

# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

### **President's Perspective**

by Allison Reiver



#### "The Jewish Holidays are so Late this Year"

We Jews are often heard saying "the holidays are late (or early) this year." Due to the Jewish leap year, Rosh Hashanah is actually three weeks later this year than last year. And I happen to think this works well for us here at HJC, as well as for me personally. For one thing, it is providing Rabbi Barnett and Cantor Gordan, as well as Joel Kuppersmith, our High Holiday Honors chair, ample time to prepare for the days to come.

For another, having the holidays in October provides us with a real physical separation between the days of summer and the Days of Awe. On September 10, the thermometer soared to over 90 degrees with the real feel temperature at almost 100. But as I write this days later, the days are now comfortably warm and the nights are cool. The days are getting shorter, and the nights longer. Every day is a bit cooler and darker than the day before, a sure sign that the summer is behind us. Another sign is the parking

lot at Cold Spring Harbor train station. I have been measuring my summers for the past 20 years by the number of cars in the parking lot as I pass by almost every day. Come the end of June, the lot is not quite as crowded as it usually is. As the summer progresses, more and more

spots are available as families travel to the mountains. to the shores, or to their backyards for a "staycation." By the end of August, the lot is only half full as we try to cram in those last picnics and barbecues. But the week after Labor Day, there is no available parking. The summer fun is behind us and we are busier with our jobs and our commitments. Our children and grandchildren are back to school and our schedules are more demanding. The light starts to fade as we move through the month of Elul. Our carefree summer days are replaced with days of solemnity and reflection as we prepare for Rosh

Hashanah and Yom Kippur and our return to God.

The entire Reiver family, Mitch, Andrew, Lee, Dan and I, would like to wish each of you and your loved ones L'Shanah Tovah-Happy New Year!

#### רילשת **Communal ווֹץ (/Tashlich**\*



Rabbi Barnett, Cantor Gordan and Maxine Fisher invite all HJC men, women, teens and children to take part in a communal tashlich program. Songs, meditations, prayers, study and bread throwing are geared to all ages and will be enhanced by everyone's participation.

#### WHEN: Sunday, October 9th, 10:00 am SHARP!

Please be on time so that there is one less thing to atone for this season!

#### WHERE: HJC, Rear parking lot.

We will head to the Sabbath Day Park Brook all together, please park before  $10:00~{\rm am}$  at HJC.

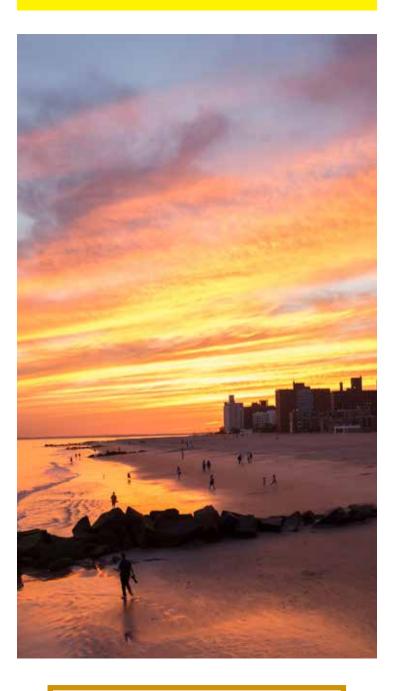
**WHAT TO BRING:** Any left over Rosh Hashanah challah! *Don't worry if it's stale!* 

#### THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PLEASE NOTE:

- There is <u>no</u> Religious School (Columbus Day Weekend) We will meet as a group and walk across the street to the Sabbath Day Park Brook (HJC's tashlich spot) together. We will cross at the traffic light, a safety escort will be provided.
- Afterwards, take advantage of participating at the Long Island Fall Festival at Heckscher Park

\*in Hebrew בילשת, tashlich means "to throw" or "cast off"

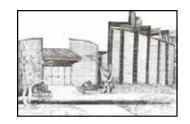
# L'shanah Tovah





Thank you to all who were a honey and participated in HJC's Honey Fundraiser.

Approximately \$1000 was raised for HJC!



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# October

elul tishri



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PLEASE NOTE!						28 elul
October 24 - ECC/Main Office Closed Simchat Torah Services - Temple Beth EI - 7 pm						Nitzavim
29 elul	3 1 tishri	4 2 tishri	5 3 tishri	6 4 tishri	7 5 tishri	8 6 tishri
JNN RS Closed	ECC / Main Office Closed	ECC / Main Office Closed			Minyan Breakfast - 8 am sponsored by Selma Greenstein	
EREV Rosh hashanah	ROSH HASHANAH	ROSH HASHANAH	FAST OF GEDALIAH	EC Meeting - 7:30 pm		Vayelech SHABBAT SHUVAH
9 <sup>7 tishri</sup>	10 8 tishri	11 9 tishri	12 10 tishri	13 11 tishri	14 12 tishri	15 13 tishri
JNN RS Closed Tashlich Service - 10am Long Island Fall Festival	COLUMBUS DAY		ECC / Main Office Closed			
Heckscher Park - 11 am	CANADIAN THANKSGIVING	RS Closed KOL NIDRE	YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR			Ha'a zinu
16 14 tishri	17 15 tishri	18 <sup>16 tishri</sup>	19 17 tishri	20 <sup>18 tishri</sup>	21 19 tishri	22 <sup>20 tishri</sup> 🕅
JNN RS / RS Board Meeting SH Sukkot Zhavah - Noon Hunt Lib. Prg - 2 pm	ECC / Main Office Closed	ECC / Main Office Closed RS Closed	SH Board Meeting - 8pm	Men's Club - Burger & Brew in the Booth - 6:30pm Board Meeting - 8 pm		
EREV SUKKOT	SUKKOT	SUKKOT	INTERMEDIATE DAY	INTERMEDIATE DAY	INTERMEDIATE DAY	CHOL HAMOED
23 <sup>21 tishri</sup> Å	24 SHEMINI ATZERET	25 <sup>23 tishrii</sup> W	26 24 tishri	27 <sup>25 tishri</sup>	28 <sup>26 tishri</sup> Å	29 <sup>27 tishri</sup> 🕅
HOSHANAH RABBAH	YIZKOR	ECC / Main Office Closed Simchat Torah Luncheon				Bar Mitzvah - 9:30 am Joshua Balin
30 <sup>28 tishri</sup>	31 <sup>29 tishri</sup>	Vezot Habrachah		SH Paid-up Dinner - 6:30 pm		Jr Cong - 10:30 am
JNN -RS/USY-MC Hike - Ridotto		SIMCHAT TORAH				Bere shit



### From Rabbi Barnett

Interim Rabbi



#### "Seek and Ye Shall Find"

Of necessity, we create habits and shortcuts to save us time and energy in our lives, and to increase our efficiency and ability to cope with the diversity and immensity of life's challenges. To a degree, this is all well and good. Think of how overwhelming even a

simple shopping experience would be in a large grocery store without certain habits and routines that we've integrated into our regimen, so that certain things can be as routine as possible. Again, to a certain extent this is healthy and productive; however, to the extent that it preempts us from paying attention to new visions and opportunities, it can not only be counterproductive, but also impair our ability to gain and experience new meanings and opportunities in life.

I'd like to go from an analogy in the physical sense to the metaphorical. A case in point could be our presence in our High Holy Day and Festival services. Whether one comes three times a year, or even attends minyan on a daily basis, upon recognizing the hidden and the novel, new worlds of meaning can open up to us. You may sometimes have paid attention to the drawings in the newspaper with hidden objects, or changes from one picture to the other. Likewise, one of our congregants informed me that to the best of his recollection, the tapestry on the right hand side of the sanctuary, created by artistic, loving, and dedicated members of the sisterhood back in 1976, according to the dedication plaque, has never been written about in a bulletin article. It would be possible to attend services, recognize that the prayers are basically the same, that the pews look the same, and even feel that one was "enduring" the longer attendance at services just because it was the "traditional thing to do", or "habit", without noticing anything new, novel, or different. Yet, in looking closely at this beautiful tapestry, I counted at least fifteen "hidden" objects of meaning, any one of which could trigger, if one was spiritually attuned, an entire array of memories of past and potentially future personal and communal Jewish experiences. Each of these new or rediscovered experiences could have hundreds of associated feelings, thoughts, and memories associated with them, rendering tremendous meaning that could be sensed and be integrated into the story of one's life.

### **HJC Community News**



#### **MAZAL TOV**

Barbara & Joel Kuppersmith announce the marriage of their son, David, to Jessica Silverman.

#### CONDOLENCES

Ethel Rothenberg on the death of her husband, Rabbi Tobias Rothenberg

Marty Rosenblatt on the death of his mother, Ruth Rosenblatt.

Marilyn Johnson on the death of her mother, Mildred Berk.

Gloria Safran on the death of her sister, Anita Gelberg.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Roy & Susan Glaser of Lloyd Harbor.

Richard Levine of Huntington Station and his son,

Joshua, age 11.

Christopher & Gabrielle Kirby of Cold Spring Harbor and their daughter, Cressida, age 2.

Dan & Janie Pashman of Greenlawn and their children; Becky, age 5 ½ and Emily, age 3.

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#### **HUNTINGTON HOUSES OF WORSHIP**, Sunday,

October 16, 2:00 pm at the Huntington Public Library. The Huntington Jewish Center has a unique and colorful history, which in addition to its longevity, sets it apart from other suburban congregations. Originally founded as the Huntington Hebrew Congregation of Huntington on March 6, 1907, our multi-generational synagogue community remains rich in Jewish tradition and stands proudly as the oldest synagogue in Huntington Township. Join us as we recount the highlights of our congregation's wonderful 109 year history for this unique program hosted by the Huntington Public Library.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Peaceful \* Musical \* Spirited

Family Friendly Shabbat
FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN THE ROUND
CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT MEAL
Honoring all of our HJC Veterans



## **November 11, 2016**

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

chicken/salmon/beef/vegetarian options
 supervised children's table

\$25/adult, \$10/child 5-12, child under 5 free, \$70 max/family

RSVP to Debbie in HJC office by Monday, November 7,2016 or watch your email to sign up on line

RSVPs after November 7,2016 add \$3 per person to posted prices

#### View from the Director's Chair by Barbara Axmacher





I am a thinker. I think about things. Sometimes my thoughts are fleeting and I am quickly on to the next thought (because there always is one) and sometimes my thoughts linger, either soothing me or terrorizing me! I tend to maintain a steady stream of consciousness; that's not to say I think about the same thing over and over again, but rather I think about all things in the same

manner so I have the best handle on my inner dialogue and not surprise myself when my thoughts turn to actions.

The New Year is always of time of reflection but I realize as I age and gain life experience that reflecting (thinking) more frequently serves me better and in turn serves those who I serve better; my family, my friends and my congregation.

We all have an internal mechanism that propels us forward; it helps us get out of bed in the morning, to present ourselves in the best light, to take ownership for our actions and to live decent, law-abiding, fulfilling lives. We work hard to be good and strive to be better. We hope to be heard, to make a difference, to be appreciated. We are thankful. Appreciative. Fortunate.

The end of each day at HJC is a source of reflection for me. I engage daily in innumerable conversations and intersect with so many people; co-workers, congregants, vendors. In person, over the telephone, via email. Did I get everything done I wanted to do? Think. Was I accommodating? Think. Did I smile? Think. Can I do it better tomorrow? Think.

During this particular time of the year, in anticipation of the High Holidays, preparations come early and stay late and the importance of every detail of my day is heightened. The office and custodial staff work together to plan, project and secure a peaceful welcoming of the New Year for us all. That effort is not lost on me; I am thankful. Appreciative. Fortunate.

With fall upon us, 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. Be thankful to be a part of such a wonderful Jewish community. Be appreciative of your family and friends. You are fortunate.

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

#### Join Us! **Support the Sisterhood of HJC!** SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, 10/27 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 to HJC receive a complimentary Sisterhood membership for their first year.

Join Sisterhood as a Z'havah member! \$40 for Z'havah membership. Z'havah is a way for younger women to affiliate and engage within the synagogue community.

Please return your membership envelopes and/or bring your payment to our Membership Dinner. Hope to see you all there!

#### **!Get Involved With Sisterhood!**

We always need volunteers to help staff events, assist in the kitchen for Shabbat Kiddushes, and help with fundraising and programs.

Volunteering is a good way to meet people and become an active member at HJC.

#### **Upcoming Events**

October 16<sup>th</sup> - Sukkot Z'havah Program @ 12pm

October 19<sup>th</sup> - Sisterhood Board Meeting

October 27<sup>th</sup> - Paid-up Membership Dinner

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** - Drop off dates for Fall Rummage Sale November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Rummage Sale – Volunteers needed!

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** - Floral Decorating from the White House

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Museum Trip

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Sisterhood Board Meeting

November 17<sup>th</sup> - Book Discussion @ 1pm

A Remarkable Kindness by Diane Bletter

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 5777.

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

#### Sisterhood Contacts:

Donna Fleiss - donna.fleiss@gmail.com Miriam Wirchin - mirm1225@aol.com

#### Women's League Torah Fund

To commemorate the 100th year of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the 75th year of the Torah Fund Campaign, the Torah Fund pin for 5777 features the wheat and olive branches. We celebrate women's achievements through creativity- the fruit of her hands in the family, workplace, home, synagogue and community.

The mission of Torah Fund is to provide support and funding for our future Conservative Rabbis, Cantors, Educators and Administrators for Day and Synagogue Schools, Social Workers, Scholars, Professional and Lay Leaders and Researchers. Our donations make it possible for students to study at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes of Judaic Studies, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany. Donations start at \$18. Please send a check payable to Torah Fund and send to Huntington Jewish Center attention Torah Fund. If you would like to receive the 5777 Torah Fund pin as our gift to you for your generous support, please contact Evelyn Abraham or Ethel Sachs for more information

#### Torah Fund Pin for 5777 (2016-2017)



P'ri yadehah, which means the fruit of her hands, is a phrase from the beloved Eishet Chayil prayer, taken from the Book of Proverbs (31:31).

#### **HJC Babysitters:**

Grace Willen home:631-754-5865

cell: 631-871-1477

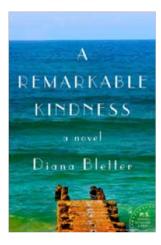
 Rachel Moss
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 home:631-754-2729

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Babysitters - email your current information to put here! Please send your updated information to kwillen@mac.com include your current home and cell numbers



#### **Fall Book Discussion**

Join us for coffee/tea and dessert for the Sisterhood Fall Book Discussion on Thursday November 17th at 1 PM in the HJC Library. Ellen Kahn will be leading the discussion.

A Remarkable Kindness by Diane Bletter is the selection for our Fall Book Discussion. 'It's 2006 in a seaside village in Israel, where a war is brewing. Lauren, Emily, Aviva and Rachel, four memorable women from different backgrounds, are drawn to the village. The women forge a friendship that sustains them as they come to

terms with love and loss, and the outbreak of war. Their intimate bond is strengthened by their participation in a traditional ritual that closes the circle of life. As their lives are slowly transformed, each finds unexpected strength and resilience. Copies of the book are available on Alibris, Half. Com, Amazon and Barnes and Noble websites, at local libraries and a copy is in the HJC Library.

Please RSVP to Evelyn Abraham at 631 424-6922 or evelyn\_abraham@optonline.net by 11/15/2016.

#### **MOMS & KIDS:**

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#### Join us for another Z'havah\* event!



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What: Pizza and Sukkah Decorating

When: Sunday, 10/16 @ 12:00pm (immediately following Religious School)

Where: In the HJC Sukkah

We will be gathering in the Sukkah for a pizza lunch and a FUN hour

of creating and hanging decorations in the Sukkah!

\*Z'havah is a way for younger women to gather and affiliate within their synagogue community

Please RSVP to Donna Fleiss by 10/13 donna.fleiss@gmail.com/631-385-7850

YOU MUST RSVP FOR THIS EVENT. NO WALK-INS.

This event is sponsored by HJC Sisterhood

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## What a Difference a Week Makes!

by Hazzan Israel Gordan



It's funny to write in the middle of September, for publication at the beginning of October, about the first week in September. But that is exactly what I intend to do in this column to illustrate how much life can change over the course of one week. The week that ran from Tuesday, September 6th through Monday, September 12th was filled with monumental change for my family and me and shows how quickly life changes from summer mode to the rest of the vear.

Although the autumnal equinox did not occur until Thursday, September 22nd, Labor Day marked the unofficial last day of summer. The day after Labor Day, my daughter Noa had her first day of first grade. Going back to school is always a momentous occasion for any person, and all the more so for beginning first grade! The next day, was the first day of the semester for my wife teaching at the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. My wife is teaching two sections of the same course that meet every Monday and Wednesday throughout the semester.

That coming Sunday was not only the first day of religious school at the Huntington Jewish Center and the 15th anniversary of September 11th, but also the day on which my sister, brother, and I threw a surprise party in honor of our parents' 45th wedding anniversary (celebrated on September 5th). We all drove up to Massachusetts and back in one day in order to celebrate with them and many of their friends on such a joyous occasion.

Finally, the next day, Monday, September 12th was the first day of the school year for the HJC's Early Childhood Center. Not only did Eli start the 4s, but Maya had her very first day of Nursery School in the 2s! After a long summer with lots of down time and time together as a family, all of a sudden, everyone was back in his/her respective locations for school and work. And it is very exciting to have the entire month of September to establish our routines before all of the Jewish holidays in October break up our schedule once again.

Many people comment on how the Jewish holidays are either early or late (except for in 2001 when they came exactly on time, one week after the attacks). Next year, it seems like they are almost perfectly timed again, with the first day of Rosh Hashanah falling on the last day of summer and the second day of Rosh Hashanah on the vernal equinox. I hope between now and then we can all learn to make the most of this year: to learn, to grow, and to challenge ourselves; to take advantage of time we have with friends and family, and to enjoy the routine.

And I also hope that in a year from now, we can reflect upon the past year and be proud of the decisions we made and the way we chose to spend our time. May it be a good and sweet year, Shanah Tovah u'metukah!

#### **Religious School Update**

by Maxine Fisher Religious School Administrator

Since the High Holidays come out late (or some think they are on time) this year, our children are fortunate to be able to learn about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah before they take place. It is sort of a luxury for the teachers.

Because of all the holidays, there are no Tuesday classes in October.

There is also no school on Sunday, October 2nd (Erev Rosh Hashanah) and Sunday, October 9th which is Columbus Day weekend. On the 9th, at 10:00 sharp, we will have our community Tashlich program. Please meet us in the HJC parking lot at 9:45 and we will walk as a group to the brook across the street. Don't forget to bring your leftover challah so we can throw away our sins. After Tashich you can go to the Long Island Fall Festival and visit the HJC table.

On Sunday, October 16th, there is a Religious School Board meeting at 9:15. All are welcome.

Also on the 16th Sisterhood has a Zahavah program for mom's and their children making decorations to hang in the sukkah and eat pizza. That takes place at noon.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!!

HJC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH A

# PROJECT REPLENISH PROJECT ISAIAH



Please join our HJC synagogue family, Nursery school & Religious school in helping those in need in our community on Long Island.

From September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be bags available at HJC to fill and return

with nourishing, non perishable, healthy food in unopened containers.

Please do not bring Passover foods.

# **Early Childhood News**

by llene Brown



"Every new friend is a new adventure...the start of more memories" ~Patrick Lindsay

On September 9 we had our second annual "Meet and Greet" event. The truly amazing ECC Parent Association hosted this wonderful event on the HJC playground. The PA created this event last year in an effort to have families socialize with each other and to develop new friendships. We are so pleased to welcome 24 new families to the

Early Childhood Center and this is the perfect way for them to meet each other as well as the alumni families and teachers. Our "mentoring parents" and Parent Association members greeted everyone as they entered the playground. Introductions were made to other families. The ECC teachers also greeted everyone and had the opportunity to meet the children that would be in their class this school year. Despite the extreme heat, everyone mixed, mingled, and truly enjoyed themselves. Children were treated to ice pops to cool them down and then were off again going down slides, playing in the new garden (see next month's bulletin), running around, and having fun. When I stopped for a minute to look around, I was in awe of the sense of community and warmth that I felt. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful school and the HJC community. I look forward to an exciting school year and the start of more memories.





















# CelebrateSimchat Torah

as we dance with the Torahs!



# Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Services begin at 9:30 am

Luncheon following services honoring

## Andrea Smoller

and

# Jeff & Lesley Stark

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please let us know. RSVP to the Synagogue office no later than Friday, October 14. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Free for children under 5.

NAME	Phone	Email	
Number of adults/children attending		_ x \$20.00 = \$	
Number of vegetarian lunches	x \$20	0.00 = \$	
Number of children under age 5 atten	iding (free)		
Enclosed is my check/credit card in the amount of \$			
Please charge my MasterCard/Visa c	ard #	exp	
Address & zip code		3 digit security code	

### ~ 2016 HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE ~

Sunday Evening, October 2nd	Rosh Hashanah, First Night	Evening Services 7:00 PM
Monday, October 3rd	Rosh Hashanah, First Day	Services begin 8:15 AM (Babysitting 10:15am-12:15pm)
Monday, October 3rd	Rosh Hashanah, Second Night	Services 7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 4th	Rosh Hashanah, Second Day	Services begin 8:15 AM (Babysitting 10:15am-12:15pm)
Tuesday, October 11th	Kol Nidre	Services begin 6:15 PM (Babysitting 6:00pm-8:30pm)
Wednesday, October 12th	Yom Kippur  (Babysitting 5:45 pm-7:00 pm)	Services begin 9:00 AM (Babysitting 11:00am – 12:45pm) Mincha 4:00 PM Yizkor service 5:15 PM Neilah 6:00 PM
Sunday, October 16th	Sukkot, First Night	Services begin 6:45 PM
Monday, October 17th	Sukkot, First Day	Services begin 9:30 AM (Babysitting 10:30am-12 noon)
Monday, October 17th	Sukkot, Second Night	Services begin 6:45 PM
Tuesday, October 18th	Sukkot, Second Day	Services begin 9:30 AM (Babysitting 10:30am -12 noon)
Sunday, October 23rd	Erev Shemini Atzeret	Services begin 6:30 PM
Monday, October 24th	Shemini Atzeret	Services begin 9:30 AM (Babysitting 10:30am -12 noon)
Monday, Monday October 24th	Simchat Torah	Services begin 7:00 PM

Tuesday, Services begin
October 25th Simchat Torah 9:30 AM
(Babysitting 10:30am -12 noon)

# Spotlight on...



#### Ellen Kahn, MD

Ellen Kahn and her husband Richard (of Blessed Memory) joined HJC in 2000. "The one thing that struck me right way about the people of HJC, especially Pearl Rosen (of Blessed

Memory), was the universal way I was welcomed into the community. I remember coming to a Shabbat dinner and being made to feel at home. I knew then that HJC was the place for me."

Born in Germany, Ellen attended a Jewish school until her family escaped the Nazis in 1938 and settled in Portugal.

Life in Germany was difficult. Ellen felt as outsider, never at home. In addition there was harassment in term of name-calling and stone throwing, and visible restriction such as sign: "dogs and Jews not allowed" at the entrance of beaches, theater and restaurants.

Ellen remembers Portugal fondly -- her family jointed a Sephardic shul. She mastered the Portuguese language, completed her middle and high school and eventually went on to study medicine at Lisbon University. She was impressed by the warmth by which she was received and tolerance of being Jew and foreigner.

She obtained the Portuguese citizenship and with that a feeling of belonging, to be at home, that has lasted until now.

After completing medical school she became a physician specializing in pathology and practiced and taught at the University Hospital and Medical School of Lisbon as an attending and associate professor in Pathology. Ellen was awarded a scholarship to study new techniques in Pathology in the United States.

During her stay in the US Ellen met her future husband of 51 years, Richard Kahn, economist by profession. Richard's family also fled Nazi Germany.

The couple was married in Lisbon, in the Sephardi temple, surrounded by family and friends.

They settled in Huntington and had two children, Ronald and Vivian. Ellen and Richard were drawn to Huntington because of its bucolic setting and its proximity to NYC. After taking a 6

years hiatus from medicine to devote time to her family, Ellen obtained her license in Medicine of the NY state and practiced pathology for over 38 years at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. NY.

Ellen faced several challenges such as acclimating to life in Portugal and then later the United States, learning new languages and adjusting to different cultures, and taking the U.S. qualifying examination as a physician after taking a six-year break. The third most difficult challenge was having to go back to work as a resident physician at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, after having practiced Pathology in Portugal for 8 years at an attending.

Ellen says that she enjoyed her work, that is was exciting and challenging with presentations at national and international meetings, publications and collaborative research. Although successful professionally, Ellen states that her greatest achievement was to have had a happy marriage and the love of her dear children

She is grateful for the support from her husband, allowing her to achieve her professional goals. She is proud that she was always there for her husband and children, and that the children she and Richard raised grew to become good and decent people. Ronald, who attended Cornell University and SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, is now a cardiovascular anesthesiologist at Mt Sinai hospital in NY. Vivian graduated form C.W. Post University with a degree in Human Relation. Her two children and their spouses have provided Ellen with lots of Naches — including seven grand- and two great grandchildren.

Ellen has always taken an interest in the well being of others, and has found a fulfilling outlet for engagement in the HJC Social Action committee. "I have forged many meaningful friendships at HJC and been given an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, which in turn has contributed to a sense of belonging and my own personal well being." Besides her involvement at HJC, Ellen also takes great pleasure in photography, classical music, nature and knitting. Ellen loves learning new things and staying active; and this, coupled with genuine love for Tikkun Olam has helped Ellen keep young at heart.

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This applies likewise on a spiritual and metaphysical level for each of us. The liturgy of our daily services, and how much the more so, of our High Holy Day and Festival services, is, I would suggest, filled with potentially infinite meaning for us. On a deeper level, it could be said that everything could have or is imbued with inherent meaning, such as the Torah or even anything else in existence. However, in order for something to be "meaningful", that potential universal meaning needs to be distilled into our own individual perception and awareness, and then resonate on our highest inner levels of being. That is the connection that can approach an experience of holiness, whether for a moment, or whether for a lifetime. Such meaning can almost literally feel like it is "jumping out of the pages" to us, "calling to us", or even being divinely "placed" for us, as a feeling of something being "bashert", directly based from God's will to us as an act of individual providence.

Throughout this season, this year, and onwards,

#### 2016 LONG ISLAND FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 9, 11 am - 4pm, Heckscher Park

After Tashlich services, take a short walk and join us in Heckscher Park at the HJC booth at the Long Island Fall Festival. This year we will be continuing our very well received "Thankful Tree" theme. Volunteers are needed all day to help with this amazing community event! Please contact Barbara in the Main Office if you are able to lend a hand.

#### SISTERHOOD FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Please bring gently used clothing for men, women, children & infants as well as baby items, toys, books, shoes & assorted household items in good condition to the Social Hall on Thursday, November 3, 9-6 & Friday, November 4, 9-3. Sale will be held on Sunday, November 6, 9:30-3:00 & Monday, November 7 (Bag day), 9:30-2:00. Volunteers are welcome to help with set-up and sale days! Please call Marlene at 631-988 3484 to volunteer. In addition to getting a tax write-off for your contributions, you will have benefited members of our local community by providing quality items at nominal costs. As part of HJC's & Sisterhood's commitment to Social Action, all unsold merchandise is donated to charity.

I will welcome and encourage everyone to continue to engage more fully with everything around us — our families, our friends, our community, our liturgy, our sacred spaces, indeed everything in our lives. This approaches the attitude of perceiving, acknowledging, celebrating, and actively affirming God's presence in our lives at all times. This is the perception that the late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel often would speak of: the possibility of perceiving a sense of "radical wonder and amazement" with everything in life all around us. To that end, let me take this opportunity to warmly extend to all of you my best hopes and wishes for a "Shanah Tovah u'M'tukah", "a Good and Sweet Year", and wish all of you a "K'tivah v'Chatimah Tovah", "a Good Inscription and Seal" in the Book of Life, and may this coming year have the richness of infinite new meanings for all of you!

--- Rabbi David Barnett



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