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HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

NEWS / COMMUNITY / CONNECTION

Friends and members, old and new, gathered at the Sisterhood Membership Dinner in October.

Todah Rabah to Rachel Saks for being our guest speaker for the evening!

Mazal Tov to Marilyn Klein, HJC Sisterhood's Woman of Achievement !



Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

MEMBERSHIP

Join Us and Support the Sisterhood of HJC

New members to HJC receive a complimentary Sisterhood membership for their first year. It is not too late to return the Membership Dues Letter. Checks are payable to:

Sisterhood of the Huntington Jewish Center.

\$45 regular membership

\$40 Z'havah

\$30 senior membership

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for help with Extended Kiddushes, Programming and Fund-Raising. It is an opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old ones. Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Game Nights – January 3rd and 24th, 7:30 PM

Mah Jongg, Bridge or bring your own games.

Z'havah Challah Braiding – January 13th, Noon

Join us for Pizza and learn how to make and braid Challah. Dough and recipe will be provided.

Winter Book Discussion – January 17th, 1:00 PM

The selection is *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. A story part psychological thriller, part morality play — takes readers through the wilderness of the Negev desert.

Tu B'shevat Seder – January 22nd, 7:30 PM

Eat, drink and participate in a Seder that focuses on Environmentalism. Joni Brenner will be leading the discussion.

Movie and Dinner – January 27th, 6:30 PM

Join us for Dinner and a Movie- *Women's Balcony*, a warm culture clash comedy set in Jerusalem.

FUNDRAISER FOR CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK

Aprons and Grocery Bags with the Cookbook logo can be purchased to support funding for the publication of the cookbook.

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TEVET-SHEVAT 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1/24 Tevet ECC/Main Office Closed New Year's Day	2/25 Tevet ECC Re-Opens	3/26 Tevet SH Game Night - 7:30pm	4/27 Tevet Minyan Breakfast - 8:00am	5/28 Tevet Jr Congregation 10:30am Va'era
6/29 Tevet JNN RS/USY/Kadima Ridotto - 4:00pm	7/1 Shevat SH Board Mtg - 8:00pm Rosh Chodesh	8/2 Shevat RS/Chaverim	9/3 Shevat HIHI - 6:00pm EC Meeting - 7:30pm	10/4 Shevat	11/5 Shevat	12/6 Shevat Samuel Sosnick Bar Mitzvah Bo
13/7 Shevat JNN RS/Vav 4 Parent-Teacher Conf Gan-Alef/Kadima/USY MC Meeting	14/8 Shevat	15/9 Shevat RS Parent-Teacher Conf Bet/Vav	16/10 Shevat HIHI - 6:00pm Board Meeting - 8:00pm	17/11 Shevat SH Book Discussion 12:00 noon	18/12 Shevat	19/13 Shevat 50's Dance – Enchantment Under The Sea Beshalach
20/14 Shevat JNN RS Closed	21/15 Shevat ECC/Main Office Closed Martin Luther King Day Tu B'Shevat	22/16 Shevat SH/RS Tu B'Shevat Seders/Chaverim Set Design for Theater Begins	23/17 Shevat	24/18 Shevat SH Game Night - 7:30pm	25/19 Shevat	26/20 Shevat Jr Congregation 10:30am Yitro
27/21 Shevat JNN/RS/RS Board Mtg Shema Bedtime Wrkshp USY/Kadima Ridotto - 4:00pm SH Dinner/Movie	28/22 Shevat Parents Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting - 8:00pm	29/23 Shevat	30/24 Shevat	31/25 Shevat		

FEBRUARY 2019

SHEVAT-ADAR I 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1/26 Shevat Minyan Breakfast - 8:00am	2/27 Shevat Inclusion Shabbat Jr Congregation 10:30am Mishpatim
3/28 Shevat JNN RS/Wordwide Wrap Vav 5	4/29 Shevat RS/Chaverim	5/30 Shevat EC Meeting - 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh	6/1 Adar I Prof Staff Dev Day SH Game Night Rosh Chodesh	7/2 Adar I	8/3 Adar I ECC Shabbat Dinner	9/4 Adar I Samuel Sosnick Bar Mitzvah Terumah
10/5 Adar I JNN RS/RS/Board Meeting USY/Kadima SH Z'havah Purim Program - 12:00pm	11/6 Adar I SH Board Mtng - 8:00pm	12/7 Adar I RS	13/8 Adar I Board Meeting - 8:00pm	14/9 Adar I Inclusion Committee Meeting - 7:30pm	15/10 Adar I	16/11 Adar I Tetzaveh
17/12 Adar I JNN RS Closed thru Feb 25th	18/13 Adar I ECC Closed thru Feb 22nd Main Office Closed Presidents Day	19/14 Adar I	20/15 Adar I	21/16 Adar I	22/17 Adar I	23/18 Adar I Ki Tisa
24/19 Adar I JNN	25/20 Adar I ECC Re-Opens	26/21 Adar I RS/Chaverim	27/22 Adar I	28/23 Adar I		

From Rabbi Ari Saks



Teamwork at HJC

Over 600 people engaged on Facebook. More than 100 views on YouTube. Multiple shares and comments. And over 35 families featured representing a broad demographic of HJC's population. All put together within less than two weeks. These are just some of the incredible facts and figures from our recent "#HJCisLit with Hanukkah" social media campaign to "publicize the

miracle of Hanukkah" (pirsumei nisa) with a video montage of pictures from HJC families lighting Hanukkah candles at home. I worked together with our amazing 7th-8th grade Mitzvah Team to gather pictures families emailed or posted on social media with the hashtag #HJCisLit and turn them into a product that was able to achieve such sterling results you see above.

But the story goes much deeper than that. I think there is much to learn from the Mitzvah Team's collaborative process to turn an idea into a successful product that can help all of us at HJC, especially those engaged in volunteer and professional capacities, to create more effective team-centered work products that benefit our larger community. To be precise I found three lessons, all contained within the name of #HJCisLit – Laughter, Investment, and Teamwork.

#1 – Laughter

From the moment we talked about the idea to the final stages of the editing process, we made sure the process was fun. No idea was too crazy or dismissed out of hand and we gave each other the time and space to be silly. We tried to not take ourselves so seriously which is why some of us were willing to incorporate a "dabbing" dance move that went beyond our comfort zones (check out the end of the video to see what I mean). And through it all we were laughing, a sign that we were truly enjoying this process together. According to many of our sages, especially Rashi (1040-1105, France) and Sforno (1475-1550, Italy) our matriarch Sarah's laughter after the birth of Isaac was a sign of rejoicing (see Genesis 21:6). If we're not laughing at least some of the time during our work together, the process won't be fun and the products we create won't be full of joy. So let's make sure to not take ourselves so seriously and remember to laugh.

#2 – Investment

While not taking ourselves so seriously, we can still work hard with the belief that what we're doing is important. That's why everyone involved in the process needed to be willing to invest their time, effort, and skills into creating a successful work product. And that investment began and ended with a shared mission that everyone believed in and informed us on how to make decisions when questions inevitably appeared. For instance, people sent in many different kinds of pictures of themselves, of their candles, of themselves with their candles, etc. When wondering which

picture(s) to highlight we wanted to make it fair for everyone so we only planned on sharing one picture per family. But our shared mission statement reminded us that the purpose of this project was to build a sacred community (kehilah kedosha) and to share the light/miracle of Hanukkah (pirsumei nisa); hence our hashtag #HJCisLit. Thus we decided, after much conversation, that for some families the best way we could follow through on our mission was to incorporate two pictures – one of the family and one of the candles – together into one collage. It was a decision we arrived at jointly because our mission was worthy of our investment. How often though do we (in general) skip this step of setting our mission to achieve joint buy-in and shared investment in a project? And even if we set a mission, how often do we go back to it in order to help us answer the tough questions? We cannot simply assume that everyone thinks a certain project is worthy of investing their time, effort, and resources. We need to show them why and then follow through on that commitment.

#3 – Teamwork

In Pirkei Avot, Rabbi Tarfon teaches us that "the day is long, the work is much, the workers are lazy, the reward is great, and the Master of the House is pressing" (2:15). Perhaps it's not that the workers are inherently lazy, but that the constraints ("the day is long, the work is much") and the expectations ("the reward is great, and the Master of the house is pressing") are so demanding that it is hard for workers to be successful on their own. Hence "laziness" may not be a description of effort but a result of unhealthy psychological self-reflection into the unreasonable expectations we demand of ourselves and others demand of us. "It is not good for a person to be alone" (lo tov heyot adam levado) (see Genesis 2:18) is not just a statement of a human being's need for companionship but also of our need for collaboration. That is why working together as part of a team is so critical to our success. As the 1993 Harvard Business Review (HBR) article entitled The Discipline of Teams states: "Teams produce discrete work products through the joint contributions of their members. This is what makes possible performance levels greater than the sum of all the individual bests of team members. Simply stated, a team is greater than the sum of its parts" (3). That vision of teamwork is what the Mitzvah Team and I tried to emulate with this project. One person collected the photos, another created the collage of pictures and family names, a third person combined the edited pictures with music, and the other two created the opening artwork and the end credits respectively. We instituted deadlines and a work flow so we each knew what was expected of each other and when our tasks were due. But most importantly we gave ourselves time to work together. As the HBR article goes on to say "busy executives and managers too often intentionally minimize the time [teams] spend together. The successful teams we've observed all gave themselves the time to learn to be a team" (5). Mutual accountability and a willingness to invest time together are necessary for teams to be effective together. Without both of these items, we will not be as successful as we hope to be.

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From Hazzan Israel Gordan



Guest Teaching

While this may be a surprise to some of you, teaching probably makes up the single largest component of my job. Each week, I teach every class in the ECC music. I also teach music to the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes in the religious school as well as trop to the 5th and 6th grade class. And, of course, I teach every bar- and bat- mitzvah student each week. But in the past month, I've

also had the opportunity to be a guest teacher on two different occasions, both of which were great experiences that I would like to share a little bit about with you.

On Tuesday, November 13th, I taught our new Mitzvah Team+ class, which has students from both the 7th and 8th grades. This session was in advance of the Friday Night Live service we held on November 16th and the topic was the Friday night service. Using the new Siddur Lev Shalem as our text, we examined the structure and scope of both the Kabbalat Shabbat as well as the Ma'ariv L'Shabbat services. Looking at the piyyutim, psalms, and prayers, we discovered the themes and ideas behind the tefillot and prepared ourselves for better participation at Friday Night Live by going over the tunes that we use.

On December 5th (the fourth night of Hanukkah), I was the teacher for the rabbi's evening session of his Midweek Manna se-

ries and the topic was the Saturday morning service. Again, we used the Siddur Lev Shalem as our text to not only go over the Shabbat morning service, but also to compare it to the Siddur Sim Shalom as a way to illuminate some of the changes that the editors decided to make. Finally, we were also able to use some of our time together to sing some of the tunes we use on Saturday mornings as well as some new tunes.

The greatest part of my job is not just that I get to work with people, but that I get to work with people of all different ages: early childhood, religious school, b'nai mitzvah, adults, and seniors. Teaching and learning is not only a great way to interact with different people, but also in one-on-one as well as group settings. The benefits of the diversity of these experiences are innumerable. When engaged in learning about our heritage, traditions, and religious practice, most people are hungry to know more. Being one-on-one allows a student to really learn the subject matter and ask questions without fear of others' scrutiny. When learning in a group, the class takes on a life of its own and the mood and feeling in the room is affected by everyone in it. Speaking is extremely different than singing, and it's always fascinating to see how people respond to music, whether produced by themselves, or in listening to others make it.

As we begin this new year of 2019, I hope we can all find multiple opportunities to engage in learning in different ways. May they all be fulfilling, rewarding, and illuminating!

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Please join us at the Chai Club on the first Wednesday of every month, at 2:00 pm.

Activities include: a book discussion, game event, feature film, slideshows for interesting countries, a lecture on Israeli issues, a combined event with Temple Beth El and much more.

Non-members also welcome. Roz Haber and Ellen Kahn, Club Co-Chairs.



Teamwork at HJC (continued)

When it comes to the products and programs we've created at HJC, there is much for us to be proud of. So many people give of their time and effort and believe in the mission of what our community is all about. If anything, my experience working with the Mitzvah Team on our "#HJCisLit with Hanukkah" campaign reminds me just how grateful we must be to all who share their gifts and talents in our community and that we should not take those gifts and talents for granted. Staying "lit" – encouraging laughter, emphasizing investment, and enabling teamwork – will help all of us at HJC feel that what we're doing here is joyful, worthwhile, and successful.

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*



Community and Storytelling at HJC

One of the most frequent questions I am asked by members and friends is how and why our synagogue community became such a formidable collection of wonderful, smart, interesting and generous people. While the energy and love in our community is palpable, the reasons we are drawn to each other are not so obvious. Recently, my granddaughter, Shira, interviewed me for a school project, and I began to see more clearly why we have bound ourselves

together. After Shira's interview, I began to reminisce about the 1970s, when I was privileged to live near the nation's capital and often took advantage of the many opportunities there. One remarkable experience was the Family Folklore Tent that was erected at the Festival of American Folklife, on the National Mall in 1974. I had recently started my teaching career and needed additional credits toward my certification. I decided to spend that hot summer in the tent interviewing people, gathering their rich stories and folklore, and interpreting the stories for the book which would document the project.

From the very first day, the tent, sparsely decorated with tablecloths, a few photographs, and a sign that read, "Family Folklore – Will You Share Yours with Us?" provided a steady stream of visitors. The project attracted a large number of Jews, as well as other significant ethnic groups, and it was noted by sociologists that third-generation Americans often have a strong interest in their family origins. It was no surprise that the stories were rich with excitement and wanderlust, as people memorialized their family's stories for the book. The stories I listened to were tales of survival, heroes, migrations, courtships, marriages, and notable family events. I collected family histories ranging from the recollections of descendants of Civil War soldiers to those who perished in the pogroms of Eastern Europe. As part of the program, I was interviewed as well.

I had long forgotten about this experience, but Shira's interview re-awakened this memory. Shira's interview was enlightening, not only because I had to think of answers to questions I had not thought about in the past, but also because I discovered that I "needed" to provide little stories for each of her questions. It is a blessing for grandparents to share their stories with their grandchildren, and after that experience, I went back and reread the book that was created from the Folklife Festival. It is entitled "A Celebration of American Family Folklore – Tales and Traditions from the Smithsonian Collection," by Steven J. Zeitlin, Amy J. Kotkin, and Holly Cutting Baker. I was riveted when I read the harrowing but amusing story I told the interviewer more than 40 years ago. And every story in this special book re-inspired me to count the many blessings gifted to me by my ancestors.

Storytelling in American families commonly happens during family reunions, at holiday time, and during family meals. At the Huntington Jewish Center, we are fortunate to have many volunteers working together on an ongoing Storytelling Project, chaired by Nancy Berlow Cooper. Nancy and her team of adult and teen interviewers have collected the stories of dozens of our members; and how rich our own community stories are! Every month in the Bulletin, we learn about the history and personal journey of our own members, and several of these stories fill a display board in the hall outside the main office. It is a beautiful endeavor, and we can learn much about each other and ourselves when we read the stories. Once I had read more than a few of them, I began to notice the common threads and patterns that have attracted us to each other to continuously create and build our Huntington Jewish Center community.

Nancy and her committee are looking for more people to conduct these interviews. Contact Nancy at nancyberlow@gmail.com or call 516-356-7109. I guarantee that you will be uplifted and energized by participating in this project. The Storytelling Project is more than a collection of family histories - it reveals what binds us together.

**A HUGE thank you to all who donated
to the HJC Blood Drive**
(In memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss)

**We collected
48 pints!!!**

**Your donations have
helped save lives!**



SAVE THE DATE!

**Important Bar/Bar Mitzvah Meeting
For all 2020 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019
8:00 pm ~ Family Life Center**

**Rabbi, Cantor, Ritual Committee & Sisterhood will be
present
to review all details of your simcha**



Hanukkah Highlights

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

-Edith Wharton

Hanukkah was truly the holiday that kept on giving this year. From the classrooms, to the school, to our families, to our community. I am truly in awe of how this holiday brought everyone together. In the case of the HJC community, we spread the light.

In the classrooms, the children learned all about the struggle and miracle of Hanukkah. They learned about the brave Maccabees and how important it is to stand up for what you believe in. They created their very own menorahs, learning addition and subtraction with the candles. They even turned themselves into a human menorah with children acting as candles and the Shamash lighting the others. We used dramatic play to act out the story, "The Runaway Latkes," by Leslie Kimmelman. The children love dramatic play which helps give them confidence and expands their imagination and vocabulary.

Another highlight of Hanukkah is of course, the Hanukkah Happening. It is not just a money maker, it brings all arms of the synagogue together. The ECC PA is notorious for being the Olympic Gold medalist of fund raising. This year the Hanukkah Happening committee for the ECC Parent Association, led by Mia Fitzharris, raised a record amount of money. The funds raised will be used to purchase gym equipment and to bring special programming for the ECC children. These women show no mercy when it comes to



fundraising for our school and pounded the pavement for weeks and weeks to secure donations for the raffle baskets. They are as kind as they are dedicated and we are incredibly blessed to have them as a part of our school.

Finally, we helped spread the light as we bid farewell to Hanukkah at our Bim Bam Families with Young Children Havdalah Hanukkah dinner. We kicked off the evening with a craft centered on Hanukkah and then headed to the Kiddush Lounge where all families could light their own menorahs together. As the Rabbi recited the prayers, the Cantor accompanied him on his guitar. We followed this with festive music, delicious food, and incredible families. It was truly heartwarming to watch many of our families have dinner together as a community. The room was filled with warmth, laughter, and joy. The children were treated to soccer games with the Super Soccer Stars. At one time there were 30 children playing soccer in the Social Hall, giving their parents some time to relax, talk to their friends, and make some new friends.





Hanukkah Happening and Camp Fair

Every year for the past 15 or so years Sisterhood, Men's Club, Early Childhood Center and the Social Action committee come together to create the most amazing Hanukkah event, bringing together about 300 parents, grandparents and children. This year it took place on Sunday, December 2nd.

There is always something for everyone. If you like to shop, Sisterhood displays beautiful menorahs, dreidels, jewelry, toys and much more. Thank you ladies of the gift shop! If you like to eat, we always sell hot dogs, latkahs, sufganiot (jelly donuts) and other goodies prepared by our very own Men's Club.

For your children there are many crafts to partake in and take home to decorate your house for Hanukkah.

We had a Social Action table where kids made cards for residents of Gurwin Rehabilitation Center and they decorated pictures to take home.

There was even an area, run by our Youth Group kids, to play dreidel.

I must send a yacher koach to our Early Childhood Center's Parent Association. I watched them work so hard on collecting an unbelievable amount of amazing raffle prizes and making beautiful baskets! They brought in a lot of money for our ECC and for HJC.

Also on the same day in our Kiddush Lounge we ran a camp fair organized by Cari Schueller. This year we had 11 Jewish camps participating with representatives giving parents information about their camps. We had a great turnout. Thanks Cari!

I would be negligent if I did not thank all the parents who volunteered behind the craft tables and the ladies on the Hanukkah Happening committee: Felicia Messing, Sarah Saunders, Lori Sklar, Janet Kushnick, Marilyn Klein and Evelyn Silverberg.

I hope to see you all at next year's Happening and Camp Fair.





Reverse Bucket List

Life coach Trav Bell, nicknamed the “The Bucket List Guy,” created his own coaching program to help others lead a fulfilling and purposeful life. The following is his step-by-step guide to making one.

We have all heard of a bucket list, but have you ever heard of a “reverse bucket list”? While a traditional bucket list creates an attitude of ambition through goal-setting, a reverse bucket list takes stock of the things in life you’ve already accomplished. According to Bell, “we live in a world of chasing the next goal. Reflecting, being grateful, is a muscle that we don’t flex often.”

As we begin 2019 where resolutions can abound, take a moment to create your own reverse bucket list; something that can inspire you. Flex your grateful muscle. It may be the easiest workout you’ve ever done.

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Step 1: Give yourself 30 minutes of quiet time

Center yourself and set aside time where you can be disconnected from the outside world. “The biggest challenge for people is taking time out of their lives to work on their lives,” Bell said. “Allowing space to think in our world where we are busy being busy, ‘Me time’ is limited for most.”

Step 2: Scroll through old photos

Log your memory and remember how you felt in those moments

when those photos were taken. The Reverse Bucket List “is a done list.” Reflect on your “done list” and let photos lead you to remember other moments of victory in your life that are most personal for you.

Step 3: Write down as many things that you’re grateful for as you can

“Treat the things you’ve done in your life as if they were on a Bucket List all along,” Bell said.

It’s not always about the places you visit. It’s about the people you met, and maybe even the job you didn’t get that makes you grateful. Take everything into account: people, places, things.

Step 4: Recognize that each of these items were an end-point

Don’t add items to your Reverse Bucket List that you started and haven’t finished. “It’s not just about living in the future,” Bell said. “It’s also about recognizing the past and to be grateful.”

Final Step: Share your Reverse Bucket List

While you want to share your life’s accomplishments, it’s important to do so in a way that inspires and gives thanks rather than a “pat-on-the-back” list. Share it first with people who best understand you, your goals and your ambitions. The Reverse Bucket List is the perfect gift of gratitude to yourself and others in your own circle of influence.

This winter, HJC will again participate in the HHI program

HHI stands for **Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative** which is a Family Service League program.

Until March 31, different congregations in the Huntington area provide shelter, food and clothing for a group of homeless men. This year, we will be hosting for 8 nights. There are many different types of volunteer activities for adults and children 5th grade and older. If you are interested or want to learn more about this wonderful program, please contact:

Ellen Steinberg: ellen.steinberg728@gmail.com or **Karen Flanzenbaum:** kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com

We will be hosting on the following nights (Wednesdays except where indicated)
January 9, 16, March 13, 21 (Thursday), 27.

Donations of gently used men’s jeans, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and warm long-sleeved shirts are greatly appreciated. Other needed items include new socks, boxers and T-shirts.

Social Action Committee Hanukkah Happening at the Social Action Craft Table



Social Action Committee Hanukkah at Carillon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center



Z'havah Challah Braiding Workshop

Sunday, January 13 - 12 noon

Calling all Religious and ECC Moms & Kids!

Join us for another HJC Z'havah event! Immediately following Religious School, join us for a pizza lunch and a FUN hour of challah braiding as HJC congregant and Sisterhood board member, Felicia Messing, demonstrates how to make and braid challah.

This Z'havah event is sponsored by HJC Sisterhood.

For more info and to RSVP by 1/8, please contact

Evelyn Abraham at evelyn_abraham@optonline.net or 631-424-6922.

Z'havah is a way for younger women to gather & affiliate within their synagogue community.



Spotlight On...

Maxine Liebowitz

Maxine's beginnings were in the Bronx amidst a close knit extended family, and throughout her life, connections to her family have been a common and sustaining thread.

She was the eldest of four children. When she was 4 while her father, a general practitioner, was training in psychiatry with the V.A. in the Midwest, she and her mother and sister Eleanor lived with her grandparents. When Maxine was 12, her family moved to Huntington for her father to be near his work at the V.A. psychiatric hospital in Northport. The family joined HJC then, and Maxine feels that she grew up here.

Maxine attended Huntington High School, then Queens College, and at the age of 19, married Murray Liebowitz, a Huntington native. She graduated with a degree in speech education, and taught for four years in Massapequa. They then started a family, while living in Commack. Mimi was her first child, and she recalls how happily Mimi, being the first, was received by the extended family. Her son, Jonathan was born a few years later.

Maxine continued to work as a substitute teacher, and she and her husband, Murray, built a home in Cold Spring Harbor where they raised their family. She also continued her education, and earned a master's in speech pathology at C.W. Post. With that degree, she worked at the LI Developmental Center in Melville.

Since enrolling Mimi in the HJC Nursery School in 1967, Maxine has remained close with the other parents she met there. She has been consistently involved with Sisterhood, helping with the co-op Sisterhood rummage store, (which was located in the current location of Jonathan's Restaurant). She served as Sisterhood past president, Torah Fund chairperson, member of the National Torah Fund cabinet, book discussion leader, and parliamentarian,

Upon retiring, she became bat mitzvah after attending Rabbi Kurshan's adult bat mitzvah class and receiving Haftorah trope training from Cantor Chesler.

Maxine's current interests and pleasures are varied. She is an avid reader, attends book club discussions, is in two weekly bridge games, enjoys and attends classical music concerts, opera, and theater. Maxine loves to shop (she admits to a shoe fetish and claims that's genetic). She has traveled extensively, some of it with her sister Eleanor, and much of it with Ethel Sachs. Maxine's travels have included trips to Europe, Asia,

South America, and the Middle East.

Maxine is grateful for reaching this stage of life, having survived significant medical challenges. Both Mimi and Jonathan live nearby and Maxine is blessed with five grandchildren: Julia, Danny, Jack, Abby, and Amanda. Maxine feels that above all, family comes first.

Narrative compiled by Elaine Kleinman and Maxine Liebowitz



Bubbies Kitchen

By Joanne Mulberg-Cohn

Last April, Cantor Gordon told me about a fellowship called Bubbies Kitchen that he thought I might be interested in applying for. After reading about it, I decided to apply and was one of the 10 participants chosen to be part of a 5 day conference in early August at Camp Isabella Freedman in the Berkshires. Although I attended workshops with my Bubbies Kitchen group, I was also able to take advantage of some of the 90 presenters of the annual Hazon Food Conference. There were demonstrations by noted chefs, farmers, environmental activists, artists, and more from morning to night.

Bubbies Kitchen was started three years ago by Rabbi Ezra Weinberg, Cyndi Rand and Nancy Wolfson of the YM-YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood. It was designed to significantly deepen and enrich the Jewish educational experiences for children and their families and to create a sense of pride and connection to their Jewish heritage.



At the end of the workshop, I and the other nine participants were presented with a curriculum book to use as a guide for bringing this program in to our own communities. And so on Election Day, November 6th, we had 12 students ranging from second grade to sixth grade sign on. We started with USA and the kids worked in groups and made corn bread and apple slaw. All seemed to have a great time learning and cooking.

Many thanks to Cantor Gordon, Maxine Fisher, Stacey Moss and Peter Cohn for their assistance and support. Another class is planned for early February when we will cook the food from countries our ancestors came from. Details to follow.



HJC SUMMER 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

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Sleep-away camp also allows kids to learn and grow, away from their parents, surrounded by friends their own age. The set-up of 18 year-old counselors caring for 13 year-old campers allows for major advancements and developments in personal identity growth and faith formation in ways that no other setting can. Daily rituals like morning prayers and birkat hamazon (grace after meals) become simply part of the routine. Jewish learning is engaged in by not only the campers, but all staff. The Ramah Camps is the official network of Jewish summer camps created and run by the Conservative movement." ~ Hazzan Israel Gordan, *The Gift of Jewish Summer*, HJC Bulletin, September 2016

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This scholarship is awarded to high school juniors and seniors who spend six to eight weeks during the summer in Israel. They tour, learn, and live the Israeli life in a Jewish educational program.

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This scholarship is awarded to youngsters in grades 4 through 12 who spend either four or eight weeks at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. This camp is under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Applications for both scholarships are available in the HJC Main office.

The deadline for submission is April 12, 2019.

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Atid - Torah Fund Pin for 5779

Jewish Artists

Louise Nevelson



Near the World Trade Center in New York City is an area that is named Louise Nevelson Plaza in honor of a great American Jewish sculptor.

Louise Nevelson was born on September 23, 1899 in Kiev, Russia, to Mina Sadie and Isaac Berliawsky. Her father was a contractor and a lumber merchant. In 1902, he immigrated to the United States leaving his family in Russia. Louise felt deserted by her father's departure and was so traumatized that she stopped talking for six months. In 1904, they sold their home and with the money that her father sent, they left for the United States.

They settled in Rockland, Maine, where there were only thirty Jewish families. Her father became a successful builder, lumberyard owner and realtor. They had a beautiful home and quickly adjusted to their new life in America.

Louise had strong ties to the family, especially her father. He advocated equal rights for women. Her mother was a beautiful woman who was a freethinker. Louise knew at an early age that she wanted to be an artist. Being a Jew and wanting to be an artist, stigmatized her as she grew up. After she graduated from high school, in 1918, she met and married Charles Nevelson of New York.

For the first few years of her marriage, she studied drawing, painting, dramatics and dance. In 1922, she gave birth to her only child, Myron, who later became a famous sculptor. The expectations of her husband that she would fit into the mold of upper-middle class matrons playing mahjong and drinking tea was resented by Louise. In 1931, they separated and she never asked for alimony or support from her husband.

She took her son to her parents in Maine and she went to Munich, Germany, to continue her art studies. She was in Munich six months when the Nazis closed her art studies school.

She returned to the United States in 1937 and taught at the Educational Alliance Art School on the Lower East Side of New

York City as part of a WPA-funded program.

Her first public showing of her sculpture was in 1933. Two years later, some of her work was part of an exhibit in the Brooklyn Museum. She managed to survive by selling some pieces of her works. Her reputation as a sculptor grew and, as she exhibited, she sold more of her works.

In 1967, she had a woman's show at the Whitney Museum which became the turning point of her life. She continued to create and exhibit her works during the seventies and the eighties. In 1964, Nevelson created "Homage to 6,000,000," a memorial to the Jews killed in the Holocaust. She was about to donate to the Centre Beaubourg in Paris, a work worth about \$125,000, when the French government released a Palestinian terrorist. She compared this action to the "Hitler era." In protest, she withdrew her donation of her work to the museum.

Louise Nevelson was a woman with an independent mind who threw off the shackles of restrictions and confinement of her life. Her works are a tribute and a testimonial to an outstanding sculptor, who wasn't intimidated by new ideas and creativity in art.



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Untitled



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Notable American Jews

Bernard Baruch

Bernard Mannes Baruch (August 19, 1870 – June 20, 1965) was an American financier, stock investor, philanthropist, statesman, and political consultant. After his success in business, he devoted his time toward advising U.S. Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt on economic matters, and became a philanthropist.

Bernard Baruch was born to a Jewish family on August 19, 1870 in Camden, South Carolina, to Belle (née Wolfe) and Simon Baruch, a physician. He was the second of four sons. In 1881 the family moved from Camden to New York City. He studied at and graduated from the City College of New York. Baruch married Annie Griffin, an Episcopalian, of New York. They had three children: Belle Baruch; Bernard Baruch Jr.; and Renee Baruch.

Baruch became a broker and then a partner in A.A. Housman & Company. With his earnings and commissions, he bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange for \$19,000. There he amassed a fortune before the age of 30 by profiting from speculation in the sugar market; at that time plantations were booming in Hawaii. By 1903 Baruch had his own brokerage firm and gained the reputation of “The Lone Wolf of Wall Street” because of his refusal to join any financial house. By 1910, he had become one of Wall Street’s best-known financiers.

In 1925 he endowed the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award in memory of his mother, to support scholars who have written unpublished monographs for full-length books on Confederate history.

In 1916, Baruch left Wall Street to advise President Woodrow Wilson on national defense and terms of peace. He served on the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense and, in 1918, became the chairman of the new War Industries Board. With his leadership, this body successfully managed the US’s economic mobilization during World War I. In 1919, Wilson asked Baruch to serve as a staff member at the Paris Peace Conference. Baruch did not approve of the reparations France and Britain demanded of Germany, and supported Wilson’s view that there needed to be new forms of cooperation, as well as the creation of the League of Nations.

For his services in support of the war effort, Baruch was awarded the Army Distinguished Service Medal.

In the 1920s and 30s, Baruch expressed his concern that the United States needed to be prepared for the possibility of another world war. He wanted a more powerful version of the War Industries Board, which he saw as the only way to ensure maximum coordination between civilian business and military needs. Baruch remained a prominent government adviser, and supported Franklin D. Roosevelt’s domestic and foreign policy initiatives after his election. He was also a major contributor to Eleanor Roosevelt’s controversial initiative to build a resettlement community for unemployed mining families in Arthurdale, West Virginia. This relationship did not stop the Nye Committee from investigating Baruch’s role in war profiteering.

In 1940, responding to pleas to help Harry Truman’s shoestrings bid for reelection to the U.S. Senate, Baruch provided crucial funding.

When the United States entered World War II, President Roosevelt appointed Baruch a special adviser to the director of the Office of War Mobilization. He supported what was known as a “work or fight” bill. Baruch

advocated the creation of a permanent superagency similar to his old Industries Board. His theory enhanced the role of civilian businessmen and industrialists in determining what was needed and who would produce it. Baruch’s ideas were largely adopted. It is estimated that these policies cut two years off the time taken to produce tanks, bombers, etc. and caught Hitler totally by surprise. During World War II Baruch remained a trusted adviser and confidant of President Roosevelt.

In February 1943, Roosevelt invited Baruch to replace the widely criticized War Production Board head Donald M. Nelson. Baruch had long coveted the job, and responded that he only needed to ask his doctor if he was healthy enough for the post. During the delay, however, presidential advisor Harry Hopkins persuaded Roosevelt that firing Nelson at the army’s demands would make him look weak, and when Roosevelt and Baruch met at the White House, Roosevelt declined to discuss the job offer further.

In 1944, Baruch commissioned a committee of physicians which developed recommendations for the formal establishment of the medical specialty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and provided over a million dollars of funding to many medical schools to further this cause. In the same year, Baruch and Dr. Howard Rusk, an Air Force physician, advised president Roosevelt to expand rehabilitation programs for injured soldiers within all the armed forces. After the war, these programs were adopted by the Veterans’ Administration.

In 1946 President Harry S. Truman appointed Baruch as the United States representative to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission (UNAEC). On Friday, June 14, 1946, Baruch presented his Baruch Plan, a modified version of the Acheson–Lilienthal plan, to the UNAEC, which proposed international control of then-new atomic energy. The Soviet Union rejected Baruch’s proposal as unfair given the fact that the U.S. already had nuclear weapons; it proposed that the U.S. eliminate its nuclear weapons before a system of controls and inspections was implemented. A stalemate ensued. Baruch resigned from the commission in 1947. His influence began to diminish, as he grew further out of step with the views of the Truman administration.

Baruch was well-known, and often walked or sat in Washington, D.C.’s Lafayette Park and in New York City’s Central Park. It was not uncommon for him to discuss government affairs with other people while sitting on a park bench. This became his most famous characteristic.

In 1960, on his ninetieth birthday, a commemorative park bench in Lafayette Park across from the White House was dedicated to him by the Boy Scouts.

He continued to advise on international affairs until his death on June 20, 1965, in New York City, at the age of 94. His funeral at Temple Shaaray Tefila, the family synagogue, was attended by 700 people. His grave is at Flushing Cemetery, Flushing, Queens, New York City.

Bernard Baruch owned a string of Thoroughbred racehorses and raced under the name “Kershaw Stable”. In 1927 his horse, Happy Argo, won the Carter Handicap.

Baruch College of City University of New York was named for him.

The Saratoga Race Course named the Bernard Baruch Handicap in his honor.



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Milestones in American Jewish History

The Hebrew Union College

HUC was founded in 1875 under the leadership of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise in Cincinnati. The first rabbinical class graduated in 1883. The graduation banquet for this class became known as the Trefa Banquet because it included food that was not kosher, such as clams, soft-shell crabs, shrimp, frogs' legs and dairy products served immediately after meat. At the time, Reform rabbis were split over the question of whether the Jewish dietary restrictions were still applicable. Some of the more traditionalist Reform rabbis thought the banquet menu went too far, and were compelled to find an alternative between Reform Judaism and Orthodox Judaism. This was a major cause of the founding of American Conservative Judaism.

In 1950, a second HUC campus was created in New York through a merger with the rival Reform Jewish Institute of Religion. Additional campuses were added in Los Angeles in 1954, and in Jerusalem in 1963.

As of 2009, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is an international seminary and university of graduate studies offering a wide variety of academic and professional programs. In addition to its Rabbinical School, the College-Institute includes Schools of Graduate Studies, Education, Jewish Non-Profit Management, sacred music, Biblical archaeology and an Israeli rabbinical program.



The Los Angeles campus operates many of its programs and degrees in cooperation with the neighboring University of Southern California, a partnership that has lasted over 35 years. Their productive relationship includes the creation of the Center for Muslim-Jewish Engagement, an interfaith think tank through the partnership of HUC, USC and Omar Foundation. CMJE holds religious text-study programs across Los Angeles. Ironically, no classrooms on this campus have windows.

Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk was appointed as HUC's sixth president, following the death of Nelson Glueck. As president, Gottschalk oversaw the growth and expansion of the HUC campuses, the ordination of Sally Priesand as the first female rabbi in the United States, the investiture of Reform Judaism's first female hazzan and the ordination of Naamah Kelman as the first female rabbi to be ordained in Israel.

In 1996, Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman was appointed as the 7th President of the College-Institute. He was succeeded in 2000 by Rabbi David Ellenson.

The 12th president of HUC-JIR, elected in 2014, was Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, Ph.D. A noted authority on rabbinic and Second Temple literature, with research interests in the historical development of legal concepts and terms, Rabbi Panken was killed in a plane crash on May 5, 2018, while piloting a single-engine Aeronca 7AC over New York's Hudson Valley.

The cantorial school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion was founded in 1947. The school is located on the New York campus of HUC-JIR at One West Fourth Street. It offers a five-year graduate program, conferring the degree of Master of Sacred

Music in the fourth year and ordination as cantor in the fifth year.

Cantorial School at HUC-JIR begins in Jerusalem and continues for the next four years in New York. While in Israel, students study Hebrew, and Jewish music, and get to know Israel. Cantorial students study alongside Rabbinical and Education students. In New York, the program includes professional learning opportunities as a student-cantor, in which students serve congregations within and outside of the NY area.

The curriculum includes liturgical music classes covering traditional Shabbat, High Holiday and Festival nusach, Chorus, Musicology, Reform Liturgy and Composition; Judaica and text classes such as Bible, Midrash and History; and professional development. Each student is assigned practica (mini-recitals) during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year of school culminating with a Senior Recital (based on a thesis) during the 5th year.

Rabbi David Ellenson, then President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, announced on January 27, 2011 that the School of Sacred Music would be renamed the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music in honor of Debbie Friedman. The renaming officially occurred on December 7, 2011.

HUC has both male and female students in all its programs, including rabbinic and cantorial studies.

Since its founding, the College-Institute has ordained over 2,800 rabbis and over 400 cantors. As of 2007, 520 ordained rabbis and 179 invested cantors have been women. The first female rabbi to be ordained by HUC was Sally Priesand, ordained in 1972, the only woman in a class with 35 men. The first female cantor to be invested by HUC was Barbara Ostfeld-Horowitz in 1975.

After four years of deliberation, HUC decided to give women a choice of wording on their ordination certificates beginning in 2016, including the option to have the same wording as men. Up until then, male candidates' certificates identified them by the Reform movement's traditional "morenu harav," or "our teacher the rabbi," while female candidates' certificates only used the term "rav u'morah," or "rabbi and teacher." Sally Priesand herself was unaware that her certificate referred to her any differently than her male colleagues until it was brought to her attention years later. Rabbi Mary Zamore, executive director of the Reform movement's Women's Rabbinic Network, explained that the HUC was uncomfortable with giving women the same title as men. In 2012 she wrote to Rabbi David Ellenson, HUC's then president, requesting that he address the discrepancy, which she said was "smacking of gender inequality."

In 2002 at HUC in New York the Reform Rabbi Margaret Wenig organized the first school-wide seminar at any rabbinical school which addressed the psychological, legal, and religious issues affecting people who are intersex or transsexual. Reuben Zellman became the first openly transgender person accepted to HUC in 2003; he was ordained by HUC in 2010. Elliot Kukla, who came out as transgender six months before his ordination in 2006, was the first openly transgender person to be ordained by HUC.

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