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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Join Us and Support the Sisterhood of HJC

It is not too late to mail in your check for the Sisterhood Membership Dues.

Watch for Emails with Information on upcoming Membership Events.

New members to HJC receive a complimentary Sisterhood membership for their first year.

Checks are payable to

Sisterhood of the Huntington Jewish Center.

Mail to Huntington Jewish Center attention: Sisterhood Dues.

\$45 - regular membership / \$30 – senior membership

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Paid Up Membership Event, Mad Hatter Tea Party. We laughed, enjoyed the tea and scones and caught up with our sisters and met some new HJC members.

B'Yachad

The 2021-2022 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.



Thank you for your donation 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 or purchase Torah Fund cards, please contact Evelyn Abraham. evelyn_abraham@optonline.net

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From Rabbi Ari Saks



***“Good” is the good impulse;
“very good” is the human impulse*** (Bereishit Rabbah 9:7)

The Chanukah Box project was seeded in the heartache and pain of the past two years as we’ve all searched for how to remain together while being physically apart. But the fruits you see before you were cultivated by the effort and willingness of so many humans in our community, I’d like to thank for turning those feelings of heartache and pain into something “very good” for HJC to share.

We could not have even contemplated the possibility of doing a project like this - the creation of 400 boxes of Chanukah gifts - if it were not for the previous successes of our **2020 High-Holidays-In-A-Box** project, or the deliveries of challah organized by the **Membership Committee**, or the gifts of Purim Mishloach Manot spearheaded by **Sisterhood**. This project stands upon their shoulders.

Many thanks go to **Rabbi/Cantor Marcey Wagner** who I worked with closely to turn the dream of the box into a reality. Her creativity, wit, and love for Jewish life nourished every aspect of this project, just like they nourished her contributions to the High-Holidays-in-a-Box project in 2020. Marcey, you’re a great thought partner!

Halie Geller and **Robert Fisher** were instrumental in getting this project off the ground. Halie’s experience and contacts as founder of the subscription box service **locaLI Bred**, and Rob’s leadership in organizing the Jewish Nutritional Network’s army of volunteers provided critical support at just the right time to turn this idea into a reality. We are forever grateful for your contributions. Thank you as well to **Bruce Fleiss** for helping to prepare the boxes and **Leigh Murphy** and **Allison Reiver** for sharing their prior knowledge on organizing volunteer drivers.

Many thanks as well to **Marty Spielman** for his **AMAZING** design of the “Let Your Light Shine” sign/poster, as well as to **Mitzvah Team Alumni** for their help in determining the language for the sign/poster.

Barbara Axmacher and **Rachel Gritz** in the Main Office did yeoman work supporting the myriad of detailed and complex tasks of receiving deliveries, setting up the packaging, and organizing our fleet of volunteer drivers. This project could not have succeeded without your incredible effort.

I’d also like to thank many of the other members of our staff including our custodians **Victor & Alex Salinas** for their labor in preparing the boxes and setting up the packaging assembly line, **Irma Mile** for taking care of the financials, as well as **Gina Giuffre** and **Ilene Brown** for their encouragement and willingness to enlist the help of their constituencies in this project.

Also, many thanks to the members of the **Executive Committee** and the **Ethel Sachs z”l Engagement Fund** for supporting and sponsoring this amazing project. We could not have dreamed about making this project happen without your backing.

Lastly, let’s take a moment to express gratitude to all of our **AMAZING 100+ volunteers who packaged and delivered boxes to people’s homes**. Even with all the effort mentioned above, this project only succeeded because of your willingness to share your time and your energy to ensure that the light we share this Chanukah is a “very good light.” Thank you to the following families for your help!

Ain, Amram, Behr, Cohen (Paul & Joan), Cohn, Diblasio, Fleiss (Bruce & Pam), Fleiss (Ed & Donna), Frischman, Garbus, Giuffre, Glaser, Glassman, Gold, Goldmeer, Goldstein (Ron & Gwen), Greenstein (Paul & Gale), Gritz, Hantverk, Hepworth, Herman, Herskovitz, Holbreich (Steve & Leah), Ingber, Kantor, Kapen, Katz, Keller, Keshet, Klein (David & Marilyn), Kleinmann, Kriegstein, Kupersmith, Lerner, Maltin, May, Messing, Mintz, Murphy, Neidorff, Perler (Ari & Johanna), Rosen (Tom & Vicki), Rosen (Bruce & Alice), Rossen, Sachs (Robert), Saks, Schneider, Schoeffler, Schoenfarber, Schueller, Schwartz (Roy & Kim), Silberman, Sklar, Sosnick, Stark, Stein (Dan & Dafna), Steinberg, Wagner (Bob & Marcey), Wagner (Larry & Beth), Wax, Weinberg (Shelley), Wertheim, Wieser, Yelen.

Happy Chanukah!

Rabbi Ari Y. Saks





Gratitude and Light

Perhaps you're still just finishing the last of the delicious Thanksgiving leftovers and basking in the joyful glow of a wonderful festive holiday spent with beloved family and friends. And, as the light of one holiday remains in our heart, we have barely time to take a breath as Chanukah, our holiday of lights, is upon us. As we add light to the world with the lighting of the candle on each

successive night, let us be reminded to feel the glow and allow the light in our hearts to radiate brilliantly.

How fortunate we are to be part of a community in which we are never alone. We have all experienced challenging days and challenging circumstances. We have all experienced loss and the darkest of days. Sometimes it feels like a struggle. Whatever life sends our way, and we know it is the nature of life to be challenging at times, we are there for each other. This extraordinary ability to truly be there for each other at times of need, at times of darkness, is truly one of the distinguishing strengths of our synagogue family. We are there for each other, to help bring sparkles, even flickers of light, in times when it feels most dark.

I would like to express my profound gratitude to our community and the outpouring of love and support upon the recent passing of my mother. As many of you knew, she had been declining

for years, but it was during her recent hospitalization and illness these past two months that I so significantly felt the strength of the support from our wonderful community. Thank you to my friends, my wonderful support team on the Executive Committee, Leslie Hantverk, Ora Kreigstein, Jack Rubin, Dan Schoeffler, Ellen Steinberg, and Janet Zimmerman, and to the entire Board of Trustees, who stepped up and stepped in. Thank you to Rabbi Saks, who brought meaning to ritual for me and my family, and strove to illuminate my mom's essence and light. And thank you to everyone who reached out to me with the touch of a hand, words of comfort, and your quiet presence. Your presence kindled the light. I am exceedingly grateful to be part of our generous, caring and sweet community.

Now, as I reflect upon words I spoke commemorating my mother, it is the breath, the in-breath and the out-breath, which nurtures and brings sustenance to us all. And, each breath is opportunity for a new beginning, and helps bring strength and illuminate our darkest days. Whether it be a quiet ember or a brilliant flame, let us always be grateful as we bask in the miracles of light in our hearts, and in our beloved HJC community.

As we approach Chanukah, our festival of Light, I am grateful to the strength and the brilliance of the light our HJC community has brought to me and my family during this most difficult time.

From my family to yours, wishing you peace and light, always, and may the glow of the menorah shine in your life everyday.

Chag Urim Sameach- **Happy Festival of Lights**





Who Tells Your Story?

“... but when you're gone, who remembers your name? Who keeps your flame, who tells your story?”

~ Hamilton, Lin-Manuel Miranda

Some of you may know I have held a *slight obsession* with the Broadway musical “Hamilton”. (Hooray for its triumphant return!)

“Hamilton” quickly found its way into the annals of Broadway history by becoming one of the most sought after theater ticket ever. Its storyline, lyrically and musically told in nothing less than modern Shakespearean grandeur, captured the hearts and minds of millions of us. And although, by definition, the show is about the life and death of Alexander Hamilton, as I listened deeper to the lyrics (46 songs, 23 in each Act – all memorized of course!) I started to hear the words as a more universal application – I asked myself when I am gone, who will remember my name and what will they remember me for?

I began thinking aren't we all responsible for telling our own story? Every day is another act in my “performance”; my actions, decisions, thoughts and desires are carried out and weave together

to write the narrative of my life story. Being a concerned and law abiding citizen, a caring daughter, sister, mother and friend, being kind to animals, respecting the environment, volunteering and donating to charitable causes. It is not only my actions which define me, but also how I am physically represented; the kind-hearted and thoughtful children I have raised and set free as young adults into the world, the beauty and the comfort of the home our family has created together, the invaluable opportunity to express my individuality and personal preferences in the clothes and jewelry I wear or the music I listen to. This is how I tell my story. I want it heard as I tell it, here and now.

So I ask, who will keep *your* flame and tell *your* story?

As we head into a new secular year, be the keeper of your flame and tell your story. There are many things you can do to contribute to the narrative of your life story, many beginning right here at HJC! Attend services, join a committee, lend your time to JNN or HIHI, stuff some envelopes, shop for a Kiddush. Everywhere you look there is an opportunity to tell your story. Be sure people hear it the way you want it to be told.

Dear HJC Members

We hope that this finds you and your families well.

It has been two years since the SAC has met in person, but we have continued with our mission to serve our community and beyond.

A heartfelt thank you to our HJC community for your donations of food for our project Replenish/Isaiah which was donated to the Mid-Island YJCC (537 lbs).

And the Thanksgiving food drive for the Helping Hand Rescue Mission, chaired by Ellen Steinberg.

Just in case you think that the Social Action Committee is all about food, these are the yearly monetary contributions that we make to so many worthy causes!

1. **Long Island Cares - Harry Chapin Food Bank**
2. **Helping Hands (L'Yad M'Yad)**
3. **Mid Island YJCC**
4. **Helping Hand Rescue Mission**
5. **Newborns in need**
6. **Lone Soldiers in Israel**

And last but not least: **The Jewish Nutritional Network**, chaired by Rob Fisher

Todah Rabah,
Marilyn Klein & Janet Kushnick





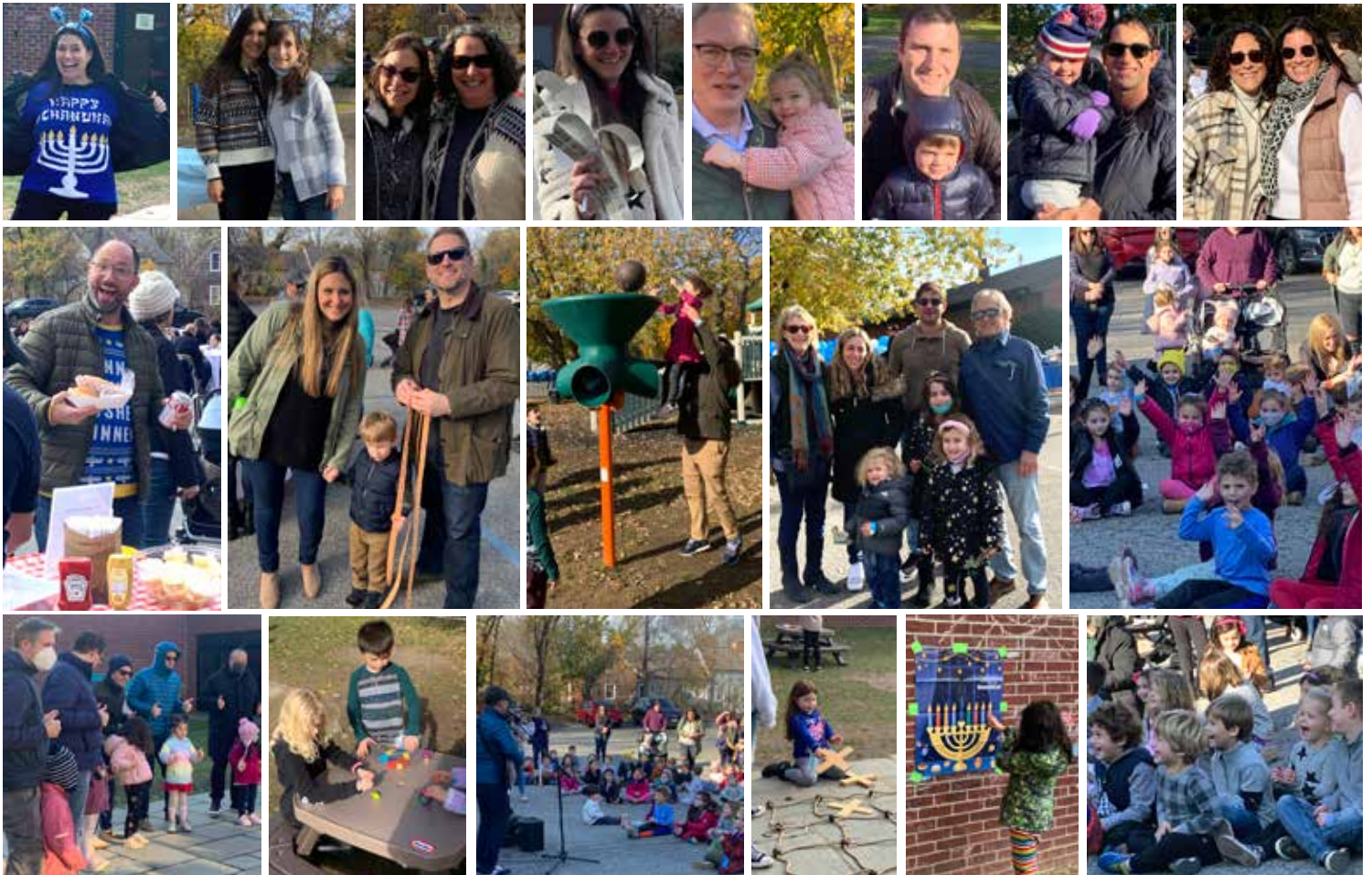
“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” – Coretta Scott King

The month of November has brought us a return to many events that we have missed due to Covid. While nothing is as it was pre Covid, we refuse to let Covid define us and have found a way to keep our community together safely. Dudes and Donuts renamed Dudes Day this year, one of our favorite days of the school year has made a comeback. On the morning of November 19th, we braved the cold and celebrated Dudes Day. The children were permitted to bring one “Dude” to school, whether it was a father, grandfather, or even a big brother! The teachers set up little craft tables on their designated playground and the children and their Dude created a beautiful project. Some classes did yoga with the Dudes, some danced to the Hokey Pokey, Freeze Dance, and more. It was so rewarding to see the Dudes with their

children sharing quality time with each other at school.

Another community event that made a reappearance this year was the Hanukkah Happening! This is one of HJC’s largest and most communal events and unfortunately, due to Covid we have missed the Hanukkah Happening. Once again, we knew that an event of this magnitude could not be held safely indoors, so the ECC Parent Association volunteered to host this festive event. It certainly was a festive and exciting event! It was absolutely rejuvenating to see members, sisterhood, religious school, and ECC families together again celebrating Hanukkah. Well over 200 people attended, enjoying Ben’s Kosher Deli, Sisterhood’s Gift Shop, a performance by Music Matt, HJC’s sprawling playgrounds, games for the children, and the most amazing raffle baskets and silent auction. A colossal thank you to

the ECC PA who worked tirelessly to create this first ever outdoor Hanukkah Happening. Not only did the ECC PA raise a lot of money for our school, but they also helped build community which is the most important part of our culture.





Redefining Our Youth Programming

One area that has become a COVID casualty is youth programming. Across the country, leadership, parents and students have noticed a reduction or lack of programming for our students. The creative ideas once used on Zoom to draw students have become dull and lost their appeal. I can relate. In the Spring of 2020 I was only too eager to

connect with people outside my home. I joined lectures, had coffee with friends and celebrated holidays online. Now, when I hear of another Zoom session, you can probably “hear” my eyes rolling. Don’t misunderstand, connecting online does have advantages and value, I just prefer more organic get togethers. With firm restrictions in place and parents erring on the side of caution youth programming is almost nonexistent. Until now...

HJC has recently hired Rachel Rothschild, our new Youth Advisor. After living in Israel for a year, Rachel has returned home. She is currently working in our ECC and she is assisting me in planning some incredible programs for all ages. Prior to my arrival programming was limited to Grades 4-12 with Chaverim, Kadima and USY. Together, Rachel and I are planning events for various age groups beginning

in Kindergarten. It should be noted that all of our events always respect HJC’s COVID guidelines. In November we planned a Family Farm Day for all ages. For Chanukah, we had a cooking class online for all ages and learned how to make Sufganiot (Jelly Doughnuts) in a mug! Dec. 19th we are bringing Krav Maga (Israeli Self Defense) to HJC for Grades 5-8. With Rachel and I working together there is no shortage of creativity. Please be sure to watch your emails and check our closed Facebook page for advertising. Events are open to all children ages 5-18 in our congregational family.

A monthly bulletin wouldn’t be complete without mentioning all the wonderful learning happening in our school. I’m a strong proponent of learning by doing. Chanukah was celebrated with arts and crafts, song, cooking, and a social action project. The students spent time making “no sew” blankets that will be donated to an assisted living facility in our neighborhood. Our children learn about Shabbat by making challah, Havdallah candles and b’samim (spices). During Community Time they lead Havdallah and learn Hatikvah. It is invigorating to walk through the halls surrounded with the buzz of learning. When I think of my role as an educator whether planning curriculum or social events, I am reminded what a privilege it is to work with your children, forging relationships and helping them learn both inside and outside the classroom.



HJC Adult Education Virtual Learning

Adult Ed Committee is hosting a program on **Parenting Teens**

Thursday, December 2nd at 8pm - Open to all

Ellen Pober Rittberg

Visit her website at <https://ellenrittberg.com>



If you are the parent of teens or tweens and you've wondered if it is possible to raise a child to become a productive adult and maintain your sanity, take heart. Humorist and award-winning journalist Ellen Pober Rittberg shares her techniques and philosophy to get you through those turbulent times. Ellen is the author of *35 Things Your Teen Won't Tell You, So I Will* (Good Things to Know).

For 13 years, Ellen represented children of all ages including many teens in court. In that capacity she spoke to many parenting and mental health professionals. She has three close-in-age children and survived raising them with her sanity intact - three teenagers under her roof at the same time! Ellen is a humorist, parenting lecturer, author, poet, playwright and award-winning journalist. Other works include: *Why is Grandma Naked?: Caring for Your Aging Parent*, about caring for an aging parent with dementia; *He is Walking Wider*, poetry with a lens into our everyday lives; and *Sabbath Elevator*, a play which addresses empowerment and morality in the #metoo era. Ellen's essays and feature articles have been published in the New York Times, HuffPost, Reader's Digest and other large media platforms.

Please join us for this informative, interesting and interactive program.

RSVP at www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp.



HJC's Social Justice Committee invites you to a virtual program: "How to Speak to Your Children and Grandchildren About Racism"

When:
Thursday December 2
7:30 - 8:30 PM

Speakers:

Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder Ph.D.

Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder Ph.D., Be'chol Lashon's Education Director and a Rabbi-in-Residence, has been involved in Jewish education and leadership for over 30 years. A graduate of Barnard College, she received her doctorate from Yale University and was ordained at Hebrew Union College. The recipient of many grants and fellowships for her work on Jewish food and women's history, in 2006 she was a Jerusalem Fellow at the Mandel Leadership Institute in Jerusalem. A CLAL Rabbi Without Borders fellow, she is a frequent writer and teacher and has taught and published throughout the world. She edits Be'chol Lashon's Jewish& publication.



Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder Ph.D



Shekhiynah Larks

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Shekhiynah Larks is a diversity trainer and the Program Coordinator at Be'chol Lashon. Among her various projects, she manages the Teen Tzedek Project. She is writer and active on Be'chol Lashon's publication, Jewish&. She holds a BA in politics from the University of San Francisco. She is a native of Oakland and is very involved in Jewish life in the Bay Area.

► **RSVP at www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp**

ZOOM link will be provided upon registration.



We Are What We Remember

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

A Discussion Series with Rabbi Saks



This 4-session course of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning explores the impact of collective memory on our ongoing historical development and our understanding of Judaism today. Participants will encounter in a number of different ways one of the most powerful keys to Jewish survival: the enduring determination to never forget.

Lesson 1 - Thursday Dec 14 **Never Forget: Exploring Our Collective Jewish Memory**

Lesson 2 - Thursday, Dec 21 **Sepharad: Voices of Recollection**

Lesson 3 - Thursday, Dec 28 **Poland: What to Remember, What to Forget**

Lesson 4 - Thursday, Jan 4 **Israel: National Memory Evolving**

See Course Description here: <https://meltonschool.org/we-are-what-we-remember>

Zoom - HJC's Main Zoom Room
All sessions beginning at 8 pm

Cost for course is \$18

RSVP to: www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp



Strong Roots: HJC's Native Species Garden

By: Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz

Many of us know the HJC grounds like we do our own homes. We recognize when the ECC introduces a new piece of equipment in the play yards, when the tents go up for the High Holy Days, or when they come down. If you too know the HJC property this well, then you likely have been watching with interest the planting of HJC's Native species Garden, located alongside the Grow to Give Garden.

What is a Native Species Garden? As the name states, it is a garden filled with plantings that are native to this area from before the Colonial period. There are many reasons to plant a native species garden, and here are just a few of the benefits they yield for the environment:


- Since native plants don't require fertilizers or pesticides, we are keeping harmful chemicals out of the garden. By not allowing them to seep into the ground, we are also keeping them out of our drinking water.
- The deep roots of native plants ensure that this garden, once established, will not be reliant on regular watering, enabling us to conserve water.
- Native plants, like all plants, remove carbon dioxide from the air. With their deep roots, native species more effectively store carbon than other plants.
- Native plants provide shelter and food for wildlife.
- Native plants promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage.
- Native plants are beautiful and increase scenic value.

Caring for the HJC Native Species Garden is the responsibility of the HJC Environmentalism Committee. We have taken on this program to make our congregational home more aligned with our values. Through this garden, we will not only provide a welcome environment for pollinators, but we are also giving congregants a space for reflection as well as amazement. As seasons change in the garden, each one will be marked with colorful blooms and a variety of insects for us to observe.

The Native Species Garden is the first initiative of HJC's newest committee - the **Environmentalism Committee**. We all know the work of healing our environment is a shared responsibility, and the efforts that the Environmentalism Committee can engage in are almost without number. Therefore, we ask you to join us and take your place on this committee and support HJC's efforts to be God's partner in caring for our environment. We welcome new teen and adult members.

The HJC Native Garden is the result of generous grants and contributions. We thank our sponsors and ask you to join us in acknowledging their support through your patronage of these businesses and programs:





**Rabbi Saks proudly presents
in anticipation of
HJC's Congregational Trip to Israel
May 16-26, 2022**

Dreaming of Jewish Self Defense

**Wednesday, December 15th
12:00 - 1:30 pm**

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ITINERARY INCLUDES...

- 1) Beit Bialik, the home of the National poet Hayim Nahman Bialik**
- 2) The Hagana Museum, Tel Aviv**
- 3) The Ayalon Institute, Rehovot - a clandestine munitions factory from the War of Independence and the early seeds of a Start-Up Nation**
- 4) Ari Sacher, rocket scientist at Rafael Missile Defense**
- 5) IDF Southern Relocation - a national effort to boost the Negev**
- 6) JAFI, Mechinat (Pre-Military Academy) Ofek in Be'er Sheva**
- 7) The Lone Soldier Center in Memory of Michael Levin**
- 8) Avi Melamed, Middle East Strategic Intelligence Analyst - discussing emerging opportunities following the Abraham Accords**

*These programs are FULLY subsidized by Rabbi Saks in honor of his first trip with HJC to Israel.
Donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund are also much appreciated.*

Let us know you're interested in attending by RSVP'ing to
Israeli Tour Guides-in-"Virtual" Residence Program via www.hjcnny.org/event-rsvp

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Eve and William Krief in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joshua Krief.
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Rissa & David Walsdorf in honor of the birth of their grandson, Sonny James Haviland.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

Sisterhood of Huntington Jewish Center.
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Gina Giuffre in memory of Frances Marcus, mother of Andrea Marcus Smoller.

SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK

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Marlene & Lenny Hummel in honor of the 1st birthday of Ava Lane Berger, granddaughter of Eileen & Harvey Berger.

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Suzanne Susskind in memory of Herbert Susskind at yahrzeit.
Sisterhood of Huntington Jewish Center.
Jill & Arnie Sherman in honor of the marriage of Mary Beth Polek and Ethan Auslander.
Marlene & Lenny Hummel in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.
Marlene & Lenny Hummel in honor of the birth of Sonny James Haviland, grandson of Risa & David Walsdorf.
Lori Sklar in memory of Norman Sklar at yahrzeit.
Tyna Strenger in memory of Solomon Liebovitch at yahrzeit.
Tyna Strenger in memory of Clara Liebovitch at yahrzeit.
Janet & Richard Ganes in honor of the engagement of their son, Alex Ganes to Kiana Davis.
Michele Baltus & Rick Davis in honor of the engagement of Kiana Davis to Alex Ganes.
Barbara & Joel Koppersmith in memory of Frances Marcus, mother of Andrea Marcus Smoller.
Vicki & Tom Rosen in memory of Frances Marcus, mother of Andrea Marcus Smoller.

YOUTH GROUP

Sisterhood of Huntington Jewish Center.

YVONNE COHEN DEDICATION FUND

Susan & Farel Jouard in memory of Frances Marcus, mother of Andrea Marcus Smoller.

New Members:

David & Danitza Samouhi of Huntington Station and their daughter, Leah age 2.
Carly & Michael DelPiano of Huntington and their son, Jacob age 2.

Condolence:

Frances Marcus mother of Andrea Marcus Smoller.

Mazal tov:

Janet & Richard Ganes, Rick Davis & Michele Baltus, Ilene Davis & Linda Braun are happy to announce the engagement of their children Kiana Davis to Alex Ganes.
Lauren & Adam Kupersmith celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elana Kupersmith.

HJC Youth Group* Presents

KRAV MAGA **(ISRAELI SELF DEFENSE)**

Sunday, Dec. 19th, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Grades 5-8



Dairy lunch provided

(All HJC COVID protocols followed)

Fee \$15/pp

RSVP www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp



*HJC Youth Group provides various social opportunities throughout the school year for all children ages 5-18 including but not limited to Chaverim, Kadima, & USY



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GENERAL BUILDING AND OPERATING FUNDS

GENERAL FUND - supports services and operational continuity of the synagogue.

TREE OF LIFE - (\$360 minimum contribution)

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LIEF CHAPEL BENCH PLAQUES - dedicate a seat of a Lief Chapel bench (\$500 minimum contribution)

HUMASH - a limited number of *Etz Hayim Humashim* are available for dedication. A contribution of \$72 includes a dedication bookplate.

BEN TASMAN LIBRARY FUND - defrays the expense of library supplies.

PRAYERBOOK AND BIBLE FUND - supports the ongoing need for prayer books.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND - established in recognition of our 100 years, enables the synagogue to continue to beautify the grounds.

DAILY MINYAN FUND - helps maintain materials and books for minyan and the Lief Chapel.

LEAH GREENE GARDEN FUND - supports general landscaping and property beautification.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ACTION FUNDS

ETHEL SACHS ENGAGEMENT FUND - Provide financial support that promote, continue or enhance the engagement of our members.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND / JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK - defrays operating costs of the weekly program of feeding the needy and supports *mitzvot*, holiday baskets and activities for the needy.

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NURSERY SCHOOL FUND - supports current Nursery School activities and special projects.

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YOUTH FUND - supports activities for *Chaverim*, *Kadima* and USY groups within the HJC.

ARNIE KERNS FUND - supports special projects in the Nursery and Religious Schools.

COLLEGIATE FUND - supports holiday packages and mailings sent to college students (along with Sisterhood).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND - defrays expenses of seminars and leadership development programs for lay leaders.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND - enables HJC Religious School teachers to participate in continuing education programs.

EDWARD SPEVACK KOCHAVIN FUND - subsidizes expenses for Special Education programs.

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DONALD L. GORDON / ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - provides scholarships for children to travel to Israel.

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND - fund to support Israel education and quality programming to enhance Israel engagement.

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supports inclusion projects so all members, no matter their abilities, can access meaningful prayer and communal experiences.

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HJC Upcoming Calendar of Programming and Events

To RSVP for programs, to learn more about programs, and to sign up for our Google Calendar with all of our services and events please go to hjcny.org/HH-hub.

All Adult Education Committee Programs are grouped together

All dates are subject to change

December 2021

December 3	Minyan Breakfast
December 5	Community Hanukkah Candle Lighting Program
December 10	Friday Night Live
December 12	Ridotto
December 15	Virtual Tour of Israel – Dreaming Jewish Self Defense

Adult Education Committee Programs

December 9,16,23,30	Melton Class: We Are What We Remember with Rabbi Saks
December TBA	Parenting Teens with Ellen Rittberg author of <u>35 Things Your Teen Won't Tell You. So I will (Good Things to Know)</u>
TBA	Mindful Jewish Meditation, Somatic Attention and Guided Visualization with Dafna Soltes Stein
TBA	Jewish Public Affairs Forum with Ken Bob

Save the Dates for 2022!

January 9	Sisterhood Dinner & A Movie	May 22	Celebrate Israel Parade
January 27	Social Justice Speaker Event	May 29	Minyan in the Park
February 12	Progressive Dinner	June 15	Golf Outing
March 13	Purim Carnival	June 17	Shabbat by the Sound: Sisterhood & Men's Club Shabbat
March 27	Mitzvah Day		
April 8	Friday Night Live		
May 3	Sisterhood's Mother's Day Cocktails		
May 4	HJC's Celebration of Congregational Trip to Israel		
May 12	Comedy Night/Murder Mystery		
May 16-26	HJC's Trip to Israel		

LIST OF HOLIDAYS 5782 - 5783

1st Hannukah Candle	November 28	8th Day of Passover	April 23
2nd Hannukah Candle	November 28	Holocaust Memorial Day	April 28
Tu B'Shevat	January 17	Israel Independence Day	May 5
Fast of Esther	March 16	Lag Ba'Omer	May 19
Purim Reading of the Megillah	March. 17	Jerusalem Reunification Day	May 29
Search for Chametz, evening	April 14	Erev Shavuot	June 4
Fast of First Born	April 15	1st Day of Shavuot	June 5
Erev Passover, 1st Seder	April 15	2nd Day of Shavuot - Yizkor	June 6
1st Day of Passover, 2nd Seder	April 16	Fast of Tammuz	July 17
7th Day of Passover	April 22	Tisha B'Av	August 7

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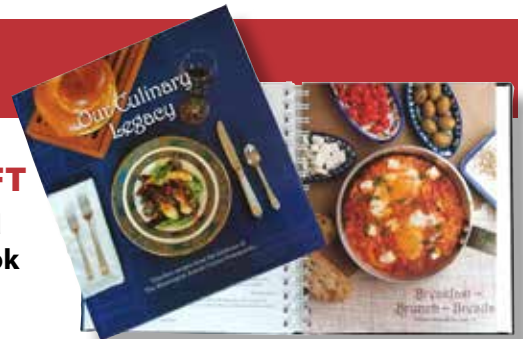
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