

# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

INNOVATE & INTEGRATE - CREATING COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

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# **Temple Beth Facebook**By Rabbi Neil Kurshan



Nearly a third of Facebook users in the United States list a religion in their profile, and many are highly engaged with religious pages. Online religious networks are

growing in popularity, and there is even a synagogue community that only has online membership. When we search for an online religious community, we can find a rabbi whose views are aligned with our own, and unfriend people who anger us. We do not have to settle for the synagogue in our community. Perhaps the growing popularity of online religious communities led Pope Benedict XVI to issue a warning against them this year: "It is important always to remember that virtual contact cannot and must not take the place of direct human contact with people at every level of our lives."

For me personally the Internet has radically changed the way in which I work as a rabbi. I have rabbinic resources available to me that previously I could only access by purchasing books or by attending conferences. I am able to reach out to people through columns such as Torah Teasers that would have been impossible to distribute without the Internet. There are so many avenues of contact that online communication has opened up.

Yet as I write this column I am also mindful that there are costs to online communication. Alisa and I used to decorate the wall of our Sukkah at home with the Rosh HaShana cards we had received from congregants and friends. Pinned to the curtain draped on the wall of our Sukkah these cards suggested the joy and good wishes of the

holidays. We can no longer cover the Sukkah wall because so many holiday greetings are now sent over the Internet and a downloaded sheet of paper does not have the same beauty as an artistically crafted card.

More importantly online communities will always lack an element of face-to-face communication. While it is possible to broadcast a service over the Internet or through other media, we cannot capture the warmth of Shabbat Kiddush schmoozing after services through online communication. There is a spiritual energy that exists between two people when they meet face to face. We are told that in the Temple in Jerusalem above the ark there were two cherubim that faced each other and that the space between them was where the divine energy could be found. When we look into the face of someone else, we find the presence of God.

We are told in the Book or Exodus, "Let no one leave his place on the Sabbath day." In Jewish law there are limits on how far out of town one can walk on the Sabbath. Shabbat was intended to be a day when we moved closer to people rather than traveling away from them. Observant Jews do not use the Internet on Shabbat because they refrain from making use of technology which represents the conquest of nature. However the deeper reason to refrain from technology is that Shabbat emphasizes our physical environment rather than our virtual one. Thus time on Shabbat is supposed to be spent with our community in the sanctuary and with our family around the dinner table. Walking beside someone is more conducive to conversation than sitting with them in front of a screen.

The Internet has opened up a world of resources and knowledge that was not previously available to us, but we still need to be able to sit beside our fellow congregants

and family members and see their faces. If we are seeking God's presence, let us not search for it in an online chat room, but let us look for it in the presence of one another at home and in shul, the places to which each of us brings the image of God within us.



# 40th Anniversary of the Huntington Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Huntington Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on

Sunday, November 20 7:00 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church Main St., Huntington

The preacher will be the Reverend JoAnn Barrett. The service will include prayers from the many faith communities of Huntington and will also feature children's involvement in prayers and music.

We hope you will join us for the special anniversary of this service for which the Huntington Jewish Center is a co-sponsor.



The drawing will take place at the Chanukah Happening on December 18, 2011.

Somebody will win a lot of money and it could be you - but remember,

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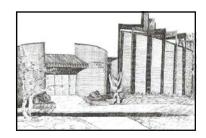
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# November 2011 Cheshvan/Kislev 5772

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed                               | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                                  |
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|  |  | Adult Bar/Bat<br>Mitzvah Class<br>w/Rabbi Kushan<br>10:30am       | 2                                 | 3  | 4 Kinnus Week Minyan Breakfast Shabbat Services 6pm         | 5 end at HJC Kinnus Dance Lech Lecha |
| 6 Kinnus<br>Breakfast<br>Bingo 12 noon   | 7  | 8 NO NS NO RS RS Staff meeting-5:45pm  Election Day               | 9<br>Social Action<br>Meeting—2pm | 10   | 11 NO NS Shabbat Services 6pm Veterans Day                  | BAR MITZVAH Gregory Kaplan           |
| 13<br>Vav Workshop<br>9:30am<br>Sisterhood Trip<br>11:00am   | 14<br>Sisterhood<br>Board Meeting<br>8:00 pm | 15<br>Adult Bar/Bat<br>Mitzvah Class<br>w/Rabbi Kushan<br>10:30am | 16                                | Rummage S Ritual Comm. 8:00pm  | 18 Sale Drop Off Family Shabbat 5:00pm Shabbat Services 6pm | 19 Chaye Sarah                       |
| 20 Rummage<br>Community<br>Thanksgiving<br>Service - St. Johns<br>Church, Hunt.<br>Daled Workshop<br>Gimel Workshop<br>RS Board 11:45<br>Men's Club<br>Kad/USY | NS Parent Ass. 9:45am                        | 22  | 23<br>NO                          | San Crawy Color of Co | 25 SCHOOL CE CLOSED Shabbat Services 6pm                    | 26 Toldot                            |
| 27<br>NO RS  | 28   | 29  | 30                                |  |   |                                      |
| Rosh Chodesh   |  | Chaverim 6:15   |                                   |  |   |                                      |

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE by Mitch Pashkin



# Recap

For those of you who were not able to be at Kol Nidre services, I am submitting my Kol Nidre speech as my November bulletin article. For everyone taking in these words for the first time and for those of you who heard them at Kol Nidre, please be as generous as you can whether through giving your time as a volunteer and/or through a Kol Nidre (it's not too late.) or other donation to HJC.

A few weeks ago, I was attending attending an informational meeting with RS parents. There were several of us scheduled to speak and Lisa Rousso, our RS Board Chair, was acting as MC and introducing each speaker. At one point, as she headed up to introduce the next person, she said that she was not quite sure how she got this job. I think a lot of us who volunteer at HJC, such as the people on the bimah with me this evening, would say that they are not sure how they got this job. But I also think that most of those who volunteer their time would for many reasons say that they are glad they volunteered, not only because of the satisfaction that it brings them but also because of the contributions that they are making to the Huntington Jewish Center.

It has been a time of change and transition for the synagogue over the past 14 months; and while the transition is not yet complete, we have emerged stronger and are in a period of great upward momentum. First and foremost, just as we have been fortunate to have our souls touched and our spirits moved for over 26 years through the words of Rabbi Kurshan, through the work of the dedicated volunteers on our music search committee, Cantor Israel Gordan has become a part of our schul and already has energized and moved us with his music, and warmth of personality and kept us in our seats long past the Rabbi's sermons. In addition, as a result of the hard work and dedication of Maxine Fisher, our RS has withstood a sudden change of leadership and gotten off to a wonderful and strong start. While we all know that it has been quite a change for Maxine to be at HJC so much, I want to thank her for stepping up in a time of need.

We have a new Kindergarten Enrichment program that serves the needs of the children in the community while bringing in additional sources of revenue and potential new members. Through our work with Measuring Success and our Innovate and Integrate initiative, we have listened and continue to listen and have tried to provide all of us with what we want and need from a synagogue. For example, through the hard work of Michele Stack and many volunteers, both the Friday Night Live Shabbat dinners and the Rabbi's Saturday night at the movie series are now more family friendly and warmer and more inviting. Through the work of all the arms of the synagogue, the Hanukkah Happening brought together all ages and segments of the congregation. We have new board members representing the younger population of our congregation including the NS families and these board members such as Darryn Slotoff and Dan Kahn have stepped right in to deal with some of our

larger challenges such as the transition of families from NS to RS and HJC membership, and the integration of young families into synagogue life. This December we will have a concert sponsored by UJA that will connect HJC with the broader Jewish community.

The strength of our synagogue and the dedication of those who volunteer have helped us come out stronger through this period of transition and will help us continue with our upward swing. It has been our volunteers and our financial supporters who have helped this schul thrive and survive not only recently but for the last 100 years. Through the generosity of their time and talent, Allison and Mitch Reiver and Michelle Stack have created a brochure that you will find in your prayer books tonight or on your chairs tomorrow. This brochure outlines many of the opportunities both big and small that each and every one of us has to volunteer at HJC. To continue to be at our best and to continue our upward swing, especially in this time of challenges for institutions such as ours, it will take new volunteers who are able and willing to fill some of the currently vacant but important volunteer roles as well as to take over for those who step down from their roles after having given so much of their time and selves for this institution as well as for each of us. I urge you to take a brochure and find one thing whether big or small whether short term or long term that you believe you could do at HJC. It is every act of volunteerism that makes the difference. It all adds up and I hope that you will contribute anything you can. If it is something other than time that you can afford to give, I also urge you to be as generous as you can. It will be all contributions of every kind that will result in our success. In the end, just as

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## **USY NEWS**

by Josh Morris

HJC'S USY continues to advance in the social atmosphere in the community! We are proud to introduce our own Facebook page which will be used to let members know what the event of the night is, contain flyers, and have other special reminders. Be sure to "like" us!

A couple weeks ago the USYers had fun with food involving bobbing for apples and a Twizzler jump rope competition! All members present were in hysterics by the end of the night. The USY members also brought out their artistic side by adding their hands to the wall in the youth lounge and making additional improvements to the design of the youth lounge.

The "sukkah hop" conducted by USY was a great success, combining the USY and Kadima members and visiting three sukkahs in our community. The members played a game of "Ushpizin" meaning guests in hebrew, that is a Jewish version of clue. The goal was to find out who brought the pepperoni pizza into the sukkah before the night was up!

Lastly, the fall kinnus is quickly approaching and we need your help! If you or someone you know might be interested in housing USYers during our **fall kinnus November 4-6th** please contact Elana Marcus as soon as possible. We need both houses in walking distance from the shul and those that are a car ride away in order to make this a successful event for the entire community! Any way you can help would be greatly appreciated. Don't forget, new members are always welcome!

# **HJC Community News**

#### We extend our sincere condolences to...

Paul Schwartz on the death of his father, Isaac Schwartz

Joseph Koreen on the death of his brother, David Moshe Koreen

Howard Baker on the death of his mother, Ruth Baker

Marilyn Koven on the death of her husband, our congregant, Stanley Koven

Susan Drucker on the death of her father, Oscar

Richard Wertheim on the death of his mother, Irene Wertheim

Yashir Kochach to this month's Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

### Gregory Matthew Kaplan Son of Gavin and Daryl Kaplan



Greg is an eighth grader at Cold Spring Harbor High School. He is on the Junior Varsity tennis team and enjoys playing golf snowboarding. He loves music and plays the piano and clarinet. He is very sociable and has a terrific sense of humor. Greg's parents, his brother, Garreth and sister, Talia and his entire family are extremely proud of him.

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it is expressed in the Una Tana Tokeef that we write our own story for ourselves and our own lives, it will be each of us together who will continue to write the story of the Huntington Jewish Center. I pray that there will be many more chapters filled with many good stories over the years to come for ourselves and for the generations to follow.

## Mazel Tov

Harriet & Bernard Harris announce the birth of their granddaughter, Lucy Raquel Fowler

Liz and Steve Holbreich announce the marriage of their son, Josh, to Leah Wool

#### Welcome to our new members

Alfred & Genessa Bertel of Commack

Arthur & Jessica Frischman of Northport and their children: Anna, age 2 & Jack, age 1.

Joseph & Wendy Glassman of Huntington and their son, Gregory.

Paul & Bonnie Kiner-Strachan of Melville and their children: Russell, age 8 & Elizabeth, age 4.

#### A Tree for Pearl



Members of the Social Action Committee, which Pearl Rosen chaired for many years, would like to plant a tree in her memory. She was a special and wonderful person

who left a lasting impact on adults and children alike. She was devoted to the cause of social action in our community and a tree would, be a testament to her devotion to our synagogue and the people in the

community.

If anyone would like to join in this celebration of her life, please make a check payable to Social Action and note in memo PEARL'S TREE.

Bring check to the office and the Bookkeeper will keep track of all donations. Please note that NO funds from the Social Action treasury will be used for this project. For those who knew and loved her it Just seems like a good thing to do.



# From the Cantor

by Israel Gordan



Even though the Fall Jewish holiday season may seem like a distant memory by the time you read this, I am writing this article immediately after the conclusion of the High Holy Days. While I led services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur last year and the year before for Congregation Sha'arey Israel in Macon, GA, this is the first time that I have led services for the Yamim Nora'im as a member of a community. And let me tell you, it is an extremely different, moving,

and intense experience. It is also one that I am extremely grateful for and look forward to doing many more times over the course of my career.

I think one of the highlights of the High Holidays, and luckily one that happens three times, is the chanting of Hin'ni followed by the chatzi kaddish that precedes the musaf service on both days of Rosh Hashanah as well as Yom Kippur. This portion of the service is an excellent example of the different modes of worship working together to create an experience that is extremely moving for different reasons and in different ways.

The Hin'ni is a piece of liturgy that is truly, only for the Hazzan. The point of the prayer is to ask God to please hear and accept the prayers of the congregation. It also asks that God not judge the congregation for the sins of the Hazzan (and vice versa). According to Mahzor Lev Shalem, "Originally the prayer was recited silently by the leader; and even today, when it has become a public statement in musical form, some portion of it is recited meditatively and quietly."

For the setting of Hin'ni I used, I chanted the first and last paragraphs of the prayer out loud, but davenned the middle paragraph quietly. I find this prayer very moving and am greatly affected by the amount of responsibility that I, as Hazzan, have in representing the community in repentance and prayer and asking God for all of us to be written and sealed in the book of life for the coming year. It is my responsibility not only to chant the words correctly, but also to use music that I find stirring for myself, I think will affect others, and ultimately, be moving to God. It is not easy to do as a solo voice, but it is a thrilling opportunity.

And the hin'ni is immediately followed by one of the most famous melodies from the high holidays, the chatzi kaddish before the musaf amidah. The tune that most of us know was probably fully arranged by Wolf Shestapol in the middle of the 19th century, and is in minor (unlike the chatzi kaddish that is used before musaf on Shabbat and festivals which is decidedly in major). To go from intense solo davenning in front of a room of almost 1,000 people to singing ancient, foreign words together with those 1,000 people is an experience that is impossible to describe in words, but easy to re-imagine if you simply close your eyes and picture yourself in shul at that point in the service.

My hope is that you were as moved by the experience as I was and that we continue to search for and find these spiritual-musical opportunities together as a community.



# Innovate & Integrate Creating Community and Connections

# 5772/2011 Kol Nidre Appeal Jay and Ellen Steinberg, Kol Nidre Chairs

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| I/We pledge to the Kol Nid  | re Appeal: \$                |  |  |  |  |
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| I will pay in(7 maximum) equal monthly installments. Charge my                                    |                              |  |  |  |  |
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| Add to my existing payment plan for dues and fees divided equally over the remainder of the plan. |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Payment can also be made online at the HJC<br>http://www.hjcny.org/donations/kol-nic              |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Each and every donation is a valuable contribution  | to our synagogue community.  |  |  |  |  |





## Sisterhood News by Sue Lefkowitz

## Congratulations

to Syd Schlesinger,

our Sisterhood "Woman of Achievement" who was recognized at our recent Paid Up Membership Dinner.
All in attendance enjoyed the evening's dinner and program.

Kudos to **Fran Weiss** for her efforts in bringing about this successful and enjoyable evening.

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# Rummage Sale

Nov. 20 and Nov. 21

Drop off at HJC: Nov.17 and Nov. 18

Contribute clean, gently used clothing and bric-a-brac

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On Nov. 15 Sisterhood will support **Torah Fund** with a trip to Philadelphia's

# National Museum of American Jewish History.

Transportation on a luxury bus, lunch, light meals on the bus to and from Philadelphia - total cost \$75.00

#### **Reserve Now**

Call Vicki Rosen (631) 271-7732 or Dorothy Tydings (516) 367-4116

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**Shop with Scrip** (gift cards, in \$25 denominations)

- use as cash at Pathmark or Waldbaum's.

Your participation enables Sisterhood to continue it's varied efforts on behalf of our HJC congregation.

For further information call Hannah Kampel (631) 423 6575.

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#### Entertainment Books are Now available

Contact Arlene Steinberg at (631) 271 6339

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Save the date

Chanukah Happening - December 18, 2011

(further information to follow)

#### Women's League for Conservative Judaism

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A campaign to ensure our legacy to future generations of Conservative Jews by providing:

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| Benefactor: \$ 180          |  |
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#### Something to Celebrate!



Sisterhood has menus for those occasions when you want to celebrate with the congregation. These are reduced fee menus for a maximum of 75 people, an average Shabbat attendance when there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Prices start at \$275.

For more information please call Sarah Saunders 757-2622, or email her at ssaunds@aol.com

# NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS By Sue Meisler, Director



On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the Rabbi gave a sermon about the importance of being part of a community. The support you get from belonging to a community of people and the strength of spirit personally gained by doing so, are just a few of the benefits to communal participation. It made me realize that I have been so fortunate to have been an integral part of the many communities comprised at HJC for the past 27 years.

Huntington Jewish Center has provided me with the warmth and comfort of being nestled in the hands of people who care and take the time to reach out. In the varied moments of my life, I was surrounded by communities of people who embraced my life's personal and professional journey. Since Thanksgiving is right around the corner, it is a good time to give thanks and gratitude to the many types of HJC communities that I have been fortunate to be part of these past years.

Many years ago at the parent orientation, I told a story that would reflect the depth of what the Rabbi shared with the congregation during the Jewish holiday. The story was called, "A Sense of a Goose." Although we are incredibly burdened by this vast growing, pesky population of birds, there is much to be learned from them and their sense of community.

"When you see geese flying along in a "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone—and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front. When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Finally—and this is important—when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with their goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group."

I tell this story because I have learned much from the many communities of people who comprise HJC and who I have been so fortunate to be a part of. First, I belong to a community of educators who have lovingly worked with hundreds of children and their families through the years. While leaving imprints on children's lives, our philosophy has never wavered throughout all the years we have been together. I have learned that as a community of staff, we have had as much sense as a goose, as we stayed in formation with each other and headed in the right philosophical direction of early childhood education.

The community of educators has my deepest gratitude as we share a

common direction and travel on the thrust of one another. Each educator helps one another to become better at their daily responsibility and skill of working with young children—children who depend on us to be knowledgeable and understanding of their developmental needs.

I have also been a part of a congregational community who has supported my effort to direct a pre-school of excellence. The backing of at least 13 past presidents and hundreds of board members deserve my gratitude for allowing my staff and me to embrace and educate young families, both Jewish and non-Jewish, in the surrounding towns of HJC. Many times through the years our staff needed help to ease the incredible responsibility of caring for so many families and children. This is similar to the head goose who when it gets tired, rotates back in the wing to let another goose fly point. In such a demanding job, it makes sense to take turns and allow others to lead the way. Much of what was suggested to us by former Presidents, boards and congregants, allowed us to step back and regard another person or group of people taking lead.

I couldn't do my work as successfully as I have without the help of the community of women who have comprised my parent association through the years. Each year I rely on the help of women to not only fundraise for our school, but bridge the gap of three communities that comprise our school—the families, the teachers and the children. The parent association in recent years has also done an incredible job of bringing families closer to the many sensational events our synagogue is known for, such as the great programs and speakers the Sisterhood presents to enrich our lives.

I could not write this article without mentioning the valued community of the morning minyan, a group I became part of after the deaths of both my mother and father. I was completely overwhelmed by the numbers of congregants who wrote letters of condolence, made visits to my home during the shiva period, held my hand during the prayer service each morning and allowed me the time to grieve for my great loss. During my parents' deaths, I, like the goose, fell out of formation, and needed the help and protection of a community that would so generously give up their time and stay with me until I could fly again.

Yes, as the Rabbi mentioned in his Rosh Hashanah service, I too, can't wait to run back to the varied communities of HJC after I am off work for holidays and vacations. The HJC communities, similar to the geese community have allowed me to get to where I am going in life more quickly and easily because I am traveling on the thrust of so many people who have truly enriched my life.

May all of you have the most wonderfully thankful Thanksgiving.





# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER Proudly announces our Continued Participation in the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative

This project houses and feeds a group of homeless men every night during the winter. We will be hosting them for seven nights.

Bins will be placed in the lobby soon to collect needed items.

#### Volunteers Will Be Needed for Many Roles

Please Contact: Ellen Steinberg at ellen.steinberg728@gmail.com Karen Flanzenbaum at kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com

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#### JEWISH PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM

Monday evening, December 5 at 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center Topic ~ Israel Social Justice Protests: Causes and Outcomes Instructor: Ken Bob

We will look at some of the main topics on the American Jewish and Israeli public agenda by reading circulated articles in advance and then delving into the issues in depth at each session. Our first session will look at the implications of the protests by 450,000 Israelis this past summer around issues of social justice.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: THE AFTERLIFE

Saturday evening, December 10 at 7:30 pm in the Family Life Center Film ~ Departures Instructor: Rabbi Neil Kurshan

We will watch three critically acclaimed films about the afterlife, a topic often ignored in Jewish studies. Each film will be followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Kurshan that will highlight Jewish understandings of Olom HaBa – The World to Come. Departures is a beautiful film that won the 2008 Academy Award for best foreign language film. Although it tells a story of how souls are guided from this world to the next in Japanese culture, it reveals a practice and worldview remarkably similar to Judaism. Refreshments will be served and there will be a parallel children's movie shown in the Gym with babysitting. BYOB for Children: Bring Your Own Blanket. BYOB for Adults: Bring Your Own Bottle.

# **Donations**

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Theodore Roosevelt
Letter to Jacob H. Schiff,
Chairman of the Celebration Commemorating
the 250th Anniversary of the Landing of the
Jews in This Country
Read at Carnegie Hall, New York, November 30,
1905

The White House, November 16, 1905

My Dear Sir:

I am forced to make a rule not to write letters on the occasion of any celebration, no matter how important, simply because I cannot write one without either committing myself to write hundreds of others or else running the risk of giving offense to worthy persons.

I make an exception in this case because the lamentable and terrible suffering to which so many of the Jewish people in other lands have been subjected makes me feel it my duty, as the head of the American people, not only to express my deep sympathy for them, as I now do, but at the same time to point out what fine qualities of citizenship have been displayed by the men of Jewish faith and race, who, having come to this country, enjoy the benefits of free institutions and equal treatment before the law.

I feel very strongly that if any people are oppressed anywhere the wrong inevitably reacts in the end on those who oppress them, for it is an immutable law in the spiritual world that no one can wrong others and yet in the end himself escape unhurt.

The celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States properly emphasizes a series of historical facts of more than merely national significance. Even in our colonial period the Jews participated in the upbuilding of this country, acquired citizenship, and took an active part in the development of foreign and domestic commerce. During the Revolutionary period they aided the cause of liberty by serving in the Continental army and by substantial contributions to the empty treasury of the infant republic. During the Civil War thousands served in the armies and mingled their blood with the soil for which they fought.

I am glad to be able to say, in addressing you on this occasion, that while the Jews of the United States, who now number more than a million, have remained loyal

to their faith and their race traditions, they have become indissolubly incorporated in the great army of American citizenship, prepared to make all sacrifices for the country, either in war or peace, and striving for the perpetuation of good government and for the maintenance of the principles embodied in our Constitution.

They are honorably distinguished by their industry, their obedience to law, and their devotion to the national welfare. They are engaged in generous rivalry with their fellow-citizens of other denominations in advancing the interests of our common country. This is true not only of the descendants of the early settlers and those of American birth, but of a great and constantly increasing proportion of those who have come to our shores within the last twenty-five years as refugees reduced to the direst straits of penury and misery.

All Americans may well be proud of the extraordinary illustration of the wisdom and strength of our governmental system thus afforded. In a few years, men and women hitherto utterly unaccustomed to any of the privileges of citizenship have moved mightily upward toward the standard of loyal, self-respecting American citizenship; of that citizenship which not merely insists upon its rights, but also eagerly recognizes its duty to do its full share in the material, social and moral advancement of the nation.

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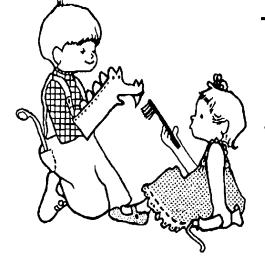
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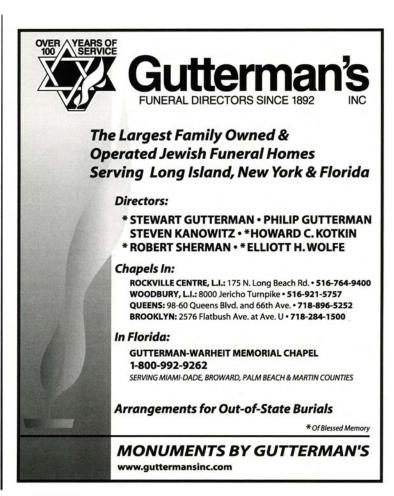
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