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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

Mother's Day Spring Fiesta

Thank you to the Programming Committee for Planning, Publicity, Shopping, Cooking and Camaraderie for our first in person event in over 2 years at HJC.

This year's **BQLI Region Virtual Woman of Achievement Gala** is Thursday June 16th. Huntington Jewish Center honorees are Evelyn Abraham and Nicole Feibel who will be our "Little Sister" for the L'Dor V'Dor Award.

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.

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Remembering Vered Cole

This month, our HJC community sustained an important loss and the Board of Trustees would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and community of our past president, Vered Cole. Vered and her husband Jack were long-time esteemed members

of our congregation. Vered was HJC's first female president and for more than 40 years was involved with countless aspects of HJC, some public and often behind-the scenes.

Vered knew the recipe for a well-lived life. A life filled with friends, family, and important work. Her strength forged the way for other strong women of her generation and helped transform HJC into what it is today, an energetic and vibrant center of Jewish life in Huntington. I am privileged to follow in her footsteps.

Our whole congregation joins together in sadness and grief upon the loss of this well-respected and much-loved member of our HJC community family.

Vered, who was also known for her warmth, gracious hospitality and generosity, also knew the recipes for many wonderful delicacies made with much love and intention in her kitchen. I would like to share Vered's recipes with you, which I found in a vintage HJC Sisterhood cookbook from 1990.



Vered's Crescent Cookies

1 cup margarine or butter
2 cups flour
½ cup sugar
½ cup ground almonds
powdered sugar (optional)

Mix all ingredients. Make crescent shapes and place on buttered floured sheet. Bake at 250° until dry, approx 45 minutes. Loosen while warm. Cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Vered's Dried Fruit and Nut Balls

1 package Kineret puff pastry dough squares. Defrost and cut each square into 4 smaller squares.

Filling:

½ chopped walnuts
½ cup chopped almonds
½ cup chopped pecans
½ cup chopped figs
½ cup chopped dates
½ cup chopped apricots
1 egg white

Mix dried fruit and nuts. Place approx 1 tablespoon of mixture in each square of dough and create a ball. Place on baking sheet, seam side down. Brush with egg whites. Bake at 375° until golden brown. Yields 32 balls.



Milestones in our children's lives

June is a busy time of year when so many milestones in peoples' lives all happen at once. In fact, it's so hectic everyone is usually so busy with the daily grind of life that most do not often realize the significance of what is to lie ahead of them. It is truly hard to take a breather and really think about their upcoming milestones

in their lives and the future impacts it will have on their outlook.

For those who have young children graduating Pre-K, most do not stop and think my child will never again have a Tot Shabbat in the middle of their school day or come home each day with adorable crafts. However, the reality is soon these small children will be off to kindergarten in a much larger and unfamiliar school setting. There are some of us who are so overwhelmed packing children up to attend sleepaway camp for the first time, we do not stop and think this is the first time someone else will put my child to bed at night, or comfort them when they are sad for weeks on end. Those that have school age children graduating from elementary school may not realize this is the last time their child will have one teacher for the whole year and are no longer a little child but will be on the cusp of being a teenager. I, myself, have a 5th grader who will soon graduate this month and enter middle school, and I often do not stop to reflect about this change of mindset.

There are also those of us who have even bigger milestones with children graduating from high school who will soon leave

home for the very first time to attend college, leave the nest, and be forced to make independent decisions without the comforts of all that has been familiar to them growing up. Parents may not realize that this may be the last time their child will consistently live under their roof with total control. June is also a time for weddings to take place. Many of us who have planned weddings know it is all too easy to get lost in the details of the big day, making sure every aspect is thoroughly investigated and carefully coordinated. All the while losing focus that their son or daughter, won't be solely "theirs" any longer, but will be a part of a union, building a life and ultimately a family that takes on a journey all on its own.

Even though the month of June is filled with such busy and important events to plan and coordinate, it is so important that all of us take heed of these important milestones and truly embrace the special time we have with our loved ones. With so many grim headlines which have recently been in the news, it is now more prevalent than ever to live in the present and focus on what matters most. Give that extra hug at bedtime, laugh when your young child dressed themselves in unmatched clothing, plan a special family trip, have a family game night, cook dinner together, share the ups and downs of your day with each other, or order that favorite food your child loves from his or her favorite restaurant. If the last few years of living with the backdrop of the Covid pandemic taught us anything, it is to live each day with purpose and spend it with those that matter most. I know I will be spending my time being present in the moment with my loved ones, and hope all of you will do the same. Have a happy and a healthy summer!





The beginning of the end of another school year

“The golden way is to be friends with the world and to regard the whole human family as one.”

~Mahatma Gandhi

May is always a whirlwind as it marks the beginning of the end of the school year. This May was bursting with the most joyful community events. Our annual Art

Auction was a huge success, not only as a school fund raiser, but as a community building event. This year our theme was Cinco De Mayo and our most talented and dedicated Parent Association, decorated HJC’s patio accordingly. The parents and teachers gathered together, talking, laughing, and bidding against one another for each class collaborative art work.

The children were treated to two educational and entertaining assemblies thanks to the incredibly kind and generous Satin family. Steve the Science Guy hosted an

interactive science performance. He engaged the children for an hour and definitely piqued their interest in science and math. Ramblin’ Dan is a one man show who has the children dancing and singing for the entire performance. The children loved, learned, and benefited from both performances.

Our annual Gals and Goodies did not disappoint, and all the moms, grandmas, and aunts were able to share the most special time with their children in school. The Gals were treated to performances by their children followed by collaborating on art projects, games, and more.

We wrapped up the month by planting our Spring vegetables. Each class is responsible for turning and preparing the garden soil for planting. The classes are responsible for their row of vegetables that they plant, weed, water, observe, and measure the growth. We already have a few tomatoes, peppers, and flowering broccoli! We also studied the life cycle of the butterfly as each class observed the metamorphosis from the egg-caterpillar-chrysalis-to butterfly. We set all of the butterflies free today in their natural environment, as the children called out, “Good-bye, we will miss you.”



Religious School *Gina Giuffre, Director*



“Intuition is seeing with the soul” – Dean Koontz

I still cannot believe an entire school year has passed. It truly has been a wonderful experience getting to know everyone. Last year when I was considering joining HJC as the Director of Education I was approached by so many people I knew in the “industry” singing HJC’s praises. Once again, a situation presented itself to test my faith. If

“intuition is seeing with the soul” was I able to trust my gut? Though I listened to the comments with a certain amount of skepticism, my brief encounters and conversations with various members, clergy and staff instinctually confirmed the heresay and so I took an educated leap of faith, trusted my intuition and dove in head first – never looking back. One year later I can absolutely say joining the HJC community has been one of the most rewarding and best decisions of my professional career. To be able to say “I do what I love and love what I do” is a blessing and a gift I get to unwrap every single day.

In the spirit of Lag b’Omer and end of the school year, our 3rd & 5th graders received their siddurim and Chumashim respectively. Grades 6 & 7 performed a Lag b’Omer skit

and our Religious School families enjoyed breakfast and treats compliments of the Men’s Club and Sisterhood. Children participated in field day activities, crafts and Kerboomkidz led us in dance fitness. It was a perfect opportunity to celebrate Jewish learning, educate families on a holiday and enjoy our HJC community one last time.

We accomplished so much this year and I was lucky to have a wonderful staff to support me. I want to offer my thanks to Rabbi Saks, Stacey Moss, Rosalie Goldstein, Sharone Gabay, Tara Kopman, Philip Dickstein, Ari Sutton for their classroom instruction, and my partner with youth programming, Rachel Rothschild. In addition, my gratitude extends to Leigh Murphy for passing the baton to me and her constant support, Ofer Rind and the Men’s Club, Felicia Messing and our Sisterhood who work tirelessly behind the scenes supporting our school. Many thanks to Ellen Steinberg and the MAP for effectively communicating COVID updates with due diligence and always being available for health questions throughout the year. I am equally grateful to Marty Spielman for all the gorgeous flyers he designs throughout the year.

Registration for 2022-2023 has already begun. The forms are conveniently located on our website. I have so many exciting programs and ideas for next year in store. Wishing everyone a very happy, safe, enjoyable summer!



HJC Adult Education Virtual Learning

Florence Melton Series for Adult Learning with Rabbi Ari Saks **Between the Lines: From Text To Life**

Begins Tuesday, May 31st via Zoom

Cost: \$36 per person*



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Tues., June 28th: Session #5 – **Open Your Hand and Your Heart: Tracing Jewish Values from Text to Life**

Thurs., June 30th: Session #6 – **Mussar and Middot: Ethics, Character Traits, and Being a Good Jew**

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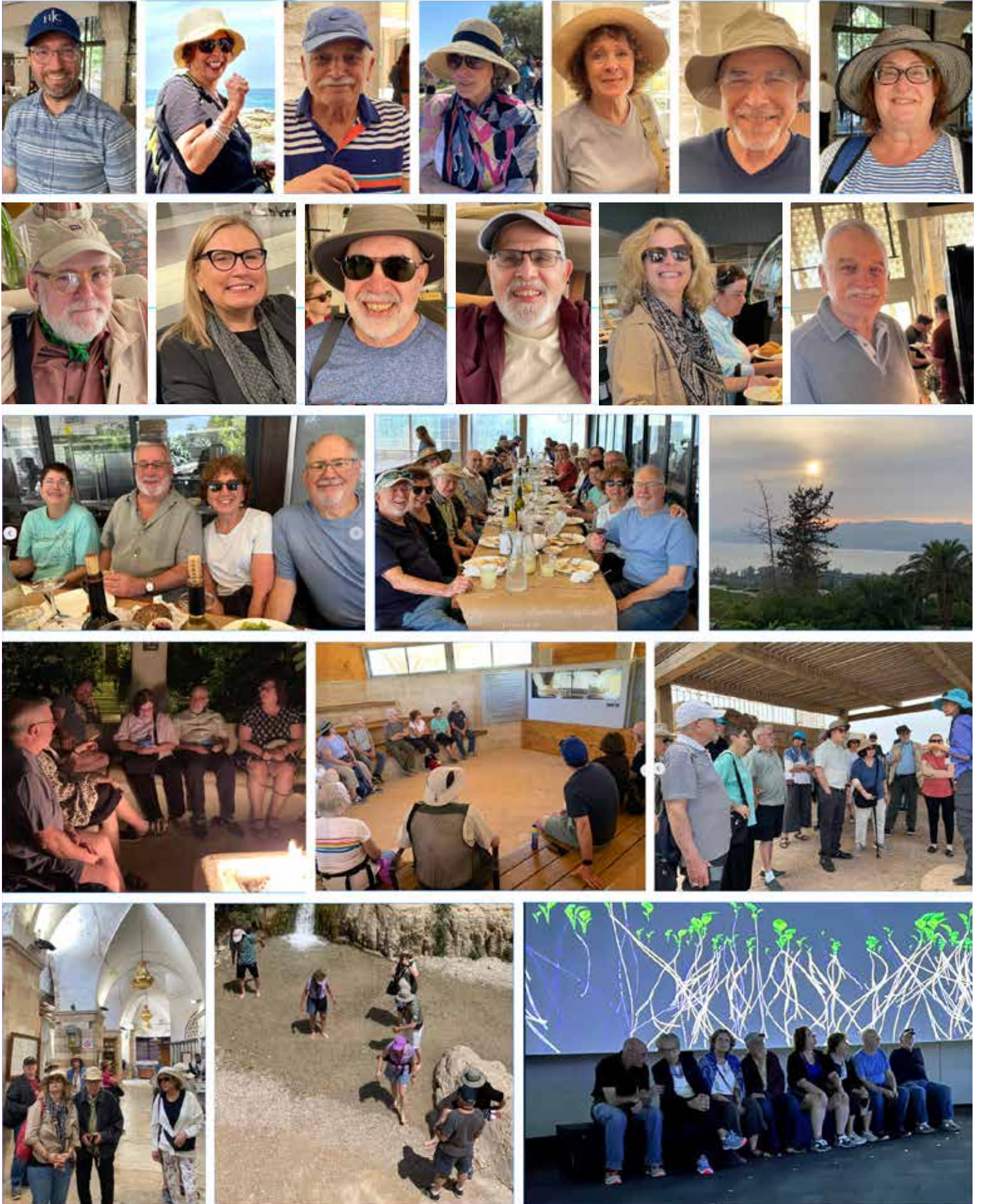
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All classes will be recorded for registered students



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Susan & Roy Glaser in memory of Renee Diamond.

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The Holbreich Family in memory of Belma Holbreich.

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Barbara Bring, mother of Jennifer Ingber

Rose Stillman, mother of Arnie Stillman.

Vered Cole

Mazal tov:

Karen and Michael Fishelson and Cindy and Richard Kaufman announce the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Rose

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Silvina & Jeff Kramer on the wedding of their son, Jake Kramer to Carly Boxer.



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Jewish Philosophers

Maimonides



Moses Maimonides, original name Moses ben Maimon, also called Rambam, (born March 30, 1135, Córdoba [Spain]—died December 13, 1204, Egypt), Jewish philosopher, jurist, and physician, the foremost intellectual figure of medieval Judaism. His first major work, begun at age 23 and completed 10 years later, was a commentary on the Mishna, the collected Jewish oral laws. A monumental code of Jewish law followed in Hebrew, *The Guide*

for the Perplexed in Arabic, and numerous other works, many of major importance. His contributions in religion, philosophy, and medicine have influenced Jewish and non-Jewish scholars alike.

Maimonides was born into a distinguished family in Córdoba, Spain. The young Moses studied with his learned father, Maimon, and other masters and at an early age astonished his teachers by his remarkable depth and versatility. Before Moses reached his 13th birthday, his peaceful world was suddenly disturbed by the ravages of war and persecution.

As part of Islamic Spain, Córdoba had accorded its citizens full religious freedom. But now the Islamic Mediterranean world was shaken by a revolutionary and fanatical Islamic sect, the Almohads, who captured Córdoba in 1148, leaving the Jewish community faced with the grim alternative of submitting to Islam or leaving the city. The Maimons temporized by practicing their Judaism in the privacy of their homes, while disguising their ways in public as far as possible to appear like Muslims. They remained in Córdoba for some 11 years, and Maimonides continued his education in Judaic studies as well as in the scientific disciplines in vogue at the time.

When the double life proved too irksome to maintain in Córdoba, the Maimon family finally left the city about 1159 to settle in Fez, Morocco. Moses continued his studies in his favourite subjects, rabbinics and Greek philosophy, and added medicine to them. In 1165 Rabbi Judah ibn Shoshan, with whom Moses had studied, was arrested as a practicing Jew and was found guilty and then executed. This was a sign to the Maimon family to move again, this time to Palestine, which was in a depressed economic state and could not offer them the basis of a livelihood. After a few months they moved again, now to Egypt, settling in al-Fus, near Cairo. There Jews were free to practice their faith openly, though any Jew who had once submitted to Islam courted death if he relapsed to Judaism. Moses himself was once accused of being a renegade Muslim, but he was able to prove that he had never really adopted the faith of Islam and so was exonerated.

Though Egypt was a haven from harassment and persecution, Moses was soon assailed by personal problems. His father died shortly after the family's arrival in Egypt. His younger brother, David, a prosperous jewelry merchant on whom Moses leaned for support, died in a shipwreck, taking the entire family fortune with him, and Moses was left as the sole support of his family. He could not turn to the rabbinate because in those days the rabbinate was conceived of as a public service that did not offer its practitioners any remuneration. Pressed by economic necessity, Moses took advantage of his medical studies and became a practicing physician. His fame as a physician spread rapidly, and he soon became the court physician to the sultan

Saladin, the famous Muslim military leader, and to his son al-Afal. He also continued a private practice and lectured before his fellow physicians at the state hospital. At the same time he became the leading member of the Jewish community, teaching in public and helping his people with various personal and communal problems.

Maimonides married late in life and was the father of a son, Abraham, who was to make his mark in his own right in the world of Jewish scholarship.

The writings of Maimonides were numerous and varied. His earliest work, composed in Arabic at the age of 16, was the "Treatise on Logical Terminology", a study of various technical terms that were employed in logic and metaphysics. Another of his early works, also in Arabic, was the "Essay on the Calendar".

The first of Maimonides' major works, begun at the age of 23, was his commentary on the Mishna, also written in Arabic. The Mishna is a compendium of decisions in Jewish law that dates from earliest times to the 3rd century. Maimonides' commentary clarified individual words and phrases, frequently citing relevant information in archaeology, theology, or science. Possibly the work's most striking feature is a series of introductory essays dealing with general philosophic issues touched on in the Mishna.

He completed the commentary on the Mishna at the age of 33, after which he began his magnum opus, the code of Jewish law, on which he also laboured for 10 years. Bearing the name of Mishne Torah ("The Torah Reviewed") and written in a lucid Hebrew style, the code offers a brilliant systematization of all Jewish law and doctrine.

His next major work, which he began in 1176 and on which he laboured for 15 years, was his classic in religious philosophy, "The Guide for the Perplexed", later known under its Hebrew title as the "Moreh nevukhim". A plea for what he called a more rational philosophy of Judaism, it constituted a major contribution to the accommodation between science, philosophy, and religion. It was written in Arabic. The work was translated into Hebrew in Maimonides' lifetime and later into Latin and most European languages. It has exerted a marked influence on the history of religious thought.

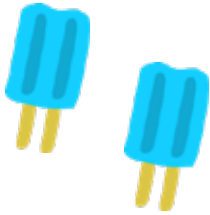
Maimonides complained often that the pressures of his many duties robbed him of peace and undermined his health. He died in 1204 and was buried in Tiberias, in the Holy Land, where his grave continues to be a shrine drawing a constant stream of pious pilgrims.

Maimonides' advanced views aroused opposition during his lifetime and after his death. In 1233 one zealot, Rabbi Solomon of Montpellier, in southern France, instigated the church authorities to burn *The Guide for the Perplexed* as a dangerously heretical book. But the controversy abated after some time, and Maimonides came to be recognized as a pillar of the traditional faith—his creed became part of the orthodox liturgy—as well as the greatest of the Jewish philosophers.

Maimonides' epoch-making influence on Judaism extended also to the larger world. His philosophic work, translated into Latin, influenced the great medieval Scholastic writers, and even later thinkers, such as Benedict de Spinoza and G.W. Leibniz, found in his work a source for some of their ideas. His medical writings constitute a significant chapter in the history of medical science.



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Jewish Entertainers

Steven Spielberg



Steven Allan Spielberg, born December 18, 1946 in Cincinnati, Ohio, is an American film director, producer, and screenwriter. His mother, Leah (née Posner, later Adler; 1920–2017), was a restaurateur and concert pianist, and his father, Arnold Spielberg (1917–2020), was an electrical engineer involved in the development of computers. His family were Orthodox Jewish.

Spielberg's paternal grandparents were Jews from Ukraine, who settled in Cincinnati in the 1900s; his grandmother was from Sudylkiv, and his grandfather was from Kamianets-Podilskyi. Spielberg has three younger sisters: Anne, Sue, and Nancy. In 1952, his family moved to Haddon Township, New Jersey after his father was hired by RCA. Spielberg attended Hebrew school from 1953 to 1957, in classes taught by Rabbi Albert L. Lewis.

In early 1957, the family moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Spielberg had a bar mitzvah ceremony when he was thirteen. His family was involved in the synagogue and had many Jewish friends. Of the Holocaust, he said that his parents “talked about it all the time, and so it was always on my mind.” His father had lost between sixteen and twenty relatives in the Holocaust. Spielberg found it difficult accepting his heritage; he said: “It isn’t something I enjoy admitting [...] but when I was seven, eight, nine years old, God forgive me, I was embarrassed because we were Orthodox Jews. I was embarrassed by the outward perception of my parents’ Jewish practices. I was never really ashamed to be Jewish, but I was uneasy at times.” Spielberg also suffered from anti-Semitism: “In high school, I got smacked and kicked around. Two bloody noses. It was horrible.” He grew away from Judaism during adolescence, after his family had moved to various neighborhoods and found themselves to be the only Jews.

At age 12, he made his first home movie: a train wreck involving his toy Lionel trains. In 1958, he became a Boy Scout and fulfilled a requirement for the photography merit badge by making a nine-minute, 8 mm film titled *The Last Gunfight*. He eventually attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Spielberg used his father’s movie camera to make amateur features, and began taking the camera along on every Scout trip. At age 13, Spielberg made a 40-minute war film, titled *Escape to Nowhere*, with a cast of school classmates. The film won first prize in a statewide competition. Throughout his early teens, and after entering high school, Spielberg made about fifteen to twenty 8 mm “adventure” films.

In 1968, Universal gave Spielberg the opportunity to write and direct a short film for theatrical release, the 26-minute, 35 mm *Amblin*. Studio vice-president Sidney Sheinberg was impressed by the award-winning film, and offered Spielberg a seven-year directing contract. A year later, he dropped out of college to begin directing television productions for Universal. It made him the youngest director to be signed to a long-term plan with a major Hollywood studio. Spielberg returned

to Long Beach in 2002 to complete his Bachelor of Arts in Film and Electronic Media.

After directing several episodes for television including *Night Gallery* and *Columbo*, he directed the television film *Duel* (1971) which gained him acclaim from critics and audiences. He then made his directorial film debut with *The Sugarland Express* (1974). The following year he became a household name directing 1975’s summer blockbuster *Jaws*. He then directed box office successes *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977), *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* (1982), and the *Indiana Jones* series. Spielberg later explored drama in *The Color Purple* (1985) and *Empire of the Sun* (1987).

After a brief hiatus, he directed two films back to back with the science fiction action, *Jurassic Park*, and the Holocaust drama, *Schindler’s List* (both 1993). In 1998, he directed the World War II epic *Saving Private Ryan*. Spielberg continued in the 2000s with science fiction, including *A.I. Artificial Intelligence* (2001), *Minority Report* (2002), and *War of the Worlds* (2005). He also directed the children’s adventure films *The Adventures of Tintin* (2011), and *Ready Player One* (2018), as well as the historical dramas *Amistad* (1997), *Munich* (2005), *War Horse* (2011), *Lincoln* (2012), *Bridge of Spies* (2015), *The Post* (2017), and the musical *West Side Story* (2021).

In addition, he co-founded Amblin Entertainment and DreamWorks, and has served as a producer for many television series and films. Spielberg is also known for his long time collaboration with composer John Williams, with whom he has worked for all but five of his feature films. Several of Spielberg’s works are among the highest-grossing films of all time. Nine of his films have been inducted into the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant”.

In 1996, *Life* magazine named Spielberg the most influential person of his generation. In 2003, *Premiere* magazine ranked him first place in the list of 100 Most Powerful People in Movies. In 2005, *Empire* magazine ranked him number one on a list of the greatest film directors of all time. In 2013, *Time* magazine listed him as one of the 100 Most Important People of the Century. According to *Forbes*’ magazine of Most Influential Celebrities of 2014, Spielberg was ranked at first place. As of 2020, *Forbes* estimates his net worth at \$3.7 billion.

He is currently the most commercially successful director of all time. Spielberg is the recipient of various accolades, including three Academy Awards, a Kennedy Center honor, a Cecil B. DeMille Award, and an AFI Life Achievement Award.

On November 19, 2013, Spielberg was honored by the National Archives and Records Administration with a Records of Achievement Award. On November 24, 2015, Spielberg was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama at the White House. In July 2016, Spielberg was awarded a gold Blue Peter badge by the BBC children’s television programme *Blue Peter*. Spielberg has honorary degrees from University of Southern California, 1994; Brown University, 1999; Yale University, 2002; Boston University, 2009; Harvard University, 2016.



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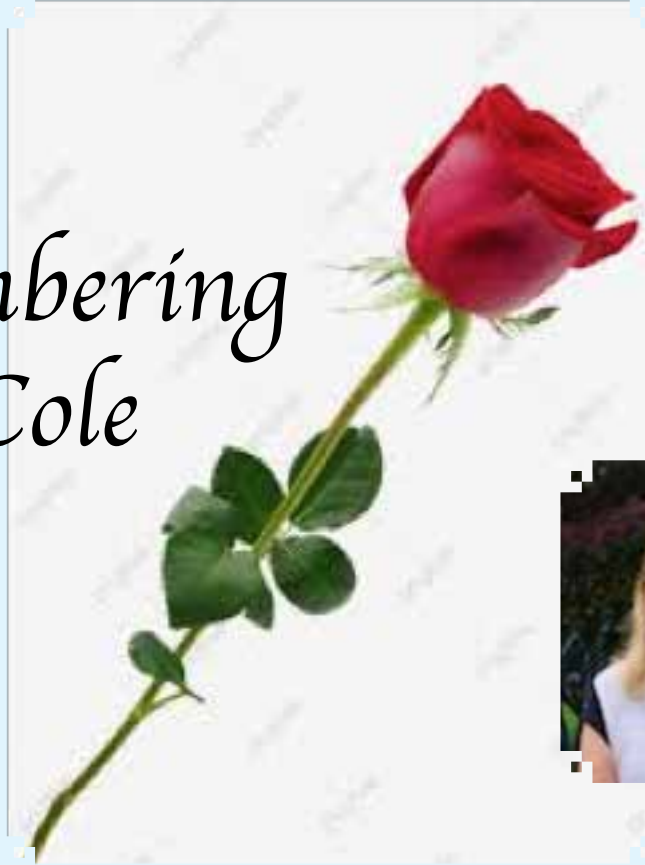
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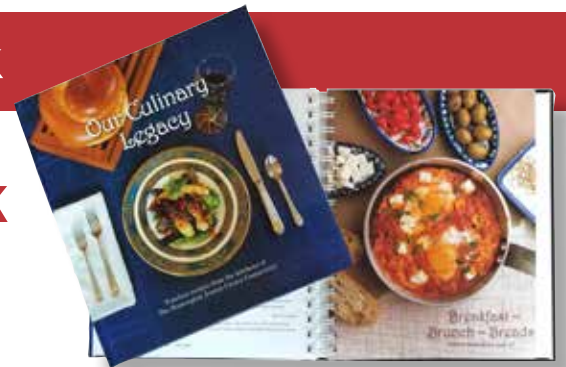
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