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# HAPPY Hanukkah



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# Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

## SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

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 Rab-  
binic 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  
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# From Rabbi Ari Saks



## *The Magic of Chanukah*

How can we sense God's presence in our lives? If the Bible is our guide, then the clearest way for God to appear in our lives is through the performance of "magic" -- miracles like splitting a sea or getting water from a rock. These events, which cannot be explained by reason, have ingrained in us the sense that when something happens beyond nature and reason then they must be evidence of God.

This focus on God's "supernatural" abilities has led to an ambivalent Jewish attitude towards a human's ability to manipulate God's supernatural abilities (i.e. to perform magic) in which the only people who could legitimately perform "supernatural" acts were those who had a close relationship to God.

The story of Chanukah, and in particular the belief that oil to light the menorah for only one day actually lasted for eight days, is a good example of this ambivalence. The military victory of the

Maccabees over the Greeks was so improbable, so beyond reason, that it was akin to a "supernatural" event. As such, the rabbis in the Talmud needed to show that this event was ordained by God and thus used the story of the miracle of the oil as proof of God's role in this victory.

I believe that the need of the rabbis to bring God into, or to prove God's role in, the "supernatural/magical/miraculous" story of Chanukah speaks to an important human need -- to be in partnership with God who can help us achieve things that seem beyond reason.

So as we enjoy Chanukah at the end of this month with celebrations, learning, and lots of lights, may we all discover the magic of the holiday to connect us to something much bigger than ourselves.

An early Chag Urim Sameach,

Rabbi Ari Saks





# TODAH RABAH AND KOL HAKAVOD!

*Our warmest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making our High Holidays so special and meaningful this year!*

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## *Birds of a Feather*

It isn't often in this job I get to "work" with animals. The last time was in the Fall of 2018 and I recalled the experience in a bulletin article titled "Saving Franklin". Despite the size of our building, it is mostly impenetrable to the little woodland creatures who quietly inhabit our property. Yes, we have had the occasional rodent, but our crack exterminating team, with their regularly scheduled monthly onsite inspections, takes good care to prevent any bad habits from developing.

Recently, as I entered the building from the rear kitchen entrance, I immediately sensed an unusual motion overhead. Sure enough, only a few steps into the building, I heard a distinct flapping sound. Yes, it was a bird. A frightened bird. A disoriented bird.

My very first thought was "How did this bird get into the building?" and my very second thought was "How am I going to get him out?" I quickly cordoned off the rear hallway to limit the flight area, closing the doors to the Dairy Kitchen, the Meat Kitchen, the Social Hall and the custodial office and strategically opened both of the rear entry doors so (I thought) the bird could easily fly out. It turns out, however, there are a lot of pipes and light fixtures overhead in that rear hallway, creating a complicated maze of landing opportunity for a panicky and frantic bird to travel. But most importantly, and quite heartbreakingly, the large window over rear doors quickly became a shield to the outside, as the bird, who could see the outside from his high vantage point, kept flying into the window, believing it was the way out.

I hurried to the Main Office, notified Rachel of our little emergency and she followed me back to the hallway. We grabbed a broom handle, but it was too short to be effective. We waived our arms to shoo it closer to the door but each time it flew into the glass. With each pass into the glass I got more concerned the bird was going to fatally injure itself so we stopped trying to coax it out and began to regroup. Enter Alex.

Alex, who had been tending to something in another part of the building, joined Rachel and me in the rear hallway. Always a funny sight to see, we now have 400 lbs of human attempting to outsmart 4 oz of bird. Quickly, Alex sources an extension pole, with a soft, dustmop head. It is much longer than the broom handle and more effective in guiding the bird towards the open doors. But the bird keeps hitting the glass of the window. I am beginning to feel as stressed and hopeless as the bird.

With all of us pausing for a moment, the bird flies into a small crevice at the tippy top of the hallway, where the

ceiling meets the wall. In its attempt to protect itself, it seems to edge its head into the crevice leaving its body and tail feathers exposed. Alex immediately got an extension ladder and a pair of gloves, placed the ladder and climbed up to reach the bird. He gently reached out and gingerly extracted the bird.

Oh my goodness! You would have thought this little bird was getting every feather plucked. It was squawking up a storm. It was so funny and absolutely adorable. Alex came down the ladder, walked out through the open doors and released the bird into the bright blue fall sky. It was a wonderful sight. With clapping and high fives all around, we all celebrated saving the little bird's life.

I tell you this story because we are all little birds who need guidance and care. Sometimes we lose our way and get a little frantic. Sometimes we bang our head against the glass, doing the same thing again and again, expecting a different result. But as a community, if we rely on each other and guide each other, no matter how insignificant the task, wonderful things can be accomplished. How rewarding it is to impact a life; to care and to make a difference together.

### Sisterhood Fall Book Discussion



**Tuesday, November 30th @7:30pm**



***Those Who are Saved*  
by  
Alexis Landau**

This heartrending, historical fiction novel about a Russian Jewish family separated and forever changed in Vichy, France, is one of a mother's impossible choice, and her search for her daughter against all odds. The blurred lines between good and evil are brilliantly explored as the characters wrestle with their own dire decisions and the choices of those they love. Spanning characters and continents during World War II, *Those Who Are Saved* is an unforgettable story of heartbreak, but ultimately of hope, resilience, and the unbreakable bond of maternal love, even in the darkest of times.

**The book is available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Target, local libraries and on e-book  
Discussion led by Phyllis Levy**

**RSVP to receive zoom link  
Evelyn Abraham: [evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net) or 631-424-6922**





***"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."*** ~Steve Jobs

We welcome many new teachers this year to our school team. In addition, we welcome a new music teacher, Morah Tara and a new religious school director, Morah Gina. All the new members have not only acclimated, but they are also shining stars. Morah Tara sees the children once a week for music and boy, do they love her! The

children, even the youngest of children, are engaged by Morah Tara every minute of their class. She has them singing, dancing, using sticks, egg shakers, and several other rhythm and movement activities. The children and the teachers love Morah Tara and look forward to music with her every week.

Morah Gina continues to be an asset to HJC and is already very well known by all the children of the ECC. She leads our Friday morning Shabbat on the patio for the school and the children are so excited to see her. Morah Gina has taught the children many new shabbat

songs and the participation from the children is outstanding. The children are up and moving, celebrating, and singing to all of Gina's fun, meaningful, and inviting songs. Gina has the ability to adapt to any age group and she knows just how to perform for our little ones. There is laughter, love, and the energy is palpable.

The children are also treated to visits to each class from our wonderful Rabbi who is teaching them Alef-Bet yoga and library weekly from yours truly. I love being able to spend time with each class whether it is to read them great literature, tell them a felt board story, or engage them in dramatic play.

Each day is a new and exciting day at the ECC thanks to the most incredible staff of educators. The teachers are the heart and soul of the ECC and work tirelessly to help develop each child with love and patience. They spend hours planning the most interesting, exciting, and age-appropriate curriculum. I am truly blessed to work with this team and am so happy to welcome so many new teachers, children, and families to the ECC.





***"There are two way to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."***

***Albert Einstein***

Growing up I had the privilege to attend a Yeshiva for nine years. Like most, I learned the miracle of Chanukah was about a small amount of oil that was expected to last one day miraculously lasted for eight days. Although I never truly understood why this would

constitute a holiday, I accepted it as readily as I accepted the gifts my parents annually bestowed upon me. Perhaps the miracle was in the 500 latkes my grandmother prepared each year from only 10 lbs. of potatoes? Neatly wrapped in white paper napkin and accompanied by her cinnamon/vanilla infused applesauce, she delivered them piping hot to assisted living facilities and friends who were alone for the holiday. It wasn't until I was an adult and committed myself to learning the facts of the holiday, when I began to appreciate just how miraculous it really was. The story of the oil itself was not as important to me though it did and does serve as a larger reminder.

I learned of the ongoing struggle the Jewish people suffered under the Seleucid rule of the Asyrian Greeks for many many years. When I read today about synagogues being vandalized, I have an inkling of how it might have felt to have your synagogue destroyed and desecrated with pig's blood as it occurred in the 2nd Century BCE. I am amazed at the strength and courage it took for a small

inexperienced army that lacked proper artillery to defeat a major world power. Perhaps that was the miracle? The steadfast dedication and commitment the Maccabees had on behalf of the Jewish people was a miracle given all the religious limitations placed on them. The candles themselves serve as a visual reminder of our commitment to our faith in keeping Judaism alive l'dor vador (from generation to generation). The flames are a sign of the light that exists in all of us.

Today, I see miracles all around me. When I witness the rebirth of nature every spring, hear of a child's birth, awaken to the melodious song of a bird outside my bedroom window, or gaze at the hypnotic rhythm of the ocean waves and happen to catch a glance of a whale breaching the surface, I am reminded. When I am the eyewitness of the erratic flight of a butterfly, or see the dedication of a group of people coming together to support a worthy cause, I am reminded. This awareness is at the forefront of my mind and helps me to sustain a feeling of appreciation throughout my day. My days are pretty average, they are not unique to me, but it is how I view my day and what I choose to do with that information that makes my day so miraculous.

So this Chanukah, when you light your candles, as you recall the success of the Maccabees, what are some of your daily miracles and how will they shape your days?

***Chag Orim Sameach! (Happy Festival of Lights!)***

***Chag Orim Sameach!***





## Modern Living: Maintaining Balance

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

**Discussion Series with Rabbi Saks continues:**



**T**his 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 3 - Thursday, Nov 4      **Focus on Self**

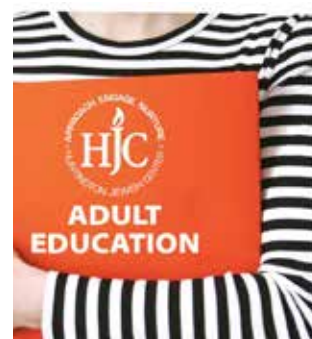
Lesson 4 - To be determined      **Finding the Balance**

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.hjcny.org/event-rsvp](http://www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp)**





# StandWithUs

**A**s 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](mailto:jdavis4727@aol.com)**



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# 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.

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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](https://ujafedny.org/suffolk-signature) or on the attached response card.**

For more information, please contact Laurie Birzon at [birzonl@ujafedny.org](mailto:birzonl@ujafedny.org) or 516.762.5819.

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

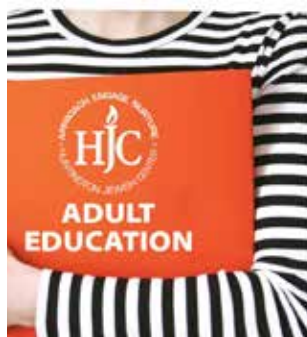
**Thursday, Nov 11th at 8pm**



**F**ive 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.

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

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





# **Rabbi Saks invites Parents of Interfaith Couples for a series of discussions.**

**First meeting will be in HJC's Main Zoom Room on  
Wednesday, November 17th at 8 pm**



## **Topic: Handling the Holidays**

- **Will our family holiday celebrations change?**
  - **How will Jewish traditions fit in?**
  - **What am I worried about losing?**

Please RSVP by choosing "Parents of Interfaith Couples Discussion Series"  
via [www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp](http://www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp)

# Donations

## GENERAL FUND

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**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz and Dr. Jonathan Boxer.  
**Shelley Weinberg** in memory of Rose Kramer at yahrzeit.  
**Pam Singer** in honor of Howard, Shanah, Bianca & Elijah Gordon.  
**Vered Cole & family** in honor of the birth of Sonny James Haviland, grandson of Rissa & David Walsdorf.  
**Marsha P. Kalina** in memory of Dora Perlmutter & Martin Perlmutter at yahrzeit.  
**Cecil Klein** in memory of Herbert Sausmer at yahrzeit.  
**Richard Klein** in memory of Samuel Klein at yahrzeit.  
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**Vered Cole** in memory of Rose Cole at yahrzeit.  
**David Schoenfarber** in memory of Gertrude Schoenfarber at yahrzeit.  
**Carolyn Camras** in honor of Phyllis & Andy Levy, for the cookbook and welcome to the Los Angeles community.  
**Rosalie Malkiel** in memory of Morris Lishinsky at yahrzeit.  
**Judy Schwager** in honor of Olivia Lees Schwager, her great-granddaughter.

## CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

**Alice & Bruce Rosen** in memory of Harold Hammerschlag at yahrzeit.  
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**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in honor of the birth of Nathaniel Hummel, grandson of Marlene and Lenny Hummel.  
**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in honor of the engagement of Pamela Wax to Daniel Dolnik, daughter of Laurie & Mark Wax.  
**Debbie & David Stein** in honor of the wedding of Ethan Auslander and Mary Beth Polek.

## DAILY MINYAN FUND

**Bea Pedowicz** in memory of Mollie Pedowitz at yahrzeit.

## DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Judy & Lester Fox** in memory of Robert Fink, brother of Doris Schoenfarber.  
**Judy & Lester Fox** in memory of Marilyn Aitkin at yahrzeit.

## ETHEL SACHS ENGAGEMENT FUND

**Nancy Berlow** in memory of Richard Berlow at yahrzeit.

## INCLUSION FUND

**Alan Schuller** in memory of Gary Schuller at yahrzeit.  
**Randi Schuller** in memory of Martin Bodian at yahrzeit.  
**Alan Schuller** in memory of Robert Schuller at yahrzeit.  
**Miriam Eckstein-Koas** in honor of the birth of Amoz Raz, grandson of Cindy & Moti Dolgin and the marriage of their daughter Maya Dolgin to Or Shaked.

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Mary Beth Polek & Ethan Auslander** in honor of Rabbi Saks for officiating their wedding.  
**Allan Friedman** in memory of Alice Friedman Yenta bat Chaim v. Genendel at yahrzeit.  
**Adrienne & Bernie Rosof** in honor of the wedding of their granddaughter, Sarah Weiss to Evan Golumbek.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

**Gina Giuffre** in honor of Leigh Murphy for her commitment & support.  
**Susan & Roy Glaser** in memory of Irene & Murray Feuerstein at yahrzeit.

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in honor of the 80th birthday of Sue Lefkowitz.  
**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in memory of Robert Fink, brother of Doris Schoenfarber.  
**Jennifer & Scott Ingber** for High Holiday Honors.  
**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in honor of the birth of Blair Madeline Kantro, granddaughter of Lori Sklar.  
**Barbara & Joel Koppersmith** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.  
**Eileen & Harvey Berger** in honor of HJC.  
**Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.  
**Miriam & Joel Wirchin** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.  
**Nancy Berlow & Brian Cooper** in honor of Cindy & Moti Dolgin becoming grandparents.  
**Nancy Berlow & Brian Cooper** in honor of the marriage of Maya Dolgin to Or Shaked, daughter of Cindy & Moti Dolgin.  
**Donna & Ed Fleiss** in honor of the birth of Nathaniel Hummel, grandson of Marlene and Lenny Hummel.  
**Donna & Ed Fleiss** in honor of the birth of Blair Madeleine Kantro, granddaughter of Lori Sklar.  
**Pamela Geller** in memory of Gertrud Hofbauer at yahrzeit.  
**Nancy & Kenneth Bob** in memory of June Philips at yahrzeit.  
**Vicki & Tom Rosen** in memory of Samuel R. Rosen at yahrzeit.  
**Tri Community & Youth Agency Inc.** in honor of Huntington Jewish Center and the JNN. (This organization gave a very large donation over \$9,000)  
**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Boxer, daughter of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer.

## **SOCIAL ACTION FUND/JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK Continued**

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Krief, son of Eve & William Kreif.

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Summer Amram, daughter of Amy & David Amram.

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in memory of Irvin Epstein at yahrzeit.

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### **Mazal tov:**

**Eve & William Krief** celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua Krief

**Amy & David Amram** celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Summer Amram

**Rissa & David Walsdorf** celebrate the birth of their grandson, Sonny James Haviland

**Elana & Dave Henderson** announce the birth of their son, Alexander Ryan Henderson.

**Judy Schwager** announces the birth of her great granddaughter, Olivia Lees Schwager.

### **New Members:**

**Victoria & Gabriel Phillips** of Cold Spring Harbor and their children: Levi age 6, Eve age 4 and Jude age 1.

### **Condolence:**

Robert Fink, brother of **Doris Schoenfarber**  
Carole Aronow, mother of **Bruce Aronow**

## **Our Culinary Legacy Cookbook**

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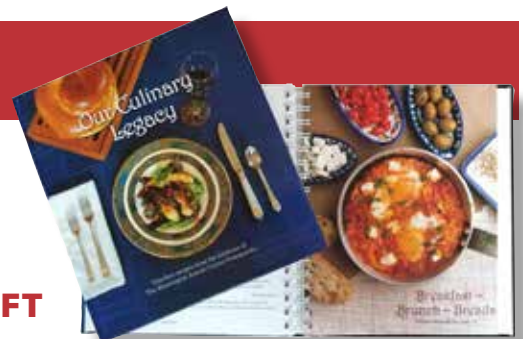
**Sue and David Lefkowitz** in memory of Meyer Hepner at yahrzeit

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### **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.

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60 tickets - \$150  
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## **EVITE TO FOLLOW**

**Sponsored by Early Childhood Center**

# JNN UPDATE

Rob Fisher, Coordinator

Hello Everyone,

I hope this update finds you all well.

I want to bring everyone up to date on what the JNN has been doing to help alleviate the food deficiencies in Huntington Station for the many families still in need.

From April 28, 2020 thru November 19, 2021 the amazing volunteers of the JNN have purchased and assembled an unbelievable 40,000 lbs of fresh fruit & produce. This has only been possible through your support. Thank you! Currently over 200

families are still very much in need.

The JNN received a generous donation from Tri-CYA (Tri Community and Youth Agency).

We hope we can count on your continued support.

Rob Fisher  
JNN Coordinator  
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Dear HJC Community,

With the holidays having come so early this year, and with the uncertainty until the last minute as to whether Cantor Gordan would indeed be able to go to Israel, we neglected to formally introduce our Cantorial student, Marilyn Okoshi.

Marilyn is currently entering her fourth year at the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at JTS and expected to receive ordination as well masters degrees in Sacred Music and in Jewish Education in 2023.

Our synagogue is so fortunate in that we have many lay leaders who are willing and able to help with Torah reading and leading services. However, it can be burdensome for our lay leaders to be leading week after week.

We hired Marilyn in order to help us with Sukkot and Simchat Torah and with the B'nai Mitzvot that we are celebrating during these months. She will also be here for the rosh chodesh Shabbatot during November and December.

Ironically, Marilyn is also planning to go to Israel for her studies so she will only be with us through the end of December. We are in the process of determining who will be our next interim professional leader for the months of January to June, after Marilyn leaves and before Cantor Gordan returns.

If you have not yet had a chance to meet her, Marilyn will be with us on November 6th and 20th, and December 4th and 18th.

*HJC Board of Trustees*

# Jewish Entertainers

## Barbra Streisand



Barbara Joan “Barbra” Streisand is an American singer, actress, and filmmaker. With a career spanning over six decades, she has achieved success in multiple fields of entertainment, and is among the few performers awarded an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony (EGOT).

Streisand was born on April 24, 1942, in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of Diana (born Ida Rosen) and Emanuel Streisand. Her mother had been a soprano in her youth and

considered a career in music, but later became a school secretary. Her father was a high school teacher at the same school, where they first met. Streisand’s family was Jewish. Her paternal grandparents emigrated from Galicia (Poland–Ukraine) and her maternal grandparents from the Russian Empire, where her grandfather had been a cantor. In August 1943, a few months after Streisand’s first birthday, her father died at age 34 from complications from an epileptic seizure, possibly the result of a head injury years earlier. The family fell into near-poverty, with her mother working as a low-paid bookkeeper. As an adult, Streisand remembered those early years as always feeling like an “outcast”, explaining, “Everybody else’s father came home from work at the end of the day. Mine didn’t.” Her mother tried to pay their bills but could not give her daughter the attention she craved: “When I wanted love from my mother, she gave me food,” Streisand says. Streisand recalls that her mother had a “great voice” and sang semi-professionally on occasion.

She has an older brother, Sheldon, and a half-sister, singer Roslyn Kind, from her mother’s remarriage to Louis Kind in 1949.

Streisand began her education at the Jewish Orthodox Yeshiva of Brooklyn when she was five. She was considered bright and inquisitive about everything. She next entered Public School 89 in Brooklyn, and during those early school years began watching television and going to movies. “I always wanted to be somebody, to be famous ...You know, get out of Brooklyn.”

She made her singing debut at a PTA assembly, where she became a hit to everyone but her mother, who was mostly critical of her daughter. By the time she was 13, her mother began supporting her talent, helping her make a four-song demo tape, including “Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart”, and “You’ll Never Know”.

Becoming an actress was her main objective. During the summer of 1957, she got her first stage experience as a walk-on at the Playhouse in Malden Bridge, New York. That small part was followed by a role as the kid sister in *Picnic* and one as a vamp in *Desk Set*. In her second year, she took a night job at the Cherry Lane Theatre in Greenwich Village helping backstage. When she was a senior, she rehearsed for a small part in *Driftwood*, a play staged in a midtown attic space.

She graduated, aged 16, from Erasmus Hall in January 1959, and set out trying to get roles on the New York City stage. Aged 16 and living on her own, Streisand took various menial jobs to have some

income. Her mother was horrified by her daughter’s “gypsy-like lifestyle”, and again begged her to give up trying to get into show business, but Streisand took her mother’s pleadings as even more reason to keep trying: “My desires were strengthened by wanting to prove to my mother that I could be a star.”

Streisand began her career by performing in nightclubs and Broadway theaters in the early 1960s. Following her guest appearances on various television shows, she signed to Columbia Records, insisting that she retain full artistic control, and accepting lower pay in exchange, an arrangement that continued throughout her career, and released her debut *The Barbra Streisand Album* (1963), which won the Grammy Award for Album of the Year. Throughout her recording career, Streisand has topped the US Billboard 200 chart with 11 albums—a record for a woman—including *People* (1964), *The Way We Were* (1974), *Guilty* (1980), and *The Broadway Album* (1985). She also achieved five number-one singles on the US Billboard Hot 100—“The Way We Were”, “Evergreen”, “You Don’t Bring Me Flowers”, “No More Tears (Enough Is Enough)”, and “Woman in Love”.

Following her established recording success in the 1960s, Streisand ventured into film. She starred in the critically acclaimed *Funny Girl* (1968), for which she won the Academy Award for Best Actress. Additional fame followed with films including the extravagant musical *Hello, Dolly!* (1969), the screwball comedy *What’s Up, Doc?* (1972), and the romantic drama *The Way We Were* (1973). Streisand won a second Academy Award for writing the love theme from *A Star Is Born* (1976), the first woman to be honored as a composer. With the release of *Yentl* (1983), Streisand became the first woman to write, produce, direct, and star in a major studio film. The film won an Oscar for Best Score and a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture Musical. Streisand also received the Golden Globe Award for Best Director, becoming the first (and for 37 years, the only) woman to win that award. Streisand later directed *The Prince of Tides* (1991) and *The Mirror Has Two Faces* (1996).

With sales exceeding 150 million records worldwide, Streisand is one of the best-selling recording artists of all time. She is the highest-certified female artist in the United States, with 68.5 million certified album units tying with Mariah Carey. Billboard ranked Streisand as the greatest female artist on the Billboard 200 chart and the top Adult Contemporary female artist of all time. Her accolades include two Academy Awards, 10 Grammy Awards including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and the Grammy Legend Award, five Emmy Awards, four Peabody Awards, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and nine Golden Globes.

In 1984, Streisand donated the Emanuel Streisand Building for Jewish Studies to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in the Mount Scopus campus, in memory of her father, an educator and scholar who died when she was young. The Streisand Foundation, established in 1986, has contributed over \$16 million through nearly 1,000 grants to “national organizations working on preservation of the environment, voter education, the protection of civil liberties and civil rights, women’s issues and nuclear disarmament”.



## We Are What We Remember

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

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

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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](http://hjcny.org/HH-hub).

*\*All Adult Education Committee Programs are grouped together\**

*\*All dates are subject to change\**

### 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

### Adult Education Committee Programs

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		

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## From the Ben Tasman HJC Library Tyna Strenger

### Some titles you might like to consider:

#### FICTION:

**The Button Man** by *Andrew Gross*. Another of his historical thrillers bringing to life the drama of the birth of organized crime in the 1930's in NYC, coinciding with the early years of the formation of the women's garment industry, based on the author's own family story, portraying a disadvantaged, immigrant family, the Lower East side, garment trade and unions.

**The Third Daughter** by *Talia Carner*. Highlighting a little known piece of history: the sex trafficking of young women from Russia to South America in the late 19th century. The novel finds Batya, 14 years old, with her family, trying to flee pogroms in the Russian countryside. Desperate to save her, the father arranges marriage to a wealthy stranger, who promises a good life and passage to America. Her nightmare begins when she finds herself with her new husband in Buenos Aires, embedded in the legal prostitution culture. Here is a powerful story of finding courage and hope in the face of danger and despair.

#### NON-FICTION:

**People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present** by *Dara Horn*. A collection of essays, "A startling and profound explanation of how Jewish history is exploited to comfort the living."

**Black, White, Jewish** by *Rebecca Walker*. The daughter of divorced parents – Black author Alice Walker and Jewish lawyer Mel Leventhal chronicle her journey to define herself as a soul instead of a symbol. Not new, but always timely.

New books recently received from Book Revue will be catalogued and made available for circulation and will be listed here in future issues. Meanwhile, if there is something you would like the library committee to consider, please submit that to [hjclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:hjclibrary@gmail.com).



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