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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

This year's **BQLI Region Virtual Woman of Achievement Gala** is planned for Thursday
June 16th. Please save the date and watch for
publicity on how to buy tickets and ads for the new
online journal. This year's Huntington Jewish Center
honorees are Evelyn Abraham and Nicole Feibel who
will be our "Little Sister" for the L'Dor V'Dor Award.

Passover

Thank you to the Sisterhood Board for helping with the delivery of the Woodbury Kosher Passover Food Sampling and Dr. Cindy Dolgin for leading the wonderful and informative Program on Passover's Evolution. This was the first hybrid collaborative program that Sisterhood co-sponsored with the Adult Education Committee and Thank you to Nancy Cooper.

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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From Rabbi Ari Saks



So Excited to Go to Israel with HJC!

I am so excited to go back to Israel! Years ago, during what seems like a previous lifetime, I strongly contemplated moving (i.e. making aliyah) to Israel. This desire was seeded during a period of my life in which I spent sixteen months over a span of three and a half years in the Holy Land (i.e. *Eretz HaKodesh*). The more I visited Israel and learned

about its history, the stronger my connection developed to our spiritual homeland and the more important its future became to me.

Ultimately though I did not make *aliyah* because I felt a calling to serve the Jewish people and build a family here in America. It's a decision I have never once regretted and, at the same time, it's a decision that distanced me from Israel, as evidenced by the fact that my last visit to *Eretz Hakodesh* was over 10 years ago. That is why I am so excited to reconnect and re-establish my bond with Israel during our congregational trip from May 16-26. At the same time I am not the same person as the one from that previous lifetime who was ready to make *aliyah*. So I wonder, will my connection to Israel this time around be vastly different? And more generally, how strong can we be connected to Israel if we live so far away? When does physical distance translate to emotional and spiritual distance?

Theodore Herzl, the lead architect of the Zionist Movement that founded the State of Israel, seemed to think that distance mattered. In *The Jewish State*, Herzl's manifesto on Zionism, he says the following about French Jews, though it could be attributed to any sizeable Jewish community in the Diaspora:

"If all or any of the French Jews protest against this scheme on account of their own 'assimilation,' my answer is simple: The whole thing does not concern them at all. They are Jewish Frenchmen, well and good! This is a private affair for the Jews alone."

Herzl underscores the tension at the heart of Jewish life in the Diaspora. When in Israel, Jews can be fully themselves in body, mind, and soul, something I experienced during my many journeys to *Eretz Hakodesh*. However, Jews who are assimilated into their countries of citizenship are so distant - emotionally, spiritually, and physically - from the needs of their brothers and sisters who are building the Jewish State that they no longer remain Jews - they are Jewish Frenchmen, Germans, Americans. Thus, Zionism - in Herzl's words - is a "private affair for Jews alone."

Herzl's view of Zionism as a "private affair for Jews alone" remains compelling for many Israelis (and Jews in the Diaspora), but it does not resonate with me nor does it resonate with many members of our community. Though I do not reside in Israel, I care deeply for our *Eretz Hakodesh*. I celebrate every Israeli breakthrough, I cry during every terrorist attack, and I pray deeply for peace for all of its citizens and residents. What's more, my various trips to Israel infused me with spiritual strength that helped me discern my calling to be a rabbi in America. This "ennobling effect" of Zionism - to help me be a better Jewish American - would sound ironic to Herzl. However, for Louis Brandeis, the great American jurist and leader of the American Zionist Movement from 1914-1918, that "ennobling effect" is precisely the point of Zionism for American Jews:

"Indeed, loyalty to America demands rather that each American Jew become a Zionist. For only through the ennobling effect of its strivings can we develop the best that is in us and give to this country the full benefit of our great inheritance."

Each of the 21 members and friends of HJC who will be going to Israel with me are going for different reasons. For some of us, it is a bucket list trip to make a pilgrimage to Israel, and for others it is a needed return to a place that stirred our Jewish souls. No matter our reasons, we are excited to build connections with our spiritual homeland and with its history which, we pray, will provide us with the ennobling effect of Zionism that Brandeis believes will help make us better Jewish Americans when we come home. That being said, perhaps the trip will stir some feelings within us which will lead some of us to contemplate making aliyah at some point in our lives for, as Herzl intimates, Israel is the best place for a Jew to fully be a Jew. But whatever the future holds for us, I know this much our trip will be an experience we will never forget, one that will draw us closer to our faith, our people, our community, and to one another. I am so excited to go back!



President's Perspective Andrea Marcus Smoller President HIC



The Healing Effects of Being Outside in Nature

I planted tulips last year for the first time in a long time. Now, I'm looking forward to their longawaited return. I love flowers. And I love growing plants in my home. Plants bring the outdoors in. Growing plants or an outdoor garden at home is an experience anyone can enjoy. Even a hanging basket of rosemary or a cherry tomato plant in a pot on the

windowsill can enhance our connection with the cycle of life. Indoors or out, the green and blooming colors of the delightful plants we grow will enhance any view while tempting us all to step out and enjoy the outdoors.

Lately, I find myself speaking to people about the healing effect of being outside in nature. Maybe it's a natural consequence of what felt like our never-ending winter and the isolation it brought, but the warmth and the light that spring has brought, seems especially welcome this year. A change of scenery, a simple step outside into the sunshine can lift one's mood like nothing else, in barely an instant.

As we become aware and learn to dance with the cycles and seasons, we become participants in cultivating the cycle of life. We may even learn to peacefully coexist with all the living creatures that share an interest in our blossoming garden. As we plant and foster growth, we become more than a mere spectator of life's cycle. Instead, as we nurture the plants, flowers and vegetables, we become a partner in their development and growth.

It is not your duty to finish the work of the world, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it

- Pirkei Avot (Ethics of Fathers)

Last month, the Environmental Committee dedicated the Native Species Garden, the most recent endeavor of the Committee, becoming a partner in providing shelter and food for wildlife, promoting biodiversity and stewardship of the natural world. Native plants don't require fertilizers, and they establish deep roots, enabling conservation of water. Not only is this garden a welcome environment for pollinators, but also provides congregants with a beautiful space for reflection. We are grateful to the Environmental Committee for bringing this beautiful and meaningful enhancement to HJC.

Try this sweet, restful meditation when walking, when resting on a bench looking at a beautiful green meadow or sunset, or visiting our blooming Native Species Garden. As you rest in a field of loving-kindness, feel the warm embrace of the natural world's loving-kindness. You may find it useful to whisper to yourself the following phrases, or hear them being whispered to you by the wind, by the air, by your breath, by the world: Master of the Universe, grant me the ability to be alone. May it be my custom to go outdoors each day among the trees and grass, among all growing things. And there may I be alone in prayer, to talk with my Creator, to express everything in my heart. And may all the foliage of the field awake at my coming, to send the power of their life into the words of my prayer, so that my prayer and speech are made whole through the spirit of all growing things.

-Meditation of Reb Nahman of Bratslav



View From The Director's Chair



"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." - Lady Bird Johnson

It is hard to believe that the month of May and spring is already upon us! My favorite season is spring. There is always so much to look forward to in the springtime; birds chirping, a colorful array of flowers blooming, trees turning green, the ability to get outside and engage with nature as well as reconnect with people we have

not seen in a long time, which signifies an overall sense of togetherness and community.

I cannot think of a better way to celebrate spring and hope than by celebrating the upcoming holiday this month of Yom Ha'atzmaut; put up the Israeli flag, play Israeli music, watch the Menemsha Israeli film festival, attend or view the Celebrate Israel Parade, eat falafel and Israeli food & celebrate it with all of your families and friends!

There are so many wonderful upcoming programs and

events here at our own Huntington Jewish Center which embody all that spring and togetherness have to offer. The JNN is once again gathering this month to bag produce so that we can help feed local families in Huntington. It is wonderful to see so many people of all generations and stages in life come together to help. We will also be gathering to share in an invigorating musical Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner as a congregation. This will be a wonderful way to welcome in the spring by celebrating together. We hope to see as many of you attend as possible. We also have our Annual Congregational Meeting, where HJC can share one voice and create an even stronger community. Rabbi Saks will be leaving this month for the long awaited Congregational trip to Israel this month, which will be filled with lifelong experiences, friendships and memories that we all cannot wait to hear about when everyone returns.

May is such an exciting and busy month here at the Huntington Jewish Center, watch your emails and join us for all these wonderful and exciting programs!



Early Childhood News Ilene Brown, Director of Early Childhood Education



Spring, Passover, Grand People, and the Gift of Life

"There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter." — Rachel Carson

Spring provides us with an opportunity to reflect and once again appreciate the beauty and power of nature. Passover affords us with the gratitude and appreciation of freedom and

tradition. Two of my favorite books to read to the children are "Only Nine Chairs", by Deborah Uchill Miller and "Yertle the Turtle", by Dr. Suess. The former because it presents us with a problem that must be solved. Indeed, the children produced several alternatives and resolutions to resolve the conflict from this story. One of our many passions in the ECC is giving the children opportunities to think, reflect, and create solutions to problems they face daily. The latter story is not really a Passover story, but I like the children to determine who Yertle reminds them of and then discover the similarities of Yertle the Turtle to Pharoah. The last line of the Dr. Seuss

story, so eloquently states, "And the turtles, of course...all the turtles are free / As turtles, and maybe, all creatures should be.'

This year we welcomed all families to share the story of Passover led by Gina and assisted by myself, Rabbi, and

the ECC children. Everyone had great fun and enjoyed being together. Perhaps the most poignant part was when the Pre-K classes stood up in front of everyone and sang with great emotion, "Mi Chamocha - Standing at the Sea." They belted out the chorus Freedom and perhaps the most touching verse was when they sang," Bound No More." It reminds us of the challenges Jews have faced for years and an appreciation of life, freedom, and family.

We also had the good fortune to welcome back Grand People Day after a hiatus. The joy of the children spending time with their Grand People was palpable and heartwarming to be part of. They played on the playgrounds together, danced together, and even worked on a collaborative art project. It is hands down one of the very best days of the year for us.

There is nothing better and more meaningful to welcome Spring with the gift of life. Thanks to the most amazing Parent Association, we were able to observe the life cycle of egg to chick. The children learned about parts of the egg such as different membranes, air cell, etc, learned what type of environment the egg needs to develop both naturally and artificially, parts of a chicken, and their habitat. We were fortunate to witness 4 chicks emerging from the shells using





































Religious School Gina Giuffre, Director



Lag b'Omer Marks the Passing of the Great Sage, Rabbi Shimon

As the Religious School year draws to a close we have an opportunity to celebrate another successful year in the spirit of Lag b'Omer. What is Lag b'Omer anyway and what are we celebrating? In simplest terms, it refers to the counting of the "omer" or "harvest" of barley and wheat, which begins at Passover and concludes 49 days later with the holiday of Shavuot. "Lag" stands for the 33rd

day of counting the harvest. Why does this day stand out among the 48 others? Though some consider it a minor holiday, historically it has a deep tradition in the commitment to Jewish learning from Rabbi Akiva, Bar Kochba and Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. Though each Rabbi's fate could be considered tragic,

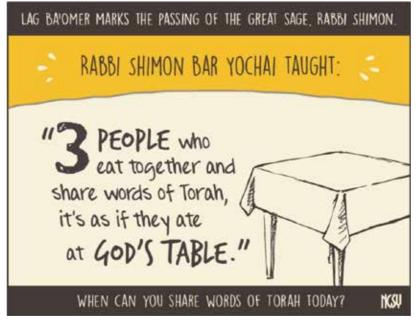
we are asked to focus on their values and lessons they provided us. Today the holiday is celebrated with bonfires, feasts and field trips. On our last Sunday, May 15th, the Religious School invites their parents to honor our Jewish learning when the 3rd and 5th grades receive their Siddur or Chumash and we celebrate with field day games, food and fun.

On April 10th we conducted a Passover Model Seder

in the Religious School welcoming our parents back to the building. As the students led the Passover songs with gusto and were eager to participate I was equally thrilled to see the enthusiasm on the parents' faces. Many parents shared with me their fond memories of childhood model sederim and how these milestones are their cornerstones to Judaism. Perhaps they were proud of their child's accomplishments, happy to see them thriving in our Religious School, or maybe it simply was reminiscent of earlier familiar days, but like Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai taught: "three people who eat together and share words of Torah, it's as if they ate at G-d's table." I am not sure Torah was up for discussion but I do know I saw holiness in the room that day. I recognize seeing parents and children learning and enjoying Judaism together is a special gift and when that opportunity is available magic happens. I know when families are brought together we are collectively making a commitment

to the sustainability of Judaism l'dor vador (from generation to generation) no matter what level of observance. I am grateful for all the volunteers who helped set up the room and to Felicia Messing and the Sisterhood for providing all the food and accoutrements necessary to make a model seder a success. Through your deeds and effort there is holiness.

Todah Rabbah.



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, May 10th @ 7:00pm

HJC SISTERHOOD MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

In-person outdoor gathering (weather permitting)
Comaraderie and Cocktails, Food and Fun

More details soon to follow...Hope you can join us!

Donations

GENERAL FUND

Bela Schoenfeld in honor of HJC and Elaine & Walter Kleinmann for being a warm and welcoming congregation.

Ceceil Klein in memory of Doris Sausmer at yahrzeit.

Andrea Marcus Smoller in honor of the birth of Miles Solomon Rubin, grandson of Leslie & Jack Rubin.

Andrea Marcus Smoller in honor of the birth of Ayden Mateus Spiro, grandson of Irma Mile.

Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of Ayden Mateus Spiro, grandson of Irma Mile.

Phyllis Goldstein in memory of Max Kessler at yahrzeit.

Marsha Perlmutter Kalina in memory of Jan Perlmutter at yahrzeit. Gwen & Ron Goldstein in honor of Rabbi Kurshan for teaching Psalms.

Shelley Weinberg in memory of Mia Freilich at yahrzeit.

The Frischman Family in memory of Emily Frischman at yahrzeit.

Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the engagement of Jason Greenstein, son of Gale & Paul Greenstein, to Jenna Halpern.

Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the birth of the grandson of Selma Greenstein.

Amira Garbus in memory of Albert Garbus at yahrzeit.

Dawn & Barry Sosnick in memory of Paulette Meltzer, mother of Eve Krief.

The Sosnick Family in honor of Rachel Gritz becoming the new Executive Director at HJC.

Judith Schwager in memory of Carole Weissberg at yahrzeit.

Marvin Rosenthal in memory of Clair Rosenthal at yahrzeit.

Ellen and Jay Steinberg in memory of Ruth Steinberg at yahrzeit.

Ellen and Jay Steinberg in honor of the birth of Remy Squires, grandson of Rabbi & Alisa Kurshan.

Patricia Schoeffler in memory of Lilian Cochrane at yahrzeit.

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Nina in memory of Paulette Meltzer, mother of Eve Krief.

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Nina in honor of the engagement of Jason Greenstein, son of Gale & Paul Greenstein, to Jenna Halpern.

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob, & Nina in honor of the marriage of Anna Fleiss, daughter of Donna & Ed Fleiss, to Gary Sundt.

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob, & Nina in honor of Dana Silverberg's upcoming wedding.

BEN TASMAN LIBRARY FUND

Nancy & Brian Cooper in honor of the marriage of Anna Fleiss, daughter of Donna & Ed Fleiss, to Gary Sundt.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

Bruce Rosen in memory of William Goldgeier at yahrzeit.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Andrea Marcus Smoller in memory of Betsy Rosen Rosenberg, sister of Tom Rosen.

Yolanda Barfus in memory of Betsy Rosen Rosenberg, sister of Tom Rosen.

Bea Pedowicz in memory of Morris Pedowitz at yahrzeit.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg in honor of the birth of Miles Solomon Rubin, grandson of Leslie & Jack Rubin.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of Selma Greenstein on becoming a great grandmother.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the engagement of Jason Greenstein to Jenna Halpern, son of Gail & Paul Greenstein. Judy & Lester Fox in honor of Jay Steinberg on his milestone birthday. Judy & Lester Fox in honor of Alice & Bruce Rosen on the engagement of their son, David Rosen to Jamie Epstein. Judy & Lester Fox in honor of Rabbi & Alisa Kurshan on the birth of their grandson, Remy Squires Kurshan.

INCLUSION FUND

Nancy & Brian Cooper in honor of Selma Greenstein's great grandchild.

MATZAH FUND

Ora & Alan Kriegstein in honor of the birth of Miles Solomon Rubin, grandson of Leslie & Jack Rubin.

Ora & Alan Kriegstein in honor of the birth of Owen Harvey, grandson of Andrea Marcus Smoller.

Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg

Dawn & Barry Sosnick for a joyous Passover.

Myrna Tils

Strachan Family

Ellen and Jay Steinberg to help others.

Nancy & Brian Cooper for Ukraine.

Felicia & Keith Messing

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Leslie & Jeff Stark

Marsha Perlmutter Kalina in memory of her brother, Jan Perlmutter Robert Schpoont in memory of Beverly and Seymour Schpoont.

The Begelfor Family in honor of Passover blessings for those in

Ukraine.

Sheryl & Ian Winkler

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Tom & Vicki Rosen in honor of Joni Brenner.

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Mimi Himmel in memory of Dan Himmel.

Maxine & Rob Fisher

Tara Kopman

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RABBI'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Sosnick Family in honor of Rachel Gritz's promotion Leslie & Jeff Stark in honor of Rabbi Saks for arranging our Israel journey.

Hui & Scott Herskovitz in honor of Eliana's Bat Mitzvah pictures.

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

Larry & Shari Feibel in memory of Paulette Meltzer, mother of Eve Krief.

Dale & Philip Mintz in honor of Mechirat Hametz.

Sheryl & Ian Winkler in honor of the sale of chametz.

Michael & Michelle Behr in honor of the sale of chametz.

Leslie & Jeff Stark in honor of the sale of chametz.

Eve & Will Krief in honor of the sale of chametz.

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob, & Nina in honor of the sale of chametz.

Andrea Smoller in honor of the sale of chametz.

Maxwell Malkiel in honor of the sale of chametz.

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Nancy Berlow & Brian Cooper in honor of the sale of chametz.

William Saperstein in honor of the sale of chametz.

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Denise Novick in honor of the sale of chametz.

Arthur & Vicki Perler in honor of the sale of chametz.

Felicia Messing in honor of the sale of chametz.

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of the sale of chametz.

Ofer Rind in honor of the sale of chametz.

Amy J. Koreen in honor of the sale of chametz.

Johanna & Ari Perler & Family in honor of the sale of chametz.

Tara Kopman in honor of the sale of chametz.

Shari & Larry Feibel in honor of the sale of chametz.

Harriet Kerns in honor of the sale of Chametz.

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Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz, Dr. Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob & Nina in honor of the engagement of James Fishelson, son of Karen & Michael Fishelson, to Elizabeth Berger.

Nancy & Brian Cooper in honor of the birth of Miles Solomon Rubin, grandson of Leslie & Jack Rubin.

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz, Dr. Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob & Nina in honor of the birth of Miles Solomon Rubin, grandson of Leslie & Jack Rubin.

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz, Dr. Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob & Nina in honor of Selma Greenstein on the birth of her great grandson.

Tami & Scott Schneider in honor of JNN feeding the local community.

Eileen & Harvey Berger in honor of the marriage of Anna Fleiss, daughter of Donna & Ed Fleiss, to Gary Sundt.

Woodbury Kosher in honor of JNN.

Andrea Smoller in memory of Paulette Meltzer, mother of Eve Krief. Vicki & Tom Rosen in honor of Rachel Gritz being named Executive Director of the HJC.

Vicki & Tom Rosen in honor of the birth of Miles Solomon Rubin, grandson of Leslie & Jack Rubin.

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Tom and Vicki Rosen in Memory of Ruth Lowenstein, Aunt of Alice Rosen.

Marilyn & David Klein in honor of the wedding of Dana Silverberg, daughter of Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg, to Alan Rosenthal. Marilyn & David Klein in honor of the marriage of Anna Fleiss, daughter of Donna & Ed Fleiss, to Gary Sundt.

Janet & Mark Zimmerman in memory of Paulette Meltzer, mother of Eve Krief.

SCHECTER SCHOOL FUND

Vicki & Arthur Perler in memory of Barnett & Shirley Perler.

TORAH FUND

Maxine Liebowitz

Mazal tov:

Irma Mile on the birth of her grandson, Ayden Mateus Spiro. Selma Greenstein on the birth of her great grandson.

Donna & Ed Fleiss on the wedding of their daughter, Anna Fleiss to Gary Sundt.

Gale & Paul Greenstein on the engagement of their son, Jason Greenstein to Jenna Halpern.

Rabbi Neil & Alisa Kurshan on the birth of their grandson, Remy Squires Kurshan.

Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg on the wedding of their daughter, Dana Silverberg to Alan Rosenthal.

Condolence:

Paulette Meltzer, mother of Eve Krief.

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.

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Virtual Israel Marathon

Thursday, May 5th 6 am - 10 pm www.hjcny.org/hjc-live



In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day), tune in for a marathon of recordings of previously held HJC programs related to Israel. Stay tuned for a specific schedule of programming including a LIVE virtual event for the community.

RSVP today by choosing Virtual Israel Marathon via www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp



Join us for a CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT EXPERIENCE



Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Friday May 6, at 6 pm Dinner to follow at 7:15 pm

Dinner: \$10 per person/\$36 per family. Babysitting available. If you prefer socially distanced seating please contact Dori Herman at (516) 448-0074 or s_dori65@hotmail.com

This dinner is co-sponsored by the Herskovitz family, the Ethel Sachs Engagement Fund and the Rabbi Neil Kurshan Legacy Fund

RSVP number of adults and children via www.hjcny.org/event-rsvp

Drop down to Shabbat Dinner

HJC Religious School invites our parents to:

Celebrate Lag b'Omer & The Last Day of School







Sunday, May 15th 10:00-12:00

Egg toss games, sack races, Fitness Fun with KerboomKidz, and more!

Edible Bonfire



Archery Craft

Lag b'Omer skit by Grades 6&7

Presentation of Chumashim and Siddurim to Grades 3&5

Chocolate Chip Pancakes! S'mores!



TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, IN PERSON

5:45 pm - Arts Exhibit, 7:00 pm - Performance

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts,

720 Northern Boulevard, Greenvale, New York

This event will be held in person in accordance with CDC quidelines. Please see our updated vaccination policy below for more

Witness Project, a collaborative process between high school students and Holocaust survivors, explores the issues of loss and resilience, war, and trauma during the Holocaust.

You'll become a new witness when you hear the meaningful stories of Holocaust survivors as told by the students. You'll also get a glimpse into the valuable relationships created during their time together by viewing artwork inspired by the survivors.

To register and purchase journal ads visit: ujafedny.org/witness

Funds raised will support services for Holocaust survivors in the community, including therapeutic programs such as

UJA-Federation's Witness Project.

UJA Vaccination Policy

UJA policy requires that all event attendees be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Please bring proof of your Covid-19 vaccination to the event. This event will be held in accordance with applicable laws and regulations,

Chairs: Caryn & Michael Beyer, Rachel & Frank Zuckerbrot

For more information or if you would like to discuss your pledge, please contact Sherri Candel at 516.762.5896 or Laurie Birzon at 516.762.5892 or contact us at witness@ujafedny.org.





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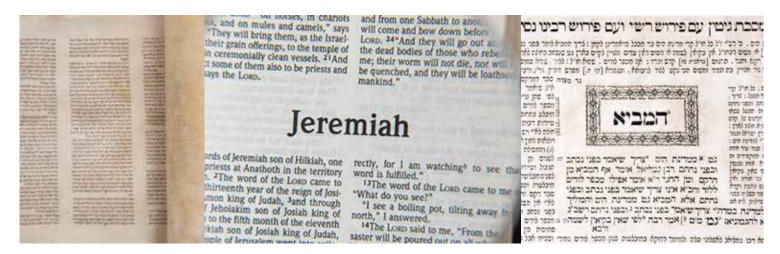
For more information call Ilene Brown - 631-425-0525, ibrown@hjcny.org

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*



Jewish texts have informed Jewish thought and practice for over 3,000 years. But how do we connect to words written so long ago? What do they reveal today? And how do they inspire action? In this six-session course, we will examine the many ways that we bring the words of our texts into our daily lives. We'll look at the hints and clues in the letters of sacred Jewish texts: the Torah, the Prophets, the Talmud (no previous Hebrew knowledge required). We'll exam structure and authorship. We'll discuss the commentary of yesterday. We'll share where we stand today. Dive into a sea of knowledge – register today.

Tues., May 31st: Session #1 - A Learned People: Connecting through Jewish Texts

Tues., June 7th: Session #2 – **Depths of Learning: The Roots of Jewish Texts**

Tues., June 14th: Session #3 – Who Wrote the Torah: Why Does It Matter?

Tues., June 21st: Session #4 - From Text to Context: The Evolution of Jewish Practice

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

Melton's School of Adult Learning courses are designed for adult learners of all types. If you are new to Jewish text learning or have studied your whole life, you will find something interesting, provocative, and engaging in this course. Don't miss out!

Register and pay via www.meltonschool.org/huntington

Students will receive Zoom information once registrations are complete.





All sessions beginning at 8 pm
All classes will be recorded for registered students

*Melton courses are heavily subsidized by HJC to encourage in-depth adult learning in our community





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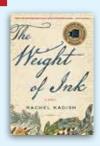
Ads submitted after 6/1/2022 will be subject to a 20% price surcharge and

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From the Ben Tasman HJC Library Tyna Strenger



FICTION:

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish. Interwoven tale of two women, one an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, the other an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history, who, as the novel opens, is about to examine newly discovered documents from the 17th century. All this just before the plague hits the city.

NON-FICTION:



Golem Girl: a Memoir of an Artist with Disabilities by Riva Lehrer. Lehrer is an artist, writer, curator whose work focuses on issues of physical identity and 'the socially challenged body'. She is best known for representation of people with impairments and those stigmatized regarding sexual/gender identity. She is currently an instructor in Medical Humanities at Northwestern U.

Last Call at the Hotel Imperial by Deborah Cohen (not just a 'Jewish' report) a prize winning historian's account of a close-knit band of American reporters who, in the decades leading to WWII took on the world's dictators.



"As they follow Putin's invasion of Ukraine, Americans are getting an inkling of what it felt like 8 decades ago when Fascist dictators were on the brink of plunging Europe into war. Back then the best source of news was an intrepid band of young American newspaper correspondents whose exclusive dispatches brought home word of the coming cataclysm." The Wall Street Journal

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Save the Dates for 2022!

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

Holocaust Memorial Day	April 28
Israel Independence Day	May 5
Lag Ba'Omer	May 19
Jerusalem Reunification Day	May 29
Erev Shavuot	June 4
1st Day of Shavuot	June 5
2nd Day of Shavuot - Yizkor	June 6
Fast of Tammuz	July 17
Tisha B'Av	August 7

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