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# Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Virtual Book Discussion on Wednesday June 5th at 7:30 PM. We will discuss *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. Celebrate HJC's Men's Club and Sisterhood Honorees at the Honoree Shabbat Service and Luncheon on Saturday June 8th.

## BQLI REGION WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT GALA Thursday June 6th at Temple Beth Sholom, Roslyn Heights NY

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 women 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. The installation of the BQLI Board will also be part of the event. Donna Fleiss will be installed as a member of the Sisterhood Support Team.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN

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

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



Your generosity helps provide essential scholarships and programs to train future leaders of the Jewish community. Torah Fund helps develop future rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers, lay leaders and others.

If you would like more information on Torah Fund, please contact Evelyn Abraham. If you would like to make a donation: <https://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund> Please indicate Huntington Jewish Center when you make an online donation.

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

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# From Rabbi Eric Rosin



## *Tradition and Change*

There is a Hasidic Story about a shtetl, a small Jewish town, that loved its rebbe. For many years, the people who lived there reveled in his wisdom his compassion and his scholarship. The town was peaceful and stable and the townspeople attributed much of their own contentment to the rabbi.

When, in his old age, it came time for the rabbi to step down, an aura of apprehension descended on the village. How would they ever find a successor to their beloved leader? They considered the brightest and most compelling scholars in the region but they were at a loss. None of them compared to the man whom they had come to revere.

Finally, the leadership of the community formulated a path forward. In order to fulfill their longing to both continue their rebbe's tradition of scholarship and also preserve the elements of the community that they treasured most deeply, they decided to invite the Rebbe's son to assume his father's position.

The young man, who shared his community's veneration of his father, assured them that it would be his highest aspiration to follow in his father's footsteps and to lead the town as his father had done.

And everything worked wonderfully . . . until he was presented with the very first controversy in his new role. A conflict arose between the villagers about one matter or another and those on each side bickered amongst themselves until it became clear that this was a matter for a higher authority.

The villagers appeared before the rabbi and pled their cases and, shocking all, after hearing all of the testimony that was offered and excusing himself to think and study how the issue had been addressed by the rabbis of previous generations, he came back and issued a ruling which departed from the practices that his father had established.

The lay leaders were speechless. They wanted to treat this new rabbi with the respect he was due, but he had promised to continue to lead as his father had! They decided that they would need to confront their new rebbe and express their sur-

prise and displeasure.

"Rabbi," they said, "you promised us that you would uphold the practices and integrity of your father and you have strayed from them at the first opportunity!"

The new rabbi was unfazed. "I have done exactly as I promised," he replied. "My father always thought deeply and learned extensively about every matter. He never embraced a conclusion simply because the rabbis before him had."

Jewish communities have evolved since the days of the shtetl. Rabbis now make decisions in partnership with boards. But the same principle still applies. Leaders with integrity acknowledge the need for the evolution of our living tradition. The Conservative movement embodies this observation in the phrase "Tradition and Change." The Italian thinker, Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa expressed the same idea when he wrote, "If we want things to stay as they are around here, things will have to change."

As this year's board and I finish our first year together, our goals remain largely unchanged. We seek to maintain and expand this kehillah kedoshah, this sacred community. We want our services and programs to be engaging and to offer a full array of other opportunities for members and potential members to find meaning and friendship. We want to empower new leaders and cultivate new relationships. Our Early Childhood Center and our religious school will continue to be central to our mission of involving every member and potential member of our synagogue in every demographic. And we will honor the ways that we have built community in the past by thinking carefully about them and exploring whether or not they will meet the needs this moment.

This year will be dedicated to trying new things and even doing some things we've done before, and pursuing them in different ways. I will continue doing everything that I have been doing to get to know the community and to forge deeper relationships, and I will also be adding more structured initiatives like offering more regular Adult Education classes and being more of a presence in the schools and reaching out to the parents of our students.

If you have ideas about what you have loved about this community in the past, please let me know. And if you have ideas about what you would like to see in the future, let me know that too.

## **MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

Each year at Selichot, we dedicate plaques in memory of our departed loved ones. This year, Selichot falls on Saturday, September 28th. The plaques are \$450 and the deadline to order is June 23rd. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque, orders are now being taken. Please fill out the Memorial Plaque order form. Once the form is filled out, please either email, mail or drop the form off at the Main Office, along with payment. Payment can be taken online, or via check.

**LINK TO THE ONLINE FORM:** <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/memorialplaques.html>







## Reflecting Back and Looking Ahead

It is hard to believe that I have completed my first year as president. It has been a wonderful year with way more positives than negatives and honestly, it just flew by! This is an appropriate time to assess what worked well this year and what did not and to establish new goals for our next fiscal year. The only way to continue to secure

the future of HJC and move ahead in a constructive way is to reflect back and learn from both our successes and failures. Like Aaron, the priest who carried the weight of the entire community, and who had first to make atonement for the sins of himself and his family before making atonement for the entire community, I take my responsibility as your president seriously. I must first identify the steps I need to take to become a better president and then I need to identify how I can work with all of you to ensure that everyone has a place at the table at HJC.

In my first bulletin article I introduced you to my family. This past year, Jay and I have been blessed with two new grandchildren, Michelle Daphne was born to Ezra and Rebecca in December and Jonathan and Blair became the proud parents to a second boy, Lincoln Alton, in February.

Last year, I had three main goals which focused on engaging our membership. The first was to transform HJC into more of a "community center", sort of like a mini JCC by expanding programming so that all our members could feel comfortable entering our building for activities that appeal to them. My second goal was to develop the next generation of HJC leaders through mentorship with more "seasoned" leaders. And third was to strengthen our committee structure by ensuring that all committees have strong chairs, active programming and sufficient manpower.

So, how did I do? Well, I do not have my pickleball courts yet but don't worry, I have not forgotten about them! That idea is on the back burner for now. But, in many ways, we have become a community center by significantly expanding our programming including yoga, dance, arts and music, Krav Maga, baking and community Shabbat dinners to name a few. This was all in addition to the wide variety of Adult Education programs and the usual array of Sisterhood, Men's Club and other committee programs.

So, yes, we accomplished quite a bit and I do feel proud. But we are still far short of my goal of bringing everyone into the building for something that interests them. Engagement of our ECC and RS families by breaking down the silos that have existed for many years will be one of my top priorities.

We have already begun creating a better connection with our ECC families and PA so that they feel they are part of our larger HJC community, and I hope to identify more specific ways to be inclusive and welcome them. I plan to form a small focus group of RS parents to create a space in which we can seriously discuss their concerns and give them the opportunity to develop programs of interest to them which our HJC leadership wants very much to support.

My second goal was to develop the next generation of HJC leaders. Although there were some successes on this front, significantly more time and energy needs to be devoted to supporting and growing new leaders. This can be accomplished in several ways. First, this year, we are welcoming nine new board members, many of whom have not been involved in synagogue leadership. These new board members will also bring new ideas and perspectives to our board. Next, with the help of other experienced HJC leaders, I plan to create small (and not overwhelming) opportunities to organize and lead a specific program by providing mentorship which will allow new leaders to "get their feet wet." Ideally, we would also like to enroll new leaders in USCJ's Sulam for New Leaders program.

My third goal was to strengthen our committee structure. Many of our committees have grown and thrived and have accomplished so much this past year but some are still in need of leadership and/or new members. This year, for the first time, the committee chairs met as a group several times. I must say these were some of the most productive and collaborative meetings I have attended. These chairs are committed HJC leaders and they invite all of you to consider serving on a committee.

This coming year, we must prioritize fundraising and a chair is still needed for our Fundraising Committee. Additionally, we need to focus on membership and community outreach, and our Membership Committee is certainly in need of a few good men and women. Following October 7, many unaffiliated Jews are looking to connect and engage with a Jewish community and HJC can and should be that place. Certainly, our new professionally designed website and increased social media presence will help but we need all of you to be HJC ambassadors.

Thus, my four priorities for this year are increased engagement of our ECC and RS families, developing new HJC leaders, membership and community outreach and fundraising.

So, for 2024-2025 we will continue our journey moving forward together with our young and with our old. Although you may be tired of my message, I will say it again. You are the WE who will make things happen at HJC.

May the hostages return home soon.



## ***Fear of the Unknown***

June is always an extremely busy month for most of us. There are graduation events that can run the gamut from Pre-K through College and even more advanced educational programs. There are also send-offs for those parents whose children are going to a sleepaway camp for the very first time, or even returning campers -

and we all know how much packing is involved in that! There are also recitals, musical concerts, or the end of youth sports, which our kids have done months of preparation and hard work to accomplish.

This month, my middle son is graduating from elementary school. It truly feels like yesterday when he started Kindergarten and learned to read. I also will never forget when he was in first grade and had to do remote school and be taught by me during the Covid pandemic - and may that never happen again! Through each of his years at elementary school, there was a new skill to accomplish and achieve by year end. There were tasks and standards that he had to meet and find a way to fulfill them. The little boy that started out in kindergarten is not the same curious pre-teen that sits before me at present.

Recently, he took a tour of our middle school for orientation to see what the school looks like, where 6th grade lockers are and to see 6th grade classes. When he came home from

the tour, he seemed worried and scared. He asked me what happens if he is late and gets detention for having locker trouble or can't find a class since the building is so much larger than elementary school. He said he was just scared overall because he does not know what to expect. It is certainly a scary concept to all of us, the fear of the unknown. When we all start a new job, or a task, or be in a situation where we do not know anyone it can be completely daunting. It always seems like a mountain sits before you and you don't know how to climb. I think what we all can do when we take on new challenges is think of it as a staircase and climb one step at a time and sure enough, we will all get to the top.

This month at HJC, we will be marching with the JCRC-Long Island cluster in the Celebrate Israel Parade on June 2nd. We will be celebrating the holiday of Shavuot and having our special newborn ceremony on June 12th. We will be having a wonderful Summer Send Off Shabbat, where we can all get together as one community before a great deal of us disperse in different directions. Our new board installation ceremony will be on June 7th, and on June 8th we will be honoring our women of achievement, man of the year and youths of the year through our Sisterhood and Men's Club organizations at a Kiddush after services. We are fortunate enough to have Ken Bob do an adult education program on June 18th and our Adult Krav Maga summer series class begins this month as well! I hope all of you will have a wonderful start to summer and I also hope that none of you are afraid to try something new!

# **CELEBRATE SHAVUOT**

## **JUNE 12 & 13, 2024**





***"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."*** ~Maya Angelou

All too often we get caught up in a life that is full of material possessions and working ourselves to death to maintain a certain status. We weigh our accomplishments in the houses we live in, the cars we drive, the designer brands we wear. We work ourselves to death to maintain our lifestyle, forgetting

about what is important and our precious transient time on Earth. I get caught up in this too sometimes as I could be considered a workaholic. I must remind myself constantly that I can be replaced in my job, but I can never be replaced as a daughter, a wife and a mother. Of course, those titles may not earn a lifestyle, status, or expensive possessions, but they do give me life. A really good life. The gift of giving, of gratitude, of living in real time in the present are the soul's sustenance. As Maya Angelou so aptly noted, "giving liberates the soul of the giver." When we give a gift, whether it is a material gift or a gift of ourselves, the giver's soul is nourished and fulfilled, as much as the recipient's.

In our ECC, character education is one of our many priorities. We teach about gratitude and model it. We stretch their social emotional development to help them experience the joy of giving to others, helping them understand the intrinsic feel-

ing of reward. We focus on kindness, altruism, and empathy through modeling, giving and helping each other and our local community. At the end of our school year, we have an Acts of Kindness Finale. We chose a song and revised the lyrics to include the HJC ECC values of love, friendship, and kindness. The children then perform this song for their parents and families in a school wide event. This event's purpose is to teach the children about helping others, but also to help the parents, and a charity that helps children.

We honored Miss Leslie's daughter, Samantha Friedman, who passed away in 2018 at the young age of 27 years old of brain cancer. Samantha was sunshine. She was a special education teacher and was always so kind and so positive. She was a true gift to anyone who was fortunate enough to know Sam. She was a warrior in her fight against cancer, never ever letting the disease define her or take away her love, passion and positivity. In a matter of minutes at our Acts of Kindness Finale, we raised over \$2000 for the B+ Foundation in honor of Samantha. For that moment in time, we didn't think about our cars, our careers, or our phones. We thought about giving. We thought about helping. We thought about gratitude.







## ***Choosing a College? It Ain't What it Used to Be.***

As parents, we always want the best for our children. We tend to get hyper focused when it comes to their High School career in anticipation of attending the best college/university. We spend endless hours ensuring their High School portfolio is complete with the best transcript, SAT/ACT scores, involvement and participation in sports, extracurricular

activities, clubs, religious affiliation, and community service. All these components are important, at least they were until Oct. 7th.

Antisemitic, Pro-Palestinian and supporters of BDS (Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions) are swarming college and university campuses and it is getting ugly. The response to the protests, in some cases, have been, more often than not, even more disheartening as school administrations are showing various signs of support, and faculty bias is often at the root of the crisis. Hillel International has recently reported a 700% increase in antisemitic activity on college campuses. Protesters are hiding behind our First Amendment to spue hate and genocide. Natan Sharansky, a Soviet dissident and human rights activist points out, when it comes to the topic of Israel, these protests have the “3 Ds”; they have the delegitimization, the demonization, and the double standard, thus their “speech” should not be protected. It is incendiary rhetoric, and it is working. To my knowledge, no one is protesting the fact Syria gasses their own citizens, Nigerian Christians slaughter Islamists, Iranian women are abused daily, or Isis uses Kurdish women as sex slaves – but somehow the destruction

of Israel and Jews is front and center. What can a parent of a High School student do?

Stay informed. Look behind the headlines. The fact remains, 89% of American Jews feel Israel’s right to fight is valid against 7% who do not. Know the schools that offer support. Yeshiva and Brandeis Universities have seen a 65% increase in applications and have extended their deadlines to accommodate additional students. Seek out schools with larger Jewish populations, with an active Hillel. Adam Lehman, the President and CEO of Hillel International suggests it is important for parents to know how the school administration is responding to the protests and violence. I recommend subscribing to the ADL Campus Crisis Daily for daily email updates on school activity, response, and support. Insist your child stays connected to other Jewish students. Encourage them to stay connected to HJC. I would love to stay in touch with your child; to say hello, wish them Shabbat Shalom, see how their classes are going, or just to remind them they are not alone. Worldclass education is looking very different today and will continue to look differently for a long time, we need to change how we look at THEM.

When my children attended Middle and High School, they often sported their Kadima/USY regalia as their daily attire. Their clothing clearly indicated they were Jewish and proud. My parents used to warn me not to permit them to wear it when going to the mall, public school, or any public place for that matter. I laughed at them, shook my head in disbelief, and reminded them it wasn’t the 1940’s anymore, thinking I taught them a thing or two. Perhaps I owe them an apology. I continue to wear my Jewish symbols and encourage Jewish pride; I’m just not laughing anymore.



# Donations

## GENERAL FUND

**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in honor of Ron & Gwen Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter Emma & grandson Bodhi

**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in honor of Renda Rosenblatt on the birth of her grandson Parker Jack

**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in honor of Cindy & Moti Dolgin on the birth of their grandsons Asaf Eitan & Lavi Matan

**Leslie & Jack Rubin** in memory of Risa Gold's mother, Lillian Firestone

**Andrew Cohen** in memory of Thelma Cohen at Yahrzeit

**Maxwell & Rosalie Malkiel** in memory of Frieda Lishinsky at Yahrzeit

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of Barbara Rubenfeld on the birth of her granddaughter, Frankie Gabrielle Rubenfeld

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of Cindy & Moti Dolgin on the birth of their grandsons Asaf Eitan & Lavi Matan

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of Ron & Gwen Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter Emma and grandson Bodhi

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of Ellen & Jay Steinberg on the birth of their grandson Lincoln and Granddaughter Michelle

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in honor of Allison & Mitch Reiver on the engagement of their son Dan to Isabel Grabel

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in memory of Lillian Firestone, mother of Risa Gold

**Sarah & Jerry Saunders** in memory of David Gerber, father of Leslie Hantverk.

**Roger Silverberg & Evelyn Abraham** in memory of David Gerber, father of Leslie Hantverk

## CAMP RAMAH FUND

**Judy & Lester Fox** in honor of Eileen and Jerry Lieberman for their founding of and supporting the Tikvah Program at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires

**Judy & Lester Fox** in honor of the Men's Club Honorees for 2024

**Judy & Lester Fox** in honor of Rabbi Neil & Alisa Kurshan for the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Matan Feldman

## COLLEGIATE FUND

**Renda Rosenblatt** in honor of the birth of her grandson Parker Jack Shoemaker

## DAILY MINYAN FUND

**Bea Pedowicz** in memory of Morris Pedowicz at Yahrzeit

## EMERGENCY SECURITY FUND

**Pamela Geller**

**Lawrence & Marjorie Maltin** in memory of Sylvia Solomon at Yahrzeit

**Gloria Safran**

## ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

**Emily May** in honor of Tyna Strenger for the Woman of Achievement award.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER & TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Bill Yelen** in memory of Helen Yelen at Yahrzeit.

**Ira & Marsha Perlmutter Kalina** in memory Doris Perlmutter at yahrzeit

## GARDEN FUND

**Bruce & Alice Rosen** in memory of Lillian Firestone, mother of Risa Gold

**Joel & Miriam Wirchin** in memory of Arthur Wirchin at Yahrzeit

## INCLUSION FUND

**Jeffrey Stark & Lesley Delia-Stark** on behalf of the Inclusive Committee, in honor of Bill Yelen being named Man of the Year

**The Inclusion Committee** in honor of Bill Yelen for being named Man of the Year

**Miriam Eckstein-Koas** in honor of the birth of twins to Maya Dolgin and Or Shaked, grandchildren to Cindy & Moti Dolgin

## ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT FUND

**Walter & Elaine Kleinmann** in memory of Helen Butlein at Yahrzeit

**Janet & Mark Zimmerman** in honor of Maya Dolgin & Or Shaked on the birth of their twin sons.

## JEWISH NUTRITIONAL NETWORK

**Eileen & Harvey Berger** in memory of Irving Rothenberg at Yahrzeit

**Eileen & Harvey Berger** in memory of Dolores Berger at Yahrzeit

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

**Jim & Gail Lodge** in honor of Bill Yelen for the "Man of the Year" honor

**Keith & Felicia Messing** in memory of Mel Messing at Yahrzeit

**Scott & Tami Schneider** in memory of Risa Gold's mother, Lillian Firestone

**Stephen & Liz Holbreich** in memory of Belma Holbreich at Yahrzeit

## LIBRARY FUND

**Duncan & Ilene Brown** in honor of Tyna Strenger - Mazel Tov

**Joel & Miriam Wirchin** in honor of Tyna Strenger being named HJC Sisterhood Women's League BQLI Woman of Achievement

**Gloria Safran** in honor of Tyna Strenger being named Woman of Achievement

## RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

**Barry & Ferne Chase** in memory of Esther Chaikin at Yahrzeit

**Barry & Ferne Chase** in memory of Tevah Chaikin at Yahrzeit

**Barry & Ferne Chase** in memory of Shirley Medvedev at Yahrzeit

**Barry & Ferne Chase** in memory of Rona Chase-Robbins at Yahrzeit

**Barry & Ferne Chase** in memory of Jerry Medvedev at Yahrzeit

**Howard & Anne Recht** in memory of Bernard Markowitz at Yahrzeit

**Cheryl & Peter Berman** in memory of Paul Walfish, father of Cheryl Berman

**Janet & Mark Zimmerman** in memory of David Gerber, father of Leslie Hantverk

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND AND TEACHERS DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Mordechay & Cynthia Dolgin** in memory of Sanford Cohen at Yahrzeit

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

**Joel & Barbara Kuppersmith** in honor of Bill Yelen named Men's Club Man of the Year

**Joel & Miriam Wirchin** in honor of Bill Yelen being named HJC Men's Club FJMC Man of the Year

**Beth Uebele** in memory of Larry Kushnick at Yahrzeit

**Beth Uebele** in memory of Marty Kushnick at Yahrzeit

**David & Marilyn Klein** in memory of David Gingold at Yahrzeit

**Martin & Rosalind Spielman** in memory of Dora & Eli Reingold at Yahrzeit

## SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

**Paul & Joan Cohen** in honor of Bill Yelen being named Men's Club Honoree

**Brian & Nancy Cooper** in honor of the arrival of Asaf Eitan and Lavi Matan, grandchildren of Moti and Cindy Dolgin, wishing congratulations & Nachat to Maya and Or

**Brian & Nancy Cooper** in honor of the birth of Lincoln Alton, grandson of Ellen & Jay Steinberg & congrats to Jonathan and Blair

**Brian & Nancy Cooper** in memory of Joyce Bach Berlow, mother of Nancy Berlow Cooper, on her Yahrzeit

**Brian & Nancy Cooper** in memory of David Gerber, father of Leslie Hantverk. May his memory be a blessing

**Gloria Safran** in honor of Bill Yelen Man of The Year



**A Yom Haatzmaut commemoration of Israel's 76 years of wars, struggles and celebrations was presented in song with commentary by Nili Gitig.**

The program consisted 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.

It was a sobering yet celebratory evening of music, food & drink enjoyed by all.



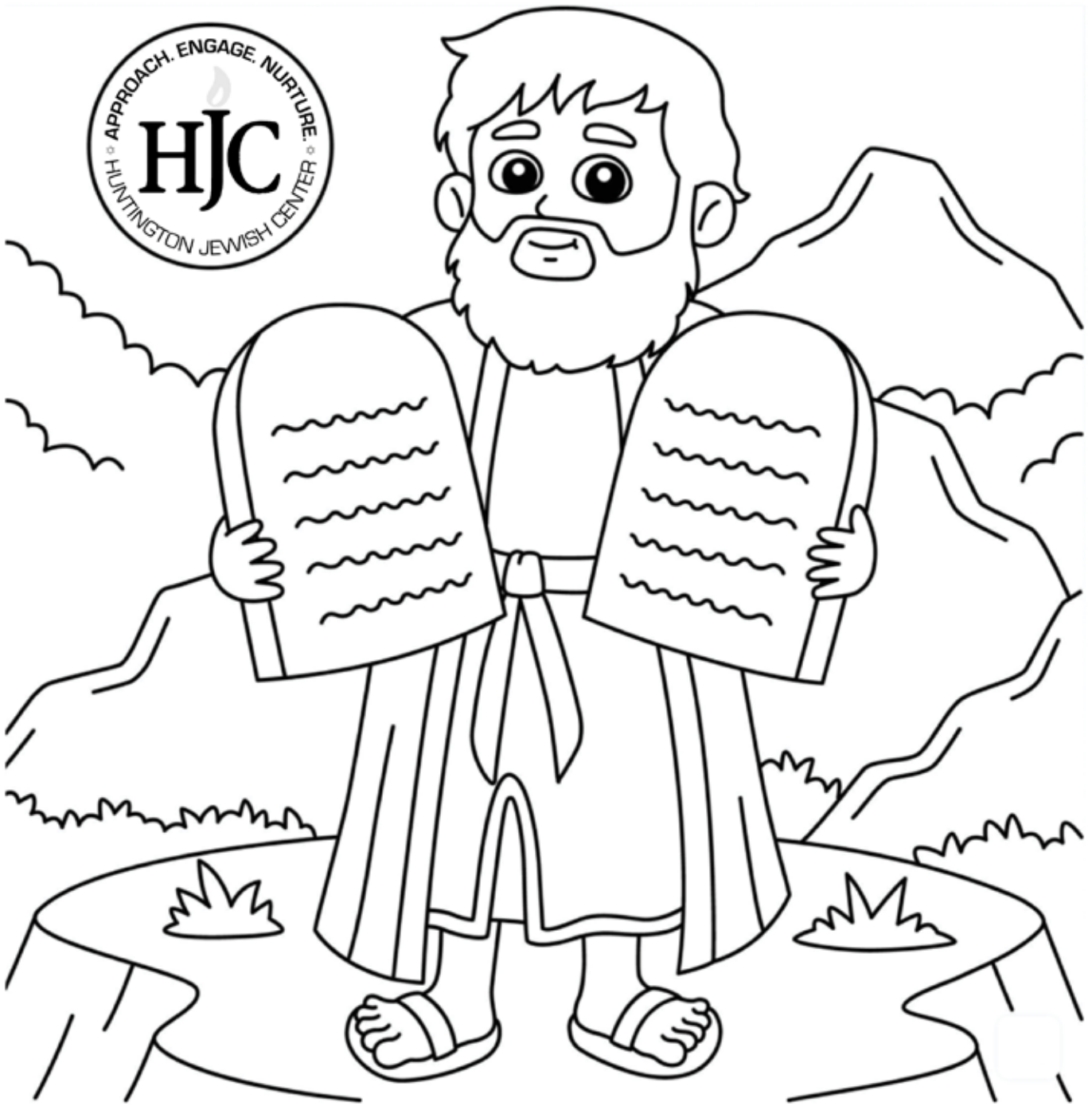
**MAZEL TOV:**

**Barbara Rubinfeld** on the birth of her granddaughter, Frankie Gabrielle Rubinfeld  
**Cindy & Moti Dolgin** on the birth of their grandsons Asaf Eitan & Lavi Matan born to Maya Dolgin & Or Shaked  
**Melanie & Benjamin Pearson** on the birth of their daughter Lily Jewel  
**Renda Rosenblatt** on the birth of her grandson Parker Jack Shoemaker born to parents Tiphanie & Steven Shoemaker & big brother Silas Kenneth

**CONDOLENCE:**

**Lillian Firestone**, mother of Risa Gold  
**David Gerber**, father of Leslie Hantverk  
**Larry Samuels**, brother of Cindy Kaufman

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



**Bring your little ones to the HJC Shavuot Ceremony  
in honor of your children or grandchildren  
who were born this past year!**

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**Wednesday, June 12th during services.**

**A special gift will be given to each child.**

RSVP so the Office can prepare the gift by scanning in the QR Code,  
or Contact the Main Office at 631-427-1089 Ext. 10

**Ice Cream and Cheesecakes will be served during Kiddush**





# HJC Summer Send-off Shabbat!

**Open to All!**

**Spend time with your HJC family  
before the start of summer!**



**Cost is \$20 per adult, \$12 per child aged 3-13 (children under age 3 free)**

**Cost will be capped at \$50 for families**

**RSVP By June 11th**

RSVP at: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/hjc-community-summer-send-off-shabbat-.html>

**Event will be outside, weather permitting.  
If the weather is inclement, the event will be in the Social Hall.**

This event was made possible by the Herskovitz Family Fund, with support from the ECC PA.

# HJC Adult Education Presents:

## Jewish Public Affairs with Kenneth Bob

# What does Zionism Have to Do With It?

**Tuesday, June 18th at 7:30pm**

*PLEASE NOTE PARKING AVAILABLE ONLY ON PARK AVENUE AND LESLIE LANE. THE HJC PARKING LOT IS BEING PAVED THIS WEEK. ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR ONLY.*

**S**ince October 7, the word Zionism has been used and abused in many contexts related to Israel, Jews and history. In this session we will look at why the term is polarizing, how it is being applied in the U.S., the global Jewish community and the Middle East. *Is Zionism still relevant in 2024?*

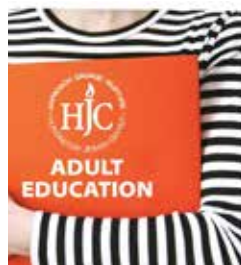


Theodore Herzl, the father of modern Zionism



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**HJC Religious School Presents**

# **KRAV MAGA**

**FOR ADULTS ONLY**

**(ISRAELI SELF DEFENSE)**

**Class series with Master Instructor Dr. Michael Blitz**

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

No previous experience required. Open to all.

June 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Aug. 6, 13

6:30-7:30 pm



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

Mazel Tov to HJC Sisterhood for receiving a **BQLI Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism Jewels in the Crown Award** for offering outstanding educational opportunities and promoting Jewish culture. Pictured are HJC Sisterhood board members participating in a milestone candle lighting ceremony in recognition of HJC Sisterhood's 92 years of being a WLCJ Sisterhood Affiliate.



**The HJC Sisterhood Mother's Day event was enjoyed by all.** Tyna Strenger was honored as HJC Sisterhood's BQLI Woman of Achievement, Joni Brenner led all in a session of chair yoga and Cindy Dolgin shared her journey as a JTS graduate. It was a fun and successful evening, where Sisterhood's raffle proceeds were donated to Torah Fund.





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### Emma Sternschein

Emma Sternschein is excited to become a Bat Mitzvah on June 1st at HJC. Starting Religious School at HJC in first grade, she is grateful for her teachers' guidance in her Jewish education journey. At Oldfield Middle School, Emma thrives on the soccer, volleyball, and track teams. She is also on the Principal's Honor Roll and will be inducted as a member of National Junior Honor Society this June. In addition to school sports, Emma also plays travel soccer with the Cold Spring Harbor Soccer Club and enjoys both snow skiing and waterskiing. Special thanks to Morah Gina and Rabbi Rosin for their support in preparing her for this momentous occasion.



### Dylan Goodman

Dylan Emerson Goodwin will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 22nd. He is currently a 7th grader at Finley Middle School where he is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. His extracurricular academic activities include graduating from The Institute of Creative Problem Solving's gifted math program, competing in Math Counts, which is composed of the top six math students in his 7th & 8th grade middle school, and competing in First Robotics as a member of the Dragon Racers Team who competed at the Lego League World Championships last year. Dylan's extracurricular musical activities include playing piano and tuba, which he played in his middle school's symphonic band. His athletic extracurricular activities include learning Krav Maga for two years at HJC, running Cross Country for his middle school, and competing in fencing for the high school team. His extracurricular community service activities include volunteering at the HJC Purim Carnival helping children play games, volunteering at the Henry Viscardi School teaching children with disabilities about robotics, assisting the high school robotics team with their annual fundraiser, and building houses for Eastern Bluebirds for the Nature Conservancy in an effort to bolster the bluebird population on Long Island. He has a lifelong love of chess and a passion for knowledge and plans to have a career in robotics engineering. Dylan, his mom Shelly, older sister Julia, and younger brother Jared invite the HJC Community to join us in celebrating Dylan become a Bar Mitzvah on June 22nd.

# Jewish Entertainers

## Danny Kaye



Born David Daniel Kaminsky on January 18, 1913, he was the last of three sons and the first born in America—in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, where he entertained his peers at P.S. 149. He was an energetic, multitalented American actor and comedian who later became known for his involvement with humanitarian causes.

The son of Ukrainian immigrants, Kaye began his performing career in the 1930s as a comic entertainer in hotels in the Catskill Mountains and in nightclubs across the United States. During this period he originated the pantomimes, rapid-fire scat singing, and physical antics that were to become his trademarks. He landed his first motion-picture role in the Educational Pictures' short *Moon over Manhattan* (1935) and performed in other low-budget shorts, such as *Dime a Dance* (1937) and *Cupid Takes a Holiday* (1938), before the studio closed in 1938. Kaye soon achieved success on the Broadway stage, beginning with *The Straw Hat Revue* (1939) and *Lady in the Dark* (1940), in which he upstaged the legendary Gertrude Lawrence with his performance of "Tchaikovsky," a patter song in which he rattled off the names of more than 50 Russian composers in rapid succession. Such tongue-twisting tunes—most of them written by Kaye's wife, Sylvia Fine—became a regular feature of Kaye's films and live performances throughout the next two decades. During the early 1940s Kaye performed for American servicemen and became enormously successful as a headline star in New York City nightclubs. It was in one of these clubs that Hollywood producer Samuel Goldwyn caught Kaye's act and offered him a film contract. Since Kaye was a star before he made his first film, Goldwyn spared no expense on Kaye's lavish musical comedies.

During the years 1944–63 Kaye starred mostly in films tailored to his talents as a singer, dancer, physical comic, and mimic. He frequently played multiple roles, such as twins or look-alikes, in the films *Wonder Man* (1945), *On the Riviera* (1951), *Knock on Wood* (1954), and *On the Double* (1961), or characters with multiple personalities, as in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (1947). Even when playing one role, Kaye created characters who were typically dichotomous—a blend of ineptness and resourcefulness—and who usually emerge wiser, ennobled, and triumphant at the end of the films. Kaye's other standout films included *The Inspector General* (1949), in which he portrayed an illiterate medicine-show buffoon mistaken for the title character; *Hans Christian An-*

*dersen* (1952), featuring Kaye in a highly romanticized portrayal of the Danish master of fairy tales; *White Christmas* (1954), a perennial holiday favorite featuring Kaye and Bing Crosby as a song-and-dance team; *The Court Jester* (1956), a swashbuckler spoof and perhaps Kaye's most-renowned film; and *Merry Andrew* (1958), in which Kaye portrayed a mild-mannered archeology professor who becomes a circus performer.

Although popular in the United States throughout his career, Kaye's fame in England was characterized as "worshipful hysteria" by *Life* magazine. He first performed his one-man show at the London Palladium in 1948 and played return engagements throughout the 1950s; for one Kaye performance, England's royal family made news when, for the first time in history, they left their royal box to sit in the front row of the orchestra.

While he appeared in few films after 1963, Kaye stayed in the public eye with a successful television series (*The Danny Kaye Show*, 1963–67), concert appearances, and the leading role of Noah in the Broadway musical *Two by Two* (1970). Mostly, however, he devoted his energies to charity work. He began his long association with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 1953 and logged thousands of miles (frequently piloting his own plane) on behalf of the organization during the next three decades. He continued to perform occasionally, appearing in the film *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (1969), with Katharine Hepburn, and in the television films *Pinocchio* (1976), in which he played the role of Geppetto, and *Skokie* (1981), a highly praised docudrama that featured Kaye as a Holocaust death-camp survivor.

Danny Kaye devoted much of his time to humanitarian causes. Among his many efforts, he visited a welfare centre at an immigration transit camp (ma'abara) for Jewish refugees near Jerusalem in 1956.

Kaye received an honorary Academy Award in 1955, the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award in 1982, the French Legion of Honour in 1986, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously in 1987. He was one of the original owners of the Seattle Mariners baseball team, holding a partial interest in the club from 1977 to 1981.

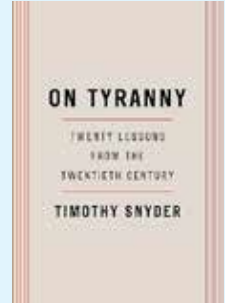
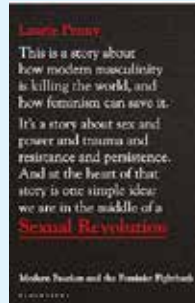
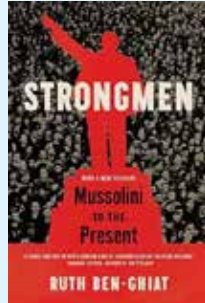
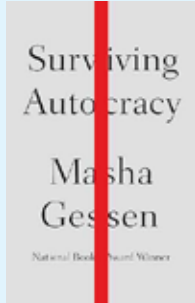
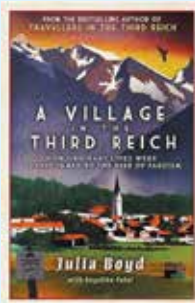
Kaye died March 3, 1987, in Los Angeles at the age of 74.





# From the Ben Tasman HJC Library Tyna Strenger

This is not a 'feelgood' account of books you'd like to read. Rather it's a listing of books recently reviewed in the Booklist Reader/[www.booklistonline.com](http://www.booklistonline.com)., a publication I find available at the South Huntington Public Library. Here are a few of the titles and authors.



\***A Village in the Third Reich:** How Ordinary Lives Were Transformed by the Rise of Fascism *By Julia Boyd & Angelika Patel*

\***Surviving Autocracy** *By Masha Gessen*

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\*\***Sexual Revolution:** Modern Fascism and the Feminist Fightback *By Laurie Penny*

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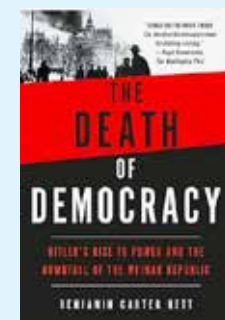
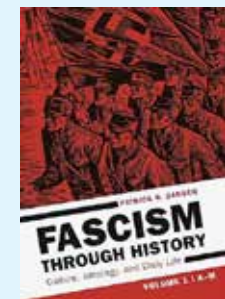
\***Age of Anger:** A History of the Present *By Pankaj Mishra*

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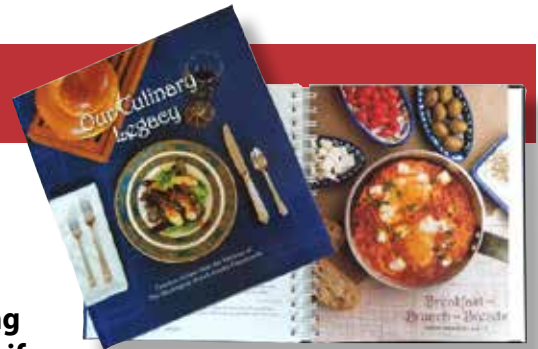
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