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# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

## NEWS / COMMUNITY / CONNECTION

**An evening of fabulous food, friends and fun at the HJC Sisterhood Cookbook Launch Event**



Thank you to Phyllis Levy, Cookbook Chair and the Cookbook Committee for an evening of fabulous food, friends and fun at the HJC Sisterhood Cookbook Launch Event held on Thursday, May 10th. And, congratulations to Judy Schwager for winning the early recipe submission raffle. SEND YOUR RECIPES IN BY JUNE 29th by bringing to HJC office or email to [plevy1215@gmail.com](mailto:plevy1215@gmail.com)



# Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

## BQLI WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Women's League for Conservative Judaism will be sponsoring their 2018 Awards and Dinner Gala at Shelter Rock Jewish Center recognizing Vicki Rosen as well as other notable women from conservative synagogues in the Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island area.  
Mazal Tov, Vicki!

## SISTERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

## SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING and INSTALLATION

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Please join us!

## TODAH RABAH

A heartfelt thank you to the Sisterhood Board for your dedication and support all year!  
And, thank you to the Sisterhood general membership and HJC community for your support, volunteerism and attendance at our Sisterhood programs and fundraisers. This past year's events included our Paid-Up Membership Dinner, book discussions, Fall and Spring rummage sales, A Taste of Passover (co-sponsored with Men's Club and ECC), challah braiding, Mah Jongg, Rosh Chodesh programs, documentaries, a theater outing, JTS Shabbat, and our exciting Cookbook Launch event.  
The Collegian Committee sent holiday gifts to approximately 40 students for Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, and Purim. Sisterhood also sponsored the baking of hamentashen and distribution of Misloach Manot (Purim baskets) to the congregation and Gurwin residents, co-sponsored the Hanukkah Happening and candle lighting and offered two Z'havah events (Sukkah Decorating/Pizza and Purim) to continue a way for younger women to affiliate and gather within the synagogue community.  
Thank you again to all!  
And, another heartfelt thank you... personally from us, your co-presidents, who have been honored to serve the Sisterhood membership and HJC community for the past three years!

## JUDAICA SHOP OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND FOR YOUR HOLIDAY AND SIMCHA NEEDS

## HAPPY SUMMER!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7<sup>th</sup> – BQLI Woman of Achievement Dinner Gala  
June 15<sup>th</sup> - Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat 8pm  
June 18<sup>th</sup> - Sisterhood Board Meeting & Installation 7pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1/18 Sivan</b> Minyannaire of the Year 8:00am	<b>2/19 Sivan</b> Bar Mitzvah - Schueller  <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
<b>3/20 Sivan</b> JNN Celebrate Israel Parade NYC	<b>4/21 Sivan</b>	<b>5/22 Sivan</b>	<b>6/23 Sivan</b> Social Action Meeting 2:00 pm EC Meeting - 7:30pm	<b>7/24 Sivan</b> ECC Graduation	<b>8/25 Sivan</b> Last day of ECC Board Installation 8:00pm	<b>9/26 Sivan</b> Bar Mitzvah - Hepworth  <i>Shelach</i>
<b>10/27 Sivan</b> JNN MC Meeting - 9:45am	<b>11/28 Sivan</b> ECC "Scamp" thru 6/15	<b>12/29 Sivan</b>	<b>13/30 Sivan</b> Board Meeting - 8:00pm  <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	<b>14/1 Tammuz</b> Comedy Night Event 7:00pm  <i>Flag Day</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	<b>15/2 Tammuz</b> SH/MC Shabbat	<b>16/3 Tammuz</b>  <i>Korach</i>
<b>17/4 Tammuz</b> JNN	<b>18/5 Tammuz</b> SH Board Meeting/ Installation/Woman of Achievement	<b>19/6 Tammuz</b>	<b>20/7 Tammuz</b>	<b>21/8 Tammuz</b>  <i>Summer Begins</i>	<b>22/9 Tammuz</b>	<b>23/10 Tammuz</b>  <i>Chukat</i>
<b>24/11 Tammuz</b> JNN	<b>25/12 Tammuz</b> First Day Summer Adventure	<b>26/13 Tammuz</b>	<b>27/14 Tammuz</b>	<b>28/1 Tammuz</b>	<b>29/16 Tammuz</b>	<b>30/17 Tammuz</b>  <i>Balak</i>

Isn't this a great way to send your New Year wishes?

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**Please order online  
if you can!**

# From Rabbi Ari Saks



## ***Nothing Says Love Like Food***

*This is the transcript from the D'var Torah shared by Rabbi Saks at the "HJC Sisterhood Cookbook Kickoff Event" in May.*

*If you are interested in helping with the cookbook, contact Phyllis Levy at PLEVY1215@gmail.com*

Nothing says love like food. If you take one thing away from this D'var Torah on this delicious evening, it's

that: nothing says love like food. But you don't need me to tell you that because we all know it in our hearts or, to put it more tastefully, in our stomachs. Whether it's keepin' it old school with a mock chopped liver or rockin' an alternative style with a chick pea cake with cauliflower zaatar topping, the sensation we experience when eating here tonight can be described as nothing else other than the warmth and glow of love.

Think about the times in your youth when you bit into your mother's or your father's favorite dish. For me, it was my mom's challah. Perhaps it was the extra glaze or some added honey, or even that she took it out of the oven immediately prior to serving it. When I bit into those light and fluffy pieces, I could taste the love and care my mom had for my family and me. In retrospect, I pray that our reactions reciprocated those feelings for her.

I hope all of us here tonight have shared moments like these before, either as the feeder or the eater, especially with the different generations of our families. Yes, food is love passed on *l'dor vador*, from generation to generation. After all, how many generations

have some of these recipes been in your families? 2? 3? 5??? It's amazing how by sharing these ancient recipes, our loved ones become alive once more. And how amazing is it as well when new generations take the building blocks of their food legacy to innovate inspiring new delicacies that can be both hip and hallowed. That's what's so beautiful about this Sisterhood cookbook initiative and why tonight is so special because tonight we pay tribute to our legacy of traditional foods while being as current and original as possible to represent the way families are eating today. How special is tonight because tonight we are not only sharing food with one another, we are sharing the wisdom of love refracted through generations of Jewish women.

Speaking of wisdom, this wouldn't be a D'var Torah if I did not give you at least a little taste of wisdom from our ancient and relevant sages. So...for those who attend my "Great Thinkers, Key Ideas" adult education series on Thursdays, you will probably remember the thinker Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook, the first chief Ashkenazic rabbi of the State of Israel before it was declared a state. Do you remember his key idea that "love needs to be in the heart for everything"? Or in Hebrew "להיות מלאה בלב לכל" (ahavah tz'rikha lihyot m'leiah balev lakol)? Well, with a little creative translation, I think you can read this phrase as "love will be experienced when your stomach is full with all there is [to eat]." But we know this wisdom. We don't need an ancient or contemporary rabbi to tell us. We feel this love when we eat cake to celebrate a simcha; we embrace this love when we eat delicious meals sent to us by our friends and community in times of sadness; and we revel in this love when we share in the delicious joy that is food...together. We know there is an undeniable link between our hearts and our stomachs because nothing says love like food.

## **Sisterhood invites you to help in its Cookbook Project!**

**If you are interested in helping with the cookbook  
Contact: **Phyllis Levy** [plevy1215@gmail.com](mailto:plevy1215@gmail.com)**



# From Hazzan Israel Gordan



## *Get Out, Get Engaged, and Get Involved with Life*

Each year, it never fails to amaze me how busy things get before the end of the school year. As we count the days of the Omer upwards towards Shavuot and commemorating revelation at Sinai, so too does life seem to speed up as the temperature rises and more opportunities present themselves to get out, get engaged, and get involved with life. This year has certainly been no exception, and

I'd love to share some of the things that have been keeping me busy of late.

After Passover, we commemorated the annual Holocaust Day by hosting our community's Yom Hashoah observance, with members of Temple Beth El and Kehilath Shalom. It was Rabbi Saks's first experience with us and it was a great introduction to the wider Jewish community. One week later (as it is every year) was Yom Hazikaron and Yom HaAtzma'ut, where we celebrated Israel's 70th birthday. While we always commemorate these important dates in our religious school, our congregation held a festive Friday Night Live service and communal dinner that also included many Israeli elements: our religious school students singing Israeli songs and the watching of a video from the Kuloolam Project in Israel during the service.

The following week, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Leonard Bernstein I taught the rabbi's adult education series both in the morning and afternoon about the Jewish influences on Leonard Bernstein's life and work. We had a great attendance at both events and it was fun and interesting to learn about

Bernstein together. The week afterwards the Chai Club invited me to run a sing along event for Lag BaOmer with Dr. William Saperstein. We performed many Broadway classics and enjoyed each other's company. On Shabbat, we also had a Shabbaton for our Schechter families and had an impressive amount of participation from our Schechter students.

Just this past week (on May 7th to 8th), I was in Springfield, MA for the 10th annual International PJ Library Convention, my first time participating, which was great. Not only was I back in my hometown in the hotel across the street from where I had my high school's senior prom, but I was learning from and networking with PJ Professionals from across the country and around the world. Perhaps the highlight of the schedule for me was the keynote address from a Harvard Divinity School researcher about millennials and religious affiliation and engagement; a fascinating lecture on how young people find connection and meaning in today's world.

We're still looking forward to our religious school shabbatonim, both for 5th and 6th grades on Saturday morning, May 12th as well as the 3rd and 4th grades on Friday evening, May 18th. At the beginning of June we'll be celebrating two b'nai mitzvah in a row (both of whom will be reading their entire Torah portions in addition to everything else they will be doing), as well as my attending the annual Cantors Assembly Convention, this year being held in Florida.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who is busier than usual at this time of year and I'd love to hear what you're up to. Feel free to reach out when you get the chance and before everyone disappears for the summer!

### **Calling all babysitters!**

Please email your current information if you would like it to be included in the bulletin on a monthly basis.

Email your updated information to [hjcbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hjcbulletin@gmail.com).

Please include your current home and cell numbers.

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### **Consider Helping!**

**The Storytelling Project** is looking for people to do interviews of congregants. It is easy, fun and a great way to get to know fellow members of the HJC community. It is a low-level time commitment, and is very rewarding.

**All ages are welcome to participate.**

**For more information or to get involved, please contact:**

**Nancy Cooper: 516-356-7109**

**or**

**email: [nancyberlow@gmail.com](mailto:nancyberlow@gmail.com)**

### **Hospital, Rehab & Home Visits With Rabbi Saks**

Are you sick or recuperating from an illness? Would you like Rabbi Saks to visit you, a family member, or a friend (from the congregation) in the hospital, rehab center or at home? Rabbi will be available for visits on Wednesday mornings.

**Please contact Debbie in the Main Office by 3:00 pm on Tuesday if you would like to be visited the next day.**

# President's Perspective by Vicki Perler



## ***Kumi Ori Ki Vah Orekh***- Arise, shine for your light has dawned [Isaiah 60]

This verse, embroidered on the Parochet (ark curtain) in our main sanctuary, sends a powerful message to us every Shabbat in our light-filled sacred space. Light is a pervasive metaphor in Jewish tradition, and we chose the theme of light in our sanctuary to reflect all the beautiful images light symbolizes. In traditional Jewish symbolism, the light

of God and Torah nourishes each person and sustains the Jewish People. The artistic theme of the Parochet and six Torah covers is Light. The Parochet's colors wrap completely around each scroll to symbolize God's enveloping light in our world. The covers present: "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3); Robe of light (Psalm 104); Sunset (transitions between light and darkness carry a special significance within Jewish tradition); Light of Torah (Proverbs 6:23); "The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord" (Proverbs 20:27); "... and give you peace" (conclusion of the Priestly Blessing tells us that the light of God's face will grant us peace). Our illuminated sanctuary brings God's light to each of us, illuminates our connection to Torah, to our Jewish life, to our family, and to our synagogue community, and nourishes our hope that our lives would forever reflect that light.

In 1999, I was privileged to be the Chair of the Torah Beautification Project, which included commissioning and acquiring our beautiful Parochet and Torah covers. I never expected that almost twenty years later, I would be sitting on the Bima each week reflecting on the theme of light and how it provides spiritual and religious nourishment for our community. As I finish my first term as your president, I continue to be proud of the extraordinary community we have. With the many members of our synagogue who light up our lives with their talents every day, I am continually aware that we are all working together to achieve our highest goals and potential. My loving and encouraging family – Arthur, Jeremy and Andrea, Ari and Johanna, Elie and Lauren, Jacob, and my beautiful grandchildren, Shira, Orli, Lev, Rina, Valeria, and Mia – provide me with so much sunshine and splendor, and I am forever grateful to them for sharing this journey with me in such caring and loving ways.

I want to thank the leaders of our synagogue who serve with distinction and dedication to the principles that make our Huntington Jewish Center a place where we can be our best selves, raise our children and grandchildren, and provide for others in the ways of our Jewish tradition. There are so many to thank - "...those who unite to establish synagogues for prayer, and those who enter them to pray, and those who give funds for heat and light, and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread to the wayfarer and charity to the poor; and all who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of the community and the Land of Israel." (excerpted from "A prayer for those who serve the community," Siddur Sim Shalom).

So just who are our leaders? They are the talented men and women who volunteer to serve our community as our officers, trustees, committee chairpersons, program chairpersons, and members of each committee. They are also individuals who see a growing need in our community, research and present the topic, and focus their energy to start a new committee or program. One of the reasons HJC is so successful is because our programming and spiritual growth arises organically from our vibrant committee and program structure.

We will miss all those who have worked tirelessly for so many years on our Board of Trustees. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our retiring officers, Vice President Allison Reiver and Secretary Ellen Steinberg, and to our retiring members of the Board of Trustees, Scott Ingber and Alon Kapen. You have served our community with reverence and distinction, and we are grateful for your contributions and dedication. It is my pleasure to welcome our first term, newly elected trustees, David Kaplan, Ora Kriegstein, and Ginny Richman to the Board of Trustees, as well as our re-elected trustees, Shari Feibel, Sandy Riefberg, and Ellen Steinberg. And welcome to our new officers, Vice President Michael Richter and Secretary Leslie Hantverk, who have joined Dan Schoeffler, Brian Cooper, Donna Fleiss, and Jack Rubin on the Executive Committee, bringing their creative and diverse experiences to our synagogue leadership. Our respected and committed group of past presidents, who also serve as our Rabbinic Advisory Council, continue to provide wisdom, thoughtful advice, and loving encouragement. I feel so blessed to be part of this incredible leadership team of remarkable individuals.

Without our amazing staff that works diligently to support our mission and operations, we would not be able to accomplish our goals and dreams for the future. Thank you to Rabbi Ari Saks, Cantor Israel Gordan, Barbara Axmacher, Ilene Brown, Maxine Fisher, Debbie Rosenkrantz, Irma Mile, our talented and dedicated teachers, school administrative assistants and custodians. Each one of you has added so much to the Huntington Jewish Center family this year, and I am very grateful for your support, commitment, and enthusiastic work.

I hope you will join me as we thank our outgoing leaders and install our new officers and trustees on Friday evening, June 8 at 8:00 PM. Your presence at our Installation Shabbat Service is a great way to show your continued support and gratitude to our leadership, so that, together, we can continue to help illuminate our Huntington Jewish Center community in more ambitious ways.

May each of you and your families be blessed with a restful, peaceful, healthy, and light-filled summer.

Warmly,  
Vicki



## ***With Gratitude***

***"With gratitude for all that you do to help our children grow to become their best selves"***

~The ECC Parent Association 2017-2018~

Early Childhood Teacher—there's a title that encompasses more descriptions and responsibilities than one can imagine. Unless you have walked in the shoes of an early childhood educator, you will never know! While

early childhood education is NOT a lucrative field (that's an understatement), it perhaps has the greatest responsibilities of any other field of education. In fact, more than 80% of a child's brain is developed by 3 years of age. Please allow me to try to paint a picture of a day in the life of a teacher in the ECC. It starts off when you arrive an hour or more before you have to be there to sanitize, clean, and set up your classroom. When the children arrive, the teacher must conduct a "health check" to insure they are healthy and ready for school, greet the child, document the time that the child enters the classroom and then talk to every parent as they drop their child off for the day. Now the teachers are 100% responsible and accountable for the children's safety, socialization, language development, academics, and engagement. Daunting, isn't it? Throughout the day the teachers are helping the children to socialize in a kind and positive manner, while teaching them how to solve problems peacefully and independently. They are teaching them about sharing, taking turns, strengthening their hand muscles so that they can hold a writing instrument correctly, teaching them how to sit peacefully on the rug or at tables with up to 15 other children. They are juggling hand washing, snack prep, initiating, playing/learning, sweeping and wiping 100 messes that occur during the day, answering hundreds of questions and concerns that are fired at them by the children, hopping over blocks and trucks to comfort a child who may be distressed, wiping noses, teaching the children about kindness for others and the world they live in, taking photos of the children in action to document their growth, development, and learning. Wait! Did I mention the 5 step process of changing countless diapers or soiled clothes after a toilet trained child has an "accident"? Then comes the lining up in the hall to transition to either the gym, playground, library, etc. The teachers must count the children at least 4 times during their travels to insure no one is missing and then has a child count their classmates too so that the counting skills are being reinforced. Imagine trying to gather twelve 2 year olds from point A to point B peacefully, safely, and happily! Throughout the day there are constant references to letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and math skills, creating and constructing, incorporating science, art, and posing open ended and thoughtful questions to stimulate and encourage higher level thinking skills. At dismissal the teachers greet all the parents to tell them all about their child's wonderful day. After successfully dismissing the last child to their caregiver or to another teacher for enrichment class, the teachers inevitably

talk at length to one or more of the parents to offer support and guidance. They are educating both the child and the parent as only early childhood educators can do. Finally, after sanitizing, cleaning, and organizing their classroom, they leave. Do you think their day is over yet? Nope! Now it is off to Staples, The Dollar Store, Michael's, Target, or the library to purchase more supplies they will need for their lessons. Then home to research and plan more lessons, and respond to emails from parents or myself.

And the Early Childhood Educators at HJC wouldn't trade their jobs for any other. It is so apparent that they love what they do. They love every child with all their heart and soul and are genuinely passionate about their careers at HJC. Their level of commitment, dedication, love, kindness, and patience is infinite. Because we have an equally dedicated and passionate Parent Association, the teachers were recognized on Teacher Appreciation Day. Several of the moms from our school organized the most beautiful and delicious breakfast on behalf of our teachers. The Family Life room was decorated with linen tablecloths, flowers, and gourmet food. They even prepared a slide show for the teachers featuring photos of the teachers with the children from the past year. They spoke to the teachers conveying their gratitude and appreciation. I am just blessed to be part of this amazing staff, profession, and community.



# Religious School *Maxine Fisher, Administrator*



## June News

It is hard to believe that another school year has come to an end!

I want to thank Felicia Messing, AJ Hepworth, Sheri Bram, Carol Frankenberg, Cari Schueller, Amal Kapen, Dawn Sosnick, Dori Herman, Lainie Seelig, Mark Richman, Rina Jaffe, Suzanne Hepworth and Cantor Gordan, our Religious School Committee, for being so committed to our children's Jewish education and being supportive of Cantor Gordan and myself. They are truly the backbone of our school. If you want to have a say in your child's Jewish education, join us next year.

I would also like to thank Rabbi Saks and Cantor Gordan for their support on all things concerning Religious School. They are always a big help.

To our teachers, Stacey Moss, Beverly Boxer, Hana Keshet, Margie Rothenberg, Susan Pataki, Fran Orelli and Paul Greenstein, thank you for being warm, sensitive and nurturing to our children!

After 10 years of teaching and nurturing our children, I am sad to say Margie Rothenberg will be leaving us for an administrators position at another synagogue. It is a great loss for us but a good move for Margie and we wish her the best of luck!

I also want to thank our administrative assistant Blair Billings who is the wheel that makes our school run.

It was a great year, the kids had fun and learned a lot.

For next year the Shinshinim are coming!! Shinshinim are Israeli High School graduates who defer the Army for a year and come and teach our children about Israel. We will have them for 2 hours a week. We are very excited about this program.

See you September 16th our first day of school but if you are around over the summer, stop in and say hello!

## Mitzvah Day



## Celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut



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



### 5778 - A Year Of Changes

While we happily welcome summer 2018, that means we must also say goodbye to another year at HJC. But before we officially wrap up our 2017 – 2018 calendar year, it's a great time to reflect on some of the many wonderful things that mark the ebb and flow of our synagogue life. With the passage of this time we see changes for our congregation; EC and

Board retirements and additions, another class of young ECC graduates, and another class of BBM embarking on their journey into adulthood. One of our most notable events was the (almost official) completion of Rabbi Saks' first year as our permanent rabbi. His presence, one of kind and calm, has made all of our days brighter. He, Rachel and the children have settled in to the harmonious cadence that is HJC. We also welcomed Vicki Perler as our new synagogue president who brought a vision of more Board involvement resulting in the formation of some amazing new committees; Bikur

Cholim, Inclusion, and an extended House Committee to name a few. The Storytelling Project produces heartwarming portraits of the members of our congregational family and the Lief Chapel beautification continues in earnest. Thanks to a new fundraising chair we have golfed and played softball together. And thanks to some fearless congregants who introduced several new successful event concepts; (mostly) *True Things* and *Swing Dance*. We enthusiastically continue an increased level of community involvement, new partnerships, and an active social media presence; all wonderful opportunities for HJC to increase our visibility and let our neighbors learn more about us and our beautiful way of practicing Judaism. We continue to open our doors to new members units, many of whom are rolling up their sleeves and diving right into life at HJC and the local organizations who rent space from us, renewing season after season due to the warmth and the inviting nature our building presents. As we enter into 2018 – 2019, the promise of continued growth in both our community and our spiritual development is so promising. We can all look forward together to a bright future - secured by the commitment of our congregation, love for our synagogue and respect for each other.

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# Milestones in American Jewish History

## The Story Behind Washington's Letter to the Hebrew Congregation

by Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr.

Back in 1789, the Constitution that we Americans today take for granted had still not been ratified by all of the states. Nor had the First Amendment to the Constitution—with its guarantees of religious freedom and separation of church and state—been adopted. George Washington, the first president under the Constitution, decided to tour all of the New England states that fall of 1789. (Today we might consider it a public relations trip.) But he didn't visit Rhode Island. Scholars believe that was because Rhode Island hadn't yet ratified the new Constitution.

In May 1790, Rhode Island finally ratified it and in June ratified the Bill of Rights, so after Congress adjourned in August president Washington decided he would pay Rhode Island a good-will visit. He took along with him Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, New York Governor George Clinton, Supreme Court Justice John Blair, Congressman William Loughton Smith of South Carolina and three members of his personal staff. They sailed from New York City (then the nation's capitol) in a small packet passenger boat to Newport, where the group spent the night of August 17, 1790 after receiving an effusive welcome.

The next morning, notables and officials of Newport and representatives from various religious groups had the honor of presenting letters of welcome to the president. Among them was the leader of the Jewish congregation, Moses Seixas, the last person to present a letter to Washington before he left for Providence.

Moses Seixas poured out his heart full of gratitude to George Washington for his leadership in the establishment of the new government. He expressed the hope that this new country would accord all of its citizens respect and tolerance, whatever their background and religious beliefs. Seixas's message moved the president.

Washington responded in writing a few days later, assuring the Hebrew Congregation that "every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." This was a biblical way of pledging that religious minorities would be safe in their homes and houses of worship. He also said this would be a nation that "gives to bigotry no sanction".

Beginning in 1789, George Washington wrote letters to various religious organizations in this country:

- On May 10, 1789 he wrote to the United Baptist churches in Virginia;
- That same month, he wrote to the General Assembly of Presbyterian churches;
- In September of 1789 he wrote to the annual meeting of the Quakers;
- In March, 1790 he wrote to the Roman Catholics;
- And in August of 1790, Washington sent his now famous letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport.

The tone of this last one was different from the other letters—it was declarative, assertive, and unusually crisp compared with Washington's ordinary style. It was a clarion call that has echoed through the centuries. Washington promised in his letter not just tolerance, but liberty of conscience no matter what one's religious beliefs, including none at all. He was paving the way for the First Amendment, which would be added to the Constitution on December 15, 1791.

### The first amendment as adopted in 1791:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

### Letter from the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island to President George Washington Aug. 17, 1790

Sir:

Permit the children of the Stock of Abraham to approach you with the most cordial affection and esteem for your person and merits—and to join with our fellow citizens in welcoming you to NewPort.

With pleasure we reflect on those days—those days of difficulty, and danger when the God of Israel, who delivered David from the peril of the sword,—shielded Your head in the day of battle:—and we rejoice to think, that the same Spirit, who rested in the Bosom of the greatly beloved Daniel enabling him to preside over the Provinces of the Babylonish Empire, rests and ever will rest upon you, enabling you to discharge the arduous duties of Chief Magistrate in these States.

Deprived as we heretofore have been of the invaluable rights of free Citizens, we now with a deep sense of gratitude to the Almighty disposer of all events behold a Government, erected by the Majesty of the People—a Government, which to bigotry gives no sanction, to persecution no assistance—but generously affording to All liberty of conscience, and immunities of Citizenship:—deeming every one, of whatever Nation, tongue, or language equal parts of the great governmental Machine:—This so ample and extensive Federal Union whose basis is Philanthropy, Mutual confidence and Public Virtue, we cannot but acknowledge to be the work of the Great God, who ruleth in the Armies of Heaven, and among the Inhabitants of the Earth, doing whatever seemeth him good.

For all these Blessings of civil and religious liberty which we enjoy under an equal and benign administration, we desire to send up our thanks to the angel who conducted our forefathers through the wilderness into the promised land, may graciously conduct you through all the difficulties and dangers of this mortal life:—And, when like Joshua full of days, and full of honour, you are gathered to your Fathers, may you be admitted into the Heavenly Paradise to partake of the water of life, and the tree of immortality.

Done and Signed by order of the Hebrew Congregation in NewPort Rhode Island august 17th 1790.

Moses Seixas Warden



### George Washington's Letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island Aug. 21, 1790

Gentlemen:

While I receive with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of affection and esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced on my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens.

The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet, from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security. If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just administration of a good government, to become a great and happy people.

The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy: a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection, should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration, and fervent wishes for my felicity. May the children of the Stock of Abraham who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and his own due time and way everlastingly happy.

G. Washington



# "There's No Business Like Show Business..."

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Performances will be on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon: March 2 & 3 and March 9 & 10, 2019.

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# Jewish Artists

## *Amedeo Clemente Modigliani*



Modigliani (12 July 1884 – 24 January 1920) was an Italian painter and sculptor who worked mainly in France. He is known for portraits and nudes in a modern style characterized by elongation of faces and figures that were not received well during his lifetime but later found acceptance.

Modigliani was born into a Sephardic Jewish family in Livorno, Italy. A port city, Livorno had long served as a refuge for those persecuted for their religion, and was home to a large Jewish community. His maternal great-great-grandfather, Solomon Garsin, had immigrated to Livorno in the 18th century as a refugee.

Modigliani's mother, Eugénie Garsin, born and raised in Marseille, was descended from an intellectual, scholarly family of Sephardic ancestry that for generations had lived along the Mediterranean coastline. Fluent in many languages, her ancestors were authorities on sacred Jewish texts and had founded a school of Talmudic studies. Family legend traced the family lineage to the 17th-century Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza. The family business was a credit agency with branches in Livorno, Marseille, Tunis, and London, though their fortunes ebbed and flowed.

Modigliani's father, Flaminio, was a member of an Italian Jewish family of successful businessmen and entrepreneurs.

A reversal in fortune occurred to this prosperous family in 1883. An economic downturn in the price of metal plunged the Modiglianis into bankruptcy. Ever resourceful, Modigliani's mother used her social contacts to establish a school and, along with her two sisters, made the school into a successful enterprise.

Modigliani spent his youth in Italy, where he studied the art of antiquity and the Renaissance. In 1906 he moved to Paris, where he came into contact with such artists as Pablo Picasso and Constantin Brâncuși. By 1912 Modigliani was exhibiting highly stylized sculptures with Cubists of the Section d'Or group at the Salon d'Automne.

During his early years in Paris, Modigliani worked at a furious pace. He was constantly sketching, making as many as a hundred drawings a day. However, many of his works were lost—destroyed by him as inferior, left behind in his frequent changes of address, or given to girlfriends who did not keep them.

During the 1920s, in the wake of Modigliani's career and spurred on by comments by André Salmon crediting hashish and absinthe with the genesis of Modigliani's style, many hopefuls tried to emulate his "success" by embarking on a path of substance abuse and bohemian excess.

Some art historians suggest that it is entirely possible that Modigliani would have achieved even greater artistic heights had he not been immured in, and destroyed by, his own self-indulgences.

He was first influenced by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, but around 1907 he became fascinated with the work of Paul Cézanne. Eventually he developed his own unique style, one that cannot be adequately categorized with those of other artists. Modigliani's œuvre includes paintings and drawings. From 1909 to 1914 he devoted himself mainly to sculpture. His main subject was portraits and full figures, both in the images and in the sculptures. Modigliani had little success while alive, but after his death achieved great popularity. He died at age 35 in Paris of tubercular meningitis.



**Dedie Hayden, 1918**

# Update from HJC Inclusion Committee

*by Miriam Eckstein-Koas*

The newly-formed Inclusion Committee has been hard at work, striving to find better ways to address the needs of HJC members of all abilities. You may have noticed the large-print siddurim outside the sanctuary—these are due to the efforts of the committee. We have crafted a mission statement, which reads as follows:

## **INCLUSION COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT:**

- to assess the policies, procedures, attitudes, and physical space of our synagogue as they relate to accessibility
- to raise awareness in our community regarding issues of disability and inclusion
- to ensure that everyone, including those with diverse types of abilities, can actively participate in all aspects of HJC congregational life

We do this based on the belief that every individual is created b'tzelem Elohim - in God's image (Genesis 1:27).

Over the course of the next several months you will probably notice further changes at HJC.

Members of the committee have been looking into the following:

- building's physical accessibility
- sound systems ("loops") for hearing impaired
- accommodation statements
- screening of disability-themed film at Cinema Arts Centre
- Torah table and bimah wheelchair accessibility
- Issues of mental illness and how best to address them
- Seating in sanctuary for those using wheelchairs and walkers

You should soon be receiving an online survey that will help us better address the needs of HJC members.

We are trying to identify barriers to full accessibility, so that everyone will feel welcome, comfortable, and able to participate at our various events and religious services.

**Thank you in advance for taking this survey, which will help our committee better understand the needs of individuals/families with disabilities, mental health challenges or other special needs. Your comments, insights and suggestions will guide us in our efforts to evolve into a truly inclusive HJC kehillah.**

## **When softball in the park turns into wiffleball in the social hall**



# Notable American Jews

## Louis Brandeis

Louis Dembitz Brandeis (November 13, 1856 – October 5, 1941) was an American lawyer and associate justice on the Supreme Court of the United States from 1916 to 1939. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, to Jewish immigrant parents from Bohemia (now in the Czech Republic), who raised him in a secular home. He attended Harvard Law School, graduating at the age of twenty with what is widely rumored as the highest grade average in the law school's history. Brandeis settled in Boston, where he founded a law firm (that is still in practice today as Nutter McClennen & Fish) and became a recognized lawyer through his work on progressive social causes.

Starting in 1890, he helped develop the “right to privacy” concept by writing a Harvard Law Review article of that title, and was thereby credited by legal scholar Roscoe Pound as having accomplished “nothing less than adding a chapter to our law”. He later published a book entitled *Other People's Money And How the Bankers Use It*, suggesting ways of curbing the power of large banks and money trusts. He fought against powerful corporations, monopolies, public corruption, and mass consumerism, all of which he felt were detrimental to American values and culture. He also became active in the Zionist movement, seeing it as a solution to antisemitism in Europe and Russia, while at the same time being a way to “revive the Jewish spirit.”

When his family's finances became secure, he began devoting most of his time to public causes and was later dubbed the “People's Lawyer.” He insisted on serving on cases without pay so that he would be free to address the wider issues involved. The Economist magazine calls him “A Robin Hood of the law.” Among his notable early cases were actions fighting railroad monopolies; defending workplace and labor laws; helping create the Federal Reserve System; and presenting ideas for the new Federal Trade Commission (FTC). He achieved recognition by submitting a case brief, later called the “Brandeis Brief,” which relied on expert testimony from people in other professions to support his case, thereby setting a new precedent in evidence presentation.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson nominated Brandeis to become a member of the Supreme Court. His nomination was bitterly contested, partly because, as Justice William O. Douglas wrote, “Brandeis was a militant crusader for social justice whoever his opponent might be. He was dangerous not only because of his brilliance, his arithmetic, his courage. He was dangerous because he was incorruptible... [and] the fears of the Establishment were greater because Brandeis was the first Jew to be named to the Court.” On June 1, 1916 he was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 47 to 22, to become one of the most famous and influential figures ever to serve on the high court. His opinions were, according to legal scholars, some of the “greatest defenses” of freedom of speech and the right to privacy ever written by a member of the Supreme Court.

Louis Dembitz Brandeis was born on November 13, 1856, in Louisville, Kentucky, the youngest of four children. His parents, Adolph Brandeis and Frederika Dembitz, both of whom were Ashkenazi Jews, immigrated to the United States from their childhood homes in Prague, Bohemia (then part of the Austrian Empire). They emigrated

as part of their extended families for both economic and political reasons. The Revolutions of 1848 had produced a series of political upheavals and the families, though politically liberal and sympathetic to the rebels, were shocked by the anti-Semitic riots that erupted in Prague while the rebels controlled it. In addition, the Habsburg Empire had imposed business taxes on Jews. Family elders sent Adolph Brandeis to America to observe and prepare for his family's possible emigration. He spent a few months in the Midwest and was impressed by the nation's institutions and by the tolerance among the people he met. He wrote home to his wife, “America's progress is the triumph of the rights of man.”



The Brandeis family chose to settle in Louisville partly because it was a prosperous river port. His earliest childhood was shaped by the American Civil War, which forced the family to seek safety temporarily in Indiana. The Brandeis family held abolitionist beliefs that angered their Louisville neighbors. Louis's father developed a grain-merchandising business. Worries about the U.S. economy took the family to Europe in 1872, but they returned in 1875.

The Brandeises were considered a “cultured family,” trying not to discuss business or money during dinner, preferring subjects related to history, politics, and culture, or their daily experiences. Having been raised partly on German culture, Louis read and appreciated the writings of Goethe and Schiller, and his favorite composers were Beethoven and Schumann.

In their religious beliefs, although his family was Jewish, only his extended family practiced a more conservative form of Judaism, while his parents practiced a more relaxed form. They celebrated the main Christian holidays along with most of their community, treating Christmas as a secular holiday. His parents raised their children to be “high-minded idealists” rather than depending solely on religion for their purpose and inspiration. In later years, his mother, Frederika, wrote of this period: I believe that only goodness and truth and conduct that is humane and self-sacrificing toward those who need us can bring God nearer to us ... I wanted to give my children the purest spirit and the highest ideals as to morals and love. God has blessed my endeavors.

Louis grew up in “a family enamored with books, music, and politics, perhaps best typified by his revered uncle, Lewis Dembitz, a refined, educated man who served as a delegate to the Republican convention in 1860 that nominated Abraham Lincoln for president.” In school, Louis was a serious student in languages and other basic courses and usually achieved top scores. Brandeis graduated from the Louisville Male High School at age 14 with the highest honors. When he was sixteen, the Louisville University of the Public Schools awarded him a gold medal for “excellence in all his studies.” Anticipating an economic downturn, Adolph Brandeis relocated the family to Europe in 1872. After a period spent traveling, Louis spent two years studying at the Annenschule (de) in Dresden, Saxony, where he excelled. He later credited his capacity for critical thinking and his desire to study law in the United States to his time there. Returning to the U.S. in 1875, Brandeis entered Harvard Law School.

## Israeli Cabaret celebrates Israel's 70th

We celebrated Israel's big 70th Independence Day with a sing-along evening featuring the multi-talented Ricky Pen. With wonderful Israeli food and spirited music, the Israeli Cabaret on Sunday evening April 22 was quite a success. Sponsored by the HJC Israel Committee, it was well attended by people from HJC and from a wide area of Long Island. Ricky created the spirit and did her magic with a variety of stringed instruments - guitar, zither, etc. - and had the crowd singing throughout. Several times during the evening, people spontaneously came forward for Israeli dancing. What an engaging, joyous, and festive celebration of Israel's 70th we had here at HJC!



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

## THE SYNAGOGUE NEVER SLEEPS

Beginning Shabbat morning, June 23, all services during the summer are held in the Lief Chapel (except when we daven under the stars on June 22 and July 27 for Cocktails & Kabbalat Shabbat).

Services begin at 8:00 pm on Friday night and 9:30 am on Shabbat morning. We especially appreciate help making the minyan on Friday nights during the summer. Services are more informal than during the rest of the year.

**Please join us during the summer.**

## COCKTAILS & KABBALAT SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS!

**Friday, June 22 and Friday, July 27**

Kick off your weekend with Kabbalat Shabbat and Cocktails!

We'll be meeting at 7:30 pm in the Family Life Center for drinks before Services Under the Stars in the back courtyard.

**Join us for this new twist on a classic HJC tradition.**

## TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Tisha B'Av services will be held on Saturday night, July 21 at 9:00 pm and on Sunday morning, July 22 at 9:00 am in the Lief Chapel. Members of the congregation will chant the Book of Eicha (Lamentations) by candlelight as we commemorate the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other tragic events in Jewish history. It is customary not to wear leather shoes and to wear comfortable clothes in order to sit on the floor.

Candles will be provided for those attending.

## HJC SHABBARBECUE SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, August 17th at 6pm. Join us for this fantastic way to celebrate summer! Enjoy a delicious BBQ with your family and HJC friends and stay for services at 8:00 pm afterwards. Pricing as follows: Pay your age up to 20 years old. Age 21 and over, \$21. Pricing capped at \$75 per family. RSVP before August 13 or pay \$4 more per person.

## 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 outlining his vision for Judaism and Jewish life today.

#### (5th Saturday of the month

##### Traditional HJC Torah Discussion)

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**Judy & Lester Fox** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Hametz, grandson of Linda Hametz.

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**Lisa Gordon Loozis & Matthew Loozis** in memory of Donald Gordon at yaahrzeit.

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Susi Susskind** in memory of Paula Marenberg, mother of Leslie Rubin.  
**Linda & Howard Novick** in memory of Dorothy Malkin at yaahrzeit.

## RABBI'S HOSPITALITY FUND

**Pam & Bruce Fleiss** in honor of Vicki Rosen being named HJC Sisterhood Woman of Achievement.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

**Yolanda Barfus** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Linda & Elliott Jonas** in honor of the birth of their grandson, Shai Alden Jonas.  
**Renee & Bill Saperstein** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**HJC Religious School** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Gwen & Ron Goldstein** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Joan Blank** in honor of the birth of Natalie Anne Saunders & Josephine Bess Fisher, granddaughters of Sarah & Jerry Saunders.  
**Debbie & David Stein** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

## SCHECHTER FUND

**Gwen & Ron Goldstein** in memory of Paula Marenberg, mother of Leslie Rubin.

## SOCIAL ACTION/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

**Susi Susskind** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Janet & Marty Kushnick** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Jill & Arnie Sherman** in memory of Sid Kovalsky, father of Susan Walsdorf.  
**Sue & David Lefkowitz** in memory of Lynda Cohen at yaahrzeit.  
**Sue & David Lefkowitz** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Marilyn & David Klein** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Cari & Bob Schueller** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.  
**Phyllis & Andy Levy** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

#### **SOCIAL ACTION/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK continued**

**Barbara & Joel Kuppersmith** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Hana & Avi Keshet** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Margie and Stu Rothenberg** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Dafna & Daniel Stein** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Dafna & Daniel Stein** in honor of the 60th birthday of Brian Cooper.

**Felicia & Keith Messing** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Andrea Smoller** in honor of Bruce Fleiss being named HJC Men's Club Man of the Year.

Andrea Smoller in honor of Ben Messing being named HJC Men's Club Youth of the Year.

**Andrea Smoller** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Marilyn & David Klein** in memory of David Gingold at yahrzeit.

**Rosalind & Marty Spielman** in memory of Eli Reingold & Dora Reingold at yahrzeit.

**Elaine & Walter Kleinmann** in memory of Helen Butlein at yahrzeit.

**Elaine & Walter Kleinmann** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Tyna Strenger** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Joanne & Peter Cohn** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Rosalyn Haber** in memory of Louis Simon at yahrzeit.

**Rosalyn Haber** in memory of Harold Simon at yahrzeit.

**Rosalyn Haber** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Ofar Rind** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Ellie Siperowitz** in memory of Louis Siperowitz at yahrzeit.

**Joan & Norman Mattisinko** in honor of the 70th birthday of Jeff Stark.

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

#### **TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**Miriam Eckstein-Koas** in memory of Paula Marenberg, mother of Leslie Rubin.

#### **YOUTH FUND**

**Shari & Larry Feibel** in honor of Ben Messing being named HJC Men's Club Youth of the Year.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

**Joan Blank** on the death of her sister, Rhoda Feldman.

#### **MAZAL TOV**

**Linda & Elliott Jonas** announce the birth of their grandson, Shai Alden Jonas.

*To our amazing HJC family, thank you for your kind expression of sympathy, comfort and support following the passing of my beloved mother Rita Gulack. We definitely feel the love!*

*Sincerely, Maxine Fisher*

#### **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.

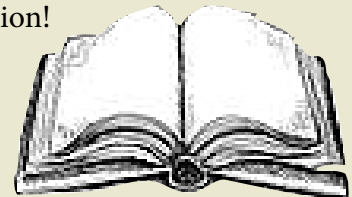
Ben Messing and I would like to add a thank you to everybody who donated for our recognition as Man and Youth of the year by HJC Mens Club. *Bruce Fleiss*

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

Happy to see books leaving our shelves and into the hands of our synagogue family. On this note, perhaps some of you could kindly check to see if you have some volume around that has been with you so long it feels part of your home. If so, please just drop it off in the plastic bin next time you visit the library. We have several new additions to the Ben Tasman Library... *Sadness is a White Bird* is a beautiful account of a young man settled in Israel with his family and serving in the army as he deals with his conflicted feelings between fierce loyalty and devotion to Israel and his deep friendship with an Arab brother and sister. Another wonderful addition to the library is *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank* - eight new stories from the celebrated novelist and short-story writer Nathan Englander that display a gifted young author grappling with the great questions of modern life. Hope you will continue to keep us busy shelving and adding to our collection!

Hope to see you browsing soon! Happy Reading!

*Syd Schlesinger, Library Chair*



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### *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.

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