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HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

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Huntington Jewish Center welcomed Ari and Rachel Saks to our community as of August 1, 2017. Their journey before this arrival was marked with personal conquests and outstanding achievements all done with a deep and abiding love for Judaism.

Rabbi Saks was born in Michigan where his father was a Conservative Rabbi. His family relocated first to CT, and then to the Philadelphia area where Ari spent his formative years and attended Jewish day schools. When he was in high school, his family relocated to Calgary in Alberta, Canada. His parents currently live in Scranton, OH. Rabbi Saks has four (living) siblings. They are extremely close and involved in each other's lives. Rabbi Saks has 3 living grandparents – on his mother's side they are Conservative, on his father's side they are Orthodox. Rabbi Saks realizes that Huntington is a perfect community to host his Orthodox grandparents since all of their religious needs can be met within blocks of each other.

Rachel Saks grew up in the Philadelphia area. Her parents were involved shul-goers and each served as president of the Conservative congregation in which she grew up. Rachel attended Ramah in the Poconos and was active in USY. Although she initially went to public school, by the time she finished middle school she asked her parents to attend the Akiba Hebrew Academy and they agreed. Rachel is the youngest of 2 older brothers, both of whom are married and have children.

Rachel and Ari met when they were staff members at Camp Ramah. Ari was a junior counselor, and Rachel was a lifeguard. Rabbi Saks was an "irregular" Ramah camper as he was there every other year with his parents who were on staff. Ironically Ari would have also attended Akiba Academy had his family stayed in Philadelphia – they would have been one year apart. Rabbi Saks and Rachel have been together for 17 years and celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary this past August. When Ari graduated from high school he spent a gap year in Israel on the Nativ program which included 5 months in Jerusalem and 5 months on Kibbutz Sa'ad. During the study

portion of the program, he participated in the "Yeshiva track." One of Rabbi Saks's passions is sports and he at one time aspired to become a sports journalist. While on his gap year, which happened to occur at the outset of the second Intifada,

Ari realized that "there are bigger things than sports," and he became devoted to learning Judaism and Israel advocacy.

Upon returning to the States, Ari enrolled in the Albert A. List College Joint Program between JTS and Columbia University where he majored in Middle East and Asian Languages & Cultures. While in college he became involved in LionPAC (Columbia's AIPAC) and helped found a campus organization called Just Peace. After spending his junior year studying in Israel where he became a student of Buber's Zionism, Rabbi Saks strongly considered making aliyah. It didn't take long though

for him to discover the rabbinate as his true professional calling.

Rachel also attended List College; and after graduating, she did a two-year masters program through the NYC Teaching Fellows in education. Rachel did not love teaching and, fortuitously, she was asked by a cousin, a chef by profession, to co-author the book, Jewish American Food Culture. This was a turning point for Rachel, who then decided to become a dietitian. Since then she has been involved in all aspects of food: nutritional counseling, being a personal chef, running small food businesses and facilitating Jewish-inspired food programs both at camps, schools and synagogues. Rachel even won Top Chef for her List College floor! Additionally, she is a devoted parent and puts family – nuclear and extended – as the highest priority.

Rabbi Saks and Rachel's children, Jonah, who is almost 4, and Lilah, who is 18 months old, are excited to be joining the ECC of HJC. By the time this article is published they will be well integrated into our school.

Rabbi Saks spoke warmly about his previous congregation. He finds rabbinic work to be extremely gratifying and especially enjoys bringing his whole self to each situation. Rabbi Saks

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From The Editor's Desk



First let me take a moment to thank Kimberly Willen, my predecessor, for setting the bar so high with all of her past work on the bulletin, and further cementing the HJC Bulletin as a staple in our community. Kim has left big shoes for me to fill.

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure to meet, my name is Sandy Lynn Riefberg. I am a current mem-

ber of the Board of Trustees and I am honored to serve my HJC family. You may have seen me as Stage Director of our production of Kiss Me Kate! I am 33, reside in Huntington, and work as an Executive Legal Assistant. I am in the process of studying to crush the LSAT and embark on a personal journey of achievement towards a profession in law, under the mentorship of my boss and fellow congregant, Todd E. Houslanger.

I have been writing, editing and publishing since my childhood. I currently have two published works: Cigarette! A Smokers Manifesto, and Poette; Poems by Waifette. Writing, and the transference of knowledge and ideas on a public stage has always been a primal drive of mine, and occupies a special place in my heart.

It is an honor to be working alongside Marty Spielman, our extremely talented graphic designer. We have worked hard to create a fresh face for our beloved bulletin. I welcome any ideas, contributions, or suggestions and encourage anyone who wishes to share their thoughts with me to email me directly at hjcbulletin@gmail.com.

I further note that any and all content contained within the bulletin is subject to editing as necessary to ensure an accurate, entertaining, and reliable product.

Enjoy!

Hachnasat Orchim Program

On Wednesday Evening September 20, 2017, we will mark the beginning of Rosh Hashana. Families will gather for a festive meal for the beginning of the Jewish New Year. There are some in the community who have lost loved ones and are alone at this time. Some live far away from their biological families. We at HJC consider ourselves as one large family. So with that in mind, we encourage everyone to join other HJC families in celebrating the holiday. Our Hachnasat Orchim program matches hosts who would like to welcome you into their homes with guests who would like to be hosted. You can sign up for Dinner or Lunch on Rosh Hashana at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/eY64tAOH0Pm9twkd2>

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year

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ELUL 5777 / TISHREI 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1/10 Elul	2/11 Elul Bat Mitzvah - 9:30AM Zoe Sakallarios <i>Ki Tetze</i>
3/12 Elul JNN	4/13 Elul <i>Labor Day</i>	5/14 Elul ECC Staff Meeting - 9AM RS Staff Meeting - 4:15PM	6/15 Elul	7/16 Elul ECC Orientation - 7PM Mah Jongg - 7:30PM	8/17 Elul Minyan Breakfast - 8AM Renee Levy sponsor	9/18 Elul Bat Mitzvah - 9:30AM Casey Schneider <i>Ki Tavo</i>
10/19 Elul JNN RS/RS Board Meeting Men's Club Kickoff - 9:45AM Cemetery Visitation - 11AM Rabbi Open House - 4PM	11/20 Elul ECC Welcome Parent Breakfast - 9:30AM	12/21 Elul SH Silver Polishing - 11AM RS/MT/Chaverim	13/22 Elul ECC Meeting - 7:30PM	14/23 Elul Gurwin Wine & Food Tasting Event - 6PM SH Dinner/Meeting - 7PM	15/24 Elul	16/25 Elul Junior Congregation Kickoff - 10AM Lief Chapel Selichot Service - 8PM <i>Nitzavim-Vayeilech SELICHOT</i>
17/26 Elul JNN Library Open House ECC Meet/Greet - 10AM RS - Welcome Breakfast USY/Kadima Rabbi Open House - 4PM	18/27 Elul	19/28 Elul RS	20/29 Elul ECC Closed Main Office Closes Early <i>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</i>	21/1 Tishrei ECC Closed Main Office Closed <i>ROSH HASHANAH</i>	22/2 Tishrei ECC Closed Main Office Closed <i>FALL BEGINS</i> <i>ROSH HASHANAH</i>	23/3 Tishrei <i>Ha'a zinu SHABBAT SHUVAH</i>
24/4 Tishrei JNN RS Tashlich Service - 11AM USY/Kadima <i>Fast of Gedaliah observed</i>	25/5 Tishrei	26/6 Tishrei RS/MT/Chaverim	27/7 Tishrei Social Action Mtg - 2PM Board Meeting - 8PM	28/8 Tishrei	29/9 Tishrei ECC Closed Main Office Closes Early <i>KOL NIDRE</i>	30/10 Tishrei <i>YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR</i>

Jewish Public Affairs Forum

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 8:00 pm

The Intersection of Synagogue and State: Israel's Simmering Religious Crisis.

This past summer the Israeli government froze a negotiated agreement reached with the liberal religious communities regarding egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall. At the same time, they proposed a law giving the ultra-orthodox a monopoly over conversion. We will learn about what these and other measures mean for the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora, as well as the impact on the daily lives of Israelis.

Instructor: Kenneth Bob

Ken is a member of HJC who serves in a variety of Jewish organizational capacities. He is the current president of Ameinu, the national Zionist organization, and serves as a member of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Calling for Hamantashen Helpers!

Come hang out with friends while you roll and pinch a few hamantashen!

(Flexible weekday hours, Sunday during Religious School)

We're starting our baking for Purim in November.

Dough makers are also needed - very easy recipe! Anyone can do this!!

Contact Donna Fleiss or look for sign-up poster in lobby area. donna.fleiss@gmail.com



From Rabbi Ari Saks



One Step at a Time

How should I begin my first bulletin article as Rabbi of the Huntington Jewish Center? I could talk about the warm reception my wife Rachel, our kids Jonah and Lilah, and I received when we first arrived; I could talk about the joy of coming to work with an outstanding staff who are passionate, empathic, and fun to be

around; I could talk about the conversations I've had thus far with members new and old about the history of HJC's old stomping grounds on Church and Spring streets, or the ways we're going to make teen engagement a priority in our congregation. I could talk about all of these things and so much more until the cows come home (which is appropriate, given that our building sits on the old dairy farm belonging to the Teich family!). However, as the Talmud teaches us, *tafasta merubeh lo tafasta* – if you try to grasp many things [at once] you'll grasp nothing (Rosh Hashanah 4b). In other words, let's take things one step at a time.

So in that vein, of not trying to grasp too much at once, I feel the most effective way to use this space in the bulletin right now is to explain how I plan on using this space in the future. What should you expect to read here and why should you take the time to read it?

I view this space as offering opportunities for reflection and

visioning. That is to say that every day, all of us – professional staff, lay leaders, and engaged members – are working hard to foster a community that, as our new tagline states, uses Jewish wisdom to approach, engage, and nurture one another. For instance...

- I've instituted an open door policy that, except for certain times, my door will be open so anyone can approach me and share what is on their minds and in their hearts
- Our Shabbarbecue testifies to how the wisdom of Shabbat, with its focus on food, rest, and community, can engage 250 people in our community at once
- When we're called to nurture a fellow member suffering from a devastating loss, we show up so she can say the Mourner's Kaddish

I can't explain every minute of every day, but I can take some time to pause and reflect on where we've been and where we're going. What are the issues we are addressing or need to address? How do our programs, services, and events reflect our mission to use Jewish wisdom to approach, engage, and nurture one another? The world spins round and round, but the wisdom of Shabbat teaches us that we need space and time to reflect, share, and understand how we're supposed to live in this world. Everything will not be dealt with at once, but by grasping little by little over time, we may grasp everything our hearts and souls desire.

Many blessings for us all as we embark upon this journey together, one step at a time.

View From The Director's Chair *by Barbara Axmacher*



Life is a Highway

I recently returned from my summer vacation – a road trip to the great state of Maine. There are many miles between Long Island and Mid-Coast Maine – about 15 hours-worth round-trip! To help the hours pass I usually listen to a book on tape or my favorite music (this year I dedicated most of the

trip to memorizing the original cast recording of *Hamilton* – AMAZING!) but there are always those, few fleeting moments when my thoughts go astray; I think about my life, my invaluable family, my beautiful children, my wonderful partner and sometimes my thoughts even lead me back to HJC...

While driving, I came to realization that life is like a super highway and that we, as travelers, are part of an extraordinary infrastructure, both in our personal relationships and our pro-

fessional careers. To ensure our safety we typically stay in our lane, moderate our speed and of course, fasten our seatbelt. But life's path is not a one lane highway; there is oncoming traffic, incoming traffic, speed bumps and traffic jams. Sometimes we need to yield, sometimes we need to merge, and sometimes we need to change lanes. Sometimes we are the windshield and sometimes we are the bug. And if we travel too fast, we may crash.

As we introduce Rabbi Saks into the extraordinary infrastructure that is HJC, we embark on a new journey. One that will be filled with joy and wonder, growth and development. We have a pace car now; a vehicle to set the tone for this ride. A safety officer to remind us to regulate our speed and to keep our seat belts fastened. A navigator to help us yield, merge or change lanes. A fellow traveler to tell us stories, sing our favorite song with us and help us find our way back if we get a little lost.

Welcome Rabbi. Our brave companion of the road.

President's Perspective by Vicki Perler



New Beginnings

I hope that the summer months were restful and full of new adventures for you and your loved ones. Warmer weather brings so many opportunities for experiences in nature and the outdoor world, and I hope that you were able to create new and lasting memories.

John Burroughs, one of America's great naturalists, once said, "If you want to see something new, take the same walk you took yesterday." I can already see, hear and feel the approaching newness of the Jewish New Year during my daily walks. September is a natural time for new beginnings, and as Rosh Hashanah approaches each year, I find myself thinking about how I can make the New Year experience more meaningful. Rosh Hashanah gives us a chance to reflect on the choices we've made during this past year, and provides us with the opportunity to discard or modify the ones we want to change. We can choose to leave old routines behind and start the New Year with a fresh outlook.

Similarly, our Huntington Jewish Center family is embarking on an exciting continuation of our dynamic journey.

We are blessed this year with our new Rabbi and many new families in our community. Together with our legacy families, they are ready to be immersed in the warmth, richness and joyousness of our synagogue family, taking all that we have done before and making it new. In our increasingly busy lives, where we are constantly juggling responsibilities to our family, synagogue, community, and work, it is possible to make HJC a priority. Becoming engaged in our synagogue's leadership and constructing a promising future is a project in which we can all find a way to participate.

Rosh Hashanah is a time to reflect on what's most important to us, and to make necessary changes in our lives and adjustments in our relationships. When we do this, we model for our children and grandchildren the kind of caring behavior we value and wish for them in their own lives. The messages of the High Holidays are empowering. We learn, once again, that mistakes can be repaired, that there is always an opportunity to change, that we have the power to be kind and compassionate to others, and that positive change improves our world.

L'Shana Tova U'Metukah - May you have a happy and sweet year.
Tizku L'Shanim Rabot - May you merit many sweet years.

Arthur and I wish each of you a New Year filled with sweetness, good health, fulfillment, blessings, and new beginnings.

MAZAL TOV

- **Damian Levin**, son of Mark Levin and Aimee de la Roche, being named a 2017 National Lacrosse All-Star and participant in the 2017 National Lacrosse Academy. Damian is a scholar/athlete and played goalie for Team Israel at the World Series of Lacrosse in Denver this past summer.
- **Judy & Lester Fox** being named the 2017 Guests of Honor at the Long Island Torah Network Dinner.
- **Gwen & Ron Goldstein** announce the marriage of their daughter, Rachel, to Jon Hirschberger.
- **Ayelet & Ari Levy** announce the birth of their son, Yair Peres Levy.
- **Susie & Steve Lax** announce the birth of their grandson, Yair Peres Levy.
- **Jill & Arnie Sherman** announce the graduation of their son, Andrew, with a Doctor of Optometry degree with honors, from SUNY College of Optometry.
- **Nancy & Ken Bob** announce the engagement of their daughter, Netta, to Anna Swartz.
- **Andrea Smoller** announces the marriage of her son, Max, to Marielle Mangano.
- **Marcey & Bob Wagner** announce the engagement of Marcey's daughter, Leah Bergman, to Scott Weiner.
- **Marcey & Bob Wagner** announce the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Au-Bergman.
- **Mark & Peggy Bergman** announce the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Au-Bergman.
- **Irma & Ardian Mile** announce the marriage of their daughter, Iris, to Andi Spiro.
- **Ralph Kornblatt** announces the birth of his great granddaughter, Gabrielle Grace.
- **Rabbi Neil & Alisa Kurshan** announce the birth of their grandson, Nadav Shmuel Simonovich Kurshan, son of Ariella Kurshan & Leo Simonovich.
- **Renda Rosenblatt** announces the marriage of Tiphannie, daughter of Renda and Ken z"l Rosenblatt, to Stephen Shoemaker.
- **Ellen Kahn** announces the birth of her great granddaughter, Lia Kahn-Dror.
- **Brett Walsdorf**, son of David & Rissa Walsdorf, on playing on the US Men's Soccer Team in the 20th World Maccabiah Games in Israel. The US Soccer Team came in first place and won the Gold medal.
- **Gail & Jerry Ellstein** announce the birth of their grandson, Abe Holden Ellstein.

From Hazzan Israel Gordan



What I Did On Summer Vacation

This summer, I was fortunate enough to attend the Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, NY with my family for the third time. Not only was this Noa's third summer as a camper, but Eli's first as a camper as well as Maya's first time in the big gan (the program for three and four year old children of staff members). There are many young

families who work and live at camp and it is a great experience for our whole family.

Over the course of the seven-and-a-half weeks of camp, we returned to Huntington every other weekend, but spent the rest of our time living at camp even though it is a day-camp for the campers. While the campers come from New Jersey, Rockland and Westchester counties, and New York City, there are several staff members from Long Island. There are also several students and graduates of the Schechter School of Long Island, including our very own Matthew Wertheim.

Ramah is an amazing place and we are so grateful to be able to return each year. And even though I spend the summer working as a shiur teacher and being involved with tefillot at camp, it is an incredibly rejuvenating experience. On the weekends

when all of the campers go home, we have tefillot on Shabbat with two- to three-hundred counselors that are ruach filled and a beautiful expression of vibrant Conservative Judaism. I know that all of these counselors take these experiences with them to fuel their year at high school, college, or wherever they are in life, and I do the same for my work here at the HJC.

My Ramah journey began in 1990 with my first summer as a camper at Ramah California. I spent the summers of 1991, '93, and '94 at Ramah in addition to going to Israel with Ramah seminar in 1995. I came back as a counselor in 1996, '97, and '98. I staffed Ramah Seminar in Israel in 2000, and was a Rosh Edah at Ramah in California in 2001 and '02. Abby and I were back at camp in 2008 and '09 and again in 2011, '12, and '13. I guess this year marked summer number 19 spent at a Ramah. For those of you who've never been, I highly recommend it for you or your children, and there are lots of great ways to get you there and help you pay for it.

This year, Rabbi Saks and his family spent the first two weeks of the summer at Ramah Nyack as well and we had a great time getting to know each other and having fun at camp together. We hope we can create a whole group of families who send their children to Ramah or any Jewish summer camp, as there is no better way in America to experience a living, breathing, vibrant and exciting Judaism than through camp. I hope this summer was great for all of you and that we are all looking forward to a wonderful year ahead together!

Friday Night Service Time Change

The early Friday night service at 6:00 pm will resume next Friday, September 8. Friday night services are held in the Lief Chapel. We hope you will join us!

HJC Annual Cemetery Memorial Service

The annual HJC Cemetery Memorial service will be held Sunday, September 17 at 11:00 am at the HJC Cemetery, 500 Old Country Road, Huntington Station (next to Mt. Golda Cemetery). Rabbi Saks will conduct the service and all are welcome.

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Calling all babysitters! Please email your current information if you would like it to be included in the bulletin on a monthly basis. Kindly email your updated information to hjcbulletin@gmail.com. Please include your current home and cell numbers.

Hospital, Rehab & Home Visits With Rabbi Saks

Are you sick or recuperating from an illness? Would you like Rabbi Saks to visit you, a family member, or a friend (from the congregation) in the hospital, rehab center or at home? Rabbi will be available for visits on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Debbie in the Main Office by 3:00 pm on Tuesday if you would like to be visited the next day.

2017 High Holidays Schedule



Wednesday Evening, September 20	Rosh Hashanah First Night	Evening Services 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 21	Rosh Hashanah First Day	Services begin 8:15 AM (Babysitting 10:15am-12:15pm)
Thursday, September 21	Rosh Hashanah Second Night	Services 7:30 PM
Friday, September 22	Rosh Hashanah Second Day	Services begin 8:15 AM (Babysitting 10:15am-12:15pm)
Sunday, September 24	Tashlich	Services begin 11:00 AM (At the Village Green)
Friday, September 29	Kol Nidre	Services begin 6:15 PM (Babysitting 6:00pm-8:30pm)
Saturday, September 30	Yom Kippur	Services begin 9:00 AM (Babysitting 5:45 pm-7:00 pm)
	(Babysitting 11:00am – 12:45pm)	Mincha 4:00 PM Yizkor service 5:15 PM Neilah 6:00 PM
Wednesday, October 4th	Sukkot First Night	Services begin 7:15 PM
Thursday, October 5th	Sukkot First Day	Services begin 9:30 AM (Babysitting 10:30am-12 noon)
Thursday, October 5th	Sukkot Second Night	Services begin 7:15 PM
Friday, October 6th	Sukkot Second Day	Services begin 9:30 AM (Babysitting 10:30am -12 noon)
Wednesday, October 11th	Erev Shemini Atzeret	Services begin 7:00 PM
Thursday, October 12th	Shemini Atzeret	Services begin 9:30 AM (Babysitting 10:30am -12 noon)
Thursday, October 12th	Simchat Torah	Services begin 7:00 PM
Friday, October 13th	Simchat Torah	Services begin 9:30 AM (Babysitting 10:30am -12 noon)

ROSH HASHANAH, KOL NIDRE & YOM KIPPUR

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SELICHOT SERVICE

Saturday Night, September 16 8:00 PM

CEMETERY VISITATION

Sunday, September 17 11:00 AM

ROSH HASHANAH

1st Evening, Wednesday, September 20..... 7:30 PM

1st Day, Thursday, September 21..... 8:15 AM

Torah Reading 9:30 AM

Youth Services 10:30 AM

Sermon 10:50 AM

Musaf 11:30 AM

Babysitting Available from 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM

2nd Evening, Thursday, September 21 7:30 PM

2nd Day, Friday, September 22 8:15 AM

Torah Reading 9:30 AM

Youth Services 10:30 AM

Sermon 10:50 AM

Musaf 11:30 AM

Babysitting Available from 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Tashlich

Sunday, September 24..... 11:00 AM

(At Village Green Brook)

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE

Friday, September 29 6:15 PM

Babysitting Available from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Saturday, September 30

Pseukei d'Zimrah 9:00 AM

Shacharit 9:30 AM

Torah Reading 10:30 AM

Youth Services 11:15 AM

Sermon 11:40 AM

Musaf 12:15 PM

Healing Service (*Lief Chapel*)..... 1:15 PM

Mincha 4:00 PM

Yizkor 5:15 PM

Neilah..... 6:00 PM

Break-the-Fast 7:18 PM

Babysitting Available from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM & 5:45 PM to 7 PM

Youth Group News

Noah Deane, USY Group Director

We are pleased to announce that we have a new USY Group Leader. Noah Deane will be leading our teen youth group division beginning September 2017!

Noah is a Queens College Student who has been very involved with USY on a regional level. He has experience as a USY Chapter President of Midway Jewish Center, counselor at Camp Ramah, and was named Long Island Men's club Youth of the Year. In addition, Noah has spent a year living and learning at Hebrew University in Israel, and has worked as a volunteer for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Last year, the HJC USY chapter and the East Northport Jewish Center chapter joined together to form a larger chapter. This alliance will be continued this year, and meetings will alternate between the two synagogues.

USY members elect a board made of teens to run the program with guidance from the USY Director.

Elections are expected to be held in September.

Susan Pataki, Chavarim/Kadima Youth Group Director

This will be the second year that Susan Pataki will be running the Chavarim and Kadima youth groups. Many of you know Susan as the teacher of the Hey/Vav Religious School class. Susan has many exciting activities planned including cupcake wars, minute to win it games, and holiday themed crafts. She also expects to add activities that will allow our children to participate in social action through local organizations and charities, as well as field trips which highlight specific events within the confines of Jewish history.

Susan was born and raised in Huntington, and graduated from the South Huntington School district. In addition to having a BA in English Literature from Stony Brook University, and a Masters in Elementary Education from Adelphi University, she has had formal art training that has really come handy when working on art and crafts projects with our children.

Susan attended and became a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El, where she was a member and later became chapter president of the Reform movement's teen program LFTY/NFTY. She has fond memories thinking about the friends and connections made, the trips she went on, and teen encampment where she had the opportunity to find pride and membership within the larger Jewish community. She hopes to encourage our children to have the same high regard for Judaism and social programming that she did, and that this will serve as a foundation for the right attitude towards being Jewish and being active within our community.

Susan is married to Michael and they have two sons, Ethan who attends our religious school, and Ari who will be attending pre-school at ECC this year.

All children and teens from fourth grade through senior year of high school, regardless of synagogue membership status, are welcome to join our HJC Youth Group Chapter. If you know of someone who is interested in being part of our youth group community, please contact Maxine Fisher at (631) 427-1089 X14 for an application.

We are excited to announce the Teen Lounge used by our USY and Kadima Youth Group Members is being relocated next to the Lief Chapel.

We are working to make it a wonderful place for our teens to meet and spend time furthering their involvement with Judaism and the temple. If you have a game table, in good condition that you no longer need, or something similar that could be used for recreation, we would appreciate considering it as a donation. Please contact AJ Hepworth at 516-384-2340 to speak to us about it. Thanks!

WHO WANTS TO DO A MITZVAH!?!?

This holiday season is the perfect time to do a mitzvah with your family to help a family with food insecurity. Please join us in the HJC dairy kitchen on Sunday mornings. Help make a sandwich, wrap a sandwich, and that's all it takes! Before you know it all 250 meals are ready to be delivered (also by volunteers).

Please contact Rob Fisher to sign up for a Sunday of your choice. Again, families are welcome, also meet other great folks who have found their way into our HJC kitchen.

Contact: Rob Fisher, JNN Coordinator
rfish51@aol.com



Religious School *by Maxine Fisher, Administrator*



Welcome back!!

I hope everyone had a restful and fun summer. We have been gearing up most of the summer so that we can have the most amazing school year. I am very excited to have Rabbi Saks working together with Cantor Gordan and myself this year. He will be working with each class a few times a month and leading a few family workshops. As the school year starts, we have many exciting programs and many chances to learn with Rabbi Saks!

Please look for your Religious school information packet in the mail and please check your emails for updates.

Here are a few important dates to mark on your calendar:

- Saturday, September 2nd at 10:30 is the first Nitzanim
- Sunday, September 10th is the first day of school with a parent welcome orientation breakfast at 9:00.
- Tuesday, September 12th is the first Chaverim.
- Sunday, September 24th is Tashich, meet in the parking lot at 10:45.

Also, please save the following dates:

- For grades 5, 6, and 7: on Tuesday, November 14th, at 4:15PM the children from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church will be visiting for an informational discussion with Rabbi Saks and we are including our children.
- For grades 5, 6, and 7: on Wednesday, January 10th, at 6:45PM at Woodbury Jewish Center our Men's Club is sponsoring our school to see the Holocaust production, "Voices From The Fire" which is an amazing live production. It is also open to anyone who would like to see it. I will ask for RSVPs as it gets closer.

Again, welcome back and Shanah Tovah to you and your family.

Sisterhood News

We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and we look forward to a year of exciting programs with friends, old and new!

Join Us! Support the Sisterhood of HJC! Save the date: Thursday, October 19th

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner

Come meet, mingle and enjoy a great dinner and program. New members of HJC receive a complimentary first year membership to the sisterhood. The HJC Sisterhood continues to be a proud sponsor of many of the important events and activities that occur at HJC. Here are just a few...

- We send delicious and fun packages to our former students who are now in college in the USA and abroad. Our collegian program keeps our college students connected and in touch with the HJC community.
Please contact Patricia Schoeffler: 423-4866 / pcscot@optonline.net
- We sponsor interesting discussion programs, book talks and craft nights.
- We prepare sponsored Saturday kidushes for the congregation.
- We sponsor the baking of hamantashen for HJC's Purim baskets and students.
- We sponsor the Taste of Passover Program, a popular social evening of wine and food tastings.
- We work with and support other committees and groups of HJC to bring interesting programs to our shul.
- And we bring Z'HAVAH...programs for younger women as a way to gather and affiliate within our HJC community.

Upcoming Events

September 7	Mah Jongg	7:30PM
September 12	Silver Polishing	11AM
September 14	Sisterhood Board Kick-Off Meeting and Dinner	
October 1	Sukkot Z'havah program	12PM
October 16	Sisterhood Board Meeting	8PM
October 19	Paid-Up Membership Dinner	

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

Sisterhood extends a warm welcome to Rabbi Ari Saks and his family to our HJC family!

As we usher in the New Year next month, we wish all of our Sisterhood members, HJC congregants and all of your respective families a Sweet, Happy and Healthy 5778.

Sisterhood Contacts:

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

Early Childhood News *by Ilene Brown*



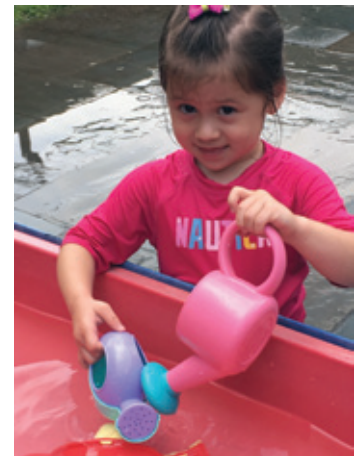
Growing Pains?

“Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.”

James Cash Penney

I am truly amazed how fast our Summer Adventure flew by. It truly was so much fun and all of us enjoyed every minute. We had 80 children attend our Summer Adventure

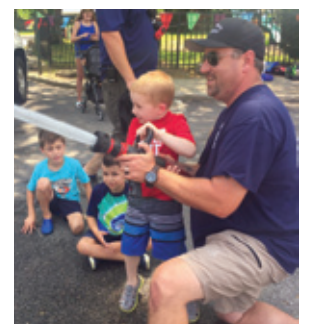
and fun was had by all. I am truly blessed to have such dedicated teachers to help me run HJC's summer program to insure that the children are safe and happy. It takes a village and we have an incredible village at HJC. This summer the children enjoyed daily activities such as water play, playground time, art, nature, science, bouncy castle, and roller coaster time. They were treated to weekly soccer with Super Soccer Stars and learned a variety of dance moves from our talented dance professional. We had so many fun and special events & visits from the ice cream truck, Huntington Fire Fighters and trucks, Princesses, Super Heroes, A drum show, painting in the park, Olympics, Scavenger Hunts, Western Day, Lemonade Stand Fundraiser and SO much more! We are also witnessing more growth in the ECC for this coming school year. So much growth, in fact that we are adding another classroom to the ECC. We can attribute this growth to the phenomenal ECC teachers and staff, the most wonderful families of HJC that have brought friends to the ECC, the community outreach that we do, and the support of the board,



Maxine, Barbara Axmacher, and so many more. Our new toddler room will be located in the old Youth Lounge and we are so fortunate to have that space to expand and grow into.

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”

--Helen Keller





HJC's FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

Lulav and Etrog

Sukkot is right around the corner.
Order your lulav and etrog through the
HJC office –
\$40 for a Deluxe set
\$30 for a Standard set*



ORDER DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 19th
OFFICIAL ORDER PICK UP: Sunday, October 1st

* **NOTE:** The only difference between the sets is the quality of the etrog (minor blemishes, imperfections and shape). All sets have an authenticated kosher certificate from Israel. The lulav is the same, regardless of which set you choose.



ORDER FORM (deadline is Tuesday, September 19, 2017)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name _____

Telephone _____

e-mail** _____

**All communication about the order will be sent by e-mail unless otherwise requested.

PICK UP OPTIONS:

Sukkot begins the evening of Wednesday, October 4th.

_____ I will pick up my order on **Sunday, October 1st**
between 11am and 12:15pm

_____ I will pick up my order, **on my own**, at another time
(pick up instructions will be emailed separately)

_____ I would like to make **special arrangements** (you
will be contacted to set up a time)

MY ORDER:

___ Deluxe set(s) @ \$40 each

___ Standard set(s) @ \$30 each

PAYMENT:

Please send your form and payment to the HJC office
Enclosed is a check, payable to HJC, for \$ _____
Contact the office to pay by credit card

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sheri Bram at 516-356-3953.or sbram@optonline.net

Donations

GENERAL FUND

Bela Schoenfeld

Wendy Glassman in memory of Jeraldine Mello at yahrzeit.

Nancy Hazan in memory of Rebecca Rosenblum at yahrzeit.

Elliott Waldman in memory of Allen Waldman at yahrzeit.

Andrew Cohen in memory of Albert Cohen at yahrzeit.

Michael Buchholtz in memory of Norma Buchholtz at yahrzeit.

Bruce Aronow in memory of Irving Aronow at yahrzeit.

Miriam Eckstein-Koas in memory of Adele Eckstein at yahrzeit.

Philip Glaser in memory of Isidore Glaser at yahrzeit.

Helaine Levy in memory of Heidi Kubashky at yahrzeit.

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Risa Finkel in memory of Irving Rosenthal at yahrzeit.

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Karen Bass in memory of Martin Bass at yahrzeit.

Robbin Danzig Piscopio in honor of Allison Reiver for her dedicated leadership as president of HJC.

Shirley Levitt in memory of Eugene Levitt at yahrzeit.

Renda Rosenblatt in memory of Kenneth Rosenblatt at yahrzeit.

Loron Simon in memory of Ida Floman at yahrzeit.

Daniel Himmel in memory of Jan Himmel at yahrzeit.

Bernie Rosof in memory of Anne Rosof at yahrzeit.

Martin Rosenblatt in memory of Marshal Rosenblatt at yahrzeit.

Judi Rosenblatt in memory of Paul Hopmayer at yahrzeit.

Marvin Lipkind in memory of Abraham Lipkind at yahrzeit.

Seymour Schpoont in memory of Rose Schpoont at yahrzeit.

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Roni McAbee in memory of her mother, Sylvia Brass.

Nancy Bob in memory of Mickey Philips at yahrzeit.

Howard Kleet in memory of Hortense Kleet at yahrzeit.

Randi & Alan Schuller in memory of the father of Ferne Chase.

The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of the father of Ferne Chase.

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Myrna Tils in memory of Ida Telmer at yahrzeit.

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Kurshan, grandson of Rabbi Neil & Alisa Kurshan.

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Beryl Okwit in memory of Joseph Herskowitz at yahrzeit.

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Helaine Levy in memory of Herbert Goldstein at yahrzeit.

Gerald Levy in memory of George Levy at yahrzeit.

The HJC Board of Trustees welcomes Carlyle Miller & Emily Copel of Huntington Station and their children: Shoshana, age 4; Eden, age 2; & Jessica, age 1 ½.

The HJC Board of Trustees welcomes Josh & Leah Holbreich of Huntington Station and their children: Nathan and Madeline, age 2 ½.

The HJC Board of Trustees welcomes Adam & Robyn Pallack of Huntington and their children: Harper, age 4 and Morgan, age 2.

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Dan Schoeffler in memory of Max Schoeffler at yahrzeit.

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Elaine & Burt Epstein in memory of Molly Gleicher at *yahrzeit*.

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Mary Uricchio in memory of Kathleen Uricchio at *yahrzeit*.

Maxine Liebowitz in memory of Jeanne Edelstein at *yahrzeit*.

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Marvin Lipkind in memory of Lester Lipkind at *yahrzeit*.

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Selma Greenstein in memory of Morton Greenstein at *yahrzeit*.

Paul Greenstein in memory of Morton Greenstein at *yahrzeit*.

The HJC Board of Trustees welcomes Richard & Cindy Kaufman of Laurel Hollow.

The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Sandra P. Gould, mother of Deborah Wertheim.

Doris Schoenfarber in memory of Sally Fink at *yahrzeit*.

Mary Uricchio in memory of Pasquale Uricchio at *yahrzeit*.

Liz & Steve Holbreich in memory of David Zirkel at *yahrzeit*.

Marilyn & Gary Woghin in memory of George Woghin at *yahrzeit*.

Judy & Arthur Schwager in memory of Shimmy Kornblatt, wife of Ralph Kornblatt.

The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Joel Gleicher, brother of Elaine Epstein.

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Bernard Harris in memory of Rose Harris at *yahrzeit*.

Joyce & Al Sacknoff in memory of Joel Gleicher, brother of Elaine Epstein.

Meyer Steinberg in honor of the 60th birthday of Ellen Steinberg.

Evelyn & Roger Silverberg in honor of the 60th birthday of Ellen Steinberg.

Paula & Gary Schoer in memory of Theresa Rothenberg, mother of Eileen Berger.

Lesley & Jeff Stark in honor of the 60th birthday of Ellen Steinberg.

The Kleet family in memory of Maxwell Kleet at *yahrzeit*.

Marlene & Leonard Hummel in memory of Gene Hummel at *yahrzeit*.

Dale & Phil Mintz in memory of Carl Kaplowitz at *yahrzeit*.

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Ethel Schwartz Bock in memory of Samuel Schwartz at *yahrzeit*.

Yolanda Barfus in memory of Beatrice Schneck at *yahrzeit*.

Liz & Steve Holbreich in memory of Charlotte Zirkel at *yahrzeit*.

Holly Aronow in memory of Peter Goetz at *yahrzeit*.

Karen & Michael Fishelson in honor of the 60th birthday of Ellen Steinberg.

Donna & Marty Joyce and Lisa Simon & Bruce Paisons in honor of the 60th birthday of Ellen Steinberg.

Joan Blank in memory of Frances Blank at *yahrzeit*.

Bernie Rosof in memory of David Rosof at *yahrzeit*.

The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the birth of Lia Kahn-Dror, great granddaughter of Ellen Kahn.

Sheryl Winkler in memory of Joseph Teitel at *yahrzeit*.

David Schoenfarber in memory of Justin Schoenfarber at *yahrzeit*.

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Fran Falco in honor of the 60th birthday of Ellen Steinberg.

Helaine Levy in memory of Selma Goldstein at *yahrzeit*.

Myrna Tils in memory of Alvin Tils at *yahrzeit*.

Joanne Mulberg Cohn in memory of Zelda Mulberg at *yahrzeit*.

Ellen Meiselman in memory of Jack Bloom at *yahrzeit*.

Newt Meiselman in memory of Rachel Meiselman at *yahrzeit*.

Laurie Wax in memory of Phyllis Kirschner at *yahrzeit*.

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Loron Simon in memory of Ronald Simon at *yahrzeit*.

Martin Rosenblatt in memory of Ruth Rosenblatt at *yahrzeit*.

The HJC Board of Trustees welcomes Jules & Carol Einhorn of Langhorne, PA.

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Linda & Howard Novick in memory of Bernard Malkin at
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Vicki Perler as HJC president.
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Susi Susskind in memory of Lore Lieberman at yahrzeit.
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Susi Susskind in honor of the birthday of Ethel Sachs.
Vicki & Arthur Perler in memory of Gabe Goodwin, husband
of Shelly Waldman.
Ethel Sachs in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of
Carol & Howard Baker.
Ethel Sachs in honor of the birthday of Vicki Rosen.
Ethel Sachs in honor of the marriage of Tiphannie, daughter
of Renda and Ken z"l Rosenblatt, to Stephen Shoemaker.

ARNIE KERNS FUND

Harriet Kerns in memory of Marvin Feit at yahrzeit.
Marsha P. Kalina in honor of Judy & Lester Fox being named
the 2017 Guests of Honor at the Long Island Torah
Network Dinner.
Harriet Kerns in memory of Arnold Kerns at yahrzeit.

ARK AND PULPIT FUND

Joan Blank in memory of Sylvia Brass.
Nancy & Brian Cooper in honor of Lester Fox with thanks
for his leadership.

BEN TASMAN LIBRARY FUND

Syd Schlesinger in memory of Cliff Schlesinger.
Syd Schlesinger in memory of Sylvia Brass.
Syd Schlesinger in honor of the graduation of her
granddaughter, Mollie Schlesinger, from Colby College.
Syd Schlesinger in memory of David Gingold, brother of
Marilyn Klein.
Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of David Gingold,
brother of Marilyn Klein.
Syd Schlesinger in memory of Myron Schlesinger at yahrzeit.

CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Shari & Larry Feibel in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their
daughter, Nicole.
Nancy & Brian Cooper in honor of Cantor Gordan with
thanks for his leadership.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

HJC Sisterhood

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of Shimmy Kornblatt,
wife of Ralph Kornblatt.
Alice & Bruce Rosen in memory of Anny Loewenstein at
yahrzeit.
Alice & Bruce Rosen in memory of Marianne Hammerschlag
at yahrzeit.
Alice & Bruce Rosen in memory of William Goldgeier at
yahrzeit.
Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of Theresa Rothenberg,
mother of Eileen Berger.
Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of the 60th birthday of
Ellen Steinberg.

COLLEGIATE FUND

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of the marriage of Jason,
son of Eileen & Harvey Berger, to Megan Adcock.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Selma Greentein
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Sue & David Lefkowitz in memory of Sylvia Brass.
Bea Pedowicz in memory of Sylvia Brass.
Bea Pedowicz in memory of Dora Rencoff at yahrzeit.
Yolanda Barfus in memory of Sylvia Brass.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Judy & Lester Fox in memory of Sylvia Brass.
Judy & Lester Fox with thanks to Tom Rosen.
Judy & Lester Fox in honor of Allison Reiver for her dedicated
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Judy & Lester Fox in memory of the sister of Eddie Joseph.
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Daniel Teebor.
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Pam & Bruce Fleiss in honor of Donna Fleiss being named the
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Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the birth of the grandson of Kay & Larry Smith.

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ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND

Lawrence Maltin in memory of Morris Maltin at yahrzeit.

Ken Gutwein in honor of Nili Gitig for her work on the HJC Israel Committee.

Ellen Kahn in memory of David Gingold, brother of Marilyn Klein.

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of Roman Kriegstein, father of Alan Kriegstein.

Ellen Kahn in memory of Ayshe Rosin at yahrzeit.

Jennifer & Scott Ingber in memory of Cecile Teebor, mother of Daniel Teebor.

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Nancy Berlow in memory of Joyce Berlow at yahrzeit.

Nancy & Brian Cooper in honor of the installation of Vicki Perler as HJC president.

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Joan Blank in memory of Deborah Galowitz at yahrzeit.

Susan & Nathan Board & family in memory of Harriet Lipsky at yahrzeit.

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Vicki & Arthur Perler with thanks to Rabbi & Rachel Saks.

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father of Alan Kriegstein.

Janet & Martin Kushnick in memory of Esther Kushnick
at yahrzeit.

Vicki & Tom Rosen in memory of Richard Rosen at yahrzeit.

Vicki & Tom Rosen wishing a speedy recovery to
Martin Kushnick.

Sue & David Lefkowitz in memory of Estelle Rubin at yahrzeit.

Sue & David Lefkowitz in memory of Shimmy Kornblatt,
wife of Ralph Kornblatt.

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To the family of our member, Sylvia Brass.

Marilyn Klein on the death of her brother,
David Seth Gingold.

Ferne Chase on the death of her father.

Alan Kriegstein on the death of his father,
Roman Kriegstein.

Ralph Kornblatt on the death of his wife, our
congregant, Shimmy Kornblatt.

Daniel Teebor on the death of his mother,
Cecile Teebor.

To the family of our member, Robert M. Bookbinder.

To the family of our member, Marilyn Johnson.

Eileen Berger on the death of her mother,
Theresa Rothenberg.

Deborah Wertheim on the death of her mother,
Sandra P. Gould.

Elaine Epstein on the death of her brother, Joel Gleicher.

Shelly Waldman on the death of her husband,
Gabe Goodwin.

NEW MEMBERS

Carlyle Miller & Emily Copel of Huntington Station
and their children: Shoshana, age 4; Eden, age 2; &
Jessica, age 1 ½.

Josh & Leah Holbreich of Huntington Station and their
children: Nathan and Madeline, age 2 ½.

Adam & Robyn Pallack of Huntington and their
children: Harper, age 4 and Morgan, age 2.

Gary Kelman & Alison Mishkit of Huntington and their
son, Alexander.

Gladys Mishkit of Huntington.

Richard & Cindy Kaufman of Laurel Hollow and their
children: Amanda, Jeremy, Jason & Scott.

Jules & Carol Einhorn of Langhorne, PA.

This Month in American Jewish History

Jacob Frankel: US Army's First Jewish Military Chaplain

Appointed by President Lincoln, September 18, 1862

Compiled from articles by Bethanne Kelly Patrick, Jennifer Brody and David B. Green

President Abraham Lincoln made several bold decisions that transformed Jews from outsiders to insiders in American society. One year after Congress stipulated that Army chaplains be Christians, Abraham Lincoln appointed the Army's first Jewish chaplain. This was, Bertram W. Korn writes in *American Jewry and the Civil War*, the first federal victory for American Jews.

Nicknamed the "sweet singer of Israel," Rabbi Jacob Frankel (1808-1887) was the popular rabbi and cantor of Philadelphia's Congregation Rodeph Shalom. A native of Bavaria, Frankel came from a musical family and was already an accomplished cantor when he acceded to the Philadelphia post.

In 1861, Congress ordered each regiment to secure a military chaplain, who "must be a regular ordained minister of a Christian denomination." Ohio congressman Clement Vallandigham argued in the House of Representatives that, "There is a large body of men in this country, and one growing continually, of the Hebrew faith ... whose adherents are as good citizens and as true patriots as any in the country." But his proposed changes were shot down by his colleagues, and the law went into effect on July 22, 1861.

Several days before President Lincoln signed the new chaplaincy law, the 65th Regiment of the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry appointed a Jewish businessman from Philadelphia, Michael Allen, to be its chaplain. Allen, who was not an ordained rabbi, spent several months tending in a non-denominational manner to the spiritual needs of both Jewish and non-Jewish soldiers. In September 1861, however, when the news of Allen's commission reached the adjutant general's office, the liquor salesman from Philadelphia was forced to resign, citing "poor health."

The 65th Regiment, whose commander was named Max Friedman, did not back down. He soon appointed Rabbi Dr. Arnold Fischel, the minister of New York's Shearith Israel congregation, to replace Allen. There was no question as to Fischel's credentials, but the War Department turned down the request for his commission. Fischel and the Board of Delegates of American Israelites decided to appeal directly to Lincoln. Rabbi Fischel showed up at the White House on the morning of December 11, 1861, and requested to meet the president.

He was told that was not likely to happen, but he decided to take his chances, and joined the line of several hundred, waiting as long as 3 days, in the hope of exchanging a word with Lincoln. When Lincoln learned of Fischel's presence, he had him admitted immediately, receiving him, noted Fischel, with "marked courtesy." The rabbi came armed with letters of recommendation from several Republican politicians (Lincoln's party) and also petitions from a variety of communities around the country, signed by both non-Jews and Jews, arguing that the existing law was unconstitutional and unfair.

When it became clear that Lincoln was sympathetic to this cause, Protestant groups protested loudly. One evangelical newspaper warned that a change in the law might lead to "Mormon debauchees, Chinese priests and Indian conjurors" requesting recognition as chaplains. But Congress was convinced of the rightness of Fischel's argument. On July 17, 1862, it sent Lincoln an amendment to the law, stipulating that chaplains needed to be ordained only by "some religious denomination."

Lincoln himself signed Rabbi Frankel's commission on September 18, 1862. Frankel was assigned to a hospital in Philadelphia, in response to a request from the Board of Ministers of the Hebrew Congregations of that city. The request followed the deaths of two Jewish soldiers there, without their being afforded the attentions of clergy of their faith.

Over the course of the Civil War, some 7,000 Jews served with the Northern forces against the Confederates, whose chaplaincy law, by the way, required only that one be a "minister of religion." The total Jewish population of the North and South at the time was approximately 250,000. Frankel continued to serve Rodeph Shalom (today the oldest active Ashkenazi synagogue in the United States) as a cantor while he served the military in the Army of the Potomac.



Rabbi Ari Saks

Rabbi Ari Saks comes to the Huntington Jewish Center after spending five years at Congregation Beth Mordecai in Perth Amboy, NJ. During that time, Rabbi Saks launched many innovative programs to infuse passion and energy in a small Jewish community. He helped stabilize the synagogue both financially and with regard to membership and lay-leadership with his strengths in relationship building, leadership identification and development, preaching, teaching, and pastoral counseling. He is a community cheerleader, inspiring a relatable, relevant and meaningful form of Judaism that excites people of all ages to connect to their Jewish identities, and is looking forward to sharing that excitement and passion for Judaism with the HJC community and staff. Rabbi Saks is also known for his outreach efforts in the local Jewish and township communities. He was nicknamed the “Mall Rabbi” for setting up office hours in a local mall and served as President of the Rabbinical Association in the Heart of New Jersey. He also received accommodations from the Perth Amboy Police Department and City of Perth Amboy for his work as a Deputy Commander of the Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps. Rabbi Saks is excited about getting involved in the local Jewish community and in becoming a fixture in the town of Huntington for years to come. Born into a family filled with rabbis, Rabbi Saks spent his



youth hoping to avoid the rabbinic profession and become a sports journalist following around one of his beloved Philadelphia sports teams. After many powerful Jewish experiences at Camp Ramah, in USY, in Israel, and at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Saks knew he wanted to devote his life to the Jewish people. However, it wasn't until he had a particularly transformative experience that he felt “called” to be a rabbi and has embraced that “call” ever since. More than any program he's run or been apart of, Rabbi Saks has experienced the “call” to be a rabbi in his conversations with people about their Jewish and religious identities, and in being present for important smachot and life-cycle events. He feels a profound sense of appreciation, responsibility, and humility in being allowed entry into

some of the most important moments in people's lives, and is deeply grateful for the members of HJC to allow him entry into those moments with them now and for the foreseeable future. Rabbi Saks received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Columbia University in Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary in Bible. He also earned a Master's Degree in Jewish Education.

Rabbi Saks lives with his wife Rachel and his two beautiful children- Jonah, age 3 ¾ and Lilah, age 1 ½.

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Rabbi Saks anticipates an important challenge to reach out to unaffiliated families including intermarried couples. An aspect of being at HJC that feels especially rewarding is that there is already a strong tradition and foundation here. He is looking forward to being part of the whole that already exists. Rabbi Saks appreciates the strong HJC intergenerational com-

munity. Both he and Rachel are excited about being part of this vibrant community, and crafting a future here together. The HJC warmly welcomes Rabbi Saks, Rachel and their children. We are thrilled to have a young, dynamic family to engage with us as we continue on a learning and spiritual journey together.

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