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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

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Join Us and Support the Sisterhood of HJC

Watch for Emails with Information on upcoming Membership Events.

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

Please return your Membership Letters as soon as possible.

Checks are payable to

Sisterhood of the Huntington Jewish Center.

Mail to Huntington Jewish Center attention Sisterhood Dues.

\$45 - regular membership

\$30 – senior membership

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 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 or purchase Torah Fund cards, please contact Evelyn Abraham. evelyn_abraham@optonline.net

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From Rabbi Ari Saks



Be the 10th for Minyan

Most people think that we get the idea of a minyan - the quorum needed for communal prayer - from the 10 righteous people that Abraham wanted to find in Sodom and Gomorarah. But in fact, the idea of needing 10 for a minyan comes from the 10 spies who had bad reports of the land of Israel. What's the difference between the two cas-

es? In the case of Sodom, the issue is character. In the case of the 10 spies, the issue is leadership. In the case of Sodom, you could be a good person but the impact of your goodness could stop at your front door. In the case of the 10 spies, your opinion - positive or negative - can shape the destiny of a community. Thus, the rabbis teach us that since 10 spies could speak for all Israelites, 10 Jews are not only necessary to form a community, they can speak for the larger community they are part of. That's why if we have 10 people from our community praying, it is as if our entire community is praying, even if they are not present to answer "Amen".

One of the greatest challenges of the pandemic is to keep HJC's daily minyan viable. While we've met regularly during the pandemic we've had to play with setting different times for services, with deciding how to meet in person and/or virtually, and with choosing what prayers should be recited if we meet virtually. At each step we've tried to ensure 10 people to make a minyan, but it has not been easy. Our participation has ebbed and flowed, especially as the pandemic continues to run its course. But ev-

ery day we still come together. Every day we come together to do what a synagogue is meant to do: to nurture our souls with prayer, to check in with one another and hear our joys and sorrows, and to engage our minds with interesting insights. In other words, Minyan is where we meet every day, even if we're not there to say hello. But in order for a few people to be enough for our whole community to meet, we need the 10th for a minyan.

Imagine then what it must feel like to be the 10th for a minyan. You make it possible for a mourner to say kaddish, you make it possible to add prayers that add to our praise for God, you create the opportunity for Torah to be read in public, and most important of all you make it possible for our whole community - even those not present - to be together as a community. It's also not something you can do alone - you need at least 9 other folks to join you. So as we begin this new Jewish year trying to work on our personal character like the righteous of Sodom, let us also keep in mind that our goodness does not stop at the door. As such, I encourage each one of our members - whether you've attended minyan in the past or never before - to take a step out and at least once this year for all of us to be the 10th - or the 9th or the 11th - for minyan so that all of HJC can say "Amen."

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Ari Saks

P.S. If you'd like to receive important updates on the Minyan, please email Tom Rosen at buckirosie@gmail.com.





Tried and True

There is endless activity in and around the four walls of HJC. If you are on the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees or attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, you might be able to keep up first-hand with the multi-dimensional doings that craft our synagogue life; clergy & ritual, finances, programming, events & activities, and our

participation within the community just to name a few aspects. I have often reflected, either in this very column or in conversation, that HJC, in its entirety, is a giant mechanism with many moving parts. My role, as the caretaker of the walls and those within the walls, is daunting. Safety. Security. Cleanliness. Logistics. Policy. Procedure. Compliance (State and Local). Electric. Heat. A/C. Plumbing. Roofing. Landscaping. Snowplowing. The list goes on.

As we wind down the High Holiday season, I am pleased everyone was able to pray and reflect in a comfortable, safe environment. My story is not about the breadth and the width of the work, but of the hands and the hearts that carried out the work; our trusted vendors who come at a moment's notice to assist, who put us first on their list when we call, and who, like our security personnel, keep us safe and secure in this old house.

I understand we pay for their services, but I have found a camaraderie and a loyalty with these individuals. They each bring a kindness and a reliability to their work which has given me guidance and confidence as I have often had to embark into uncharted territory with the management and care of our facility.

Often, I interact with our regular vendors as frequently as I do with you so the next time you see me walking through the halls, in the kitchen, behind the stage, out in the parking lot or on the playground with someone who is working for a living, stop and say hello and even offer a word of thanks as we couldn't do it without them!

With special thanks for all you do – Mike Caponi our new Security Administrator, Rick Baran of Stratus Building Solutions, John Beale of Diversified Mechanical, Lou Giani Sr. & Lou Giani Jr. of Universal Yard Maintenance, John Lind of Lind Plumbing, Frank Kazanecki of Sage Construction, Paul of Big Bear Electric, Ben Taddeo of Siggcomm, Jim Petit of Top Notch Tree Service, Tommy Egan of Tom Egan Cesspool Service, Jimmy Kane of Kane Exterminating, Caroline Aufort of CheckMate Security and Tim Sheffield of ILS.

And while I am taking the time to give thanks, I would also like to thank Rabbi Saks, Marty Spielman, Ellen Steinberg, Dan Schoeffler, Rachel Gritz, and Irma Mile for all of their hard work these past few months to make our High Holidays so special and seamless.

**A big
thank
you
for all your
help and support.**



Even when life challenges us, it's a gift beyond all measure.

-Parker Palmer, author

We welcomed everyone back to school on September 10th, which includes 34 new families and 93 children. We are elated to be back together as a staff, a school, a community, and a family. We are so excited to welcome so many new families and children. While we know that there will be tears from some as they experience their first separation from their parents (or children), with-

in minutes, they were content and excited to be in their new "home away from home", thanks to our most amazing and loving teachers. The children have already established trust and an incredible bond with their teachers and that is one of the most important aspects of early childhood. We also welcomed many new 3- and 4-year-olds who have not attended any school or program due to COVID. These children are also thriving and are so happy to be with other children their age, developing and fulfilling their need for socialization, another cornerstone of early childhood education.

Because COVID is still part of our lives, we have continued our outdoor learning model and spend most of our day learning, socializing, and being engaged outdoors. Being outdoors is always preferable to me even before COVID. We tried to spend a good part of our school day outside. After all, it is a proven fact that it is healthier mentally, emotionally, and physically to be outdoors. Learning also comes more naturally as all our senses are engaged and there is so much to learn in our natural environment. We had the pleasure of meeting with Rabbi in the Sukkah where the children learned all about Sukkot. They had the opportunity to examine and shake the lulav and the etrog, along with a blessing, and learning that G-d is everywhere. Each child diligently created and decorated a piece of fruit which was proudly displayed in the Sukkah. The children also had the good fortune to meet Morah Gina, our dynamic, passionate, and engaging Religious School Director. The children and teachers already love her!

We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with love, learning, and community.





Off to a Great Start

By the time you are reading this all the fall chagim (holidays) have ended. I hope you enjoyed the High Holiday Family Services. I know I enjoyed meeting all the families. We received very positive feedback about this year's BUZZ programming. Thanks to the dedication and devotion of Tara Kopman and Leigh Murphy we successfully engaged students from ages 3-12 in various Judaic activities.

Our first day of school was equally successful. Many parents joined us for Tashlich for community time. With clergy and community together, we symbolically tossed our sins away promising to be the best version of ourselves in the new year. Many thanks to Rabbi Saks for sponsoring an ice cream truck to sweeten the new year. Todah Rabbah!

For Sukkot the children made decorations, visited the Sukkah, recited blessings, shook the lulav and etrog, and enjoyed snacks and songs in the Sukkah (yes, the alliteration was intentional). Many thanks to our Sisterhood for sponsoring our "Cereal in the Sukkah" for our Family Engagement Shabbat.

For Simchat Torah the older grades participated in an activity to heighten their awareness and sensitivity by making beautiful posters comparing the Torah to various everyday items.

You can always get a glimpse of Religious School activities when you join our closed Facebook page. Please "friend request" us.

Our Jr. Congregation and Nitzanim programs restarted with a brand new service format and facilitated by our beloved teachers, Tara Kopman and Sharone Gabay. Each teacher truly invests their heart and soul creating a worthwhile worship experience.

Up next...please keep your eyes and ears open for youth programming for all ages! Your child will NOT want to miss this.

A colorful graphic for a "Mad Hatter Tea" event. It features several teapots and hats in various colors and patterns (polka dots, stripes, floral) arranged around the text. The background is light blue with a white border.

SAVE THE DATE
Monday, October 25th @ 7:30pm
Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership
Mad Hatter Tea
Don't miss this "Opportuni-tea"...
A virtual tea party with friends old and new

We hope you all had a sweet and healthy New Year and that you enjoyed the most recent HJC Membership Gift. Although we are not all together, HJC is a family and we strive to take care of each other. Thanks to Evan from ZuckerBakers Bake Shop and to Barbara Axmacher for their help, and a huge thank you to all of the following members who helped with the organization and delivery (through a tropical storm and a heat wave) of over 275 challot. We greatly appreciate your eagerness to assist and your commitment to HJC.

Danny Lerner
 Milena Kantor
 Mary Uricchio
 Barbara Rosen
 Cheryl Berman
 Nancy Berlow
 Miriam Eckstein-Koas
 Hui Herskovitz
 Lesley Delia
 Debbie Cadel
 Felicia Messing
 Vicki Rosen
 Miriam Wirchin
 Alice Rosen
 Bruce Rosen
 Kim Willen
 Janet Zimmerman
 Jed Hantverk
 Scott Murphy
 Donna Fleiss
 Emily Schwartz
 Marilyn Klein
 Marsha Perlmutter Kalina
 Randi Schuller
 Patricia Schoeffler

*Sincerely,
 Leslie Hantverk
 Leigh Murphy
 Allison RTeiver*



HJC Adult Education Committee Presents

Managing Anxiety in Children

**with
Dr. Risa Gold**

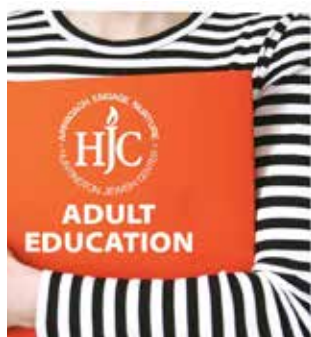
**Wednesday, October 6th
7:00pm**



Risa Levenson Gold, MD, DLFAPA is an accomplished psychiatrist who specializes in child & adolescent psychiatry. She graduated from Harvard College and received her medical degree from Columbia. Dr. Gold has received many honors including a 2018 Leading Physician of the World Top Psychiatrist award. She has appeared on television providing information about loss and grief counselling following 9/11 and has led discussions and lectures on child-raising, common childhood psychiatric disorders, stress management and mindfulness.



Dr. Risa Gold



**Open to all
Zoom link will be sent upon registration**

To register contact: rgritz@hjcny.org

**For additional information, contact Dafna Soltes Stein:
dafnadafi@gmail.com or 631-827-6781**

StandWithUs

As antisemitism becomes increasingly prevalent, it also becomes more socially acceptable. Expressions once never uttered in “polite society” are now casually emerging from the mouths of famous entertainers, politicians and educators. Some of us, especially Jews unaccustomed to this experience, are left wondering,

“Did I really hear what I thought I heard?” “Was that antisemitism?” And “If it was, what should I say or do?”

Recognizing and Responding to Antisemitism: *Did You Really Say That?*



Carly Gammill, Director, **StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism**, will educate us about various expressions of antisemitism, subtle and less so, and how to respond to them.

Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom link to be provided with registration.

To register contact Judy Davis at: jdavis4727@aol.com



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UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK

2022 SUFFOLK SIGNATURE EVENT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021, 7:30 PM • VIRTUAL

Join us virtually as we come together at the Suffolk Signature Event to support UJA's lifesaving work. As a powerful community, we can make an impact and raise funds and support UJA's mission to care for those in need during these challenging times.



Presenting the
Community Leadership Award to

MONA AND STEPHEN GOLDSTEIN



Featuring a conversation with **DEBORAH LIPSTADT**

Nominated by President Biden to position of Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism with the rank of Ambassador

Deborah Lipstadt is one of the country's leading historians on antisemitism and author of *Denying the Holocaust*, *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*, *The Eichmann Trial*, and *Antisemitism: Here and Now*. She is a consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Special performance by **THE NORTHWELL HEALTH NURSE CHOIR**

The Northwell Health Nurse Choir received Howie Mandel's Golden Buzzer on America's Got Talent by showing their resilience. The nurses are part of Northwell Health, New York's largest health system, which treated more Covid-19 patients than any other health system in the U.S. They faced exhaustion and despair, but found that by relying on each other, they could get through tragedy and toil. And now, by raising their voices together, they are finding encouragement and spreading joy.

The suggested minimum gift is \$500 or more to UJA's 2022 Annual Campaign. With your gift, you'll have the special opportunity to attend other select UJA-Federation events during the 2022 campaign year.

There is no charge to attend this event. In lieu of paying the ticket charge, please consider making an increase to your gift to the annual campaign.

Register at ujafedny.org/suffolk-signature or on the attached response card.

For more information, please contact Laurie Birzon at birzonl@ujafedny.org or 516.762.5819.

Modern Living: Maintaining Balance

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 a selection of classic and modern Jewish texts 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.

Lesson 1 - Thursday Oct 21 **Focus on Family**

Lesson 2 - Thursday, Oct 28 **Focus on Work and Community**

Lesson 3 - Thursday, Nov 4 **Focus on Self**

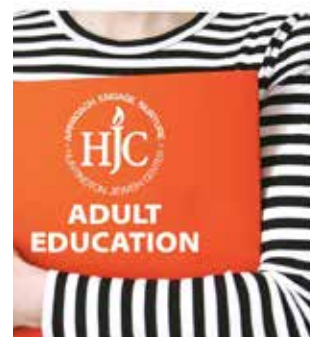
Lesson 4 - To be determined **Finding the Balance**

See Course Description here: <https://meltonschool.org/modern-living-maintaining-balance>

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

Cost for course is \$18

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



Donations

GENERAL FUND

Saul Sternschein in memory of Rachel Sternschein at yahrzeit.

Arnold Stillman in memory of Herbert Silverman, Max and Judy Wertheim & Edward Stillman at yahrzeit.

Martin Rosenblatt in memory of Sidney Rosenblatt at yahrzeit.

Shelley Weinberg in memory of Sarah Weinberg at yahrzeit.

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of the engagement of Ezra Steinberg to Dr. Rebecca Binder, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

Risa & Noah Finkel in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Wilder Finkel, grandson of Risa & Noah Finkel.

The Satin Family in memory of Andrew Thall at yahrzeit.

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer in honor of the wedding of Maya Dolgin & Or Shaked, daughter of Cindy & Moti Dolgin.

Bea Pedowicz in memory of Molly Weinstein Rencoff at yahrzeit.

Lisa Golub in memory of Marjorie Ahronee at yahrzeit.

Ellen Steinberg in memory of Dorothy Stopsky at yahrzeit.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the birth of Amoz Raz Dolgin, grandson of Cindy and Moti Dolgin.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the birth of Nathaniel Hummel, grandson of Lenny & Marlene Hummel.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the birth of Blair Madeleine Kantro, granddaughter of Lori Sklar.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the engagement of Pamela Wax to Daniel Dolnik, daughter of Laurie & Mark Wax.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the engagement of Ezra Steinberg to Dr. Rebecca Binder, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg.

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the marriage of Maya Dolgin to Or Shaked, daughter of Cindy & Moti Dolgin.

Harriet Kerns in memory of Clara Feit & William Feit at yahrzeit.

Jack Rubin in memory of Sol Marenberg at yahrzeit.

Leslie & Jack Rubin in honor of the birth of Nathaniel Hummel, son of Lilly & Philip Hummel, grandson of Marlene & Lenny Hummel.

Leslie & Jack Rubin in honor of the marriage of Maya Dolgin to Or Shaked, daughter of Cindy & Moti Dolgin.

Anne & Barry Specht in honor of the engagement of Pamela Wax, daughter of Laurie and Mark Wax.

Michael Behr in memory of Sheila Behr at yahrzeit.

Arlene Steinberg in memory of Abe Kurzer at yahrzeit.

Les Rothenberg in memory of Bernice Rothenberg at yahrzeit.

Allison Flor in honor of Sue Flor.

Mitchel Weinreb in honor of Yom Kippur services.

BEN TASMAN LIBRARY FUND

Gloria Safran in memory of Anita Gelberg at yahrzeit.

Gloria Safran in honor of the engagement of Ezra Steinberg to Dr. Rebecca Binder, son of Ellen and Jay Steinberg.

CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Elaine Kleinmann in memory of Samuel Butlein at yahrzeit.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

Andrea Morris in honor of the first birthday of Hannah Beth Wirchin, granddaughter of Miriam & Joel Wirchin.

Andrea Morris in honor of the birth of Benjamin Levi Bedwinek, grandson of Maxine and Rob Fisher.

Andrea Morris in honor of the birth of Blair Madeleine Kantro, granddaughter of Lori Sklar.

Andrea Morris in honor of the wedding of Carly Klaire & Ryan Pearsall, daughter of Shari & Scott Klaire.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Risa & Noah Finkel in memory of Eleanor Meshover, mother of Barbara Kuppersmith.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the engagement of Pamela Wax to Daniel Dolnik, daughter of Laurie & Mark Wax.

Janet & Mark Zimmerman in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.

ETHEL SACHS ENGAGEMENT FUND

Maxine Liebowitz in honor of HJC for receiving a delicious Challah.

HJC COOKBOOK

Susan Fisher

Eileen and Harvey Berger in honor of the birthday of Sue Lefkowitz

Phyllis and Andy Levy in honor of the birthday of Sue Lefkowitz

Dalia Rosenthal

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND

Elaine & Walter Kleinmann in honor of the marriage of Maya Dolgin to Or Shaked, daughter of Cindy & Moti Dolgin.

Elaine & Walter Kleinmann in honor of the birth of Amoz Raz Dolgin, grandson of Cindy and Moti Dolgin.

LEAH GREENE GARDEN FUND

Anne & Barry Specht in memory of Myra Snyder at yahrzeit.

NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

Geraldine Parrinello in honor of the 70th birthday of Barry Chase.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Karow/Riefberg families in memory of Harry Rosen.

Les Rothenberg in memory of Judy Kadar, mother of Larissa Kadar Ghadiali.

Les Rothenberg in honor of Rabbi Saks for his support, wonderful service, and touching words honoring the memory of Judy Kadar.

Shari & Laurence Feibel in memory of the grandparents of Sandy Karow.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

Gloria Safran in memory of Anita Gelberg at yahrzeit.

Gloria Safran in honor of the engagement of Ezra Steinberg to Dr. Rebecca Binder, son of Ellen and Jay Steinberg.

The children of Betty and Bob Mesard in memory of Betty and Bob Mesard at yahrzeit.

Gwen & Ron Goldstein in honor of the birth of Benjamin Levi Bedwinek, grandson of Maxine and Rob Fisher.

Risa & Noah Finkel in memory of Meyer Steinberg, father of Jay Steinberg.

The Schneider Family in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sylvie Schneider.

Bela & Melvin Schoenfeld in honor of the kindness of Joanne Cohn Mulberg.

Woodbury Kosher Meat, Inc. in honor of JNN

William D. Wernicoff Children's Foundation of Esquire Lodge, Inc. in honor of JNN

GrandLodgeKnightsOfPythiasHumanitarianFund in honor of JNN.

Kenneth Bob in honor of High Holiday Aliyah.

Marilyn & David Klein in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.

Marilyn & David Klein in honor of the Wedding of Ethan Auslander & Mary Beth Polek.

Marilyn & David Klein in memory of George Klein at yahrzeit.

Ora & Alan Kriegstein in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.

YOUTH FUND

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

Ferne & Barry Chase in honor of 7th Birthday of Benjamin Chase-Schuman, grandson of Ferne & Barry Chase.

Ferne & Barry Chase in honor of the 70th Birthday of Barry Chase.

Mazal tov:

The Wedding of **Ethan Auslander & Mary Beth Polek**

The Bat Mitzvah of **Jordana Boxer**, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.

The engagement of **Carly Klaire to Ryan Pearsall**, daughter of Shari & Scott Klaire.

HIGH HOLIDAY HONORS 5782

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Barry Chase

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Joan Cohen

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Jerry Ellstein

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Marlene Hummel

Jennifer Ingber

Susan Jouard

Ellen Kahn

Marilyn Klein

Eve Krief

Andrew Levy

Marjorie Maltin

Emily May

Phil Mintz

Arthur Perler

Allison Reiver

Thomas Rosen

Samara Rossi

Fara Satin

Doris Schoenfarber

Randi Schuller

Marty Spielman

Dafna Stein

Tyna Strenger

Michael Bucholtz & Mary Uricchio

Jay Weiss

Bill Yelen

Mark Zimmerman

Condolence:

Harry Rosen, grandfather of **Sandy Karow**

New Members:

Dr. Alexander Stessin & Allie Schwartz of Melville and their children: **Sophia** age 7 & **Dalia** age 4.

Robert & Hannah Astrachan of Greenlawn

Allison & Jason Kleiger of East Northport and their children: **Hayley** age 3 & **Evelyn** age 2.

Robert Sachs of Huntington

Amy & David Yormack of Syosset and their children:

Hope age 11 & **Sloane** age 8.

Amy Lancot of Cold Spring Harbor.

Ellen & Matthew Kirschner of Greenlawn and their children:

Paige age 19 & **Emma** age 15.

Jamee Keller of Cold Spring Harbor and her son **Dylan** age 11.

Our Culinary Legacy Cookbook

THE CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK MAKES A GREAT GIFT

The Culinary Legacy Cookbook makes a great gift. If you are looking to add some new recipes for the holidays or any day, the Culinary Legacy Cookbook should be your source.

We are celebrating our one year anniversary of publication. If you have not placed your order yet, the cost is \$36 a book. You can order online <https://hjcny.org/hjc-cookbook/> or send a check payable to HJC Sisterhood 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 if you have any questions about making donations and ordering the Cookbook, Apron or Grocery Bag. evelyn_abraham@optonline.net



Jewish Public Affairs Forum with Kenneth Bob Israel's New Unity Government: Why is it so Important?

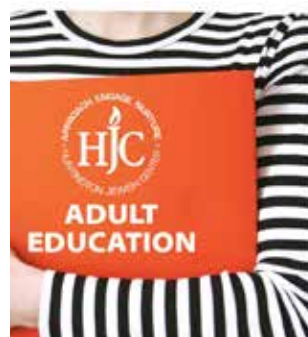
Thursday, Nov 11th at 8pm



Five months ago a government led by Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid was formed after the fourth national election in two years. Eight separate parties from right to left joined together with two stated goals: To end the 12 year reign of former Prime Minister Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu and establish a well-functioning government. It is also the first time that a predominantly Arab party has been part of a governing coalition in Israel. This session will look at why this development is so important and what it has accomplished thus far.

Registration through Rachel in the office: rgritz@hjcny.org

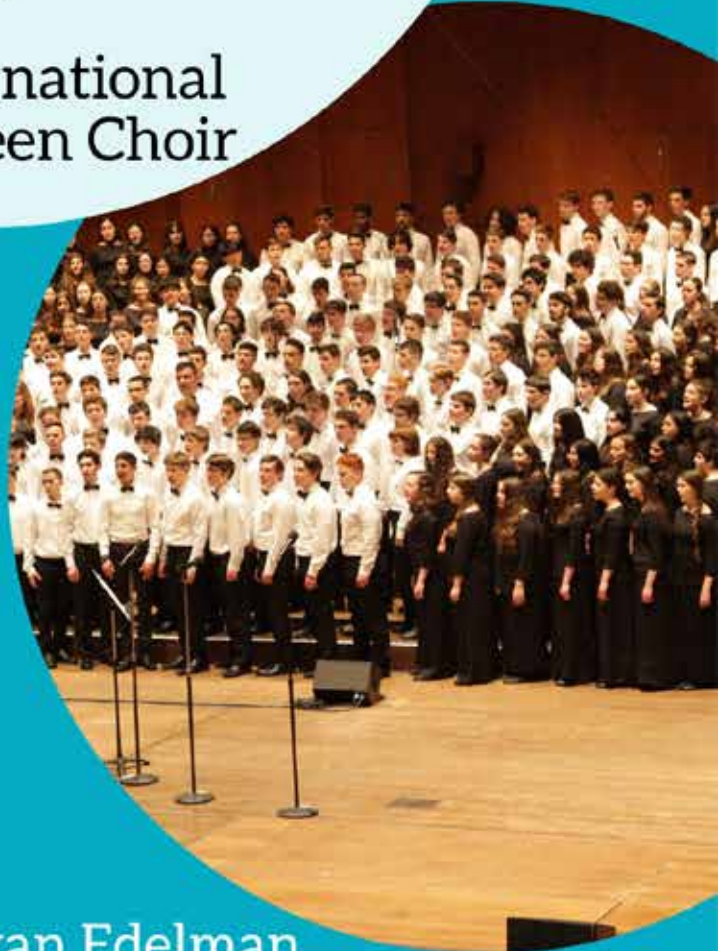
This program will be offered via a Zoom link for those who register.



Announcing the 2021-2022 Season



The International
Jewish Teen Choir



HaZamir Long Island

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Jewish Entertainers

Mel Brooks



Mel Brooks (born Melvin Kaminsky; June 28, 1926) is an American actor, comedian, film producer, director and screenwriter. With a career spanning over 7 decades he is known as a creator of broad film farces and comedic parodies. Brooks began his career as a comic and a writer for Sid Caesar's variety show *Your Show of Shows* (1950–1954) alongside Woody Allen, Neil Simon and Larry Gelbart. Together with Carl Rein-

er, he created the comic character *The 2000 Year Old Man*. He wrote, with Buck Henry, the hit television comedy series *Get Smart*, which ran from 1965 to 1970.

In middle age, Brooks became one of the most successful film directors of the 1970s, with many of his films being among the top 10 moneymakers of the year they were released. His best-known films include *The Producers* (1967), *The Twelve Chairs* (1970), *Blazing Saddles* (1974), *Young Frankenstein* (1974), *Silent Movie* (1976), *High Anxiety* (1977), *History of the World, Part I* (1981), *Spaceballs* (1987), and *Robin Hood: Men in Tights* (1993). A musical adaptation of his first film, *The Producers*, ran on Broadway from 2001 to 2007 and was remade into a musical film in 2005.

In 2001, having previously won an Emmy, a Grammy and an Oscar, he joined a small list of EGOT winners with his Tony Award wins for *The Producers*. He received a Kennedy Center Honor in 2009, a Hollywood Walk of Fame star in 2010, the 41st AFI Life Achievement Award in June 2013, a British Film Institute Fellowship in March 2015, a National Medal of Arts in September 2016, and a BAFTA Fellowship in February 2017. Three of his films ranked in the American Film Institute's list of the top 100 comedy films of the past 100 years (1900–2000), all of which ranked in the top 15 of the list: *Blazing Saddles* at number 6, *The Producers* at number 11, and *Young Frankenstein* at number 13.

Brooks was married to Florence Baum (1926–2008) from 1953 to 1962, their marriage ending in divorce. They had three children: Stephanie, Nicky, and Eddie. Brooks married stage, film and television actress Anne Bancroft in 1964, and they remained together until her death in 2005. They met at a rehearsal for the Perry Como Variety Show in 1961, and were married three years later on August 5, 1964, at the Manhattan Marriage Bureau. Their son, Max Brooks, was born in 1972, and their grandson, Henry Michael Brooks, was born in 2005.

In 2010, Brooks credited Bancroft with having been “the guiding force” behind his involvement in developing *The Producers* and *Young Frankenstein* for the musical theater, saying of an early meeting with her: “From that day, until her death ... we were glued together.”

Regarding religion, Brooks stated: “I’m rather secular. I’m basically Jewish. But I think I’m Jewish not because of the Jewish religion at all. I think it’s the relationship with the people and the pride I have. The tribe surviving so many misfortunes, and being so brave and contributing so much knowledge to the world and showing courage.”

Brooks was born Melvin Kaminsky on June 28, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York, to Max (1895–1929) and Kate (née Brookman) Kamin-

sky (1896–1989), and grew up in Williamsburg. His father’s family were German Jews from Danzig (present-day Gdańsk, Poland); his mother’s family were Jews from Kiev, in the Pale of Settlement of the Russian Empire (present-day Ukraine). He had three older brothers: Irving, Lenny, and Bernie. Brooks’s father died of kidney disease at 34 when Brooks was 2 years old. He has said of his father’s death, “There’s an outrage there. I may be angry at God, or at the world, for that. And I’m sure a lot of my comedy is based on anger and hostility. Growing up in Williamsburg, I learned to clothe it in comedy to spare myself problems—like a punch in the face.”

Brooks was a small, sickly boy who often was bullied and teased by his classmates because of his size. He grew up in tenement housing. At age 9, Brooks went to a Broadway show with his uncle Joe—a taxi driver who drove the Broadway doormen back to Brooklyn for free and was given the tickets in gratitude—and saw *Anything Goes* with William Gaxton, Ethel Merman and Victor Moore at the Alvin Theater. After the show, he told his uncle that he was not going to work in the garment district like everyone else but was absolutely going into show business.

Brooks graduated from Eastern District High School. He also studied psychology at Brooklyn College for one year.

Brooks was drafted into the United States Army in 1944. After scoring highly on the Army General Classification Test—a Stanford-Binet-type IQ test—he was sent to the elite Army Specialized Training Program at the Virginia Military Institute to be taught skills such as military engineering, foreign languages, or medicine.

Brooks served as a corporal in the 1104th Engineer Combat Battalion, 78th Infantry Division, defusing land mines as the Allies advanced into Nazi Germany. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge. With the end of the war in Europe, Brooks took part in organizing shows for captured Germans and American forces.

As founder of Brookfilms, an independent moviemaking concern, Brooks engaged in a parallel career as an executive producer of serious “quality” films, including *The Elephant Man* (1980), *Frances* (1982, uncredited), and *84 Charing Cross Road* (1987). Brooks costarred with Bancroft in *To Be or Not to Be* (1983), a remake of the Ernst Lubitsch-directed film of the same name. His work as an actor included regular appearances on the popular TV sitcom *Mad About You* in the late 1990s, for which he won three Emmys, and a guest stint on the HBO series *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. He won a Grammy Award for the spoken comedy album *The 2000 Year Old Man* in the Year 2000 (1998). In addition, he lent his voice to various TV shows and films. The latter included the animated *Hotel Transylvania* series (2015, 2018). In 2019 he voiced the character of Melephant Brooks in the animated feature *Toy Story 4*.

Brooks made a spectacular comeback in 2001 as producer, composer, and librettist of the hugely popular Broadway stage musical based on *The Producers*. Brooks received several Tony Awards for the production, and with these wins he became one of the few entertainers to have earned an EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony). He followed this in 2007 with a Broadway musical based on *Young Frankenstein*.

Brooks was named a Kennedy Center honoree in 2009 for his contributions to American comedy.

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





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

Weekly Classes

Mondays at 8pm	Lester Fox – Parashat Hashavua & Pirkei Avot
Wednesdays at 12pm	Rabbi Saks – Coffee Talk

October 2021

October 7	Social Justice Speaker: How to Talk to Your Children & Grandchildren About Racism
October 8	Bim Bam Shabbat Dinner (Preschool through 1 st Grade)
October 11	Sisterhood Regional Bronx, Queens & Long Island Torah Fund Kickoff
October 17	Ridotto
October 20	Congregational Meeting to discuss HJC's Israel Trip
October 30	Family Engagement Shabbat

November 2021

November 5	Minyan Breakfast
November 13	Family Engagement Shabbat
November 13	Mostly True Things
November 14	Ridotto
November 17	Virtual Tour of Israel: Dreaming an Old New Land (Afternoon)
November 18	Grandparents Circle for Grandparents of Interfaith Families: Hanukkah & Christmas with Rabbi Saks
November 21	Hanukkah Happening (Morning/Afternoon)
November 21	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Evening)
November 30	Sisterhood Fall Book Discussion

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

We want to keep our HJC community healthy and safe. The Medical Advisory Panel supports the CDC statement that COVID-19 vaccination is safe and effective and all eligible people aged 12 and above should be vaccinated.

If you have not been vaccinated and have questions please contact your healthcare provider.

Adult Education Committee Programs

October 3,10,17,24	Couples & Conversation - Parenting Edition for Interfaith Families
October 6	Anxiety in Children with Risa Gold
October 14,21,28 & Nov 4	Melton Class: Maintaining Balance with Rabbi Saks
October 27	Torah Godly Play for Adults with Debbie Cadel
November 2,9,16,23 & Dec 7,14	Wise Aging Workshop with Elaine Kleinmann
November 17	The Three C's of Jewish Peoplehood: Covenantal, Communitariat, Cosmopolitan (Evening) with Dafna Soltes Stein
November 18 & Dec 23	Secrets of the Hebrew Language Lunch 'N Learn with Rabbi Saks'
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
2nd Hannukah Candle	November 28
Tu B'Shevat	January 17
Fast of Esther	March 16
Purim Reading of the Megillah	March. 17
Search for Chametz, evening	April 14
Fast of First Born	April 15
Erev Passover, 1st Seder	April 15
1st Day of Passover, 2nd Seder	April 16
7th Day of Passover	April 22
8th Day of Passover	April 23
Holocaust Memorial Day	April 28
Israel Independence Day	May 5
Lag Ba'Omer	May 19
Jerusalem Reunification Day	May 29
Erev Shavuot	June 4
1st Day of Shavuot	June 5
2nd Day of Shavuot - Yizkor	June 6
Fast of Tammuz	July 17
Tisha B'Av	August 7

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From the Ben Tasman HJC Library Tyna Strenger

Originally I was going to write about donating books to our synagogue library, but something happened. Actually, something 'unhappened'...Book Revue closed its doors. I got an email from the department through which the library purchases books and set up an appointment to go in and make selections of what was on the shelves and made aware of how the 'sale' days were going to proceed.

During the COVID 19 period I haven't been in too many public places so it was a little daunting to be where many others were expected, but it was before the giveaway dates so I felt fairly comfortable. Also, not so many were browsing the Judaica/Jewish Interest section either. Since I couldn't connect to the wi-fi, my laptop was of no use and I couldn't access the library catalog making choices a little more difficult and time consuming.

The Ben Tasman Library now has about two dozen more titles than it did before the unhappening and in coming articles I'll be glad to share these with you. They include some older titles, newly published ones and a few that were listed here in the last several months, for a mix of History, Biography/Memoir and Fiction. Our Library Committee will be having its first meeting of the New Year soon and we'll try to address the way(s) congregants can access our catalog and take advantage of what is available. Should you have any questions or suggestions please free to contact us at hjclibrary@gmail.com

L'shana Tova



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