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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

PURIM:

Thank you to Donna Fleiss and to all our Hamantaschen Bakers. This year we baked 2400 Raspberry, Apricot and Chocolate Chip Hamantaschen cookies for the Purim Bags, Collegian packages and to serve at luncheons and services. If you would like to purchase Hamantaschen cookies, we are selling them by the dozen. Please contact Donna Fleiss or Evelyn Abraham.

Sisterhood will be coordinating the purchase and delivery of Mishloach Manot for Purim. Please look for emails with instructions on how to order on the Happy Purim website. Also, Sisterhood will be reaching out to the congregation for help with delivery to HJC Congregants who live locally during the week of March 18th. Please contact Evelyn Abraham with all questions on ordering and delivery. Paper order forms will be available.

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From Rabbi Eric Rosin



Showing Up

Last month, after Jen, Sam and I visited my parents in Florida, we took a side trip to the Kennedy Space Center to support Sam's ambition to become an astronaut. (Hopefully, he will wait to enter the training program until after he has completed elementary school.) The Visitor's Center at Kennedy does a great job with its exhibits and flight simulators and we even

witnessed a satellite launch while we were there.

I'm almost embarrassed to admit that one morning I found my attention straying from the immense Saturn V rocket in one of the exhibit halls to the smaller, almost incidental exhibit celebrating the "space pen" off to the side and below the enormous first stage of the rocket. When I saw it, I was reminded of the perhaps apocryphal story that when the United States was preparing for their first manned space missions they realized that the astronauts had no way to make all of the necessary notes and keep all of the necessary records during their flights because normal pens don't work in the zero gravity environment of a low earth orbit.

What ensued was an extensive and expensive research and development process that produced the world's first space pen, a pressurized writing instrument that can be used right side up, upside down and can write on different kinds of surfaces.

The punchline, though, is that when the Russians encountered the same obstacle, they skipped the research and opted to use pencils.

The point being that sometimes the most impressive, labor intensive and ingenious solutions are not always the best ones.

Both in the Jewish world and in the larger world around us, there are multiple crises emerging from the contraction of communal organizations. In his book, *Bowling Alone*, the oftquoted author, Robert Putnam, chronicles the demise of communal institutions like bowling leagues, fraternal organizations and yes, religious organizations, and notes the increase in feelings of isolation, loneliness and all of the associated consequences that have arisen as we have fewer supportive relationships in our lives.

At HJC we are still working on the *Belonging Project*, an initiative that we launched last fall during the Holidays. We are also looking at the timing and content of our prayer services and thinking about programs and initiatives that might counter the challenging trends that we are encountering in order to bring more people into our building and to enable us to better support our members in good times and in times of need.

As we think about how to plan, staff, socialize and support these well thought through, if labor intensive "moon shots," perhaps there is a simpler option. Maybe we only need to get better at describing the benefits of simply showing up.

One of the most compelling resources available to a synagogue like ours is the opportunity to get to know interesting and nice people. You probably won't be surprised to read that I attend a lot of our religious services. I can attest to the fact that the men and woman who show up for our weekday morning minyan are a supportive and welcoming group who all know each other, like each other and keep up with each other's lives. Similarly, the Friday night, Kabbalat Shabbat crowd usually kibitzes a little during service and spends some time beforehand and afterwards catching up with each other and including those who zoom in from home in their conversations. In each of these settings, the circles are enthusiastically widened to include newcomers and to get to know them as well. In other liturgical settings, I've heard the heartfelt appreciation expressed by members when other people attend shivah minyanim simply because part of being a community is showing up for each other and showing that we care.

As we think of different ways to help our religious school students grow comfortable in our Shabbat morning services, those who already attend regularly give our Nitzanim Junior Congregation program rave reviews and children who come into the sanctuary often join me on the bimah and help lead different parts of the service.

And, as just one more example of the power of showing up, as a newcomer to the community myself, I am very impressed by the seriousness and the level of participation in the Jewish Nutrition Network Sunday morning food-packing sessions. About every six weeks, pallets of vegetables stacked over six feet high arrive at the synagogue on a Friday in preparation for the Sunday morning JNN gathering. Within an hour or two of opening the doors on Sunday, hundreds of bags of food are assembled to be taken to a nearby foodbank. While the food is being packed, members of HJC and members of the larger community are working together in our Social Hall and getting to know one another as they work and sort produce.

I can say similar things about those who attend Mens Club meetings, sisterhood functions, adult education classes and the myriad of different times and contexts in which HJC members come together.

We will never stop exploring new ways to engage the community and experimenting with new ways to come together. It's a daunting task as we think about how to compete with all of the opportunities present in our connected world. Every HJC member and every potential member has a choice between coming to HJC and staying home, plugged into the resources available on the internet. Nevertheless, its good to remember that not every answer has to be complicated. There is one simple, elegant and accessible way to find relationship and meaning at HJC which is accessible to even those of us who are not rocket scientists, and that is just to show up.

President's Perspective



Every person whose heart so moves him should contribute gifts to the Lord

Parasha T'rumah (Chapter 25:1) begins as follows: "The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him." I have always found this beautiful verse to be particularly meaningful. This type of giving is not

required, there is no specific tax or contribution specified. These types of donations are necessary for the upkeep of the tabernacle (or synagogue) but cannot reach into the realm of holiness. T'rumah (gift, offering) comes from the root meaning "to elevate." Thus, the implication is that this act of generous and full-hearted offering to God elevates the donor to a higher level and brings him closer to the divine presence.

Furthermore, each person gave according to his own ability and each gift was valuable and designated for a specific purpose. Nobody was asked to give more than he desired. Everything was needed, not only gold and silver and precious stones, but rough goat hair and pieces of wood. There was no one equal standard for measuring the value of a contribution. It was essential that everyone whose heart so moved him could participate in the building of the mishkan and thus the entire community contributed. This is what allowed God to dwell in their midst. Some commentaries suggest that contributions took on the character of the givers and that their uses were only determined once the gifts were given. Others even suggest most of the Israelites arrived in the desert with few craftsmen skills and that God, himself, endowed the artisans with the necessary skills.

How can we strive to create a culture of giving at HJC where each of our members can contribute their precious gifts wholeheartedly according to his or her ability? There are many ways to give to HJC and we need all of you. Some have the means to generously donate money above and beyond the required dues, others give generously of their time by volunteering in many different capacities. Still, others have specific expertise that can enhance our spiritual home and they give generously of their skills. All of these types of contributions are valuable and are essential to the health and well-being of our beloved HJC. I recently participated in a seminar of the Belonging Project (a UJA sponsored program that teaches synagogue leaders how to create a welcoming culture of belonging in their synagogues). One of the things I learned was that leadership needs to value and understand what each congregant is capable of contributing and then learn to tap into those resources when needed. We would love to do this but we need your help since we do not always know what each of you has to offer.

When we participate in creating something, that thing has more value for us, and we take pride in our accomplishment. We all have a responsibility for ensuring that HJC has a forward-looking vision and is prepared and ready to evolve and meet the challenges that face us. The more we contribute, each in our own way, the more each of us will be changed and spiritually enhanced by that experience.

But wait! The most amazing part of the story of building the mishkan occurs in Chapter 36: 5-7. All the artisans have been assembled and they are about to begin the work. But they tell Moses: "The people are bringing more than is needed for the tasks...." Moses then made a proclamation throughout the land: "Let no man or woman make further effort towards gifts for the sanctuary." So, the people stopped giving as they had contributed more than was needed. I always found these verses so unbelievable! Has this problem of too much giving ever been replicated since? Now that I am your president, I appreciate the envious position into which Moses found himself. I can promise all of you that I will never ask you to stop giving of your money, time and skills as we continue the work of creating a bright future for HJC by strengthening the bonds that link us together.

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS

March will have 2 programs with a Theater theme. Sisterhood is sponsoring a program called Broadway on a Budget on March 21st at 7:30 PM. We have invited a speaker to give us money saving tips on how to see Broadway shows for under \$60. Sisterhood has also bought a block of tickets for the Engeman Theater in Northport for a matinee performance of Jersey Boys on Wednesday March 27th. Please look for the flyers with additional information on how to RSVP.

BQLI Region Spring Regional Conference Thursday April 4th and Woman of Achievement Gala Thursday June 6th

Please save the date Thursday April 4th 9:15 am – 3:45 pm at Plainview Jewish Center for our Region's Spring Conference. The theme is "Building Bridges, Sisters Connecting. The program includes a discussion about connecting generations for Membership, chair yoga with Joni Brenner, Sisterhood Milestone Awards, Luncheon, and a Craft Project.

The annual BQLI Woman of Achievement Gala is planned for Thursday June 6th. We will celebrate and honor the region's Women of Achievement. These are woman who go above and beyond and deserve to be recognized for their outstanding dedication and contributions to their Sisterhood and synagogue community. Our Sisterhood has selected Tyna Strenger.

View From The Director's Chair

Rachel Gritz Executive Director



Collaboration & Teamwork

This past month, I attended my first session of JCRC LI's Community Leadership Program. In this session, the theme that was to be discussed was networking and team building. In the first half of this session, we had to walk up to three different people, strike up a conversation and ask them their name, and ask them a gues-

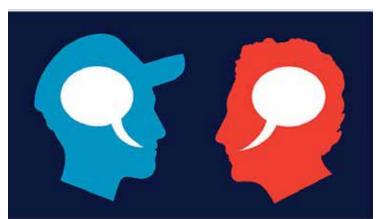
tion. We had to recall each of these three different people's names and what they told us in response to the three different questions. Underneath these tasks was really an exercise in active listening.

I enjoy meeting people and in the role that I am in here at HJC, I must pay extra close attention to what people tell me about themselves, whether it is about an event or a program, a suggestion and especially when I meet a new congregant or a new person that enters HJC. In this part of the session, I found it to be simple and business as usual for myself. However, the troubling aspect I noticed during this exercise was that a great deal of people in the room were more concerned with what they were going to say next, rather than focusing on who is speaking to them, and unfortunately missing key details. Here at HJC, this is something we all can take part in together as a community; to be active listeners to each other to grow our community. It is important to listen to what each other is saying and not focus so much on how we will respond so that we can fully achieve our goals for the greater good of our community.

The second half of the session, we broke up into groups of five with people that none of us knew or met prior to that moment. The task at hand was that we were given three plastic cups, one rubber band, and five strings, and no this was not a game of flip cup! We had only seven minutes to devise a plan on how we were going to get the cups onto the table without touching the actual cups. After seven minutes, we had to perform the plan in total silence. In other words, we had to remember what we all planned together and act in silence to do this task. My group ended up using the rubber band and looping each string through the rubber band, which resembled a dream catcher. Each of us then lifted the cup by holding each of our strings and hoisted the cup one at a time onto the table. I must admit, I thought our group was highly creative with this idea!

The most interesting aspect of this exercise that I found was not the method itself that we chose to lift the cups, rather how all of us agreed in seven minutes to do a task together and in unison. We all had a chance to speak, and one member of the group heard what we were saying yet acted as the "voice" or decision maker in this scenario, and quickly put all our ideas together in a concrete and concise plan of action. Even though one member had more of the dominant voice, the actual plan and vision came from each one of us in the group. Teambuilding is always something we can continue to enhance among groups of people and here at HJC. With so many wonderful cohorts of hardworking committees at HJC it is crucial that we all act as a team and listen to each other and be heard, even if at the end of the day a decision on a topic or program needs to be made. My door is always open to lend a hand with any decision that HJC needs assistance with to help achieve our goals.

This month, there are several programs that involve collaborative programming that I would like to highlight.We have on March 2nd a Night of Music featuring our very own Rhonda Kahane (Kay) & The Backstage Trio Band, a joint concert between HJC & Temple Beth El to support our Jewish communities. We have our Social Justice Committee host a program on March 5th called Building Intercommunity Relationships with Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr. HJC will host a screening of the movie Golda, which involved a collaboration effort amongst our congregants, Bob & Lee Wieser on Sunday March 10th. We will have our community congregational Shabbat dinner on March 15th, which I hope everyone will sign up for an evening of togetherness. We will also be having our Purim Spiel and Megillah reading on Saturday March 23rd and our everpopular Purim Carnival on March 24th. Each one of these programs this month involves teamwork and a true collaboration. I wish all of you a happy Purim!







"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." –*Winston Churchill*

Character Education has always been important to us in the ECC. It ties in with many of the cornerstones of early childhood education and life itself, for we do not only teach and live the typical academics in our school. It is so much more. Everything starts here and now. Kicking off our "Acts of

Kindness Event" is so much more than just being kind and committing kind acts. It is social emotional development, a cornerstone of early childhood education. It is gratitude. It is tolerance. It is accepting and appreciating our differences and diversity. Now more than ever we need the human component of kindness, compassion, peace, and love.

How do we teach kindness and compassion to preschoolers? Social Emotional Learning is a key element in early childhood education. It helps children identify their own feelings, identify other children's feelings, solve problems, and cope with their emotions. Children will learn to understand their emotions and read facial cues of others to understand their emotions. One could argue that a young child does not understand or feel compassion, but when you observe it unsolicited firsthand, you know anything is possible. We have seen our children comfort other children when they are sad, offer them a hand or a toy to try to cheer them up. Even a simple pat, a hug, a smile is a gesture of kindness and compassion when they see a friend or even a teacher struggling. A TWO-yearold child saw a teacher crouching to help a child. She was rubbing her back, as it hurt her to bend for a length of time. This two-year-old child ran to get a chair for the teacher, telling her it would help her back! We want the child to be aware of the intrinsic reward of helping and being kind to another. It is very gratifying to make another happy with a kind gesture. It is a win win for all. We feel better about ourselves for doing good in this world, and the person we help is pretty darn happy too.

This year we labeled and counted 100 acts of kindness by our students, parents, and each other. We want to give back to the community and be grateful for what we have. We collected as a community for "Birthday Wishes", which provides birthday parties for homeless children. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we delivered 10 large tubs of party supplies. This will impact countless children's lives.

This year we decided to invite other schools to join our kindness event and curriculum. Each child in our school decorated a link for a chain of kindness. Each class created a class kindness chain by attaching each child's links together. Then we attached all class kindness chains to create a school kindness chain. Finally, we have invited two other schools to create thier own kindness chain, which will attach to our school's to create a community chain of kindness!



Religious School Gina Giuffre, Director



Costumes and Courage: Embracing Identity Yesterday and Today There is always an air of excitement and anticipation when the holiday of Purim approaches. Vibrant costumes, mishloach manot (gift baskets) exchanged, carnivals, parades, the spirited readings of the Megillah, and the joyous celebration that marks this holiday are a testament to the enduring strength and spirit of the Jewish people. Yet, this year, I

cannot help but see the ironic parallel we seem to find ourselves in the 21st century. Does history repeat itself? Beneath the surface of these festivities lies a profound exploration of

identity, both hidden and revealed which resonates deeply in our history and today.

Purim commemorates a time when the Jewish people in Persia were saved from extermination through the bravery of Queen Esther (real name was Hadas), who revealed her hidden Jewish identity to the king at great personal risk. In a world post Oct. 7, many of us are evaluating and



navigating our comfort level in revealing our own Jewishness. Purim costumes serve as a powerful metaphor for the masks we sometimes wear to navigate the world. Whether it is concealing our vulnerabilities, adopting a persona to fit in, or hiding our Jewish identity in contexts where it might not be safe or accepted, we all wear "costumes" at times.

Yet, Purim teaches us the power of revealing our true selves. It encourages us to celebrate our identity with pride and to recognize the strength in community and vulnerability. Jewish people have always found creative and courageous ways to maintain their traditions and beliefs. In good times and in difficult times, we come together to celebrate and support. This holiday serves as a reminder, while we may face

> challenges in being true to ourselves and revealing our Jewishness outwardly, there is profound strength and freedom in shedding our masks. Let us take to heart the lessons of Purim and strive to live authentically, boldly, and with pride. In doing so, we honor the legacy of those who came before us and pave the way for a future where every individual can freely and safely express who they are.



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Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer in memory of Bruce Feinberg, husband of Sheila Feinberg

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Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer in honor of the anniversary of Scott Ingber's Bar Mitzvah

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Doris & David Schoenfarber in memory of Bertel Robbins at Yahrzeit Jeff & Lesley Stark in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Brayden Gritz, son of Rachel & Ryan Gritz

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Yolanda Barfus Jerry Feldman founder of Woodbury Kosher Janice Bushman, mother of Nina Harmon Joyce Baltus, mother of Michele Baltus and grandmother to Brianna & Adina Baltus Kirkland

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Brian & Nancy Cooper in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Brayden Gritz, son of Rachel & Ryan Gritz

Brian & Nancy Cooper in honor of Lesley Stark on her milestone birthday

MAZEL TOV:

Ellen & Jay Steinberg on the birth of their grandson Lincoln Alton Steinberg

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Caroline Brooks & Christopher Gallienne & their children: Madison Gallienne, Ally Gallienne & Jamie Gallienne

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

Save The Date For The Celebrate Israel Parade!

The Celebrate Israel Day Parade is Sunday, June 2, 2024, and will take place from 11AM - 4PM on Fifth Avenue between 57th Street – 74th Street. This year's theme is Am Echad, Lev Echad - One People, One Heart Stay tuned for registration & busing information in the upcoming weeks!





Enjoy an evening of music with your friends! V Huntington Jewish Center & Temple Beth El of Huntington present



Saturday, March 2, 2024

at the Huntington Jewish Center, 510 Park Avenue, Huntington

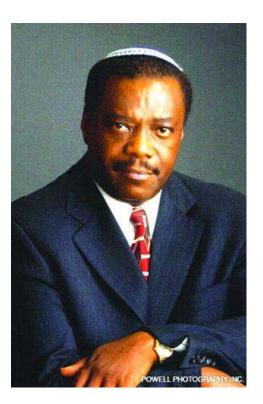
Wine and dessert at 8:00 p.m., concert begins at 8:45 p.m. \$36 per person (includes concert, 2 glasses of wine and dessert) Bring a friend or two!

Mandatory Registration REQUIRED: https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/benefit-concert-.htm Support the HJC and TBE communities!

If you have any questions or need any accommodation to be able to fully participate in this event, please contact Rachel at (631) 427-1089, Ext. 10.

Do not let the cost of the program deter your participation; reach out to Rabbi Rosin at HJC.

HJC Social Justice Committee presents Building Intercommunity Relationships: An evening with Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr.



Tuesday, March 5 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.

Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr. is Chief Rabbi of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis, rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation in Chicago, and a long-time member of the Chicago Board of Rabbis. He is also the rabbi-cousin of Michelle Obama.

Rabbi Funnye is passionate about the need to build intercommunity relationships now more than ever. He will tell us about the Israelite Community in the U.S., his experience in building relationships with different sectors of the Black, White, Jewish and Muslim communities in Chicago and throughout the country, and his vision of where we go from here.

Rabbi Funnye will join us remotely. To get the most of this unique opportunity, we urge everyone to join us in person at HJC. We are also inviting members of Temple Beth-El and Kehilath Shalom. A zoom option will also be provided to start at 7:45 p.m.

Registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 29. For security reasons, no one will be admitted who has not registered in advance. (Zoom Information will be sent in the registration) RSVP: <u>https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/social-justice-program--rabbi-funnye.html</u> or click on the QR Code.



HJC PRESENTS: A SCREENING OF GOLDA SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 1:00 PM PIZZA & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED A DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW THE FILM LED BY RABBI ROSIN

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER: COST \$15 P/P



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

our Next Congregational Dinner is Coming Soon!

Come join us to welcome Shabbat with your fellow congregants!

March 15, 2024 Services begin at 6pm Dinner at 7pm

RSVP by Sunday, March 10th

https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/ congregational-shabbat-dinner.html

Shabbat

SHALOM

Meat meal with vegetarian options

Children's tables with babysitting/supervision

\$20.00 per adult
\$12.00 per child ages 3-13
(Children under 3 free)
\$50.00 total per family





The HJC Adult Education Presents

Walking With God

with Rabbi Rosin

Tuesdays at 7:30 PM March 19, March 26, May 7 Huntington Jewish Center 510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743



Walking with God is an interactive curriculum exploring the Jewish conception of God and our relationship with God

In-person at HJC with Hybrid Option

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There is little question that God is central to Judaism and to the Jewish people. After that, things get complicated.

We will explore the Jewish concept of God throughout the ages. Over the course of four sessions, we will learn texts together and examine the Jewish view of God from Jewish law, literature, and Hassidic tradition. We will engage with our conceptions of how God can be perceived in our own lives.

Each session will probe the Jewish perception and relationship with God through a different lens. Walking with God is an interactive curriculum written by a variety of scholars and edited by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Vice President of American Jewish University and Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies.

RSVP

https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/walking-with-god-with-rabbi-rosin-series-class-.html

Many thanks to HJC's Sisterhood for sponsoring and organizing the annual Hamantashen Family Workshop on Sunday, February 4.

Lots of fun was had rolling, filling and pinching dozens of hamantashen to be taken home to bake! A special thank you to Denise and Jacob Novick for helping to set up and organize.























HJC Religious School Presents:



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.

UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK'S

WITNESS PROJECT

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:30 pm Arts Exhibit • 6:30 pm Program Tilles Center for the Performing Arts • 720 Northern Boulevard, Greenvale, NY 11548

Witness Project brings together high school students and Holocaust survivors for a collaboration that fosters a deep emotional connection to the themes of loss, resilience, war, and trauma. This beautiful initiative helps preserve the memory of the Holocaust and supports survivors through the therapeutic recounting of their experiences.

Approximately 13,000 Holocaust survivors live in the New York area a disproportionate number live in poverty. For many, UJA's network of nonprofits serves as their lifeline and tends to their physical, emotional, and social well-being. Funds raised will support services for Holocaust survivors in the community, including therapeutic programs such as UJA-Federation's Witness Project.

Witness Project Chairs

Caryn & Michael Beyer Alexandra & Joseph Fingerman

For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact Sherri Candel at 516.762.5896 or email witness@ujafedny.org.

Register for the April 16 performance and arts exhibit ujafedny.org/witness



SUPPORT LEVELS

\$50,000[†]** Diamond Page

10 event tickets, assigned seating, recognition as a Benefactor in the Witness Project Film, and a Diamond page ad in the journal Gifts at this level can help provide free legal representation and support for 100 survivors to access benefits, prevent eviction, and protect them from elder abuse.

\$25,000^{†**} Platinum Page

8 event tickets, assigned seating, recognition as a Sponsor in the Witness Project Film, and a Platinum page ad in the journal Gifts at this level can provide 42 sessions of trauma-informed mental health care by specially trained psychiatrists.

\$10,000^{†**} Gold Page

6 event tickets, assigned seating, recognition as a Friend in the Witness Project Film, and a Gold page ad in the journal Gifts at this level can provides 65 survivors with specialized kosher food packages delivered to Holocaust survivors' homes.

\$5,000[†] Silver Page

6 event tickets, open seating, and a Silver page ad in the journal Gifts at this level can provide \$500 in emergency cash assistance to 10 Holocaust survivors.

\$2,500[†] Bronze Page

4 event tickets, open seating, and a Bronze page ad in the journal Gifts at this level can provide a celebratory program for 50 Holocaust survivors to enjoy lunch, live music, and socialization with peers and volunteers.

\$1,000[†] White Page

2 event tickets, open seating, and a White page ad in the journal Gifts at this level can provide tablets and home internet for 3 Holocaust survivors who are homebound, allowing them to stay connected to friends, loved ones, and virtual social programs.

\$540[†] Half Page

2 event tickets, open seating, and a Half page ad in the journal Gifts at this level can provide a special holiday gift for 30 Holocaust survivors.

OPEN SEATING FOR SILVER, BRONZE, WHITE, And half page levels. Assigned seating for Diamond, platinum, and gold page levels.



Facilities at the Huntington Jewish Center are available to rent for your special event.

KIDDUSH LOUNGE, FAMILY LIFE ROOM, LIBRARY

Do you need a room for an organizational meeting or a family get-together? The Huntington Jewish Center can provide a facility to meet your needs.

FACILITY RENTAL:

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When HJC building is already open	\$300
Special opening of the HJC building	\$500

SECURITY FEE:

We require the use of a security guard at our facility. Cost to pay the security guard for the hours used:.....\$43.75/hour, minimum 3 hours

SET UP & CLEAN UP FEE:

Cleaning of the facilities before and after the event..... \$100

There is a 3 hour minimum and 8 hour maximum for use of the facility

SOCIAL HALL

For large meetings, B'Nei Mitzvah parties, wedding receptions, or other significant events where a larger facility is required.

FACILITY RENTAL:

When HJC building is already open......\$1150 Special opening of the HJC building.....\$1270

SECURITY FEE:

We require the use of a security guard at our facility. Cost to pay the security guard for the hours used:.....\$43.75/hour, minimum 3 hours

SET UP & CLEAN UP FEE:

Cleaning of the facilities before and after the event.....\$150

There is a 3 hour minimum and 8 hour maximum for use of the facility

To use any facility and for detailed information contact Rachel Gritz: rgritz@hjcny.org • 631-427-1089 Only open to Members of HJC



Saturday, March 23rd



7:30 pm Refreshments served



Sponsored by Sisterhood & the HJC Congregation

8:00 pm Purim Spiel - "The Voice: Purim Edition" & Megillah Reading

All ape welcome!



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

Dear Nili and the HJC community! I wanted to thank you all from the bottom of the heart for the generous donation you gave us. The Modiin Social Closet is working 24/7 since October 7th to help thousands of Israelis who had to evacuate from their homes. Every shirt will hug someone who needs a hug. Every coat will warm someone who is cold. Your giving is so personal and for that, so moving. Thank you for being with us, seeing us and praying for us in these difficult times. Kol Israel Arevim ze laze. Limor Rubin On behalf of the MSC volunteers.





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The sixth edition of (mostly) True Things was held on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

The stars of this show, created and run by Jude Treder-Wolff, were Jennifer Bring Ingber, Julie Luks, Aaron Sloutski and Bob Wieser. Sixty people came to hear HJC members' stories. We heard about getting lost in Israel at age 21, excelling-not surprisinglyin college courses at age 14, a small act of kindness circling back to a worldly, adventurous traveling nurse in a completely unexpected way, and how it happened that a musician found himself serendipitously playing guitar with his rock star hero.

The audience had to decide who they thought was telling their story without any (slight) deceptions. Three people won the contest and received a small gift, compliments of Jude. It was an evening of touching entertainment, refreshments, comradery and fun. Be on the lookout for next year's show!



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.