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by Rabbi Kurshan

## The Jews of Silence— Fifty Years Later

I read two books this past summer in anticipation of my trip to Russia and Eastern Europe with fifteen rabbis from the New York area. Elie Wiesel's *Jews of Silence* recounts his trip to Soviet Russia in 1965 and his furtive meetings with Russian Jews. Gal Beckerman's *When They Come for Us We'll be Gone* tells the epic story of the movement to free Soviet Jewry as it unfolded in the United States, Israel, and Russia. Both books left me with uneasy questions of what I would

find when I arrived in Russia.

Wiesel described a Russian Jewish community that was hiding. Fifty years of Communist suppression of Judaism had forced Judaism underground. Possessing a Hebrew book or going to synagogue could result in imprisonment. Wiesel's meetings with the Jews of Russia were conducted in whispers in anonymous places. There was only one occasion when Jews dared to gather publicly, Simchat Torah, and Wiesel tells a poignant story illustrating the secrecy that permeated Jewish life.

Wiesel had met a Russian Jew who had served as a captain in the Red Army. This veteran had been decorated for his heroism, but during the remainder of his life faced discrimination because he was Jewish. One year he decided that as long as he had suffered on account of his Jewishness, he might as well act as a Jew. Thus on Simchat Torah he joined the large gathering in front of the Moscow synagogue. This is the story this veteran told Wiesel:

"I wanted to see Jews, and I wanted to be with them. I didn't tell my wife who isn't Jewish, or my sixteen year old son. Why should I burden them with problems? There was time enough for that. I came back last year for the second time. The youngsters were singing and dancing...I found myself suddenly in the middle of a group of youngsters, and my heart stopped. I was standing face to face with my son. He said he's been coming for the past three years, but hadn't dared to tell me."

The story Wiesel recounts reminded me of a similar story that I had heard from Natan Sharansky, the icon of the Soviet Jewry movement, who spent a day with us during our trip. One day as a young boy Sharansky returned from school in late winter to learn that Stalin had died that very day which happened to be Purim. His parents told him that Stalin's death on Purim was a great miracle to be

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## GOLF OUTING AND BARBEQUE AT HJC



# Adult Education

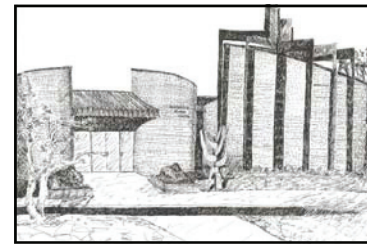


## Watch for our Fall brochure

Fall offerings will include a new course on the Jewish life cycle. We will be offering once again **The Jewish Pubic Affairs Series** taught by Ken Bob and our **Saturday Night at the Movie Series**. Also new for the Fall will be an advanced two year overview of Judaism course co-sponsored with other area Conservative synagogues and taught by leading university Judaica professors in the NY area.

## Have You Sent Your Six Word Sermon to Rabbi Kurshan?

Rabbi Kurshan needs your help in writing his Kol Nidrei Sermon. Send a six word statement that summarizes something about your Jewish identity or your philosophy of life. Examples are "You are different; do good often", or "Not half full; wrong size glass." On Kol Nidrei night Rabbi Kurshan will weave these responses into a sermon in which all of us will be speaking with one another. Don't delay! Rabbi Kurshan only has a few weeks left. Responses can be e-mailed to **Rabbi Kurshan at [hjcrabbi@optonline.net](mailto:hjcrabbi@optonline.net)**, or given to Debbie in the synagogue office.



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During this season of renewal,  
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in partnership with HJC  
Sisterhood

is pleased to turn a new page  
with the re-dedication and the  
re-opening of the

## Ben Tasman Library.

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December, 2012 on your  
calendar!

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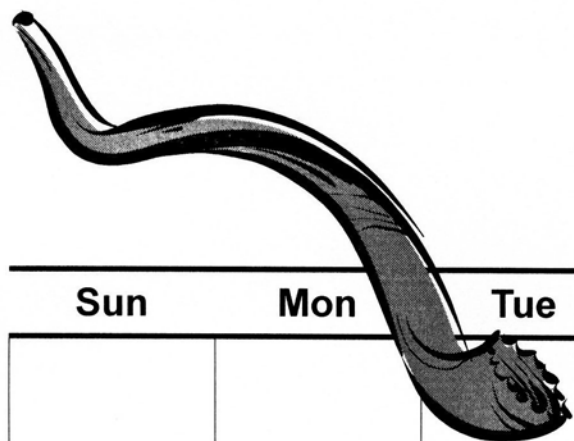
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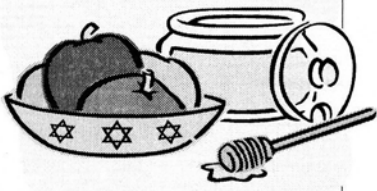




# September 2012

## 5772-5773 ~ Elul/Tishri



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  JNN	3 Main Office Closed  <i>Labor Day</i>	4 ECC Staff meeting 8:45am  RS Staff meeting 4:15pm	5 Kindergarten begins	6 ECC Orientation 7pm	7 Minyan Breakfast  Shabbat Services 6 pm	8 Eva Hoffman Kramer Memorial Lecture 9:30pm <i>Selichot 11:45pm</i> Ki Tavo
9 RS Begins RS Board Meeting 10:30am  JNN Kad/USY	10 ECC Begins PA Breakfast SH Book Discussion 11am SH Board Meeting 8pm YOGA	11 Silver Polishing  Chavarim 6:15	12	13	14  FOOD	15  DRIVE  Shabbat Services 6pm  Nitzavim
16 JNN RS Closed Cemetery Visitation 11am  <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	17 ← ECC Closed Main Office Closed Closed <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	18 FOOD ECC Closed RS Closed Main Office Closed Closed <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	19 DRIVE	20	21 → PA Meeting 9:45am Shabbat Services 6pm	22 TGIS 9:30am RS students K-7  <i>Vayelech</i>
23 Men's Club 9:30am Tashlich 11 am JNN Kad/USY	24 ← YOGA	25 FOOD ECC Closed RS Closed  <i>Kol Nidre</i>	26 ECC Closed Main Office Closed Closed <i>Yom Kippur Yizkor</i>	27 DRIVE	28 → Shabbat Services 6pm	29 TGIS 9:30am RS students K-7  <i>Ha'azinu</i>
30 ECC Meet and Greet 11am MC Sukkah Building 10:30 Lulav Shuck 11 JNN <i>Erev Sukkot</i>						

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

## Shana Tova ~ In Waves

by Joel Wirchin



It is a pleasure to welcome you all back following what I hope has been a restful, meaningful and spiritually re-energizing summer. Before long, those summer memories of vacation, freer schedules, sunshine and relaxation will gradually yield to the re-emergence of fall and all that accompanies it. Still, as wondrous as this seasonal transition can be, there is an inclination to hang on to summer, taking from it the last bits of pool side, oceanfront, lakefront, travel and more, before we face the inevitability of the more "regular" seasons just ahead.

Speaking metaphorically, life – just like summer – features waves. At the shore, they appear as forces

of nature that peacefully approach the coastline, break in rushes of rushing white water, and then lazily recede back out from whence they came. Beachgoers sometimes see these waves coming; at other times, waves erupt suddenly and unannounced, from nothing, suddenly upon us. Ultimately, they cause a momentary ruckus and then yield to calm – that is until the next wave happens along. However unpredictable the ocean can be, there are lessons its' forces teach us that may be applied to life as well.

Let me share some personal moments – one man's metaphor – that recently dawned on me in this regard. In the days just prior to my reassuming the Presidency here at HJC, life was calm. Looking out to sea, there were gentle waves resting and rolling evenly across the horizon. Then, suddenly, just days prior to my installation (and the onset of an increased workload that I welcome), my wife, Miriam, suffered a debilitating injury while working out at the gym (a noble effort for sure), and required surgery, all of which disrupted our lives near-term, and, of course, our summer. Thankfully, all is progressing well as many of you know, but still... Then, soon after, my mom suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. On top of all else came waves of sadness that overwhelmed our family. From out of the blue, we were beset by one wave after another, crashing upon the shore allowing us barely enough time to brace before rising up, only to be knocked down again. Fortunately, and thankfully, it now appears "safe to go back in the water" as life somehow reverts to a calmer and more peaceful state. This never would have been the case without the enduring care and support from our congregation, for which we thank you immensely.

Our experience represents the story line from one family. And while the names, dates and faces may vary from one household to the next, it is my sense that we are not alone – indeed in a community we are never alone – as we endure the waves that nature sends our way. What should be constant, however, is our faith, our optimism and our sense of perseverance. For surely, over the course of time, we have all experienced the reversal of fortune which are the rewards of our endurance: challenging days yield to easier ones; personal and family dilemmas work themselves through to a better place, even if not a perfect one; downside turns to upside; the ocean's churn subsides and the sun comes out again.

So let it be for all of us as we prepare to welcome a shiny new year – 5773. My hope is that all of you find the keys and the strength to embrace all that life may bring your way in the year ahead such that you face it with gusto. I trust and hope you will find – as I have time and time again – that, in addition to your respective families and other support networks, HJC is here to surround you with the warmth and caring that we all need, in differing degrees, at different times. As the activities of the year ahead gain momentum, and as the planning, meetings and decision-needs rise before us, promise yourselves that you will momentarily and periodically pause to remember and re-appreciate why we are here and why we care; why we do what we do; and why, despite the extra time and emotion involved, there can be no greater investment that can offer any greater yield than

## Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur 2012 - 5773

### SELICHOT SERVICE

Saturday Night, September 8 ..... 11:45 PM

### CEMETERY VISITATION

Sunday, September 16 ..... 11:00 AM

### ROSH HASHANAH

1st Evening, Sunday, September 16 ..... 6:45 PM

1st Day, Monday, September 17 ..... 8:15 AM

Torah Reading ..... 9:30 AM

Youth Services ..... 10:30 AM

Sermon ..... 10:40 AM

Musaf ..... 11:30 AM

**Babysitters Available from 10:15-12:15**

2nd Evening, Monday, September 17 ..... 6:45 PM

2nd Day, Tuesday, September 18 ..... 8:15 AM

Torah Reading ..... 9:30 AM

Youth Services ..... 10:30 AM

Sermon ..... 10:40 AM

Musaf ..... 11:30 AM

**Babysitters Available from 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM**

Tashlich, Sunday, September 23 ..... 10:30 AM

(At Village Green Brook)

### YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE, Tuesday, September 25 ..... 6:30 PM

**Babysitting Available from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

### YOM KIPPUR DAY, Wednesday, September 26

Pseukei d'Zimrah ..... 9:00 AM

Shacharit ..... 9:30 AM

Torah Reading ..... 10:30 AM

Youth Services ..... 11:15 AM

Sermon ..... 11:30 AM

Musaf ..... 12:15 PM

Healing Service (Lief Chapel) ..... 3:00 PM

Mincha ..... 4:00 PM

Yizkor ..... 5:15 PM

Neilah ..... 6:00 PM

Break-the-Fast ..... 7:05 PM

**Babysitters Available from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM**

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# HJC Community News

**USY News**  
by Sarah Sachs



## CONDOLENCES

Dalia Rosenthal on the death of her sister, Miryam Bendet  
Andrew Cohen on the death of his father, Albert Cohen.  
Karen Bass on the death of her husband, our congregant, Martin Bass  
Charles Lipton on the death of his father, Harvey Lipton  
Joel Wirchin on the death of his mother, Bernice Wirchin  
Charlene Kerner on the death of her mother, Shirley Mannis  
Stan Kramer on the death of his wife, our congregant, Adele Kramer  
Risa Finkel on the death of her mother, Ruth Rosenthal  
Gregory Packer on the death of his mother, Eleanor Packer

## MAZAL TOVS

Lauren & Adam Kupersmith announce the birth of their daughter, Danielle Julia.  
Elaine & Walter Kleinmann announce the marriage of their son, David, to Michele Malter.  
Melissa Diamond & Michael Richter announce the birth of their daughter, Ruby Diamond Richter.  
Steven & Diane Block announce the birth of their grandson, Zachary Mason Rosen.  
Andrea & Howard Dubow announce the marriage of their son, Eric, to Allison Brattner.  
Steven & Diane Block announce the birth of their grandson, Zachary Mason Rosen.  
Rabbi Neil and Alisa Rubin Kurshan announce the marriage of their daughter, Ariella, to Leo Simonovich.

## NEW MEMBERS

Andrew & Allison Goodman of Huntington and their son, Benjamin, age 1½.  
Jeff & Julie Grodinsky of Huntington and their children: Amaya, age 6; Marleigh, age 3½ & Ryder, age 1½.  
John Zamoiski of Jericho and his children: Molly, age 24 & Joanna, age 17.  
Richard Rubinstein of Cold Spring Harbor.  
Robert Wieser & Lisa Rosenthal of Centerport and their children: Mariel, age 21; Mollie, age 18 & Rachel, age 9.  
Richard Rubinstein of Cold Spring Harbor.  
Joshua Wekstein of Huntington and his children: Noah & Sydney, age 8.  
Welcome back to former members Eli & Cathy Harary of Swampscott, MA and their children, Morgan, Gabriella & Elyse.

Hello Everyone!

Your new chapter president Sarah Sachs here.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are ready for an amazing year with USY. Our chapter is pumped to kick off the new year with many exciting new things in store! For starters, our new board is an avid group of USYers, dedicated to make our chapter exceptional with new programs and ways to incorporate new members. We have BIG plans for a Tikun Olam project (we will keep you informed with more details).

Our first meeting is September 9th for alumni members and anyone who might be interested in joining our Jewish teen community. So bring a friend because there will be a (bouncy) surprise involved. There is no reason not to get involved in our USY chapter, because the meetings are every other week! So take the time out of your hectic schedule to debrief and enjoy being Jewish amongst friends. Because of USY I have made connections to other young Jewish teenagers all over the East Coast that I will have my whole life. I continue to learn about relevant Jewish issues such as the Palestinian and Israeli conflict as well as conservative traditions. Believe it or not, USY makes being Jewish fun! The friends I've made along the way make praying and learning about the Torah almost enticing!

As I pack for Encampment this summer I can't wait to sing Ruach after meals and debate in small Sichu groups about interesting controversies in Jewish culture. I also look forward to Fall Kinnus and advocate this as an opportunity to get involved in a regional event. Kinnus is a small enough event that it is not overwhelming with new faces and is truly an amazing experience. Reminder! You do not have to be a member of HJC to be a part of our chapter so spread the word and come join us. I am so excited for the coming year, and being your new USY chapter president. I will do my very best to make this year a hit!

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

what reciprocal dedication within our synagogue community can offer each of you – and does, perhaps without your even knowing it.

As a community, we have much to celebrate as we “sing a new song” - Shir Chadash... Our synagogue family is at peace and on the move, with “waves” of new volunteers, new initiatives, and ways of embracing change and challenge prevalent in the atmosphere. There can be no perfection, but we still have the right to aim high. We are taking important steps towards fortifying our future even as we reflect upon, and feel rejuvenated about, our present and our past.

As a people, it has always been about strength and survival. In the year ahead, let us strive to build upon those core and guiding principles and add to them the virtues that only this community – in its leading way, can offer to all who dwell in our midst. Let this be a year of good health, blessings and peace. Let this be a year when storm clouds are outnumbered by brightening blue skies; let this be a year when the waves in our path give way to waves of the future which lead HJC – and each and every one of you – to places of contentment, sweetness and meaning.

Baruch ata Adonai ha-mevarech et amo yisrael bashalom – Praised are you, Lord our G-d, who blesses Israel with peace...

From the Wirchin home to every home in our community – and to all of your loved ones – warmest wishes for a Shana Tova – a sweet, bountiful and peaceful new year.

**Save the Date**  
**HJC presents:**  
**Guys 'N' Dolls**

**March 2nd and 3rd, 9th and 10th**  
**2013**





## A New Year by Cantor Israel Gordan



It was exactly one year ago that I wrote my first bulletin article as the Cantor of the Huntington Jewish Center. It is amazing how quickly the year has gone by, but as they say, "time flies when you're having fun!" It was a year of many firsts for me and I think we have a lot to be proud of. Today, it is with great honor and excitement that I write this article as both the Cantor of the HJC and the Director of Educational Innovation and Synagogue Programming. The title is quite a mouth full, but I am

thrilled to be entering my second year at the HJC, building on some big successes of the past year and looking forward to many new challenges.

This past year I had the great fortune of working with a children's choir for our Interfaith Community Thanksgiving celebration, we had excellent turnouts at our young family Shabbat dinners and Shabbat morning programs, I ran a women's Bible study group, we had new members of our congregation read from the Torah for the first time, we enjoyed two Friday Night Lives, we saw the launch of several chavurot, we had wonderful Hanukkah and Purim celebrations, we had lots of fun in the Early Childhood Center and Religious School, we celebrated Bar Mitzvahs, Shabbatot, and holidays together as a community using lots of new tunes and great music, and at the end of July, we had a fantastic Golf Outing and Barbecue where so many of us were able to come together on a beautiful summer day and enjoy the company of members young and old.

As the Director of Educational Innovation and Synagogue Programming, I'm looking forward to building on these successes and tapping into the wonderful energy that we've created as a community. Although there will always be challenges and other commitments with which we'll have to compete, I believe there is a real desire for people to come together in the synagogue to learn, to celebrate, and to have fun, and plenty of ways for us to grow and improve.

Congregational dinners, Shabbat morning programming, the launch of the PJ Library, Lunch and Learn for our seniors, Torah study, and choirs, are just some of the many ways that we could come together for congregational programming. But we have to be willing to fail in order to succeed. Not every program will work, not every event will be a success, but in attempting different things, we can learn more about what our interests and needs are and where we can grow even stronger.

In addition to synagogue programming, I am also very excited to be working with Maxine Fisher on the Religious School. As we all know, Maxine has (once again) done a wonderful job stepping in as the interim director of the religious school. While she will continue to run the day to day operations of the school, I will be involved with big picture discussions about the structure and curriculum of the school and how to best meet the needs of our children and our community. What is the best way of educating our children, instilling a love of Judaism, and creating a sense of community that is unique to the HJC, as well as preparing them for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience, teaching them Hebrew, and making them comfortable with the siddur and the structure of the service? These are all serious questions that require serious research and work in answering them.

I look forward to all of these challenges with great excitement in the New Year and reporting back to you on updates over the months ahead. Shana Tovah to one and all!



## Sisterhood News by Sue Lefkowitz

### The Calendar page is headed SEPTEMBER

The record breaking temperature of the summer has been decreasing, as has the accompanying humidity. Can it be? The arrival of 5773 is literally days away. And so we welcome back all of our Sisterhood members and congregants as we look forward to a wonderful year of programming and socializing.

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### Monday September 10th at 11:30 A.M.

Carol Baker, in her inimitable manner will lead us in a presentation and discussion of the book "**Unorthodox**" by **Deborah Feldman**. The story relates to the author's life in a Hasidic community. A light lunch will be available. If you have attended other presentations by Carol, we feel certain you will not want to miss this one.

**Please R.S.V.P. TO Syd Schlesinger at 631-261-2330 or syd519@gmail.com**

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As our congregation prepares to welcome the New Year, a group of Sisterhood Volunteers will meet on **September 11 at 10 A.M.** for the traditional polishing of the silver Torah ornaments. Volunteers are welcome

Please contact Felicia Messing at 757-6752 or [kmessing@optonline.net](mailto:kmessing@optonline.net).

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### Sisterhood's Fall Rummage Sale

Drop-off has been scheduled for **October 18 and 19**. The actual days of the Rummage Sale are **Sunday October 21 and 22**. Volunteers are needed for this event. Remember one person's discard may very well be another's treasure!

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Set aside Thursday October 25 at 7 P.M. for the  
**Paid Up Membership Dinner**

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### VALUE OUR VETS

Women's League, in keeping with the tradition of supporting local causes in convention hosts cities, has selected as its chesed project for the 2012 convention **VALUE OUR VETS**, a campaign to assist the temporary residents of the Fisher House in West Los Angeles.

Fisher House is a unique project supporting America's military and their families beyond what is normally provided by the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Since so many servicemen and women – together with their families – must travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation has established residences for their use on the grounds of military and VA medical centers. These homes provide housing – at no cost – during hospitalization for any illness, disease or injury.

Your contribution to this project would be most appreciated by all. **Please make checks payable to Sisterhood and drop off or mail to the HJC office by Nov. 1.**

**For further information, contact Sue Lefkowitz at 631-366-6222 or [leftymomma@aol.com](mailto:leftymomma@aol.com).**

As the Sisterhood President and from my family to yours, I extend best wishes for a year of good health and much happiness in an atmosphere of love.

# Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



This was the first summer I have taken the opportunity to do what I have promised myself to do for years. I am, as many of you know already by the 27 years of HJC articles I have written about my many summer adventures, a major exercise and energetic bunny. I never stop moving during the day. It is rare to see me sitting and doing nothing as I have learned my body just doesn't operate that way. I remember when I was younger, my mother would often refer to me as "kid speed." She knew that at a very early part of my growing up years, I

was not one to just sit and quiet my mind, spirit and body down. I had an agenda, and I was darned if I didn't complete the "list" by the end of the day.

So this summer, I made up my mind to do just what I have always thought would be impossible for me to do. I planned nothing, moved slowly, didn't rush anywhere, and for the first time in a long time I began to hear my voice from within. I spent a great deal of my days in July and August moving at a pace unknown and quite uncomfortable to my being. I usually rise each morning at 6:00 A.M. running around accomplishing everything from making beds, doing a wash, answering emails, unloading the dishwasher, making breakfast, writing my plans for the day so I don't forget how much there is to do-- and that is in the only in the first 20 minutes after getting out of bed!!! In my two months of being a sloth, I forced myself to stay in bed till at least 8:00 A.M. Sometimes I took a book in bed and read, other times I watched television or just meditated. The rest of the day proceeded accordingly. I had no written agenda, no time slot to fit everything in, no made up pressure to accomplish tasks that I deemed imperative, and for the first time in a long time, I was able to stay in the moment, both mentally and physically.

I managed to savor the long talks I had with my husband, look deeply into the beautiful faces of my grandchildren while I watched them play, take in the beauty of God's creations—flowers in my garden, my new vegetable garden endeavors, sunsets, the ocean, etc. and listen better to my friends' personal stories that I 'somewhat' heard when my days were overloaded. I was quiet enough from within to be able to change my thought of annoyance on the long grocery line and instead realize how lucky I was to have enough money to spend at this grocery store while others are not as fortunate.

After this summer's tragedies, the death of one of HJC's former students to a boating accident, and the tragedy of 12 deaths and countless injuries in a movie theater, I once again confirmed what truly matters in life—the collection of real moments. I know there are two different meanings of time we live in as described by the ancient Greeks. The first is *chronos* time (chronological time), one minute at a time or the sequential of time. The second is *kairos* time which is what the Greeks referred to as "the time in between," a moment of indeterminate time in which something special happens. While *chronos* is quantitative, *kairos* has a qualitative nature. For parents whose daily schedules seem daunting, as did mine when my husband and I were raising our children, having more *kairos* time appears next to impossible.

Parents need to worry less about how many minutes they can spend with their children, and focus more on turning those minutes into memorable moments. I often here parents talking about scheduling quality time with each child they have—an afternoon in the movies, a trip to the city, a time at the park. Parents should also know that

## HJC Outreach Garden Update

by Joanne Mulberg-Cohn

As some of you know, the idea of starting a vegetable garden on the grounds of HJC started when I happened to attend a Martin Luther King Program at the Suffolk Y on January 16, 2012. It was there that I became aware of the fact that less than 10% of food contributed to pantries on Long Island consists of fresh produce, the category of food that is most needed for good health and nutrition. Having had a garden at the community organic garden on Dunlap Road for over ten years, the time seemed right to have a garden on HJC home turf and to be a part of a newly formed Grow to Give Project.

To date, we have two gardens in the back of the Huntington Jewish Center. One is a raised bed garden in the fenced in area near the building and the other garden is on the right when you enter the synagogue off of Leslie Drive. With the help of men's club volunteers, under the direction of Bruce Fleiss, the raised bed was built on March 18th and filled a week later on Mitzvah day, March 25th. Religious school students helped fill the bed with soil donated by Long Island Compost. The wood for the raised bed was generously donated by Kleet Lumber. In the following weeks, nursery school students helped plant seeds and got to taste the fruits of their labor before school was out. The children seemed to love the garden and took great pride in watching the plants grow. To my amazement, many children loved eating the radishes right out of the garden! (washed and sliced of course)

The Huntington Jewish Center is now one of many congregations of all faiths participating in this newly formed garden project under the direction of The Long Island Agriculture Network (LICAN). Its executive committee is comprised of Frances Whittelsey, Lawrence Foglia, and Heather Forrest, all of whom have a wide range of experience in farming and organizational development. They assigned Jay Litzman as a mentor to our gardens and he has been most helpful in coming up with a plan to grow vegetables with maximum productivity. Jay is a member of North Shore Synagogue in Syosset and oversees their outreach garden. He is very knowledgeable about plants and has worked hard alongside our volunteers to help make this a success. So far, we have donated many pounds of cucumbers, string beans, swiss chard, leeks, and tomatoes to Helping Hand Rescue Mission and Long Island Food Not Bombs

Anyone looking to volunteer and be part of this project can e-mail me at [jomulberg@gmail.com](mailto:jomulberg@gmail.com) or call at 631-271-2923. The growing season will continue through November and meetings will be announced. It is still in the beginning stages with our immediate challenge of stopping the HJC bunnies from eating our crops! I thank everyone for their support and enthusiasm for this great project that serves the community and our own congregation.





# Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher - Religious School Administrator

This year promises to be a very exciting year not only for the Religious School but also for me. I am very excited to be working with Cantor Gordan on new programs, workshops and curriculum.

The lazy hazy days of summer are winding down. The fall season is fast approaching. The Huntington Jewish Center Religious School has been preparing for an exciting and fulfilling school year.

I received a letter over the summer on behalf of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Metropolitan New York District that we have qualified once again as an International Framework for Excellence School. This is a huge honor that we worked very hard to achieve. One of the criteria for becoming a school of Excellence is committing to a certain number of hours a year our school meets. Since many of the holidays fall out on Sunday and Tuesday this year we were short hours. After much brainstorming Sheri Bram our Religious School Chairperson and I worked out a plan. On 5 Shabbat mornings we will have TGIS (Thank G-d its Shabbat). The children will come at 9:30 and have about an hour of class time (games and discussions). Then they will have one hour of Junior Congregation and then bagels and juice in a social setting. Another way that we are able to make up the lost hours is every child will receive a packet of information about the High Holy days with questions to answer at home and return to their teacher.

Part of the process of preparing for the school year is staffing. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful new teacher for the Hey class (5th grade) Julie Perloff. I am sure the Hey class students will like her very much. Over the next few months I will introduce you to our wonderful teaching staff.

We are also working on revamping our Nitzanim program and making it more exciting and fun while the children 4-7 years old are learning Shabbat morning prayers and songs.

If you have children in that age group why not come down to classroom #3 on any Shabbat morning to check it out. The first Shabbat of the month we have the Family Shabbat Service instead of Nitzanim lead by Cantor Gordan and it is for children and their parents.

Some important Religious School dates to remember:

**Saturday, September 8th is the first Junior Congregation @ 10:30 am**

**Sunday, September 9th is the first day of religious school @9:00 am**

**Sunday, September 9th is the first day of USY and Kadima**

**Sunday, September 9th is the first Religious School Board meeting of the year @ 10:30 am - all are welcome**

**Tuesday, September 11th is the first day of chavarim @ 6:15 pm**

**Sunday, September 23rd is Tashlich meeting in the Religious School parking lot at 11:00 am for students, parents and congregation**

**Sunday, September 30th Early Childhood Center meet and greet @11:00 am**

**Sunday, September 30th pick up your lulav and etrog**

There is alot going on and I expect this year to be a very exciting year for our school. I want to wish you a sweet and healthy New Year.

## “Pearl’s Tree”

A progress report

Early following the establishment of the HJC Social Action Committee, it became obvious to many that Pearl Rosen would probably be one of the committee’s most active individuals. From her teen years to adulthood, Pearl had been exposed to a variety of socially connected activities in a world gone wild. It was this exposure that provided the drive for social correction as necessary. It was this involvement that brought Pearl Rosen to be re-elected as committee chair person for many years.

As a result, it was decided to promote the remembrance of Pearl with a suitable symbol – “Pearl’s Tree” – at the HJC. The project was well accepted by friends and family. In the spring of 2012, a “Tree Lilac” was planted on the south lawn. A proper dedication, open to all, was held in the congregation lobby. This tree is doing well and we anticipate its flowering next summer. Stop by and read the memorial plaque which is set in place nearby.

Bill Kampel,

Project, Co-Chair person



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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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You can also contact HJC's PIC liason, Janet Zimmerman, at 631-491-4084, or at [ladyzim@optonline.net](mailto:ladyzim@optonline.net).



### JTS Receives Additional Foundation Grants Support Chancellor's Mission of Learning, Leadership, and Vision

The Rabbinical School of The Jewish Theological Seminary was pleased to announce the receipt of a \$1,250,000 grant from the **David and Inez Myers Foundation**. Made in the form of an annual gift of \$250,000 for five consecutive years beginning in 2012, the grant will support the new Myers Foundation Rabbinical Leadership Program at JTS and scholarships for rabbinical students. The leadership program will consist of a seminar in vision, management, and public leadership development that will be mandatory for all fourth-year rabbinical students; a "venture capital fund" that will enable these students to design and launch innovative outreach projects; and a supervision component that will pair each student with a rabbi-mentor. The Myers Foundation Rabbinical Leadership Program helps further the goal of JTS Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen to develop the institution as a cutting-edge training ground for Jewish leadership in all its many forms, within and outside the synagogue and professional or communal organization.

"In addition to their usual tasks," said Rabbi Daniel Nevins, Pearl Resnick Dean of The Rabbinical School and dean of the Division of Religious Leadership at JTS, "rabbis have the potential to play a leadership role in the public realm, advocating for justice and righteousness for all. The Myers Foundation grant will allow The Rabbinical School to train students in advanced public leadership and will give them the chance to design projects that can impact the larger Jewish and general community."

JTS also announced the news of its fourth year of partnership with **UJA-Federation of New York** to directly serve people in need across the New York metropolitan area through the Center for Pastoral Education at JTS. UJA-Federation generously renewed its grant to the center, which funds Clinical Pastoral Education stipends for students in its Full-Time Summer Agency Program and in its Hospice Program, which takes place year-round. This funding enables students to undergo hands-on training as chaplains—and expands the spiritual care available—at Jewish community agencies affiliated with UJA-Federation's Caring Commission, as well as Metropolitan Jewish Health System Hospice. It also supports the training of a Jewish chaplaincy supervisor.

Rabbi Mychal B. Springer, director of the center and the Helen Fried Kirshblum Goldstein Chair in Professional and Pastoral Skills at JTS, said, "We have been able to . . . integrate actual care for real people with an intensive Clinical Pastoral Education learning process. Our partners at UJA-Federation of New York's Caring Commission are committed to the transforming power of spiritual care, and they inspire us with their vision."

For more information about JTS, new JTS programs, or to support JTS, please contact Gwynne Wicks at (212) 678-8855 or [gwwicks@jtsa.edu](mailto:gwwicks@jtsa.edu).

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celebrated at home. However, they told him to go to school the next day and cry with the other students and join with the class in reciting the glorious praises of this Russian ruler.

To live as a Jew in pre-Glasnost Russia meant either living a schizophrenic life or living with a totally repressed Jewish identity. Sharansky told us that it was only in prison that he realized that he did not have to continue his life of double-think, and with that realization he began his life as a free person. Even when death threatened he could never return again to living like a slave.

Beckerman's book looks at the life of Soviet Jews during this era from a different perspective than Wiesel. He recounts the movement to free Soviet Jews of which so many of us were a part. This year will be exactly twenty-five years since the massive December rally of more than one million in Washington DC in support of Soviet Jewry. Many of us were there. Beckerman recounts the rallies and programs in which so many of us participated—the annual Solidarity Sunday marches in New York; the bracelets engraved with the names of the "prisoners of Zion"; the matzoh of hope held aloft at our Passover Seders; the Bar/Bat Mitzvah twinning and empty chair programs. However Beckerman also tells a much broader historical story of how the Refusenik movement eventually resulted not only in the immigration of one million Russian Jews, but was also instrumental in bringing down the Iron Curtain.

By the time I arrived in Russia this past summer my head was back in the 1960's. I got off the plane in St. Petersburg looking over my shoulder for the KGB agents who I thought might be tailing me. In hindsight I realize I had become a little like the Jew who goes to Israel for the first time expecting to find everyone dancing the Hora on a Kibbutz. My head was wrapped up in the Russia of twenty years ago, and I was not prepared for how much had changed in post-Soviet Russia.

In short I found a Jewish community reborn. I found Jewish children in summer camp proudly singing songs of Israel and learning what it means to be Jewish. I met their camp directors and counselors who were the first and second post-Soviet generations of young Jews able to embrace their Judaism. I met elderly Jews at the Jewish community center joyfully singing the Jewish music and songs they heard their parents sing. I met rabbis who spoke optimistically about the future of Jewish life in Russia. I was witness to the excitement of the Jewish leadership in Tallinn, Estonia as they described their plans to open in six months the first Jewish pre-school in their country's history.

Within a few days I jumped forward twenty years in my understanding of the Jews of Russia and Eastern Europe. My head turned from looking back at the past to seeing the possibilities for the future. There is so much more to share, and I look forward to speaking more about what I learned over Rosh Hashanah.

Alisa joins me in wishing you a Shana Tova—a sweet and healthy New Year. May it be a year of hope and blessing for our HJC community and for the Jewish people.



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**JEWS GREET PERSHING** - Welfare Board Sends Message on Eve of Jewish New Year: Providence, RI, Sept. 5. - Colonel Harry Cutler, Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board, with the approval of the Secretary of War, cabled today the following greeting to General Pershing: "On the eve of the new year the Jewish Welfare Board, United States Army and Navy, representing 3,000,000 citizens of the Jewish faith, sends greetings and good wishes to you and your comrades in arms, regardless of race or creed. You are fighting in a holy cause that social justice may prevail and lasting peace come to the entire human family, therefore, through the righteousness of our country's aims and those of her allies, you are granted the privilege to establish a world democracy which shall endure and become a blessing to all future generations. Our ardent prayer is that God may speed your victory and rush the work of your brave comrades who are planting American ideals and traditions to preserve the noblest efforts of civilizations."

**FINDS JEWS SOLID FOR WAR** - Writer Declares Third Liberty Loan Proved Loyalty of Race: Washington, Sept. 14. - The Jews of the United States have become a unit for the war against Germany. The reasons for this attitude have been examined by a writer in the American Weekly Jewish News, who concludes that not only does the heart of the east side of New York, the largest Jewish colony of the world, beat with America, but that that particular district has actually become "one of the strongholds of unadulterated Americanism... Since the Third Liberty Loan a spirit of patriotism and devotion to the United States has swept across the district and has enveloped everyone; lines of demarcation between classes have been obliterated by all-embracing fervor. In the Third Liberty Loan, in the Red Cross Campaign, in the War Savings and Thrift Stamp drives, in the demonstrations and patriotic pageantry of the Fourth of July the Jews of the east side have more than done their duty. Jewish participation in any of the aforementioned activities will serve to illustrate the new spirit of the east side..."

**PERSHING THANKS THE JEWS** - Greeting to Welfare Board in Response to Congratulations: Providence, RI, Sept 16. - Colonel Harry Cutler of Providence, Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board, received the following cablegram from General Pershing tonight in reply to congratulations: "The stirring message of greetings from the Jewish Welfare Board is much appreciated in the American Expeditionary Force. The constant support and cordial assistance of our brothers of the Jewish faith and the thought that all creeds are united under one banner gives courage to our army and urges us to victory...PERSHING. Colonel Cutler, upon receipt of the cablegram said: "This message coming on the eve of the most sacred day of the Jewish Calendar, the Day of Atonement, will bring cheer to the hearts of American citizens of the Jewish faith."

**CALL TO JEWISH CHAPLAINS** - Chaplains Asked to Provide for Rabbis Who Enter the Service: Sept. 25. - An appeal for volunteers to serve as Jewish Chaplains in the United States Army has been sent out by Elias L. Solomon, President of the United Synagogue of America, 531 West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street. The appeal was directed to institutions affiliated with the United Synagogue of America and to the rabbis engaged by those institutions. Chaplains are appointed with the rank of First Lieutenants at \$2000 a year, and its behooves each congregation, said Mr. Solomon, to make such financial arrangements as will insure the rabbi against financial difficulty or his family being deprived of its customary living.

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quality time can occur when you are in the car driving your child to school and both of you are loudly singing together some of your child's favorite songs on CD, or when your child sits on your lap when you are reading to him/her and hugs you after the book is done. When you stay present with your children, you are truly building a reverence for life.

In the course of a crazy day, it might help to imagine your parenting clock wound forward to the time your children are grown and out of your house. Imagine their messy rooms clean and empty. See the backseat of the car without crumbs and toys left behind. Picture the laundry all under control. Then, bring yourself back to the present and see today's minutes as finite and fleeting.

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I know that I will not be able to continue this luxurious way of slowing my pace down once school is in full gear. However, for the start of the New Year, I will try to keep the essence of what I learned about moving slowly and staying in the moment and not worrying about completing my daily check list. I have once again remembered this summer that collecting real moments is what brings a spiritually rich meaning to my life.



# No plans to elope: Romney shows his support for Israel in public

by Zach Ingber - Brown University '15

**Thomas Friedman has long been a critic of conservative support for the State of Israel. But his most recent article attacking Mitt Romney gets it all wrong**

Columnist Thomas Friedman has long been a critic of conservative support for the State of Israel. His pieces discussing the correlation between the Israeli settler movement and the Republican Party grace the pages of the NY Times on a regular basis.

But in one of his most recent articles, Friedman has blasted Presidential candidate Mitt Romney for traveling to Israel, suggesting the marriage between Romney and billionaire donor Sheldon Adelson could have happened in Las Vegas.

Friedman missed the big picture here; the significance of Romney's meeting with benefactors was that it occurred in Israel. The 'plastic Wailing Wall' that Friedman proposed Romney and Adelson build in Vegas mocks the significance of a Jewish State, the sanctity of Israeli land, and the relationship between the United States and Israel.

Romney understands that you cannot simply recreate the Western Wall and ignore historical ties between a land and a people that have existed for millennia. This is not an unprecedented political statement. Simply by addressing supporters in Jerusalem itself, Romney is by no means facilitating victory for the Israeli settler movement or a far right that longs for a greater Israel spanning across the entire Middle East.

And while Friedman criticizes Romney for spending time in Jerusalem but not Ramallah, the fact that President Obama has not visited Israel in his first term is not even addressed in the column. Yes, one might say that the great conservative Ronald Reagan did not visit Israel as president or that Bush waited until 2008 for his first trip. But for a president that has placed so much emphasis on the Israel-Palestinian peace process, it is shocking that Obama has not made the trip.

President Obama's Democratic predecessors, who did much to advance peace in the region, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, both made trips to Israel in their first terms. If Tip O'Neil's famous credo that 'all politics is local' rings true, then President Obama would do well to encourage popular support for peace among the Israeli and Palestinian populations by addressing them on the very ground that will need to be intricately divided.

Friedman spends a large chunk of article space reprimanding Romney for using this conflict as a political focal point. I hate to be the one to break it to him, but there is an election approaching and foreign policy is often a huge voting issue (see Obama and Iraq, circa 2008).

More narrowly, Jewish voters often pay attention to how the presidential candidates perceive the Israeli-Arab conflict. Romney travelled to Israel in order to demonstrate his support for the State of Israel, which will in turn bolster his credentials among Israel single-issue voters. But is that so different from a politician speaking at a steel factory to appeal to trade unionists?

Furthermore, the depiction of AIPAC in the piece is unfair and inaccurate. Friedman tries hard to create an image in which a lawmaker or politician goes before AIPAC – who serves as the judge, jury, and executioner – and is given a hand gesture to determine if they are pro-Israel and ergo have a future in politics. This is hardly the case.

AIPAC supporters span the political spectrum; at the 2012 Policy Conference, AIPAC's large annual gathering, major speeches were given by Democrats Nancy Pelosi and Carl Levin as well as conservatives such as Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum. Friedman would be hard-pressed to say that Representative Pelosi issued Israel a blank check to create a future where democracy is abandoned and all of the Palestinians are subjugated as second

class citizens.

Has Friedman ever wondered why AIPAC is so successful? Perhaps it is because Israel has the popular support of the American people; in 2010, Gallup published statistics reporting that 63 percent of Americans support Israel (the highest since 1991). Friedman's reference to AIPAC as the 'Israel lobby,' alluding to the Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer book accusing the organization of corruptly controlling the American government, is simply factually inaccurate.

In fact, the left has a strong case for supporting AIPAC and strong American-Israeli relations. If the American left is keen on Israel ceasing settlement construction and giving up land in the name of peace, Israel will only do so with strong American backing.

As Friedman correctly pointed out, security is not part of the consideration – the current administration has been fervent with regards to Israeli security. The issue here is diplomatic and symbolic support; when Israel feels publicly supported by the US, it feels confident making concessions. Yet when it feels isolated, Israel makes rash and often politically detrimental decisions.

At Camp David in 2000, Ehud Barak proposed the most mouth-watering peace offering to Yasser Arafat ever to appear on the Israeli-Palestinian dinner table. He did this knowing President Clinton was an honest friend of Israel who would stand right beside him every step of the way.

And, conversely, when Obama rhetorically isolated Netanyahu's government in the first two years of his administration, Bibi pandered to the far right of his coalition and approved the construction of new housing projects that gave the Palestinians an excuse to leave negotiations.

If Friedman spent more time looking at the big picture as opposed to being bogged down in the quicksand of settlements and the Israeli right, he would realize that AIPAC's main goal is to strengthen the Israeli-American relationship so Israel can feel confident taking steps towards peace and security. That is something even a left-wing columnist should endorse.

When one zooms out from the alternate reality of the editorial pages, they will see that despite the incessant criticism of the Israeli political climate and 'unquestioned' support from the United States, a physical (and not solely rhetorical) American presence is fundamental to the relationship and stability of the region. Romney's statements about the entrepreneurial spirit of the Jewish people might have been politically unwise, but that idea must resonate with a businessman such as Romney who has made a career out of starting something from nothing.

In fact, that is something that must resonate with most Americans; patriotism and resilience are two qualities embedded in American political culture. If Pelosi and the Democrats only see Jewish support for Romney as a guise for seeking tax cuts, as evidenced by her remarks a few days ago, then November might be a shock to the incumbent and his party.

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# By Arielle Stein

I will approach you in any language,  
except for the ones that I know best.  
Stumbling over words  
and confusing every verb,  
I will approach you in any language  
about the diameter of the bomb.

The diameter of the bomb did not reach me,  
could not reach me.  
I sat  
and was guilty.

To talk of the things that haunt me  
Is to be homesick for a place not quite my own.

I can stand it  
But do I  
And when,  
one who will never feel the taste of belonging understands its  
fleshy whims.

I am  
a master of the lines  
drawing the cold onto paper.

Here I am,  
Bound in tremors  
Digging ever deeper.

*I am a young artist interested in works on paper, with a growing interest in video and performance art. In my drawings and paintings I explore representations of figuration and abstraction, focusing on the places where these two things overlap and collide. I aim to create imagery that is both beautiful and disturbing, without the use of horror or gore. I have an intense fascination with histories of genocide and war, a fascination that has deeply influenced my artistic pursuits. My recent projects have been focusing upon the word "monster", and the countless ways to represent the meanings of the word.*

*My performance and video work is focused on identity and the effects of context and environment on various forms of representation of identity. I use art as a therapeutic tool to physically portray my inner self. I do not yet know how my various interests within my art practice will interconnect, but this process is part of my progress as an artist.*

I am  
a dry lust for sand  
and mountains that spear the air.  
Imprisoned by open flatness  
And cursing wiry trees  
I count survivors.

It is here, Savta,  
Under the Domim tree  
That I was told the story  
of the gates and of Warsaw.

It is here that you catapulted me  
Into no answers.

There is no answer and there can be no answers  
no more "final" solutions

(I am looking for my fingerprints)

I have heard that in Chile the earth trembles every six days  
And that thunder is an omen.

In the land I should be from leaves do not turn a  
heartbreaking red.  
The winds whistle through the ancient rocks, creaking with  
the weight of the notes they carry.

and I miss the sea that blinds my eyes and strips my skin  
burying me beneath its hungry waves,  
the sands that lure me into crevices of burning rock.  
Hiding my face from the blazing sun, I stepped on your toes

I don't speak Yiddish  
And I am no one's sheina maidel.  
I don't speak Yiddish.  
And its words do not feel like home to me.  
I don't speak Yiddish  
Or the lower east side.  
And to me,  
Riga and Lublin and Bialystok  
Are too many consonants.

Knock Knock  
Who's there  
Gestapo  
Gestapo who  
Ge-stop what you're doing, you'll miss the train  
Gestapo who  
Ge-stop what you're doing, you'll miss the train  
and was guilty.

In this country that is not mine but could have been  
the monsters always have eyes.

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