



HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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by Rabbi Kurshan

Universal Israel Travel

Great news! A couple of weeks ago Taglit-Birthright Israel announced that all Jewish young adults would be eligible for its free trips to Israel. Previously you were not permitted to go on a Birthright Trip if you had been to Israel on a group trip with peers. For many years, HJC has offered generous scholarships for high school students to travel to Israel through the Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship Fund. With the change in Birthright's policies, going to Israel on a highly subsidized high school trip will not prevent traveling to Israel at a later time on a Birthright trip.

Our Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship Fund and Birthright both have interesting histories. We started our fund in 1990, and approximately 100 HJC students have been able to spend a summer in Israel with the assistance of the fund. I had dreamt for many years of a way to encourage our high

school students to spend a summer in Israel out of a conviction that spending time in Israel should be as universal an experience for a Jewish young person as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. It is hard for our children who grow up as a minority in Huntington to appreciate what it is like to live as part of a Jewish majority in the land of Israel. Spending time in Israel is a crucial part of shaping one's Jewish identity.

Twenty-five years ago Roz and Harvey (z'l) Gordon generously stepped forward in response to my vision, and created a fund in memory of their son, Donald. One of the most meaningful evenings in our synagogue in subsequent years has been listening to our returning students on the Friday night of Labor Day weekend describe their transformative experiences in Israel. Students who thought of the Jewish people as a "they" now say "we". They speak of their hope to be able to return to spend more time in Israel and of their concern for the future of Israel. In six weeks, students experience a more profound deepening of their Jewish identity than all their Jewish experience in the previous ten years have provided.

Four years after we created the Donald L. Gordon Scholarship Fund, the Birthright-Israel Program was created through a partnership among philanthropists, federations, and the government of Israel from a similar vision to our own program, but on a much grander scale. Birthright now has the capacity to send 25,000 Jewish young adults annually to Israel, and its ambitious goal is to give every young person an experience in Israel. Birthright contracts with a variety of tour providers that gear their trips to a variety of interests and levels. If you would like advice on the best providers, I am always happy to provide that information.

On the high school level, the number and variety of peer trips has also expanded. Nesiyah, Ramah, USY and Young Judaea, to mention but a few names, all offer excellent summer programs in Israel. Some of these programs also offer the option of spending time in Eastern Europe to study the Jewish pre-Holocaust experience as a prelude to arriving in Israel.

If you are interested in further information about any of these programs, I hope you will speak with me. Applications for the Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship Fund are available from Debbie in the office. The wealth of Israel trip opportunities means that no Jewish young person should grow up without spending time in Israel. What was a dream for me twenty-five years ago is today becoming a reality.



Rabbi Kurshan making a Purim mask.

Huntington Community Holocaust Memorial Service

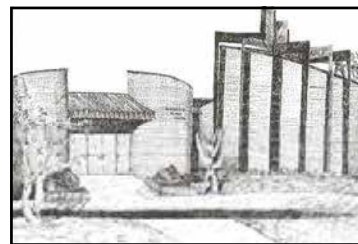
Sunday evening, April 27

at 7:00 pm at HJC

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



Please join us as we host the annual Huntington 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.



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March 2014

Adar I~II 5774



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> <i>Alexander Aronow</i> Pekude
2 <i>JNN</i> Men's Club 9:30am RS Workshop RS Board ROSH CHODESH	3 <i>YOGA</i> Adult Ed with Rabbi Kurshan 8:00pm ROSH CHODESH	4 Taste of Gan with the ECC 1:30pm	5	6 Hebrew Chug 4:15pm	7 <i>Minyan</i> Breakfast Parent Assoc. 9:45am Shabbat Services 6pm	8 <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> <i>Jared Albert</i> Vayikra
9 <i>JNN</i> Vav Workshop Kad/USY	10 <i>YOGA</i> SH Board Meeting 8:00pm	11 Taste of Gan with the ECC 1:30pm Chavarim	12 HIHI	13 Hebrew Chug 4:15pm Fast of Esther	14 Shabbat Services 6pm	15 Family Service 10:30am Purim Service 7:30pm Masquerade Ball 9pm <i>Tzav</i>
16 <i>JNN</i> Purim Carnival 11:00am PURIM	17 ECC Purim Party Adult Ed with Rabbi Kurshan 8:00pm Chavarim	18 Taste of Gan with the ECC 1:30pm	19	20 NO ECC Kindergarten in session 	21 Shabbat Services 6pm	22 <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> <i>Noah Morris</i> Shemini
23 <i>JNN</i> RS Workshop RIDOTTO 4pm	24 <i>YOGA</i> Adult Ed with Rabbi Kurshan 8:00pm	25 Blood Drive 3-9pm Chavarim	26 HIHI	27 Rummage Taste of Passover 8pm 	28 Drop Off ECC PJ Shabbat 5pm Shabbat Services 6pm	29 Schechter Shabbaton B'Day Shabbat Tazria
30 <i>JNN</i> RS Workshop Rummage Sale Kad/USY	31 <i>YOGA</i> Adult Ed with Rabbi Kurshan 8:00pm					



The HJC Annual Blood Drive

in memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss

will be held on Tuesday, March 25th from 3-9 pm.

Please consider donating. Due to the inclement winter weather many blood drives around Long Island were cancelled leading to a blood shortage in our area.

You must be between 16 and 76 to donate. (16 with a parental consent form)

Please contact:

Jennifer Ingber- Jen81RN@aol.com

Or

Donna Fleiss- Donna.fleiss@gmail.com

to volunteer and schedule a time.

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 Mitzvahs March

Alexander Jasper Aronow **son of Holly and Bruce Aronow**



Alexander is a 7th grade high honor roll student at Cold Spring Harbor Junior High School. Blessed with a big heart and a quick wit, Alexander is an outstanding athlete whose favorite sports include basketball, tennis and skiing (snow and water). He loves to travel and especially loves to go to amusement parks and ride extreme roller coasters. His parents and brother Nicholas are extremely proud of him and are looking forward to his big day!



Jared Albert **son of** **Marilyn and** **Michael** **Albert**

Jared attends Elwood Middle school. He enjoys being with friends and spending time with family. Jared is in competitive wrestling and also enjoys football and basketball. His entire family is looking forward to celebrating this milestone with him.



Noah Morris **son of Andrea and Greg Morris**

Noah is a seventh grader at Finley Middle School, where he participates in symphonic band and mathletes. Noah was one of a select group of students throughout Long Island invited to join The Institute for Creative Problem Solving at SUNY Old Westbury, which meets once a week during the school year. Here at HJC, in addition to studying for his bar mitzvah, he is involved in Kadima, has participated in several HJC theater productions and is currently helping make Hamentashen for Purim. Even though he works hard, Noah always has time for family, friends and Flappy Bird! He is a sensitive, caring and funny person who has graciously accepted his role as younger brother to siblings Josh and Lily, even when they overwhelm him with hugs and kisses. We couldn't be more proud of the person Noah has become and are looking forward to seeing him up on the bima when he becomes a bar mitzvah.

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 8:45am any Sunday to see what a small group of caring people have been doing quietly for the past 20 years.

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HJC Community News



NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth Gutwein of Glen Cove

MAZEL TOV

Miriam and Joel Wirchin announce the marriage of their son, Jason, to Ellen Klein

CONDOLENCES

Darryn Solotoff on the death of his father, Lawrence Solotoff



Vav class making packages for Lone Soldiers.



Baking hamentashen.



World wide wrap

President's Perspective

by William Wertheim



Well, a few things have happened since our last Bulletin. We've weathered a few storms—literally, as we've shoveled and plowed and sanded our ways through the snowiest, chilliest winter we've had in quite a few years. Personally, I know we've had a lot of snow when my son complains that he's had enough snow days from school.

Despite the frosty weather, life at HJC continues to be full of interesting, engaging events. A notable event recently was the talk by Rabbi Rachel Cowan, who spoke about her reflections on "Wiser Aging". Well over 100 people turned out for this excellent event, geared towards people who were empty-nesters (or near that stage), soon-to-be or newly-retired, and seemed to have really struck a chord with everyone there. The common themes she asked us to consider were things like, what are our goals when we are ending our employment careers? How do we connect to Jewish life when we don't have children to schlep to Hebrew School? What do we fear about these stages of life, and what do we hope for? While she was not suggesting any easy answers, she gave everyone attending a great deal of optimism, and ideas and structures by which to think and plan for the next stages of life.

For us at HJC, the next stage is Purim. This year, in addition to our festive Purim services replete with costumes, Megillat Esther, and distant relations of our clergy, we are having our very first Purim Masquerade Ball. Thanks to the hard work of Michelle Behr and her team (no doubt fueled by the delicious Sisterhood hamantaschen made by Jeff Moss and his baking crew!), after services the fun will continue with masks (designed under the guidance of our Ronit Shanzer, who led the Sisterhood's craft night). It is an important fundraiser for HJC, but even more so it is going to be a wonderful, enjoyable night of music, socializing, and fun (a fundraiser?) for all of us. So if you've not yet purchased your tickets, you may still do so—even at the door. Get your costumes ready!

Now though we have a great time on Purim, I admit I am envious of my older children who have spent Purim in Israel. I've been looking through some websites about Purim and I must say, what I've found puts New Orleans on Mardi Gras to shame. There are Purim parades; carnivals like Adloyada Holon which includes actors, artists, dancers, gymnasts, and fireworks; street fairs with concerts al fresco; and even zombie walks. I'm hoping to see a zombie or two at our Masquerade Ball, but please,

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Sisterhood News

by Marsha Buchholtz and
Evelyn Silverberg

The modern Jewish family has expanded beyond the traditional father, mother and children. Our families now transcend gender, race and ethnicity. New family structures may include single parents, divided custody families, blended families, same sex parents, step and adopted children and extended families that may include grandparents to name but a few.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism will be celebrating **the diversity of Mishpachah**

March 29th

at the South Huntington Jewish Center
2600 New York Avenue, Melville, NY.

Distinguished workshop leaders and panel discussion guests will include our own Rabbi Kurshan.

*Registration begins at 9:15 am and the program will be followed by a hot kosher luncheon. For more information including couvert and directions please contact program organizer and our own Sisterhood Torah Fund co-chair, **Vicki Rosen, at (631) 271-7732 or at vrosen815@mail.com.***

Please join Sisterhood for our annual **"Taste of Passover" on March 27th at 8pm.** Start looking for your favorite Passover recipes so that we can include them in our Passover cookbook, consider preparing something in our dairy kitchen to share that night or possibly to demonstrate a favorite dish for our ever growing number of participants (cooks and eaters). For more information or to volunteer your participation please contact:

**Syd Schlesinger at (631) 261-2330
or at syd519@gmail.com.**

Our **Spring Rummage Sale** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 30th and Monday, March 31st.**

Please take this opportunity to clean out your closets, cupboards, garages, etc. and donate clothing, luggage, tools, pianos (yes, we sold one at our last rummage sale) and decorative and/or useful household items.

Drop off dates are Thursday, March 27th and Friday, March 28th.

*As you know, all of our items are reasonably priced and any items not purchased are donated to local charitable organizations. For more information or to volunteer your help, please contact **Marlene Hummel at (631) 673-6144 or at mskhummel@aol.com.***

*Watch for information about upcoming Sisterhood events: **Challah Workshop on April 24th and our Book Discussion on May 5th.***



Saying Thank You by Cantor Israel Gordan



Every morning, whether it is a weekday, Shabbat, Festival, or the High Holidays, Psukei D'Zimra begins with the Barukh She-amar prayer. The first line reads "Barukh she-amar v'haya ha-olam" and is translated in the Siddur Sim Shalom as "Praised is God whose word created the world." This early part of the morning prayers already puts emphasis on the spoken word and in fact, the act of Jewish

prayer is all about words: reading, reciting, and thinking about them. Jewish tradition believes the opposite of the old adage: "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." Words have great power and we must constantly be reminded of this, as is illustrated through the liturgy.

I am always amazed at how far a simple word or words can go, especially in affecting my mood or outlook. Many times in the receiving line after services, the rabbi and I will get a compliment from someone, whether it is a regular shul-goer or a guest in for a bar mitzvah, complimenting us on the service – whether it was the rabbi's sermon, my singing, or something else, and it immediately brings a smile to my face. The same is true for people who mention a bulletin article, program, or another event I was involved with. Even just saying "thank-you" can go a long way.

"The Golden Rule" exists in many variations, but is mostly widely quoted as "Do unto others as you would have done unto you." This idea (or variations on this idea) is a central ethic for many faiths, including Judaism. And the power of the spoken word is an easy example of how true and important this idea is. While compliments can be tossed around without meaning, a sincere showing of affection or praise is greatly effective for all. I try to remember this when interacting with others and it is a great way to cultivate gratitude.

Rather than complaining about what is wrong, or lacking, or missing, be thankful for what there is and how things are good. But not just in general terms. It is important to express to your spouse, parents, children, siblings, friends, neighbors, and co-workers what it is that you are thankful for. Verbalizing these feelings can help you appreciate the emotion and cause you to do it more.

Which brings us back to prayer. We have a fixed liturgy and recite the same prayers day after day. While that can make it difficult for some to access feelings and meaning, it also gets us in the habit of saying thank you to God. The simple act of saying the "borei pri ha'etz" before eating an apple helps us to focus our attention on the fact that having an apple to eat is a miracle. It didn't just appear, or come from a market, but was grown with care and work, harvested, and brought to us through a combination of God's wisdom and man's work. And that is something to be thankful for.

Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher
Religious School Administrator

Most of us are aware of the Holocaust Torah that stands in our synagogue lobby. Have you ever stopped to really look at it and read about its history?

On February 9th, 2014 the Memorial Scrolls Trust celebrated the 50th anniversary of the historic arrival of 1,564 Czech Holocaust scrolls in London. This monumental date is a great milestone, expressing the survival of the Jewish people and our Torahs.

We were invited to attend the celebration as we are guardians of one of these precious Torahs.

The Memorial Scrolls Trust understood that we would not be able to attend with our Torah so they invited us and all other congregations to participate in a different and meaningful way.

We were asked to prepare a poster to represent our Torah. This way all the scrolls could be represented at the anniversary celebration and will be treasured as a memento of the Trust.

During the month of January, Moreh Greenstein's Mitzvah Team Class (7th grade) was busy learning about our Torah. We did not want to move the Torah so the class took a picture standing around the case. Then the kids worked on the poster (which had to include certain specifications).

They worked very hard and did a wonderful job! Thanks Moreh Greenstein and the Mitzvah Team!



Upcoming Religious School Programs

- March 2nd - Hey Kosher Workshop
- March 4, 11, and 18th - A taste of Gan for 4 yr olds
- March 9th - the last of the Vav Workshops
- March 15th at 7:30 PM - Purim Megillah reading:
come in costume
- March 16th - Religious School Megillah reading before the
Purim Carnival which starts at 11:00 AM
- March 23rd - Daled Wimple Workshop
- March 28th - Friday night service and dinner for ECC up to
kitah Bet
- March 30th - Hey Israel Founders Day Workshop

Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



In a peanut butter commercial I saw on television, I was struck by a conversation a daughter and a father were having about how the father places the peanut butter on the bread and then folds it to make the sandwich. The daughter questions the father and asks why he folds the bread in half instead of leaving it flat and putting another piece on top. The father replies, "Because that is how my father always did it." The camera then focuses on the little girl taking

the bread she spread with peanut butter and folding the bread. Now why would I be so interested in that commercial you might ask? The reason is that I am very aware of the power of parents as role models even when it comes to the simplest of activities. I truly feel that children are always trying to figure out the world through our eyes and actions. Since we are always part of our children's lives, we can model appropriate behavior for almost all circumstances, even the smallest of actions such as how we treat our food.

I was recently brought to tears listening to a story about a man in his 70's who recently became a bar mitzvah. He was in a concentration camp when he was 13 years old and was unable to study the Torah like other boys before this time. A young Jewish girl, living as a Christian to avoid persecution, happens to see this poor, emaciated, young lad working behind the fence. Each day she took the time to throw him a piece of bread and an apple in hope that he would survive. I am certain she knew that throwing the food over the fence to help this young boy could possibly lead to her own demise. The young boy managed to survive the years of the holocaust and attributed his survival to this incredible act of kindness. In later years, the young boy moved to America and was fixed up on a blind date with a young girl from Europe. In their first conversation, he revealed the story of the young girl who through her incredible act of kindness saved his life. She revealed that it was she who threw the apple and bread to him each day. Needless to say, they fell in love and were married shortly thereafter, and as she recounted years later, said it was "bershert."

When I heard the story, I was struck by the power of fate, but I was also amazed at the wonderful act of bravery and compassion that I am so certain was taught by her role models, her parents. Moral and character traits come straight from parents: honesty, caring, kindness, and respect for others. It is a fact that parents are children's first and best teachers.

The way we react to daily life happenings is what children are absorbing. Your attitude about the people you work with or the job you go to each day is being monitored by your children. Doing jobs with enthusiasm and zest will rub off. The way you treat your parents, friends, service people, other drivers on the road etc. is all being scrutinized by your very observant children.

Being an effective role model takes hard work and if done with great regard, can lead your children down the path of absorbing clear set of values and the behaviors that go along with them. Here are a few pointers to remember about becoming the best

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role model for your children.

1. Our actions are just as important as our words. As parents we are always explaining the rules and telling them why the rules are important. Teaching children that there are natural consequences to their actions are just as important. When a child takes something from his sibling's room, for example, without permission, the natural consequence is to tell the child that he must return the item to the sibling and ask the sibling if it is okay to use it. Treating your child with respect during the times that your child moves away from values you are trying to set for him will also teach your child to treat other people with respect. Parents should always keep in the back of their minds the old adage "do as I say not as I do" and know that this never works with children.

2. Think about behaviors you don't think about---I will never forget when my daughter Jamie got her driving license and took me for a ride for the first time. She came to a stop sign, barely stopped and then went through it. I nearly put my foot through the floor of the car on the passenger side. Jamie said that she saw me do that dozens of times. Refer back on your day and see how many times you said "please" and "thank you" accompanying requests. Did you take out some of your work frustrations on your spouse or children when you got home from your hard day? When you get extra change back from a store clerk do you go back to return it? Everything you do is being monitored by your children and 9 times out of 10 they will do as you do and not as you say!

3. Behave "aloud"---When my children were younger, they heard my father tell them how much he loved to help people and that he received such joy when he gave gifts to those who never expected one. My children experienced this philosophy often when they were with him. One day my daughter Jodi got off the bus from camp and told us how hot it was for all the campers in her group. She decided to get all the children in her group ices from the camp refreshment stand and use her allowance to pay for it, just like her grandfather would do.

4. Reinforce the lesson by using a specific phrase to sum it up---it is always a good idea to verbally spell out what values you want to drill home to your children. "It's always nice to serve our guests first before we eat" or "we don't push our friends when we get mad." Saying the value out loud leaves a lasting verbal cue that will hopefully be tapped upon when you are not there to guide your children.

There will be many other role models that your children will be learning from throughout their lives. Teachers, coaches, grandparents, piano instructors, next door neighbors, etc. It is important that as parents you are aware that these role models are also teaching good lessons to your children.

When watching television with your child and you see two cartoon characters bopping each other on the head, make sure you say this action is truly unkind. With older children, parents should feel comfortable expressing their dismay about rock stars that need drugs to make them happy or sport figures that act in the most immature and unsportsmanlike fashion. Remember that however we have behaved and whatever actions we have role modeled for our children, will most probably come back to us when our children are grown. Treating our children with respect, thoughtfulness, and compassion will be how we are treated by them when they are grown and how your children will treat the world at large when they finally leave your nest.

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Hag Purim Sameach!



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