisa Pashkin (Youth Honoree) and Tom Rosen (Man of the Year) hold the plaques they received during the 30th annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (Metro Region) Annual Awards Dinner on April 21. A record 520 people from 20 different Men's Clubs attended the dinner, including 33 from HJC in our first year of participation. Thank you to all who attended. The Men's Club would also like to thank everyone who purchased ads in the journal to honor Tom and Marisa, where a percentage the ad revenue came back to the Men's Club to support our activities. We hope next year's event will be even bigger and better!



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# June 2013

## 5773 Sivan/Tammuz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Shelach
2 Last Day Religious School JNN Israel Day Parade Kad/USY 	3 Sisterhood Installation 8:00pm	4 Joel Wirchin's Wine and Dessert Reception 8pm 	5 Social Action 2:00 pm	6	7 Installation of Officers  Shabbat Services 8pm	8  Korach Rosh Chodesh
9 Nava Tehila Music Ensemble 3:00 PM Guys & Dolls DVD viewing 5pm JNN	10	11	12	13 ECC Last Day  Calendar Meeting 7pm	14 ECC Graduation 10:30 AM Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat Shabbat Services 8pm	15  Chukat
16  Fathers Day  JNN	17 ECC Ice Cream Social 	18	19	20	21  Shabbat Services 8pm	22  Balak
23  JNN	24 HJC Summer Adventure Begins 	25	26	27	28  Shabbat Services 8pm	29  Pinchas
30  JNN						



# RE-DEDICATION - Ben Tasman Library

May 5, 2013

## Speech by Syd Schlesinger

Today marks the beginning of the return of the Ben Tasman Library of the Huntington Jewish Center. It is only a beginning because although this represents two and a half years of hard, and sometimes dirty work, the job is far from over. A group of dedicated volunteers have done what seemed impossible. We entered a room that was damp, dirty, dusty and moldy due to a leaky roof. Our tools were rags, paper towels, cleaning supplies, commitment, and a sense of humor. Every book was removed, dusted, and sorted in the hope they could be returned to the shelf. Some had suffered too much damage and had to be discarded or sent for proper burial. We had no knowledge or experience as librarians, but were either too naïve or foolhardy to worry about that. Sisterhood assured us money for basics, we asked that a library fund be set up and we kept going. Cartons were moved as the leaks increased, and plastic covered the ones that could not be moved. A generous member of the community gave us two computers and a printer, and we paid for a computer program to get all books categorized, entered, and then labeled. The entire floor was covered with cartons. The HJC office staff, the Rabbi, the custodians and others were always there to help and encourage us. And, the response from the family has made all the work worthwhile.

The original committee, chaired by Syd Schlesinger, included Marilyn Klein, Janet Kushnick, Tyna and Gordon Strenger, and Miriam Wirchin. The first summer, Jillian Silverberg shared her knowledge of library

science and computer cataloguing to get us started. Ellen Kahn joined us to help speed the computer entries. A handful of other synagogue members and a friend or two assisted us with smaller tasks. Donna Fleiss, a member of the Tasman-Fleiss family, became an invaluable member of the committee in the last weeks prior to the re-opening of the library, volunteering her time, her ideas and knowledge of family history.

Now, once again, we have put on work clothes to polish, stain, and clean as well as adding new furnishings to make the library a warm and welcoming place for all of you. We want this to be a place for quiet conversation, reading, browsing, borrowing a book, studying, looking at a new book or magazine even if just for a short time, or just reflecting. We have hidden away the many cartons still filled with books – they are waiting for us, and hopefully, for some of you who may now want to help continue the work. There are treasures and wonders on the shelves, don't let them simply gather dust. We are proud of our work and hope that you will take advantage of all the library has to offer.

There may not be a group of people so naïve that they would tackle something like this again.

Syd Schlesinger

Additional thanks to: Aboff's of Huntington, Bob Bozzone, Bruce and Pam Fleiss, Ed Fleiss, Eileen Front, Cantor Gordan, Joel Kupper-Smith, Betty Mesard, Andrea Morris, Joanne Mulberg-Cohn, Laura Sachs, Gloria Schnur, Amy Sobin, Darryn Solotoff, Jeff Stark, Beth Wolf

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May 5, 2013

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Dear Rabbi Kurshan, Old Friends and Congregants,

There are no words to express what the rededication of the Ben Tasman Library would have meant to my entire family, and I can't help but wish my mother and siblings were here to share this very special occasion.

Some of you know me. Many of you knew my brother, Irving, and my sister, Ethel, both of whom remained active in the congregation for many years. Many more of you know my nephews, Edward and Bruce Fleiss, their wonderful wives, Donna and Pam, and their children Anna and Justin. All of them have made our family proud and, I'm sure, have contributed greatly to the synagogue activities.

After his family, nothing was more important to my father than his strong religious beliefs and the Huntington Jewish Center. He and my mother cared deeply about, and were part of the congregation, from before the construction of the former synagogue in Huntington Station. My mother, Anna, took such joy in knowing we had a part in establishing the library and worked as the "volunteer" librarian as long as she was physically able. She not only loved the synagogue; she adored being with the children.

My siblings and I all had our religious education through this synagogue. The family has had weddings, bar mitzvahs, and even my mother's funeral service here. Rabbi Kurshan has been an incredible and steady source of support to our family through some unbelievably trying times so I still feel very much at home here.

I am enclosing a small contribution in honor of the rededication of the Ben Tasman Library on behalf of my husband, Harry, my son, David, and myself. My only regret is that it could not be more. Thank you all; and a very special thank you to the committee that has worked so hard and so long to make this day possible. I will end as I started this letter... there are no words to express the emotion and gratitude I feel.

My heartfelt good wishes to you all,

*Shirley Sindell*



## Speech by Ed Fleiss

First, on behalf of myself and my family, I want to thank everyone whose hard work and dedication to the re-vitalization of the Ben Tasman library made this possible- in particular, I want to thank Syd Schlesinger, Miriam Wirchin, Marilyn Klein, Janet Kushnick, Tyna and Gordon Strenger, as well as Ellen Kahn and Jillian Silverberg. Also, I want to thank my wife, Donna, for her work with the committee over the last few months. I also want to thank my Aunt Shirley for being here. She, and husband Harry, drove in from Silver Spring, Maryland for this event. They were married here in the shul in 1964.

Shirley, with her mother Anna, and siblings Ralph, Irving and Ethel, created this library in memory of my grandfather, Ben. I also want to acknowledge Larry and Ronnie Tasman, along with their daughters Alyssa and Stacy. Larry, Ronnie and Alyssa who live in Sarasota, Florida specifically flew in from Sarasota yesterday to be here. In addition to Bruce and me, Larry and his two brothers, Dean and Randy were bar mitzvahed on the bimah here and Larry and Ronnie were married here as well. With Justin having been bar mitzvahed here just a few years ago, this library represents a linkage for what is now four generations of the Tasman family to the Huntington Jewish Community and HJC.

Unlike some of you here, I never knew my grandfather. I was born eight days before my grandfather passed away. I only knew him by the stories I was told and things I learned from my genealogy avocation. Please indulge me while I tell you some of what I have learned about him.

My grandfather came to U.S. when he was six years old with his mother Tsore Elke and brother Hyman who was nine. The family came from the village of Luoke in Lithuania. The crossing was six weeks. The ship was a freight steamer owned by Hamburg Shipping and Freight, refitted for freight and steerage passage - the equivalent of human cattle cars.

They settled into a life on the Lower East Side with cousins, awaiting Tsore Elke's husband and the rest of the children who would arrive over the next four years. One brother, upon arrival at Ellis Island, was denied entry and sent back to England, due to glaucoma, never to return.

When Ben, or Beryl Yankel as was his birth name, was fifteen, he and Hyman decided to strike out to make their fortune in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. While there, the boys lived in a tent, figuring it would be cheaper than the company housing. Unlike most, when Ben and Hy decided their time in PA was over, they actually had shekels in their pocket.

Hy decided not to come back to NY; rather he went south to Louisville, Kentucky where he was instrumental in establishing a strong Jewish community in Jefferson County. Ben came back to the Lower East Side where he worked as a mattress maker, a short order cook and eventually, a trained glazier. And, where he met Anna Warshaw, who later became his wife.

Eventually, Ben and Anna came to Long Island, settling in Huntington, where Ben opened one of the first glass shops on Long Island. Remember the nursery rhyme about the butcher, baker and candle stick maker? Well, my grandfather was a glazier, a builder, and marina owner.

Our grandfather ran the glass shop in Huntington village, one of the first in Suffolk County to do plate glass work. He was a developer of both commercial and residential properties around Huntington as well as running a fishing station and marina. With the support of his friend Marshall Field, among his many ventures, Ben erected a building specifically to house a factory that would hire Huntington's displaced workers during the depression to make luggage for the Marshall Field's Department Stores.

No one was turned away by my grandfather needing a window repaired for lack of enough money. Tzedakah was part of his life. People talk about the heart of Huntington. I, for one, think the heart of Huntington included people such as my grandfather and his wife, Anna, and so many others who were the early members of the Huntington Jewish Community.

Thank you all once again.

- Ed Fleiss





# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

## New Start

by William Wertheim



I am truly excited to be starting my term as President of Huntington Jewish Center. I feel privileged to be in this position in our wonderful community, which has so many inspiring, stimulating, comforting, and welcoming programs and venues. I know many of you already. For those whom I don't know, permit me to introduce myself. I am a Huntington native—my parents joined HJC shortly after moving here in December 1964. Some of my earliest memories are of skinning my knee in the HJC parking lot, and of falling asleep on my grandmother's lap during services. I attended nursery

school and religious school here, and my brothers (and father) and I all became Bar Mitzvah here as well. Junior Congregation, Tallis-N-Tefillin club, Youth Group, Hebrew High School—these activities at HJC kept me busy throughout my childhood and adolescence, and I was a lucky beneficiary of a scholarship from HJC to go to Israel for the summer before my senior year in high school.

Years passed; and after college, medical school, and residency, my wife Rosalind and I moved back to Huntington in 1996 with (then) two small children in tow—Ariel, born in Michigan, and Anna, born in New York (but named at HJC). We joined shortly thereafter and were delighted to see what had become of the familiar shul of my childhood. Rabbi Kurshan guided the congregation with insight, and encouraged healthy discussions about Judaism, its tenets, and its application to modern life. Our music was engaging, our congregants were welcoming and warm, and quickly HJC again became a second home. Matthew had his brit milah here, Anna and Matthew both attended nursery school, and all three children went to Religious School here and became Bar and Bat Mitzvah here. Now Ariel is at college, Anna is nearly there as she finishes Huntington High School, and Matthew, a freshman at Solomon Schechter, will keep Rosalind and me company next year at Shabbat morning services.

So what would compel me at this point to take on this role? Some reasons:

Our synagogue serves a wide range of interests and needs. From the quiet comfort of the Daily Minyan to the busy excitement of the Religious School; from the creative programming and soul-enriching music of Cantor Gordan to the hard work and community service of programs like HHI and JNN; from our outstanding Early Childhood Center, so ably led by Susie Meisler, to the stimulating discussions of the Chai Club; from the tireless work and spirit of the Sisterhood to the fellowship and can-do attitude of the Men's Club, there is something at HJC for everyone. To have the opportunity to serve in this role, where I may be an eyewitness to all this rich tapestry of our community is both humbling and rewarding. I feel very lucky.

I feel strongly a desire to give back to the synagogue, which has given so much to me and to my family. HJC has been the home to many joyous events in my life—Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, aufruf, baby-naming and brit milah; it has also been consolation through loss and through challenging times. HJC has been a source of comfort and perspective in many of life's vicissitudes, including the refuge HJC was in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, and a community to share in life's celebrations. HJC has also been a place where I've learned in surprising ways about our traditions, our laws, our culture, and our history. To the current day, reading a Torah Teaser, attending a Saturday night film or Adult



## Sisterhood News

by Sue Lefkowitz

Being president of the Huntington Jewish Center Sisterhood for the past two years has been a gratifying experience! When I accepted the honor, there was much trepidation in my heart. But with the caring, cooperation, commitment and love from the Sisterhood Board we achieved many accomplishments. To mention just a few: raising funds to meet our Torah Fund commitment, the Matzoh Fund, Purim Baskets, Rummage Sale, Hamantashen sale, extended kiddushes, Book Fair, Bar and Bat Mitzvah gifts, Chanukah Happening, Collegians packages, Hebrew School Festivities, Ramah Scholarships, Social Action support, Youth Group, Kol Nidre subsidy, Masorti, M'yad L'yad, Women's League, Teacher Development Fund, UJA Federation of New York, Mercaz, Holiday babysitting and finally the result of two years of hard work and dedication, produced the re-opening of the Ben Tasman Library.

I wish to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to a fantastic Board as well as our membership. To incoming co-presidents, Marsha Buchholz and Evelyn Abraham a most successful tenure of the next two years.

With sincerity and love, thank you again to all.

Sue Lefkowitz



## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Each year at Selichot, we dedicate plaques in memory of our departed loved ones.

This year, Selichot falls on Saturday evening, August 31st. 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 2.



## What a Year! by Cantor Israel Gordan



And just like that, another year has passed. It is amazing to think that by the time you read my next bulletin article, I will be starting my third year as cantor of the Huntington Jewish Center. I guess time really does fly when you're having fun! But what a year it's been. As the weather starts to heat up and our thoughts turn to summer plans at the beach, barbecue, and elsewhere, this is a great opportunity to reflect on a wonderful and busy year.

This past year, in addition to having a new child and moving to a new home, I added Director of Religious School Innovation and Synagogue Programming to my title and job portfolio at the synagogue. We revived our Family Life Committee and were able to accomplish quite a bit. In the fall, we held a congregational dinner during Succoth and had over 60 people in attendance! In November, we honored our Veterans with a special Kiddush featuring photos and stories of members who have served in the armed services. In December, we celebrated Jewish Christmas with Chinese food and a movie at the synagogue. In January, we held a community-wide Havdallah celebration with Temple Beth El and Kehillat Shalom. We began February with the World Wide Wrap and ended it with Purim. In March, we held our Religious School bowling social at Larkfield Lanes. April held our Lag Ba'Omer bonfire Havdallah and May had our Mitzvah Day with the Religious School community. A lot of great new events in addition to several that have become HJC traditions.

In addition to all of this, we've had a very successful Shabbat Morning Family Service each month, including a Friday night service and dinner in the fall and a Havdallah in December. We're also planning on honoring our graduating seniors at the beginning of June and hope to have an ice cream social and PJ Library event in the middle of the month for our ECC parents and children.

There is a lot going on at our little synagogue and plenty of ways for everyone to be involved. If you have ideas for events you'd like to see, programs you'd like to help plan, or events that you'd like to be part of, please let me know. It's not necessarily that bigger is better, but a more efficient and constructive use of our time and energies can create fewer events that are well attended and meet peoples' needs and interests better. There are plenty of challenges facing us, but that makes things more interesting and fun. After all, anything that is worth doing requires effort.

In the coming year, the holidays are extremely early with Rosh Hashanah starting the Wednesday night after Labor Day, but that means that the fall Jewish holidays will be over before September is (and that Hanukkah starts the night before Thanksgiving Day!). While that will certainly mean a stressful end to the summer for the rabbi and me, it makes it easier to schedule programming and events for the community. I look forward to building on our successes and taking a closer look at the things that can be improved for a wonderful 2013/14 year!

Education class, hearing a new melody, and listening to the Divrei Torah – both from Rabbi Kurshan as well as those from our members—I continue to find new intellectual rewards in coming to HJC. I hope to be able to ensure that I do what I can to help other families reap the same benefits I have from our shul.

I have concerns, though, that we face a series of challenges over the next few years. There are more and more demands on the dwindling time and attention of families across Long Island and the nation, and it grows more difficult to engage people as a result. The time and effort people are willing to place in a volunteer organization are more limited now than they were 30 or 40 years ago. Some question the relevance of a synagogue, and look to less formal commitments to a community. The economic challenges of the last few years have made people scrutinize their finances, and question the monetary value of belonging to a synagogue.

But all of these challenges have their own answers. The limits on time people may place on their volunteer activities means that we cannot rely on just a few active voices, but we must try to engage a broad cross-section of the HJC community in sharing their skills and expertise on behalf of the synagogue. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that "(d) emocracy is based on the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people." For our synagogue to continue into the future, we must, as a community, be willing individually to do a little bit, to work together, to allow ourselves to realize our extraordinary possibilities as a community. To those concerned about the formality of a synagogue, we must demonstrate and explain the myriad ways to find a compatible group within the synagogue—havurot, Family Life programming, Friday Night Live, Adult Education, ECC. And we must think about how we present ourselves to the world—as a welcoming face, or as a reserved community hard to break into. For those facing financial troubles, we must both highlight the other rewards of synagogue membership, and support and promote our alternative special arrangements.

I encourage you to join me in this effort. If we work together, we will continue and advance the creative programs, rich social life, and spiritual returns that our synagogue offers. According to the effort is the reward, as Pirkei Avot tells us. Let our reward be great.

## Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher  
Religious School Administrator

As I write this, the Religious School is drawing to a close. Looking back, I am amazed by all we accomplished. I have seen all of the children grow, not only in height but academically too. They have learned so much this year. When I think back to the beginning of the year and our slow start due to the holidays falling on school days and then Superstorm Sandy, we have really come a long way.

Looking towards next year, I am very happy to say that all of our excellent teaching staff is returning. They love our children and HJC. We will have some new things to look forward to next year including a computer lab in our new Tasman Library. We will introduce a revamped Nitzanim program and we will bring back our TGIS (Thank G-d it's Shabbat) Saturday school. We are also developing new family programming.

I hope everyone has a relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone in September. I would love to see you and your children if you are around on Shabbat over the summer.

Maxine

# Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



## **A letter to the parents of our program:**

*"I tell thee, Love is nature's second sun*

*Causing a spring of virtues where he shines."*

I have always known that love is the nutrient from which both physical and mental health draws their strength. Love is the most basic of all human needs, and therefore the teaching of it should be the central core of the early childhood curriculum. As I look back on the year I feel a great sense of pride that the teachers and I have made sure to have

love as the key ingredient whenever we taught something or related to the children.

Our role as early childhood educators is to insure that children are given the opportunity to develop mentally, physically, and socially in a stimulating and loving environment so that they can come to learn about their own unique endowments. It has been said that the finest preschool students, those with whom teachers can work most efficiently and who continue to perform well and show constant improvement with each passing year, are characterized not by their accomplishments of the past, but by how prepared they are to cope with whatever is in store for them in the future. The teachers and I took the time to observe your children so that we could value your child's intrinsic characteristics. I am certain that they felt our respect and regard for their accomplishments and for their own inner strengths so that they could one day come to love themselves, as well as others.

I truly believe that everything in a child's development is connected. Therefore what took place in your child's life even before they entered HJC was priceless to us. It was very apparent to all the educators in our school, that you showed your children they are loved, lovable, and capable of loving. You have given them the feeling that they are valued apart from anything they own or any skill they learn. Children need to feel they enhance the life of someone else and that they are needed. You have done your job well and we are so proud to be part of your child's continuous growth.

I have many challenges throughout the year trying to make the preschool maintain the quality of education that the community has come to expect from us. Perhaps the most difficult task that I perform is saying good-bye to the four-year-olds and the kindergarten children. We have come to value your children as our own and feel certain we gave them the opportunity to begin the process of reaching their full potential by telling them in many different ways that we love them and they are not alone in their journey. All said and done, I still feel weepy at the thought of not seeing their beautiful faces next year playing, laughing and socializing with each other. You will always be a part of our Early Childhood Center family. We will hold open arms to you when you choose to come back to visit us. I hope that is often!

George Chapman, the poet who I quoted at the start of my letter ends his poem with these words, "And as the sun, reflecting his warm beams against the earth, begets all fruits and flowers: So love, fair shining in the inward man, brings forth in him the honorable fruits of valor, wit, virtue, haughty thoughts, brave resolutions, and fine discourse." It is my hope that the love and friendship your children received here at HJC will have far reaching consequences for humanity and society..

# HJC Community News



## MAZAL TOV

June, Steven, Bryce & Shana Ledner announce the engagement of Talia to Joshua Kobrin.

Joseph Koreen announces the birth of his great granddaughter, Shoshana Aviner.

Nili Gitig announces the birth of her grandson, Asher Martin Gitig.

Beryl & Sy Okwit announce the birth of their great grandson, Itai Sadia

## CONDOLENCES

Helaine Levy on the death of her sister, Heidi Kubashky

## NEW MEMBERS

Stuart Huber & Susan Fisher-Huber of Huntington

### Early Childhood News (con't)

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I would also like to thank the Rabbi, Cantor, Maxine, the board members, sisterhood, Diane, and the entire front office for your continued support throughout the school year. Your help to our early childhood center was immeasurable and truly appreciated.

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## USY News by Sarah Sachs



Brianna Kirkland & Sarah Sachs (HJC Hey Class of 2009) graduated from four years of attending SHMA (Suffolk Hebrew Midrash Academy) at South Huntington Jewish Center. Yasher Koachem



## Grow to Give Garden Update

By Joanne Mulberg-Cohn

Last month religious school students helped prepare our two gardens at HJC and at the organic garden on Dunlop Road for our second growing season. At our HJC garden, students worked very hard under the direction of Jeff Moss while I had an equally hard working group at the community garden. Needless to say, they all did a fabulous job.

Last year, we donated many pounds of fresh vegetables to our local food pantries and hope to have another productive growing season this year. Anyone interested in helping tend the garden can e-mail me at [jomulberg@aol.com](mailto:jomulberg@aol.com) or call Joanne at 631-271-2923. Planting, watering, weeding, delivering vegetables to the food pantry are some of the jobs needed.

A meeting for anyone interested in being a part of the garden project is scheduled for Sunday, June 9th at 9:00 AM in the back of the synagogue.

## Mitzvah Day





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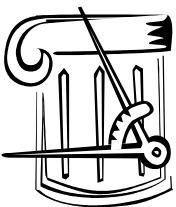
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