



HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Saturday evening, March 11

6:45 pm – Family Friendly Reading of Megillat Esther. Come in costume for the annual costume parade in the Main Sanctuary with Rabbi Barnett & Cantor Gordan with surprises from Sisterhood. Help blot out Haman's name. Bring a box of kosher pasta to use as a grogger and will later be donated. After the Megillah reading, pick up your Purim gift bag.

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am – Minyan and full reading of Megillat Esther.

9:00 am – 11:00 am – Religious School

11:00 am – Religious School Carnival - Come in costume! USY runs this awesome carnival for ages 2 -12! Tickets: \$5 for 12 games. Food & drink available for purchase. Parents, please come at 11:00 to be with your child.

4:00 pm - PURIM PARTY FUN'D RAISER. Enjoy dancing to Jewish music by our talented HJC Band, Falafel, Organic Salad, Hamantashen, Wine, Beer and Liquor Bar, FUN! Silent auction for services offered by HJC congregants. Admission \$36 per adult; \$20 per child, ages 5-18; max \$100 per family. COME IN COSTUME FOR MORE FUN!



A Big Thank You! Huntington Jewish Center's Social Action Committee Thanks Chip'n Dipped

Huntington Jewish Center's Social Action Committee would like to give our heartfelt thanks to **Chip'n Dipped** Cookies and Chocolate. They have been a wonderful partner in our quest to feed the homeless individuals in our area. Each week they generously donate their delicious kosher cookies and brownies to the Jewish Nutritional Network.

Please support **Chip'n Dipped** Cookies and Chocolate whenever you want an amazing cookie, brownie or artisan chocolate. They also specialize in gift baskets large or small customized for any occasion including Chanukah, birthdays, get well, new baby, condolence/shiva as well as corporate gifts. They are located in the heart of Huntington Village at **342 New York Avenue** just a few doors south of Main Street. Please tell them that HJC sent you.

HANNAH'S TREE



Members of JNN, the Social Action Committee, and the HJC Sisterhood would like to plant a tree in memory of Hannah Kampel.

She was a special person who left a lasting legacy for all those that knew her.

She was a devoted HJC congregant dedicated to our community and the values of JNN, Social Action and HJC Sisterhood.

Planting a tree in her memory would be a fitting testament to her lifelong devotion to our synagogue and the people throughout the community.

All those who would like to join us as we commemorate her life, please mail or bring your check to the HJC office, payable to HJC Sisterhood and indicate on your envelope or check: Hannah's Tree. Please note that NO funds from the JNN or Social Action treasury will be used for this project.

For those who knew and loved Hannah, this will be a wonderful tribute to her memory.

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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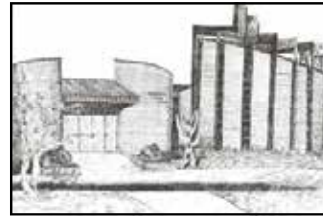


Schedule of Passover Services 5777 – 2017

Monday, April 10	Fast of the First Born and Siyyum* 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.	7:00 am
Monday, April 10	First Seder (Traditionally begun after nightfall)	Candle Lighting 7:10 pm
Tuesday, April 11	Shacharit, First Day Second Seder (Traditionally begun after nightfall)	9:30 am Candle Lighting 8:10 pm
Wednesday, April 12	Shacharit, Second Day	9:30 am
Friday, April 14	Shabbat Chol HaMoed	6:00 pm Candle Lighting 7:14 pm
Saturday, April 15	Shabbat Chol HaMoed Members of the Congregation will chant Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs)	9:30 am
Sunday, April 16	Maariv, Seventh Day	8:00 pm Candle Lighting 7:17 pm
Monday, April 17	Shacharit, Seventh Day We will honor our Shabbat and Weekly Torah Readers during services	9:30 am
Monday, April 17	Mincha, Maariv, Eighth Day	8:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:18 pm
Tuesday, April 18	Shacharit, Yizkor, Eighth Day Yizkor will be recited during services.	9:30 am 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 may participate in some sacred study in the synagogue on the morning before Pesach. Thus, the fast is obviated while the purpose is enhanced. There will be a service and study session **Monday morning, April 10th** beginning at 7:00 am. The Men's Club will sponsor a light breakfast following services.



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A new **Israel Engagement Fund** has been created by the Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to support Israel education and quality programming to enhance Israel engagement. Please support this fund when donating to HJC to honor or remember someone, or to commemorate a special occasion.



Israel Committee Mission Statement:

The HJC Israel Committee's mission is to create and strengthen connections between the HJC community and Israel. Our goal is to educate our community about the richness of Israel - its arts and culture, technological advances, and history, as well as the realities of Israeli society with its political, socioeconomic and geographic challenges.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 3 adar	2 4 adar HiHi - 6 pm	3 5 adar Minyan Breakfast - 8 am Bill Yelen sponsor ECC/RS Family Connect Family Shabbat	4 6 adar Progressive Dinner - 8PM Terumah
5 7 adar JNN RS / VAV Workshop MC Meeting - 9:45 am	6 8 adar EC Meeting - 7:30 pm	7 9 adar RS / Taste of Gan	8 10 adar	9 11 adar Board Meeting - 8 pm FAST OF ESTHER	10 12 adar	11 13 adar Jr Cong - 10:30 am Megilla Reading - 6:45 pm Tetzaveh SHABBAT ZACHOR MEGILLAH READING
12 14 adar JNN RS/Purim Carnival - 11 am Purim Klezmer Event - 4pm *Daylight Savings Time PURIM	13 15 adar SH Board Meeting - 8 pm SHUSHAN PURIM	14 16 adar RS/Taste of Gan / Chaverim (MT)	15 17 adar HiHi - 6 pm	16 18 adar	17 19 adar	18 20 adar Bar Mitzvah - Zachary Shallat - 9:30 am Ki Tisa SHABBAT PARAH
19 21 adar JNN RS RS Board Mtg- 9:15am Ridotto - 4 pm	20 22 adar SPRING BEGINS	21 23 adar RS / Taste of Gan	22 24 adar	23 25 adar SH Rummage Sale Drop-Off	24 26 adar SH Rummage Sale Drop-Off	25 27 adar SH/Men's Club Shabbat Jr Cong - 10:30 am Vayakhel-Pekude SHABBAT HACHODESH
26 28 adar JNN RS SH Rummage Sale	27 29 adar SH Rummage Sale Suffolk Presidents Plus One Dinner - 7 pm	28 1 nisan RS / Chaverim (MT) SH Rosh Chodesh Prg ROSH CHODESH	29 2 nisan HiHi - 6pm	30 3 nisan SH Taste of Passover - 8pm	31 4 nisan	

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



Reality and Illusion

One of the key motifs of the festival of Purim is that of reversal from initial appearances. What seems to be immutable and permanent at the beginning actually turns out to be transitory and changeable; roles are reversed; apparent villains in power become vanquished, and the underdogs in the end become vindicated. This

is in part the idea of why costumes are worn, especially often those with masks. Going back to Roman times, there are traditions of other cultures celebrating events in costumes and wearing masks, hiding one's identity so that social and other roles do not hold back interactions with others. Venice became noteworthy with these types of celebrations, and the wearing of masks allowed mingling between members of social classes that under ordinary normal circumstances was proscribed and forbidden.

Those primarily wearing masks and hoods today are perpetrating unspeakable crimes against humanity. The forces of ISIS acting out their hatred in Iraq, in Syria, in Lebanon, and many other locations hide their individuality by wearing their hoods and masks and becoming anonymous within their groups, at least to the outside world. Their cowardice is normalized within their own ranks. The violence they perpetrate is deliberately, cynically, and brashly broadcast to the entire world in carefully constructed videos of hatred and anti-western propaganda. Their trappings, their rituals, their military/religious chants, and their acts of slaughter have all the trappings of a religion inside a religion. These fundamentalist jihadists have commandeered anything but the noble and the beautiful aspects of the religion, Islam, they aspire to uphold. Bravado aside, unfortunately those who have illegally worn masks and participated in recent civil protests and marches in this country, although coming from a vastly different perspective, demonstrate a different face of cowardice as well.

There are a few brave and courageous voices of noble opposition from within the Muslim community. One notable one, let us pray who may represent a modern-day Bilaam, is the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who has called for the need to "step outside of yourselves to be able to observe it (the current Islamic world) and reflect on it from a more enlightened perspective." He bravely has stated that "It's inconceivable that the

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MAZAL TOV

Ken Gutwein celebrated the 57th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, January 21 by giving a D'var Torah, reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah and leading Musaf.

Joel & Amy Sobin announce the engagement of their son, Matthew, to Patricia Gonzalez.

Adam & Hayley Novick announce the birth of their daughter, Josephine Rose Novick.

Gail & Jim Lodge announce the engagement of their daughter, Kay, to Eric Isaacs.

Miss Phyllis (Frisher), longtime HJC ECC teacher, announces the birth of her grandson, Landon Cruz.

Joni & Israel Brenner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 29.

Arlene Rubenstein announces the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Emerson Nash Jenen, on January 14.

Ellen Kahn announces the birth of her great grandson, Tal Yisrael.

CONDOLENCES

Joe Rabinowitz on the death of his mother, Sylvia Rabinowitz

Edward Alcosser on the death of his wife, Arlene Alcosser

The family of Rabbi Solomon (Michael) Roth. Rabbi Roth was the Rabbi at HJC from 1949-1957.

NEW MEMBERS

Israel Brenner of Huntington

President's Perspective

by Allison Reiver



Support our Fundraising Efforts

We have a number of exciting fundraising events coming up that require our support if they are to be successful and if we are to have a balanced budget for the year. Just to set the scene, the dues that we collect cover approximately one-third of our expenses (salaries, building maintenance, overhead).

This means that we have to make up two-thirds of our budget outside of dues. We do this through our school and summer program tuitions, fees paid for the use of our building, and fundraising activities (unlike some synagogues, we do not have a catering relationship which can be a great source of revenue). Over the years, the fundraising income has included our High Holiday donations (which include our Kol Nidre campaign and guest tickets sold for the holidays), Comedy Night, the Progressive Din-ner, the Congregational New Year's card, our theater production, and the donations that are made to the synagogue in recognition or memory of another.

As you can see, that's a lot of money that must be derived from fundraising to prevent us from operating at a deficit. This is a responsibility that belongs to all of us. Above and beyond our dues, we need to financially support our synagogue so that we can continue to enjoy the quality of professionals and staff that guide us, our programs, and the maintenance of our beautiful building and parsonage. So with that in mind, allow me to tell

you about the great programs coming up that we know you will enjoy:

March 4-HJC's 3rd Annual Progressive Dinner at 7:00

pm-Participants gather at different host homes for a kosher dinner. We will then all travel and meet at HJC at 9:00 pm for a community dessert. There will be desserts, beverages, light entertainment, and raffle prizes. Rabbi Saks will be joining us for the dessert part of the evening. Admission is \$36/person.

March 12-Purim Party FUN-d RAISER at 4:00 pm

Eat, drink, dance and make merry to music by our very own HJC musicians. ...for more fun come in costume! Part of the fun will include HJC's first "services" auction. In the month leading up to the event, congregants are being asked to fill out one or more gift certificate forms for a service that they can provide for another congregant who will bid on it at a silent auction. Services may include sharing of your time, or special skills or talents, shared adventures, use of season tickets or vacation rentals and more! Bidding wars will take place from 4:00 to 5:30 pm and winners will be announced later in the evening. Individuals unable to attend the party, will be able to bid on-line in the week prior to the event. Admission is \$36/adult, \$20/child age 5-18 (\$100 maximum per family). Full bar for suggested donations. Credit cards and checks accepted for auction prizes.

May 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm

HJC hosts the astounding documentary film *"No Place On Earth."* This presentation, co-sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County, tells the incredible story of five Jewish families who survived the Holocaust by taking refuge in a Ukrainian cave for over 500 days. Following the film there will be a panel discussion with special guests including Chris Nicola, the cave digger who discovered the cave and authored the book, *"The*

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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.

Please contact **Evelyn Abraham at 631 424-6922 or evelyn_abraham@optonline.net** if you would like to purchase Torah Fund cards or would like a Tzedakah box.

Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat Saturday, March 25th

Join us as members of HJC Sisterhood and Men's Club help lead services and read Torah.

Be part of a very special morning at HJC.
We would love for you to participate!

Hebrew and English parts are now being assigned. Cantor Gordan will be available and happy to meet with those who need assistance.

Please RSVP to Evelyn Abraham at 631-424-6922 or evelyn_abraham@optonline.net
Check your Sisterhood and Men's Club membership. Always time to join.



Songleader Boot Camp

by Hazzan Israel Gordan



From Sunday, February 19th at 2pm until Tuesday, February 21st at 3:30pm, I attended the annual Songleader Boot Camp (SLBC) in St. Louis, MO. The conference has been in existence since 2010 and this year was the first time I was able to go. The conference brings together songleaders, musicians, cantors, rabbis, educators, storytellers, and others who are, or aspire to be, leaders in the Jewish community. It is organized by the Jewish musician, Rick

Recht and the rabbi of the St. Louis Jewish Community Center, Brad Horwitz. The 49 hours that I spent there were truly inspiring and I am still buzzing from the energy of it all.

PJ Library (which is itself funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation) provides several people with scholarships to attend the event at no cost in an effort to bring together PJ Library professionals from all over the country around music (in addition to the annual PJ Library convention in April). As someone who is involved with PJ Library in our synagogue and throughout the metropolitan New York area, I applied for, and received, a grant to go.

The 49 hours were packed with activity. Unlike most conferences, while we stayed at a hotel, the conference itself was a bus-ride away at the JCC, so there was no opportunity to go back to your room, lie down, or even take a break. It was just non-stop tefillah, music, sessions, meals, discussions, and a whole lot of fun. If you've never experienced a conference like this, it is difficult to put into words, but I will try.

Rick Recht, Josh Warshawsky, Shira Kline, Billy Jonas; these are just a few of the world-class Jewish musicians who shared their art, music, stories, and talent with us. Both mornings, tefillot were soul-filled sessions packed with spirit and music. After every meal, we had song sessions led by different members of the SLBC community. Rabbis David Ingber, Sharon Brous, Susan Talve, and others, shared inspiring words of Torah during evening sessions and concerts. I personally had the opportunity to learn about Tot Shabbat programming and music, prayer-leading, storytelling, and creating positive, meaningful relationships with Jewish music.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the conference, however, was the gathering of talent from across the country. People of all ages (I believe they ranged from around 12 to 67), who use their skills and abilities in various settings to share their love of Judaism and a vibrant, Jewish life. While life in "the field" can be at times depressing, it is impossible not to be hopeful about the future at a gathering such as this. The pure joy that people have for being together and celebrating life, love, God, and community while acknowledging pain, loss, and the difficulties that



Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

A TASTE OF PASSOVER **Join Sisterhood, Men's Club and the ECC** **on** **THURSDAY, MARCH 30th @ 8PM**

SISTERHOOD SPRING RUMMAGE SALE **TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!**

Please bring your gently used clothing and household items to the Social Hall for our annual Spring Rummage Sale

We welcome all who wish to volunteer for set-up and sale days!

Please contact Marlene Hummel:

mshummel@aol.com/631-988-3484

Drop Off on March 23rd & 24th! Sale on March 26th & 27th!

SISTERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Please join us as members of our Sisterhood and Men's Club help lead services and read Torah at this special HJC Shabbat.

ROSH CHODESH: WELCOMING THE NEW MOON **3/28 @ 7:30pm**

Rosh Chodesh is the time when the moon is a small sliver of light and the beginning of a new cycle.

Like the moon, we have the chance to start over, and to grow into who we want to be.

Join us as HJC congregant and Sisterhood member, Rabbinic Chaplain Joni Brenner leads this group in studying text and sharing some of the wisdom of our lives.

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

HAPPY PURIM!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13th - Sisterhood Board Meeting @8pm

March 23rd & 24th -Rummage Sale Drop Off

March 25th -Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat

March 26th & 27th - Rummage Sale

March 28th - Rosh Chodesh Program 7:30pm

March 30th - A Taste of Passover 8pm

Sisterhood Contacts:

Donna Fleiss - donna.fleiss@gmail.com

Miriam Wirchin - mirm1225@aol.com

Learn to play Mah Jongg!



Learn to play Mah Jongg on Thursdays April 20th, April 27th and May 4th @ 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
(No Walk-ins)

Mah Jongg cards will be ordered for participants

Pizza and Purim Z'havah

The second annual Pizza and Purim Z'havah program sponsored by Sisterhood on Sunday, 2/12 was overwhelmingly successful! Many moms and their children participated in a fun hour of preparing their own tray of 12 delicious hamantashen to be baked and enjoyed at home. Z'havah is a way for younger women to gather and affiliate within their synagogue community. We are looking forward to our next Z'havah event!



Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher

Religious School Administrator



There is so much going on in Religious School in the month of March it is making my head spin!!

These are the events, there is something for everyone:

March 3rd - ECC -K -1 -2 Shabbat Dinner 5:00 services and 5:30 dinner

March 5th - Vav workshop #5 with Dr. Cindy Dolgin at 9:45

March 5th - Religious School board meeting 9:15

March 7-14 & 21- is A Taste of Gan. This program is open to all 4 yr. old children to see what the Gan class is like. They meet with Miss Stacey who is the Gan teacher at 1:30 for an hour. Please let me know if you are interested in signing your child up.

March 12th - Religious School from 9:00-11:00. Please meet your children at their classroom so you can take them to the Purim carnival which is a fundraiser for our youth. There is a lot of fun for everyone. Lot's of prizes and games.

March 15th - HIHI for 5th-6th & 7th grade students to help out. This is a great opportunity to earn community service. Please let me know if you can participate.

March 18th - Junior Congregation 10:30

March 19th - trip to the children's museum at the Commack JCC for grades Alef - Bet - Gimel & Daled at 9:00 am

March 25th - Junior Congregation 10:30

March 26th - Vav workshop #6 with Dr. Cindy Dolgin at 9:45

Have a great March!!

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Congregants participate in the World Wide Wrap.





Early Childhood News

by Ilene Brown



*"Learn character from trees,
values from roots and change from
leaves."*

Tasneem Hameed

The children in the Early Childhood Center have been immersed in learning about the holiday of Tu Bishvat. It happens to be one of my favorite holidays because it is a reminder of how important trees and nature are to our world. Music, movement, literature, and even yoga have played a part in educating the children about Tu Bishvat and trees.

The children have been eating fruit from trees, hugging trees (see photo), and learning all about the incredible gifts that trees bestow upon us and all living things. Some classes have created their own artistic interpretations of trees using a variety of materials such as paint, tissue paper, markers, and my favorite-recycled materials. I have always thought it hypocritical to use paper in our art work to create trees while we have to cut them down to make paper, so we try to use recycled material as much as possible. Tu Bishvat would not be complete without planting. Every child in every class has participated in planting their own seeds in individual planters. Of course, parsley is planted in all rooms in preparation for Passover. In many classes, seeds from every fruit they eat for snack are being extracted and planted in hopes of witnessing the growth.





SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, May 10th 2017

7:30 pm

" . . . throughout history people have believed that demons dwell in caves. But Holocaust survivor Esther Stermer, does not agree. The real demons are the ones on the surface . . . "
- Peter Keough, *The Boston Globe*

**A Remarkable Story of Human Endurance.
An Almost Forgotten Chapter of Holocaust History.**

**Film Presentation, Panel Discussion & Book Signing
Meet Author Chris Nicola and an Actual Survivor from the Cave.**



Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale

**Time to make
room in your
closets!**

Please bring us
your clean, gently used,
fall/winter clothes, toys,
books,
shoes, baby items,
and small housewares.



Drop Off: Thursday March 23rd 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday March 24th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sale Days: Sunday March 26th 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Monday March 27th 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Volunteers needed to set up, work the sale and clean up:
Thursday, 3/23 from 9-6 and Friday 3/24 from 9-3
Sunday, 3/26 from 9:30-3:30 and Monday, 3/27 from 9:30-5

Contact Marlene Hummel at 631-988-3484/mskhummel@aol.com

A Taste of Passover



Thursday, March 30th at 8:00 PM

**Sisterhood, Men's Club, and ECC
invite you to**

**Experience new flavors,
Remember old ones**

**Cooking Demonstrations, Tastings, and Recipes
Try different varieties of wine, matzah,
charoset, gefilte fish, desserts and more!**

Open to All!

Volunteers needed to share a recipe,
demonstrate a dish, bake or cook for tasting...

Please RSVP to

Evelyn Abraham: evelyn_abraham@optonline.net or 631-424-6922

**Gift Shop will be open for your Passover needs
10% discount on select items**

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."



Elaine and Walter Kleinmann

Elaine: I grew up in a close-knit family of six, and we all worked in the family stationery store in Danbury, CT. From early childhood on, we waited on customers at the candy counter, folded newspapers on Sunday mornings, and, later, worked the soda fountain. In my teens, when I participated in our temple youth group, NEFTY, I felt that I was part of something meaningful that was

larger than my small circle. That was a formative experience. Although I did not engage with a Jewish community as a young adult, that experience always stayed with me.

After graduating from UConn, I was a high school teacher in Connecticut, and following that I worked as a systems engineer for IBM in NYC. City living was quite broadening, and the job gave me the skills to continue my career eventually as a systems analyst / programmer.

Walter: My father left Berlin for his safety in 1933 to complete his medical studies in Italy. My mother joined him and they were married in Genoa in 1938. In 1940 they were arrested by the Fascist government along with other Jews, and sent to the city of Potenza, the capital of a poor southern Italian province where I was born and where we spent the remainder of the war. My parents were very fortunate to find two families who helped us negotiate the perils of war, and who felt the responsibility and connection to other human beings living in their community during those dark times. We were officially considered enemies of the State, stripped of civil liberties and permitted only limited movement.

After the war my father headed an office as the representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Genoa, whose primary goal was to provide displaced European Jews in Italy with shelter, food, clothing and affidavits to come to the United States. On a chance meeting with the daughter of a prominent Jewish philanthropist, he was invited to Switzerland to meet with Mr. Arde Bulova, the international manufacturer of precision watches. As a result of that meeting, Mr. Bulova provided my father with 130 blank affidavits for the USA, thus enabling my parents, my younger brother and me, and other Jewish families to start a new life in America.

We arrived in NYC when I was 7 years old and lived on Orchard St. on the Lower East Side. That is when I learned to speak English.

Elaine: Walter and I met on a blind date - a woman I became friendly with when I was on a solo vacation to Club Med worked with him, and

gave him my number upon her return. We married in Danbury, CT, and moved to Huntington in 1975.

Walter teaches Spanish, Italian, and foreign film studies at Sacred Heart Academy and also Spanish and the Holocaust at Molloy College where he is Adjunct Assistant professor of Modern Languages.

We joined HJC in 1978, when our son Michael was two, and I was pregnant with our son David. Some years later, I began my involvement first as a student of almost every class Rabbi Kurshan taught, then as a volunteer on the Family Life Committee. Walter and I joined a Havurah in 1985.

A major event occurred for us when my father died an hour before Kol Nidre in 1991. I then started coming to Shabbat morning services to say Kaddish. When that year concluded, I was hooked, and have continued to attend every Shabbat morning. The service and the melodies help me center myself spiritually, and the community is our community. It has shared in our sorrows, on the passing of our parents, and also our joys with our sons becoming B'nai Mitzvot, my own Bat Mitzvah, and the naming of our granddaughter, Talia Zoe Kleinmann.

My presidency at HJC was a rewarding, challenging, and fulfilling commitment. Since then, I have worked in the Jewish Communal field as a synagogue consultant, group facilitator, and most recently as a Wise Aging facilitator. I've continued my volunteer involvement at HJC as this is our spiritual home.

Walter: Nine years ago I received a phone call from Elizabeth Bettina, who was doing research on the role of Italians during the Holocaust. She invited me to travel to Italy with a group of Jews who had survived the war years there. It became known in my native town that our group from the US was visiting, and because of extensive local television coverage, a man with his family appeared at my hotel and introduced himself as my brother. Indeed he was my fratello di latte, my "milk brother," Rocco Giacomino! His mother, Mrs. Giiulia Ruggieri, had nursed me in 1941 when my mother wasn't able to. Rocco also brought an original letter that my mother sent to his mother in 1948, recounting the allied bombings of 1943 when our families fled Potenza for the hamlet of Tito. Upon my return to New York I learned that a second woman had also nursed me in the same city in 1942, Mrs. Elvira Cundari, and I had yet another "milk brother," Antonio, and "milk sister," Marina, in Rome. Both families have become part of our extended family.

HJC is a central part of our lives where we both find a strong sense of belonging, commitment and community. We are pleased to be able to share the story of our lives both in person with my involvement in the discussion of the documentary, *My Italian Secret*, as Kol Nidre chairs, and as part of the Storytelling Project

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People of the Book Ben Tasman Library NEWS

This library is a warm and welcoming place that should not be missed. Amos Oz, Amos Bashevis Singer so many celebrated authors and others less known like the book I will briefly describe:

A Pigeon and a Boy, by Meir Shalov. This is a tale of lovers, how deeply we love and why we, like pigeons trained to fly in one direction only, must eventually return to it. Or, check out the cookbooks, art books or poetry. The choice is endless.

Next month I will be sharing some exciting new additions to our shelves. If there is something you would like to see that we do not currently have, please let us know and we will try to get it for you.

Feel free to contact me at syd519@gmail.com.

Rabbi con't from pg. 4

thinking that we hold most sacred should cause the entire umma (Islamic world) to be a source of anxiety, danger, killing and destruction for the rest of the world. Impossible! That thinking – I am not saying “religion” but “thinking” – that corpus of texts and ideas that we have sacralized over the centuries, to the point that departing from them has become almost impossible, is antagonizing the entire world. It’s antagonizing the entire world!” He calls for nothing less than “a religious revolution” from within Islam led by the multitude of Imams and religious leaders.

We can hope and pray that this message of reform will take root in the Islamic world. Both Judaism and Christianity engaged in prolonged periods of reform and change regarding interfacing sacred texts and traditions vis-à-vis the modern world accompanied by its new realities and demands. We certainly need to support those who echo and resonate with President al-Sisi’s call for reform and change. We need to support actions to actively uproot and neutralize those whose wanton disregard for human life and

liberties make a mockery of civilized values and societies with notions of tolerance and diversity. We know who the modern Hamans, the modern villains are, and yes, those cowards are wearing their hoods as they burn their victims and chop off the heads of their prisoners without any mercy as they proclaim their own righteousness. May their plans be foiled as were Haman’s!

Here at HJC however, we hope to have a communal celebration much lighter in spirit on Sunday, March 12, at 4:00 p.m. with a Purim meal accompanied by music, a silent auction, dancing if you wish, great and festive Israeli style food, this rabbi’s organic salad, and just a lot of fun! On this day it’s a mitzvah just to have a meal in celebration of the holiday! Please make your reservations as soon as possible, and come and join us in this great celebration. You might even be able to get a preview of coming attractions by getting the link to our first rehearsal sample put on Facebook through Risa Gold’s Facebook page!

can occur within that. These tensions exist and can't be ignored; they make life the authentic experience that it is.

I hope I can use some of this energy and knowledge in my work and share it with you. I look forward to continuing our Jewish journeys and I hope you do too!



ROSH CHODESH: Welcoming the New Moon
Tuesday, March 28th
7:30 pm

Please join HJC Sisterhood on March 28th, 1st of Nisan, for a special Women's Study Group

Rosh Chodesh is the time when the moon is a small sliver of light.
 It's the beginning of a new cycle.
 Like the moon, we have the chance to start over, and to grow into who we want to be.

Join us as we spend 90 minutes studying text, pairing up with a partner and sharing some of the wisdom of our lives.

The workshop is being led by our HJC congregant and Sisterhood member,
 Rabbinic Chaplain Joni Brenner

*Please RSVP to Evelyn Abraham
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Hope you can join us for this spiritual evening

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Joan & Paul Cohen in memory of Michael Cohen at yahrzeit.

Randi & Alan Schuller in memory of Elaine Bodian at yahrzeit.

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Robert A. Gordon in memory of Harvey H. Gordon at yahrzeit.

Marlene & Lenny Hummel in memory of Robert Ross at yahrzeit.

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Howard Dubow in memory of Blanche Dubowsky at yahrzeit.

Mark Klein in memory of June Klein.

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Jill Lagnado in memory of Morris Zweigenbaum at yahrzeit.

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Vicki & Arthur Perler in memory of Fred Eaglstein, son-in-law of Shimmy & Ralph Kornblatt.

Jill Lagnado in memory of Nanette Zweigenbaum at yahrzeit.

Yolanda Barfus in memory of Benjamin Barfus at yahrzeit.

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Marilyn Koven in memory of Lillian Frank at yahrzeit.

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Donna & Ed Fleiss in memory of Loretta Nadler at yahrzeit.

Andrew Levy in memory of Norma Levy at yahrzeit.

Ethel Sachs in memory of Fred Eaglstein, son-in-law of Shimmy & Ralph Kornblatt.

Phyllis & Andrew Levy in memory of Fred Eaglstein, son-in-law of Shimmy & Ralph Kornblatt.

Burton Epstein in memory of Ceil Epstein at yahrzeit.

Elaine Marsh in memory of Sarah Maidenbaum at yahrzeit.

Marilyn & Gary Woghin in memory of Albert Moak at yahrzeit.

Jack Rubin in memory of Chet Rubin at yahrzeit.

Leslie & Jack Rubin wishing a speedy recovery to Nancy Cooper.

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Jeff Stark in memory of Bella Stark at yahrzeit.

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Richard Wertheim in memory of Seymour Wertheim at yahrzeit.

Robert Bookbinder in memory of Harry Bookbinder at yahrzeit.

Ethel Bock in memory of Rose Lena Schwartz at yahrzeit.

Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the 70th birthday of Ken Gutwein &

the 57th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the engagement of Matt, son of Amy & Joel Sobin, to Patricia Gonzalez.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the engagement of Kay, daughter of Gail & Jim Lodge, to Eric Isaacs.

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Howard Dubow in memory of Dave Dubowsky at yahrzeit.

Joseph Glassman in memory of Clinton Glassman at yahrzeit.

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Vicki Perler in memory of Herman Held at yahrzeit.

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Arnold, Victoria & Daniel Schwartz in memory of Rosalyn Schwartz at yahrzeit.

Joseph Glassman in memory of Selma Glassman at yahrzeit.

Jack Rubin in memory of Gilla Rubin at yahrzeit.

Leslie & Jack Rubin wishing a speedy recovery to Lester Fox.

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Linda & Howard Novick in memory of David Novick at yahrzeit.

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Tyna Strenger in memory of Solomon Liebovitch at yahrzeit.

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Syd Schlesinger in memory of Mildred Harmon at yahrzeit.

The Fleiss family in memory of Anna Tasman at yahrzeit.

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Debbie & David Stein in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max.

Vicki & Arthur Perler in honor of Cantor Israel Gordan.

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Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the birthdays of Scott & Zach Ingber.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the 15th wedding anniversary of Meri & Ed Schindler.

Judy & Lester Fox wishing a speedy recovery to Ronnie Shapss.

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Shimmy & Ralph Kornblatt in memory of Adele Kalstein.

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The Ingber family wishing a speedy recovery to Lester Fox.

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“Secret of Priest’s Grotto” (from which the film is based), and a survivor from the cave, who currently lives in Queens, New York. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to meet them and hear their unbelievable story. More details to follow.

June 21, 2017 at 1:00 pm-HJC will be hosting a golf outing at Crab Meadow Golf Course. This great day will include an afternoon of golf, including contests (longest drive, closest to the pin), raffles, and refreshments, followed by cock-tails and dinner at the golf course. There will be lots of sponsorship opportunities. More information to follow but please save the date (whether you are a novice or expert)!

Surely one or all of these activities will appeal to you. And remember your friends and family who are not members of HJC

can help support us by joining you at these events. We also again will be promoting our beautiful Tree of Life in the Kiddush Lounge and the brick walkway outside of the school wing, a wonderful way to commemorate a simcha, a teacher, or your friends and family. In addition, we were recently notified that a former congregant remembered us in her will. We will provide more information in the near future on planned giving, but please remember it’s an option.

In other words, we cannot exist on dues alone. No synagogue can. Please support the programs that we have planned and to which we have dedicated much time and energy so that we can all enjoy time with our fellow congregants. Without your support, our bottom line will be red and our events won’t be as much fun!

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