



JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS

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Returning to Jerusalem

This month I'll be joining hundreds of other rabbis in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv for a rabbinical convention designed to engage rabbis in current issues and spiritual trends in Israel today. It's hard to imagine that it's been eight years since I've been to Israel, and I've been longing to go back ever since. Some of the most profound moments and time spent of my life was within Israel during a summer course abroad at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and during the year that I lived there as a first-year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College. Israel is my home away from home, a place that I always long to return to, no matter what's going on there, and no matter what political issues the country is facing. Upon landing in Ben Gurion airport, my lips always turn to utter words from the section of Psalms known as the "Songs of Ascent."

בְּשׁוּבָה יְהוָה אֶת־שִׁיבַת צִיּוֹן הָיִינוּ כְּחֻלָּמִים:

אִזּוּ יִמְלֵא שְׂחוֹק פִּינוּ וּלְשׁוֹנֵנוּ רִנָּה:

When YHWH returned us in our return to Zion, we were like dreamers. Our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with jubilation (Psalm 126:1-2)

What is it about Israel that ignites such a longing? It's the connection to my ancestors who walked the very stones that we walk on today. It's the sense that everyone around me, despite our differences, belongs to the tribe of the Jewish people. One grows roots in the soil of Israel without much trouble, because we are native to the land. This longing is my Zionism, and my connection to the people and land of Israel is unshakable.

I care about the security threats that Israel faces daily. I worry that the new government of Israel doesn't represent the values and democracy that I hold dear. I empathize with the plight and situation of the Palestinian people. Yet my heart beats to the rhythm of Hatikvah, the anthem of Israel that describes the longing of the Jewish soul for the land our people.

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Pirke Avot: The Ethics of the Sages

Many of us are familiar with Pirkei Avot, or at least some of its most famous aphorisms. For example: “Who is wise? Those who learn from everyone.” “If I am not for myself, who will be for me?” And: “It is not up to you to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.” Join this class for a deep exploration of this wisdom with text-to-life analyses of some of the greatest Jewish wisdom of the rabbinic era.



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MONDAYS | 4:00pm

March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27

April 3
April 17
April 24

May 1



VIRTUAL



IN-PERSON



Our spring Semester is off to a great start! We have been performing bible story skits, singing hebrew prayers, creating art projects and cooking for our local shelter.



FRIDAYS AT 5:00PM

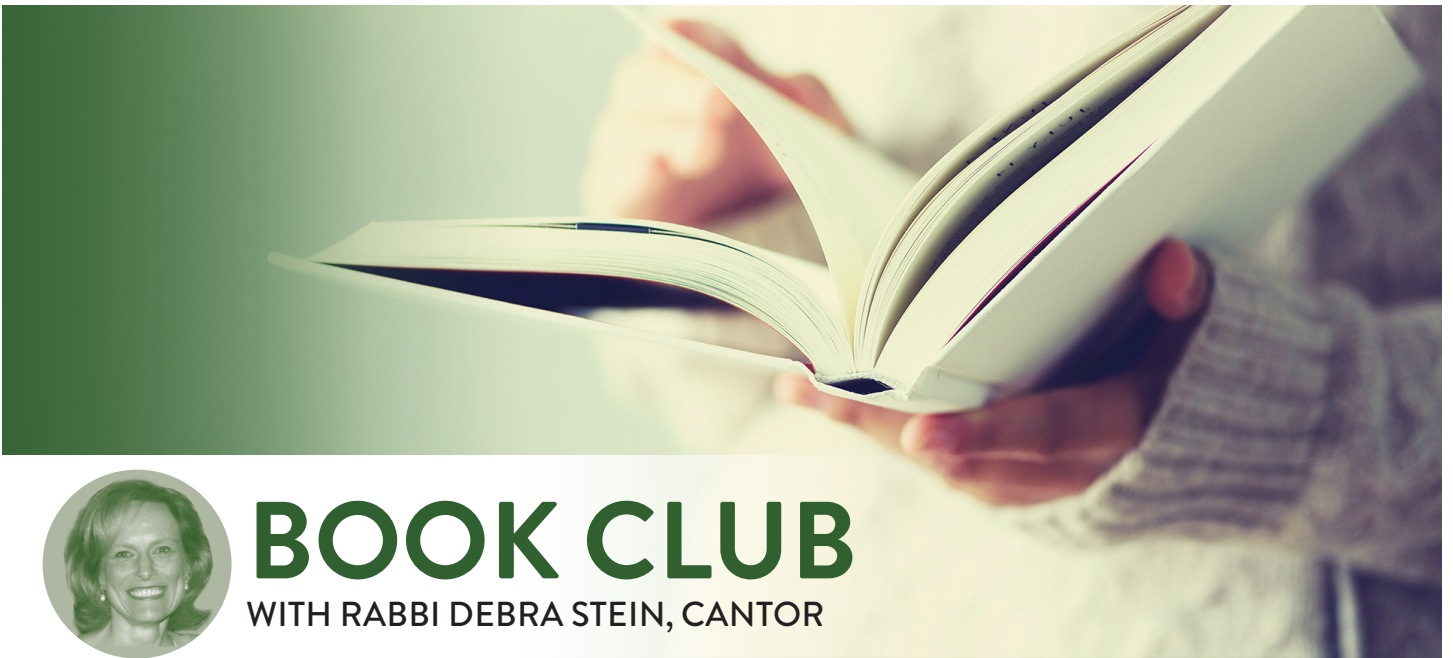
February 3, March 3,

April 14, May 5

Join a Shabbat experience filled with singing, dancing, and stories. Find your community among families and make Shabbat into a fun and exciting evening.

If you'd like to host other families for Shabbat dinner, or if you'd like to be hosted for a Shabbat dinner, please email Rabbi Franklin: jfranklin@jcoh.org

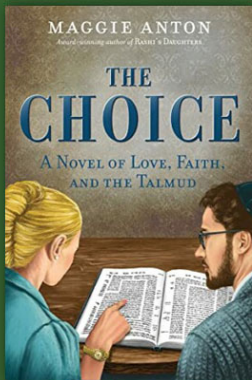




BOOK CLUB

WITH RABBI DEBRA STEIN, CANTOR

Join Rabbi Debra Stein for an opportunity to delve into an interesting book, expand your thinking on a new topic or just meet new friends in the neighborhood. Whether you're an avid reader or just want to follow along with the group, our book club welcomes you!



THE CHOICE

A NOVEL OF LOVE, FAITH AND THE TALMUD

BY MAGGIE ANTON

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 4:00PM

A powerful love story with a purpose: to challenge Jewish customs concerning women, marriage, and equality. The award-winning author of "Rashi's Daughters," Maggie Anton, has written a wholly transformative novel that takes characters inspired by Chaim Potok and ages them into young adults in Brooklyn in the 1950s, a time of Elvis & Marilyn, communist scares & polio vaccines, Jewish migration & American integration.

When Hannah Eisin, a successful journalist, interviews Rabbi Nathan Mandel, a controversial Talmud professor, she persuades him to teach her the mysteries of the text forbidden to women—even though it might cost him his job if discovered. Secret meetings and lively discussions bring the two to the edge of a line that neither dares to cross, as their relationships with each other and Judaism are tested.

Pre-register at jcoph.org/bookclub



JCOH MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

David Margolis & Georges Sylvestre



Building connections and nourishing existing relationships are essential to JCOH's continued vitality in the Hamptons. Always looking for opportunities to further connect our members, we are excited to introduce our Member Spotlight series that will highlight JCOH families by sharing their stories and insights.

When David and Georges met 17 years ago, they had more in common than most people meeting for the first time. "We met at Fire Island, and we were drawn to each other immediately," says Georges. They quickly learned that they both spoke several of the same languages, literally and figuratively. "Most importantly, French, which is my family's first language," says Georges. They also shared a love of travel, having respectively visited (and occasionally resided in) a few dozen countries. Georges, French-born and raised in Québec, and David, raised in Switzerland, had both always wanted children. "Having (and wanting) children was not frequent among gay male couples at that time," says Georges, but having wooed David with his cooking skills and David he with his sense of humor, they started their journey towards fatherhood. "Thanks to two amazing surrogates, we were blessed with a family. Tristan was born in 2010 and three years later came Noah." They are now respectively 12 and nine and attend the Lycée Français of New York where they are taught in French and English. Tristan is presently getting ready for his Bar Mitzvah at the JCOH on May 20. Georges is an obstetrician specializing in high-risk pregnancies, David works in marketing.

David and Georges began coming out east in 2014, and a few years later made it a permanent haven of tranquility by buying a home in East Hampton. "We try to be here most weekends," says Georges. "Given that we divide our time between two locations, it was important for us to find a Jewish community that supported that lifestyle," he says. "The fact that the

Hebrew school was only on Sundays and not during the week was a big plus for us." However, what attracted them to the JCOH was more than just the Hebrew School and convenience of location. "In large part to the JCOH, we were able to easily integrate within the local community and have formed long-lasting bonds with numerous family members," says Georges. "The JCOH has been so welcoming to our family and the LGBTQ community overall. The programming here has enriched our lives by enabling us to partake in initiatives that help improve the lives of people not only within our community, but also further afield such as in Ukraine," he says. After having visited a few options, it quickly became clear that the JCOH was the right choice for them.

When asked about the people who inspire them, Georges examines Simone Veil. "From a French Jewish family in Nice, her family was sent to the death camps where she lost her brother and father," he says. "She survived the Holocaust, returned to France to study law, and became Minister of Justice, followed by Minister of Health in the 1960s and 70s. She fought for immigrant rights, women's rights and for the poor and is considered one of the most influential politicians of all time."

Shabbat is their favorite Jewish holiday, with understandably logical reasoning. "It comes once a week! It's also a time during which we don't feel guilty about doing something non-work related," says Georges. "It's a great time to catch our breath and regroup as a family." Their piece of advice for Jewish families in the area? "Don't miss Shabbat on the beach!"

Jewish History on Long Island: The Oldest Jewish Cemetery

The Jewish Historical Society of Long Island was established in 2021 to preserve and celebrate the Jewish history on Long Island in the state of New York. Documents recently donated to JHSLI have revealed new details regarding the origins and nearly 150 year history of the oldest existing physical reminder of Jewish communal life on Long Island. Thanks to a joint partnership between JHSLI and LIU Post these documents, including hundreds more ranging from 1870 to the 1950s can be found online. They are part of the Jacob Hartmann collection of documents that have recently been digitized and now can be shared with the public.

October 2, 1876

Four Jewish men living in different communities across Long Island join together to purchase a 250'x90' piece of land within the Breslau Cemetery in the village of Breslau (today Lindenhurst). They were Bernard Jonas, Morris Miller, Hermann Rosenstein and Simon Spitz. The purchase price for the land dedicated for Jewish burials was \$135.

September 12, 1887

Breslau Hebrew Cemetery Association is incorporated with the purpose of serving as the administrators for the cemetery grounds. Jacob Hartmann is president and Nathan Cohen is secretary with six trustees including Isaac Taylor, Jacob Rosenbergh, Michael Sacks, M. Friedman, Samuel Hartmann and Simeon Hartmann. The headquarters of the association is located in Amityville.

May 28, 1900

Bernard Jonas and his wife Regina transfer their 25% ownership of the Jewish cemetery land in Lindenhurst to the Breslau Hebrew Cemetery Association.

February 15, 1934

Breslau Hebrew Cemetery Association, with Ike Brower as president and Sam Simon as secretary, transfers ownership of the cemetery property to Lindenhurst Hebrew Congregation. Due to a synagogue merger in 2006 administration of the cemetery was assumed by Congregation Beth El in Massapequa following the closing of Lindenhurst Hebrew Congregation. Another merger in 2016 transferred ownership to Congregation Beth Ohr in Bellmore following the closure of Congregation Beth El. The cemetery is still active today.



Shaarey Pardes Accabonac Grove Cemetery

306 Old Stone Hwy, East Hampton, NY 11937

Set on a nine-acre forest of lush trees, Shaarey Pardes Accabonac Grove Cemetery provides a beautiful and serene final resting place for members of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons and their families. The park-like, perfectly manicured surrounds are majestic and comforting, honoring those who have passed. Designed by renowned American architect Norman Jaffe in 1991, Shaarey Pardes is a place of ultimate peace, where the beauty of nature and memories are held eternal.

For more information on this peaceful oasis or to discuss preplanning options, please contact **Barbara Axmacher** at baxmacher@jcoh.org or call the JCOH office at 631-324-9858.

Snowbird Sizzle

The JCOH community extends farther than Montauk or Manhattan. Our clergy gathered with people together in two events down in Florida. The first in Delray Beach, hosted by Bill Harts and Melissa Cohn, and the second in Miami Beach hosted by Linda Kamm. Community is not about where we are, but with whom we gather.



HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL

David & Laurie Lederman
 Martin Gershon & Marilyn Goldstein
 Richard Adrian
 Valerie Mnuchin & Bruce Moskowitz
 Samuel Kramer
 Susan Ehrlich
 Steven Blader & Robert Swanson
 Andrew Sabin
 Robert & Andrea Vogel
 Stuart & Lynn Epstein
 Lisa Bialkin
 Hirschel & Elaine Abelson
 Benjamin Lewis & Jane Goldman
 Stuart Suna
 Jeffrey & Susan Rimland
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kerin Fredman	Lauren Shy	Alan Garfield
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Neil & Bari Goldmacher
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Andrew & Colleen Saunders
Richard & Jennifer Lerner
Sherwood & Marion Schwarz
Morgan & Beth Hertzan
Todd & Michelle Kingsley

HEALING WISHES

Keeping those who are ill or homebound in our prayers is a precious mitzvah. We need your help in helping us embrace those who are ill or homebound by calling their names in our prayers and lifting our communal and individual voices as one.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Please call the Jewish Center office at 631-324-9858 to let us know of any lifecycle events such as joyous occasions, illnesses or deaths so that our Rabbi, Cantor, staff, and congregation can respond appropriately.

HEALING LIST

Toni Somerstein

Dick Stern

Seth Tabor



June Yohay

Sally
(wishes to remain anonymous)

If you would like the name of your loved one on our list, please email office@jcoh.org or call 631-324-9858.

YAHREZEITS

Sarah Banki	Paul David Pickerelli	Jack Steinberg
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IN MEMORIAM

Sophia Annalise Geneman	Bernice Becker	Joan Amron
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Edith (Eadie) Cyruli	Alan Wintner	
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