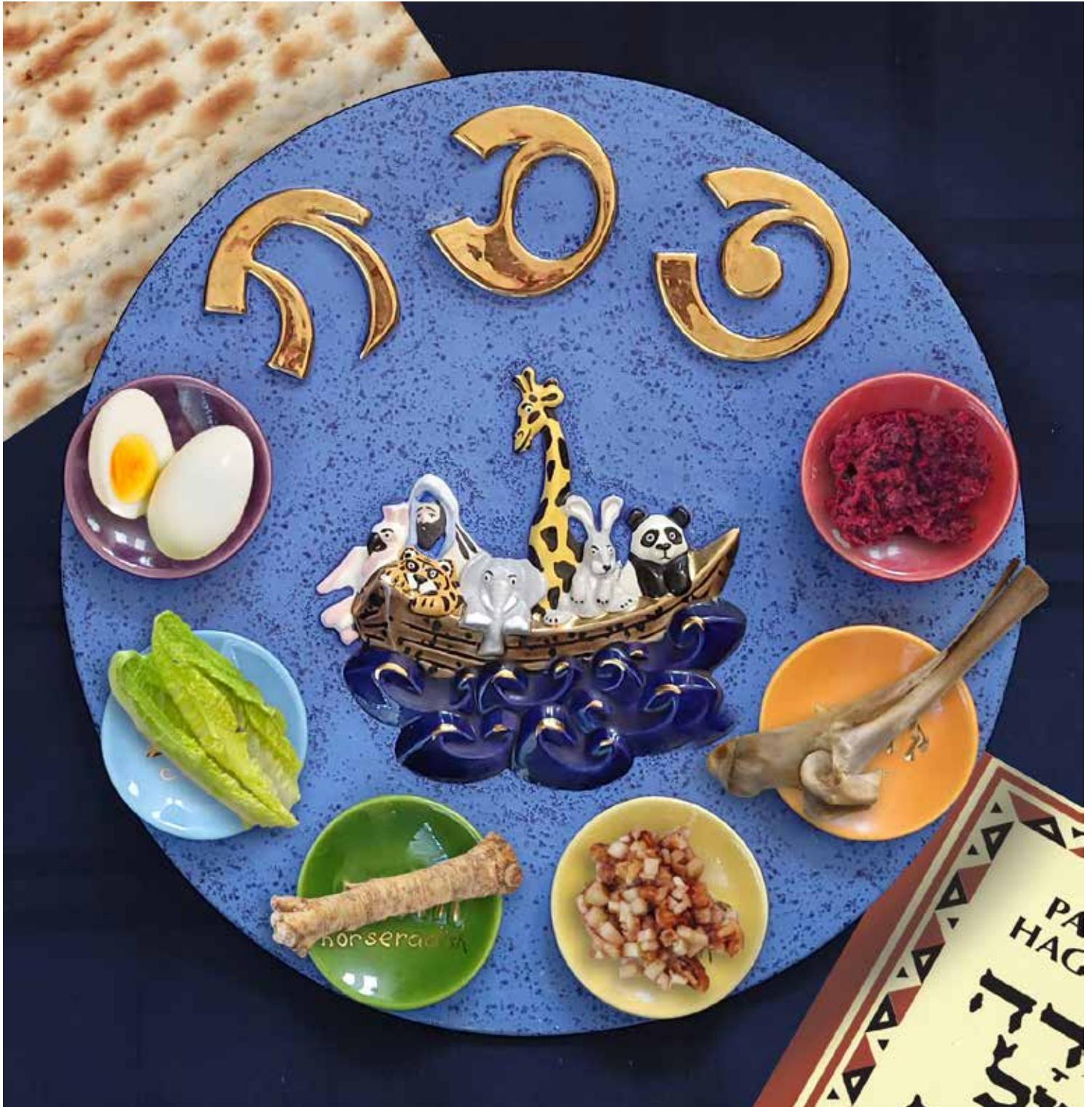




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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham



PURIM:

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped put together the Purim Bags and delivered them to our congregants who live in the Huntington area. Thank you to all who donated. All monies raised are used to support the HJC community, education, and programming.

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Passover foods, wine and Matzo will be available for sampling at our community's favorite program, Taste of Passover on **Tuesday April 9th at 7:30 PM**. Please join us as our community's cooks and bakers share their Passover recipes. Copies of the recipes will be provided.

There will also be a discussion on ways to enhance your Passover Seder with recipes and creative ideas to make it more fun for children and adults.

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From Rabbi Eric Rosin



Come to Israel

As Passover approaches during this unsettled and deeply unsettling year, I'm reminded of a verse in the biblical account of the Passover story. At the beginning of Parashat Bo (the third Torah Portion in the Book of Exodus) the Hebrew reads "bo el-Paroh," which literally means, "Come to Pharaoh."

The Etz Hayim Humash that we use translates the phrase with the words: "Then, the Lord said to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh. . .'"

This sets up an interesting dialog. We literally have to decide whether Moses is coming or going. Going to Pharaoh makes sense, because, presumably, God is sending Moses away from their encounter at the burning bush and back down to Egypt to confront Pharaoh and free the Israelites.

The Kotzker Rebbe, however, reads the Hebrew literally. Rabbi Menachem Mendl of Kotzk imagines God saying to Moses, "Come to Pharaoh. That is the path that you must take, and I will be with you."

I read this as a reminder that at every moment we have choices, and very often, the better, more conscientious choice one is the one that is less comfortable. Reading this verse as Rabbi Menachem Mendl does, God is saying, "Moses, I know that you are content out here in Midian, but this is not where you need to be. Come with me and I will support you doing

something hard. It will take strength and courage and I will be with you."

And with this in mind, I would like to invite you to come to Israel.

A short time ago Rabbi Jeffrey Clopper at Temple Beth El approached Rabbi Lina Zerbarini from Kehillath Shalom in Cold Spring Harbor and I and he proposed a mission to Israel for our three synagogue communities.

As soon the conversation started, I knew that this would be an important opportunity for our community. All of us are thinking of our brothers and sisters in Israel. The shock of October 7th and the continued displacement within Israel and ongoing conflict with Iran's proxies in Gaza, Lebanon and Syria have us all on edge. And, as hard as it is to read and listen to the news here in Huntington, the time has come for those of us who can to travel to Israel and to experience what is happening for ourselves.

The trip will be from May 20th to May 26th and will provide us with opportunities to visit some of the sites of the attack as well as to witness the resolve and resilience of the Israelis since that day. We will have opportunities to volunteer, to communicate our commitment and support to the State of Israel, to meet with a range of Israelis to better understand their experiences and ultimately, to come back and share our experiences with our synagogues and with the larger community around us.

If you are able to take part in this important trip, please call or email me for more information and please consider joining me.



Woman of Achievement Gala Thursday June 6th

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. Please contact Evelyn Abraham for information on registering for the Gala.



Women and the Exodus Story

According to the rabbis of the Talmud, it was in reward for the righteous women (Jewish and non-Jewish) of that generation that Israel was redeemed from Egypt. This includes Yocheved, the mother of Moses, Miriam, his sister, the midwives, Shiphrah and Puah and the daughter of Pharaoh, Bithiah or Batyah. These women all led in their own ways, refusing to give in

to defeat; all of them defying the harsh decrees of Pharaoh. There is a large body of midrashim seeking to understand and explain their roles, some of them a bit far-fetched, and I will highlight here some of the ones that speak to me.

When Pharaoh decreed that all Jewish baby boys be killed, one midrash teaches that Amram, Miriam's father and a leader of the Israelites divorced Yocheved, his wife, so that no more Jewish babies could be born for Pharaoh to kill. The other Israelite men, demoralized by Pharaoh's decree, followed suit believing this would ease the pain of seeing their sons killed. But Miriam reproached her father saying that Pharaoh only wants to kill the male babies, but you are preventing any Jewish babies from being born and thus eliminating the potential for any future generations. In this midrash, Amram remarries Yocheved and the other men follow suit, they reunite with their wives and pregnancies ensue.

In another midrash, which I particularly love, the men do not divorce their wives but leave their homes and go live in the fields with the same defeatist purpose: not to produce any more children. The women, led by Yocheved, use their mirrors to put on makeup and make themselves beautiful, and bring food and wine to their husbands in the field. There they seduce their husbands, they have sex, become pregnant and life is renewed. One midrash suggests that it is these same mirrors that were offered by the women for the building of the tabernacle. These mirrors took on the good qualities of these women.

Next, we learn about Shiphrah and Puah, two midwives who tend to the Israelite women. In Exodus 1 V 16, Pharaoh tells them: "When you deliver the Hebrew women, look at the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him but if it is a girl, let her live." These women also defy Pharaoh's orders because they feared God and thus let the baby boys live as well. Thus, they were instrumental in ensuring

the ultimate survival of the Jewish people and God rewarded them with prosperous households. In the interest of time, I will spare you the details of the birthing stool and the methods utilized for childbirth in those days!

Yocheved gives birth to Moses and understands that he has a unique destiny. She nurtures and hides him for three months. Then, she carefully prepares a basket for him, sets him in the reeds of the Nile and sends Miriam, his older sister, to follow the basket to see what becomes of her baby brother. Now, we meet Pharaoh's daughter (the midrashim give her several names) who comes down with her maidens to bathe in the Nile. She discovers the basket with the baby, acknowledging immediately that this is a Hebrew baby. Despite the protests of her servants and in direct defiance of her father's orders, she resolves to rescue him and raise him as her own child in the palace. Miriam appears and offers to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby until he is weaned and brings him to his own birth mother, Yocheved. So, Moses spends the first two to three years of his life amongst his own people. Moses was able to fulfill his destiny as the greatest leader of all times because he was saved by so many women. God knew that he could count on the women and so he guided, protected, and empowered them ensuring that they would be successful.

Each Shabbat morning, we read from Exodus 15 V 20-21: "Then Miriam, the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand and went out, followed by all the women, with timbrels and dance. And Miriam led them in response: Sing to Adonai who has triumphed gloriously, who cast horse and rider into the sea." Rashi also praises these women. He says that the righteous women of that generation had faith that God would perform miracles for them so they brought their timbrels with them from Egypt so as to be able to sing and dance at such a moment. They were the eternal optimists.

Jewish tradition has always valued the role of women in all aspects of Jewish life. But, of course, we all need each other. The women cannot secure the future of the Jewish people and bring about redemption without the men and vice versa.

This is true at HJC where we have many men and women taking on volunteer leadership roles. And, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, we always need more volunteers!

Jay and I wish you and your families a Happy Passover. May the start of spring with its renewal of life bring peace to us and the Jewish people.





Importance of Memory

What is important to you during Passover? After many months of grey, dreary winter weather we can all finally see light at the end of the tunnel with the month of April arriving at our doorstep. I am always so relieved when I see April on the next page of my calendar, the blooming of spring, the birds return, scheduling spring yard clean ups and turning on the sprinklers again. One of my favorite holidays is also at the end of this month, Passover! Each year, I think about what is important to me during each holiday and what I would like to instill in my own children and family.

Passover to me signifies the importance of memory, family, faith and optimism. It's important to remember that we were slaves in Egypt, and that G-d took us out of bondage and into the land of Israel. It is so important to me that my family is aware of our past and that in doing so we can link it and embrace our future. Each family's

seder is filled with memories. There could be memories of past loved ones that are no longer with us. There could be the sharing of recipes that we are all enjoying during the seder meal itself. For some of us who now have older kids, or even adults you may even remember when your kids were young enough to search for the afikomen. Passover is one of my favorite times of year where we can all bond as a family, while also celebrating our own family's and our ancestors' traditions at the same time.

This month at HJC, we have several programs that tie into sharing one's traditions with each other. Adult Education is doing a program called Workshops to Enliven Your Seder, with many of our members sharing their traditions with all of you with several stations throughout our entire building. We also will be having our annual Taste of Passover, sponsored by Sisterhood, Men's Club and the ECC; which is an incredible evening of cooking demonstrations, experiencing new recipes, and delicious tastings that all of you can share and bring back to your own seder tables! I hope many of you will join us at these programs and wish all of you a happy Passover!



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The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water, and food -Dean Ornish

Community seems to be a common theme throughout my articles. I always knew how important community is to be a part of something and build connections, especially the Jewish community. A few weeks ago, at my mother's synagogue, I witnessed the true meaning of Jewish community. My mother will be 94 next month. In 2020 we saw early signs of dementia. In 2024, she is a shell of her magnificent former self. Dementia robbed her of her memory and most of her life. My mother was the most active, dynamic, educated, dedicated, kind person. She is a former educator and administrator from the NYC public school system and holds 4 higher degrees. After retiring from her position as Assistant Principal in Queens, she became a professor at CW Post. She started book clubs, museum tours, cared for her grandchildren and my father, exercised, and was a huge part of her temple community. She served on many boards and went to temple "religiously" every Shabbat. Everyone knew her and she had her "seat" as I know many of you do in our sanctuary. She never stopped learning, giving, and seeking out new opportunities. Then 2020 came with Covid and stopped the world. It was the beginning of her decline. I have asked her often in the past few years if she wanted me to take her to her temple, knowing that she probably didn't remember even what a synagogue was or how important it was to her. A few weeks ago, during one of my visits, out

of the blue, my mother said... "Are we going to temple today?" I promised to take her on Shabbat, which is exactly what we did. She had not been there in 4 years. Four years transformed her mentally, emotionally, and physically. She is in a wheelchair and barely resembles herself, except her beautiful smile, blond hair as soft as silk (clearly, I got my father's hair) and bright blue, beautiful, kind, and soulful eyes. My husband, Duncan and I rolled her in and were welcomed by the greeter. The greeter looked at my mother and said, Evelyn Stein!! We have missed you. Welcome back. She hugged my mother and escorted us to my mother's "seat" in the sanctuary. It was a place of warmth, love, and community. I was in tears. Happy tears. During the service, my mother remembered every prayer, every song. Tears again. Dementia has robbed her of so much, almost everything, but not her love of her religion, her synagogue, her community. At the end of the service, the Rabbi announced Simchas. One of the Simchas that was announced was my mother's return to temple with her daughter and son-in-law. More tears. To say how touched we were is an understatement. It went right to my core, my heart, my soul. And that is what the Jewish community is about.

HJC has been my community, my home, as a parent, teacher, and director. I have met the most wonderful people and have friendships that will last a lifetime because of HJC. I am reminded of this community each day when I walk through these doors. From the amazing and dedicated teachers of the ECC, to the children, parents, families, coworkers, Rabbi and congregants, HJC is the meaning of community.





Balancing Time in a Modern Age: Insights from Huntington Jewish Center

Last month we concluded our series of Krav Maga (Israeli Self-Defense) classes for adults. We also celebrated the holiday of Purim with a family Megillah reading, laser show and carnival. It was so nice to see multi-generations celebrating together and enjoying all the festivities. My favorite

part was running into a congregant who took the Krav Maga class. I learned he was a husband and a young father. He excitedly said to me: "Who knew I would attend the Krav Maga class and find I had so many friends when I returned to HJC?" He was referring to all his fellow students he saw at the carnival who warmly greeted him. His comment was brief but impactful.

In today's whirlwind of distractions, work obligations, family and personal commitments, the ancient wisdom of a balanced life resonates more than ever. As we navigate the 24-hour cycle it becomes clear we are invaded by an array of distractions that were scarcely imaginable only two decades ago. A myriad of responsibilities and extracurricular activities jostle for our attention, fragmenting our time and often leaving us depleted rather than enriched.

Yet, within this cacophony of modern life, spaces of intentional community and spiritual nourishment emerge as beacons of hope. HJC offers a compelling example of how such spaces can counterbalance the pervasive distractions of our time. By providing opportunities to engage in meaningful ac-

tivities such as Krav Maga classes, we are doing more than offering a class in self-defense. We are knitting together the fabric of community, fostering relationships that are both new and enduring. By reclaiming time for personal, physical, spiritual growth and relaxation, we create sanctuaries that elevate our daily lives from the mundane to the sacred.

King Solomon declared in Ecclesiastes, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." These words, though millennia old, speak directly to our contemporary struggles with time management. They remind us of the importance of demarcating time not just for work or sleep, but for cultivating our spirits and our relationships. I can say with confidence, the programs offered at HJC are not mere diversions, they are essential components to the sacred act of meeting one another in a space set apart from the everyday distractions becoming a source of rejuvenation and spiritual growth.

As we grapple with the many demands on our time, we can simultaneously and intentionally carve out spaces for rest, relaxation, and relationship building. By doing so, we not only enrich our own lives but also contribute to the flourishing of our community. In this balance, we find respite and fulfillment, and are rewarded with a deeper connection to authentic human relationships that foster Jewish life and wisdom that has guided generations before us and sets the example for our children to continue.



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

Reflections...

What an incredible week sharing love and support for our Israel. I am an Israeli, born and raised, with family living there, and have experienced many educational and volunteer programs. This recent trip was a most emotional and painful but exhilarating journey. So much to share and to be thankful for....

One of many special moments was visiting, together with Barbara, Moshav Ge'a. Moshav Ge'a is a small community of approximately 220 families, located 9 kilometers from the Gaza border, which unfortunately suffered significant losses during the October 7 attack. I was introduced to Omer, a resident of the moshav by my friend from LI. Omer is a civil engineer who works in Tel Aviv, an hour's drive from the moshav. Twice a week he takes turns with other residents guarding the moshav from potential attacks. Their need was great, and we wanted to help. Omer suggested that we bring donations of some of the essentials needed for safeguarding the moshav as well as dolls, toys, puzzles, and more for the nursery and kindergarten children. I was fortunate that so many friends and colleagues helped, purchasing anything and everything from night vision

binoculars, shoulder and knee pads, flashlights, dolls, puzzles, markers, and more. With a second suitcase filled with our donations, I was excited to visit Omer at the moshav.

Of the many moments that touched our hearts during our visit, one of the most precious was visiting the nursery and kindergarten classes on Friday afternoon and welcoming Shabbat with them, singing songs, and distributing the gifts. The love and joy of these beautiful children warmed our hearts and made all the shlepping so worthwhile. We enjoyed lunch with Omer's wife Tal, his two beautiful little girls, and his father-in-law.

From these moments of joy and hope, a visit to the moshav cemetery brought us back to the pain of loss and the reality of the war. We observed a moment of silence for two young

female soldiers, members of the moshav, who died during the October attack. We brought the highs and lows, the hope for the future and the sadness of loss with us as Omer drove us back to Tel Aviv to my niece Orit's house, where we shared a beautiful Shabbat dinner with my family.

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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!

HJC SUMMER 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship and the David S. Rosenman Camp Ramah 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.

Join us at Shabbat services on Saturday, April 6th
to hear guest speaker
Amos Davidowitz
kibbutznik, peace activist, and officer in the Israeli Army
who will share his experiences concerning the current
civil, political and military events in Israel.
Kiddush to follow.



Amos Davidowitz is a tour guide, a Lt.Col. (res) in the IDF and the Director of The Association for Progressive Education in Honor of Meir Yaari. He is the author of the book: *A Path of Peace in the Field of Battle: An Israeli Officer's Ethical Will to his Children on the Eve of Battle*. For over 30 years, Amos has taught and practiced peace education, non-formal education and second track diplomacy in the region and internationally. He has created Israeli/Palestinian and multi-national peace projects for youth and adults in Gaza, the West Bank and internationally.

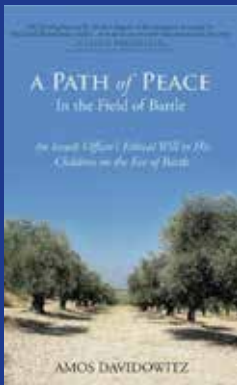
Amos was called to reserve duty on Oct. 7th and led an IDF tactical team in Gaza until his release on Feb. 11th.

Born in NY, Amos moved to Israel as a child in 1969, and lives on Kibbutz Gezer where he and his wife, Lisa, raised their three

children and are now proud grandparents.

Amos will speak and answer questions on the historical and political context of the current conflict focusing on his experience and Israel's civil, political and military response to Oct. 7th- including insight into IDF tactical decisions.

He will share his understanding of what these events mean for the world, the international Jewish community and Israeli society and share a vision - along with challenges and potential pitfalls - for a path forward.



"This book is an ethical will written by a father to his children just before he is about to go off, once more, to combat. It was prepared at the request of my wife, to leave for my children in case I am killed in combat. It sheds light on the moral world of the combat officer entrusted with the lives of men. It speaks directly to our times as the USA, Britain and others mobilized their armed forces, and sent their men and women off to battle in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is uniquely Middle Eastern, as it deals with the realities of this seemingly intractable conflict. I have led men into battle, through battle and to the end of battle, but you can never lead men out of battle. It always stays with you. I fight because my country is at war, but I choose to labor for peace because I know war will solve nothing. This book is about my life as a veteran combat officer and my quest to make peace around me. I do not fight for peace, I try to gently pick up the pieces of a world I shattered and mend them. This book is about what you do not read in the papers. This book is about what I want my children to know when my luck runs out."



Event sponsored by Israel Committee, Adult Ed and Sisterhood

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/israeli-speaker-amos-davidowitz-.html>

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

A Taste of Passover

Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 PM

*HJC Sisterhood, Men's Club and ECC
invite you to...
Experience new flavors
Remember old ones
Cooking Demonstrations, Tastings and Recipes
Try different varieties of wine, matzah,
charoset, appetizers, desserts and more!*

Volunteers needed to share a recipe, bake or cook for tasting...

*Please RSVP by 4/4 to attend and/or volunteer
Evelyn Abraham: evelyn_abraham@optonline.net or 631-424-6922*

*Gift Shop will be open
20% discount on all Passover merchandise*

Sisterhood of the Huntington Jewish Center
510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

Matzah Fund



Dear Congregant,

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

As the calendar moves from Purim in Adar to Passover in Nisan, each of us has an opportunity to reflect and act on our commitment to our HJC community. At my seder, and perhaps at yours, we sing:

*"When Israel was in Egypt land...Let my people go
Oppressed so hard they could not stand...Let my people go
As Israel stood by the waterside...Let my people go
By God's command it did divide...Let my people go."*

Dayenu...

All of us have been impacted by the horrific events, in Israel on October 7th. As always in our Jewish history, our hearts and hands connect when tragedy strikes.

Here, we are asking for your local support. Many struggle in our community and are in great financial need. If you can, please consider making a donation which will directly serve those in our community who need a helping hand. Your check can be made payable to the HJC Sisterhood, sent to my attention to the synagogue office, with the memo specifying Matzah Fund. Or, you can donate on line. As Passover is right around the corner, please send in your contribution as soon as possible.

Please be a part of the mitzvah of giving hope and support. Your funds will help navigate these rocky seas at this difficult time, Thank you in advance on behalf of the entire Sisterhood community for your generosity and concern.

Wishing you and your family safety and good health during this Pesach season.

Sincerely,
Joni Brenner
V.P. Cooperation and Community Service

HJC Religious School invites you to:

A Taste of Gan



**HIGH QUALITY
JEWISH EDUCATION
FOR OUR YOUTH**

**Sunday, April 7 and/or Sunday, May 5th
9:00-10:30 am**

**Let your child experience Religious School Kindergarten
with crafts, music, and Jewish learning!**

All Classes are Free!



RSVP by April 1st: HJCRSDirector@HJCNY.org

Special discount for families that register for 2024-2025 school year by May 19th!

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 provide 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.**



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For instilling the importance of philanthropy through generations
and for standing firmly with Israel yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

FEATURING

MICHAL UZIYAHU
Eshkol Regional Council

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 • 6:30 PM
Oheka Castle

RSVP to jnf.org/LIwater

DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Ronit & Michael Kessler



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vibrant future for the land and people of Israel
through bold initiatives and Zionist education.



The HJC Adult Education Presents

Walking With God

with Rabbi Rosin

Tuesday at 7:30 PM

May 7

Huntington Jewish Center
510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743



In-person at HJC with Hybrid Option

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



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>

The Israel Engagement Committee presents:

A Yom Haatzmaut commemoration/celebration

Israel's 76 years of wars, struggles and celebrations
presented in song

The program will consist of songs of war, inspiration, and hope from the 1948 War of Independence, the 1956 Sinai Campaign, the 1967 Six Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday evening May 19th at 7:00PM

Israeli refreshments, including wine will be served. Pricing \$15.00 pp.
At the door registration only for HJC members* \$25.

*Non members must register in advance to attend, no at the door admittance.



The performers are Stuart Markus and Robin Greenstein, along with drummer Akiva Wharton of Huntington

RSVP to: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/yom-haatzmaut-commemoration/celebration-event-.html>

Cosponsored by
HJC Men's Club and
HJC Sisterhood



*Contributions to the
HJC Israel Engagement Fund
would be much appreciated

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.



Registration now open!!!

Mission to ISRAEL

To share our pain, to find healing together and to rekindle a sense of hope

THE ITINERARY

Plans include (subject to change):

- Visit to the Gaza Envelope
- Volunteer opportunities
- Conversations with freed hostages, journalists, and Israelis (Jewish and Arab)
- Shabbat in Jerusalem

Use QR Code to access more info

A FIVE-DAY TRIP TO HEAR, HUG & HELP

- bear witness to events that have taken place on and since Oct 7th
- hear from Israelis re: the affect on their lives
- understand where the people of Israel stand - in hurt, healing and in hope

DATES: MAY 20TH – MAY 26TH

(Leaving US)

(Return)

COST: \$2885 (\$3495 for single occupancy)

- airfare additional
- Registration closes May 2, 2024

FOR INFO & TO REGISTER:

bit.ly/Hunt2Israel

INTERESTED IN MORE INFO? CONTACT RABBI ERIC ROSIN

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rabbirosin@hjcny.org

Huntington Jewish Center invites you to a screening
of the 2023 Student Produced Holocaust Documentary

Names, Not Numbers[®]

Sunday, May 5th

10:30am-12:00pm

**Huntington Jewish Center
510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY**

Inspiring Stories of Survival Featured from:



Mrs. Pearl Friend

*Interviewed by: Joanna Chertoff, Benjamin Goodman, Emily Hoberman,
Alexa Nissenbaum, Melissa Wynne*



Mrs. Irene Halegua

*Interviewed by: Eli Asaro, Eren Bileydi, Grace London, Chloe Kornreich,
Josh Krief*



Mr. Meir Usherovitz

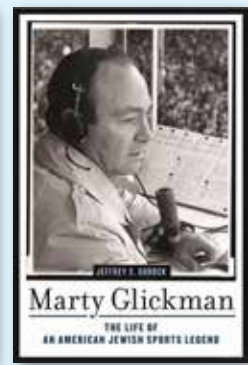
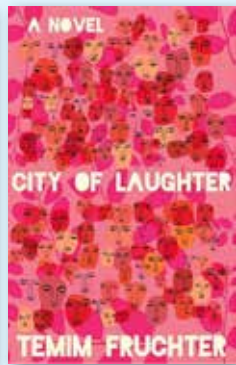
*Interviewed by: Aidan Caplan, Jacob Fingerman, Rachel Galinkin,
Nicole Selzer, Jeremy Shatzer*

Join us following the film for an interactive panel
discussion with Meir Usherovitz and the
Suffolk Y JCC teens including HJC's own Josh Krief.

Sponsored by the Men's Club Yellow Candle Program

RSVP link: <https://hjc.schulcloud.com/events/names-not-numbers-.html>

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FICTION

Shadows We Carry by Meryl Ain: Sequel to the well-received “Takeaway Men” (2020). This story follows the Lubinskis, a Jewish family which emigrated after WWII, and continues the struggle of the twin sisters (fraternal) as women coming to terms with their Holocaust legacy while political & social upheaval absorbs the U. S. (1960’s).

City of Laughter by Temim Fruchter: The author describes self as “a queer, non-binary writer, raised in a Modern Orthodox Jewish home.” (much like the protagonist). The novel spans four generations of Eastern European women, drawing on folklore and memory as well as family histories, love letters and childhood remembrances. From Publishers’ Weekly: ‘this dazzling & hopeful (debut) novel is not to be missed.’

Behind You Is the Sea by Susan Muaddi: Perhaps the one time I’m sharing a new title that is not a ‘Jewish’ theme. A debut novel portraying life in the diaspora, coming to America (Baltimore) of immigrant Palestinian families....the joys, the sorrows, the challenges and perceptions between the generations. The author portrays the expectations of sons vs. those of daughters, and dealing with ‘others’.

NON-FICTION

The Ascent by Stefan Hertmans (translated): The author recounts his discovery that the house in which he had lived for years had once been the home of a Nazi official, whose first marriage was to a Jewish woman. Photos of some inhabitants and the house are included. Sounded just weird enough to include here.

Marty Glickman: The Life of an American Jewish Sports Legend by Jeffrey S. Gurock: For almost half a century his was the preeminent voice of the New York Sports scene. Although an outstanding athlete in his early years, this Jewish athlete was barred from the Olympic Games (1936) by anti-Semitic American Olympic officials. This bio covers his rise from adversity to triumph, outlining minority group struggles in the world of sports.



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OUR CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK MAKES A GREAT GIFT.

If you are looking to add some new holiday or everyday recipes, the Culinary Legacy Cookbook should be your source. There are interesting stories as well from our HJC Community. The cost is \$36 a book or \$44 if you would like it shipped. You can order online <https://hjcny.org/hjc-cookbook/> or send a check payable to HJC Sisterhood to HJC and mark attention Sisterhood Cookbook.



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If you are looking for a gift to give family or friends, in addition to the cookbook, buy a Grocery Bag (\$5) with the Cookbook logo.

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

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