

HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

INNOVATE & INTEGRATE - CREATING COMMUNITY & CONNECTION



by Rabbi Kurshan

The “Other”

We are experimenting with something new this year in adult education. Beyond the walls of the synagogue are an abundance of charismatic and skilled teachers on a variety of Jewish subjects. Until about ten years ago we were able to bring some of these teachers to the synagogue for a scholar in residence Shabbat of study and dialogue. With the growth of the Internet we can do what was not possible ten years ago—study with some of the best teachers in the Jewish world without them being physically present.

One of the most interesting settings in the Jewish community in which to study in the Jewish community is the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Founded by David Hartman who died this past year, the Shalom Hartman institute was created to bridge some of

the divides that separate the various denominational streams in the Jewish community, and to provide a forum for transformative thinking and teaching that would address the major challenges and issues that currently face the Jewish world. Among the programs of the Hartman Institute is a video lecture series by some of its leading instructors.

This year I will be the lead teacher in our congregation for a Hartman lecture series titled “The Other in Jewish Tradition.” For most of Jewish history we have been defined as the minority and the outsider in almost all the societies in which we have lived. In the modern era we are in the anomalous situation of having power and influence, and there are other minorities in contradistinction to us. Among these groups are women, immigrants, the poor, Palestinians, and Israeli Arabs. It has become a pressing question both here and in Israel how we maintain the internal strength and security of the Jewish community while honoring the rights and needs of those outside our community. A hallmark of our tradition has always been the defense of the right of those who are most vulnerable, but it is not always clear how to define that right when it may undermine our own community.

Each of my classes in this series will include a brief video lecture by a teacher from the Hartman Institute. I will introduce the lecture with a discussion of the relevant questions and textual sources; then we will watch the lecture together followed by a discussion of the dilemmas posed by the lecture. Some of the questions we will discuss in our class on the non-

HJC Outreach Garden



citizen are: Do you think the Jewish community is too open or too closed especially with regard to those who have converted or intermarried? How do you feel about the openness of our own synagogue to the diversity in the Jewish community? Is the issue of the non-citizen different in American than in Israel? What should be the admission ticket to entry into the Jewish community—do you need some emotional and existential connection to the Jewish community? Should we be a people primarily constituted by the shared fact birth or by shared beliefs? (By the way in our class on women we will discuss if women should even be on a list of those who are defined as “the other”.

None of the above questions or the other questions I will pose in the course has simple answers. I anticipate a fascinating discussion and dialogue not only among us, but with some of the leading thinkers from the Hartman Institute. I am very excited by this venture, and hope you will join us to add your voice to the discussion around some of the most challenging issues facing the Jewish community.

Adult Education - 5774



Adult Education Opening Class

Begins Monday evening, October 21, 2013

The “Other” in Jewish Tradition

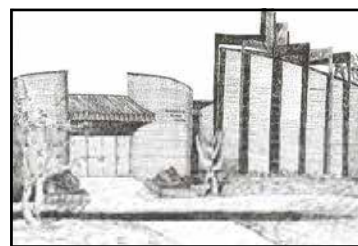
Semester I—Monday evenings, October 21 & 28, November 18 & 25 at 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Instructor: Rabbi Neil Kurshan

For most of Jewish history, Jews have been defined as the outsider in almost all the societies in which they have lived. In the modern era in which Jews have power and influence, others such as women, immigrants, the poor, Palestinians, and Israeli Arabs are now defined as the “Other”. How do we build the internal strength and security of the Jewish community while being sensitive to the rights and needs of those outside our community?

Each session will begin with a video presentation by a scholar from the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Rabbi Kurshan will then lead a discussion about the presentation incorporating traditional and contemporary Jewish texts. Topics in the fall will include the treatment (and mistreatment) of non-Jews, non-citizens, and women in Jewish texts and tradition. All are welcome.

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October 2013 ~ 5774

Tishri/Cheshvan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Yiddish Program -1pm In the Library	3 Rummage 	4 Drop Off Shabbat Services 6pm Rosh Chodesh	5  Bar Mitzvah Alexander & Ethan Rousso Noach Rosh Chodesh
6 <i>JNN</i> RS Board 9:30 Rummage Sale Kad/USY	7 SH Book Discussion 11:00 am SH Board-8pm Yoga	8 Ritual Committee 8pm Chavarim 6:15	9	10 SH Member- ship Dinner 6:30	11 Minyan Breakfast Shabbat Services 6pm	12  Bar Mitzvah Isaac Herzog Lech Lecha
13 <i>JNN</i> No Religious School	14 No ECC No Kindergarten  Columbus Day	15	16	17	18 Friday Night Live  Shabbat Services 6pm	19 Family Service 10:30 am Vayera
20 <i>JNN</i> Vav Workshop Men's Club Hike  Ridotto Kad/USY	21 Adult Ed w/ Rabbi 8pm Yoga	22 Chavarim 6:15	23	24 Chavarah Meeting 8pm	25 ECC Family Shabbat 5pm Shabbat Services 6pm	26 RS Family Shabbat 10:30 Chaye Sarah
27 <i>JNN</i> Mitzvah Team Workshop	28 Adult Ed w/ Rabbi 8pm Yoga	29 UJA Inaugural Dinner Chavarim 6:15	30	31		

HJC Community News



CONDOLENCES

Sylvia Brass on the death of her brother, Albert Allen.

Jeff & Elliot Nirenberg on the death of their mother, our congregant, Irene Nirenberg.

Jack Friedman on the death of his wife, Sandy Friedman.

MAZAL TOV

Nancy & Ken Bob announce the engagement of their son, Amit, to Adina Teibloom.

Mark and Cookie Cohen announce the marriage of their daughter, Kate, to Clifton Sabbag.

Gail & Jerry Ellstein announce the engagement of their son, Josh, to Rebecca Levin.

Mira & Paul Brodsky announce the birth of their grandson, Asher Reed Brodsky Margolies.

NEW MEMBERS

Rick Davis of Huntington Station.

Ari & Ayelet Levy of Huntington and their daughter, Maytal, age 1 ½.

AJ & Suzanne Hepworth of Huntington and their children: Leigh, age 8; Parker, age 6; Shane, age 2.

Stefani Goldin of Huntington and her daughter, Marissa, age 11 ½.

Farel & Susan Jouard of Huntington and their children, Gabriel & Annabel.

Eileen Front of Huntington.

Gary Schoer of Greenlawn.

Dave & Carrie Davis of Lloyd Harbor and their children: Kira, age 7; Samuel, age 6; Lily Grace, age 3 ½; Talia, age 2 ½.

Coby Klein & Nomi Dayan of Huntington and their daughter, Eliana

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*Cordially invites you for an evening of dinner,
entertainment and socializing*

*Annual Membership Dinner
Thursday, October 10th*

*Cocktails, Dinner
Fun & Games*

Cocktails at 6:30 pm

Dinner and Program at 7:30 pm

Dues are \$40, \$25 for seniors.

*Good for one year of Sisterhood Membership
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RSVP: Donna Fleiss: 631-385-7850 or donna.fleiss@gmail.com

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Our twice yearly late morning book discussion has been a great success. So much so, we are getting requests to do it more often, and at times that may be more convenient for some of you – morning, afternoon, evening. Whenever you can turn away from daily chores and revel in the world of literature. What we need from you is a response. It only takes five or six women to make for a stimulating, incredibly rewarding time.

We are thinking of a book discussion every other month and we need to know what time slot works for most of you. With cold weather coming, warm up with a good book and good friends.

Let us hear from you.
Reply to Judy Biener- jbiener@verizon.net

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President's Perspective

Summer by William Wertheim



Well, it is officially autumn, and perhaps accelerated by the early Yamim Noraim, summer has flown by. The High Holidays for me were particularly moving this year. While I admit I had some trepidation about sitting on the bimah for the entirety of Rosh Hashanah

and Yom Kippur—what if I sneeze? Forget to stand? Should I check the greeters' desks outside?—of course it all turned out wonderfully: a smooth holiday that allowed all of us to focus on spiritual renewal. I was particularly surprised by how moved I was by the services. I had expected to be so taken by the details of putting together this big series of events that I wouldn't really have time to reflect and soak up the prayers and words of the holiday. The truth was otherwise: having a "behind the stage" view of the service, the intense focus of Rabbi Kurshan and Cantor Gordan, the active participation of so many of our fellow congregants in the service, and the moving words and haunting melodies all pushed me into a contemplative, grateful sense for the many good things in my life, and the effort I needed to improve the many areas in which I am lacking. Being present for the entire length of the services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur helped me appreciate the arc of progress through these days, leading to the increased urgency of our kehilla's request to be inscribed and sealed for good in the Book of Life by Neilah's end. I felt quite moved by the experience.

In a different vein (I will tie them together at the end, I promise), I recently attended two B'nei Mitzvot in other synagogues, and both events set me thinking about our own synagogue and what we do. Going to another synagogue, to me, is a bit like visiting England or Australia. The language is familiar, but something is just different. Sometimes the difference is glaringly obvious—like driving on the left—and sometimes it is subtle but present nonetheless—like a familiar word used for a different meaning.

The first of the two events was a relative's Bat Mitzvah at a Reform synagogue in upstate New



Sisterhood News

by Marsha Buchholtz and Evelyn Silverberg

Sisterhood is a community of women joined together to do more than each could do alone.

The following are some volunteer opportunities Sisterhood offers:

- - Sisterhood members when called upon prepare the homes of congregants when there is a death in the family.
- - Sisterhood members prepare Kiddush luncheons for congregants celebrating Simchas.
- - Sisterhood members prepare "Shabbat Bags" (challah, candles, prayers, wine and grape juice) for new members.
- - Sisterhood members provide holiday gifts for our college students living away from home.
- - Sisterhood members bake hamentashen for sale, for the HJC Purim celebrations and donation to nursing home residents.
- - Sisterhood members polish the ornaments in the Holy Ark for the High Holidays.
- - Sisterhood members stock and run the HJC Judaica shop.
- - Sisterhood members organize and run two rummage sales yearly.

Please join us for our paid-up membership dinner on

Thursday, October 10th

for a fun evening, a wonderful cocktail hour and a delicious dinner. Learn more about our volunteer opportunities, the programs we sponsor and meet the warm and supportive women who are our Sisterhood.

Congregants are invited to a **book discussion** and light lunch sponsored by Sisterhood on **Monday, October 7, 2013, 11:30 AM**. The book, **"To The End Of The Land,"** by David Grossman, is about Ora, a Jewish Israeli, "Everywoman" and is based on both fact and fiction.

York. The service was warm and friendly, and informal. There was more Hebrew than I expected...and less; several prayers I instinctively looked for were absent, including Musaf. The building was very old, and it was clear the community there had once been larger, but was now using its space as well as it could. The rabbi, who also had a penchant for baking, showed me his kitchen and baking machinery and talked about how baking challahs together and then delivering them to members who cannot get around easily brought his community closer. There were racks outside of name-tags for the congregants, though no one was wearing one. It was an interesting morning, and though I spent much more time kvelling with my family, I could not escape comparing this experience with one that someone new might have at HJC.

The second event was the Bar Mitzvah of a son of a long-time close friend—we go back to our high school summer trip to Israel. This service was in a large and well-off, attractive Conservative synagogue. It was overall very similar to our service, though perhaps slightly more formal. I



Musical Possibilities

by Cantor Israel Gordan



If you were able to join us this year for Rosh Hashanah services, you may have noticed that we experimented with a little “choir” during Musaf on the first day. Under the extremely capable and talented director, Judy Leopold, the group consisted of ten people – five men and five women. In addition to Judy, the women included Amy Koreen, Debbie Cadel, Wendy Glassman, and Betty Mesard, and the men were Bob Mesard, Joe Glassman,

Allan Orloff, Scott Ingber, and Paul Greenstein. The group rehearsed at night on the last three Tuesdays before Rosh Hashanah and introduced several new congregational melodies, as well as helping out with some old favorites. I am extremely grateful to everyone in the group who contributed their voices, their time and their energy, and of course, to Judy for directing the rehearsals and conducting the group.

While it was not a choir in the traditional sense of wearing robes, sitting in a choir loft, and singing large, multi-part arrangements in choral-style, it was an exciting example of some musical innovation that we can try here at the HJC. Even with the holidays falling so early, this year was a perfect opportunity for us to “dip our toes in the water” of musical experimentation. Next year, Rosh Hashanah does not begin until the end of September, allowing us more time for planning, rehearsing, and executing some more exciting musical innovation. But these ideas need not exist only for the high holidays. Shabbat Shira (so named for the inclusion of Shirat HaYam in the week’s Torah portion) is a great opportunity for us to bring more music into our regular Saturday morning service. Friday Night Live is already a great experience that could be enhanced by a group of choir singers. These are just two ideas for different times during the year where we can “mix things up” musically.

But all of this requires time, effort, energy, and most importantly: people. If you are a singer, musician, conductor, composer, arranger, or play an instrument, don’t assume that I know that! Please come forth and tell me – by phone, email, or in person. And if you’re looking for an opportunity to become more involved at the synagogue, this may be the perfect way. Jewish prayer can be extremely difficult and inaccessible to many people, but music is the universal language.

Perhaps one of the best examples of this is the Kol Nidrei prayer recited in the evening at the beginning of Yom Kippur. The prayer itself is an arcane legal code that preemptively annuls any vows that we may make in the coming year. At the turn of the 20th century, the reform movement struck it from its liturgy, but the attachment to the musical melody was so strong, that it was quickly returned to the mahzor. Many congregations play the piece in cello, in addition to singing it, and many people can recount strong emotional responses and ties to hearing it chanted (for a great article on it, check out Tablet Magazine online).

In any case, my best wishes for a wonderfully musical and inspiring 5774!

Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher

Religious School Administrator

We are off to a great start to the new school year!

Our computers have arrived and are being set up by Cantor Gordan. The computers will be kept in the Tasman Library, on two tables that the Religious School assisted in purchasing. The children can use the computers to enrich their Hebrew and Israel lessons—making their studies easier and fun at the same time!

The Friday Night Live committee has asked the Religious School to participate in the next Friday Night Live. Elana Stern has volunteered her 6th grade class, who will lead the Hora and several prayers in the service, and who will contribute some handmade decorations from the class. Please join us for a lovely evening October 18.

On Saturday, October 19, join Cantor Gordan for the Young Families Shabbat at 10:30, followed by lunch.

The following Shabbat (Saturday, October 26) is the first of three Saturday and two Friday night Religious School Family Services led by Cantor Gordan (again followed by a light lunch). This service for the whole family is geared towards people unfamiliar with the Shabbat morning service, but will also be comfortable for those who are familiar with the service. Please join us at 10:00 AM in the Lief Chapel. We are also looking for a family to present the D’var Torah in a fun way that morning; please let me know if you and your family are interested.

Our Chug Ivrit (Hebrew workshop) for students who would like extra help starts on Tuesday, October 15. The program runs from 6:15-7:30 and is led by Morah Ellen. There is a \$100 fee for the class, which lasts for 9 sessions and includes pizza for dinner.

Rabbi Kurshan will start the first Vav class family workshop on Sunday, October 20, with a discussion on important Bar/Bat Mitzvah information.



Cantor Gordan blows the zucchini shofar.

Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



Throughout my life, I heard the expression, “less is more” and it took me many years to understand the full meaning of this phrase. Having had the blessing of time to interact with my grandchildren, I have come to fully understand the depth of this expression. My grandchildren ask nothing of me when I am with them. Their only request of me is to be fully present in the moment while they pull me into their magical exploration of life. It was a challenge for me as a young parent to “slow down” my expectations of my own children and

myself as the urgency of society’s expectations howled at my door. I am no longer listening to the roar and I have come to a much better place in my life both personally and as an educator.

In a recent article I read about slowing life down, Dr. Don Monroe, a superintendent of several schools in Chicago, wrote or re-wrote the story of “The Three Pigs.” He told it as it should have been told to parents and children alike. This is the revised version as he wrote it in his article. “In the straw house, the pig is in a bit of a frenzy looking out the window, wondering if the wolf is at the door. While the house was easy to build, the activity in it is governed by a sense of urgency imposed by the outside worlds. Perhaps sticks are more secure, but outside dangers blow through the porous wall. The contented pig is reading by his stone fireplace—free to create a life relatively free of real world urgency. As houses tumble and as this porcine trio gathers safely behind brick walls, they collaborate creatively and, before you know it the wolf is the main ingredient in the stew rather than the menace at the door.”

The message in this version of the story is that as a society we need to get back to the comfort and security of uninterrupted time spent with our families. As the author states, this “enables us to assist young children to build a foundation of confidence, poise, self-knowledge and competence that will guide their successful development!” Classrooms at school and parents at large are too often moved to the rhythm of a sense of urgency that should be reduced or ignored in favor of the uninterrupted time needed to nurture healthy social and emotional development. As parents and teachers, we need to ask ourselves, are we over involving our children in too many activities or educational tasks because we feel the wolf at the door? Do we give the children enough alone “down time” to learn how to figure life out for themselves or are we too busy ourselves to impart the values, problem solving strategies and rules about life once set down in a nuclear family?

In a recent article written in Parents Magazine by Doug Most, the author states that we have listened to the outside world of what is best for our children too long and we have to get back to a slower, more gentle approach to parenting with fewer expectations of children at too early an age. Doug Most states, “after years of being told that hearing classical music in the womb will make them happier, showing the flash cards will make them smarter, learning soccer at age 3 will build better playing skills, reading at age 4 will pave the path to Harvard, and phew, all that multitasking will give children a competitive edge in the real world, many families are starting to wave the white flag.” Child rearing should not be a competitive sport. It should be a time given to children to just be children—not children spending time preparing to be adults.

Perhaps the current economic crisis will help parents rethink where

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they are spending their hard earned money. More parents are not able to sign their children up for extra -curricular activities or buy them every conceivable electronic toy on the market as years past. More families are realizing that there is great pleasure in spending time together and far more rewards for their child’s well-being. As parents, we need to take the time to lay down the kind of healthy social and emotional brick-by-brick foundation that will have far better results in a child’s development. This can’t be achieved if we have no time at home with our children to develop this. Hopefully, uninterrupted family time together with children will lead to their adulthood characterized by a balanced social and emotional well-being as well as self-confidence and responsible citizenship.

In a wonderfully developed grid in this article, Doug Most divided the activities of life in general for children, and families in two columns. One is headed “Go, Go, Go” and the other is headed “Slow, Slow, Slow.” Here are the activities in the “Go, Go, Go” column—skate, parks, X-box, screen time, fast food, enrichment class, resort vacation, helicopter moms, session with tutor, mad weekend dash, iPods. The “Slow, Slow, Slow” column looked like this—bike paths, board games, free time, local produce, story hour, camping trips, glider moms, visit with grandma, (I liked this one the best), lazy Sunday morning, sing and dance alongs. The comparison of both columns is striking. Childhood is a fleeting moment in time and unless parents step off the fast track, they will not give their children enough rich memories of childhood that will help sustain them in adulthood.

Both parents and educators should agree on setting up a well-balanced life for children that a strong foundation can be built on. We must go back in time where children are allowed to play outside without structured skill building. Let children come home from school and find ways to create a “down time” for themselves, after being structured with work, rules and regulations all day long. We need to create an environment in both the home and the classroom where we can observe just who our children really are and set up activities and challenges with this knowledge. The environment for children both at home and school should allow them to make choices, create understanding of their environment and allow them to demonstrate their newly acquired social, emotional and academic competence.

I am reminded of Simon and Garfunkel’s song that says, “Slow down, you move too fast, you got to make the morning last—just kicking down the cobblestones, looking for fun and feeling groovy...” Parents need to create a slower pace in their lives that will give them time to become the nuclear family that once existed. Let’s all get back to feeling “groovy” so families can have time to collaborate creatively life’s challenges just as the three pigs did. Each day should be measured in the collection of precious moments spent meaningfully while trying hard not to listen to the roar of the wolf at the door!



noted different things, since the service was more like that at HJC: how events and activities were publicized, the design of the Sisterhood Gift Shop windows, the way the ark looked. There were very helpful, descriptive brochures in the back of the pews describing the structure of services, the decorations and their meaning, and the history of the shul. I got a quizzical look from the rabbi, but did not meet him. Once again, I compared the experience to that at HJC.

What did I take away from these two experiences? A few things: one, some projects, like challah baking or the explanatory brochures, which are new and unusual, if they can serve a need within the community, can really help sustain a community. It also takes the passion and drive of one or two people who can push the effort. Second, and conversely, the importance of the community reaching out to new faces—by members or by clergy—is critical to serve as a foundation for community. I was acutely aware of how

often people did, or did not, introduce themselves or inquire about my presence.

So how does this relate to my experience over the High Holidays? Well, I think that we as a community have many blessings and rewards, and many things we might improve upon. I spoke on Kol Nidre about encouraging people to donate time, thought, and effort to HJC. I think we do well at many things: we have a wonderful clergy; we are an open, tolerant, and friendly congregation; we are connected to each other. There are also things I'd hope we can improve upon: the breadth of involvement across the synagogue, a few people more to spearhead an idea to see if it works. I'd rather be at HJC than anywhere else, but our job is to grow and strengthen our synagogue for the years to come—and that means not standing still and resting on our many laurels.

Bo nelech!



Something Old Something New

Save **Wednesday Oct 2**

for an introductory session on Jewish folklore (an only one of this kind). The program will be held in our newly refurbished library and conducted by **Dr. Milton Bloch**, an expert in Yiddish. He will introduce us to the Yiddish that has been integrated into the English language; the humor, music and discussion of the Yiddish **"gemitlikeit"**—so much more to follow. We have set up a Yiddish section in the library and hope this will be the beginning of your renewed connection to this wonderful legacy.

Please rsvp to renelevy7@gmail.com

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Sisterhood Fall Book Discussion



Monday, October 7th @11:30 am

To the End of the Land by David Grossman

From one of Israel's most acclaimed writers comes a novel of extraordinary power about family life - the greatest human drama - and the cost of war. Never have we seen so clearly the reality and surreality of daily life in Israel, the currents of ambivalence about war within one household, and the burdens that fall on each generation anew.

Please join us among friends as Micki Sokol leads a discussion of this rich imagining of a family in love and crisis and the emotional strains of war and family.

The book is available at Amazon.com and libraries as well as bookstores. Copies are also available in our newly opened Ben Tasman Library.

RSVP no later than October 1
Micki Sokol at mickisok@optonline.net

*As always, a light lunch will be served
Looking forward to seeing you!*



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Dear Fellow Congregant,

We are writing to invite your participation in the Chavurah (Fellowship) Project that we began two years ago under the auspices of the Huntington Jewish Center. A Chavurah is a small group of six to eight couples (singles) who meet together informally every month or two in participants' homes to discuss topics of Jewish interest.

The Huntington Jewish Center formed its first Chavurah more than forty years ago, and that Chavurah survives to this day along with five new Chavurot that grew out of the Chavurah Project two years ago. Those who participate are drawn to the Chavurah as a small community of individuals who enjoy discussing Jewish concerns and interests. It is an opportunity to build a sense of a warm community within a small group that is difficult to create in the larger mass of people who make up the Huntington Jewish Center community. A frequent by-product is a group of families who develop friendships and social connections with one another through their participation in the Chavurah.

Chavurot determine their own agendas and our role as chairs of this initiative is simply to launch the Chavurah and provide some beginning logistical support that will allow your Chavura to thrive on its own. A long term participant in an HJC Chavurah recently commented how the Chavurah has enriched her life: "Through my chavurah I have developed a core group of friends who share an interest in fostering and growing our Jewish knowledge and our connection to the Jewish community."

It has come to our attention that as a result of the success of our most recent Project, there may be others interested in joining a Chavurah. If you would be interested in joining a new Chavurah, please return the enclosed form to the synagogue office (Debbier@hjcny.org) or one of us before **Wednesday, October 30**. Please note that you can indicate others who are not currently in a Chavurah with whom you would like to participate although most of our Chavurot have been made up of people who did not previously know one another. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either of us. We hope you will want to participate in the Chavurah Project.

Sincerely,

Ellen Steinberg (ellen.steinberg728@gmail.com) and Kim Willen (kwillen@mac.com)
Co-Chairs, The Chavurah Project



Chavurah Response Form

Please return this form to the HJC Office
by Wednesday, October 30th

I would like to participate in a Chavurah group.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to have the following people/couples in my group:

Circle which group best represents you:

- Single
- Young family (with nursery school or elementary age children)
- Family with teens
- Couple without children
- Empty-nesters
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SUNDAY, NOV. 17 AT 4 PM; The Romantic Image
An artist's journey, searching for a place, searching for love. Schubert's Winterreise (selection), works by Mendelssohn and Beethoven and a short film, a visual journey, by Teresa Mular. With tenor Christopher Pfund and Nadejda Vlaeva, piano.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 4 PM My Lord Chamberlain's Consort in a delightful program with instrumental and vocal treasures from the Renaissance with lutes, harp, viol, percussion and voices. A narration "The Gaze of Gods"

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SUNDAY, FEBR. 23 AT 4 "Try me, good King" last words of the wives of King Henry VIII. Music and fashions from the Elizabethan era and Songs by American composer Libby Larsen. Elizabeth Ronan Silva, soprano; Christopher Morrongiello lute, with strings, piano, fashions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 AT 4 PM. A tribute to pianists Ursula Oppens and Jerome Lowenthal. *Piano Series III* These artists are not only celebrated musicians but also top piano teachers in New York, mentors of many great concert pianists. The program: music for piano solo and four-hands, including Mozart, Barber, Rochberg and Ravel's La Valse. An on-stage interview follows the concert.



SUNDAY, MAY 4 AT 4 PM Music for Picasso's Theater.
Picasso's involvement with theater is the least known aspect of his work. In Paris in the 1920's he collaborated with Satie, Ravel, DeFalla and Stravinsky in set design, costumes and objects. In Ridotto: Ravel's L'Eventail de Jeanne, Stravinsky's Suite Italienne and a revival of the absurdist ballet *Parade* by Satie. With piano, trumpet, flute, mime, film Narration is by Margaretha Maimone. Victoria Edgar stages *Parade*.

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