The Jews in the Pew (Study)

The results of the recent Pew Research Center survey of the American Jewish community have caused much consternation. Among the statistics that caused the most alarm are figures that only 18% of American Jews identify their denominational affiliation as Conservative and that 22% of American Jews identify themselves as Jews of no religion. We also learned that Jews often shift their denominational affiliation during their lifetimes usually from Orthodox to Conservative, from Conservative to Reform, or from Reform to no denominational affiliation.

These and other statistics in the Pew Study mirror religious trends in the general American community. One out of five American do not identify with any religious denomination--almost exactly the same percentage as Jews who say they have no religious affiliation. 50% of American Jews change their religious identity at some point during their lives. There is tremendous polarization in religious identification today. Whereas in the 1950’s the center was the place to be, it is the religious extremes today that are growing most quickly. It is cold comfort, however, to say that as Jews we are becoming more like everyone else.

Some have read the Pew Study as cause for despair and as grounds for predicting that liberal Judaism in the United States is on its deathbed. I understand the study differently. I believe it clarifies the opportunities that lie before us as a synagogue community and as an American Jewish community. I find myself re-energized and optimistic about our challenges.

First the study tells us that there is a large number of Jews in the community who can be reached by us. When asked how they identify, 36% of Jews in the study list themselves as “other” or “just Jewish”. 41% of Jews under the age of 30 claim they have no denominational affiliation. The statistics do not mean that the Jews in these categories do not care. They simply do not identify with a specific denomination. If we can open our synagogue doors as widely as possible, we can draw some of these Jews into a meaningful engagement with the Jewish community. Many of these Jews are seeking meaning and community, and if we can make a connection with them, they will walk through our doors. That does not mean we have to abandon that for which we stand, but rather that we need to make...
our synagogue and the kind of Judaism which we represent as welcoming and accessible as possible. To cite just one example it would be a mistake for us as a Conservative shul to change the majority of our service to English. People are drawn to us, in part, because our services are traditional. On the other hand, knowing that not everyone in the congregation can read Hebrew, we added transliterations of the service to the back of our prayer books a few years ago so that everyone can participate.

We also have to focus on the “reachable” moments when families are open to establishing a connection with a synagogue. We know that one of those moments is the early childhood years when parents are figuring out their priorities in raising their children. We need as many inspiring models of Jewish life as possible for parents during these early childhood years. Thus in our search for a new Early Childhood Center director it is important that this person continue to be not only someone with an expertise in early childhood education, but also someone who is a positive and accessible model of the richness of Jewish life.

We also need to remember that not everyone fits into the conventional definition of a family. According to the Pew study only 51% of Jewish adults are married. Often when people think synagogue, they think couples or families. We need to embrace the diversity of the community and find the ways of connecting to Jews who are widowed, divorced, single parents, or who are couples who do not yet have children.

It is important to remember that while the Pew study and other similar studies tell a national story through their statistics, all religion is local. If we can create a Judaism and a synagogue community that is engaging and inspiring, people will want to connect with us at HJC, and the statistics won’t matter very much.

In his speech a few weeks ago before the Centennial Celebration of United Synagogue, Chancellor Arnold Eisen of the Jewish Theological Seminary made the following comment: “The word, religion, may resonate less with American Jews than it did years ago, but spirituality, pursuit of justice, the building of communities, and the service of God matter just as much as they always have.”

We are a Jewish people who have survived for 4000 years. That makes us long term investors, and we should not focus overly much on any particular snapshot of the Jewish community. Already at various times in our American Jewish history it has seemed as if the demise of Orthodox Judaism and Reform Judaism were imminent. The Reform movement resuscitated itself by opening its doors to the intermarried. The Orthodox Movement saved itself from extinction by creating a network of day schools that perpetuated its brand of Judaism in a younger generation. It took many years for these efforts to bear fruit.

The decisions we make today will determine what our synagogue community, our Movement, and the American Jewish community will look like ten, twenty or thirty years from now. The future does not shape us; we shape the future through our choices. I hope we will be able to look back saying we seized the opportunities before us and created a future that made us proud.
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- **December 2013**
- **Kislev/Tevet 5774**

**NO EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER—NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WINTER BREAK**

**HIHI**

**Main Office Closed**

**The New Year**

**Y'asher**

**Shabbes Services 6pm**

**Shemot**
MAZAL TOV

Susie & Steve Lax announce the engagement of their daughter, Yonit, to Jacob Hyman-Kantor.
Amy & Rick Marcus announce the birth of their grandson, Harrison Noah Rubovitz.
Dorothy & Larry Tydings announce the birth of their grandson Martin Sebastian Bressler.
Gail & Jerry Ellstein announce the engagement of their son, David, to Erin Hall.
Debbie & Richard Rosenkrantz announce the birth of their granddaughter, Penelope Lily Silver.
Rabbi Neil and Alisa Rubin Kurshan announce the engagement of their son, Eytan, to Anna Squires Levine.
Ken & Nancy Bob announce the engagement of their son, Amit, to Adina Teibloom.

CONDOLENCES

Janet Goldstein on the death of her father, Ralph Arditti.

Jewish Nutritional Network

The Jewish Nutritional Network (JNN) is a non-denominational, non-profit food service organization. For over 18 years our volunteers have helped provide meals to families in need in our community. Currently we prepare meals in HJC’s dairy kitchen every Sunday for approximately 300 people, including an after-school program in Huntington for children in need and families living in two motel-type shelters.

From our deliveries each Sunday we knew that there would be no Thanksgiving dinner provided for the motel residents. Just as in years past the JNN purchased individual Thanksgiving dinners at a discounted price from Zan’s Kosher Deli (135 Alexander Ave, Lake Grove). That day, 300 holiday meals were delivered hot and ready to eat. When our volunteers arrived to the motels in Commack and Smithtown the residents were all waiting for their arrival, and were deeply appreciative of the meals that they received. It was a deeply heartwarming experience for our volunteers, making the residents feel that someone cared about them on Thanksgiving.

The JNN is volunteer based and depends on individual contributions for its support. You can find us in the dairy kitchen every Sunday at 8:45 AM – come stop by and lend a hand anytime! You’ll do a mitzvah and meet some really great people.
HJC Adult Education, Family Life Committee & Rabbi Kurshan present

Saturday Night at the Movies
Films about fathers & sons

Saturday evening,
December 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm

“A River Runs Through It”

"A River Runs Through It", directed by Robert Redford, is a beautifully photographed movie that recounts the story of two boys growing up in Montana as the sons of a minister.

The movie will be followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Kurshan

Refreshments will be served

~ BYOKB ~

Adults, Bring Your Own Kosher Bottle

*** Please also note the new venue***

The movie will be shown on our new full-sized screen in the Social Hall

~~~~ FOR THE CHILDREN ~~~

Drop the kids off at 7:15 pm in their favorite PJ’s

~ BYOKB ~

Children: Bring Your Own "Kozy" Blanket

Wear your PJ’s, bring a sleeping bag/pillow, ask a friend.
Child supervision & snacks provided at no charge

RSVP to Debbie 427-1089x10 or debbier@hjcny.org to ensure adequate supervision

There is no admission charge

Saturday Night at the Movies Chairpersons: Michelle Stack & Donna Zimmerman
President’s Perspective
Are you in a Havurah?
by William Wertheim

According to my Hebrew dictionary (morfix.co.il—it’s great, if you are looking for a Hebrew-English dictionary, and it’s free), Havurah means a “band, company, small group of people” or in mathematics, a group. We have a number of Havurot in our community. Some of them go back many years, and some are quite new.

I have been thinking about Havurot for a few reasons. First, I am in a Havurah, and Rosalind and I enjoy meeting with our Havurah very much. We started meeting with the new effort that HJC put into creating Havurot two years ago. Our Havurah has allowed Rosalind and me to have another avenue to connect with longtime friends, and also to get acquainted with people we didn’t really have the chance to know previously. We have talked about a number of different topics, from our diverse religious backgrounds to Seder memories to our relationship with Israel, and we’ve also just plain schmoozed. Most of our meetings have been over dessert, but we had a recent meeting over Shabbat dinner, after a little challenge in scheduling, and it really was a great evening. While we did not have a topic for this most recent meeting, it was nice to simply talk, take pleasure in each other’s company, eat together, and drink some very tasty kosher wine. Our Havurah has really added to our HJC experience.

I was also recently talking to a long-time member of our community, and she told me about her experience. Some Havurot, hers included, have been meeting for over 20 years. While perhaps not all of them have remained intact, this group was particularly striking: regular newsletters (using typewriters!), long-term friendships that grew from the group, and regular meetings. One of the lessons she relayed was in preparing for the meetings, keep things simple: food is put out buffet-style and people eat on bridge tables scatter throughout the house; one rule, for dessert, you had to move and sit next to someone else in the group. I think the prospect of creating a full dinner for 15 or 20 people would give many of us pause, so this was a very practical way to overcome the obstacle of how to feed people (potluck is another one). More important than the food or the topics, or the impressive organizational skills displayed by this Havurah, is the fact that this group has really supported each other throughout the years, through happy times and sad. This is not, to choose one of the definitions, just a small group of people. It really is a band of people in the community who, over the years, have learned to trust each other, to rely on

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Thanksgivukkah
by Cantor Israel Gordan

As Rabbi Kurshan mentioned in his last bulletin article, this year provided us with a unique opportunity as the first day of Hanukkah overlapped with Thanksgiving for the only time in our lives. On Wednesday evening, November 27th we lit the first Hanukkah candle and the next day, which was the first day of Hanukkah, we also celebrated Thanksgiving. This important Jewish holiday and this important American holiday actually have many interesting similarities. Rabbi David Paskin, who is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Abraham in Canton, Massachusetts as well as the co-Head of School of Kehillah Schechter Academy in Norwood, Massachusetts wrote a song called the Ballad of Thanksgivukkah, which is a great (and funny) amalgamation of the two festivals. Please find the lyrics below and enjoy. And I hope you had a very happy Thanksgivukkah!

The Ballad of Thanksgivukkah
by Rabbi David Paskin with help from Ayelet Paskin and Dana Reichman Gitell
© 2013 Rabbi David Paskin

Imagine Judah Maccabee sitting down to roast turkey
Passing the potatoes to Squanto
And pilgrims in Jerusalem standing with Hasmoneans
Got to get this temple cleaned up pronto

Like applesauce with cranberries, turkey stuffed with fried latkes
It's clear that this is one heck of a mitzvah
Let's celebrate this great country, religious minorities
Everybody loves Thanksgivukkah
I had a little turkey(toykey), I named him Macabee
I tried and tried to spin him but I was not lucky

CHORUS
Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; Let's celebrate across America
Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; Happy Holidays, Thanksgivukkah!

Religious School Update
by Maxine Fisher
Religious School Administrator

On November 17th an amazing event took place at HJC—our annual Hannukah Happening! For two hours that Sunday morning 200 community members of all ages celebrated the fun of Hanukkah with a sing-a-long led by Cantor Gordan, crafts including making cards and tissue flowers for the elderly, raffles, Hannukah shopping at the book fair and in our gift shop, not to mention the delicious hot dogs, latkas and sufganiot!

Todah rabah to everyone who helped to make the Hanukah Happening such a great success! Thank you to the ladies from the ECC who made the beautiful raffle baskets, the Men's Club for preparing and selling the food, the Membership and Social Action Committees, the Sisterhood Members for running the gift shop, and all of the parents that helped with the craft tables. Certain individuals also deserve a special thank you—Marlene Hummel for running the book fair, Lauren Singer for teaching Israeli dancing, and of course Cantor Gordan for leading us in song. Most of all I want to thank Sisterhood for their financial support. Thank you all for your hard work!

On Tuesday, December 3rd everyone is invited to join the Religious School as we light the congregation's Chanukiah outside in front of the building. Please join us and stay for some Hannukah songs. Afterwards, everyone is welcome to join us for hot cocoa and sufganiot compliments of Sisterhood. The Family Life Committee will have a Hannukah Dinner after the candle lighting.

On Sunday, December 8th is the third Vav workshop with Rabbi Kurshan. The fourth workshop is the following Sunday (December 15) with Cindy Dolgin. The Gimel G-d workshop is also on the 15.

I hope everyone has a restful winter break and a Happy Secular New Year!

In 1620 pilgrims came across the ocean here to claim
A new land where the Mayflower could dock
At a place we must mention they met native Americans
When they landed here at Plymouth...

Rock of Ages let our song praise Thy saving power

CHORUS
Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; let's celebrate across America
Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukkah; Happy Holidays, Thanksgivukkah!
Many years ago when I went to Israel with my staff, I was fortunate to visit a day care center on a Kibbutz and speak with many Israeli children along our journey. I was quite impressed with the sense of independence and self-confidence that the children exhibited in their actions and dialogue. As a parent, teacher and director, I am always in the position of encouraging children to become autonomous. Many parents have come to me for help in this difficult task.

I feel the hardest job for parents is to restrain themselves when they see their children make mistakes or struggle with a problem, especially when just a few words of wisdom could protect their child from hurt or disappointment. Somehow, our children's failures become our failures as well. When my own children ask me "Mom, what do you think I should do?" I have to bite my lips to keep from responding with the words I'm certain will make the situation all better.

Teachers and parents so enjoy the feeling of being needed, but all too often this feeling interferes with children making their own decisions and learning from the outcome.

Parents also contribute to their child's dependency by doing everything for them. In the parent's busy schedule, it is much more convenient to button their child's button, tie their shoes, wipe up the spilled milk, and solve their social problems. It has been said that when one person is dependent upon another, feelings of helplessness, worthlessness, resentment, frustration and anger can arise.

There are many opportunities that come up daily to encourage children's autonomy:

1. Let children make choices: For example, allow your child to decide whether he wants to wear a red shirt or a green shirt or eat cereal or eggs for breakfast etc.

2. Show respect for a child's struggle—when a child tries to zip his or her own coat, instead of saying "here, let me do it," say "zippering takes a lot of funny finger work."

3. Try not to ask too many questions. It always amazes me the amount of questions parents of pre-school children barrage their children with when the classroom door is opened at the end of the day. “Did you have fun today?” “Did you paint?” “Did you share the pretzels with the class?” “Whom did you play with?” “Were you a good boy/girl today?” My simple advice to parents when they greet their child at the end of school is simply to say “I'm happy to see you!”

4. Don’t rush to answer questions. A younger child loves to ask questions. For example, “Daddy, where does snow come from?” One can simply answer “Where do you think it comes from?”

5. Don’t take away hope! Adele Faber, author of “How To Talk So Kids Will Listen And Listen So Kids Will Talk” said “By trying to protect children from disappointment, we protect them from hoping, striving, dreaming and sometimes, from achieving their dreams.”

It's a bitter sweet road we travel. We start with total commitment to a small, helpless human being. Over the years we worry, plan, comfort and try to understand. We give our love, our labor, our knowledge and our experience—so that one day he or she will have the inner strength and confidence to leave us. Let's allow children longer periods of time to figure things out and show them we have confidence in their journey to do so!
**GENERAL FUND**

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Vered & Jack Cole in memory of Rose Cole at yahrzeit.  
Eugene Laikin in memory of Abraham Laikin at yahrzeit.  
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Philip Glaser in memory of Bella Cohen at yahrzeit.  
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Bonnie Pedowicz in memory of Rosalind Yarmark at yahrzeit.  
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Paul Cohen in memory of Ruth Cohen at yahrzeit.  
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Yolanda Barfus in memory of Benedetto Palumbo at yahrzeit.  
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Renda Rosenblatt with thanks to everyone for their support and good wishes on her being named a Simchat Torah honoree.  
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Hannah Kampel in memory of Gordon Strenger, husband of Tyna Strenger.
Rene Levy in memory of Gordon Strenger, husband of Tyna Strenger.
Rosalyn Haber in memory of Gordon Strenger, husband of Tyna Strenger.
An evening talk with Dr. Jeremy Benstein from the Heschel Center in Tel Aviv was interesting and engaging and was well attended.
Help us plan the event of the year!

Purim Masquerade 2014

Please help by joining the Purim masquerade committee. This will be a great fundraiser for HJC and a ton of fun for all that participate! WE NEED YOU!

Please contact Michelle Behr @ michelle.behr11@gmail.com or by phone at 516-286-3102
HIHI SUPPLY DRIVE

This December, Huntington Jewish Center will be joining with other local houses of worship to provide food, shelter and basic clothing to approximately 20-30 homeless men in our community through the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative, organized through the Family Service League. We will be hosting these guests for eight nights this winter. Many supplies and volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this program. Please bring in any of the items below to assist those in need. Look for the HIHI bins.

CLOTHING NEEDS

- Knit hats
- New Warm Socks
- New Underwear M/L
- Winter Gloves
- Jeans
- Sweatshirts
- T-shirts
- Flannel pants/shirts

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

All food must be marked Kosher, Dairy

- Individual hot chocolate packets
- Lemonade/Fruit punch drink mixes (Jumbo)
- Pretzels (large jar)
- Hot sauce
- Large bags of Tortilla chips
- Salsa
- Jumbo Paper lunch bags
- Juice boxes
- Granola Bars
- Small bottled waters
- Snack size bags of chips
- Styrofoam soup bowls
- Large bags of rice
- Paper towels

This year we will be hosting on the following dates:
December 11, 25, January 8, 22, February 12, 26 and March 12, 26

For more information, please contact:

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IF THEN, WHY NOT NOW?

By Rabbi Neil Kurshan

Shavuot Tikkun
Tuesday evening
June 7 at 8:00 pm

“During the Night of Shavuot the Heavens Part for a Moment and Miracles are Possible”

This year’s Omer Project will culminate in a study session on the eve of Shavuot led by Rabbi Kurshan on the nature of miracles. We will look at the wondrous and miraculous moments that members of our congregation have shared during the Omer in the light of traditional Jewish texts about miracles. Are miracles simply coincidences? Are they supernatural or natural? Are they usually extraordinary events involving life and death, or are they the wonders of the everyday? Are miracles in Biblical times different from modern day miracles. Are miracles a pre-modern, non-scientific phenomenon that have no meaning in our present day? Join us for a discussion of a fascinating issue in Jewish thought. A dairy dessert will follow the session and all are welcome.