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# Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

## MEMBERSHIP

### Join Us and Support the Sisterhood of HJC

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings to prepare the Extended Kiddushes. It is an opportunity to support the HJC community. Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you are interested.

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Sisterhood is busy in the kitchen baking. Please support Sisterhood by buying Hamantashen. They are Dairy Free and the flavors are: Apricot, Chocolate, Prune or Raspberry. We are charging \$12 a dozen and all proceeds are used to support Sisterhood and HJC. Please submit orders by March 6th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ROSH CHODESH – March 7th 7:30 PM

Welcome the New Moon with a special Women's Study Group led by Rabbinic Chaplain Joni Brenner.

### WELLNESS EDUCATION – March 14th 7:30 PM

Learn about Yoga, Reflexology and Self Defense.

### SAVE THE DATE – Spring Rummage Sale Drop Off

April 4th and 5th.

## FUNDRAISER FOR CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK

Aprons (\$15) and Grocery Bags (\$5) with the Cookbook logo can be purchased to support funding the publication of the cookbook. Donations are also welcome.

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MARCH 2019				ADAR I-ADAR II 5779		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1/24 Adar I</b> Minyan Breakfast - 8:00am	<b>2/25 Adar I</b> Jr Congregation 10:30am Theater Production  <b>Shabbat Shekalim</b> <i>Vayakhel</i>
<b>3/26 Adar I</b> JNN RS/MT/Derek Eretz Theater Production	<b>4/27 Adar I</b>	<b>5/28 Adar I</b> RS/Chaverim	<b>6/29 Adar I</b> EC Meeting - 7:30pm	<b>7/30 Adar I</b> SH Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	<b>8/1 Adar II</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	<b>9/2 Adar II</b> Theater Production  <b>Pekude</b>
<b>10/3 Adar II</b> JNN Kadima/USY RS/RS/Board Meeting Theater Production	<b>11/4 Adar II</b> SH Board Mtng - 8:00pm	<b>12/5 Adar II</b> RS	<b>13/6 Adar II</b> HIHI - 6:00PM Board Meeting - 8:00pm	<b>14/7 Adar II</b> SH Wellness Panel Discussion - 7:30pm	<b>15/8 Adar II</b>	<b>16/9 Adar II</b> Jr Congregation 10:30am  <b>Vayikra</b>
<b>17/10 Adar II</b> JNN RS/Kadima/USY Purim Carnival	<b>18/11 Adar II</b>	<b>19/12 Adar II</b> RS/Chaverim ECC Bim Bam Dinner Megillah Reading	<b>20/13 Adar II</b> <i>Spring Begins</i> <b>Fast of Esther</b> <i>Megillah Reading</i>	<b>21/14 Adar II</b> HIHI - 6:00PM <b>Purim</b>	<b>22/15 Adar II</b> <b>Shushan Purim</b>	<b>23/16 Adar II</b> <b>Tzav</b>
<b>24/17 Adar II</b> JNN/RS/Kadima/USY MC Breakfast/Ridotto 4pm	<b>25/18 Adar II</b>	<b>26/19 Adar II</b> Jewish Public Affairs Forum - 8:00pm	<b>27/20 Adar II</b> HIHI - 6:00PM	<b>28/21 Adar II</b> Children's Art Auction	<b>29/22 Adar II</b> FNL	<b>30/23 Adar II</b>  <b>Shabbat Parah</b> <i>Shmini</i>
<b>31/24 Adar II</b> RS/USY/Kadima / Brunch and Learn - 10:00am-12:00pm / FJMC Man of the Year Dinner - 12:30pm / HJC HOP - 6:00pm						

APRIL 2019				ADAR II-NISAN 5779		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1/25 Adar II</b>	<b>2/26 Adar II</b> RS	<b>3/27 Adar II</b> EC Meeting - 7:30pm	<b>4/28 Adar II</b> Rummage Drop Off	<b>5/29 Adar II</b> Minyan Brkfst - 8:00am Rummage Drop Off ECC Grandpeople Day Family Jr Congregation	<b>6/1 Nisan</b>  <b>Tazria</b>
<b>7/2 Nisan</b> JNN RS/RS Board Meeting SH Rummage Sale	<b>8/3 Nisan</b> SH Rummage Sale	<b>9/4 Nisan</b> RS	<b>10/5 Nisan</b> Social Action Meeting 2:00pm Board Mtg - 8:00pm	<b>11/6 Nisan</b> Taste of Passover 7:30pm	<b>12/7 Nisan</b>	<b>13/8 Nisan</b> Jr Cong - 10:30am  <b>Shabbat Hagadol</b> <i>Metzora</i>
<b>14/9 Nisan</b> JNN RS/Model Seder USY/Kadima Passover Intensive Ridotto - 4:00pm	<b>15/10 Nisan</b> SH Board Mtg - 8:00pm	<b>16/11 Nisan</b> ECC Seder RS	<b>17/12 Nisan</b>	<b>18/13 Nisan</b> <b>Search for Chametz</b>	<b>19/14 Nisan</b> Siyyum Breakfast ECC & Main Office Closed <b>First Seder</b>	<b>20/15 Nisan</b> <b>Passover</b>
<b>21/16 Nisan</b> No JNN RS Closed thru April 29th <b>Easter</b>	<b>22/17 Nisan</b> ECC Closed thru April 26th <b>Intermediate Day</b>	<b>23/18 Nisan</b> <b>Intermediate Day</b>	<b>24/19 Nisan</b> <b>Intermediate Day</b>	<b>25/20 Nisan</b> <b>Intermediate Day</b>	<b>26/21 Nisan</b> <b>Passover</b>	<b>27/22 Nisan</b> <b>Yizkor / passover</b>
<b>28/23 Nisan</b> JNN MC Meeting	<b>29/24 Nisan</b>	<b>30/25 Nisan</b> Tea Time w/ECC RS/Chaverim				

# From Rabbi Ari Saks



## *Celebrating Purim while understanding the dark side*

The adorable costumes, the noisy groggers, the delicious hamantaschen. These are just some of the ingredients that make Purim such a fun and joyous holiday for the whole family. If you join us on March 20th for our Purim celebration, you'll be sure to leave shul with a smile on your face.

But while our contemporary celebration of Purim is joyful, there is also a dark side to this holiday. In 1994, Baruch Goldstein entered a mosque in Hebron on Purim Day, which

happened to fall on the first day of Ramadan, and massacred twenty-nine Muslim worshippers. This was no coincidence, according to Bar-Ilan University historian Elliot Horowitz, author of *Reckless Rites: Purim and the Legacy of Jewish Violence*. Haman is a descendant of the nation of Amalek, whose memory Jews are obligated to “wipe out” (Deuteronomy 25:19). On Purim we follow up on that command by not only blotting out the mention of Haman’s name with the noise of the grogger, but by recalling how we killed him, his wife, his ten sons and “75,000 foes” (Esther 9:16). This rampage exemplifies what Jews must do to Amalek throughout history, and as such Amalek has been a useful descriptor of many enemies of the Jews, including Arabs and, particularly, Palestinians. Thus in Hebron Haman effigies have been hanged with kefiyyahs around their necks and the annual Purim parade has become increasingly violent and vitriolic year after year. All this led Horowitz to write his book connecting the holiday of Purim with a legacy of Jewish violence, especially given how Jewish violence played out in settlements like Hebron. As he says, invoking the words of Megillat Esther, “I feel that there is no longer any excuse for me, as a historian or as a Jew, ‘to keep silence at such a time as this’ (Esther 4:14).

It is important to note that there is significant disagreement with Horowitz’s conclusion that there is a deep legacy of Jewish violence and that such violence is a direct result of the teachings of the Purim story. In his scathing review of Horowitz’s book, the famed Israeli historian Hillel Halkin, posits that the relatively few incidents through history of Jewish violence on or near Purim pointed out by Horowitz does not connote a legacy of Jewish violence but on the contrary, the paucity of examples exemplify a history of restraint by Jews to not engage in violence. As he says: “It is not only Jews who have been predisposed throughout their history to violence, which has surfaced openly among them under certain conditions and been repressed under others. It is all humanity. What is unusual about Jews is that, for much of their history, the resort to violence was repressed” (Review of *Reckless Rites* by Elliot Horowitz, Hillel Halkin in *Commentary Magazine*, June 2006).

What I find interesting in this contemporary debate between Horowitz and Halkin over the degree to which Judaism has a history of violence or non/violence & restraint, is how it is echoed in rabbinic commentary on the Purim story itself. One consequence of Queen Esther’s revelation of her Jewish identity to King Ahashverosh was

that he had to invalidate the letter he wrote previously to all corners of his kingdom that on the 13th day of Adar all Jews were to be killed (Esther 3:12). Thus Ahashverosh wrote another letter, not to repeal that decree, but to give Jews the freedom to “fight for their lives” and kill and plunder any adversaries who sought to destroy them as a result of his first letter (Esther 8:11). This created a condition whereby “many of the nations in the land were forcibly converted (mityahadim) because a great fear of the Jews fell upon them” (Esther 8:17).

However, the Vilna Gaon (18th Century, Lithuania) brings in a teaching from the Gemara to say that it is impossible for Jews to forcibly convert others because “one who does not convert for the sake of heaven is not a convert” (Masechet Gerim 1:3). Thus, the non-Jews who converted did so themselves, which is why the Hebrew term for “convert” (mityahed) is self-reflexive -- they made themselves to be Jews.

Pay close attention to what the Vilna Gaon is saying. Unlike adherents of their sister monotheistic faiths, Jews cannot force others to convert. People who want to be Jewish, or feel they need to be Jewish, have to come to Judaism out of their own free will. This point is significant because in a text in which Jews take out violent revenge against their enemies (see Esther 9:16) the Vilna Gaon claims that Jews still did not forcibly convert others to Judaism. Thus in the midst of the threat of Jewish violence, he argues that Jews resisted engaging in one of the most pernicious forms of religious violence i.e. forced conversion.

Personally, I find the Vilna Gaon’s interpretation fascinating though a bit of a stretch to the p’shat (simple meaning) of the text which, from context, seems to indicate that the process of hityahadut was born out of violence. As the historian Shaye J.D. Cohen writes in his book *Beginnings of Jewishness*: “The simple meaning of the Hebrew is not that many non-Jews converted to Judaism but that they pretended to be Jews: they professed themselves to be Jews to be something they were not. They did so because they feared for their lives; the Jews had just been given carte blanche by the King to kill their enemies, and therefore many gentiles pretended to be Jews in order to protect themselves.”

Yet perhaps the purpose of the Gaon’s comment is that despite the presence of violence in the text, that Jewish communities do not engage in violence. At worst, the story of Purim is an ancient version of Quentin Tarantino’s *Inglorious Basterds*, a Jewish revenge fantasy about what Jews would want to do to their sworn enemies but could not do. That’s also what Halkin is doing - reminding us that though there is a Jewish desire for revenge against its enemies, a desire shared by every culture in the world, this is not the world Jews have lived in nor have created throughout their history. And perhaps Horowitz is warning us that because of texts like Megillat Esther we cannot just expect Jews to read it as fantasy, but that there is a fear it can be a guidebook for how to take revenge in the future. So while we’re having fun celebrating Purim with hamantaschen and costumes, let us be reminded that not all Purim teachings are worthy of being emulated because violence has no place in a Jewish community.



# From Hazzan Israel Gordan



## *A Day in the Life*

Every so often, it's important to let people know what you've been up to. It's amazing how different our jobs are from each other's and how much our jobs can vary. Not only from year to year or season to season, but also on a daily basis. I recently had a fantastically busy and wonderfully fulfilling Sunday that it felt like the perfect fodder for a bulletin article.

I'd like to share that day with you here as a way to give you a glimpse of what my job can be like.

On Sunday, January 27th, I started my day as I so often do with minyan at 9am. Attendance can vary wildly, but luckily this day we reached our quorum of ten Jewish adults, so we were able to recite all of the prayers. After minyan, I went back to my office for a lesson with a Bat Mitzvah student at 10am. That was followed by joining the 5th and 6th grade class of the religious school at 10:30am for another lesson on haftarah trope. Our 5th and 6th grades are combined into one class so I alternate teaching Torah and Haftarah trope each year in advance of their Shabbaton in May. This also provides each student with a solid foundation to work with once they start preparing for their own bar or bat mitzvah with me in 7th grade.

At 11am, we had our first-ever Shabbat fair for our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Although they are two separate classes in the religious school, we combined them for this activity. Each grade in the religious school has a family education experience and we created a Shabbat fair for our youngest two grades so that they could learn about Shabbat, create candle sticks, a Kiddush cup, and challah cover for their own Shabbat use. In addition to the educational component, each grade's family education experience provides for a great socialization opportunity for all of the families who participate. Even though this was our first attempt at this activity, it was a great success and everyone went away happy. Once religious school ended at noon we had our staff meeting for our religious school faculty. That finished at 1, and I was able to return home and run a few short errands before returning for play rehearsal at 4pm. By the time this bulletin article is published, we will be finishing our performances of "Damn Yankees," but at this point, we were in the thick of rehearsals. Things have been coming along nicely with the show. It's amazing what a group effort putting on the show is and how the synagogue comes alive with activity in order to create the orchestra, the sets, the costumes, the props, the playbill, and everything else that goes into making it such a successful fundraiser and community builder. While we've been doing this every other year, we did not do one two years ago, so it's been four years since "Kiss Me Kate!"

As we transition into spring, I hope we can all have longer days filled with fun, excitement, and meaning inside the synagogue and out!

## **Shabbat Fair held on Sunday, January 27th for families with children in Kindergarten and 1st grade of our religious school**





## *The Importance of Being Happy*

*"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy.' They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."*

John Lennon

When Adar arrives, we are commanded to be happy; and this year, we have two months of Adar, so we should be twice as happy. Adar is rich in experiences that are joyful, and yet, the Talmud tells us that even if we think we are happy, we need to stretch even further and become more joyful. On the most festive day in the Jewish calendar, we are commanded to "make days of feasting and gladness and of sending gifts to one another." (Esther 9:22). We are commanded to remember that life is fragile, and that we should be thankful for all our blessings.

What is "happiness?" More than simply a positive mood, happiness is defined as "a state of well-being that encompasses living a good life - that is, with a sense of meaning and deep satisfaction." Our own Declaration of Independence emphatically states that among the inalienable rights of individuals are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Songs, poems, and literature are written about being happy and creating a happy life. From "Don't Worry, Be Happy" by Bobby McFerrin to "Happy Talk" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, many of us are continually looking to find and focus on the positive qualities that will add meaning, value and enrichment to our lives.

Throughout this past winter, I've heard comments from people who talk about their "happy place." For some, it's a vacation venue in the great outdoors, for others it's pursuing a cherished hobby or playing a musical instrument, and for others, it's spending sacred time with children, grandchildren or special friends. I was struck by the focus others have on their happy places, as it sent a powerful message about the value of optimism, especially this year. My grandparents, Esther and Joseph Baum z'l, hardly ever talked about the day in Adar -

exactly 100 years before the day on which I'm finishing this article - that forever changed their lives. It was supposed to be a joyous time of the year. The Hebrew date was 18 Adar I, 5679, and the English date was February 18, 1919. The devastating 1919 Pogrom in my ancestral home of Felshtin, Ukraine, occurred days after Purim Katan. My grandmother survived because she was on the road between Felshtin and Proskurov, hiding in her horse and buggy, selling the goods from her family's store in the neighboring town. My grandfather survived by hiding in a food pantry with his step-brother, while listening to the horrors that were occurring in the kitchen. Their bravery and optimism to continue their lives after the pogrom that took the lives of two of my grandmother's brothers, my grandfather's step-mother, and 600 other Jews was remarkable. They fled Felshtin and arrived in America two years later, and, like many of us who have similar family stories of surviving the oppressions of anti-Semitism, our ancestors' courage to travel to a new land for safety is a lesson in bravery and optimism that continues to teach and inspire. They were optimistic about a happy future. Appreciating simple joys and pleasures are age-old teachings, and though my grandparents are no longer here to share their wisdom, I continue to be reminded to take every situation, find the good, and make it the best it can be.

The months of Adar are rich and joyous this year at the HJC. We are elated to be swingin' and rockin' with the musical performance of Damn Yankees, being merry, laughing and celebrating the holiday of Purim, singing at Friday Night Live, and dancing at the HJC Hop - 50's Dance. The gathering of the families in our community this month are full of musical experiences, and we thank our Cantor Gordan and Rabbi Saks for helping us create these joyful and memorable programs. Singing and creating music is both a learning and transformational experience. No matter how challenging the day becomes, music adds to our happiness and increases our outlook on life. Winter will soon be over, and at the end of this month - on Purim - we'll be embracing nature's natural rebirth of spring. I'm looking forward to having days of feasting, gladness, singing, dancing, and celebrating the months of Adar with our HJC family.

Chag Sameach and Happy Spring,  
Vicki



## **Please join us at the Chai Club**

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**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.**





## ***To Teach or to Preach***

***"I never teach my pupils, I only provide the conditions in which they can learn."*** Albert Einstein

While searching for a quote for this article, I noted that most quotes were by renowned psychologists or specialists in education. Who would know and be more expert on this topic than them? So why, oh why, does everyone think that early childhood should be focused only on memorizing letters, teaching directly to a child, and worksheets? We are robbing children of their childhood and more importantly teaching children NOT to think or limiting them. In a teacher directed scenario, teachers tell children what to think and what to learn. Teachers "teach" and children listen. There is no discussion, no communication, and no collaboration. In other words, it is limiting a child's brain to what the teacher is preaching. Children can become disinterested and their minds may wander as just a recipient of information. Communication skills suffer as well in a teacher directed scenario as there is no discussion and brainstorming. Can you imagine 2-4 year old children learning in this situation?

In a student-centered based education, students and teachers work together and the teacher is more of a facilitator. There is a great deal of communication between students and teachers, as

well as the opportunity to pose and ponder questions. Children will be much more interested and learn more when they are active participants in their learning. Research states that 90% of a child's brain is developed by the age of 5 years of age. Do you think a child will learn more by sitting and listening to information being told and dictated to them or in the case where children are actively participating, developing their communication, language, and socialization skills? In which scenario do you think the brain is receiving more stimulation?





## Show Biz at HJC

In 2000, Ken Gold and I felt that there was a group of people in the Congregation who were interested in reviving theater at HJC. In the 70's Sisterhood produced major productions and as many things do, people lost interest. I mailed out a questionnaire to see if anyone would be interested in acting, set building, orchestra or any way they could contribute to putting on "Fid-

ler on the Roof". The response was overwhelming. That restarted theater at HJC and the Park Avenue Players.

We have produced many shows; actually Damn Yankees is number 8 of which I have co-produced 7. We have a theater committee chaired by Arthur Perler and we even have bi-laws.

As producers, who include Andrea Morris, Miriam Wirchin, Lori Sklar

and myself, we usually start discussion as to what show and to find a Director who is really the only paid professional in late summer.

We put in about 7 months from start to finish. We are not complaining mind you, it definitely has its advantages.

We are always in awe during the auditions. Every show, we have people come down who we never in a million years knew that they could sing and dance. We have met so many interesting people not

to forget the congregants. It is such a community builder. The friendships that have been made and the bonding is so amazing to see.

By the time you read this, it probably will be around showtime. Please buy tickets to support our congregants who have put a lot of time and energy into Damn Yankees and to support our HJC community!



## Calling all babysitters!

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

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

Please include your current home and cell numbers.

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## One More Chance!

Your Sisterhood Cookbook Committee is thrilled with the 200+ recipes already collected but we can still use more! Over 80 HJC families have shared their favs and we love the stories some included too. Our goal is 100% congregation representation, so please search your food memories and send us the special recipes that were served on your family table! And don't forget, add those little snippets about the recipe that add to its charm - family photos are welcome as well.

Please send everything to Rachel Saks at HJC-SisterhoodCookbook@gmail.com or directly to the HJC Office, Attention: Sisterhood Cookbook Committee.







## March is National Optimism Month

*"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*

~ Winston Churchill

Believe it or not, in the month of March there are hundreds of holidays and observances on national, international and world calendars, ranging from Employee Appreciation

Day (March 1) and Shabbat Across America (also March 1) to National Cereal Day (March 7), Popcorn Lovers Day (March 14) and even National Awkward Moments Day (March 18). Although the origin of many of these unique days of observance remain wholly unknown, they hold meaning to somebody, somewhere. And despite the dozens of silly days of observance, March also marks American Red Cross Month, Colorectal Cancer Education and Awareness Month and most notably for this article, National Optimism Month.

op-ti-mism ['äptə,mizəm] NOUN

1. hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something.

**synonyms:** hopefulness · hope · confidence · buoyancy · cheer · good cheer

Optimism is associated with many benefits in life, including increased health, happiness, and longevity. And although a tendency toward optimism can be partially due to inborn factors like openness to experience and agreeableness, optimistic thinking patterns can be developed any time during our life and can bring benefits with them. People might wonder; are optimists more likely to expect the best because they haven't been disappointed by setbacks in life or are they happier because they have more to be happy about? Research finds those who are optimistic have more to be happy about because of the benefits they gain from their optimism, and not that they are merely more optimistic because they may have had an easier life.

Optimism can bring better emotional and physical health, more happiness, greater success and less stress and the benefits of optimism are available to everyone, including a pessimist who wants to change his/her perspective. And what better time to start practicing being more optimistic than in National Optimism Month!

Granted being optimistic might take a little bit more than "looking on the bright side of things" and while you can focus on optimism any time from moment to moment and improve your outer and inner experience, focusing on optimism for a full month might actually help to make it more of an established part of your life. This is true for several reasons:

- Becoming more of an optimist may involve examining your current thinking patterns, deciding on new perspectives to adopt, de-

veloping new habits, and other actions. This can take time.

- Habits, whether habits of thought or lifestyle habits, take time to develop. Both types of habits can help you to be more of an optimist, so it helps to give yourself a few weeks to cement these new aspects of your life.
- Some changes may work better than others. If you spend a month focusing on making optimism-supporting changes in your life, this gives you time to try and discard a few things before you settle on the changes that will work best for you. (This is true whether you're focusing on optimism, happiness, stress relief, or anything else that requires change.)

Although March is deemed Optimism Month, any month can be an opportunity to build your tendency toward grounded optimism and reap the many benefits that can come from this. As for what, specifically, you can do to "celebrate", here are some ideas, each of which can be transformative:

- Learn about what optimism is—and isn't. This can make it easier to know what direction to move toward.
- Examine habitual thought patterns, and see what you might change.
- Develop optimism-enhancing habits: maintain a gratitude journal, a coincidence journal, or a vision board.
- Look back and re-examine your past with more optimistic eyes.
- Practice other everyday optimism habits.

It seems silly to give an individual's personal outlook a formal month of national acknowledgement and if I hadn't written about it, most people reading this article may never have known about National Optimism Month or paid any attention to it. But unlike many of the other frivolous days of observance we've adopted to our national and international calendars, holding onto and improving optimism isn't the worst thing we can do for ourselves, particularly during times of sadness, upheaval or just general disbelief in things as they occur in the world around us.

Here are 5 tips on how you can be more optimistic (by Henrik Edberg, The Positivity Blog):

1. It is not too late to change your life.
2. Don't make mountains out of molehills.
3. Find a more helpful way to view your troubles.
4. Focus on the small steps you can take.
5. Learn to reduce and handle worries.

# Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America

## HJC's Brunch and Learn March 31 10am-12pm

What is **CAMERA**? Its mission is to monitor media in order to promote accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East. It is non-partisan regarding both US and Israel politics, and it does not take a position on solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

### **The Problem**

Inaccurate and distorted accounts of events in Israel and the Middle East are found in conventional news media and in countless others including entertainment, research, and college media.

### **The Danger**

These inaccurate and skewed characterizations of Israel and events in the Middle East may fuel anti-Israel and anti-Jewish prejudice, and can have a negative effect on policymaking.

### **Others have said,**

"Media misrepresentation of events in the Middle East poses an immediate danger to Israel's security ... and the only way to curb such reporting abuses is to shine the spotlight of public attention on them. CAMERA has the courage to effectively challenge the media..." **Congressman Tom Lantos**

"We all know that CAMERA's mission is important not only for the Jewish community, but also for the integrity and vitality of American democracy. It is not just on one occasion that I wished there were an Israeli branch of CAMERA."

– **Democracy activist and former Knesset member Natan Sharansky**

On Sunday March 31, we will hear from **CAMERA** directly as to what they do, how they do it, results of their efforts, and how one may get involved to combat media bias. Join us for this **Brunch and Learn**, from 10:am – noon at HJC.

**Payment in advance is \$12.**

Online: <https://HJCNY.org/brunchandlearn/> or by check to: HJC Israel Committee - in HJC office by March 27

**Payment at door is \$15.**

We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by HJC Israel Committee, in cooperation with Israel Committees of  
Dix Hills Jewish Center, and Kehillat Shalom.

## This winter, HJC is again participating 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](mailto:ellen.steinberg728@gmail.com) or **Karen Flanzenbaum**: [kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com](mailto:kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com)

We will be hosting on the following nights (Wednesdays except where indicated)

**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.



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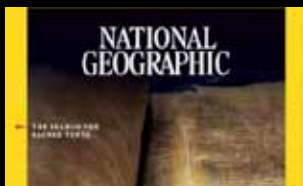
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# Brunch and Learn March 31, 10-12

Huntington Jewish Center, 510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

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The oldest and largest media watch group setting the record straight  
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## Anti-Israel Bias in the Media... How to Recognize and Refute It

**Presentation by Karen Bekker**  
**Assistant Director of CAMERA's Media Response Team**

**KAREN BEKKER** is the Assistant Director of CAMERA's Media Response Team. She coordinates volunteer responders to reach out to journalists, publishers and editors of local, national, and international media about erroneous or biased coverage of Israel. She has been at CAMERA for over two years, and her writing has been published in the *Tower*, the *Algemeiner*, the *Florida Jewish Journal*, and the *New York Law Journal*.

Ms. Bekker graduated magna cum laude from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Prior to joining CAMERA, she practiced law for nine years as a litigator, representing high-profile banking and other commercial clients in federal and state courts.

*Learn more about CAMERA at: <https://www.camera.org/>*



**Cost is \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.**

Checks payable to **HJC Israel Committee** must be in the HJC office by March 27

Pay online at: <https://hjcny.org/brunchandlearn/>

**Payment includes Presentation and Sunday Brunch**





# The Great Hamantashen Sale



Purim begins Wednesday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Sisterhood is once again busy in the kitchen baking delicious hamantashen!  
The price is only \$12 per dozen.

Available flavors are: Apricot, Raspberry, Chocolate Ganache, Prune  
(All of our hamantashen are dairy-free, but prepared in the HJC dairy kitchen)

Please order early! Orders must be received by Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Use the handy tear sheet below to submit your orders to the office. Please send payment with your order.

Questions? Please contact Donna Fleiss at [donna.fleiss@gmail.com](mailto:donna.fleiss@gmail.com) or 631-385-7850

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Flavors (No assorted dozens)	# of dozen	Price @ \$12/dozen
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Chocolate Ganache	_____	_____
Prune	_____	_____

## HJC SUMMER 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

"The most important thing about Judaism is that it is not a subject to be learned in class or studied from a book, but a way of life that is to be experienced every day. The beauty of camp is that it makes that possible – a completely immersive Jewish experience. Instead of trying to impart lessons seated at a desk, children experience a living, breathing Judaism all day every day at camp. And not just Shabbat and Kashrut, but Hebrew Language, Israel, Rosh Chodesh, and Jewish values that imbue the rhythms of a regular day with even more meaning.

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

### Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship

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

### David S. Rosenman Camp Ramah Scholarship

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

**Applications for both scholarships are available in the HJC Main office.  
The deadline for submission is April 12, 2019.**

# Inclusion Committee Update By Miriam Eckstein-Koas

Many of you are probably familiar with the beautiful story which tells us how it came to be that Mount Moriah was chosen as the site of the Beit Hamikdash, the Holy Temple in Jerusalem:

Two brothers had each inherited half of their father's farm. One of the brothers was married and had a large family; the other brother was single. They lived on opposite sides of a hill. One night during harvest time, the single brother tossed about in bed. "How can I rest comfortably when my brother has so many more mouths to feed?" So he arose, gathered bushels of produce and quietly climbed the hill to bring them over to his brother's barn. Meanwhile, his brother across the hill also could not sleep. "How can I enjoy my full share of the produce and not be concerned with my brother. He is alone in the world, without a wife or children; who will support him in his old age?" So he arose in the night and quietly brought over bushels of produce to his brother's barn. When the next morning dawned, each brother was surprised to find that what they had given away had been replenished. This continued for many nights. Each morning they were astounded to find that the bushels they had removed had been replenished. Then one night the brothers met on the top of the hill during their evening adventure. When they realized what had been happening, they wept and embraced. Each brother was taking into consideration the other brother's needs. According to the legend, when God saw that display of brotherly love, He selected the site for His Temple.

When we consider the needs of others, when we really think about what we can do to help them, then it is an act of kedusha (holiness). That is why the Inclusion Committee continues to work towards meeting the needs of all HJC members. Our recent Inclusion Shabbat marking Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month was a meaningful one, and gave congregants a chance to hear more about what the committee has been up to.

In the past year, the committee conducted an informal audit of our building's physical accessibility, checking how someone with mobility challenges could manage doors, water fountains, entryways, etc. The committee also conducted an audit of attitudes, practices and policies towards disabilities at HJC. Some changes as a result include:

1. Large print *siddurim* are now available at entrance of sanctuary
2. Our water fountain now has cups for easier usage
3. The door to the coat room was fixed and now remains open on Shabbat for those with difficulty managing doors (as well as those attending services who do not use electricity on Shabbat)
4. Music stands were purchased for those who need book support in the sanctuary
5. Books on inclusion were purchased for library/school, including the Pathways Haggadah
6. There is a new awareness of the language we use -- "You may rise" instead of "please rise"
7. Large-print Haggadah information was shared with congregation at Passover
8. We created an accommodations statement that now will appear on all synagogue event flyers. It states: Huntington Jewish Center encourages the participation of people of all abilities in its programs and activities. If you or a family member would like to attend an activity, program, meeting or event but require additional support or special accommodations; please call the HJC Main Office at 631-427-1089 or email [hjcadmin@hjcny.org](mailto:hjcadmin@hjcny.org).
9. Our HJC website now includes information on inclusion and accommodations
10. There is ongoing discussion among clergy and the religious school regarding how to meet bar/bat mitzvah students' individual needs

The Committee also prepared an online congregational survey to which over 75 individuals responded! Results of the survey can be found at <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascde%3AUS%3A058a7a6e-0c6c-414b-a5e4-0d0d1b44f4bf>

As a result of the survey's findings, we are looking into three areas for improvement here at HJC. These include installing a hearing loop in both the sanctuary and social hall for those attending services and programs who have hearing challenges, putting in a ramp so all can ascend the bimah, and making changes to seating in the sanctuary so that attendees who use wheelchairs and walkers may sit freely amidst the congregation. These are big projects that will require fundraising and a lot of hard work, but we look forward to partnering with everyone to bring them to fruition! Feel free to join us at our meetings and get involved, or to contact me with any questions or concerns.



New York Metro Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs  
Celebrate our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chavayrim Kol Israel

## ***Honorees of the Year Awards Dinner***

**March 31st, 2019** @ Temple Beth Sholom

401 Roslyn Rd, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

Sunday afternoon 12:30 - Dinner, awards ceremony and dessert

**ALL DINNER Reservations** must be made on-line by **March 22nd, 2019**.

The cost for the evening will be **\$95** per person, to be paid in advance.

*Honoring*

## **Huntington Jewish Center Men's Club Honorees**

Man of the Year: Arthur Perler

Youth of the Year: Hayley Feibel

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	1/8 Page.....	\$120	Boosters.....	\$75 (name and a few words)		
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**ADS MUST BE SUBMITTED W/ FULL PAYMENT by March 15th, 2019 to be included in the Journal**

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### **NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Contact Ofer Rind at [hjcmcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hjcmcpres@gmail.com)

or [info@nymfjmc.org](mailto:info@nymfjmc.org)

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





***ROSH CHODESH: Welcoming the New Moon***  
**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @7:30 pm**

**Please join HJC Sisterhood on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Adar II,  
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) or 631-424-6922**

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

# The Lend A Hand Project by Molly English



## Who We Are & What We Do

The Lend A Hand Project is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to helping men, women and children living below the poverty line on Long Island.

Currently, The Lend A Hand Project is changing the lives of more than 1,000 people across Long Island. These are people who need to make the choice between putting dinner on the table, or purchasing a winter coat for their children. No one should have to ever make that choice!

Sponsors and Recipients are fully vetted and paired with each other by our professional Case Manager, who will help to guide you through the entire process. When you volunteer to be a Sponsor with The Lend A Hand Project, you become a member of a larger family, working together to help others.

*The Lend A Hand program was founded by Gloria Safran. Andy Levy is the Executive Director.*

**Sisterhood's Z'havah Pizza and Purim event held on Sunday, February 10th was a huge success. Thank you to all who joined in the fun! Many thanks to our Sisterhood volunteers! Happy Purim!**



# Spotlight On...

## Gwen and Ron Goldstein

Ron was born in D.C. He, his sister Cindy, and his parents lived there while his father, Arthur z”l worked as a lawyer for the Department of Justice. Ron’s parents moved to Huntington where his dad went into private practice and his mother occasionally taught in local elementary schools.

Ron attended Religious School at HJC, and remembers his teacher, Mr. Kerns, as well as the experience of going to the harbor with others in the TNT Club to cut reeds for the HJC sukkah. He grew up at HJC, along with Steven Wertheim, Paul Greenstein, and Jeff Kramer, among others.

Gwen’s family lived in New Hyde Park. Her mom, Lois, stayed home and raised Gwen and her sister, Karen. Her dad, Philip, was an executive in a company that made uniforms including those for the Mets and Knicks in 1969 (hence her continued interest in sports). She recalls having a strong connection to her synagogue, Temple Emanuel. She went through Hebrew high school there where the cantor even taught meditation. At 16, Gwen was determined to travel to Israel, and committed to pay the cost back by working the following summer. She went on a teen tour during the time of the raid on Entebbe, and recalls the subsequent celebrations everywhere throughout Israel.

Ron attended Brown University. While there, he had an appendicitis attack, and was touched by a surprise visit from Judy z”l and Max Wertheim z”l, along with “little” Billy. During college, he spent a semester studying in Israel, and following became even more conscious of observing laws of kashrut. When he studied on Shabbat, instead of

highlighting key points, he inserted paper clips on those pages.

As an undergrad at Duke in January 1982, Gwen and a friend “crashed” a Hillel graduate school party and met Ron while he was attending law school. Five months later, with both of their upcoming graduations, as Gwen was seeking to get a M.S. in genetic counseling, and Ron seeking his first job as a lawyer, they agreed to move back to New York. Gwen attended Sarah Lawrence graduate school, and Ron worked for the Nassau County District Attorney. They were married a year later at Temple Emanuel.



Ron and Gwen lived in Roslyn for 10 years, where Rachel and then Daniel were born. In 1993 they moved to Huntington when Ron joined his father’s law practice. It was a natural place to live given Ron’s roots in the community, the presence of family, and its proximity to Gwen’s work at Stony Brook University.

Rachel is currently a 2nd year pediatric neurology resident at Boston Children’s Hospital, and is married to Jon Hirschberger. Daniel attended U of Texas, and though Jews were clearly a small minority, he taught the fraternity cook how to prepare kosher style food.

Some of the things that define Ron and Gwen’s relationship are that they laugh a lot together and make time for each other and those they love. They have enjoyed hiking trips with their children out west, and continue to travel and have adventures. They have filled many roles at HJC, and share that their involvement helps to center them, and to provide them with a sense of community and home. They are each an integral part of Shabbat mornings in the HJC community.

*Narrative compiled by Elaine Kleinman*

## Hospital, Rehab & Home Visits With Rabbi Saks

Are you sick or recuperating from an illness?  
Would you like Rabbi Saks to visit you, a family member, or a friend  
(from the congregation)  
in the hospital, rehab center or at home?

Rabbi will be available for visits on Wednesday mornings.

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



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**Nili Gitig** in memory of David Ingber, father of Scott Ingber.  
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**Cathy & Eli Harary** in memory of David Ingber, father of Scott Ingber.  
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**Caryn, Lee, Mara & Adam Rubenstein** in memory of Lawrence Sachs, son of Ethel Sachs.

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**Carol & Jules Einhorn** in memory of Joachim Schorr, father of Ora Kriegstein.

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### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

**Marlene & Leonard Hummel** in memory of Lawrence Sachs, son of Ethel Sachs.

### SOCIAL ACTION/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

**Gloria Safran** in memory of Reuben Safran at yahrzeit.

**Sue & Ken Cohn** in honor of the engagement of Stacy, daughter of Rob & Maxine Fisher, to Mark Bedwinek.

**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in honor of the wedding of Jonathan, son of Jay & Ellen Steinberg, and Blair Chizner.

**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in honor of the engagement of Alex, son of Jay & Ellen Steinberg, to Niaomi Eisenstadt.

**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in memory of David Ingber, father of Scott Ingber.

**Lori Sklar** in memory of Blanche Sklar at yahrzeit.

**Janet & Martin Kushnick** in memory of Benjamin Kushnick at yahrzeit.

**Marjorie Maltin** in memory of Joseph Solomon at yahrzeit.

**Maxine & Rob Fisher** in memory of David Ingber, father of Scott Ingber.

**Maxine & Rob Fisher** in memory of Harry Sindell, uncle of Ed & Bruce Fleiss.

**Maxine & Rob Fisher** in memory of Sam Goldmeer, husband of Susan Goldmeer.

**Nancy & Kenneth Bob** in memory of Laura Hesslein at yahrzeit.

**Susi Susskind** in memory of Bernard Berkowitz, father of Barbara Lapidus & Gwynne Wicks.

**Marlene & Lenny Hummel** in memory of Anne Ross at yahrzeit.

**Marilyn & David Klein** in memory of Lawrence Sachs, son of Ethel Sachs.

**Jill & Arnie Sherman** in memory of Lawrence Sachs, son of Ethel Sachs.

### MAZAL TOV

**Scott & Leigh Murphy** announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Beth Murphy.

**Lesley & Jeff Stark** announce the birth of their grandson, Samuel Stark Fargo.

### CONDOLENCES

**Bruce & Ed Fleiss** on the death of their uncle, Harry Sindell, a member of the Tasman family.

**Susan Goldmeer** on the death of her husband, our congregant, Sam Goldmeer.

**Ora Kriegstein** on the death of her father, Joachim Schorr.

**Ethel Sachs** on the death of her son, Lawrence Sachs.

## Kadima/Chaverim Pancake Wars

Youth Group Director Samara Rossi





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