



# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## Spring Book Discussion



The book selection for the Spring Book Discussion is ***The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead. It is the story of the pre Civil War era and the journey from slavery in the South to freedom.

Join us for Tea and Dessert on **Thursday May 11th at 1PM** in the HJC Library. Please RSVP by May 8th.

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**Sisterhood of the  
Huntington Jewish Center**  
510 Park Avenue  
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*Matzah Fund*



Dear Congregant,

For each of us, Passover is a holiday overflowing with memories – seders with our grandparents, relatives and friends; asking the four questions for the first time; a first seder with a new husband or wife; or the first time a loved one was not present. Happy memories and sad merge together at one time as we gather around the seder table during this special Jewish holiday.

The needy in our community also have Passover memories. By supplying them with essentials to celebrate this holiday, their special memories, like our own, will be accompanied by the warmth and beauty of the Passover Seder.

Please be part of this mitzvah, especially this year, by contributing to Sisterhood's Annual Matzah Fund Appeal. Your check can be made payable to the Huntington Jewish Center Sisterhood, sent or delivered to my attention in the synagogue office or payment can be made online at [www.HJCNy.org](http://www.HJCNy.org) – click on Quick Donate and specify Matzah Fund as Passover is right around the corner, Please send in your contribution as soon as possible.

All of us in Sisterhood thank you for your generosity and concern and wish you and your family good health and happiness in this Pesach season.

Sincerely,  
Janet Kushnick  
*Janet Kushnick*  
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**Gurwin Jewish's Assisted Living Community**  
*in partnership with*  
**Huntington Jewish Center &  
Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center**  
*proudly present the Long Island Premiere*



**Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 7:00 pm**  
**Film Presentation, Panel Discussion & Book Signing**

In 1942, five Jewish families escaped into a muddy hole in the ground to hide from the Nazis. These 38 men, women, and children were determined to keep their families alive and avoid capture in Southwestern Ukraine, a region where less than 5 percent of all Jews survived the Holocaust. Their harrowing story was unearthed by accident when cave explorer, Chris Nicola, stumbled upon remnants left behind. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet Chris and hear about his unbelievable underground discovery.

Joining Chris for the panel discussion will be Beth Lilach, Senior Director of Education at HMTCC and a very special guest who discusses her personal cave survival story. You do not want to miss this riveting firsthand account of Holocaust history.



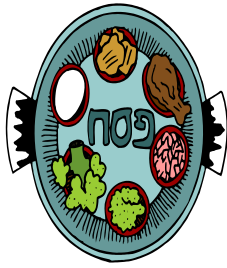
**Suggested Donation:**  
**\$25/adult**  
**\$18/senior or student**  
**Open Seating**  
**Refreshments Served**

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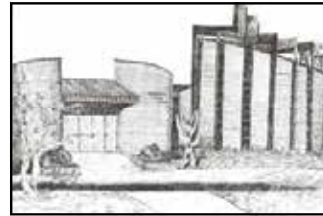
## Schedule of Passover Services

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<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>Fast of the First Born and Siyyum*</b>	7:00 am
An early morning service in the Lief Chapel will be followed by a study session and a light meal sponsored by the Men's Club to break the fast. All first born and others are welcome.		
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>First Seder</b> (Traditionally begun after nightfall)	Candle Lighting 7:10 pm
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	<b>Shacharit, First Day</b>	9:30 am
	<b>Second Seder</b> (Traditionally begun after nightfall)	Candle Lighting 8:10 pm
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	<b>Shacharit, Second Day</b>	9:30 am
<b>Friday, April 14</b>	<b>Shabbat Chol HaMoed</b>	6:00 pm
		Candle Lighting 7:14 pm
<b>Saturday, April 15</b>	<b>Shabbat Chol HaMoed</b>	9:30 am
	Members of the Congregation will chant Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs)	
<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	<b>Maariv, Seventh Day</b>	8:00 pm
		Candle Lighting 7:17 pm
<b>Monday, April 17</b>	<b>Shacharit, Seventh Day</b>	9:30 am
	We will honor our Shabbat and Weekly Torah Readers during services	
<b>Monday, April 17</b>	<b>Mincha, Maariv, Eighth Day</b>	8:00 pm
		Candle Lighting 8:18 pm
<b>Tuesday, April 18</b>	<b>Shacharit, Yizkor, Eighth Day</b>	9:30 am
	Yizkor will be recited during services.	
		Festival ends at 8:19 pm

### \*SIYYUM - THE FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

The Torah relates that the first born of the Israelites were spared from the last plague which was visited upon the Egyptians. As an act of gratitude and as a means of reenacting a great event of ancient history, the custom has arisen to have all the Bechorim (first born) fast on Erev Pesach. As a substitute for this fast, Bechorim must participate in some sacred study in the synagogue on the morning before Pesach. Thus, the fast is obviated and the purpose is enhanced. There will be a service and study session **Monday morning, April 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 7 am. The Men's Club will sponsor a light breakfast following services.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PLEASE NOTE!</b> April 23rd - Yom Hashoah - 7:30 pm  ALSO on April 30th - Riddotto - 4 pm Yom H'atzmaut Celebration						<b>1</b> 5 nisan Bat Mitzvah - Juliette Amram - 9:30 am Jr Cong - 10:30 am  Vayikra
<b>2</b> 6 nisan JNN RS Passover Seder MC Meeting - 9:45 am	<b>3</b> 7 nisan EC Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> 8 nisan RS	<b>5</b> 9 nisan Social Action Meeting - 2 pm SH Board Meeting - 8 pm	<b>6</b> 10 nisan	<b>7</b> 11 nisan Minyan Breakfast - 8 am ECC Model Seder - Noon	<b>8</b> 12 nisan Tzav SHABBAT HAGADOL
<b>9</b> 13 nisan JNN RS Closed (thru April 18)	<b>10</b> 14 nisan Passover Siyyum - 7 am ECC Closed (thru April 18) Main Office Closed	<b>11</b> 15 nisan Main Office Closed	<b>12</b> 16 nisan	<b>13</b> 17 nisan Board Meeting - 8 pm	<b>14</b> 18 nisan	<b>15</b> 19 nisan
SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ	FIRST SEDER	PASSOVER	PASSOVER	INTERMEDIATE DAY	INTERMEDIATE DAY	CHOL HAMOE'D
<b>16</b> 20 nisan No JNN  EASTER INTERMEDIATE DAY	<b>17</b> 21 nisan Main Office Closed	<b>18</b> 22 nisan Main Office Closed	<b>19</b> 23 nisan	<b>20</b> 24 nisan SH Mah Jongg - 7:30 pm	<b>21</b> 25 nisan	<b>22</b> 26 nisan Jr Cong - 10:30 am
<b>23</b> 27 nisan JNN/RS/RS Board Mtg	<b>24</b> 28 nisan PASSOVER	<b>25</b> 29 nisan PASSOVER YIZKOR	<b>26</b> 30 nisan	<b>27</b> 1 Iyar SH Mah Jongg - 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> 2 Iyar FNL -	<b>29</b> 3 Iyar Shemini Tazria-Metzora
<b>30</b> 4 Iyar JNN	YOM HASHOAH	RS / Chaverim (MT)	ROSH CHODESH	ROSH CHODESH		

## Mechirat Chametz

### The Selling of Chametz

Jewish law prohibits the use or legal possession of any Chametz, leaven of any kind, on Passover. In order to be certain that all Chametz has been removed from our possession, Jewish tradition requires us to sell our remaining Chametz to a non-Jew. This Chametz, then, becomes the property of the non-Jew for the duration of Passover and should be set aside in a place in one's home that will be unused during Passover.

The authorization of the right to sell Chametz can be granted to another. If you would like Rabbi Barnett to sell your Chametz on your behalf, please fill out the form below. In order to symbolize that one is transferring the authority to sell, it is customary to make a token monetary transfer. The money contributed will be used to provide needy families with Passover necessities. If you send a check, please make it out to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, c/o Huntington Jewish Center.

### AUTHORIZATION OF PROXY

Whereas according to Jewish Law one is not permitted to maintain or possess Chametz during the Passover holiday, I, the undersigned, hereby authorize **Rabbi Barnett** to sell the Chametz whether it be found in my residence or elsewhere. This Chametz that I wish sold includes every kind of leavened food or liquid whether in separate entities, mixed forms, dishes or utensils. I understand that **Rabbi Barnett** will sell the Chametz for me to a non-Jew for the entire week of Passover and that I shall derive no use or pleasure from it during that time.

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

(City and State) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THE PROXY TO THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE BY  
FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, 2017



# From Rabbi Barnett

Interim Rabbi



## *Inner Mitzrayim and Outer Mitzrayim*

The rabbis of our tradition were always very keen on finding extra and hidden meanings in words and nuances which so often have led to meaningful insights and new perspectives. One of the classic such insights relating to our Passover celebrations involves the word itself for Egypt in Hebrew, namely “Mitzrayim”. By coincidence, and apparently unrelated to the actual name of

the country as it evolved, the rabbis pointed out that within the word itself lies another two letter word, “tzar”, denoting a narrowness, tightness, or even in another nuance, an enemy.

The primary relation of this to the story of the oppression, slavery, and eventual remission of our people through the exodus becomes easy to understand: initially, the experience of slavery derives from outward oppression, with manifold adjectival nuances: limiting, confining, tortuous, painful, threatening, narrow, hazardous, perilous, terrifying, horrific, dehumanizing, uncivil, cruelly oppressive; in sum, the most horrific of conditions such that language itself does not and cannot accurately depict the totality of the experience. Whether it be the evils and iniquities imposed on us, the Jewish people throughout our history, such as the Crusades, the Inquisition, several hundred years of pogroms in Europe, culminating in the ultimate horror of the Holocaust, or other persecutions and genocides that have occurred to others throughout history, collectively, our Jewish hearts have been conditioned to be responsive to the real and legitimate needs of all of the unfortunate in the world, all of those who are oppressed.

We may discuss and debate different pathways and solutions to many issues, and how they relate to correlative notions of freedom and liberty as developed from the Greeks to the enlightenment, but the fundamental orientation of this sense of compassion, this deep and abiding sense of caring for the basic needs, dignity, and survival of all those who are oppressed, is one of the defining aspects of who we are as people, and what comprises our distinctive essence as a civilization. We are a people who cares; we see ourselves, at least in one major appellation, as “rachamim b’nai rachamim”—compassionates ones who are descendants of compassionate ones. Regardless of actual historicity – our psychically and emotionally engaged experience of a collective memory of slavery and oppression has rendered this aspect of our national self-definition to be a vibrant and resonating part of our communal lives.

In addition to the world of outward oppression, however, the rabbis also expressed an awareness of an inner world – thousands of years before Freud and further experts in the field of psychology – of the inner psychodynamic forces manifesting themselves in our lives, and

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# HJC Community News



## MAZAL TOV

- Gail & Jerry Ellstein announce the birth of their grandson, Graham Dylan Ellstein.
- Gail & Jerry Ellstein announce the engagement of their daughter, Marissa Lynn, to Josh Scharfberg.
- Risa & Ken Gold announce the engagement of their son, Ben, to Shira Sachs.
- Rabbi Barnett was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary.
- Sheila & Bruce Feinberg announce the birth of their granddaughter.
- Janet & Mark Zimmerman announce the marriage of their daughter, Meryl, to Trey Rintala.



Congregants enjoy the Purim Fun-draiser.

# President's Perspective

by Allison Reiver



## No Need to make HJC Great Again!

For my penultimate Bulletin article, I reached out to others to help me write it. I asked our past, present, and future rabbis, cantor, professional staff, office staff, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and Past Presidents to provide one sentence about what they each think makes HJC so great. I easily could have filled the page myself, but I thought we should hear from others about their

perspective. Here is what was said:

-Through the most challenging of times, and the most joyful of times, the culture of the HJC Community embraces its congregants with unprecedented spiritual kindness, caring and love.

-It is a community that stimulates the mind and soul.

-In one word it's the people....those who lead and set the tone of respect, concern, sharing, caring, acceptance and core values.

-HJC has a warm and caring community.

-HJC is a warm, welcoming, intellectually stimulating and spiritually rewarding community.

-It has always been my home away from home.

-We have a congregation with many interesting and intelligent people.

-What makes HJC a great synagogue is our genuine, menschy warmth towards one another that is guided by our love for our mutual Jewish heritage, and imbued with an awareness of the Divine spirit.

-A caring, loving, spiritual home for a congregation of all ages and stages of life.

-The greatness of HJC is its people--the clergy, the volunteer leadership, the staff, and the congregation; they are diverse, talented, non-judgmental, and passionately engaged in Jewish life.

-What has made me most proud to be a part of HJC is how openminded we are, how respectful we are of diverse opinions, and how courageous we are to take on the important issues of the day.

-The people: you lift us up and keep us strong; you give us hope; you share our joys and sorrows. That is what makes you the family we love!

-Every time I enter HJC for services, events or educational programs I am amongst warm, caring and encouraging people.

-I think we are a warm, welcoming, multigenerational group of interesting, well-educated, committed people.

-Kiddush is a warm (and delicious) renewal of community week after week.

-Because HJC is where I go to get Chai.

-It's all about the people: the fact that we are diverse age-wise, politically, socio-economically; it's a great mix of people who truly get along, respect each other's differences, and support one another in times of joy and sadness.

-What makes HJC great is the warm feeling of friendship & caring that abounds inside and outside of the building.

-Community-oriented Judaism.

-The greatness of HJC lies in our ability to create a multigenerational family; once you start to become involved you become part of that family and that family really cares about you.

-I believe that one characteristic that makes the HJC congregation truly great is our thirst and acceptance of new and innovative changes to what has become comfortable over time.

-HJC offers a place where commitment to a community meets my understanding of Jewish values meets my personal values meets friendship meets spiritual inspiration meets intellectual inquiry into religious beliefs and teachings meets personal growth meets diverse personalities and lifestyles meets love of humankind.

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## Cleaning for Passover

by Hazzan Israel Gordan



In the old days, a person could go to the record store in town or at the mall to peruse the racks and find the perfect album, new or old, for his/her collection. This was always a cherished activity for me, but one that also contained a certain level of anxiety: Was I cool enough to be there? Did I know enough about music to not be embarrassed in front of the store workers? Was I leaving having purchased the right album for my collection? And then there

was the collection itself: what better way to express one's identity that through your record (or tape, or cd) collection? Each album represented not just music you liked to listen to, but a statement about who you were as a person. How much rock, alternative, rap, pop, folk, classical, jazz, etc. did you have? Were they the "right" ones? Too many soundtracks and/or best of albums? There were many potential mistakes to be made or "traps" to fall into that would illustrate a clear deficiency of character on the part of the owner.

Between 15 and 20 years ago, however, this quickly changed from physical to digital copies. Just like books and movies, music became a thing to download and keep simply on your computer, digital player, or phone. Gone was the artwork that graced each album cover. No longer was major shelf space needed to house the music, and no longer was there physical proof of one's worth through the music s/he owned.

I believe 2015 was the first year that streaming music was more popular than downloading music. Now, not only do we not own physical copies of our music, but we no longer own our music, we simply rent the right to listen to music from a service such as apple, Spotify, amazon, etc. This represents a major shift in our relationship with "stuff." What does it mean to own nothing but have access to almost anything? How has this altered the music listening experience and the role that music (or indeed, all media) play in our lives?

It would be easy to debate the relative merits and drawbacks of these different models of media consumption, but I think it is interesting to note how this relates to Passover and our preparations for the holiday that are done through cleaning.

For Passover, we must work extremely hard to clear not only the chametz from our houses and all that we own, but also we work to rid our lives of the excess stuff that has "puffed up" and taken space in our lives like leavened bread. Perhaps we should view streaming services like apple music, Netflix, and other subscription services with access to books, magazines, and newspapers, as an opportunity to free ourselves from the shackles of material possessions. We can still use and learn from the



## Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

### MATZAH FUND

Please consider a donation to Sisterhood's annual Matzah Fund appeal. All monies collected will be distributed to the needy in our community so that they too can enjoy the Passover season.

### A PURIM TODAH RABAH

Thank you to Karann Pashkin and Cheryl Berman, our Mishloach Manot co-chairs, and all those who purchased hamantashen for family and friends.

Thank you to Donna Fleiss who coordinated the baking of hamantashen and to all our hamantashen helpers.

Thank you to Patricia Schoeffler, Debbie Cadel and Jill Sherman for sending another wonderful, creative holiday themed package to our collegians filled with Purim treats!

All the funds raised assist Sisterhood's wonderful programs.

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to all who donated lightly used clothes or household items and who assisted with the set-up and sale. Any items not purchased were donated to local organizations.

A special thank you goes to Marlene Hummel, our Rummage Sale chairperson.

**SUPPORT the HJC SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP  
WITH YOUR PURCHASE OF GIFTS  
FOR ALL YOUR PASSOVER AND SIMCHA NEEDS.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 2nd** - Guided Tour at Yeshiva University Museum

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** - Sisterhood Book Discussion 1pm

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## Learn to play Mah Jongg!



Learn to play Mah Jongg on Thursdays April 20<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM at HJC.

Classes will be led by HJC congregant, Susan Walsdorf.

Mah Jongg is played in groups of 4 and is a game of skill, strategy and calculation. It can increase your cognitive and memory abilities.

We will need a few sets for the class. Please consider donating a set.

Please RSVP by March 1st to Evelyn Abraham at  
631-424-6922 or [evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net)  
(No Walk-ins)

Mah Jongg cards will be ordered for participants

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Yeshiva University Museum  
Guided Tour  
Uncommon Threads: Clothing and Textiles  
Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**Sponsored by HJC Sisterhood**



**YESHIVA  
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Join us for a 60 minute guided tour of the Uncommon Threads exhibit at the Yeshiva University Museum (YUM), located in the heart of NYC's Chelsea neighborhood in the Center for Jewish History (CJH). This clothing and textile tour of YUM's newest exhibition features garments, textiles and jewelry spanning Three centuries. After the tour, explore other exhibits, which includes more than 10,000 artifacts reflecting 5,000 years of Jewish culture, art, and history from around the world.

**Meet at 10:45AM in lobby of Yeshiva University Museum**

**15 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10011**

**Tour starts promptly at 11:00AM**

**No food or drink allowed in galleries**

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**Price: \$10.00/person**

**(Lunch and transportation not included)**

**Please make check payable to HJC Sisterhood and send to:  
Huntington Jewish Center, 510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743  
Attn: Sisterhood/Yeshiva University Museum or bring to HJC office**

**For information on Directions and Parking and Tips and Guidelines  
<http://www.yumuseum.org>**

**OPEN TO ALL!**

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED! FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVED!**

**RSVP by 3/17**

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**Hope you can join us!**

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE TORAH FUND CARDS

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. Torah Fund Greeting Cards are a special way to send greetings to family and friends and make donations to the Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. There are all purpose, Baby, Condolence and Mazel Tov Cards. Minimum donation for a card is \$5.00.

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## WANTED:

### HUNTINGTON HADASSAH LIFE MEMBERS

Did you know that you may now be a member of the vibrant and active Commack Hills Chapter of Hadassah? Please contact Hadassah (email or snail mail) so they can send you our monthly bulletin of enriching and exciting programs, all taking place locally.

Contact Ann Heller, VP Membership at  
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## View from the Director's Chair

by Barbara Axmacher



### The World & Passover: 10 Things You Didn't Know

Passover is the Jewish holiday commemorating the story of the ancient Israelites being freed from slavery in Egypt. In the thousands of years since, Jews have celebrated the holiday in almost as many ways. Read on to discover 10 little known or fun facts you might not know about Passover!

**Whipping with Onions** - The traditional Passover song "Dayenu" literally means "it would have been enough" and lists the 15 gifts and miracles (like parting the Red Sea) bestowed upon the Jewish people by God in the Book of Exodus. "Dayenu" is sung throughout the diaspora during the seder, but Sephardic Jews from Iran and Afghanistan have a particularly lively custom in which they whip each other with oversize scallions. Before the song begins, each seder participant stands, takes a scallion and starts whacking the other members of the feast. Many believe it is a way to mimic the whips of slave drivers in Egypt. But others say it's a reference to Bamidbar 11:5-6, a passage that describes the Israelites' longing for Egyptian onions while eating manna during their 40 years wandering in the desert. Seder participants whip one other as a way to scold for desiring any aspect of their lives of enslavement.

**Crossing the Red Sea** - In the Polish town of Gora Kalwaria, Hasidic Jews mark Passover by re-enacting the crossing of the Red Sea. To make it as realistic as they can, they pour water on the floor, lift up their coats and recite the names of the towns they would cross. They also make sure to raise a glass at each mention of a town and offer thanks to God for being able to reach their destination.

**Ethiopian Passover** - Many Ethiopian Jews, who for hundreds of years endured persecution in their homeland because of their unique religious rites, left Ethiopia in two secret airlifts in 1984 and 1991. During Passover, to commemorate their past and celebrate renewal, some Ethiopian Jews break all their dishes and cookware and make new ones. The tradition is in keeping with the hope for emancipation and redemption that the holiday signifies.

**The Second Seder** - The first night of Passover is thought to fall on the 15th day of Nisan, according to the Hebrew calendar, which is when the new moon rises and spring begins. But the date was originally based on the lunar cycle, which created a slightly different clock for Jews outside Israel when the tradition was instituted more than 2,000 years ago. Authorities in Jerusalem handed down the annual date, but it took days on end for the official word to spread throughout the world. In an effort to ensure that the international Jewish community didn't miss the crucial seventh day of Passover, which commemorates Moses' iconic parting of the Red Sea, an eighth day was added to the celebration, in case the new moon's rising had been miscalculated.

## Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher  
Religious School Administrator

As I sit here writing this article on this so called "blizzard" day, I am reminded how unpredictable Mother Nature is, and how much patience we need until the warmth of spring.

We just had an incredible Purim Carnival! It was the best one I can remember in many years. A big todah rabah goes to Susan Pataki and her husband Mike for having a vision as to how to put together a fun event. Along with a few of our youth group families they refurbished old games and built new ones. Thanks to all involved!

The evening before at the Megillah Reading, we had a terrific Purim Schpiel performed by some of our students under the direction of Dori Herman! It was a lot of fun for everyone.

### Some events coming up in April:

April 1st Junior Congregation  
April 2nd model Seders  
No School April 9th - 11th - 16th-18th Happy Passover  
April 22nd Junior Congregation  
April 23rd Bet Class "Mastering the Alef Bet" celebration  
April 23rd RS board meeting - All are welcome  
April 30th RS Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) celebration

Hag Peseach Sameach,  
Maxine



Congregants at the Purim Carnival.



# Early Childhood News

by Ilene Brown



*"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." ~Mother Teresa*

At our first Parent Association in September, we brainstormed ideas of how to make the gym more appealing and updated. One of the ideas was to paint a mural on the large wall. During that discussion, our talented moms came up with the ingenious idea of adhesive decals which will not damage the wall and can be temporary. After

great research and effort by one of our parents, a jungle theme was chosen. Another parent generously donated the money to fund a good part of this incredible project. First, the big wall had to be painted a sky blue color and bright green to serve as the backdrop to the jungle scene. Another dedicated and devoted parent, spent her time choosing several color possibilities and then we selected the colors that now adorn the wall. The custodians also contributed to this project and did a wonderful job painting. The colors are beautiful and serve as the sky and ground.

Finally, it was time to apply the decals and bring life to the jungle. On a Wednesday night in March, eight moms and I met in the gym and for the next three hours applied the decals. We worked together, brainstormed different scenarios, and together gave new life to the gym. The result is "a new gym," as one of the two-year-olds excitedly remarked. The children, parents, and teachers are in awe of the beauty, transformation, and creativity this project has to the gym. I am truly grateful and blessed to be a part of this amazing community of families. These moms are dedicated, strong, passionate, supportive, determined and I am so blessed to have them in the ECC.



## HELP WANTED!

We are looking for enthusiastic, responsible, mature counselors for our Summer Adventure program. You must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Ilene Brown at 631-425-0525 or [ibrown@hjcny.org](mailto:ibrown@hjcny.org) for more information.



*Ecc parents transform the gym.*



## PLEASE HELP LONG ISLAND'S NEWBORNS IN NEED

The Social Action Committee of HJC is once again helping the Long Island Chapter of **Newborns in Need**...a national nonprofit organization which provides essentials to babies whose mothers would otherwise have nothing. Many young moms leave the hospital with a baby facing serious illness and little or no resources to provide the basic necessities. Poverty and illness can touch the tiniest babies and their families become overwhelmed. Through the efforts of **Newborns in Need**, a nurse or social worker can deliver an overflowing diaper bag full of clothing, blankets and hygiene products to help ensure a healthy and warm start in life.

**Won't you please help us by buying or donating new or very gently used, freshly washed items:**

- Baby Clothing preemie to size 12 months (nothing larger)
- Baby Blankets and Linens
- Diapers, Diaper Bags, Wipes, and Baby Toiletries
- Formula, Pacifiers, and Non BPA Bottles
- Infant Strollers
- Bassinets and Portacribs
- Infant Swings and Exersaucers
- Checks made out to **Newborns in Need** (which will be used to purchase new Pack & Play Portable Cribs)

**Please note:** We are **unable** to accept cribs because of safety codes or toys, stuffed animals, furniture and changing tables.

Throughout the month of May, HJC will have collection bins set up at both entrances.

Last year, **Newborns in Need** was overwhelmed with the generosity of HJC. With everyone's support, we hope to repeat this mitzvah once again. If you need a tax receipt, please leave your name & address with your donation.

If you have a bulk donation or any questions, please call **Jill Sherman**, Chairperson HJC's **Newborns in Need** drive, at (631) 423-8133. Thank you.

## Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory

**Yom HaShoah**, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed this year at sundown on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, 5776, corresponding to April 23rd.



To help us commemorate this day, our Men's Club, in cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, will again be delivering a special yellow yahrzeit candle, made in Israel, to each home in our community.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year that we have participated in the FJMC Yellow Candle™ program. Proceeds raised by this effort are already being used to support Holocaust education. Last year, HJC Men's Club was proud to wholly fund a moving Religious School field trip to the Holocaust

Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County (pictured). This year, we will be bringing a special exhibit of traveling Shoah artifacts from the HMTC to our school.

Please join with your fellow congregants and members of Jewish communities all over the world on Sunday, April 23rd to light a Yellow Candle in memory of a victim of the Holocaust, and please consider supporting our educational efforts. Place the candle in your window, a single light against the darkness, as a tangible statement to **Never Forget!**



## Thank you from HHI

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for another successful HHI season at HJC. This winter, we hosted 9 times with an average of 20 guests per night. In addition, we were able to make a nice donation to the FSL HHI program due to the generosity of some of our members. These donations help to sustain the program, especially providing funds for storm nights when the men are housed in motels.

This year, we were fortunate to have some new volunteers join our ranks and many of our enthusiastic teens as well.

We would also like to thank Andrew at Woodbury Kosher Meats for providing a lovely chicken dinner free of charge to our guests on one of our nights. Thanks also to our friends at Kehillat Shalom and Woodbury Jewish Center for providing volunteers on some of our nights as well. Finally, thanks to Barbara and the custodial staff for all of your support for this important program.

Ellen Steinberg and Karen Flanzenbaum



## Huntington Jewish Center Blood Drive

In memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss

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# Spotlight on...

*"If any HJC member/s would like to write their own personal narrative for the Storytelling Project, this would be welcomed. Please contact Nancy Cooper for further information and guidelines: nanberlyberlow@gmail.com or 516-356-7109."*



## **Newt and Ellen Meiselman**

Newt and Ellen Meiselman have been married for 55 years. Before they married Ellen worked as a first grade teacher at North Shore Schools

in Sea Cliff. Newt was the second person to be hired at C.W. Post as an Assistant Professor in Biology. Ellen and Newt always loved Huntington because of the proximity to the water and Newt was familiar with the Cold Spring Harbor Lab due to his profession. They moved into their new home, built on a cucumber farm in Huntington, in the fall of 1963, soon after their first son, Jeff was born. In March 1964 their second son, Howard, was born and a year later Newt was offered a grant at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Newt took a sabbatical and the Meiselmans lived in Israel for the year. The children went to nursery school with other visiting scientists' children. Ellen spent much of her time with other women who had young children as all the professors and families were friendly with each other. They returned to their home in Huntington after the year.

There were several new members at HJC with children all around the same age at that time. Ellen attended Sisterhood meetings and discussions ensued about forming a Cooperative Nursery School. In 1965 a full time nursery teacher was hired and the mothers worked along with the teacher. The building did not have any classrooms available for the nursery school; classes were held on the stage. Fathers helped the Co-op by constructing walls on the stage, which were then removed on weekends. At that time the bridal room was used as storage for toys. The Co-op held a square dance every year to support the nursery school. The children who attended the nursery school went on to Hebrew school just as they do today. The women involved in the nursery school developed strong bonds and held a vested interest in each other. A few of the

ladies involved were Mickie Sokol, Joan Mattisinko, June Schwartz, Bobbi Glaser and Isabel Weinstein. Everyone was committed to its success. Later on Maxine Liebowitz, Betty Mesard and Janet Kuchnick joined the group. The school was started in 1965. It was known as Mommy's Co-op and Daddy's Workers.

Ellen and Newt had their daughter Sue in 1968 and a year and half later had another son, Daniel. When their youngest son started kindergarten Ellen went back to teaching. She was offered a grant in Reading and taught in the Amityville school district for two years. She later received her Master's degree in Special Education and taught in the Huntington school district until her retirement after twenty-five years.

In 1966, Newt became Chairman of the Biology Department. In 1973 he had another sabbatical; the family traveled and lived in Cambridge, England for a year. When they returned Newt was appointed to a full professorship. It was then that Ellen and Newt became active at HJC. Ellen was on the Hebrew school board and Newt served on the Board of Trustees. He also volunteered on the bulletin along with Bob Mesard, and he helped coordinate HJC art shows.

The Meiselmans have traveled to many places around the world. They are campers and skiers and have seen almost every National Park in the US and Canada. Ellen and Newt have 10 grandchildren and are looking forward to celebrating their granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah in Israel this summer. After living in Huntington for 53 years, Ellen and Newt recently sold their home. They are moving to Florida, while keeping their winter home in Vermont and will be traveling back and forth to be with family and friends. Moving for them was emotionally difficult, however Ellen expressed that living in Huntington and being a member at HJC provided a wonderful life for them with many friends and great memories. They feel very fortunate.

*Narrative compiled by Barbara Kupersmith and Ellen Meiselman*

## **Social Action Committee**

Several of our members would like to help drive our congregants as needed.

Please contact Ellen Kahn either  
**by phone 631 692 8548 or email: ellenkahn@optonline.net**

if you like to take advantage of this offer.



While modern calendars and communication methods have cleared up all potential confusion, Yom Tov Sheni, roughly meaning “the second day of the holiday,” is still celebrated abroad in the Orthodox and Conservative traditions when a second feast is held. The Reform Judaism community abolished the eighth day in 1846, as improved communication methods made it redundant.

**A Rugrats Passover** - In an episode broadcast on April 13, 1995, Tommy Pickles (with a yarmulke planted firmly upon his bald head), Angelica and Chuckie learn the story of the Exodus when they find themselves trapped in the attic with Grandpa Boris during the family's seder. As the story goes on, the babies imagine themselves in the roles of the biblical characters. Tommy is Moses, Chuckie appears as an abused Israelite slave and, appropriately, Angelica is cast as the pharaoh of Egypt. At the time it aired, the episode was the most watched episode in Nickelodeon's history, but in 1997 it was supplanted by another Rugrats special called “The Turkey Who Came to Dinner” about Thanksgiving.

**Coca-Cola Goes Kosher for Passover** - If you've noticed Coca-Cola bottles with yellow-colored caps materialize each March and April, what you're looking at is the result of a burgeoning market in kosher for Passover soda. Jews don't eat products made from wheat, corn or many other grains during the eight days of Passover. So most commercial sodas, with their heavy doses of corn syrup and traces of alcohol from grain, are forbidden.

Thirsty Passover observers have an Atlanta-based Orthodox rabbi, Tobias Geffen, to thank. In the 1930s, Geffen was given Coca-Cola's famously secret list of ingredients and managed to persuade the company to create a real-sugar alternative for his congregants. “Because Coca-Cola has already been accepted by the general public in this country and Canada and because it has become an insurmountable problem to induce the great majority of Jews to refrain from partaking of this drink, I have tried earnestly to find a method of permitting its usage,” he said.

And since some foodies think cane-sugar-sweetened sodas taste better anyway, it isn't just the devout who stock up. Not wanting to

be left out, Pepsi, Sprite, Sierra Mist and many others are now available in kosher form for Passover.

**Haggadoth for All** - As boisterous as some seders may get — seder is Hebrew for order, and the Haggadah (the telling) is the book that attempts to maintain it — that doesn't mean you can't have variations on the freedom theme. There are thousands of Haggadoth available, and even if you know several, there are bound to be some you're not familiar with. Interfaith, lesbian, secular/humanistic, vegetarian, a recovering alcoholic? There's a Haggadah for that (i.e., Haggadah for the Liberated Lamb and The Anonymous Haggadah: A Synthesis of the Passover Ritual and Liturgy with the Twelve Steps of Recovery).

In 1946, Holocaust survivors put together A Survivors' Haggadah; in the 1970s, The Women's Haggadah was first published in Ms. magazine. While some may prefer The Santa Cruz Haggadah, which has a hippie-inspired figure on its cover, others may long for the pre-printing press days of the illuminated Birds' Head Haggadah. Some may be content with Maxwell House editions, published since the early 1930s. Of course, you can always compile your own version, and today you can do so online, using sites like the Open Source Haggadah.

**The Orange on the Seder Plate** - The Passover seder is laden with symbols, many of which — like the bitter herbs (horseradish) that represent the bitterness of enslavement and the vegetable (usually parsley) that's dipped in saltwater to remind us of the tears of slaves — are found on the seder plate. In recent decades, there's been a new food on many a progressive platter: an orange.

Some may consider the orange a symbol of women's rights, derived from a man supposedly telling Professor Susannah Heschel that “a woman belongs on the bimah [in a leadership position in the congregation, or reading from the Torah] as much as an orange belongs on the seder plate.” But Heschel herself has said that no such exchange took place, and the orange has a different meaning. Reflecting on when she added the orange to her seder plate in the 1980s, she says it was to be eaten “as a gesture of

solidarity with Jewish lesbians and gay men, and others who are marginalized within the Jewish community,” including widows. The seeds, symbolizing homophobia, were to be spat out. Bottom line: There's room for more symbols on the seder plate — and room for more participants around the seder table.

**Freedom Seders** - As Jews celebrate their liberation from slavery in Egypt, African Americans note a stark comparison with their own embattled past. The Freedom Seder emerged in the mid-20th century as a joint celebration for both ethnic groups, and others generally caught up in union or leftist political struggles, to come together to celebrate the mythic promise of emancipation. At the height of the civil rights movement, blacks and Jews gathered at the seder to share food and stories from their respective histories in an event popular at universities and youth centers across the U.S. Representing empowerment and equality, the Freedom Seder has become especially poignant among other ethnic groups: Native Americans, Muslims and, particularly for this year, those supporting democracy in the Middle East

**Passover Desserts** - For those who observe kosher Passover laws, sweet-tooth cravings must be met without the use of flour because of the ban of chametz. Chametz, Hebrew for leavening, is forbidden at seder dinners, which means grains like wheat, rye, barley, spelt and oats are out during Passover. Because meat and dairy cannot be eaten together during the same meal, seder desserts must be flour- and dairy-free — not an easy challenge for cooks. It would make sense, then, that desserts wouldn't necessarily be the highlight of Passover, but surpassing its obstacles has become a point of pride for some seder cooks who specialize in fashioning desserts that don't taste like they're not made with flour. Cookbooks and scores of websites are dedicated to helping hosts find the perfect Passover dessert recipes, and they seem to become fancier every year. Going to seder this year? You might see chocolate pavlovas with honeyed strawberries or even a caramelized pecan-praline roulade, all made without dairy or flour — that is, if you're lucky.

information contained therein, but we don't need to have the products in our hands.

May we also be freed from the judgement of ourselves and others, of what we do and do not have and instead focus on who we are as people. Chag kasher v'sameach; a zissen pesach to all!

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having an influence both at times as a source of ongoing daily actions, as well as later outward developments. In the first and broadest instance of this, we may be inspired and take note of the beautiful and powerfully insightful prayer composed by Rabbi Jules Harlow and found on p. 291 of the Siddur Sim Shalom we use every Friday night in the spirit of the Haskiveinu evening prayer. Recently, I was honored to be able to see him personally again, and to actually share many reflections on this moving prayer. It begins with the phrase "Protect us with Your gift of peace by helping us to overcome temptation", and later on in the prayer, the helpful phrase is found that enjoins us to "Protect us from ourselves; when we falter, help us to conquer the enemy within." These inner constraints, limitations, obsessions, compulsions, temptations, and deviations from our best and highest selves, comprise elements and challenges that

every human being, from the purest saint to the most incorrigible sinner, faces. Do you remember the cartoon caption that read "We have met the enemy, and he is us"?

We remain a nation and a world in need of understanding within understanding, of a revived tolerance within accepted tolerance, of a courage born of the courage to truly accept differences framed within parameters guaranteeing basic security, freedom, and acceptance of those who differ from ourselves. Whether we are speaking of such an outlook transforming the rigidities of current political debate nationally and internationally, or the intransigents adhering to the intolerant forms of Islamic fundamentalism, the ultimate search and continued willingness to search within the inner, more narrow worlds of our "inner Mitzrayims" may in fact be connected to the future salvation or self-destruction of humanity itself on our planet.

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### *President's Perspective con't from pg. 5*

-HJC reflects the core of Conservative Judaism, the value of community and the beauty of life-long friendships.

-What makes HJC great is its openness to diversity and innovation, its warm and welcoming multigenerational culture, its deep yet open sense of community, its remarkable, talented, and caring membership, its adherence to treating all as being created in the image of g-d, and the quality of its professional staff.

-HJC offers so many programs that put physical bodies into actions that touch the

spiritual soul.

-HJC is a great place because we are a very accepting and caring community, we are a multi- generational community.

-There is always something happening at the HJC: mahjong lessons, challah & hamantaschen baking, lectures, book club, Chanukah happening, Purim Carnival, Taste of Passover, community service opportunities.

-The HJC has become my community and by being involved, I have made some good friends, and these friends are really there

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