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Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Annual Paid-Up Membership Dinner Thursday September 19th at 6:30 PM

Please join us for dinner, program and meet new members. Annual Sisterhood Dues can be paid on the HJC Website/ Community/ Sisterhood/ Sisterhood Dues. You can also send a check to HJC payable to HJC Sisterhood and mark envelope attention Sisterhood Dues.

Annual Dues: \$45 Annual Senior Dues: \$30

Journey from Johannesburg – Toby Tobias Sunday September 22nd 7:00 PM

His inspiring story and his original songs will enlighten, entertain and touch your heart. Come along on the Journey.

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

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



Zusia

As hints of red and yellow appear on the edges of the leaves, the mornings begin to take on the chill of fall and hours of daylight grow shorter, autumn approaches and a middle-aged rabbi's thoughts inevitably turn to...Zusia. Reb Zusia of Hanipol was a revered Hasidic rebbe with a cadre of devoted students. According to the well-known story of his final days, as Reb Zusia

neared the end of his life, his students were shocked to encounter him weeping and crying out from his bed.

"Our rabbi, our teacher," they asked, "why are you crying? Your wisdom rivals that of Moshe Rebeinu, your hesed (or kindness) is like that Avraham Avinu." Reb Zusia, heard his students but found no comfort in their words. Distraught, he explained, "When I pass from this world and appear before the Heavenly Tribunal, they won't ask me, 'Zusia, why weren't you as wise as Moses or as kind as Abraham?' I could never have rivaled Moses or Abraham. Instead, they will ask me, 'Zusia, why weren't you a better Zusia? Why did you stray from the path that could have been yours?'"

Of course, as fall approaches, the other siren call that pulpit rabbis cannot ignore is the steady approach of the Hagim, of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur and the Ten Days of Repentance. The challenge of working with every branch of the shul to master the logistics of these complicated communal pilgrimages is daunting. The performance pressure of needing to satisfy and hopefully exceed the expectations of the community to produce marathon prayer experiences that are spiritually engaging, and that help make sense of this exceedingly complicated time in our history is formidable.

Reb Zusia's despair, though, reminds us that the heart of the holidays is not the services themselves. It is our uniquely Jewish understanding of Teshuvah or repentance. Reb Zusia reminds us that, as individuals and as a community, over the past year we have made mistakes, we have violated our own ideals and the expectations of our tradition and, depending on our theology, of our God. But those are the (relatively) easy elements of our lives to atone for. We summon our awareness of our errors and offenses and we dedicate ourselves to not repeating them in the future.

The deeper process of teshuvah is to hold ourselves accountable for the things we didn't do, the times when we missed opportunities to be the best versions of ourselves, as individuals and a community, and to think about what we need to change in order to recognize and grow these opportunities over the coming year.

I've been thinking about these opportunities in my own life, but as my first year at HJC comes to an end and I contemplate the year to come, I'll use this space to share what the synagogue leadership and I are doing to avoid missing opportunities over the year to come.

Last year, I was privileged to teach the sixth and seventh grades in the religious school. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn with and to get to know the smart, entertaining and really great students who will soon ascend our bimah and become b'nai mitzvah. And it also meant that during religious school, I was always with the same students and I missed the opportunities to spend significant time with the other classes. With the help and support of Morah Gina, Gina Guiffre, our remarkable and indefatigable Educational Director, next year we've worked out a calendar that will enable me to be present to and supplement all of the religious school classes and I look forward to getting to know each student and each family over the course of the year.

Additionally, last year I experienced one of the greatest frustrations of any pulpit rabbi: realizing after the fact that I had not called a congregant after a medical procedure when she would have appreciated it. There was an era before HIPAA regulations governed the confidentiality of medical information when physicians would call their rabbi when a congregant was under their care and when rabbis could call hospitals and ask about their census of Jewish patients. Those days have passed and we are now dependent on hearing through word of mouth when our support would be helpful.

Here too, HJC is evolving. Our membership committee under the leadership of Keith Messing and Beth Chase-Schuman is creating a structure that will help board members stay in communication with every congregant. When they hear that someone may benefit from a pastoral call, they can share that information with me. Additionally, our Hesed Committee, headed by Joni Brenner and Debbie Stein, is also committed to stepping up to answer any other needs that we learn about. Finally, I am trying to get the word out that everyone should feel comfortable contacting me directly when they or anyone whom they know would appreciate my reaching out to them.

Finally, the entire synagogue is engaged in thinking about the best way to bring more music into our services, our schools and to every facet of our communal life.

And these are just a few of the ways that the synagogue leadership and I are thinking about the year to come. As we prepare for the Hebrew year 5785, it is our hope that, if we can maintain our focus on these initiatives and others, one year from now we will be privileged to be able to say that HJC has been the best community that it can be.



What I Did on My Summer Vacation By, HJC

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Many of you think that summer is a time for rest and relaxation here at your spiritual home but I have had one of the busiest summers ever and it has been so much fun!

First, let's start with the home improvement projects. My summer began with the re-paving of my parking lot which included painting lanes and parking spots. I hope that none of you will miss the gigantic potholes and the orange directional cones! In case you are wondering, my parking lot has not had a major upgrade since the 1990's. Thanks so much to Rachel Gritz and our Security and House Committees, especially Arthur Perler and Paul Greenstein for this improvement. I feel so much better. The other major project, under the direction of Rachel and Dave Schoenfarber has been the replacement of all my lighting with energy efficient and long-lasting LED bulbs. You will notice that everything looks much brighter, and we will be saving about \$ 15,000 in energy costs/year. I also cleaned out and re-organized my closets which, in and of itself, was a major accomplishment. Multiply all the junk you accumulate in your own homes several fold to get an idea of what we found! Cameras and wiring have been installed in the Lief Chapel to allow for Live Streaming and easier use of zoom. This was paid for by the Rabbi Neil Kurshan Legacy Fund.

Several security enhancement projects are also underway which include upgrading the servers for my CCTV and security cameras, installation of a PA system and improvements in my alarm system. The long-awaited installation of a new fire panel also has taken place in August. Oh, and the door to the library has been moved so that congregants can have access to the library while school is in session. Our technology closet has been expanded for better access to our equipment. The ECC library is being painted. This place has been a hub of activity. It's exhausting!

Camp was once again a huge success. Normally, I enjoy some quiet time once the pitter patter of little feet is over in mid-August but not this summer!

My day-to-day life continued over the summer while all the additional projects were ongoing. Shabbat services moved to the Lief Chapel, our summer home, a lovely and more intimate space. We had a Community Shabbat Dinner and services Under the Stars. Congregants celebrated life cycle events and sponsored kiddushes. Sisterhood and Men's Club's Shabbat by the Sound at the beautiful Keshet home is another summer favorite. State Assemblyman Steve Stern hosted a breakfast to schmooze and answer questions from his constituents at HJC. Eva Grubler continues to motivate us with yoga every Friday morning.

As you know, HJC has been without a Cantor for several years which has affected everyone and has created a void in every aspect of synagogue life. Although I am financially sound, there were not sufficient funds in my budget to support a full time Cantor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Rachel Brill and Gabe Phillips took the lead and proposed that we have a fundraiser to help support the salary of a full time Cantor. They created a vision for our future and a small parlor meeting was held in July to make the case for giving at the beautiful home of Rachel and Jonathan Brill. Within a few weeks, the goal of raising \$ 100,000 in pledges was accomplished! Following this, our board voted to allocate an additional \$ 100,000 from my reserves and approved the formation of a Cantor Search Committee to begin its work in the fall. There will be opportunities for everyone who wishes to donate as well. Much of this work is still in the early planning phases and I will most definitely keep you all informed. This is perhaps the most exciting thing that happened this summer.

With such a busy summer behind me, I look forward to the peace and calm of the High Holiday preparations. Just kidding! Of course, Rachel and Diane are on top of this and you have already received your HH packet. I know many of you have not yet opened it since it is a reminder that the days of summer are waning, and school and the holidays are right around the corner.

See you at our grand summer finale; the Shabbarbecue September 6!



“If you want different results, do not do the same things.”

- Albert Einstein

As summer ends, most of us with children are preparing for another school year. The preparations I am referring to are not the physical preparations, such as in buying school supplies, clothing, backpacks, and doctor's appointments, but the mental preparations involved from us as parents and our children.

There is always much anticipation involved in a new school year. I always ask my children, what would you like to do differently this year, how do you feel that this year will be different than last? Often, the answers range from sitting with new friends at lunch, giving new people a chance, choosing a new after-school activity or club, and performing better in a challenging school subject. I also try and ask myself the very same question as well. What would I like to do differently this year as the new school year approaches? Can I be more patient while helping with homework? Should I volunteer for programs more at the school? How can I have balanced children while not overscheduling myself? I am sure these questions sound remarkably familiar.

It is important to always change and improve and do things a bit differently from year to year, so we all remain vibrant and grow as individuals. This concept can also be applied to us here in our own HJC community. While it is important to hold tight onto our traditions and past programs, it is also equally valuable to look ahead and see how we can change and do things a bit differently for the upcoming year ahead.

From the sidelines, I already see this happening in our community. There is a brand new HJC membership engagement committee that is currently being formed with much enthusiasm and already being led by Keith Messing and Beth Chase-Schuman. They both have a great deal of wonderful ideas of how to engage our members and involve them in all that our synagogue has to offer. Another example this year is our Selichot program, which is on Saturday, September 28th will also appear a bit different than in years past. This year, we will be having the incredible Tizmoret Acapella Group, from Queens College attend our Selichot program. They are an amazing addition to our high holiday programming, and it will be an enjoyable and meaningful experience for all to attend. It is wonderful to see so many new and innovative ideas come to fruition here at HJC. If any of you have innovative ideas of programs, please know my door is always open! I wish all of you a wonderful start to the fall.



Emma Colwin

Emma Colwin will become a Bat Mitzvah this September. She has attended Hebrew school at HJC since first grade. She is so proud of how well she can read Hebrew and all her cultural learnings. We thank Morah Tara for all her support and always believing in her.



Nature holds the key to our aesthetic, intellectual, cognitive, and even spiritual satisfaction. – E. O. Wilson, 1929 - 2021, American biologist, naturalist, ecologist, and entomologist known for developing the field of sociobiology

I have written several bulletins about the importance of nature in our lives, and particularly in a child's life. Research has shown us that being outside in nature reduces stress and it is healthier for us to be outside physically, mentally, and emotionally. Children learn better in their natural environment as all their senses are engaged. Being in nature engages all their senses and encourages and increases curiosity, imagination, and socialization skills. Why would anyone want their child sitting indoors on a screen? Being in nature also has a big science component which we know that the education world is focused. All our play areas complement the learning of our early childhood students. One of my favorite parts of our playground is our garden. It is divided into three separate areas; a growing garden, a sensory garden, and a pollinating garden. Gardening not only lends itself to science and math, it also teaches the children patience and self-regulation. In this world of technology, the children (and the rest of us) need to learn that not everything is instant

gratification. We measure our vegetables that we have planted to document their growth and eagerly wait for the vegetables and fruit to grow. This year we harvested tomatoes, blueberries, strawberries, zucchini, cucumbers, and broccoli. We even added a Rain Collecting Barrel (one of my favorite purchases) so that the children learn the importance of recycling water. No need to fill up our watering cans from a sink or hose, now the children just use rainwater to care for their plants. This summer we enjoyed nature even in the rain and heat. We collected insects, dug for worms, ran through the sprinklers, and used our water pumping water tables. We explored water measurement, water movement, and more with these awesome STEM tables. Perhaps the children's favorite part of the summer outdoors was and is always MUD. My sincerest apologies for that on the patio! Not only is one of our favorite camp songs "I Love Mud", but we also love to play in it as that is a huge sensory experience. Our summer always focuses on nature, being in the great outdoors, imagination, no stress and giving each child a care-free relaxed summer filled with joy, love, learning, and nature!





Traveling with Purpose: Expanding Horizons and Jewish Connections

One of the back-to-school highlights for me is hearing how people spent their summer. Whether it is camp, staying local and enjoying the slower pace, or traveling domestically or internationally, the experiences seem to enrich our lives. When I was a child, my family regularly enjoyed a Floridian or Caribbean vacation during school breaks. When I was in college, I had the incredible opportunity to spend a summer in the south of France, living with an observant Sephardic family, fully immersing myself in the language and culture. Truth be told, I chose this family because I knew they would not serve “lapin” (rabbit) and I later learned they chose me because I spoke Hebrew. The experience was nothing short of exhilarating. Being able to live in France Jewishly brought everything I had learned up to that point to life. It was not just about the academics; it was about how travel expanded my mind in ways that I could never have imagined.

Today, my husband and I travel frequently overseas in search of what I call the “Jewish angle.” There is something about being in another country, visiting Jewish communities and synagogues, eating in kosher restaurants, taking Jewish tours and watching Jewish people go about their daily lives. In Amsterdam I witnessed a Pro-Palestinian group in an open square spouting rhetoric with a Pro-Israel group standing alongside them confidently shouting for their cause. It was a

heated moment, and temperatures were high, but it was amicable. There was a striking resemblance and yet, there were distinct differences from the U.S. At a time when antisemitism is on the rise worldwide, it is important to witness that Jewish communities are active and thriving in nearly every country. This past summer I visited Rome and stood outside watching parents collect their children as they were dismissed from a Jewish Day School. It was an emotional moment for me. I found the moment reassuring and inspirational. Last Oct. 6th, I celebrated Simchat Torah in London with complete strangers. It reminded me that no matter where you go, the warmth and connection of the Jewish community is always present.

Statistics show we are at the peak of travel since the pandemic, with more and more families realizing the value of exposing their children to diverse lifestyles and cultures. It is these intangible and indelible marks that travel leave on us that make it so important, especially for our children. Of course, we need to be smart about where and how we travel in today’s climate, but we shouldn’t allow fear to keep us from exploring the world and enriching our lives and the lives of our children through travel. When we expose ourselves and our children to Jewish life outside of the United States, we are, in a sense, protecting our future. We are building perspective, and connections, giving them the souvenir of Jewish pride and solidarity. These experiences remind us that the Jewish world is not restricted to Long Island or New York. I encourage you to seek out Jewish contributions in any country you visit. It is a gift that keeps giving long after the trip has ended.



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CAMP RAMAH FUND

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Adrienne and Bernie Rosof in honor of the birth of our great granddaughter Bennie Rose Loeb on Aug 11, 2024

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Joanne & Peter Cohn in honor of our son Aaron Cohn's marriage to Taryn Ariel

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MAZEL TOV:

Amy Sobin on the birth of her granddaughter, Joanna Grace born to Andrew & Amy Sobin

Maxine & Rob Fisher on the birth of their grandson Jacob Ryder Bedwinek, son of Stacy & Mark Bedwinek

Joanne & Peter Cohn in honor of the marriage of their son Aaron Cohn to Taryn Ariel

Adrienne and Bernie Rosof in honor of the birth of their great granddaughter Bennie Rose Loeb

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

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>



Men's Club & The Israel Engagement Committee presents:

Brunch and Learn

Sunday September 15 at 11 am

“The Impact of the US Election on Israel in a Time of War”

Guest speaker Or Shaked

This will be a nuanced perspective based on facts and statements
without political bias.

Or Shaked is a passionate advocate for Israel on the global stage. With over a decade of professional experience in Jewish, Israeli, and foreign affairs, he uses his strong interpersonal, intercultural, and organizational skills to develop strategic relationships, bring disparate parties together to build consensus, and deliver compelling messaging. Or currently serves as Deputy Director of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE). He previously served as a Human Rights Advisor and Elections Officer at Israel's Permanent Mission to the UN and as a Protocol Assistant at Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Or holds a Master's degree in Management and Public Policy from Hebrew University's Honors Program and a B.A. in International Relations and Business Management.”

He is the son-in-law of longtime HJC members Cindy and Moti Dolgin.



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Dan Danson, Rabbi Emeritus of Mt. Sinai Congregation in Northern Wisconsin (Wausau), and now a member at HJC, will discuss his experiences and observations from 30 years working in a rural setting.

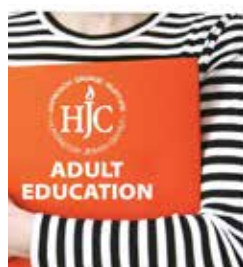
**Tuesday, Sept 17th at 7:30pm
In person and hybrid**



Dan's synagogue served 15 counties where there was a vibrant Jewish life, despite the small number of Jews in the area. His presentation will include part of a documentary in which his synagogue was featured, and he will share observations about the challenges and rewards of being part of a very small Jewish community. In an America where less than half of all Jews belong to a synagogue, Mt. Sinai had an affiliation rate of 75%. We'll look at why people belonged in such large numbers and the 'slice' of the American Jewish community they represented. He'll also look at the often surprising place of the synagogue in the life of the region and the changes he saw over 30 years.

RSVP at: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/adult-education-program-with-dan-danson-.html>

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8:30 PM**

HJC Youth Group & Sisterhood Present:

Challah Baking with Dr. Challah!

(featuring HJC congregant Dr. Billy Wertheim)



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Sunday, Sept. 29th 12:00-1:30 pm
Open to students in Grades 3-7 only

\$23/per student (includes a pizza lunch)



<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/youth-program-grades-3-7.html>

If you need accommodations to be able to fully participate in this event, please notify Rachel in the front office or Rabbi Rosin



REPAIR THE SEA
Tikkun HaYam

Tikkun HaYam Reverse Tashlich

Sunday, September 29
3:00 pm

International Jewish Community Waterfront Cleanup.
We are reversing the tradition of Tashlich, and
cleansing human 'sins' (marine debris) in a
collaborative environmental cleanup.
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Usually I write here about a few books, maybe even a dozen books, but this month as we're heading into the New Year and the High Holidays, I'm thinking BIG. I'm thinking let's write about a thousand books..perhaps even 2500 books! Well, that's about how many titles we have in the data system of the HJC Ben Tasman Library...not even counting the 'Reference' titles that aren't generally available for circulation.

When we rebuilt the Library the Committee decided not to use the Dewey Decimal System as it would have meant everything would be in the 900 figures assigned to Jewish/Judaica books. Since that is the only 'type' of books we planned to house, we decided to use the "subject" method instead. Basically our collection falls into three types: **Fiction**; **Non-Fiction** and **Reference**. Fiction is self-explanatory as is Reference, plus whatever we deem it to be. The Non-Fiction (NF) was broken down in the following way:

ANTI semitism	ISRA el
BIO graphy	JUD aism
COOK books	LIFE cycle
HAL acha	PHIL osophy
HIS tory	POE try
HOL idays	REL igion
HOLO caust	TAL mud
HUM or	THE ology
IMM igration	YID dish



The categories that clearly overlap will have to be reconfigured but at present this represents the various subjects in our collection. The ARTS or OverSize books are on a separate shelf. The shelves are marked with the above subject titles, and since it's a relatively small room should be easily located.

There is currently not a direct access to our database for members, but if you are trying to find if a title/author is in our collection, please email hjclibrary@gmail.com and I will try to find it for you.

This article was written to explain how to get around inside our Library, and I hope it is helpful.

Next article will describe how to get into the Library.





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