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Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

A TASTE OF PASSOVER

Join Sisterhood, Men's Club and the ECC

THURSDAY, MARCH 15th @ 8PM

MATZAH FUND

Please consider donating to the Sisterhood Matzah Fund where monies will be distributed to those in need this Passover season.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PROGRAM

Join us on Shabbat morning, 3/17 A special Shabbat as we honor HJC JTS graduates D'var Torah given by a JTS Rabbinic student.

TODAH RABAH

Thank you to Karann Pashkin and Cheryl Berman, our Mishloach Manot Co-chairs; and thank you to our Hamantashen Coordinators, Donna Fleiss and Evelyn Abraham - and to all those who baked and purchased hamantashen for family and friends! All the funds raised assist Sisterhood's wonderful programs.

SAVE THE DATE: SISTERHOOD SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Spend the next month or two cleaning out your closets...

> Drop off dates: April 12th & 13th Sale: April 15th & 16th

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

March 12th - Sisterhood Board Meeting - 8:00PM March 15th - A Taste of Passover - 7:30PM March 16th & 17th - Program with JTS student

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MARCH 2018 ADAR-NISAN 5778						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 /14 Adar	2/15 Adar Minyan Brkfst sponsored by Rabbi Saks - 8:00am	3 /16 Adar
				HIHI - 6:00pm		
				Purim	Shushan Purim	Ki Tisa
4/17 Adar	5 /18 Adar	6 /19 Adar	7 /20 Adar	8 /21 Adar	9 /22 Adar	10/23 Adar Jr Congregation 10:30am
RS/Purim Carnival		RS/MT/Chaverim	HIHI 6:00pm EC Meeting - 7:30pm		Bim Bam Shabbat 5:00pm	Progressive Dinner Vayakhel-Pekude Shabbat Parah
11/24 Adar JNN RS/Wrkshp/USY/Kadima Men's Club Mtg - 9:45am	12 /25 Adar	13/ _{26 Adar}	14 /27 Adar	15 /28 Adar	16 /29 Adar	17 /1 Nisan
	SH Board Mtg - 8:00pm	RS	Board Meeting - 8:00pm	SH Taste of Passover		Vayikra Shabbat Hachodesh Rosh Chodesh
18/2 Nisan JNN RS/Board Mtg/Workshop Israel Committee Brunch & Learn	19/ _{3 Nisan}	20/4 Nisan	21/ _{5 Nisan}	22 /6 Nisan	23/7 Nisan	24/8 Nisan Kaplan Bar Mitzvah Junior Cong. 10:30am
		ECC/RS Mixer - 4:30pm RS/MT/Chaverim Spring Begins	HIHI - 6:00pm			Tzav Shabbat Hagadol
25/9 Nisan	26 /10 Nisan	27 /11 Nisan	28 / _{12 Nisan}	29 / _{13 Nisan}	30/14 Nisan Slyyum-MC Sponsored	31 / _{15 Nisan}
RS/Model Seders/USY/ Kadima Ridotto - 4:00pm		ECC Model Seder - 12:15 RS			Breakfast ECC/Main Office Closed	
				Search for Chametz	First Passover Seder	Passover





From Rabbi Ari Saks



Build-Measure-Learn

In a previous article (Menschy Mashov, December 2017) I spoke about the value of feedback. If we want to improve at, to get better with, or to go deeper in any activity, we need the guidance of feedback to help us learn how to do that. We need each other's help to guide us in achieving our goals, whether that goal is personal, spiritual, or in-

terpersonal. I want us to be a community that thrives at feedback, both in how we give menschy feedback and in how we receive it.

There are many ways of sharing feedback. Some are qualitative, whether it's through official evaluations or one-on-one conversations, and others are quantitative, in which feedback helps us measure the progress of our activities. One way of incorporating devices to measure progress is called the Lean Startup Model. This model is used to help develop new programs (hence "startup") that are quickly evaluated for their effectiveness (hence, "lean"). This model has three steps: Build-Measure- Learn. First you build a product out of an idea, but instead of weighing the pros and cons, you simply try out the product. Immediately after you try out a product, you measure its effectiveness based off of certain criteria. Then you use those measuring tools to learn about your products efficiencies and deficiencies so that during the next iteration you can build a better product. In a successful Lean Startup Model, the Build-Measure-Learn cycle self-perpetuates as it consistently grows over time. It is my hope to incorporate this Lean Startup Model with many of our programs because of its emphasis on starting new programs quickly while using feedback tools to constantly improve them.

One area in which I've applied a version of the Lean Startup Model is with adult education. Many of you will remember the Midweek Manna program, a ten week learning experience in the Fall (ending at the end of December) covering a variety of topics with a diverse array of modalities, taught in a number of different places (see The History Behind Midweek Manna in November 2017 for more details). I built this program just to try out some adult education classes. There was no set curriculum, rather there were topics I liked that I thought would interest people. Then after the program ended I created a survey to measure some (but not all) aspects of the program that people could fill out over the month of January. In particular I measured the kinds of topics offered and the time of the week they should be offered. Here's some raw data from the survey:

• A strong response rate of 62 members of our community who are interested in adult learning, 41% (25 people) who could not attend or did not hear about the Midweek Manna program;

- The combined numbers for morning (24), afternoon (28), and evening (24) made Thursday the best day available to teach;
- Though few are interested in coming to learn on Saturday before shul starts (7 for 11%), more than 2 in 5 (25 for 41%) said they'd be interesting in learning programs after kiddush;
- Thetop4categories for continued learning were Jewish Thought (51 for 85%), Jewish Spirituality (42 for 70%), Social Justice & Tikun Olam (36 for 60%), and American Judaism (34 for 57%).
- The lowest 2 categories for continued learning were Hebrew (14 for 23%) and Jewish Parenting (15 for 25%).

In order to turn these measuring points into tools for learning, I formed an ad-hoc group of people in our community to help analyze the data, and in our conversation we came up with a few theories that we hope to test out in the next iteration of adult learning:

- Theory #1: The high results of Jewish spirituality and Jewish thought mean that many people want something that touches on spiritual ideas (i.e. Jewish "spirituality") but doesn't require a lot of skills to unpack Jewish text. Instead, people would like to read about scholars and rabbis who have already thought about these ideas (i.e. Jewish "thought");
- Theory #2: The ideas for particular classes that germinated in our group reflect our feeling that people want programs that make Judaism relevant and applicable to the lives of our members as opposed to Jewish learning simply for its own sake;
- Theory #3: Just because there are a few results for topics like Hebrew or Jewish parenting, it doesn't mean that there aren't people interested, so perhaps there are other ways we could engage people on those topics;
- **Theory #4:** People might be interested in a once a month program on Shabbat mornings after kiddush.

By using the Lean Startup Model (Build-Measure-Learn) we now have the opportunity to build a new model to test these theories, including classes that repeat on Thursdays to give as many people as possible an opportunity to learn a particular subject, sessions designed for applying Judaism to our lives to be compared with sessions on building Jewish literacy, plus opportunities for small group study to be spearheaded by Lesley Stark, and some Saturday after-kiddush learning. This program is in the process of being built over February and the early part of March so you should see advertisements for it near Purim.

As we begin this second iteration of Adult Education learning at HJC through the Lean Startup Model of Build-Measure-Learn, let us commit to a process in which feedback helps our programs grow to achieve our synagogue's mission of using Jewish wisdom to approach, engage, and nurture one another.

From Hazzan Israel Gordan



The Power of People

When people live, work, or choose to come together for a common interest, cause or pursuit, they can create community. But what makes our community so special and unique are the strengths of the people who make it up. We have an incredibly diverse group of people at the HJC for a suburban, Conservative synagogue. And not just the

diversity of age, socio-economic, and/or political differences that are represented, but also individual interests. As I stated in my last column, it can be very tricky to write about specific members for fear of alienating or upsetting others, but I want to use the space in my column this month to highlight a few of the member driven initiatives that I know about. I'm sure there are many more that I am not writing about here, so please, don't take this as an exhaustive list.

The first member who has started something on her own and grassroots in its nature is Dr. Eve Meltzer Krief. Eve is a pediatrician in Huntington (married to another physician) with two kids in the Harborfields School District. Eve founded LIICAH and according to their facebook page: "LIICAH, Long Island Inclusive Communities Against Hate is comprised of community members, faith leaders, educators and civic leaders who are concerned about the rise of hate across our country and in our own communities. We believe that regardless of our political leanings we must all stand together against hate; we believe that hate must never be politicized." Eve has brought together

concerned citizens, political leaders, clergy, educators, and others at meetings with speakers in an effort to educate and raise awareness about issues of hatred and intolerance in our community and the resources that already exist to help combat them. This is in addition to all of the other work she does and the beautiful chanting of Torah and Haftarah that Eve most recently displayed on Shabbat Shirah.

Another pair of individuals in our community who had an idea and ran with it is Mike Richter and Dori Herman. Mike currently sits on our Board of Trustees and Dori is an active parent in our Religious School. Both of them are swing dance enthusiasts and decided they wanted to host a swing dance event at the HJC. Through their hard work and determination, they organized the In The Mood Swing Event at HJC in January. It was not only a wonderful evening filled with food, excellent music, and dancing, but another example of bringing people together for fun while raising funds for the synagogue.

Finally, the last initiative that I wanted to highlight is the HJC Inclusion Committee. Miriam Eckstein-Koas was at another shul in the Fall when she learned about their Torah reading table that is able to be adjusted allowing members in wheel-chairs to access the Torah. This got her thinking about our own physical space and what limitations we have at HJC. On her own she applied to be a part of the USCJ/Ruderman Foundation cohort of inclusive communities. She assembled a committee and we are now actively working on addressing issues of inclusivity and accessibility as it relates to the different abilities and needs of our members.

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.

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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Schechter Day School available to babysit.

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President's Perspective by Vicki Perler

Heroes - Past and Present Children's Exhibit, Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Every period and every culture has its own heroes,

Who shine like jewels in a crown,

Because a hero is really a symbol,

A mirror reflecting what we ourselves would like to be.

He's the essence of all our wishes:

To conquer our fears,

To triumph over evil,

To do mighty deeds,

And sometimes to simply reach home safe and sound.

In this exhibition there are many different kinds of heroes:

Ancient heroes and modern heroes,

Humble heroes and great heroes,

Real heroes and imaginary heroes,

Children's heroes and parents' heroes.

But let us remember this:

Each heroic struggle and heroic pose,

Every hero's adventure and every victory,

Teach us a lesson about heroes and about ourselves.



Purim, like many of our holidays, is a timeless story filled with heroes and villains. Heroes and villains are the central theme in most stories, books, movies, TV shows, museum exhibits, and popular culture. It's so pervasive that it has been the subject of hundreds of parenting columns. Our job as parents and grandparents is to harness this ubiquitous concept in a way that guides our children into mature,

loving and caring adults. Who are our heroes? Heroes are symbols with attributes to which we aspire. As adults, our choice of heroes can teach a lesson about ourselves. Dressing up in costumes as a favorite hero or villain makes the concept of "good guys and bad guys" more tangible, and it stimulates thoughtful conversations among parents and their children.

It is wise to use our rich Jewish history and tradition to give children healthy role models from whom they can learn about strength and wisdom. But heroes are also found closer to homeneighbors, friends, and members of our own families and Huntington Jewish Center families. Many years ago, my fifth-grade son was asked to write about a hero he admired. How wonderful that he chose his Zayde! The important people in our lives often display strength, courage and compassion, and they are the

perfect examples for our children to emulate. As every parent knows, children imitate what they see and hear. They naturally look for examples to follow. It makes a very big difference when parents and teachers make efforts to point out actions that merit honor and familiar individuals who deserve to be admired.

Most heroes are not men and women of note. They live close to us and perform deeds that are noticed by just a few. They come from all walks of life - boys and girls, mothers and fathers, men and women, teachers and other community helpers, and neighbors who lend helping hands. We admire them because they've shown laudable examples of compassion, by persevering through struggle, or by making a commitment to do what is right. The men, women and teenagers who rise to be leaders at HJC are heroes of the Jewish community who are making a commitment to promote Jewish continuity. Our children surely notice, as do the adults around us, and our actions work toward securing a Jewish future.

There are so many ways to become a hero of our HJC community. You can join or chair a committee, bring a new idea and form a committee or an event, use your unique talents to enhance our mission, work behind the scenes, participate in services and more. The Huntington Jewish Center community wants and needs your help. The examples you set for others "Teach us a lesson about heroes and about ourselves."

~People of the Book / Ben Tasman Library~

The HJC Ben Tasman Library continues to grow and enhance the space at the Huntington Jewish Center. New books have made a wonderful addition, particularly in our fiction section. A copy of the New Yorker with one particular article referenced of a discussion of father and son relationships is currently available and is for reading in the library, and I hope men of the congregation will find it especially meaningful and perhaps comment on it. If you are looking for something in particular and find we do not have it, please let me know and we will look into purchasing if it is warranted. A paper catalogue will soon be available which will make it easy to browse the collection from a comfortable chair.

We are advancing technologically as well and will soon be sending reminders about books you may have checked out for your reference or reading pleasure which may still be "around the house." We will simply email a gentle reminder.

We would be happy to add new members to our committee and hope if you have some interest, you will contact me or other members of the committee.

~Happy Reading!~ Syd Schlesinger, Library Chair

Early Childhood News Ilene Brown, Director of Early Childhood Education



Random Acts of Kindness

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

In January we kicked off the fourth annual Random Acts of Kindness event. This event commences around the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and ends with a big finale in May. We always begin talking about acts of kindness in-

cluding sharing toys, comforting a friend who is sad, and other kind behaviors. In addition, we ask the parents to serve as role models for their children and perform random acts. Some of these acts of kindness include bringing up a neighbor's garbage pail or paying for the car behind you as you purchase food from the drive thru window. Whenever a child, parent, teacher, etc. perform an act of kindness, their act is documented on a heart and proudly displayed on our "kindness tree" in the hall.

We also want to spread kindness in our community. In order to do so, each age group in our school is facilitating their community act of kindness. The toddler classes are joining forces and collecting pet supplies for the Little Shelter in Huntington. The 3 year old classes are baking brownies and writing thank you notes to 8 local fire houses to thank our fire people for helping our community. The 4 year old classes have been collecting socks and coats for the Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington. All of these donations will be hand delivered

by the children, parents, and teachers from the ECC. It is our hope that through character education and random acts of kindness we can create a kinder community and world.























Religious School Maxine Fisher, Administrator



March Events

This year we are doing things a little backwards. Usually the Purim Carnival (a fundraiser for our Youth Group) is the weekend before Purim. Since Winter vacation is the week before Purim, we will have it on Sunday, March 4th from 11:00 - 1:00. I assure you it will be just as much fun! Please bring your children in costume. There are prizes, food and fun!!

Our Hey Class, thanks to our HJC Men's Club, made their own

teffillim. The sets were purchased by Men's Club from the Federation of Men's Clubs. The Hey students learned how to wrap them at the World Wide Wrap.

Rabbi Saks also showed our Gan and Alef students how to wrap teffillim.

Some other March dates to remember: Saturday, March 10th - Junior Congregation Sunday, March 11th - Mitzvah Team Family Workshop Derek Eretz

Sunday, March 11th - Vav workshop with Dr. Cindy Dolgin

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.

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

Hooray for Hamantashen!

Sisterhood's Z'havah Pizza and Purim event held on Sunday, February 11th was a huge success. Thank you to all who joined in the fun! Many thanks to Cantor Gordan for leading us in Hamantashen songs and to our Sisterhood volunteers!

















View From The Director's Chair by Barbara Axmacher



"Building" - Our Future

Over the past several years, we have had many important priorities – a rabbinic transition, solidifying our financial situation, putting a new security system in place, growing our ECC and increasing our membership. We have had great success in all of these areas! The time has come for us to turn our full attention to our physical home.

In the late nineteenth century, services were held in the homes of the few Jewish families who lived in the Town of Huntington. In 1906, a small group of Jews organized the "Brotherhood of Jewish Men in Huntington", and in 1907, the group incorporated as the Huntington Hebrew Congregation. Today, we remain the oldest conservative synagogue in Huntington. Over the years we have had several physical locations but 510 Park Avenue is our permanent home; a place that has enabled us to deepen our communal connections, has facilitated the growth of our community in many different ways, and has made it possible for us to play a more significant role in the broader Huntington community.

We may not often think of it but the building is one of our most valuable resources - one we must attend to with the same care we bring to supporting each other. HJC is a congregation of vision and values; we strive to be warm, inclusive and nurturing. Ensuring our building remains a beautiful, sacred space will brightly serve as a reflection of our community's vision.

We continue to put efforts in place to secure our physical sustainability; the Rabbi Neil Kurshan Legacy Fund which provides for improvements to maintain and increase the aesthetics

and functionality of the building, our recent acceptance into the USCJ's Ruderman Jewish Inclusion Project which will, in part, guide us to making our facility more accessible to people with disabilities and, of course, our day-to-day monitoring of the building to identify and address structural repairs to ensure the general health and well-being of our building over time. But these efforts take a village.

Open the front page of our Bulletin and you will see HJC has 39 distinct committees from Beautification to Youth. We have a Legacy Committee and an Inclusion Committee with anywhere from a half dozen to a dozen or more members. We also have a House Committee . . . of ONE, comprised of board member Mary Rosenthal.

The continued upgrade and improvement of the building is an on-going project which, in truth, will never be "completed". This space, as with each and every one of us, is a work in progress. But it requires the involvement of more than any one person to identify, assess, plan, fund and implement the many projects the building needs to sustain itself to its greatest level possible. As building related issues are often multi-faceted, a well-rounded, multi-faceted committee is required to best mirror the myriad of needs our facility requires. Our sacred home is everything; it keeps us safe, warm and offers us respite like nowhere else. We need a committed, talented group of volunteers to commit to a guardianship effort and shepherd the process of setting communal priorities for our many needed building projects. This is a call to action. We welcome your participation; all skill levels and skill sets needed!

Commitment and hard work lay the foundation for great results. Join the HJC House Committee and let us extend our mission of community building, inclusive spirituality, and social justice for many decades to come.



This Month in American Jewish History

Gomez Mill House, Home of Luis Moses Gomez The Oldest Standing Jewish Dwelling in North America

On March 28, 1709, Luis Gomez was one of several fellow merchants who purchased the estate property after the death of Jewish merchant Jacob Bueno De Mesquita. Bueno was an interesting character, who may have been born a Basque, perhaps moved to Amsterdam, might

have joined the Portuguese Jewish community and turned up in New York around 1680. Soon after, he purchased 2600 square feet of land for a cemetery that may have become the first section of the historic Sherith Israel Cemetery in lower Manhattan.

Luis Moses Gomez's home, just north of Newburgh, is the oldest standing Jewish dwelling in North America. Born in 1654 in Spain, his grandfather, Gomez de Salazar, was Comptroller of the Treasury for King Philip IV, and

his father also advised the Spanish crown. The family was so essential to Philip that he protected them from the raging Inquisition for many years. Luis' father and the King understood that it couldn't last forever, because the Grand Inquisitor knew about and opposed the arrangement. They set up a code phrase that the King would speak when he could no longer assure the safety of the Gomez family. When Philip said to Luis' father, "The onions are beginning to smell," he immediately fled Spain with his family. They went first to France, eventually ending up in London. In England, Luis' father rebuilt his merchant business and became an essential financial advisor to Queen Anne of England. Son Luis worked for his father and expanded the business to the trans-Atlantic trade in sugar, cocoa and spices. He eventually moved to Barbados and Jamaica to run the operation and was successful and wealthy by the time he showed up in New York in the late 1690s.

The close connection between the Gomez family and the English Crown paid off when Queen Anne granted Luis Gomez an Act of Denization in 1705. Acts of Denization were similar to naturalization today, except that they were rare and reserved for persons who could not otherwise become full citizens of England, such as Jews. With the denization, Gomez could conduct business in the English colonies and own real property, without swearing allegiance to the Crown in the name of the Church of England, but could not vote, hold office, nor participate in certain other activities.

In New York, Gomez grew wealthy as a trader, merchant, speculator and ship-owner. In the second decade of the 18th century, he set his sights on the wild lands in and around what is now Orange County,



NY. Most traders sailed past these dark forests on their way up the Hudson River to Fort Orange (today's Albany). They were afraid to venture from their river boats, because just north of today's Newburgh, from the river, a large natural feature on the shore appeared to be a threatening Indian vision. It was made even more fearful by the fires and wild dances of the Indians at the shore. Gomez, see-

ing an opportunity and not frightened by ghost stories, went ashore and began to trade with the Algonquin Delaware Indians for furs and lumber, making a fortune. By 1714, he had purchased some 6000 acres of land, and within a few years owned most of what is now Or-

ange and Ulster Counties, including the City of Newburgh. He was a true pioneer in that wild frontier. It was a dangerous place, and he built a combination home and trading post on "Jews Creek," near Marlboro, between the Hudson River and the trail that led north to Fort Orange (today's Route 9W). From there he and his son Daniel conducted a very successful trading business between the Indians, local settlers and river boats for 30 years. He had a home in New York inside the Wall, and

the Gomez family is mentioned in many NYC records, including as major donors to Trinity Church for their first steeple. He was the largest financial backer for the construction of America's first synagogue – the Mill Street Synagogue.

The Gomez Mill House was first a thick-walled, one story, fieldstone blockhouse, designed and built by Luis and Daniel to protect themselves and their workers from marauding Indians, river pirates and settler thugs. Later, Dutch-American owner Wolfert Acker added a second floor and made it his home. He lived there while he was an officer in the New Marlborough Company of Minute Men, who protected George Washington when he was camped in the area. Subsequent owners wisely preserved the home and the nearby mill. In the 20th

century, many descendants of Luis Moses Gomez pooled their collective heirlooms, including the original Act of Denization signed by Queen Anne, and many other fabulous household items and early American Judaica. They created the Gomez Foundation for the Mill House



and purchased the site. The current Foundation Board includes many direct descendants of Luis. Today, it is open to the public as an incredible window into American and Jewish American history, and it will capture your imagination and heart. The museum serves as the centerpiece of a wonderful education program for local and distant schools, and class visits are part of the curriculum of Newburgh public schools and many nearby districts. This very special gem is easily accessible from Long Island. It's located about 5 miles north of Newburgh, on a little old road off Route 9W. Driving north, as you pass the Mill Creek Golf course, pay attention to the right side of the road, and don't blink. There is a familiar blue and white marker sign where you must turn. Proceed slowly down the hill, into the thick forest, and you will soon arrive in the world of early 18th century NY. The entire experience is immersive and uplifting. The site is closed during the winter and reopens in April. The best time to visit is, of course, when there are no tour groups or during other slow times. When we stumbled on the place by accident, there was no one else there, and we had a private tour and lecture. Make sure to view the film that is shown.

Spotlight On...

Roz Gordon

Roz Gordon is one of the longest serving members of HJC. Having joined in 1953, she recalls our building being on Nassau Street, and the congregation being led by Rabbi Saul Roth. Through the years Roz has experienced the congregation's move to its current location, and has seen our building renovation in which her late husband, Harvey Gordon, was heavily involved. She has known the rabbis who have led HJC in the past 65 years, and has a special appreciation for Rabbi Neil Kurshan.

Roz was born in Hudson, NY; had six brothers and recalls that her mother was a wonderful cook. Her family was loving and caring, as was her extended family. To this day she enjoys her connection with her larger extended family with big annual reunions. At the age of eight, Roz's family moved to Bridgeport, CT. She attended college there, and recalls that college social life was limited because the men were serving in the armed forces during WWII. After college, she enrolled in the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing, at a time when few Jewish women had nursing careers. Her career as a nurse led to service to the community in many ways: hospital patient care, mentoring and teaching other nurses, school nursing, and serving on the boards of Gurwin, Huntington Hospital, and North Shore LIJ for many years.

Roz met Harvey Gordon through an introduction by her brother Ralph Cooper. Roz and Harvey married in 1947. Harvey was an accountant and then real estate developer, who was passionate about his work. Harvey served on the board of HJC, sharing his business acumen and experience. He saw his personal involvement with various construction projects as a strong commitment



to the synagogue that has always been there for us.

Roz and Harvey's son, Donald, was born in 1948, then Robert in 1951, and Lisa in 1955. They joined HJC when Donald was 5. Their children attended religious school and became bar and bat mitzvah at HJC.

When Donald tragically died in an accident in 1972, the Gordons established the HJC Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship fund in his memory. The fund is for high school students to travel to Israel during the summer. Roz has served to evalu-

ate applicants for this scholarship since its inception.

Before his passing in 1998, Harvey and Roz contributed property in Plandome and Plandome Manor to help fund HJC's major building renovation.

Roz has continued to make a life for herself. She enjoys bridge and became a Life Master player in 1972. She was introduced to another bridge player, Harvey Fader, a few years after her husband's passing. Roz and Harvey Fader eventually became supportive and caring companions for 17 years. He loved studying on Monday mornings with Lester Fox and his group. Harvey's recent accident and passing has been a painful loss at this time in Roz's life.

Roz has strong feelings of attachment to HJC, and has demonstrated that with her generosity through the years. She expressed that "what we have given in no way compensates for what we have received in return."

Compiled by Roz Gordon and Elaine Kleinmann 1/25/18

Sisterhood of the Huntington Jewish Center

510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

Matzah Fund

Dear Congregant,

For each of us, Passover is a holiday overflowing with memories – seders with our grandparents, relatives and friends; asking the four questions for the first time; a first seder with a new husband or wife; or the first time a loved one was not present. Happy memories and sad merge together at one time as we gather around the seder table during this special Jewish holiday.

The needy in our community also have Passover memories. By supplying them with essentials to celebrate this holiday, their special memories, like our own, will be accompanied by the warmth and beauty of the Passover Seder.

Please be part of this mitzvah, especially this year, by contributing to Sisterhood's Annual Matzah Fund Appeal. Your check can be made payable to the Huntington Jewish Center Sisterhood, sent or delivered to my attention in the synagogue office or payment can be made online at www.HJCNY.org – click on Quick Donate and specify Matzah Fund as Passover is right around the corner, Please send in your contribution as soon as possible.

All of us in Sisterhood thank you for your generosity and concern and wish you and your family good health and happiness in this Pesach season. Sincerely, Joni Brenner, V.P. - Cooperative and Community Service

R Taste of Passover

Thursday, March 15th at 8:00 PM

HJC Sisterhood, Men's Club, and ECC invite you to
Experience new flavors, Remember old ones.
Cooking Demonstrations, Tastings, and Recipes
Try different varieties of wine, matzah, charoset, gefilte fish,
desserts and more!

Open to All! Bring your friends!

Please RSVP to

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The sessions are participatory, using Jewish spiritual wisdom and secular texts to bear on topics including: exploration of this stage of life, re-discovering our authentic selves, cultivating nourishing relationships, interdependency of adult children and aging parents, forgiveness and reconciliation, living with loss, and cultivating gratitude, patience, joy, and equanimity. Confidentiality is observed.

For more information, contact Elaine Kleinmann Elainek@optonline.net

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 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 out-lining his vision for Judaism and Jewish life today.

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

Donations

GENERAL FUND

The Fleiss family in memory of Michele Fleiss at yahrzeit. Donna & Ed Fleiss in memory of Loretta Nadler at yahrzeit. Stacey & Donald Novick in memory of Charlotte Harris at yahrzeit.

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The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

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Leslie & Jack Rubin in memory of Ken Blume,

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Robin & Ron Myers in memory of Howard & Eileen Danzig, parents of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Rissa Walsdorf in memory of Isabel Winters at yahrzeit.

David & Louis Walsdorf in memory of Jennie Silverstein at yahrzeit.

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Ethel Schwartz Bock in memory of Rose Lena Schwartz at yahrzeit.

Randi & Alan Schuller in memory of Howard Danzig,

father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Kathy Brookhart in memory of Philip Yablonka at yahrzeit.

Vered & Jack Cole in memory of Howard Danzig,

father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Joan Blank in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Debbie & Arnie Stillman in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Michael Fishelson in memory of Ralph Fishelson at yahrzeit. Michael Fishelson in memory of Leatrice Fishelson at yahrzeit.

Karen Herrmann-Fishelson in memory of Martin Herrmann at vahrzeit.

Karen Herrmann-Fishelson in memory of Julius Lauchheimer at vahrzeit.

The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Miriam Orloff, mother of Alan Orloff.

David Schoenfarber in memory of Bertel Robbins at yahrzeit. Arlene Boshnack in memory of Leonard Borger at yahrzeit. Carol & Irv Taub wishing a wonderful retirement to Rabbi Neil & Alisa Kurshan.

Joanne Cohn in memory of Harry Mulberg at yahrzeit. Peter Cohn in memory of Carol Cohn at yahrzeit.

Dale & Phil Mintz in memory of Sandra Fruhling at vahrzeit.

Arnold Schwartz, Victoria & Daniel in memory of Daniel Schwartz at vahrzeit.

Arnold Schwartz, Victoria & Daniel in memory of Rosalyn Schwartz at yahrzeit.

Joseph Glassman in memory of Selma Glassman at yahrzeit. Yolanda Barfus in memory of Marie Palumbo at vahrzeit.

Ian Winkler in memory of Roslyn Winkler at yahrzeit.

Liz & Steve Holbreich in memory of Laurie Wolberg at yahrzeit. Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Caleb,

son on Alon & Amal Kapen.

Gloria Safran in memory of Kenneth Greenberg at vahrzeit. Elliott Waldman in memory of Allen Waldman at yahrzeit.

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mother of Susan Jouard. Richard Klee in memory of Miriam Klee at yahrzeit. Patricia & Dan Schoeffler in memory of Jules Haskel, father of Carol Solomon.

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The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Minna Spielman, mother of Marty Spielman.

The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Frances Borger, mother of Arlene Boshnack.

The HJC Board of Trustees welcomes Phyllis Goldstein and Howard Horowitz of Melville.

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Joan Blank in memory of Alexander Blank at yahrzeit.

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Syd Schlesinger in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Miriam Eckstein-Koas in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Miriam & Joel Wirchin wishing a speedy recovery to Judy Leopold.

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of Miriam Orloff, mother of Alan Orloff.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Ethel Sachs in memory of Miriam Orloff, mother of Alan Orloff. Barbara & Joel Kuppersmith in memory of Miriam Orloff, mother of Alan Orloff.

DAILY MINYAN FUND continued

Phyllis & Andy Levy in memory of Miriam Orloff, mother of Alan Orloff.

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Bea Pedowicz in memory of Ely Rencoff at yahrzeit.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Judy & Lester Fox in memory of Jules Haskel, father of Carol Solomon.

Judy & Lester Fox wishing a speedy recovery to Maxine Fisher.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the marriage of Kay,

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Judy & Lester Fox in memory of Howard Danzig,

father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

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DONALD L. GORDON ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Ellen & Jay Steinberg

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Sy Schpoont in memory of Miriam Orloff, mother of Alan Orloff at yahrzeit.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ethel Sachs in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Marjorie Maltin in memory of Joseph Solomon at yahrzeit.

Susi Susskind in memory of Howard Danzig,

father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Robert A. Gordon in memory of Harvey Gordon at yahrzeit.

RABBI'S HOSPITALITY FUND

Johanna & Ari Perler in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

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Vicki & Tom Rosen in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of the marriage of Kay, daughter of Gail & Jim Lodge, to Eric Isaacs.

Ethel Sachs wishing a speedy recovery to Maxine Fisher.

Lori Sklar in memory of Blanche Sklar at yahrzeit.

Andrea Smoller in memory of Jules Haskel,

father of Carol Solomon.

Andrea Smoller in memory of Howard Danzig,

father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Phyllis & Andy Levy in honor of the engagement of Jonathan, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg, to Blair Chizner.

Vicki & Tom Rosen in memory of Miriam Orloff, mother of Alan Orloff.

Marilyn & David Klein wishing a speedy recovery to Eileen Berger.

Marilyn & David Klein wishing a speedy recovery to Maxine Fisher.

Marilyn & David Klein wishing a speedy recovery to Amy Sobin.

Marilyn & David Klein in memory of Howard Danzig, father of Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig.

Roz & Marty Spielman in memory of Adolph Spielman at yahrzeit.

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Ethel Sachs in memory of Eileen Berman, mother of Susan Jouard.

Ethel Sachs in memory of Minna Spielman, mother of Marty Spielman.

Ethel Sachs wishing a speedy recovery to Judy Leopold.

MAZAL TOV

Gail & Jim Lodge announce the marriage of their daughter, Kay, to Eric Isaacs.

CONDOLENCES

Allison Reiver & Robbin Danzig on the death of their father, Howard Danzig.

Alan Orloff on the death of his mother, Miriam Orloff.

Susan Jouard on the death of her mother, Eileen Berman.

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Arlene Boshnack on the death of her mother, Frances Borger.

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Phyllis Goldstein and Howard Horowitz of Melville.



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Dinner is Glatt Kosher. Men are requested to wear Yarmulkas and dress in Business attire.

HAMANTASHEN THANK YOU

With thanks for the many hours of hard work in the HJC baking hamantashen! Your dedication as volunteers helped to make this another successful Purim fundraiser!

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This year, HJC will once again be participating in the Family Service League program called HIHI. 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: Ellen Steinberg: ellen.steinberg728@gmail.com or Karen Flanzenbaum: kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com



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HJC's Theater Development Committee is excited to announce that we will produce a full-scale Broadway style production next year! Many of you remember our recent biennial run of shows, which concluded with the fabulous Kiss Me Kate. We can't announce the name of the new show yet, but we want you set aside the dates and participate. Ask anyone who has been in one of our shows – there is no better way to have fun, make friends, immerse yourself in theater and strut your talents. We are so excited that we can hardly contain ourselves. We will need actors, actresses, chorus members, musicians, producers, assistant producers, stage crew, set builders, costumers, prop directors, lighting and electrical directors, sound directors, concession staff, fundraisers, babysitters, ushers, and more. There is a role or job for everyone, adults and older children. The performances will be on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon on two consecutive weekends: March 2 &3 and March 9 & 10, 2019. Auditions will be in the autumn, with rehearsals beginning after winter break. The calendar is kind to us next year, because hell week will be the week after the February break. You will see more information as we continue to plan. If you have any questions, contact Arthur Perler, Chairman of Theater Development arthur@ milspecwire.com, or Maxine Fisher, Producer mirifish@aol.com.