

HJC Bulletin

**June 2017** 

Sivan/Tammuz 5777

# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

# THE SYNOGOGUE NEVER SLEEPS June 24

Beginning Shabbat morning, June 24, all services during the summer are held in the Lief Chapel (except when we daven under the stars on June 16 and July 21 for Cocktails & Kabbalat Shabbat). Services begin at 8:00 pm on Friday night and 9:30 am on Shabbat morning. We especially appreciate help making the minyan on Friday nights during the summer. Members of the congregation present Divrei Torah on Shabbat morning and services are more informal than during the rest of the year. Please join us during the summer.

# COCKTAILS & KABBALAT SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS! Friday, June 23 and Friday, July 21



Kick off your weekend with Kabbalat Shabbat and Cocktails! We'll be meeting at 7:30 pm in the Family Life Center for drinks before Services Under the Stars in the back courtyard. Join us for this new twist on a classic HJC tradition.

# TISH B'AV SERVICES July 31



Tisha B'Av services will be held on Monday night, July 31 at 8:15 pm in the Lief Chapel. Members of the congregation will chant the Book of Eicha (Lamentations) by candlelight as we commemorate the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other tragic events in Jewish history. It is customary not to wear leather shoes and to wear comfortable clothes in order to sit on the floor. Candles will be provided but those attending.



# People of the Book Ben Tasman Library

Some new and exciting additions to our collection. Judas by Amos Oz, shortlisted for the Booker prize, and The Zookeepers Wife, book which is basis for the current film. Or just check out the many magazines, cook books, art books in a comfortable place. Wonderful place to browse. Also, a wonderful place to browse, Art Books, Cookbooks, magazines . Also, delve into history, important than ever.

# HJC Annual Blood Drive in memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss

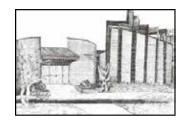


Thank you to all of our blood donors who took time from your busy schedules to donate. Your donation will help to save lives!



Thank you to all who donated to Hannah's Tree in memory of Hannah Kampel, devoted congregant and volunteer who was dedicated to our HJC community. Please join members of JNN, the Social

Action Committee and HJC Sisterhood for a tree dedication ceremony on Friday evening, 6/16 at 7pm. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outside on the front lawn of HJC surrounding the beautiful dogwood tree that has been planted in Hannah's honor. Everyone is invited to stay for Shabbat services following the ceremony. Hope you can join us. Please RSVP to Evelyn Silverberg at 631-424-6922 or evelyn\_abraham@optonline.net.



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June sivan tammuz

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# 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 nonperishable 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



# **Rabbinic Swan Song**

Each day in the prayer service, we thank God for all of our blessings. The first expression of gratitude comes with the "Modeh Ani" prayer, thanking God for the restoration of our souls and consciousness so that we are in a place psychologically to begin thanking God for everything else we have been granted. The service continues with many, many other expressions of gratitude, even into the Amidah section, where in the

"modem anachnu lach" section, we literally thank God for each and every moment of our lives which is gifted to us only through God's providence.

With all of those blessings from God notwithstanding, my heart and soul is indeed filled with gratitude on the human level for the most special opportunity and honor I have been granted during this last year in serving as your Rabbi here at the Huntington Jewish Center. This has indeed been a wonderful continuation of my career in rabbinic service, and has been made so special by all of the kindnesses and manifold ways in which so many of you welcomed me both on a professional and a personal level, and supported our journey together in a beautiful segue in this congregation's long and rich history. For those of you who shared your feelings and thoughts with me of inspiration following some of my expressed messages from the bimah or from my writings, I remain deeply and humbly grateful; for those of you who extended yourselves in the warmth of your hospitality in welcoming me into your hearts and in many cases into your homes, I will always carry a great and deep sense of appreciation within me as I remember your warm welcome.

Our beloved Rabbi Kurshan, who from the outset through the present time, has been most supportive, generous, and kind to me in my transitional role here, indeed left a wonderful legacy and large shoes to fill, but I hope nonetheless that the many moments of joy, collective inspiration, learning, and insight, that we have shared provided a context for ongoing celebration of our heritage in general, and an even stronger commitment to the ongoing continuity of HJC in particular. I must also express a tremendous appreciation in particular to the members of our regular minyan for their support of my role and their appreciation of my efforts; I also want to express particular appreciation and thanks to our wonderful professional office and support personnel with whom it has been such an honor to work with on a daily basis: Debbie Rosenkrantz, Barbara Axmacher, Cantor Gordan, Irma Mile, Maxine Fisher, and Ilene Brown, along with our great custodial staff, Danny Carrillo Masa, and Victor and Alex Salinas. Most specially also, I'd like to specifically thank Ron Goldstein for his initial role in arranging for my stay here, in addition to everything our gracious and brilliant president Allison Reiver has done, aided by Jack Rubin's efforts, from the very beginning through the present time during this

# **HJC Community News**



### **MAZAL TOV**

Eileen & Harvey announce the marriage of their son, Jason, to Megan Adcock.



year to facilitate a positive experience in my role. I'd also like to express appreciation to the members of our Executive Committee in addition to the entire Board of Trustees for their support and participation in so many of this year's activities.

May you be blessed with continuing good health, strength, and vigor to continue to go "m'chayil l'chayil", "from strength to strength", and experience all of life's best blessings in the future!

Sincerely and warmly,

Rabbi David Barnett

# **President's Perspective**

by Vicki Perler

My life has been a tapestry of rich and royal hue An everlasting vision of the ever-changing view A wondrous woven magic in bits of blue and gold A tapestry to feel and see, impossible to hold

Carole King

I feel honored and privileged to serve our community as the President of the Huntington Jewish Center at this exciting time in our 110-year history. Thank you for having the confidence in me to help create new opportunities for you, the members of our extraordinary community. Our members, leaders, clergy, staff, teachers, and children add their energy and talents every day to engage and nurture each other on our lifelong Jewish journeys. We are all striving to make our HJC the best it can be. Every one of us has the opportunity to use our unique talents to design and weave our community's tapestry. Our rich history has helped us envision a beautiful future. And so we begin!

Behind the scenes, Rabbi Ari Saks and our dedicated professional and lay leaders are planning for the Saks family's journey to Huntington, and Cantor Gordan and his committed team are preparing for the year ahead. Thank you, Cantor Gordan, for your skilful and important help during the past transitional year. Working together with our energetic professionals and support staff, we are all looking forward to the productive synergy our engaging community continually demonstrates. Blending our past, present and future is our collective vision.

Thank you to our retiring Trustees who have served our community well, and welcome to our newly elected Trustees, who will share their talents with us. Our Officers - Brian Cooper, Donna Fleiss, Allison Reiver, Jack Rubin, Dan Schoeffler, and Ellen Steinberg - bring rich experience, commitment and love to the Executive Committee and our synagogue family. I am fortunate to be able to continue to work with Allison, HJC's immediate Past President. Together with our dedicated Board of Trustees and Committee Chairpersons, we hope to be inspired by HJC's Vision Statement to use our core values to offer "meaningful opportunities for communal and self-expression." I am particularly grateful to our committed group of Past Presidents, about whom I cannot say enough. They are an incredible resource, offering considerable expertise, thoughtful advice, dedicated work, and loving encouragement. Without their personal support and wise counsel, I could not be addressing you today in such an enthusiastic way.

1990, when we moved from Potomac, Maryland to Syosset with our four sons, Jeremy, Ari, Elie and Jacob. We spent that High Holiday season searching for a new spiritual home, and we found the Huntington Jewish Center when we learned that Ari was in the same class as Ilana Kurshan at the Schechter School of Long Island. Like many of you, we instantly recognized that HJC was special and that the community was an attractive tapestry with a magnetic personality and loving nature. Although we could walk to three synagogues in our neighborhood, our decision to drive past several others to join this vibrant community was one of the most impactful choices we've made for our family. Since then, we've welcomed our daughters by marriage, Andrea, Johanna and Lauren, and our beautiful grandchildren, Shira, Orli, Lev, Rina, Valeria and Mia. We are thrilled that Ari and Johanna chose to join HJC with their growing family. The Perler clan thanks you - the HJC Community - for what you have given to

My professional life mirrors my personal life in many ways. I am an educator and passionate advocate for young children. I've been the Director of Early Childhood Education at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck since 1994, a Reggio-inspired, NAEYC accredited school. I have served as President of the National Jewish Early Childhood Network, and as Treasurer for the New York Jewish Early Childhood Association. I often mentor and work with Jewish early childhood directors and their teachers. I began my career as a preschool teacher in the University of Maryland's Project Growing Together. I was a public school kindergarten teacher, Music Director of Gaithersburg Hebrew Congregation Hebrew School, Director of the first Jewish infant toddler program in Maryland, Director of Young Child Services at the JCC of Greater Washington, and Director of Tranquillity Camp. I have proudly served as an Officer and Trustee at HJC for seven years, and as chairperson of several committees, through which many of us have become friends.

This summer, we have planned several opportunities to engage in social and spiritual experiences at HJC, and I hope to share them with you. I am looking forward to welcoming Rabbi Saks, Rachel, Jonah and Lilah to our beautiful and special congregation on August 1. I am grateful that, together, we can continue to weave the HJC tapestry during the coming year. May you be blessed with an enjoyable, restful, and healthy summer.

Arthur and I have been blessed to be members of HJC since





Each month, our articles are due into the editor of the bulletin on the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. For this final bulletin of the year in June, our articles are due by May 10th. What's interesting about this year is that May 10th happens to fall on the little known Jewish holiday of Pesach Sheni. Pesach Sheni is a curious date that, since the destruction of the Temple, does not have much relevance in our contemporary lives.

Pesach Sheni is literally the "second Pesach." According to the Luah Hashanah published by Miles Cohen, Pesach Sheni is "described in Bemidbar 9:6-14. People who were unable to partake of the Pesach offering because of a particular ritual impurity or because of distant travel were obligated to perform a "make-up" Pesach offering a month later. Pesach Sheni is, therefore, a somewhat festive occasion. As a reminder of this second Pesach offering, some eat matzah on this day."

I believe Pesach Sheni makes two extremely important statements about our faith: First, no other holiday in the calendar has a "second" version, indicating the centrality of Pesach as a festival within the rhythms of Jewish life. The festival that commemorates our exodus from Egypt is extremely important and is referenced elsewhere in our liturgy more often than any other biblical story (think of "zaycher litsiyat mitzrayim" from Kiddush). If nothing else, Judaism is about freedom. Our freedom to serve God as individuals and as a community.

And: the larger idea of second chances is central to many faiths, and what better way to illustrate that than through a date on the calendar. While we ask for forgiveness from God for our sins at Yom Kippur, we can only ask for forgiveness for our sins to other people by asking those people directly. Pesach is a holiday that puts God at the center: the rabbis deliberately left Moses out of the traditional text of the Haggadah to make sure that we know that it was through God's strong hand and outstretched arm that we were taken out of Egypt, and not Moses'. But what is ritual if not done with other people? And what ritual is more widely observed than the Pesach seder? If for some reason we could not observe the holiday of Pesach on the 15th of Nisan, we have a chance to do it again exactly one month later on the 14th of Iyar, another opportunity to bring people together for ritual observance.

How could we use this idea elsewhere in our lives? Each day it is impossible not to have regrets: I could have responded better to my child, I could have been more helpful to my friend, I could have been more supportive of my parent. And each day is another opportunity to be our best selves. As another year (my sixth at HJC!) draws to a close, let us be thankful for everything we've accomplished, and hopeful for another opportunity to do even better. Best wishes for a wonderful summer!



#### **BQLI WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT**

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Women's League for Conservative Judaism will be sponsoring their 2017 Awards and Dinner Gala at Shelter Rock Jewish Center recognizing Donna Fleiss as well as other notable women from conservative synagogues in the Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island area.

Mazal Tov, Donna!

# SISTERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Contact Sarah Saunders at ssaunds@aol.com to participate

Please join us!

#### **TODAH RABAH**

A heartfelt thank you to the Sisterhood Board for your dedication and support all year!

And, thank you to the Sisterhood general membership and HJC community for your support, volunteerism and attendance at our Sisterhood programs and fundraisers. This past year's events included our Paid-Up Membership Dinner, book discussions, Fall and Spring rummage sales, A Taste of Passover (co-sponsored with Men's Club and ECC), challah decorating, Mah Jongg, Rosh Chodesh programs, trips to the Jewish Museum and Cold Spring Harbor Labs, and welcoming a former White House floral decorator.

The Collegian Committee sent holiday gifts to approximately 40 students for Rosh Hashanah, Tu B'Shevat, and Purim. Sisterhood also sponsored the baking of hamentashen and distribution of Misloach Manot (Purim baskets) to the congregation and Gurwin residents,

co-sponsored the Hanukkah Happening and candle lighting and offered two Z'havah events (Sukkah Decorating/Pizza and Purim) to continue a way for younger women to affiliate and gather within the synagogue community.

Thank you again to all!

# JUDAICA SHOP OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND FOR YOUR HOLIDAY AND SIMCHA NEEDS

### **HAPPY SUMMER!**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Sisterhood Board Meeting 1:00pm

June 8<sup>th</sup> – BQLI Woman of Achievement Dinner Gala
June 9<sup>th</sup> - Shabbarbeque & Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat

- Shabbarbeque & Sisternood/Men s Club Shabba

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# View from the Director's Chair by Barbara Axmacher



While we happily welcome summer 2017, that means we must also say goodbye to another year at HJC. But before we officially wrap up our 2016 – 2017 calendar year, it's a great time to reflect on some of the many wonderful things that mark the ebb and flow of our synagogue life.

With the passage of this time we are seeing significant changes

for our congregation; EC and Board retirements and additions, another class of young ECC graduates, another class of BBM embarking on their journey into adulthood and a farewell to our Interim Rabbi, Rabbi Barnett. One of our most notable events was the congregation's overwhelming involvement and support in the hiring of Rabbi Ari Saks as our permanent Rabbi. Rabbi Saks, his wife Rachel and children Jonah and Lilah, officially become part of the HJC family this August.

We enthusiastically continue an increased level of community involvement, new partnerships, and an active social media presence; all wonderful opportunities for HJC to increase our visibility and let our neighbors learn more about us and our beautiful way of practicing Judaism. We've also opened our doors to new members units and local organizations who rent space from us; appreciating our warmth and the inviting nature our building presents.

As we enter into 2017 - 2018, the promise of continued growth in both our community and our spiritual development is so promising. We can all look forward together to a bright future - secured by the commitment of our congregation, love for our synagogue and respect for each other.

# **Religious School Update**

by Maxine Fisher Religious School Administrator

By the time you receive this issue of the Bulletin, Religious School will have ended for the year. We had a great year of learning while having fun! It is very rare that a parent comes to me and says there child does not like school. I see mostly happy faces when they enter.

This past Sunday we had Mitzvah Day. There were many mitzvot to be done. Just to name a few:

- Joanne Cohn and about 4 families cleaned out our organic garden on Dunlop Road
- Peter Cohn had a group of children along with Sarrit Haik gardening in our HJC garden on premise
- Janet Kushnick and Syd Schlessinger from our Social Action committee help the children make lap blankets for the residents of Gurwin nursing home along with the help of Felicia Messing and Fran Orelli. They also made cards to give the residents.
- Morah Susan had a group of kids help clean out our youth office
- Ken Bram and Mr. Greenstein helped our Kadima and USY group run a car wash as a fundraiser for the youth group.
- Almost every child helped decorate a cardboard box that is used to collect gifts for children in a cancer ward at Winthrop Hospital.
- Our Gan class with their parents made tuna sandwiches and put them in a bag with cookies and apples for the JNN under the direction of Rob Fisher.

I want to thank our Men's Club. Through the donations from the Yellow Candle program, they have supported holocaust programming in our school.

Have a great summer and I will see you in September if not sooner.

Maxine







Congregants participate in Mitzvah Day.

# Early Childhood News by Ilene Brown



There is A Lot to Say About Mav!!

Our May has been chock full of wonderful events and we are not even at the halfway mark! We kicked off the month with one of my favorite days of the year: our visit to the Atria Senior Center. The 4 year olds sang and performed 6 songs in front of the senior residents at the Atria. The parents, teachers, and I were all filled with joy watching and listening to the children sing. As they were

singing, I had the opportunity to look around and observe the seniors who were just as entranced by the children. Some of the residents were singing along to "You are my Sunshine", "Zippity Do-Dah" and "G-d Bless America" to name a few, while other residents clapped or just smiled with joy. Following their performance the children passed out cookies and chatted with the seniors. It truly was a multi- generational experience and a great way to bring joy and kindness to our community.

Our second big event in May was our "Mommy and Muffins Day" a.k.a "Mommy and Munchkins". We had mothers, fathers, grandparents, and siblings attend this very special event. Guests were treated snacks, coffee, photos, crafts to work on with their children, and singing and dancing. These events help to foster community both within HJC and outside the walls of HJC.

















ECC Moms and children on "Mommy and Muffins Day."

# Men's Club Thank You

The Men's Club would like to thank the many congregants who have donated so generously to our Yom HaShoah Candle Fund for Holocaust Education. Some of these funds were used recently in support of a Holocaust workshop for fifth and sixth graders, that was facilitated by Dafna Stein (pictured above). The program deftly explored the concepts of Jewish physical, cultural and spiritual resistance in the ghettos. Among the resources used in this guided inquiry was a suitcase of "artifacts" provided by the Glen Cove Holocaust Center. We are pleased to support such programs, with your help, and look forward to expanding our programming in the future!













Ecc students entertain residents of Atria.

# 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."



## Sy and Beryl Okwit

Sy and Beryl Okwit have been married for over 65 years. Beryl grew up in Queens, and Sy was from Brooklyn. While growing

up, their families were involved members of their local synagogues. Sy and Beryl met when they were teens at Broadchannel Day Camp in Rockaway where Beryl was an arts and crafts counselor and Sy was a lifeguard and swim instructor. They were married in June 1952, the same year that Sy graduated from Brooklyn College with a BS in physics and mathematics. Sy was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He did not go overseas; he taught communications to Signal Corps soldiers at Fort Monmouth and was then stationed at the chemical warfare research center in Edgewood, Maryland. Beryl worked at a nearby base, the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, as a dental hygienist. It was there that Sy and Beryl started their family when their first daughter, Melinda, was born in 1953. When Sy was discharged from the Army, they moved to LI where they immediately joined the Plainview Jewish Center. They were active members in Plainview and have always viewed involvement in synagogue life important to their personal and family well-being. It was in Plainview in 1956, their daughter, Irene was born, followed by their son, Jeffrey, in 1959. During that same time period, Sy studied at Adelphi University where he received two MS degrees one in applied mathematics in 1957, and one in theoretical physics in 1961.

In 1969 Sy and Beryl moved to Lloyd Harbor with their three children. They had researched the area for a community that had good schools, a good shul and a unique cultural community. The Okwits think of Huntington as a "mini-Manhattan" – where there is great music, arts, restaurants and diversity. In 1970 they joined the

Huntington Jewish Center when Rabbi Tannenbaum was rabbi, and later became close with Rabbi Rothenberg. They immediately became involved members and have been part of the first chavurah that was started by Rabbi Rothenberg. At that time, the chavurah met monthly and enjoyed weekend trips away to the Catskills, tours of NYC, and many other activities.

Both Sy and Beryl feel at home in any shul. They are frequent attendees at HJC Shabbat services and have many close friends from HJC – both in Huntington and in Florida where some former HJC members have relocated and where the Okwits spend the winter months. Sy has always been a Men's Club participant. He is active in Lester Fox's Bible study group and is a devoted learner. He is an occasional Torah and Haftorah reader including chanting in different tropes on the High Holidays. Beryl has always been involved in Sisterhood and was chair of the Sisterhood Torah Fund. In 1973, Beryl was the first HJC member to be awarded the coveted honor of "Woman of Achievement." She did volunteer work as a dental hygenist at the VA Hospital in Northport where she assisted Rabbi Grossman organize Friday night services for the Jewish resident vets at the hospital.

Beryl and Sy admire HJC's hamish feel and are particularly proud of the welcoming and warm intergenerational community at HJC. The Okwits feel that their lives have been blessed with many great things and with many great people. Their three adult children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren are actively involved in their lives. Sy continues to enjoy woodworking as a hobby since his retirement from the world of technology, communications and electrical engineering. They are both lovers of art. Beryl was a docent for several years at the Heckscher Museum. Sy and Beryl are warm and welcoming to those around them, in the same way they feel HJC is to them.

Narrative compiled by Nancy Cooper and Beryl & Sy Okwit



# HJC Golf Outing, Mah Jongg & BBQ: Sign Up Now! Wednesday, June 21, 2017 12:00 pm

Join Friends and Family on June 21 for a fun afternoon of Golf, Food, Drinks and Prizes at Crab Meadow Golf Course. We will play a 4 Person Scramble, good for any level golfer, and someone can win a Mercedes Benz with a Hole-In-One (you just need one good shot), courtesy of Huntington Mercedes Benz. On course contests and raffles will be fun for any level golfer.

Non golfers can have fun too ... Mah Jongg and card game players enjoy two hours of fun with friends. Mah Jongg starts at 2:30 pm and goes right up until Happy Hour.

Reserve Your Spot or Reserve Your Foursome TODAY, email Arthur Frischman at <a href="mailto:arthurfrischman@gmail.com">arthurfrischman@gmail.com</a>. Click here for the registration form and please return it to the HJC office.

Golf is better with friends, become a Golf Sponsor and take three friends or colleagues with you for the afternoon and introduce them to your HJC Family.

Please Reserve Your Spot Today!

Thank You, Arthur Frischman Golf Committee arthurfrischman@gmail.com

Let Everyone Know You Are Planning On Attending: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/181355755685430/">https://www.facebook.com/events/181355755685430/</a>

# "The reward of a thing well done is having done it." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

A very special thank you to Kim Willen for all of her hard work and dedication as Editor of the HJC Bulletin. For the past 6 years, her vision and commitment have made it a valued part of our synagogue life. Yasher Koach, Kim!



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