

# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

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by Rabbi Kurshan

### The Yahrzeit

I am often asked questions about how to mark a Yahrzeit. When is it? What times is the candle supposed to be lit? On what days is the candle lit? What does one say when one lights the Yahrzeit candle? How do we mark the Yahrzeit in shul?

The word, "Yahrzeit", is Yiddish for "a year's time", and marks the anniversary of the death (not the burial) of an immediate family member. The basic customs are lighting a Yahrzeit candle at home, and coming to shul to say the

Mourners' Kaddish.

The Yahrzeit candle, which burns 24 hours, is lit at sundown at the beginning of the Hebrew date that marks the Yahrzeit. Generally one candle is lit per household. Candles can be purchased in most supermarkets. If we have the name on file in the synagogue, we send you a notice of the correct Hebrew date about two weeks before the Yahrzeit. Yahrzeit candles are also lit by many on the days that Yizkor is recited i.e. Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, and the final days of Pesach and Shavuot. There is no specific prayer that is recited when lighting the Yahrzeit candle, but here is a suggestion of what can be said:

"A light from God is a human soul." (Proverbs 20:27). At this moment of solemn recollection, I call to mind the presence of \_\_\_\_\_. May \_\_\_\_\_'s soul enjoy eternal life, together with the souls of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and all righteous women and men. May I be inspired to perform acts of justice and kindness in \_\_\_\_\_'s memory.

The primary public observance of the Yahrzeit is to come to synagogue and recite the Mourners' Kaddish which can only be said with a minyan. It is traditional to say Kaddish on the day of the Yahrzeit, but because we know that not everyone can make it to morning minyan on a weekday, we also encourage people to mark the Yahrzeit on the closest Shabbat to the Hebrew date. Yahrzeits from the Thursday preceding Shabbat until the following Wednesday can be marked on Shabbat. For those who have memorial plaques in our synagogue lobby, we also place the Yahrzeit plaque under the eternal flame for the week of the Yahrzeit.



### Community Thanksgiving Service

The **Huntington Community Thanksgiving service** will be held **Sunday November 18, 2012** at St. Patrick's Church (400 Main St.) 7:30 pm.

This is the 41st anniversary of the service, and the Huntington Jewish Center is a co-sponsor.

# Thanksgiving

# Adult Education



Adult Education Classes in November

## WALKING WITH LIFE: FROM WOMB TO TOMB THOUGH JEWISH TEXTS

Monday evenings, November 12, 19  
at 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center  
Instructor: Rabbi Neil Kurshan

We will continue our study of the Jewish life cycle beginning with an examination of the second half of the life cycle. Class topics will include health/self-care, illness, aging/retirement, and death. Each class session will consist of a presentation by Rabbi Kurshan, a study of classical Jewish texts, and time for personal reflection. The class will allow participants to delve into Jewish tradition and also to understand the relevance of Jewish texts and traditions for the unfolding of their own lives. New and returning students are welcome.

## Jewish Public Affairs Forum--Understanding Israeli Politics; How do you Run a Country With 13 Parties Represented in the Parliament?

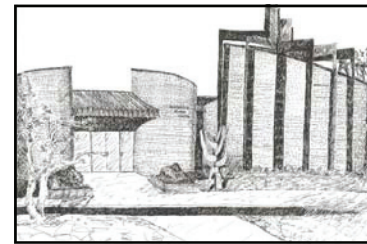
Tuesday evening, November 13th  
at 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center of HJC  
Instructor: Ken Bob

In this session we will learn about the Israeli political system, meet the current leading players and trace the different party platforms back to the Zionist movements that established the state in 1948. The session will be taught by Ken Bob, a member of the HJC who currently serves on the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. All are welcome.



## SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES BEGINS NOVEMBER 3 AT 7:30 pm

This year we will watch three films about the spiritual journey of individuals. Our first movie is "**Higher Ground**" starring Vera Famiga, a beautiful portrait about a woman's journey from Christian fundamentalism to a more nuanced religious outlook. Discussion with Rabbi Kurshan after the film. Refreshments will be served and there will be a parallel children's movie. BYOB (Adults, bring your own bottle, and children, bring your own blanket.)



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# November 2012 - 5773 ~ Cheshvan/Kislev



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> HIHI Orientation Meeting 7pm  UJA Inaugural Dinner 7:30pm	<b>2</b> Minyan Breakfast - 8am  Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>3</b> Shabbat Morning Family Service 10:30am  Sat. Night at the Movies 7:30pm <b>Vayera</b>
<b>4</b> Vav Workshop #1 RS Board 11am Ridotto 4-6pm Kad/USY JNN	<b>5</b> YOGA SH Board meeting 8pm	<b>6</b> NO ECC  ELECTION DAY	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Friday Night Live - 6pm  Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>10</b> Services 9:30am  <b>Chaye Sarah</b>
<b>11</b> Men's Club Morning Minyan- Veterans Day JNN <b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>12</b> YOGA NO ECC (Veterans Day) observance Adult Ed with Rabbi Kurshan 8pm	<b>13</b> Jewish Public Affairs with Ken Bob-8pm  Chavarim 6:15pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	<b>16</b>  Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>17</b> Services 9:30am  <b>Toldot</b>
<b>18</b> Vav Workshop #2 Men's Club 9:30am Community Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm JNN Kad/USY	<b>19</b> YOGA Adult Ed. with Rabbi Kurshan 8pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> NO ECC Main Office Closed 	<b>23</b> NO ECC Main Office Closed Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>24</b> Services 9:30am  <b>Vayetze</b>
<b>25</b> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  JNN	<b>26</b> YOGA SH Board Meeting 8pm	<b>27</b>  Chavarim 6:15pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Sisterhood Program 8pm	<b>30</b>  Shabbat Services 6pm	



# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

## Feeling Thank - "Fall"

by Joel Wirchin



Living in the New York area and the Northeast has its moments. It may even have its detractors. We hurry too much, we stress too much, we try to compress too much into too little time. The summers are hot and muggy, the winters too cold, the springs too short. But then there is autumn – the crisp, cool interlude of a season that reminds us of how really special it is to live where we do. "Fall," alternatively known as autumn, reminds us all over again how rejuvenating the changing of the seasons can be. Think about it: Is there anything better than an autumn Sunday morning, when you poke your head outside to see how much chill fills the air? When you step out to retrieve

the morning paper and see an array of multi-colored leaves swirling about the front yard? When the early first frost is warmed by fresh-brewed coffee or tea. And, maybe best yet (regardless of where your baseball fan team allegiances are), when there is "October" baseball – playoff games involving a New York team – more often, regrettably enough for some, involving the Yankees and not the Mets. I'll save an elaboration on the Mets for a later article – one that doesn't have the theme of thankfulness embedded in it!

So, here we are – just a few short weeks away from the secular Thanksgiving. And, just a few short weeks since celebrating the High Holidays; a few short weeks since we began our annual Kol Nidre appeal. For me, I am thankful for so much, as those in shul on Kol Nidre night heard me say. And I am likewise thankful to all those who so kindly acknowledged my words to the community that evening. If you have already fulfilled your pledge to this year's appeal, we gratefully thank you. If you have not yet done so, you can best say thank you by completing your gift. Doing so will enrich our synagogue; doing so will enrich yourselves; doing so will enrich our community. So, as the theme of fall athletics resonates in this article, let me borrow shamelessly from our friends at Nike when I say, one more time with feeling - Kol Nidre pledge 2012: Just do it!

This year at HJC is shaping up to be a good one. We are off and running following an uplifting few weeks of High Holiday services, raised up even further by motivational sermons by the Rabbi and new melodies by the Cantor. For our youngsters, our pre-school and school years are off to a fine start thanks to the leadership of our Early Childhood Center in the person of Susie Meisler and her very fine staff of teachers and support professionals. Our Religious School will be enhanced this year by the addition of Cantor Gordan in his added role as Director of Synagogue Programming and Religious School Innovation – a role complemented so ably by our full-time Religious School Administrator, Mrs. Maxine Fisher. Our fundraising challenges will be confronted through several new ideas being considered now, as well as by our March, 2013 production of Guys and Dolls gathering more and more momentum by the minute. We have a new Family Life Committee whose mission is to strengthen and enhance our synagogue's programming vision for all. We have a new Membership Committee that is already hard at work on ideas for reaching into the outside community for new members, while at the same time it strives to strengthen the connections felt by and among our existing membership. We have an energetic and motivated Men's Club that fosters programming of interest and connection for our synagogue "guys." And, we have, as always, a vibrant and caring Sisterhood that rises to the occasion on every occasion – these ladies are, of course, our synagogue "dolls." We are sharpening our business orientation, seeking new ways to be more fiscally aware and opportunistic in a variety of innovative respects – real estate related, and otherwise. We have a panel of officers and trustees who work together openly and constructively. Each of them – each of us – who do this work are volunteers striving to do our best, fulfilling our responsibility to act in the best interest of the synagogue. We hopefully get it right more, if not most, of the time. Candidly, we may not always do so. But, what matters most is having the self-awareness and

# HJC Community News

## CONDOLENCES

Edward Alcosser on the death of his mother, Anna Alcosser  
Hannah Kampel on the death of her husband, our congregant, Bill Kampel  
To the family of June Klein

## NEW MEMBERS

Shiya & Jennifer Ribowsky of Huntington and their children: Jake, age 8 and Matthew, age 5.



## Sisterhood News

by Sue Lefkowitz

**Save the Date – December 9, 2012**

## CHANUKAH HAPPENING

There will be a Book Fair, Food, Games, Crafts and Gift Shop

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A Book Review is scheduled for November 29 at 8 P.M. Sara Aharon will speak about the Emigration of the Afghanistan Jews to the United States

### "The Jews of Kabul to Queens: Afghanis and Their Move to the U.S."

This should prove to be most interesting and informative.

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Thank you to the people who rummaged their closets for **The Rummage Sale** as well as the Sisterhood members who worked so diligently to set up the merchandise and those who worked at the sale.

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What fun and great food at the **Membership Dinner**. Kudos to the Committee who made this such a success.

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Stop at the HJC office to purchase your

## Entertainments Books

What a great Holiday Gift idea!

# HJC's Simchat Torah Honorees

## Louis Walsdorf

Louis comes from a family that has a connection with the HJC going back to its very beginning. His grandfather, his father's father, was part of the first generation of the HJC. Louis grew up with his brother, David, in the HJC and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in this building with Rabbi Rothenberg and Cantor Stein. He also celebrated his marriage to Susan here at HJC in 1990.

With such a long history of family connections to HJC perhaps it is not so strange that Louis followed in the footsteps of his parents and grandparents generation and became involved with the synagogue. He served on the Board of Trustees and from that position branched out into many areas. He served on the Finance Committee when Karen Pashkin was the synagogue treasurer. Louis has had a strong commitment to Israel and served on the Israel Committee. I know Louis as a person who likes to travel to unusual places and given this propensity combined with his commitment to Israel it was natural that Louis join us on a recent HJC pilgrimage to Israel with Susan and his son, Aaron, who just began college.

Perhaps most noteworthy is Louis' service for the past ten years as Chair of the HJC Cemetery Committee. We are quite unusual as a synagogue in having our own synagogue cemetery and maintaining a cemetery is no small issue. Louis has given his time to make sure that our cemetery is financially solvent and that it abides by the strictures that govern a Jewish cemetery. This is a somewhat invisible task and a task from which you can't get any thank-yous from the primary clientele you serve. But we thank you Louis for the time you have given to this very important part of our synagogue community.

## Joanne Cohn

Joanne grew up in Syosset and so her migration to Huntington was not so far geographically, but she grew up in a Reform synagogue so that walking into HJC was not such a small step. But fortunately the first step Joanne made into the synagogue was on Sukkot in the early 1990's, and fortunately the first person she met was Ethel Sachs. So between a beautiful outdoor setting and a friendly face, Joanne got off to a good start.

For Joanne acclimating to the HJC, as is the case for many people, was a step by step process. She took a few classes; Joanne was a student in the Adult Bat Mitzvah class. She became involved in Sisterhood, and it was not long before the kitchen became a home for Joanne.

One thing led to another and Joanne began an HJC garden as one of the plots in the organic garden off of Greenlawn road.. Soon some of her produce began showing up at our Shabbat morning kiddushes and then it began showing up in Joanne's creative cooking.

Joanne expanded her gardening this year with the creation of two vegetable gardens on the grounds of the shul which are part of the Grow to Give Project. Fresh produce from these gardens is given to a variety of organizations that work with those in need of food such as Helping Hand Mission, Food not Bombs, the Family Service League and our own JNN. Complementing Joanne's interest in gardening was a trip she made with Hazon to Israel a few years ago to look at sustainable agriculture in Israel.

Joanne's background in art and photography are both the source and expression of her creativity, and over the years many of the photographs Joanne has taken of synagogue events have graced our walls and our synagogue Bulletin. We hope to be able to enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of your labor for many years to come.



### **WANTED : ASSISTANCE WITH PLAYBOOK for "GUYS AND DOLLS"**

Are you interested in helping out with the PLAYBOOK?  
Is soliciting Ads not your cup of tea?  
We are in need of lots of help, big and small, in addition to soliciting ads...

We need help with:  
**GRAPHIC DESIGN**  
**WRITING**  
**PROOFREADING**  
**ART and LAYOUT**  
**COLLECTION OF INFO**

Please contact Debbie at the office at HJC  
or Andrea Smoller (516) 901-7179  
We look forward to working with you!

### **ALSO:**

### **Guys and dolls needed for backstage assistance!**

**Stage Crew**  
**Set Building**  
**Painting**  
**Costumes**  
**Make-up/Hair**  
**Any other services you can provide!**

Please contact:  
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## Thank You by Cantor Israel Gordan



I believe it was Hillary Rodham Clinton who made the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" popular in the modern American lexicon. And it certainly is true. But how do you say thank you to an entire village? While these past few months have certainly been intense ones for me personally and professionally, there is no way they could have been as wonderful and positive as they have been without the help of everyone in this

community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your (continuing) support.

Thank you to the wonderful lay volunteers we have who help to lead services and read Torah on weekdays at minyan, on Shabbat and holiday services, and on the high holidays. We all appreciate the hard work of Lester Fox, Paul Greenstein, Joel Kuppersmith, Jay Weiss, Mark Zimmerman, and Jay Steinberg, among others. As well as those who continue to come forward to learn new skills and help out our community. And also thank you to those who may not necessarily "lead" but are regular attendees at our services. This synagogue would not exist without you.

Thank you to Mitch Reiver and Joe Willen who were immensely helpful in the home buying process for Abby and me (and to Kim Willen for being a great and understanding editor of this bulletin!). It is through their, and the Board of Trustee's, generosity and help that we were able to become homeowners in the community.

Thank you to Dr. Eve Meltzer Krief and Dr. Elisa Felsen-Singer for taking care of Abby, Noa, and Eli and making sure that everyone continues to be healthy.

Thank you to everyone who made contributions and gave gifts in honor of the birth of our son, Eli Jonah. Your generosity is truly appreciated and we are overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness.

Thank you to Joel Wirchin for his help and guidance along the way and for being such a great leader for our congregation. It is wonderful to have someone to talk with that truly makes you feel listened to, and is always quick to offer a "warm and hearty mazeltov," no matter what the occasion.

Thank you to Cheryl and Lee Silberman for hosting our entire family for eight and a half weeks before we were able to purchase and move into our own home. As I said at my installation over a year ago, I never knew that my wife's mother's mother's sister's son's ex-wife was so great. She has been extremely welcoming and generous since the day we arrived in Huntington and we would not have made it this far without her!

Thank you to the Rabbi and Alisa for being such great friends, mentors, co-workers, and advice-givers during this whole process and journey. We are all so blessed to have them in this community and appreciate everything that they are constantly doing for us and for everyone who is connected to them.

And finally, thank you to everyone who is a part of the Huntington Jewish Center community and helps to make this the great place to live that it is! We're looking forward to more wonderful times together!

## NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees would like to send a very special Thank You to all of our members who volunteer their time and effort for the benefit of HJC. For those of you whose activities include making purchases on behalf of the synagogue, please be aware that HJC is a not-for-profit organization, and as such is exempt from paying sales tax on any purchases, no matter how small. If you are purchasing anything on behalf of HJC, please obtain a tax exempt certificate from Jane in the office BEFORE making your purchase. **Effective immediately, sales tax can no longer be reimbursed.**

## HJC Babysitters:

**Rina Steinberg, age 16, cell 631 255-9808  
home 631 424-2954.**

**send your updated information to  
kwillen@mac.com**

**include your current home and cell numbers**

### Preseident's Perspective con't from page 4

humility needed to recognize where we can do better so that, next time, we do. We have a thriving and spirited Youth Group, and a dedicated Chai Club – that cherished constituency of HJC veterans whose commitment to the shul over a sustained number of years is truly admirable. We have a highly valued Ritual Committee that examines our practices and protocol from the outside looking in, keeping us "honest," focused, and in-step with the times. And, we have a Social Action Committee that seeks new and meaningful ways for congregants to engage on broader humanitarian issues. We have greeters who so warmly welcome us all to services - we have all of this, and more, as tangible examples of what our synagogue offers to its' new and prospective members. We have this very Bulletin, which appears ten times throughout the year, today with a new "look and feel, and we have an office and building staff that makes the seemingly impossible happen every day by their hard work, dedication and capacity to multi-task. And then there are the intangibles – the blessings derived from being part of a synagogue community where, just like in Cheers, "everybody knows your name" and where congregants with regularity refer to the HJC, very simply, as "home." Perhaps most centrally, we have a positive outlook and leadership approach that takes care of the day-to-day while, at the same time, keeps an eye on the future, succession and the "next generation" of HJC.

Make this new year be one when you experience more of what HJC can do for you – and, what you can do for HJC. As the air outside turns colder, come and find the warmth inside 510 Park Avenue. Together, we can make this season of brightly colored foliage and thankfulness a metaphor for the new year just begun. Let this be a year of World Series pursuits, Super Bowl achievements, and championships of all kinds – actual, personal, experiential and spiritual.

Olympic gold medal champion Kerri Strug is quoted as having once said, when reflecting on her Judaism and her having reached the gold medal podium: "... it is about a belief and devotion to something greater than myself. ..."

This season, and every season, consider your devotion in the very same way.

HJC belongs to us all – and for that, let us be thankful.



# Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



My father had many talents and gifts, one of which was his ability to tell stories that would either make you laugh, reflect on your inner most thoughts, or motivate you to try new ways of doing things. Many times during the years I was growing up, I would sit and listen to him retell stories about people in the news, personal stories of his childhood and adult life, stories he encountered on his journey as a salesman and tales he found in magazines as simple as the Reader's Digest. It was not only the way he delivered the stories that I most treasured, but it was the message about life that he wanted me to derive from the carefully chosen experiences he recanted.

One of the stories he often told during my childhood was about the scorpion and the turtle—a valuable story pointing out that you cannot always trust someone will behave with your best interest at heart. Here is how the story went.

A turtle was happily swimming along a river when a scorpion hailed it from the shore. A scorpion being a very poor swimmer, asked the turtle to carry him on his back across the river. Are you mad?" exclaimed the turtle. "You'll sting me while I'm swimming and I'll drown."

My dear turtle," laughed the scorpion, "If I were to sting you, you would drown and I would go down with you, and drown as well. Now where is the logic in that?"

The turtle thought this over, and saw the logic of the scorpion's statement, "You're right!" cried the turtle. "Hop on!" the scorpion climbed aboard and halfway across the river the scorpion gave the turtle a mighty sting. As they both sank to the bottom, the turtle resignedly said: "Do you mind if I ask you something? You said there would be no logic in your stinging me. Why did you do it?" The drowning scorpion sadly replied, "It's my nature."

This story was retold many times throughout my years at home with my parents. When I foolishly trusted people in my life I knew not to trust due to previous behavior, I retold the story to myself so that I could understand the concept that everyone has a nature unto themselves for better or for worse. The story continues to yield great logic to me on how I choose my friends and who I choose to spend my time with each day.

Another story I found in my father's possessions after he passed away was about Andrew Carnegie, the steel magnate.

Andrew Carnegie, a poor immigrant from Scotland, was one of the great business leaders of the early 20th century in America. He is an American success story, rising from bobbin boy and telegraph operator to multi-millionaire steel magnate by the age of 40.

How did he rise so quickly? Besides investing and using new technology wisely, Carnegie surrounded himself with intelligent and successful people—and he knew the value of delegation.

At one point, Carnegie employed forty-three millionaires (quite a feat in the 1930's). When asked how he had managed to attract and hire all of them, Carnegie responded that they weren't millionaires when they began working for him.

He explained further, "Men are developed the same way gold is mined. Several tons of dirt must be moved to get an ounce of gold. But you don't go into the mine looking for dirt," he added. "You go in looking for gold."

That story was how my father chose to live his life. He always looked for the gold in his children, his friends, and all the people he serviced in business and because of this, he grew to bring out the best in everyone he touched. He became a legend in his profession following the advice of Andrew Carnegie, a lesson he passed on to me by retelling the story along my own life journey.

I am sure that all parents have their own personal stories to share with their children or

stories they have heard through their lifetime. Over a period of time, every life story becomes a historical novel. Hearing stories influences our personality and our lifestyles. I feel that a major part of wisdom, personality development, healing and spiritual growth come about from listening to the stories we hear in our lives.

It has been noted by psychologists when children hear stories from parents or other adults, it not only influences the way a child thinks, but it is surely recognized as a vehicle used to shape a child's life. It is a great way to inculcate values and virtues within a child. Storytelling can directly influence the way children think, how children talk, and the way children behave. A good story teller can also boost a child's vocabulary and help them gain control of their language. Children can become more proficient socially and emotionally by the varied tales told to them.

I have treasured the hundreds of stories told to me by my dad in his lifetime, using each one to improve my own moral compass. I hope that the parents at our school develop a repertoire of meaningful narratives to share with their children. "Storytellers, by the very act of telling, communicate a radical learning that changes lives and the world."

## Social Action Committee Update

HJC's Social Action Committee has joined with 9 other Long Island synagogues including Dix Hills Jewish Center and South Huntington Jewish Center in a UJA "Hesed" program to serve a worthy cause in the spirit of Tikkun Olam.

The present project is to offer material and emotional support to the Lone Soldiers of the I.D.F. All members of our congregation are encouraged to get involved. Lone Soldiers are young people serving in the Israeli Army who do not have friends or family in Israel.

There was an informal program at South Huntington Jewish Center on October 28, 2012. At that time there were two Lone Soldiers and "Tziki," a man who has established a community center in Jerusalem offering Shabbat meals, companionship, housing help, etc. as speakers. There were materials for Adults and children who wanted to write cards to the soldiers. Refreshments were served.

Congregation involvement is necessary to help our Long Island Jewish Community to work together for this worthy cause. More information to follow. Annual Project Replenish/ Isiah Food Drive was given to the Suffolk Y food pantry.

Social Action members sorted through unsold clothing after the Sisterhood Rummage Sale and put some aside for the HHI guests this winter and also to Manorfield Clothes Closet. Shoes were donated to Soles for Souls for refurbishing. Business clothes were given away for distribution.



# Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher - Religious School Administrator

November brings many interesting programs for our children and their families. We will celebrate our second Family Shabbat Service on November 3rd. Cantor Gordan led the October Family Service, which was very well attended. It was quite a sight to watch the families march around with the Torah following Cantor Gordan, and everyone enjoyed our time in the Sukkah! After the service we enjoyed a delicious Kiddush. If you have children 8 years old and younger you should join us. If you are interested in sponsoring the Kiddush please contact Rina Jaffe at (516) 241-9670.

The first of six Vav Family Workshops is on November 4, and will be led by Rabbi Kurshan. The Rabbi will also lead the second workshop on November 18.

Our Gan/Alef class is busy learning their Alef-Bet. Kitah Bet is learning basic Hebrew vocabulary. Kitah Gimel is starting to learn prayers and songs for their Consecration. The Daled thru Mitzvah Team classes are working on mastering the Friday night, Shabbat morning, and Havdalah services for their Shabbatonim.

Please remember, there will be Religious school on Election Day, November 6.

We have a lot to teach our children and we hope to instill a love and pride of being Jewish while we are doing so.

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I have noticed over the years a diminishing number of people who come to synagogue to say Kaddish. Recitation of the Mourners' Kaddish was traditionally believed to accrue to the benefit of the deceased in the World-to-Come because its recitation reflected parents who had raised their child with a commitment to Jewish observance. We no longer read a Yahrzeit list on Friday nights at services, but rather invite those present to say Kaddish to tell us the name of the person for whom they are saying Kaddish and their relationship to that individual. This has personalized the experience for those present, and we are no longer reading a list of names for whom there is no one to say Kaddish.

For those seeking to personalize the experience of lighting the Yahrzeit candle at home, this Kavanah by Merle Feld can be recited when lighting the Yahrzeit candle:

(On this night of remembrance) I can't call you to say,

"I'm bursting with wonderful news!"

Your arms won't encircle me when I grieve, when I mourn.

You never know now the unexpected achievements, the abiding sorrows.

And yet, as I stand here with this candle, I allow myself some quiet moments,

Until, once again, your face shines in my memory;

Until, once again, I feel you blessing me.

In remembering those we love at the time of a Yahrzeit, we honor their memories, and hopefully we are inspired to live more just and compassionate lives.

## Partners in Caring at Huntington Jewish Center

Under the auspices of Partners in Caring, a UJA funded program bringing together **FEGS** Long Island (the region's Jewish human services agency) and synagogues, we have a **FEGS** social worker, Marlie Cohen, MSW, as part of our Huntington Jewish Center staff on a part-time basis.

This partnership strengthens our connection to both **FEGS** and the Long Island community. Partners in Caring will bring educational programs and workshops, volunteer opportunities and projects, and free and confidential short-term individual counseling and referral services to our synagogue. For more information or to speak to a social worker, please contact Marlie Cohen, MSW at 516-496-7550 x210, or by e-mail, [macohen@fegs.org](mailto:macohen@fegs.org).

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## USY News by Sarah Sachs



Hello everyone!

We had our first USY event in September, it was great to see everyone and hear about their summer's while we had races on an inflatable race course. We were very excited to meet our new youth director, Julie Perloff, who I am looking forward to working with to make the rest of the year great! In October we ran an "apache" relay throughout the synagogue. For anyone who was unable to come to a meeting it's definitely not too late to join in on the fun.

Also, our chapter is proud to present our upcoming tzadakah project of "can"struction! This is a donation fundraiser for cans of beans, that when we reach our goal for acquiring cans we will construct a mini-replica of our synagogue, then we will later donate all the cans from the project to a food pantry. For more information about how to get involved please contact me at my email: [sjs96csh@aol.com](mailto:sjs96csh@aol.com)

So far the year is off to a good start and I'm excited to welcome new faces to our chapter this month.



USY-ers in the Youth Lounge



# High Holiday Thank you's

From Joel Wirchin



Every year, we marvel at the tremendous community-wide effort put forth at HJC in order to make our season of High Holiday services memorable and special. This year was no exception, as it truly does "take a village" to make this happen. The following list seeks to recognize all those who played a part, with apologies in advance to anyone whose participation may have inadvertently been omitted.

Yasher Koach to all who participated in leading services, as well as reading Torah and chanting Haftarah

For coordinating distribution of High Holiday honors with skill and sensitivity: Bruce Fleiss

For leading our annual Kol Nidre appeal: Randi & Alan Schuller

For handling the Kol Nidre appeal board: Karann Pashkin

For sounding the Shofar with ruach, we thank our fellow congregant Matt Raskin

For preparing the Book of Remembrance: Gail Lodge, Ian Winkler and Debbie Rosenkrantz (from our main office)

For organizing chaperones: Maxine Fisher, Religious School Administrator

For organizing babysitting: Felicia Messing

For preparing apples and honey for our children: Marjorie & Stu Rothenberg and, Lori & Arthur Farkas

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For planning and coordinating the Eva Hofman Kramer Selichot lecture: Jennifer Ingber; and, of course, Al Kramer

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For setting up our breaking of the fast: Sylvia Brass

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Grateful thanks to our office staff to whom we owe so much, especially at this time of year: Jane Hallberg, Debbie Rosenkrantz, Irma Mile, Diane Gallagher and Diane Portigiano

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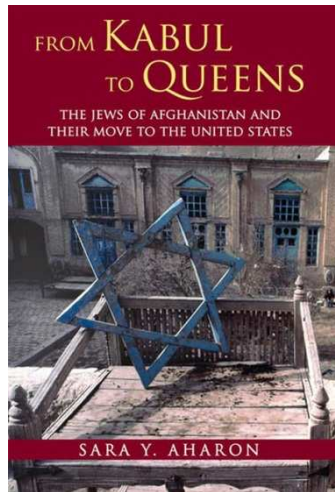




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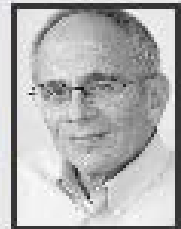
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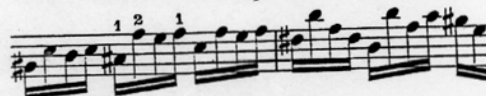
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