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# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

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# Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Abraham



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Purim and Mishloach Manot

Winter brings the wonderful aroma of fresh baked Hamantaschen to the HJC Dairy Kitchen. Apricot, Chocolate Chip and Raspberry are the flavors. HJC baked Hamantaschen will be available for sale, served at Purim Services, included in the Collegian Package and in the Mishloach Manot (Purim Bags) for the Congregation. Watch for flyers with information on how to support this fundraiser. If you would like to learn how to make the delicious Hamantaschen and bring home to bake, watch for the flyer for dates and time.

### Women's Tallit

Sisterhood has purchased for our female congregants and guests 15 Tallit made by our congregant, Julie Luks. A new Tallit Stand has been designed and built by Michael Fishelson which will display these beautiful Tallit starting in February. We ask if you wear a Tallit at Services, please return to the Stand.

### Donations to Sisterhood

If you would like to donate to Sisterhood to wish a speedy recovery, in honor of, in memory of or in gratitude to, please make a check payable to HJC Sisterhood and mail to HJC attention Sisterhood.

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Like our pin last year, this new pin will be made of sterling silver and 14K goldplate. It 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>

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# From Rabbi Eric Rosin



## January 2025 Mussar

It had been my intention last month to use this space in the December bulletin to write about the time-honored tradition of articulating our goals for personal growth in the year to come as we formulate our New Year's resolutions as the end of each secular year approaches. Unfortunately, I didn't get around to it.

Happily, this provides me with the perfect opportunity to ruminate in this, the January bulletin, on the equally hallowed tradition of not living up to our aspirations. Most years, we break our New Year's resolutions soon after the year begins. While I am not one to brag, I can't help but point out that it takes a certain kind of person to preempt this cycle by breaking the resolution to make resolutions in the first place.

Whether it's going to the gym, watching what we eat, working more, working less, spending more time at the synagogue or making the people whom we love a larger part of our lives, the only thing that is as predictable as the resolutions that we make, is the inevitable fact that most of us will break them. This is not because they are complex, or even, quite frankly difficult. We break our resolutions because it takes more to change our behaviors than simply making the decision to do so.

The Mussar tradition addresses this puzzle. The Rabbis in the Mussar yeshivot in 19th century Lithuania noticed that their students excelled in the study of Talmud and Jewish Law and engaged fully in the intellectual rigors of sacred scholarship and the spiritual discipline of prayer, and that they were still young men subject to pride, self-absorption, caprice and all of maladies of being human that manifest particularly

strongly among the young.

It became clear that study alone doesn't enable us to live as we aspire to. Neither will prayer alone inoculate us against our baser instincts. Instead, they instituted the practice of Mussar, consisting of using texts not only to learn about God and the world, but to learn about ourselves as well.

The practice of Mussar is a personal and communal process that invites us to look at ourselves trait by trait, or in Hebrew, midah by midah, and to think about how we can best leverage those traits in any given moment to make the best decisions and act in the best ways possible. First we begin to hold ourselves accountable to this process, and then, by sharing our experiences, we invite others to hold us accountable as well.

I am very excited to explore the world of Mussar at HJC with anyone who would like to join me. Beginning on January 7th, I invite you to join me for a Mussar practice group each Wednesday afternoon at noon. We will begin by using the book, *Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar* by Alan Morinis as well as more traditional Mussar texts to first explore the tenets of Mussar and then to begin to engage in the practice ourselves.

Living up to our highest aspirations is complicated because life isn't simple and the principles that we hold sacred are not monolithic and sometimes come into conflict with one another. Without a way to appreciate this, we often put off acting on our intentions to better ourselves and to support those around us. The practice of Mussar provides us with tools to appreciate the complexity of each moment and to think about what we need to do to successfully move forward in a positive way. Come join our Mussar practice group and, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.



## Bat Mitzvah of Becca Behr

Becca Behr, a 7th grader at Oldfield Middle School, is the daughter of Michael and Michelle Behr. An exceptional sister to brothers Ezra and Asher, Becca is an accomplished ballerina, having recently starred in the Lynch Ballet Company's performance of *The Nutcracker*. She is also a dedicated flautist in the middle school band and is hard at work preparing for NYSSMA. Academically, Becca has earned top marks in math, science, and all her other classes, and has a keen interest in drafting and illustration. A gifted student, she aspires to join the National Junior Honor Society later this year and dreams of becoming a teacher someday. Becca is eagerly anticipating her Bat Mitzvah, marking her full participation in the Jewish community.



## *Acquire For Yourself a Friend*

I have been studying with a friend for the past year or so. Currently, we are learning about the Mishnah in Context through the Hadar Institute's, Project Zug. Zugot are pairs that study together and go back to the time before the Mishnah was written. The last and most famous of these pairs were Hillel and Shammai. The Mishnah begins its story in the biblical period follow-

ing the chain of tradition that begins with Moses receiving Torah on Sinai and continues through the period of the tannaim, the rabbinic sages who put everything in writing.

The first section or massekhet of the Mishnah is Pirkei Avot, commonly translated as "Ethics of the Fathers." This section of the Mishnah is unique in that it is not primarily legal in nature but consists of advice on how to be a good person. And although the Mishnah was written and consolidated during the 1st to 3rd centuries CE, the advice is surprisingly timely and relevant.

I was struck by the relevance to our daily lives while working out with my new trainer. (Yes, I have finally succumbed to the realization that I need to do this!). She is the mother of two teenage daughters and during one of our sessions she was talking about the difficulty of having teenagers today. This made me feel quite grateful that I am now far away from that stage in my life. In any case, she told me that she has told her daughters that one of the most important things they should do is to find a good friend. I had just finished learning the first chapter of Pirkei Avot and the advice from one of the early sages (Yehoshua ben Perahyah) is: make for yourself a master (teacher), acquire for yourself a colleague (friend) and judge every person favorably. This was a random coincidence which only highlights the staying power of this ancient Jewish advice.

This made me think about the importance of friends in my life. Like most of us, I have friends from several stages of my life, but I will focus now on my HJC friends and the importance of being surrounded by this type of community. Our group has grown over the years but some of us have been friends for more than 36 years. We were regular shul goers and met at HJC when our children were young. Many of our children

remain friends today as well. We hosted each other for Shabbat dinners and lunches, for holiday celebrations, our children had play dates, went to school and camp together and some of us became part of one of HJC's earliest chavurah which still continues to meet.

We have been together for the full range of life cycle events. We went through pregnancy and childbirth together. We celebrated the baby namings and bris' of our children, watched them start nursery school and enter kindergarten. Before we knew it, we were attending the B'nei Mitzvah of each other's children and dancing at our children's weddings. Now, some of us have grandchildren and we revel in the joys of grandparenthood, which is, by far, the best job EVER. We find some of the "new" rules about raising babies and children mystifying and wonder how it is possible that our own children managed to grow up without any major injuries! We even recently celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of our friend's grandson which does start to make us feel old.

Of course, we have also been at each other's side through difficult times as well. We supported each other as our parents became ill and then died. We set up each other's shiva house, sent meals, assisted with minyans, anything that was needed. That is what a community of friends is for. We watched over each other through our own illnesses and surgeries and stayed together throughout the pandemic via regular zoom meetings. We spend more time discussing our aches and pains than we did in our younger days but that is part of growing older together.

When I became president, I worried that perhaps HJC business and disagreements would impinge upon our friendships and thankfully, this has not happened. This is, I think, one of the most beautiful things about the community we have created at HJC. I do often need to bring a pen and paper to our gatherings to record all the suggestions and comments lovingly offered but this is not a bad thing.

I hope that HJC can continue to foster lifelong friendships because this will keep our community vital and strong. One way to begin this journey is to become involved in synagogue life. You will discover that you will get back much more than you give. In 2027, HJC will celebrate 120 years. Keep on the lookout for further information about the preparations leading up to this event. There will be opportunities for everyone to contribute as we mark this auspicious Jewish milestone.

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## Sisterhood Membership

It is not too late to pay your Sisterhood Annual Membership Dues. Your dues are used to support HJC, Women's League for Conservative Judaism and fund programming. You can pay by check payable to HJC Sisterhood or pay on the HJC Website:

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/form/Sisterhood%20Dues.html>

**Dues are \$45 or \$30 for seniors, if you are not an HJC Member, please add \$15.**



## Staying True to One's Beliefs

Recently, I was able to see the movie *Wicked* with my family. I had not yet seen the Broadway show, so I did not exactly know what to expect. I was amazed at how much I enjoyed this movie, and honestly, it was the best movie I have seen in years. Aside from the wonderful music, storylines, and special effects, the soundtrack is on non-stop now in

my house! I apologize in advance for any spoilers you will read in this article.

The movie really did touch upon several important life lessons that we all can relate to and ponder. A particular theme that the movie touched upon was to never judge a book by its cover. The character, Elphaba, is highlighted almost immediately in the film for her green skin, which because of this difference, compared to her peers, becomes a target of bullying and judgments by others. What others did not anticipate was all the advanced magical powers that Elphaba possessed on the inside, proving that no one should be judged what one is capable of based solely on outside appearances. This storyline showed that it is important to value people based on who they are deep down on the inside. By the end of the film,

Elphaba fully accepts who she really is and stands up for what she genuinely believes in and owns her power, even in the face of adversity when no one else agreed with her choices. It may not have been the easiest path she could have taken, but staying true to one's belief is always worth it in the end.

This theme of standing up for what is right in the face of challenging times is also extremely relatable to us as Jews. We often are faced with being different to a degree in the secular world, and especially now with the increase in antisemitism. Being a Jew also means to stand up for others when we see wrongdoing being done to other human beings. This same theme is also timely as this month is also the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. He also chose to stand up for what is right and to only judge people on the inside as well, and that all human beings are created equal.

This month, our Social Justice Committee at HJC will be participating in a joint program at Kehillath Shalom Synagogue, to honor MLK legacy on January 19th, by hosting speakers Ms. Kristen Chrichton and Dr. Joseph Corcoran of the Social Studies Department at Walt Whitman HS, who will speak about how African American history is being taught in the schools. In addition, our Inclusion Committee at HJC will be organizing a Shabbat, starting on January 31st, highlighting the start of Jewish Disability Month in February. I wish all of you a wonderful month and to stay warm!

## Mazel Tov to HJC congregants Randi and Alan Schuller

for being honored with UJA's Community Leadership Award at the UJA Federation 2025 Suffolk Signature Event on November 21, 2024.



It was a wonderful evening shared with many HJC congregants. Joel Wirchin, Event Chair, was proud to present the award. Thank you to all who attended for your support of UJA and to celebrate the Schullers for this well-deserved honor.





***"A little bit of light dispels a lot of darkness."* Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi**

Hanukkah is a favorite time of the year for me. It is celebratory, festive, and the excitement from the children is palpable. Educationally speaking, Hanukkah hits every intelligence and discipline. The menorah and the dreidel game provide us with math skills. The story of the Maccabees imparts us with dramatic play opportunities

as well as teaching us about being brave and for standing up for what we believe in. The miracle of the oil lends itself perfectly for science experiments. All of the wonderful, festive music enhances our gross motor, language, and music skills. Of course, all the amazing books about Hanukkah give us a plethora of literacy learning. And for the finale, latkes with a side of applesauce!

The Hanukkah Happening this year was the most memorable event! First and foremost, it was a joint effort between all arms of the synagogue which truly made this the best family engagement event. This event could not have been possible without our dedicated sisterhood. They ensured that there was something for everyone of all ages, whether it was crafts and games for children of all ages or beautiful gifts to purchase for the holidays. They worked tirelessly to help make this event so exciting and successful. Another thank you to

the Men's Club for cooking all the Hanukkah goodies. The food was delicious! A huge thank you to the ECC PA for supplying the huge Bouncy Castle and tattoos which were tremendous hits for children of all ages.

This year we had a monumental turnout. We had families and friends of all ages attend the Happening. Not only did they attend the event, but they had the best time! The life and energy in the Social Hall and Kiddush Lounge were appreciable. It felt like everyone was talking, laughing, and thoroughly enjoying themselves. A true community, feel good event. There is something very special and miraculous about our community.

This year the ECC PA raised more than we ever did in previous years. I am truly in awe of all of the parents who worked so hard to solicit donations from merchants everywhere to create the most amazing raffle baskets ever. Our ambitious ECC mom, Mia Fitzharris is the chair of the fundraising committee, and she does it all because of her love for HJC! The money raised will all go to new imaginative and creative play pieces in the Children's Gym. These pieces are perfect for all preschoolers regardless of age and ability. The "play village" will encourage dramatic play, imagination, language development, social skills and more.

I want to wish everyone a very happy Hanukkah filled with light and love as well as a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year.





## New Year: Re-examining Roles?

The new year, whether secular or Jewish, always causes me to be a bit more introspective than usual. With the passing of my mother last month, it was a stark new reality that now both people who brought me into this world and helped to mold me are gone. Decades of memories of the good, the bad and the ugly flood my mind as I acknowledge

their value as an adult. I reflect on the role they played in my life, what were the constants that I could always rely on and how did our relationship evolve as I grew older? It caused me to think of the role the synagogue plays in our lives and how that relationship is redefined frequently over time.

In my own lifetime I have witnessed the challenges and the successes of the Conservative Synagogue. I have seen baby steps towards reform in areas of policy and procedure, as leadership and clergy question and wrestle with finding a balance between meeting families' needs and what is Halachically acceptable. How do we address our congregation's needs and market ourselves as a progressive house of worship while observing the parameters of Jewish law? Do the two ideas compete or is there some wiggle room? To answer

some of these difficult questions, one must examine the role the synagogue plays in our lives today. That role can differ for each family or what stage of life we are in. An overwhelming majority of my Religious School parents are not, by traditional standards, practicing Conservative Jews. Yet, they choose to be here. The way they practice Judaism might look very different than what we teach. Parents want their children to understand the "constants." They want them to learn the origins of Jewish traditions, the footings of Judaism and to have Jewish friends. The purpose of the synagogue in direct relationship to their lifestyle looks very different than a generation ago. Healthy relationships are not one sided. The congregant has a duty to define what capacity the synagogue plays in their lives and what is their role in that commitment as well.

Relationships are complex whether personal or societal. They vary person to person and evolve over time. Whether you are a young parent, a parent of adult children, whether you are new to HJC or have been here for generations, I am confident you have seen or experienced changes. The role of each person or entity develops over time. We set new boundaries, search for the constants and ask new questions. The answers are not easy or simple but that is what makes relationships beautiful and unique. There are lessons to be learned for all.



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Robert & Cynthia McCormack  
Eileen & Harvey Berger  
Miriam Himmel  
Roz & Marty Spielman  
Lori Sklar  
Maxwell & Rosalie Malkiel

## CHILDREN /GRANDCHILDREN

Ezra Malcolm Blond  
Jordana, Jacob & Nina Boxer  
Beth Chase Schuman & Brian Chase  
Ben, Ilan and Gabriella Messing  
Winston Steinberg  
Jason, Rachel & Jesse Koreen  
Hayley & Nicole Feibel  
Andrew & Rachel  
Kianna & Alex  
Brianna, Haley, Adina and Amy  
Brittany, Caroline, Spencer Kriegstein  
Emily and Andrew Reiver, Lee Reiver, Dan Reiver  
Rachel Wieser & Rebekah Lubnick  
Alexander R. Houslanger  
Casey Schneider & Sylvie Schneider  
Zoe Krief & Josh Krief  
Stephanie, Randy & Lauren Klein  
Emily, Warren & Nora Buchholtz  
Rachel Fargo & Samuel Fargo  
Leo Alan Kaufman & Sarah Rose Kaufman  
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Lucas & Maddie Lynch  
James & Jack Parrotta  
Miles & Ella Saltiel  
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Emma Smith & Sophie Greenstein  
Talia Kleinmann & Eli Kleinmann  
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Hayden Boshnack & Avery Boshnack  
Amos Dolgin, Asaf Shaked, Lavi Shaked  
Rayna Pollack  
Benjamin Bedwinek & Jacob Bedwinek  
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Zachary Reiter, Alexa Okon & David Reiter  
Jenna Errante, Mathew, Carley & Aaron Jaffee  
Mara Rubenstein & Adam Rubenstein  
Jessie Cohen  
Joseph & Alex Brill  
Jacob & Rebecca Novick

Dear Congregants,

This winter, HJC will again participate in the **HIHI** program.

**HIHI** stands for **Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative** which is a Family Service League program. This program helps safely house and feed homeless individuals in the Huntington area.



We are looking for volunteers to prepare meals on the below dates:  
January 1st & 15th, February 5th & 19th, March 19th.

If you are available those dates and interested please email  
Scott Kaufman at [scott.kaufman629@gmail.com](mailto:scott.kaufman629@gmail.com)  
and Karen Flanzenbaum at [kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com](mailto:kflanzenbaumlaw@gmail.com)

# HJC Community Shabbat Dinner

Come join us to  
welcome Shabbat with your  
HJC community!

**January 10, 2025**  
**Services begin at 6pm**  
**Dinner at 7pm**

**RSVP by January 7th**  
<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/hjc-community-shabbat-dinner.html>

Or simply scan the QR code:



**Meat meal with  
vegetarian options**

**Children's tables with  
babysitting/supervision  
(ages 3 and over)**

Highchairs and booster seats available  
**\$23.00 per adult (13 and up)**  
**\$10.00 per child ages 3-12**  
**(Children under 3 free)**  
**\$60.00 total per family**

**Shabbat  
SHALOM**



This dinner is sponsored by the  
Ethel Sachs Engagement Fund



If you have a disability and anticipate needing accommodations or have questions about physical access, please call 631-427-1089 ext. 23 in advance of the program

# THE WORLD OF MUSSAR

The spiritual practice that focuses on living an ethical and meaningful life through self-improvement

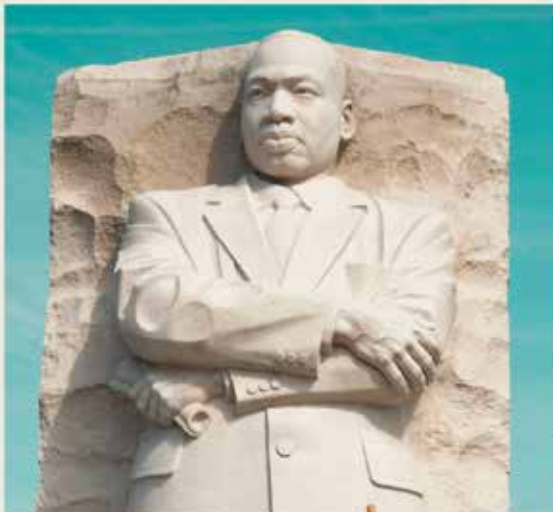


With  
**RABBI ROSIN**

Classes begin January 8th and continue weekly every Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Family life room and by zoom

RSVP to: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/the-world-of-mussar-with-rabbi-rosin.html>

## Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**Sunday, January 19@5 pm  
Dinner & Forum**

**"Teaching History in Our Schools"**

with

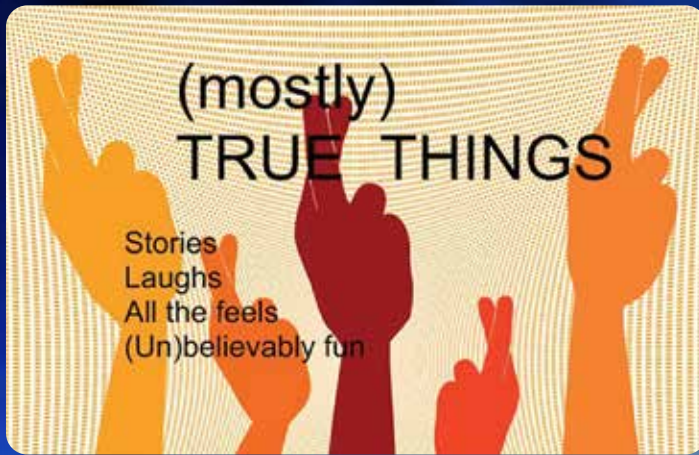
**Dr. Joseph Corcoran & Ms. Kristen Crichton  
Walt Whitman High School**



**KEHILLATH  
SHALOM  
SYNAGOGUE**



**Temple Beth El  
of Huntington**



"Stories may well be lies, but they are good lies that say true things, and can sometimes pay the rent." *Neil Gaiman*

**Come hear stories from  
the lives of fellow HJC members.  
4 storytellers, 3 (mostly) true stories!**



**Judy Leopold**



**Robin Yanes**



**Michael Fishelson**



**Arthur Frischman**

**Come for fun, coffee, dessert  
and getting to know more about these congregants.**

**Saturday January 25, 7:30pm**

\$27 per person or \$30 at the door. Includes 1 coffee, 1 cordial and dessert buffet.

**Rsvp by Jan. 22: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/mostly-true-things.html>**

(mostly) True Things was created and is hosted by Jude Treder-Wolff. To learn more visit: [www.mostlytruethings.com](http://www.mostlytruethings.com)

If you need any accommodation to be able to fully participate in this event, please notify Rachel in the front office.  
Do not let the cost of the program deter your participation....reach out to Rabbi Rosin.

# HJC Adult Education Presents:

## Reading Hebrew Out Loud, A True Beginner's Course

on Zoom at 7:00 PM

January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24

March 3, 31, April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 12

חָרַף טְהוֹר יוֹם בֵּן לֶחֶם מֶלֶךְ נִשָּׂא סְרוּ<sup>\*2</sup>

עַץ אָדוּם פְּעַם בְּרוּךְ טוֹבִים צָפוֹן רָחַם קוּ<sup>\*3</sup>

This is a fourteen-week program, for HJC members, over Zoom, for people who are learning to read Hebrew aloud for the first time. In this course you'll be introduced to the Hebrew alphabet and the ins and outs of how to read the language out loud. We'll also keep an eye on the meaning of some of the most used words in our siddur (prayerbook.) The only cost is for the textbook. Order *Aleph Isn't Tough* at Amazon, using this link: <https://www.amazon.com/Aleph-Isn't-Tough-Introduction-Hebrew/dp/0807407267>. Rabbi Dan Danson has 30 years' experience teaching adults how to learn to read Hebrew from scratch. Dan is a member of HJC and the Rabbi Emeritus of Mt. Sinai Congregation in Wausau, WI.



זָז וְלֵד לִבָּב צָרָה מִתְנָה רֵאשׁ שָׁבַן עֵגֶל<sup>\*7</sup>

אֶקוּם שֶׁמֶשׁ טִבַּעַת חֶמֶץ לְרֵדֶת שׁוּה בָם<sup>\*8</sup>

### Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 930 3622 9236, Passcode: 085008

### Register here:

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/adult-ed-reading-hebrew-aloud-a-true-beginners-course-with-dan-danson.html>

Or click the QR code



Questions? Nancy Cooper: [Nancyberlow@gmail.com](mailto:Nancyberlow@gmail.com) / Phone 516-356-7109



## HJC Adult Education Presents:

# Improving Your Hebrew Reading:

A course for people who may have gone to religious school, had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah (and scraped through), but would really like to read better.

on Zoom at 8:00 PM

January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24

March 3, 31, April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 12

חֶרֶף טְהוֹר יוֹם בֵּן לֶחֶם מֶלֶךְ נִשָּׂא סֵרוּ<sup>\*2</sup>

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This is a fourteen-week program for HJC members, over Zoom. In this course we'll review the Hebrew alphabet and vowels, sort out rules for reading Hebrew that you may never have caught, and keep an eye on the meaning of some of the most used words in our siddur (prayerbook.) The only cost is for the textbook. Order *Aleph Isn't Tough* at Amazon, using this link: <https://www.amazon.com/Aleph-Isn't-Tough-Introduction-Hebrew/dp/0807407267>. Rabbi Dan Danson has 30 years' experience teaching adults who 'kinda' learned it many years ago, how to gain confidence in their Hebrew reading. Dan is a member of HJC and the Rabbi Emeritus of Mt. Sinai Congregation in Wausau, WI.



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### Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 915 6757 7956, Passcode: 180224

### Register here:

<https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/adult-ed-improving-your-hebrew-reading-a-course-for-people-who-would-like-to-read-better-with-dan-danson.html>

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# HJC Youth Group Presents:



## After school activities (Includes pizza)



Sun., Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00-1:30 pm	<b>MLK Tikun Olam Tzedakah Project</b>
Sun., Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12:00-1:30 pm	<b>Sports Program</b>
Tues., Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Sports Program</b>
Sun., Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:00-1:30 pm	<b>Cooking/Baking</b>
Tues., May 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Game Night</b>

**Grades 3-7 only**  
**\$23/per activity/student**

No refunds are issued. Feel free to register one month at a time.

If you need any accommodations to be able to fully participate in this event, please notify Rachel in the front office.

Do not let the cost of the program deter your participation; reach out to Rabbi Rosin.

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





**HJC Religious School Presents:**

# SHABBAT WITH A TWIST

**Jan. 25 – Winter Shabbat**

**Mar. 1 – Bible Player's Shabbat**

**Apr. 26 – Grade 3 & 5 Kabbalat Siddur/Chumash**

**In order to maintain the sanctity of Shabbat:**

**No tzedakah is collected on Shabbat**

**No snacks are available for sale**

**Challah, juice and lunch provided**

**No phone or computers are used on Shabbat**

**No backpacks are needed**

**Proper Shabbat attire is appreciated**



## NON-FICTION:

**For Such a Time As This** by *Elliot Cosgrove* (Rabbi Park Avenue Synagogue)

"A poignant exploration of what it means to be Jewish today, from a leading voice in modern Judaism."

**To Be A Jew Today: A New Guide to God, Israel and the Jewish People** by *Noah Feldman* (scholar and journalist)

At this time of world-wide crises, exploring the traditions, history and the complexities of the Jewish people... "where we have been, where we are today and crucially where we may be heading."

**Tap Dancing On Everest** by *Dr. Mimi Zieman*

While still a medical student the author became the medical expert –and the only woman–on a team scaling Mount Everest. Her memories of the expedition, reflections on her Jewish background and meditations on risk, adventure and empowerment.

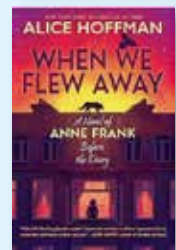
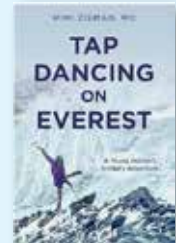
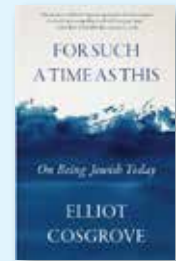
## FICTION:

**Kill Brothers** by *Steven Moscovitz*

"A pulse-pounding thriller" that weaves historical fiction (WWII) and modern DNA analysis with a NYPD Detective investigation.

**When We Flew Away/ A Novel of Anne Frank before the Diary** by *Alice Hoffman*

Found in Children/Juvenile titles. The author explores little-known details of Anne Frank's life before she and her family had to go into hiding. Written with the cooperation of Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, keeping alive the true story of one of history's amazing figures.



## Applications for the **Donald L. Gordon Israel Scholarship** and the **David S. Rosenman Scholarship** for the summer of 2025 are available.

These Scholarships allow the recipients to experience Judaism, its values all day, every day. It's a way of life not just Shabbat an Holidays. The Donald L Gordon Israel Scholarship is awarded to High School Juniors and Seniors to spend six weeks in Israel. They tour, learn and live the Israeli life in a Conservative Educational Program. The David S. Rosenman Camp Ramah Scholarship is awarded to 4th graders through 12th graders who spend either 4 or 8 weeks at Camp Ramah. This camp is under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

# WHY ISRAEL?

## A Foundation Class

Designed for teens (in grades 10-12) to attend with parent(s)



<https://vimeo.com/936403116>

**W**hen it comes to Israel, it seems like everyone has a passionate opinion — but not everyone has the historical, theological and geopolitical context to back up their arguments and positions... And with anti-Israel rhetoric and activity on the rise — in our streets, in our workplaces and in our children’s classrooms — it’s more important than ever to become more educated.

During this three-session course for teens and their parents and grandparents taught by Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz, Ph.D., learners will study the historical Jewish connections to Israel, the purpose and definition of Zionism, and what makes Israel unique — and not-so-special — among nations. We’ll explore primary sources — such as maps, videos, archaeology, articles and other texts — and engage with common criticisms of Israel and Zionism in order to build foundations upon which to layer your personal connections and convictions about Israel.

**“Why Israel?”** is being offered at HJC on the following dates for three sessions:  
**Sundays 10-11:30am on 2/23, 3/2, and 3/9**

**Attendance for three sessions is required. The course is free to HJC members.**

Register here: <https://hjc.shulcloud.com/event/why-israel-a-foundations-class.html>

or use the QR code



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## Our Culinary Legacy Cookbook

### OUR CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK MAKES A GREAT GIFT.

If you are looking to add some new holiday or everyday recipes, the Culinary Legacy Cookbook should be your source.

There are interesting stories as well from our HJC Community.

The cost is \$36 a book or \$44 if you would like it shipped.

You can order online <https://hjcny.org/hjc-cookbook/>

or send a check payable to HJC Sisterhood to HJC and mark attention Sisterhood Cookbook.

### BAGS WITH CULINARY LEGACY COOKBOOK

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

Please contact Evelyn Abraham if you have any questions about making donations and ordering the Cookbook, Apron or Grocery Bag. [evelyn\\_abraham@optonline.net](mailto:evelyn_abraham@optonline.net)



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*Huntington Jewish Center encourages the participation of people of all abilities in its programs and activities.  
If you or a family member would like to attend an activity, program, meeting or event but require additional support or special accommodations, please call the HJC Main Office at 631-427-1089 or email [hjcadmin@hjcny.org](mailto:hjcadmin@hjcny.org).*