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Presidents' Day February 21, 2022



President George Washington was the first head of a modern nation to openly acknowledge the Jews as full-fledged citizens of the land in which they had chosen to settle.



President Abraham Lincoln approved legislation creating the first Jewish military chaplains, to serve the nearly 7,000 Jews in the Union Army.

Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

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It is not too late to mail in your check for the
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Checks are payable to
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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
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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
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From Rabbi Ari Saks



The Wisdom of Dayan Ha-Emet for Our Nation

"The sign that you're a patriot is when you lose, not when you win..."

This was the most important and significant line from President Biden's speech commemorating the insurrection of January 6th. It also speaks to why it was an insurrection - it was an attempt by some Americans who did not

accept the results of the election to change the will of the American people at large to choose their government. Why did this group of insurrectionists not accept the results of the election? In my opinion it ultimately comes down to one issue: no one likes to lose. The greatest sports stars in history - from Michael Jordan to Wayne Gretzky and Tom Brady - reached the pinnacle of their respective sports because more than they liked winning, they hated losing. Losing leaves a bad taste in your mouth that motivates you to get rid of it as soon as possible.

But what do we teach our kids? That to be a mensch, you have to be humble, compassionate, and good spirited even when you lose. It's not easy though to deal with losing, which is why our tradition has a blessing to help us deal with bad things that happen in our lives - "Blessed Are You God Master of the Universe Who is the True Judge." This blessing,

also known as *Dayan Ha-Emet*, is the same blessing we recite when a loved one passes away. Why is the blessing after hearing about a loss of a loved one the same blessing as dealing with other bad things that are probably more mundane? We recite the same blessing because grief is the ultimate feeling of loss and, in my experience, reciting this blessing with a grieving family can help encourage the compassion and empathy needed to bring a family closer together when they need it most.

Imagine for a moment if we could apply the wisdom of the blessing of *Dayan Ha-Emet* to more mundane losses - such as the loss of a playoff game or of an election - where there is not only a loser but a winner. Imagine if, when we win, we do not revel in the win to the point that it hardens the pain of the one who lost but rather we have empathy for their need to grieve. Imagine if, when we lose, we do not cry foul and say "the other team cheated" but learned to accept our loss by grieving for it and, unlike the aftermath of the terrible tragedy of a loved one's death, know there is "always next year" (or "four years" if the case may be). Imagine if by applying the wisdom of the blessing of *Dayan Ha-Emet* to our nation as a whole we could not only build empathy and understanding for one another but instill a greater sense of unity and connection with one another. Why is that so important? Because ultimately if we want to be united - whether it's as American patriots, a sports team, a people, or a family - we have to accept the fact that to be together we can't always win.

HJC SUMMER 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

"The most important thing about Judaism, is that it is not a subject to be learned in class or studied from a book, but a way of life that is to be experienced every day. The beauty of camp is that it makes that possible - a completely immersive Jewish experience. Instead of trying to impart lessons seated at a desk, children experience a living, breathing Judaism all day every day at camp. And not just Shabbat and Kashrut, but Hebrew Language, Israel, Rosh Chodesh, and Jewish values that imbue the rhythms of a regular day with even more meaning.

Sleep-away camp also allows kids to learn and grow, away from their parents, surrounded by friends their own age. The setup of 18-year-old counselors caring for 13-year-old campers allows for major advancements and developments in personal identity growth and faith formation in ways that no other setting can. Daily rituals like morning prayers and birkat hamazon (grace after meals) become simply part of the routine. Jewish learning is engaged in by not only the campers, but all staff. The Ramah Camps is the official network of Jewish summer camps created and run by the Conservative movement."

~ Hazzan Israel Gordan, *The Gift of Jewish Summer*, HJC Bulletin, September 2016

Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to high school juniors and seniors who spend six to eight weeks during the summer in Israel. They tour, learn, and live the Israeli life in a Jewish educational program.

David S. Rosenman Camp Ramah Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to youngsters in grades 4 through 12 who spend either four or eight weeks at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. This camp is under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Applications for both scholarships are available in the HJC Main office.

The deadline for submission is April 8, 2022.



Staying Safe at HJC

In light of the recent antisemitic act of terror in Colleyville, I am compelled to scrap the Bulletin article I was preparing, and feel the need to address the status of our current security issues and concerns.

This event has once again reminded us of the ever-present threats facing the American Jewish community and the need

for a comprehensive security plan at HJC. We are all too aware that there have been growing antisemitic threats and sentiments in recent years, hate crimes are at their peak in the last two decades, and it's no surprise that Jews have been the disproportionate target of these hate crimes. This act of terror again brings to the fore, feelings of vulnerability and insecurity caused by hostility fueled by antisemitism.

Our ongoing challenge at HJC continues to be how to foster a welcoming sense of community, and maintain health and safety standards necessary in this pandemic, and address the very real needs of security in today's world. How can we maintain our desire to be a warm and welcoming community when we need to preregister for Shabbat services, answer questionnaires, and when even our front entrance is locked on Shabbat? It is a challenge, for sure, as we strive to balance these equally important, yet very divergent needs.

Security at HJC has always been a high priority, and never more than in recent months and years. There have been many security upgrades in recent years, some visible and some behind the scenes. The Board of Trustees recently approved hiring an outside security company, Global Operations, to both manage implementation of our existing security grants (which have assisted in bolstering security over the past five years), as well as to develop an operational plan for our security needs at HJC going forward. This will include an assessment

of our current security protocols and needs, followed by implementation of various protocols and procedures to protect HJC from a variety of potential threats. It will involve training of staff, leadership and even congregants, as well as ongoing drills to ensure we can handle these potential threats. The goals will be for us all to feel prepared, educated and empowered should we be confronted by the unthinkable.

Throughout the years, we have fostered and maintained a strong and supportive relationship with our local law enforcement, our local police precinct, and in fact have been in contact with them since Colleyville to strengthen existing security measures. We have worked reciprocally with them, providing them with information as needed, and they have provided us with educational materials such as Operation Safeguard, which is the bases for the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign. Remember, we are the eyes and ears in the community. This effort delineates potential indicators of criminal, terrorist or suspicious activities. Suspicious behavior does not need to be criminal to be reported and any suspicious behavior can be reported confidentially to the NYS Tips line- 1-866-NYS-SAFE (1-866-723-3697). The full Operation Safeguard posting can be seen on our bulletin board at HJC.

The horrific events at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville highlight once again that there are forces out there who hate everything that the Jewish people represent and stand for. This attack at Colleyville is another wake up call for the Jewish community. We must continue to be diligent and vigilant in our efforts. Although we have been working for many years to prioritize security at HJC, we know there is always room for improvement and be assured that dedicated efforts are being made to do so. Just as we need to be mindful of health and safety regarding our Covid protocols, we must remain ever vigilant regarding security in our Kehillah Kedoshah, as we continue to care for one another in our cherished community.





5 Benefits of Hard Work

bulletin) I am most “in line” with the words of Jason Poquette, a blogger for The Honest Apothecary and his thoughts on the **5 Benefits of Hard Work:**

1. Hard Work Builds Character – We’re living in the midst of a *character crisis*. If we can’t have something in 5 minutes we don’t want it. And if getting it is *hard*, forget it! But hard work builds character. You learn *discipline*. You learn to *focus*. You learn to manage *your time and your resources*. You learn to ignore the critics who are telling you it can’t be done. Don’t be a quitter. Quitting is easy. Giving up is easy! But EASY never builds character. Strong character is built the same way strong muscles are built – Hard Work! Success – you see – isn’t the greatest reward of hard work. Character is more important than success. And hard work builds character. Former MLB player for the White Sox and Blue Jays, Samuel Ewing, put it this way: *“Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don’t turn up at all.”*

2. Hard Work Gets Results – Hard work ALWAYS accomplishes something. It might be you learn something. It might be you build something. It might be you change something. But hard work always gets results. It has been said *“Some people dream of success...while others wake up and work hard at it.”* Laziness doesn’t result in anything but wasted time and resources. Do you want to see something happen? Work hard. I like the way Abraham Lincoln put it *“Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those*

who hustle.”

3. Hard Work Draws Attention – Want to get noticed? Work hard. The diligent stand out. We live in a culture that increasingly encourages and fosters minimal effort. Want to turn some heads today? Give 110% to whatever you are doing. It doesn’t matter how many talents you have, or what you are called to do, do it with passion! Give it your heart! And soon the world will be watching. *“If a man is called a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and Earth will pause to say, Here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.”* ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

4. Hard Work Brings New Opportunities – That is, hard work opens doors. The lazy complain about the lack of luck. Thomas Jefferson said *“I’m a greater believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.”* Those who work hard find new opportunities always presenting themselves. Hard work is like an *opportunity magnet*. Sometimes these opportunities just seem to appear out of thin air, other times they come through new acquaintances, and often they are the result of greater insights and understanding that hard work produced. Whatever the manner – hard work is usually the cause. Edison’s famous words are relevant to this point: *“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”*

5. Hard Work Blesses Others – No lasting benefit to mankind is achieved without hard work. The second greatest commandment is to *love our neighbor as ourselves*. We typically work hard to please ourselves. We should work harder to please others, bless others, and help others. Work hard, and don’t worry about who gets the credit. Work hard, and the world is blessed. Such individuals are few and far between. Hard workers are worth their weight in diamonds. Horace Mann, the 19th century education reformer once said *“Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.”*



Religious School

Gina Giuffre, Director



Do not be wise in words - be wise in deeds. Jewish Proverb

Growing up I attended a Yeshiva from Grades K-8. To this day I still say it was one of the best decisions my parents ever made for my sisters and me. I have countless fond memories of those days. On Fridays we were all expected to wear a white shirt to school in preparation for Shabbat. If we were successful as a class we would be rewarded with ice cream. Sadly, I can count

our ice cream parties on one hand in the nine years I attended. We would also have to bring tzedakah. In addition to Fridays, I carried around a sandwich baggie filled with pennies. Each time we spoke English during Hebrew class we would have to put a penny in what we called the “keren ami” or the tzedakah box. I was always prepared with my pennies. Even though I might have slipped, I did feel good knowing that out of a mistake something good would come out of it by depositing my penny. Yet, there was a huge disconnect. We never counted the money and we never knew where it went or whom it might have helped.

Today, as an educator I am very sensitive to this missing link and I am happy to report this gap no longer exists for our students. Our students generously donate tzedakah every Sunday. In Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 the teachers have the students count the tzedakah regularly and hold them responsible for keeping track of their success. The concept of tzedakah and the various organizations that might benefit are discussed with each class in age appropriate language and they vote democratically where the money should go. In November

we were inundated with bags of food supporting HJC’s food drive. During Chanukah, Grades 4-7 made “no-sew” blankets that were donated to an Assisted Living facility. Due to COVID restrictions, they were not permitted to personally bring the blankets but Rabbi Saks hand delivered them on our behalf. In January, our 7th Grader, Eliana Herskovitz organized Grades 6-8 and participated in the community HHI program donating and preparing breakfast for the homeless. This month some of our teachers elected to participate in the Jewish Soldiers Project and made Purim cards for our Jewish soldiers. We also have three madrichot (teen helpers) this year volunteering in our Religious School every Sunday. Heather Herman, Elana Kupersmith and Bella Rossi serve as role models for our younger students by giving back to HJC. They assist teachers in Grades K, 2, 3 and 4 by reading stories, assisting with crafts, and helping the students learn Hebrew. We are so lucky to have them.

Whether we are planting trees in Israel, supporting animals, the environment or less fortunate children, our students make the connection between their weekly donations and their effect. By ensuring this connection we empower our children to care and teach them they can make a difference. We plant the seeds when they are young and hopefully as adults they understand this is just what we do. As the Hebrew song Lo Alecha states “It is not our duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.” The act of giving reminds us how fortunate we are. We can sit by and watch the problems unfold or we can be part of the solution. We have a responsibility to leave the world a better place. This is what we do as Jews, this is what we do as human beings. Thank you for your all your help and supporting our efforts.



HJC Adult Education Presents

Mindful Jewish Meditation, Somatic Attention and Guided Visualization

60 minutes via Zoom

Thursday Feb 3rd and Feb 24th at 7:30pm

Facilitated by Dafna Soltes Stein: Dancer, Artist Educator, Somatic Educator, Certified Laban Movement Analyst, Moving for Life Certified Instructor



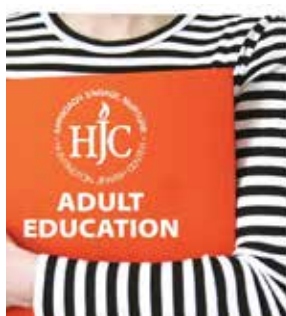
In the book *GOD IN YOUR BODY: Kabbalah, Mindfulness and Embodied Spiritual Practice* author Jay Michaelson shares "There is not, to my knowledge, an ancient Jewish system of physical exercise like yoga or Tai Chi. Creating a Jewish or kabbalistic exercise practice, then, involves learning from other traditions and joining their wisdom to the teachings of Judaism."

In these sessions, Dafna will share aspects of her embodied Jewish spiritual practice by combining elements of Jewish spiritual learning from Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi, Jay Michaelson and Colette Aboulker-Muscat. Woven together with somatic bodywork Dafna has studied and adapted these elements into her teaching since the early 1970's. She also incorporates the works of Rudolph Laban, Irmagard Bartenieff, Moshe Feldenkreis, Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen and Martha Eddy.

Please wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to visualize, sense, feel, breath and move gently. Your body and soul will be refreshed.

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Choose "Mindful Meditation" on the drop down menu.



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HJC Adult Ed Happenings Feb-April 2022

We are pleased to have had some nice offerings through the fall and early winter and are looking forward to more programs in the coming months. Until further notice all classes will continue to be held via Zoom. We feel so fortunate that this has become a comfortable way for the community to learn together.

Please take note of the upcoming programs and dates:

Every Monday at 8pm –

Prophets ongoing class with *Lester Fox*

Melton Classes with *Rabbi Saks* – please see separate announcements for Tuesdays in Jan and Feb

Thursday Feb 3rd and Feb 24th at 7:30pm –

Mindful Meditation with *Dafna Saltes Stein*

There is not an ancient Jewish system of physical exercise and spiritual practice like yoga or Tai Chi. Creating a Jewish or Kabbalistic exercise practice involves learning from other traditions and joining their wisdom to the teachings of Judaism. Come explore what Dafna has created for herself.

Wednesday Feb 16th and March 30th at 7:30pm –

Mussar (Ethics and Spirituality) with *Marcey Wagner* – this class is for women only and is being co-sponsored by HJC Sisterhood

Mussar is a centuries old Jewish spiritual practice that gives specific instructions on how to live a meaningful and ethical life. It is based on ethics and morals and uses practices to help us develop our internal virtues. The dynamic of studying as all women is particularly suited to Mussar, where issues concerning ethics and morals can be studied in a gender-specific environment where participants have shared sensibilities.

Details to follow on the upcoming flyer.

Tuesday March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd at 7:30pm –

Psalms with *Rabbi Emeritus Neil Kurshan*

The Book of Psalms offers us the promise of accessing a spiritual language of hope and optimism in an unsettled world. It is comprised of some of the most beautiful spiritual poetry in world literature. These classes will give participants the opportunity to experience and answer questions about specific Psalms. No knowledge of Hebrew required.

More details on the upcoming flyer.

Thursday, April 7th –

A **Pesach learning program** with *Cindy Dolgin* – details to be announced.

Sunday, April 24th –

A **Yom Hashoah program** – details to be announced.

Thursday, April 26th –

Jewish Public Affairs with *Ken Bob*

Questions about programs may be directed to Nancy Cooper: nancyberlow@gmail.com or 516-356-7109

HJC Adult Ed & Sisterhood Present for Women:

Mussar with Rabbi Cantor Marcey Wagner

Mussar is a traditional Jewish path of spiritual development that leads to awareness, wisdom, and transformation.

Wednesday Feb 16th and March 30th at 7:30pm

Question: *If you follow all (or most) of the laws in the Torah, Talmud, and other books of the tradition, will you be a kind, nice and considerate person?*

Answer: *Not necessarily.*

This is the challenge that Mussar attempts to address. Mussar is a centuries old Jewish spiritual practice that gives very specific instructions on how to live a meaningful and ethical life.

Mussar is based on ethics and morals and uses practices to help develop internal virtues. By following these practices and nurturing these inner virtues we become better, kinder, more moral individuals.

In contrast to much of "traditional" Judaism, Mussar does NOT rely on rules of do's and don'ts. Therefore, those who are not inclined to follow traditional rules are attracted to Mussar as a way to improve and transform themselves through a Jewish lens.

Mussar was originally created in a male dominated environment, however it works well in multiple settings in today's world, including in an all women's group. The dynamic of studying together as women is particularly suited to Mussar, where issues concerning ethics and morals can be studied in a gender-specific environment where participants have shared sensibilities.

In this 3-part series we will explore the following:

Part 1: *What is Mussar? The history and development of Mussar. The study of Mussar today.*

Part 2: *Middot and Practices: A look into the defined characteristics of the soul and how to strengthen them through various proscribed practices*

Part 3: *What can Mussar add to my life? How can I incorporate aspects of this practice in my life today?*



Please register for this at:

<https://hjcny.org/event-rsvp/>

Choose "Mussar with Marcey Wagner" in the drop down.

For questions about this course please contact:

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Jewish Entertainers

George Burns



George Burns (born Nathan Birnbaum; January 20, 1896 – March 9, 1996) was an American comedian, actor, singer, and writer. He was one of the few entertainers whose career successfully spanned vaudeville, radio, film, and television. His arched eyebrow and cigar-smoke punctuation became familiar trademarks for over three-quarters of a century. He and his wife, Gracie Allen, appeared on radio, television, and film as the comedy duo Burns and Allen.

George Burns was born Nathan Birnbaum on January 20, 1896 in New York City, the ninth of 12 children born to Hadassah “Dorah” (née Bluth; 1857–1927) and Eliezer Birnbaum (1855–1903), known as Louis or Lippe, Jewish immigrants who had come to the United States from Kolbuszowa, Galicia, now Poland. Burns was a member of the First Roumanian-American Congregation.

Burns was drafted into the United States Army when the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, but he failed the physical because he was extremely near-sighted.

Though he had an apparent flair for comedy, he never quite clicked with any of his partners, until he met a young Irish Catholic lady in 1923. “And all of a sudden,” he said in later years, “the audience realized I had a talent. They were right. I did have a talent—and I was married to her for 38 years.”

His first wife was Hannah Siegel (stage name: Hermosa Jose), one of his dance partners. The marriage lasted twenty-six weeks and only occurred because her family would not let them go on tour unless they were married. They divorced at the end of the tour.

Burns’s second wife and famous partner in their entertainment routines was Gracie Allen. Burns and Allen got a start in motion pictures with a series of comic short films in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Their feature credits in the mid- to late-1930s included *The Big Broadcast* (1932); *International House* (1933), *Six of a Kind* (1934), (the latter two films with W.C. Fields), *The Big Broadcast of 1936*, *The Big Broadcast of 1937*, *A Damsel in Distress* (1937) in which they danced step-for-step with Fred Astaire, and *College Swing* (1938) with Bob Hope and Martha Raye.

Burns and Allen first made it to radio as the comedy relief for bandleader Guy Lombardo, which did not always sit well with Lombardo’s home audience. In time, though, Burns and Allen found their own show and radio audience, first airing on February 15, 1932. The couple was portrayed as younger singles, with Allen the object of both Burns’s and other cast members’ affections.

The show adapted in the fall of 1941 to present them as the married couple they actually were. The reformat focused on the couple’s married life and life among various friends, including Elvia Allman as “Tootsie Sagwell,” a man-hungry spinster in love with Bill Goodwin, and neighbors, until the characters of Harry and Blanche Morton entered the picture to stay.

On television, *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* put faces to the radio characters audiences had come to love. Midway through the run of the television show the Burns’s two children, Sandra and Ronald, began to make appearances: Sandy in an occasional voice-over or brief on-air part (often as a telephone operator), and Ronnie in various small roles throughout the 4th and 5th seasons.

Burns and Allen formed a company of their own, McCadden

Corporation. Besides their own hit show the couple’s company produced such television series as *The Bob Cummings Show*; *The People’s Choice*, starring Jackie Cooper; *Mona McCluskey*, starring Juliet Prowse; and *Mister Ed*, starring Alan Young and a talented “talking” horse.

The *George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* ran on CBS Television from 1950 to 1958, when Burns at last consented to Allen’s retirement. The onset of heart trouble in the early 1950s had left her exhausted from full-time work and she had been anxious to stop, but could not say “no” to Burns.

After Gracie’s death in 1964, George immersed himself in work. McCadden Productions co-produced the television series *No Time for Sergeants*, based on the hit Broadway play; George also produced Juliet Prowse’s 1965–66 NBC situation comedy, *Mona McCluskey*. At the same time, he toured the U.S. playing nightclub and theater engagements with such diverse partners as Carol Channing, Dorothy Provine, Jane Russell, Connie Haines, and Berle Davis. He also performed a series of solo concerts, playing university campuses, New York’s Philharmonic Hall and winding up a successful season at Carnegie Hall, where he wowed a capacity audience with his show-stopping songs, dances, and jokes.

In 1974, Burns signed to play one of the lead roles in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film version of Neil Simon’s *The Sunshine Boys*, his first feature film appearance for 36 years. His wise performance as faded vaudevillian Al Lewis won him the 1975 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, and permanently secured his career resurgence. At the age of 80, Burns was the oldest Oscar winner in the history of the Academy Awards, a record that would remain until Jessica Tandy won an Oscar for *Driving Miss Daisy* in 1989.

In 1977, Burns made another hit film, *Oh, God!*, playing the omnipotent title role opposite singer John Denver as an earnest but befuddled supermarket manager. *Oh, God!* inspired two sequels *Oh, God! Book II* and *Oh, God! You Devil*—in which Burns played a dual role as God and the devil, with the soul of a would-be songwriter (played by Ted Wass) at stake.

After guest-starring on *The Muppet Show* and *Alice*, Burns appeared in 1978’s *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*, the film based on The Beatles’ album of the same name. In 1979, at the age of 83, Burns starred in two feature films, *Just You and Me*, *Kid and Going in Style*. Burns remained active in films and TV past his 90th birthday.

Burns also did regular nightclub stand-up acts in his later years, usually portraying himself as a lecherous old man. He always smoked a cigar onstage and reputedly timed his monologues by the amount the cigar had burned down. It’s estimated that Burns smoked around 300,000 cigars during his lifetime, starting at the age of 14.

Burns was still appearing at major hotel/casinos in Las Vegas, Reno, and Lake Tahoe during the early 1980s. When Burns turned 90 in 1986, the city of Los Angeles renamed the northern end of Hamel Road “George Burns Road.” In celebration of Burns’s 99th birthday in January 1995, Los Angeles renamed the eastern end of Alden Drive “Gracie Allen Drive.” Burns was present at the unveiling ceremony (one of his last public appearances) where he quipped, “It’s good to be here at the corner of Burns & Allen. At my age, it’s good to be anywhere!”

Burns remained in good health for most of his life, thanks to a daily exercise regimen of swimming, walks, sit-ups, and push-ups. He bought new Cadillacs every year and drove until the age of 93. After that, Burns had chauffeurs drive him around. In his later years, he had difficulty reading fine print. Burns continued to work until just weeks before his death of cardiac arrest at his home in Beverly Hills.

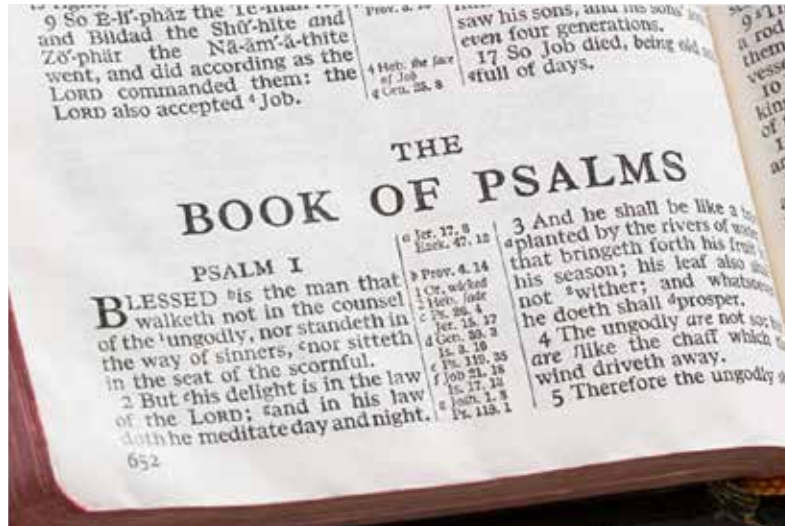
HJC Adult Education Presents:

PSALMS

with Rabbi Emeritus Neil Kurshan

Tuesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22

7:30pm via ZOOM



The Book of Psalms is comprised of some of the most beautiful spiritual poetry in world literature. For thousands of years the Psalms--especially during difficult times, but also during times of great joy--have given people of faith and those questioning their faith strength and solace, individual insight and communal connection. The Psalmist writes out of life's most fundamental experiences: grief and gratitude, regret and rejoicing, hurt and healing.

Each of the four class sessions will ask participants to experience a specific Psalm and to ask some of the following questions:

- *What do you think is the poet's existential situation from which the poet is writing?*
- *What prompted the poet to write the psalm?*
- *How does the Psalmist's situation connect to your own experience?*
- *Has your perspective changed as a result of studying this Psalm?*

The Book of Psalms offers us the promise of accessing a spiritual language of hope and optimism in an unsettled world.

You do not need to have a background of reading in Hebrew in order to participate.

You do not have to attend all 4 classes, but please remember to sign up for each one.

Please register at:

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The History of the Jews

Jewish history is the history of the Jews, and their nation, religion and culture, as it developed and interacted with other peoples, religions and cultures. Although Judaism as a religion first appears in Greek records during the Hellenistic period (323–31 BCE) and the earliest mention of Israel is inscribed on the Merneptah Stele dated 1213–1203 BCE, religious literature tells the story of Israelites going back at least as far as c. 1500 BCE. The Jewish diaspora began with the Assyrian captivity and continued on a much larger scale with the Babylonian captivity. Jews were also widespread throughout the Roman Empire, and this carried on to a lesser extent in the period of Byzantine rule in the central and eastern Mediterranean. In 638 CE the Byzantine Empire lost control of the Levant. The Arab Islamic Empire under Caliph Omar conquered Jerusalem and the lands of Mesopotamia, Syria and Egypt. The Golden Age of Jewish culture in Spain coincided with the Middle Ages in Europe, a period of Muslim rule throughout much of the Iberian Peninsula. During that time, Jews were generally accepted in society and Jewish religious, cultural, and economic life blossomed. Between the 12th and 15th centuries, Ashkenazi Jews experienced extreme persecution in Central Europe, which prompted their massive emigration to Poland.

During the Classical Ottoman period (1300–1600), the Jews, together with most other communities of the empire, enjoyed a certain level of prosperity. In the 17th century, there were many significant Jewish populations in Western Europe. During the period of the European Renaissance and Enlightenment, significant changes occurred within the Jewish community. Jews began in the 18th century to campaign for Jewish emancipation from restrictive laws and integration into the wider European society. While Jews in Western Europe were increasingly granted equality before the law, they faced growing persecution and legal restrictions in the Pale of Settlement, including widespread pogroms, which caused a mass exodus of more than two million Jews to the United States between 1881 and 1924. During the 1870s and 1880s the Jewish population in Europe began to more actively discuss emigration back to Israel and the re-establishment of the Jewish Nation in its national homeland. The Zionist

movement was founded officially in 1897. Meanwhile, the Jews of Europe and the United States gained success in the fields of science, culture and the economy. Among those generally considered the most famous were scientist Albert Einstein and philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein. Many Nobel Prize winners at this time were Jewish, as is still the case.

In 1933, with the rise to power of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis in Germany, the Jewish situation became more severe. Economic crises, racial anti-Semitic laws, and a fear of an upcoming war led many Jews to flee from Europe to Palestine, to the United States and to the Soviet Union.

In 1939 World War II began and until 1941 Hitler occupied almost all of Europe, including Poland—where millions of Jews were living at that time—and France.

In 1941, following the invasion of the Soviet Union, the Final Solution began, an extensive organized operation on an unprecedented scale, aimed at the annihilation of the Jewish people, and resulting in the persecution and murder of Jews in political Europe, inclusive of European North Africa (pro-Nazi Vichy-North Africa and Italian Libya). This genocide, in which approximately six million Jews were methodically exterminated, is known as the Holocaust or the Shoah (Hebrew term). In Poland, three million Jews were killed in gas chambers in all concentration camps combined, with one million at the Auschwitz camp complex alone.

Palestine, which had been under a British mandate since 1920, saw large waves of Jewish migration before and during the Holocaust. After the mandate expired in 1948, David Ben-Gurion proclaimed on May 14 the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz Israel to be known as the State of Israel. Immediately afterwards all neighbouring Arab states attacked, yet the newly formed IDF resisted. In 1949 the war ended and the state of Israel started building the state and absorbing massive waves of hundreds of thousands of Jews from all over the world. As of 2020, Israel is a parliamentary democracy with a population of 9.2 million people, of whom 6.7 million are Jewish. The largest Jewish communities are in Israel and the United States, with major communities in France, Canada, Argentina, Russia, United Kingdom, Australia, and Germany.

HJC Sisterhood and Men's Club
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How Do We Navigate Interfaith Relationships
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Thursday, February 17th @ 8 pm
Bring your questions and shared experiences

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Hope you can join us!



PURIM

For Purim 2022, watch for emails on how to sign up for the Purim Basket Fund Raiser. The Purim Bags will once again include the Sisterhood Hamantashen as well as other sweets and treats. Recipes for Hamantashen can be found in the Sisterhood Cookbook, *Our Culinary Legacy*.



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Provides support to HJC families impacted by COVID-19.

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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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Some interesting titles that have come across the desk:

FICTION:

The Vixen by *Francine Prose*. In 1953 a distinguished N.Y publisher, a recent Harvard grad, is given the task of writing/editing a 'steamy, bodice ripper' based on the trial of Ethel & Julius Rosenberg. The project makes him realize that the people around him are not what they seem. Named as one of the best books of 2021 it has been cited as a very funny serious story, or a very serious funny story.

The Fortune Men by *Nadifa Mohamed*. Historical Fiction set in 1950s Wales, where a young Somali sailor is arrested for the murder of a Jewish shopkeeper. Based on a true story of a man's life and a harrowing tale of racial injustice. Part of the novel is told by Diana, whose family immigrated to England to escape anti-Semitic violence in Russia. (spoiler alert: in the real world case, 50 yrs later justice prevails).

NON-FICTION

Leonard Cohen: The Mystical Roots of Genius by *Harry Freedman*. Grew up in the Jewish community of Montreal, influenced by his grandfather a rabbi, and found a lot of inspiration learned from our ancient texts which he applied to his art. He always maintained his Jewish identity, even as he studied and drew from other religions for his work. The study of Kabbalah had become the strongest influence of all. According to a review I read, the book contains a song by song commentary...

Yearbook by *Seth Rogen*. A collection of personal recollections and essays. Humorous stories he shared with his family about standup comedy at bar mitzvah celebrations, Jewish summer camp experiences and probably some that you won't want your kids to read.

Musings of a Mohel by *Abraham J. Benyunes*. The story of a pediatrician, certified as a Mohel by JTS telling the beginning years at the seminary, insights learned and families he met. Definitely a different perspective.

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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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