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# Sisterhood News

by Donna Fleiss & Miriam Wirchin

## COOKBOOK LAUNCH THURSDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30PM

**FIRST COURSE:**  
**Cocktails, Canapes and Culinary Contraptions**

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to all who donated and to all the volunteers who assisted with the set-up and sale.  
Any items not purchased were donated to local organizations.  
And a special TODAH RABAH goes to  
Marlene Hummel and Vicki Rosen, our Rummage co-chairs.

### COLLEGIAN UPDATE

Thank you, once again, to our Collegian Committee -Patricia Schoeffler, Jill Sherman and Deborah Cadel- for sending wonderful and creative holiday themed packages that remind our daughters, sons and grandchildren of their connection to HJC. This year there were approximately 35 college students included in this program which is sponsored by Sisterhood and donations.  
Holiday themed packages were sent for Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah & Purim and welcomed by all who received them.

### ROSH CHODESH: WELCOMING THE NEW MOON 5/15 @ 7:30pm

Rosh Chodesh is the time when the moon is a small sliver of light and the beginning of a new cycle.  
Like the moon, we have the chance to start over, and to grow into who we want to be.  
Join us as HJC congregant and Sisterhood member, Rabbinic Chaplain Joni Brenner leads this group in studying text and sharing some of the wisdom of our lives.

### SAVE THE DATE

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

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - Cookbook Launch 7:30pm  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Rosh Chodesh Program 7:30pm  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Book Discussion 1pm

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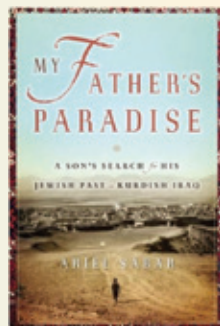
# MAY 2018

# IYAR-SIVAN 5778

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
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|  |  | <b>1/16 Iyar</b><br>Newborns in Need Month<br>RS                         | <b>2/17 Iyar</b>   | <b>3/18 Iyar</b><br><i>Lag Ba'Omer</i>             | <b>4/19 Iyar</b><br>Minyan Breakfast 8:00am                                      | <b>5/20 Iyar</b><br>Jr Congregation 10:30am<br><i>Emor</i>                           |
| <b>6/21 Iyar</b><br>JNN<br>RS/Mitzvah Day<br>Blood Drive/USY/Kadima<br>MC Meeting<br>Tulip Festival 11:00am            | <b>7/22 Iyar</b><br>Chai Institute 7:30pm  | <b>8/23 Iyar</b><br>RS/MT/Chaverim                                       | <b>9/24 Iyar</b><br>EC Meeting - 7:30pm                        | <b>10/25 Iyar</b><br>Cookbook Launch 7:30pm        | <b>11/26 Iyar</b><br>ECC Mommy & Muffins<br>RS Gimmel/Daled Dinner<br>Shabbatone | <b>12/27 Iyar</b><br>RS Hey/Vav Shabbatone<br><i>Behar-Bechukotai</i>                |
| <b>13/28 Iyar</b><br>JNN<br>Shavuot Food Drive thru<br>May 27 / No RS<br><i>Mothers Day</i><br><i>Yom Yerushalayim</i> | <b>14/29 Iyar</b><br>Chai Institute 7:30pm<br>SH Board Mtg - 8:00pm                                  | <b>15/1 Sivan</b><br>RS<br>SH Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm<br><i>Rosh Chodesh</i> | <b>16/2 Sivan</b><br>Board Meeting - 8:00pm                    | <b>17/3 Sivan</b><br>SH Book Discussion<br>1:00pm  | <b>18/4 Sivan</b>  | <b>19/5 Sivan</b><br>Shavuot Tikkun 8:45pm<br><i>Bemidbar</i><br><i>Erev Shavuot</i> |
| <b>20/6 Sivan</b><br>JNN<br>RSClosed<br>Shavuot Celebration<br><i>Shavuot</i>  | <b>21/7 Sivan</b><br>ECC/Main Office Closed<br><i>Victoria Day Canada</i><br><i>Yiskor / Shavuot</i> | <b>22/8 Sivan</b><br>Last Day RS<br>Moving Up Ceremony<br>MT/Chaverim    | <b>23/9 Sivan</b><br>ECC Contingency Day<br>(possible closure) | <b>24/10 Sivan</b>                                 | <b>25/11 Sivan</b>   | <b>26/12 Sivan</b><br>Kaplan Bar Mitzvah<br>Junior Cong. 10:30am<br><i>Naso</i>      |
| <b>27/13 Sivan</b><br>JNN<br>Minyan in the Park<br>7:30am  | <b>28/14 Sivan</b><br>ECC/Main Office Closed<br><i>Memorial Day</i>                                  | <b>29/15 Sivan</b>   | <b>30/16 Sivan</b>   | <b>31/17 Sivan</b><br>Congregational Mtg<br>8:00pm |  |  |

## SISTERHOOD SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION

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



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

*(This stands for Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative.)*

During the winter months, a different congregation in the Huntington area provides meals, basic essentials and a warm place to sleep for a group of homeless men in our community. March 1, 7 and 28.

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

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



**ROSH CHODESH: Welcoming the New Moon**  
**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm**

**Please join HJC Sisterhood on May 15, 1 Sivan for a special Women's Study Group**

Rosh Chodesh is the time when the moon is a small sliver of light.  
It's the beginning of a new cycle.  
Like the moon, we have the chance to start over, and to grow into who we want to be.

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

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

**Please RSVP to Evelyn Abraham**  
[evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net) / 631-424-6922

**Hope you can join us for this spiritual evening**

# From Rabbi Ari Saks



## An Israel Committee Lecture I Won't Soon Forget

Walking up the steep staircase on an overcast but beautiful Friday night in the Nachlaot section of Jerusalem, I could hear the niggun of the sh'liach tzibur reverberate through the Shabbat sky. I had arrived at the men's section of one of my favorite minyanim called *Va'ani T'filah* ("I am a prayer"). I was introduced to the minyan by its founder, Rav Raz Hartman, a deeply caring and soulful rabbi who was a

teacher of mine during my third year of rabbinical school in Israel. His wisdom of Torah was surpassed only by his davening of *t'fillah*. The melodies, the swaying, the tight circle dances in a room less than the size of HJC's library; my experiences at *Va'ani Tefillah* (affectionally known as Raz's minyan) never failed to uplift and move me. What's more, though the davening was not egalitarian, it felt embracing. Jews of all colors and religious backgrounds, from black-hats to hippy beards, from *kippah s'rugah* (those who wear knit kippot all the time) to *kippah Shabbat* (those who only wear a kippah at services on Shabbat), came to experience the magic of Raz's Minyan. And when you left, Raz would greet you at the bottom of that steep staircase with a warm hug and a blessing of "Shabbat Shalom." I never felt such *ahavat yisrael*, such love of fellow Jews, than on Shabbatot at Raz's Minyan.

I've been thinking about my experience at Raz's Minyan ever since the incredible lecture "Jewish Inclusivity – Challenges & Solutions" organized by the HJC Israel Committee this past March. I went up to our guest lecturer, Rabbi Aaron Leibowitz, who just finished a fantastic presentation on his experience as a politician and activist in Jerusalem. He mentioned in his presentation that he lived in Nachlaot and, for one of his jobs, he worked as a rabbi of a local orthodox shul. So I told him about my experience at Raz's Minyan only to find out that...*he's the new rabbi of that same minyan!* I instantly felt transported back to those Shabbatot in Israel and the warm embrace of *k'lal yisrael*, of Jewish peoplehood. And with smiles creeping across our faces as we shared this connection, I realized even more why it was so fitting for this Orthodox rabbi from Israel to speak to our congregation that day in the spirit of *ahavat yisrael*.

Here was a man who was the son of an Orthodox rabbi from Berkley, California, and grew up in a community that embraced the activism of the 60s and brought peace to *klal yisrael* with a joint Sunday school for Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative kids to learn together. It should be no coincidence then that this orthodox rabbi is currently a leader in the moderate Yerushalmi party serving on Jerusalem's City Council with a fellow reform rabbi.

Here was a man who taught us that when you look at our history as a people, we are more divided than united. Rachel fought with Leah, and the kingdom of Judea separated from Israel, just to name a few. Despite these divisions, King David was able to unite the people together because, in Rabbi Leibowitz's words, "he had no sectorial agenda." He wasn't trying to "win" for one group over another, rather he tried to bring everyone together. And it is King David's example of non-sectorial leadership that inspires Rabbi Leibowitz's activism.

Here was a man who partnered with a Conservative/Masorti rabbi to challenge the Chief Rabbinate's hegemony on kashrut certification with their organization "*Hashgacha Pratit*." The necessity of kashrut certification for local businesses and the corruption of the Chief Rabbinate's kashrut monopoly inspired Rabbi Leibowitz to help out his fellow Jews and offer an alternative certification. "What's sad," he said, "is that the institution that represents religious life [i.e. the Chief Rabbinate] is untrustworthy because it wields a sectorial agenda." Incredibly, Rabbi Leibowitz's fledgling organization prevailed and, under the banner of the *Tzohar*, Israel's premier modern rabbinical association, another kashrut certificate option is available for Israeli consumers. King David would be very pleased.

Here was a man who spent Tisha B'av one year sitting with protesters in the streets of Jerusalem who, in a forerunner to the Occupy movement in America, were protesting for better housing opportunities in Israel. Rabbi Leibowitz, who felt very connected to his Berkley upbringing in this moment of protest, described how he led this motley crew of Jews of all stripes, including religious and not religious, in a deeply powerful and moving reading of *Megillat Eichah* (the Scroll of Lamentations).

Every story Rabbi Leibowitz shared with us spoke of his deep passion for engaging with his fellow Jews and the faith that we can find the right path forward together. As he said, "you can bring people together with different views by creating an agenda from all of the moderates. But most of all, when you trust in God, it can lead you to be trustworthy of people."

As I reminisced with Rabbi Leibowitz about his little shul in *Nachlaot*, I was so grateful to the leaders of our HJC Israel Committee for bringing into our community someone who breaks the mold – a moderate Orthodox rabbi who doesn't care what "stream you're a part of" (as he said mocking a particular pernicious insult of non-orthodox Jews: "Just because you're not orthodox does not mean you're a liar"); someone who works for the sake of *ahavat yisrael* and *k'lal yisrael* to actively upend a corrupt religious establishment that makes it difficult for non-orthodox Jews (and many orthodox Jews) living in the diaspora to feel welcomed in Israel. And as we embraced, not too unlike my Shabbat Shalom greetings at the bottom of the steep staircase in *Nachlaot* with Rabbi Leibowitz's predecessor, he told me one of the first things he was set to do when he returned to shul was to meet with a group of women who, though not interested in making the shul fully egalitarian, want to be embraced more as leaders in davening.

A moderate's work for *ahavat yisrael* is never done.

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

Are you sick or recuperating from an illness? Would you like Rabbi Saks to visit you, a family member, or a friend (from the congregation) in the hospital, rehab center or at home? Rabbi will be available for visits on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Debbie in the Main Office by 3:00 pm on Tuesday if you would like to be visited the next day.

# From Hazzan Israel Gordan



## Guard Your Tongue

This month, I would like to share an excerpt from a d'var Torah that my wife, Abby Uhrman, delivered last year to the congregation. While the parasha will have passed by the time this bulletin is published, it seems like a very timely topic. At this particular historical moment, when words carry so much weight and the public discourse has become so uncivil, it feels especially pressing to remind ourselves of the power our language and speech hold.

"The parsha Tazria-Metzora discusses tzara'at, a scaly skin disease loosely translated as leprosy. In rabbinic tradition, tzara'at is understood as a punishment for lashon hara, evil speech. The story of Miriam in Bamidbar 12:1 is used as a proof-text: Miriam, who spoke ill of her brother, Moses, was afflicted with tzara'at as a result of her hateful words. Tazria-Metzora, and the public castigation that the metzora suffers—a person afflicted is banished from the community until deemed "tahor," pure, and able to return—is a harsh and powerful warning for us to "guard our tongues." It was with words that God created the world, and our words have equal potential to build, create, and sustain life and human dignity, or, rather, to be a source of pain and destruction.

Not surprisingly, the rabbis discussed at great length the perils of lashon hara and debated its parameters. They understood the irreparable damage that lashon hara can cause. The rabbis passionately and fervently cautioned against this behavior, and in connecting tzara'at and lashon hara in their interpretations, they offered additional support for the gravity of evil speech and its effects.

Interestingly, however, there is virtually no conversation amongst the sages about the opposite, lashon hatov, good speech. Presumably, if lashon hara is so egregious, shouldn't there be an equally stringent obligation to engage in lashon hatov? And what, after all, is lashon hatov? What might it mean, and how might it be practiced?

According to Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Pirkei Avot 2 offers some insight into these questions. The Mishna explains: Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai had five students...He would recount their praises: Rabbi Eliezer ben Horkenos is a pit covered in plaster that does not lose a

drop. Rabbi Yehoshua ben Chananya--happy is the one who gave birth to him! Rabbi Yosi the Priest is pious. Rabbi Shimon ben Netanel fears sin. And Rabbi Elazar ben Arakh is an ever-strengthening fountain.

Sacks explains that this text isn't just telling us that Rabbi Yochanan had disciples—all rabbis did. But unlike many of his contemporaries, five of Rabbi Yochanan's students became giants—rabbinic power-houses—in their own right. What, then, did Rabbi Yochanan do differently to foster such strong rabbinic leadership?

The answer: specific, focused praise. Rabbi Yochanan identified his students' particular strengths and readily acknowledged their unique gifts. Eliezer ben Hyrcanus, the "pit covered in plaster that does not lose a drop," had an extraordinary memory. This was an especially important trait in an era in which Torah shbe'al peh—the Oral Law—was not yet written. Shimon ben Netanel, "the man who fears sin," had a deep awe and respect for Torah study and reminded those with whom he learned about the holy task in which they were engaged. Elazar ben Arakh, the "ever-strengthening fountain," was known for his creative prowess, regularly offering new and nuanced interpretations of the text.

In this way, Rabbi Yochanan honored the divinity of each of his students—he didn't speak in vague platitudes about their talents or accomplishments but rather identified what made each of his disciples distinct and special."

When we use our words to identify and honor that divine spark within each person, we bring holiness into the world. This parsha reminds us of the power of our language. Our words can be limiting and damaging or, instead, they inspire and change lives. They can encourage our capacity to learn and grow, and they can affirm our commitment to each other and our shared humanity. Let's do our best to use our voices to bring goodness into the world in clear and specific ways.

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# President's Perspective by Vicki Perler



## Welcoming Spring

During the 1960s, a poem called, "April Rain" was used in English classes for new immigrants. When I was twelve years old, my father enrolled in a Dale Carnegie Public Speaking course. This poem was also used as the "practice poem," and night after night my father recited the poem into the tape recorder. Often, I was standing by, especially because I loved this poem. I'm not sure why I loved the poem at that time,

but I often find myself reciting the familiar words.

"April Rain" by Robert Loveman

*It isn't raining rain to me, it's raining daffodils;  
In every dimpled drop I see wild flowers on the hills.  
The clouds of grey engulf the day and overwhelm the town -  
It isn't raining rain to me, it's raining roses down.*

*It isn't raining rain to me, but fields of clover bloom  
Where any buccaneering bee may find a bed and room,  
A health unto the happy, a fig for him who frets -  
It isn't raining rain to me, it's raining violets.*

As I write this bulletin article, we've all experienced living with an overwhelming number of cold, cloudy, rainy or stormy days, with a few intermittent days of sunshine for this time of year. And yet, the daffodils are blooming and thriving! Our normally-April showers becoming May flowers has finally occurred, and we are ready. May is a month of hope and renewal, of reborn plants, budding trees, newly green landscapes, and colorful flowers of every kind. The rain nourishes the new growth, and the lengthening days provide energy to all living things. We also sense this phase of the cycle and are generally happier during this time of year.

We rediscover this rhythm of nature as we brighten in the spring, spending more time outside in the daylight and in the wondrous natural world.

Many of us look for opportunities to be outdoors. Hiking, golf, softball, cycling, camping, walking on the beach and gardening are favorite ways to spend our leisure time. The Huntington Jewish Center is blessed with several gardens on our grounds. Any one of us can enjoy the many lessons to be learned in the garden. These gardens provide us with endless possibilities for exploration and discovery, and we all look forward to the harvest during the summer and fall months. If you don't have a garden at your own home, please let us know if you are interested in helping our HJC gardens grow.

It doesn't seem that long ago when my four sons were in their early childhood years, and our family consistently spent a tremendous amount of time outdoors. I'm sure that having our home situated at the entrance of a state park in Maryland was helpful in fostering a love of the outdoors, but it did not stop there. We hiked and camped, picked berries and fruit, planted gardens, and more. We built a sandbox in the yard, erected a big jungle gym, and built tree houses and "forts." We enrolled them in the Boy Scouts, because scouting teaches outdoorsmanship and leadership. And our children went outside to play nearly every day after school.

Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, mentions over a hundred studies that show that time spent in natural outdoor environments reduces stress for children and adults. Developing a relationship with the outdoor world not only helps us foster a sense of wonder, it provides each one of us with an increasingly necessary way to engage our body in physical activity. On May 6, we hope you will join us for our first annual HJC Softball and Barbeque Outing at Caledonia Park. HJC has rented the park, baseball fields, and playground for the entire day. There will be babysitting, barbeque by our Men's Club members, and softball by the HJC Athletic Association. It's been a long time since we all connected with each other in the park in early May, and it's another wonderful opportunity to join your friends and engage in the beautiful outdoors. In addition, we hope you will join us for our annual Memorial Day hike, Minyan and breakfast experience at Caumsett State Park on Monday, May, 28.

We have had a full and eventful winter at HJC. It's now time to spend quality time with our HJC community outdoors. We deserve it!

Warm regards,

Vicki

### **MINYAN IN THE PARK**

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 27 at CAUMSETT STATE PARK**

**Join us for the annual Caumsett Park Minyan in Lloyd Neck. This uniquely inspiring service is held at the Long Island Sound overlook behind the Science Center, one of the most beautiful spots on Long Island. Meet at the Park entrance at 7:30 am with bicycles or walking shoes since the location of our service is a mile into the park. Congregants who want auto transportation from the Park entrance or who need directions are asked to call the HJC office in advance. Breakfast following minyan is sponsored by Lester Fox.**

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

Spring will be here eventually but you can always count on good things at our library. We have a copy of the book for our May book discussion led by Ellen Kahn. Our featured book is *My Father's Paradise* by Ariel Sabar. If you take it out, please return in two weeks to allow maximum circulation. We have also added some wonderful new titles to our collection: *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich...a powerful story that ties love, resentment, need, duty and love and sympathy that bind families together Sadness is a *White Bird* by Moriel Rothman-Zecher...the pulls and complexities of life for a young man anxious to protect his country Israel, and conflicted over some of what that entails in this coming-of-age, love-triangle narrative.

Hope to see you soon!

~Happy Reading!~Syd Schlesinger, Library Chair





# Early Childhood News *Ilene Brown, Director of Early Childhood Education*



## Tradition!

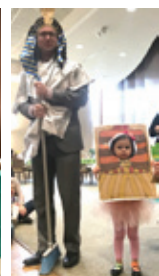
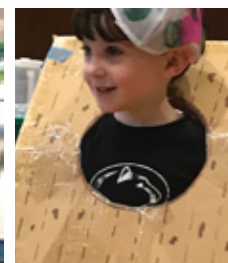
*"Passover is one of my favorite times of the year. This is when the whole community and family gets together to remember who we are and why we are here."*

-- Jennifer Wagner

Passover; my least favorite, yet most favorite holiday! How can this holiday be so wonderful, yet so awful? When I say, awful, one thinks immediately of an entire week of matzah. Add gefilte

fish, the stress of cleaning, cooking, changing all your dishes, and the four questions (yup, I am the youngest) and you have the worst and most stressful Jewish holiday of the year. I still have those memories of my mother forcing us to bring matzah into the movie theater. I am sure the other movie goers and employees appreciated the matzah as much as my siblings and I. But, on the other hand, there was the matzah ball soup, finding the afikomen, and now the wine! The most important part, of course, was the Seder...of all of us being together reading about our struggle for freedom. I do have the most incredible memories of our extended family being together and there was and is nothing more important.

We have an incredible Passover tradition here at the HJC ECC as you can see from our photos. The Cantor and the Rabbi retell the story of Passover with enthusiasm, and a bit of comedy for good measure. The children are all seated on the floor with their teachers and families surrounding them. The children sing all of the Passover songs with the Cantor and Rabbi. It is fun, festive, and of course, educational. Following our Passover story, the children and parents dine on traditional Passover foods at the tables that are beautifully decorated by the ECC children. I am fortunate to celebrate Passover not only with my family, but my school family as well.



## 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)



# Religious School *Maxine Fisher, Administrator*



## May Events

It is hard to believe that the school year is dwindling down. We are so very fortunate to have an amazing, caring and devoted staff of teachers and parent volunteers. Just a few reminders.

Saturday, May 5th the last Junior Congregation of the School year.

Sunday, May 6th is Mitzvah Day. More information to follow.

Saturday, May 12th is the Hey and Vav class Shabbat where they will be leading Saturday morning services in the Lief Chapel followed by a luncheon.

Sunday, May 13th no school it is Mother's Day.

Friday, May 18th is the Gimel and Daled class Shabbaton where they will be leading parts of the Friday night service. There will be a dinner before services.

Sunday, May 20th Shavuot. We will have a Shavuot celebration on the last day of school for Gan and Alef.

Tuesday, May 22nd last day of school for Bet-Mitzvah Team and awards will be given out.

Tuesday, May 29th Mystery Junior Congregation trip, if your child has been to 15 or more Shabbat attendances.

Enjoy the summer!

Maxine

## 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)

# HJC SOFTBALL & BBQ



ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO  
THE FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS

**Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**1-5pm, Caledonia Park, Dix Hills**

670 Caledonia Road, Dix Hills, NY

ADULT (ages 10+) BBQ Only - \$18  
Softball, BBQ & HJC Softball T-Shirt - \$28  
Children Under 10 are FREE!

Ages 16 and up,  
all skill levels welcome!

Fun for the family with BBQ,  
playground and babysitting!

Cheer on your team!

4 teams, two 3-inning games  
and a Championship game!

**Sign up  
to play!!**

Please contact the Main Office (631-427-1089 Ext.10) to register today  
or go online to <https://hjcny.org/hjcsoftball/>

Any questions, please email Melissa Richter at [melissa@elfhome.com](mailto:melissa@elfhome.com)





## *Jewish Mothers, in Just Six Words*

*Taken from the article of the same name written by Larry Smith. Originally published in May 2013*

Several years ago, in honor of Mother's Day, the Forward asked its readers to share their take on the wonderful, complex, loving and occasionally crazy-making entity called the Jewish mom — in exactly six words. Why so few?

Legend has it that Ernest Hemingway was once challenged in a bar bet to write an entire novel in just six words. As the story goes, Papa wrote, "For sale: baby shoes, never worn." In 2006, the members of the online storytelling community Smith Magazine were asked to describe their lives in six words; it was called the "Six-Word Memoir." Although not knowing what to expect, it turned out that the word limitation actually catalyzed creativity instead of inhibiting it. In short, the six-word form has become a way to get to the essence of anything.

But can you actually sum up Jewish life using only six words? After all, we're not only a wordy people, but a complex one, too. And yet, defining our relationship to Judaism in so few words has proved a great way to get to the essence of the Jewish experience, as found out by Larry Smith in his book, "Oy! Only Six? Why Not More? : Six-Word Memoirs on Jewish Life." In a book that contains 360 personal takes on Jewish

life, there is no topic more popular than family, and no family member mentioned more often than Mom. The next most popular topic was "chicken," which, as we know, is the most reliable weapon in the Jewish mother's arsenal.

Ultimately, the six-word constraint asked the Forward readers to define both who they were at their core and what matters most. Hundreds of people responded and it became clear often we need only one word: Mom.

So here, in honor of Mother's Day, I wanted to share with you the Forward editors 12 favorite responses from their readers in the six-word challenge. And to my own mother . . . You did good kid. Thank you.

- ☆ You met a boy? Jewish, right?
- ☆ Welcome home. Want something to eat?
- ☆ Leaned out, leaned in, leaned on.
- ☆ You want I should worry yet?
- ☆ She's older. Now I'm the worrier.
- ☆ You shtopt my soul with character.
- ☆ Unconditional love but hates my outfit.
- ☆ Strong, independent rethinker of tuna casserole.
- ☆ She is lox to my schmear.
- ☆ Strudel, soup, challah — remembering the taste.
- ☆ She'd divorce Dad for Jon Stewart.
- ☆ My father is the Jewish mother.



## PLEASE HELP LONG ISLAND'S NEWBORNS IN NEED



The Social Action Committee of HJC is once again helping the Long Island Chapter of **Newborns in Need**...a national nonprofit organization which provides essentials to babies whose mothers would otherwise have nothing. Many young moms leave the hospital with a baby facing serious illness and little or no resources to provide the basic necessities. Poverty and illness can touch the tiniest babies and their families become overwhelmed. Through the efforts of **Newborns in Need**, a nurse or social worker can deliver an overflowing diaper bag full of clothing, blankets and hygiene products to help ensure a healthy and warm start in life.

**Won't you please help us by buying or donating new or very gently used, freshly washed items:**



- Baby Clothing preemie to size 12 months (nothing larger)
- Baby Blankets and Linens
- Diapers, Diaper Bags, Wipes, and Baby Toiletries
- Formula, Pacifiers, and Non BPA Bottles
- Infant Strollers
- Bassinets and Portacribs
- Infant Swings and Exersaucers
- Checks made out to **Newborns in Need** (which will be used to purchase new Pack & Play Portable Cribs)



**Please note:** We are **unable** to accept cribs because of safety codes or toys, stuffed animals, furniture and changing tables.

**Throughout the month of May, HJC will have collection bins set up at both entrances.**

Last year, **Newborns in Need** was overwhelmed with the generosity of HJC. With everyone's support, we hope to repeat this mitzvah once again. If you need a tax receipt, please leave your name & address with your donation.

If you have a bulk donation or any questions, please call **Jill Sherman**, Chairperson HJC's **Newborns in Need** drive, at **(631) 423-8133**. Thank you.

# Spotlight On...

## Margie and Mel Fritz

In 1907, an immigrant tailor found his way from New York City to Huntington, where he met and briefly lived in the house next door to HJC with Joseph and Yetta Teich, who were founding members of HJC. There, he taught Yetta Yiddish; and made his living with a greengrocer's pushcart and by operating the first bus service in town. Two years later, his wife and their two year old daughter joined him - and so it was that Mel Fritz's grandparents settled in Huntington. Mel's mother was born soon after, and the long story of Mel and Margie's third generation connection to HJC and Jewish life in Huntington begins.

In 1934, Mel's mother met and married a young fellow named Charles Fritz. They set up housekeeping in Huntington Station and became members of the Huntington Hebrew Congregation ("HHC"), then on Church St. in Huntington Station. A year later Mel was born. He grew up in Huntington and was bar mitzvah'd in this congregation in 1948. He was a member of the HHC youth group, taught Sunday school here and graduated from Huntington High School, where he was one of very few Jewish students.

Mel's father served as President of our congregation from 1951-1952 and was also the first president of the newly formed HHC Men's Club.

After high school, Mel attended Cornell University as an undergraduate and later medical school in Chicago. After an internship in Ohio, he returned, in 1962, to Huntington to set up his medical practice in Family and Geriatric care.

Margie was born and raised in Brooklyn as the daughter of a successful NYC lawyer. Her parents were active members of the Jewish Community Center on 13th St. where her father was responsible for the annual Kol Nidre appeal.

While Mel was a young doctor practicing in Huntington, Margie, after graduating from Brooklyn College, was busy enjoying life as a single working woman in the NYC fashion industry. She was manager of the Vera Industries showroom. She enjoyed her life and was not particularly eager to settle down right away. However, obliging her parents who were eager for her to marry, Marge agreed to meet Mel when a mutual friend offered to introduce them. As it turned out, they hit it off.

Margie and Mel were married in 1974 and Margie moved to Huntington. As a born and bred city girl, Huntington felt like a wasteland. Initially, they lived in a house that Mel bought with his parents. But, eventually, the young couple moved to a home of their own where they settled and raised their sons, Steven and Kevin.

There were not many Jewish families in the Huntington area at that time but some of the local medical community in which Mel had his professional relationships were members of HJC. Mel had been a member of HJC both prior to and since returning to Huntington after completing his education; Margie became a member when she married Mel. While belonging as members and attending services on the High Holidays, they were not actively involved at HJC. Their sons attended religious school here 3 days a week when they became of school age. Steven, their oldest, was bar mitzvah'd in the Chagall Chapel at Hadassah Hospital in Israel, a privilege reserved only for children of lifetime members of Hadassah, such as Margie. Years later Steve returned to Israel to do a semester abroad. Kevin studied for his

bar mitzvah under Cantor Stein at HJC, and had a twilight service at Temple Beth Shalom in Smithtown.

While Margie was busy raising their boys, Mel was a very busy. In addition to his medical practice, he served as the Deputy Medical Examiner at Pilgrim Psychiatric Center, was on the Suffolk County Board of Health, on the Suffolk County Water Authority and served as the Suffolk County Police Department Surgeon. He even found time to serve briefly on the Board of HJC.

After attending an HJC ski weekend at the Neville Hotel, Mel and Margie's boys bonded with the children of some of Mel's professional colleagues who were also HJC members and soon after they all began attending Camp Tevya, a Jewish summer camp in New Hampshire, which further forged the bond between the families. During these years, Mel and Margie often spent Jewish holidays together with this inner circle of their friends. They are grateful for this trusted inner circle of friends who were there for them when Mel became suddenly and unexpectedly very ill.

Today, Mel and Margie are the proud and loving patriarch and matriarch of their growing family. Both sons grew up to be lawyers like Margie's father. Both are married with children of their own. It is very clear to Mel and Margie that their sons' desires to continue celebrating Jewish life with their own children is a direct outgrowth of their experience as part of the HJC community and the Jewish camps they attended. And so, there is another generation descended from the pushcart grocer who lived next door to HJC with one of the other original Jewish families in Huntington.



YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
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HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER  
ON



**SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018 ~ 6 SIVAN 5778**  
**THE FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT**

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WILL BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY  
TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKFULNESS  
AND  
THE NEWBORNS WILL BE WELCOMED INTO THE COMMUNITY

THIS CEREMONY TO WELCOME THE NEWBORNS  
WILL TAKE PLACE AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15 AM

KINDLY RESPOND TO DEBBIE IN THE MAIN OFFICE  
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

(Include newborn's name, parents/grandparents names, and sibling names)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SIBLINGS, AGES 1-3,  
BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 12:00 NOON



# This Month in American Jewish History

## Thomas Jefferson to Mordecai M. Noah, May 28, 1818

SIR: Thank you for the Discourse on the consecration of the Synagogue in your city, with which you have been pleased to favor me. I have read it with pleasure and instruction, having learnt from it some valuable facts in Jewish history which I did not know before. Your sect by its suffering has furnished a remarkable proof of the universal spirit of religious intolerance, inherent in every sect, disclaimed by all while feeble, and practiced by all when in power. Our laws have applied the only antidote to this vice, protecting our religious, as they do our, civil rights, by putting all on an equal footing. But more remains to be done. For altho' we are free by law, we are not so in practice. Public opinion erects itself into an Inquisition and exercises its office with as much fanaticism as fans the flames of an auto da fé. The prejudice still scowling on your section of our religion, altho' the elder one, cannot be unfelt by yourselves. It is to be hoped that individual dispositions will at length mould themselves to the model of the law, and consider the moral basis on which all our religions rest, as the rallying point which unites them in a common interest; while the peculiar dogmas branching from it are the exclusive concern of the respective sects embracing them, and no rightful subject of notice to any other. Public opinion needs reformation on this point, which would have the further happy effect of doing away with the hypocritical maxim of 'intus ut lubet, foris ut moris.' Nothing I think would be so likely to effect this as to your sect particularly as the

more careful attention to education, which you recommend, and which placing its members on the equal and commanding benches of science, will exhibit them as equal objects of respect and esteem.



**Editor's note:** Read more about Mordechai Manuel Noah on the Jewish Virtual Library website at <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/mordecai-manuel-noah>. Noah was "the most influential Jew in the United States in the early 19th Century." He was a lawyer, politician, diplomat, journalist, publisher, author, playwright, philanthropist and early Zionist. He was a founder of New York University and launched a project to build a Jewish hospital in New York City, which, after his death became Mt. Sinai. Jefferson's reference to, "Intus ut libet, foris ut moris est" ("think what you like, but say what is expected of you", or "Inwardly according to your will, outwardly according to social convention") must have resonated for Noah, whose family fled the Portuguese Inquisition. For more on the context of Jefferson's historic letter go to <https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/this-day-jefferson-opines-on-the-jews-1.5270284>. In this letter, Jefferson describes his philosophy of religious freedom.

## Please Attend a Shiva Minyan by Janet Zimmerman

Many years ago a good friend of mine, an HJC congregant, lost her father. My friend, who was devastated, assumed that since she was an active member of the congregation, lots of supportive people would show up for shiva minyans. Well, not many people came, and she asked me for help. I wound up calling my brother, who is not a member of our synagogue, and he rushed over to help out my friend. I vowed then and there that I would work to ensure that this kind of situation didn't happen again. I volunteered to be the person who, if needed, would help a bereaved congregant have enough people to say kaddish.

Here's how the process works: When Rabbi Saks meets with the family of the deceased, he asks if they might need help ensuring a minyan of 10 people. If the answer is yes, then the rabbi contacts me. I then call the family to find out how many people they need each night. Then, I call or email "regulars," I reach out to groups such as Sisterhood and morning minyan, and then I go through the roster and contact other people until I have a minimum of 10.

To help with this process, we now have a new system, an online link, thanks to Cantor Gordon and the Ritual Committee. When the HJC office sends out a notice that someone has passed away, in that notice is a clickable link, which brings you to a Google spreadsheet. You can simply type your name into a box which indicates the date you will attend. This is a very easy and simple way to organize and streamline the process.

When someone loses a beloved family member, the grief can be overwhelming. Having the support of our fellow congregants can be so very helpful and comforting. Oftentimes it can feel quite uncomfortable to walk into the home of someone we don't know. It can feel awkward, especially if you feel that the person has no idea who you are. But many congregants have told me how meaningful it has been for them to have people they don't know come at a time of intense sadness. The gratitude of the mourner is palpable and real. We often refer to ourselves as the HJC family. We celebrate holidays together, share meals, attend programs. We also need to be there for each other during hard times. That's what a family does for its members. Please think about attending a shiva minyan the next time you see a notice that one is needed. And if you have children who are past the age of bar/bat mitzvah, add their names to the spreadsheet and bring them! They will rightly feel important that they are counted in this meaningful mitzvah. If you are not able to use the spreadsheet for any reason, you can email me. My contact information will be on the notice that is sent out.

Please try and push past the feeling of discomfort of going to an unfamiliar home, and realize that the mourner will be so appreciative of your presence at such a supremely sad time in their lives. You don't need any special skills, you don't need to read Hebrew or know the prayers. You just need to be there.

# Jewish Artists

## *Marc Chagall*

Marc Zakharovich Chagall born Moishe Zakharovich Shagal; 6 July 1887 – 28 March 1985) was a Russian-French artist of Belarusian Jewish origin. An early modernist, he was associated with several major artistic styles and created works in virtually every artistic format, including painting, book illustrations, stained glass, stage sets, ceramic, tapestries and fine art prints.



Before World War I, he travelled between Saint Petersburg, Paris, and Berlin. During this period he created his own mixture and style of modern art based on his idea of Eastern European Jewish folk culture. He spent the wartime years in Soviet Belarus, becoming one of the country's most distinguished artists and a member of the modernist avant-garde, founding the Vitebsk Arts College before leaving again for Paris in 1922.

He had two basic reputations: as a pioneer of modernism and as a major Jewish artist. He experienced modernism's "golden age" in Paris, where "he synthesized the art forms of Cubism, Symbolism, and Fauvism, and the influence of Fauvism gave rise to Surrealism." Yet throughout these phases of his style "he remained most emphatically a Jewish artist, whose work was one long dreamy reverie of life in his native village of Vitebsk." "When Matisse dies," Pablo Picasso remarked in the 1950s, "Chagall will be the only painter left who understands what colour really is."



**Paris Through The Window**



## BUSY HANDS AT THE MATZOH FACTORY PREPARE FOR PASSOVER



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

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

Bar Mitzvah June 2nd

**Mikah Gabriel Schueller**  
son of Cari and Bob Schueller



Mikah Schueller is a 7th grade high honor student at J. Taylor Finley Middle School. His favorite subjects are Math and Science. Mikah is a member of the Math Counts, Mathletes and Chess clubs. He's also an active member in HJC's Kadima Youth Group. Since kindergarten, Mikah has been studying Spanish in a Dual Language program which has made it possible for him to become fluent. He is continuing his Spanish curriculum by taking an 11th grade level class. One of Mikah's passions is soccer. For the past five years, he has played center forward on a soccer team with friends he's had since preschool! Each year, Mikah spends half of his summer at the MidIsland Y JCC day camp. The other half he spends at Surprise Lake overnight camp.

We are extremely proud of all of the hard work, dedication, and passion that Mikah has put into his Bar Mitzvah studies. We are excited to celebrate this mitzvah together with our extended HJC family on June 2nd. During the summer, the Schuellers will be celebrating this amazing simcha in Israel.



The recent wedding of Liore Klein, daughter of Danny and Maayan Klein, to Alissa Perman which took place in Puerto Rico.

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### **ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND**

**Jennifer Ingber** in memory of Robert Bring at yahrzeit.

**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in honor of the wedding of Liore, daughter of Danny & Maayan Klein, to Alissa Perman.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in memory of Snira Klein, stepmother of Danny Klein.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in memory of Carol Roman, mother of Danny Klein.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in memory of Harold Guttenplan, good friend of Gloria Safran.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in memory of Pearl Pincus, mother of Amy Kulchinsky.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in honor of the wedding of Liore, daughter of Danny & Maayan Klein, to Alissa Perman.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in honor of the birth of Natalie Anne Saunders & Josephine Bess Fisher, granddaughters of Sarah & Jerry Saunders.

### **PRAYERBOOK AND BIBLE FUND**

**Joan Blank** in memory of Louis Galowitz at yahrzeit.

**Micki Sokol** in memory of Marvin Sokol at yahrzeit.

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**Susi Susskind** in memory of Minna Spielman, mother of Marty Spielman.

**Ethel Sachs** in honor of the birthday of Rabbi Saks.

**Ethel Sachs** in honor of the birth of Natalie Anne Saunders & Josephine Bess Fisher, granddaughters of Sarah & Jerry Saunders.

**The colleagues & friends of Amy Kulchinsky** in memory of her mother, Pearl Pincus.

### **RABBI'S HOSPITALITY FUND**

**Shari Feibel** in memory of her mother, Sandra Kessler.

**Ofer Rind** in honor of Rabbi & Rachel Saks hosting the USY teens.

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

**Miriam Eckstein-Koas** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Janet & Mark Zimmerman** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Hilarie & Herb Bedwinek** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

### **SCHECHTER FUND**

**Miriam Eckstein-Koas** in memory of Pearl Pincus, mother of Amy Kulchinsky.

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

**Eileen Berger** in memory of Irving Rothenberg at yahrzeit.

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**Barbara & Joel Koppersmith** in memory of Seymour Koppersmith at yahrzeit.

**Barbara & Joel Koppersmith** in memory of Rosalyn Koppersmith at yahrzeit.

**Barbara & Joel Koppersmith** in memory of Lawrence Meshover at yahrzeit.

**Susan Rubin** in memory of Anne Ross, mother of Marlene Hummel.

**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in memory of Carol Roman, mother of Danny Klein.

**Stacey and Donald Novick** in memory of Charlotte Lax, mother of Steven Lax.

**Sue & David Lefkowitz** in memory of Milfred Goldstein at yahrzeit.

**Sue & David Lefkowitz** in memory of Samuel Lefkowitz at yahrzeit.

**Nancy & Brian Cooper** in memory of Pearl Pincus, mother of Amy Kulchinsky.

**Nancy & Brian Cooper** in memory of Charlotte Lax, mother of Steven Lax.

**Nancy & Brian Cooper** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Jill & Arnie Sherman** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Jill & Arnie Sherman** in memory of Ike Cohen at yahrzeit.

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of the engagement of Sandy Lynn Riefberg to Thomas Henry Karow, Jr.

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in memory of Pearl Pincus, mother of Amy Kulchinsky.

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Ethel Sachs** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Syd Schlesinger** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Vicki & Tom Rosen** with thanks to Janet & Marty Kushnick for hosting a beautiful seder.

**Shari & Larry Feibel** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

**Arlene Steinberg** in memory of Anne Ross, mother of Marlene Hummel.

**Arlene Steinberg** in memory of Rita Gulack, mother of Maxine Fisher.

### **YOUTH FUND**

**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in honor of Ben Messing being named HJC Men's Club Youth of the Year.

### **CONDOLENCES**

**Gloria Safran** on the death of her good friend, Harold Guttenplan.

**Amy Kulchinsky** on the death of her mother, Pearl Pincus.

**Steven Lax** on the death of his mother, Charlotte Lax.

**Maxine Fisher** on the death of her mother, Rita Gulack.

**Susan Walsdorf** on the death of her father, Sid Kovalsky.

### **MAZAL TOV**

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** announce the birth of their granddaughters, Natalie Anne Saunders & Josephine Bess Fisher, both born on the same day.

**Sandy Lynn Riefberg** announces her engagement to Thomas Henry Karow, Jr.

**Maayan & Danny Klein** announce the marriage of their daughter, Liore, to Alissa Perman.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Matthew & Milena Kantor** of Greenlawn and their children: Noah, age 15 and Michelle, age 12.

**James & Rachel Marfoglio** of Greenlawn and their children: Anthony, age 12; Ben age 1, Luca, age 1 and Dimitri, age 1.

### **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.

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## **Sisterhood invites you to share in its Cookbook Launch!**

**"First Course-Cocktails, Canapes & Culinary Contraptions" - Thursday, May 10th, 7:30**

**(Not Just) Our Culinary Legacy...**

**From the Homes of the Huntington Jewish Center Congregation**

Please join us as HJC congregants demonstrate some of their recipe entries  
and share some of the stories that make these their favorites.

Act as an official food critic, provide feedback and let us know which are the yummiest!

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