



HJC Bulletin

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## HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

The 8th Annual *A Taste of Passover* took place on March 30, 2017

The event, sponsored by HJC Sisterhood, Men's Club and ECC was, once again, a delicious success!

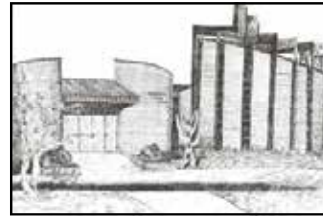


## Spring Book Discussion

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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## MINYAN IN THE PARK, SUNDAY, MAY 28, CAUMSETT STATE PARK

– Join us for the annual Caumsett Park Minyan in Lloyd Neck. This uniquely inspiring service is held at the Long Island Sound overlook behind the Science Center, one of the most beautiful spots on Long Island. Meet at the Park entrance at 7:30 am with bicycles or walking shoes since the location of our service is a mile into the park. Congregants who want auto transportation from the Park entrance or who need directions are asked to call the HJC office in advance.

**MEMORIAL PLAQUES** – Each year at Selichot, we dedicate plaques in memory of our departed loved ones. This year, Selichot falls on Saturday evening, **September 16**. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque, orders are now being taken in the synagogue office. The plaques are \$450 and the deadline to order is **June 2**.

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**KAR-BEN**  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Social Action Program - Newborns In Need thru May 31</i></p>	<p>1 <sup>5 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>EC Meeting - 7:30 pm</i></p> <p><b>YOM HAZIKARON</b></p>	<p>2 <sup>6 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>RS / Chaverim (MT)</i></p> <p><b>YOM HAATZMA'UT</b></p>	<p>3 <sup>7 iyar</sup></p>	<p>4 <sup>8 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>SH Mah Jongg - 7:30 pm</i></p>	<p>5 <sup>9 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>* 8 pm Services begin</i></p>	<p>6 <sup>10 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>Bat Mitzvah - Debra Jaffe - 9:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Jr Cong - 10:30 am</i></p> <p><b>Acharei Mot-Kedoshim</b></p>
<p>7 <sup>11 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>JNN</i></p> <p><i>RS / Mitzvah Day</i></p> <p><i>Blood Drive</i></p> <p><i>Tulip Festival - TOH</i></p>	<p>8 <sup>12 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>SH Board Meeting - 8 pm</i></p>	<p>9 <sup>13 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>Shavuot Food Drive thru June 6</i></p> <p><i>RS</i></p>	<p>10 <sup>14 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>No Place On Earth Film Presentation &amp; Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p>11 <sup>15 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>SH Book Discussion - 1 pm</i></p> <p><i>Board Meeting - 8 pm</i></p>	<p>12 <sup>16 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>Minyan Breakfast - 8 am</i></p> <p><i>Sheila Feinberg sponsor</i></p> <p><i>RS- Gimmel/Daled Dinner &amp; Shabbatone</i></p>	<p>13 <sup>17 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>RS - Hey/Vav Shabbatone</i></p> <p><b>Emor</b></p>
<p>14 <sup>18 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>JNN</i></p> <p><i>RS Closed</i></p> <p><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p> <p><b>LAG BA'OMER</b></p>	<p>15 <sup>19 iyar</sup></p>	<p>16 <sup>20 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>RS</i></p> <p><i>Chaverim - Lag B'Omer Field Day</i></p>	<p>17 <sup>21 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>Jewish Public Affairs Forum with Ken Bob - 8 pm</i></p>	<p>18 <sup>22 iyar</sup></p>	<p>19 <sup>23 iyar</sup></p>	<p>20 <sup>24 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>Bat Mitzvah - Nicole Feibel - 9:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Jr Cong - 10:30 am</i></p> <p><b>Behar-Bechukotai</b></p>
<p>21 <sup>25 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>JNN</i></p> <p><i>RS / RS Board Mtg 9:15 am</i></p> <p><i>MC Meeting - 9:45 am</i></p> <p><i>Yom HaAtzmaut Program</i></p>	<p>22 <sup>26 iyar</sup></p> <p><b>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</b></p>	<p>23 <sup>27 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>Moving Up / Mock Wedding</i></p> <p><i>Last Day of RS</i></p> <p><i>Recognition Awards</i></p>	<p>24 <sup>28 iyar</sup></p> <p><b>YOM YERUSHALAYIM</b></p>	<p>25 <sup>29 iyar</sup></p> <p><i>Congregational Meeting - 8 pm</i></p>	<p>26 <sup>1 sivan</sup></p> <p><i>ECC Contingency Day (possible closure)</i></p> <p><b>ROSH CHODESH</b></p>	<p>27 <sup>2 sivan</sup></p> <p><b>Bamidbar</b></p>
<p>28 <sup>3 sivan</sup></p> <p><i>JNN</i></p> <p><i>Minyan in the Park</i></p>	<p>29 <sup>4 sivan</sup></p> <p><i>ECC / Main Office Closed</i></p> <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b></p>	<p>30 <sup>5 sivan</sup></p> <p><b>EREV SHAVUOT</b></p>	<p>31 <sup>6 sivan</sup></p> <p><i>ECC / Main Office Closed</i></p> <p><b>SHAVUOT</b></p>			



## SHAVUOT FOOD DRIVE



Thursday, May 18 – Friday, June 2



Please join our HJC Synagogue family, ECC and Religious School in helping those in need in our community on Long Island. There will be receptacles to collect nourishing non-perishable healthy food in unopened containers.

**Please do not bring Passover food.**

All food will be donated to help refill food pantries.

**We know we can count on your support!**

Any questions? Please call Marilyn Klein at 631/271-8461 or Janet Kushnick at 631/271-8803



# From Rabbi Barnett

Interim Rabbi



## *Israel, the Holocaust, and the Immense Acceleration of Change*

Subtracting 1948 from 2017, this month, on May 2, marks the 69th anniversary year of the creation of the modern state of Israel! While almost next to impossible, just nonetheless try to imagine if in their wildest dreams, our Jewish ancestors of 500 years ago would have had any notion that the millennial

prayers and hopes of return from exile to a Jewish national homeland could have become the reality of today. Given the political and economic conditions from that time, with the rise of mercantilism, the slave trade, colonization largely by the big four nations of England, Spain, France, and Portugal, all occurring during what would later be termed pre-Renaissance, it seems like a totally different world, one which had little room in conception or reality for a tiny Jewish state, regardless of the number of prayers sent to God. Yet, Jews continued to pray; Jews continued to contribute to the development and advancements of human civilization to a degree far out of proportion to our tiny and fractional numerical census on the planet; and most crucially, Jews never entirely forsook the hope and dream of returning to our ancestral homeland, Eretz Yisrael.

Today, given the geopolitical realities of the modern Middle East, it's hard to conceive of a world with any remnant of reflective, caring, responsible, and ultimately democratic humanity without immediately feeling and understanding the need for the state of Israel. Israel is, and is likely to remain, the sole and unique liberal democracy in that corner of the world. Its importance in all key areas – geopolitically, economically, strategically, religiously, and culturally, for starters – cannot be overstated. Consonant with that recognition, it will remain important that as a country it not be judged on a double standard with respect to other nation states, but with a recognition that it also has many competing concerns and constraints, and thus needs to be able to survive in the context of a world which is in many ways more hazardous than ever before in human history.

The emergence of the state of Israel was catalyzed to a significant degree by the still smoking embers of the Holocaust. Just last month, on April 24, we commemorated Yom HaShoah, the actual day of the remembrance of the Holocaust. As horrific and as traumatically destructive as previous national losses were, namely the destruction of the first and second Temples (involving horrors still hard

# HJC Community News



## MAZAL TOV

Sheila & Bruce Feinberg announce the birth of their granddaughter, Gili Shirel Ostrin.

Fara & Brad Chicorel announce the birth of their daughter, Dylan Brooke.

Janet and Mark Zimmerman announce the marriage of their daughter, Meryl, to Trey Rintala.

to imagine), the Macabbean wars, the early persecutions during Roman times, the subsequent horrors of Crusade slaughtering, the terrors of the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions and subsequent expulsions, the expulsion from England, and the later pogroms of central and eastern Europe and the Pale of Settlement, the Holocaust remains as a series of events taking place on an entirely different level and scope. Liturgical responses to such national tragedies in the past sometimes evolved over the course of centuries; today, given the technology of our communications and media, in the course of sixty plus years, we have developed an immense, if not unified, collection of separate and diverse liturgies, writings, poetry, music, and theatrical responses to that singular horror. Just as it remains nearly impossible to conceive of what our world would be like without the state of Israel, for my generation and those who have followed me, it remains nearly impossible to think of what our Jewish world would be like now if those six million Jews had not been slaughtered through mass technological genocide, and had rather lived, and procreated through descendants.

In all, so much recent change has happened relatively fast in comparison with previous human history, that indeed many have claimed that from an anthropological and developmental perspective, our technological development has outstripped our emotional and relational ability to process and assimilate such change. However, neither are we free to drop out or cease our efforts to

# President's Perspective

by Allison Reiver



## Todah Rabah!

I am writing my last Bulletin article on the plane home from Prague after visiting our middle son Lee (who is studying there for the semester) with Mitch and our oldest son Andrew. It would be very easy to fill the page with details about our trip, our meaningful tours of the Jewish quarter and Terezin, our relaxing breakfast with Allen

Wertheim, Billy's brother and a proud resident of Prague, and our time together as a family (although without our youngest son Dan who was "stuck" in Ann Arbor studying). As great a trip as it was, and as relevant to Jewish life as a trip can be, instead the focus of this article will be on the Jewish life I have lived locally for the last two years.

I must say this has been quite a ride. Jay Steinberg told me early on that some presidencies have been more eventful than others. I would probably put mine in the more eventful category. During my first month as President, I met with Rabbi Kurshan and we started talking about his departure. While in Prague this week, I sent Pesach greetings to Rabbi Saks. In between, I have spent time collaborating with so many to meet the varied needs of our congregation. Together we said goodbye to our beloved rabbi and found a great new rabbi; entered into new contracts with Cantor Gordan, Barbara Axmacher, and Ilene Brown; are installing a state of the art security system; had two years of balanced budgets; had successful and fun fundraisers; continued to support the needy in our community; and managed to stay united and strong despite turbulent and divisive times.

While these events occurred on my "watch," credit for their success belongs to so many. To name everyone would

basically require a reprinting of our HJC roster. Suffice it to say that the success of a President's term relates directly to the commitment and dedication of the people around her. I fully appreciate what it means to establish a cabinet with your go-to fellow congregants who are there to help work through the issues. Some of my cabinet consisted of this year and last year's Executive Committee, our Board of Trustees, past presidents, committee heads, and a few local HJC lawyers who helped guide us through contracts, easements, and every Shabbat service. It really takes a village and we have an amazing village.

Our synagogue, like most, is volunteer based. But those who work in the building are the ones who make it succeed. Very special thanks to Cantor Gordan for all of his guidance, patience and support. Barbara Axmacher was a great right-hand woman and made a tough job possible. Debbie Rosenkrantz and Irma Mile were always just a phone call or email away. Thanks to Rabbi Barnett for enthusiastically bridging the gap between our past and future rabbis.

Thanks to Mitch for listening and supporting and always providing love and laughter; to my boys for understanding that they had to occupy a smaller part of my life (for the first time in their lives); to my parents and sisters for supporting my commitment even though it took time away from being with them.

But ultimately the thanks goes to all of you. I already see how this job has changed me. I have learned that no problem is too small if it's important to just one of us. I have learned how to negotiate and try to build a consensus. I have learned how to ask for help. Ultimately, I have learned why God put me in this position: to be touched by all of you. Thank you for enriching my life with your warmth, your compassion, your commitment to building a strong Jewish community, your smiles, your hugs, your tears. I am forever changed and humbled to call you my friends.





## Everything Old is New Again

by Hazzan Israel Gordan



Although Passover 2017 is ancient history (and in fact, I wrote about preparing for the holiday in last month's bulletin column), I'm always amazed by how these eight days can have such a profound impact on our entire year. For many people, Passover is either their most or least favorite holiday; very few people do not have strong reactions to it. All of the very specific rules and regulations that go into preparing and celebrating Passover illustrate

how much our diet impacts our daily lives. Being severely restricted on what we can eat changes these eight days in a way that no other period of time during the year comes close.

But another part of the holiday that I always find surprising is in the dishes. Every year, we take out glasses, dishes, silverware, and pots and pans for Passover and put away our regular items. Is there a similar experience that we have with anything else? Each year, I get to say "hello old friends" to this particular vegetable scraper, or that plastic children's cup, or this set up of measuring spoons that I won't see again until next year. How odd and how fun this experience can be and I'm sorry that more people don't take part in this annual ritual. Absence makes that heart grow fonder, and while dishes aren't particularly important, it is nice to treat "stuff" with a little excitement and respect.

Now that those items are safely stored away for another year, it's important to keep that sense of wonder and surprise for each new day and what it brings. We are in the midst of counting the omer – the period of seven weeks extending from Passover to Shavuot. There are many interpretations of the various meanings and significances of the omer, but one of the main ones is a way to connect the themes of the holidays together: the freedom that we gained on Passover has given us the opportunity to seek out and commit to the covenant and law that we celebrate on Shavuot.

This time should also be a seven week period of what Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel called "radical amazement," a way to battle the natural state of complacency and taking things for granted. Not only can we be delighted in using a particular glass or plate, but we should look at the beauty and wonder in each new day: the sun rising, the plants blooming, the grass growing. Each piece of nature is truly a miracle and we must train ourselves to appreciate that fact. These miracles, however, are not just found in nature, and certainly not just in our "stuff," but in our daily interactions with others. The way spouses treat each other, parents and children, siblings, and certainly friends and neighbors, for many, illustrates the essence of life and the very reason for being. How can we help others? How can we help repair the world? How can I leave things just a little better than I found them?

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## Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

### A TASTE OF PASSOVER/MATZAH FUND

Thank you to all those who shopped, prepared food, demonstrated and participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual A Taste of Passover event! And, Todah Rabah to all those who generously donated to the Matzah Fund where monies were distributed to those in need this Passover season.

### COLLEGIAN UPDATE

Thank you, once again, to our Collegian Committee - Patricia Schoeffler, Jill Sherman and Deborah Cadel - for sending wonderful and creative holiday themed packages that remind our daughters, sons and grandchildren of their connection to HJC. This year there were approximately 40 college students included in this program which is sponsored by

Sisterhood and donations.

Holiday themed packages were sent for Rosh Hashanah, Tu B'Shevat and Purim and welcomed by all who received them.

### SUPPORT THE HJC SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

The HJC Sisterhood Gift Shop is ready to assist you with your Judaica needs for all occasions!

Gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, graduation, birthday, holidays, engagement, wedding, baby and many other occasions!

Our items are sold at below market cost, no tax, and all profits go right back to supporting the Sisterhood of HJC!

Purchase your holiday and simcha gifts at any time!!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8th - Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm

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

June 3rd - Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Shabbarbeque & Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat

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## WOMEN'S LEAGUE TORAH FUND CARDS

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Please contact **Evelyn Abraham** at **631 424-6922** or **[evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net)** if you would like to purchase Torah Fund cards or would like a Tzedakah box.

## HAMANTASHEN THANK YOU

With thanks for the many hours of hard work in the HJC baking hamantashen! Your dedication as volunteers helped to make this another successful Purim fundraiser!

**Evelyn Abraham**

**Felicia Messing**

**Lesley Delia Stark**

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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 of snail mail) so they can send you our monthly bulletin of enriching and exciting programs, all taking place locally.

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## View from the Director's Chair

by Barbara Axmacher



### *Spring Clean Your Life*

(The Huffington Post)

We have all heard of spring cleaning. Usually it refers to things like going through your clothes closets, making your home sparkle and shine or doing some gardening and yard work but have you considered spring-cleaning your life? If you've only thought about "spring cleaning" in terms of

straightening up, what about applying that same principle to the less tangible aspects of your world? It's time to spring clean your life!

Here are nine areas of your life that can benefit from a good spring-cleaning:

1. Your Mind - Sometimes we become our own worst enemy by allowing the voice in our head to make negative comments that talk us out of the things we know we should do. Clear your mind of negative thoughts and refill it with new healthy and positive thoughts.

2. Your Relationships - We have to spring clean our social life, too! If someone is dragging you down instead of lifting you up, it's time for him or her to go! Don't be afraid to reposition people; you may need to change their priority in your life. Choose who you allow in your inner circle.

3. Your Love Life - Partners and relationships have a huge impact on us and our life. Make moves to free yourself up and be available for a relationship with someone who wants what you want. Make room for a loving and healthy romantic relationship.

4. Your Heart - Now is the time to let hurtful things go and move on. Toss the baggage that is weighing you down. Make room for new loving and supportive people to come into your life.

5. Your Spirit - Reconnect with your spirituality. Attend religious services or spiritual events, pray, meditate, read or listen to uplifting music. Reconnect with your spirit.

6. Your Identity – Don't let the past define your present and future. Find your new truth! When you know better, you'll do better! Redefine yourself.

7. Your Bad Habits – Bad habits distract us from our

## Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher

Religious School Administrator

It is always so amazing how quickly the school year goes. Here we are in May, the last month of school this year. We usually end in the beginning of June, but it was decided to end before the "Celebrate Israel Parade" so more people can join our HJC contingent.

The following are upcoming events:

**Saturday, May, 6** Junior Congregation

**Sunday, May 7th** Mitzvah Day and the Huntington Tulip Festival - HJC participates in the festival and we need volunteers to help cover our table. It is also our annual Blood Drive

**Friday, May 12** the Gimel and Daled classes Shabbaton

**Saturday, May 13** the Hey and Vav classes Shabbaton

**Saturday, May 20** the last Junior Congregation of the school year

**Sunday, May 21** last day of school for Gan and Alef - last Religious School Board meeting of the school year

**Tuesday, May 23** last day of school Bet - Mitzvah Team - Awards Ceremony- Moving up for our Mitzvah Team

**Sunday, June 4** Celebrate Israel Parade



*Students at the Religious School Passover Seder.*



# Early Childhood News

by Ilene Brown



## ***“From Purim to Passover, Traditions Galore”***

“Passover is our tradition, and I like to keep up with that. Our ancestors couldn’t eat bread, and it’s nice for us to celebrate that every year by going through their struggles.” Marsha Cohen

I have to admit that Passover was not my favorite holiday growing up. We had to clean our house with my mother, including every kitchen cabinet and pantry. We had to replace our current meat

and dairy dishes and flatware with the Passover dishes that my mother stored in the basement. It was a lot of work! And then, no bread. We had every type of recipe made with matzah that one could imagine. It was the longest week of my life. Years later I realized that Passover was not so bad, fun in fact. I came to look forward to the tradition of cleaning and changing over the dishes. This time was precious because we were together as a family.

The Seders also became a sacred and favorite tradition of mine. My father at the head of the table, leading the Seder, my mom in the kitchen coming into read when it was her turn and my siblings, cousins, and I all counting the pages until the “festive meal”. But before the end, came the 4 questions sang by yours truly and my favorite, Dayenu! We must have sang the chorus 100 times! Finally, after dessert we were set free to look for the afikomen, another favorite Passover tradition. As I write this article, it occurs to me that Passover is actually an amazing holiday rich with family, appreciation, and tradition. I was blessed to grow up in a household filled with love and Jewish traditions.

As long as I can remember the HJC ECC has also created a tradition for Passover. The entire ECC community gathers together to retell the story of King Pharaoh, Moses, and the Jewish slaves who were finally free. The children take turns acting as Pharaoh, Moses, and the slaves in their classrooms fully embracing and identifying in each role. At our Seder, Cantor Gordan, Miss Phyllis, and the children actively retold the story. Following this tradition, the children, families, and teachers have traditional Passover snacks that were made in school amongst the beautiful tables and decorations made by each child. There is joy, love, and community filling the Social Hall. It is a tradition that I hope all will always remember long after their years in the ECC.



**ECC Passover seder**



## 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.



YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND SERVICES AT THE  
HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER  
ON

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017 ~ 6 SIVAN 5777**  
**THE FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT**

ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF NEWBORNS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY  
TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKFULNESS AND  
THE NEWBORNS WILL BE WELCOMED INTO THE COMMUNITY

THIS CEREMONY TO WELCOME THE NEWBORNS WILL TAKE PLACE AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM

KINDLY RESPOND TO DEBBIE IN THE MAIN OFFICE  
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND  
(Include newborn's name, parents/grandparents names,  
and sibling names)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

**BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SIBLINGS, AGES 1-3,  
BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 12:00 NOON**



# 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."***



## **Tom and Vicki Rosen**

Tom and Vicki have called HJC "family" for over 43 years. Tom grew up in a Reform congregation in Poughkeepsie, NY; Vicki in a Conservative congregation in

Cleveland Heights Ohio. They met at Ohio State and married 6 weeks after graduation. Tom was drafted into the US Army in December 1966. They began life together in the military where Tom served as a Captain in Military Intelligence. Vicki enjoyed life as a ranking officer's wife and was very active as a Red Cross Volunteer where she was recognized as Military Wife of the Year and the first civilian to be presented with The Army Commendation Award. Both their daughters, Jane and Nicole, were born at Ft. Knox Kentucky. Tom and Vicki found a few Jewish friends (all of whom were doctors serving in the Army Medical Corp) with whom they shared Jewish holidays and their daughters began their Jewish education with Sunday school taught by a teacher who visited the base.

Tom completed his military service after serving in Vietnam and, in 1973 moved his family to Long Island, where his mother was living. Tom found work selling insurance at Met Life where he stayed until he retired in 2014. They settled into the Huntington area and began shul shopping. They checked out Beth El but did not love it there and then explored HJC, where Tom was already familiar with the Men's Club through Gil Ogus and Murray Nirenberg. They enjoyed the people they met here beginning with Ellen Meiselman whom they met in the front office the day they came to explore.

Tom and Vicki enrolled their youngest daughter in the co-op nursery school and since that time, all of their major life cycle events have been celebrated at HJC. Nikki was named here, both girls celebrated their Bat Mitzvahs here. They attended Religious School and USY, both girls were married by Rabbi Kurshan and their granddaughter, Ella Rose, was named here. Tom and Vicki traveled to Israel with HJC and Rabbi Rothenberg in 1979 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a Kiddush with their whole HJC family.

Tom and Vicki have made so many contributions to the life

of HJC. Vicki commuted to the city every day for full time work in the cosmetics and restaurant industries for over 30 years while raising her family, but even so, she always found some time to volunteer at HJC. She served on the Youth Committee and with Sisterhood. In the early years, Vicki coordinated the Mother-Daughter Fashion Show, acted in the plays, coordinated the blood drive, and chaired the HJC Torah Fund with Ethel Sachs. She served as VP of Torah Fund for BQLI and served as the Vice President of Membership for Sisterhood. Now that she is fully retired from her work in the city, she has had more time for Sisterhood and also finds much satisfaction volunteering as a rape crisis counselor with the Victims Information Bureau ("VIBS") in Suffolk County.

Tom is drawn to every opportunity to serve this community that he loves. He served on the Youth Committee and Religious School board and the synagogue board for two terms. An active member of Men's Club for the past 43 years, Tom was Men's Club President from 1985-87. He also served on two rabbinical search committees and the ritual committee. During Elaine Kleinman's presidency he chaired the committee to resurrect the Tree of Life. Tom and Vicki together served as Kol Nidre Chairs during Billy Wertheim's presidency. Tom even provides support services for Sisterhood these days. What we all know Tom best for is his dedication and devoted service to the daily minyan and all of its important activities for NEARLY EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS. All of this from a man whom, until very recently, didn't read Hebrew, but "got into the spiritual zone via prayer learned through osmosis".

It appears that no one at HJC agrees with Tom's description of himself as "nobody special." He has been honored many times for the service that gives his life so much meaning, born of his sense of responsibility to others and his love of community. He has been chosen Minyannaire of the year, the first Simchat Torah honoree, and the first HJC Man of the Year at the annual Federation of Jewish Men's Club celebrations. The honor that thrilled Tom the most though was being given his well-deserved Torah honor during Rosh Hashanah in 2015.

Simply stated, Tom and Vicki are not just long time members of HJC, they are part of its structure and they BELONG to it.

Narrative composed by Lesley Stark, Vicki & Tom Rosen



purpose and take you away from our priorities. Refocus.

8. Your Body - During the winter, we are more sedentary, and often gain weight. In spring, we start rejuvenation; we want to be healthy and look good. Create a regular program of diet and exercise. Get your health back on track.

9. Your Living/Working Space - Does your space inspire or depress you? Don't underestimate the impact of your environment on your thoughts and mood. Images and items reflect where you want your life to go. Not ready to toss something - put it in a box and store it. When you realize you no longer need it, toss it! Design inspirational spaces.

## Gurwin Jewish's Assisted Living Community

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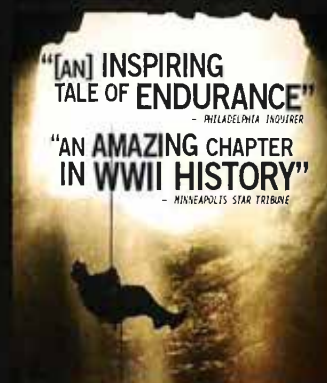


**Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 7:00 pm**

**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 HMTC 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.



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As we count the omer and approach Shavuot with a sense of awe and wonder, may we all find the beauty, miracles, and surprises every day in not just our stuff, but in each other.

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adapt to the often confusing, disturbing, and alarming discordances surrounding us. Certainly our perspective from the sufferings and losses in our history, combined with the renewed energy of a cultural and civilizational renaissance emanating from the state of Israel, gives us much to be both thankful for and inspired by as Jews. As we move into the upcoming festival of Shavuot at the end of the month, arriving on May 31 and June 1, may we continue to be inspired and awed by both our continued survival along with the immense miracles which are inextricably connected with our modern psyche and spirit as Jews.

### HJC Babysitters:

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Rachel Moss cell: 631-944-1420  
Noah Morris cell: 631-427-4798  
Ilyssa Stein home: 631-754-2729  
cell: 631-678-1654  
Sarah Gemunder cell: 631-766-7130

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



## Huntington Jewish Center Blood Drive

In memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss

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Sunday, May 7th, 2017  
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9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

**To schedule your donation please contact:**  
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**Jennifer Ingber-jen81rn@gmail.com**



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Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Joni & Israel Brenner.

Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the engagement of Kay, daughter of Gail & Jim Lodge, to Eric Isaacs.

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Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of Rabbi David Barnett receiving an Honorary Doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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Shimmy & Ralph Kornblatt wishing continued progress towards a speedy recovery to Lester Fox.

Shimmy & Ralph Kornblatt in honor of Judy Fox for taking care of her patient with patience.

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Randi & Alan Schuller in honor of the engagement of Ben, son of Risa & Ken Gold, to Shira Sachs.

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Jay Steinberg in memory of Ruth Steinberg at yahrzeit.

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Tyna Strenger with thanks to Cantor Gordan.

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Gwen Goldstein in memory of Philip Marcus at yahrzeit.

## DAVID ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of the 60th birthday of Jay Steinberg.

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Vicki & Arthur Perler wishing a speedy recovery to Lester Fox.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the birth of Graham Dylan Ellstein, grandson of Gail & Jerry Ellstein.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the engagement of Marissa Lynn, daughter of Gail & Jerry Ellstein, to Josh Scharfberg.

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Marsha Perlmutter Kalina in memory of Jan Perlmutter at yahrzeit.

## ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND

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Jennifer & Scott Ingber in memory of Robert Bring at yahrzeit.  
 Nili Gitig in celebration of Yom Yerushalayim & the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.  
 Nili Gitig in honor of the birth of Tal Yisrael, great grandson of Ellen Kahn.

### PRAYERBOOK AND BIBLE FUND

Joan Blank in memory of Louis Galowitz at yahrzeit.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Dori Hermann in honor of being recognized as a HJC Torah reader.

### SCHECHTER FUND

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Barbara & Joel Kuppersmith in memory of Lawrence Meshover at yahrzeit.

Jill & Arnie Sherman in memory of Jeanne Sherman at yahrzeit.  
 Eileen & Harvey Berger in memory of Irving Rothenberg at yahrzeit.

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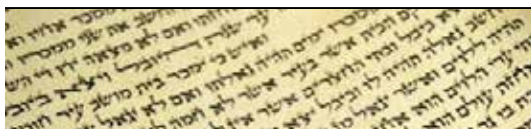
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### YOUTH FUND

Shari Feibel in memory of Sandra Kessler at yahrzeit.



## Bar/Bat Mitzvah



### Debra Tess Jaffe

daughter of Dr. Rina and Eric Jaffe

Debra Tess Jaffe is a 7th grade student at Oldfield Middle School. She plays basketball for the school team and enjoys taking dance classes. She loves spending time with her friends and cousins. Debra is honest, kind and fun. The Jonisch / Jaffe family have been members of the HJC for 20 Years. We are proud of her and excited for her to reach this important milestone.



### Nicole Feibel

daughter of Shari and Laurence Feibel

Nicole Feibel is an honor student at Oldfield Middle School. She is on the Oldfield Middle school tennis team and plays cello in the school orchestra. Nicole is an active member of the HJC Kadima youth group chapter, and performs community service at our synagogue by helping out at the religious school and making sandwiches for the JNN. In addition, she takes dance lessons and attends NJY Cedar Lake camp in the summer. Nicole loves Disney World, roller coasters, and beating her mother at Words with Friends.

Nicole's parents, Larry and Shari Feibel, would like Nicole to know that she makes them proud every single day. Along with her sister Hayley, her family is delighted that she will become a Bat Mitzvah in front of our warm and supportive HJC community on May 20, 2017.

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