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# Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

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**\$45 - regular membership**

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## B'Yachad

### The 2020-2021 Torah Fund Campaign Is Underway

Funds raised by Torah Fund have gone toward scholarships in support of the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York, NY), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles, CA), Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires, Argentina), and Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam, Germany).

Our Torah Fund theme this year is "B'Yachad" – Together. In these unsettled times we're living right now, we will experience many changes. We will navigate the changes and uncharted territory B'Yachad, Together.

Since the Torah Fund office and JTS remain closed, greeting cards and the 2020 – 2021 pins are not available yet.



Thank you for your donations to Torah Fund, supporting programming that prepares our future Jewish leaders for their roles in this continuously changing world. If you would like to make a contribution to this year's Torah Fund campaign, please contact Evelyn Abraham. [evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net)

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# From Rabbi Ari Saks



## *The Holy Time Between Purim and Passover*

During an upcoming interfaith gathering of Huntington clergy, one of my Bahai colleagues is planning on talking about how this period during March is a shared holy time for the Bahai, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Muslims, and Jews. Of course Passover is one of Judaism's holiest holidays, but my colleague's comment made me think if there something uniquely holy about the

current period in March, the time between Purim and Passover. Is this particular time holy?

Until this point I never thought about the time between Purim and Passover as a specific holy time in our calendar other than preparing our house for Passover. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that this period of time has a lot in common with another period of holy time in our tradition: the month of Elul leading into the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Elul, the last month of the Jewish year, is a time of self-reflection and spiritual preparation for entering into the new year. If we want the high holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to do their job of giving our inner lives a clean slate, then we must be prepared to consider our mistakes, to understand where we've gone wrong, and to commit ourselves to doing better this year. What's more, if we follow the advice of authors like Rabbi Alan Lew ("This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared") who note that the spiritual preparation of

the High Holiday season begins seven weeks prior with the recounting on Tisha B'av of the destruction of the Temples, then this act of spiritual cleansing requires an element of destruction. In other words, we must break ourselves down in order to build ourselves back up.

Like the month of Elul is the last month of the Jewish year, so too the month of Adar, in which we celebrate Purim, is the last month of the biblical calendar year. Unlike the journey from Elul to the High Holidays which is designed to break us down, the purpose of the holy time between Purim and Passover is to build us up. Not only can we survive the threat of annihilation from a powerful vizier (Purim), but we can escape the straits of servitude to become a free people (Passover). In other words, anything is possible.

So Elul-High Holidays break us down, and Purim-Passover build us up. Is one of these holy times that transition us from the end of one year to the beginning of another new one more important than the other? To the contrary, I believe we need to experience both of these times in our yearly cycle in order to persevere through the year with truthfulness and hope. The belief we can survive anything without true understanding of our challenges is simple naïveté, and the practice of constantly fixing ourselves leads us to never appreciate moments of joy and happiness. But together the belief of Purim-Passover and the practice of Elul-High Holidays provide a powerful elixir that keeps our people strong when the going gets tough, and appreciative of the moments that are

overflowing with joy. How lucky are we to have both of these holy times on our calendars!



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**HJC's 2nd Night of Passover Community Seder over Zoom**

**Sunday, March 28th**

**Time TBD**

**Led by Rabbi Saks and Cantor Gordan With special guests  
and fun, interactive activities for the WHOLE family**

**More info to come**

# From Hazzan Israel Gordan



## Rabbi Josh Warshawsky

I'm very excited about hosting Rabbi Josh Warshawsky as our Artist in Residence on March 5th and 7th. We have not had many opportunities to bring people in to learn from and with in the past decade and these dates will be a great chance for all of us to learn from this exciting new presence on the Jewish scene. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Rabbi Josh Warshawsky at

conferences and at Camp Ramah.

According to his website, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky is a pray-er, gatherer, music creator, and lifelong meaning seeker. He is a nationally touring Jewish musician, song-leader, composer, and teacher of Torah. Josh seeks to build intentional praying communities, and travels to synagogues and Jewish communities across the country sharing his music and teachings on prayer. He has released three albums of Jewish music, filled with melodies written intentionally to express the deep meaning of the words of our tradition. His newest album, "Chaverai Nevarech," was a live album released in November 2018 along with a video series and teachings and is available anywhere you find your music.

Josh was ordained as a rabbi in May 2019 from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles. He is on the faculty of Songleader Boot Camp and leads the Ramah Shabbaton and the

Ramah Chavurah. Josh has spent the past 19 summers at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, and the last six summers teaching and performing at Ramah camps across the country.

Josh is originally from Deerfield, IL, and after spending a decade in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, and Chicago, now lives in Columbus, OH with his wife Adina Allen. Josh will be leading a special PJ Library Bim Bam Shabbat program at 5pm on Friday for our ECC-aged families followed by our regular services at 6pm, during which he will be leading and teaching. Finally, on Sunday morning, he will be leading community time for our Religious School.

I am so glad that we have opportunities for every facet of our community to engage with Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, his music, his knowledge of Torah, and his excitement. I'm also curious to hear how people respond to having an artist in residence and if this is something that we can continue in the future, especially post-pandemic.

As I mentioned in my last article, while the pandemic has disrupted so many of our plans, one of the upsides of being stuck on zoom is that it makes the logistics and costs of bringing guests in for programming much easier and more affordable. As a reminder, we have another Jewish collegiate a cappella group coming in April, before my anniversary event in May. It has been such a thrill to experience the explosion in programming that we've been having, most recently over Purim weekend, especially after a relatively quiet period after the high holidays. Hopefully you're not getting too fatigued by zoom and can join us. We'd love to "see" you soon!



## 2020-21 HIHI Supply Drive

In December, Huntington Jewish Center began another season of HIHI, the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative - with some major changes because of COVID-19. This season anyone who wants to help with HIHI can do it from the comfort of their own homes. We will offer food and clothing for approximately 21 guests for 10 Wednesdays through March, 2021.

**Mar 3 and 10**

### **WE WILL NOT BE HOSTING, BUT WE WILL BRING FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO GLORIA DEI CHURCH.**

We need many supplies, especially men's warm clothing, protective masks, and hand sanitizer. Please bring in one or more of the items below and help us serve those who would otherwise be sleeping outdoors during the coldest months.

Donations can be left in bins that we will put in the lobby of HJC:

- **Winter Gloves**
- **Hooded sweatshirts (M-XXL) and long sleeved tees**
- **New underwear**
- **Winter coats**
- **Work boots**
- **Jeans (sizes 32-40)**
- **Hand sanitizer, masks [IMPORTANT!]**
- **Disposable razors, shaving cream, chapstick, hand cream, tissue packs**



In addition, financial donations are greatly appreciated. The breakfast & lunch bags will need to be entirely non-perishable this season. If you are interested in preparing bagged breakfasts and lunches or delivering the food, please contact us for the Sign-Up details, including suggested meals.

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# President's Perspective



## *Remembering the Winter of 1939*

The long, cold, snowy days of February no longer bear much particular distinction, save for the glimmer of joy for those of us with birthdays and our rowdy commemoration of the ancient triumph of Purim when it arrives early. In 1939, though, the chilly days of February had a much different character.

That year, the world was a powder keg with its fuse already lit. Germany had “liberated” Austria and the Sudetenland the year before. Jews under Nazi control had endured 6 years of the legislated diminution of their civil liberties that would soon morph into the full-blown state-corporatized genocide with which we are sadly only too familiar.

On February 20 that year, Manhattan beheld the largest Nazi gathering in US history, a so-called “Pro American Rally”. (It was also a scant three days before my father’s family arrived in New York harbor after fleeing Berlin.) Some 20,000 supporters of the Third Reich gathered that night at Madison Square Garden, while outside swarmed a sea of some 100,000 protesters and 1,700 police. Fritz Kuhn, the naturalized Führer of the German American Bund, electrified the crowd at the Garden that night. Brown-shirted American storm troopers filled the aisles among the throngs and flanked a 30-foot-tall portrait of George Washington on the stage. They touted Washington as “America’s first fascist”.

Kuhn spoke to the assembled Nazis and sympathizers of combating the Jewish domination of Christians in America, of the supposed Jewish infiltration of Communism into the country, and of returning the US government and labor unions to the control of white Gentiles. Kuhn’s agenda was larger though, and he sought to keep the US from entering the looming conflict in Europe to allow Hitler to move forward unimpeded with his planned conquest of the continent.

Amidst the crackling atmosphere in the Garden that night, one man rose up against the hatred and propaganda. Isadore Greenbaum, a 26-year old plumber’s apprentice from Brooklyn,

sneaked into the rally out of curiosity. As he listened, he became so enraged that he found himself having to act, despite the obvious danger. He strode calmly down the long aisle, charged the stage, and shouted “Down with Hitler!” as Kuhn addressed the crowd. Greenbaum was intercepted next to Kuhn, beaten by Nazi guards, and then dragged away by policemen, perhaps saving his life.

Afterward, Greenbaum’s wife bailed him out on a \$25 disorderly conduct charge. He explained to the judge, “I went down to the Garden without any intention of interrupting, but being that they talked so much against my religion and there was so much persecution, I lost my head and I felt it was my duty to talk.”

Two years later, at the outbreak of war, Greenbaum enlisted in the Navy and fought the Nazis in Europe. Afterwards he moved to LA, bringing local color to Newport Pier as a fisherman and artist. The rally itself marked the zenith of the Nazi movement in America. Later that year, Hitler demonstrated his even more ambitious intentions and the Bund was eventually outlawed. Kuhn was convicted of embezzling from his own organization and spent 3 1/2 years in Sing Sing. Upon his release, his citizenship was stripped from him and he was deported to Germany at the end of the war where he spent further time in prison.

America ultimately proved itself capable of defending freedom and democracy at home and around the world, though at an incredibly high cost. Despite the travails of our present moment, very unlike that which our parents and grandparents endured and from which many did not escape. Even in these dull and frigid February days, it is important to remember that we have much, in fact, to celebrate.

For further exploration:

“A Night at the Garden”, the Oscar-nominated short film about the MSG rally <https://vimeo.com/237489146>

“The Plot Against America”, the Emmy-nominated series about Lindbergh and the pacifist and Nazi movements <https://www.hbo.com/the-plot-against-america>

**This year, in an attempt to be environmentally friendly, our Passover Guide will be delivered electronically. However, if you would like to receive a hard copy of the booklet, please notify the Main Office at 631-427- 1089 Ext. 10 and we will mail one to you.**





## Spring Clean Your Life (The Huffington Post)

In the hope we might be approaching the wind-down of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are probably all cautiously optimistic we will be able to resume the simple pleasures of our life that were so unfortunately suspended this past year. (And by the time of this printing, it will have quite literally been a year!)

I think the time of COVID has not necessarily afforded most of us the opportunity to be “reflective”, as we have been pre-occupied with concern, fear, doubt, and possibly even despair; not only with the state of our own lives, but with global well-being. A lot happened in 2020 and we need time to heal and repair; within our families, our community, our nation and our world.

We have all heard of spring cleaning. Usually it refers to things like going through your clothes closets, making your home sparkle and shine or doing some gardening and yard work, but have you considered spring-cleaning your life? If you've only thought about “spring cleaning” in terms of straightening up, what about applying that same principle to the less tangible aspects of your world? It's time to spring clean your life!

If we're going to re-enter the world as the pandemic subsides, we need to cast aside all of the painful feelings that have plagued us this past year and emerge strong, healthy and positive!

**Here are nine areas of your life that can benefit from a good spring-cleaning:**

**1. Your Mind** - Sometimes we become our own worst enemy by allowing the voice in our head to make negative comments that talk us out of the things we know we should do. *Clear your mind of negative thoughts and refill it with new healthy and positive thoughts.*

**2. Your Relationships** - We have to spring clean our social life, too! If someone is dragging you down instead of lifting you up, it's time for him or her to go! Don't be afraid to reposition people; you may need to change their priority in your life. *Choose who you allow in your inner circle.*

**3. Your Love Life** - Partners and relationships have a huge impact on us and our life. Make moves to free yourself up and be available for a relationship with someone who wants what you want. *Make room for a loving and healthy romantic relationship.*

**4. Your Heart** - Now is the time to let hurtful things go and move on. Toss the baggage that is weighing you down. *Make room for new loving and supportive people to come into your life.*

**5. Your Spirit** - Reconnect with your spirituality. Attend religious services or spiritual events, pray, meditate, read or listen to uplifting music. *Reconnect with your spirit.*

**6. Your Identity** - Don't let the past define your present and future. Find your new truth! When you know better, you'll do better! *Redefine yourself.*

**7. Your Bad Habits** - Bad habits distract us from our purpose and take you away from our priorities. *Refocus.*

**8. Your Body** - During the winter, we are more sedentary, and often gain weight. In spring, we start rejuvenation; we want to be healthy and look good. Create a regular program of diet and exercise. *Get your health back on track.*

**9. Your Living/Working Space** - Does your space inspire or depress you? Don't underestimate the impact of your environment on your thoughts and mood. Images and items reflect where you want your life to go. Not ready to toss something? Put it in a box and store it. When you realize you no longer need it, toss it! *Design inspirational spaces.*

## SAVE THE DATE

HJC Sisterhood presents...

**JEOPARDY: Heroes, Icons, and Trailblazers**  
Another fun & interactive game night via zoom

THURSDAY, April 22, 2021 @ 7:30pm  
Details to follow...

# Religious School

Leigh Murphy, Director



## **Hakarat HaTov** (Gratitude)

While it's easy to look out and see the negative in the world, it is important to cultivate gratitude for what we do have, and for what's good in the world.

This month, our students developed an "attitude of gratitude" for all its benefits:

**Sleep**  
**Relationships**  
**Inner peace**  
**Energy**  
**Happiness**  
**Collaboration**  
**Relaxation**  
**Friendship**  
**Productivity**  
**Efficiency**  
**Health**

**Gan (kindergarten):** Students learned about Shalom Bayit (a peaceful, healthy home). We also learned about Purim (through Sammy the Spider).

**Alef (1st-grade):** This month in Kitah Alef, students learned about "shalom" and "tov" and practiced our Alef Bet. We participated in Community Time Purim.

**Bet (2nd-grade):** In honor of Purim, we focused on celebrating (being grateful) for Queen Esther and Mordechai's courage in saving the Jewish people from Haman.

**Gimel (3rd-grade):** Our 3rd-graders thought about things for which they are grateful, and words that express wonder and gratitude. We considered how love and relationships are the most important source of happiness, even more so than material possessions.

**Dalet (4th-grade):** Students discussed different ways we express gratitude.

**Hey (5th-grade):** We discussed how to appreciate the "good" as God does. Just like God described "goodness" at the end of each day of creation, so we should be grateful for the good we experience daily. This can be small good experiences, or major ones (such as for the brave acts of Esther and Mordechai).

**Vav (6th-grade):** Our students discussed how to be grateful and see "the good" despite personal and societal trials and tribulations. Every day is an opportunity to create "good" in the world for which others can be grateful.

FYI - We have a private Facebook page ("HJC Religious School Members")! Persons requesting access have to be accepted by the administrator. Please search for it on Facebook and sign up to get access to interesting postings about Jewish education and holidays and raising healthy, well-adjusted Jewish children.

*Sincerely,*

*Morah Stacey, Morah Melanie, Morah Jen, Moreh Ari,  
Moreh Paul, Morah Sharone, Moreh Phil  
Mark Richman, Religious School Committee President  
Leigh Murphy, Religious School Director*

## HJC Summer 2021 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.

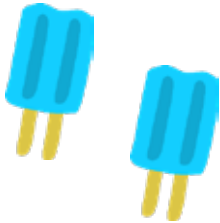
### **David S. Rosenman Camp Ramah Scholarship**

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 and the deadline for submission is April 5, 2021.**



## HJC SUMMER ADVENTURE



*Our Exciting Summer Program is getting  
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*Early and late care available*

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**Andrea & Howard Dubow** in memory of Rose Sirulnick at yahrzeit.  
**The Dubow family** in memory of Ethel Sachs.  
**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in memory of Norman Mattisinko, husband of Joan Mattisinko.  
**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in memory of Ethel Sachs.  
**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in memory of Rachel Tal Kirschner, mother of Maayan Klein.  
**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in honor of the appointment of Billy Wertheim as the Interim Dean of the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University.  
**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in honor of the engagement of Daniel, son of Gwen & Ron Goldstein, to Priyanka Duvvuru.  
**Eleanor Siperowitz** in memory of Louis Siperowitz at yahrzeit.  
**Rosalind & William Wertheim** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.  
**Laurie & Peter Birzon** in memory of Irving Birzon at yahrzeit.  
**Laurie & Peter Birzon** in memory of Sondra Stoller at yahrzeit.  
**Laurie & Peter Birzon** in memory of Murray Stoller at yahrzeit.  
**The Satin family** in memory of Jack Snyder at yahrzeit.  
**Debi Rothenberg** in memory of Tal Levy at yahrzeit.  
**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in honor of the birth of Hazel Lynn, granddaughter of Marcey Wagner & Mark Bergman.  
**Vered Cole and family** in memory of Meir Levanon at yahrzeit.  
**Vered Cole** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.  
**Vered Cole** in memory of Elsa Gjini, mother of Irma Mile.  
**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in memory of Rachel Tal Kirschner, mother of Maayan Klein.  
**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in honor of the engagement of Daniel, son of Gwen & Ron Goldstein, to Priyanka Duvvuru.  
**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.  
**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in memory of Elsa Gjini, mother of Irma Mile.  
**Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg** in honor of the retirement of Ellen Steinberg.  
**Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.  
**Selma Greenstein** in memory of Max Bass at yahrzeit.  
**Selma Greenstein** in memory of Herman Greenstein at yahrzeit.  
**Joan & Paul Cohen** in memory of Abraham Cohen at yahrzeit.  
**Marlene Hummel** in memory of Anne Ross at yahrzeit.  
**Marlene Hummel** in memory of Robert Ross at yahrzeit.  
**Ellen Kahn** in memory of Abraham Levy at yahrzeit.  
**Ellen Kahn** in memory of Lilly Levy at yahrzeit.  
**Ellen Kahn** in memory of Richard Kahn at yahrzeit.  
**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in honor of the birth of Silas Kenneth Shoemaker, grandson of Renda Rosenblatt.

## CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** in honor of the 10th anniversary of Cantor Gordan at HJC.

## CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in memory of Elsa Gjini, mother of Irma Mile.

## COLLEGIATE FUND

**Renda Rosenblatt** with gratitude to her quarantine friends for their love, support & lots of food.

## COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND

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

**Barbara & Joel Koppersmith** in honor of the appointment of Billy Wertheim as the Interim Dean of the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University.

**Alan Schuller** in memory of Amy Kennedy at yahrzeit.

**Gail & Jerry Ellstein** in memory of Herbert Harris at yahrzeit.

## DAILY MINYAN FUND

**Bea Pedowicz** in memory of Ely Rencoff at yahrzeit.

**Bea Pedowicz** in memory of Martin Rencoff at yahrzeit.

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

**Susi Susskind** in memory of Alex Susskind at yahrzeit.

**Susi Susskind** in memory of Lotte Flaks at yahrzeit.

## DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Judy & Lester Fox** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

**Elliott Barish** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

## ETHEL SACHS ENGAGEMENT FUND

**Charlene & Gordon Kerner** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

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**Dawn, Barry & Sam Sosnick** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

**Leslie and Jed Hantverk** in memory of Rachel Tal Kirschner, mother of Maayan Klein.

**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

**Susan & Farel Jouard** in memory of Eileen Berman at yahrzeit.

**Harriet Zeidel** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

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

**Gwen Goldstein** in memory of Sadie Paternostro at yahrzeit.

**Morris Lagnado** in memory of Avraham & Hannah Lagnado at yahrzeit.

**Barbara & Joel Koppersmith** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

**Nancy & Brian Cooper** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

**Bonnie & Jim D'Aquila** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

**Marilyn Koven** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

**Amal & Alon Kapen** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

**Ruth Marx** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

### ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND

**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in memory of Rachel Tal Kirschner, mother of Maayan Klein.

**Susi Susskind** in honor of Nili Gitig for her community service.

**Nili Gitig** in memory of Norman Mattisinko, husband of Joan Mattisinko.

**Nili Gitig** in in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Helga Kramer**

**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in honor of Rabbi Ari Saks and his outstanding Virtual Tour of Israel program.

**Elaine & Burt Epstein** in memory of Samuel Epstein at yahrzeit.

**Elaine & Burt Epstein** in memory of Irving Gleicher a yahrzeit.

**Nili Gitig** in memory of Jules Einhorn, husband of Carol Einhorn and father of Rachel Saks.

**Nili Gitig** in memory of Ethel Sachs.

### SCHECHTER FUND

**Cindy & Moti Dolgin** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

### SOCIAL ACTION FUND/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

**Gwen & Ron Goldstein** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

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

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

**Nancy & Brian Cooper** in memory of Rachel Tal Kirschner, mother of Maayan Klein.

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**Barbara & Joel Kuppersmith** in honor of the birth of Russell Irvin Steinberg, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in memory of Robert David Bring at yahrzeit.

**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** in memory of Elsa Gjini, mother of Irma Mile.

### YOUTH FUND

**Richard Galant** in memory of Morris Galant at yahrzeit.

### MAZAL TOV

**Ellen & Jay Steinberg** announce the birth of their grandson, Russell Irvin Steinberg.

**Renda Rosenblatt** announces the birth of her grandson, Silas Kenneth Shoemaker.

### CONDOLENCES

**Irma Mile** on the death of her mother, Elsa Gjini.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Ian & Liza Lieberman** of Cold Spring Harbor and their son, Sloan, 1 year old.

## Our Culinary Legacy Cookbook

**To fulfill Our Culinary Legacy Cookbook's mission to feed the hungry on Long Island, Sisterhood has made a generous donation to the Jewish Nutrition Network.**

### DONATIONS

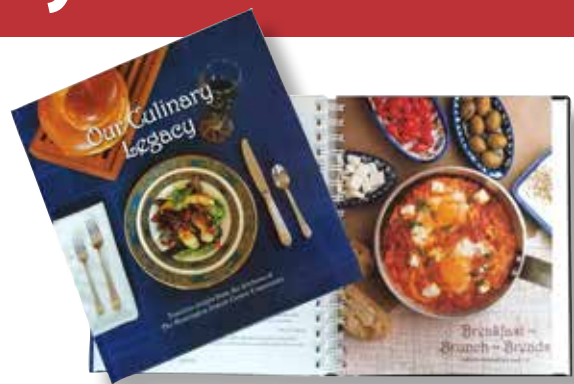
**Holbreich family** in memory of Ethel Sachs

### OUR CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK

The Culinary Legacy Cookbook makes a great gift. If you have not placed your order yet, the cost is \$36 per book. Since this is a limited run, submit your orders now. You can order online <https://hjcny.org/hjc-cookbook/> or send a check to HJC and mark attention Sisterhood Cookbook.

### APRONS AND BAGS WITH CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK

If you are looking for a gift to give family or friends, in addition to the cookbook, buy an Apron (\$15) and Grocery Bag (\$5) with the Cookbook logo. Please contact Evelyn Abraham ([evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net)) if you have any questions about the Cookbook or want to buy an apron or bag.





## Schedule of Passover Services

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<b>Thursday, March 25</b>	<b>Fast of the First Born and Siyyum*</b> <i>A zoom morning service will be followed by a study session. We invite everyone to stay on afterwards, enjoy your breakfast, while we have a study session and siyyum together over zoom. All first born and others are welcome.</i>	7:45 am
<b>Friday, March 26</b>	<b>ZOOM Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	<b>Shabbat HaGadol</b>	9:30 am
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	<b>First Seder</b>	Candle Lighting 7:56 pm
<b>Sunday, March 28</b>	<b>Shacharit, First Day</b> <b>Second Seder-Zoom Community Seder</b> (See Flyer for more information)	10:00 am Candle Lighting 7:57 pm
<b>Monday, March 29</b>	<b>Shacharit, Second Day</b>	10:00 am
<b>Friday, April 2</b>	<b>ZOOM Kabbalat Shabbat, Seventh Day</b>	8:00 pm Candle Lighting 7:01 pm
<b>Saturday, April 3</b>	<b>Shabbat morning services, Seventh Day</b> <i>We will honor our Shabbat and Weekly Torah Readers during services. Members of the Congregation will chant Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs).</i>	10:00 am
<b>Saturday, April 3</b>	<b>Mincha, Maariv, Eighth Day</b>	8:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:03 pm
<b>Sunday, April 4</b>	<b>Shacharit, Yizkor, Eighth Day</b> <i>Yizkor will be recited during services.</i>	10:00 am
		Festival ends at 8:04 pm

### **\*SIYYUM - THE FAST OF THE FIRST BORN**

The Torah relates that the first born of the Israelites were spared from the last plague which was visited upon the Egyptians. As an act of gratitude and as a means of reenacting a great event of ancient history, the custom has arisen to have all the Bechorim (first born) fast on Erev Pesach. As a substitute for this fast, Bechorim may participate in some sacred study in the synagogue on the morning before Pesach. Thus, the fast is obviated while the purpose is enhanced. There will be a zoom service and study session **Thursday morning, March 25** beginning at 7:45 am.



# **SAVE THE DATE**

# **A DECADE OF MUSIC**



**JOIN US IN HONORING**  
**CANTOR ISRAEL GORDAN**  
**HIS FIRST TEN YEARS**

HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER  
A VIRTUAL EVENING  
OF MUSIC AND TRIBUTES

**MAY 2, 5-6 PM**



# **Celebrate with Cantor Gordan as he approaches his Tenth Anniversary at HJC!**

**These monthly ZOOM events are Cantor Gordan's gift to us as we move toward his May celebration. All generously sponsored by the Cantor's Professional Development Fund.**

## **MARCH**

### **Learn with Artist in Residence Rabbi Josh Warshawsky**

**Friday, March 5th at 5:00pm  
PJ Library Bim Bam Shabbat Service**

**Friday, March 5th at 6:00pm  
Community Kabbalat Shabbat services**

**Sunday, March 7th at 9:00am  
Religious School workshop**



**Many thanks to those who helped behind the scenes and with the delivery of the Mishloach Manot. Because of you, Sisterhood was able to keep up the yearly tradition in a year of uncertainty. It was a great mitzvah. We greatly appreciate you!**

Cheryl & Karann

**The Crew:**

Miriam Wirchin  
Jed Hantverk  
Leslie Hantverk  
Patricia Schoeffler  
Randi Schuller  
Marsha Kalina  
Debbie Cadel  
Shari Klaire  
Alice Rosen  
Marilyn Klein  
Barbara Rosen  
Felicia Messing

Jen Ingber  
Allison Reiver  
Emily Schwartz  
Donna Fleiss  
Peter Berman  
Kim Willen  
Jina Eckstein  
Ora Kriegstein  
Melina Kantor  
Danny Lerner  
Aimee Lerner  
Cheryl Berman  
Karann Pashkin



**HJC SISTERHOOD and MEN'S CLUB  
present  
A (VIRTUAL) TASTE OF PASSOVER**



**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

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**Short Film  
Sharing of Stories, Memories, and Traditions  
"Show and Tell" of Objects & Heirlooms  
A Special "Taste" of Passover\*\***

**\*\*MUST RSVP BY 3/4 to receive sampling provided by  
Woodbury Kosher to be delivered prior to program  
(one per household)**

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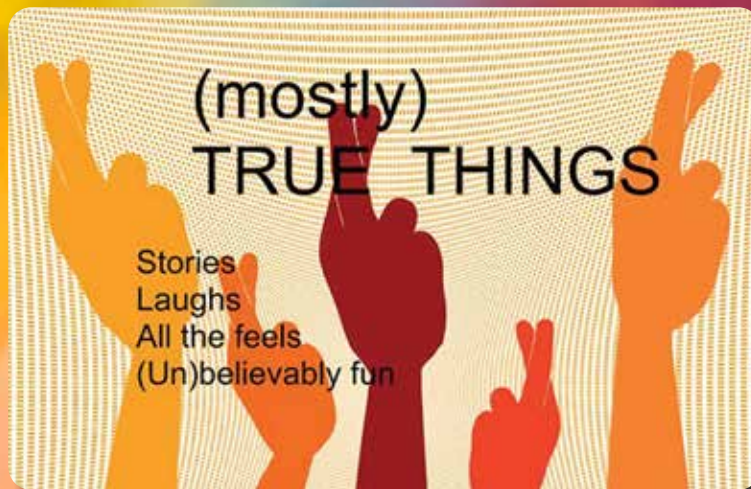
**RSVP by 3/4**

**Evelyn Abraham: [evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net) or 631-424-6922  
Hope you can join us!**

**Virtual  
Hamantashen  
Baking with  
HJC Young  
Families  
instructed by  
Donna Fleiss.**







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



**Come and hear stories about the lives of fellow HJC members.  
4 storytellers, 3 (mostly) true stories, 1 totally true.  
*Guess who's telling the truth!***



**No Charge  
No Coffee  
No Liqueurs  
No Dessert  
No Prizes  
Just Fun!**



**Saturday, March 13, 2021. 7:30**

**Zoom along with us at:**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/290291082?pwd=TGtWWjFGTTcxTzdnRnJnWjhZWUx5dz09>**

**Meeting ID: 290 291 082 Password: 7fkXvu**

**(mostly) True Things was created and is hosted by Jude Treder-Wolff. To learn more visit: [www.mostlytruethings.com](http://www.mostlytruethings.com)**

# HJC Adult Education Virtual Learning

**Last Tuesday of the month, 12 pm**  
**Mar 30, Apr 27, May 25**

HJC's Main Zoom Room  
• Meeting ID: 290 291 082 • Password 7fkXvu  
• Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/290291082?pwd=TGtWWjFGTTcxTzdnRnJnWjhZWUx5dz09>



## SECRETS OF THE HEBREW PRAYERBOOK CLASS

Once a month we will gather over Zoom to unlock the secrets of our prayers hidden within our ancient Hebrew text. We will have a chance to read together in class as well as developing skills for following/reading the Hebrew text during services.

Rabbi Saks is also offering a single 1-on-1 30-minute session for all members of HJC who want to practice their Hebrew reading skills.

Please note: You do not need to attend this once-a-month class to take advantage of the 1-on-1 30-minute session.

RSVP via [hjcny.org/event-rsvp](https://hjcny.org/event-rsvp)

**SATURDAY MORNINGS via ZOOM**  
**before services at 9:15-9:45 AM**  
**(3/6, 3/27)**

**Join Cantor Gordan  
to discover**

## The History and Halachot of Shabbat

Join us as we study Jewish texts to see how Shabbat is described in the Torah and rest of Hebrew bible, as well as what the rabbis made of that in the Mishnah, Talmud, and Shulchan Arukh and how that compares to some other ancient traditions. No previous experience necessary. Knowledge of Hebrew is not required. Join for any or all of the sessions.

**Questions:**  
Contact Cantor Gordan at  
[cantorgordan@hjcny.org](mailto:cantorgordan@hjcny.org)



**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/j/8287980597?pwd=d1J2SFFvc3l4U3ZEbUNabU80MnpTZz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 828 798 0597 **Passcode:** Shabbat

## MONDAY EVENINGS at 8 PM

**Lester Fox is offering a weekly study of two fundamental texts:**

### The Torah

through the weekly portion, and

### Pirke Avot

(Ethics of the Fathers)

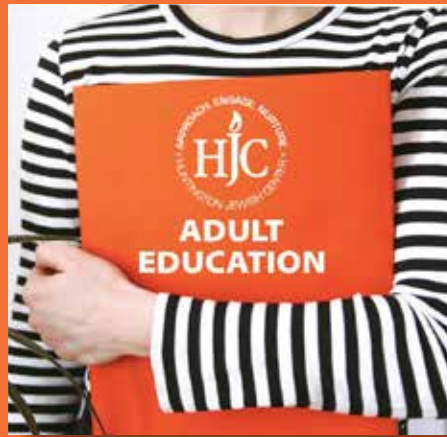
which are ethical teachings and moral maxims  
providing compelling entry points to the study of Talmud.



These study sessions will entail a close review of the texts. Lester's lifetime of study has given him a rich background in Jewish ideas and practices. His extensive knowledge is matched by his capacity to teach. Lester brings to discussions a unique blend of humor, erudition and, above all, passion.

Please contact Lester Fox at [foxles@optonline.net](mailto:foxles@optonline.net)





# HJC's Adult Education Committee Presents...

## Seder Ideas – Presentations and Discussion

**with Brian Cooper, Lester Fox and Jim Lodge**

**Tuesday, March 16th  
8:00 pm over Zoom**

**Main (Zoom) Room  
Meeting ID: 290 291 082  
Password: 7fkXvu**

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/290291082?pwd=TGtWWjFGTTcxTzdnRnJnWjhZWUx5dz09>

Preparing for the seder so that it's fresh and engaging can be daunting. But the Haggadah has a rich set of ideas, narrative, and activities if we know how to unpack them.

Join Brian, Lester, and Jim as they dig into a handful of key passages of the Haggadah to mine them for wisdom which will surely enliven your Seder table this year.

RSVPs are requested but not required. Those who RSVP will receive a packet of resources prior to the program to prepare for the learning.

You can RSVP at [hjcny.org/event-rsvp](http://hjcny.org/event-rsvp).

If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Saks at [rabbi.ari.saks@hjcny.org](mailto:rabbi.ari.saks@hjcny.org).





# Modern Living: Maintaining Balance

A 2008 survey asked full-time workers from around the United States how important it would be for them to find a proper work/life balance.

The results were astounding. A full 96% of survey respondents considered it a high priority to find a better work/life balance in the coming year.

Searching for ways to find balance in our lives is a recurring theme in modern living.



Modern Living: Maintaining Balance explores a selection of classic and modern Jewish texts from the renowned Florence Melton School curriculum that relate to this contemporary challenge. Participants will discover Jewish wisdom that helps us balance between the needs and demands of family, work, community and self.

Rabbi Ari Saks will teach this 4-lesson course for Huntington Jewish Center on Thursdays at 8:00-9:15 p.m. March 4, 11, 2021. Lessons will be online via Zoom.

Registration & Information: [www.meltonschool.org/pop-up](http://www.meltonschool.org/pop-up)



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# *Mechirat Chametz*

## *The Selling of Chametz*

Jewish law prohibits the use or legal possession of any Chametz, leaven of any kind, on Passover. In order to be certain that all Chametz has been removed from our possession, Jewish tradition requires us to sell our remaining Chametz to a non-Jew. This Chametz, then, becomes the property of the non-Jew for the duration of Passover and should be set aside in a place in one's home that will be unused during Passover.

The authorization of the right to sell Chametz can be granted to another. If you would like Rabbi Saks to sell your Chametz on your behalf, please fill out the form below. In order to symbolize that one is transferring the authority to sell, it is customary to make a token monetary transfer. The money contributed will be used to provide needy families with Passover necessities. If you send a check, please make it out to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, c/o Huntington Jewish Center.

### AUTHORIZATION OF PROXY

Whereas according to Jewish Law one is not permitted to maintain or possess Chametz during the Passover holiday, I, the undersigned, hereby authorize **Rabbi Saks** to sell the Chametz whether it be found in my residence or elsewhere. This Chametz that I wish sold includes every kind of leavened food or liquid whether in separate entities, mixed forms, dishes or utensils. I understand that **Rabbi Saks** will sell the Chametz for me to a non-Jew for the entire week of Passover and that I shall derive no use or pleasure from it during that time.

(Name)\_\_\_\_\_

(Address)\_\_\_\_\_

(City and State)\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THE PROXY TO THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE BY  
THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 2021

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**NEW DATE: Sunday, March 7th**  
**2-3pm**

ALL HJC families are invited! Some suggested times for parking lot flow:  
2pm: ECC families  
2:30pm: Religious School families

prize for  
best  
decorated  
car!



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).