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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat Friday August 16th 6 PM at the home of Avi and Hana Keshet. Bring your own Dairy dinner and participate in the **Kabbalat Shabbat Services**.

Virtual Book Discussion on Wednesday August 21st at 7:30 PM. We will discuss *The Personal Librarian*, a novel by Heather Terrell (writing as Marie Benedict) and Victoria Christopher Murray. Their heroine, Belle Da Costa Greene, was one of the most prominent career women of her time. As the personal librarian to financier J.P.Morgan, she pursued and curated a collection of rare books, manuscripts and art that became world-renowned.

Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you would like to learn more about the upcoming programs and become more involved with Sisterhood.

Watch for our upcoming Sisterhood Membership Dues mailing. Your dues are used to support HJC, Women's League for Conservative Judaism and fund programming.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN

Our new Torah Fund general campaign theme for 2024-2025 is **Am Yisrael Chai** - The People of Israel Live.



Like our pin last year, this new pin will be made of sterling silver and 14K goldplate, is proudly being manufactured in Israel, and can also be worn as a pendant. 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. If you would like to pay by check, make checks payable to Torah Fund and mail to HJC attention Sisterhood Torah Fund.

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 2024-2025/5785 Torah Fund general campaign theme, **Am Yisrael Chai** - The People of Israel Live through the end of June 2025.

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From Rabbi Eric Rosin



All my life's a circle . . . Harry Chapin

During the summer of 1983, I was privileged to participate in a teen tour organized by the Fresh Air Society of Metropolitan Detroit. Seventeen or eighteen adventurous teens and three very brave staff loaded up a green school bus named Louise and journeyed from the parking lot of a JCC in suburban Detroit out to Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and

back, touring national parks, hiking, making all of our meals on camping stoves and sleeping either under the stars, or when weather demanded, in four person tents.

The soundtrack of that life changing summer was the album *Stories Live* by Harry Chapin. To a person, we were moved by the infectious melodies, the soulful delivery and the fact that it was one of the three cassette tapes that one of our fellow campers had brought to play over his portable “boom box” stereo.

Suffice it to say that every time I pass the Chapin Rainbow Outdoor Stage in Heckscher Park, and certainly when Jen and Sam and I have gone to hear music there, I can hear Harry Chapin’s distinctive voice in my head and it has felt like a homecoming.

Liturgy often works in the same, subliminal way. There is an old aphorism among rabbis and cantors that there are

only two melodies to any given prayer: the one you grew up with and the wrong one. When we sit in the sanctuary and hear the melodies from our childhood, meaning and memory combine and the present resonates with everything that we have experienced up until that moment.

The power of listening can get lost in our hyper-intellectual, rabbinic tradition that seems so focused on understanding and explaining. But there is a reason that, in the Book of Exodus, before God delivers the Ten Commandments from the top of Mount Sinai, God does not say, “Understand these words” or “study these words deeply,” God says “if you will truly listen to My voice . . . you will become dear to Me.” And that is why arguably the central prayer of our morning and evening services is the Shema: Hear, Listen, Israel. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

When we listen, we open ourselves up to what is taking place in the moment without needing to understand or control it.

As the summer progresses and we begin to think about the holidays to come, there is a Hasidic tradition that captures the power of listening. It teaches, based on passages from the Talmud and the Prophet Jeremiah, that God’s voice still calls out from Sinai at every moment. Our challenge is to pause and listen and to recognize when we hear it.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Take in all of the sights of this beautiful part of the world. Enjoy the time that you get to spend with friends and family. And, pause when you can and listen for the spiritual resonance of the moment.



עונת החגים פתוחה כל שנת היום לזמנתיך וצרכיך החגיים



A disagreement which is for the sake of Heaven will be preserved, and one which is not for the sake of Heaven will not be preserved.

The Mishnah asks (and answers): What is a disagreement that is for the sake of Heaven? The disagreement of Hillel and Shammai. What is not for the sake of Heaven? The disagreement of Korach and his congregation.

Argument and disagreement are at the very foundation of the Talmud and Mishnah. We are a people defined by our quest for knowledge. We do not accept things on face value. We are encouraged to ask questions of our teachers, our clergy, even God if we are respectful and do not become disagreeable. We have a lot of opinions on almost everything. As the saying goes: "Ten Jews at least eleven different opinions."

Perhaps the most well-known disagreements were those of the House of Hillel (Beit Hillel) and House of Shammai (Beit Shammai). These two schools of thought were named after their founders Hillel and Shammai, two preeminent Jewish sages who lived during the last century BCE and the first century CE. They were the last of the pairs or "Zugot" who were at the helm of Jewish tradition and law, one being the Nasi or President of the Sanhedrin and the other called the Av Beit Din or Head of the Sanhedrin (the legislative and judicial governing body in ancient Israel). These two schools had vigorous debates on matters of ritual practice, ethics, and theology which were critical for the shaping of the oral law and Rabbinic Judaism as we practice today. In almost all cases of Jewish law, we follow the rulings of Beit Hillel. As a generalization, Beit Hillel was usually the more lenient and Beit Shammai tended to take a stricter view on matters.

Although initially there were only a handful of disagreements between Hillel and Shammai, these disagreements grew into the hundreds over time as their schools grew. In fact, their schools really disagreed about almost everything. One of the earlier disagreements was about who should be allowed to enter and study in the Beit Midrash with Shammai stating that

only worthy students should be allowed to enter and Hillel stating that study should be open to everyone which would encourage people to repent and become worthy. Another, one of my favorites, related to telling "white lies" with Shammai stating that one should not tell an ugly bride that she was beautiful and Hillel countering that all brides are beautiful on their wedding day.

Why is it that we generally follow the rulings of Beit Hillel? Is it because they were always right and Beit Shammai was always wrong? Is it because Beit Hillel constituted the majority? On the contrary, it is because a Divine voice (bat-kol) was heard in Yavneh declaring a general rule of practice: "Both schools espouse to the words of the living God, but the Halakhah follows the School of Hillel." It is said that there are three main reasons as to why we follow the ruling of Hillel. First, the students of Hillel were always modest and respectful. Second, Beit Hillel always carefully considered and studied the opinions of Beit Shammai in addition to their own and third, the students of Hillel would always state Shammai's arguments before stating their own. Even though the two schools had vigorous arguments, they greatly respected each other. The Mishnah even records that the constituents of the two schools intermarried—despite their disagreements regarding the laws of marriage and divorce.

The disagreement between Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai was preserved because it was for the sake of heaven. What does this mean? These were not selfish arguments. They were not seeking power for themselves as was the case with Korach, who led a failed rebellion against Moses and Aaron. His followers were punished by being swallowed up by the earth. Hillel and Shammai were not challenging God. They were focused on the best interests of the Jewish people at that time although they did not necessarily agree upon what was best. This is true here at HJC. We encourage vigorous debate and discussion but as long as we always keep the best interests of HJC at heart and continue to love and support our spiritual home then our arguments are also for the sake of heaven.

Mazel Tov to Tyna Strenger, HJC Sisterhood's Woman of Achievement award recipient

A special ceremony was held at the Women's League BQLI Gala at Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn Heights on June 6. A wonderful evening had by all for a well-deserved honoree!





The Importance of Prioritizing One's Self

I hope everyone's summer has been an enjoyable one thus far. Whether you have filled your summer with travel, visiting with friends and family, or just reading a book, it is important to just take a breather and unplug.

This summer, I decided to try and carve out personal time for just myself to unwind and pick up

a new hobby. I always wanted to learn how to play pickleball. It was something that I have wanted to try and do for over a year now. However, my hectic schedule during the year between work, family obligations, and errands has never seemed to allow. I must admit, I was a total beginner, which can be quite intimidating to fully admit that you have no idea how to play, which the thought alone always used to prevent me from taking that leap. I am so glad that I decided to take lessons and go for it. Each Sunday now, three friends and I catch up with what is going on in our lives together and play pickleball. It is the only time that's just for "me", where I can just focus on the ball, my racket, and the rules of the game and completely take a rest from all my other demands. We all like it so much that we plan to continue into the fall! I am now excited to show off my skills and play with my boys when they get home from

sleepaway camp.

Although I am using pickleball as an activity to try to decompress and prioritize myself, the real reason I find it decompressing is I get to connect with other friends, which brings me joy and relaxation. Whether it is playing a new sport, or a new activity, there

are so many wonderful ventures to try and it's invaluable to take care of one's mind, body and soul so we can all be our best selves. This month at HJC, our wonderful and gracious members, Hana & Avi Keshet are once again offering their lovely home (and stunning views) to host our Shabbat by The Sound on Friday August 16th. It is going to be a lovely Shabbat overlooking the beautiful Long Island Sound in

Northport. I can't think of a better way to unplug and connect with your friends here at HJC and catch up with one another by sharing what has been going on in all your lives. I wish all of you a wonderful rest of the summer and hope you all get to take part in doing something that brings you joy.



Spotlighting New Members

Hi there, we are the Roozrokh's. Nice to meet you all! My name is Mathew and I currently work at Stony Brook University in the alumni relations department while finishing my doctorate degree at Baylor University.

My wife's name is Devon and she is the proud owner of Beyond Waxing, her brand new full body waxing studio that she opened in North Babylon. Our little gem's name is Ruby and she is about to turn 4 years old.

Ruby loves princesses, dressing up, and anything to do with makeup. We love sports, especially the Knicks and the New York Giants! We have a cat Tina, and are looking to get a dog soon.



We are Elise and Scott Kaufman. My husband and I are second generation HJC members. Our son Leo graduated this past June from the ECC after 3 years of wonderful growth and enrichment. Our daughter Sarah is starting the two-year-old program this fall and we are confident she will flourish at the ECC.

Scott works in Strategy at Paypal and I will be graduating from Stony Brook Dental School this coming May. We have lived in Manhattan and Westchester and feel fortunate to now call Cold Spring Harbor home. We have celebrated many happy life events at HJC and look forward to many more.





We are reminded that, in the fleeting time we have on this Earth, what matters is not wealth, or status, or power, or fame, but rather how well we have loved and what small part we have played in making the lives of other people better.

Barack Obama

I can't believe that I have finished ten years as the Director of Early Childhood Education. I vividly remember the day I returned to HJC as the director, and it seems as if it were just a few months ago. What is even more crazy is that I have been a part of HJC for over 26 years! First, as a parent, then as a teacher, and now going into my eleventh year as the director. I could not think of a better way to have my ten-year anniversary recognized than what was done for me on behalf of the ECC Parent Association and the HJC Board of Trustees. It was an amazing surprise seeing all the teachers, the children and so many parents who are not only part of our school presently, but parents whose children came to our school throughout my ten-year tenure as the ECC Director. It is a memory that I will cherish forever.

Ten years have brought some very interesting experiences. So many wonderful events and some challenging events as well. We doubled our enrollment within 3 years and now have 100+ students. When I think of some of the highlights in the past several years, I think of having our children dancing to raise money for the B+ Foundation, which supports cutting edge research in childhood cancer as well as their families.

Another gratifying part of my experiences has been when the children have expressed their appreciation to our community members, whether it was books of the children's notes thanking them or their visits to local fire stations, bringing them home made brownies and milk. We have also shared so many wonderful memories with our special days for Mom's, Dad's, and all the special people of our ECC families. We have had the honor of being a part of our parents and some teachers welcoming babies into their lives. And let's not forget about our chicks hatching from the eggs! Even Covid, which was completely uncharted territory for all of us. I would not call it a highlight, rather a defining moment for who we are, how strong we are, how resilient we are, and how we have learned to look at our silver linings.

We have faced a good many hardships as well. We supported each other and our families when they lost a family member, including the most wonderful daughter of one our most dedicated teachers and a beloved mother of a truly special family of the ECC. These tragic and heartbreaking events have brought our HJC community even closer together. I could not imagine my life without my teachers and ECC families who have truly become my family. I am more than grateful to have served and loved the HJC ECC. Here's to another 10 wonderful years!



Religious School *Gina Giuffre, Director*



Judaism Like Baseball: 90% Mental, the Other Half is Physical

Based on Yogi Berra quote

Believe it or not, I only attended my first baseball game just last year. Professional sports were never a part of the Giuffre household. In the spirit of being a supportive spouse I went. As we navigated the reliable city traffic labyrinth, I listened to my husband recall his fond memories of watching and attending baseball games with

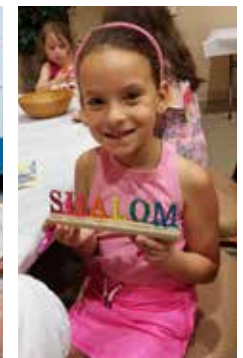
his family. His enthusiasm was evident, I enjoyed hearing all the stories but skeptically kept thinking, this better be worth it.

Once inside, I noticed how the entire atmosphere transformed the spectators. The participants were happy, friendly, and considerate. I saw no political, social, religious, or racial differences. Baseball, a beloved pastime for many, offered a comfort and sense of normalcy amidst the daily chaos. As the game progressed, I noticed not only was it a retreat from the relentless news cycle, but it also reflected values rooted in Jewish tradition.

Naturally the teams exhibited a sense of community (kehillah) but I felt a part of the spectator community as I sang the songs, chants and stood for the “wave.” On or off the field, there was a clear sense of working together for the common good through teamwork. Each player’s contribution is vital, mirroring the collective effort required in a strong Jewish community. The Jewish

history of perseverance through adversity is a cornerstone of our identity. Similarly, baseball players often face slumps and setbacks, and overcoming these challenges through strategy and tenacity is a fundamental aspect of the game. The pursuit of tzedek (justice) is central to Jewish ethics, promoting fairness and integrity in all aspects of life. The rules and traditions of baseball emphasize fair play and respect for the game embody the principle of justice. Patience is a virtue in both life and faith. Waiting for the right moment and trusting the process is often key to success. A batter waiting for the perfect pitch exemplifies the importance of timing and patience. Oct. 7th has reminded us that Jewish history teaches us to adapt to changing circumstances while maintaining our core values. Players must constantly adjust their strategies based on the game’s dynamics, reflecting the need for adaptability in life.

Baseball offers a welcome distraction from anxiety inducing news cycles. The slow, deliberate pace of the game provides a calming influence offering a break from the stress of daily life. Here, I did not see our differences, I saw a united group of people. An oasis of an America I once knew engrossed in a classic American tradition. It not only reflected the Jewish values we hold dear but also offered a sanctuary from the incessant noise of the world. Embrace the lessons of the diamond, find comfort in the simple joy of a game that, much like our faith, has stood the test of time.



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JEWISH NUTRITIONAL NETWORK

Avi & Hana Keshet in honor of Joni Brenner's 'big' birthday.

Jim & Gail Lodge in honor of the birth of Cindy and Moti Dolgin's grandsons, Levia and Asaf Shaked

Lori Sklar in honor of Cindy & Moti Dolgin on the birth of their grandsons Asaf Eitan and Levi Mayan born to Maya Dolgin and Or Shaked

Lori Sklar in honor of Bill Yellen being named Man of the Year

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Janet & Mark Zimmerman in honor of Tyna Strenger, for receiving the Woman of Achievement Award

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Janet & Mark Zimmerman in honor of Elaine & Walter Kleinmann on the occasion of their 50th anniversary

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Doris & Dave Schoenfarber in memory of Judy & Lester Fox's brother, Herbert Knopp

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Saul & Sari Sternschein with gratitude to Rabbi Rosin for his guidance during preparations for Emma's Bat Mitzvah

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Saul & Sari Sternschein with gratitude to Gina Giuffre for helping Emma Sternschein prepare for her Bat Mitzvah

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Toby Gerber, mother of Leslie Hantverk

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Alyssa & Joseph Huberman on the birth of Olivia Violet

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Jennifer & Scott Ingber on the engagement of their daughter Alexandra to Daniel Rosen

Rabbi Jenn Weinstein on the birth of Hazel & Goldie

Alison & Bruno Orlando on the birth of their son William James

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

TISHA B'AV

A TIME TO REFLECT

Erev Tisha B'Av

Monday, August 12th at 8:00 PM

Lief Chapel

Traditional reading of Megillat Eicha (Book of Lamentations) ~ Bring flashlights

Can't make it in person?

Zoom - Meeting ID: 290 291 082 Passcode: 7fkXvu



Tisha B'Av

Tuesday, August 13th at 9:00 AM

Lief Chapel

Reading of the Megillah and Torah Reading will be done at Morning Minyan at 9 am in the Leif Chapel and over Zoom

Can't make it in person?

Zoom - Meeting ID: 717 526 437 Passcode: 663387

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.

Aug. 6, 13

6:30-7:30 pm



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

Are you someone who enjoys gathering with your HJC family after services?

**Sponsor
a Kiddush
Today!**



**Sponsoring a
Shabbat Kiddush
can be for ANY
reason at all!**



A Light lunch will be served, consisting of:
Chips & dip, a hot food item, cheese & crackers, and a dessert item

Shopping and menu is put together by our very own HJC Member, Eva Grubler

Perfect for up to 50 people. Affordable pricing available!

Contact Rachel Gritz to book your date at rgritz@hjcny.org or at 631-427-1089 x 23



Celebrating a Lifecycle or milestone event?
Contact Sisterhood today to celebrate your special
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contact Rachel Gritz at: rgritz@hjcny.org, or at 631-427-1089 x 23

To choose your menu with Sisterhood,
contact Sarah Saunders at srsaunds@gmail.com



Dear fellow HJC members,

Getting to and from HJC can be a challenge for those of us with disabilities, injuries, or just plain aging.

There is no doubt that many people don't come to services or events at the synagogue because of transportation challenges (or financial constraints that won't allow them to call a car service).

The **Inclusion Committee** is asking for your help in addressing this issue! We are creating a list of volunteer drivers. If you think you could occasionally give a fellow congregant a lift to or from an HJC class, service, meeting, or event please email **Miriam** at miribiri18@gmail.com or **Lesley** at ldelia@optonline.net

Help us ensure that lack of transportation will never be the reason someone doesn't take part in our wonderful community!

All the best,
Miriam and Lesley



HJC Shabbarbecue!

**Friday, September 6th at 5:30 PM
in the back courtyard**

If the weather is inclement the event will be in the Social Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

**Join us for an evening of delicious food,
schmoozing with your HJC Family
and stay for Kabbalat Shabbat Services!**

Kabbalat Shabbat will be at 7:30 pm

\$20 p/p, \$50 per family/BYOKB (bring your own kosher bottle)

**This event is being catered by Woodbury Kosher.
Vegetarian options will be available.**

This event is being cosponsored by the Ethel Sachs Engagement Fund,
the Herskovitz Family Fund and Sisterhood.

RSVP by Scanning the QR Code 
or this link: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/hjc-shabbarbeque.html>



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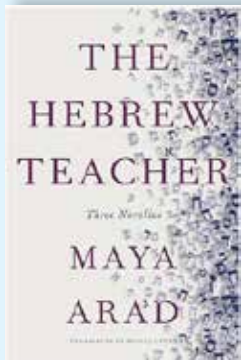
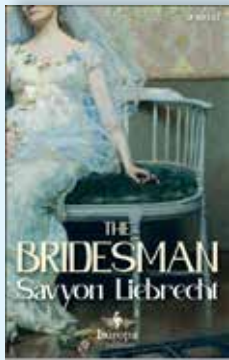
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Standard: \$43

Please order by September 30th.

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FICTION:

The Bridesman by Savyon Liebrecht

During the reunion of two family members, secrets are revealed and their stories are interwoven into a gripping and moving tale of family, place, and how the past shapes and reshapes our lives and identity.

The Hebrew Teacher by Maya Arad (an author known in Israel, this is her English language debut novel)

Three novellas, each a story of an Israeli woman emigrating to the U.S. and navigating their professions and family relationships. ...one, a Hebrew instructor at a mid-western college; another meeting her first grandchild; another who is involved in the problems of rearing a middle-school daughter. "a look at what brings people together and what drives them apart."

The Clockmaker's Wife by Daisy Wood

While going through her grandmother's possessions Elizabeth discovers a beautiful watch hidden in a picture frame. She becomes involved in a WWII mystery involving a Jewish clockmaker and his young wife.

NON-FICTION:

The Art of Leaving: A Memoir by Ayelet Tsbari

Born in Israel of Yemeni descent, she describes the early loss of her father, her military service and how she struggled with her identity. Previously wrote, **The Best Place on Earth**, a work of fiction.

Native: Dispatches from an Israeli-Palestinian Life by Sayed Qashu

Written in 2016 by a contributor to "Haaretz". Essays about life in Israel. Author now resides in U.S. having 'given up his dream of Arab/Israeli coexistence.' Previously written fiction titles as well.



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8:30 PM**



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FACILITY RENTAL:

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

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We require the use of a security guard at our facility.
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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

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SET UP & CLEAN UP FEE:

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

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