



April 2018 / Nissan - Iyar 5778 Bulletin

# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

## NEWS / COMMUNITY / CONNECTION



Dinner was enjoyed by all.  
Then came the perfect finale to

### HJC's Progressive Dinner 2018



## Celebrate Israel Parade - 2018 / 70 and Sababa (70 and Awesome!)

5th Avenue - NYC. Round-trip bus available from HJC Sunday, June 3

Contact Keith Messing (kmessingk@gmail.com) to reserve spot on the bus or for any questions.



# Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

## A TASTE OF PASSOVER/MATZAH FUND

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

## SISTERHOOD SPRING RUMMAGE SALE TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

Please bring your gently used clothing and household items to the Social Hall for our annual Spring Rummage Sale. We welcome all who wish to volunteer for set-up and sale days!

Please contact Marlene Hummel:  
mskhummel@aol.com/631-988-3484

Drop Off on April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>! Sale on April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>!

## ROSH CHODESH: WELCOMING THE NEW MOON 4/16 @ 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

2018 Woman of Achievement Awards and Dinner Gala  
Thursday, June 7, 2018 @ 5:45pm  
Shelter Rock Jewish Center Roslyn, NY  
HJC honoree: Vicki Rosen  
Mazal Tov, Vicki!

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

## A SWEET AND HAPPY PASSOVER!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Sisterhood Board Meeting @8pm  
April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Rummage Sale Drop Off  
April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Rummage Sale  
April 16<sup>th</sup> - Rosh Chodesh Program 7:30pm  
April 29<sup>th</sup> - In The Heights@ Engeman Theater 2pm

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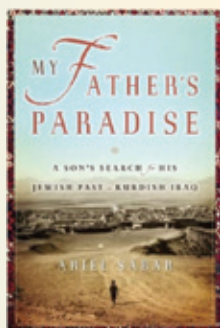
# APRIL 2018

# NISSAN / IYAR 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1/16 Nissan</b> No JNN RS Closed	<b>2/17 Nissan</b> No JNN RS Closed	<b>3/18 Nissan</b> RS Closed	<b>4/19 Nissan</b>	<b>5/20 Nissan</b>	<b>6/21 Nissan</b>	<b>7/22 Nissan</b>  Yizkor
Easter/2nd Day of Passover	3rd Day of Passover	4th Day of Passover	5th Day of Passover	6th Day of Passover	7th Day of Passover	7th Day of Passover
<b>8/23 Nissan</b> JNN RS Closed	<b>9/24 Nissan</b>  SH Board Mtg - 8:00pm	<b>10/25 Nissan</b>  RS/MT/Chaverim	<b>11/26 Nissan</b>  ECC Meeting 7:30pm	<b>12/27 Nissan</b>  Rummage Sale Drop Off  Yom Hashoah	<b>13/28 Nissan</b> Minyan Breakfast 8:00am Rummage Sale Drop Off	<b>14/29 Nissan</b> Jr Congregation 10:30am  Shemini
<b>15/30 Nissan</b> JNN RS/USY/Kadima Rummage Sale FJMC Honoree Dinner  Rosh Chodesh	<b>16/1 Iyar</b> Rummage Sale SH Rosh Chodesh Prog. Chai Institute  Rosh Chodesh	<b>17/2 Iyar</b>  RS	<b>18/3 Iyar</b> Social Action Mtg. 2:00pm Board Mtg. 8:00pm  Yom HAzikaron	<b>19/4 Iyar</b>   Yom Ha'atzmaut	<b>20/5 Iyar</b> ECC Grandparents Day	<b>21/6 Iyar</b> Jr Congregation 10:30am  Tazriya-Metzora
<b>22/7 Iyar</b> JNN RS/RS Board Mtg./USY/ Kadima MC Board Mtg. 9:45am Ridotto 4:00pm Israel Committee 7:30pm	<b>23/8 Iyar</b>  Chai Institute	<b>24/9 Iyar</b>  RS/MT/Chaverim	<b>25/10 Iyar</b>  Jewish Public Affairs Forum 8:00pm	<b>26/11 Iyar</b>	<b>27/12 Iyar</b> Friday Night Live 6:00pm	<b>28/13 Iyar</b>  Acharei Mot-Kedoshim
<b>29/14 Iyar</b> JNN RS/Bet Celebration Founders Day "In the Heights" - SH Trip - JWE Theater	<b>30/15 Iyar</b> ECC Mothers Day Boutique	April 1 thru April 30: Count Omer 2 thru 31				

## SISTERHOOD SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us as on Thursday May 17th at 1 PM in the HJC Library for a discussion on *My Father's Paradise A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*. By Ariel Sabar. It is a captivating book that covers the history of the Jews of Kurdistan and what it means to be a Jew in the modern world. Also, the complex relationship of father and son. RSVP to Syd Schlesinger 631 261-2330 or syd519@gmail.com.



## 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 provides meals, basic essentials and a warm place to sleep for a group of homeless men in our community. March 1, 7 and 28.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this program, please contact:

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Karen Flanzenbaum: [kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com](mailto:kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com)



## ROSH CHODESH: Welcoming the New Moon Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm

Please join HJC Sisterhood on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Iyar  
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](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net) /631-424-6922

Hope you can join us for this spiritual evening  
Accompanied and welcomed with spirit and wine!

# From Rabbi Ari Saks



## Holy Listening

By the time you receive the bulletin Passover will have begun. The seders will be complete, the tables will (hopefully) be cleaned, and the process of limiting one's consumption of matzah as much as possible over the holiday will have commenced in earnest. But as our thoughts remain on this holiday of liberation and freedom, I am reminded that according to the biblical calendar Passover occurs during the first month of the year (Nisan). In essence, the Spring Festival of

Passover ushers in another Rosh Hashanah in which the themes of redemption and renewal sprout like blooming flowers. We are at a new beginning as a people, like we will be in less than seven months from now as individuals, praying for a fresh start without the heavy chains that keep us enslaved in winter. It is in this spirit, as we dust the matzah crumbs off of our seder tables and contemplate the freshness of freedom, that I'd like to offer some "new year" thoughts for our Passover observance with a written synopsis of my first sermon from the first day of Rosh Hashanah 5778. May we joyously "spring" into the new year together!

### HOLY LISTENING – ROSH HASHANAH 5778

#### *Are we listening to one another?*

Our current educational, political, and social climate seems to teach us that more important than listening up, we must speak out, pronouncing judgment upon everything we encounter. Is it any wonder then that no one takes the time to truly listen? And when no one truly listens, is it any wonder we crave to create echo chambers with like-minded people who will confirm the inherent biases in our speech? Yet if we believe that there is a world out there bigger than one made up of Facebook-likes and sad-faced emojis agreeing with everything we say, are we willing to train ourselves to listen better for the wisdom that the world has to offer? Are we willing to become holy listeners?

Jewish wisdom teaches us that there are four stages to achieve holy listening. The first stage is "l'hakshiv" (להקשיב) meaning "to listen up." These are the things that are so fundamental to one another's identity that we have no choice but to listen up, because if we don't then it will make the other feel invisible, as if we don't care about their basic humanity. The wisdom of "l'hakshiv" (להקשיב) is to teach us the basic human truth that we don't go into a conversation wanting to listen to the other, rather we go into a conversation because we simply want to be heard.

Once we recognize that the other needs to be heard, we can move to the second stage of holy listening called "l'ha-azin" (להאזין) meaning to "lend an ear." During this stage we push ourselves to listen to others by offering them an ear to hear their Torah while our mouths and our minds remain silent and attentive in order to receive their Torah. Attentive silence is the spiritual practice of "Hineni" (הנני), literally "Here I Am," which was exemplified by Abraham's response to God's call in the desert. Just like Abraham, we are called to listen without interference, restraining the temptation to cloud our minds with thoughts, answers, and responses. Our only response is to say "here I am, ready to fully listen." As the Unetaneh Tokef prayer reads, "v'kol d'mama dakah y'shama" (וקול דממה דקה ישמע), we only understand when we are still enough to listen.

Yet even if we are aware enough to listen up (l'hakshiv – להקשיב) and even if we are disciplined enough to be silent (l'ha-azin – להאזין), how do we indicate that the message is being received? How do we signify that through our listening we are feeling as well? This is the third stage of holy

listening called "lasim lev" (לשים לב) meaning "to pay attention," or literally "to place one's heart." We recognize this stage when we feel truly heard by another. The emotions behind our words are transmitted to the facial expressions, the eye contact, and the profoundly awesome sensation of the listener's silence. It is as if they placed their hearts upon ours to feel their rhythm, beating in unison. To place your heart upon someone else's means to communicate with them on such a deep level that you feel you're experiencing their story with them.

The depth of this listening experience is profoundly moving and altogether rare. Ironically, our humanity requires us to fail often in achieving this stage of listening. After all, we're the children of the Tower of Babel; we're not created to perfectly communicate with one another. We can only do our best, and yet what's so frustrating is that even when we believe we're successfully achieving each stage of holy listening, our listening partners don't get what we're trying to do.

Stephen Covey teaches "seek first to understand before being understood." Yet no matter how hard we may try to understand the other, our motivations may not be understood by the other, and then we, the holy listeners, feel we are not heard. This is why the fourth stage of lishmoa (לשמע), of "full understanding" is so difficult to achieve. It takes two to tango and though we may try to be holy listeners, it doesn't mean our listening partners are trying as well.

As Reverend Nicole Diroff teaches, "God is present when you can really hear one another." So what happens when we try our best to be holy listeners, to hear one another, and we don't reach that final stage of full understanding? Is the process worth it? Yes, it is worth it because while God may not be fully present, God's presence is undoubtedly felt.

Our Rosh Hashanah liturgy says "alah Elokim bitrua, v'Hashem b'kol shofar" (עלה אלוקים בתרועה והי בקול שופר), which means "God rises with the sound of the blasts, and Hashem with the sound of the shofar." The midrash explains that the two different names for God in this verse – "Elokim" and "Hashem" – represents God's attributes of judgment (via "Elokim") and love (via "Hashem"). Meanwhile, the verb "alah" meaning "rises," indicates some kind of physical movement. Thus the midrash interprets this verse to teach us that God "rises from the throne of judgment to sit on the throne of love." This movement from judgement to love is, in essence, what the art of holy listening is all about. It is a move from sitting in judgement about what the other is saying to accepting what they have to offer with love, to the point that we can feel what they are feeling.

What's so profound about God's move from the throne of judgement to the throne of love is that it does not require an assurance that it will be returned in kind. Instead, God makes the move because God does not want to sit in judgment upon us; God wants to accept us with love. God does not want to argue with us; God wants to hear our Torah. God does not want to be separate from us; God wants to place God's heart upon ours. God's hope and prayer for us in this moment is that we will respond to God's embrace with our own to listen up, to give ear, and to place our hearts upon God's. And by doing so for God's sake, we will be able to accomplish the same for ourselves as well. For imagine a world in which we all listen like God, in which we all stepped forward to engage in holy listening without the requirement that we also be listened to. If we all make that leap to listen in order to hear, then all of us will be heard as well, and no one will be left out in the cold. Imagine then how our politics, our religion, and our relationships can all be redeemed because we are no longer fighting to be heard by the other, instead we are listening to fully hear and understand with one another. Imagine this world and it will come to be. Imagine this world of holy listening!

# From Hazzan Israel Gordan



## *D'Var Torah*

In addition to my work at the HJC, I am also a member of the Executive Council of the Cantors Assembly. We meet twice a year at the Park Avenue Synagogue and this past March, I delivered the d'var Torah at our meeting. While the subject matter is a little specific to cantors (and a little late, timing-wise), I think it has a nice message that is applicable to all of us as we celebrate Passover.

"This week is an auspicious week to be delivering a d'var Torah: This Saturday is the first Shabbat of Daylight Saving Time, it is the first week that we are reading from the book of Leviticus, and it is Rosh Chodesh Nisan, meaning it is also the beginning of the Jewish year. In addition to these milestones, it is also Shabbat HaChodesh which provides us with the special occasion to read from three Sifrei Torah on Shabbat morning, as well as St. Patrick's Day hopefully giving us good reason to drink green beer after, or perhaps even during, services.

According to the below the line or d'rash commentary in the Etz Hayim Chumash, (and I am quoting from page 585), "Leviticus is a difficult book for a modern person to read with reverence and appreciation. Its main subject matter—animal offerings and ritual impurity—seems remote from contemporary concerns. Yet almost half of the 613 mitzvot of the Torah are found in this book, the text with which young children traditionally began their Jewish education."

The commentary goes on to say, and again I am quoting, that "the modern temper tends to discount prescribed ritual in favor of spontaneous religious expression. Yet something in the human soul responds to ritual... There is power in the knowledge that we are doing what generations of people before us have done in similar situations, something that other people in other places are doing at the same time and in the same way. And rituals, including prescribed prayers, tell us what to do and say at times when we cannot rely on our own powers of inspiration to know what to do or say."

I could not think of a better quote to share at a meeting of cantors. Who better than we, know the power of ritual and of doing something that generations of people before us have done in similar situations and something that other people in other places are doing at the same time and in the same way, especially through prescribed prayers? As the self-proclaimed guardians of the tradition of nusach, we know that the hatzi kaddish, despite being chanted three times every Saturday morning, each with the exact same words, is chanted with different nusach each time. As we approach Pesach, we know the distinctive motifs used in tefillat tal, (as well as tefillat geshem at succot), and how they relate to neilah at Yom Kippur. And we are the ones who look forward to the distinctive melodies of Shirat HaYam, and how they differ from Torah and Haftarah as well.

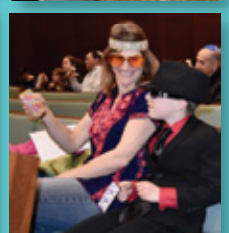
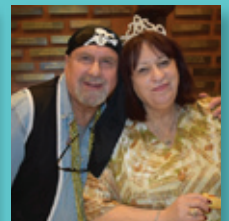
Leviticus is a book formally known as Torat Kohanim, or instructions for the priests, and this parasha begins in Hebrew by stating "Vayikra el moshe," or in English, "The Lord called to Moses," in order to give him detailed instructions about the principal types of sacrifice. While there are certainly differences, many parallels can be drawn between the priests' role in ancient Israelites religious life and the cantors' role in Jewish religious life today, especially as it relates to ritual. We even use same language today to describe our work as klei kodesh, being not just a job, but a calling.

As I mentioned earlier, young children traditionally began their Jewish education with Leviticus, despite its seemingly difficult and distant subject matter. It has been suggested that Jewish learning began here to teach from the outset that life involves sacrifice, again, something that we in our line of work, know all too well. But anything worth doing requires hard work, dedication, and yes, sacrifice.

My prayer for all of us today as we begin this meeting and as we rapidly approach Passover and all of the preparations required to observe the holiday, is that we use these prescribed rituals to help imbue our lives and the lives of our entire communities, with meaning. Rather than ignoring these ancient traditions, or allowing the repetition bore us, let us breathe new life and new meaning into familiar words and tunes connecting us not only to the generations that came before us, but also, to the generations that will follow."



## Celebrating Purim at HJC



# President's Perspective *by Vicki Perler*



## ***Reflections on Israel's 70th Birthday***

On April 19, we joyously celebrate Israel's 70th birthday. My first trip to Israel was during the summer of 1974. Arthur and I were approaching our 3rd wedding anniversary, and, as recent college graduates, we were already working at our chosen professions. We saved enough money for over a year to take a 3-week trip to Israel. We were in our early twenties, and the journey at this significant time in our lives

would have a direct impact on important decisions we would make as a young married couple. We both read several books about Israel during the prior year, so that we would be immersed in the current, dramatic events. We flew on an El-Al plane, and throughout the long flight, Israeli songs played on the airplane's sound system, escalating the excitement. When we were getting ready to land, it was Naomi Shemer's Yerushalayim Shel Zahav, followed by Hatikva that filled the cabin. Everyone on the plane joined together to sing Hatikva. When the El-Al plane landed, then as now, all the passenger applauded wildly. Descending the stairs to the runway and stepping onto the Land of Israel after the singing was thrilling, and the experiences during the next three weeks proved to be magical.

The tour took us everywhere, and our tour guide was a hard-core Zionist, inspiring each of us throughout the trip. We were excited to see how the pioneers were turning the brown desert green. The most memorable part of the trip was after the tour was over, driving on our own to the Druze mountaintop village of Peki'in to meet the Zanati family. An American Rabbi we knew had been helping to support Yoseph Zanati and his grandson, who were the only Jews in Peki'in. We told the Rabbi we would try to visit and deliver some donations. We rented a tiny, manual-shift car and drove to this remote Galil mountain, despite being advised not to by relatives. Most of the way up the mountain, on a horrible road, we found the village. The Zanatis had a small home attached to the even smaller synagogue. Zanati's ancestors fled to this location after the destruction of the Second Temple and, legend has it, offered a nearby cave to Shimon Bar Yochai as a hiding place. The legend tells us that Bar Yochai "wrote" the Zohar in that cave. We clambered up the hill to find the cave sealed with an engraved marker placed by the government describing just what we were told! Back down in the village, Zanati's grandson showed us the interior of the tiny synagogue. On the front wall, next to the Ark, was a badly worn stone, but with a clearly visible seven branched menorah.

Zanati said that his ancestors took it from the Temple ruins and placed it in this village two thousand years ago. It's not clear to us how much was legend and how much fact, but it had a profound impact on our relationship with Israel as well as the importance of Jewish continuity. In Israel, the Zanati family is widely regarded as having lived in that same location since Roman times, and as being the family with the longest continuous presence in the Land.

Although each of our fifteen trips to Israel has been incredibly special and meaningful, we will always remember our first trip as the one that solidified our relationship to the Jewish homeland and helped us craft our own Jewish home and family. The story about Yoseph Zanati and his family has continued to inspire me to retell the story of my own family, and how they escaped from their ancestral homes to become free. As we all prepare to celebrate Pesach with our family and friends, we are obligated to remember, retell, recreate and relive the story of how our ancestors became free from oppression and enslavement. Each of us has our own story, and many of these stories are full of adventure. They are extremely powerful, and they help us pass on our family legacies to our children and grandchildren in a way to which they can relate. They begin to understand their place in the unbroken chain that links them to Egypt and Sinai. Arthur and I feel extremely blessed to have our Seder table filled with many young grandchildren who are excited to participate in the Seder and sing the songs they learn in school. It is one of the most uplifting Jewish and family experiences of the year.

Children are the most important guests at a Seder. Whether you are hosting a Seder this year, or you are a guest, I hope you fulfill the responsibility to ensure that the children understand the importance of becoming free and that freedom is everyone's God-given right. As adults, we are required to elaborate on the Pesach story to make it relevant for all of us in our time. We must leave the Seder feeling as if we personally had been liberated from Egypt three thousand years ago, so that we can work to free ourselves and others from the physical, emotional or spiritual forces that enslave us today.

As you tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt again this year with your loved ones at your Passover table, Arthur and I wish each of you a most joyous, sweet, meaningful and memorable holiday – A Zissun Pesach.

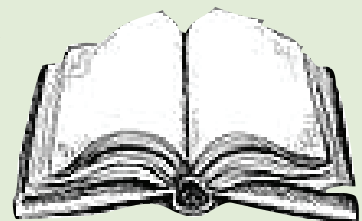
Chag Sameach  
Vicki

## **~People of the Book / Ben Tasman Library~**

Time to look forward to more sunshine and maybe trying new things. If you haven't done it yet, a walk through our library offers so many surprises from fiction, art, biography, history, humor, life cycles, poetry, anti-semitism, a category we hoped we could eliminate but find more important than ever, and more. Hope to see you there.

~Happy Reading!~

*Syd Schlesinger, Library Chair*





## Purim, the Happy Holiday

Purim Day, Purim Day, what a happy holiday. The children can't get enough of this fun, celebratory holiday and I must admit that I couldn't either! The ECC kicked off this fun holiday with literature, music, storytelling and dramatic play. The teachers do such a wonderful job telling the story of Purim. As an extra special bonus, Rabbi Saks acted out the story for the children with 3 costume changes! Of course, one of the many highlights of this holiday is shaking

the grogger to blot out Haman's name. On the actual day of Purim, the Rabbi and Cantor met with the children again retelling the story through song and drama. Following the show, all the children and teachers paraded around the entire synagogue, singing, dancing, and shaking their groggers. The festivities continued with the HJC Purim carnival. Many of the ECC families came to mingle and eat. The children dressed

up in their favorite costumes and played games provided by the USY. The air was clearly filled with excitement and joy. We are looking forward to many more exciting events, including the ECC and Religious School Mixer, Passover, Grandpeople Day, a visit to the Atria Senior Residence and so much more. Stay tuned....



# Religious School *Maxine Fisher, Administrator*



## April Events

First of all, I want to wish everyone Chag Pesach Sameach. I hope you are enjoying your families and eating plenty of Passover foods and kvelling at your little ones reciting the 4 questions.

Lots going on in April. We are back to school on April 10th. We have Junior Congregation on April 14th and 21st. It's not too late to reach 15 attendances for our

mystery trip on May 29th.

Our Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration is on Sunday, April 15th. The kids always have fun celebrating Israel.

There is also the Bet class mastering the Alef Bet celebration on Sunday, April 29th. This is a wonderful program honoring all the hard work the Bet class has accomplished this year.

B'Shalom,  
Maxine

## Community Time and Purim Carnival



## Women's League Torah Fund

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

***Mah tovu***, 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 tovu 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.

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



## Interesting Facts about Passover!

The following list was presented by Marilyn Schwartz at an Orlando Chapter of Hadassah meeting last year. The information so delighted and fascinated the members that passing it along to all became a priority. Blessings and good wishes to you and your family this Passover and please enjoy these interesting facts!

**1. Coca-Cola makes a special batch of Kosher Coke for Passover.** While Coke is generally a kosher product, the dietary laws tighten during the Passover holiday making high-fructose corn syrup a no-no for observant Jews (it really should be a no-no for everybody all the time, but that's neither here nor there). In response, Coca-Cola pumps out a batch of limited edition Coke that uses (gasp) real sugar instead of the kitniyot corn. Look for bottles with yellow caps on them to be sure you're getting the correct one.

**2. The world's largest Passover seder takes place in Nepal.** Each year members of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement hold their "Seder on Top of the World" in Kathmandu for Jewish locals and travelers alike (I'm guessing more the latter than the former). Last year they had around 2,000 people attend the festivities, and between the flowing wine and the thin air, it was quite the party.

**3. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated during Passover.** According to the American Jewish Historical Society, many Jews were in synagogue for the holiday when news of Lincoln's assassination broke. Altars in temples "were quickly draped in black and, instead of Passover melodies, the congregations chanted Yom Kippur hymns. Rabbis set aside their sermons and wept openly at their pulpits, as did their congregants." Sadly, a time that was supposed to be full of celebration became one of mourning.

**4. Flogging fun at Passover.** Jews from Iran and Afghanistan have a particularly lively custom in which they whip each other with oversize scallions. Before the song begins, each seder participant stands, takes a

scallion and starts whacking the other members of the feast. In some families, one scallion is passed around the table while each person takes a turn whipping. There is some debate about where the custom originates. Many believe it is a way to mimic the whips of slave drivers in Egypt. Seder participants whip an other as a way to scold one another for desiring any aspect of their lives of enslavement.

**5. Crossing the Red Sea in Poland.** In the Polish town of Gora Kalwaria, Hasidic Jews mark Passover by re-enacting the crossing of the Red Sea. To make it as realistic as they can, they pour water on the floor, lift up their coats and recite the names of the towns they would cross. They also make sure to raise a glass at each mention of a town and offer thanks to God for being able to reach their destination.

**6. Break a dish for Passover.** Many Ethiopian Jews, who for hundreds of years endured persecution in their homeland because of their unique religious rites, left Ethiopia in two secret airlifts in 1984 and 1991. During Passover, to commemorate their past and celebrate renewal, some Ethiopian Jews break all their dishes and cookware and make new ones. The tradition is in keeping with the hope for emancipation and redemption that the holiday signifies.

**7. The first American edition of the Haggadah was published in 1837.** The Haggadah is the book or text Jews read from during Passover. It tells the origins of the holiday and explains how the seder is supposed to proceed. Solomon Henry Jackson, an English-born American Jew, published the first American edition of the Haggadah in 1837 in New York. Jackson had moved to the city in the 1820s to establish the first Hebrew printing press, and The Jew, a monthly newspaper and the first Jewish periodical in the United States. One could say Jackson was the original member of the Jewish media elite.

**8. And if that's not enough facts about Passover...** The traditional Passover song "Dayenu" literally means "it would have been enough" and lists the 15 gifts and miracles given to the Jewish people by God in the Book of Exodus. The idea that each blessing would be enough on its own, even without further or more profound blessings, is a theme presented throughout the holiday.

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## JNN - Who Wants to do a Mitzvah???

Now is the perfect time to do a mitzvah with your family to help a family with food insecurity. Please join us in the HJC dairy kitchen on Sunday mornings. Help make a sandwich, wrap a sandwich, and that is all it takes, and before you know it all 250 meals are ready to be delivered also by volunteers. Please contact Rob Fisher at [rfish51@aol.com](mailto:rfish51@aol.com) to sign up for a Sunday of your choice. Meet other great folks who have found their way into our kitchen! Families are welcome.

# This Month in American Jewish History

## "The American Jewess" begins publication - April 1, 1895

Published between April 1895 and August 1899, *The American Jewess* was the first English-language publication directed to American Jewish women. It covered an evocative range of topics, from demands for synagogue membership for women, to Zionism, to health and fashion tips, to the propriety of women riding bicycles. The publication's sense of possibility was captured in its title. Though strange and archaic to contemporary ears, the phrase "American Jewess," in the 1890s, described a new type of Jewish woman, one who could fully embrace the possibilities of both the religious and national aspects of her identity. The *American Jewess* set out to explore the challenges and possibilities inherent in this new identity. At its height, the magazine claimed a circulation of 31,000.

Rosa Sonneschein, who created, oversaw, and edited volumes 1–7 of *The American Jewess*, came to the United States in the 1860s. Born in Prostějov, Moravia, Austria, on March 12, 1847, Rosa Sonneschein was the daughter of Fannie (Sternfeld) and Hirsch Bär Fassel, a respected scholar and moderate Reform Rabbi. Rosa grew up as the youngest daughter in an upper-middle-class home in Nagykanizsa, Hungary, and received an education at home and the local high school that was remarkably thorough for a nineteenth-century girl. In 1864, she married Solomon Hirsch Sonneschein, a young radical Reform Rabbi with a congregation in Warasdin, Croatia. In the next five years, the Sonnescheins moved to successive posts in Prague, New York City, and finally, in 1869, St. Louis, where they remained for about twenty years.

Rosa and Solomon Sonneschein had four children: Ben, born in Warasdin in 1865; Fanny (Loth), born in Prague in 1866; Leontine (Pomeroy), born in Prague in 1868; and Monroe, born in St. Louis in 1873. Fanny followed her mother to become active in women's literary clubs. Monroe contributed several poems, stories, and articles to the *American Jewess*.

During the years Rosa Sonneschein spent as a rebbetzin [rabbi's wife] in St. Louis, she was a public figure in the city's Jewish community. She helped lead the "Ladies' Meetings" and organized the choral society at the two St. Louis congregations Solomon Sonneschein served. Her position as a rebbetzin also enabled her to move beyond the Jewish community, participating in literary circles and the city's German cultural life. In 1879, she founded the Pioneers, a Jewish women's literary society. Modeled on similar Christian women's clubs, the Pioneers devoted themselves not to studying Jewish literature, but to cultivating general literary taste and knowledge. Perhaps encouraged by club experiences, Sonneschein began to publish stories in Jewish periodicals at least as early as the mid-1880s. Her standing in both the German and Jewish communities and her frequent European travels positioned Sonneschein well as a correspondent for the German-language press, and her reports on world expositions in Paris, St. Louis, and Chicago gained her some prominence.

Rosa and Solomon Sonneschein projected the image of a united couple, but quarreled frequently. They had intellectual disagreements, most notably over the wisdom of Zionism, but personal problems overshadowed these in plaguing their relationship. Mutual charges of infidelity and financial irresponsibility, exacerbated by their roles as public figures in the Jewish community and representatives of it to those outside, made the Sonnescheins' marriage untenable, and they separated in 1891. Rosa first broached the idea of divorce, but ultimately allowed Solomon to sue, wishing "to be rid of him, not ruin him." Their divorce was finalized in April 1893. Sonneschein left her husband and moved to Chicago where she was able to attend the Jewish Women's Congress held at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. As she later wrote, "then and there we conceived the impression that the time had come to establish a literary organ for the American Jewess, an organ which shall connect the sisters dwelling throughout ... this blessed country, concentrate the work of scattered charitable institutions, and bring them to the notice of the various communities as an imposing and powerful unit."

Sonneschein was the first American Jewish woman to offer a strong and consistent critique of gender inequities in worship and synagogue leadership. She demanded that Jewish women "thirsting for the word of God" be allowed to "drink directly from the fountain of Religion." Her written contributions to *The American Jewess* are also noteworthy for their early advocacy of Zionism by an American Jew.

Deflected by setbacks in both business and health, Sonneschein yielded control of the publication to an unidentified group of publishers in the summer of 1898. Despite the new publishers' assertion that the magazine would benefit from no longer having to depend for all aspects of its creation upon a single individual, it was clearly Sonneschein's energy that gave life to the endeavor. Although Sonneschein continued to appear frequently as a correspondent, the journal suffered from the loss of her sharp editorial perspective and vision. Five more monthly and two "quarterly" issues appeared after Sonneschein's departure as editor; the last issue is dated August 1899.

Rosa Sonneschein recognized that the progress of American Jewish women needed to be preserved in writing. As she observed in the first issue of the *American Jewess*, "Not what has happened, but what is recorded makes history."

Sources: *American Jewess*, vols. 1–9 (April 1895–August 1899); *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*, pp. 1289–1291.; [www.hti.umich.edu/a/amjewess/](http://www.hti.umich.edu/a/amjewess/).



# Spotlight On...

## Phyllis and Andy Levy

Andy Levy grew up at the Huntington Jewish Center. His family moved to Huntington in 1958, when he was nine years old, and joined HJC immediately. Andy has a younger sister and brother who also grew up at HJC, but no longer live in the Huntington area. Andy's parents, Norma and Al, were active members of HJC, as well as the larger Jewish community. Al was a past president of HJC, and a founder of the Gurwin Jewish Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Andy remembers his father telling him that there is an HJC time capsule buried somewhere in the foundation of the previous HJC building, located on the corner of Woodhull Road and Nassau Road.

Andy was actively involved in Youth Group and USY. He remembers the Religious School principal, Morris Samber, who always found ways to keep the older kids involved. There was also Tallis and T'fillin Club (affectionately known as TNT) every Sunday morning, a product of Men's Club and the religious school, where teens and adults would meet for prayer followed by a football or baseball game.

Phyllis and Andy met on a blind date set up by Natalie Bookbinder, a member of HJC, and were married in the HJC building by Rabbi Rothenberg and Cantor Stein. Phyllis did not have a strong background in Judaism and therefore took advantage of the adult Bat Mitzvah class offered by Rabbi Rothenberg, and became Bat Mitzvah at HJC. Phyllis grew up in Deer Park where there was a very small Jewish community. Her family moved there from Brooklyn and were founding members of the Suffolk Jewish Center that met in the Deer Park firehouse before they built their own synagogue.

For many years Phyllis was the editor of the shul newspaper (The Bulletin), and also the editor of a newsletter for Sisterhood (The Satellite). Phyllis served as president of HJC Sisterhood during the transition to a new rabbi. She later became president of the Eastern Long Island Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. After that, Phyllis served on the International Board of Women's League,

rising to the role of vice president. Phyllis has served continuously on the Board of Sisterhood for 35 years, taking on many roles and committee chairmanships. She also served on the Gurwin Auxiliary Board for 17 years. Phyllis' mom, Grace Goldblum, was also active at HJC, appearing in many plays. Grace also worked alongside Sylvia Brass in the early years of the Sisterhood extended Kiddush.

Phyllis and Andy are most proud of their family. Their children, Seth and Jaclyn, both grew up at HJC and became bar and bat mitzvah here. Seth is now living in Idaho with his partner Brian Pines, and Jaclyn lives in California with her husband Mike Rosenberg and their children, Cameron and Sydney.

Andy served on the Board of HJC, including a stint as vice president, during the 1980's and treasurer after the turn of the century. He also served on the Board of the United Jewish Y's of Long Island (remember the Jewish Arts Festivals of Long Island?), helping to build the Mid-Island JCC and the Suffolk Y JCC. He served on the Board of the SYJCC for 36 years, including being president for two years. When there was a need at HJC for someone to step in and run the office temporarily, Andy became Executive Director for three months until Barbara Axmacher was hired.

Phyllis has run her own business wardrobing women. Andy is the Executive Director of The Lend A Hand Project (formerly M'yad Lyad). Phyllis loves to cook as a hobby and she extended that love by being involved in the first HJC cookbook, and second one in the 1990's, and now chairs the committee producing the third one. Phyllis and Andy have been married for almost 47 years, and are looking forward to the next 47. Phyllis and Andy enjoy traveling, especially to Los Angeles to visit their grandchildren. They have been to Israel once. The Levys have integrated a very full and fulfilling Jewish way of life into their lives. They are excited about the new energy at HJC and their commitment and engagement continues wholeheartedly.

*Compiled by Nancy Cooper, Andy & Phyllis Levy*



## 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](mailto:hjcsisterhoodcookbook@gmail.com). If you would like to get involved in this project, please contact **Phyllis Levy** at [plevy1215@gmail.com](mailto:plevy1215@gmail.com).



## 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.

## Talking about Shabbat...

**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 Interrup-

tion 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)



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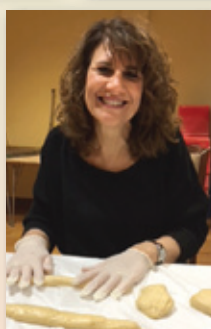
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**Sisterhood and ECC members enjoyed a lesson in challah baking and braiding by HJC congregant and Sisterhood board member, Felicia Messing.**



**The 9th Annual A Taste of Passover took place on March 15 to the delight of all those who attended. The event, sponsored by HJC Sisterhood, Men's Club and ECC was, once again, a delicious success!**



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

Amira Garbus in memory of Anne Ross, mother of Marlene Hummel.

## CONDOLENCES

Danny Klein on the death of his stepmother, Snira Klein.

Marlene Hummel on the death of her mother, Anne Ross.

Leslie Rubin on the death of her mother, Paula Marenberg.

Danny Klein on the death of his mother, Carol Roman.

*To our wonderful HJC Community,* Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and comforting visits following the death of my mother in February. I truly appreciate your caring and thoughtfulness.

*Leslie Rubin*

*To Our HJC Family,* We want to thank you all for the love and support that we have received from you after the loss of our father. Losing both of our parents in less than four months has been devastating but we are healing with the help of our community. Thank you all so much.

Sincerely,

*Allison Reiver and Robbin Danzig*

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Each year at Selichot, we dedicate plaques in memory of our departed loved ones. This year, Selichot falls on Saturday evening, September 1.

If you are interested in ordering a plaque, orders are now being taken in the synagogue office. The plaques are \$450 and the deadline is June 10.

## 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.

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## SISTERHOOD FALL RUMMAGE SALE

**Time to  
make room  
in your  
closets!**

Please bring us  
your clean,  
gently used,  
fall/winter clothes,  
toys, books, shoes,  
baby items, and  
small housewares.



<b>Drop Off:</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Apr. 12th</b>	<b>9:00AM to 6:00PM</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Apr. 13th</b>	<b>9:00AM to 3:00PM</b>
<b>Sale Days:</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 15th</b>	<b>9:00AM to 3:00PM</b>
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 16th</b>	<b>9:30AM to 2:00PM</b>

Volunteers needed to set up, work the sale and clean up:  
Thursday, 4/12 from 9-6 and Friday, 4/13 from 9-3  
Sunday, 4/15 from 9-3:30 and Monday, 4/16 from 9:30-5

Contact Marlene Hummel at 631-988-3484 / mskhummel@aol.com



## HJC SUMMER ADVENTURE



Our Exciting Summer Program is getting  
**Better & Better!!!**



*Our warm, loving, energetic and experienced staff is here to  
give your child an amazing and totally age appropriate summer.*

**NEW Sports and Dance & Movement Specialists, Theme  
Days, Special Events, Character visits, Live Theater, Magic  
Shows, Disco Dance, Carnival days, the fun never ends!**

*Our daily activities include: Sports, Drama, Water Play,  
Music, Arts & Crafts, Nature, Dance and much more!*



**June 25th - August 17th 9:30-1:30**

**Discounts being offered now!**

**Flexible weeks and days**

**Early and late care available**

*For more information call*

**Ilene Brown, 631-425-0525, ibrown@hjcny.org**