

HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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by Rabbi Kurshan

The Portrait Gallery at HJC

Next time you are at HJC, take a look at the shul's new portrait gallery. You will find it in the hallway leading to the Main Sanctuary on either side of the Family Life Center.

The gallery was inspired by my recent visit to a shul in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. As I walked into the shul, the first thing I saw was a picture of each Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebrant for the coming year. It was a nice first impression of the warmth of a community and its regard for its young people. When I asked about the project, I was told that the shul wanted the congregation to become familiar with the coming year's group of Bar/Bat

Mitzvah students so that they would recognize them by the time they reached the date of their celebration.

When I brought this idea back to our Executive Committee, Allison Reiver agreed to make it happen. She and I spoke to Joanne Cohn, who in addition to her culinary skills, is a gifted photographer. Joanne photographed each student with an upcoming Bar/ Bat Mitzvah in front of an old tree on the side of the building. To quote Joanne: "I did not want the students to dress up for the photo, but rather as they are most of the time." Some of the students look more serious than others in the pictures, but they all appear as I have gotten used to seeing them when they are at HJC during the week. As I have come to know these students, I have been amazed at Joanne's ability to capture their personalities in a single picture. Under the picture of each student is an inscription with their English and Hebrew names and a personal statement they have written about what Jewish tradition means to them. This year we have been displaying the pictures for the first time on the day of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah, but in the future we hope to hang the pictures of all the students before the simcha so that you will come to recognize them.

It is nice to see these pictures of our students because our students spend so much time at HJC before their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Not only are they here for Religious School as well as their Bar/ Bat Mitzvah lessons with the Cantor, they are also here to attend Shabbat services. The pictures help us as a community to associate a name with a face.

There are many other people who assisted in various parts of this project--among them Maxine Fisher, Paul Greenstein, Kim Willen, and Jane Hallberg. The pictures have added a warmth to what was once a bare hallway. We hope you will take a moment to take a look at these pictures. If you are able to attend services the day of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah of these students, you will feel as if you already know them.



MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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

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



Congregants help out on Mitzvah Day.

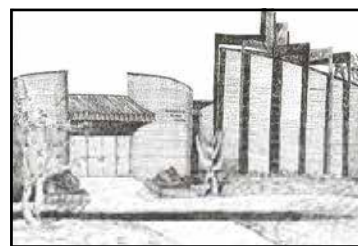
MINYAN IN THE PARK



The annual **Caumsett Park Minyan** will be held **Sunday, May 25th at 7:30am in Lloyd Neck.**

Meet at the Park entrance at 7:30am with bicycles or walking shoes. Congregants who want auto transportation from the Park entrance or who need directions are asked to call the HJC office in advance.

Breakfast in the park, sponsored by Lester Fox, will follow the service. In case of inclement weather, **call 423-5355 after 6:30 am for update.**



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Shavuot Tikkun- The Chain of Transmission

Bring a family heirloom to our Shavuot Tikkun, and tell the Jewish story behind it. The heirloom can be something Jewish or general as long as its story has a Jewish association. Do you have something connected to Shabbat, to a holiday such as Passover, or to a lifecycle event that is a part of your family's story? If it is not portable, bring a picture.

Rabbi Kurshan will teach a text about the transmission of Jewish tradition, and we will share the stories of our family heirlooms. The Tikkun will take place on the first night of Shavuot--Tuesday, June 3 at 8:00 pm.

May 2014

5774 Iyar/Sivan

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SOCIAL ACTIONS NEWBORNS IN NEED GOING ON THE MONTH OF MAY.				1  ROSH CHODESH	2 Minyan Breakfast Mother's Day Boutique 9-3 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE 6:00 PM	3 Hey-Vav Shabbaton 10:00 am
4 JNN RS Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration 9:30am Ridotto-4pm <i>Kad/USY</i>	5 Ritual Committee-8pm Yom Hazikaron Observed	6 Sisterhood Israeli Movie Night -8pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Observed	7	8	9 Parent Assoc. 9:45am Schechter Shab- baton -8:00pm Shabbat Services 8:00pm	10 Behar
11 NO JNN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  Mother's Day	12 Sisterhood Book Discussion 11:30am Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm	13 Chaverim	14	15	16 Gimel - Dalet Shabbaton Shabbat Services 8:00pm	17 RS Family Shabbat 10am Bechukotai
18 JNN RS Board 9:30am Men's Club Kad/USY LAG BA'OMER	19 Congregational Meeting 8 PM	20 Mitzvah Team Wedding 6:30 pm Moving Up Ceremony	21	22	23 Daddy & Donuts - ECC 8:30am  Shabbat Services 8:00pm	24 Bemidbar
25 JNN NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MINYAN IN THE PARK 7:30AM	26 NO ECC Office Closed  Memorial Day	27 Student Recog- nition Awards Chaverim	28	29	30 Shabbat Services 8:00pm ROSH CHODESH	31 <i>Naso</i>



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)

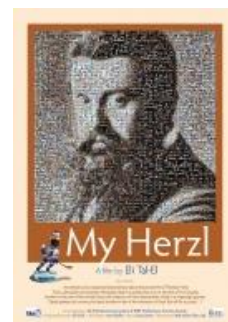
Please note: We are unable to accept used car seats and cribs because of safety codes or toys, stuffed animals, furniture and changing tables due to insufficient storage.

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.

HJC Sisterhood presents My Herzl



A Yom Ha'atzmaut program
Tuesday, May 6th @ 8:00 pm

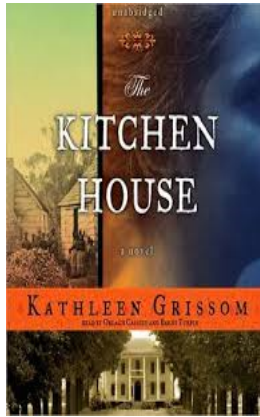
An intimate and unexpected documentary about the private life of Theodore Herzl. To Eli, a Jerusalem documentary filmmaker, Herzl is a washed out icon. In the eyes of David, his Canadian brother-in-law, Herzl is an inspiring superstar. Through the efforts of David and many others, Herzl, both the hero and the real man is revealed.

Please RSVP no later than May 2
Sarah Saunders at [757-2622](tel:757-2622)/ssaunds@aol.com
Syd Schlesinger at [261-2330](tel:261-2330)/syd519@gmail.com

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.



SISTERHOOD SPRING BOOK TALK

May 12 at 11:30AM

***The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom is a wonderful story of relationships, loyalties and a unique look at people and relationships in the Big House and the slave quarters.**

Please join us among friends as Syd Schlesinger leads a discussion of this heartbreaking and ultimately hopeful story of class, race, dignity, deep-buried secrets and familial bonds.

As always, a light lunch will be served

**The book is available at Amazon.com and libraries as well as bookstores.
Mention HJC at Book Revue and receive a 10% discount.**

**Please RSVP no later than May 6th
Syd Schlesinger at [261-2330/syd519@gmail.com](mailto:syd519@gmail.com)**

Ben Tasman Library Update

It is now one year since we have reopened the library and it has already become a central part of the synagogue community. It is filling the need for a quiet, warm, welcoming place to read, relax, have small meetings or just sit and reflect. We have upgraded our computer and are beginning to print out what will be a catalogue for easy reference. We are still going through books which have been donated to determine which are suitable for our needs. We hope you have taken advantage of this wonderful place. Religious School students meet there to work on their laptops, and adults have used this space similarly as well. The

same group of people is still dedicated to working and keeping this place an integral part of the synagogue. We would welcome your time if you can make a commitment, and of course we would be thrilled for any monies donated to purchase items like bookshelves for our ever expanding collection. We would love to hear from you with ideas for other services we can offer. My very personal thanks to Ellen Kahn, Marilyn Klein, Janet Kushnick, Tyna Strenger, and Miriam Wirchin for their endless support. Also, a special thank you to Jeff Stark for his expertise and willingness to spend time working with us and the software company. We could not have done it without him.

Syd Schlesinger, VP Education - Sisterhood

JNN News

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

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

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

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



BREAKING NEWS!!

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

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

HJC Community News



MAZAL TOV

Ellen Kahn announces the marriage of her granddaughter, Nicole Kahn, to Guy Dror.
 Rabbi Neil & Alisa Rubin Kurshan announce the birth of their grandson, Ezra Chaim Gerber.
 Andrew & Allison Goodman announce the birth of their son, Jacob Asher Goodman.

CONDOLANCES

Amira Garbus on the death of her husband, Albert Garbus.

Nominating Committee Seeking Help

The Nominating Committee is seeking interested individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees and as Officers of the Huntington Jewish Center. If you are interested in taking a leadership role in the governance of our synagogue, please contact a member of the committee:

Chair: Todd Houslanger TEH@ToddLaw.com 631-804-5212
Elaine Kleinmann elainek@optonline.net (516) 348-3982
Michael Richter mike@elfhome.com (917) 301-3243.

President's Perspective

by William Wertheim



I don't know how many of you came to the Yom HaShoah program on Sunday, April 27, but for those who came, it was a tremendously moving evening. We hosted the annual Huntington Community Holocaust remembrance, an event we co-sponsor with our sister shuls, Temple Beth El and Kehillat Shalom. The sanctuary was packed; there really wasn't a seat left. The moving service

was replete with readings, songs, and prayers; Rabbi Kurshan and Cantor Gordan led their fellow clergy in an engaging and thought-provoking evening. There was even a small choral piece, organized by Cantor Gordan and conducted by Judy Orloff.

But clearly, the main event was the main speaker, Dr. Moshe Avital. Dr. Avital, brought to HJC by his friend (and our congregant) Nili Gitig, has a PhD from Yeshiva University, 3 children, and 11 grandchildren. Dr. Avital was a child in the town of Bilke, Czechoslovakia when the war came, one of 11 children. He described briefly the Jewish life in this small town, but one big enough to have a heder and a yeshiva. He talked about the annexation of the town by Hungary, as the Nazis gave that section of Czechoslovakia to the fascist Hungarian government in return for their support in the war. The Hungarians imposed a series of anti-Jewish laws, and Dr. Avital spoke of the ever-narrowing world circumscribed for the Jews of the town, followed by expulsion of all the Jews from the town to a ghetto, and then the inevitable deportation to Auschwitz on a 5-day train trip, without food, water, facilities, in cramped train cars.

I cannot do justice to the eloquence Dr. Avital displayed, telling the stories of the deprivations of the concentration camps, the sight of such evil people as Dr. Mengele, the horror of being separated from his family – 14 people-- whom he would never see again. And I cannot do justice to the strength and courage he showed, describing his enduring nightmare by recalling his faith as explained in Psalm 121: ***Esa enai, el heharim, meayin yavo ezri? Ezri, meyim hashem, oseh shamayim vaaretz. I will lift up my eyes unto the mountains; from whence shall my help come? My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*** Though he says he was near death when the US soldiers came to liberate him from Buchenwald, his strength of character and indefatigable optimism in the face of the unspeakable things he endured was truly, truly remarkable.

As crowded as the sanctuary was, while Dr. Avital spoke it

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Sisterhood News

by Marsha Buchholtz and
Evelyn Silverberg

*Our Spring Book Discussion will be on **May 12th at 11:30am.** "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom has been discounted for us at the Book Revue and is available at the library. Please join us for a provocative and stimulating discussion and, of course, a light lunch.*

*On **May 6th at 8:00pm**, Sisterhood will present "My Herzl", a documentary about the private life of Theodore Herzl. This revealing film depicts Herzl through the eyes of different men with differing perspectives revealing both hero and man.*

*There is still time to join us and celebrate our HJC Sisterhood Woman of Achievement, Janet Kushnick. On **May 28th** Womens League for Conservative Judaism will be sponsoring a gala awards ceremony and dinner at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center recognizing Janet as well as other notable women from Conservative Synagogues in the Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island area. Please contact Vicki Rosen (vrosen815@gmail.com) or Ethel Sachs(ethelsachs@optonline.net), our Torah Fund co-chairs, for registration information.*

*Thanks once again to Marlene Hummel for organizing a very successful **Spring Rummage Sale** and to the ladies who assisted in setting up, selling and packing up unpurchased items. Everything that is not sold is sorted and donated to the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HHI), Soles for Souls, the Family Service League's Family Center and the Salvation Army. For anyone interested, there is a drop off for used shoes at Birkenstock in Huntington Village. They will gladly connect with Soles for Souls where your donated footwear will be repaired and distributed to those in need.*

*A record number of HJC members joined us for our **"Taste of Passover."** More cooks and more guests made for a delicious and fun evening. A copy of the recipes prepared for this tasting as well as old favorites from years past is available.*

*Please join us for the upcoming Sisterhood/Men's Club Sabbath on **Friday, June 27th.***

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

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



Number Our Days

by Cantor Israel Gordan



In case you missed it, this year Rabbi Kurshan instituted a Seder Memory Project where people wrote about their favorite and most memorable seder experiences. Over fifty congregants wrote in and shared descriptions of seders over the years. From the beginning of Nisan through Chol HaMoed Pesach, we received an email each day with a few different responses sharing favorite songs and

traditions, recipes and gatherings, and recollections of family members past and present that have added to people's holiday celebrations throughout the years.

One of the unfortunate things about Passover, however, is how anticlimactic it can feel. Nothing beats that first seder where it's been almost a year since we've last tasted the matzah. Asking the four questions, tasting the bitter herbs, and singing the songs feels so exciting, especially when shared with new guests around the table or old, with new readings or the same songs, or with different recipes or cherished favorites. And this excitement was easy to see from all of the different responses to the email project.

After that first seder, Passover then lasts for another eight days, including another seder the very next night. It's hard not to lose a little steam or interest in matzah with two days of yom tov at the beginning, four days of chol hamoed, including Shabbat in the middle, and then two more days of yom tov at the end, especially with no ending ceremony like the seder at the beginning. While we may "break" Passover with a bagel or slice of pizza, there is no traditional ceremony for turning the kitchen back over to chametz after eight days of matzah. Once again, the holiday is over just as quickly as it started and life continues much the same as it was before.

There is a difference, however, starting that second night of Passover. At the second seder we begin counting seven nights a week for seven nights until the fiftieth night is the start of Shavuot. This period of time in the Jewish calendar is known as the Omer and serves as a way to tie the themes of Passover to those of Shavuot. But the Omer also serves many other purposes.

In the same way that the Seder is the focal point of the celebration of Passover, graduation is remembered as the most significant part of college, or a wedding as the big party for a marriage. The birth of a child can start a family, and many other examples of big events or large gatherings that may be overly significant. But just like the Omer, life is made up of all the days in between. While Passover and Shavuot are the two pilgrimage festivals at either end of the Omer, our lives exist in between as well. Counting the Omer is a way of reminding us to take notice of each and every day, not just the big celebrations or the points that mark the beginning or ending of something.

As we count the days up to Shavuot, may we all find memories and experiences stemming from the little things. Joy, sorrow, and everything in between can help add great meaning to a purpose driven life.

Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher
Religious School Administrator

It is hard to believe that we are almost through another Religious School year! I have had the pleasure of watching your children grow into teens and young adults over my many years as both an educator and as Religious School Administrator. It always amazes me to see how these children turn out, and it gives me great pleasure to know that our Religious School has had a role in forming them into menches.

We still have many programs going on as we wind down the last month of school.

The first weekend in May is a very busy one. **May 2 is Friday Night Live.** During the service, our Bet, Gimel, and Daled classes will lead us in song for Yom Ha'atzmaut. Please join us with your family and stay with us for dinner. It is always a lovely evening.

The next morning is the Hey and Vav Shabbatonim. Together the students will lead the Saturday morning service. It is at 10:00 in the Lief Chapel.

Sunday, May 4 is our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration starting at 9:30 (school starts at 9:00). The school will take a trip to Israel! Each class will present something about a different city in Israel. Please join us as this is open to the congregation.

Friday, May 9 at 8:00 P.M. is the Schechter School of Long Island's children's Shabbaton - grades k-5.

Friday, May 16 at 8:00 P.M. is the Gimel and Daled Shabbatonim.

The next morning is the Religious School Family Shabbat Service. at 10:30.

Sunday, May 18 is our Lag B'Omer field day Celebration.

Tuesday, May 20 is the last day of school for the Mitzvah Team.

They will conclude the year with a mock wedding and Moving Up ceremony. It will be a special night for them.

The last day of school for the other classes is **Sunday, June 1st.** Enjoy the month of May!



Mitzvah Day

Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



Your Children Are Not the Center of the Universe

I have been facilitating Mommy and Me groups for years and perhaps the single most repeated message I have given parents is this, "the center of the universe in a family are the parents." When children have parents that spend most of their energy on making the lives of their children as 'perfect' as they can, everyone in the family suffers, especially the relationship of both parents.

Having been married for over 40 years, I have been witness to many of marriages strained because so much time was spent on smoothing the path for their children at home, at school, in their social lives and with siblings. Parents who forgot that they were the most important people in the family used their personal time to bring children to hundreds of activities, music, dance, karate, and art lessons, sports practice, Kumon for extra educational help, and so much more. There was little time at night for parents to relate with one another, since homework, which parents generally should not be involved in, were more than actively participating with their children. Fear that children would not get into the better colleges either on their own intellectual merit or other extra-curricular activities such as sports, music, art, etc. drove many parents into a state of perpetual concern, fear and over involvement, leaving little time for one another.

In many families, dinner time, should be a sacred period for the whole family to connect and communicate about the events of the day for, instead it revolved into a more unstructured part of the day. Dinner time should be an opportunity for both parents to help children navigate the upcoming events of the week and give advice to questions they need answered. I hear from so many parents that everyone in the family eats at different times due to overcrowded schedules. Unlike the French culture where cooking, baking and eating together are sacred, dinner time in America for many families has somehow lost its importance.

Children must learn how to cope when they are not the center of the universe. They must learn the art of waiting, taking turns socially, playing independently without parent involvement, problem solving a gamut of situations that crop up daily at home and at school without parent involvement, failing at tasks so they can recognize the importance of hard work, and understanding the concept that they will not always win, succeed and be the best at everything they attempt to do. They should know that parents' private time to do whatever they choose to do is just as valuable as the time spent on the children.

Parents need to step back from sending their children to hundreds of outside structured activities which eats up valuable time and energy for everyone in the family and allow them to just 'chill out.' Children need to have time to be creative at figuring out how to spend their time. Help your children put down the electronic toys and get them

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outside with friends to play in the sunshine. Instead of playing Wii games of basketball and soccer, let your children go in the back yard with neighborhood kids and let them loose. This will also yield valuable time for parents to do what they need to do for themselves.

Putting children to sleep at a reasonable time allows parents the opportunity to have alone time together. Make sure that your children know that you will not be coming back into the bedroom after you say goodnight because your time with your spouse is so important to you this is your special time of the day with each other. This will allow children to clearly know that their parents are a united front who value one other. Have a weekly steady date night with your spouse, even if it is in the house.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, who was the President of the University of Notre Dame, once said "The most important thing a father can do for his child is to love their mother." Of course the opposite holds true as well. Giving children the clear message that your love for one another as parents is one of great respect and deep affection, will be a great role model for the future of your their relationship with others, especially their spouse when or if they choose to get married.

This article is from the May 2012 edition of HJC's bulletin.

Join us!
Suffolk Jewish Springfest
Celebrating Lag B'Omer
Sunday, May 18th!
Suffolk Y JCC Commack
from 10 - 3
FREE ADMISSION

We welcome all participants in Jewish life in Suffolk County to come together for one large communal celebration of unity and togetherness.

Help us celebrate the strength and vibrancy of Jewish life in our area.

Food! Games! Music!
The band Soulfarm
performing at 11am and 2pm! Plus...BMX Exhibition at 12:30pm!

Celebrating Lag b'Omer 2014

Sponsored by ELIJA (Eastern Long Island Jewish Alliance) and over 18 Jewish organizations in Suffolk County.
Celebration Location
74 Hauppauge Road | Commack, NY 11725
631-462-9800

Donations

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Marsha Perlmutter Kalina in memory of Jan Perlmutter at yahrzeit.
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Carol & Howard Baker in honor of Joel Wirchin being named the HJC Men's Club Man of the Year.
Phyllis & Andy Levy in honor of the birth of Rina Marissa Perler, granddaughter of Vicki & Arthur Perler.
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and brothers they lost, the hopelessness of the trains and the hunger, the readiness to throw themselves on the electric fence to end it all. While each story I hear of a Holocaust survivor is moving and terrible in its own way, for me, listening to Dr. Avital was very personal just because of how much he sounded like my family.

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