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# From Rabbi Ari Saks



## Torah Teasers

*The following is an example of a Torah Teaser, a weekly email from Rabbi Saks inspired by the Torah portion to encourage group conversation online. If you'd like to simply read the email or join in on the discussion, please email Rabbi Saks at [rabbi.ari.saks@hjcny.org](mailto:rabbi.ari.saks@hjcny.org).*

### Hey Torah Teasers!

In last week's Torah Teaser I asked if one's choices are predetermined by the qualities, behaviors, and temperament of one's family. While it is clear that family plays a significant role in shaping our choices, the prophet Ezekiel teaches us that ultimately we are responsible for our own choices because it is only through taking responsibility for our actions that we are capable of repenting for our misdeeds.

For this week's Torah Teaser of *Parashat Ki Tavo* we will dig a little deeper into the nature of choice. Whereas last week we looked at the *capability* of making choices (given the powerful influence of family on our behavior), this week we will look at the *consequences* of our choices. In short, I'd like to answer the question: **How do we know a choice is right or wrong?**

*Parashat Ki Tavo* is well-known for its litany of blessings and curses which will occur respectively as consequences of actions taken by the Israelites. The vast majority of these blessings and curses occur in Chapter 28 of Deuteronomy and are prefaced by similar statements:

- (Blessings) "Now, if you **obey** the LORD your God to observe faithfully all of God's commandments which I enjoin upon you this day... (Deuteronomy 28:1)
- (Curses) "But if you do **not obey** the LORD your God to observe faithfully all of God's commandments and laws which I enjoin upon you this day...(Deuteronomy 28:15)

The purpose of these similar statements is to indicate how the blessings and curses are direct consequences of one's **obedience or disobedience** to God's commandments which, by extension, makes the ethical valuation of God's command-

ments irrelevant. In other words, God's commandments are not right because they are good, they are right because they came from God.

**I wonder though if it is no longer right to perform the commandments of the Torah just because God said so.** As Dr. Sandor Feldman, a 20th century Jewish clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester, wrote in his article *Patterns of Obedience and Disobedience*:

*"Elimination of unconscious influences, proper learning, and adaptation will guide the individual in whether to obey or disobey. He will in that case **make decisions**, rather than merely "obey" or "disobey."*



Dr. Feldman raises the value of "making decisions" above one's desire to "merely obey or disobey." Perhaps this is due to a feeling, which we previously discussed in last week's Torah Teaser through the lens of the prophet Ezekiel, that one should be responsible for the choices they make. Whereas Ezekiel is concerned with the religious need for the ability to repent, Dr. Feldman is concerned with the psychological need for having autonomy in determining what is right and what is wrong. **But what if human beings don't really want to make fateful choices in what is right or what is wrong? What if we prefer to have our choices made for us because we don't want to make the wrong decision?**

Walter Kaufmann, another mid-20th century scholar (professor of philosophy at Princeton University) wrote in his book *Religions in Four Dimensions*:

*"Autonomy consists in making such fateful decisions with our eyes open to alternatives that we compare, but this is felt to be as frightening as standing on a peak without support, and most people have recourse to various strategies that allow them not to look at alternatives."*

Viewing our actions as pre-determined by our family's influence or as a result of a desire to obey a particular value system (e.g. Torah and Jewish law) can absolve ourselves of the terrifying responsibility of making fateful choices. **Do you think human beings are scared of making the wrong choice?**

I'd love to hear your thoughts over email or during this week's Torah Discussion!



# From Hazzan Israel Gordan



## *The Festival of Booths*

Every year it's the same thing, and every year it's overwhelming: First we have selichot, then two days of Rosh Hashanah, Tzom Gedalia, Shabbat Shuvah, 25 hours of Yom Kippur, Succot, Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret, and finally Simchat Torah, before we start the Torah over again at B'reisheet the very next Shabbat. As a suburban-American Conservative syn-

agogue, it's very easy for Succot to get lost in all the preparations for the high holidays. But this year, it seems highly appropriate to devote, at least this bulletin column, to what's known in English as the Festival of Booths.

Like the other pilgrimage festivals (Passover and Shavuot), Succot has both an agrarian association as well as a biblical meaning. As the Israelites were fleeing Egypt, they dwelled in temporary structures, or booths. That is the English word for Succah (in singular) or Succot (in plural). In addition, during the fall harvest, workers had to be closer to their crops and couldn't lose the time commuting from their home to their fields, so they lived in booths, or succot, in order to accomplish that. For a full week we dwell in these temporary structures, the first two days of that period being a yontiv, or festival days, on which all work is prohibited (much like Shabbat) and services are held. During the entire week it is traditional to eat all meals

in the succah, and some people even sleep there, in order to fulfill the mitzvah of "dwelling" in the succah.

The seventh day of Succot is what's known as Hoshanah Rabbah, which is the end of the judgement period of the high holidays. I always like to say that if the neilah service (at the end of Yom Kippur) marks a closing of the gate, then Hoshanah Rabbah is a throwing away of the key. The next two days are also yontiv: Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Simchat torah is the newest of these holidays, instituted around a thousand years ago, once the Torah reading cycle was set, to mark the ending and beginning of that reading.



Shemini Atzeret, however, is much more unusual. It is both part of Succot and separate from it. It is traditional to eat in the succah during Shemini Atzeret, but to not recite the b'rakhah over dwelling in the succah. It is like the last days of Passover, in terms of marking the end of the holiday, as well as like Shavuot, in that it is a separate holiday, but marks the end of a period of time.

During all these holidays, God has been keeping the Jewish people close. Shemini Atzeret is our way (or God's) of saying, "stay, just a little while longer." This may be where the idea of a "Jewish goodbye" comes from, but it is a beautiful notion. The weather is often beautiful, we've established a rhythm of celebrating so many successive holidays: going to shul, eating meals, enjoying time with friends and family, that we hope it can last just a little longer. My prayer for all of us this year, is that it does. Chag Sameach!

## **SISTERHOOD EXTENDED KIDDUSHES**

The Sisterhood Extended Kiddush Luncheons have returned to HJC. What a wonderful way to extend celebrating a Simcha, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Baby Naming, Aufruff or Special Occasion. The Luncheons are prepared in our HJC Dairy Kitchen with love by our dedicated team led by Sarah Saunders. There are different menus which can be requested from the HJC Main Office. This summer, working with the HJC Environmental Committee we have transitioned to cloth instead of plastic tablecloths and silverware instead of plastic ware. Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you are interested in helping prepare or shop for the Extended Kiddush. We have been donating any leftover food to the Family Service League.

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## **Sienna DiBlasio Bat Mitzvah**



Sienna is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Canterbury School. She has grown up at HJC as she started way back as a 2 year old in the ECC. Even before that she took music classes in the same halls. Sienna cannot believe she is actually at the age of a Bat Mitzvah! Sienna enjoys theater, music, art and writing her own music. She performs live music, singing and playing her ukelele

at different restaurants and venues. Her true passion is musical theater where she has performed in numerous shows, her last being the role of Belle, in Beauty and the Beast. Sienna is an avid skier and has started cheerleading this year, which she is enjoying very much. She is very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah, because she is proud to fulfil her jewish obligations as a woman.



## *Reflections on the New Year*

Well, what a year it has been! It certainly has been a roller-coaster of ups and downs. It has been a long road, but it appears we have been able to relax our Covid restrictions a bit, even as we continue to remain ever vigilant regarding the health and safety of our Kehillah Kedoshah, our holy community.

Last year at this time, I reflected upon resilience. Resilience enables us to bounce back and provides us with the strength to not only keep going, but to thrive. A tremendous amount of resourcefulness and energy is required of us to adapt to the changing environment, and it is this ability to create solutions to problems that is the cornerstone of both a resilient person, as well as a resilient institution. HJC has once again proven itself to be such an institution.

This year we have updated the technology in the sanctuary, as well as for hybrid meetings, rising to the challenges of today's world. We have instituted improved security measures, and have plans to install a security fence around the playground, protecting our most precious little ones. Soon we will see the installation of a ramp in sanctuary, which will enable everyone regardless of abilities, to access the bima. We can be proud that our environmental committee has brought forth a robust effort to consciously use and reuse products, and along with it, a synagogue-wide effort to reduce single-use products. We have engaged in all of this, while maintaining safety protocols alongside a full Adult Ed and robust programming in which there is truly something for everyone.

This year, I would like to take a few minutes to reflect upon the wake up call that is the sound of the Shofar. The purpose of the shofar is to serve as an alarm clock, God's alarm clock. It is intended to wake us up from our spiritual slumber so that we might take stock of our lives and reassess the direction in which we are headed. The shofar is a call to not sit silent and is an invitation to participate in a meaningful and intentional way in our world and in our community.

When Rabbi Larry Sernovitz was asked to deliver the morning devotion to the Georgia state legislature this past February, he came armed with an ancient alarm. He came with a shofar. Sernovitz made history when he blew a shofar in the legislature, a first for the state legislature — and, probably the first in any U.S. Legislature. He then delivered a message urging unity in a diverse and fractious country.

"The world was in chaos before the pandemic and the cracks in our country and world were only getting worse. I believe that it was at that moment that God hit the reset button and sent everybody to their rooms, to their homes to think about their lives."

What a powerful message. The pandemic as a reset, and

the blast of the shofar as a profound wake up call. Now we know it will take much more than the sound of the shofar on these High Holidays to repair the divisions in our world, our communities and our relationships, but it certainly is a reminder to get started and is a symbol of hope for the future.

The wake up call of the Shofar encourages us to each take a look at the choices we make as individuals, in our personal relationships, and I would add, in our relationships in our community, our HJC community. The relationships we build within our HJC community take dedication, energy and loving-kindness, just as our personal relationships do. If we do not cultivate warmth, tolerance, empathy and a non-judgmental attitude we may indeed need the wake up call of the Shofar to wake us from a deep slumber.

The shofar represents more than just an awakening of our individual hearts; it also serves as a prompt to heal our communal heart. We must strive to repair the rifts within and between us—to utilize our voices to build relationships around what we share as a people, and to engage with those who may have a different perspective, but who continue to remain important to each and every one of us. When we hear the shofar, let it remind us to turn our hearts toward each other. Let the piercing, soulful sound of the shofar serve as an awakening and a call to nurture and cherish our relationships with each other and within our community, our beloved HJC. When we come together in all our beautiful diversity, when we bring our full selves into conversation with the other, we truly become one people, caring for each other, in community. By doing so, we take our responsibility to create a better world, to heart.

Let this Yomim Noraim be remembered as a time of opportunity, meaning and hope, a time of new and re-imagined connections with our Kehillah Kedoshah, our holy community and the Jewish people.

At this time, I would be remiss if the Board of Trustees and I did not extend our sincere gratitude to Rabbi Saks for his inspirational words and heartfelt prayer, Cantor Gordan for his beautiful and moving melodies and song, to Rachel Gritz, our Executive Director, for her tireless dedication, and to Barbara and Joel KupperSmith, our wonderful and devoted Kol Nidre chairs. Since there are so many in our congregation who give so generously of their time and energies, a full roster of thanks will be in an upcoming Bulletin.

From me and my entire family, I'd like to wish you and your families, L'Shana Tovah, a happy, sweet and healthy New Year in which we can celebrate our resilience, as well as recognize the call of the shofar to wake us up to grasp the robust opportunities presented to each of us, in our personal lives and in our beautiful HJC community. I wish you and your families a sweet and happy year ahead — L'shanah tovah u'metukah. May it be a year of rededication and renewal for us all. Tizku L'Shanim Rabot - May you merit many sweet years. Shana Tovah!



## *Celebrating Sukkot at HJC*

The Fall is here along with leaves falling off the trees and HJC is bustling with activity! There are so many Holidays and wonderful events happening this month, starting with our Yom Kippur services all the way through Simchat Torah. In between all of this is the Holiday of Sukkot, which has always been one of my favorites.

Sukkot commemorates the 40 years the Jewish people have spent in the desert on their way to Israel after escaping slavery in Egypt. Today, the Sukkah is a reminder that G-d creates a true sense of refuge and shelter. With that in mind, our Sukkah at HJC will have a multitude of programs in it over the Holiday of Sukkot encompassing a variety of multigenerational usage. Our ECC will be using it for their program during school hours and the Religious School will be using it for students and teens. Sisterhood will be running their dinner in the Sukkah as well as Men's Club annual beloved Steak and Scotch event. All of these programs which take place using our Sukkah really do touch upon each arm of the synagogue, as well as

span across all ages and stages of life. Sukkot brings together all of us across many generations in a safe and secure space, which allows for the creation of joyous memories.

Simchat Torah, which starts on the last day of Sukkot, also will serve here at HJC as a reminder of a place of refuge and togetherness. After Simchat Torah services, we will be bringing back the annual Simchat Torah Honoree Luncheon for all to enjoy as a community. We at the HJC Office would again like to wish all of you a sweet and healthy New year!



## *HJC Sisterhood SAVE THE DATES*



*HJC Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner  
REJOICE: Israeli Food and Dancing  
Thursday, 10/13 @ 6:30pm*

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*ROSH CHODESH: Welcoming the New Moon  
Tuesday, 10/25 @ 7:30pm*

*A spiritual discussion group to welcome the month of Cheshvan*

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*Please join us for these in-person events with friends old and new*





***"It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt***

You may have noticed something new as you enter the back of the temple. What is it? "It looks like just a few pieces of wood." "Is that what the PA raised all that money for?" Well, looks can be deceiving. The new "Outdoor Classroom," located adjacent to the Rocky/Rubber playground is

an incredible addition to our school where learning is limitless. The misconception about the "Outdoor Classroom," is that it is an actual enclosed room with more of the same of what we have in our classrooms. It is called an outdoor classroom because of the educational aspect. This is STEAM! The area is divided into several natural sections. One area is an obstacle course designed to strengthen gross motor skills. Another zone, encourages art, fine motor, and imagination. The central and largest portion is focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We are so excited about this new addition to our school! We have already observed discoveries, learning, problem solving, thinking outside the box, and thinking on a higher level, by even our youngest students. It is amazing.

So, what is STEAM? STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. As defined by NAEYC "STEAM for young children falls under the um-

brella of inquiry instruction. Inquiry instruction encourages active (often hands-on) experiences that support building understanding and vocabulary, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and reflection." STEAM provides the children with exciting, engaging, and authentic learning experiences that will serve them well in the future.

In just a very short amount of time, the children are learning about incline, velocity, size, weight, and causes and effects of all. They have worked together to assemble troughs and ramps and then experimented by using a variety of materials to test out their creations. Teachers will act as facilitators posing open ended and thought-provoking questions or just observe as the children make their own inferences. The children have also learned about pumping water and how to accelerate the pressure and quantity of water from the pump. They are mixing all sorts of creations in the Mud Kitchen, using the water pump and other natural "ingredients." They have also discovered the scale in the sensory pea pebble area, using the pebbles as weights and measures.

The art area provides further innovation and creativity. Whether the children are using the chalk board or the various loose parts to create their own designs on the tree stumps, they are strengthening their fine motor skills and their imagination.

Stay tuned for more updates, innovations, and developments regarding this incredible addition to our school!







## Recognizing Conservative Judaism in 2022

Conservative Judaism is in a unique quandary. Within the last 15 years I have witnessed its existence constantly challenged. I was raised and educated under the guidelines of Conservative Judaism and have worked and worshipped in both Conservative and Reform synagogues for many years. The Orthodox will always be here, their followers are steadfast and committed.

The Reform movement's flexibility attracts a wide array of congregants. The Conservative movement is somehow caught in the middle, or are we?

When I see the Rosh Hashanah Family Service filled to capacity, welcome the new Jewish month with a Rosh Chodesh girl's group, or have a kitchen full of children baking apple recipes after school I know my Religious School families value tradition and see its necessity to sustain Judaism. At the same time the same families struggle to balance those traditions in a modern lifestyle. For the first time in HJC history, last month we had a school day on Shabbat. I welcomed the challenge of creating a meaningful Shabbat experience that engages children and still follows all halachic

guidelines. Children should be excited to celebrate Shabbat. I wanted the students to put all those classroom hours to practical use and show them Shabbat is real, celebrated, valued and cherished. It is not just a concept. Shabbat was not only well attended and enjoyed by the children but parents applauded our effort in creating a sense of community while addressing their familial weekend schedules. How do you make a Torah portion contemporary and relatable in 2022? At the end of this month we will read and study Parshat Noach, the story of Noah's Ark, and then recognize the role our beloved pets play within our family unit with a pet blessing ceremony! A beautiful way of connecting our sacred text to our families.

Demands on families are real. The challenge is real. Preserving Conservative Judaism and recognizing our families' needs do not have to be polar opposites. They are not mutually exclusive. We cannot and will not engage our families with programming that used to work 10 years ago coupled with a 20th Century mindset. Conversely, I am confident with some creativity, ingenuity, flexibility and commitment to both the Conservative Movement and our families the future might be different but it will be bright.





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**Suzanne Susskind** in memory of Eric Lieberman at Yahrzeit

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**Brian & Nancy Cooper** in honor of Phil Mintz

**Vivian Rothschild** in loving memory of Bill Cadel

### New Members:

Steven & Cheryl Kobren

Rachel & Jared Parrotta and their children, James & Jack

Rabbi Dan Danson & Julie Luks

### Condolence:

Family of Rosalyn Gordon

Rhoda Morris, mother of Steven Morris

### Mazal tov:

Alissa & Chris DiBlasio celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sienna

Laurie & Mark Wax on the marriage of their daughter, Pamela to Daniel Dolnick

Eliana Saks and Moshe Nwafor on their marriage

Sarah & Alex Charles and Amy Kulchinsky on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter Ellie Pearl

**Cantor Gordan helped the Suffolk Y remember the Munich 11, 50 years after the terrorist act. His beautiful voice brought a gentle peace to the ceremony.**



## A Note from the Inclusion Committee:



Secret Chord Concerts is a free on-demand video series featuring 15-25 minute performances from celebrated Jewish musicians representing a broad range of styles, heritages, and histories and recorded live in front of intimate audiences in Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

A cross-country partnership between the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History (in Philadelphia) and the Milken Center for Music of American Jewish Experience (in Los Angeles) generated this new online offering. Both presenting organizations are committed to inspiring in people of all backgrounds a greater appreciation for the diversity of the American Jewish experience.

Watch previous episodes as well as upcoming performances at <https://theweitzman.org/secret-chord/>

## The Village groups met for yoga, photography and walking





**HJC Youth Group\* Presents:**

# **Rosh HaShanah Apple Baking!**

**Create apple desserts  
that will impress your family!**



**Sunday, Oct. 2nd  
12:00-1:30 p.m.**

**\$25/PP**



**RSVP <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/roshhashanahapplebaking>**

**\*HJC Youth Group provides various social opportunities throughout the school year  
for all children ages 5-18 including but not limited to Chaverim, Kadima & USY**

# Tashlikh\* Take Two!

Join us for one (or both) opportunities  
to perform this short, but powerful,  
High Holiday ritual with your HJC community

Sunday, October 2nd



## **First Tashlikh** – 11 am with Religious School kids and families

Meet at the synagogue to walk together to the small brook off of Park Avenue

## **Second Tashlikh** – 2 pm at Goldstar Beach Park (Browns Rd, Huntington)

Join us at this beautiful site where we performed Tashlikh as a community  
during the height of COVID restrictions in 2020

\*Tashlikh, which means “cast away” in Hebrew, is an atonement ritual performed during the High Holiday period to symbolically cast away our sins by throwing pieces of bread into a body of water.

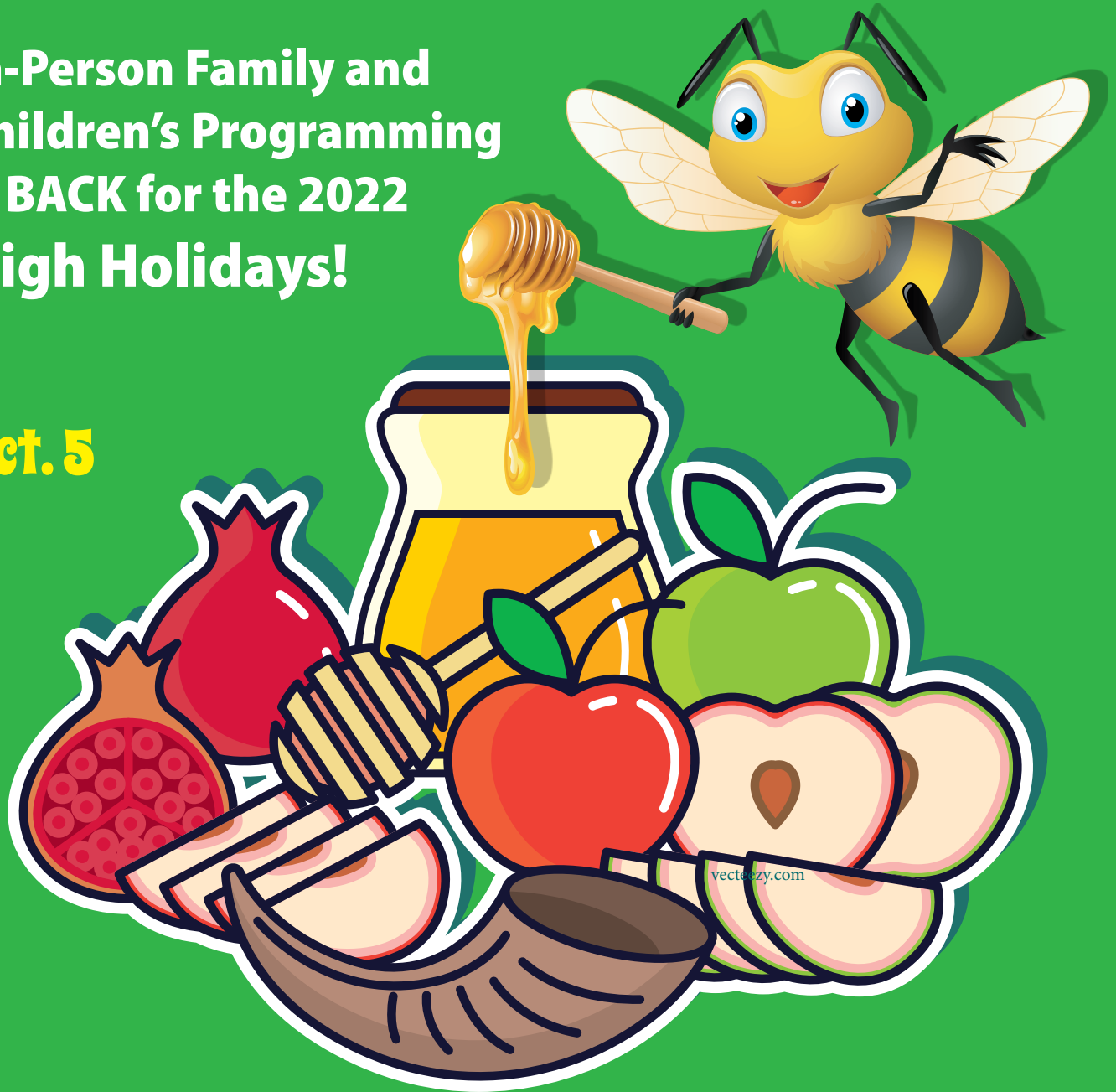




# Have you heard the Buzz???

In-Person Family and  
Children's Programming  
is BACK for the 2022  
High Holidays!

Oct. 5



**10AM - Family services led by Religious School Director Gina Giuffre**

**11AM - 12 Noon - Fun activities for kids ages 3+ run by experienced teachers/counselors**

Check out the High Holiday Hub ([www.hjcny.org/hh-hub](http://www.hjcny.org/hh-hub)) for more UPDATED information including details of activities, registration, logistics, and health & safety information!

**HJC Youth Group\* Presents:**



# **Schmoozing in the Sukkah**

**Make an edible sukkah!**

**Bake Apple Strudel!**

**Meet our new Youth Director Lea Feiner**

**Grades 8-12**

**Sunday, Oct. 16th, 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

**\$20/PP / Lunch included**

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/schmoozing-in-the-sukkah.html>



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# **Simchat Torah Lunch honoring Nancy & Brian Cooper**

**Tuesday, October 18th  
following morning services**



## **Come celebrate the gift of Torah!**

**RSVP at <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/simchat-torah-honoree-lunch.html>**

Simchat Torah, "Rejoicing with/of the Torah", is a holiday to celebrate and mark the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle. Simchat Torah is a component of the holiday of Shemini Atzeret ("Eighth Day of Assembly"), which follows immediately after the festival of Sukkot in the month of Tishrei.

# **Kehillath Shalom Synagogue Presents:**

**(Cosponsored by the HJC Israel Engagement Committee)**

## **A Conversation with Professor Mark S. Rosentraub**

### **OFFERS MADE/OPPORTUNITIES MISSED**



**An attempt to build programs  
between a US University  
and a University in the  
Palestinian Authority:**



**Sports, Israeli Arabs, and a Failed Effort.**



**Sunday Oct. 23rd, 7:00pm  
Kehillath Shalom Synagogue  
57 Goose Hill Road  
Cold Spring Harbor NY**



**Light refreshments served**

**F**or several years, Professor Mark S. Rosentraub of the University of Michigan worked with faculty from the American Arab University in Palestine (AAUP) to establish a master's degree in sports business. The plan was to deliver the degree program with faculty from both the University of Michigan and AAUP. This first partnership for the University of Michigan with a Palestinian university was to be financed by the University of Michigan.



Dr. Rosentraub had been involved with Arab students from Israel and Palestine for several years before attempting to build a new master's degree at AAUP. Dr. Rosentraub had also worked with faculty from the Hebrew University on plans and programs for an emerging Palestine from 1999 to 2001. Professor Rosentraub has been a visiting scholar at the Hebrew University and the University of Jordan.



Dr. Mark Rosentraub is the Bickner Endowed Professor of Sport Management at the University of Michigan. He has taught at the Hebrew University and Ben-Gurion University. He has worked on partnerships supported by the business community in Nazareth and has been involved with negotiating with the Palestinian Authority to deliver educational programs in Ramallah and Jenin. Professor Rosentraub has also worked with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland to build programs focused on cooperation between Jews and Arabs in Israel and in the Palestinian Authority.

**Please RSVP to Judy Davis: [jdavis4727@aol.com](mailto:jdavis4727@aol.com) by Thursday, October 20, 2022**



## NEW SEASON.....NEW YEAR.....NEW BOOKS...



### ADULT FICTION:

**The Matchmaker's Gift** by Lynda Cohen Loigman. A story of two women generations apart. The Jewish immigrant grandmother and her Divorce Attorney granddaughter are the makers of finding and matching soulmates.



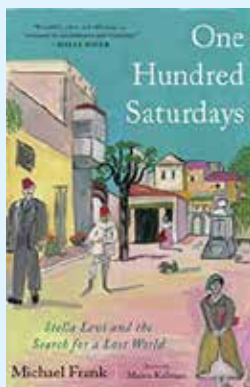
### YOUNG ADULT FICTION:

**The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen** by Isaac Blum. "When Orthodox Jewish teen Hoodie Rosen sees a girl dancing on the sidewalk outside the window of his Yeshiva classroom, he has no idea that the connection they'll form will lead them to question everything they believe and change both of their lives forever". BookPage September 2022. So begins the full two page article of the magazine interviewing Blum about his debut novel, described as the funniest YA narrator of 2022. (Hoodie/Yehuda)



### CHILDRENS FICTION:

**A Hat for Mrs. Goldman** by Michelle Edwards. Mrs. Goldman knits hats for everyone while Sophia her young neighbor, makes the pompoms for the tops. 'keeping keppies warm is our mitzvah' says Mrs. G and then goes on to explain what mitzvah is. I don't usually write about children's books here, but this article was delightful (also in BookPage) and you may have a child or grandchild or a good friend who's a child, and would enjoy this.



### NON-FICTION:

**One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World** by Michael Franks ( Biography in BookPage). Stella Levi is a 99 year old Jewish woman artist living in NYC. She meets Michael Franks (author of "The Mighty Franks" and "What is Missing") by chance at a lecture where they start a conversation. And so begins the 100 Saturdays they would spend together as she described in detail her earlier life on the island of Rhodes where Levi was born in 1923 in the Jewish quarter, and the Holocaust which reached there at the end of WWII. BookPage describes this book as a story of friendship, survival, reinvention and courage.



## RIDOTTO SEASON 2022 – 2023

### Sunday, October 2 at 4 pm **Remembering**



Music grounded in memory, recalling happy times. In Ridotto: Five Folk Songs by Florence Price, Mozart's Clarinet Quintet, and Duos by Bartok and his student Ersebet Szony. Performers are Mingzhe Wang, clarinet and the fabulous Price String Quartet.

### Sunday, Nov. 6 at 4 pm **Pianist Zhu Wang**

This young, sensational, Chinese-born pianist has been praised for his "technical mastery and deep sense of lyricism". His program Beethoven Op.2 no.2, Wen-Chung, Schubert Impromptus, and Bach/Busoni Chaconne.



Sunday, Dec.4 at 4 pm **Pianist Ying Li** Twenty-four-year-old Chinese pianist Ying Li, known for her Mozart interpretations, has received top awards in many national and international competitions. Her program: Mozart, Schumann Op.17, Stravinsky Firebird, Haydn.

### Sunday, January 8 at 4 pm **The Kreutzer Sonata**



Beethoven's magnificent Sonata for violin and piano, Op.47 inspired Tolstoy to write a dark love story. Performers are virtuoso violinist Filip Pogady and pianist Vassily Primakov. Film and narration. With Beethoven's "Appassionata" piano Sonata.

### Sunday, Febr.5 at 4 pm **"Faure and Saint-Saens"**

Student and teacher; rivalry and friendship. Two magnificent Piano Trios by two French masters performed by the Gloriosa Piano Trio with Eric Silberger, violin, Kevin Bate cello and Yoonie Han piano. "A graciousness that could move a stone... impressive virtuosity and mature emotional depth." *Fanfare 2020*

### Sunday, March 5 at 4pm **Pianist Saskia Giorgini**

Italian-Dutch pianist Saskia Giorgini ("thrilling, flawless," The Observer) returns to Ridotto with a program of Liszt, Rachmaninov, Enescu and Respighi. In 2021 she won the Gold Diapason for her CD: *Poetiques et Religieuses*. "Her lyrical signature is just as overwhelming as the technical allure of her playing" (*Opus Klassiek*)



### Sunday March 26 at 4pm **Josef Haydn-Ariadne auf Naxos**



A mostly Haydn program with the Cantata for mezzo soprano and string quartet. Written in 1790 it was first performed with overwhelming success in London. In Ridotto: Mezzo soprano Kate Lerner, hailed for her voice of "gleaming black lacquer," and the Amedeo ensemble with violinist Song-A Cho.

### Sunday, April 16 at 4 pm **CAPRICCIO**

A program inspired by the Capriccios by Tiepolo and Goya. The musical Capriccio is brilliant and daring. In Ridotto: music by Paganini, Ligeti, Tarrega, Bacewicz, Locatelli. With Kinga Augustyn, violin; others tba

Tickets: \$35 general admission; \$30 Seniors; \$25 Ridotto Members Membership \$50 single; \$75 Family; \$90 Four-Choice (any four concerts); Tutto Ridotto, all Season \$150.

Ridotto performances are held at the Huntington Jewish Center, 510 Park Ave. in Huntington NY 11743.

Lots of Free parking, and handicapped accessible.

Reservations/ Info: [Ridotto@optonline.net](mailto:Ridotto@optonline.net) or (631) 385 0373

**Covid News:** we urge all artists, audience and personnel to be fully vaccinated; wearing a mask is recommended; concert seating is distanced in the hall. Ridotto follows NY State guidelines. [www.Ridotto.org](http://www.Ridotto.org)

## 2023 SUFFOLK SIGNATURE EVENT

### SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 10, 2022 - 6:30 pm  
Temple Beth Torah  
35 Bagatelle Road, Melville, New York

This Fall join us as we come together to present the L'Dor V'Dor award to Vicki & Arthur Perler and Johanna & Ari Perler, the Business Leaders awards to Richard Morse and David Rosenberg and the Community Leadership award to Rabbi Susie Heneson Moskowitz.

You'll discover how UJA is standing strong for our community – in crisis and every day.

For more information or to R.S.V.P. please contact Laurie Birzon at [birzonl@ujafedny.org](mailto:birzonl@ujafedny.org) or 516.762.5819.

## DALIA AND ROZ HIGH HOLIDAY COOKING

On Thursday September 15th, Sisterhood sponsored High Holiday Cooking with Dalia Rosenthal and Roz Spielman. They demonstrated how to prepare four Vegetarian Middle Eastern recipes that you can add to your High Holiday Menu. Dalia also showed us how to create an Appetizer Basket and Dessert Boards. If you would like to have copies of the recipes, please contact Evelyn Abraham.







**HJC is joining with other local religious organizations to form a Sponsor Circle in conjunction with HIAS to welcome a Ukrainian family to the Huntington Community.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** in providing housing, everything to create a home, meet medical, educational, social service and other needs while they get settled here.

Please contact Marsha Perlmutter Kalina - **631-223-2252** or **[marshaapk@optonline.net](mailto:marshaapk@optonline.net)** if you want to be part of this effort.

Thank you.



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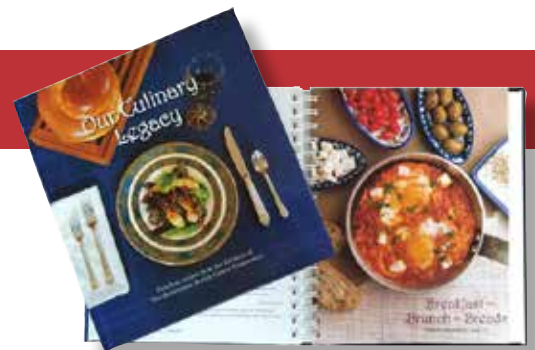
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If you are looking to add some new Recipes, the Culinary Legacy Cookbook should be your source. There are interesting stories as well from our HJC Community. The cost is \$36 a book. You can order online <https://hjcny.org/hjc-cookbook/> or send a check payable to HJC Sisterhood to HJC and mark attention Sisterhood Cookbook.



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If you are looking for a gift to give family or friends, in addition to the cookbook, buy an Apron (\$15) and Grocery Bag (\$5) with the Cookbook logo.

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