

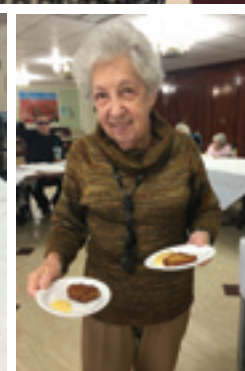


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HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS / COMMUNITY / CONNECTION

Hanukkah Celebration at Carillon Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Hanukkah celebration at Carillon Nursing & Rehabilitation Center with Rabbi Ari Saks, Cantor Judy Merrick, HJC Social Action Janet Kushnick & Dalia Rosenthal. Thank you all for a beautiful morning bringing the light to our special friends.



Sisterhood News

Sisterhood News by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

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It is that special time of year when the dairy kitchen is filled with the wonderful aroma of hamantashen.

Sisterhood is sponsoring the baking and sale of hamantashen and preparing Mishloach Manot.

Volunteers are needed!

Order forms are available in the HJC office or online.

All monies from the sale are used to support our HJC community

ROSH CHODESH: WELCOMING THE NEW MOON

1/17@7:30PM

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

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

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

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

THANK YOU...

to all the volunteers that helped with the Hanukkah Happening Judaica Shop Sale and to our HJC community for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8th - Sisterhood Board Meeting @8pm

January 11th - Book Discussion @ 1pm

A Boy in Winter by Rachel Seiffert

January 17th - Rosh Chodesh program @7:30pm

January 28th - Movie and Dinner: *Deli Man* @7:00pm

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JANUARY 2018

TEVET-SHEVAT 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1/14 Tevet ECC/Main Office Closed <i>New Year's Day</i>	2/15 Tevet ECC Reopens	3/16 Tevet	4/17 Tevet	5/18 Tevet Minyan Brkfst sponsored by Nancy Cooper 8:00am	6/19 Tevet Jr Congregation 10:30am <i>Shemot</i>
7/20 Tevet JNN RS/Workshop/USY/ Kadima	8/21 Tevet SH Board Mtg 8:00pm	9/22 Tevet RS/MT/Chaverim	10/23 Tevet HI-HI 6:00am EC Meeting 7:30pm Holocaust Presentation- Woodbury Jewish Center	11/24 Tevet SH Book Discussion	12/25 Tevet PJ Library Pizza & PJ's 5:00pm	13/26 Tevet Kay Lodge/Eric Isaacs Auf Ruf <i>Va'era</i>
14/27 Tevet JNN RS Closed	15/28 Tevet ECC/Main Office Closed <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	16/29 Tevet RS	17/1 Shevat SH Rosh Chodesh Program 7:30pm <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	18/2 Shevat Board Meeting	19/3 Shevat	20/4 Shevat Family Jr Congregation "In The Mood" Swing Dance Event 8:00pm <i>Bo</i>
21/5 Shevat JNN RS/Workshop/Parent- Teacher Corf Gan & Alef MC Ice Skating Event Ridotto 4:00pm	22/6 Shevat RS/Parent-Teacher Conf Bet & Vav	23/7 Shevat HIHI	24/8 Shevat	25/9 Shevat Parents BBM Meeting	26/10 Shevat	27/11 Shevat Shabbat Shirah <i>Beshalach</i>
28/12 Shevat JNN RS/RS/Board Meeting USY/Kadima SH/MC "Deli Man" Presentation	29/13 Shevat	30/14 Shevat RS Tu B'Shevat Family Seder MT/Chaverim	31/15 Shevat <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>			

FEBRUARY 2018

SHEVAT-ADAR 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>New Year's Day</i>			1/16 Shevat	2/17 Shevat Minyan Brkfst sponsored by Joel Kuppersmith 8:00am	3/18 Shevat Levine Bar Mitzvah Junior Cong. 10:30am <i>Yitro</i>
4/19 Shevat JNN RS Worldwide Wrap/Wrkshop USY/Kadima	5/20 Shevat	6/21 Shevat	7/22 Shevat HIHI 6:00pm EC Meeting - 7:30pm	8/23 Shevat SH Programming - TBD	9/24 Shevat	10/25 Shevat Bim Bam Shabbat 10:30am Jr Congregation 10:30am JTS Student Visit <i>Mishpatim</i> <i>Shabbat Shekalim</i>
11/26 Shevat JNN RS/RS Board Meeting USY/Kadima SH Zhavah Purim Program	12/27 Shevat SH Board Meeting 8:00pm	13/28 Shevat RS Taste of Gan	14/29 Shevat	15/30 Shevat SH Challah Making Workshop 10:00am Board Meeting 8:00pm <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	16/1 Adar <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	17/2 Adar <i>Terumah</i>
18/3 Adar JNN RS Closed thru Feb 25	19/4 Adar ECC Closed thru Feb 25 Main Office Closed <i>Presidents Day</i>	20/5 Adar	21/6 Adar	22/7 Adar HIHI 6:00pm	23/8 Adar	24/9 Adar <i>Tetzaveh</i> <i>Shabbat Zachor</i>
25/10 Adar JNN Ridotto 4:00pm	26/11 Adar	27/12 Adar RS/Taste of Gan/ MT/Chaverim	28/13 Adar Megillah Reading 7:00pm <i>Fast of Esther</i> <i>Megillah Reading</i>			

From Rabbi Ari Saks



The Randomness of Purim

The Hanukkah Happening was an amazing “happening.” So many people from all of the arms of the synagogue came together to create crafts, raise some money, and build community together. It was truly an amazing experience to witness and be a part of. With this “happening” in mind, I started to think about Purim, a holiday we

will celebrate next month which, like Hanukkah, does not include religious prohibitions like against creating crafts or using money. This freedom from religious prohibitions gives us the flexibility to create a large-scale happening much like Hanukkah, a happening with a carnival-like atmosphere.

In asking around, I learned that although the Purim Carnival is a good-sized happening for our community, it isn't as big or as popular as the Hanukkah Happening. I wondered, why is that the case? Why is Hanukkah seemingly more popular than Purim though both share the same freedom from religious prohibitions in their observance, and both are festive and joyous for all ages?

This isn't just a question for HJC because it could be asked of any non-Orthodox community in America. Though not true for all congregations, celebrations of Hanukkah often (pardon the pun) “outshine” those of Purim. One theory for this difference is that Hanukkah falls during a time of year where people are looking to celebrate a holiday, especially in America. But Purim? It falls sometime between the end of February and the middle of March when there's very little else being marked or celebrated. In other words, it doesn't seem like Purim falls during a time we would normally be inclined to celebrate a holiday. In fact, the timing of the holiday seems kind of random.

And then it hit me. Purim is the only Jewish holiday that falls at a random, arbitrary time. Every other biblical or rabbinic holiday has some seasonal significance. Just take a look at the following list:

Rosh Hashanah - Yom Zikhron Terua (A day to remember blasts) is technically related to the fall of the Jubilee year - the anniversary of the end of the 7th cycle of 7 years in which all debts and land would lie fallow. Hence it's appropriate that the “remembrance” of the Jubilee would occur on the first day of the 7th month (Tishrei) of the biblical calendar.

Yom Kippur - It's tied to Rosh Hashanah, falling 10 days after Rosh Hashanah starts.

Sukkot - The harvest festival.

Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah - Celebration of the end of the harvest festival.

Hanukkah - Marking the solstice in which winter is at its darkest.

Tu B'shvat - The flowering of the almond (sh'kediya) tree signifies that Spring is approaching.

Purim -- ???

Passover - The Spring festival.

Shavuot - The first fruits of the harvest.

So why does Purim fall when it falls if it's not tied to a season? The answer to that question can be found in Megillat Esther 3:7:

In the first month, that is, the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, pur - which means “the lot” - was cast before Haman concerning every day and every month, [until it fell on] the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar.

The date was chosen by chance. Haman used his system of “lots” (purim) to choose a random date for the destruction of the Jewish people. So why is the randomness of the date significant? Because as the Malbim (19th Century, Russia) wrote:

In any case, the cast [of this date] reveals God's help in making more time for Israel to be saved.

The Malbim is picking up the fact that the day the lots were cast was on the first day of the first month (Nisan) of the year, and the date chosen by the lots fell on the last (12th) month (Adar) of the year. Thus, by virtue of the “luck of the draw” the Jewish people were given as much time as they could possibly receive to find a way to save their community (which they eventually did).

The Malbim sees in this choice the hidden hand of God. The date wasn't random at all, it was chosen for a purpose just like all of the biblical and rabbinic holidays. Its purpose was hidden within the randomness of the lots to teach us that on *every* date of the calendar, in *every* moment we encounter, we have the opportunity to discover the “hidden hand of God.” What does God want from us in each moment? How can we turn each day into a celebration of life like we do on our holidays? Those are the questions that Purim causes us to think about, whether we make a big deal about it or not.

May each day, no matter how mundane or random, reveal some opportunity for us to discover a greater purpose. And may we take advantage of as many of those opportunities as possible.

Kol Tuv, Rabbi Ari Saks

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.

From Hazzan Israel Gordan



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

If you were not at Saturday morning services on December 2nd, you missed the last Bar Mitzvah that we celebrated at HJC in 2017. It was for Caleb Kapen and the Kapens are one of several families for which I have had the pleasure to tutor not only one child, but now two (Simon's Bar Mitzvah

having taken place a little over two years ago). It was a beautiful morning in shul and Caleb did a wonderful job on leading musaf, his haftarah, reading his maftir aliyah, and the other aspects of the service with which he was involved. He was confident, he was comfortable on the bimah, and he seemed to be enjoying himself in a way that was clearly communicated to everyone who was in the sanctuary that morning.

Now, I know it is a little tricky to single out an individual in a bulletin column. I certainly do not mean to slight anyone or suggest that he or his family is better or more important than anyone else (although you will be hard-pressed to find someone with negative things to say about any of the Kapens). But the reason I am writing about them specifically in this bulletin article is to illustrate how much more important the morning was than just being about Caleb or even his family.

In this day and age, anyone can "rent a rabbi" and hold a private ceremony for family and friends in their backyard, at a hotel, or in a restaurant. You can craft your own ceremony to be as personal and meaningful as you could possibly want. When you belong to a synagogue, however, you don't have full creative control and you don't get to do whatever you want. You have to "play by the rules" and follow the norms of the community. There might be certain aspects of the service you wish you could change or other things over which you don't have control. But in that level of compromise, you gain so much from the larger community.

The Kapens are fixtures at the HJC who come to services, volunteer, contribute, and are involved with so many aspects of leadership at the synagogue. People both young and old, long time members and the newly involved know them. The love that was so clearly evident in the room that morning of December 2nd came from the fact that so many people know them. Like anything in life, you get out of it what you put in. And the payback on a morning like that is huge.

If I could make a small suggestion for a new year's resolution as we begin 2018, it would be to just show up. Try coming to services a little more often. Come to a meeting. Show up for an event. Help volunteer. With community, the love you take is equal to the love you make. And if there's anything that the world could use more of in this new year, it's love.



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President's Perspective *by Vicki Perler*



Celebrating Tu B'Shevat

On Wednesday, January 31, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat. This holiday, which simply means the "fifteenth of the month of Shevat," celebrates the New Year for trees in Israel. Our tradition considers this day to be the "Birthday of the Trees," because, in Israel, this is the time that the earliest blooms begin to appear on sleepy trees. The bleak winter landscape breaks into pinks, yellows, greens and reds. Tu B'Shevat provides us with an opportunity, during the coldest days of the year, to envision the warmth of spring in Israel.

My earliest memory of Tu B'Shevat consisted of eating the pod-shaped fruit from the carob tree. Celebrations of the holiday have evolved since then, and today we honor this day by connecting with nature's gifts. One of the lessons we learn from Tu B'Shevat is that we must treat with care and consideration, not only people who live around us, but also trees, fruits, flowers, the fields and orchards.

Since the restoration of our Jewish homeland in Israel, Tu B'Shevat has become a symbol of rebuilding the land. When the early pioneers came to Palestine over 100 years ago, the land was barren. They planted trees and made the land bloom again. In Israel, trees are regarded as a special gift from God, and in planting trees, people showed that they believed in a future for their children, who would grow up enjoying the fruit, shade, and beauty provided by trees. There are many allusions to trees in the Torah, especially to the olive tree, which sends up new shoots to continue the life of the old tree that seems to die, and the almond tree, which is the first to bloom in the spring. In fact, visitors to Israel in the time between Tu B'Shevat and Pesach are always surprised by how green the country is during this season and by the beautiful pink and white almond blossoms that are everywhere you turn.

Today, Jewish families from all parts of the world plant trees in Israel, and this holiday can be used to make a lasting impression on the importance of nature and Tikkun Olam. As we designate this sacred time to learning to appreciate and protect our Earth, the work of Rachel Carson, founder of the contemporary environmental movement and advocate of nature and environmental ethics comes to mind. She wrote several articles designed to teach people about the wonder and beauty of the living world, and in her 1965 "The Sense of Wonder" she wrote:

"A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that

clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood. If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder...he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in."

I look forward to taking time during these cold, winter months to give my children, my grandchildren, and myself the gift of playing in the cold, wet, exhilarating snow. By experiencing the vast range of what our natural environment offers, we can enjoy the present, make preparations for spring, and experience the wonder of nature.

Yom Huledet L'Aytzim

Happy Birthday to the Trees

~People of the Book Ben Tasman Library~

Shorter days and colder weather present a perfect time to visit the library here at HJC. There is now an enlarged fiction section with new books as well as so many older, wonderful standards. If you are working on Modern Hebrew with Rabbi Saks, you will find copies of The Jerusalem Post currently available for your use - but only in the library! There are current magazines to browse, a warm and inviting space to read, think or just quietly talk or reflect.

Please join Sisterhood for a winter book discussion of *A Boy in Winter* by Rachel Seiffert on Thursday, January 11th @ 1pm.

~Happy Reading!~
Syd Schlesinger,
Library Chair





Backpack Buddies: helping kids in Puerto Rico

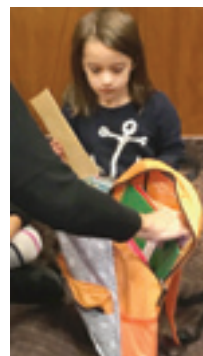
On Monday, November 27, the entire ECC got together as a community to stuff backpacks full of school supplies for the children in Puerto Rico. Because Puerto Rico was ravaged by a hurricane and is still reeling from the effects of this natural disaster, an HJC ECC family devised this charitable and kind idea of children helping other children. The school supplies of Puerto Rico were destroyed in the hurricane, so what better way for our children to help the children of Puerto Rico by collecting these items?

The idea of kids helping other kids is such a great way to introduce children to being involved in charitable causes and volunteer work, setting them on the path to doing good for others throughout their lives.

Becky Norwood

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We sent home a flier communicating what our school is doing to help Puerto Rico. The family named the project, "Backpack Buddies." Each class was responsible for collecting certain items to enclose in the backpacks. For example, one class collected backpacks, another class collected markers, crayons, pens, pencils, another workbooks, and so on. Because the HJC ECC families are so generous, an inordinate amount of supplies were collected for these backpacks. In addition to the school supplies each child in the ECC also drew a picture or dictated a letter to be placed in the backpacks. Some of the cards read, "I hope things get better for you," "I hope you like your backpack," and "I want to be your friend." It was an awesome, heartwarming event when all the children came together to stuff the backpacks. You could feel the love and kindness in the room. The children really do understand how they are helping others and how their kindness can impact another's life. What an amazing gift to instill in a child. I am proud to be part of such a wonderful and supportive community.



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Zoe Sakellarios, 13 year old (8th grader) at Solomon Schechter Day School available to babysit.		
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Religious School *Maxine Fisher, Administrator*



January Events

I want to welcome everyone back from (I hope) a restful and enjoyable vacation.

Just to remind you of everything going on in January:

Saturday, January 6th there is a Junior Congregation at 10:30 am.

Sunday, January 7th Vav workshop with Rabbi Saks.

Friday, January 12th Gan-Alef and Bet join the ECC for a short family friendly Bim Bam Shabbat service and dinner.

Sunday, January 14th no school MLK weekend.

Wednesday, January 17th. Grades 5-6-7 and post Bar/Bat Mitzvah with families join us at Woodbury Jewish Center at 6:45 for a live production of "Voices From the Fire" a holocaust story. Please RSVP to bbillings@hjcny.org. Sponsored by our HJC Men's Club.

Saturday, January 20th is Junior Congregation.

Sunday, January 21st is Parent/Teacher conferences for Gan and Alef. Regular class at 9:00 and conferences start at 11:00.

Tuesday, January 23rd early dismissal at 5:45 conferences for Bet-Mitzvah Team.

Sunday, January 28th Religious School committee 9:15. All are welcome.

Hanukkah Happening and Camp Fair



HJC SUMMER 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

"The most important thing about Judaism, is that it is not a subject to be learned in class or studied from a book, but a way of life that is to be experienced every day. The beauty of camp is that it makes that possible – a completely immersive Jewish experience. Instead of trying to impart lessons seated at a desk, children experience a living, breathing Judaism all day every day at camp. And not just Shabbat and Kashrut, but Hebrew Language, Israel, Rosh Chodesh, and Jewish values that imbue the rhythms of a regular day with even more meaning.

Sleep-away camp also allows kids to learn and grow, away from their parents, surrounded by friends their own age. The set-up of 18 year-old counselors caring for 13 year-old campers allows for major advancements and developments in personal identity growth and faith formation in ways that no other setting can. Daily rituals like morning prayers and birkat hamazon (grace after meals) become

simply part of the routine. Jewish learning is engaged in by not only the campers, but all staff. The Ramah Camps is the official network of Jewish summer camps created and run by the Conservative movement."

~ Hazzan Israel Gordan, *The Gift of Jewish Summer*, HJC Bulletin, September 2016

Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to high school juniors and seniors who spend six to eight weeks during the summer in Israel. They tour, learn, and live the Israeli life in a Jewish educational program.

David S. Rosenman Camp Ramah Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to youngsters in grades 4 through 12 who spend either four or eight weeks at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. This camp is under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Applications for both scholarships are available in the HJC Main office and the deadline for submission is March 23, 2018.

View From The Director's Chair by Barbara Axmacher



Who Tells Your Story?

"... but when you're gone, who remembers your name? Who keeps your flame, who tells your story?"

~ Hamilton, Lin-Manuel Miranda

Some of you may know I developed a *slight obsession* with the Broadway musical "Hamilton" some many months back. (I am ecstatic to report I have tickets to see the show in February!)

"Hamilton" quickly found its way into the annals of Broadway history by becoming one of the most sought after theater tickets ever. Its storyline, lyrically and musically told in nothing less than modern Shakespearean grandeur, captured the hearts and minds of millions of us. And although, by definition, the show is about the life and death of Alexander Hamilton, as I listened deeper to the lyrics (46 songs, 23 in each Act – all memorized of course!) I started to hear the words as a more universal application – I asked myself when I am gone, who will remember my name and what will they remember me for?

I began thinking aren't we all responsible for telling our own story? Every day is another act in my "performance"; my ac-

tions, decisions, thoughts and desires are carried out and weave together to write the narrative of my life story. Being a concerned and law abiding citizen, a caring daughter, sister, mother and friend, being kind to animals, respecting the environment, volunteering and donating to charitable causes. It is not only my actions which define me, but also how I am physically represented; the kind-hearted and thoughtful children I have raised and set free as young adults into the world, the beauty and the comfort of the home our family has created together, the invaluable opportunity to express my individuality and personal preferences in the clothes and jewelry I wear or the music I listen to. This is how I tell my story. I want it heard as I tell it, here and now.

So I ask, who will keep *your* flame and tell *your* story?

As we head into a new secular year, be the keeper of your flame and tell your story. There are many things you can do to contribute to the narrative of your life story, many beginning right here at HJC! Attend services, join a committee, lend your time in the kitchen with JNN, spend the night with HIHI, stuff some envelopes, shop for a Kiddush. Everywhere you look there is an opportunity to tell your story.

Be sure people hear it the way *you* want it to be told.

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This Month in American Jewish History

Wyatt Earp Dies, is Buried in Colma, CA's Jewish Cemetery

January 13, 1929

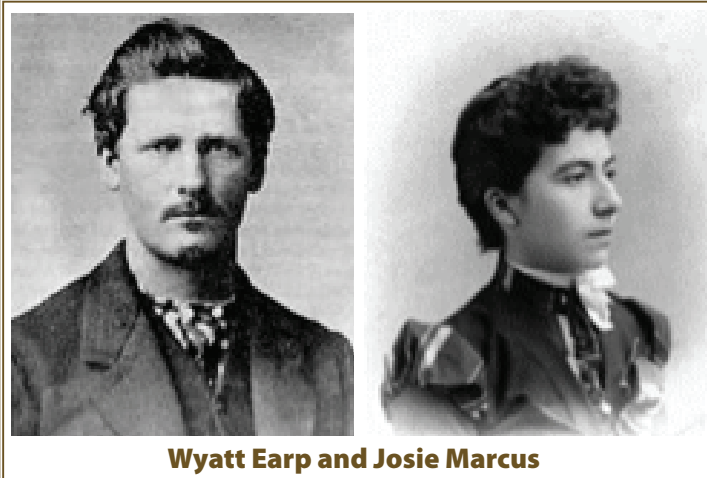
Josephine Sarah Marcus, future wife of lawman and gambler Wyatt Earp, was born in 1861 in Brooklyn, to an observant Prussian Jewish family, the third of four children of immigrants Henry Marcus and Sophie Lewis. In 1867, the Marcus family moved to San Francisco where she is said to have received a Jewish education. In San Francisco, Josie became enamored of the Gold Rush culture. Wyatt's friend Bat Masterson would later describe her as beautiful and rebellious, and she was a frequent teenage runaway, eventually joining a traveling theater company when she was 17.

When the troupe played Tombstone, Arizona, she fell in love and moved in with the corrupt sheriff of Cochise County, Johnny Behan. The much older Behan promised to marry Josie, but never did. Wyatt and his two brothers Morgan and Virgil lived in town, and Josie seems to have met Wyatt at the Union News Depot in Tombstone, owned by Sol Israel. The Israel family was one of about 75 Jewish families in Tombstone, and Jews comprised most the town's merchant class.

Josie quickly fell in love with Deputy U.S. Marshall Wyatt Earp, "thirtyish, tall handsome and laconic," and Behan's fury lead to bad blood in Tombstone. Earp and Behan were political and romantic rivals, competing for power in Cochise County and for Josie's affection. Wyatt's quest to clean up Cochise County brought him into conflict with the Clanton Gang, run by outlaw brothers Ike and Billy. The Clantons were cattle rustlers, stage coach robbers and killers, and they made open threats to kill the Earp brothers, who were interfering with their criminal activities. Evidently, Behan hired the gang to help him kill Wyatt, which dovetailed with their goals. The Gunfight at the OK Corral followed October 26, 1881.

It's difficult to unwind legend and fact about the incident, but we know that Wyatt, his brothers Morgan and Virgil, and friend Doc Holliday, in their capacity as U.S. Marshals, marched toward the OK Corral, where Ike and Billy Clanton, Frank and Tom McLaury and Billie Claiborne were assembling. They came face to face on a nearby street, and each side claimed the

other drew their guns first when they were less than 10 feet apart. After thirty shots, Billy Clanton and the McLaury brothers were dead, and Virgil and Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday were wounded. Wyatt didn't have a scratch on him.

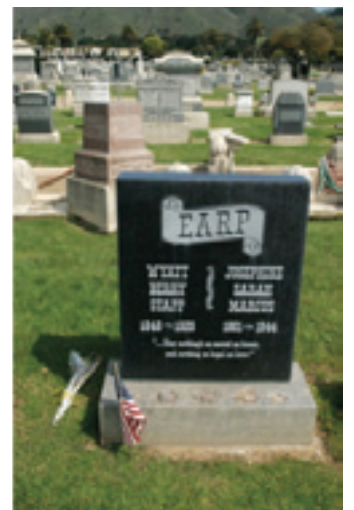


Wyatt Earp and Josie Marcus

Soon after, Wyatt and Josie began to call themselves man and wife. Their common-law marriage would last 47 years. The court acquitted Wyatt and his men of murder at the OK Corral on grounds of self-defense. Seeking revenge, the Clantons ambushed the Earps and killed brother Morgan. Wyatt and Doc Holliday relentlessly tracked down and killed everyone they suspected had a hand in

Morgan's death. Wyatt and Josie fled to Colorado, which refused to extradite him because he couldn't get a fair trial.

Wyatt and Josie caught gold fever, and capitalizing on their celebrity, they travelled the Wild West. They staked claims, invested in mines and real estate, saloons and casinos all over the West and Alaska. They lived for a time in San Francisco in Josie's parents' Orthodox Jewish home, but eventually settled in southern California, where they raised racehorses and lived off gambling winnings, real estate speculation, and oil well investment. Wyatt Earp died on January 13, 1929 and was cremated. Josie buried Wyatt's ashes in the Marcus family plot at the Little Hills of Eternity Jewish Cemetery, in Colma, California. Josie died in 1944, and was buried next to Wyatt. If you find yourself in the Bay Area, make the short trip to the renamed Hills of Eternity Memorial Park at 1301 El Camino Real, Colma, CA 94014. Put a stone on the tomb of the most famous lawman of the American frontier.



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Spotlight On...

Molly and Stephen England & Family

Molly departed from Houston, Texas, on day 4 of Hurricane Harvey! Her three children were with her as she drove over the course of 4 days to reconnect with Stephen who had been relocated by British Airways, where he works as an aircraft engineer, to JFK a month earlier. Molly, together with Stephen, and a local friend had researched communities in LI that had multi-cultural diversity, parks, schools that offer “what the world offers,” a “metropolitan feel” and a good synagogue. Huntington answered all those criteria and as Molly is thrilled to attest, she and her family could not be happier. They definitely feel they made the right choice in choosing Huntington and HJC!



Molly grew up in Los Angeles and attended a Jewish preschool at a Conservative temple. She attended activities and services at a Reform synagogue. And, to her knowledge, she's the first in her family to become a Bat Mitzvah. Her family was assimilated, but she particularly enjoyed spending Shabbat dinners at her friend's house. She attended Camp Shalom in CA and URJ Kutz Camp in upstate NY. It was at camp where she developed an even stronger Jewish identity and an affinity for social action. After graduating from college, Molly traveled; and it was during that “gap year” that she met Stephen in Edinburgh. Stephen is originally from London. After her year of travels, Molly returned to Edinburgh to be with Stephen and to complete a Masters degree in Social Work at the University of Edinburgh. Although Stephen is not Jewish (he identifies as English, with no strong religious affiliation), Molly made it a priority in their marriage that the children be raised Jewish, and Stephen embraces this decision.

Stephen and Molly have three children: Hennie, age 7, Behan, age 5 and Tillie, age 4. Hennie and Behan are in 2nd grade and kindergarten respectively, at Washington Primary School; and Tillie is in HJC's ECC. The children are enjoying meeting Jewish families and becoming involved in HJC's family activities – a very different experience from what they had in suburban Houston where there were few Jewish families. The England family participated in the pop-up Shabbat at Hecksher Park,

HJC Bim Bam Shabbat, and Tillie and her parents enjoy Friday morning ECC Shabbat preparations.

Molly is a frequent participant in Rabbi Saks' Mid-week Manna program. She attends the Coffee Talk and the Lunch n' Learn as often as she can. She is anxious to soak up as much Jewish knowledge as she can. Additionally, Molly is getting involved in the HIHI and JNN programs. With her background in Social Work and affinity for social action, Molly is thrilled that HJC offers this opportunity. As a social worker in LA, Molly worked with the chronically ill and homeless population for a program called *Homeless Health Care LA*. She worked with all sorts of people and found it extremely rewarding to help keep them out of hospitals, while connected

to ongoing care. Molly left that job after their first daughter was born, and subsequently moved to Houston where Stephen was offered a position with British Airways. In Texas, the Englands had two more children and while being a stay-at-home mother Molly not only cared for her immediate family, but also had her then 99-year-old grandfather living one minute away in an independent living facility. Her grandfather returned to LA since the Englands relocated to the east coast. In Texas she also trained to be a natural birth educator and taught classes to expectant parents on the weekends when Stephen wasn't working. Molly is not currently working outside of the house but has turned her passion for writing into a profession and is a freelance writer and blogger. She created a blog, *Bluebonnet Babies*, around issues related to pregnancy: www.mollyengland.com

The Englands are beginning to feel very comfortable in Huntington and are pleased to become so quickly integrated into the HJC community. In particular, Molly remarked how warmly welcomed they feel both in the ECC and in the greater community. They feel they have an “instant community,” even though they have been here only a few months. HJC is fortunate that the England family made their way to Huntington as there are many years ahead for this family to become deeply engaged. Welcome to HJC!

Narrative compiled by Nancy Cooper and Molly England

SAVE THE DATE!

Important Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting for all 2019 parents

Thursday, January 25, 2018 / 8:00 pm

Rabbi, Cantor, Ritual Committee & Sisterhood will be present to review all details of your simcha.





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GENERAL BUILDING AND OPERATING FUNDS

General Fund – supports services and operational continuity of the synagogue.

Annual Kol Nidre Campaign – supports operational continuity and programming.

Tree of Life – (\$360 minimum contribution).

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Humash – A limited number of *Etz Hayim Humashim* are available for dedication. A contribution of \$72 includes a dedication bookplate.

Ben Tasman Library Fund – defrays the expense of library supplies.

Prayerbook and Bible Fund – supports the ongoing need for prayer books.

Centennial Garden Fund— established in recognition of our 100 years, enables the synagogue to continue to beautify the grounds.

Daily Minyan Fund – helps maintain materials and books for minyan and the Lief Chapel.

Leah Greene Garden Fund – supports general landscaping and property beautification.

Yvonne Cohen Dedication Fund—supports special projects for the Nursery & Religious Schools and general congregation.

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Social Action Fund / Jewish Nutrition Network - defrays operating costs of the weekly program of feeding the needy and supports *mitzvot*, holiday baskets and activities for the needy.

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Nursery School Fund – supports current Nursery School activities and special projects.

Religious School Fund – supports Religious School activities and special projects.

Youth Fund – supports activities for *Chaverim*, *Kadima* and USY groups within HJC.

Arnie Kerns Fund – supports special projects in the Nursery & Religious schools.

Collegiate Fund – supports holiday packages and mailings sent to college students (along with Sisterhood).

Leadership Development Fund – defrays expenses of seminars and leadership development programs for lay leaders.

Teacher Development Fund – enables HJC Religious School teachers to participate in continuing education programs.

Edward Spevack Kochavim Fund – subsidizes expenses for Special Education programs.

David S. Rosenman / Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund – provides scholarships for children attending Camp Ramah.

Donald L. Gordon / Israel Scholarship Fund – provides scholarships for children to travel to Israel.

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Schechter Fund—provides scholarships for children attending the Schechter School of Long Island.

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Adrienne & Bernie Rosof in memory of Sylvia Graf Baron at yahrzeit.
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Helga & Al Kramer in honor of the marriage of Zachary Schwager, grandson of Judy & Arthur Schwager, to Jessica Barlow.
Helga & Al Kramer in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Benjamin & Rachel Farhi, grandchildren of Judy & Arthur Schwager.
Joan Newman in memory of Bessie Lehman at yahrzeit.
Nancy & Brian Cooper in honor of the marriage of Alexis, daughter of Sheila & Bruce Feinberg, to Joe Avdek.
Richard Wertheim in memory of Joel Wertheim at yahrzeit.
Shelley & Marc Weinberg in memory of Jack Freilich at yahrzeit.
Albert Kramer in memory of Lillian Kramer at yahrzeit.
Marcey Wagner in memory of Samuel Prager at yahrzeit.
Janet Zimmerman in memory of Lee Cole at yahrzeit.
Myrna Tils in memory of Jonas Telmer at yahrzeit.
Joan & Paul Cohen in memory of Ethel Wyatt at yahrzeit.
The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the marriage of Zachary Schwager, grandson of Arthur & Judy Schwager, to Jessica Barlow.
The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the marriage of Marissa, daughter of Gail & Jerry Ellstein, to Josh Scharfberg.
The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the engagement of Jonathan, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg, to Blair Chizner.
The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Murray Feuerstein, stepfather of Susan Glaser & grandfather of Melissa Richter.
The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the birth of Ella Sophia Saltiel, granddaughter of Marge & Larry Maltin.
Carol & Howard Baker in honor of Vicki Rosen being named the HJC 2017 Woman of Achievement.
The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
Lesley & Jeff Stark in memory of Bella Stark at yahrzeit.
Lesley & Jeff Stark in memory of Jack Magaril at yahrzeit.
Lesley & Jeff Stark in memory of Sandra Magaril at yahrzeit.
Carol & Marshall Adelstein in memory of Herman Adelstein at yahrzeit.
Sheila Ewall in memory of Merton Ewall at yahrzeit.
Patricia Schoeffler in memory of Alexander Cochrane at yahrzeit.
Maxine Liebowitz in memory of Abraham Edelstein at yahrzeit.
Richard Klee in memory of Murray Klee at yahrzeit.
Arthur & Judy Schwager in memory of Arline Beldegreen at yahrzeit.
Susan Glaser in memory of Irene Feuerstein at yahrzeit.
Vered & Jack Cole in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Solomon Lapidus, father of Jack Lapidus.

BEN TASMAN LIBRARY FUND

Judy & Arthur Schwager in honor of the marriage of their grandson, Zachary Schwager, to Jessica Barlow.
Judy & Arthur Schwager in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of their grandchildren, Benjamin & Rachel Farhi.
Marianne Sokol in memory of Trude Stein at yahrzeit.
Marianne Sokol in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.

CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Joan Blank in honor of Cantor Gordan.
Marge & Larry Maltin in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Sophia Saltiel.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Tyna Strenger in memory of Solomon Liebovitch.
Tyna Strenger in memory of Clara Liebovitch.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the engagement of Jonathan, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg, to Blair Chizner.
Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Cookie & Murray Matez.
Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the 90th birthday of Murray Matez.
Vicki & Arthur Perler in honor of the 85th birthday of Ethel Sachs.

DONALD L. GORDON ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Phyllis & Andrew Levy in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
Vicki & Arthur Perler in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.

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Jennifer & Scott Ingber in honor of the upcoming marriage of Kay, daughter of Gail & Jim Lodge, to Eric Isaacs.
Jennifer & Scott Ingber in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Jennifer & Scott Ingber in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Lisa Golub in memory of her father, Meyer Ahronee.
Lynn Geisler in honor of the Installation of Rabbi Ari Saks and as a tribute to his wonderful Wednesday classes.
Linda & Howard Novick in memory of Rose Novick at yahrzeit.
Linda & Howard Novick in memory of David Novick at yahrzeit.

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Gloria Safran in memory of Louis Stecker at yahrzeit.

SCHECHTER FUND

Vicki & Arthur Perler in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

Vicki & Arthur Perler in honor of the birth of Emma Blake Schurz, granddaughter of Amy Kulchinsky.

SOCIAL ACTION/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

Arlene Steinberg in memory of Polly Kurzer at yahrzeit.

Janet & Martin Kushnick in memory of Ethel Mahoney.

Janet & Martin Kushnick in memory of Aaron Labb at yahrzeit.

Andrea Smoller in honor of the Installation of Rabbi Ari Saks.

Andrea Smoller in memory of Harvey Marcus at yahrzeit.

Lori Sklar in memory of Norman Sklar at yahrzeit.

Gloria Safran in memory of Murray Safran at yahrzeit.

Jill & Arnie Sherman in memory of Fae Cohen at yahrzeit.

Jill & Arnie Sherman in memory of Louis Sherman at yahrzeit.

YOUTH FUND

Vicki & Arthur Perler in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Caleb, son of Amal & Alon Kapen.

MAZAL TOV

Judy & Arthur Schwager announce the marriage of their grandson, Zachary Schwager, to Jessica Barlow.

Judy & Arthur Schwager announce the B'nai Mitzvah of their grandchildren, Benjamin & Rachel Farhi.

Marge & Larry Malin announce the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Sophia Saltiel.

CONDOLENCES

Susan Glaser and Melissa Richter on the death of Murray Feuerstein, stepfather of Susan & grandfather of Melissa.

Rosalyn Gordon on the death of her life partner, Harvey Fader.

Jack Lapidus on the death of his father, Solomon Lapidus.

Women's League Torah Fund



Torah Fund Campaign for 5778 is ***Mah Tov***.

Mah tov, which means “***how good!***”, is a phrase that originates in the Torah, in Numbers 24:5. Quoted in our prayer book, it forms the basis of the opening prayer that is sung when we enter the synagogue.

The full phrase is ***Mah tov ohalecha Yaakov, mishk'notecha Yisrael, “How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel!”*** It is a spontaneous exclamation of joy and appreciation, said when gazing at the nation of Israel, dwelling in peace and mutual respect. As we celebrate the beginning of the 100th year of **Women's League for Conservative Judaism** and the end of the 75th year of the **Torah Fund Campaign**, we count our many blessings as individuals within the community of Israel. We are blessed in our synagogues with depth of learning, prayer, and acts of kindness that bind us together; with communal leaders who are thoughtful and learned; with children and grandchildren who make us smile; and with the love of family and friends.

The mission of Torah Fund is to provide support and funding for our future Conservative Rabbis, Cantors, Educators and Administrators for Day and Synagogue Schools, Social Workers, Scholars, Professional and Lay Leaders and Researchers. Our donations make it possible for students to study at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes of Judaic Studies, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany. Donations start at \$18. Please send a check payable to Torah Fund and send to Huntington Jewish Center attention Torah Fund. If you would like to receive the 5778 Torah Fund pin as our gift to you for your generous support, please contact Evelyn Abraham or Ethel Sachs for more information. If you would like to purchase Torah Fund Greeting Cards, please contact Evelyn Abraham. Mazel Tov to our 2017-2018 Woman of Achievement, Vicki Rosen.

This year, HJC will once again be participating in the Family Service League program called HIHL.

This stands for Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative. During the winter months, a different congregation in the Huntington area provide meals, basic essentials and a warm place to sleep for a group of homeless men in our community. This year, we will be hosting on January 10, 24; February 7; March 1, 7 and 28. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this program, please contact:

Ellen Steinberg

ellen.steinberg728@gmail.com or

Karen Flanzenbaum

kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com

The Great Hamantashen Sale



Purim begins Wednesday evening, February 28th and Sisterhood is once again busy in the kitchen baking delicious hamantashen!
The price is only \$12 per dozen.

Available flavors are: Apricot, Raspberry, Chocolate-Filled, Prune
(All of our hamantashen are dairy)

Please order early! Orders must be received by Friday, February 9th.
Use the handy tear sheet below to submit your orders to the office. Please send payment with your order.

If you could spare an hour or two to mix, roll or fill, please contact Donna Fleiss at donna.fleiss@gmail.com or 631-385-7850

Name _____ Phone _____

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<u>Flavors</u>	<u># of dozen</u>	<u>Price @ \$12/dozen</u>
Apricot	_____	_____
Raspberry	_____	_____
Chocolate-Filled	_____	_____
Prune	_____	_____
(No assorted dozens)		



Calling for Hamantashen Helpers!

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

We're baking for Purim.

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

Contact Donna Fleiss:
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ROSH CHODESH: Welcoming the New Moon **Wednesday, January 17th @ 7:30 pm**

**Please join HJC Sisterhood on January 17, 1 Shevat
for a special Women's Study Group**

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

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

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

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

Please RSVP to Evelyn Abraham
(evelyn_abraham@optonline.net /631-424-6922

Hope you can join us for this spiritual evening

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