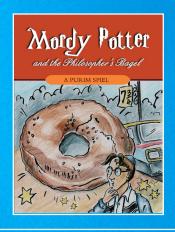
MARCH / APRIL 2024





We Hope You Join Us!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | 5:00PM

A Purim Spiel to delight young and old very loosely based on the Harry Potter books and films with a healthy dose of Jewish fun thrown in for good measure!





Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi

Dear Friends,

I couldn't remember when I re-launched the book club at the Jewish Center. We have always had some form of a book club here, but at some point, we stopped. Perhaps lack of interest, perhaps the person running the club chose to stop doing it, I have no recollection why it stopped.

The other day, I asked the office to give me a list of the books we have read since I re-vamped the book club. I was expecting a short list. I was amazed to see that we have read since 2020, thirty-one books. Almost all our reading has been fiction. We have spanned books that were futuristic to books that were a leap back in time. We have had books we loved, and books that perhaps were not to our liking. However, we have continued to read.

I feel forever grateful to the men and women who join me every month to open our minds and explore the many intricacies of books and author's minds. I believe the club has made me a better reader, as I search for books that not only hold my attention, but books that are written beautifully. I search for books that teach me beyond my area of expertise and broaden my horizons. I search for book that I believe members of the club will enjoy, and I search to expand our horizons, and ask us to think outside the box. Book Club has been a labor of love, and I thank all of you for joining me on this journey.

> Contor Selva Stin, Rabbi Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi

OUR TITLES SINCE 2020

- Track 61 by Eve Karlin,
- All the Broken Places by John Boyne,
- The Postcard by Anne Berest
- · How to Love Your Daughter by Hila Blum,
- The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict
- Künstlers in Paradise by Cathleen Schine
- The Best Minds by Jonathan Rosen
- The Faberge Secret by Charles Belfoure
- The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult
- The Choice by Maggie Anton
- People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn
- Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy by Letty Cottin Pogrebin
- The Deadly Scrolls by Ellen Frankel
- Last Summer at the Golden Hotel by Elyssa Friedland
- The Light of Days by Judy Batalion

- The Song of the Jade Lily by Kirsty Manning
- The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers
- The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel
- The History of Love by Nicole Krauss
- The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
- The Days Between by Marcia Falk
- Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner
- The Tenth Muse by Catherine Chung
- The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross
- Morality by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
- Restitution by Janet Lee Berg
- The Color of Love by Marra B. Gad
- The Plot Against America by Philip Roth
- The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer
- The Wartime Sisters by Lynda Cohen Loigman
- The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman



Rabbi Alexis Pinsky

Spring is here! As the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer, our emerging season abounds with meaningful markings of Jewish time. First, on March 23rd and 24th, we will celebrate Purim. Purim reminds us that in the times of greatest hardship, the Jewish people have resisted tyranny and oppression, and have not only survived, but thrived.

After we celebrate our continuity, we turn our thoughts to themes of freedom and rebirth. As we prepare for the holiday of Passover, beginning April 22nd this year, we go through a process of ridding our homes and ourselves of chametz. While the most practical application of this process asks us to get rid of any food-stuff with leaven, I wanted to offer a different understanding on how we can engage with this tradition.

On Passover, as we clean our kitchens and our houses, we also take the time to symbolically clean ourselves. Chametz is a reactive agent. Think about it - it's what causes food to rise and get puffy. In cleansing ourselves of chametz, we rid ourselves of the things that make us personally puff up; things that irritate us, or make us swell with anger or ego.

The holiday of Passover is all about freedom. Each Seder, we re-tell the story of the Exodus, remembering how Pharaoh hardened his heart to the Israelites' cries for freedom. Passover is a chance for reflection, to transport ourselves mentally into the space of the enslaved. As we think about Pharaoh, the antagonistic leader who held the Israelites back from their freedom, we reflect on the elements in our own lives which hold us back from being the people who we want to be. What are those entities in our lives which cause us to harden our own hearts?

Just as the Israelites were freed from the enslavement of the chametz holding them back in Egypt, the literal chametz that was stalling their advancement in waiting for their bread to rise, and the figurative chametz of captivity, so too must we free ourselves from the enslavement of external forces of chametz which are holding us back.

As we take note of the chametz in our kitchens as we prepare our homes to usher in this holiday of Passover, a time of renewal and new beginnings, may we also note the chametz existing in the world around us, holding others back. And just as Moses freed the Israelite people from Pharoah, may we spread the message of freedom and hope to those in the world around us.

As we move into this holiday and the seders that we will attend, may we each leave behind the chametz that we would like to cast away: the things that weigh us down and stop us from being as free and fulfilled as possible.

Wishing us all a Passover liberated from our personal chametz.

L'shalom,

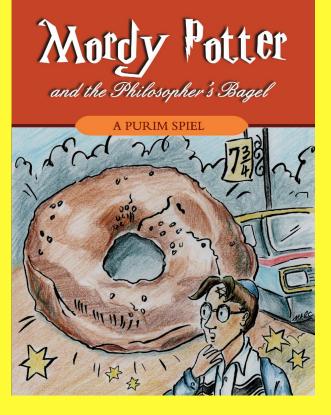
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Following our Purim celebration, we will join together for Shushan Pizza and an Achashverous Ice Cream reception.

Young and old are encouraged to come in costume.

This program is appropriate for all ages.

IN-PERSON ONLY

All in-person services are reserved for members and their pre-registered guests.

Register at jcoh.org/purim



2024 PASSOVER SERVICES 5784

Monday, April 22

Wishing All A Joyous First Night Seder

Tuesday, April 23

Passover Morning Service: 10:00AM
Second Night Community Seder: 5:00PM

Monday, April 29

Passover Yizkor Service: 10:00AM

The Jewish Center office will be closed on April 23 & April 29



WE ARE BLESSED WITH

"The Voice of an Angel"

Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi

DIANE WIENER, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

A key factor in my decision to join JCOH in 2010 was the opportunity to work with Cantor Debra Stein. I had previously met Cantor Stein on many occasions, as she was a close colleague to the cantor at my home congregation. I was always touched by her beautiful voice and her personal warmth.

It was not until I started working at JCOH that I came to truly know and understand this extraordinary person who serves our congregation and the Jewish people with a fervent passion for Jewish life and an ardent love for Jewish knowledge, compassion and living a genuine life reflective of Jewish values.

Sitting in the congregation on Shabbat, and in our tent on the High Holy Days, I have been enraptured with the beauty of our Hazzan's voice as it raises our prayers to the heavens. In her varied roles as teacher, spiritual leader administering pastoral care, and treasured friend, I have experienced the 'still small voice' of the Divine in Cantor Stein as she serves as Shalich Tzibbur, emissary of our congregation, connecting Torah, liturgy and mitzvot with our daily lives.

With admiration and affection, I pray that her future be filled with the gratitude of those whose lives she has touched, and a profound sense of fulfillment derived from serving the Jewish Center of the Hamptons for over 40 years.































"My love of all things Jewish and my passion for worship and liturgy have been an eternal light for me. Having been one of the first hundred women to enter the cantorate, I have fought for equality and acceptance. I first came to JCOH as a student cantor in 1982 and knew at that moment that I had found my forever home.

-Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi

THE JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS IN 1959

Our New Home

By Bernie Zeldin, Founder & 1st President of the JCOH

Much renovation was in order to serve the needs of our growing congregation. The 4 key families that had remained in the Sag Harbor temple now joined us and were welcomed with open arms. Other families that were new to East Hampton also joined and quickly involved themselves and their children in the Temple's activities. Some of them were Sol and Roz Richer from Montauk, Sy and Ethel Schutz from East Hampton, Maury and Lynn Kouffman from East Hampton, and Al and Jen Rattiner from Montauk.

The parlor of 44 Woods Lane was transformed into our Sanctuary, thanks to the diligent and untiring efforts of Catherine and James Perkins, owners of Perkins Gallery in Amagansett. The Ten Commandments so beautifully etched on the doors of the Holy Ark was done by our own local artist, Sholom Farber, who, with his wife Shirley and their 4 children, also joined the Temple.

Three bedrooms on the second floor were converted to classrooms. Through the efforts of Frank Brill, a school board member, we purchased 50 used school chairs from the Westhampton School District for \$2.00 each. Frank Brill, Bob Brill, Irv Markowitz and I picked them up and trucked them to East Hampton and lugged them up to the classrooms. We purchased new blackboards, school supplies, and textbooks.



The George P. Camman house was acquired by Evan Frankel for the Jewish Center of the Hamptons in 1959. George A. Eldredge, builder, 1899; 1915 alterations.

Charlotte Markowitz was the Director of the Sunday School. I taught Bar and Bat Mitzvah and courses for teenagers. Charlotte and Danny Duberman taught all other children in our religious school. None of the teachers were paid a salary. The dining room in the house became our Boardroom and a fourth bedroom became the office. The third floor was reserved for use by any guest rabbi that the UAHC sent during the summer months. I continued to conduct Friday night services for two years until our engagement of Rabbi Albert Friedlander in 1961.

REFERENCE

Bernie Zeldin, Founder & 1st President of the JCOH (2016). 44 Woods Lane: The new home of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons.

Details and stories about the beginnings of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons, 5-6.

FOUNDING RABBI ALBERT FRIEDLANDER: 1961-66

Rabbi Albert Friedlander

founding Rabbi 1961-66

Career

In 1961, after serving as Rabbi for five years at Reform Synagogue Temple B'nai B'rith, Rabbi Friedlander accepted the position as Founding Rabbi of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons. During this time, he also advised Jewish students at his alma mater. Columbia University, where he had obtained his Ph.D. in theology. He also became very involved in the fight for civil rights, taking his students down to Memphis to march with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In 1966, he moved with his family to London, to become the Rabbi of Wembley Liberal Synagogue, and teach at the Leo Baeck College. In 1971 he was invited to follow Rabbi Harold Reinhart and serve the Westminster Synagogue in Knightsbridge, London. He remained there until his retirement, upon which he was created Rabbi Emeritus. In 1993 he was awarded the Bundesverdienstkreuz First Class (the Order of Merit) from the German government and in 2001 he became the first overseas-born Rabbi to be awarded an OBE.

From 1975 to 1995 he was the Vice President for the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He was chairman of the British branch of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (1990–94), committed to the Three Faiths Forum, and a president of the Council of Christians and Jews. He was also a lecturer at the Leo Baeck College from 1967 to 1971,

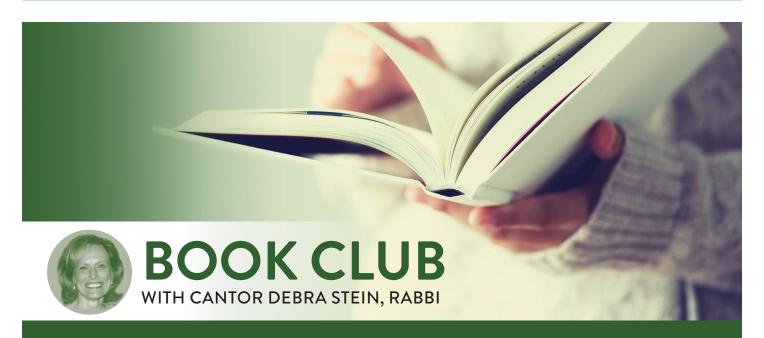


Rabbi Albert Friedlander 1964

before becoming Director of Studies from 1971 to 1982 and then Dean from 1982 to 2004. Friedlander was involved in many interfaith dialogues, both nationally and internationally. He spent a particular amount of time in the land of his birth, as a guest professor at many German universities, as a speaker and teacher at the Evangelischen Kirchentage and Katholikentage; and appeared regularly in various German media.

Personal life

In 1961, he married Evelyn Friedlander and had three children: Ariel (who also became a rabbi), Michal, and Noam. Albert died in 2004 and his wife, Evelyn, died in October in 2019. His sister, Dorrit Friedlander, died 11 years after his death.



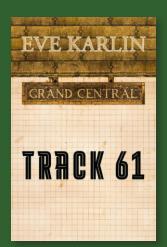
Author Eve Karlin will be joining us virtually!



TRACK 61 BY EVE KARLIN

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 4:00PM

Midnight, June 13, 1942: Peter Burger stands on a foggy beach, ears primed as a submarine hull scrapes the sandy sea bottom. He has endured seventeen months in a Gestapo prison and seventeen days on a Nazi U-boat only to have landed on American shores with six boxes of explosives and no escape. Do national borders determine good and evil? Who is a hero, and Who is a traitor?



UPCOMING BOOK CLUBS

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 | 4:00PM
THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY STORE
BY JAMES MCBRIDE

THURSDAY, MAY 16 | 4:00PM MY FATHER'S PARADISE: A SON'S SEARCH FOR HIS JEWISH PAST IN KURDISH IRAQ BY ARIEL SABAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 4:00PM CITY OF LAUGHTER
BY TEMIM FRUCHTER

JCOH MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Tannebaums

Dan, Rachel, Eliana and Marin



Rachel and Dan, tell us a bit about your family.

We met in 2005 while both living and working in Washington, DC. We've been living in New York for 17 years, married for 15, and have spent the past eight years part-time in East Hampton. Our daughters Eliana (12) and Marin (10) attend the Nightingale-Bamford School. They are competitive gymnasts and equestrians who love to spend their weekends horseback riding at East End Stables and ice skating at Buckskill Winter Club.

What drew you to become members of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons?

We have always enjoyed Shabbat on the Beach in the summers and found it to be such a special experience. When we lived nearly full-time in East Hampton during the first year of COVID, we enrolled the girls in what is now Shul House so they could attend religious classes (outside) in person. Eliana and Marin thrived in the program, looking forward to their weekly class with new friends and teachers, and we all enjoyed the family events together - especially meeting other families during winter hikes and holidays! We felt a strong connection to the JCOH clergy, staff, and fellow religious school families and decided to plan for the girls to become Bat Mitzvah at JCOH. Eliana is working on learning her Torah reading for this September!

What is something that few people know about you?

Dan has been deemed "persona non grata" by the Russian Federation related to his work on Russiarelated policy, along with 1,800 other Americans including the entire US Congress!

What is your favorite Jewish holiday, and why?

Yom Kippur, we've always found it extremely moving between the focus on atoning and resetting for the coming year and the music that commences the holiday, starting with Kol Nidre services and culminating with Neliah.

Who inspires you, and why?

Dan's maternal and Rachel's paternal grandmothers inspire us. Both Naomi and Dorothy were extremely strong and capable women, widowed for lengthy periods of time, who served as the matriarch of their families. Both lived into their late 90s and were able to spend time with Eliana and Marin and pass on family stories and traditions through the generations.

What would you say to new families joining Shul House?

Welcome! We're so glad your families can join us, and we look forward to meeting you!



LET'S DINE TOGETHER!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 | 6:30PM



Join us as we gather to support one another through the winter months. On each of these dates, we will meet at an East Hampton restaurant for dinner and sisterhood. Each participant is responsible for their own tab. The restaurant will be determined by how many are joining. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so please send your response to Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi cantor@jcoh.org



Shul House

at Jewish Center of the Hamptons

Where Jewish learning feels like home

We are delighted to share the incredible progress our students have made this semester in learning prayers and blessings at Shul House. From the warmth of the V'ahavta to the melody of the Bar'chu, students have immersed themselves in the beauty of our Jewish liturgy. With the support and encouragement of our dedicated teachers, they have not only learned the words and melodies but have also begun to embrace the deeper meaning behind each prayer and blessing, strengthening their connection to our faith and heritage.

It's heartwarming to see students' enthusiasm as they engage with sacred texts, laying the foundation for a lifelong relationship with prayer. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to continuing this journey of spiritual growth and discovery together.



Margaret Barcohana











WE ARE HERE TO HELP

The Jewish Center of the Hamptons is blessed to have these dedicated professionals serving our congregation. They each bring experience and excellence to their roles and provide administrative leadership that ensures that the JCOH remains a beacon of Jewish life in the Hamptons.

Reach out to them with any questions, or just to say hello. They look forward to hearing from you.



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Welcome David Waserstein!

The Jewish Center of the Hamptons is delighted to welcome David Waserstein as **our new Business Manager**.

David will be serving our congregation overseeing financial management, human resources and facilities management to provide a strong foundation of administrative support.

Before joining the JCOH, David served as an international financial executive with emphasis on investments in energy, resources, technology, sustainability and real assets.

David lives in East Hampton with his wife and four children and looks forward to serving our synagogue.



David WasersteinBusiness Manager

Happy Bat Mitzbah Pai Bellenoue Saturday April 13th | 10:00AM

My name is Pai Bellenoue and I live in East Hampton with my family and my small dog Tiggy. I have been a part of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons community since I started going to Hebrew school there in 2019. I go to East Hampton Middle School and play volleyball in the Winter and tennis in the Fall. I love swimming in the ocean, bays, and harbors near my house, but I wish my dog would swim too! I like to bake for other people, and my favorite recipe at the moment is Chocolate Raspberry Cookies. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am baking desserts for Maureen's Haven. I'm excited to graduate from Shul House this Spring, after which my family and I will be taking a trip abroad to celebrate.





WE REMEMBER THEM...



Stone on Slate



As one remembers their loved one who has passed away, it is a tradition to not only say Kaddish, but to also place a stone on their grave site. Since many of us are not able to observe this tradition, we have added a ritual for our mourners called Stone on Slate.

This includes a bowl of polished stones and a tile so anyone in mourning or saying Kaddish can also come forward and place a stone on the slate.

Saying Kaddish is a communal ritual and when one places a stone on the slate, they are also performing an individual act of remembrance, and we, the congregation, are witness to this act.

JOIN OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY



In this tumultuous time, we turn to one another for comfort. In the wake of growing antisemitism, we find sanctuary together.

Now, more than ever, your connection and support of our community and the Jewish people is vital to our survival. AM YISRAEL CHA!

To become a member, please call our office and speak with Lindsey Marino at 631-324-9858



THE BEACH

BEGINNING FRIDAY MAY 24 | 6:00PM



GRACIOUS GIVING

RABBI FRANKLIN'S DISCRETIONARY

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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.

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