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HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS / COMMUNITY / CONNECTION

Huntington Jewish Center Addresses Inclusion

By Miriam Eckstein-Koas



In 2015 USCJ partnered with the Ruderman Family Foundation, which advocates for and advances the inclusion of people with disabilities throughout our society, and launched the USCJ Ruderman Inclusion Action Community. I am very excited to share with you that HJC was recently accepted to USCJ's Ruderman Inclusion Project. HJC is now part of a cohort of synagogues from across the country who are working to make our kehillot more inclusive and accessible to people with disabilities. According to their website, "This effort will help you to consider every aspect of community – physical facilities, education programs, tefillah, social activities and the very attitudes of congregants and leaders – to create a comprehensive blueprint for change to fully allow people with disabilities and their families to participate comfortably and fully in congregational life."

What will HJC receive as a participant in this program?

- Guidance and templates to conduct and analyze introductory assessments
- Coaching in developing an action plan and piloting and/or enhancing/expanding programs
- Site visit and consultation by the USCJ Inclusion Specialist
- Resources and tools for study
- Opportunities to reflect on data at the conclusion of the program with coaches and experts

- A higher profile in our community and nationally that will lead to new and more deeply engaged members

As part of this initiative I will be serving as head of a new Inclusion Committee at HJC. A group of people of different ages and backgrounds who have personal or professional experience with disabilities has been formed, but in the spirit of inclusion, anyone is welcome to join this committee, attend meetings, and volunteer in any way. I recently participated in a webinar with representatives from other synagogues and over the course of the next several months will participate in more of these sessions as well as a two-day conference in Chicago. Together we can make Huntington Jewish Center a welcoming home for people of all abilities. I look forward to being part of this new project and invite anyone who is interested in getting involved to contact me at miri-biri18@gmail.com

Jay Seth Ruderman,
President of the Ruderman
Family Foundation



Sisterhood News

by

Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

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Attend an event or join a committee!

\$45 for regular membership/\$40 for Z'havah/\$30 for seniors

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HAMANTASHEN and MISHLOACH MANOT

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.

Order forms are available in the HJC office or online.

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

SPECIAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 2/8 @ 7:30pm

BEAUTY IS MORE THAN SKIN DEEP

A dynamic presentation by the
Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PROGRAM

Join us on Shabbat Morning, 2/10

A special Shabbat as we honor HJC JTS graduates

D'var Torah given by a JTS Rabbinic student

SUNDAY, 2/11 @12pm

ANOTHER Z'HAVAH EVENT FOR HJC MOMS & KIDS
3rd ANNUAL PIZZA AND PURIM

THURSDAY, 2/15 @10am

CHALLAH BAKING

HJC congregant and Sisterhood board member,
Felicia Messing will demonstrate making challah
dough and teaching how to braid challah.

A fun and friendly morning in the dairy kitchen!

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 15: TASTE OF PASSOVER

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

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FEBRUARY 2018

SHEVAT-ADAR 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				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>New Year's Day</i>					<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	16/1 Adar	17/2 Adar
				<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	<i>Terumah</i>
18/3 Adar JNN RS Closed thru Feb 25	19/4 Adar ECC Closed thru Feb 25 Main Office Closed	20/5 Adar	21/6 Adar	22/7 Adar HIHI 6:00pm	23/8 Adar	24/9 Adar
	<i>Presidents Day</i>					<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>			

MARCH 2018

ADAR-NISAN 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1/14 Adar HIHI - 6:00pm	2/15 Adar Minyan Brkfst sponsored by Rabbi Saks - 8:00am	3/16 Adar
				<i>Purim</i>	<i>Shushan Purim</i>	<i>Ki Tisa</i>
4/17 Adar JNN RS/Purim Carnival	5/18 Adar	6/19 Adar RS/MT/Chaverim	7/20 Adar HIHI 6:00pm EC Meeting - 7:30pm	8/21 Adar	9/22 Adar Bim Bam Shabbat 5:00pm	10/23 Adar Jr Congregation 10:30am Progressive Dinner Vayakhel-Pekude
						<i>Shabbat Parah</i>
11/24 Adar JNN RS/Wrkshp/USY/Kadima Men's Club Mtg - 9:45am	12/25 Adar SH Board Mtg - 8:00pm	13/26 Adar RS	14/27 Adar Board Meeting - 8:00pm	15/28 Adar SH Taste of Passover	16/29 Adar	17/1 Nisan
						<i>Vayikra</i> <i>Shabbat Hachodesh</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>
18/2 Nisan JNN RS/Board Mtg/Workshop Israel Committee Brunch & Learn	19/3 Nisan	20/4 Nisan ECC/RS Mixer - 4:30pm RS/MT/Chaverim	21/5 Nisan HIHI - 6:00pm	22/6 Nisan	23/7 Nisan	24/8 Nisan Kaplan Bar Mitzvah Junior Cong. 10:30am
		<i>Spring Begins</i>				<i>Tzav</i> <i>Shabbat Hagadol</i>
25/9 Nisan JNN RS/Model Seders/USY/ Kadima Ridotto - 4:00pm	26/10 Nisan	27/11 Nisan ECC Model Seder - 12:15 RS	28/12 Nisan	29/13 Nisan	30/14 Nisan Slyyum-MC Sponsored Breakfast ECC/Main Office Closed	31/15 Nisan
				<i>Search for Chametz</i>	<i>First Passover Seder</i>	<i>Passover</i>

From Rabbi Ari Saks



The Shabbat Sermon

Every 4th Shabbat of the month, I deliver a formal sermon as a way to offer my vision of Judaism and Jewish life today. Since this space in the bulletin is reserved for “reflection and visioning” (One Step at a Time, HJC Bulletin September 2017), I figured that it would be appropriate to share short synopses of the three Shabbat sermons I’ve delivered by the time of this bulletin’s deadline.* Since I deliver my sermons extemporaneously off of notes, these synopses are written after the fact to drive home some of the major points. They are not meant to encompass each the whole sermon. As such, if you want to get the WHOLE megillah (Happy Purim!) of the sermon experience, then join us for one of these special Sermon Shabbatot every 4th Shabbat of the month! And while you’re at it, check out the other fabulous opportunities during the month to discuss Torah together (HJC Traditional Torah Discussion), understand our prayers (Pardon the Interruption), and discover secrets in the Torah text (Torah Talk). Check out the flier in the Bulletin for more details!

August 2017 – What’s Your Unique Torah To Share? (Parashat Shoftim)

A good sermon, as my mentor Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove taught me, can be boiled down to a “gut nugget,” a single idea that is so powerful it hits you in the gut. Much of rabbinic literature exemplifies the practical value of “gut nugget” wisdom. For instance, many passages in Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors) include the few items that the “entire world” stands upon, such as Torah, prayer, and deeds of lovingkindness (1:2). Movements and institutions have taken off because of these nuggets of wisdom. Yet these nuggets are not the sole property of rabbis, teachers, or wisdom gurus. Each of us has within us a “gut nugget” that we are compelled to teach like the teachings of Torah. In fact this nugget of wisdom becomes our own Torah, our Unique Torah written on the scrolls of our life’s experience. Once we discover our Unique Torah, we find purpose and meaning in sharing it with others so they can discover their Unique Torah. So let us aspire to be inspired by one another as each of us seeks the gut nugget of our compelling Unique Torah.

October – Israel: Fulfilling Our Biblical Task (Parashat Lekh Lekha)

I feel very lucky to live in a world with a sovereign Jewish state because it’s not normal. It’s not normal to survive through two-thousand years of exile with countless expulsions, pogroms,

and a Holocaust to reconstitute a Jewish nation in our ancestral homeland. There must be something else going on. My understanding of that “something else going on” comes from Martin Buber’s Biblical Hebrew Humanism which views the return to our homeland as the ultimate opportunity to fulfill the task demanded of us by the Bible as a whole, and in particular by the prophet Isaiah, to “learn to do right, defend the oppressed, take up the cause of the fatherless, and plead the case of the widow” (1:17). There are times though when we will fail, like all nation states fail, to live up to that ideal. But just because we don’t always succeed we do not abandon the task. The project of building a just society in our homeland is not perfect, but it is possible as long as we feel we are headed in the right direction. And when it comes to Israel, much seems to be headed in the right direction because of its unique Jewish character that infused its founding ethos and makes every step we take on its land feel sacred. At the same time, many of Israel’s challenges are born out of the trauma from the unfortunate experiences of Jewish history in which we have striven to survive rather than thrive. Now we can thrive like a flower that yearns to grow. Our task is to water that flower with the nourishment of the Bible’s call for living justly. And as the flower of Israel grows, so too may its ability to help nourish the world.

December – The Torah of Conservative Judaism: Conserving that which is most precious (Parashat Vayigash)

Conservative Judaism has often struggled to articulate its Unique Torah among all of the streams of Judaism -- Reform, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Chabad, etc. Despite many triumphs, Conservative Jews tend to emphasize our inner struggle, such as the struggle between the forces of tradition and change. The concept of “struggle” is personified by the biblical character of Jacob. For instance, in Genesis 46:2 God calls Jacob “Jacob” as opposed to the narrator of the Torah who refers to Jacob by his new name of “Israel.” Nachmanides (13th Century, Spain) indicates that God reverts to calling Jacob by his original name as a signal of the Jewish people’s struggle in the diaspora. However, Rashi (11th Century, France) argues that the repetition of Jacob’s original name (“Jacob, Jacob”) is a kind of affectionate language God uses for Jacob, as if to tell him that he is very precious to God. Taken together, these two interpretations teaches us that the Torah of Conservative Judaism is to conserve that which is most precious. This desire to conserve that which is most precious is often a difficult but worthwhile struggle, and it is needed now more than ever as we search as individuals, as a community, and as a society to find measured responses to the challenges of our day.

***Stay tuned for a future bulletin article with synopses from my 5778 High Holiday sermons**

From Hazzan Israel Gordan



It's All About The Timing

Even though you might not realize it as you're reading this article, this is the first time we've had a February bulletin, at least since I've been working at the HJC. And while this extra edition means another article to write, it is also an interesting way to mark the passage of time as we continue to fly through

another year. With each passing month comes another bulletin filled with more articles and more details about events that have happened in the past and programs that are coming up in the near future.

I'm writing this article having just returned from a family trip to Los Angeles, CA. We have gotten in the habit in our family of making two trips to LA each year: one at the end of August and one at the beginning of January. These semi-annual trips have become another way to mark the passage of time. Visiting with friends and family on the west coast with regularity, yet at distinct intervals, change becomes easier to recognize. When we are surrounded by people on a daily basis, many of our changes are imperceptible. But when you only see someone or something twice a year, you begin to recognize growth and change: cousins grow older and more mature; construction sites develop and blossom; businesses come in and out. The same kind of events that happen everywhere and to everyone, but viewed from a distance.

This past trip was the first time our flight with three small children felt manageable and our kids were able to handle being on a long plane ride without causing too much difficulty for us and our fellow passengers. We have also begun to explore outings as a family and were able to visit some children's museums and even took a trip to Legoland. As our family continues to grow, it is exciting to think about what the future holds, while not ignoring and enjoying the present.

I would suggest that our interactions with the synagogue can play a very similar role. Whether you attend services on a daily, weekly, or yearly basis, it's a great way to mark the passage of time and appreciate the growth and change in community and in individuals. Judaism contains a beautiful celebration of the passage of time within its calendar. The Jewish year begins around the same time as the school year; we celebrate the autumn with Succoth, and we light up the darkest nights of the year with the Hanukkah lights.

Perhaps one of the nicest moments in the Jewish calendar is the holiday of Tu BiShvat, which we just celebrated at the end of January. Even though it's hard to think about plants and nature during the middle of winter, as the saying goes, "If it's winter, spring couldn't be far behind." Although we may want to hunker down inside and avoid any thoughts of the future and the outside world, Judaism is telling us to do just that: come together with others, celebrate, and don't forget about the miraculous circle of life that is always continuing. The natural and man-made world is always growing and changing, and so are we.

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.

HJC Babysitters

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Ilyssa Stein	cell:	631-678-1654
Sarah Gemunder	cell:	631-766-7130
Zoe Sakellarios , 13 year old (8th grader) at Solomon Schechter Day School available to babysit. Text or call at 631-848-9102		

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.

President's Perspective *by Vicki Perler*



The Great Strength of HJC

"We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings shape us." *Winston Churchill*

This past August brought a significant change to our HJC community's environment. The Youth Lounge was moved to its present location near the Lief Chapel, and the former Youth Lounge was rededicated as a new Early Childhood Center classroom, complete with a new sink. Both spaces were carefully created to meet the needs of our children and the goals of our synagogue community. Since then, the new Youth Lounge continues to evolve to reflect the needs and wishes of our current teens, and the new classroom has become a vibrant space in which our youngest children play and explore. As Churchill predicted, we carefully rebuilt our dwelling and then experienced the wonder of unexpected discovery in the keen eyes of our curious children and adults! We brought these environments to life, and they now teach and inspire us. We are still finding many surprises and new opportunities in the new rooms, and, at the same time, we are continually looking for new ideas to create and update spaces in other parts of the building and grounds.

A community's environment is a reflection of the values held by its members, and being surrounded by a beautifully self-designed setting has always been integral to the Huntington Jewish Center's long history. We are in HJC's third building, in a location that has returned us to the land that once belonged to one of our founders. Our home sits on the historic Huntington Town Green, near the oldest homes in town and important Revolutionary War sites. We have been here for more than half of our 110-year history, and this half-century has given us time to carefully create the environments we desire. Our sacred spaces extend well-beyond our magnificent chapel, sanctuary, museum and schools, to the expansive outdoor grounds with playgrounds, outdoor classrooms, communal areas, gardens

and green spaces - each based on current understandings of good and sustainable usage, as well as principles and symbols of Jewish living. Nearly every element in our spiritual home was designed by our members, and all are reflections of our shared vision.

HJC's great strength is due, in large part, to our constant striving to be attentive to every detail, and to place intentionality at the core of what we do. We can be proud that our Board of Trustees, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs and Clergy are currently in the process of enhancing our spiritual home by working to improve communication and collaboration, revitalize programs in our religious school, and assess and set goals with our professional staff. We are already feeling the rich satisfaction of knowing that our children are learning and growing in a more vibrant and engaging environment, that our educators are learning new methods and ways of thinking to support children as capable and competent individuals, and that our families and students are forming beautiful new friendships. There is more to do, and we are making excellent progress. We are creating a new committee for adult education and have just become part of an exciting USCJ program to create a more inclusive synagogue for all persons. Our fundraising and membership committees have been incredibly successful this year, and rewarding new connections, relationships and friendships are happening every day. With persistence, expertise, attention to detail, and pure love, the members of our synagogue community share their precious gifts with all of us. We are blessed to have so many volunteers. Every encounter with another individual is a gift. It is no wonder that we all sense the excitement in the air at HJC. We are half-way through the year, and the consistent process of growth, inspiration and creativity continues to create beautiful music for all of us. The environment communicates to all of us - and this spirit is evident everywhere.

~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.

~Happy Reading!~

Syd Schlesinger, Library Chair





The Hanukkah Happening...and happen it did!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

I am so proud to communicate that this year the Parent Association of The ECC broke all the records of funds raised during the Hanukkah Happening for our school. We raised close to \$8000!!! How did the Parent Association do this? How were they able to raise this enor-

every basket. This was distributed throughout the temple and once again outside HJC to friends and family. They worked together as if this was their only responsibility. I honestly don't know how they did it between taking care of their children and some even working part/full time jobs. The only way to be so successful in such a lofty accomplishment, is with a phenomenal group of dedicated and passionate people and I am just so blessed to have them at HJC!

mous amount?? Well, you start by having an amazing, dedicated, passionate committee chair by the name of Erica D'Ambrosio. Next, you ask for support from other parents in the school. Let me tell you that these parents were relentless in their mission. So many parents helped whether it was soliciting raffles, assembling the baskets, spreading the word outside HJC to encourage their friends to attend the Hanukkah Happening, and selling hundreds and hundreds of tickets. Erica and her team of extraordinary ECC moms immediately started throwing out ideas how to increase the quality and quantity of the raffle baskets, created a Silent Auction with the top prizes and donations. They also created a "Raffle Brochure" which listed and itemized



Calling All Chefs!

Sisterhood (not your grandmother's) Cookbook Project

The HJC Sisterhood is embarking on the exciting project of creating a new community cookbook and we need your help! This is not your grandmother's sisterhood cookbook- the committee will be reviewing and testing recipes and hopes to create a modern and dynamic book complete with recipe descriptions, photographs, and sentimental musings on food and Jewish cooking. Please send your favorite recipes (as many as you'd like!) to **Rachel Saks** at hjcsisterhoodcookbook@gmail.com. If you would like to get involved in this project, please contact **Phyllis Levy** at plevy1215@gmail.com.





February Events

February proves to be a quieter month for Religious School but ends with a bang with Purim.

This is what is going on:

Saturday, February 3rd - Junior Congregation

Sunday, February 4th - Hey, Vav, Mitzvah Team and families join Men's Club

for the World Wide Wrap followed by breakfast and the Vav Workshop with Lester Fox.

Saturday, February 10th - Junior Congregation and Ecc K-1-2 Bim Bam Shabbat.

Sunday, February 11th Religious School Committee meeting 9:15. All are welcome.

No school February 18th, 20th, 25th for Presidents week.

Wednesday, February 28th - Purim-Megillah reading. Come in costumes.

B'Shalom,
Maxine

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.

Volunteer Day at Long Island Cares



The Rosens and Cohns helped to organize new coats into boxes according to size, and worked alongside high school students from various Long Island schools. The 2,000 coats were generously bought by Mid Island Collision and will be distributed this week. Very impressive warehouse doing so much good work!



If All The Seas Were Ink

A memoir by Ilana Kurshan

The Bulletin would like to thank Mark Zimmerman for his in-depth article about Ilana Kurshan's Book Signing event.



The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts

With a sense of curiosity, respect and a touch of awe, I have spent much time learning what gives life to our community and I am struck by how many people are deeply committed to HJC. I think it involves care for each other, the desire for an inclusive Jewish community and a shared aspiration to making the world right.

And I realize it has to do with the wish to create, build and grow this community. HJC is thriving in many ways, and we want that momentum to continue. To succeed, we need the hearts and minds of our members.

It is a common phenomenon as individuals that we consider our experience to be similar to what others experience as well and we might make assumptions that one corner of HJC defines HJC. In my role I have a unique opportunity to learn about the many components that make up HJC, and I assure you, we are much more than any one of them. This is a diverse, multi-faceted, multi-generational community in which people live their Judaism and their Jewish values in many different ways. Our incredible diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

Our distinctions are important, but the more we see ourselves as greater than the sum of our parts, the stronger our community will become. The more we can see the broad picture of HJC, the more different HJC members we can meet, and the more we can experience the many facets of our community, the more effectively we can create the kind of Jewish community we want.

Consider this; for every opportunity you know of to be an active part of this community, there is another one waiting in the wings you have never imagined. Whether it be helping to organize or participating in the Food Drive, the Blood Drive or the Newborns In Need Program, taking the midnight shift at our HIHI program, visiting a nursing home to bring some Hanukkah cheer, or making hundreds of sandwiches to feed the food insecure, all of our Social Action endeavors are supported by those who are connected and dedicated to HJC. Our special services like Bim Bam Shabbat or Friday Night Live!, the SH Z'Havah and Rosh Chodesh programs are spirited and lively embodying the warmth and good nature our community holds so precious.

It is because of the involvement and leadership of so many that HJC continues to thrive. I am proud to represent HJC and I hope these wonderful successes provide a sense of pride and connection and for our entire community.

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 _____	Flavors	# of dozen	Price @ \$12/dozen
Phone _____	Apricot	_____	_____
ECC or Religious School Class	Raspberry	_____	_____
_____ Days _____ AM _____ PM	Chocolate-Filled	_____	_____
	Prune	_____	_____
	(No assorted dozens)		

This Month in American Jewish History

Bipartisanship in February, 1932

"On February 15, 1932, when a third vacancy occurred (on the Supreme Court. ed.), I nominated Chief Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo of the New York Court of Appeals, a Democrat. The appointment met with Senate approval."

The Memoirs of Herbert Hoover, Volume 2: The Cabinet and the Presidency, 1920-1933.

"CARDOZO IS NAMED TO SUPREME COURT; NOMINATION HAILED

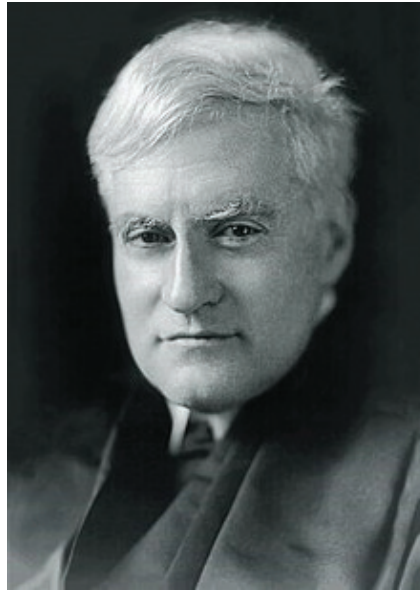
Hoover Sends Appointment to Senate and Confirmation at Once is Expected.

GEOGRAPHY IS IGNORED, President Selects Third New Yorker for the Bench After Conference With Borah. REGARDED AS A "LIBERAL" Nation-Wide Support Was Based on Belief That the Judge's Views Resembled Those of (recently deceased Oliver Wendell) Holmes.

The New York Times February 16, 1932

William Borah, who at the time was one of the most powerful Senate Committee Chairmen, strongly supported Cardozo's nomination. He helped convince Republican President Hoover to nominate the Democrat from New York, according to Henry Abraham in his book, Justices, Presidents, and Senators. Abraham says when Hoover showed Borah the list of possible candidates to replace Oliver Wendell Holmes, Cardozo was on the bottom of the list with the notation "Jew, Democrat, New York." Borah told him he was handed the list upside down and convinced Hoover to appoint Cardozo, according to Abraham.

Later that same February day, the New York times reported that, *"After (Cardozo) was told that the nomination had (already) gone to the Senate, he said 'It is a great honor, and I appreciate it, but I really would not care to comment.'"*

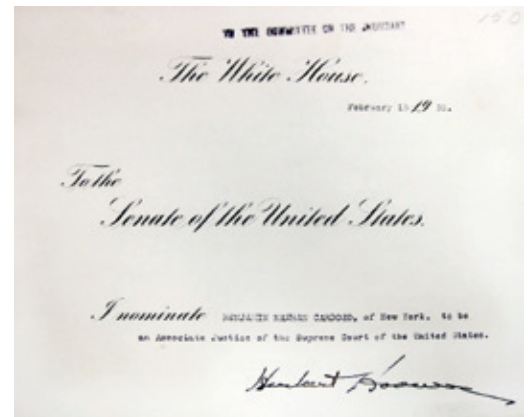


According to the February 27, 1932 New York Times column, "The Week in America, **"Benjamin N. Cardozo was confirmed (February 24th) by the Senate in ten seconds to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court."**

Benjamin Cardozo was descended from the Cardozo, Seixas and Mendes families, which were among the first Jewish settlers in New York in the 17th century, and the founders of Congregation Shearith Israel. Cardozo was the second Jewish Supreme Court Justice. The first was Louis Brandeis, appointed by Woodrow Wilson in 1916. But Brandeis was not the first Jew nominated to the High Court. Senator Judah Benjamin of Louisiana was nominated to the Court in 1853 by

Millard Fillmore and again in 1854 by Franklin Pierce. Both times he declined. Benjamin resigned from the Senate in 1861, when Louisiana seceded from the Union. Often described as the "brains of the Confederacy," Benjamin was appointed to be the first Attorney General of the Confederacy on February 25, 1861. He went on to become the Confederacy's Secretary of War and Secretary of State.

Nomination by
Herbert Hoover
February 15, 1932



The 2017 annual HJC Blood Drive in memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss was held at HJC on Sunday December 24.

Chairs Donna Fleiss and Jennifer Ingber report that there were 47 people who came to donate their blood, and 36 pints were collected. Each donation can help save up to three lives. Thank you to all the donors who came down to share this lifesaving gift. All donors received a voucher for two free Mets tickets for the 2018 season!

Donna and Jennifer would also like to thank the staff of the New York Blood Center who worked so efficiently.

Spotlight On...

The Kramer Family

Jeff Kramer grew up at HJC. His parents, Mort and Joyce Kramer, settled in Huntington in 1952 as newlyweds. Jeff and Silvina followed a similar path in 1987, and their children were raised in Huntington and at HJC as well.

Jeff attended nursery school and Hebrew school at HJC, and became a Bar Mitzvah during Rabbi Tannenbaum's tenure. Jeff's memory of HJC hearkens back to when the original building was near Woodhull and Nassau roads. Jeff loved animals growing up and followed in his father's footsteps as a veterinarian in the same practice that his father founded: the Huntington Animal Hospital. As a matter of fact, Jeff practices in the very room that he grew up in since, as a child, his family lived in the same building as the animal hospital! Jeff left the Huntington area for college and vet school, and he started out as a veterinarian in Virginia. He always knew he wanted to return to the area to practice veterinary medicine with his father, and felt a strong attachment to the Huntington area. When Jeff returned to Huntington in 1983 he was single, bought a house near the Village, and became a member of HJC.

Silvina was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where her grandparents, as exiled Polish Jews, found a welcoming home. For professional reasons her parents immigrated to New York when Silvina was a young girl. Her father, a psychologist, was involved with the Head Start program. They initially lived on the Lower East Side where Silvina had a strong culturally Jewish upbringing. Silvina's father died prematurely when she was thirteen. She and her mother, Sara, spent several years moving between different apartments and countries until they settled in Queens. Post junior high school Silvina returned to Argentina, but due to increased anti-semitism there, she made aliyah to Israel where she lived on Kibbutz Beit Zera for two years. After college she traveled back to Israel for a family wedding and stayed another year there living and working in Tel Aviv. Eventually, Silvina returned to be with her mother in New York and it was at a Dorot function in the city that she and Jeff met. They were married by Rabbi Kurshan at the Huntington Jewish Center in June 1987. They fondly remember the words that were spoken by Rabbi Kurshan at their wedding, "the coming together of two worlds."

Jeff has fond memories of his family's strong connections to HJC. Both his parents were involved in the community and their social circle revolved around other HJC couples including Gene & Shirley Levitt and Edna & Ben Salee. Mort was close

to Al Kramer (no relation!) and was a participant in Lester Fox's study group. Mort died in 2013 and is buried at the HJC cemetery. Jeff's mother, Joyce, currently lives in Florida and she sees some of her HJC friends there. While Mort worked as a veterinarian, Joyce had a long career as a geriatric social worker at the United Presbyterian Home in Syosset. Jeff has a younger brother, Jon who lives in California where he is a pediatrician, and has two daughters.

Jeff and Silvina are very proud of their two children, Jake, 25, and Becky, 23. Both children attended the nursery school and religious school at HJC and had

their respective Bar/Bat Mitzvahs performed by Rabbi Kurshan. Jake and Becky have each graduated from college and are living in NYC. There is a strong family bond and the Kramers enjoy spending time together. As a family they were in Israel in 2008, and Jake and Becky respectively have been back to Israel on Birthright trips. Jeff and Silvina have done a lot of traveling and particularly enjoyed a recent trip to Budapest, Prague and Amsterdam that included Jewish sites and themes.

Jeff continues to love his veterinary practice of more than 35 years. Silvina, being multi-lingual (English, Hebrew and Spanish) has worked as a freelance interpreter for many years. At one time she worked for Israel Discount Bank in NYC and more recently for Nassau and Suffolk BOCES.

Although the Kramers are not frequent "shul-goers" they feel a very strong connection to HJC and feel fortunate to have HJC as an on-going part of their lives. Both Jeff and Silvina found much support and comfort from Rabbi Kurshan and the community when Mort died; and when Silvina's mother passed nearly 14 years ago. Silvina's mah-jong group consists primarily of HJC members and the Kramers enjoy being supporters of the community. They look forward to continuing the connection and celebrating holidays and family life events at HJC.



Narrative compiled by Nancy Cooper, Jeff and Silvina Kramer



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TRIBUTE FUNDS - DONATION FORM



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)

BUILDER'S WALL - (\$500 minimum contribution)

ARK & PULPIT FUND - supports ongoing care and restoration of the Ark and Torahs.

LIEF CHAPEL BENCH PLAQUES - dedicate a seat of a Lief Chapel bench (\$500 minimum contribution)

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.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ACTION FUNDS

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.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

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 the HJC.

ARNIE KERNS FUND - supports special projects in the Nursery and 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 KOCHAVIN 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.

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND - fund to support Israel education and quality programming to enhance Israel engagement.

SCHECHTER FUND - provides scholarships for children attending the Schechter School of Long Island.

CLERGY FUNDS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND - provides funds for the Rabbi for needed purposes.

RABBI HOSPITALITY FUND - defrays expenses of entertaining congregants at the Rabbi's home.

CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND - provides funds for the Cantor for education, development and musical support.

Date: _____ Please direct my contribution of \$ _____ to the _____ Fund.

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All donations of \$10 and above will be listed in the HJC Bulletin. Donations must be received by the 10th of the month to go in the next month's Bulletin.

Donations

GENERAL FUND

Mark Zimmerman in memory of Irvin Zimmerman at yearzeit.
Howard Dubow in memory of Blanche Dubowsky at yearzeit.
Marvin Lipkind in memory of Esther Lipkind at yearzeit.
Cindy Kaufman in memory of Sandra Lerner at yearzeit.
Yolanda Barfus in memory of Benjamin Barfus at yearzeit.
Nathan Newman in memory of Anna Newman at yearzeit.
Ethel Schwartz Bock in memory of David Schwartz at yearzeit.
Joan & Paul Cohen in memory of Michael Cohen at yearzeit.
Dale & Phil Mintz in memory of Louis Mintz at yearzeit.
Randi Schuller in memory of Elaine Bodian at yearzeit.
Joan Blank in memory of Eileen Danzig, mother of Allison Reiver.
The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Jules Haskel, father of Carol Solomon.
Jill Lagnado in memory of Nanette Zweigenbaum at yearzeit.
Jill Lagnado in memory of Morris Zweigenbaum at yearzeit.
The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua, son of Richard Levine.
Bill Yelen in memory of George Yelen at yearzeit.
Joyce Sacknoff in memory of Sidney Fuchs at yearzeit.
Marilyn Koven in memory of Lillian Frank at yearzeit.
Rina Jaffe in memory of Debbie Jonisch at yearzeit.
Mark Klein in memory of June & Stuart Klein.
Tracy Kaplowitz & Jonathan Boxer in memory of Jules Haskel, father of Carol Solomon.
Risa Gold in memory of Michael Firestone at yearzeit.
Risa Gold in memory of Celia Firestone at yearzeit.
Leslie & Jack Rubin in honor of the engagement of Jonathan, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg, to Blair Chizner.
Leslie & Jack Rubin in memory of Gilla Rubin at yearzeit.
Leslie & Jack Rubin in memory of Mordecai Rubin at yearzeit.
Leslie & Jack Rubin in memory of Chester Rubin at yearzeit.
The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Ken Blume, brother of Jaime Meyer.

BEN TASMAN LIBRARY FUND

Gloria Safran in memory of Reuben Safran at yearzeit.
Syd Schlesinger in memory of Mildred Harmon at yearzeit.
Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of Jules Haskel, father of Carol Solomon.

CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Sternschein family with thanks to Cantor Gordan for speaking to Leo's Cub Scout troop.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

The Fleiss family in memory of Anna Tasman at yearzeit.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Susan & Nathan Board in memory of Samuel Lipsky at yearzeit.
Susan & Nathan Board in memory of Murray Lipsky at yearzeit.
Bea Pedowicz in memory of Jack Pedowicz at yearzeit.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rosalyn Gordon with gratitude to Lester Fox.
Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Caleb, son of Amal & Alon Kapen.
Judy & Lester Fox in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the birthday of Susi Susskind.

DONALD L. GORDON ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Helga & Al Kramer in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
Rosalind Shaffer in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
Judy & Arthur Schwager in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
Elaine Stein & Loron Simon in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.
Risa & Noah Finkel in memory of Harvey Fader, life partner of Rosalyn Gordon.

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND

Joni & Israel Brenner in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

Linda & Elliott Jonas in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Liz & Steve Holbreich in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Liz & Steve Holbreich in honor of the 85th birthday of Ethel Sachs.

PRAYERBOOK AND BIBLE FUND

Joan & Norman Mattisinko in memory of Lillian Needleman at yearzeit.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Felicia & Keith Messing
Rosalyn Gordon in memory of her life partner, Harvey Fader.
The Lapidus & Ritzler families in memory of their father, Solomon Lapidus.
The Behr family in memory of Joan Woronoff-Turo at yearzeit.

RABBI'S HOSPITALITY FUND

The Feibel family in honor of Rabbi Saks so that he can continue reaching out to the congregation in a personal way.
Gloria Safran in memory of Murray Safran at yearzeit.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Miriam & Joel Wirchin wishing a speedy recovery to Maxine Fisher.
Sarah & Jerry Saunders in memory of Rose Hankin Epstein at yearzeit.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND *continued*

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in memory of Jules Haskel, father of Carol Solomon.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders wishing a speedy recovery to Maxine Fisher.

SOCIAL ACTION/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

Ethan Auslander

Sheryl & Ian Winkler

Tom Rosen in memory of Ella Rosen Rakieten at yahrzeit.

The Empty Nest Chavurah in honor of the marriage of Kay, daughter of Gail & Jim Lodge, to Eric Isaacs.

Carol Hayon in honor of Janet & Marty Kushnick.

Pamela Geller in memory of Isaac Geller at yahrzeit.

Gloria Safran in memory of Bella Safran at yahrzeit.

The Behr family in memory of Joan Woronoff-Turo at yahrzeit.

Ethel Sachs in memory of Jules Haskel, father of Carol Solomon.

Leslie & Jack Rubin in honor of the marriage of Kay, daughter of Gail & Jim Lodge, to Eric Isaacs.

YOUTH FUND

Allen Steinberg in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

MAZAL TOV

Tyna Strenger announces the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Moshe Factor.

CONDOLENCES

Carol Solomon on the death of her father, Jules Haskel.

Danny Carrillo Masa, a staff member of HJC, on the death of his father, Jose Carrillo.

Jaime Meyer on the death of her brother, Ken Blume.

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 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

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.

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A progressive dinner is the occasion where you join other congregants at a host's home for cocktails and a kosher dinner. After dinner, "progress" to HJC where we will join for dessert!

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Each Shabbat Rabbi Saks employs different styles of teaching to encourage a deeper and more varied experience in learning and engaging with Torah and Jewish Prayer.

What's Rabbi Saks talking about THIS Shabbat???

1st Saturday of the month – Traditional HJC Torah Discussion

Rabbi Saks will lead a Traditional HJC Torah Discussion incorporating comments by congregants in person and over email (through the Torah Teaser) as part of a D'var Torah.

2nd Saturday of the month – Pardon the Interruption

Rabbi Saks will offer a D'var T'fillah as part of Pardon The Interruption in which he will interrupt the flow of the service to talk about the meaning of some of the prayers. A community discussion is often included.

3rd Saturday of the month – Torah Talk

Rabbi Saks will offer a D'var Torah as part of Torah Talk in which he will interrupt the flow of the Torah reading to talk about secrets hidden in the text of the words of the Torah. A community discussion is often included.

4th Saturday of the month – Formal Sermon

Rabbi Saks will deliver a formal sermon outlining his vision for Judaism and Jewish life today.

(5th Saturday of the month – Traditional HJC Torah Discussion)