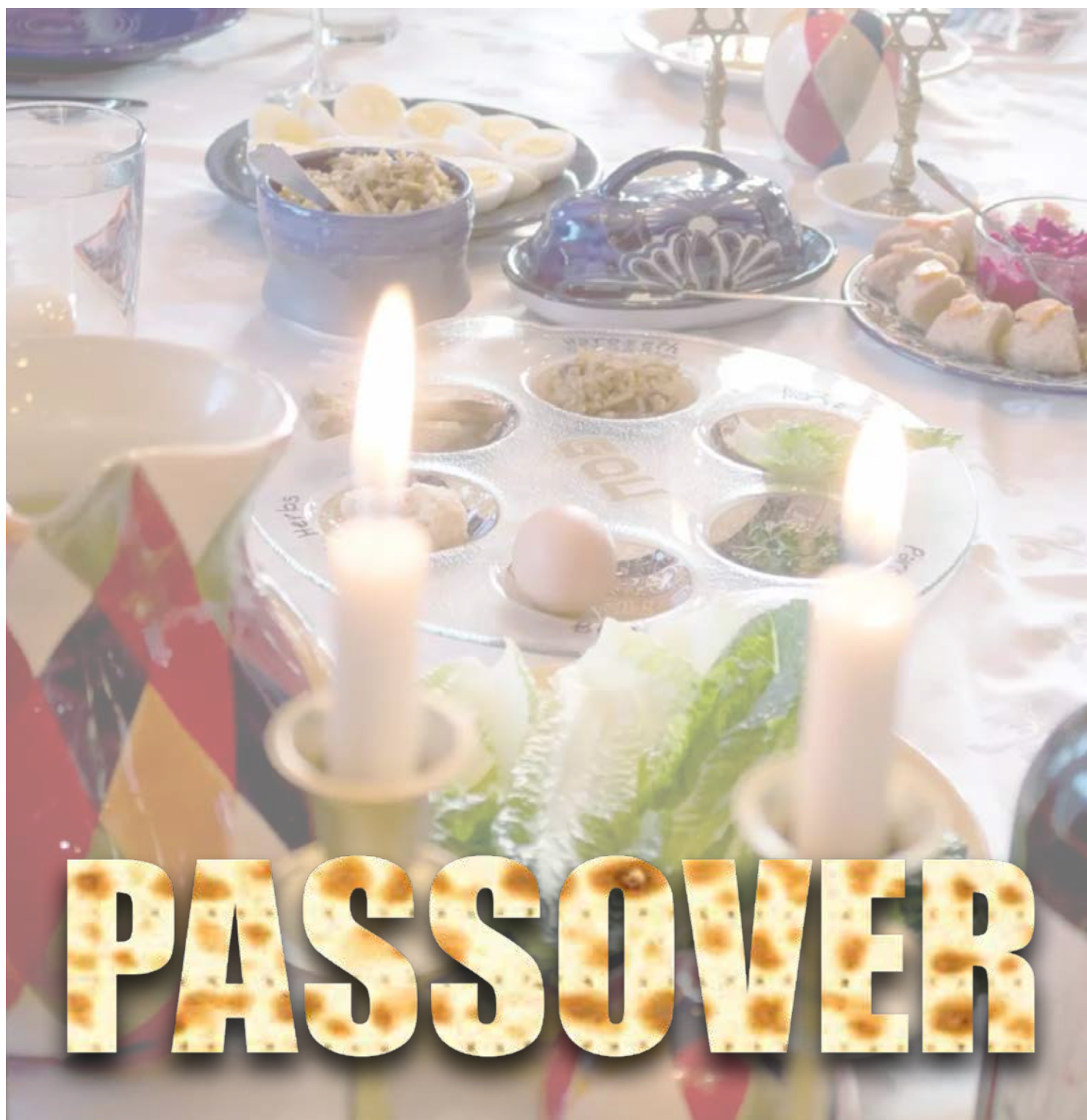




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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you to all who paid your Membership Dues. Dues support our wonderful HJC Community with donations, sponsoring of programs and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Watch for Emails with Information on Membership Events.

TASTE OF PASSOVER

Thank you to all who planned this year's event. Thank you if you contributed recipes, led a demonstration, helped with shopping, cooking and baking for one of our favorite Sisterhood events, Taste of Passover. This is the first time that we have been back in person since 2019.

BQLI REGION WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AND LITTLE SISTER AWARD HONOREES

Our Sisterhood is honoring our Torah Fund Woman of Achievement, Shari Feibel who always goes above and beyond and for her outstanding dedication and invaluable contributions to our Sisterhood and HJC Community.

Our Sisterhood is honoring, Gabriella Messing as our L'Dor V'Dor Little Sister to recognize that she has contributed to our HJC and the Jewish Community. It is important for us to inspire young women for the future of Conservative Judaism.

HJC Sisterhood honorees will be recognized and honored at this year's annual BQLI Region Woman of Achievement Gala on Thursday evening June 8 at Temple Beth Shalom, Roslyn Heights. Watch for information on how to attend the Gala and recognize our honorees.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN

This year, the Torah Fund campaign—the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League for Conservative Judaism—has reached its 80th birthday. The new campaign, **Our Chazak v'Ematz campaign, Be Strong & Courageous** has begun.



We summon strength and fortitude in these changing times to continue to make an important impact at our global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education: Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

Your generosity helps provide essential scholarships and programs to train future leaders of the Jewish community. Torah Fund helps develop future rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers, lay leaders and others.

If you would like more information on Torah Fund, please contact Evelyn Abraham. If you would like to make a donation: <https://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund>

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From Rabbi Ari Saks



Telling the Story of Passover

As we approach our final week of preparation for the holiday of Passover, my mind turns to the art of telling the story of Passover. In particular I'm thinking about the methods, the timing, and the layers of how we share the content of the Passover story. For centuries, the primary method we use to tell the story of Passover is through reading the

haggadah at the Passover *seder*. The *seder* is an ancient ritual, but not that ancient since it was crafted by the rabbis of the *Tannaitic* period (approximately 100-300 CE). So how was the story of Passover shared prior to the *seder*?

We get a hint at the answer by virtue of the fact that the *haggadah* itself does not retell the story of Passover, rather it is a rabbinic interpretation of six verses in the Torah on what the Israelites would say when they came to the Temple to perform their Passover sacrifices:

And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God: 'A wandering Aramean was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, few in number; and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. And we cried unto the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders. And He hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And now, behold, I have

brought the first of the fruit of the land, which Thou, O LORD, hast given me.' And thou shalt set it down before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God. (Deuteronomy 26:5-10)

Perhaps the reason the rabbis focused the *haggadah* on interpreting these verses was to keep the continuity of the Passover ritual from one generation to the next. In other words, prior to the *seder*, Jews would tell the story through performing a sacrifice. Thus the *seder* tells the story through the lens of that sacrifice.

While the *haggadah* retains this rabbinic tradition, there has been a shift in recent decades from simply reading the *haggadah* in the fashion of our ancient rabbis to telling our own Passover stories. In other words, just like the rabbis adapted the story of the ancient sacrifice to fit their storytelling style, so too do we adapt the rabbis' version to create a meaningful story for ourselves in connection with this beautiful holiday of redemption and freedom.

On April 6th, we will celebrate the second Passover *seder* as a community. During this *seder* we will have opportunities to keep the continuity of the Passover ritual that started during the days of the Temple in Jerusalem and, in the spirit of the Tannaitic Rabbis who developed the *seder* and the *haggadah* to accompany it, we will adapt the story of Passover to tell it in a way that will resonate with us in 21st century America. Both kinds of storytelling - ancient and modern - are necessary so that the Passover story will continue to be meaningful for generations to come.

Looking forward to seeing you at the *seder*!

Kol Tuv and Chag Kasher v'Sameach,

Rabbi Ari Saks

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

April 17 at 7 pm
Temple Beth El
660 Park Avenue, Huntington



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Living in Community

When we see ants, bees and frogs out in the world, sometimes all we can see is just one but we know there are many more not far behind. For ants, bees and frogs, functioning as a part of a whole helps to ensure the survival of each individual member of the group. The group's survival is the implicit goal of each individual's life. Recently, I have been noticing

the beautiful and graceful Canadian Geese flying in formation overhead. In fact, I've noticed that they fly in a V-shaped formation. You may be interested to learn that they fly in a V flight pattern because it conserves energy. Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front of them, resulting in a reduction of wind resistance. Also, it is easier to keep track of every bird in the group. Each one participates individually, but the pattern serves the community as a whole. Amazing.

Even though as humans we certainly value our individuality, I believe we can learn important lessons about how much richer our lives can be when we are in community, working, sharing and joining together with others for a higher purpose. We live, love and derive strength from our families. We find camaraderie and community in our friendships. Living and participating in a larger community, such as synagogue life and Judaism can do the same, further deepening and enriching the fabric of our lives.

Communities can give us a sense of belonging and a sense of meaning. Being in community also allows us to cherish Judaism's cultural treasures which can best be enjoyed with others. The foundations of our communities are built upon social connection, a sense of belonging and meaning, and mutual responsibility. When members of our HJC community are in trouble or despair, others in the community are there for them. Whether it be through prayer, study or through committee participation, there are many ways to deepen the ties to our HJC community. My first entrance into active engagement in synagogue life was through participation in committees. From my first tentative baby step onto the ECC committee when my children were little ones, to today, participation in committee life at HJC has connected me to HJC in a profound way and has enriched my life immeasurably. It is a way to feel part of the larger whole, and a way to become an integral component of what makes HJC special. For more information about how you can become involved in committee life at HJC, please see the article in this Bulletin by Janet Zimmerman. As Passover approaches, I am reminded that Passover is a holiday which

not only connects us with our ancestors through the retelling of the Passover story, it connects us with the people most important in our lives through gathering together for the Seder. Passover also serves as a painful reminder that the Jewish people were seen as strangers in the land of Egypt and spent 40 long years wandering in the wilderness without a home. These elements of the Passover story help remind us of the importance of a home, and of the importance of community. It urges us to be together, for families to be together, and for communities to be together in an inclusive way. We literally open our doors to everyone who is hungry, to everyone who wants to join our Seder meal, to everyone in our community. This year, for the first time in many years, HJC is having a Community Seder, which by its very name, emphasizes the importance of being in community. By gathering together we share our past and our present. Religious ritual holds power not only because it connects people gathered in one space — it also connects people across time. And when religious ritual is practiced in a community, it holds an even stronger power, because it becomes a shared experience. So when we hear the familiar refrain of "Frogs here, Frogs there, Frogs are

jumping everywhere", let it be a reminder to us all of the value of caring for each other and the power of being in community.

Let us also not forget that generosity and giving to those less fortunate is also an important Jewish value and a way for communities to care for one another. Jewish communities make collections of maot chitim, literally "wheat money," before Passover to ensure that everyone can celebrate the Holiday of Freedom. Here at HJC, our wonderful Sisterhood has collected money for the Matzoh Fund for many years, fulfilling this obligation. I have always looked forward to the Seders my family celebrated as I was growing up with my extended family, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, as

well as those I made for my family, and still do. It is an opportunity for us to connect with our past while transmitting Jewish identity to younger generations. It is an opportunity for my children to sing the silly song about the jumping frogs they learned at HJC many years ago, while using the matzoh cover made by my mother-in-law's mother in 1908, and my grandfather's kiddush cup. It is an opportunity to be grateful for my growing family while remembering those who are no longer with us. This year, it is also an opportunity to celebrate with my HJC family at our Community Seder on April 6th. And, it is an opportunity to appreciate and to be grateful for the ability to be together, in community, once more. From my family to yours, wishing you a sweet and joyous festival of freedom. Chag Pesach Sameach





Spring has arrived!

It is so nice to finally be able to see bright blue skies as opposed to the gray, dreary and pale winter days. It is wonderful to be able to see the beginnings of green grass, and buds of plants starting to bloom. April is the gateway to the spring, which bridges the gap between the isolated winter and a time of

renewal. While springtime can be a symbol of the future, it also can be a time where we can appreciate and honor the past.

This month, we usher in the beautiful holiday of Passover. One of the best parts that I enjoy about Passover is the fact that it becomes a time that is set aside amongst everyone's hectic schedules to educate our next generation about our culture and heritage. I always enjoy how my children take turns to read the Passover Haggadah, and as each year they grow older different questions emerge and in return more knowledge is taken in by them and becomes engrained in their minds. Also, Passover is a time to share stories around the table of family traditions from those that are our family's matriarchs and patriarchs. Recipes are also shared from

one generation to another during the preparation of the Seder itself, which are passed down and hopefully remain in a family forever. On a different note, we observe Yom HaShoah this month as well. Yom HaShoah can also be a time that we can educate our next generation about all that our faith and people have endured and can be a time to hear stories from survivors or relatives of survivors.

Here at HJC, we have many exciting programs on the horizon for April. We have our very first Second Night Community Seder, led by Rabbi Saks. What a fantastic way to share stories and pass on information to the next generation. We will be having a Ukrainian Shabbat, celebrating Yuna & Max, and learning more about their journey here in the United States. There will be a joint Men's Club & Adult Education program featuring a speaker about the Jews of Long Island. The Cinema Arts Center is also having their first Jewish Film Festival this month. HJC will also be having a community Yom HaShoah program with Temple Beth El and Kehillath Shalom, where we can lean on each other and share strength during a time of remembrance. I hope that you will take part in and attend these wonderful programs that our synagogue has to offer, so you too can share your history and stories and become part of the tapestry of HJC.

COMMUNITY SEDER 2ND NIGHT OF PASSOVER

Led by Rabbi Saks

April 6th, 5:30pm
at HJC



\$25 per adult, \$10 per child

All Welcome

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Seder starts promptly at 6:00 pm sharp

RSVP link: [https://hjc.shulcloud.com/
event/second-night-community-passover-seder.html](https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/second-night-community-passover-seder.html)

SAVE THE DATE!

Rabbi Saks's Farewell Kiddush
June 17 at HJC



PHOTO BY MOTI DOLGIN

Join us as we celebrate Rabbi Saks's rabbinate
at the Huntington Jewish Center,
and wish him and his family farewell.

- Rabbi Farewell
Kiddush Committee





Jewish Holidays

On this day, we celebrate the Jewish people defending themselves. Let this Purim be a reminder to stand strong in your convictions and never be afraid to defend yourself against evil.

~Women's Day.

I love the Jewish holidays for many reasons, but perhaps mostly because they teach us valuable life lessons and bring us rich and celebratory traditions. It occurs to me that every Jewish holiday has a valuable lesson to learn, and they are all so relevant in today's world. In Purim we learn about courage to stand up for what you believe and also the lesson of acceptance and tolerance. As a woman, I am grateful to Vashti and Esther for their courage and strength to say, "no" and to stand up for their beliefs, values, and themselves. We can compare some of the Jewish holidays to our modern-day superhero stories, which can pique today's children's interests and help them to relate to our Jewish stories from long ago as there is generally a villain and a brave, good guy.

Purim is such a festive holiday, not just for children. It brings us back to a place in our childhood when we got dressed up and enjoyed the holiday. The children can't get enough of this fun, celebratory holiday and I must admit that I couldn't either! The festivities started with the HJC Purim carnival. There was a great turnout as we welcomed the Purim carnival back. Many of the ECC families came to mingle and eat. The children dressed up in their favorite costumes and played games, bounced, and had a great time. The air was clearly filled with excitement and joy. The ECC kicked off this fun holiday with literature, music, storytelling, and dramatic play. The teachers do such a wonderful job telling the story of Purim. As an extra special bonus, Rabbi Saks came in full costume, joined the ECC in the sanctuary to tell the story of Purim. Of course, one of the many highlights of this holiday is shaking the grogger to blot out Haman's name. The children had plenty of opportunities to shake their groggers during the story. Following the story, all of the children marched in a very festive and loud Purim parade.



Religious School

Gina Giuffre, Director



From Passover to Personal Stories: Finding Meaning in our own Journey

As the Passover holiday approaches, it is a time for us to reflect on the journey of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. This story has been passed down l'dor vador (from generation to generation) and is retold each year at the seder table. However, as we retell the story of the Exodus, it is equally important to also consider how we can relate to this

story on a personal level by sharing our own stories of challenges, family and hope.

The Passover story is a powerful tale of perseverance and triumph over adversity. It is a story of people who used faith and determination to overcome their oppressors. As we retell this story, we are reminded of the strength and resilience of the Jewish people and how these qualities have been passed down into the 21st century.

This monumental chapter in our history is not just about the past. It is a story that is still relevant today and can help us understand our own

challenges and struggles. Each of us has faced our own challenges in life, whether it be personal, professional or spiritual. These challenges can be overwhelming at times, and it can be difficult to see a way forward. Just as the Hebrew slaves were able to overcome their challenges and find hope in the face of adversity, we too can find strength and inspiration in our own struggles. By sharing our own stories at the seder table among family and loved ones, we can connect with others and find support and encouragement, strengthen family bonds and create a sense of unity and purpose. By sharing our stories, we act as a conduit for hope and inspiration that can inspire others who are struggling.

This Passover, let us take time to reflect on this historical holiday and how it relates to our own lives. Let us share our stories of challenge, faith, and hope and find strength and inspiration in the stories of others. Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek (be strong, be strong and let us strengthen one another). Happy Passover!





The Yellow Candle

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is often commemorated in communities and synagogues with large mass gatherings, often attended by those most directly impacted by the horrors that occurred in Europe. While these gathering are important, the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (to which the HJC Men's Club belongs) has long understood that

Holocaust Remembrance needs to also take place in the home, to allow people to reflect on how it effected the entire Jewish people, even generations later, and to also have a mechanism for families to gather for a moment to teach and to explain to the next generation the impact and the survival of that horrific moment in Jewish history. For over 40 years, families have come together to light the Yellow Candle™, to remember, to teach, and not to forget.

FJMC leaders created the Yellow Candle™ as a living symbol for home observance of Yom HaShoah. HJC Men's Club purchases and distributes Yellow Candles to our community and we hope you will join us to light the Yellow Candle™ on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day, Monday Night, April 17, 2023.

WHY THE YELLOW CANDLE™?

The Candle is Yellow to remind us of the Yellow Star that Jews were forced to wear to identify them as Jews and open them to ridicule and persecution. On the night of Yom HaShoah the candles are lit in homes across the globe to shine a light of memory, a light of education, and a light that we will never forget. By participating in this program, you are helping to keep the memory of the Shoah alive and to remember what happens when good people do not stand up.

By participating in this program, you build the next link in the chain of memory. Just as we light a Yahrzeit Candle to burn for 24 hours to remember a dear one who is no longer with us on the anniversary of their death, so too, once a year, we light a



Yellow Shoah candle to burn 24 hours to remember the 6,000,000 of our extended family, who died for no other reason except for being Jewish. Join us in remembering the tragedy of the Holocaust to ensure it is not forgotten and hopefully prevent similar heinous crimes or a repeat offense.

Sharing light for remembrance using the Yellow Candle™, is not just a moment in time, but a timeless moment that can never be forgotten. The tool of light – through candle sharing – will shine truth on everyone it touches.

Support the new ShopRite in town!

An important addition to our community.

It's exciting to see the wonderful kosher products and amazing selection of Passover products available.



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Jay & Ellen Steinberg in memory of Barbara Ingber, mother of Scott Ingber

Jay & Ellen Steinberg for the speedy recovery of Dan Schoeffler

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Marlene & Leonard Hummel in memory of Robert Ross, Father of Marlene Hummel at Yahrzeit

Marlene & Leonard Hummel in memory of Harriet Hummel, mother of Lenny Hummel at Yahrzeit

Marlene & Leonard Hummel in memory of Barbara Ingber

Marlene & Leonard Hummel in honor of the birth of Cole Avery, grandson of Andrea Marcus Smoller

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Joan & Paul Cohen in memory of Abraham Cohen at Yahrzeit

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Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer in honor of Paul & Gale Greenstein, on the marriage of their son Jason to Jenna Halpern

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Leslie & Jack Rubin in honor of Andrea Smoller on the birth of her grandson Cole Avery

Leslie & Jack Rubin in honor of Paul and Gale Greenstein on the wedding of their son Jason to Jenna

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Brian & Nancy Cooper wish a Refuah Shlema to Dan Schoeffler

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Susan & Farel Jouard in memory of Eileen Berman at Yahrzeit

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Gwen & Ronald Goldstein in memory of Barbara Ingber, mother of Scott Ingber

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Jennifer & Scott Ingber with gratitude to Rabbi Saks
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Shelly Weinberg in memory of Marc Weinberg at Yahrzeit
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Paul & Gale Greenstein on the marriage of their son, Jason to Jenna Halpern

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Join us for the 1st Annual Long Island Jewish Film Festival. This three-day celebration of Jewish Cinema and culture will feature films that include thought-provoking documentaries, captivating dramas, and historically significant films, all curated by David Schwartz, Manager of Theatrical Programming at Netflix. Spanning three days Friday, April 14th to Sunday, April 16th, the Long Island Jewish Film Festival will present a selection of films at the forefront of Jewish cultural storytelling including Ralph Arlyck's I Like it Here, Leon Prudovsky's My Neighbor Adolf, Ofir Raul Graizer's America, Fred Cavayé's Farewell, Mr. Haffmann, the Yiddish language Ukrainian film Shtetl, and the rarely seen silent, City Without Jews.

Tickets and more info



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Sisterhood of the Huntington Jewish Center

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Matzah Fund



Dear Congregant,

It is that time of year: It is Sisterhood's Annual Matzah Fund Appeal.

For each of us, Passover is a holiday overflowing with memories – seders with our grandparents, relatives and friends; asking the four questions for the first time; a first seder with a new husband or wife or baby; or the first time a loved one was not present. Happy memories and sad merge together at one time as we gather around the seder table during this special Jewish holiday.

This year, as you know, is still a horrific time in the Ukraine. We have been sending our support to so many that are suffering there and those who are now displaced as well. Here, we are asking for your local support. If you can, please consider making a donation to those in our community who are in need. Many struggle in our community and are in great financial need.

On Shabbat HaGadol, the Shabbat before Passover, we read in Leviticus 6:13 that the "fire on the altar is to be kept burning..." in case we miss the message G-d repeats... "a perpetual fire shall be kept burning on the alter, not to go out."

We are here to help each other - to keep the fires burning for those who need light. Please be part of this mitzvah, especially this year. Your check can be made payable to the HJC Sisterhood, sent to my attention to the synagogue office (your check will be received) or payment can be made online at www.HJCNy.org – click on Quick Donate and specify Matzah Fund. As Passover is right around the corner, please send in your contribution as soon as possible.

Thank you on behalf of the entire Sisterhood community for your generosity and concern.
Wishing you and your family safety and good health during this Pesach season.

Sincerely,

Joni Brenner V.P. Cooperation and Community Service

HJC Sisterhood and HJC Men's Club

invite you to:

Learn to play



Canasta!

Thursdays April 20th, April 27th, and May 4th @ 7:30 PM at HJC

One of the most popular card games in the United States, Canasta is a challenging and fun experience that combines luck of the draw, skill, and diverse strategies. It can increase your cognitive and memory abilities.

And it's a great social experience as well!

Join the fun!

Class size is limited so please RSVP today!

Classes will be led by HJC congregants, Susan & Louis Walsdorf

\$20 per person for HJC Sisterhood and HJC Men's Club members
\$30 per person for non-HJC Sisterhood and non-HJC Men's Club members
(NO WALK-INS)

Please RSVP to Evelyn Abraham at
631-424-6922 or evelyn_abraham@optonline.net

PASSOVER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

SEDER PLATES, MATZAH COVERS, PLAGUE BAGS,
and OTHER ITEMS
TO ENHANCE YOUR SEDER AND SEDER TABLE



The HJC Sisterhood Gift Shop is ready to assist you with all your PASSOVER and Judaica needs

"Our Culinary Legacy" Cookbook makes a perfect Passover hostess gift
Our items are sold at below market cost, no tax,
and all profits go right back to supporting the Sisterhood of HJC!

For more info or to make an appointment, please contact:

Eileen Berger: berger4u@optonline.net/631-261-2164

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On Sunday February 5 the Sisterhood hosted another great Hamantashen Baking for Families Workshop. It was a full house of 44 participants and a fun time was had by all! Many thanks to all who participated and the volunteers who assisted.



On Tuesday, February 28th the Sisterhood sponsored an adult hamentashen workshop. Participants rolled and formed a dozen hamentashen to be baked and enjoyed at home. Everyone was so creative with the ingredients and many new combinations were invented!



SUNDAY
APRIL 16
10am

PRESENTATION
BY AUTHOR
BRAD
KOLODNY



AT HUNTINGTON
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THE JEWS OF LONG ISLAND 1705-1918

Brad Kolodny



"A WELL-ILLUSTRATED AND PAINSTAKINGLY RESEARCHED
CHRONICLE THAT TEACHES US MORE THAN WE HAVE EVER
KNOWN BEFORE ABOUT THE EARLY JEWS OF LONG ISLAND."

-JONATHAN D. SARNA

Professor of American Jewish History Brandeis University & Chief
Historian Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Books available for sale and signing following the presentation

Executive Committee

HJC Needs You!

HJC has been around for many years! And many members have also been around for many years, volunteering at the synagogue they love. Many of us have had children attend the HJC Nursery School, Religious School or Schechter, seen our children celebrate becoming bar and bat-mitzvah, go off to college, get married, have children, and bring their children to Nursery School! The cycle continues.

Many of us who have been longtime members also have put in our share volunteering in many varied capacities—chairing or being members of committees, joining Men's Club or Sisterhood, joining the Board of Trustees, learning how to lead services, and attending all kinds of programs. HJC has been our home and we have many memories of happy times, and times when we have supported each other through sadness.

But some of us are newer, or perhaps have been members for a long time but have become less active. And of course a pandemic thrown into the mix didn't help! But this is a call to all of you: HJC needs you! We want and need to hear your voices, your opinions, your ideas! Please think about joining a committee. Many of us who have been members for a long time are still busy at HJC, but we welcome anyone who wants to be involved!

If you'd like to become more involved but aren't sure how, here is a list of committees that would love some new people: Finance and Budget, House, Inclusion, Israel, Membership, Security, Social Action, Social Justice, Strategic Planning, and Technology, and many more. And of course Sisterhood and Men's Club are always happy to welcome new members! If you're not sure what would be a good fit for you, please give me a call (631-491-4084), or email me at ladyzim1@icloud.com, and I would be happy to connect you with the right person or people!

We always refer to HJC as being a family. We are reaching out to all of you to become more involved. You will be rewarded beyond measure once you take the first step. So give me a call or send me an email to get the ball rolling!

Thank you.

Janet Zimmerman, on behalf of the Executive Committee

Caring Committee

Hesed Connections

Jewish tradition teaches us to treasure each day. It is especially during moments of change and transition that we need to show up for each other. We at Huntington Jewish Center are creating a committee that considers it a privilege to mark and share important stages in a person's life. We want to be here for you. We want to provide support in sadness and joy. Our newly created committee is looking for volunteers to engage in "gemilut hasadim": acts of lovingkindness. These may include calling housebound members, picking up a library book, prayers for healing, someone to talk to, and Shabbat connections: calling a member on Thursday or Friday to wish them Shabbat Shalom and engaging with them. Please call me. Hesed connections is another place in the Huntington Jewish Center that reflects our best selves. With your participation let's create an exciting, innovative, and collaborative program where we live our Jewish values with Hesed: Lovingkindness.

Joni Brenner Rabbinic Chaplain / Lay Chaplain U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary
631-759-1713 joniaviv1@icloud.com



By all accounts Mostly True Things was a successful evening. It could not have happened without the help of many people. I would like to extend my appreciation to Evelyn Abraham, Nancy Cooper, Bruce Fleiss, Donna Fleiss, Rachel Gritz, Ira Kalina, Gail Lodge, Marty Spielman, Alex, and Victor for your contributions. And none of this could have happened without Jude Treder-Wolff's great guidance and, of course, the Storytellers, Ed Fleiss, Mike Richter, Emily Schwartz, and Marcey Wagner.

Thank you all. **Marsha Perlmutter Kalina**

Please come to meet Max and Yuna on Shabbat, April 15, for a chance to hear their stories with a Q&A after Kiddush.

Celebrate Israel at 75 Israel Day Parade

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 11am - 4pm
Fifth Avenue between 57th Street & 74th Street

Bus will be provided, leaving from HJC at 9:30am and returning at 2:30pm.
(Bus times are an estimate and subject to change.)

Price is \$36 per adult, \$18 per child.
Includes: a special parade T-shirt in your size (required for marching),
plus round-trip coach bus ride.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact Keith Messing at kmessingk@gmail.com

Must register by May 4th

LINK to Register: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/celebrateisraelparade2023.html>
To snap pictures while at the parade use hashtag **#HJConFifth**

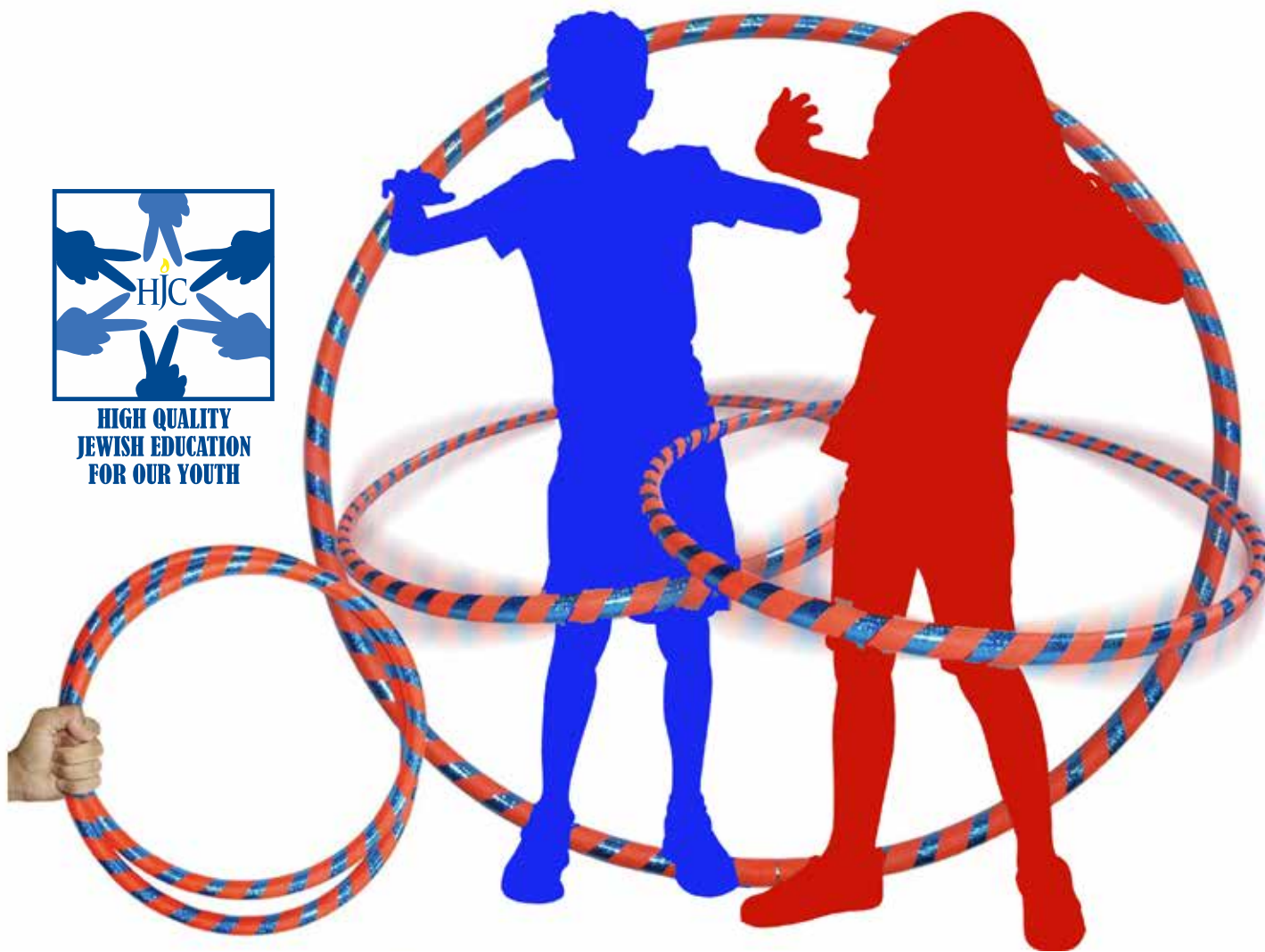


HJC Youth Group* Presents:

HULA HOOPING HOOPLA!



**HIGH QUALITY
JEWISH EDUCATION
FOR OUR YOUTH**



- **Team Building**
- **Movement & Physical Challenges**

Sunday, April 23rd, 12:00-1:30PM

Grades K - 3

\$20/PP - Lunch included

RSVP by April 18:

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/youth-program-hula-hooping-hoopla.html>



***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**



It's Israel's 75th Birthday! Is it yours?

**To all HJC congregants celebrating your 75th birthday this year:
Come celebrate with Israel and march with the HJC contingent.**

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To all our HJC friends and family

We would like to create a touching memory book for Rabbi Saks filled with photos and written tributes to give to him when he steps down from his rabbinate at HJC this June. We hope to be able to present it to him at his Farewell Kiddush on June 17. You will be receiving more details about that kiddush in the near future.

Please email any photos you may have of him at HJC events and/or a few paragraphs about a special memory you may have of him or how he has touched your Jewish life.

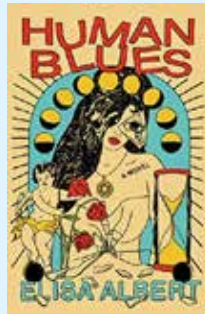
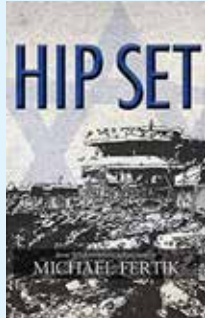
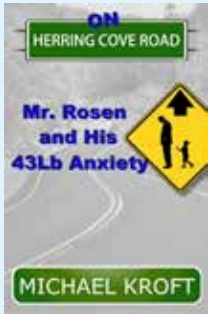
Please send the photos and tributes to rabbi.saks.photos@gmail.com
NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2023.

Thank you all for helping us create this lasting memory for him.

*- Rabbi Farewell
Kiddush Committee*

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FICTION:



Mr. Rosen and His 43 LB. Anxiety by *Michael Kroft*: “A feel good novel about an unlikely friendship between a troubled old Jewish man and the son of his racist neighbor.” (Amazon/ Herring Cove Road)

Hip Set by *Michael Fertik*: A noir thriller set in modern day Tel Aviv. A “simple” murder, Sudanese refugees, Russian gangsters, and an ancient mystery of biblical text. Hard to resist such a combination.

Between These Walls by *Michael Newman*: A voyage of discovery for an Art curator who receives a package from Germany, setting in motion a quest which will unlock family secrets from the late days of WWI, the rise of Hitler, WWII & the Holocaust, the birth of the State of Israel and three Middle East wars.

Human Blues by *Elisa Albert*: ‘darkly funny, tongue in cheek’ about women today, ambition, the price of success and the pressures on them to reproduce. Aviva, a singer-songwriter releasing her fourth album, struggling with infertility obsesses over, and is inspired by real-life Amy Winehouse.

All the Broken Places by *John Boyne*: A spinoff of his previous novel, “The Boy in the Striped Pajamas”, aimed at adults. The narrator is a 91 year old widow, burdened by memories of the past, where her father was camp commandant at the concentration camp depicted in the previous tale. She has lived for decades in a comfortable and affluent section of London but is now distressed by the behavior of new neighbors and problems within her own family. The story unfolds between present and past episodes, dealing with relationships, themes of family ties, and to what degree the sins of the fathers are to be laid upon the children.

Code Name Edelweiss by *Stephanie Landsem*. I came across a review of this book under the heading of Christian Fiction/Historical. Set in 1933 Los Angeles and based on a true story. A Jewish lawyer, head of a small group of amateur spies, enlists the help of Liesl Weiss to gather information and aid in the discovery and foiling of Hitler’s plot to take over Hollywood. Since I haven’t actually read it, I have no idea of what the religious connection might be, but I suspect it’s a matter of faith rather than doctrine. In any case, I like the title.



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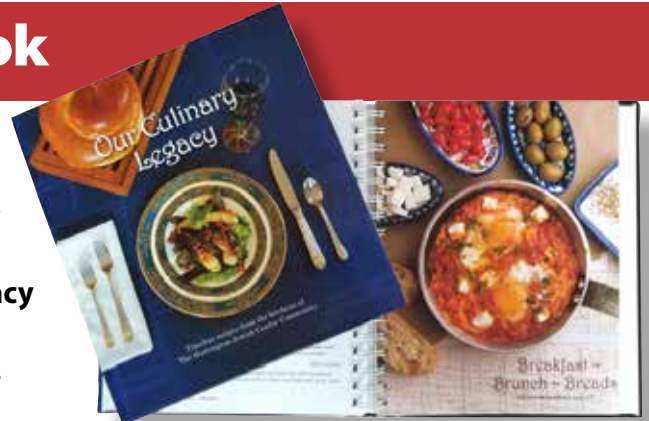
If you are looking to add some new Recipes, the Culinary Legacy Cookbook should be your source.

There are interesting stories as well from our HJC Community.

The cost is \$36 a book or \$44 if you would like it shipped.

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.

Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you have any questions about making donations and ordering the Cookbook, Apron or Grocery Bag. evelyn_abraham@optonline.net

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