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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

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Thank You – Fall Rummage Sale

Thank you to our Chair, Janet Goldstein and all who donated and volunteered their time to staff the Fall Rummage Sale. This is one of Sisterhood's major Fundraisers and proceeds are used to support Sisterhood programming and our HJC Community. Any items not sold were donated to a charitable organization.

Thank You – Paid Up Membership Event

Thank you to the Sisterhood Programming Committee and Shari Feibel VP of Membership for organizing our Annual PaidUp Membership Event, Friends, Fun and Bingo. It was a fun evening playing Bingo with good food, catered by the Green Olive and a chance to catch up with old friends and meet some of our new HJC Members. A percentage of the proceeds from the Raffles will be donated to an Israeli Organization.attending the Women's League Events.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN

The new Torah Fund campaign—the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is **Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh**
All of Israel are responsible for one another.



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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> Please indicate Huntington Jewish Center when you make an online donation.

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From Rabbi Eric Rosin



Learning with Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

One of the great privileges of the rabbinate is that always continuing to learn is part of our job description. Recently, I have been thinking about a three day program that I enjoyed when I served a congregation outside of Philadelphia in which colleagues of every denomination were invited to learn with Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz z"l.

Rabbi Steinsaltz was a remarkable man. On his website he is

credited with producing the first full translation of and commentary on the Talmud since Rashi did so 900 years ago. He has written over 60 books and he and his organization, the Aleph Society has instituted the Global Day of Jewish Learning which involves communities literally all over the world.

I'm not sure whether to refer to Rabbi Steinsaltz as a Rabbinic Rock Star because he has the same kind of long white beard as performers in the band ZZ Tops, or a perhaps a Giant of Torah, but reconciling his reputation with the unassuming, slightly disheveled and diminutive man who greeted us in the Federation's meeting room was a bit of a shock. In true Israeli fashion, Rabbi Steinsaltz was wearing a dark suit, a white shirt and no tie. His eyes sparkled mischievously from between the mane of his white hair and his luxuriant, if unkempt beard. As we would learn, he cultivates a cuddly, non-threatening persona in order to calm those around him and distract them from the razor-sharp intellect that has propelled his prolific scholarship.



My most vivid memory of those days was from one of his morning sessions. Rabbi Steinsaltz copied and distributed a Psalm (I believe it was Psalm 139) and asked us to prepare the text by studying it in small groups around the tables that were set up in the room. After an hour or so, he reconvened us and invited any questions before launching into his own explanation.

One my colleagues, on behalf of himself and his table stood up and said something like, "Rabbi Steinsaltz, we are so appreciative of your coming to learn with us. We very much appreciated this Psalm, especially the verses about how God knows our inner souls. I have to note, though, we were less enthusiastic about the verses about hatred and violence. Why do you think that the Psalmist felt like they needed to be included?"

Rabbi Steinsaltz didn't answer immediately. Instead he looked appreciatively at the questioner and answered with his Israeli accented English, saying slowly, almost wistfully, "You are correct. The Psalm would be so much more pleasant if it only described what is beautiful in the world and if it didn't remind us about the ugliness and conflict. God would seem so much more compassionate if we only had to look at God's generosity." And then he paused again, and he straightened his back, and his eyes took on a harder expression and he

focused more intently on the unsuspecting questioner.

When he began to speak again, he was like a different person. "What's more, the world might also be an easier place without conflict and the need to defend ourselves and sometimes even harm others in the process...but" and now he was no longer the endearing little rabbi with the long white beard but had transformed into the demanding teacher and intellect who had so shaped the Jewish world, "part of the power of the Psalms is the way that they so accurately portray what is like to live with a relationship with God even in this broken world in which we live! The Psalms are powerful because they are true! God is with us always, even when our enemies wish us harm! Even when we are attacked and have to defend ourselves! Even when we have to face pain, ugliness, loss, injustice and fear! That's why those verses are included in the Psalm!"

I've been thinking about that moment from over a decade ago because, in light of the events of the last several weeks, I have come to understand it differently. At the time, I thought of my hapless colleague was simply naïve. Now, as our world is changing around us, I understand that his unease facing the reality of violence was born out of a belief that I and perhaps most of us in that room unconsciously shared. Without stating it explicitly, his comment reflected the assumption that living in the United States in the 21st century, the kind of violence and hatred described by the Psalmist would simply never be a part of our reality.

Now we know that that is wrong. Jewish college students are being physically threatened. Organizations that we very recently saw as allies are denouncing us and declaring both that Israel has no right to defend its citizens against a military force that has committed unspeakable atrocities and also that every American Jew and Jewish institution should be held responsible for the casualties in the war of necessity that Israel is waging. Recently, I was officiating at funeral and truck stopped on the road next to the cemetery so that its passengers could yell at the American Jewish mourners, blaming them for the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza.

Placing these experiences into the context of our sacred texts is instructive. Perhaps because Rabbi Steinsaltz was one of the preeminent Torah scholars of his day and perhaps because he was an Israeli, Rabbi Steinsaltz sought to shock us out of the complacency and the false sense of security under which we had been living. He used the text of the Psalms to affirm that what we are now experiencing is real and has been part of the Jewish experience for literally thousands of years. Evil exists in the world and there are those who have the desire and ability to harm us. It is moral and appropriate to express the desire to defeat those who would attack us.

At the same time, this scriptural context reassures us that we will overcome this challenge just as we have all of the challenges that our people have experienced throughout our history. What I understand now better than I understood then was that the Psalms teach us that evil is real and also that we are not powerless to oppose it. What's more, we are not and will never be alone in the face of the threats that arise.



Pray like everything depends upon God but act like everything depends upon you

I read this in a Reform Siddur on Shabbat, October 7, while attending the Bar Mitzvah of my cousin's son in Scottsdale. Of course, we had just woken up to the terrible news of the Hamas attack in Israel. This idea has taken on even more significance as we now see how Jews both in Israel and around the world are responding to the crisis.

Before reading further, I want you to know that I am writing this two weeks before it will appear in the bulletin as Jay and I will be leaving on vacation and obviously I cannot predict what the situation will be at that time.

This interdependence between human beings and God is highlighted by the response to the terrible tragedy unfolding in Israel. The IDF is mobilizing hundreds of thousands of active and reserve troops for a ground offensive in Gaza. The Israeli government and its allies, including the United States, are working to locate and free the hostages. People are attending rallies and making their voices heard and so many organizations are actively raising money for a wide variety of needed supplies. At the same time, we are all PRAYING! Almost every Jewish organization including JTS, Hadar, Schechter Schools and Camp Ramah, just to name a few, are holding daily on-line communal prayer sessions. The Schechter School of Long Island has reached out to its extended family asking for people to sign up to recite Tehillim (Psalms) for Omer Neutra, a Schechter alumni, who is being held hostage by Hamas. Special

prayers are been written, circulated and read here at HJC and probably every synagogue around the world, beseeching God to watch over the hostages and protect our soldiers. Likely, people who rarely pray are praying now and people who rarely act are acting now.

So, we need to pray AND we need to act, neither is sufficient in and of itself. We pray for peace, but we also have to learn to set aside our differences and stop making war. We pray that nobody will be needy but we have to act to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We pray for good health but we have to develop good habits and take care of our bodies. We pray that everyone will have equal opportunity to succeed in life but we have to act to enable this to be possible. We need God but God also needs us. God needs us to continue the work he started. Perfection of the world seems so far off right now, but we must not lose faith, we need to continue to do our part to bring about change for good in the world.

Each Shabbat, I read from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' book Judaism's Life Changing Ideas. He offers a life changing idea for each parasha. His message for Parashat Bereshit was the following: "We may lose heart; God never will. We may despair; God will give us hope. God believes in us even if we do not believe in ourselves. Have faith in God's faith in us and you will find the path from darkness to light."

I pray that by the time you are reading this our hostages will be safe and there will be peace. I pray that the goodness of mankind will triumph over evil. Humans were given the ability to make choices. Let us choose life.

Donations for Israel

We on Ketura are busy. There is so much to do. Are you someone who wants to help on a personal level through Kibbutz Ketura? Feel welcome to donate to Merkaz Hasachar on "Israel Gives," and Ketura will use the money to care for the over 300 extra people we have on kibbutz now. It is if the kibbutz is hosting an entire additional kibbutz. We are donating and distributing food, baked goods, toys, necessities and clothing, sending people to play, read, and do activities with kids whose families were evacuated from the fighting to hotels in Eilat as well as with the families staying with us and other kibbutzim. Also taking treats to soldiers, finding ways to send necessities to people who were called up to serve without time to prepare. Going places to unload trucks with extra supplies. The money will be used to support doing all of this to get what people need here on kibbutz, in the Arava, and in Eilat. We'll do the work. However we can help, we will.

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Items needed for soldiers and displaced people in Israel

I am trying to collect knitted hats for the soldiers and other items for the displaced people in Israel. For the time being I have a knitting pattern for hats for the soldiers but will soon have information for the items for the displaced people. I was hoping to get a group of people that would be willing to contribute with their work. My son lives in Israel but works here so that he could bring with him the finished items. Contact me at **516-254-1510** or ellenkahn@optonline.net. Thank you for your help
E Kahn, MD



How to pick up the pieces of a broken mirror?

As soon as Simchat Torah was over I said to myself, I am really looking forward to the month of Cheshvan to get a little bit of breathing room from the hustle and bustle of the fall Chagim. Cheshvan is a month that does not have any holidays in it, and usually is a calm month. Unfortunately, the world had vastly

different plans for all of us, especially Israel. There are no words to describe truly what has occurred to our brothers and sisters in Israel. The few words that come to mind are pain, anger, disbelief, and horror. It is absolutely shocking that such a catastrophic event can occur to innocent men, women, and children because they are Jewish today.

I have constantly been checking in with my family and friends in Israel to make sure they are safe physically and mentally. It is difficult to know what to do next, how to help, where to turn to? How do we as fellow Jews outside of Israel carry on with our everyday lives while this terrible act continues to go on? While I was cleaning out a closet over this past weekend, I dropped a hand mirror which shattered in pieces everywhere all over the floor. As I was picking up the pieces of broken glass and sweeping the floor to throw out the broken pieces, I was also thinking how ironic this occurred as this was exactly the way I have been feeling and wondering how to move on from this brokenness we all feel inside at this very

moment.

While each of us grieve differently when a tragedy hits, I feel fortunate to be able to go to work each day in a synagogue, where I can make the lives of other fellow Jews better. For me, being able to show solidarity for Israel and being Jewish is simply by working to help create an environment where we can all come together to pray, create friendships and bonds that will enhance our Jewish community to be stronger than ever. I feel proud and thankful to be able to assist HJC in continuing to create such an inclusive, warm community for everyone to be a part of, even in the face of adversity.

There are several events here at HJC that I would like to highlight for you to look out for this month. There is a two-part series social justice program titled Jewish Approaches to Criminal Justice on Long Island. The Minyan breakfast has returned and will be starting back up this month! HJC is also having a movie night, which will show the film *A Tiger Within*. UJA's Suffolk Signature event honoring our very own Elaine & Walter Kleinmann will also take place this month. The religious school will be having a mitzvah day with JNN. There will also be an adult education program at the end of the month, Jewish creative arts.

There are so many ways that we at HJC can show support for Israel, whether it's attending Shabbat services, one of our many programs, or donating to one of the causes for Israel that are featured in our bulletin this month. All of us can make a difference, and together we can all try to pick up the pieces together as a community.

HHI Volunteers Needed

We will need volunteers to bring 30 individual hot meals to a motel in Northport for each of these dates. These meals will feed the homeless who are staying at a motel in Northport. HJC is responsible for the following dates:

December 13, 2023	February 14, 2024
January 3, 2024	February 21, 2024
January 24, 2024	March 13, 2024

Contact **HHI Chair Karen Flanzenbaum** to volunteer & help by email at kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com, or by phone at **631-793-9536**. We are also looking for a Co-Chair for this committee. If interested in being a Co-Chair please let Karen know!



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.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sisterhood Book Discussions return on Monday evening November 27th at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Our Selection for Jewish Book Month is the *Fashion Orphans* by Randy Susan Meyers and M.J. Rose. "A fabulous story that dives into the complicated relationships of family and offers a stylish escape into the world of high fashion and Chanel." Book is available at local libraries and Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you are interested in attending.



To love God is to recognize His image in a human face, especially one whose creed, colour or culture is different from ours. – Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

To work in a Jewish school, be Jewish or just being a human, one cannot help being affected deeply by what has transpired and is evolving in the state of Israel. I often think of the quote by Barch Weiss, "A coworker asked me today if I have family in Israel. "Yes," I responded. "A Few Million." This

quote sums up the Jewish people as we are all family and a community that sticks together and takes care of each other like no other. Through the pain, suffering, and fears have been stories of hope and inspiration. One story I heard on the 6:30pm world news reminded me of our HJC community, and it gave me great hope. There was a woman who very recently had moved to Israel and did not know anyone yet. Her daughter was killed with so many at the music festival. As we know in the Jewish religion, you need 10 people for a minyan and funeral. She didn't know 10 people, so she turned to social media to ask if 10 people would come to be with her so that she might have the funeral. Thousands of people came for her! Thousands of strangers! This is a community. This is Israel.

Following the attack, we expressed our fears and anxiety, especially as it pertained to the safety of our children of the ECC. Would there be attacks on Jewish schools? Syna-

gogues? Terrorism in the U.S.? Are the children safe? Are we safe? How do we not only protect our children from physical harm, but shelter them from the news and all the fear and anxiety that surrounds us? The children of the ECC age are particularly vulnerable, sensitive and intuitive. As a parent and educator, we need to be strong for them and not expose them to violence and atrocities that are being reported. It is hard enough for an adult to process this, but impossible for a preschooler to do so.

After ramping up our security thanks to the amazing Security Committee and our Suffolk County Police Officers, the next question was, "How can we help Israel?" Parents felt helpless and wanted to do something, anything to help Israel and the families who were suffering. One of our moms who has an affiliation with the JNF, suggested we set up a "call center" at HJC to help raise funds for Israel. Thanks to the Parent Association and many families who could spare some time, they did just that. For several hours calls were made to past supporters of the JNF and a lot of money was raised for Israel thanks to them!

Another very poignant moment that touched me deeply, was when one of the children's nannies from our school came up to me at drop off and said, "Prayers for all of you. I support Israel for you." I was overwhelmed with her kindness and humanity, which gives me great hope.





Facing our Fears: Guiding our Children Through Troubled Times

The recent catastrophic events in Israel have shake our global community. It is a painful reminder that even in moments of unity and hope, darkness can emerge. Yet, as members of Huntington Jewish Center, we must come together to provide our children with hope, understanding, and a sense of security.

Before we can address the emotions our children are grappling with, we first need to ensure that we understand the situation ourselves. As Israel takes steps to respond, we must keep informed and be prepared to answer our children's questions. In a recent webinar I participated in with the Jewish Education Project, experts in the fields of Anti-Semitism and child psychology shared some wonderful suggestions in helping children in various age groups. In the interest of self-care and preservation of your child's mental health, do your best to limit your child's exposure to violence and ac-

cess to social media. Continue with your family's meal and bedtime routines to establish a sense of normalcy, model how to behave in a time of stress and uncertainty. If your child approaches you with questions, offer basic simple answers and ask them what they really want to know. Above all, foster Jewish joy and connect to whatever your family believes in, share stories of unity, resilience, and hope. Engage in acts of kindness, November 19th is the Religious School's Family Mitzvah Day, a perfect opportunity that exemplifies what we can do to make the world a better place. Attend synagogue events to foster a sense of belonging and community. Teach your child to be cautious but not overly fearful. It's a delicate balance, but it's crucial for their physical and mental wellbeing. Finally, pray together for peace.

In these trying times, our strength lies in unity and our shared faith. Let us create a future where our children can hope for peace and security both in our homeland and abroad. May the one who creates peace on high bring peace to us and to all of Israel and let us say "Amen."



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Judy & Lester Fox in honor of Arthur Perler being Simchat Torah Honoree

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Jeffrey & Pamela Goldstein in honor of Lester Fox Mazel Tov with much love Pam, Eric, Rebecca, Abby, Ken, Laura, Yoav and Matan

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Barry & Anne Specht in memory of Myra Snyder, mother of Anne Specht at Yahrzeit

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Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jack Frischman, son of Jessica and Arthur Frischman

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer in honor of Arthur Perler being honored as HJC's Chantan Torah

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Rosalind & William Wertheim in honor of Jacob Boxer becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of Gale & Paul Greenstein on the marriage of their daughter Alli to Matt Smith

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of Rosalind & Billy Wertheim on the engagement of Ari to Deborah Thompson

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of Alice & Bruce Rosen on the birth of their grandson, Corey Skylar

Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the marriage of Melissa Zimmerman to Yotam Dror

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Gail & Jim Lodge in honor of Zach Ingber's engagement to Emmie Herbstman, son of Jennifer & Scott Ingber

Gail & Jim Lodge in memory of Lillian Grunberger at Yahrzeit

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Gail & Jim Lodge in memory of Michael Sanatar, partner of Tara Kopman

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Michael & Michelle Behr in memory of Sheila Behr at Yahrzeit

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Alan & Ora Kriegstein in honor of Elaine and Walter Kleinmann as they receive the UJA Community Leadership Award

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Shari & Laurence Feibel in memory of Sandra & Harold Kessler at Yahrzeit

Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of JNN

Shelley Weinberg in memory of Rose Kramer at Yahrzeit

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Robert Schpoont in honor of Lester Fox on the 70th anniversary of his first Bar Mitzvah

Janet & Mark Zimmerman in honor of Rabbi Eric Rosin with thanks for enhancing the Melissa Zimmerman and Yotam Dror Aufruf

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Bill Yelen in memory of Michael Sanatar, beloved partner of Tara Kopman

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Janet & Mark Zimmerman in honor of Debbie Cadel being named Simchat Torah Honoree

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in honor of the engagement of Ariel Wertheim, son of Rosalind & Billy Wertheim to Dolores Thompson

YOUTH FUND

Vicki & Arthur Perler in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Boxer

MAZEL TOV:

Rhonda & Hillel Kahane on the engagement of their son Joshua Kahane to Rebecca Feldbaum

Rhonda & Hillel Kahane on the birth of their granddaughter Lilah Rose Berson

Judy & Lester Fox on the engagement of their granddaughter Molly Grossman to Alex Neumann

Gale & Paul Greenstein on the birth of their granddaughter Emma Kathryn Smith

Carol & Eric Solomon on the wedding of their son Max Solomon to Hannah Belport

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Social Action Committee

A heartfelt thank you to our very generous HJC community for your donations to the Mid Island Y JCC food pantry. I am pleased to report that we at HJC collected a "whopping" 767 lbs. of food and toiletries for our Replenish Project Isaiah Program. These donations were given to the Mid Island Y JCC to distribute to those in need. We can always count on you!

Marilyn Klein, Chairperson Social Action Committee. THANK YOU!

UNEQUAL UNDER THE LAW:

Criminal justice on Long Island

Most Long Island Jews feel safe and protected by law enforcement and believe they would be treated fairly by the court system should they need it. However, that is not true for all residents and communities on Long Island.

Join the HJC Social Justice committee for a two-part series that starts with an exploration of Jewish approaches to criminal justice and continues with a conversation about disparities within policing and criminal justice on Long Island, and efforts for reform.

Part 1: Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Rabbi Margo Hughes-Robinson from **T'ruah** will teach us what Jewish texts have to say about the administration of justice within Judaism, and how we treat others. **T'ruah focuses on mass incarceration** as one of its main areas of practice.

Part 2: Sunday, Nov. 12. 10-11:30 a.m. in person

Scott Kaufman, an advocate with **Long Island United**, will talk about disparities within policing and criminal justice on Long Island and efforts to improve it. Serena Ligouri, executive director of **New Hour for Women and Children on LI**, an organization that supports current and formerly incarcerated women and children, will help us understand the impact on families beyond statistics and numbers.

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/-jewish-approaches-to-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-on-long-island--a-2-part-series.html>

**Come Celebrate with Family and Friends At
Huntington Jewish Center's Bigger and Better Annual**

HANUKKAH HAPPENING

**Huntington Jewish Center
Sunday, December 3rd, 11:30 - 1:30**

**Join us for a songfest with Stacy Kelly,
raffle baskets, silent auction, gift fair,
fun children's crafts, face painting, balloon animals
and special appearance by Mr. Dreidel**

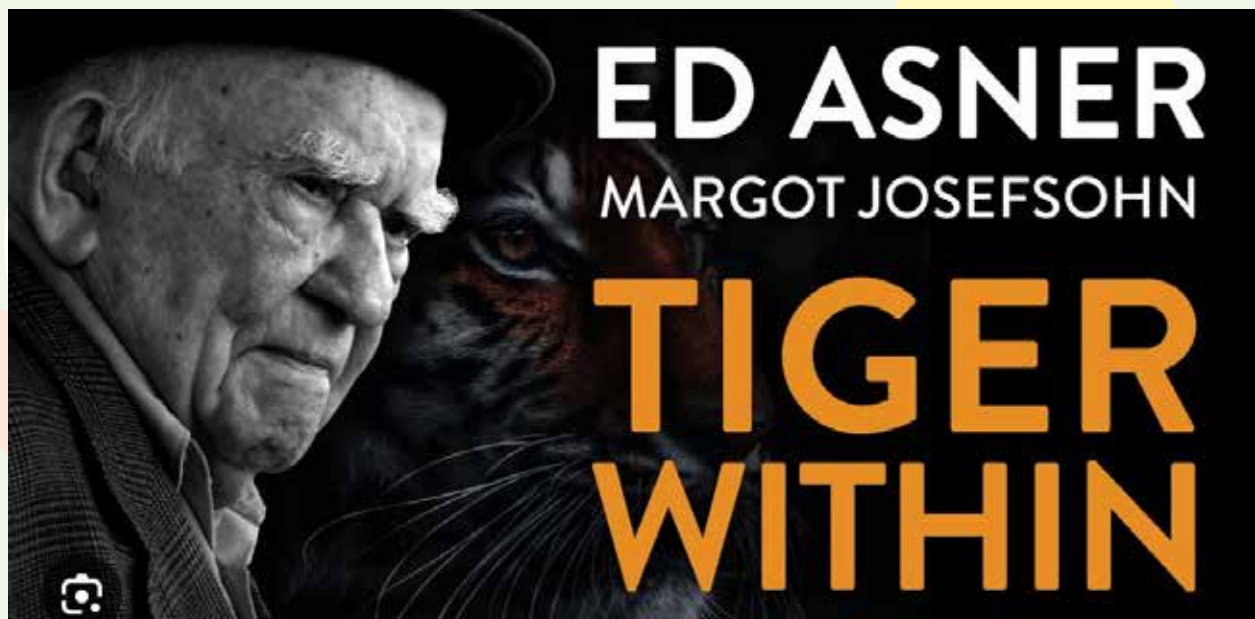
Hot Dogs, Latkes, Donuts, and Drinks Available for Purchase



**Sponsored by:
Sisterhood, Early Childhood Center, Religious School, Men's Club, Social Action Committee
and the Herskovitz Family Fund**

Thank you to all of our HJC volunteers!

HJC's Adult Education Presents: **MOVIE NIGHT**



This movie is rated R. Contains strong language.

Saturday evening, Nov. 4th at 7:30pm
HJC Social Hall

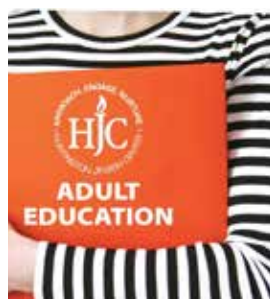
Popcorn and water will be served

For more information or to assist with this and future movie programs please contact:

Bob Wieser: bobsteele1@gmail.com

Lee Danuff Wieser: ldanuff@gmail.com

or Nancy Cooper: nancyberlow@gmail.com



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.

CHAI 2023 IS ZOOMING BACK!

JOIN US FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME!

MONDAY EVENINGS

NOV 6, 13, 20, 27 DEC 4, 11

CLASS SESSIONS: 7:30pm - 8:15pm

GUEST LECTURERS: 8:15pm - 9:30pm



\$48 for the entire household for the six week semester of courses and lectures.

Each class session will have a separate ZOOM link. You must indicate your preferences when you register.

OUR CLASS OFFERINGS

Rabbi Aaron Benson - Romantic Poets Love Jews

Find out what the TV series Bridgerton has to do with Tisha b'Av! 19th century British and American poets such as Coleridge, Byron, and Longfellow wrote a surprising number of poems positively depicting Jews and Jewish themes. Many of them had Jewish friends with whom they collaborated. Learn how some of the greatest poets of the English language influenced Zionism, the acceptance of Jews into secular society and more!

Rabbi Howard Buechler - Avoiding Apocalypse

The Jewish Wisdom that brings us balance and moral majesty in a turbulent world that at times seems spinning out of control. How the Jewish people in history respond to trauma & conflict and navigate safely in each generation to safeguard our global civilization.

Rabbi Jonathan Waxman- American Jewish Influencers

Emma Lazarus, Sabato Morais, Stephen Wise, Mordecai Kaplan, Abba Hilel Silver, Bella Abzug, Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, and Liz Holzman

OUR GUEST LECTURERS

11/6: Professor Robert Watson

Professor of American History at Lynn University

"The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II"

11/13: Debbie Wells

Founder of Artful Buzz, Curator, Cultural Guide and Art Lecturer

"The Legacy of Peggy Guggenheim"

11/20: Joseph Berger

Author, New York Times Reporter, Editor, and Holocaust Survivor

Will speak on his new fascinating biography of Elie Wiesel, "Confronting the Silence".

11/27: Gallya Lahav

Associate Professor, Political Science, Stony Brook University

"Immigration and Refugees"

12/4: Jeremi Suri

Professor of Public Affairs and History at The University of Texas at Austin

"Henry Kissinger- How his being a Jewish refugee from the Shoah shaped his international affairs expertise"

12/11: Jonathan Ornstein

CEO, JCC Krakow

"Update on the Impact of the War in Ukraine on Poland"

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EMTs and First Responders**



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SUFFOLK SIGNATURE EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 16, 2023 — 6:30 pm

Temple Beth Torah

35 Bagatelle Road, Melville, New York

This fall join us as we come together to recognize:

Elaine & Walter Kleinmann with the **Community Leadership Award**

Lisa & Terry Lashin with the Community Leadership Award

Ronnit & Michael Kessler, Alana & Koryn Kessler with the L'Dor V'Dor Award

Deniz Gurcan, President, SJS Construction Company, Inc. with the Business Leader Award

FEATURING

Elon Gold, Comedian and Actor

Elon Gold has starred in FOX's *Stocked* and NBC's *In-Laws*, His one-hour stand-up on Netflix, *Elon Gold: Chosen & Taken* received wide acclaim. Elon was a writer/performer on ABC's *The Dana Carvey Show* and had a recurring role on the 11th season of *Curb your Enthusiasm*.

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

Signature Event Committee Chair: **Joel Wirchin**

For more information or to **R.S.V.P.** please contact Laurie Birzon at birzonl@ujafedny.org or 516.762.5819.



UJA-Federation of New York cares for Jews everywhere and New Yorkers of all backgrounds, responds to crises close to home and far away, and shapes our Jewish future.



A message from the HJC Security Committee

We are all shocked and appalled by the violence perpetrated against our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel. As Co-chair of the Security Committee at HJC I am reminded that we need to take the responsibility of enhancing the security of our facility seriously in order to protect ourselves should the worst occur. Our enemies know no boundary when it comes to hate and cruelty. We have seen this time and time again.

Guided by our security consultants, Global Operations, we continue to get hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant support for security upgrades. Some of these upgrades are obvious, like the new fence in the back of HJC, but others are more subtle and are best left undisclosed in a public forum such as this. Global Operations does a very good job of analyzing past incidents and taking lessons from them which are used to guide preparations among their clients. This makes sure that funds are targeted toward what works and are not otherwise wasted on ineffective projects.

The Security Committee remains devoted to our safety and to addressing the concerns of the community. In light of the recent threats to Jews around the world, we have increased the number of security guards on station during ECC and RS hours as well as during other synagogue functions. We are very appreciative of our local team of security guards, led by Mike Caponi, who have responded to these needs almost immediately. We have modified security procedures and stepped up vigilance around our building.

We continue to monitor information from Jewish security support groups such as CAM, SCN, CSINY, the Department of Homeland Security, SCPD and our security consultants, Global Operations for the latest threats, if any. Some of you may have noticed SCPD cars appearing frequently in our driveway and parking lot.

Please feel free to reach out to me, Alan Kriegstein, alank16@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like some clarity about any issue.

In the meantime, I ask everyone to stay vigilant. We are the best security force in our facility because we recognize what is normal and what may not be. If you see something, say something. Bring it to the attention of our security guards or the main office.

Sincerely,
Alan Kriegstein, HJC Security Committee Co-chair.

Dear HJC Community Here is a final update for the Ukrainian Family Resettlement Project.

We are coming up on one year since Max and Yuna arrived at JFK Airport. This past year they lived in Huntington village, made some friends, improved their English, found jobs and settled into life on Long Island all while dealing with the trauma of leaving their homes, family and friends in war-torn Ukraine. Max has been working in an industrial diamond company in Manhattan and you may have seen Yuna at the cashiers' counter of Bottles and Cases. They have become familiar with many ways that things function here. They have loved living in the Village as well as becoming familiar with various parts of Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn. Their lease is about to run out and their relationship has morphed into a good friendship. Max is looking forward to moving to Brooklyn to be closer to work. Yuna is still deciding what direction she wants to go in.

They are very grateful for everything that the Huntington community has done to make their lives here possible, safe, comfortable and rewarding. The Sponsor Circle had a dinner last weekend to put closure on the year and redefine our relationship with them as they become more independent and acclimated to life here.

I personally, and as a representative of the Social Justice Committee, want to extend my gratitude to all of you who in so many ways offered and provided your help with making Max and Yuna's settling here possible. From furniture to personal care and household items, clothing, job offers, of course money, and more, each bit added up to a whole that provided safety, comfort and the feeling of being welcomed after leaving their homes and everything that was familiar in the face of a war that still rages on after almost two years. May we come to see that our prayers for peace are answered soon.

Sincerely,
Marsha Perlmutter Kalina HJC Social Justice Committee

Sisterhood Fall Book Discussion



Monday, November 27th @7:30pm



The Fashion Orphans
by

Randy Susan Meyers & M.J. Rose

Two estranged sisters find that forgiveness never goes out of style when they inherit their mother's vintage jackets, purses... and pearls of wisdom. This delightful read is a heartwarming story about the relationships of moms and daughters, and sisters, and the discovery of oneself, of a mother's love and strong female friendships.

The book is available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble,
Target, local libraries and e-book
Discussion led by Evelyn Abraham

RSVP to receive zoom link
Evelyn Abraham: evelyn_abraham@optonline.net or 631-424-6922

HJC Mi Shabarech Form (Prayers for the Healing)

On Shabbat and holidays, we offer the Mi Sheberach blessing for those in need of healing (physically, spiritually, and emotionally). Rabbi Rosin will ensure that this blessing is said for you or your loved one(s) on Shabbat morning and holidays. If the need for support or prayers is immediate, please contact the Rabbi at rabbirosin@hjcny.org



When completing this form, please be sure to provide your loved one's name in English and Hebrew (if known).

The names will remain on the list for Sixty (60) days. You may resubmit your request if you would like us to continue saying the blessing.

Please notify us if your loved one's name should be removed from the list before sixty days by sending an e-mail to dhoppe@hjcny.org or by calling the Main Office at 631-427-1089 x10.

The Mi Shabarech List will be print each week every Thursday, please place your submissions no later than Wednesday of each week, if possible.

Date of Request (MM/DD/YYYY):

MM/DD/YYYY

* First Name (of the person requesting)	* Last Name (of the person requesting)	* Email (of the person requesting)	* Cell (of the person requesting)	Relationship to the person in need
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

* Please provide the name (s) of the person (s) who is ill or in need of spiritual healing

If possible, please provide the Hebrew/Jewish/Yiddish name (s) of the person (s) noted above. If you don't know, you may leave this blank

Please note that when providing the person's Hebrew name, the convention for prayers of healing is to offer the matronymic, that is the person's name in Hebrew followed by bat or ben (daughter or son) of her or his mother's Hebrew name.

Would you like the name to be on the MiSheberach list for one week only?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Would you like the name to remain on the MiSheberach list for 2 months

- ☐ yes
☐ no

Would you like an HJC Member to call you?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No



is launching a new exhibition

JewCE!

The Jewish Comics Experience

Running October 6 through the end of the year, exploring the Jewish roots of comics, as well as Jewish themes in comics (superheroes and otherwise) and Jewish representation in comics.

It includes a large collection of original artworks, historical artifacts, and interactive installations. Additionally, on the weekend of November 11-12, **the Center will host a comic con-style event for the whole family**, with activities, industry celebs, panel discussions and workshops, a large artist alley, an exhibit hall filled with vendors, food trucks, and more.

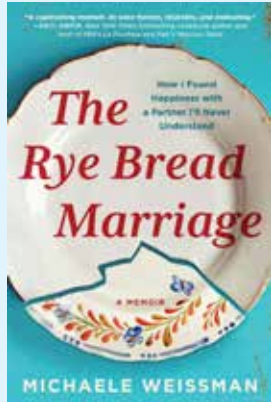


CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY

15 W 16th St (between 5th Ave. & 6th Ave.), New York, NY 10011

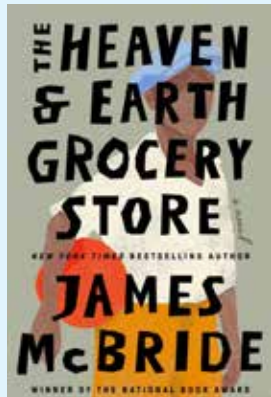
Dear friends and readers, the current news has been so dreadful and grim that I find it very difficult to put forward titles that are actually about Israel and the ordinary, brave, seemingly commonplace activities occurring there.....even as mayhem, brutality and terror are being experienced. There is no justification.

So, in a complete turnaround, knowing we need relief, here are some titles that may ease the spirit, for a moment, at least.



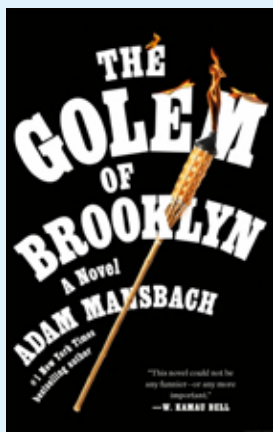
NON-FICTION:

The Rye Bread Marriage by *Michaela Weissman*: a memoir in which the author describes the instant attraction to someone totally unlike her.....she's eight years older, Jewish, American and a journalist. He fled Latvia as a child c. WW II, is a scientist and strongly attached to his refugee community and very dark sourdough bread. She is perplexed by his choices and the subtitle of this work is "How I Found Happiness With a Partner I'll Never Understand."



HISTORICAL FICTION:

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by *James McBride*: this is all about love.... a platonic and loving relationship of friends, co-workers and neighbors as well as a romantic love story between two people. Set in Pottstown, PA in the 1930s in a community of dirt roads and ramshackle houses where the town's Blacks, Jews and immigrant whites lived.....a rabbi's daughter, an immigrant from Romania, an orphaned Black boy all combine in an unfortunate series of events. "A heart-rending and hopeful tale of cross-cultural solidarity, love and redemption."



The Golem of Brooklyn by *Adam Mansbach*. Using the theme of Ashkenazic lore The words that were used to describe this book are.... facetiously funny and bonkers. Certainly a change of pace for all of us right now.

STAY STRONG AND STAY SAFE.



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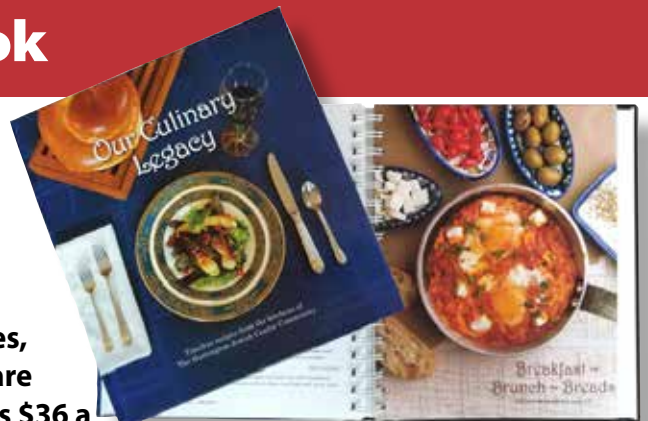
Our Culinary Legacy Cookbook

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Vicki and Tom Rosen in honor of Eileen and Harvey Berger on the birth of their grandson.

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