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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

BQLI REGION WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AND LITTLE SISTER AWARD HONOREES

HJC Sisterhood honorees, Shari Feibel and Gabriella Messing 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.

SISTERHOOD EXTENDED KIDDUSHES

If you are planning a B'nai Mitzvah, Aufruf, Birthday or Anniversary Celebration, please consider Sisterhood to cater your luncheon at HJC. Sisterhood has recently updated the Kiddush Luncheon Menus. Please contact Sarah Saunders if you would like more information on the menu options that are available.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPDATE

Our Sisterhood will be awarded the 2023 Women's League Conservative Judaism Jewels in the Crown at the Women's League Convention on July 18th in Schaumburg Illinois. The award winners will be listed in the Virtual Journal and on the WLCJ website. The award covered 2020- 2023 and is given to Sisterhoods who do outstanding work to promote their Sisterhood, programming, devotion to social action and commitment to Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The theme for the Convention is Sisters Celebrating Together. Our Sisterhood is truly special with many women who are devoted and passionate about our community.

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 campaign is **Chazak v'Ematz, Be Strong & Courageous**. It will be closing on June 30th.



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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*You are cordially invited
to attend the
Farewell Kiddush
of
Rabbi Ari Saks*



*June 17, 2023
Huntington Jewish Center
510 Park Avenue
Huntington, NY 11743*



Please RSVP by June 2, 2023 at:
<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/rabbi-saks-farewell-kiddush-.html>

If you require any accommodations to be able to join us and fully participate in this event please notify the office so we can assist you.

From Rabbi Ari Saks



As you came in peace, may you go in peace: Saying Goodbye to the Huntington Jewish Center community

How is it possible to put into words the last 6 years I spent as your rabbi? We've been through so much together. But more than particular programs, trips, lifecycle moments, Shabbat and holiday services, classes, communal celebrations, or surviving the COVID-19 pandemic together, what

I've cherished the most are the one-on-one conversations when I've gotten to know you, your family, and your personal connection to Judaism. Each of you has a unique Torah, a special teaching within you that is your gift to share with the world, and my goal was to listen deeply to hear your Torah, to understand your Torah, and to assist you in sharing your Torah with others.

I pray that many of you felt I heard your Torah as I know I learned so much from what you taught me. At the same time, I know there were times I failed to hear your story and understand your Torah, so before I leave I want to publicly ask

for forgiveness for the mistakes I made and the people I hurt during my time as your rabbi. Through all the ups and downs of pulpit life the HJC community has been there for me, supporting me, cajoling me, encouraging me to the best rabbi I could be and I hope that I made you proud.

The honest truth is that if it wasn't for my experience at HJC, I could not imagine taking this next professional leap into the unknown where my paycheck isn't guaranteed and the scope of my work isn't written neatly in a job description. You've given me the confidence to go in peace, knowing that the Torah of gratitude, creativity, and hopefulness I cultivated during my time at HJC will help my family and I thrive as we begin this next chapter of our lives. No matter what the future holds for us, we are ready to take it on, so from the bottom of my heart - and from that of my family's as well - thank you for these six amazing, crazy, and formative years I've spent as your rabbi.

Thank you for letting me share my unique Torah with you.

Rabbi Ari Saks

WELCOME BACK TO THE LIEF CHAPEL

Welcome back to our newly renovated and beautiful Lief Chapel! Through several generous donations, the Lief Chapel has had many updates and upgrades. We have a beautiful new Parochet and Torah covers as well as a refreshed space. Planning for a dedication this summer is underway. We have already returned to using the Lief Chapel for Friday night services, and over the summer, we will also be returning to using this beautiful space for Shabbat morning services. We, of course, want everyone to feel comfortable coming back to this beautiful space and we are instituting risk mitigation measures including keeping the door open, making sure our HVAC system has air constantly circulating, and posting appropriate signage. We look forward to seeing you there!

LAG B'OMER BONFIRE





With Much Gratitude and Friendship

Although The Grateful Dead's "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been" is also quite apropos, just like the chorus in the song, "Circle", written and sung by Huntington's own Harry Chapin, my years at HJC keep rolling by. Although Harry might not have been thinking about this when he wrote this song 50 years ago, I am proud to say that I am part of a Jewish community that has not only been "rolling along", but has been thriving in Huntington for over 116 years. And for myself, after "rolling" through many other roles at HJC, it truly has been an honor and a great privilege to have served as President of the Huntington Hebrew Congregation these past 2 years.

Ever since I joined HJC in 1989, HJC has been a second home to me. My participation in synagogue life started on the Board of the ECC, then as my children grew, I moved on to the board of the Religious School. I chaired Family Life for several years and participated in Fundraising for many years, successfully supporting significant financial efforts. I chaired our Ritual Committee for over 10 years, where as a Conservative synagogue, we are continually striving to meet the challenges to honor our traditions, while also meeting people where they are in today's world. I have, indeed, had many roles at our dear HJC.

Through this participation in our HJC community, and so much more, I created a life infinitely enriched...a life which has been immeasurably deepened by being intertwined in the fabric of a strong community. HJC has always meant community to me. The relationships which we foster here are ones

in which we can rejoice together in the best of times, and ones which help sustain and surround us with comfort during the difficult ones. For me, HJC has been a refuge, a place of learning, a place of community, a place of exploration, and a place of prayer, faith and spirituality. I feel privileged to have been afforded the opportunity to be able to give back to HJC, as HJC has meant so much to me in my life.

Our collaborative, engaged and invested community is the framework that fosters the ability to work through challenges, one by one. One of our most valuable strengths as a community is the ability to share our varied perspectives and collaborate together, creating the beautiful tapestry of skills, talents and energies that is our wonderful HJC community. Each voice in our community is essential and important, because we are each an integral part of our beloved HJC community. Our strength comes from our commitment to listening respectfully to each other, individually and collectively collaborating together, doing our very best for our dear community. We know this because of our deep sense of commitment to our Kehillah Kedoshah, our holy community.

As I step down, I am proud to say that serving as President of HJC has been one of the great honors of my life. Over the past two years, we faced many challenges, many unprecedented twists and turns. This "long, strange trip" has truly been a roller coaster. But the wonderful thing about our community is that I never felt that I was in it alone. Thank you; I am indebted and truly grateful to everyone for your support and to each and every one of you who did not hesitate when called upon for help, sharing yourselves most graciously and with much generosity. I will always cherish our deep friendships, our commitment to each other and to our wonderful HJC community.

Circle by Harry Chapin

*All my life's a circle
Sunrise and sundown
The moon rolls through the nighttime
'Til the daybreak comes around
All my life's a circle
But I can't tell you why
The seasons spinning round again
The years keep rolling by*



About Me and My Family

Thank you for placing your trust and confidence in me and the 2023-2024 Officers and Trustees of the Huntington Jewish Center. I am both excited and a bit frightened at the prospect of assuming the presidency of HJC. This is certainly an exciting time for HJC as we fully emerge from the pandemic and welcome a new Rabbi. Our leadership team

is committed to ensuring a successful transition and introducing new and innovative programs. But we cannot do this without you. The Wall of Honor in our lobby quotes Moses Exodus 10:9 speaking to Pharaoh. Moses asks to be allowed to go worship God. Pharaoh responds that only the men may go. Moses then says: "With our young and with our old, we will go forward." This is exactly how HJC will continue to move forward.

Why, then, would I be frightened? Becoming president is a big responsibility. Like my predecessors before me, I am only human and will certainly make mistakes along the way. I also recognize that, given that we are a community of 280+ members with a diversity of opinions, it will not be possible for me to "please all of the people all of the time." I am open to constructive advice so if you are not happy with something, please let me know. But, also let me know if you like what I am doing!

Now, let me tell you a little about myself and my family. I retired about 2 and a half years ago after a successful and fulfilling 34-year career as an obstetric anesthesiologist at Stony Brook Medicine. Jay and I have been married for almost 42 years and we are now proud to be the first ever husband-wife team to be HJC presidents! We moved to Huntington in 1988 with Alex, then 3 years old and Ezra who was a newborn. We joined HJC right away and enrolled Alex in the Nursery School (that's what we called it in the old days!). Jonathan and Rina were born in Huntington. Our children all attended the HJC Nursery School and Summer Camp and Jonathan was even a counselor one summer! They all celebrated their B'nei Mitzvah at HJC and Alex, Ezra and Jonathan had their Aufrufs here as well. We have been blessed with a growing family over the years. Alex and Niaomi have added Winston, age 2 (who will be attending HJC Summer Camp this year), Ezra and Rebecca are newlyweds and Jonathan and Blair have added Russell, also 2 (he is older than Winston by one month). Still waiting on Rina!

I grew up with a strong Jewish identity. Our family belonged to a Conservative synagogue in Plainview although we were not observant and I had little formal Jewish education. I credit Jay and HJC for creating the opportunities for me to become more Jewishly knowledgeable. We are regular Shabbat attendees and with practice, I am now quite comfortable with the Shabbat service. I try to prioritize continuing my Jewish

education through reading and attending various classes and seminars. I particularly enjoy studying the weekly parasha and Divrei Torah from a variety of sources. In my free time, I enjoy walking almost every day, sometimes by myself and sometimes with friends. I do my best thinking during these walks. I also enjoy reading all kinds of books, cooking, baking and spending time with my family (especially my grandsons!) and friends. Of course, some of this "free" time will now be taken up by HJC business! But then, HJC is my extended family so it makes sense.

I have been blessed with a career that allowed me to witness the miracle of birth thousands upon thousands of times. This never became "routine" and I always viewed each birth as unique and special. There were some urgent and emergent situations where I truly felt that God was at my side helping me make the right decisions. I am confident that God will continue to be a presence in my daily life as I embark upon the sacred work of serving my HJC community.

Of course, I will need human beings to roll up their sleeves and I am fortunate to have a wonderful Executive Committee dedicated to working collaboratively to advance the mission of HJC: Billy Wertheim, Andrea Smoller, Leigh Murphy, Ofer Rind, Rick Davis and Donna Fleiss.

I have three main goals for the upcoming year which all focus on engaging our membership. These include transforming HJC into more of a "community center", sort of like a mini JCC by expanding programming to include sports (more on this to follow), art classes, concerts and other social events. I want all our members to feel comfortable entering our building for activities that appeal to them. At the same time, we must remain true to our core values as a Conservative synagogue and promote the importance of Jewish Peoplehood and support of the State of Israel. My second goal is to develop the next generation of HJC leaders through mentorship with more "seasoned" leaders. An organization cannot survive and thrive without having a pipeline of new leaders. Third, I want to strengthen our committee structure by ensuring that all committees have strong chairs, active programming and sufficient manpower. Our HJC leadership team will work to enable the success of our committees.

If you are already involved with the life of our beloved synagogue, I hope you will stay involved and consider new ways to be involved and advance our mission. If you have not yet participated in the life of our synagogue, now is the time. If each one of you can take one small step and commit to attending just one program, joining one committee or giving a little bit more to ensure that we remain financially sound, our community will grow stronger and more connected, and our momentum will grow. If you have ideas, let me or any of our board members know. I know many of you and your families, but I want very much to become acquainted with those I do not know, both "seasoned" and new members. Now, it is up to us to go forward together!



June has arrived!

It seems like most of us are crawling to the finish line of the year. For those of us who have kids in school we are all just about exhausted from projects, homework, exams, and the multiple after school activities that make us all feel we are living in a giant hamster wheel! For others this time of year may seem like you are also exhausted from planning

events or programs, work or various other obligations and yearn for the summer skies and sunny weather ahead.

I find June a time when activities seem to wind down, and my family can get back to basics. The majority of our after-school activities have ended, we can spend time around the same dinner table together (sans electronics) and talk about our day no matter how trivial it may seem. We can spend time with our friends, family and neighbors in our backyard and spend time in nature, appreciating how fast everything seems to have bloomed while we were all so busy running all over town. The focus in June in my family seems to take a back-to-basics approach and that of appreciation of having simply more free time. Around this time of year, I always ask my family what life lessons they feel they have learned and how they can grow

and apply it in their lives in the future. Their answers always amaze me, even the ones coming from my 7-year-old. It's the simplest of things in life that truly hold the most meaning.

I also observe that the back-to-basics approach can also be applied to our careers, at least in my case here at HJC. Recently, I brought my daughter to work with me, and she asked me what I liked the most about what I do. In each day in my role, it's easy to get bogged down by its multitude of demands. There are building needs (some of which can at times be an emergency) to attend to, the operations of the office, marketing, membership needs, events to coordinate and oversee, calendar conflicts, technology, security needs and much more than I ever can type out, which occurs behind the scenes at a synagogue. Her question made me think of why I got into synagogue work many years ago, and I answered her simply, I enjoy making others feel like a synagogue is an extension of their home, and I enjoy helping those create lasting, meaningful memories inside this very building, with the best of my ability. It's easy for all of us to focus on the nitty gritty of our day in our careers, but every now and again we all need a check in with our inner selves to remember why we chose to do what we do, even if at times it feels difficult.

I hope all of you take this time in June, to slow down and breathe- summer is almost here!

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WISHES TO THANK

RABBI SAKS

FOR HIS DEDICATION AS OUR
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WE WILL MISS YOU
AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL FAMILY
AND HOPE THAT THIS NEXT PHASE
OF YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY WILL BE
FULFILLING IN EVERY WAY.





This is Us

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."
~ Coretta Scott King

As I reflect on this amazing year, what resonates the most is our community's power. As we instill determination and perseverance in the children that we educate, it is apparent that the ECC educa-

tors and community emulate these characteristics. HJC is a community like no other, filled with love, compassion, determination, inclusivity, and support. We help lift others when they are struggling, build and create community by hosting extraordinary events, including Meet and Greets, Parents Night Out, Mom's Night Out, Special Persons Day, Mystery Readers, Children's Art Showcase, and so many more. These events' goals are to be inclusive, forge friendships and relationships, and some even raise funds for our school.

This year we ended the year with an "Acts of Kindness"

finale. If you have read any of my articles, you know that character education is one of our many priorities. It is part of our curriculum, and more importantly, part of our culture and actions. You cannot just say be kind, be a mensch, practice Kavod. We must model it, breathe it, practice it, and live it. Our finale included raising funds for the B+ Foundation that helps support families who have children battling cancer and funds innovative research to find a cure for cancer. This finale was in honor of Miss Leslie's daughter, Samantha, who very sadly lost her battle with brain cancer five years ago. Samantha was sunshine and lit up every room she entered. She was an educator, a friend, a sister, and a daughter. She was amazing. She battled cancer with positivity, courage, and never let the disease define her. In her honor, we wrote a rap song, taught it to the children, and created special choreography. We invited the parents to come this past Tuesday, May 23rd, to watch the children perform the Acts of Kindness finale. The entrance fee was any donation they felt comfortable making to the B+ Foundation. In fifteen minutes, this community raised over \$2,000! This is us; this is a community.



Religious School

Gina Giuffre, Director



A Year in Review

For as many years as I have been working in Religious School settings, I am always amazed how quickly the end of the school year seems to roll around. Every year I ask myself if I have achieved my goals. Where did I excel? Where did I fall short? Are my parents happy? Are the children excited to come to school, are they learning, and how do we assess that knowledge?

Coming out of a 2-year COVID nightmare, it was important to make an effort to return to a state of normalcy and to model to our youth that life can and will go on. I am happy to say I really think we exceeded our expectations in this area. I was able to start a Reading Resource program to help strengthen those students who might have weakened as a COVID by-product. We started a Religious School Pre-K class, a Rosh Chodesh group for girls, a Shevet Achim group for boys, brought in a Krav Maga class series, started a family tradition of Mitzvah Day, engaged over 100 people in building Jerusalem out of Legos, continued after school programming, blessed our pets, and conducted a family Tu b'Shevat Seder. Our Purim carnival returned, as did our B'nai Mitzvah work-

shops, school on Shabbat and of course snacks and bagels are back to being a regular staple here. Finally, the Religious School Parent Committee has been resurrected securing the future commitment of our Religious School.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. At HJC there is no exception. All these programs and celebrations would not be possible without support. I would like to thank my wonderful staff, Barbara Rosenfeld, Laurel Dorfman, Eileen Kerin, Rosalie Goldstein, Sonia Feiner, Sharone Gabay, Tara Kopman, Lea Feiner, my Aides Paula Kavanagh and Jeri McCabe and most of all Rabbi Saks whose support went way beyond the classroom. I am grateful to Leigh Murphy, whose guidance is invaluable, Rachel Gritz, Victor and Alex, who work tirelessly behind the scenes and our Sisterhood and Men's Club, and the Herskovitz Family Fund who are always there supporting the curriculum.

The biggest thank you goes to my HJC parents. I appreciate your commitment, involvement and for entrusting me with your children every week. I understand today's families juggle so much and life is very demanding. Thank you for making time for Jewish education in your children's busy schedules. It is an investment not only in their future but for generations to come. Wishing all my families a wonderful summer.

Gina Giuffre



Men's Club Presents:

A Presentation and talk with Roy Schwartz

Sunday June 11 at 10am in the Kiddush lounge.

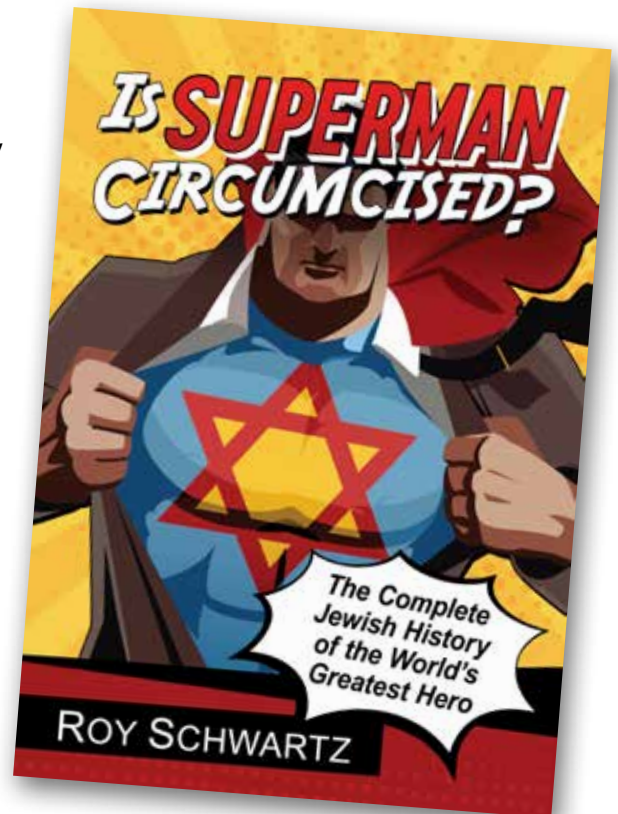
Light breakfast included.

The topic is:

Secret Identities: The Jewish Origins of the Marvel Universe!

The Marvel Cinematic Universe is the biggest thing in showbiz, with 31 films earning over \$28 billion worldwide. But before all the glitz and glamor, comics were a disreputable, Jewish industry. Almost all of Marvel's superheroes were created or co-created by Jews, including Captain America, Fantastic Four, Hulk, Thor, Ant-Man, Iron Man, Avengers, X-Men, Silver Surfer, Black Panther, Eternals and many others. And they were more than just playful fantasies—they were wish-fulfillment avatars of their creators, drawing on Jewish culture and folklore to fight Nazis, bigotry and intolerance.

Join author, journalist and pop culture historian Roy Schwartz for a fascinating journey through comic book lore and Jewish-American history that'll make you see your favorite superheroes in a whole new light!



*Roy Schwartz is a pop culture historian and critic. He writes for CNN.com and [The Forward](http://TheForward.com). His work has also appeared in New York Daily News, IGN, Paper Brigade, and Philosophy Now, among others. His latest book is the Diagram Prize-winning **Is Superman Circumcised? The Complete Jewish History of the World's Greatest Hero.***

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Andrew Cohen in honor of Albert Cohen at Yahrzeit

Jay & Ellen Steinberg in honor of Noa A. Gordan-Uhrman's Bat Mitzvah

Jay & Ellen Steinberg in honor of the marriage of Nili Gitig and Mark Rosentraub

Jay & Ellen Steinberg in honor of Cantor Gordan receiving his rabbinical ordination

Jay & Ellen Steinberg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Leo Sternschein, son of Sari & Saul Sternschein

Jay & Ellen Steinberg in memory of David Stopsky at Yahrzeit

Sari & Saul Sternschein with gratitude to Brian & Nancy Cooper for their thoughtful gesture to honor Leo for his Bar Mitzvah

Andrea Marcus Smoller with gratitude to The Congregation of HJC

Barry & Dawn Sosnick in honor of Gabi Messing becoming Vice President of Future Educators

Barry & Dawn Sosnick in honor of Gabi Messing as Youth of the Year

Maxwell & Rosalie Malkiel in memory of Gussie Malkiel at Yahrzeit

Roger Silverberg & Evelyn Abraham in memory of Betty Abraham at Yahrzeit

Andrea Marcus Smoller in honor of the rabbinical ordination of Cantor Israel Gordan

Andrea Marcus Smoller in honor of The Bat Mitzvah of Noa Gordan-Uhrman, daughter of Abby Uhrman and Cantor Israel Gordan

HJC SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

Janet & Mark Zimmerman in honor of Noa A. Gordan-Uhrman's Bat Mitzvah

Edward & Donna Fleiss in honor of Brian Cooper's Birthday

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND

Jennifer & Scott Ingber in honor of the marriage of Nili Gitig and Mark Rosentraub

Jennifer & Scott Ingber in memory of Anne Stein, mother of David Stein

Jennifer & Scott Ingber in honor of Noa A. Gordan-Uhrman's Bat Mitzvah

JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

Eileen & Harvey Berger in honor of Noa A. Gordan-Uhrman's Bat Mitzvah

Rob & Maxine Fisher in honor of Noa A. Gordan-Uhrman upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Rob & Maxine Fisher in honor of Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg on the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Silverberg to Andre Belanger

Rob & Maxine Fisher in memory of Anne Stein, mother of David Stein

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Sue & David Lefkowitz in memory of Faye Goldstein at Yahrzeit

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Sue & David Lefkowitz in memory of Samuel Lefkowitz at Yahrzeit

MEN'S CLUB

Keith & Felicia Messing in honor of Gabriella being chosen as Youth of the Year

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Ira & Marsha Kalina in memory of Doris Perlmutter at Yahrzeit

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Carillon Nursing Home in honor of Rabbi Saks

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Andrea Marcus Smoller with gratitude to Rabbi Saks and his dedication to the HJC community

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Saul & Sari Sternschein with gratitude to Rabbi Saks for his support during Leo's Bar Mitzvah preparations

Saul & Sari Sternschein with gratitude to Cantor Gordan for helping Leo prepare for his Bar Mitzvah

Keith & Felicia Messing in honor of Sam Sosnick being elected President of the future Educators Club at Harborfields High School

Keith & Felicia Messing in honor of Noa Gordan-Uhrman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Beth Uebele in memory of Larry Kushnick at Yahrzeit

Marilyn & David Klein in honor of Rabbi Saks-We will miss you!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Leah & Evan Seidenberg and their family

Randi & Mikey Berlin and their family

Jordana & Rickey Gilbert and their family

MAZEL TOV:

The Rabbinical Ordination of **Cantor Israel Gordan**

The Bar Mitzvah of **Dylan Keller**, son of Jamee Keller

The June Wedding of **Kiana Davis & Alex Ganes**

The June Wedding of **Nili Gitig & Mark Rosentraub**

Gabriella Messing being named HJC Men's Club Youth Honoree

Shari Feibel being named Women's League BQLI HJC Woman Of Achievement

CONDOLENCE:

Emily Weiler

Richard Silverstein, father of Caryn Silverstein

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND ENTIRE CONGREGATION
EXTEND A HEARTY MAZEL TOV

TO

RABBI/CANTOR ISRAEL GORDAN

UPON HIS RABBINICAL ORDINATION
AT THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



*Many thanks to
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and
Woodbury Kosher
for their continuing support
and generous donation to HJC*

JUNE BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATION

DYLAN KELLER

Dylan moved to Cold Spring Harbor in the middle of the pandemic and received a warm welcome from Ms. Giuffre and the HJC Religious School. He has put in a lot of hard work to reach this special day and is extremely grateful to Cantor Gordan and Rabbi Saks for their guidance and patience throughout his spiritual journey. Dylan is on the Honor Roll in the 7th grade at CSH Junior Senior High School and is also on the school's basketball and baseball teams. In Dylan's free time, he enjoys skiing, playing golf and cooking. He can't wait to celebrate with all of his family and friends!





**NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION
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39th ANNUAL HONOREE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

**Huntington Jewish Center
Men's Club Honoree**



***Gabriella Messing
Youth of the Year***

Premiering Virtually Sunday, June 11, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Donations are tax deductible in accordance with the law.

Support our honorees with an ad in the NY Metro Journal.

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NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?
Contact **info@nymfjmc.org**

HJC Youth Group* Presents:

End of the year **SUMMER BOWLING PARTY**



Larkfield Lanes

332 Larkfield Rd, East Northport, NY 1173

Sunday, June 11, 4:00-6:00PM

\$25/PP

MUST WEAR SNEAKERS

Lunch included: Pizza, Snacks & Drinks

RSVP by JUNE 4th: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/youth-program-summer-bowl-.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**



The HJC Adult Education Presents

Tiny Tastes of Talmud

with Dr. Cindy Dolgin

Three Mondays in June 7:30 – 9:00 PM

June 12, June 19, June 26

Huntington Jewish Center

510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

In-person at HJC with a Zoom Option



Cindy was inspired in 2019 to study *Daf Yomi*, a page of Talmud per day, after hearing Ilana Kurshan at HJC discuss her book, *If All the Seas Were Ink*.

Along with thousands of others worldwide, Cindy started the 7 1/2 year learning cycle in January 2020.

Cindy will introduce you to some of her new Talmudic friends and share some surprising, disturbing, interesting, and hilarious texts.



For questions or further info contact *Cindy Dolgin Ed.D.*

cindydolgin1@gmail.com / cell 516-680-5205

RSVP

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/a-tiny-taste-of-talmud-with-cindy-dolgin-edd.html>

If you require any accommodations to be able to join us and fully participate in this event, please notify the office so we can assist you.

Yaakov Smith was an ultra-orthodox married man with six children and a pillar of his community, when he left his family, his community, and Israel. It took him 20 years to return - only this time as an observant woman. The documentary by Rachel Rusinek and Eyal Ben Moshe touches honestly and openly on a subject that is both relevant and unspoken. It is also a film about self-acceptance, compassion, love, and family.



I WAS **NOT** BORN A MISTAKE

A FILM BY RACHEL RUSINEK & EYAL BEN-MOSHE

DIRECTED BY RACHEL RUSINEK AND EYAL BEN-MOSHE
FILMED AND PRODUCED BY RACHEL RUSINEK AND EYAL BEN-MOSHE
EDITING EYAL BEN-MOSHE ORIGINAL MUSIC BY RONIT ROLLAND SOUND DESIGN AND MIX BY REI ELBAZ
COLORIST AVIRAN ALDEMA POSTER DESIGN BY STUDIO ORENSODESIGN

This film is co-sponsored by the Social Justice and Inclusion Committees of HJC during Pride Week in an effort to help us all better understand this important issue as we strive to be a fully inclusive Jewish community.

June 15, 2023 at 7:30 pm in HJC's Family Life Room

RSVP: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/inclusion-program-pride-month-.html>

If anyone needs an accommodation to be able to fully participate in this event, please notify the main office.



Shabbat by The Sound

June 16th

**On the beachfront in the backyard
of the home of Hana and Avi Keshet
8 Juliet Lane, Northport, NY**

**Dinner starts at 6pm
followed by services at 7pm**

Bring your own kosher dairy dinner and lawn chair

Parking is available in the driveway and on the street

If it's raining Kabbalat Shabbat will be in the Sanctuary.

RSVP at: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/sisterhood-mens-club-shabbat-by-the-sound-at-the-keshet-backyard.html>

This program is organized by Sisterhood and Men's Club

HJC Adult Education Presents: **OUT OF AFRICA**

With Lesley & Jeff Stark and Allison & Mitch Reiver



Thursday, June 29th 8:00pm

Allison and Mitch recently participated in an in depth safari tour in Tanzania. And Jeff and Lesley recently returned from their 2nd trip to Tanzania. They will share stories and slides about their very special adventures including Lesley & Jeff's experiences at a "Coming of Age" ritual that can be compared to a Bar/t Mitzvah.

Please join us for this special evening.

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/adult-ed-program-out-of-africa.html>

ALL PRIDE AND NO PREJUDICE

Celebrate Pride Month



NOBODY'S FREE UNTIL EVERYBODY'S FREE

**The fight against slavery and
systemic racism continues today.**



**CELEBRATING TWO SOCIAL JUSTICE
LANDMARKS IN JUNE.
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The HJC Sisterhood Mother's Day event was enjoyed by all

Women's League BQLI Region president and Torah Fund chair spoke in addition to Dori Herman, HJC congregant and JTS graduate. It was a fun and successful evening, where Sisterhood also reached its Torah Fund goal for this year.



Huntington Jewish Center encourages the participation of people of all abilities in its programs and activities. If you or a family member would like to attend an activity, program, meeting or event but require additional support or special accommodations, please call the HJC Main Office at 631-427-1089 or email hjcadmin@hjcny.org.