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REMEMBRANCE DAY

JANUARY 27TH

Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

If you forgot to pay your Sisterhood Dues, it is not too late. Please rejoin and Support the Sisterhood of HJC. Your Membership dues support our wonderful HJC Community and Women's League for Conservative Judaism. You can pay dues online on the HJC Website <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/payment.php> or send a check to HJC Attention Sisterhood Dues payable to HJC Sisterhood. Dues are the following: \$45 or \$30 if you are 62 years or older. If you are new to HJC, your first year membership dues are free. If you are a Non HJC Member, please add \$15.

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Join us for Canasta Games on Tuesday evenings in January. Please contact Lori Sklar for more information. We are also planning on sponsoring Introductory Mah Jong lessons in February. Please look for flyers for both events. We are sponsoring Hamantashen Baking Classes for Families on Sunday afternoon February 4th and an evening class on Tuesday the 13th.

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.*



The pin is made of **sterling silver and 14K goldplate**, and was **manufactured in Israel**. If you make a donation of \$180 or more, you will be given the pin as a gift to thank you for your generosity.

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.

Save paper and send ecards for any occasion. For only \$5 per recipient, you can send an attractive message—and you can even schedule your card to be sent at a specific time! Revenue from ecard purchases will benefit the Torah Fund **Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh** *All of Israel are responsible for one another.* US supporters, please make your selection today at torahfundecards.jtsa.edu.

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From Rabbi Eric Rosin



Getting to Know HJC

I have heard it said one of the stark contrasts between members of the Jewish community and Englishmen and women is that British people will leave social gatherings without saying goodbye and Jewish people will say goodbye without leaving. Out of deference to my British friends, I will admit that I have no idea

what their practices are when leaving social events. On the other hand, Jen (who is incredibly patient) will attest to the fact that the time span between my first goodbye and the time that I finally leave a kiddush lunch can sometimes be measured in hours.

Now that I've been at HJC for six months, I'm learning that there is a similar disparity between the amount of time it takes to say hello and the time that it really takes to enter a community. My introduction to The Huntington Jewish Center was during the interview process that began more than a year ago. Since then, I greeted the community on my first Shabbat as your rabbi, at the Shabarbecue, and I've enjoyed my first set of holidays (which brought my first bout of Covid), my first B'nai Mitzvah, my first baby naming and sadly, my first funerals.

With the support of the synagogue leadership, I have hosted several "Meet and Greet" sessions which have been attended by approximately 120 congregants (and we've scheduled a few more during the month of February), and I have had smaller conversations in people's homes, in my office, before, after and during meetings and, of course, at kiddush gatherings after Shabbat morning services. I am getting to know the students and families in the Early Childhood Center during my time with them on Tuesdays and on many Friday mornings, and I'm teaching the six and seventh grades in the Religious School.

For six months, I have been introducing myself to everyone I can and I still feel very much like the "new" rabbi. . . and I'm loving it. I hope that I'll be able to sustain this status for years because being new comes with permission to be curi-

ous. I've already had so many wonderful experiences in which I've learned that people who are warm and friendly during our brief discussions in passing are also fascinating and even inspirational when we have the opportunity to speak one on one. And I've learned that there are often matches between the ambitions of the synagogue community and the skills of our members.

Here are a few of the things that I think that I've learned so far about our community as a whole:

- People love the Huntington Jewish Center. Many members have been part of the community for decades and look back at years of sacred and meaningful moments and relationships that have flourished within the walls of this building.
- When people describe the character of the shul, they use words like warm, unpretentious, and heimish.
- People enjoy getting together during services in the sanctuary and also in less formal contexts like Friday night dinners, concerts, synagogue musicals, preparing food for the Jewish Nutrition Network and progressive dinners.
- There is a great deal of pride in the quality of the lay leadership on every level and in every context.
- And also, there are members who don't feel as engaged and there are people who are not yet members and who are former members who would deeply appreciate the same sense of belonging as well as the spiritual, intellectual and communal richness that we have to offer.
- And finally, I have learned that the lives of our younger members are different sociologically than the lives of previous generations and we need to honor that and explore new ways to extend what is so special about HJC to them as well.

As I continue to get to know this community in deeper ways, my goals will always be to be present to everyone in the community and also to extend what so many people love about HJC to everyone who might appreciate it. It will be helpful to me if you will extend this very long hello and make time to meet with me or write to me and let me know what I'm getting right and what the new rabbi still has to learn.





L' Dor V' Dor

On December 16, our son, Ezra, and daughter-in-law, Rebecca, became the proud parents of a baby girl. Now, Jay and I finally have a granddaughter! And, of course, she is the most beautiful baby in the world!

The birth of a new baby is a major life-cycle event and fulfills the mitzvah of being fruitful. But, more important, it also represents the

link between generations and highlights the importance of passing down our Jewish values, traditions and laws. After all, the telling of our stories and our ability to survive as a people for thousands of years stems from our strong connection with our ancestors. At the Passover Seder, we are told that each generation must view itself as having been personally brought out from Egypt and the midrash tells us that we were all present at Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah. In the Siddur, we are constantly reminded that our God is the God of our patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and our matriarchs, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah. After having decided on my topic for this article, I noticed how frequently this concept of our relationship to our ancestors and our responsibility to future and past generations appears in our prayers and in the Torah where we are often subjected to the genealogy and lists of "begats" or descendants of our various ancestors. It may at times seem trivial but nothing in the Torah is trivial so this listing of the generations is obviously important. And, it is said, that even the most mundane verse in the Torah is of equal value to any other.

One of our traditions that reflects this link between the generations is the naming of new babies after a beloved relative who has passed away. The new parents hope that the values and strengths of this relative will be reflected in the new child.

On a larger scale, the following is from an essay by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel entitled "To be a Jew: What is it?" included in the anthology of his work, *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity* (thank you Rabbi Rosin for providing this reference as part of your Torah discussion a few weeks ago):

"What is at stake in our lives is more than the fate of one generation. In this moment we, the living, are Israel. The tasks begun by the patriarchs and prophets, and carried out by countless Jews of the past, are now entrusted to us. We are the only channel of Jewish tradition.... those who must hand over the entire past to the generations to come. We are either the last, the dying, Jews or else we are those who will give new life to our tradition."

Jay and I were fortunate to be with Ezra, Rebecca and baby Michelle on their first Shabbat as a new family. Ezra was overcome with emotion as he blessed his new daughter for the first time. This was a proud moment for us because it affirmed the transmission of our values to the next generation.

The charge set before us by Rabbi Heschel seems overwhelming. I certainly do not want to be part of the last or dying generation of Jews! Are we up to the task? There are certainly many ways for us to accept this awesome responsibility and I imagine that each generation approached this challenge in different ways. One way is for us to ensure that the younger generations are proud to be Jews and that they have the knowledge and tools to identify and fight anti-semitism, especially on college campuses. Another way is to commit to continuing our own Jewish educational journey so as to be better informed of the challenges facing our people today. Then we can be better prepared to give new life to our traditions. We must be ready to be the link from one generation to the next.

At HJC, we have always prided ourselves on the fact that we are a multigenerational community. We rely on the older generation to preserve and pass down our HJC traditions and we will always ensure that this group is welcome and valued. We also recognize that now is the time to begin the generational shift in leadership so those of us in our sixties, seventies and eighties invite those of you in your thirties, forties and fifties to step up! Everyone has the capability of contributing either their time, money or wisdom so that HJC can continue to be the place we all love.

My son, Alex, sent me a beautiful photo from Israel of a man, Shlomo, a Holocaust survivor who just turned 100, shown celebrating the birth of his great-great granddaughter. Talk about "from one generation to the next!" Am Yisrael Chai!

HIHI Volunteers Needed

We will need volunteers to bring 24 individual hot meals to Rodeway Inn, located at 270 West Jericho Turnpike in Huntington Station each of the remaining dates:

January 3, 2024, February 21, 2024 and March 13, 2024

Donations are also needed!

Contact **HIHI 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!





Second New Year & Tu B'Shvat

January is a pivotal time for the secular world. Even though, we as Jews already have our New Year at Rosh Hashanah, it is still a momentous time for us in our daily lives. It is a time of reflection on the year ahead of what we would like to improve upon, accomplish, or even remove from our lives. Some of us may make

new year's resolutions, while others may not feel it is necessary to do so.

I always feel January goes along perfectly with our holiday of Tu B'Shvat. It is a nice clean slate and we, as Jews, can focus on how we can better serve our environment and better care for the natural world. Usually, each year my family always plants a tree in Israel in honor of Tu B'Shvat. However, this year is drastically different as my fam-

ily and I are constantly looking to send money to Israel for refugees, and ways to help Israel during this current unfathomable crisis.

On the home front of HJC, there are so many ways to celebrate Tu B'Shvat and also support Israel this month. The HJC Village Project will have a Tu B'Shvat seder at Melville Jewish Center, and our very own Adult Education committee will be having our own Tu B'Shvat seder as well to take part in. Our Environmental committee will be having a program titled,

What's in our Water with Sarah Meyland from Water Resources Management to learn about how we can im-

prove our usage and better serve our environ-

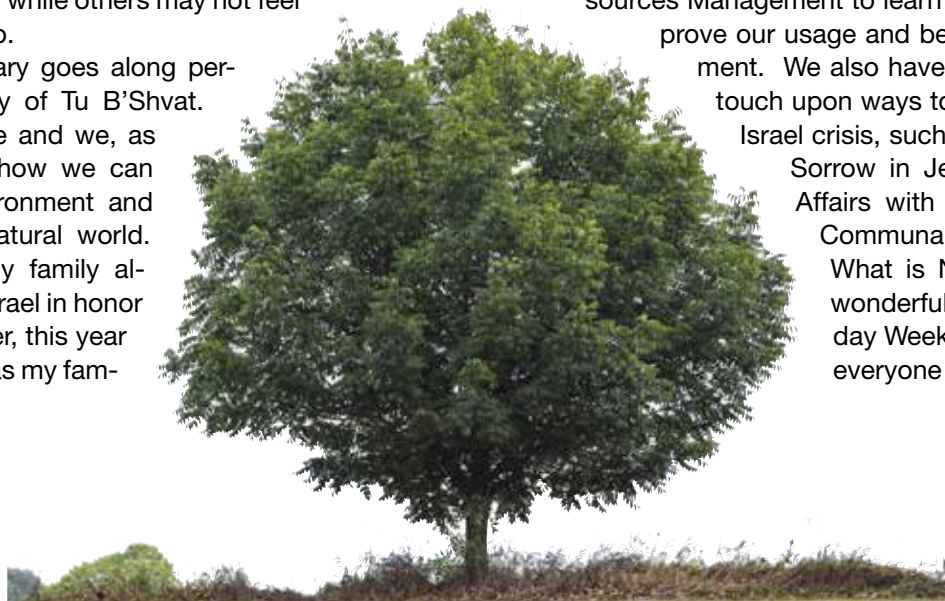
ment. We also have several programs that touch upon ways to cope with the current

Israel crisis, such as Voicing Suffering & Sorrow in Jewish Tradition, Public

Affairs with Kenneth Bob: Jewish Communal Response to the War;

What is Next? Look for these wonderful programs in the Monday Weekly Update email! I wish

everyone a very happy new year!



HJC SUMMER 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship and the David S. Rosenman Camp Rama Scholarship for the 2024 summer are available.

These Scholarships allow the recipients to experience Judaism, and its values all day, everyday as a way of life, not just Shabbat and Holidays.

Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to High School Juniors and Seniors. They spend six weeks in Israel touring, learning and living the Israeli way of life in a Conservative Educational Program.

David S. Rosenman Camp Ramah Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to children in grades 4 through 12, who spend either 4 or 8 weeks at Camp Ramah. This camp is under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Applications for both scholarships are available in the HJC Main office.



Gentleness

I have been blessed this past month to witness the purest form of giving. Whether it was giving of time, giving of compassion, giving money for the betterment of others, and so many more altruistic and generous acts.

One of these selfless acts started a few years ago when two of our extraordinary families donated a good sum of money to the ECC over the years. When I say extraordinary, it is not just because of their generous donations. They, like so many other families in our community, are generous of their time, their spirit, and their hearts. This is why our community is so unique and oh so special. After talking to these families how to best allocate the money, it was their dream to create a play area that encompasses music, but also that every child regardless of physical ability and age could enjoy. They knew when they gifted us the money, to create this beautiful play area, that their children would have graduated and would not be able to enjoy it as so many other children will for years to come. Their gift will benefit thousands

of children in the coming years. It will inspire their curiosity of music, help the children's brain develop, and most importantly, bring joy to all. These families' gift created a playground that is accessible to children of all ages (and adults-we love it too), accessible to children of varying physical capabilities, and to all genders. In other words, they created a play area that every single child can enjoy and benefit from. That is truly remarkable. In a world that can be full of divisiveness, they have reminded us of the true beauty of the human soul.

December also marks the ECC's largest fundraiser, The Hanukkah Happening. It was led again by our Super Mom and Hero, Mia Fitzharris. She and many parents worked tirelessly to solicit and secure numerous valuable donations for the raffle baskets and silent auction. Once again, I am moved by these parents' generosity of soul, spirit, time, and love. Countless hours were spent of their time securing the donations, publicizing, and assembling the baskets. This job is a thankless one and is done out of love for the children and the school. I am truly honored and blessed to be a part of this incredible community that constantly restores my faith in humanity and this mixed-up world.





Nurturing Informed Jewish Identities for College Entrance

In the wake of Oct. 7th, the Jewish community stands at a crucial juncture. The war in Israel has not only caused heartache and strife in the regions directly affected, but have also had far-reaching implications around the world, leading to heightened tensions, violence, and blatant anti-Semitic rhetoric and actions on our American college campuses. Jewish

students on these campuses often find themselves caught in the crossfire of heated debates and protests, many of which are fueled by misinformation and bias. Some students fear for their physical safety. To make the situation even uglier, the protests and rallies have been supported or at the very least, permitted by the school's administration and faculty. Academic institutions, known for their diversity and intellectual freedom cannot seem to distinguish between freedom of speech and a call for a new Holocaust.

Jewish educators are now veraciously searching for new ways to redefine and restructure our Israeli curriculum for our K-7 grades. Our students need to be well-informed about our history, our beliefs, and the realities of the modern world. At HJC Religious School, we use two digital programs: Israel Link, (an American company) and Unpacked for Educators (an Israeli company). Their curriculum allows our students to

be critical thinkers as we navigate contemporary issues together. It certainly is not the answer, but it does serve as a foundation on which we can begin. As educators and parents, it is our joint responsibility to guide our children through these complex issues that extend way beyond the synagogue and religious settings.

Now is the time to reassess our priorities. While sports and social events are important for well-rounded development, they should not come at the cost of Jewish education when we later realize its importance in shaping confident, knowledgeable young adults. Our synagogue is committed to providing an educational framework, but the educational journey is a collective effort. It takes ongoing dedication and commitment from all of us – educators, both religious and secular, parents, and the community at large.

We all play a role and have a responsibility to our children. The High School senior who was once only concerned about grades, extracurricular activities, and community service for the college application, now must ask themselves some very difficult questions that perhaps have nothing to do with their vocational aspirations. We have to ensure we are equipping them with knowledge, pride, and a strong sense of Jewish identity. Together, we can nurture a generation that is not only aware of its history and heritage but is also ready to face the challenges and opportunities of the modern world with confidence and wisdom.



Donations

CAMP RAMAH FUND

Judith & Lester Fox in memory of Marjorie Silverberg

Judith & Lester Fox in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Judith & Lester Fox to Diane Gess and family in memory of Marvin Gess

Judith & Lester Fox in honor of Ellen & Jay Steinberg on the birth of their granddaughter Michelle Daphne

Judith & Lester Fox in honor of Gail & Paul Greenstein on the birth of their granddaughter Sophie Rae Greenstein

COLLEGIATE FUND

Stephen & Liz Holbreich in honor of Paul & Gale Greenstein on the birth of their granddaughter Emma

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Joel & Barbara Kuppersmith in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Brian & Nancy Cooper in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Miriam Eckstein Koas in honor of Paul & Gale Greenstein on the birth of their granddaughter Emma

Bea Pedowicz in memory of Jack M Pedowicz at Yahrzeit

EMERGENCY SECURITY FUND

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Matteo Spera & Sarah Efronson

Ellen & Jay Steinberg

Jordan & Erika Stark

Marion Steinger

Steven & Marina Sullivan

Sutee Techaratanaprasert & Erica Lee

Bob & Lee Wiser

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ETHEL SACHS ENGAGEMENT FUND

Brian & Nancy Cooper in honor of Rosalind & Billy Wertheim on the marriage of Ariel to Deborah

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in honor of the marriage of Nathan Schoeffler to Christie Crawford

Roz & Marty Spielman in memory of Marjorie Silverberg, mother of Roger Silverberg

GARDEN FUND

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in honor of the marriage of Maya Kahane, daughter of Rhonda & Hillel Kahane to Elliot Frumkin

Ron & Gwen Goldstein in honor of the marriage of Nathan Schoeffler to Christie Crawford

Ron & Gwen Goldstein in honor of the marriage of Maya Kahane, daughter of Rhonda & Hillel Kahane to Elliot Frumkin

Ron & Gwen Goldstein in honor of the birth of Lilah Rose, granddaughter of Rhonda & Hillel Kahane

Bruce & Alice Rosen in memory of Harold Hammerschlag at Yahrzeit

Bruce & Alice Rosen in memory of Betty Goldgeier at Yahrzeit

GENERAL FUND

Howard & Carol Baker in memory of Abraham Baker at Yahrzeit

Roger Silverberg & Evelyn Abraham in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Andrea Marcus Smoller in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Andrea Marcus Smoller in memory of Marjorie Silverberg mother of Roger Silverberg and mother-in-law to Evelyn Abraham

Jerry & Gail Ellstein in memory of Bruce Feinberg

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Jerry & Sarah Saunders in memory of Marjorie Silverberg

Jerry & Sarah Saunders in memory of Rose Epstein at Yahrzeit

Gail & Jim Lodge in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Gail & Jim Lodge in memory of Marjorie Silverberg

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Dale & Phil Mintz in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Dale & Phil Mintz in memory of Louis Mintz at Yahrzeit

Dale & Phil Mintz in honor of the marriage of Nathan Schoeffler to Christie Crawford

Richard Klee in memory of Murray Klee at Yahrzeit

Howard & Linda Novick in memory of Rose Novick at Yahrzeit

Howard & Linda Novick in memory of David Novick at Yahrzeit

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in honor of the marriage of Max Solomon to Hannah Belpert

Jeff & Lesley Stark in honor of Ellen & Jay Steinberg on the birth of their granddaughter

Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the engagement of Dan Cadel, son of Debbie Cadel to Michelle Graf

Roger Silverberg & Evelyn Abraham with gratitude to Rabbi Eric Rosin for his support

Ethan Auslander & Mary Beth Polek

Norma Jean & Robert Sternschein in honor of Scott Herskovitz's 50th Birthday

Stuart & Janis Herskovitz

Leslie & Jack Rubin in memory of Bruce Feinberg, husband of Sheila Feinberg
Leslie & Jack Rubin in memory of Marjorie Silverberg, mother of Roger Silverberg
Leslie & Jack Rubin in honor of Ellen and Jay Steinberg on the birth of their granddaughter Michelle Daphne

HIHI FUND

Ethan Auslander & Mary Beth Polek

Gail & Jim Lodge in honor of Ellen & Jay Steinberg's new granddaughter, Michelle Daphne, Ezra & Rebecca Steinberg's baby girl

HJC SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

Paul & Joan Cohen in memory of Michael Cohen at Yahrzeit

Paul & Joan Cohen in memory of Bruce Feinberg

INCLUSION FUND

Miriam Eckstein-Koas in memory of Bruce Feinberg, husband of Sheila & father of Iris, Alexa, & Jacob

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT

Jennifer & Scott Ingber in honor of Scott's 50th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Jennifer & Scott Ingber in honor of Lojan Claire's Aufruf

Jennifer & Scott Ingber in memory of Dave Ingber at Yahrzeit

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in honor of Elaine and Walter Kleinmann receiving the UJA Community Leadership Award

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in memory of Bruce Feinberg, husband of Sheila Feinberg

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in memory of Vivian Silver, dear friend of Nancy & Brian Cooper

Dan & Patricia Schoeffler

Kleet Lumber

JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK

Sue & David Lefkowitz in memory of Meyer Hepner at Yahrzeit

Sue & David Lefkowitz in memory of Viola Stupp at Yahrzeit

Benjamin & Jina Eckstein

Pamela Geller in memory of Isaac Geller

Ronald & Gwen Goldstein in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Suzanne Susskind in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Ethan Auslander & Mary Beth Polek

Andrew P & Debra B Feldman in memory of Marjorie M. Silverberg

LIBRARY FUND

Jon and Andrea Pfeffer in loving memory of Marjorie Silverberg, mother of Roger Silverberg. May her memory be a blessing.

MEN'S CLUB

Saul & Sari Sternschein in honor of the anniversary of Scott Herskovitz's Bar Mitzvah

NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHER'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

Richard & Fara Satin in honor of Ilene Brown and the ECC Staff

PASSOVER SEDER DINNER

Mona Lupow in honor of Scott Herskovitz on his special Birthday

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

Dan & Patricia Schoeffler in honor of the beautiful Shabbat with Nathan & Christine

Janet & Mark Zimmerman in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Janet & Mark Zimmerman in memory of Marjorie Silverberg

SISTERHOOD

Brian & Nancy Cooper in memory of Marjorie Silverberg, mother of Roger Silverberg

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Marilyn & David Klein in memory of Bruce Feinberg

Marilyn & David Klein in memory of Marjorie Silverberg

Marilyn & David Klein in memory of Freida Klein at Yahrzeit

Joel & Barbara Kuppersmith in memory of Herbert Miller

TEACHERS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Joel & Miriam Wirchin in memory of Marjorie Silverberg, mother of Roger Silverberg

HELP DISPLACED ISRAELIS!



Many Israelis were displaced from their homes and neighborhoods due to the events on October 7th. They were forced to leave with very little of their possessions and carry their few remaining belongings in trash bags.

Please donate to help them.

What we need:

- Duffel Bags (no wheels)
- New or clean gently worn casual clothing for women, men and children
- Shirts, jeans, skirts, sweaters, sweatshirts etc.



Do a mitzvah to bring some light where there is darkness!

Place your donation in the box in the front lobby or ECC/RS entrance.

Donate through January 24th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Scott & Elissa Blond and their son **Ezra**
Olivia Wilder

MAZEL TOV:

Ellen & Jay Steinberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Michelle Daphne

Paul & Gale Greenstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophie Rae Greenstein

Every member of HJC is entitled to a free grave in HJC's cemetery. Contact the office for information.



HJC Adult Education Presents:

Voicing Suffering and Sorrow in Jewish Tradition

HJC Member Dan Danson, D. Min

**Thursday Jan 11 & Thursday Jan 18 at 7:30pm
In person and hybrid**



Voicing Suffering and Sorrow in Jewish tradition and life. While life is often filled with joy and blessing, suffering is also elemental to human experience. In this two part series, Dan will share with us his recent thesis research into ways Jewish tradition has enabled people to voice suffering and how six young rabbis in the field work to help congregants and patients in the midst of grief, trauma, or loss, find support in an American culture that too often urges us to focus on the positive and put our pain behind us.

January 11: *Telling it straight to God:* How suffering has and has not been given voice in Jewish tradition, then and now.

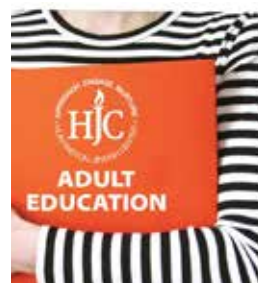
January 18: *Six remarkable rabbis.* What a new generation of Jewish leaders have to teach us about giving voice to broken hearts.

RSVP: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/adult-ed-program-1-of-3-series.html>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



Questions? Nancy Cooper:
Nancyberlow@gmail.com
Phone 516-356-7109



If you need any accommodation to be able to fully participate in this event, please notify Rachel in the front office.
Do not let the cost of the program deter your participation....reach out to Rabbi Rosin.

REDEDICATION OF THE LIEF CHAPEL



Mazel Tov to HJC congregants Elaine and Walter Kleinmann for being honored with UJA's Community Leadership Award at the UJA Federation 2024 Suffolk Signature Event on November 16, 2023.

It was a wonderful evening shared with many HJC congregants. Joel Wirchin, Event Chair, was proud to present the award. Thank you to all who attended for your support of UJA and to celebrate the Kleinmanns for this well-deserved honor.



HJC Religious School Presents

KRAV MAGA

FOR ADULTS ONLY

(ISRAELI SELF DEFENSE)

Class series with Master Instructor Dr. Michael Blitz

\$180 for 8 classes (\$200 for non-members)

The following Tuesdays 7:45-8:45 pm

Jan. 16, 23, 30

Feb. 13, & 27

Mar. 12, 19 & 26



Program subsidized by Herskovitz Family Engagement Fund

RSVP: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/adult-krav-maga-2024-series-.html>

Shabbat Study Session

Hebrew Poetry of Resilience and Hope

Facilitator Dafna Soltes Stein

based on a workshop designed by Rabbi Arielle Stein; October 2023

January 20

To take place after a brief Kiddish

During the twentieth and twenty-first centuries the Jewish People have embraced the re-emergence of Modern Hebrew and a rich and prolific literature has flourished. Especially in the land of Israel. Poetry in any language is a source of self reflection and expression, a means to wrestle with feelings, without knowing the outcome. Since October 7, we have grasped for sources of resilience and hope in many places. How will the study of these poems help?

We will study five Hebrew poems in English translation spanning the years 1935 through 2023.

Tranquility Will Come

by Leah Goldberg (1935)

A Ball Out of Pain

by Amir Gilboa (1987)

Ein Yahav

by Yehudah Amichai (1998)

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by Rachel Tzvia Back (2019)

Shelter

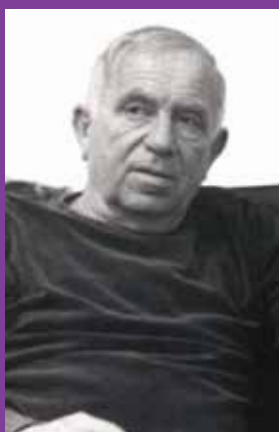
by Agi Mishol (October 2023)



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HJC Adult Education Presents:

Public Affairs with Kenneth Bob: Jewish Communal Response to the War; What is Next?



Tony Zumbado/NBC News

**Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 9:45am
In person (HJC Social Hall) and hybrid**

Light breakfast will be served.

RSVP: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/jewish-public-affairs-with-ken-bob-jewish-communal-response-to-the-war-and-shifts-within-the-community.html>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



Questions? Nancy Cooper:
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Phone 516-356-7109



If you need any accommodation to be able to fully participate in this event, please notify Rachel in the front office.
Do not let the cost of the program deter your participation....reach out to Rabbi Rosin.

HJC's Adult Education Presents:

Adult Tu B'Shvat Seder

Text Study and Discussion

Wednesday Jan.24 at 7:00- 8:30pm

Tu B'Shvat is a great, amazing festival, an ancient celebration of the new year for trees that has changed and evolved over 20 centuries, and has never been more vital than it is today.



Advice From a Tree:
stand tall and proud
go out on a limb
drink plenty of water
remember your roots
enjoy the view



Come hungry! We will enjoy a light dinner together during the seder.

We do not know exactly when the first one took place. Somebody somewhere, almost certainly a Kabbalist, almost certainly in Safed, made the connection between the Biblical instruction to observe a new year for the trees on the full moon of Shvat and instruction to observe Passover on the full moon of Nissan and said: "Let's have a Tu B'shvat seder! Let's have four cups of wine, special foods, and let's have questions and texts like we do at the Passover seder!"



Please use the following link to register:

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/adult-ed-tubhsvat-seder.html>

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HJC Youth Group* Presents...

Creative Cooking & Baking **with Morah Joanne**



Sunday, Jan. 28th, 12:00-1:30

Cost: \$20

Grades 2-5

Lunch Included!



RSVP by Jan. 23rd: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/youth-program.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

**HJC Men's Club and the
HJC Environmentalism Committee
present:**

Long Island Water Standards: THE QUALITY OF YOUR WATER AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO IMPROVE IT

Sarah Meyland, M.S., J.D., Dir., NYIT (Ret.) Center for Water Resources Mgmt.

Join us for Breakfast, followed by the presentation:

**IN HONOR OF TU B'SHEVAT -
THE JEWISH CELEBRATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.**

We will learn about water quality and conservation on Long Island
and the actions we can take to keep our drinking water safe.

Sunday January 28, 2024

10:00AM - 11:30AM

Huntington Jewish Center

510 Park Ave., Huntington, NY (enter at rear parking lot)

\$5 per person. Open to all.



RSVP: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/environmental-committee-congregational-seal-walk-in-honor-of-tu-bshevat.html>

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and



Temple Beth El
of Huntington

present



**Come hear the sounds of Broadway and Jazz
performed by
your fellow HJC and TBE members!**

Saturday March 2nd
SAVE THE DATE!

If you need any accommodation to be able to fully participate in this event, please notify Rachel in the front office.
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FICTION:

Sasha Marianna Salzmann - **Beside Myself**

Twins Ali and Anton, born in Moscow and raised as Jewish refugees in Berlin, always together. When Anton goes 'missing' Ali gets a postcard from him postmarked "Istanbul" with no message. She goes in search of her brother and in the process, the search of herself and family history, going back a few generations.

Lisa Scottoline - **Loyalty**

An epic tale of love and justice & the rise of the Mafia set on the beautiful isle of Sicily. ...a landed Baron...An idealistic lawyer...a new mother and her daughter. A cheesemaker living under constant threat of being discovered as a Jew.

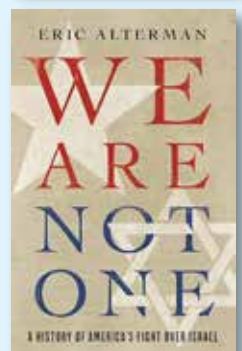
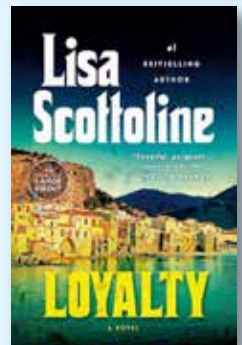
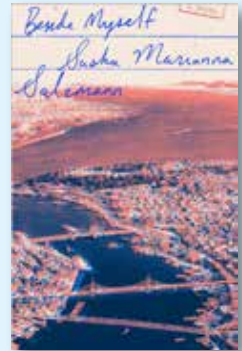
Agur Schiff (Israeli) - **Professor Schiff's Guilt**

A satire. As the professor travels to a fictional African nation to trace a slave-trading ancestor, he is imprisoned under a new law of which he was unaware, barring profits from slavery unto successive generations of slave holders. Meanwhile, he had already fallen in love with the woman who cleans his house, a mysterious, migrant, African woman. I did not make this up.

NON-FICTION: *The following quoted directly from Publishers Weekly*

Eric Alterman - **We Are Not One: A History of America's Fight over Israel**

"Historian Alterman (Lying in State) delivers a thought-provoking and thorough study of America's political relationship with the modern state of Israel. Contending that since the 1948 Israeli Declaration of Independence, U.S. presidential administrations have deferred to the wishes of Israel's leaders, Alterman explores the reasons for that consistent support, including guilt over America's failure to save a significant number of Jews from the Holocaust, the rising political influence of Christian evangelicals who believe that saving Israel is a divine mandate, determined efforts by pro-Israel lobbyists and Jewish organizations, and cultural touchstones including the novel and movie Exodus, which popularized a mythic narrative about Israeli independence. He also highlights Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 'relentless propaganda campaign' against President Obama's nuclear deal with Iran and the growing generational divide within the American Jewish community over support for Israel as 'stateless and oppressed' Palestinians increasingly 'occupy the underdog role that history had previously assigned to the Jews.' Evenhanded yet incisive, this is an accessible history of a complex geopolitical matter and a persuasive call for more open-minded debate on an issue tearing at the fabric of the American Jewish community."



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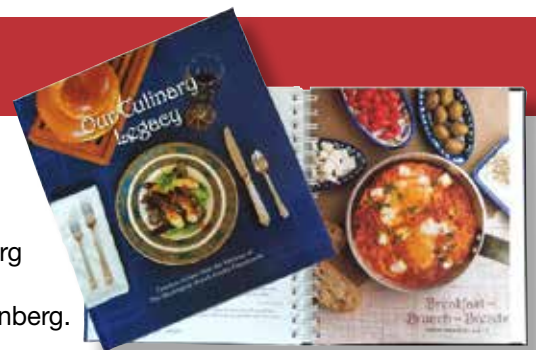
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