



# HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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have noticed at our annual interfaith Thanksgiving service that after the collection plate is passed around, the minister will stand before the altar, lift up his(her) hands with the plate, and dedicate the funds for the sacred purpose of helping the poor. When we, Jews, put money in the pushka at services, no words are spoken, and there is no ritual involving the Tzedakah box.

A number of reasons have been given as to why we perform this mitzvah silently without a blessing. The one I like the best is that when giving Tzedakah, it would be insensitive to the person who is needy to recite a blessing in his presence. It would be thanking God for the poor person giving us a pretext for making a blessing. The object of our Tzedakah would be made, in fact, into an object--a means for us being able to praise God. The challenge of giving Tzedakah is to see the person in need as being created in the image of God just as we are.

Interestingly there was a liturgy that was recited when the farmer in ancient Israel set aside the tithe for the poor, an act that was the forerunner to the mitzvah giving Tzedakah. First the farmer declared that he had properly set aside the tithe. Then the farmer concluded with the following words:

“Look down from your holy abode, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the soil You have given us, a land flowing with milk and honey, as You swore to our fathers.” (Deuteronomy 26:15) It is as if the farmer is saying, “Dear, God, we have done our part by supporting the poor; we now ask that You do your part. As we have been generous to those in need, may you be generous to us.” It is as if we are the role models for God when we give Tzedakah. In declaring to God that we have fulfilled

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by Rabbi Kurshan

### The Mitzvah with No Blessing— The Story Behind the Kol Nidrei Board

Most mitzvot in Judaism are accompanied by a blessing. When we light Shabbat or Chanukah candles, we recite a blessing. However one of the most central mitzvot of Judaism has no blessing--the giving of Tzedakah (charity).

It is different in Christian tradition. I



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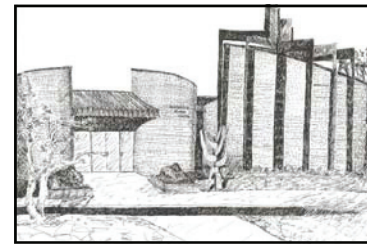


Adult Education Classes Beginning in October

## WALKING WITH LIFE: FROM WOMB TO TOMB THROUGH JEWISH TEXTS

Monday evenings, October 22, 29, November 12, 19  
at 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center  
Instructor: Rabbi Neil Kurshan

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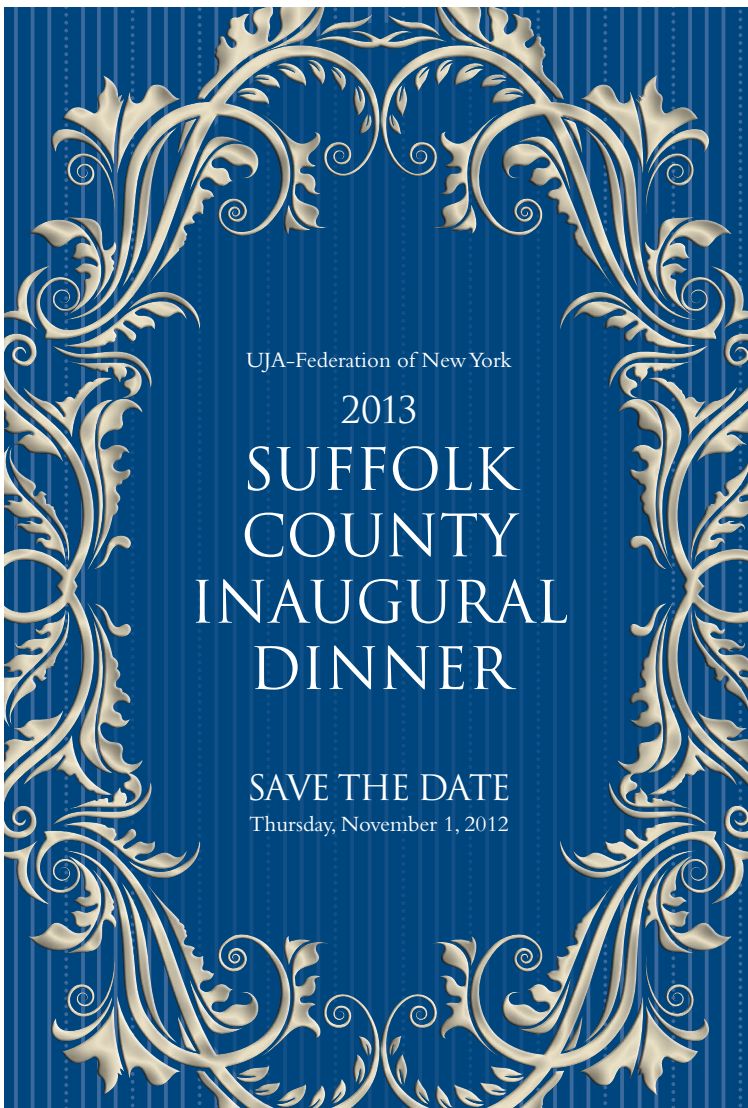
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# October 2012

## 5773 Tishri/Cheshvan

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> No ECC Main Office-closed  Services-9:30am Services-6:30pm  <b>SUKKOT</b>	<b>2</b> No ECC No RS Main Office-closed  Services-9:30am  <b>SUKKOT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Minyan Breakfast  <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Services 6pm</b>	<b>6</b> Shabbat Morn- ing Family Service 10:30am  <b>Chol Hamoed</b>
<b>7</b> No RS  <b>Erev She mini</b> <b>Atzeret</b> Services 6:15pm  JNN	<b>8</b> No ECC Main Office-closed  <b>Shemini</b> <b>Atzeret</b> Services-9:30am Services-7:00pm	<b>9</b> No ECC No RS Main Office - closed  <b>Simchat</b>  <b>Torah</b> Services-9:30am	<b>10</b> Social Action 2pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> PJ Library program - 9:45am  <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Services 6pm</b>	<b>13</b> TGIS-9:30am  <b>Bereshit</b>
<b>14</b> RS Board meeting 9:30am  <b>Guys&amp;Dolls</b> <b>Auditions</b> <b>1pm &amp; 7pm</b>  Ridotto-4pm Kad/USY - JNN	<b>15</b> Yoga-9:30am  Parent Assoc. 9:45am  SH Board-8pm	<b>16</b> <i>Guys&amp;Dolls</i> <b>Auditions</b> <b>7:30pm</b>   Chavarim 6:15pm  <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	<b>17</b>   <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	<b>18</b>   BOT -8pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Rummage</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"> <b>Drop Off</b> </div>  <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Services 6pm</b>	<b>20</b>   <b>Noach</b>
<b>21</b> <i>Gav/Alef/Bet</i> Workshop 9am  <b>Guys&amp;Dolls</b> <b>Auditions</b> <b>1pm &amp; 7pm</b> ECC Meet & Greet 11am Men's Chb Hike-	<b>22</b> Yoga-9:30am  Adult Ed. w/ Rabbi Kurshan 8pm  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Rummage Sale</b> </div>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Sisterhood Regional Meeting 10am-1pm	<b>25</b> Ritual Commit- tee- 8pm  SH Paid up Membership Dinner-7:30pm	<b>26</b> Family Shabbat Service 5pm  <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Services 6pm</b>	<b>27</b>   <b>Lech Lecha</b>
<b>28</b> Daled Wimple Workshop 9am  Kad/USY  JNN	<b>29</b> Yoga-9:30am  Adult Ed. w/ Rabbi Kurshan 8pm	<b>30</b>   Chavarim-6:15pm	<b>31</b>			

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Guys and Dolls . . . and Us!

by Joel Wirchin



"Don't call it sad, call it funny, let's do it and make lots of money..." This will be the clarion call as the "guys and dolls" who comprise HJC's renowned Park Avenue Players prepare to dust off their Oklahoma boot straps, put away the holsters, and bid farewell to the western drawl as plans begin to mobilize throughout the shul for our March, 2013 production of the fabled Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls."

It seems hard to believe that soon we'll be at it again. But, if it is October of an even number year, that can only mean that the forthcoming fall and winter will bear witness to a mounting energy and excitement that only the footlights can muster. At HJC we do

lots of things really well. Certainly, in that category, is our shared ability to pool our talents, skills, creativity, energy and resources to produce musical theatre that resonates widely both within the synagogue community and the surrounding one – and which has regularly produced meaningful fundraising results. Did I say that enough? Not sure I made myself clear. . . Yes, I said "meaningful fundraising results..." Wait, not sure I emphasized it enough. . . just checking . . . did everyone hear me??? MEANINGFUL fundraising results!! OK, now I feel better. . . All those who studied the synagogue's budget for this new year will know that there is a significant line item there that will count on our show (among other ideas) to really bring it home. The forthcoming production will provide ample and enjoyable opportunities for each of you to help us actualize this goal.

Theatre at HJC is a monumental effort which yields numerous benefits. It is for sure, and blessedly, a community builder. Over the past decade, the HJC Park Avenue Players have scored one hit after another . . . from Fiddler in 2001, to Music Man in 2003, to Oliver! in 2005, to Bye Bye Birdie in 2007, to Joseph in 2009, and to Oklahoma! in 2011. Now, that caravan brings us to Guys and Dolls for 2013 and this is my first of many calls to all to join the party. Besides making new friends and forming new associations, you will be presented with all manner and form of opportunity to strut your stuff, sing out loud, let the 'inner you' shine forth, to painting, set building, costuming, advertising, marketing, promoting, soliciting, make-up-ing. . . and on and on. And all the while, you'll be "doin' it" for our synagogue – our shared second and spiritual home that needs the profits every bit as much as we need each other.

My family and I have been involved in several of HJC's theatrical productions over the past decade. We missed a few, and each of the ones we participated in has been a growth experience for our family. In '01, Fiddler, all five in our family were involved. Our children then were 8, 10 and 12 – and they, like so many other young participants, did homework on the social hall floor, huddled together with friends and community members forming friendships and sharing laughs carried with them into young adulthood. Congregants who barely knew one another have cultivated friendships that began over late night, post rehearsal jaunts for coffee. Congregants have formed a new closeness that comes from struggling to learn dances (that most men and women, regardless of age, should not even be attempting!!); closeness that comes from helping one another locate props, remember lines or, dare I say, get into – or out of – costumes that were not "tailor made." Whatever it has been that has bound us together in our productions over the years – through all the stress, jitters, moments of self-doubt – through it all there has been the exuberance that comes from watching a beautiful production rise-up from what, at the start, seemed unimaginable. And, there has been the over-arching awareness that our efforts were sustaining our synagogue.

So it shall be again, with Guys and Dolls. As was the case with our very successful production of Oklahoma! two years ago, our new show will be directed by Michelle Mallardi. Michelle, with actual Broadway experience, convinced so many of us that we

# HJC Community News

## CONDOLENCES

Judith & Ron Goldstein on the death of Arthur Goldstein, husband of Judith & father of Ron.

## MAZAL TOVS

Ellen Kahn announces the birth of her great grandson, Shiloh Mordechai Adar.  
Abigail Uhrman and Cantor Israel Gordan announce the birth of their son,  
Eli Jonah Gordan-Uhrman

## NEW MEMBERS

David & Vicki Schwartz of Huntington  
Scott & Tami Schneider of Lloyd Harbor and their children: Casey, age 8 and Sylvie, age 5



## Sisterhood News

by Sue Lefkowitz

### Book Revue

Many thanks to Carol Baker for leading the discussion about the book "Unorthodox" by Deborah Feldman. The participation of those in attendance was most exhilarating.

### Silver Polishing

Kudos to Felicia Messing and the volunteers who participated in the silver polishing of the Torah ornaments.

### Sisterhood's Rummage Sale

Have you cleaned out your summer clothes and winter clothes that may no longer fit as well as bric-a-brac which you no longer have room for? Please bring them to HJC on **October 18 & 19**. The sale is **October 21 & 22**. Volunteers would be most welcome for this event.

Entertainment Books are now available in the HJC office. Try one, you may like it and want more!

Don't forget! Paid Up Membership Dinner is October 25 at 7 pm. Your dues are due.



**Huntington Jewish Center  
and the  
HJC Park Avenue Players  
present**



**Performance Dates:  
March 2nd & March 3rd, 2013  
March 9th & March 10th, 2013**

**Director/Choreographer: Michelle Mallardi  
Musical Director: Ken Gold**

**AUDITIONS:  
Sunday, October 14: 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Tuesday, October 16: 7:30pm - 9:30 pm**

**CALLBACKS:  
Sunday, October 21: Time TBA**

**Please be prepared to sing and dance!**

**Any questions?  
Call Maxine Fisher 757-7455 Andrea Morris 427-4798  
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## by Cantor Israel Gordan



I wanted to thank everyone in the congregation who was able to attend the Brit Milah of my son, Eli Jonah on August 16th, Erev Rosh Hashanah. For those of you who weren't able to make it, here is the explanation of his middle name that I read at the ceremony. Thank you again to everyone for all of the love and support!

To my son:

It has become standard practice of people in your parents' social circles to speak at some length during this ceremony regarding the child's name. Where it comes from, what it means, and why it was chosen. Like your sister, we chose your first name because we like the way it sounds. And like your sister, we have chosen your middle name in honor of a deceased great-grandparent.

Eli, your middle name, Jonah, is the Hebrew word for dove and you are named in honor of both of my paternal grandparents, Helen and Harold Gordan whose Hebrew names were chava and chayyim, both of which mean life. A dove is not only a living animal, but a symbol of peace and the promise of new life and what's to come. In the biblical story of Noah, it was a dove that was sent from the ark and was able to find a trace of land at the end of the flood and the start of a new world.

Unfortunately, I did not know either of my father's parents very well. To me, they were Bubbe and Zayde, the grandparents who were far away in Florida, and whom I only saw a few times. Unlike my mother's parents, they weren't from the old world and didn't have Polish accents. My father's mother was from Canada and my father's father was born here in the US.

Like most Jews living in North America during that period, life was tough. Better than in Europe, but certainly not easy. Both of my grandparents were hardworking and did their best they could to send both of their sons to college. In fact, both my father and mother were the first people in either of their families to earn a college degree and are great personifications of the American Dream, the promise of a new and better life.

Eli Jonah, we hope you hold that promise true and dear to your heart. Every time I look into your eyes, I wonder how you will repair this broken world and work to make it a better place.

And you are being welcomed into the covenant between Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah, on the cusp of 5773. Today is the last day of Elul and after a month of hearing the Shofar blasts each morning after shaharit, today we ended the morning service with silence. Instead of a shofar, your cry serves as our clarion call for the promise that lies within each of our hearts as we head into the new year filled with hope and eager anticipation for what's next.

We hope that you grow up in the loving arms of this community with not only a love for life and a fierce determination to make the world a better place, but a love of Judaism, of song, dance, and art, of joy and companionship, of fun and hard work, of respect for those who came before you, and a curiosity to learn, explore, and grow.

We look forward to getting to know you.

**CELEBRATE**

Join us on  
**Simchat Torah**  
as we dance with the Torahs!

*Tuesday, October 9th*  
*Services begin at 9:30 A.M.*

Luncheon honoring  
**Joanne Cohn & Louis Walsdorf**  
following services

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please let us know. RSVP to the Synagogue office no later than Wednesday, October 3rd. Cost \$18.00 per person. Free for children under 6.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF ADULTS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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### President's Perspective con't from page 4

could, make it look good up there. Returning for musical direction will be Ken Gold, our maestro, who makes sweet music happen magically and majestically – punctuating the work of our actors, singers and dancers. And, of course, our trio of producers, Maxine Fisher, Andrea Morris and Miriam Wirchin, all of whom work tirelessly behind the scenes and in so many ways on scores of logistics and details. Everyone, whether cast, crew or pit plays a huge part in the overall success of our production. Our shared efforts turn ideas into dreams, and dreams into realities. Seize the moment and be a part of it!

I encourage you to challenge your assumptions about who you are, what you are capable of, and how much "free" time you have in your schedules. Consider this the most joyful of impositions into your life. Call it the trifecta – an opportunity, all at once, for self-exploration, friendship making and revenue generation for a communal home we all care so deeply about. When the time comes, get involved with helping us place ads for our Playbook, buy and sell tickets and get the word out. We will need, and value, your help.

It may take a little more than a "bushel or a peck's" worth of effort. And, at times you may even feel that, you need to "sit down 'cause you're rockin' the boat" of your daily routine a little too much. But know that you won't be 'doin it for some doll (or guy). You'll be 'doin it' for the betterment of yourselves and the Huntington Jewish Center. Luck will be much more than a Lady; Luck will be all of "us" for having the support of all of "you." Your role, responsibility and contribution can be anything you want it to be. All you have to do is say "count me in."

In the book, I Am Jewish, reflecting the last words of Daniel Pearl - the actor, author and folksinger Theodore Bikel is quoted as saying: "I make no claim that Jewish culture is superior to other cultures or that the Jewish song is better than the song of my neighbor. But it is mine..."

This fall and winter, make the "song" of Guys and Dolls, yours. See you at the theatre!

# Early Childhood News

by Susie Meisler



On July 20, 2012, a mass shooting occurred at a Century Movie Theater in Aurora Colorado, during a midnight screening of the film *The Dark Knight Rises*. A gunman, dressed in tactical clothing, set off tear gas grenades and shot into the audience with multiple firearms, killing 12 people and injuring 58 others, the highest number of casualties in an American mass shooting. The sole suspect is James Eagan Holmes, who was arrested outside the cinema minutes later. On August 24th, 2012, two people were killed and eight wounded in a shooting outside the Empire State Building creating chaos and shocking tourists and commuters who witnessed the bloody massacre. I was

horrified by this news and felt great sympathy for the people who were hurt and those who were witness to the crime. They will emotionally and physically carry the scars of mistrust and fear for the rest of their lives.

When I sent my children to school, to the local movie theater or to the city with friends when they were teenagers, I always had a sense of security. I knew my children were in a safe environment in school, the movies, and traveling to a specific spot in the city such as a museum was not a real concern for me as I had done this so many times when I was a young girl. My generation of parents took this gift lightly, but it is so apparent to me that this gift is no longer available to parents in light of all that has occurred these past few years and recent months.

As an educator for over 35 years, I am saddened by the amount of violence our nation's children are exposed to each day and am dedicated to bringing the joys of childhood into the lives of the children who attend our school.

A few years ago I read Marion Wright Edelman's position on violence in an article featured in the *National Association for the Education of Young Children Magazine*. I must say that the article frightened me as a parent of children and grandchildren who are part of a society filled with such violence, as an educator working with young children, and a concerned member of a society who has watched the crime rate soar in the last decade.

It is important that I share some of the statistics I read so that you might better understand the magnitude of this problem on children.

By the age of 18, the average child will have seen 26,000 killings on television. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry states that "extensive viewing of television violence by children causes greater aggressiveness. Sometimes, watching a single violent program can increase aggressiveness. Children who view shows in which violence is very realistic, frequently repeated or unpunished, are more likely to imitate what they see. Children with emotional, behavioral, learning or impulse control problems may be more easily influenced by TV violence. The input of TV violence may be immediately evident in the child's behavior or may surface years later. Young people can even be affected when the family atmosphere shows no tendency toward violence."

An estimated 2.7 million children were reported to protection agencies in the early 1990's as victims of neglect, physical abuse, or emotional maltreatment. I can only imagine what the statistic is now given the state of affairs America is in.

The number of children reported abused or neglected has tripled nationwide since 1980.

Gun related violence takes the life of an American child at least every three hours and the lives of at least 25 children every three days.

You can imagine how these numbers have increased over the past 20 years. Edelman says, "We adults have failed dismally on our most basic responsibility to protect our children from violence."

Living in Dix Hills I have always felt somewhat removed from all the statistics reported on violence in America. Yet through the years of my children's schooling, I heard them tell me

frightening stories about gangs, drugs and fighting in the Junior and Senior High Schools. It became apparent to me that violence was not restricted to any one group or community. Children everywhere are affected by violence and therefore, many of our nation's children are in serious jeopardy.

I am gravely concerned about children's exposure to violence on television. Parents need to take a more active role in monitoring what children view on the television and in the theater. Many cartoons, as harmless as they might seem, have an enormous amount of violent actions such as shooting, clobbering on heads, pushing off cliffs, etc. Just watch the cartoon "Scooby Dooby Doo."

This country has committed itself to a national goal that all children will start school ready to learn. Children need to be safe and secure at home in order to develop a positive sense of self necessary to their growing into healthy, productive and caring adults. Children need to be safe in their communities to be able to explore and develop relationships with other people, and children need to be safe at school in order to learn.

Edelman gives concrete ways for everyone in our society to be actively involved in stopping this problem. Her first step is to have us generate a sense of public outrage. We have been exposed to violence in the media and the streets have become desensitized and apathetic. Our nation has poured millions of dollars into the criminal justice system which has in the last decades seen a large rise in violent crimes. She indicates that it is imperative that we balance these funds by putting equal amounts of money into politics that support the provision of jobs that pay adequate wages, affordable housing, adequate health care, high quality early childhood and school age programs, safe neighborhoods and more mental health professionals in all schools. This is an election year, and it is up to us to find out who will support these critical issues in our society to make a change.

As a nation, we need to support efforts to limit the availability of firearms and other weapons. Many children in recent years were accidentally injured and killed by guns. Action must be taken to regulate children's television programming and to limit media exposure to violence. Along with these regulations for TV, there have to be controls on toys and licensed products lined to movies and programs being watched.

Parents need to do their job at home by saying no to the use of violent toys such as guns and swords. Parents need to give a firm message to children about their home being a place where even imaginative acts of violence with make-believe toys will not be condoned. It is time as well to teach children what non-violent conflict resolution strategies looks like when practiced.

I entered the early childhood field because I knew that the early childhood programs have tremendous input on supporting the healthy development of children and families. As early childhood professionals know, we are in the position to influence public commitment, action and policy, to prevent violence in children's lives---but we can't do it alone. All adults must assume the responsibility for keeping 'childhood' as a sacred part in a child's life. Our society cannot afford the devastating effects of failing to protect its children.



Students show off a zucchini from HJC's garden.

# Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher - Religious School Administrator

Our school year got off to a smooth start. The children are settling in and are familiar with their new teachers. We have many exciting programs taking place at the end of September and continuing through October.

Since we lose many school days due to holidays, we need to make up class time. We have scheduled 5 class days on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 to make up those hours. We are calling them TGIS (Thank G-d It's Shabbat). After the hour of class we have Junior Congregation and then a lite lunch where we will sing songs and have social time. The dates are September 22nd, September 29th, October 13th, January 26th and March 16th.

While the children are attending TGIS class, we have something for the parents. Rabbi Mark Elber will be leading a Learners Service. If you want to feel comfortable when coming to services, this is for you. Rabbi Elber will explain prayers, the order of the service and even teach you when to stand and when to bow. This program is open to the entire congregation and it starts at 9:30 AM. The dates are the same as TGIS.

Each grade will go into the sukkah and hang their decorations that were made in class, to help beautify our lovely sukkah. While visiting the sukkah each child will have the opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog and recite the blessings. We will even have a snack (meal) in the sukkah together.

On Shabbat morning October 6th at 10:30 AM in the Family Llife room, we will celebrate our first of the year Shabbat morning Family Service lead by Cantor Gordan. This service will take place on the first Shabbat of each month. Families with children up to age 8, please join us for a fun service followed by a bagel lunch.

There will not be school on Tuesday October 2nd, Sunday October 7th and Tuesday October 9th due to Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Please join us on Monday, October 8th for Simchat Torah. It is a night of dancing with the Torahs. All children will receive apples and candy and a special gift at the end of services.

On October 23rd the Gan/Alef and Bet classes have their first family education program "The Shema Pillow Workshop".

The Religious School is offering extra help again this year through the "Hebrew Chug" for those who want/need reading enrichment. There are 9 classes and there is a fee of \$100 which includes pizza dinner. The first chug meets on October 23rd.

On October 26th we will have our first of two Family Shabbat Services at 5:00PM with a dinner to follow. If you have children 8 years old and under you will enjoy this very special evening.

Last but not least our Daled class will make their wimples in a family workshop on October 28th.

As you can see, the month of October is chock full of holidays and programming . Why don't you come down and join us.

This year the HJC Park Avenue Players (our theater group) is putting on "Guys and Dolls". It is a major fundraiser for the synagogue . Any child 8 years and older can audition for the show. What a great opportunity for the kids to sing, dance and make new friends. It is a fun experience for all.



## HJC Sisterhood

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The Goldstein Family would like to thank the rabbi, cantor, staff and members of HJC who have been so supportive to us during our recent loss.

We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.



## Partners in Caring at Huntington Jewish Center

Under the auspices of Partners in Caring, a UJA funded program bringing together **FEGS** Long Island (the region's Jewish human services agency) and synagogues, we have a **FEGS** social worker, Marlie Cohen, MSW, as part of our Huntington Jewish Center staff on a part-time basis.

This partnership strengthens our connection to both **FEGS** and the Long Island community. Partners in Caring will bring educational programs and workshops, volunteer opportunities and projects, and free and confidential short-term individual counseling and referral services to our synagogue. For more information or to speak to a social worker, please contact Marlie Cohen, MSW at 516-496-7550 x210, or by e-mail, [macohen@fegs.org](mailto:macohen@fegs.org).

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You can also contact HJC's PIC liaison, Janet Zimmerman, at 631-491-4084, or at [ladyzim@optonline.net](mailto:ladyzim@optonline.net).

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our obligation to the poor, we are reminding God to fulfill His obligation to us. All the more so, then, we are role models for those around us in the community when we give generously to support the community.

Over the years I have heard some objections to announcing donations publicly whether at a fundraiser or on our Kol Nidrei Board. I understand the discomfort with what some feel is a private decision and choice. Yet within our tradition there is an understanding that when we give generously and selflessly, we can be role models for others in our community, and we may even be intercessors with God in bringing blessing to the community. Giving anonymously is highly valued in our tradition when giving to an individual so that the poor person does not feel indebted to us, but when we support our communal institutions, the public recognition of gifts has a long history in our tradition.

At this time of the beginning of the year when we are still celebrating the Fall holidays, one of the ways we can get the new year off to a good start is to be generous to our synagogue and to the other Jewish communal institutions that need our support. As we all proclaimed together recently on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, "Repentance, prayer, and Tzedakah avert the severity of the decree." We can hope that as a result of our generosity we will help to ensure that each of us as well as our synagogue community will be judged compassionately by God in the coming year.



### JTS Receives Additional Foundation Grants Support Chancellor's Mission of Learning, Leadership, and Vision

The Rabbinical School of The Jewish Theological Seminary was pleased to announce the receipt of a \$1,250,000 grant from the **David and Inez Myers Foundation**. Made in the form of an annual gift of \$250,000 for five consecutive years beginning in 2012, the grant will support the new Myers Foundation Rabbinical Leadership Program at JTS and scholarships for rabbinical students. The leadership program will consist of a seminar in vision, management, and public leadership development that will be mandatory for all fourth-year rabbinical students; a "venture capital fund" that will enable these students to design and launch innovative outreach projects; and a supervision component that will pair each student with a rabbi-mentor. The Myers Foundation Rabbinical Leadership Program helps further the goal of JTS Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen to develop the institution as a cutting-edge training ground for Jewish leadership in all its many forms, within and outside the synagogue and professional or communal organization.

"In addition to their usual tasks," said Rabbi Daniel Nevins, Pearl Resnick Dean of The Rabbinical School and dean of the Division of Religious Leadership at JTS, "rabbits have the potential to play a leadership role in the public realm, advocating for justice and righteousness for all. The Myers Foundation grant will allow The Rabbinical School to train students in advanced public leadership and will give them the chance to design projects that can impact the larger Jewish and general community."

JTS also announced the news of its fourth year of partnership with **UJA-Federation of New York** to directly serve people in need across the New York metropolitan area through the Center for Pastoral Education at JTS. UJA-Federation generously renewed its grant to the center, which funds Clinical Pastoral Education stipends for students in its Full-Time Summer Agency Program and in its Hospice Program, which takes place year-round. This funding enables students to undergo hands-on training as chaplains—and expands the spiritual care available—at Jewish community agencies affiliated with UJA-Federation's Caring Commission, as well as Metropolitan Jewish Health System Hospice. It also supports the training of a Jewish chaplaincy supervisor.

Rabbi Mychal B. Springer, director of the center and the Helen Fried Kirshblum Goldstein Chair in Professional and Pastoral Skills at JTS, said, "We have been able to . . . integrate actual care for real people with an intensive Clinical Pastoral Education learning process. Our partners at UJA-Federation of New York's Caring Commission are committed to the transforming power of spiritual care, and they inspire us with their vision."

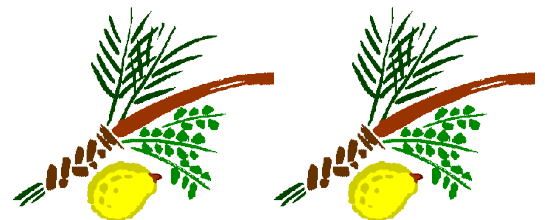
For more information about JTS, new JTS programs, or to support JTS, please contact Gwynne Wicks at (212) 678-8855 or [gwwicks@jtsa.edu](mailto:gwwicks@jtsa.edu).

## Newborns in Need



Thanks to the outpouring of support from the HJC family our third annual **Newborns in Need** Drive was a huge success. As a result of the generosity of our congregants, nursery school and religious school families local underprivileged babies have received lots of clothing, bedding, toiletries and diapers to help them get off to a good start. Some needy families have even received portacribs so that these infants have a safe place to sleep.

**The HJC Social Action Committee really appreciates the outpouring of support for this most worthy cause.**



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Vicki Wilson in memory of Shirley Mannis, mother of Charlene Kerner.



# Sukkot Services Simchat Torah

At each service the kiddush will be made in the Sukkah

Sunday Evening, September 30	Erev Sukkot	6:30 p.m.
Monday Morning, October 1 Bring Lulav & Etrog	First Day of Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening, October 1	Second Evening of Sukkot	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Morning, October 2 Bring Lulav and Etrog	Second Day of Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
Shemini Atzeret Sunday Evening, October 7	Shemini Atzeret	6:15 p.m.
Monday Morning, October 8	Shemini Atzeret	9:30 a.m.
Simchat Torah Monday Evening, October 8 Flags and refreshments will be provided by Sisterhood. All children will be blessed under the Congregational Tallit. Special Final procession with unusual gift for all children.	Simchat Torah	7:00 p.m.
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January 27, 2013 **Cantatas of Satire and Sensibility**



Performed by the Ridotto Baroque Ensemble. These humorous Baroque cantatas, like mini-operas, are witty and thoughtful. The program: "Povero mio Cor" by Vivaldi, The Canary Bird by Telemann, and Bach's Coffee Cantata. Voices, flute, string ensemble.

February 17 **"Russians in Paris"**



August Macke: Les Ballets Russes

Between 1910 and 1940, Russian artists and musicians flocked to Paris. Among them Chagall, Stravinsky, Leon Bakst, Sonia Delaunay, Larionov, Prokofiev and members of the Ballets Russes with Serge Diaghilev. The program includes music by Prokofiev, Stravinsky and others. Ballet includes movements from Apollon Musagete and film. The Contrast Ensemble with Nurit Pacht, violin

December 2 at 4 pm **"Musical Splendor of Versailles" with Baroque Ensemble REPAST**



French Chamber music on Baroque instruments with narration and projection by Margaretha Maimone. Amelia Roosevelt and Claire Jolivet, violins, Mark Rozendaal, lute and Avi Stein, harpsichord. "A graceful, energetic ensemble" (Allan Kozinn, The New York Times). Music by Francois Couperin, Leclair, Morel and Jean-Philippe Rameau

January 6 **Piano Recital by the Bulgarian-American pianist Nadejda Vlaeva**



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March 17 **Ingrid Fliter, piano and clarinetist Anton Dressler**



Two world class artists join forces on the Ridotto stage. CDReview wrote about Ingrid Fliter "This is truly great Beethoven playing. It brings to mind the old recordings of Myra Hess and Clara Haskil." Anton Dressler was described by the Corriere della Sera as "a clarinetist of spellbinding sensibility." The program includes Chopin, Beethoven and Brahms 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarinet Sonata.

April 14 **"Women of Consequence"**

From the brilliant Francesca Caccini, musician of the 1600's, to the very British composer Dame Ethel Smyth and the magnificent American patron of the arts Elisabeth Sprague-Coolidge who sponsored, among others, Bartok, Copland, Ravel, Britten and Poulenc – this concert is an homage to visionary Women of Consequence. A fabulous and inspiring concert with music by Ravel and Copland, Smyth's romantic String Quintet, Songs with lute by Caccini and a colorful narration.



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