



HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION



by Rabbi Kurshan

The Last Sermon

I recently mentioned to a colleague who retired several years ago that I would be taking leave of my congregation in a year, and thus will be giving my final set of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur sermons this Fall. My colleague turned to me and said, "This will be a cathartic experience for you. You will be able to say everything you have always wanted to say and get it off your chest without having to worry about the consequences for years to come."

I thought about my colleague's comment, and it did not ring true for me. I have pretty much said what I have wanted to say in my Yamim Noraim sermons over the years. To the best of my knowledge I am harboring no pent-up emotions or any long simmering resentment. I don't feel like I have anything I have to get off my chest. It does not seem to me that in this last year the boundaries for what it is appropriate to address on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur have changed very

much.

Yet these yet-to-be-born-sermons—I am writing this column in mid-July—do have a different feel to them than my sermons of past years. I am asking myself this year what I want to say that I have not yet said? What will I regret not having said if I don't say it this year? What stories, what memories what insights will be forever left sitting in my files or the recesses of my mind if I don't share them this year? Given my sense that I have so much I still want to say, how will I winnow down all my feelings and thoughts into four half hour sermons? What final message do I want to leave with the congregation?

Although I write these words a full two months before the holidays, I find myself already reflecting on some broad themes. What have been the central values and themes that have shaped my rabbinate and my service in this congregation over the past three decades? What have I treasured about this congregation, and what will I miss the most? How does one let go and say good-bye in a constructive way that will allow all of us to move ahead confident in a future as yet undefined?

I never know quite what I am going to say over

the holidays until I put "pen to paper". This year perhaps the questions I want to address are a little more defined than in the past, but at this point the answers are not. I look forward to working with you as we make this transition together. I am confident that as we walk this path with one another, we will open the door to a great future at HJC and that we will sustain the legacy of all that we have accomplished together in the past.

Alisa and I wish the congregation a Shana Tova u'Metukah—May it be a healthy and sweet new year filled with many blessings.



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Tuesday, October 6th

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following services



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Number of adults attending _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

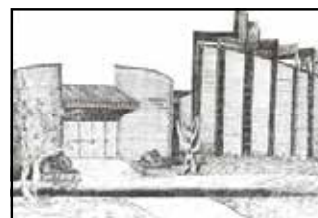
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 17 elul ECC Teacher Staff Orientation Meeting 9am RS Staff Meeting 4:15pm	2 18 elul Social Action Food Drive (Thru September 16)	3 19 elul Professional Staff Meeting 11:45am ECC Parent Orientation 7pm	4 20 elul Minyan Breakfast 8am Sponsored by Rene & Selma ECC Meet & Greet Israeli Oneg	5 21 elul Lion Messing Bar Mitzvah 9:30am Selichot Lecture 9:30pm K'l Tavo SELICHOT
6 22 elul JNN	7 23 elul LABOR DAY	8 24 elul 1st day ECC/Parent Assoc Welcome & Breakfast 9:30am 1st day RS 4:15pm EC Meeting 7:30pm	9 25 elul Sisterhood Silver Polishing 10am Social Action Meeting 2pm	10 26 elul Meditative Chant Prep 8pm BOT Meeting 6pm	11 27 elul	12 28 elul Nitzevim
13 29 elul RS Closed EREV ROSH HASHANAH	14 1 tishri Main Office Closed ECC Closed ROSH HASHANAH	15 2 tishri Main Office Closed ECC Closed RS Closed ROSH HASHANAH	16 3 tishri FAST OF GEDALIAH	17 4 tishri	18 5 tishri	19 6 tishri Marsha Perlmutter Kalina Sponsored Kiddush Vayefelech SHABBAT SHUVAH
20 7 tishri RS Parents Meeting 9am MC Meeting 9:15am RS / USY / Kadima Tashlich Learning 10am Tashlich Service 11am JNN	21 8 tishri Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm	22 9 tishri ECC Closed RS Closed KOL NIDRE	23 10 tishri Main Office Closed ECC Closed RS Closed YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR FALL BEGINS	24 11 tishri	25 12 tishri	26 13 tishri RS Paint Night Fundraiser 8:30 pm Ha'azinu
27 14 tishri RS Board Meeting 9:15am JNN EREV SUKKOT	28 15 tishri Main Office Closed ECC Closed SUKKOT	29 16 tishri Main Office Closed ECC Closed RS Closed SUKKOT	30 17 tishri INTERMEDIATE DAY			

HJC Family Connect event at Sweetbriar Nature Center on Sunday, May 17



View from the Director's Chair

by Barbara Axmacher



Summertime and the Living is Easy?

By all accounts, summertime typically conjures up visions of sun-filled days frolicking on the beach, lazy afternoons lounging in the hammock, and that well deserved vacation for all us hard working folk.

I recall a time, oh, about 4 months ago, at the end of a particularly brutal Long Island winter, when it was said “summer is coming and things quiet down”. As it turns out, I missed the summer thing - it went by so fast I didn’t even realize we had a summer, least of which one that was “quiet”.

Surprisingly, a (many thousand square foot) building filled with Summer Adventure campers, mini music enthusiasts and ZUMBA classes define quiet a little differently than I do! HJC actually came to life this summer – easing out of its winter slumber and energized by a steady stream of music, dance & exercise, water games, magic shows and the cutest rendition of a Chorus Line by a bunch of 2 year olds you’ve ever seen!

The Main Office welcomed visitors daily; we heard great stories of worldly travel, enjoyed visits from former congregants stopping by the


say hello and of course, kibbutzed with all our “regulars” who wander in and brighten even the dullest of days.

I took on a few more projects than I should have; fresh marketing material to create and produce, exciting new congregational Kiddush menus to plan, Bar/Bat Mitzvah’s to secure, a dazzling new program brochure debuting this High Holiday season and, of course, the virtually all-consuming day to day operation of our house, which I am proud to say, has remained in good stead despite it all.

And now upon us, the jewel in our crown, (or as I may come to know them), the High Holiday. Preparations come early and stay late and the importance of every detail is not lost on any of the office or custodial staff. We have worked together to plan, project and hopefully secure a peaceful welcoming of the New Year for us all.

I have seen two seasons here now at HJC, both full of vitality and the essence of good people trying to do better things. As Fall approaches, let this be the season you weave yourself into the fabric of HJC; volunteer some time, join a committee, attend an event and bring a friend along. It will do your heart good.

My best wishes to you and yours for a “quiet” New Year, replete with love and good health.



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AS WE PREPARE TO BID FAREWELL TO RABBI KURSHAN


THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 19: PANEL DISCUSSION - 8:00 PM
The American Synagogue: Past, Present, and Future

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 11: SHAVUOT TIKKUN - 9:30 PM
Rabbi Kurshan will teach his favorite Jewish texts.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 18: SHABBAT SERVICES & CELEBRATORY
KIDDUSH LUNCHEON - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 19: FAREWELL DESSERT RECEPTION - 7:00 PM

*God has told you what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice
and to love goodness; And to walk modestly with your God. ~ Micah 6:8*



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HJC Community News



CONDOLENCES

Nancy Cooper on the death of her mother, Joyce Berlow

Stuart Rothenberg on the death of his father, Bernard Rothenberg

Renda Rosenblatt on the death of her husband, Kenneth Rosenblatt

David Flanzenbaum on the death of his father, Sanford Flanzenbaum

Murry Schillinger on the death of his wife, Ann Schillinger

Syd Schlesinger on the death of her husband, Mike Schlesinger

Arnie & Randy Carter on the death of their father, Norman Carter

Helaine Levy on the death of her mother, Selma Goldstein

MAZAL TOV

Ellen & Newt Meiselman announce the birth of their grandson, Aaron Keith Meiselman

Joely & David Kleet announce the birth of their daughter, Georgia Gray

Maxine & Rob Fisher announce the birth of their granddaughter, Rayna Julia Pollack

Dale & Phil Mintz announce the engagement of their son, Dan, to Sarah Bogorad

Leslie & Jack Rubin announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Shoshana Roberts

NEW MEMBERS

Bill Yelen of Huntington Station

Eva Grubler of Huntington Station

Bar Mitzvah



Ilan Zachary Messing

son of Keith and Felicia Messing

Ilan is an eighth grade honor roll student at Oldfield Middle School. He can often be heard humming a tune from band, where he enjoys playing baritone. Ilan has a passion for understanding how the world works- scientifically, historically and economically. His most recent interests include robotics and building and programming electronics. Mom, Dad, Ben, and Gabriella are so proud of how much he has accomplished!

President's Perspective

by Allison Reiver



This has been an interesting summer. In late June we drove our youngest two boys (who are 18 and 19 years old) to the camp bus for their tenth summer at their beloved sleep-away camp. Once again we were looking forward to seven weeks of complete peace and quiet. However, literally straight from the camp bus we drove to South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside to wait for hours

while my father-in-law underwent surgery to repair a broken femur. The surgery was a success thank God, but he had to stay in the hospital for 10 days and is still in a rehabilitation facility and has had to undergo a second surgery. My husband, Mitch and I are the only family that my father-in-law has in New York, so every day has been filled with visiting (he dislikes the food so we are always armed with sandwiches and Ben's Deli), meetings with his rehab team, and thinking about where he will go after rehab (his current home in Woodmere has at least 6 steps to get to every level, including IN the front door).

Our time has come where we are now caring not only for our children but also for our parents. Between us we have five parents and step parents, a true blessing but soon to be a challenge as they all enter their 80's. This summer Nabisco came out with a new Oreo cookie called "Nabisco Light," one with less cream in the middle supposedly to attract adults. The analogy of our age group being the cream in the middle with our aging parents on one side and our young adult children on the other is even more fitting now as it feels like there is less of us to go around. We suddenly have become part of the "sandwich" generation (I was just a helicopter mom-where did the time go?) I have been anticipating this for years and have recently even started preparing for it as best we can. I had the good fortune to take a Wise Aging class in the Spring led by Elaine Kleinmann. We learned how to face the challenges ahead with authenticity and grace. Last month UJA offered an event where experts provided education on the many choices that lie ahead with our elderly parents. But still, the anticipation, and now the reality, is a bit daunting. We are totally responsible for a father who a few months ago was living on his own, driving to meet his friends at the diner or for a movie, and enjoying his independence. Now we are trying to decide if an assisted living facility or an apartment is the right fit for a man who is beginning to fail physically but is 110% mentally capable. And all this while he tries to wrap his head around the fact that his home in Woodmere for more than 40 years, to which he is totally attached, most likely will have to be sold (and that we will be

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Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and we look forward to a year of exciting programs with friends, old and new!

The HJC Sisterhood continues to be a proud sponsor of many of the important events and activities that occur at HJC. Here are just a few...

*We send delicious and fun packages to our former students who are now in college in the USA and abroad. Our collegian program keeps our college students connected and in touch with the HJC community.
(Please contact Patricia Schoeffler: 423-4866/pscot@optonline.net)

*We sponsor interesting discussion programs, book talks and craft nights. This year we will be highlighting the stories of Jewish women from our congregation who have grown up in other countries.

*We sponsor the Taste of Passover Program (a social evening of wine and food tastings)

*We sponsor the baking of Hamentashen for HJC's Purim baskets and students

*We prepare sponsored Saturday kiddushes for the congregation

*We work with and support other committees and groups of HJC to bring interesting programs to our shul

Join Us!

Support the Sisterhood of HJC!
SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10/28
SISTERHOOD PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Come meet, mingle and enjoy a great dinner and program.
\$45 for regular membership: \$30 for senior membership.
New members of HJC receive a complimentary first year membership to the Sisterhood.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00am - Silver Polishing. Help polish and shine the Torah ornaments and crowns. Please contact Janet Kushnick: 271-8803/marttrial@aol.com

Monday, September 21st at 8 PM - Sisterhood Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28th - Paid-up membership Dinner

October 29th & 30th - Drop off dates for Fall Rummage Sale

Please remember the Sisterhood Judaica Shop for all your holiday and gift needs.

As we usher in the New Year, we wish all of our Sisterhood members, HJC congregants and all of your respective families a Sweet, Happy and Healthy 5776.

Sisterhood Contacts:

Donna Fleiss - donna.fleiss@gmail.com

Miriam Wirchin - mirm1225@aol.com



Public Messenger

by Hazzan Israel Gordan



The most visible part of my job (but by no means the only part of it) is as the leader of prayer. As a Hazzan, it is my job to lead services on Shabbat, holidays, and the High Holidays. In Hebrew, the term is “Shaliach Tzibbur” which is most commonly translated as public messenger. As we approach a new Jewish year, I wanted to take a few moments to explore what that actually means and how our tradition of worship “works.”

While Jews can pray at any time in any place, the act is supposed to

be a communal one. Even on Yom Kippur when we are atoning for our sins, almost the entire liturgy is expressed in the first person plural. Ashamnu means “we have sinned” not “I have sinned.” There are many prayers that require a minyan, or a quorum of ten Jewish adults to be recited, as a way to emphasize the importance of community when attempting to communicate with God.

But not everyone knows how to pray. Many people don’t know Hebrew, can’t follow along, or aren’t used to the various traditions and rituals associated with Jewish prayer: hence the Shaliach Tzibbur or “public messenger.” For those who don’t say the words for oneself, the obligation to pray can be fulfilled by listening and paying attention to the person who is leading. Saying Amen to a b’rakhah is seen as serious as having said the b’rakhah for oneself.

In practical terms, this may sound a bit strange, but to me, it is what I dedicate my life’s work to. On any given day that I am leading services, there is a delicate balance of my personal thoughts and feelings, the words on the page, the notes to be sung, the feelings in the room, and the effort to keep God at the center of everything that I am doing. While there may be things that distract me or other events going on, it is my job to stay focused on the task at hand, and I take that job very seriously. All the more so on the high holidays when there is much more liturgy to get through and much of it is only recited three days a year.

The effort to stay focused on the page can be challenging in several ways. Recently I had an experience on Shabbat morning that really touched me. I was leading services and my son was in the chapel. He was upset and wanted me to come with him, but I couldn’t since I was in the middle of the repetition of the Amidah. While he did not make much noise, he was pulling on my hand and the tzitzit on my tallit in a way that could have been very distracting to me and others.

As I was leaving the HJC after services and Kiddush, a congregant remarked not that he was distracted, but something else entirely: that the site of seeing my son pulling on my hand and tzitzit during the Amidah was very moving to him and a genuine display of Godly love. I hope that we can all look at things with such divine inspiration and optimism in the year to come. Shanah Tovah.

Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher

Religious School Administrator

It’s hard to believe that the summer is just about over. My husband Rob and I had the most amazing summer adventure that I would like to share with you.

Our daughter, Sara and son in law Melvin were waiting to adopt a baby. On Father’s Day, June 21st (they were married 12 years ago on Father’s Day) they received the call that the birth mom was in labor in Iowa and they had 24 hours to get there. They flew out on the next flight in time to greet Rayna Julia into the world. Rob and I realized they would have to fly back with this newborn and we just looked at each other and said let’s take a drive to Iowa and meet our new granddaughter.

It was the most memorable trip for us. First off, we celebrated our 40th anniversary while driving out to Iowa. We have traveled out west before but we always flew. It was very interesting to see middle America. All the small towns and all you see for as far as the eye can see, are corn fields. We acquired a new appreciation for how magnificent and glorious our country is.

It took us three days to finally hold Rayna in our hands.

The next day we loaded up our car (now the 5 of us) and headed to northern Virginia where the kids reside. Again what beauty we saw and were able to share with our children and grandchild. It is a memory Rob and I will always cherish.

I hope all of you had a relaxing summer.

Now back to the real world.

Religious School starts on **Tuesday, September 8th** for Alef through MitzvahTeam.

The next time we meet is **Sunday, September 20th** and that is when Gan starts. We have a very busy morning on the 20th. At 9:00 we have a parent orientation . We would like everyone to attend. At 10:00 Cantor Gordan will have a parent workshop on Tashlich. Which means cast off.

At 11:00 we will all meet in the parking lot and walk across the street to cast off our sins into the brook. Don’t forget to bring any leftover challah from Rosh Hashanah.

On **Sunday, September 27th** we will have our 1st religious School Committee meeting. At 9:15. All are welcome.

Rob and I want to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah and a healthy and sweet New Year.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Huntington Jewish Center invites you to our
Second Annual Progressive Dinner*



**SATURDAY EVENING,
 DECEMBER 19 AT 7:00 PM**

Do you remember the lovely evening last year
 with friends old and new?

Oh, you missed it – well don't miss it again!

Great food, Wonderful company, Entertainment, Raffles & More....
 Details coming soon!

Cost: \$54 per person

We hope you will participate in this excellent "Fun"d - Raiser.
 You won't be sorry!

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOST CHEFS FOR THE
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If you wish to host a dinner, please contact:
 Susi Susskind 631.424.5360 or hssusski@optonline.net

*A PROGRESSIVE DINNER is an occasion where you will be invited
 to someone's home for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a kosher dinner.

HJC Babysitters:

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	cell: 631-871-1477
Rachel Moss	cell: 631-944-1420
Noah Morris	cell: 631-427-4798.

**Babysitters - email your current information to
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THE MELTING POT COMEDY HOUR.
 SO FUNNY, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT YOU!

**Thursday Evening
 November 19, 2015**

8PM

\$54 pp

Raffles / Cash Bar

From the Rabbi's Search Committee

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Parlor Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Capacity	Location
TH	8/27 8:00 pm	20	Elaine & Walter Kleinmann, 61 Hartman Hill Road, Huntington
SU	8/30 10:00 am	40	HJC
TH	9/3 8:00 pm	20	HJC
W	9/9 8:00 pm	20	HJC
TH	9/10 8:00 pm	20	Jen & Scott Ingber, 39 Old Hills Court, Greenlawn
SU	9/20 1:30 pm	40	HJC
F	9/25 10:00 am	20	HJC
TH	10/1 1:30 pm	20	Vicki and Arthur Perler, 125 Ira Road, Syosset

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FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN THE ROUND
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October 16, 2015

Come for the service at 6:00 pm /Stay for dinner at 7:00 pm

Chicken/salmon meal * vegetarian options * supervised
children's table
\$25/adult, \$10/child 5-12, child under 5 free,
\$70 max /family

RSVP to Debbie in the front office by Monday, October 12, 2015
or watch your email for a link to sign up on line

RSVP's after November 17 add \$2 per person to posted prices

Sign up for HJC Sisterhood holiday packages for your college student today!

Forms available in the HJC office: fill out and return
by September 1 and mark your envelope
"College Packages"

**For any questions, please contact Patricia
Schoeffler at 631-423-4866**

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the ones in our "spare time" to clean it out).

During our Wise Aging class, Elaine encouraged us to journal our thoughts. I was never a diary keeper, and was not able to sit down and write in a journal. I guess this column is doubling as my journal and I hope that if you too are going through this, that it helps to know you have company. I wouldn't want it any other way than to be blessed with five parents in their 80's. They offer a dimension to our family that is irreplaceable. They have given to and taken care of us for so long; it is now our turn.

HJC's FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE



Lulav and Etrog

Sukkot is right around the corner.
Order your lulav and etrog through the
HJC office –

\$40 for a Deluxe set
\$30 for a Standard set*



* NOTE: The only difference between the sets is the quality of the etrog (blemishes, imperfections and shape). All sets have an authenticated kosher certificate from Israel. The lulav is the same, regardless of which set you choose.



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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name _____
Telephone _____
e-mail** _____

**All communication about the order will be sent by e-mail unless otherwise requested.

PICK UP OPTIONS:

Shipment will arrive at HJC on Thursday, September 24th and Sukkot begins the evening of Sunday, September 27th.

_____ I will pick up my order during the designated pick up time on Sunday, September 27th between 11am and 12:15pm

_____ I will pick up my order, on my own, at another time (pick up instructions will be emailed separately)

_____ I would like to make special pick up arrangements (you will be contacted to set up pick up time)

MY ORDER:

_____ Deluxe set(s) @ \$40 each
_____ Standard set(s) @ \$30 each

PAYMENT:

Please send your form and payment to the HJC office
Enclosed is a check, payable to HJC, for \$ _____
Contact the office to pay by credit card

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sheri Bram at 631-424-0324 or sbram@optonline.net

Early Childhood News

by Ilene Brown



A Very Busy and Productive Summer

This summer has been a busy and productive one. Our Summer Adventure program was a huge success and we welcomed many new families to our ECC for the summer. The children had the best time playing in the sprinkler, water tables, playgrounds and games that all of us grew up playing. They were treated to special sports classes, magicians, character day, Olympics, carnivals, DJ Disco day and so much

more. It truly is a “feel good” environment and the kids could not be happier.

Amidst this wonderful summer came the renewal of our licensing for the ECC. After endless hours of preparation, forms, training, and countless documents, I am pleased to report that we have officially renewed our license with NY State Office of Children and Family Services. I am fortunate to have a wonderful staff of educators who worked diligently alongside me to have such a successful renewal. I also must extend a big thank you to Barbara Axmacher who was able to provide me with the many forms needed for our building inspection.

At this point, I am so happy to report that we have 18 new families joining the ECC. Our two Toddler classes are almost full. We opened a second 3 year old class due a high enrollment and we have even have two Pre-K classes. Our increased enrollment can be attributed to a few factors. One is our dedicated and talented educators. They have endless amounts of enthusiasm, patience and love for the children of the ECC. Another factor is our incredible families of the ECC who have referred friends to us and have praised our program on various social media groups. I cannot begin to thank my staff and these parents for their support and kindness. Looking forward to a very exciting, busy and productive year.



Spotlight on...

The Huntington Jewish Center is embarking on a new project that we hope you will embrace. The Storytelling Project is designed to give everyone in our congregation an opportunity to share his or her personal story. For more information or to get involved, please contact: **Nancy Cooper: 516-356-7109** or email: nancyberlow@gmail.com



Neil and Alisa Kurshan

Rabbi Neil Kurshan's first pulpit was at Temple Beth Israel in Port Washington, where he spent seven years. Then, exactly thirty years ago, the Kurshan family found their way to HJC. The connection for the rabbi and Huntington Jewish Center was firm from the start.

Rabbi Kurshan remembers a "typical childhood" in NJ in a conservative Jewish home. After Neil graduated from Princeton University he pursued a doctorate in education at Harvard University. While loving education, and teaching American Civilization, Neil felt a spiritual void both in his students who were yearning for something more, and within himself. As he searched for a deeper connection to Judaism, he realized that rabbinical studies were to be his next step. It wasn't long before Neil understood that becoming a rabbi was a perfect career choice.

Alisa grew up in Wantagh in a family steeped in conservative Judaism, her father a rabbi, and her mother a homemaker. Alisa was certain that she wanted a different path for herself. She was a math major at Barnard College, and pursued an additional degree at JTS in Talmud. In search of community, she spent Shabbatot at JTS. It was there that she and Neil met during her sophomore year. They were married a year later.

The Kurshans had busy lives as a young married couple. Neil was a student rabbi in Rockland County for two years. Alisa taught high school math at the Fieldston School. Ilana, their eldest child, was born a few days after Neil was ordained as a rabbi. Soon after, the young family moved to Congregation Beth Israel in Port Washington. Both Naamit and Ariella were born there. Towards the end of his tenure at Beth Israel, Neil was offered a contract to write a book based on a High Holiday sermon. *Raising Your Child to be a Mensch* was completed soon after he moved to Huntington.

In December 1984, Neil had his first interview at HJC. He felt an immediate connection, and thought it would be a good fit. So, did the HJC search committee. The Kurshans moved to Huntington in the summer of 1985.

They faced some physical challenges during their first few months in Huntington. Naamit broke her arm in the synagogue playground on their first Yom Kippur! Alisa describes waiting for many hours in the emergency room at Huntington Hospital that day since all the doctors were in shul! Their "custom-built" home did not yet have lawn or driveway when Hurricane Gloria hit and they had no power for two weeks. By their first Thanksgiving, in November 1985, everything felt right and Naamit agreed to finally unpack her suitcase.

These challenges were quickly overcome and, for Neil and Alisa, there have been many highlights during their thirty years in the HJC community. With his strong background in education, the rabbi was keen on creating educational opportunities for congregants. He achieved this goal through programs like Hebrew literacy, Shabbat literacy, the Spirituality Institute, five adult Bat Mitzvah classes, to name a few.

Alisa and Neil led five congregational trips to Israel. They describe these excursions as enormously fulfilling for themselves as educators and for the congregants who

participated. These were shared 24/7 love-of-Israel events leading to powerful community building experiences.

Alisa is proud of all the years they hosted the Shavuot Tikkun at their house. This meant that Alisa baked 35 cheesecakes – "seems unfathomable!" They also hosted lunch with home-made cholent in their sukkah for Shabbat Sukkot. Alisa also taught Learners' Minyan on Shabbat mornings. This was all before Alisa starting working full-time at UJA-Federation.

While the Kurshan children were young, Alisa taught Hebrew school at Temple Beth Sholom in Roslyn, at Prozdor in LI and at Camp Ramah. Alisa started the Family Education Program at Temple Beth Sholom in Roslyn and was an active volunteer at the Solomon Schechter Day School. This all led Alisa on a search to improve Jewish education. At her family's strong urging, Alisa became a full-time student as a Wexner Fellow and received her masters and doctorate in Jewish policy making at JTS. In the course of her studies, Alisa interned at the UJA. Twenty-one years later, as Executive Vice President of Community Planning and Agency Resources, she continues to love what she does there. They both describe Alisa's work in the Jewish community as "macro," while Neil's work at HJC is the "micro" counterpart.

As a family, the Kurshans loved celebrating their children's smachot at HJC. Alisa describes Ilana's Bat Mitzvah as "an incredible transcendent experience" when they experienced so much warmth and support from the community. All their children feel the warmth and love from HJC and have found ways in their now-adult lives to reinforce similar experiences and bonds in their respective Jewish communities. During sadder times, Alisa and Neil each felt embraced by the support the HJC community extended to them – when Alisa's parents died more than 20 years ago, two years apart, and more recently, when the rabbi's parents died within months

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of each other.

Over the last thirty years, Neil and Alisa have witnessed much growth in the community. There is greater involvement of children of all ages on Shabbat, including Nitzanim and junior congregation. The "Shabbat under the Stars" and "Minyan in the Park" events are now part of the annual calendar. "Friday Night Live" grew out of input from the community. "The Wise Aging Project" is another program that Rabbi Kurshan initiated. He feels that the community itself has been open to team projects that support innovative and cutting edge approaches to Jewish life. Rabbi Kurshan's Torah Teasers started as an experiment when he first came to HJC, pre-Internet. He is pleased at the way it has developed and shaped congregational communication during Shabbat morning service and through email exchanges.

Neil does not yet know what the future will hold post-retirement. Alisa will continue to work for the UJA. The rabbi acknowledges that there will be significant changes: his home, his community and his profession. And he is keen to point out that he has been enormously fulfilled and passionate about what he has done during the last thirty years.

Huntington Jewish Center has been extraordinarily fortunate to have the Kurshans as part of this community for all these years. It is an understatement to say they will be missed. We hope that Neil, Alisa, Ilana and her family, Naamit and her family, Ariella and her family, and Eytan and his family will always feel welcome here as their lives branch out beyond this physical space.

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