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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Join us as we celebrate our Woman of Achievement, Tyna Strenger, on Thursday May 9th at 7 PM at our annual Mother's Day Cocktail program. Light dinner and cocktails will be served. The evening will also include Chair Yoga led by Joni Brenner and Raffles. The theme is Torah Fund which is the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Monies donated are used for scholarships to the Conservative/Masorti Movement seminaries.

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'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.

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From Rabbi Eric Rosin



Neverending Story

Emerging from the celebration of Passover, a holiday centered around the Haggadah, or telling of the Exodus story, invites us to reflect on how our tradition rests on a framework of stories. Beginning with the stories in the Torah and evolving through rabbinic literature, Hasidic stories, and the family stories that we share with our children, much

of our strength and longevity as a people is concentrated in the power of our narratives . . . which doesn't mean that these stories are always true.

As a rabbi, for many years, the story that propelled me forward through the year was that things might be busy now, but that I will be able to pause and relax as soon as I successfully navigate the next big holiday, program or life cycle event. Beginning weeks before the High Holidays I invite friends and colleagues to make plans with me after the holidays. As Passover approaches, I wish people a zissen Pesach, I stop putting appointments in my calendar and I start to make plans for after I resume partaking of hametz, those foods which are prohibited until after we find ourselves on the other side of the Sea of Reeds at the end of Passover.

But, inevitably, after the holidays, things never slow down. When night falls at the end of the second day of Rosh HaShannah, it's time to pick up and finish everything that I have been working on for Yom Kippur and at the end of Yom Kippur, we start constructing our Sukkot and finalizing our plans for Simchat Torah.

Similarly, even though Pesach has just ended, the progression of spring holidays is just beginning. Yom HaShoah, when we commemorate the Holocaust, takes place in a few days.

The following week brings Yom HaZikaron, Israeli Memorial Day, and Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. Within the month, we'll observe Lag B'Omer, a complicated if minor holiday, and fifty days after the second day of Passover, we'll celebrate Shavuot, the day on which we commemorate the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

And this reality helps to ground our experiences of the year into a deeper narrative that is more reflective of how we really live our lives. The stories that we write ourselves and most of the stories we tell have a beginning, a middle and an end. The story that is told by the Hebrew calendar has peaks and valleys, celebrations, moments of mourning and moments of introspection, but it never slows down and it never ends.

I have found this realization helpful during this very difficult year. Over the months that have passed we have witnessed and endured so many difficult and upsetting occurrences. From the unrest in Israel around the judicial reforms to the events of October 7th and the Gaza war that ensued, from Iran's direct and mediated attacks to the unprecedented rise of antisemitism in this country and around the world.

On the one hand, we can't help but wish for a respite from the stress of this past year, but we know that time will not stop and that, when we finally receive a moment of rest from these stresses, others will come to take their places. On the other hand, the long narrative of time that we experience each year helps us to put even the most difficult of circumstances into context. This will not be the end of our story. As with so many difficult times before, this moment will be absorbed into our long history and when we look back at it, we will both remember our distress and also be inspired by the examples of resilience, faith and bravery that accompanied it. The power of our never-ending story is the way that our inspirational narrative helps us to put the even hard times into a sacred and hopeful context.

The volunteers of the Jewish Nutritional Network(JNN) will be assembling much needed fresh fruit & produce to be distributed by the Helping Hands Rescue Mission (HHRM) to serve 400 families throughout the town of Huntington.

Date: Sunday 5/19/24

Time: 8am at HJC outside if weather permitting, inside in the Social Hall

Location: Huntington Jewish Center, 510 Park Avenue

Please RSVP to Rob Fisher at: robfisher720@gmail.com

מרכז אכילת פירות OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND FOR YOUR HOLIDAY AND SIMCHA NEEDS



The Jewish Calendar- Mathematical Genius

Here we are on May 1 and Passover has only just ended! Many of us have still not put away our Passover dishes or gone shopping to restock our pantries and we still have matzo crumbs hiding in every nook and cranny. So, maybe it seems as if Passover arrived too late this year but, as you know, it always begins on Nissan 14 on the Jewish calendar, so it

is never actually early or late – it always arrives exactly **ON TIME**. Because the Jewish or Hebrew calendar is a lunar calendar, it is about 11 days shorter than the tropical year which is based upon a solar calendar. In order to keep our calendar in sync with the seasons, thereby ensuring that the holidays will occur in their properly appointed seasons, a leap month (or intercalary month) is inserted approximately every three years. The rules and mathematical calculations necessary to achieve this are fascinating.

The Jewish calendar was set down into its present form by the Sanhedrin president Patriarch Hillel II in approximately 359 C.E. Until that time, a special Calendar Council called sod ha-ibur (literally “secret of the calendar intercalation”) decided when a leap year would occur and whether the months of Heshvan and Kislev would have 29 or 30 days. The exact method for determining the calendar calculations remained a secret and this allowed the Sanhedrin to maintain a powerful hold over the people. The arrival of the New Moon was announced each month by the Sanhedrin based upon the testimony of two eyewitnesses who observed the crescent of the New Moon. If the eyewitness accounts matched up with the mathematical calculations of the Calendar Council, the New Moon would be declared and torch signals would be sent up from mountaintop to mountaintop to notify Jews in all the communities. Since the message could take more than a day to arrive at distant communities, Jews in the Diaspora began celebrating the Biblical holidays for two days to ensure proper observance. This is why we Jews in America, observe two “yom-tovs” for the shalosh regalim: Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot.

In 432 BCE, the ancient Greek astronomer Meton observed that over a period of 235 lunar months the solar year would be brought in very close synchronization with the lunar year and he is best known for his calculations which led to the 19 year Metonic cycle which became part of the lunisolar calendar of that time. Hence, Jewish scholars created a calendar cycle of 19 years consisting of 12 years of 12 lunar months and 7 years of 13 lunar months. Each cycle of our lunisolar calendar would then have 235 lunar months. In the leap year, a 30-day month, Adar I, is inserted after the month of Shevat. Adar II (which

is simply Adar in a non-leap year) then follows. In what must have required mathematical genius 2000 years ago, years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 19 of the 19-year cycle were determined to be the leap years. So, a given Hebrew year is a leap year whenever its value divided by 19 leaves a remainder of 0, 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, or 17. (I had to practice some long division to obtain a remainder!) For example, 5784 is a leap year since 5784 divided by 19 is 304, remainder 8. This is a good thing because, if 5784 were not a leap year, Nissan 14 would occur around March 24, 2024 (early but not seriously early) but by 2025, Nissan 14 would occur in early March or late February and thus Passover would not be celebrated in its proper season.

Our secular calendar is the Gregorian calendar. It replaced the Julian calendar in the late 16th century. Every 4th year is a leap year, except the century years which are not, except every 4th century is. Therefore, 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years, but 1600 and 2000 were. The Gregorian calendar cycles anew every 400 years. A calendar from 1624 would be exactly the same as 2024, and if you had a calendar from 1624, you could use it again this year. On the other hand, the Jewish calendar runs on a cycle lasting 689,472 years. No need to save this year's calendar for use in the future.

Many other fascinating calculations are involved in setting the calendar. For instance, the New Year cannot begin on a Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday because then Yom Kippur could occur on either side of Shabbat and Hoshanah Rabbah could fall on Shabbat. If Yom Kippur fell on a Friday, it would not be possible to prepare for Shabbat. If Yom Kippur occurred on Sunday, there would be no time to prepare the meals before and after the fast. The Rabbis realized the tremendous burden this would have placed on the Jewish community. The beating of the willows, on Hoshanah Rabbah is prohibited on Shabbat. With all of these restrictions and regulations, Rosh Hashana cannot begin any earlier than September 5 or any later than October 5 on the Gregorian calendar. This year, Rosh Hashanah begins almost as late as possible, on October 2.

Much to my dismay, my research revealed that our calendar is not perpetually perfect, although it is still a mathematical marvel. This is because the Hebrew calendar and the Gregorian calendar are slower, on average, than the mean solar year, with the average Hebrew year trailing the average Gregorian year by about 2 hours every 19 years or 1 day in every 216 years. Due to this discrepancy, the earliest date on which Passover can fall has drifted by about eight days since the 4th century. What this actually means is that if someone doesn't readjust our calendar soon (within the next few millennia!), all of our holidays will drift out of their appointed seasons. If the calendar is not amended then Passover will start to occur after the summer solstice by the year 12892 CE making it either **VERY EARLY** or **VERY LATE**, although it will still begin on Nissan 14!



"No one has ever become poor by giving" -- Anne Frank

Over the last few months my eight-year-old daughter has become increasingly aware and interested in Anne Frank, what she stood for and who she was as a person. Recently, Tyna Strenger graciously gave me a book about Anne Frank from the wonderful HJC library. I am fortunate enough to have a park in my neighborhood where I live that is a tribute to Anne Frank's memory. Even though my daughter has been to this park countless times, she has only recently realized that this park was dedicated to the same person she has been curious about from books we have taken out from the library.

There is a section of the park with bricks and stones engraved with quotes Anne Frank wrote in her diary and a statue of a dress Anne would have worn had she lived. The other day, my daughter and I were curious about other quotes that Anne Frank wrote down, other than the ones we saw at the park. We stumbled upon one that struck home to me, "No one has ever become poor by giving."



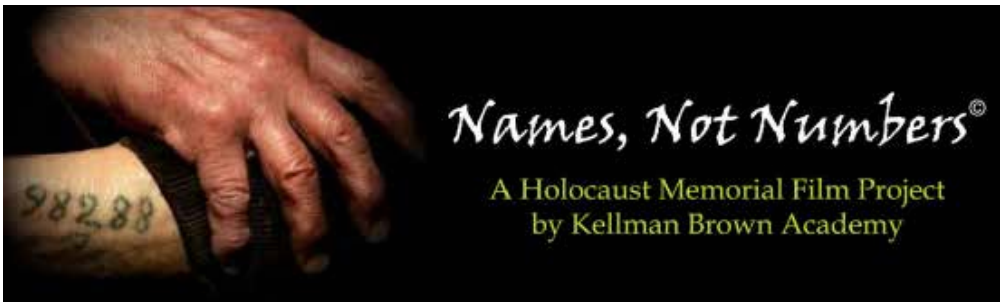
Given the unspeakable attacks that took place on October 7th in Israel, plus recently the growing violence in Israel and the Middle East, as well as the rise of antisemitism on college campuses and in general increasing antisemitism, I often find myself saying and feeling how can we help and fight back as

fellow Jews? How can we give of ourselves to overcome this extremely dark time in history?

There are many ways we can try to show the world and our enemies that we are strong, grounded and will continue for centuries. There are countless great organizations that we can donate to that will provide immediate relief to Israel. We can write letters to our alma maters and our government that our diligent Israel engagement committee has suggested over the last few months.

We can also start in our own backyard, which is HJC! There are many ways we can give of ourselves to HJC and our community. Some of us may choose to do so financially. While some may choose to volunteer to serve on committees or special projects and do magnificent work that will benefit HJC, some of us may choose to attend daily Minyans, Shiva Minyans, or Shabbat services more often than they typically would have in the past. All this involvement will make us a stronger Jewish community as well as fulfill our role to improve the world around us.

This month there are several programs that I would like to highlight. We will be hosting **Names, Not Numbers** here at HJC on May 5th while religious school is in session and features our very own Joshua Krief in the 2023 film. Men's Club will be once again having their Yellow Candle program, which they generously give of their time to deliver to each HJC family. HJC will be hosting our community Yom HaShoah community vigil which includes Temple Beth El & Kehillath Shalom Synagogue, which also features Eve Krief speaking on Lessons from My Mother: Finding Hope in the Generational Trauma of the Holocaust. Our Israel Engagement Committee is hosting an incredibly special Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration on May 19th featuring Israeli food and a live band! There are so many ways we can try and give back to our community. What will you choose?



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!



Making Passover Memories

Every year I tell the teachers and our families that as soon as April hits, the remainder of the school year is a whirlwind. The past month has brought us Graduate photos, a visit from our local Police Officers; Officer Jamie and Officer Brittany, the most engaging and educational “The Science Guy” assembly, where the children are introduced

in the most thoughtful and exciting way about science that hopefully will ignite an interest, and three of my favorite events; The egg to chick lifecycle, Special People Day and Passover.

Our egg to chick life cycle is truly exciting. The children visit the eggs daily and can see the growth and development of the embryo through “candling” the egg. With this special light, the children can see right through the shell. This year one of our pre-k classes observed one of the chicks hatching out of the shell. It was such a sight, and the children were filled with excitement and anticipation.

Special People Day is so heartwarming. Whether it is a grandparent, aunt, parent, or nannie, it is an event filled with love. The children could not wait for their special people to arrive. They sang songs for them, created beautiful keep-

sakes together, and simply spent quality time together.

And Passover...I have such conflicting memories of Passover traditions from when I was young. We would clean everything out of the kitchen and switch all our dishes. While that was fine, the worst part for me was being so limited with what I could eat. My mother tried so hard to cook delicious treats with matzah, but I was not having it! I will never forget the day we went to the movies and my mom smuggled in a box of matzah to eat as a snack. The other movie goers were not thrilled with the noise it made and the ushers were not thrilled to have to clean up the mess of matzah crumbs. Of course, the many good memories outweighed the inconvenience of Passover. There was nothing like my mother’s seders, which included a six-course meal of the most delicious food. I honestly don’t know how she had time to do everything, while working full time. She did it, with joy, love, and a smile on her face, never resting for one minute.

We have started our own Passover tradition over the past few years in the ECC. A group of us act out the story of Passover. That is the age-appropriate story of Passover. Not only do several of us act out the story, but the children help retell the story via songs performed by each class. It is a team and family effort, enjoyed by the children and all of our ECC families.





May: Revisiting a Month of Israeli Holidays

The month of May is filled with days of remembrance in Israel. We begin the month with Yom HaShoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day). The following week we commemorate Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and the very next day we celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). I always thought having Memorial Day right before celebrating Inde-

pendence day made a lot of sense. After all, it is because of the heroic dedication and sacrifice of our soldiers we owe our freedom. This year however, all these commemorative days gain a new dimension as we grapple with recent global events and their impact on Israel and the Jewish community.

As the events and the history of the Holocaust seem to wane and distance themselves from the younger generation, we have the violent attack that Hamas launched on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 as a 21st century reminder. It has been compared to the closest brutally witnessed on Jews since the Holocaust. In addition to their barbaric crimes on civilians, escalated tensions and a notable rise in antisemitism worldwide have been stirred. We have been served a toxic cocktail, one that will give new meaning to Yom HaShoa this year. A recipe of disaster that asks us to not only remember what happened to the Jews, but what IS happening right now, and how do we respond. I have been studying this subject since my early school days and admit there were responses or lack of re-

sponses back then I just simply did not grasp until now. I now understand the recent slogan "Never Again is Now."

On Yom HaZikaron, we are reminded starkly of the reasons Israel was founded – to provide a safe haven for the Jewish people. And today, 76 years later, we are still defending that purpose. Amid the violence, the initial overwhelming support for Israel's right to defend itself has wavered at times, turning in some quarters to criticism and fueling an increase in antisemitic incidents. In Israel, unlike the United States, everyone personally knows someone who sacrificed their life for the country. The loss is very real. The recent outspoken shift underscores the precariousness of Jewish safety and the enduring necessity of solidarity and support for Israel.

In light of these challenges, the celebration Yom Ha'Atzmaut becomes perhaps even more poignant. This year's celebration reminds us of the fragile nature of freedom and the constant vigilance required to preserve it. As Maya Angelou pointed out "We see in Israel the triumph of enduring hope over the corrosive force of despair." It's a reminder of how much we have accomplished and how much more work we have yet to do. I use "we" and "us" as pronouns when speaking of Israel because as an American and a Jew, and an Israel supporter it is one of the same. Not necessarily for political reasons but simply put, it is the fabric that weaves my soul. I cannot be who I am without all three ingredients. This year, more than ever, we must remember our commitment to supporting Israel. Let us rejoice and renew our dedication to freedom, safety and peace for all Jewish people.



Donations

GENERAL FUND

Harriet & Norm Kopel in honor of Ron & Gwen Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Paige Hirschberger & the birth of their grandson, Bodhi Arden Goldstein

Jay & Ellen Steinberg in honor of Gwen and Ron Goldstein on the birth of two new grandchildren

Jay & Ellen Steinberg in memory of Ruth Steinberg at Yahrzeit

Jerry & Gail Ellstein in memory of Elaine Harris mother of Gail Ellstein at Yahrzeit

Jerry & Gail Ellstein in memory of Herbert Harris father of Gail Ellstein at Yahrzeit

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Philip & Dale Mintz in memory of Lee Mintz at Yahrzeit

Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz & Dr. Jonathan Boxer in honor of Gwen and Ron Goldstein on the birth of their grandson Bodhi

Andrea Marcus Smoller in honor of Ron & Gwen Goldstein's grandchildren, Emma Paige & Bodhi Arden

Andrea Marcus Smoller in memory of Joyce Baltus, mother of Michelle Baltus

CAMP RAMAH FUND

Judy & Lester Fox in memory of Larry Schatt

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of Robin Zavier and Robert Sachs

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Bruce & Alice Rosen in honor of the birth of Bodhi Arden Goldstein, grandson of Ron & Gwen Goldstein.

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Steven & Randi Morris in memory of Helene Schultz at Yahrzeit

JEWISH NUTRITIONAL NETWORK

Steven & Randi Morris in memory of Sydney Schultz at Yahrzeit

Eileen & Harvey Berger in honor of the engagement of Rob Sachs to Robin Zavier

MEN'S CLUB

Judy Leopold & Alan Orloff in memory of Eric Orloff at Yahrzeit

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Judy Leopold & Alan Orloff in memory of Norman T. Greene at Yahrzeit

Judy Leopold & Alan Orloff in memory of Yetta Teich at Yahrzeit

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The Social Justice Committee in honor of Susan and Farel Jouard on the birth of their new granddaughter, Bernadette

SPECIAL EDUCATION

(EDWARD SPEVACK KOCHAVIM) FUND

Alan & Randi Schuller in memory of Amy Kennedy at Yahrzeit

MAZEL TOV:

Allison & Mitch Reiver on the engagement of their son Dan to Isabel Grabel

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

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.

**The Huntington Jewish Community's Annual Commemoration
Sponsored by Huntington Jewish Center,
Temple Beth-El, and Kehillath Shalom Synagogue**

**Sunday, May 5th at 7:30 pm
510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743**

~ Readings & Prayers by clergy and community members
~ Ritual for members of our communities to recite names of loved ones



**Dr. Eve Meltzer Krief will speak
on Lessons from My Mother:
Finding Hope in the
Generational Trauma
of the Holocaust.**



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Registration Required in Advance.

**RSVP to: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/community-yom-hashoah-vigil.html>
or contact the HJC Main Office at 631-427-1089 x 10.**

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GOLD MEDAL

GYMNASTICS PARTY

266 Pulaski Rd., Huntington
Sunday, May 5 / 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

\$20/per child / Refreshments served
Grades Pre-K – Grade 2



Parents encouraged to stay & schmooze

RSVP: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/day-at-golds-gym--prek---grade-2.html>



ISRAEL PARADE

March in Solidarity with Israel



Sunday, June 2

5th Ave, NYC

www.celebrateisraelny.org

11:00 - 4:00 PM

(departure time will be determined when we are assigned a step off time)

Pricing is \$20 per person for the bus and includes a t-shirt.

If you are not taking the bus,
the costs will be just (\$10) for the t-shirt only.

Bus will be provided leaving HJC at 9:45 am and returning at 2:30 pm (bus times are estimates and subject to change)

For more information contact Keith Messing, Parade Coordinator at kmessingk@gmail.com

***Limited availability on buses, sign up ASAP to reserve your seat**

Must Register by May 13th

RSVP to: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/celebrateisraelparade2024.html>

To snap pictures while at the parade, use hashtag #HJConFifth
or our instagram [huntingtonjewishcenter_ny](https://www.instagram.com/huntingtonjewishcenter_ny)



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,
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Mrs. Irene Halegua

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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>

If you require any assistance to attend this event, please notify the office.



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

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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>

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.

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>

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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.

HJC'S Annual Minyan in the Park

Sunday, May 26th
7:30 AM

Caumsett Park (25 Lloyd Harbor Rd, Lloyd Harbor NY)



Join members of HJC's Morning Minyan for this special "service with a view" in beautiful Caumsett Park. Meet in the parking lot at 7:30.

The morning will include:

- mile and a half walk to a beautiful vista
- traditional morning service (bring your tallit, tefillin, and prayer book)
- delicious breakfast sponsored by the Minyan

Don't miss out on this wonderful Memorial Day weekend tradition!



For any questions please contact Todd Houslanger at teh@toddlaw.com.
RSVP: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/minyan-in-the-park-1.html>

Purim:

Todah Rabah to all those who assisted with coordinating and delivering Mishloach Manot to HJC congregants and fulfilling this mitzvah!



Hamantashen:

The Sisterhood thanks our hamantashen bakers who spent many hours working together in the HJC dairy kitchen. Collectively, we baked 2600 hamantashen!!



*Evelyn Abraham
Donna Fleiss
Jessica Frischman
Janet Goldstein
Rhonda Kahane
Lauren Kupersmith
Julie Luks
Felicia Messing
Dale Mintz*

*Anne Recht
Melissa Richter
Alice Rosen
Leslie Rubin
Sarah Saunders
Lori Sklar
Lesley Delia Stark
Sari Sternschein*

Taste of Passover:

A Taste of Passover took place on April 9th to the delight of all those who attended. The event, sponsored by HJC Sisterhood, Men's Club and ECC was, once again, a delicious success!





NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS

40th ANNUAL HONOREE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Huntington Jewish Center Men's Club Honoree



Bill Yelen
Man of the Year

Heather Herman *Jacob Novick*
Youth of the Year

Sunday, May 19th, 2024 · Plainview Jewish Center - Plainview, NY
Festivities begin at 11:00 AM with presentation of honorees followed by luncheon
\$80 per person No cost for children under 5
Donations are tax deductible in accordance with the law.

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

Ad forms are available online at

www.wizadjournal.com/nymfjmc2024

PROCEEDS go to help us to donate to some very worthy organizations:



Camp Ramah • Mercaz • JNF • USY Scholarships • Holocaust and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove • Neve Hanna Children's Home, Israel

NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact info@nymfjmc.org



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:

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:

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Only open to Members of HJC



HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

510 PARK AVENUE, HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK 11743

TRIBUTE FUNDS - DONATION FORM



GENERAL & BUILDING FUNDS

- GENERAL FUND** - supports HJC services and operations.
- EMERGENCY SECURITY FUND** - maintains the safety of congregants, schools, and staff.
- RITUAL ENHANCEMENTS (SIDDUR, HUMASH, TORAH, DAILY MINYAN) FUND** - supports materials, books, and spaces for prayer.
- KOL NIDRE APPEAL** - annual invitation to contribute to HJC.
- GARDEN FUND** - beautifies HJC grounds.
- LIBRARY (BEN TASMAN) FUND** - maintains and supports library books and materials.
- TREE OF LIFE** - (\$360 minimum contribution). purchases a leaf to commemorate a life cycle event.

EDUCATION & YOUTH FUNDS

- EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND** - supports ECC activities, projects, and teacher development.
- RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND** - supports Religious School activities, projects, and teacher development.
- CAMP RAMAH (DAVID S. ROSENMAN) FUND** - provides scholarships for children to attend Camp Ramah.
- ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP (DONALD L. GORDON) FUND** - provides scholarships for children to travel to Israel.
- SCHECHTER FUND** - provides scholarships for children to attend the Schechter School of Long Island.
- SCHOOL SPECIAL PROJECTS (ARNIE KERNS MEMORIAL) FUND** - supports special projects in the ECC and Religious Schools.
- SPECIAL EDUATION (EDWARD SPEVACK KOCHAVIM) FUND** - supports Special Education programs and needs.
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND** - supports extracurricular youth activities, organizations, and programming.

COMMUNITY & CONGREGATION FUNDS

- ADULT EDUCATION FUND** - pays for speakers and programs.
- SHABBAT KIDDUSH FUND** - pays for food and supplies.
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ETHEL SACHS) FUND** - provides financial support that engages the congregation and community.
- COLLEGIATE FUND** - pays for holiday packages and mailings to college students.
- ENVIRONMENTAL FUND** - *Shemirat Ha'Adamah* - preserving the Environment.
- INCLUSION FUND** - helps ensure that ALL people can access prayer and communal experiences.
- ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND** - supports Israel related education and quality programming.
- JEWISH NUTRITION NETWORK** - provides food for the needy in the community.
- SOCIAL ACTION FUND** - supports programs and activities to ensure equity, honor, and dignity for all human beings.
- SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND** - promotes congregational understanding about race, ethnicity, diversity, and inclusion.

CLERGY FUNDS

- RABBI HOSPITALITY FUND** - provides food and materials for the Rabbi to host and connect with congregants.
- RABBI PROGRAMMING FUND** - allows the Rabbi to offer and promote discretionary programs and activities.
- RABBI TZEDAKAH FUND** - provides funds for the Rabbi to contribute to and support charitable causes.

Date: _____ **Please direct my contribution of \$** _____ **to the** _____ **Fund.**

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** (____) _____

Address: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Speedy recovery to: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: *I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$* _____ *payable to the Huntington Jewish Center.*

Please bill my **Visa / Master Card / AmEx Credit Card #** _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

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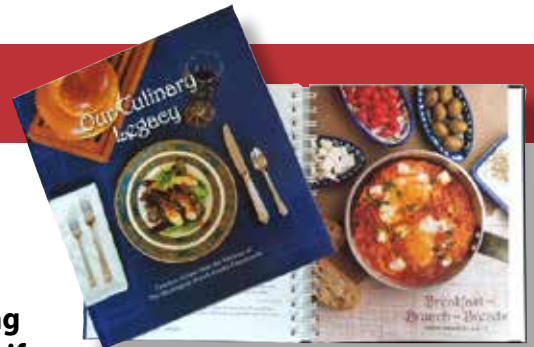
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