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by Rabbi Kurshan

Rabbi Kurshan will be on sabbatical from January 14, 2013-April 21, 2013. During this time please contact Debbie in the Main Office(427-1089 Ext. 10) about life cycle events, hospital visits, or any other matters that require the attention of clergy. This will enable the appropriate person from the synagogue to be in touch with you. In the event of anything urgent when the office is closed, please contact the synagogue president, Joel Wirchin, at jwirchin@gibsondunn.com or on his cell 646-541-0017. Your cooperation will ensure that we are able to be of support to you during Rabbi Kurshan's absence.

Editor's Note:

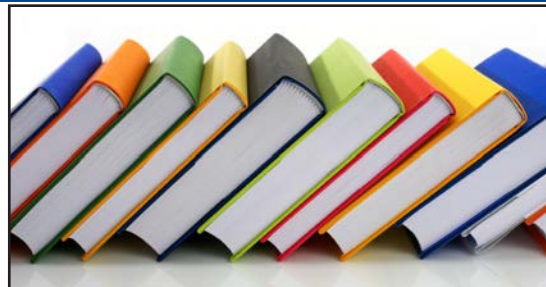
During Rabbi Kurshan's sabbatical, we are reprinting previous Bulletin columns of the rabbi. If you would like to join a Chavurah, please contact Debbie in the main office at Debbier@hjcny.org.

One of the biggest mistakes I made in my life was the way in which I filled out the room request form which Princeton sent to me a few months before the beginning of my freshman year. I checked off the space for a single room thinking that I would want quiet and uninterrupted time for study. I ended up in a dorm of single rooms, envious of my friends who shared their first year college experience with roommates and in dormitories where there was a greater sense of living as part of a community.

I was reminded of the choice I made many years ago by a recent article in the New York Times about a study conducted at Harvard over ten years to determine what makes for happiness in college. The full study will be published this year under the title "Making the Most of College" and most of the findings of the book are quite simple.

One of the recommendations of the book is to "hold the drum". The author of the study tells the story of a freshman who arrived in the Harvard Dean's office unhappy after her first few months in school. When the Dean encouraged her to get involved in something beyond her studies, she protested that she had no talent; she could not play on a team, sing in the choir or get a role in a play. "How about the band?" the Dean asked. The student replied that she did not play an instrument. "That doesn't matter," he said. "Ask them if you can hold the drum." Years later when this woman was asked what made her college experience so positive, she responded that it was the band which allowed her to go to pep rallies, football games, and to meet a great diversity of students.

When I was in college, I dealt with the loneliness of my freshman year single room by joining a group of students running a coffeehouse for high school students as a place where these young people could hang



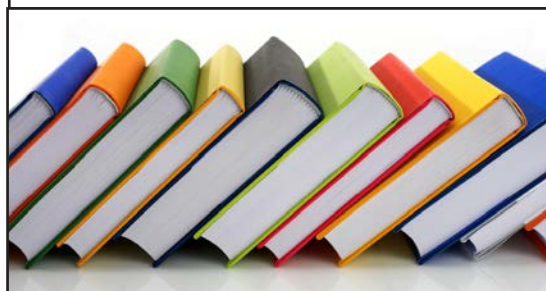
SPECIAL EVENT

**All are invited
to the
Re-dedication and Opening
of the
Ben Tasman Library**

Sunday, May 5th @ 9:30am

Please join the HJC Library Committee and members of the Fleiss family for a very special morning which will include a special ribbon cutting ceremony.

Join the festivities as, after 2 ½ years of dedication and hard work, the library will once again be open for the entire congregation to enjoy!



Thank You



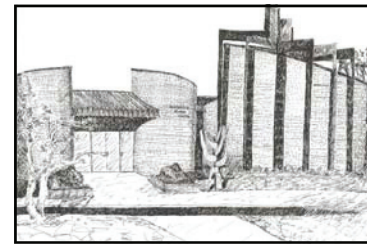
At the recent HJC Blood Drive in memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss, 37 volunteer donors responded to our annual appeal. Many thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules to donate blood at HJC for the LI Blood Services. A special acknowledgement to our repeat donors.

Stay healthy and enjoy spring!

We look forward to seeing you in 2014.

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out in a safe environment and have some positive contact with students a little older than themselves. I thought I had joined this group to do some volunteer work with high school students, but looking back, I know that I joined as much to be a part of a community of college students working together on a common project.

I have come to understand my own search for community as a universal need. There is a social aspect to all of us which accounts for our thirst for community and our need to be part of something broader than ourselves. Judaism mandated the minyan as the quorum for prayer knowing that we can find God's presence in community in ways that we cannot find the presence of the Divine alone.

For many reasons, modern secular culture pulls community apart, but occasionally we have glimpses of the sustenance and solace of community. When we celebrate a simcha such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in shul, we feel how the presence of the community deepens our experience. When we sit shiva, we know that the presence of the community comforts us and softens the sharpness of our pain. Part of the beauty of our recent synagogue retreat was that we were able to live together for a few days within a shared community immune from all the stresses and distractions which normally pull us apart.

For many of us, the Huntington Jewish Center provides us with the sense of community for which we long. Actually, we are not one community, but many sub-communities that include the daily morning minyan, the Chai Club, and the families who meet in groups of six to eight couples in chavurot as well as many other groups. In fact, if you are not part of a community within the shul, let us know and we can steer you to a place in which you can make a contribution together with some other people. We always need more people to hold the drum.



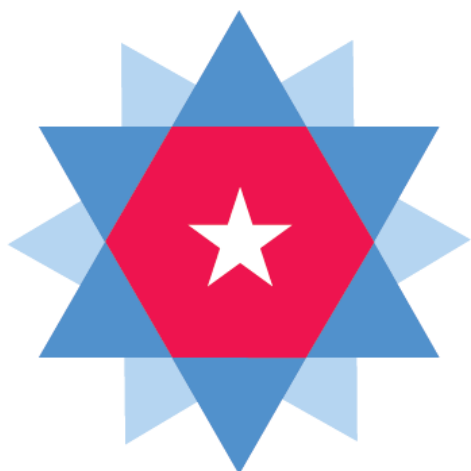
May 2013

Iyar/Sivan 5773



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Ritual Committee 8pm Sisterhood Program - 8pm	3 Minyan Breakfast <i>ECC Boutique</i> Gimel Consecration 8pm Shabbat Services 8pm	4 Vav Shabbaton 10am Behar/ Bec hukotai
5 MITZVAH DAY Library Dedic- ation - 9:30am Ridotto-4pm JNN Kad/USY	6 YOGA Sisterhood Book Discussion 11:30am Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm	7 RS Student Recognition 5:30pm Mitzvah Team Wedding 5pm Chaverim 6:15	8	9	10 ECC Teacher Appre- ciation 2pm <i>Family Service 5pm with Dinner</i> Day School Shabbaton Shabbat Services 8pm	11 BAT MITZVAH LINDSEY ROTHENBERG Bemidbar
12 Men's Club 9:30  JNN	13 YOGA	14 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Services 8pm Erev Shavuot	15 <div>No ECC ~ Main Office closed</div> Religious School Academic Awards 7pm Shavuot	16  Shavuot	17 Dalet Shabbaton 8pm Shabbat Services 8pm	18 BAT MITZVAH SARAH GEMUNDER Naso
19 RS Board Meeting 9:30am Gimel Work- shop 9:30am JNN Kad/USY	20 YOGA	21 Mitzvah Team Moving Up 6:30pm Chaverim 6:15	22	23	24 ECC In Session Shabbat Services 8pm	25 Beha'alotecha
26 NO RS Minyan In The Park 7:30am JNN	27 No ECC Main Office closed  Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 Shabbat Services 8pm	

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Ridotto

**A rare appearance of Misha and Cipa Dichter,
legendary pianists, in a delightful two-piano concert
Schubert Fantasia Op.103, Two Marches; Mozart Sonata K497,
Arensky Suite 1, Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances.**

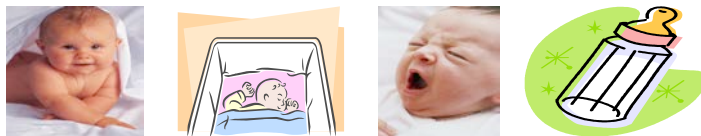
Ridotto Concert Sunday May 5 at 4 pm

***With a "British Tea" at intermission and an informal interview
with the artists following the concert.***

All tickets \$25. Concert at the HJC, Park Avenue, Huntington.

Reservations strongly recommended: (631) 385 0373

Ridotto Concerts is a non-profit arts organization based in Huntington since 1992, Director Margaretha Maimone



PLEASE HELP LONG ISLAND'S NEWBORNS IN NEED

The Social Action Committee of HJC is once again helping the Long Island Chapter of **Newborns in Need**...a national nonprofit organization which provides essentials to babies whose mothers would otherwise have nothing. Many young moms leave the hospital with a baby facing serious illness and little or no resources to provide the basic necessities. Poverty and illness can touch the tiniest babies and their families become overwhelmed. Through the efforts of Newborns in Need, a nurse or social worker can deliver an overflowing diaper bag full of clothing, blankets and hygiene products to help ensure a healthy and warm start in life.

Won't you please help us by buying or donating new or very gently used, washed and cleaned:

- Baby Clothing preemie to size 12 months (Nothing Larger)
- Baby Blankets and Linens
- Diapers, Diaper Bags, Wipes, and Baby Toiletries
- Formula, Pacifiers, and Non BPA Bottles
- Infant Strollers (non umbrella)
- Bassinets and Portacribs
- Infant Swings and Exersaucers
- Gift Cards
- Checks made out to **Newborns in Need** (which will be used to purchase new Pack & Play Portable Cribs)

Please note: We are **unable** to accept used car seats and cribs because of safety codes or toys, stuffed animals, furniture and changing tables due to insufficient storage.

Throughout the month of May, HJC will have collection bins set up at both entrances. Please bring your bulk donations, labeled from HJC to:

Lorraine Grenier, 8 Melody Lane, Huntington, NY

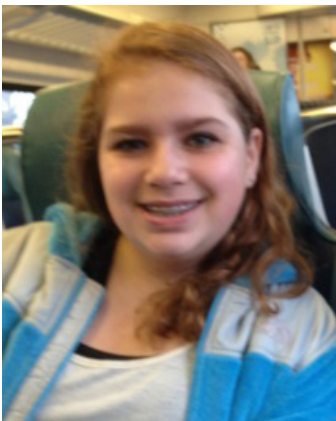
Last year, **Newborns in Need** was overwhelmed with the generosity of HJC. With everyone's support, we hope to repeat this mitzvah once again. If you need a tax receipt, please leave your name & address with your donation. Any questions, please call Jill Sherman, Chairperson HJC's **Newborns in Need** drive at (631) 423-8133. Thank you.



Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

Sarah Gemunder

Daughter of Jane and Eric Gemunder
May 18, 2013



Sarah is a 7th grade High Honor Roll student at Stimson Middle School. Sarah enjoys cooking and listening to music, and she also loves going to the beach during the summer. Sarah has been going to HJC since she was two years old. Her whole family is very proud of her as she becomes Bat Mitzvah.

Lindsey Rothberg

Daughter of Margie and Stu Rothenberg
May 11, 2013



Lindsey Gursky Rothenberg attends Cold Spring Harbor Junior High School. She loves archery, writing poetry, and playing the flute. This year she was able to join the High School Varsity Gymnastics team. Lindsey has attended HJC since Mommy and Me classes and says, "I love HJC. It is my second home."

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

End ... Again

by Joel Wirchin



I am writing this final bulletin article of my presidency soon after returning home from seeing a wonderful production of The Sound of Music at Huntington High School. As I began to write, the song So Long, Farewell played in mind. I thought for a second about how ironic and perfectly well-timed. But then I thought no. As, for me, this may be 'so long' to my presidency but it is certainly not 'farewell.'

I want to open by thanking the HJC community for allowing me a second chance to serve as your president. It has been my honor to do so - just as it had been from 2004-2006 when I previously held

the position. A year ago, I agreed to serve a one-year term, under special circumstances at the time, and I genuinely hope my having done so has made a difference. It has not been a perfect year - perhaps no such year ever exists - but this I know for sure: I gave it my best, striving to move us forward in an atmosphere of caring and collaboration. Serving as synagogue president is not easy. It takes time that is already in way too short supply. It takes patience, it takes a willingness to listen, it takes energy and, yes, it takes sacrifice. It also sometimes makes relationships more complicated, especially when we must differ with those whom we call our friends - because the duty of service must come first. It takes resilience, it takes forgetting about your ego, it means putting yourself last, it means being accessible and being willing to give when you are just about out of an ability to do so. It means going to HJC in your pajamas in the middle of the night when the alarm company calls your home with, thankfully, always a false alarm. It means being the person with whom the buck stops. And, yes, sometimes it means being the person who asks about the buck when obligations are not met.

Through it all, being synagogue president is the best volunteer position I could ever imagine having. I have now done it twice, twice a labor of love, and I would do it again (not any time soon, mind you!) and it is something I encourage every one of you to think about as well. It may not be everybody's cup of tea, but it is an honor - one I have been grateful to have ... again. So think about it for yourselves. If asked to join a committee, say yes. If asked to serve on the Board, say yes. If asked to step up to the Executive Committee, say yes. And if, one day, asked to succeed to the presidency, say yes. Tell them Joel said so.

I cannot believe that nearly a year has passed since this one-year term began. And what a year it has been. My installation was held on Friday, June 15. Early on Monday, June 18 my mom passed away. A few months later our community was rocked by Hurricane Sandy; barely a few weeks after that came Newtown. In this same time period, I was recruited to a new professional position in my "day job" resulting in adjustment and change. In January, the Rabbi left for a three month sabbatical (he did this the LAST time I was President too - was it something I said?? :) ... And just a few weeks after that, we had the now famous "Shabbat Blizzard" bringing epic snowfall to Huntington just as Shabbat arrived.

The year featured numerous accomplishments. Our board meetings featured vigorous yet constructive discussion of certain key issues such as the future of our Early Childhood Center, and we worked them through as a team. Our board meetings frequently ended before 10PM, how about that!? We developed a new and very creative Membership Committee that has yielded new names and faces, and new thinking about what synagogue membership is all about. That led to a wonderful board training session taught by Mark Zimmerman. We expanded the scope of Cantor Gordan's role, beyond that as hazan, leading to more innovative programming both within the schools and in the congregation at large. We elevated the discussion of building and personal security,



Sisterhood News

by Sue Lefkowitz

Thanks to all who attended and assisted with the Klezmer Concert on Sunday April 21st.

Mark your calendars for the rededication of the Ben Tasman Library on Sunday May 5th at 9:30 AM. The Library committee has done an amazing job restoring the room and updating the Book Collection.

Spring Rummage Sale

Sunday and Monday April 28th and 29th the Spring Rummage Sale was held in the Social Hall. Congregants cleaned out their closets and donated clothing and household items to assist the Huntington community. All items were reasonably priced and any items not purchased were donated to local organizations. Thank you to all who donated and assisted with the Spring Rummage Sale.

Nominating Committee

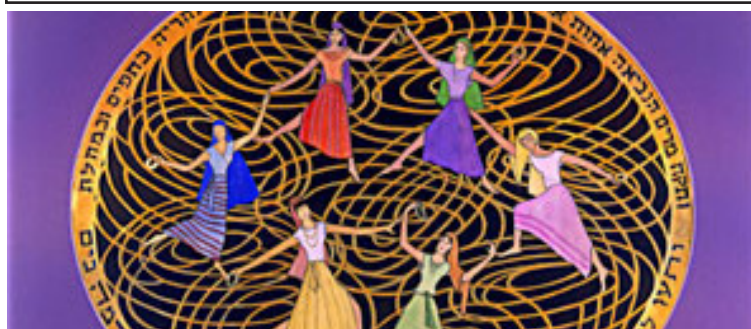
The Nominating Committee is working on the 2013-2014 Sisterhood slate of Officers and Committees. If anyone would like to submit a name for consideration as a Sisterhood Board Member, please contact Evelyn Abraham. A letter will be sent out during May announcing the slate of officers. Installation is planned for June 11th.

Book Discussion

Spring Book Discussion is on Monday May 6th at 11:30 AM. Midwife in Venice by Roberta Rich will be discussed. The theme of the book involves Hannah a midwife living in Venice's Jewish Ghetto during the 16th Century. All are invited and lunch is included.

Upcoming Events

Woman of Achievement Gala Dinner at Shelter Rock Jewish Center on May 29th. Sisterhood Shabbat will be on Friday June 14th.





Chazak, Chazak!

by Cantor Israel Gordan



It is very exciting to have the rabbi back in Huntington after a three month sabbatical and I am looking forward to hearing about his time away and learning about everything he was able to work on and study during his break. Over the past three months, I was certainly busier than usual, but also had an incredible amount of help and support from all facets of the congregation to whom I am eternally grateful and would like to say thank you.

Our office is very lucky to be led by Jane, Debbie, and Irma, all of whom work to make the synagogue function well on a daily basis. Together with Maxine and Susie, Diane and Diane, we are able to ensure that services, religious school, the early childhood center, and all of the other programs and amenities that our synagogue offers continue to function, even in the rabbi's absence.

We are also lucky to have Joel Wirchin as our president, a great Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, all of whom are committed to the congregation and volunteer to help make things happen and support the things that already do. It is a testament to our community that there are so many people who are willing and able to help and volunteer. In addition to monthly meetings, these people spend countless hours organizing, planning, and helping to coordinate many things that the rest of us are able to enjoy.

One of the most important parts of my job that has been supported so tremendously by our congregation is with the leading of services. Over the past three months we have heard from a huge number of congregants who have helped with many parts of services. People who have read Torah include Ben Messing, my wife, Jay Steinberg, Billy Wertheim, Tracy Kaplowitz, Shoshana Brown, Mark Elber, Lester Fox, Mark Zimmerman, Paul Greenstein, Joe Koreen, Eve Meltzer Krief, Lisa Hadar, Zach Himmel, and Rina Steinberg. In addition, Abby Uhrman, Sarah Saunders, Marcey Wagner, Billy Wertheim, Paul Greenstein, Joel Koppersmith, Ken Bob, Miriam Eckstein-Koas, Mark Elber, Eve Meltzer Krief, Lester Fox, Arthur Perler, Shoshana Brown, Ora Kriegstein, Mark Zimmerman, and Janet Zimmerman all chanted haftarah. And finally, we heard divrei Torah from Lester Fox, Shoshana Brown, Mark Elber, my wife, Jim Lodge, Ellen Seinberg, Dafna Soltes Stein, Mitch Reiver, Brian Cooper, Cindy Dolgin, Elizabeth Yaari, and Tracy Kaplowitz. A truly impressive array of congregants, all of whom were generous to share their talent and skills with us.

We also celebrated Purim and Passover, read Megilat Esther and Shir HaShirim, prepared for Pesach and are now counting the Omer, all of which were able to happen because of the community at large. It is very exciting to see how people can help lead and I know it makes it much easier for the rabbi to go away when he can be confident in the abilities of so many people here at the HJC. Thanks again to everyone and as we say when we finish a book of the Torah: chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek, be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened!

taking steps to fortify HJC in the wake of Newtown. We had a strong Kol Nidre appeal with numbers significantly exceeding budget estimates. We will soon re-dedicate and re-open the Ben Tasman Library following months of hard work devoted to its' rejuvenation. We banded together as the talented community we are and produced a world-class production of Guys and Dolls that involved more than 100 congregants, friends and fellow community members, raising needed funds while strengthening our community, reminding us all over again that nobody does it better than HJC! As a community this past year, we rallied together, we laughed together and we supported one another. There may always be differing points of view, but I take satisfaction in knowing that, just like as in any family, we demonstrated a communal willingness to respect those differences, leading to a place of respectful consensus.

I will always be grateful to Cheryl Silberman for having paved a path that led to my service at HJC. . . again. I will always be grateful to the hard working Board of Trustees who worked cohesively on the work we had to do. . . and who put up with my occasional wordiness and terms of art ("non-monetary enhancements," for one). And I am endlessly grateful to my colleagues on the Executive Committee - Billy Wertheim, Vicki Perler, Scott Ingber, Andy Levy, Allison Reiver and Michelle Stack - for their patience, dedication and commitment toward getting it right for the Huntington Jewish Center.

And as for Billy Wertheim, our congregation will be wise and fortunate to elect him as our next president at the congregational meeting later this month. There is no finer man, nor person more ready, to step up and lead our fine synagogue forward in the two years just ahead. Billy has been a generous and willing advocate for me this past year. And it will be my honor to change seats with him, yielding to a man of integrity, kindness, wisdom and history who I am proud to call my friend.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Rabbi Kurshan and Cantor Gordan for their insight, compassion and support - all of which only makes HJC even more of that golden synagogue shining high above the rest. And, I thank my loving wife Miriam and our children for encouraging me to lead HJC again - willingly accepting my being busier this past year than would have otherwise been the case.

And, I thank all of you - my friends and fellow congregants - for your help, for saying 'yes' when I needed you and for allowing me to serve a community that I love so much.

This term as President has highlighted for leadership and, I think, for us all that we will need to be nimble and receptive to positive, necessary change as we tend to our tasks, challenges and opportunities in the future. Organizations are built-to-last when they embrace change, rather than shun it. We are no different, and in the years ahead we will welcome and appreciate your keeping open minds and willing hearts in this regard. Better and better days are ahead for HJC. Let us smile and welcome them together with confidence, joy and, above all else, blessed by enduring good health to all.

With gratitude and thanks again . . . Shalom.

The HJC Israel Committee presents

"Voices of Jerusalem"

The Nava Tehila Jerusalem
Musical Ensemble
on Sunday, June 9th,
at 3:00 PM.

Come listen, sing and share in this special musical journey.

Through creative expression, devotion and song, we will experience a taste of the heart and soul of the burgeoning movement for liberal, egalitarian Judaism in Israel.

There is a suggested donation at the door for this event of \$10 per family.

Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



Although this is the May bulletin, it is the first day of Passover and I am writing this article to make sure that I don't miss the monthly deadline. Passover has always been, the most special holiday for me. It is the part of the year that my entire family would get together and spend quality time by catching up on each persons' yearly happenings. When my grandparents and parents were alive, they would tell the children at the table all about life years ago and how much easier things are today. There would be history lessons such as about our family immigration to America from all over Europe. Our parents beautifully

wove our family journey out of Europe years ago to the journey the Jewish people had out of Egypt. Little did I know that these yearly gatherings of personal story telling would later turn out to be one of the most important things parents can do to build up resilience in their children.

I recently read an article in the New York Times, written by Bruce Feiler, that talked about research done by Marshall Duke, a psychologist at Emory University. In the mid-1990's, Dr. Duke was asked to help explore the myth and ritual in American families. He set out to find the answer to what makes people work more effectively alone and in groups. What part of their family upbringing had the most influence on developing resilience in children? What he discovered with the help of his wife, a psychologist who works with special needs children, was that "the ones who know a lot about their families tend to do better when they face challenges."

In 2001, Dr. Duke developed a "Do You Know" scale of 20 questions that were meant to uncover from the four dozen families that were interviewed how much their children knew about family history. Some of the questions were: "Do you know where your grandparents grew up? Do you know where your mom and dad went to high school? Do you know where your parents met? Do you know an illness or something really terrible that happened in your family? Do you know the story of your own birth?" Children were then given a battery of psychological tests.

When the research was completed Dr. Duke concluded that "the more children knew about their family history, the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem and the more successfully they believed their families functioned." Dr. Duke later had an opportunity to check his research after September 11th. He returned to the very same families he did his research with to assess a child's ability to cope with the stress of this tragic event, even though they might not have been directly affected by it. He confirmed that the children who knew more about their family history were better able to cope with the stress of these events.

Each Passover, when my family told us their personal narrative, they shared the incredible courage and strength of my ancestors making their own way to a country where they didn't speak the language or have a job to support themselves. They always mentioned the hardships and the times that were not easy for them, such as the stock market crash when my mother's family lost all of their hard earned money. The story was how my mother's family would get together each week for Shabbat after the crash. They would play lively music where each child had a chance to sing or dance. This taught me that when faced with a challenge, family times together can make difficult periods more palatable. The underlying theme that resounded with all the cousins and grandchildren, was that life had its ups and downs but family always supported one another. This type of narrative, as described by Dr. Duke, is the most healthful. My sister and I always knew that we were part of a bigger picture and now pass on to our grandchildren our own personal narrative as well as those ancestors.

As Thomas Moore once said, "Family life is full of major and minor crises-the ups

HJC Community News



MAZAL TOV

Carol & Marty Cohen announce the birth of their grandson, Arturo Samuel Warman.

Ellen & Newt Meiselman announce the marriage of their son, Howard, to Sabrina Fox.

CONDOLENCES

Arnie Sherman on the death of his mother, Jeanne Sherman

Early Childhood News (con't)

and downs of health, success and failure in career, marriage, and divorce—and all kinds of characters. It is tied to places and events and histories. With all of these felt details, life etches itself into memory and personality. It's difficult to imagine anything more nourishing to the soul."



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Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher

Religious School Administrator

May has arrived, and with it comes the renewal of the world around us. The grass turns green, the flowers and trees bloom and everyone is outside having fun or working on projects around the house. Sports activities start for the kids and Religious School enters its last full month of the academic year. All of our classes are busy preparing for or having their Shabbatonim. I am always amazed when I watch the classes lead the Friday night or Shabbat morning service because it is such a tremendous accomplishment. The skills that the children have mastered preparing these services will stay with them the rest of their lives.

May Shabbaton Schedule:

Gimel Consecration - Friday, May 3

Vav Shabbaton - Saturday, May 4 (all students will read a small portion of Torah)

The Schechter School of Long Island Shabbaton - Friday, May 10

Daled Shabbaton - Friday, May 17

We also have the following upcoming programming:

Mitzvah Day - Sunday May 5

Student Recognition and Mitzvah Team Mock Wedding - Tuesday, May 7

Academic Awards - Wednesday, May 15

Mitzvah Team Moving Up Ceremony - Tuesday, May 21

On Sunday June 2 HJC is marching in the Celebrate Israel Parade in Manhattan. I hope that everyone will join our HJC family in marching down 5th Avenue. This is also the last day of Religious School but children who wish to attend the parade are excused from school that day.

B' Shalom.

Maxine



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013 ~ 6 SIVAN 5773
THE FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT

ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF NEWBORNS
WILL BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY
TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKFULNESS
AND
THE NEWBORNS WILL BE WELCOMED INTO THE COMMUNITY


THIS CEREMONY TO WELCOME THE NEWBORNS
WILL TAKE PLACE AT
APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM

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(Include newborn's name, parents/grandparents names,
and sibling names)

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BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SIBLINGS, AGES 1-3,
BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 12:00 NOON

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.

Sisterhood Program Thursday, May 2 @ 8pm

Guest Speaker
Alisa Kurshan

Please join us for a special evening as Alisa Kurshan speaks about

"The Renewal of Jewish Communities in Europe"

Come share her first hand experiences in various countries including Germany

Questions/Answers and Discussion to follow
It will be a night you would not want to miss!
We look forward to seeing you!

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USY News by Sarah Sachs



As we wind down from a event-packed year we still have more planned to come. We have a meeting with FECS, an educational organization, who will give a presentation on the meaning of community. We have a great Israel scavenger hunt scheduled in a few weeks, and also our annual car-wash fundraiser for SA/TO. This mitzvah opportunity to let us wash your car will be held on Sunday, May 5th in the afternoon. Volunteers (and dirty cars) are needed (great for end of the year community service requirements). I am looking forward to the end of the year party as our youth group chapter will be welcoming the graduating Kadima-niks and wishing our graduating seniors good luck in college!





April 10, 2013

Dear Fellow Congregants,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Huntington Jewish Center and for keeping your financial obligations to the synagogue current. Your doing so enables us to provide our congregation with all the services and programs we so richly enjoy.

As we approach the end of our fiscal year and begin to look forward to next year, there are some issues related to payment of dues and fees that I would like to bring to your attention.

Please keep in mind that the High Holidays begin very early this year, two days after Labor Day. This adds a good deal of work in the office during the summer, typically a slower time. In order for tickets to be mailed to you, we need to institute some special policies this year so that the office will have time to perform the necessary clerical tasks.

**IN ORDER TO RECEIVE HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS BY MAIL,
ALL DUES AND FEES NORMALLY PAYABLE BY
SEPTEMBER 1ST MUST BE PAID BY AUGUST 1ST.**

We wanted to advise you of this policy early enough for you to make appropriate arrangements. PLEASE NOTE that if you prefer to pay closer to September 1st, as is typically the case, you may do so, however your High Holiday tickets will not be mailed and you will need to pick them up in person at the front office. **The August 1st date need only be observed if you wish to have High Holiday tickets MAILED to you.**

As we look forward to the new fiscal year and a forthcoming change in administration, my family and I wish you and yours a meaningful end to this synagogue calendar year and all the very best for a wonderful summer.

B'Shalom,
Joel A. Wirchin
Joel A. Wirchin, President

SAVE THE DATE

2ND ANNUAL HJC GOLF OUTING AND HJC BARBEQUE WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH, 2013



Golf : The Crab Meadow Golf Course
220 Waterside Road
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Registration: 11:00 am
Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm



Barbeque (open to all including non-golfers):
6:30 pm at HJC

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This Month in American Jewish History

The First Published Jewish Sermon in America May 28, 1773

Rabbi Haim Isaac Karigal (1729-1777), from Hebron, Israel, delivered the following sermon to the congregation at Jeshuath Israel (Touro) Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, on May 28, 1773. Rhode Island, founded in 1639, was the first colony to extend equal financial and legal opportunities to Jews. Newport served as an ecumenical haven. Its Code of Laws defined the Commonwealth as a "Democracie" and stated that "...all men may walk as their consciences persuade them, every one in the name of his God..." Jewish settlement in Newport dates to 1658, when fifteen Jewish families emigrated from Barbados, soon joined by Jews from elsewhere in the West Indies, Spain and Portugal. Just prior to the Revolution, there were approximately 1,100 Jews in Newport. They were central to Newport's civic affairs, and enterprising Jewish shipping families were in large part responsible for the city's emergence as a major commercial port.

As a port city with a strong Jewish population, Newport's synagogue attracted its share of foreign dignitaries. Among the most distinguished of Newport's religious tourists was Rabbi Isaac Karigal of Hebron, who visited on the invitation of Ezra Stiles, a Newport resident and non-Jewish Hebrew scholar, who would later become president of Yale University. In America, Karigal sought out the company of fellow Judaic scholars; and through these circles he became acquainted with Stiles, then a Newport-based Biblical student. The two corresponded about interpretations of Biblical texts. Their friendship was cemented in 1773 with Karigal's visit to Newport. The sermon was delivered in Spanish to the predominantly Sephardic congregation, led by Rabbi Isaac Tuoro. It was translated into English and published by the Congregation, whose leaders apparently were aware of its historic importance as a founding Judeo-American religious document. It is an impressive, inspiring, and yet troubling testament to both the vital contributions of New England's colonial Jewish community and to the ultimate disintegration of that community as a cohesive unit. The publication of this sermon speaks volumes about the persistence of American Jews in the face of staggering, and seemingly insurmountable, obstacles.

There was excited anticipation for Karigal's address. Karigal had traveled the world - Europe, the Ottoman Empire and the West Indies - and had a good grasp of the international Jewish condition. The sermon must have been either instructive or infuriating to the Rhode Island colonists. Although it begins in a traditional manner, commemorating Shavuot, Karigal very quickly alludes to a more pressing problem for the colonists. Delivered on May 28, 1773, the same year as the Boston Tea Party and only three years before the colonists would declare independence, the sermon became a lesson in obedience to the Crown. Karigal uses biblical teachings to decry "public commotions and revolution" and warns the congregation that only God establishes and destroys kingdoms. One can only imagine the controversy that followed Karigal's sermon: would the Jewish settlers support a revolution in a land that had treated them so well? In fact, most of the Jewish colonists in Newport were, like Rabbi Touro, staunch Tories; and after the Revolution, the community largely dispersed. The excerpt below picks up as Karigal's sermon begins to allude to the political turmoil in the American colonies. You can see a photo of the original document here: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/haventohome/images/hh0014s.jpg>

Excerpts from: A Sermon Preached at the Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island

In the precepts of the Decalogue is exhibited an epitome of the divine Law, consisting of the fundamental principles of religion, both respecting our faith or belief in the ONE SUPREME BEING, the creator of the universe, and respecting the institutions of morality. Those precepts in respect of the Deity and morality are entirely out of the present question; it being indubitable that neither of them can be subject to the least change or alteration in any time or place. The moral, part of its own nature, would be constant and permanent and of unchangeable obligation, even without the additional circumstance of having been dictated by the divine wisdom and authority: Since all morality consists in loving our neighbor as we do our own selves - but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, Leviticus XIX.18. This admits of no change, unless human nature be altered. Here I might conclude this subject, being certain that every one, who will keep the moral law with exactness, not only because it is consistent with reason, but because it is a divine and unalterable institution, there will be no doubt but that he will also observe all other precepts-both those whose reasons are comprehensible by us, and those which, on account of their obscurity, are not to be investigated; considering that they are all permanent at all times and places, except when the divine legislator commands the contrary; - as in the precepts relating to the sacred worship of the temple, and others that depend on our residence in the holy land; the observation of which is, by our wickedness put in suspense, although they are not for that reason entirely abolished; because our restoration depends upon ourselves, if with a true contrition, repenting of our crimes and abominations, we promise amendment, - and consequently, of us only depends the approximation and renewal of the observance of those precepts again.

There have been some authors who, touched with a vehement desire of finding out new methods of commenting upon the sacred scriptures, instead of illustrating them, have involved them in obscurity by expositions full of imaginary conceptions, remote applications, and expressions so excessive high and refined, that they cannot leave the least impression. I shall explain myself more clearly by repeating the following texts of the royal psalmist. He says: Would you know when the divine law delights and tranquilizes the soul? It is only when that law is interpreted in its genuine sense, purity and perfection, without any mixed opinions and conceptions founded in air; The law of the Lord is perfect converting the Soul (Psalms XIX.7). Do you know when the divine testimony instructs the ignorant? It is only when justly explained according to its true principles, the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple (Psalm XIX.8) Then only do the sacred statutes rejoice and cherish the heart, when commented with rectitude and sincerity: The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart (Psalm XIX.9). The divine precepts then only enlighten the eyes of the understanding, when the explanation thereof is pure and clear - which is not to be expected unless it proceed from the fountain of tradition; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes (Psalm XIX.8). Through the interposition of all these things the DIVINE FEAR will be

constant and abiding, because it will be then purified, refined and freed of all alloy or human invention; the fear of the Lord is clean enduring forever (Psalm XIX.10). This is the method which the inspired David points out to us as a true manner of instruction, and as a natural way of attaining the divine fear. Upon this subject all preachers ought to employ their time, and to this matter all instructors of congregations ought to conform themselves. But there have been professors, who instead of teaching their auditories and disciples the essential points of religion and morality, have employed their time in doctrines and discourses, (or at least in amusements and vanities) and subjects that are entirely out of our reach, and beyond human comprehension.

Thus, my noble and kind hearers, have I displayed before you the excellency of the divine study. The Calamities we have endured have not been casualties or accidents. In the Talmud (Sabbath) we read the following remarkable sentences, written upon the destruction of the HOLY TEMPLE! "The famous ULLA says that this ruin proceeded from the principle that the people in those times did not know what it was to be ashamed before each other, committing in public, and without any reserve, the most horrible and heinous crimes - Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?(Jeremiah VI.15.) But what is the wonder that it should so happen? - When they despised every manner of instruction, and when the word of the Lord was esteemed by them as a shame, contempt and baseness! Rabbi Isaac says, we need not wonder that in those times, there should be no shame, when we might see that the small and poor aspired to be in every thing on a level with the great and powerful, all order and regulation being lost, no respect paid to age, no regard to the dignity of employments, and the whole in confusion. The ecclesiastic ministers would give their vote upon civil matters: Princes and magistrates would not only interfere in religion, but take upon them to decide the most difficult points of it. In short, every one would step out of his bounds, and consequently the whole was public disorder and mismanagement; which is so wisely described to us by the prophet Isaiah - As with the people, so with the priest (Isaiah XXIV.2). And what was the consequence of such disorder and confusion? That pointed out by Rabbi Hanninah in the following words, 'There was not one single person who would dare to rebuke his neighbor, and exhort him to the right way.' The same is confirmed by Rabbi Febudah saying, 'That the loss of Jerusalem was owing to the contempt and ignominy with which they treated every one who applied himself to the DIVINE STUDY.' These same opinions of those learned and eminent men, instead of contradicting one another, are very similar and consistent: It being certain that wherever any of the mentioned vices exist, they must of course be accompanied with all the rest.."

We have thus clearly described the abominations that caused the destruction of the TEMPLE, and ruin of our holy country. There have not been wanting some critical men, who, because they know something of the ancient histories, think they are able to penetrate the natural cause of the rise, increase and decline of empires and republics. This they dare to utter, not thinking at the same time, that such public

commotions and revolutions are effects proceeding from the council of the divine creator, who establishes and destroys kingdoms and empires for reasons reserved only to his infinite wisdom. And he changeth the times and seasons; he removeth Kings and seteth up Kings (Daniel II.21). With the same liberty and arrogance with which these men talk of the misfortunes and calamities of other nations, they have been bold enough to speak of those of ours. And indeed there have been at all times some that have considered such events as casualties and natural accidents, and as happening without any interposition of the divine providence. To confuse however opinions so heretic and ill grounded, I shall proceed according to the promise made at the beginning of my discourse, to cite for that purpose some passages of history. I shall not allege any sacred historian, nor shall I produce any rabbinical authorities, being confident of the high degree of credit they would meet with, but will only relate some facts delivered by the most authentic Roman historians.

Editors note: Portions of the introduction to this article quote materials from, "Jewish American Literature, a Norton Anthology," and Glenn Horowitz Booksellers reviews

Sisterhood Spring Book Discussion



Monday, May 6th @11:30 am

The Midwife of Venice **By** ***Rachel Rush***

A wonderful historical novel of a midwife whose ability forces her to make many decisions, some of which could be costly to her and to her Jewish community.

Please join us among friends as Maxine Liebowitz leads a discussion of this book about women and the precariousness of their lives, regardless of their status or religion.

The book is available at Amazon.com and libraries as well as bookstores. Mention HJC Sisterhood at Book Revue and get a 20% discount!

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Maxine Liebowitz at liebowma@aol.com/271-2221

As always, a light lunch will be served
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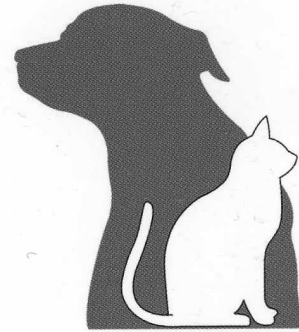


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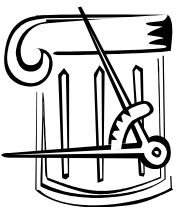
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