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HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS / COMMUNITY / CONNECTION



Huntington Jewish Center at the Solidarity March in NYC



Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

MEMBERSHIP

Join us and support the Sisterhood of HJC. It is not too late to send in dues. Please return your Membership Letters as soon as possible. Checks are payable to Sisterhood of the Huntington Jewish Center.

\$45 - regular membership

\$40 - Z'havah \$30 – senior membership

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Extended Kiddushes

If you are free on Thursday and Friday mornings, please stop by the Dairy Kitchen to help prepare the Extended Kiddushes. It is an opportunity to support the HJC community. Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you are interested.

GREAT HAMANTASHEN SALE

Sisterhood has started to bake delicious Hamantashen for Purim. The price is \$12 per dozen. Available flavors are: Raspberry, Apricot, Prune and Chocolate Chip. All proceeds are used to support Sisterhood and HJC. Please submit orders by February 24th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9th 6:30 PM

Dinner and documentary, A Miracle of Miracles

February 10th 7:30 PM

Sisterhood Board Meeting

February 11th 7:30 PM

Tu B'Shevat Seder - eat, drink and participate in a Seder that focuses on Environmentalism led by Joni Brenner.

March 1st 12 PM

Zahava Purim Program - join us for Pizza and learn how to make Hamantashen. Children and Parents are welcome, dough and recipe will be provided.

May 17th 2PM

Anything Goes at John Engeman Theater in Northport. Tickets are \$75 a person.

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FEBRUARY 2020

SHEVAT-ADAR 5780

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1/6 Shevat Parker Hepworth Jr. Congregation Nitzanim <i>Bo</i>
2/7 Shevat WWW - Vav WS #4	3/8 Shevat	4/9 Shevat RS Youth Tu B'Shevat Program Music with Cantor Gordan	5/10 Shevat Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am EC Meeting - 8pm	6/11 Shevat Inclusion Mtg- 7:30pm	7/12 Shevat Minyan Breakfast Sponsor Sue Goldmere - 8am	8/13 Shevat Jr. Congregation Shabbat Honoring Security Guards & ECC Parents Nite - 7 pm <i>Beshalach</i>
9/14 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Model Seder Sisterhood Dinner and Movie "A Miracle of Miracles" - 6:30pm	10/15 Shevat SH Board Meeting - 8pm <i>Tu B'Shevat Jewish Arbor Day</i>	11/16 Shevat RS SH Tu B'Shevat Seder - 7:30pm	12/17 Shevat Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am BoT Meeting - 8pm HIHI #4	13/18 Shevat	14/19 Shevat	15/20 Shevat 1st Day of 9 Day School Vacatio <i>Yitro</i>
16/21 Shevat <i>Presidents' Day</i>	17/22 Shevat	18/23 Shevat	19/24 Shevat Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am	20/25 Shevat	21/26 Shevat	22/27 Shevat <i>Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim</i>
23/28 Shevat No RS	24/29 Shevat ECC Reopens	25/30 Shevat RS Adult Ed Prog - 7:30pm <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar</i>	26/1 Adar Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am HIHI #5 <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar</i>	27/2 Adar	28/3 Adar	29/4 Adar Jr. Congregation Mostly True Things - 8pm <i>Terumah</i>

MARCH 2020

ADAR - NISAN 5780

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1/5 Adar	2/6 Adar	3/7 Adar RS	4/8 Adar Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am EC Meeting - 8pm HIHI #6	5/9 Adar	6/10 Adar Scholar-In-Residence Weekend Minyan Breakfast Sponsor Rabbi Saks - 8am	7/11 Adar Scholar-In-Residence Weekend Jr. Congregation Nitzanim <i>Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor</i>
8/12 Adar Purim Carnival - 11am-1pm	9/13 Adar Erev Purim Services. - 7pm	10/14 Adar RS Purim Seudah	11/15 Adar Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am BoT Meeting - 8pm HIHI #7	12/16 Adar	13/17 Adar	14/18 Adar Jr. Congregation <i>Ki Tisa Shabbat Parah</i>
Daylight Savings Time	Erev Purim/Fast of Esther	Purim	Shushan Purim			
15/19 Adar Dalet Workshop Progressive Dinner - 5:30pm	16/20 Adar SH Board Meeting - 8pm	17/21 Adar No RS - Teacher Development	18/22 Adar ECC - 4s Visit Atria Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am HIHI #8	19/23 Adar	20/24 Adar	21/25 Adar Jr. Congregation Nitzanim <i>Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat Hachodesh</i>
22/26 Adar Vav Workshop #6 Ridotto - 4pm	23/27 Adar	24/28 Adar	25/29 Adar Coffee Talk w/Rabbi Saks - 9:30am Jewish Public Affairs Forum - 8pm HIHI #9	26/1 Nisan Rummage Drop Off SH Rosh Chodesh - 7:30pm <i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>	27/2 Nisan ECC - Grand People Day Rummage Drop Off	28/3 Nisan Jr. Congregation Kiddush sponsored by SH & Tom & Vicki Rosen for Phyllis & Andy Levy <i>Vayikra</i>
29/4 Nisan Rummage Sale	30/5 Nisan Rummage Sale	31/6 Nisan RS				

From Rabbi Ari Saks



Reflections on the March and Rally Against Antisemitism

Imagine the scene. Downtown New York City on a cold Sunday in January. You're with your two young children surrounded by a mass of people who are at least three times their size. And as you hold onto your children's small hands you realize the enormity of the task. Will we make it through? Then a familiar voice pops up behind you. "Form a circle around the children like a herd of elephants. Make sure they're kept safe." And as the faces of your community come to surround you in the front, back, and on the sides, you know you'll be safe no matter what uncertainties come your way.

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This is not just hypothetical. When Rachel and I took our kids to the New York City march and rally against Antisemitism, it was the Huntington Jewish Center community who made sure our kids were safe. As I learned that day, elephants put their young in the middle of the pack so that the strong, adult elephants can keep them safe. That's what our community did for my kids, and I wouldn't expect anything less! After all, the care that our community showed for our young ones is simply an extension of how we look out for one another. Whether it's how our kids can go up to anyone in our community on Shabbat and Rachel and I know they will be taken care of, to the calls, food, and care we show one another when a member is sick or grieving, we are a community that forms a protective circle around each other when we need it the most.

אם אין אני לי, מי ליא? - If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

As a Jewish community we've always looked out for ourselves, because we could not rely on others to do it for us. Burial societies, hospitals, legal aid societies, immigration services - we developed our own network of supporting agencies because we weren't given access to the larger world around us. Now that we have gained that access, our institutions have grown to be leaders in their field. But the feeling of looking out for our own - of protecting every Jewish child like a herd of elephants - still resonates in the Jewish heart.

That desire to form that protective circle around the entire Jew-

ish community was the message that resonated with me the most at the New York City march and rally. At this time, in this moment, 25,000 of us (as well as 3,000 the following week on Long Island) gathered together to proclaim we were one united Jewish community, looking out for our young and willing to protect ourselves from the dangers that are lurking. For one day, the diversity of the Jewish world was unified. All of us - the haredi, the chabadnik asking me to put on tefillin, the LGBTQ+ supporter waving a rainbow magen david flag with pride, Conservative, Reform, Orthodox, secular, etc. - were enveloped by the warmth and sense of solidarity that a circle of protection affords us. Standing strong and united we could say No to Hate, and No to Fear.

וכשאני לעמץ מה אני? - But if I am only for myself, what am I?

But the story doesn't end there because there were scores of non-Jews marching in solidarity as well. Just as Jews have supported causes of social justice for other communities, other communities support our cause just as strong. The quote from Pirkei Avot above teaches us we cannot just be for ourselves because if we are, what are we? What are our values if we only stick up for our fellow Jews but not for our fellow Americans and human beings who are targeted because of their uniqueness? Marches and rallies like these should always include an opportunity to see our story as a call to respond to the stories of others and be part of their struggles just like they are part of ours. And together we form that larger protective circle of humans standing together to fight for truth, justice, and love.

ואם לא עכשו, אימתי? - And if not now, when?

And now is the time. Torah teaches us that when a mitzvah comes upon us, we must diligently strive to fulfill it. Not later, but now. There is no time to waste. This moment brought us together to show solidarity, to form that protective circle and notice who are the protectors, and who needs to be cared for in the center of the circle. Now is the hard work to strive together to make the world into the place we need it to be. We must use our collective hands to not just protect, but to serve the greater good - a world of peace, harmony, and friendship where our uniqueness is cheered, not jeered. Let's all be part of that work together.



From Hazzan Israel Gordan



Clowning Around

I will let you in on a little secret: this bulletin article was due on Monday, January 13th, but I waited until Friday, January 17th to submit it because I wanted to share something with you that happened this week. Because JTS follows the Columbia University academic calendar, exams for the fall semester end on the Friday before Christmas Eve and the spring semester doesn't begin until

the day after the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday (Observed) Holiday. With break being so long, there is a rabbinical school mini-mester the last week of the vacation that just ended, and it was a very interesting experience that I would like to tell you about.

The theme of the mini-mester was "Creativity and Ritual: Leading with our Whole Selves," and it was about learning to lead in a way that is inclusive of all of us, and all of me. The first day was about theater and ritual, the second day was a ritual lab: putting it into practice, the third day was about playfulness and vulnerability through clown school, and the last day was about narrative and storytelling.

Over the course of the four days, about 40 of us played theater games, discussed disability and accessibility, designed rituals, learned how to clown, and practiced narratives and storytelling. Coming into the week, I was a little apprehensive, especially about

the clown school, but having come out of it, it was a highly worthwhile use of time. Perhaps most appealing about the week was being at school with schoolmates, doing things we never do during the semester. There was no homework or grades and the week was about collaboration and creative play. It was focused on getting out of the purely cerebral and focusing on the body to make a connection with the heart.

On the last day, we also heard from Sarah Hurwitz, former speech writer for Michelle Obama for eight years and author of "Here All Along," her book about rediscovering Judaism. Sarah talked about the difference between writing something that is to be read and writing something that is to be heard. She said that one of the most important distinctions between the two is the need to sound natural in something that is going to be heard. This tied into her general theme of authenticity. It is imperative for us, who serve congregations, to be able to connect authentically with others. As she said so succinctly, "if it doesn't sound good saying it to one person, it won't sound good saying it to a whole group of people." Meaning that when it sounds like you're trying to preach, it won't come out as authentic or relatable, and people are much less likely to listen, let alone learn anything from you.

As I begin my second semester of school, I am taking with me a whole host of things that I have learned in these four short days and am looking forward to continuing my journey. I hope 2020 has been off to a great start for all of you, and I would love to hear how your journey is going and if you have been open to any new experiences that have pushed you out of your comfort zones.

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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
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Please include your current home and cell numbers.

TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN

The 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the next. It symbolizes the heart of kindness and generosity. The mission of Torah Fund is to raise money for scholarships and programming at all five degree-granting seminaries of the Conservative/Masorti movement.

Please contact Evelyn Abraham, Maxine Liebowitz or Ethel Sachs to discuss donations, Torah Fund Pin or Torah Fund Greeting Cards. Please make all checks payable to Torah Fund and send to Huntington Jewish Center, attention: Torah Fund.



President's Perspective by Dan Schoeffler



So You Think You Know Tu BiShvat?

I remember, once upon a time, learning with my kids that Rosh Hashanah isn't the only New Year on the Jewish calendar and that Tu BiShvat is the "New Year of the Trees". These days, though, as I occasionally wander the Googleverse, I'm always on the lookout for interesting factual tidbits. Here are a few new things I learned about Tu BiShvat:

Tu BiShvat (טו בשבט) is the Hebrew representation of the 15th of the month of Shevat; normally the numeral 15 would be represented by 'yod' for 10 and 'hey' for 5, based on their position in the aleph bet. However, these letters begin God's name in Hebrew, and being resourceful, we found another way to add up to 15, substituting 'tet' for 9 and 'vav' for 6. "Tu" is the pronunciation of this representation of the number 15. (As an aside, the date of the holiday was another subject of debate between the schools of Shammai (favoring the 1st of Shevat) and Hillel (favoring the 15th). Why does Hillel always seem to win?)

Why did it matter when a tree's "birthday" fell on the calendar? Because of their importance in sustaining life and their bounteous nature, there were special Biblical requirements for fruit trees.

Until a tree was 4 years old, it was forbidden to eat its fruit. In the fourth year, its fruit was brought to the Temple for the priests to eat. After a tree was 5 years old, its fruit could be eaten by anyone. Tu BiShvat was chosen as the marker in the calendar for determining the age of any fruit tree, regardless of when in the year it was actually planted.

In 16th century Tzfat, the Kabbalists looked for the spark of the Divine in each living thing and saw the fruits associated with the Land of Israel as symbols of growth and renewal. For them, eating these fruits took on spiritual significance in the repair of the Tree of Life and they created the Tu BiShvat seder to bring it about. Accompanied by wine, fruits are eaten in a particular order corresponding to where they sit on a spectrum from outermost reality to innermost spirituality. The first fruits eaten are those with inedible skins like pomegranates; next are fruits where the skin and flesh are eaten but not the pit, like olives or dates; the last fruits to be eaten are those which are consumed whole, like figs. Finally, bark or fruit with a strong fragrance (sometimes the strong in particular) are smelled, representing the essence of the spiritual. The four cups of wine — ranging from white to white with a drop of red to red with a drop of white to red — represent a progression from actuality to spirituality, from the lowest to the highest of four spiritual realms.

This year, Tu BiShvat falls in early February, from the night of the 9th to the night of the 10th. In celebrating this holiday, our hope is (as the traditional seder concludes), that "all the sparks scattered by our hands, or by the hands of our ancestors, or by the sin of the first human against the fruit of the tree, be returned and included in the majestic might of the Tree of Life." Chag sameach!



HJC SUMMER ADVENTURE



Our Exciting Summer Program is getting
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Our warm, loving, energetic and experienced staff is here to give your child an amazing and totally age appropriate summer.

NEW Sports and Dance & Movement Specialists, Theme Days, Special Events, Character visits, Live Theater, Magic Shows, Disco Dance, Carnival days, the fun never ends!

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June 29th - August 21st

9:30-1:30

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For more information call Ilene Brown - 631-425-0525, ibrown@hjcn.org

Hearing assistance update

Last summer, the Inclusion Committee announced that we were working to improve accessibility in our sanctuary for those with hearing impairments. After much thoughtful research and discussion by the Committee, an induction hearing loop system and vendor were selected. However, when it came to a further in-depth examination of the configuration of our Sanctuary, it emerged that there are physical obstacles and other considerations that make this technology difficult to implement.

Despite this setback, we have not given up on working to make services and other events in the Sanctuary more accessible to everyone. The Inclusion Committee, in consultation with the House Committee, is currently examining a different hearing assist technology based on FM (which other synagogues have used to overcome technical and spatial issues like ours). They are also looking into possible improvements that can be made to our existing sound system. We will keep you posted on their progress.

Early Childhood News

Ilene Brown, Director of
Early Childhood Education



Our Mission

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." Helen Keller

At one of our more recent staff meetings, we were talking about our school's philosophy. We all know what our school is about and what our vision is for the children, but we decided to put it in writing. As we are all part of this team and each of us play a role in the children's development, I asked that every teacher doc-

ument their thoughts on what our mission statement should be. I asked for everyone's input as each teacher represents and educates what our philosophy is. The creation and evolution of our mission statement is documented below.

Our vision at the Huntington Jewish Center is to support the academic, emotional and social development of our students while providing a nurturing, engaging, and safe learning environment that will lay the foundation for our students to become independent thinkers and prepare them for success in all aspects of their lives. HJC is a place of extraordinary warmth. It wraps our children in love and care, which helps the chil-

dren learn without reservation. They are encouraged, assisted and expected to try. The success is in the attempts. The love of learning, curiosity, and discovery is fostered and nurtured. Little by little, as the children grow, so do their social skills, language skills and ability to be independent thinkers and doers. We believe in helping children be their best unique selves, while learning how to respect one another and their environment. All this is done through play, creativity, and a day filled with many wonderful new experiences which encourages critical thinking and problem solving skills.

HJC incorporates and builds a true sense of community. We are a true family, from our dedicated educators, to our students and parents. We are an inclusive and warm community which supports not only the children, but parents as well. Lifelong relationships and bonds are created through this very special school and community.



Religious School

Sheryl Gordon, Director of Religious School and Family Engagement



Is it Winter or is it Spring?

In the beginning of February, we are reading the book of Exodus. In it, we learn about what is to become the holiday of Pesach, Passover. It seems odd that the reading doesn't coincide with the holiday. It has always bothered me that we don't read these portions at, or at least, near, the holiday. It's taken me a lot of years to finally understand that sometimes, we have

to do things ahead of time, to prepare ourselves. Sometimes, things don't line up. We celebrate Tu B'Shvat this month and it feels awkward. We are celebrating the spring, the planting, the trees, and yet here we are in the frozen north. It's hard to talk about the freshness of citrus when the ground is frost covered. And yet, that's exactly what we do. We eat dates, and carob, and kiwi in celebration of nature, while bundled in turtlenecks and parkas. Tu B'Shvat has very practical reasons for why it happens on that date. It has to do with the spring in Israel, the end of the rainy season. But I believe it is to remind us that there's a light at the end of the tunnel. Don't get me wrong, I love winter, and all of the accompanying snowball fights, but there's something about the magic of spring. Tu B'Shvat is the midpoint between fall and spring. Once half the winter has passed, it doesn't seem as cold, and the flowers can begin to show their wonderful buds. The holiday marks a turning point, a time when un-

der all that cold and snow the sap of the trees is rising, readying for spring. In a sense, Tu B'Shvat signifies that sometimes it is precisely from within the darkest and coldest moments of our lives that the new blossoms burst forth!

Upcoming events:

Religious School meets:

February 2 February 4 February 9

February 11 February 25

THERES NO SCHOOL from Feb 15-Feb 23 for Presidents Week.

Tu B'Shvat Seder is on February 9

Junior Congregation/Nitzanim meets:

February 1 February 8 February 29

Remember, if there's school Sunday, there's Junior Cong and Nitzanim on Sunday.

Workshops:

Vav Workshop: February 2

Youth:

Chaverim:

February 4 February 25

Kadima and USY:

February 2 February 9

HJC SUMMER 2020 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 Gordon, *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 3, 2020.

View From The Director's Chair

Barbara Axmacher
Executive Director



Mah Jongg: 100 Years of Jewish American Sisterhood

Jordan almonds. Nonpareils. One bam, two crack. Oh, the memories of my mother's mah jongg table.

Throughout my childhood, my mother had a long-standing regular mah jongg game on Tuesday nights. Every five weeks or so, it was held at our house. I can vividly remember the card table with 5 chairs (one for the alternate player) being set-up

in the corner of our dining room and the surrounding TV trays holding all the goodies my brother, sister and I were forbidden to touch. (Actually, once all the ladies arrived we were allowed to say hello, take one handful of snacks and promptly return to the family room until we had to go to bed.) Typically, it was Mom's "night off" but we were all bathed (squeaky clean in our best pajamas), fed (dinner was quick and easy . . . La Choy anybody? or my favorite, American Chop Suey) and ready to greet our company. Game time was 8pm and everyone always seemed to be on time. It was as if they looked forward to the game as much as we did.

Attendance was pretty much always the same; my mother's best friend Faith, Ruthie, Margie and Nihla. I had known these women virtually my entire young life; they all had kids my age, some who I went to regular school with and all who I went to Hebrew school with. My brother and sister scattered early on (after they secured their snacks) but I loved to linger. I liked seeing what the ladies were wearing, looking at their jewelry, how they all smelled so good, listening to their lively conversation and especially the clicking of the tiles as they hit against each other. My languishing never lasted too long, as soon my mother was shooing me away so she could get to the business at hand. Even once tucked into bed, I would close my eyes but strain my ears so I still hear the melody of their familiar sisterhood.



Mah Jongg has been played in this country for about 100 years. According to Annelise Heinz, an assistant professor of history at the University of Oregon, mah jongg was brought to the US in the 1920's by Joseph Babcock, an American businessman who became acquainted with the game when he was working and living in Shanghai. The transpacific game became wildly popular, alongside the trend of "Oriental" fashion and décor. In that era, mah jongg was all the rage in the US along with pixie haircuts, flapper dresses, jazz and the Charleston.

After about a decade, however, the Asian culture fad died out and mah jongg lost its luster among many American players. Players grappled with inconsistent rules and hands, causing confusion and discontent with the game.

In 1937, the National Mah Jongg League was founded in Manhattan by Dorothy Meyerson and a few other female Jewish mah jongg pioneers. The league standardized rules as well as specific hands, which were printed on the now iconic tri-fold playing card, an essential feature of any American mah jongg game.

Thanks to the efforts of Meyerson and those others, mah jongg experienced a popular resurgence, especially in the Jewish circles of New York City. The game became an important and powerful way to bring women together and remains as such today.

The National Mah Jongg League has 400,000 members. There are Facebook groups, synagogue clubs, tournaments and even celebrities playing in a regular game.

Oddly enough, I have never learned to play mah jongg but all these 45 years later my mother still has a regular game. They meet during the day now and gone are the Jordan almonds and nonpareils, replaced with crudité and fresh fruit. And when I speak to her on Tuesdays after her game, not only can she catch me up on all the latest from the ladies and their families, but she usually walks away a little bit wealthier than when she arrived. Last week she won \$2.25. You would have thought she won the lottery.

Calling all seniors to come visit and play with the children in the ECC.

**We would love regular visits from seniors to come and spend time with us!
For information please contact Ilene Brown, 631-425-0525, ibrown@hjcny.org**

HJC MEAL COORDINATION AND SUPPORT

Finding practical ways to support our congregants who are experiencing a hardship or loss is important to us. We would like to coordinate the delivery of meals to help ease the burden of our community members during those times.

If you would like to request a meal or to offer a meal, please reach out to Leigh Murphy at
516-647-8396 or leighatysen@gmail.com

AIPAC Presentation: Our Relationship With Israel

With safety and security such a relevant concern currently, AIPAC's recent presentation on Israeli and American security was quite prescient. On Sunday morning, December 15, about 40 people participated in a Brunch and Learn on the topic of American advocacy for Israel, led by Rabbi Yitz Novak -- Northeast Regional Synagogue Initiative Director at AIPAC, and sponsored by HJC's Israel Committee.

AIPAC's mission is to strengthen, protect and promote the Israel-U.S. relationship in ways that enhance the security of both countries.

We learned that AIPAC builds relationships with U.S. lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, of all backgrounds and ethnicities, to educate them on the strategic value of Israel to the US, and of how the US benefits from Israeli technology in important fields. Despite its name, AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) is NOT a PAC, (not a political action committee). It neither supports nor endorses candidates, nor members of Congress in the U.S., nor Israeli leaders, political parties, nor members of the Knesset.

Israel's strategic importance to the U.S. is its being the only democracy in the unstable Middle East. As such, its safety and security is critical to American interests. In addition to Israel's strategic importance to the US, Rabbi Novak described how the US benefits by Israeli military, security, and medical technology. This is evidenced in how AIPAC ad-

vances U.S.-Israel homeland security cooperation, as it works to pass key legislation that supports joint research and development projects between our two countries.

Most notably, AIPAC helps to ensure that Israel is able to defend itself against increased threats posed by terrorist groups and those sworn to its destruction, with U.S. support of Israel's missile defense system.

When asked about supporting other organizations focused on social issues in Israel, Yitz suggested that the question should NOT be: supporting AIPAC or another, but rather, supporting AIPAC and another.

While AIPAC's primary focus is on Israel's security and capacity for self-defense, one can also support organizations that focus primarily on important Israeli social issues.

He expressed the concept of "AIPAC and" beautifully using the Hebrew words: guf (body) and neshama (soul). We need a strong guf, which AIPAC ensures, in order for Israel to have its neshama. By getting involved in causes for Israel that represent our social values, we can help in shaping

Israel's neshama.

With AIPAC's razor sharp focus on ensuring American and Israeli security, categories of right-wing and left-wing do not accurately apply to this organization. Its strategy and the work it has done is both impressive and heartening.



Save the date, March 6-7 for **Rabbi Shai Held** who will be our Scholar-in-Residence



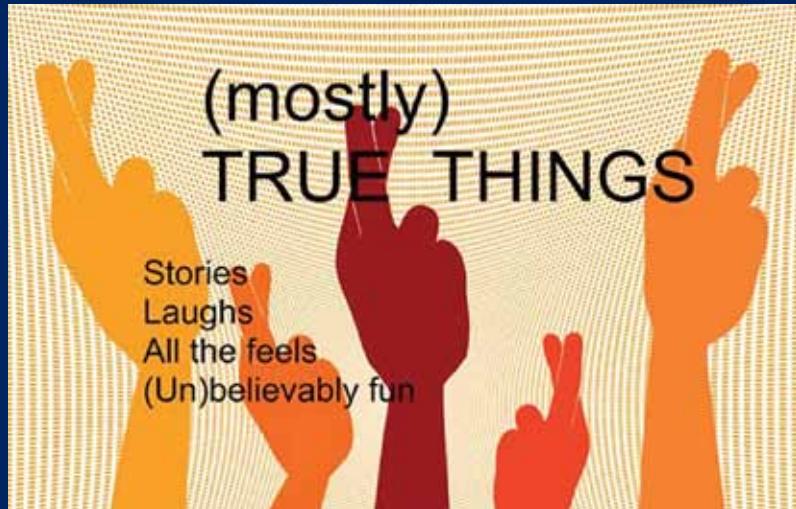
We are thrilled that Rabbi Shai Held—theologian, scholar, and educator who is President, Dean, and Chair in Jewish Thought at Hadar in New York City has agreed to be our visiting scholar. A 2011 recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education, Rabbi Held has been named multiple times to Newsweek's list of the 50 most influential rabbis in America.

This program is partially funded by the Rabbi Neil Kurshan Legacy Fund. Details of this exciting weekend will follow shortly.

After recently being awarded a \$50K NYS Securing Our Communities Against Hate Crimes Grant (SCAHC), NYS Assemblyman Steve Stern (10th District) paid HJC a visit to offer his congratulations and the resources of his office as we continue our efforts to increase building security for our congregation.



Featured (l-r): Debbie Harris, Chief of Staff, Barbara Axmacher, HJC Executive Director, Rabbi Ari Saks and NYS Assemblyman Steve Stern



"Stories may well be lies, but they are good lies that say true things, and can sometimes pay the rent."
Neil Gaiman

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RSVP to the Main Office by February 23

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Huntington Jewish Center

Summer Adventure 2020



HJC is the place to be during the summer! Our Summer Adventure program is filled with fun for children starting at age 18 months through age 8 (going into 3rd grade). We have an amazing dedicated staff of loving, warm teachers and counselors. We will take care of your children like they are our own. We are all CPR certified and take safety very seriously. We are here to work together with you and give your child the best summer experience possible.

The children will enjoy water play, theme days, magicians, arts & crafts, puppet shows, basic sports skills, music and so much more! All of these amazing activities take place in our beautiful, fenced in sprawling playgrounds. Our program focuses on socialization through fun and traditional summer games that we all remember.

Our beautifully air-conditioned classrooms provide great comfort and relief from the sun as well as an amazing place for rainy days so our fun never ends.

Huntington Jewish Center offers a flexible schedule and has early / late care options. Any questions please call 631-425-0525.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Ilene Brown
Program Director
ibrown@hjcny.org



Spotlight On...

Vicki and Arthur Perler

Vicki and Arthur Perler feel fortunate to have found the Huntington Jewish Center upon moving to Syosset in 1990. They were not inspired by the Conservative congregations near home and expanded their search after son, Ari, connected with Ilana Kurshan at the Schechter School of Long Island. Rabbi Kurshan offered High Holiday tickets, and, although they were strangers to the area, they immediately felt at home. They liked HJC's religious services, the unpretentious nature of the congregation and the tolerant attitude toward children. They were especially moved by the sense of community and how they were welcomed.

Arthur's parents, Barney and Shirley z"l, were synagogue leaders wherever they resided. They lived in Patchogue when Arthur was born. When the old North Shore Jewish Center in Setauket reopened after WW2, Arthur's father served for over a decade as its religious leader and teacher. The family kept a small home in Miller Place after moving to Brooklyn so Dad could continue to support NSJC. Sister Minette was born after the family moved to Queens in the mid-1950s, and Barney and Shirley helped found the Electchester Jewish Center, becoming President and Sisterhood President. When Arthur was 15, the family moved to Maryland. His parents clung to their new synagogue community for support and eventually became Presidents there. In between high school and the University of Maryland, Arthur got a summer job as the waterfront director and counselor at Camp Tranquillity, a Jewish summer camp in upstate NY.

Vicki Held grew up in the Bronx, the oldest of 4 sisters, in a committed Jewish family. Vicki's maternal grandmother proudly read the entire Jewish Forward in Yiddish every day, and her maternal grandfather was an officer in the First Felshtiner Benevolent Society, which was created to commemorate the Ukrainian shtetl from which they fled after the pogroms in the early 20th century. Vicki's grandfather made sure she heard all the stories of Felshtin, including tales of her great-grandfather, Felshtin's Baal Koreh (Torah reader) and of the Baum Sefer Torah, now on long-term loan to HJC. Vicki's family celebrated all the Jewish holidays with her grandparents and Felshtin landsmen. Parents, Hank and Shirley z"l, enrolled Vicki in the Conservative Pelham Parkway Jewish Center's Sunday school and in an Orthodox weekday Hebrew school where she was the only girl. They sent her to Camp Tranquillity starting as a young girl, and she was a counselor and the music director when Arthur began working there. A three-year long-distance relationship ensued until they became married college students in 1971. Vicki transferred from Queens College to the University of Maryland.

Vicki's career is dedicated to the education of young children, and specifically to Jewish early childhood education. Upon graduation, she became a Maryland public school kindergarten teacher and synagogue Hebrew school music director. When their oldest son, Jeremy, was born, Vicki paused her career to become a full-time mother. Ari,

Elie & Jacob soon followed. Vicki and Arthur were active in synagogue leadership, the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and Boy Scouts and made many friends. In 1988, Vicki returned to work to become the founding director of the first Jewish infant-toddler program in Maryland. After moving to NY, Vicki became the director of Camp Tranquillity in 1991! Since 1994, Vicki has been Director of Early Childhood Education at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck. Under her direction, TBE's ECEC has become an internationally recognized model school for Jewish early childhood education. She twice served as president of the National Jewish Early Childhood Network, and as treasurer of the NY Jewish Early Childhood Association. She is a Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative (JECEI) grant recipient, who led her Reggio-inspired school to achieve national accreditation. She mentors Jewish early childhood directors and serves as a consultant to their institutions and programs.

In Washington, Arthur worked for the US Department of Agriculture and the Army Corps of Engineers as a chemist, eventually becoming Director of Science and Technology for the US Environmental Protection Agency's national safe drinking water program. In New York, Arthur has a defense electronics business and consults on issues related to public policy and the environment.

Vicki and Arthur are deeply involved in the HJC community. Arthur became the Ritual Committee Chairman and joined the Board of Trustees.

He served as Vice President and Treasurer and has chaired many committees, including Finance, Security, Professional Structure and Theater. Before joining the Board, Vicki chaired the Torah Project's Ark and Torah Beautification Committee, the Early Childhood Director Search Committee, and the Rabbi Kurshan Legacy Fund Project. She has been a member of the Finance, Membership, House, Family Life, Professional Structure and Early Childhood/Religious School Bridge Committees. Vicki served as Vice President and Trustee, and she was HJC's President from 2017-2019.

Vicki enjoys studying and playing piano, cooking and baking. Arthur is a bass violinist. Together they enjoy theater, music, camping, hiking, traveling and spending time in Israel where Arthur's sister resides. Most important is spending time with family. Vicki and Arthur are proud of sons Jeremy, Ari, Elie and Jacob, daughters-by-marriage Andrea, Johanna and Lauren, and their beautiful grandchildren, Shira, Orli, Lev, Rina, Valeria, Mia, Victor and Sasha. The Perlers have celebrated three B'nei Mitzvah, three aufrufs, and two baby namings on the HJC Bima. They are thrilled that Ari and Johanna are also members of HJC.

Vicki and Arthur feel blessed to be part of the HJC family, which they describe as a haven of kindness, respect, intellectualism and spirituality. They credit their HJC friends and clergy with the priceless gift of helping their children and grandchildren recognize the importance and value of a lifelong commitment to Jewish communal life.

Narrative compiled by Nancy Cooper, Vicki and Arthur Perler





The HJC Adult Education Committee

PARENTING SKILLS WORKSHOP

Child and Adolescent Development

Join our pediatrician panel discussion of child and adolescent development, immunizations and when to ask for help



Lauren Kupersmith,
MD, IBCLC
Pediatrician

Eve Meltzer-Krief, MD
Pediatrician

Parents, grandparents and educators are welcome!

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Tuesday February 25th 7:30 – 9:00 PM
Family Life Lounge

Huntington Jewish Center
510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE

RSVP to Ilene Brown: ibrown@hjcny.org and feel free to include questions or topics you would like addressed

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER



Tu B'Shevat means the 15th day of the month of Shevat, which is the full moon falling two Hebrew months before the full moon of Passover. This time of year is the beginning of spring in Israel and when the winter rains subside, when the sap on the trees is beginning to rise and when the almond blossoms form on the trees. It is the beginning of a new cycle.

Join us as we celebrate the New Year of the Trees, with a traditional festive meal of fruits & nuts of Israel and an evening of celebration

Tuesday, February 1st @ 7:30pm

This special seder is being led by our HJC congregant and Sisterhood member, Rabbinic Chaplain Joni Brenner All are invited!

Please RSVP by 2/7 to Evelyn Abraham
evelyn_abraham@optonline.net or 631-424-6922

Hope you can join us for this spiritual evening!

An HJC Sisterhood Event

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BEN TASMAN HJC LIBRARY FIRST ANNUAL AMNESTY PERIOD

...but wait... our library doesn't have any penalties – That's right- HJC members may borrow books from our Ben Tasman Library, with no time limits and certainly no penalties. With that in mind, we do ask that the books be RETURNED.
Please check your home shelves as we're still missing the following titles which have been checked out and have not been brought back.

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ADULT SECTION		
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Snow in August	Hamill, Pete	Fiction
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Book of Jewish Food: An Odyssey from Samarkand to NY	Roden, Claudia	Cookbook
Israel and the World: Essays	Buber, Martin	Israel
Why is This Night Different from all other Nights?	Kurshan, Ilana	Holidays
The Holocaust Chronicles; A history in words & pictures	Kohn, Rebecca	Holocaust
Seven Days to the Sea: An Epic Novel of the Exodus	Wiesel, Elie	Fiction
Somewhere a Master: Hasidic Tales		Fiction

When you find the book that has been overlooked, please return it to the HJC Office or directly to the Ben Tasman Library....the door is open during regular office hours. We have approximately 2500 titles, not counting our Reference Section and are always happy to have fellow congregants visiting and enjoying the facility.

Friends of the Library



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PROGRESSIVE DINNER

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HAVE DINNER WITH OLD FRIENDS
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AFTER DINNER MEET BACK AT HJC
FOR A FUN DESSERT PARTY!

DAIRY/VEGETARIAN DINNER AT A HOST HOME

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Deadline for reservations
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HJC Sisterhood and Men's Club
present

Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles



Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles is a richly detailed documentary of the origins and evolution of one of the greatest musicals of all time and features rare archival footage and interviews with the show's creators as well as scholars, actors, and other musical theater luminaries who extol the show's enduring value and global impact.

Come see why this beloved, award-winning musical classic and its universal themes have earned an enduring place as a unique cultural treasure.

**Sunday, February 9th @ 6:00pm
\$25/person**

Dinner catered by Zan's Kosher Deli

Hot Hors D'oeuvres (Mini Knishes and Franks in Jackets)

Cold Cut Platter with Rye Bread, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Relish Tray

Vegetarian option

Dessert and Beverages (Soda, Seltzer, Tea)

RSVP by February 5th

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

Your check is your reservation. Please mail or drop off at HJC office.

Please indicate vegetarian option with note or on reservation check

Make checks payable to: HJC Sisterhood

All are invited

Bring your friends and family!

The Great Hamantashen Sale



Purim begins Monday evening, March 9th and Sisterhood is once again busy in the kitchen baking delicious hamantashen!
The price is still only \$12 per dozen.

Available flavors are: Apricot, Raspberry, Chocolate Chip, Prune
(Apricot, Raspberry, Prune are dairy-free, but prepared in the HJC dairy kitchen)

Please order early! Orders must be received by Monday, February 24th.
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 or 631-385-7850

Name_____ Phone_____

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<u>Flavors</u>	<u># of dozen</u>	<u>Price @ \$12/dozen</u>
Apricot	_____	_____
Raspberry	_____	_____
Chocolate Chip	_____	_____
Prune	_____	_____
(No assorted dozens)		

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,

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

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Judy & Arthur Schwager in memory of Arline Beldegreen at yahrzeit.

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Elaine & Walter Kleinmann in honor of the marriage of Alexander, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg, and Naomi Eisenstadt.

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Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the birth of Ilan Gil, son of Ariella Kurshan and Leo Simonovich and grandson of Rabbi Neil & Alisa Rubin Kurshan.

Shelley Weinberg in memory of Mira Dolgin, mother of Moti Dolgin.

Vered Cole in memory of Mira Dolgin, mother of Moti Dolgin.

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Yolanda Barfus in memory of Benjamin Barfus at yahrzeit.

Miriam & Joel Wircin in memory of George Rand, father of Debbie Rosenkrantz.

Miriam & Joel Wircin in memory of Albert Kramer, husband of Helga Kramer.

Pam & Bruce Fleiss in honor of Allison & Mitch Reiver receiving the UJA Federation of New York 2020 Community Leadership Award.

Pam & Bruce Fleiss in memory of Ethel Fleiss at yahrzeit.

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Judy & Lester Fox wishing a speedy recovery to Susan Kohn.

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Dafna & Daniel Stein in honor of Allison & Mitch Reiver receiving the UJA Federation of New York 2020 Community Leadership Award.

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Dafna & Daniel Stein in memory of Walter Uhrman, father of Abigail Uhrman.

Dafna & Daniel Stein in memory of Parvin Abroon, mother of Jina Eckstein.

Linda & Howard Novick in memory of David Novick at yahrzeit.

Shelley Weinberg with grateful appreciation to Rabbi Saks for his ongoing support.

Nancy & Brian Cooper in memory of George Rand, father of Debbie Rosenkrantz.

Susan & Nathan Board in memory of Sam Lipsky at yahrzeit.

Daniel Himmel in memory of his mother, Helen Himmel.

Lynn Geisler with thanks to Rabbi Saks for his wonderful classes.

Rissa & David Walsdorf and Lauren & Stephen Summers in memory of Arnold Winters.

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Rosalyn Haber in memory of Betty Simon at yahrzeit.

Rosalyn Haber in memory of Albert Kramer, husband of Helga Kramer.

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Jill & Arnie Sherman in honor of Joni Brenner being named the HJC Sisterhood Woman of Achievement.

YOUTH FUND

Miriam & Joel Wirschin in honor of the engagement of Carly, daughter of Shari & Scott Klaire, to Ryan Pearsall.

CONDOLENCES

Helga Kramer on the death of her husband, Albert Kramer.

Nina Harmon on the death of her father, Meyer Bushman.

Daniel Himmel on the death of his mother, Helen Francis Himmel.

Moti Dolgin on the death of his mother, Mira Dolgin.

MAZAL TOV

Beth and Aaron Schuman announce the birth of their daughter, Eden Melody Schuman.

Barry & Ferne Chase announce the birth of their granddaughter, Eden Melody Schuman.

Rabbi Neil and Alisa Rubin Kurshan announce the birth of their grandson, Ilan Gil, son of Ariella Kurshan and Leo Simonovich and brother of Tamir & Nadav Simonovich Kurshan.

Shari & Scott Klaire announce the engagement of their daughter, Carly, to Ryan Pearsall.

Thanks To All

A Special Feature to the HJC Bulletin

You may have noticed our Bulletin has a new look!

We have switched printers and upgraded our paper quality. To help offset the costs associated with these changes, we will offer members a special opportunity to collectively express thanks to their fellow congregants who thoughtfully made donations In Memory or In Honor of their loved ones. We are calling this feature **Thanks To All**. General words of thanks should be submitted in writing via email (a maximum of 75 words or less will be strictly enforced) to the Main Office with a donation of \$18.

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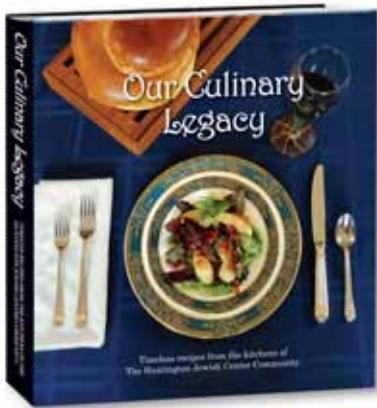
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Our Culinary Legacy is \$36 and it can now be ordered by submitting a check directly to Sisterhood or by using the HJC credit card option on the synagogue website.

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