



# kehillath shalom newsletter

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 **RECONSTRUCTING  
JUDAISM**  
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## Rabbi's Reflections

# Jew? Jew-ish? Does It Matter?

BY RABBI LINA ZERBARINI



Who is a Jew? For years, this was an animating question in the international Jewish community. Who has Jewish status by birth? Which rabbis are recognized so that their conversions are accepted, and by whom?

Since the 1970s, the Reconstructionist and Reform Movements have recognized the children of a Jewish father *or* mother as Jewish, when they are raised as such. The question of "patrilineal descent," as this was called, presumed heterosexual biological parents. Today's families and reproductive technologies make the narrowness of this issue seem almost quaint.

Does the child of two moms need to be converted if she was carried by the non-Jewish mother in order to be recognized as Jewish? What about surrogacy? Does the Jewishness of the surrogate make a difference in any way? What about that of an egg or sperm donor?

When does this matter? Israel is one locus of concern about Jewish status. While citizenship requires only one Jewish grandparent, the Orthodox rabbinate controls many areas of Jewish life. One must be recognized as a Jew according to

Orthodox standards in order to marry, be buried, attend certain schools, etc.

Outside of Israel, many synagogues, including our own, do restrict certain roles, responsibilities, or activities to Jews. In most places, only Jews are counted to make up a *minyan*/quorum, traditionally needed for the reading of Torah or the recitation of certain prayers. At Kehillath Shalom, the Ritual Committee Chair and the President must be Jews; other leadership positions are open to all. We offer individual *aliyot* to the Torah only to Jews, and everyone is welcome to join in group *aliyot*. In a welcoming synagogue such as ours, in which many treasured members and leaders are not Jewish, why these distinctions?

On the one hand, status is like citizenship. Nowadays, in most of the Jewish community, the borders are open! Those who would like to join the Jewish people are welcomed. When that choice is made, all the rights and responsibilities come with it. And yet, just as some long-term green card holders feel no need or desire to apply for citizenship, individuals connected to



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# Jew? Jew-ish? Does It Matter?

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Jews and the Jewish community have many reasons they may choose (or not) to fully join the Jewish people.

One of the fundamental teachings of Mordecai Kaplan was that Jews in the US inhabit two civilizations and are 100% American and 100% Jewish. At the time, people challenged Kaplan and told him that his math didn't work – the numbers were supposed to add up to 100%. Today, we understand even more influences to be at play and recognized that people can fully hold many identities at once.

“Identity” refers to the ways in which individuals choose to identify themselves (for example, “I am Jewish,” or “I am Jew-ish”). “Status” is an affirmation of “identity” by a community, group, people, or some other form of collectivity. Beyond the bureaucracy of the above issues, does status matter at all? This is a personal decision with communal connections.

It might be compared to marriage: a couple can live together and make legal arrangements to protect each other and their children without the ritual of a wedding. There is no longer a stigma to “unwed” relationships – so why marry? For many, a wedding is meaningful – for both the commitment the partners offer each other and for the recognition of family, friends, community, and society.

So, too, with Jewish identity and status. There may be reasons to bring them into alignment for ourselves or our children – or not. Some years ago, I served on the Task Force of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association that explored these questions and released a document that my colleagues affirmed as our guidelines. The Adult Education program on **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** will explore these issues and our Movement's approach. ❖



## Hanukkah & Havdalah!

at Kehillath Shalom  
Flames & Friends  
Song & Simchah!

Saturday, 12.4@5:30 pm  
rsvp welcome!



Light the Torch Menorah, Make Havdalah, Connect With Friends!

Crafts and Fun (With Fire!) in the Parking Lot

Pick up your Hanukkah Gift Bag

RSVP required to the office ([kehillathshalomsynagogue@optimum.net](mailto:kehillathshalomsynagogue@optimum.net), 631-367-4589)

# The Importance of Time

BY BEVERLY MANNIX

*To everything, turn, turn, turn, there is a season turn, turn, turn, and a time for every purpose under heaven.*

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Pete Seeger turned Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 into a folk song in 1959. The Byrds made it a hit in 1965 and Judy Collins sang it in 1966. These verses move across various kinds of universal human activities. On a deeper level, rabbis often tried to go beyond the contextual meaning of the pairs referred to in each line. Judaism takes time very seriously, although we often joke about “Jewish time” where we are always running ten minutes late. But Jewish time actually sees each day as sacred and worthy of blessing. The Talmud says each Jew is to say one hundred blessings each day, marking discernable sacred moments, from giving thanks for the meal we just ate to using the bathroom.

Specific halachic times are known as *zmanim*, depending on sunrise, sunset, and how much time in between. *Tzeit Hakochavim* is when three medium stars are observable in the night sky with the naked eye. This time is the beginning of night for all mitzvahs, including the Torah obligation of reading the evening Shemah, counting the Omer, and ending a fast day. Rashi, the medieval French

rabbi and author of comprehensive Talmud and Biblical commentary, said that one bringing an offering must do it at the specific day and time. Once that time passes, the offering is no longer valid. You can't bring two offerings the next time. Matters of importance have to be dealt with at their appropriate time. To be in time is to acknowledge its quality. To set fixed times for our meals and other occasions in our life is not just putting order in our life, but the opportunity to sanctify these moments.



The word in the Torah for an appointed or sacred time is *moed*. It is also the word for a gathering place. When we gather at Kehillath Shalom Synagogue at our appointed times, we experience our spiritual activities together, whether it be Shabbat services, a Purim skit, or even putting up and taking down our sukkah.

We can spend this time in person or participating by Zoom. We have so much to offer and it is my hope that we all put aside a special time for all that Kehillath Shalom has to offer. ❖

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For questions, please contact Scott Ash at [ashs3@verizon.net](mailto:ashs3@verizon.net).

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# Celebrating Members at the Annual Brunch

## *It's back again, only better*

Mark your calendar

**Sunday, November 7, at 11:00 am**

Join us as we gather in-person and on Zoom to celebrate each other over yummy food and a cup of hot coffee – or tea. This year, following our strict COVID safety guidelines, we'll be able to welcome up to 20 folks, spread out throughout the room, to enjoy watching and then tasting the delicious brunch selections our chef will demonstrate. Those who choose to Zoom can follow and cook along with her from recipes emailed to all.

As everyone is most cordially invited – family, friends – it is necessary to RSVP (something we generally have an aversion to – *smile*) because spacing will be carefully set. This will also inform us as to how many “tastes” will be served.

**RSVP to the office, 631-367-4589, by Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** only if you plan to attend in person. Watch for the recipes coming your way via email by the end of the month. We look forward to seeing you all. ❖



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SUBCOMMITTEE OF SOCIAL ACTION

If you would like to know more about a particular committee – what it does, how much time it entails, or anything else – please contact the people above. Asking for more information does not commit you to anything! But it could lead to a rewarding experience, working with others to strengthen and grow our community. ❖

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# HOW I LEARNED ABOUT ANTISEMITISM

BY JUDY DAVIS

In the mid 2000s, I volunteered on IDF bases where I learned a great deal about Jewish life in other parts of the world from the people in my groups. I remember a young Belgian Jewish woman married to an Israeli physician. She had met her closest friend, a Belgian Muslim woman, in a community folk dance class. They had sons who were the same age who had also become close friends, further strengthening the bond between the two families. They shared meals and holidays, including the Jewish woman's son's bar mitzvah.

But when Hezbollah started shelling Northern Israel and Israel began defending itself, everything changed. There are people, even whole nations, who believe Israel shouldn't defend itself. ("IDF" stands for Israeli *Defense* Forces.) The Jewish community in Belgium and elsewhere received death threats and had to hire security guards. This happens every time Israel responds to attack. Parents had to shuttle their children to and from school. Whatever sense of safety Belgian Jews had was shattered. And so was the Muslim and Jewish women's relationship. The Jewish woman began to receive hate-filled emails from the person who had been her closest friend. The Hezbollah-Israel conflict, although thousands of miles away, also caused the dissolution of their folk dance group in Belgium.

At that time, I was distressed to hear about this woman's fractured friendship, but I was more shocked to learn of the peril faced by Belgian Jews. As an American, I was still quite naïve about the depth and extent of Jew-hatred in the world and how often it was triggered by hatred of Israel.

A year or two later, volunteering on a different IDF base, an English woman told me about a Jewish volunteer organization in Britain known as the Community Security Trust, CST. Again, I found myself shocked. I learned that British Jews had to create this organization to provide security at Jewish events, accompany Jews to and from those events, train people in self-defense and monitor antisemitism. Growing up in New York City as a Jewish American, I could not imagine ever requiring this kind of protection.

Oh, how things have changed in my beloved America. On September 27, 2021, the Secure Community Network (SCN) was established in Chicago, "to ensure that the Jewish community is prepared in the event of any violence or threats." There has been a "125 percent increase in report-

ing of incidents and issues related to the Jewish community in 2020. That heightened trend appears to be continuing into 2021...*As a result of the Gaza conflict in May, the ADL recorded a 98 percent increase in online anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic threats spiked by as much as 75 percent in cities across the United States.*" [emphasis mine] The age-old antisemitic rage perpetrated against Belgian Jews when Israel defended itself against Hezbollah was now aimed at American Jews, when Israel defended itself against Hamas.

Antisemitism has once again become socially acceptable. Perhaps the only time in human history antisemitism was *not* socially acceptable was during the years following the Holocaust. We know it didn't disappear, but it simply was not voiced in "polite" company. As the memory of the Holocaust wanes, however, so does revulsion with antisemitism.

Sadly, I personally know a college student who had been menaced and chased through a train, onto the subway platform and into the street. His pursuer was laughing, calling him names, and pointing to the *kippah*, the head covering marking the student as Jewish. Although he screamed for help and for someone call the police, no one came forward to help. I am happy to report that since this incident, however, the young man not only finished college but has graduated from one of the elite units of the IDF and is living in Israel.

Other individuals have been less fortunate. In addition to the synagogue shootings, there have been too many instances of people beaten up and hospitalized-for being Jewish – right here in the most Jewish of American cities, New York. It happened in the "old country" and is happening elsewhere in the world. Again.

Sometimes, antisemitism is so subtle that even those expressing it don't recognize what they are saying. For example, I showed a non-Jewish friend a photo of my young Israeli cousin, a blond, blue-eyed model. "She doesn't look Israeli," my friend said, "she looks Scandinavian." Hmmm. What does someone who has never met an Israeli in her life mean by, "She doesn't look Israeli?" Can you only be pretty if you're Scandinavian? Another Jewish woman, who was present, clarified: "You mean she doesn't look Jewish." Or maybe, "her nose isn't big."

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# HOW I LEARNED ABOUT ANTISEMITISM

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I must add that the first woman was not in the least mean spirited and had no idea of her bias. However, she innocently identifies people as, “This Jewish man...” or “This Jewish woman...”

Today’s antisemitism appears in new forms as well as old ones. Along with beatings, swastikas spray-painted on Jewish sites, stores vandalized – deliberately or incidentally – during human rights demonstrations, we now have cybercrimes. Right here on Long Island, synagogue services and Jewish websites have been hacked with hate messages. Services have been “Zoom bombed.” In a Suffolk County synagogue, on Judaism’s holiest day, Yom Kippur, Zoom services were suddenly disrupted by several teenagers in hoodies appearing online. They took control of the Zoom site and began cursing and spewing antisemitic accusations, such as “You’re the ones who eat babies, right?”

On university campuses, antisemitism is pervasive. One evening at a Shabbat dinner hosted by his university’s Hillel, the Jewish student organization, I met a Christian man, a foreign graduate student in biochemistry. He had come to Hillel seeking an explanation to a puzzling question. Why did his professors make negative comments about Israel during class? “What does this have to do with bio-chem?” he wondered. “Why are they so obsessed with Israel? Why do they hate Israel?”

Nadiya Al-Noor, a Muslim interfaith activist, answers this question very clearly. In her article, *Antisemitism is the New Social Justice*, she writes, “Hating Israel is *the* thing to do today on university campuses. It makes you seem ‘progressive.’ It means you’re ‘woke’ and socially aware. It means you’re fighting against a tyrannical regime. It is supporting the struggle of an oppressed people at the hands of White colonialist supremacy. Zionism is racism. Israel is evil, end of story.”

The virulent beliefs that have overtaken academia have migrated into various arenas. They appear routinely in the media, and are expressed by entertainers, politicians and social media “influencers.” These people tend to be “progressives.” They support the same liberal social values dear to the hearts of Jews, values that are traditionally affiliated with the Democratic Party.

Politicians feel free to bare blatant antisemitic opinions without any concern for actual facts. As just one of multiple examples, Representative Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) declares the water problems in

Detroit are related to those in Gaza. Someone “behind the curtain,” she claims, reverting to an ancient but common antisemitic trope, is depriving poor Black people of their water in order to make money. I wonder who that money-making “someone” might be.

“Reliably progressive comedian” Sarah Silverman knows. When members of the House of Representatives, known as “The Squad,” refused to vote to re-fund Israel’s Iron Dome defense system, Silverman discussed it on her podcast. She spoke for many progressive Jews when she said, “I want to love them, I really do. Their domestic policies are completely aligned with mine, and I think they are so cool and kickass, but this is really scary.” She concludes, “People only really like Jews if they’re suffering...not having the Iron Dome is going to kill people...Why do none of them [The Squad] even mention Hamas?” (The conflict was initiated by Hamas.)

For the sake of preserving our democracy, this is the most critical question: Why do Democratic Party leaders, who would never countenance bias toward any other racial or ethnic group, refuse to stand up, not vigorously condemn the antisemites within their ranks and tell them to knock it off!

[References upon request]

## StandWithUs

As antisemitism becomes increasingly prevalent, it also becomes more socially acceptable. Expressions once never uttered in “polite society” are now casually emerging from the mouths of famous entertainers, politicians and educators. Some of us, especially Jews unaccustomed to this experience, are left wondering,

“Did I really hear what I thought I heard?” “Was that antisemitism?” And “If it was, what should I say or do?”

### Recognizing and Responding to Antisemitism: Did You Really Say That?



Carly Gammill, Director, StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism, will educate us about various expressions of antisemitism, subtle and less so, and how to respond to them.

Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom link to be provided with registration.

To register contact Judy Davis at: [jdavis4727@aol.com](mailto:jdavis4727@aol.com)



# SHABBAT SERVICES

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Candlelighting 6:30 pm

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Goldberg

Torah Portion: Toldot, Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

Isaac marries Rebecca; Jacob and Esau are born. Esau trades his birthright to Jacob, and Jacob receives his father's blessing.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Candlelighting 6:30 pm

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Tefilah 10 am

Israel Forum 11:15 am

Update and Report from Israel and the Middle East

Torah Portion: Vayetze, Genesis 28:10–32:3

Jacob's dream. Jacob marries Leah and Rachel.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Soup Shabbat 6:30 pm

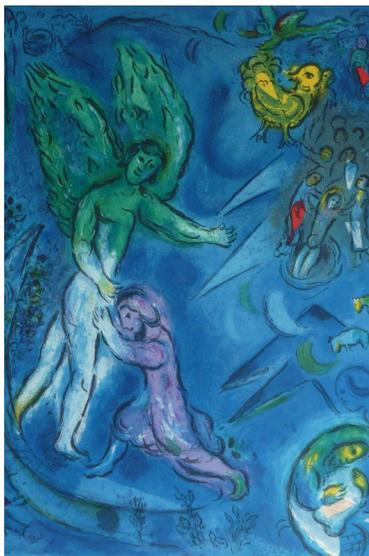
## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Torah Portion: Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4–36:43

Jacob wrestles with the angel, who changes his name to "Israel." The rape of Dinah. Jacob returns to Canaan, where God tells him a nation will grow from him, and will live in the land God gave to Abraham.



*Jacob Wrestling with the Angel*  
Marc Chagall

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Candlelighting 6:30 pm

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Torah Study 10 am

Meditation Service 11:15 am

Torah Portion: Vayeshev, Genesis 37:1–40:23



## Zoom Quick Reference Schedule

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Morning Gathering		8 am			8 am	
Torah Study & Tefilah						10 am
Candlelighting					6:30 pm	
Lunch & Learn				12:30 pm		

Zoom Meeting ID for most events 882 6522 6225, Password 046 425



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A project of [Limmud North America](#)

Mark your calendar to learn from Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Ph.D., President and CEO of Reconstructing Judaism, at the Global Day of Jewish Learning, where she will present *Bringing Peoplehood to Life*.

The Global Day of Jewish Learning is a project to unite Jewish communities across the world through study of our shared texts. The day unfolds during a 24-hour period of live-streamed events around the world.

This year's study theme, *The Bonds Between Us*, explores the centrality of community and connection within the Jewish tradition. Through modern and traditional texts, multiple media and guiding study questions, [the study guide](#), authored by expert educators, will support your Global Day programs.

We're studying the power and meaning of Jewish community on November 7!

More information coming! Check [here](#) for updates.



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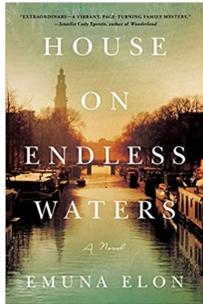
## Faith and Blue at KSS

Suffolk County Police Officer Lara Corbett was called to the Torah as an aliyah following the Faith and Blue presentation on October 9. Officer Corbett was joined by Officer Yael Grazier-Zerbarini of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina, Police Department, who is Rabbi Lina's daughter. The two officers gave an enlightening look at policing today from the different perspectives of an experienced officer and a relatively new one, serving in two very different types of police departments, but facing many of the same challenges.

We thank them both for taking the time to speak with us, and for their service to our communities. ❖

# bagels & books

Our November 21 book is *House on Endless Waters*, by Emuna Elon. Yoel Blum was instructed by his mother never to visit Amsterdam, from which she, Yoel, and his sister had escaped the Holocaust, but after her death he makes the trip and accidentally sees a clip of prewar film that opens up questions of identity he feels compelled to explore. Heavily shadowed with the creeping horrors of the Holocaust—in particular the heart-wrenching choice to hide children and the consequences of that choice, the novel blurs the edges between history and fiction.



For the rest of the year:

December 19 — *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*, by Bari Weiss

January 16 — *The Lost Shtetl*, by Max Gross

February 20 — *What We Will Become: A Mother, a Son, and a Journey of Transformation*, by Mimi Lemay

March 20 — *The Book of Lost Names*, by Kristin Harmel

April 24 — *The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties that Helped Create Modern China*, by Jonathan Kaufman

May 22 — *The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem and the Jinni*, by Helene Wecker

June 26 — *Concealed: Memoir of a Jewish-Iranian Daughter Caught Between the Chador and America*, by Esther Amini

Until further notice, we will continue Zooming on Barbara Kremen's account at 10 am Sundays. Bring your own bagel, lox, and coffee, or whatever Sunday morning treat you'd like and please join us for any books that interest you. ❖



Thank you to the Kehillath Shalom Caring Committee and our KSS members for your kindness and support over these past couple of months as my husband, Paul, and I both continue to recover from his recent heart surgery. With your support and our friends and families we are much stronger and continue to be positive.  
Thank you!

Pam and Paul Fossella

# The High Holiday Production Crew

If, as the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child, it is equally true that it takes a *kehillath* [community] to produce our High Holiday services, especially this year, with the combined in-person/Zoom format.

More thanks:

CAROL RUBIN, for landscaping

DAVID SCHWARTZ, who also helped to put up our sukkah, but was left off last month's list

And most especially, BEV MANNIX and GAIL SACHS, who, this year and for many previous years have been the heart and soul of planning, organizing, and overseeing our High Holiday services. Their omission from last month's list was entirely due to your Editor's having misread an email, and I do apologize for that. ❖

# The Gifts Received

## HIGH HOLIDAYS

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## GENERAL FUND

CAROL & GERALD BLOOMGARDEN

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## BUILDING REPAIR FUND

CAROL RUBIN



# Committee on Racial Justice

We continue to experience incidents of racial bias in our community. For example, when a member of the cast of *Smokey Joe's Café* walks out of Northport's Engeman Theater after a performance and is called the N-word\*; or an elderly Asian man is thrown on the sidewalk, as many of us saw on the news a few months ago, these are racist incidents (whether examples of bias or prejudice, we don't know). When swastikas are carved into the see-saws of a Northport elementary school on the day before school opened, that is an example of antisemitism.

Hateful incidents like these, involving individuals or groups of individuals, are very sadly on the rise in our local community – and across the country. Each meeting of the Huntington Anti-Bias Task Force, at which KSS is represented, begins with a Huntington police department superintendent filling us in on all the deplorable incidents like these that have happened since the previous month.



However, structural racism refers not to individuals or groups but to laws, policies, and systems that limit opportunities for some but not others. It seems self-evident that a synagogue condemns antisemitism, and by extension, other hateful actions against members of other groups. This is the arena in which our CRJ is working.

Accordingly, members of the CRJ, desiring to take some positive action, have made a donation to ERASE Racism, celebrating twenty years as “a

regional organization that leads public policy advocacy campaigns and related initiatives to promote racial equity in areas such as housing, public school education, and community development.”

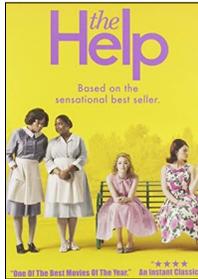
Currently, ERASE Racism is focusing its efforts to allow the New York State “Curriculum of Inclusion” (erroneously labeled “critical race theory”) to be implemented in those Long Island districts where it is meeting fierce opposition.

ERASE



RACISM

To talk about these and other racial justice issues, join us for a lively discussion on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm when we share our experience of watching the movie, *The Help*. We hope it will help us sort out the issues – and distinctions -- we touched on above, as we recall the “help” we’ve received at various points in our lives, from whom it came, and how it was acknowledged.



We hope to see you there. ❖

## LOOKING FOR A NEW OIL COMPANY?

Skaggs-Walsh, KSS' heating oil supplier, gives us cash thank-yous if you sign up with them and say Kehillath Shalom Synagogue referred you. Our first two referrals, ABBY PARISER and PETER GOLLON, and JANE KÜNSTLER and CLIFF BROFFMAN, earned us \$100 each. The third referral is worth \$200! Will you be the one? Referrals #4 and 5 would also earn us \$100 each, and #6 would be another \$200, and so on.

Contact Skaggs-Walsh at 516-227-3700, or [skaggsvalsh.com](http://skaggsvalsh.com). ❖



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The Israel and Jewish Affairs Committee Presents  
A Series of Forums and Discussions  
**THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL**



***The War of Return: How Western Indulgence of the Palestinian Dream Has Obstructed the Path to Peace***, by Adi Schwartz and Einat Wilf

Joint Session of **Bagels & Books** and The Israel Forum

**SUNDAY**, October 17 / 10 am

**Update and Report from Israel and the Middle East**

Saturday, November 13 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

**Analysis of the Threats and Challenges Faced by Israel**

Saturday, December 11 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

**Israel and the Middle East: What American Media Don't Tell You**

Saturday, February 12 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

**Update and Report from Israel and the Middle East**

Saturday, March 26 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

Moderated by Kehillath Shalom member Nissim Yeheskel, Israeli native and frequent visitor.

# JEW? JEW-ISH? DOES IT MATTER?

Sunday, November 14

10 am—noon

On Zoom

Who is a Jew? Are you one if you say you are? Are you one if others say you are? What does it take to become one?

For a long time, these answers were simple. Today, variations in family structure and reproductive technologies raise these and many more questions. Bring your curiosity and learn how Reconstructionist and other Jews respond.



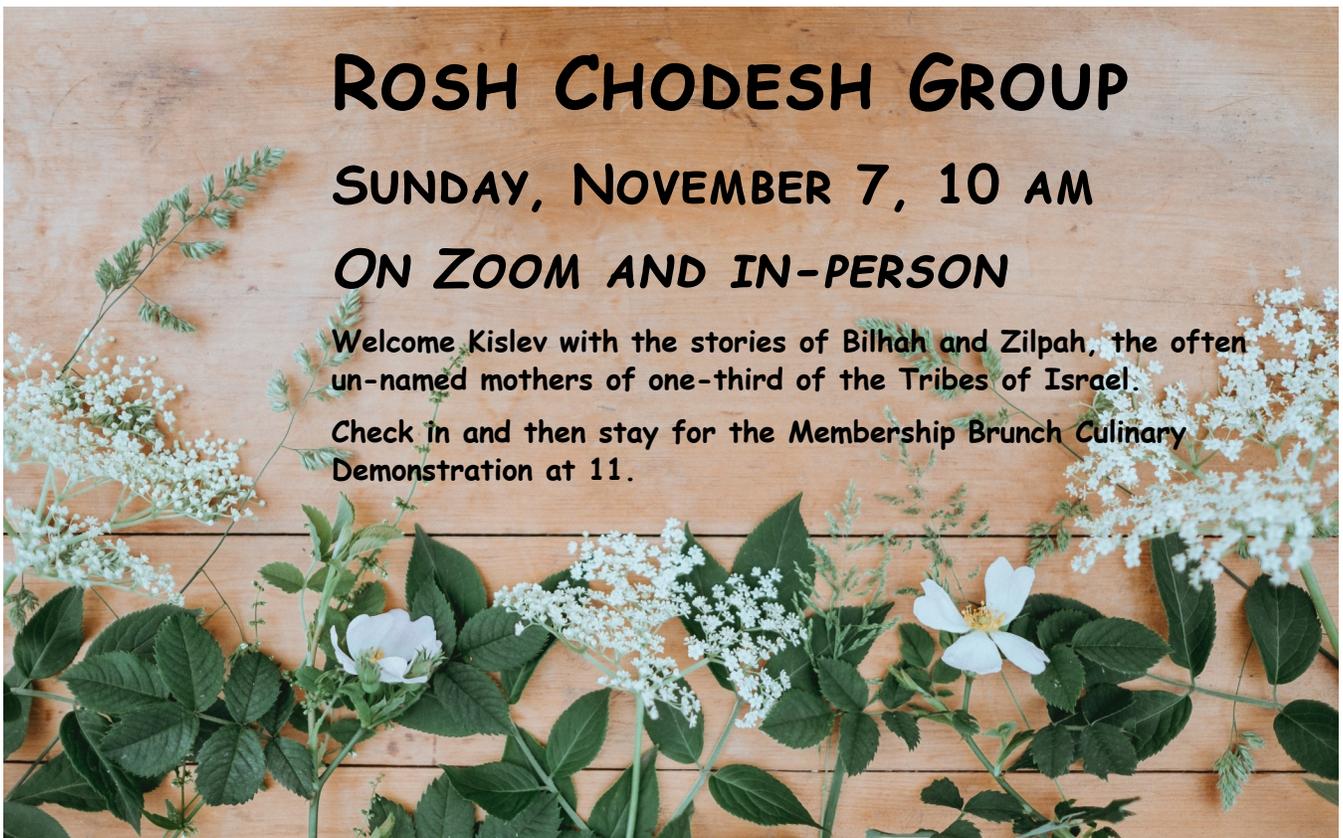
## ROSH CHODESH GROUP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 10 AM

*ON ZOOM AND IN-PERSON*

Welcome Kislev with the stories of Bilhah and Zilpah, the often un-named mothers of one-third of the Tribes of Israel.

Check in and then stay for the Membership Brunch Culinary Demonstration at 11.



# StandWithUs

**A**s antisemitism becomes increasingly prevalent, it also becomes more socially acceptable. Expressions once never uttered in “polite society” are now casually emerging from the mouths of famous entertainers, politicians and educators. Some of us, especially Jews unaccustomed to this experience, are left wondering,

*“Did I really hear what I thought I heard?” “Was that antisemitism?” And “If it was, what should I say or do?”*

## Recognizing and Responding to Antisemitism: *Did You Really Say That?*



Carly Gammill, Director, StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism, will educate us about various expressions of antisemitism, subtle and less so, and how to respond to them.

**Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom link to be provided with registration.**

**To register contact Judy Davis at: [jdavis4727@aol.com](mailto:jdavis4727@aol.com)**



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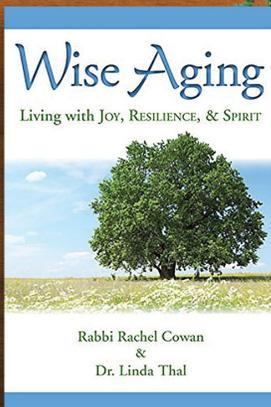
HJC Adult Education Committee presents:

# WISE AGING WORKSHOP

Building on past success at HJC and across the U.S.,  
a WISE AGING Workshop will begin November 2021

**A**re you an empty nester? Are you about to retire, or have you recently retired?  
Are you beginning to wonder about this new phase of your life?

As our main focus of caring for children and/or maintaining a career shifts,  
many of us have deep questions: Now what? Will I still be needed?  
What will be my purpose? How do I deal with providing needed support to  
adult children and aging parents?



Wise Aging Workshop discussions help in highlighting our amazing potential for growth and insight, opening us to the possibilities of growing in mindfulness, insight, and satisfying relationships, and of experiencing this stage of life with wisdom and creativity. Confidentiality is observed.

This participatory workshop (for 8-12 people) will be on Zoom and will begin Tuesday November 2, 2021 from 7:30pm-8:30pm. It will continue weekly for nine sessions primarily (though not exclusively) on Tuesdays.

If interested, or to SIGN UP and get the ZOOM LINK, please contact Elaine at [Elaine.Kleinmann@gmail.com](mailto:Elaine.Kleinmann@gmail.com) or **516.348.3982**.

# LUNCH & LEARN

## The Jew in the Lotus

By Rodger Kamenetz

Beginning October 7

12:30—2 pm

On Zoom (click [here](#) for link)



## PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

For half a century and more, Kehillath Shalom Synagogue has played a role in the lives of generations of Jewish families. Through their work and their resources, the congregation's pioneers made it possible for KSS to thrive and to survive for the generations to come. That work continues as does the opportunity to keep Kehillath Shalom active and vibrant for those who will come through its door tomorrow after tomorrow.

In the spirit of *L'Dor v'Dor* ("From generation to generation"), join those who have made a provision for Kehillath Shalom in planning for the future through their estate and financial planning. Your gift can help assure the long-term viability of the synagogue.

You can contribute by:

- ★ Making a bequest to Kehillath Shalom in your will
- ★ Making Kehillath Shalom a beneficiary of your retirement 403(b) or 401(k) account
- ★ Making Kehillath Shalom a beneficiary of your IRA or of your IRA's yearly Minimum Required Distribution

If you need more information, have questions, or would like to speak with someone from the Fundraising Committee about KSS' Long Term Planning options, please call the office at 631-367-4589 or email [AbbyPariser@gmail.com](mailto:AbbyPariser@gmail.com). ❖



## Let's Light Candles Together



**Friday evenings, 6:30**

(When nothing else is scheduled)

We'll share, sing, and bring Shabbat peace.

Join Zoom Meeting by computer: <https://zoom.us/j/88265226225>

Or Phone: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 882 6522 6225,  
Password 046 425

We will learn, study, share, pray.  
As usual, come for Torah Study or Service or Both!

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Or phone: +1 646 558 8656

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## Kehillath Shalom Synagogue



**Shabbat Morning  
Torah Study 10 am  
Service 11:15 am**

## Morning Gathering Stillness, Meditation, Blessings

Morning Gathering: Tuesday & Friday Mornings at 8 am  
Establish a strong, centered, calm foundation for the day.  
Join Zoom Meeting by computer <https://zoom.us/j/788752335>  
or by phone: 1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
Meeting ID: 882 6522 6225, Password 046 425



# November 2021

## Cheshvan/Kislev 5782



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1

Morning Gathering  
Tuesdays and  
Fridays 8 am

2



3

Election Day

4



5

Lunch & Learn  
*The Jew in the Lotus*  
12:30 pm  
Recognizing Anti-  
Semitism 7 pm



6

Candlelighting  
6:30 pm



Shabbat Service  
10 am  
Bar Mitzvah of  
Ethan Goldberg  
Jews and Sports

5:26

7



8

Rosh Chodesh Group  
10 am  
Membership Brunch  
11 am  
Daylight Saving Ends

9



10

Board Meeting  
7:30 pm

11



12

Lunch & Learn  
*The Jew in the Lotus*  
12:30 pm



Candlelighting  
6:30 pm

13



Tefilah 10 am  
Israel Forum  
11:15 am

Veterans Day

4:19

14



15

Adult Ed  
10 am—noon  
Who Is a Jew?



16

Newsletter Deadline

17



CRJ Movie Night  
*The Help*  
7:30 pm

18



19

Lunch & Learn  
*The Jew in the Lotus*  
12:30 pm



Soup Shabbat  
6:30 pm

20



Torah Study 10 am  
Meditation Service  
11:15 am

4:14

21



22

Bagels & Books  
10 am  
*House on Endless  
Waters*

23

24

25



Thanksgiving

26



27



No scheduled service

4:10

28



29

First Night of  
Hanukkah



30

Second Night



1

Third Night



2

Fourth Night



3

Fifth Night



4

Sixth Night



Seventh Night

Lunch & Learn  
*The Jew in the Lotus*  
12:30 pm

Candlelighting  
6:30 pm

Torah Study 10 am  
Tefilah 11:15 am  
Hanukkah Havdalah  
in the Parking Lot

4:08

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6

Eighth Night

Rosh Chodesh Group  
10 am

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10

Lunch & Learn  
*The Jew in the Lotus*  
12:30 pm



Candlelighting  
6:30 pm

11



Tefilah 10 am  
Israel Forum  
11:15 am

4:07