

JCRC 2017 Fall Lecture

Left Vs. Right: The Battle for Israel's Soul

Is the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians a tragic dispute over land, part of a global battle against Islamist terror, or both?

Two well-known Jewish journalists — one on the political right, the other on the left — will debate that question and others about the future of Israel, for the JCRC Fall Lecture as part of our Israel @ 70 festivities on Sunday, October 15.

It is universally accepted that if you get two Jews in the same room, you're going to hear three opinions. At the same time, though, the Talmud records numerous disagreements between the sages Shammai and Hillel, describing them as disagreements for the sake of heaven. Jews with dramatically different points of view have some core disagree-



ments. That can make for a lot of heat. But thankfully, it can also make for a lot of generative, rewarding conversations.

Unfortunately, these recent years, we often find the topic of

Israel has become one of the most contentious discussions happening in American Jewish communities. To come together as a Jewish community, particularly around Israel, we have to be able to talk

about it — even the most challenging questions and issues that divide the Jewish community about Israel.

On Sunday, October 15, the polarizing topic of Israel and U.S. relations will move from newsprint to podium when two well-known journalists debate the current internal and external challenges facing the State of Israel.

From the left, the event will feature J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of *Forward* and former U.S. bureau chief of *The Jerusalem Report*.

From the right will be Jonathan S. Tobin, award-winning opinion editor of the Jewish News Service.

This unique event offers the opportunity to hear two internationally respected journalists from opposite sides of the political spectrum carry out a frank discus-

sion on the Jewish homeland. They will demonstrate how you can express diverse opinions in a civil and constructive manner, while identifying areas where there is common ground. These gentlemen may reinforce your beliefs or open up a whole new perspective for you, regardless of where you fall — left or right.

The program will take place on Sunday, October 15, 7 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts in Shalom Park. The event is free and open to the public but RSVPs are requested. Charlotte-JCRC@jewishcharlotte.org. A dessert reception will follow the program. ☆



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Local Jewish Veteran Group to Premier Film on WWII Vets

Jewish War Veteran Post 765, based in Charlotte, is pleased to announce the premier of *Jewish American Soldiers, Stories from World War II* on Sunday, November 12 at 3 PM. The film, produced and directed by Full Scale Productions of Charlotte, and funded in large part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, will be shown at the Regal Ballantyne Theater, located in South

Charlotte.

A project three years in the making, the film scope, originally conceived to capture stories from five to seven veterans, will feature interviews of 12 Jewish veterans from the Charlotte area, who were born both inside and outside the United States, and spotlights their experience as Jews serving in all aspects of World War II.

This film is part of the Char-

lotte Jewish Film Festival's "Fall Flicks" event. There will be no charge for the event, but tickets are required. For more information, please go to charlottejewishfilm.com or see our ad on page 27. We look forward to hosting you at this exciting event, so please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. ☆



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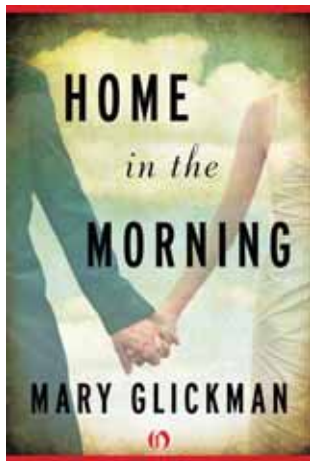
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Connecting People One Book at a Time: One Book, One Jewish Community

Thursday, December 7, 7 PM at the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts



The Center for Jewish Education's (CJE) inaugural selection for "One Book, One Jewish Community" is *Home in the Morning* by Mary Glickman. This debut novel explores the volatile 1960s through the experience of a Southern Jewish man who marries a Yankee Jewish woman. It is a

coming of age story, both for its Southern Jewish protagonist and for America at the beginning of the Civil Rights movement. The novel is certain to inspire deep and animated discussions about subjects that tackle black-white relationships, Southern Jewish culture, and the Civil Rights Movement.

While you're reading this year's One Book, One Jewish Community book (and perhaps scheduling it for your book group to read as well), our team at the CJE is busy preparing an array of resources and lists of related reading. Check out our website www.jewishcharlotte.org/CJE for some great discussion questions and guides and be sure to sign up for our newsletter to receive the latest information about our upcoming events.

This community-wide read of *Home in the Morning* will culmi-

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nate on Thursday, December 7 with a special appearance of author Mary Glickman who will discuss her book and her own Southern-Jewish experience.

Copies of *Home in the Morning* are available to borrow or purchase at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library, as well as online as a Kindle version.

There is no charge for this event. Space is limited and pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, please contact Debby Block, Center for Jewish Education Program Coordinator, 704-944-6780 or debby.block@jewishcharlotte.org ☆

Love to Read? Come to the Center for Jewish Education ... Book Club and More

By Sue Littauer, CJE Book Club Coordinator

My grandmother used to say about my mom: "Some people like to cook and clean, and some people like to read." The love of reading is the legacy my mom passed down to me and me to my own children. When you are a reader, you always have something to do ... new worlds to discover, family histories to uncover, people's lives to become enmeshed in, and mysteries to solve. There's nothing I like more than to find a good book that keeps me up reading until the wee hours of the morning.

Everyone I know who is a reader has a list of books stored on their phones – books recommended by friends. As the "book club coordinator" for the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library @ the CJE, I'd like to become the "storing



house" for your recommendations. Share your comments about books you've read that have a Jewish theme or are written by a Jewish author. Both positive and negative reviews are helpful – just let me know what you've read and your thoughts.

For instance, my book club just read *And After the Fire*, by Lauren Belfer, a powerful and passionate novel, inspired by historical events – about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both their lives. The novel grapples the question, "What if a brilliant musician was also a rabid anti-Semite?" *And After the Fire* can be checked out for your reading pleasure at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library.

And the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library @ the CJE is a great place to share your love of reading, to discover your next great read, and to connect with other readers. Come to the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library @ the CJE on Wednesday, October 11 at 10 AM to kick-off the new CJE Book Club. Everyone is welcome. The only criterion for membership is a love of reading, a desire for lifelong Jewish learning and an interest in connecting and engaging with like-minded peers.

During our organizational meeting, we'll meet and greet, as well as share input about our Book Club schedule and our selections for 2017–2018.

To sign up for the Book Club and/or share book recommendations, please contact sueb.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆

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Youth Visions

BBYO Teens Gear Up for New Member Convention

This month over 150 teens from Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston Salem, Wilmington, Asheville, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Savannah, Greenville, Charleston, and Augusta will gather in Greensboro for BBYO's annual MIT/AIT (new members to BBYO) convention. During the weekend, new

members learn all about BBYO and make friends from across NC, VA, GA, and SC. Older members pass down knowledge and traditions of BBYO while new members gain leadership skills and learn to navigate and find their home in BBYO.

This convention has a lasting impact on teens who attend. Lauren Mond, who was a new member last year and current Vice President of programming for Chai Chaverim BBG in Charlotte, shares her experience:

"MIT/AIT (the new member convention in October) was an experience like no other. I walked in super nervous, as I was meeting Jewish

teens from all over NC, VA, and parts of SC and GA. My anxiety quickly faded as soon as I sat down. I remember seeing a few friendly faces from Charlotte, and I instantly felt at home because of



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Lauren Mond, Jules Oringel, and Isabella Turteltaub

how welcoming everyone was. It took me a while to realize that everyone else was feeling the same nervous yet excited feelings as I was because this was also their new member convention, and everyone was looking to make friends. I formed some really strong bonds with some kids I met there and a few I still talk to every day on the phone after school. I've ended up rooming with them at other conventions and even went to a summer program with a few of them. The experience you get from going to MIT/AIT and the relationships you build there are unique and special. MIT/AIT was one of my favorite conventions that I attended because it really allowed me to feel connected with my Jewish identity, other Jewish teens, and experience prayers in a whole different way."

It's never too late to join BBYO and the convention is still open for registration. Please contact the BBYO office at 704-944-6734 or eastern@bbyo.org. ☆



Hebrew Highlights

On Wednesday evening, September 6 the amazing faculty of Hebrew High gathered together to reconnect, rededicate, and prepare for another year of Jewish learning, growth and community building for our students. This year's group of outstanding teachers contains Jewish professionals from all walks of life, including rabbis, secular educators, tzedaka heroes, an architect, and many more. All of these exceptional role models are eager to share their expertise and love of Judaism and Israel with the next generation of community leaders.

The group began the evening by watching a video entitled "I'm That Jew" by Eitan Chitayat. The video (you can see it on You Tube here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjEXomjpXPU), is an ode the diversity of our people and the importance of being open to everyone, whether Jewish or not. The teachers were then challenged to define, in poetry form if possible, what kind of Jew they are. Amy Montoni led the discussion and her poem is included here:

*I am that Jew.
That active Jew. That health food Jew. That I run even when no one is chasing me Jew. That be good to do good Jew.
That social Jew, that social justice Jew, that social action Jew, that society can really get me down Jew.
That wine drinking Jew, that Kiddush singing Jew, that pour another cup for me and you Jew.
That New England Jew, that Texan Jew, that North Carolina and all the south Jew.
That know it all Jew, that know nothing Jew. That listen to me and learn something Jew.
That Israel loving Jew. That Israel questioning Jew. That two-state solution Jew. That peacenik Jew.
That teaching Jew, that learning Jew. That talking and hearing Jew. That let's listen to one another and make the world a better place Jew.
That Democratic Jew. That Republican Jew. That*



Hebrew High teachers and guest, left to right: Alison Winston, Rob Sisson, Rabbi Helene Kornsgold, Stefan Pienkny, guest speaker Dr. Racelle Weiman, Hannah Kautitz, Betsy Olinger, Amy Montoni, Jennifer Sawyer (in back), Donna deGroot, interim director Roz Cooper, Janice Zacks, and Sam Swire.

Independent Jew. That Black Lives Matter Jew. That Women's March Jew. That Antifa Jew. That resist and protest Jew. That try to help your friends Jew. That don't get too involved Jew. That motherly Jew. That childless Jew. That feminist Jew. That hippie Jew. That all things to all people Jew. That leave me alone for a while Jew. That I-gotta-get-out-of-here Jew.

That High Holiday Jew. That Shabbat Jew. That every day of the week Jew. That let's hold hands and be friends Jew. That say a prayer for peace with me Jew. Yeah, that Jew.

The staff was then treated to an excellent workshop, led by Dr. Racelle Weiman, Senior Director of Global Education at the Dialogue Institute, Temple University. Dr. Weiman shared her expertise on teaching Jewish students in this scary time. She explained the characteristics needed to create young people who are upstanders in the face of bigotry, bullying, and hate. All participants left with new insight into developing personal courage for themselves and their students. Todah rabah to Dr. Weiman for an excellent learning experience.

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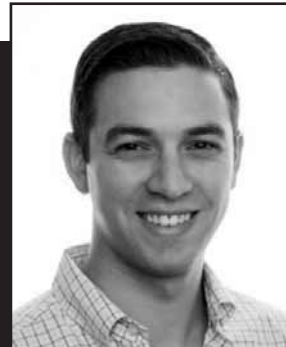
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JLI to Introduce Exciting New Course This October Six Jewish Debates Coming to Charlotte

The new Jewish Learning Institute will recount 2000 years of Jewish history through the lens of six epic debates that rocked the Jewish world and still resound powerfully today.

Beginning Tuesday, October 31, at 7:30 PM for the evening class and Wednesday November 1, 11 AM for the morning class, the JLI of Charlotte will be offering a new six-session course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), titled Great Debates in Jewish History.

In commemoration of 70 years since archeologist Eleazar Sukenik purchased the first Dead Sea Scroll in November of 1957, the community is invited to examine and unlock the stories of these ancient manuscripts and what their texts reveal about the heated dispute between the Dead Sea Sect and the Jewish establishment.

"Judaism welcomes debate and discourse," Rabbi Yossi Groner of Chabad of Charlotte, and JLI instructor. "This JLI course invites participants to gain fascinating insight into six mega-debates that have split the Jewish community throughout our history—and

some of these matters continue to be debated today."

Great Debates in Jewish History raises such questions as: Why were the authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls opposed to rabbinic interpretation? What motivated the rebels at Masada? And what is the Jewish perspective on taking up arms in situations where defeat is inevitable? What role does nationalism play in Judaism? Are faith and reason are mutually exclusive? What motivated the anti-Maimonideans in banning—and even burning—some of Maimonides' works? And is religion designed to be a private and personal experience, or one to be proudly paraded in the public domain?

Great Debates in Jewish History offers a glimpse at six pivotal debates that engulfed the Jewish people at different periods of their long history. On this journey, we examine the background, motives, ideologies, key events, and aftermath of these flare-ups. We will seek the underlying ideologies that led to each clash, explore why these debates occurred when they did, study how the two sides interacted with each other and lived

through the tension, discuss the consequences of the debate, and learn by what means these disputes were resolved.

Participants will discover how these debates shaped the Jewish future in important ways and will gain a deeper understanding about important features and nuances of Jewish life today. In addition to enlightening the past, the course demonstrates how the past enlightens us, lending us valuable lessons for navigating today's wide-ranging diversity among different communities, advocacy groups, denominations, and philosophies.

"Our goal is to invite participants to seek out the rationale behind both sides of each debate—even sides they may disagree with," explained Rabbi Zalman



Abraham, of JLI international. "In doing so, we hope to unite the community around the very issues that have divided us for so long."

Like all JLI programs, this course is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Fee for the classes are \$99 per single and \$180 per couple. Text books will be provided to each

registered student.

Interested students may call our office at 704-366-3984 or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and for other course-related information. JLI courses are presented in Charlotte in conjunction with Chabad of Charlotte and Congregation Ohr HaTorah.

JLI, the adult education branch of Chabad-Lubavitch, offers programs in more than 800 locations in the U.S. and in numerous other countries. More than 400,000 students have attended JLI classes since the organization was founded in 1998. ☆

Simchat Torah Festivity at Ohr HaTorah

Simchat Torah celebration at Ohr HaTorah is well-known for its unlimited joy and upbeat Jewish connection. This year's great event falls on Thursday October 12, beginning at 7:30 PM. The celebration welcomes adults and children and together as we all rejoice with the Torah which is our most treasured gift from God.

A festive holiday dinner will be served along with plenty of L'chaim for the adults. Children will lead the reciting of the Torah verses in preparation to the danc-

ing. On Simchat Torah all Jews unite, scholar and laymen in the joy and thanksgiving to God for imbuing our souls with the light of Judaism as it is expressed in the Torah.

The Simchat Torah celebration will be held at Congregation Ohr HaTorah, 6619 Sardis Road in Charlotte and is open to the entire community. For more information please visit us at www.chabadnc.org. ☆



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nounced in the near future.

In addition to Rabbi Bonnheim, Temple Kol Ami has sponsored two Shabbatons so far in 2017 through the generosity of a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. Most recently, we hosted Rabbi Bruce Aft from Springfield, VA in late August. Rabbi Aft led us in a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service, stimulating Torah study and a Havdalah service which also featured a performance by The Ruach, Charlotte's amazing Jewish rock band. You are invited to join us for our next Shabbaton the weekend of October 27-28 when we will welcome another rabbi courtesy of

eye out for more information coming soon.

Temple Kol Ami is grateful to have called Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill our home for the last seven years. Due to extensive renovations taking place at Unity, TKA is moving to a new location starting October 15. We are pleased to announce our new home will be Philadelphia United

Methodist Church at 1691 SC-160, Fort Mill, SC, conveniently located right off of I-77 at exit 85. TKA has created many wonderful memories at Unity Presbyterian, and we are so excited to continue our journey at Philadelphia United. Please join us at our new home in the near future to start making memories with Temple Kol Ami, a warm, welcoming and

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Rabbi Ana Bonnheim and Temple Kol Ami congregants

her warmth, intellect, and love of Judaism with the community. We look forward to continuing to grow under Rabbi Bonnheim's guidance and nurturing. She will be with us on the following dates through the rest of 2017: October 13, November 3, and December 15. Dates for 2018 will be an-

nounced in the near future. In addition to Rabbi Bonnheim, Temple Kol Ami has sponsored two Shabbatons so far in 2017 through the generosity of a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. Most recently, we hosted Rabbi Bruce Aft from Springfield, VA in late August. Rabbi Aft led us in a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service, stimulating Torah study and a Havdalah service which also featured a performance by The Ruach, Charlotte's amazing Jewish rock band. You are invited to join us for our next Shabbaton the weekend of October 27-28 when we will welcome another rabbi courtesy of

Havurat Tikvah Celebrates Sukkot and Simchat Torah

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The congregation will observe Simchat Torah this year on October 13 by taking a short road trip on Friday evening to celebrate the holiday at Temple Emanuel, 320 S. South St., in Gastonia, NC. Carpooling will be arranged for those who are interested in attending the festive occasion.

Havurat Tikvah is a warm, supportive and nurturing Jewish Reconstructionist congregation with Shabbat services and a full spectrum of holiday observances, as well as religious educational options for both adults and children. We are a diverse group of families, singles, and Jewish and interfaith couples who participate in projects that promote social justice.

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spiritual growth and governance.

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For more information on upcoming services, programs, membership or other queries, call 980-225-5330, write to Havurat Tikvah, P.O. Box 12684, Charlotte, NC 28220, email membership@havurattikvah.org or visit havurattikvah.org. Havurat Tikvah is also on Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/havurattikvah/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/havurattikvah/). ☆



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ular celebrities. Lisa Kudrow (“Friends”) serves as the executive producer for the show. Kudrow was raised in a middle-class Jewish family and had a Bat Mitzvah. Her ancestors emigrated from Belarus, Germany, Hungary, and Poland, and some of them lived in the village of Ilya, near

Minsk. As the Jewish community evolves we need to recalibrate and understand who we are where we live and serve. The challenge is knowing how to manage the scope and resources. Determining the best way to laser focus a group of resilient volunteers running and growing a synagogue can present

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Temple Solel members surround Pastor Mark Devito of Cornerstone Church at services on August 27.

challenges and great reward.

Just like the process experienced by the celebrities featured on the television show, many of us have our priorities revealed in layers at a personal level as we mature. This also holds true for synagogue families. Who are we? From the very beginning, Temple Solel has always known we were an inclusive Reform Congregation and affiliated ourselves with the URJ. We also knew we wanted to “Heal the World” looking for Tikkun Olam and Social Action volunteer opportunities. What we didn’t know until recently is we were meeting an underserved need in the Jewish community by providing a friendly and collaborative atmosphere for empty nesters and baby boomers. After our gold delegation signed up for the URJ Biennial, we noticed a topic, “Baby Boomers Symposium.” The syllabus describes, “As Baby Boomers enter a new stage of life, the Jewish community faces an unprecedented challenge. Never before has the time between 55 and 75 provided an encore stage of life: an opportunity for new profession, new challenges, and multiple decades of opportunities to explore. As many Boomers’ midlife careers and childrearing responsibilities wind down, they look ahead with hope to an opportunity to engage – or re-engage – in meaningful pursuits. The organized Jewish community can embrace this cohort with a new approach to creativity, collaboration, partnership and sacred community-building. In fact, as Boomers represent the largest cohort of Jewish adults, our growth and vitality as a movement and as a community depend on it.”

The last week of July, 20 Temple Solel members were hosted at Jan Rose’s home in an action-packed short and long-term strategic planning session led by Shelley Pawlyk. Also represented were the voices of over 15 others who responded to planning requests by email when asked for ideas and goals they felt were important to the Temple’s future. There was a lot of discussion concerning how we can meet the needs of families with children, which of course are extremely important. However, our largest current base and strength is tutoring and meeting the needs of single parents and families of b’nai mitzvah aged youth. With the help of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte’s Impact and Innovation Fund grant we are in the process of engaging an experienced religious studies facilitator to work with our pre-b’nai mitzvah students. Currently, we have approximately five students who will be preparing for their bar/bat mitzvah



over the next 12-24 months.

Less than a month following the strategic planning session, our Past President, James Fox supported his daughter Julia Fox, to kick off a Youth Group. Julia called the parents and children in the congregation. The Youth Group already started raising money by pre-selling Apple strudel as part of their first temple youth group activity. The Temple youth group is including children of all ages in the congregation and their parents, who are going to an apple orchard to pick the apples that will be used to make the strudels. The money raised will be donated to the Children’s Attention Home in Rock Hill. These truly are “our” children who are already emulating the values of the examples being set before them during times when so many children and young people haven’t yet experienced the value of helping others.

The Lancaster Back To School Bash was a huge success. Local community leaders rose to the challenge of organizing an event for a much larger number than originally planned for. They received a response from approximately 500, then sought more donations to serve almost 700 children. The event provided socks, shoes, haircuts, backpacks, and school supplies to Lancaster families. Members of Temple Solel worked side-by-side with other interfaith volunteers to register children and helped set up the stations where the children chose their back packs and school supplies. Mara Cobe also sorted and packed boxes for teachers of two different schools to ensure they received much-needed supplies. The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte’s Impact and Innovation Fund grant was instrumental in us purchasing back packs to donate to the event. There were hundreds of children accompanied by adults lined up around the USC Lancaster Bradley building for more than an hour in advance early on a Saturday morning to make sure they got supplies needed for school due to start the following week.

Dale Rivers agreed to start up the new Brotherhood. An initial get-together was already held on an evening and the group attending expressed they wanted to meet monthly. The next meeting is

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going to be dedicated to discussing possible projects for the Brotherhood. All were asked to bring their ideas. Tanya Trachtenberg is planning events and Sisterhood is targeting a start-up after the High Holy Days. We had two new congregant leaders participate in the last Board Meetings, which are open to all of our members. This type of participation is critical and helps breathe new life into the volunteer base. The two-hour board meetings inspire people to keep building momentum and take action towards common goals as a congregation.

Connecting individual people's talents to existing needs is paramount to the success of any organization. A perfect example can be found within the beautiful heartfelt Torah Cover and separate Torah blanket made by Helaine and Gerry Yancy given in memory of their son, Kevin who we lost last year at this time. Helaine's skills are evident when seeing the quality of the tapestry work she created, which will be used for the High Holy Days and other future services in years to come.

In business, it is now proven that focus and further developing strengths is more critical than solving perceived gaps. What we were not expecting during our strategic planning is how important it is to embrace and grow our other strength, empty nesters, and baby boomers. We are focused on people, relationships, and commu-

nity. If you are looking for a lay led havarah atmosphere with a balance between ritual and fellowship, please take time to visit a service. We regularly provide both tradition and new opportunities, whether it's sponsoring an educational event, a presentation on Israel or scheduling an inter-faith experience. Between our youth and boomers, these two groups meet the third primary focus of the congregation, which is an outstretched arm to the communities around us in SC. That is exactly what Temple Solel is doing and we are embracing who we are

We had another wonderful experience at our annual interfaith visit to Cornerstone Fellowship in Pineville, NC on Sunday, August 27. Pastor Mark Devito is a good friend of Temple Solel and the Jewish community at large. He is also the Pastor of a small congregation called Cornerstone similar to ours in size and feeling of a havurah. There were visitors present from Temple Solel, Temple Israel, and Temple Beth El who sang along with the musicians playing keyboards, guitars, and various drums. We listened to a special interactive sermon encouraging all those who attended to embrace being grateful, tied to our Hebrew text in Tehillim 101: 4-5 "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise; Give thanks unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy endures forever;

And His faithfulness unto all generations." It is a meaningful and fun experience different from our own services. Pastor Mark (as he is affectionately known) is also

the Director of Operations for Derek Prince Ministries in Charlotte, who graciously print our Yizkor books each year for the High Holy Days.

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Audacious Hospitality

By Rabbi Judy Schindler, Rabbi Emerita, Temple Beth El

"Audacious hospitality" is the vision for how the nearly 900 congregations of the Reform Movement welcome individuals into their midst. While first articulated in 2013 by our movement's president, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the concept of audacious hospitality is not new - it goes back to our origins as a people. Our patriarch and matriarch, Abraham and Sarah, were known for hospitality. According to rabbinic tradition, their tent was

open on all four sides to welcome any traveler passing by.

Here's how audacious hospitality has played and continues to play a prominent role in Reform Judaism:

Interfaith Families

In 1978, my father, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, of blessed memory, saw the need to expand our welcome to non-Jewish spouses marrying into our community. As President of the Reform movement, he said to his



Board: "We must remove the 'not wanted' signs from our hearts. We are opposed to intermarriage but we cannot reject the intermarried. And we cannot but be aware that in our current behavior we communicate rejection. If Jews-by-choice often feel alienated by our attitudes and behavior, how much more alienated do the non-Jewish spouses of our children feel? ... I believe that it is time for our movement to launch a carefully conceived outreach program."

That actualized goal of opening hearts and doors to the intermarried has strengthened us. The embrace extends to children of interfaith marriages. The Reform movement, built from its inception on the notion of the equality of men and women in religious life, affirmed equality in Jewish parenting. In 1983, a rabbinic resolution on patrilineal descent declared that the child of one Jewish parent, whether the mother or the father, would be presumed to be Jewish if established through timely acts of identification with the Jewish people.

The vision for outreach included our vibrant program for inviting those who are "religiously unpreferred" to consider Judaism as a life's path. My father said, "When you see a great movie, you don't hesitate to say to others, 'You should see this movie.' When you read a great

book, you suggest others read it, too. Why wouldn't you do the same with Judaism?"

The revolutionary vision for outreach that brought myriads of dedicated Jews into our midst, was mirrored by a call for inreach. My father would ask rhetorically, "What purpose is outreach, pray tell, if there is nothing within?"

Temple Beth El has a richness of opportunities of both outreach and inreach - from an Elements of Judaism course introducing Jewish belief and practice to Uptown Talmud to weekly Torah study. We have Jewish Living Groups, The Porch for young adults and families with young children, S.P.I.C.E. programs for seniors, and empty nester and baby boomer engagement initiatives.

LGBT Inclusion

Last month, Temple Beth El proudly hosted Charlotte's Gay Pride Interfaith Service. Thankfully, that act was not revolutionary. In 1965, the Women of Reform Judaism passed a resolution decriminalizing homosexuality. With each decade, the movement broadened its advocacy and expanded its embrace - welcoming LGBT members, ordaining LGBT clergy; fighting for equal protection under the law; and affirming the rights of Reform rabbis to officiate at same-sex unions and then marriage.

At Temple Beth El, LGBT individuals and families are part of the fabric of our community. Our Keshet Committee provides space for allies to support them both in-

side and outside the synagogue.

Jews of Color

The Reform movement affirms "Jewish diversity, in all its hues, is no longer a wave - it is the ocean of Jewish life." Ten percent of the American Jewish population identify as Jews of color (according to Gary Tobin's 2005 study). At Temple Beth El, as at congregations across our country, we rejoice in the beautiful diversity of congregants and work with intentionality to ensure that they feel included. Our commitment to racial justice becomes not an issue of others in the community - it is our issue, too.

Disabilities Inclusion

The 2010 renovation of Temple Beth El's sanctuary so that all could have access to the bima is symbolic of our commitment to ensuring that those with disabilities feel at home. Our congregation is partners with Temple Israel in supporting our Tikvah Charlotte religious school that celebrates and educates our special needs students.

Innovation in response to modernity is a hallmark of Reform Judaism. From creating compelling opportunities for millennials to our seniors, Temple Beth El recognizes that inclusion takes courage and commitment. In this world, where rhetoric of exclusion can be heard daily, Reform synagogues become true sanctuaries and communities of warmth that lift hearts, heal souls, and affirm equality. ☆

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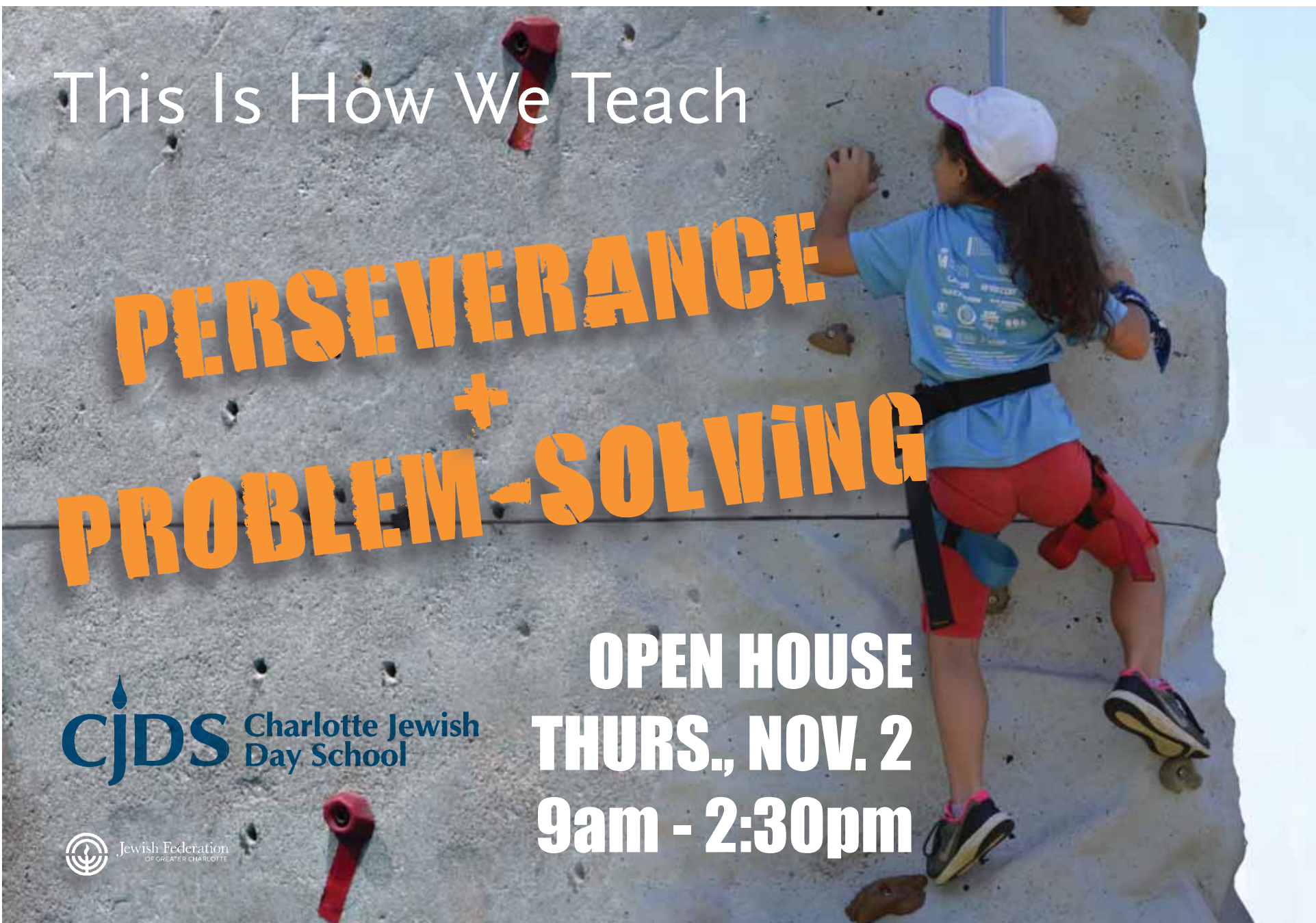
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Hurricane Irma and the Radiance of Shabbat

By Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim,
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Asher Zvi Hirsch Ginsberg, primarily known by his pen name Echad Ha'am, was one of the pre-eminent secular Zionist thinkers in the early 20th century and is considered the founder of cultural Zionism. He once famously remarked, "More than the Jews have kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept the Jews." In an article in *The Forward* ("Remember the Sabbath," 3/31/10), Judith Shulevitz explained: "What he meant goes well beyond Jewish survivalism. He meant that the regulation of time through the laws of the Sabbath gave the Jews the chance to regroup in communities at the end of every week, and that that regrouping sustained their Jewish identity."

I was thinking of the "more than the Jews have kept the Sabbath ..." quote after Shabbat this week due to a unique circumstance that came our way. Hurricane Irma was blazing a frightening path heading toward South Florida and millions of people were going to be affected. Many of those millions were not able to evacuate due to age, sickness, or other circumstances. One special needs group was the Sabbath observers. They were leaving on Wednesday or Thursday and were looking for a place not only to escape but also one that would be friendly to their Shabbat observance. The city that played the greatest leadership role to address this issue was Atlanta. Synagogues joined forces and found housing and meals for close to

1500 people. There was a communal *kumtitz* (gathering with soul touching music and — of course — great food). There were other communal meals as well as a communal breakfast on Sunday morning. The local Federation and the Orthodox Union (OU) joined forces to absorb massive expenses and it was truly a case of Jewish unity.

Still in all, Atlanta was not a viable route for everyone. Some could not get a flight, others had logistical reasons why Atlanta was not working out for them. To whom did they turn? Here at The Charlotte Torah Center, we were overjoyed when the calls started coming; it was a mitzvah opportunity we did not want to miss. We ended up hosting an eclectic group: college students from America and Panama attending U of Miami and FIU, a family from Fort Lauderdale, and others. There were different levels of religious observance among our guests ranging from not at all religious to Shomer Shabbat (Sabbath observant). As you might imagine, it did not take long for us to realize that our guests did much more for our Shabbat experience than we did for theirs. As I looked around at the guests, I knew I needed to savor the moment. The Jewish Sabbath was the one thing that united a group of strangers. The same way that a college freshman, who is away from home for the first time, ends up at Hillel or some other Jewish organization because (s)he is looking for a comfortable and safe environment, so too was the case



for our guests. They were looking for a heimish place to rest their overworked minds and bodies. At the Shabbat table were people from Ukraine, Germany, Panama, Israel, New York, New Jersey, Cincinnati, and other states — and even a few from Charlotte.

Unfortunately, many things divide the larger Jewish community today. Even Israel, the universal Jewish unifier for close to seventy years, is now a source of divisiveness for some. But one thing has remained constant: the Sabbath. It has been part of the collective Jewish conscience for over 3,000 years. Irma caused people to separate from their communities and Shabbat caused them to be united with others. Is it the familiar foods or rituals — or is it something else? No one knows for sure but one thing is certain; the wonderful smell of fresh challah, chicken soup, and kugel, some standard rituals, as well as comradery with other Jews provided the wonderful feeling of being home — even for people who physical home was hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

"More than the Jews have kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept the Jews." So pithy and true but it took a devastating hurricane to bring home the point to this Jew. ☆

Join Temple Kol Tikvah Trip to Israel, October 22 to November 1

Temple Kol Tikvah in Davidson, NC, under the leadership of Rabbi Michael Shields, is organizing a trip to Israel. The trip is open to anyone who wishes to experience Israel first hand. Young or old, Jewish or not, first timer or a repeat traveler, everyone is welcome to join in this unique experience.

The trip itinerary is robust and includes the "essential Israel" stops as well as some unique opportunities sprinkled throughout. The all-inclusive cost is approximately \$3,600 per person. This includes the flights from Charlotte to Tel Aviv, nine days and eight nights in premium hotels and Kibbutz guesthouses, group travel and sightseeing throughout Israel with a certified tour guide, most meals, and other amenities.

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Jewish Family Services



Jewish Family Services, the Heart of the Community

By Harry Sparks, President, Jewish Family Services

As we enter into the Jewish New Year I am always energized by the opportunity we each have for renewal; the chance we are given to cleanse our souls by asking for forgiveness so we can truly get a fresh start.

And as in many years past, I have found myself feeling blessed

with family and community and motivated by the possibilities the New Year brings. But this year I also find myself conflicted by these feelings. Recently, I came across an article that talked about recognition for different social causes during the month of October. I could not believe how many there were. The number of causes has become so expansive it almost

diminishes real meaning for any particular cause until you realize the importance of them, like domestic violence, hunger, and mental health; all recognized during the month of October. And herein lies my conflict. How can I be so optimistic when I know so many in our community are suffering? How can someone who does not feel safe, or does not have enough food have a positive outlook? How can that same person who has an illness that does not allow them to control their own emotions or behaviors look to the future with hope?

And then I remind myself that within the confines of this wonderful campus we call Shalom Park, down a quiet hallway sits Jewish Family Services, "the heart of our community." As President of the Board of Directors of JFS,

I know all too well that the suffering I describe truly exists in our community. I also know that through a small, committed and talented staff, that the healing our community needs is taking place. I am in constant awe of the impact that JFS has on the people they serve. Each and every day the staff at JFS start anew to ensure that seniors in our community aren't feeling isolated or alone and that families who do not have enough food to feed their children are getting what they need. The staff at JFS is ensuring that women and children are safe and that people suffering from depression, anxiety or other mental illnesses that impact their day-to-day lives are being given the tools they need to manage their lives and be successful. Over the next year, JFS, along with our commu-

nity partners, will collectively and collaboratively implement an initiative to educate and raise awareness of the impact mental health has on our community. Look for both professional and community opportunities to engage in dialogue about the impact of mental illness on a family, learn the warning signs of suicide, access on-line resources and, of course, have professional support available when needed.

As you read this, I hope you are comforted, as I am, by knowing that we have JFS available and accessible to any and all of us in a time of need. Enclosed in this month's issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News* is our annual Family to Family campaign brochure. It is our hope that you take a moment to learn why JFS, "the heart of our community," is so important and how you can be the reason for hope and healing in our community. ☆



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Important Notice from the Foundation of Shalom Park

We have exciting news to share:

This fall Shalom Park will add a second exit lane to the main drive. When it is complete, exiting the park on Providence Road will be faster and more efficient. The project will necessitate closure of the main entrance for three weeks this fall.

Please look for more information and specific dates in upcoming agency newsletters and e-blasts.

School

Shalom Park Freedom School Concludes Another Successful Summer

In late July, the Shalom Park Freedom School (SPFS) wrapped up its seventh successful summer of providing a six week literacy, cultural enrichment and character building camp for 80 elementary

rytelling, Zumba, Community Garden, mindfulness training, and many more.

* A Great Day of D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) with community volunteers and our

lunches for our scholars.

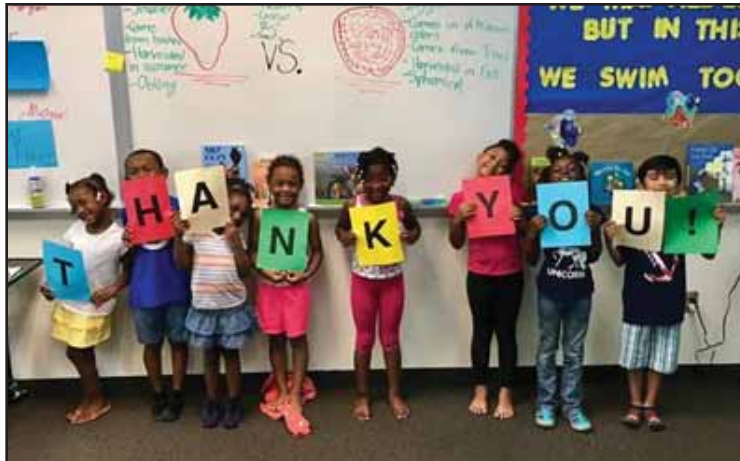
* Our Harambee readers, who started our scholars' days off with great books.

* Second Harvest Food Bank and donors Hendrick Automotive Group, Assistance League, and Walmart, who ensured that our 80 scholars took home backpacks filled with food that they could share with their families each weekend.

* Our college student Servant Leader Interns and Site Coordinator who are the front lines against summer reading loss and help operate the SPFS site.

* Our 33 Teen Board members who volunteered as classroom and administrative assistants full-time for two weeks, a total of 80 hours each.

Preparations for next summer's Freedom School will begin this fall. To learn how you can get involved, contact co-chairs Lisa Garfinkle (slgarfinkle@windstream.net) or Marcia Stern (chalcyce@aol.com). Stay connected with us all year long by following us on Facebook (Shalom Park Freedom School) or visiting our website (www.spfreedomsschool.org). ☆



Freedom School scholars are grateful to Shalom Park for a great summer

school-aged students on the LJCC campus.

Some highlights included:

* A visit from Hugo of the Charlotte Hornets and the Hornets Book Bus

* Performances of *The Little Mermaid* at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and *James and the Giant Peach* at CPCC

* Visits to Monkey Joe's, Sky High Trampoline Center, Ray's Splash Planet, and Discovery Place

* Roller skating, swim, and chess lessons, bowling and Scholastic Book Fairs

* Afternoon enrichment activities such as rocketry, linocuts, music, art, drama and dance, sto-

scholars.

A special thank you to:

* Our agency partners Levine JCC, Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Foundation of Shalom Park, Levine-Sklut Judaic Library, Jewish Family Services, and Charlotte Jewish Day School for providing facilities, logistical support, staff time and funding.

* Our more than 150 volunteers who served as reading buddies, afternoon activity assistants, field trip chaperones, site set up and break down helpers, photographers, and filled many other essential roles.

* Izzy's Catering, who prepared 4,350 breakfasts and

"God appeared to Solomon and said to him, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said to God, 'You have shown great kindness to David, my father, and have made me king in his stead ... Give me now wisdom and knowledge that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge these your people, that are so great?'"

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First Recipients of Vitner Family Scholarship Announced

CJDS is proud to announce the first recipients of the Vitner Family Scholarship, Rosie and Daniel David. Their daughter Sarah is a first grader at Charlotte Jewish Day School, moving to CJDS from public school. Rosie is the current Board President of the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, past PTO President, and has served on the steering committee for Joined in Education (JIE). She has volunteered at Super Sunday for the past three years and is active at the Ballantyne Jewish Center, where she has helped with Shabbatons and other holiday celebrations.

Amy and Mark Vitner established this scholarship as a reward to families who have shown an exceptional commitment to furthering Jewish life for their family and for the community in Charlotte. Amy and Mark have three children who graduated from CJDS. Since their children have graduated from CJDS and are experiencing success in school and positive growth as individuals, they want to make a Jewish education available to more families involved in the Jewish community. Amy, a past President of the Board of Directors at CJDS noted, "We are proud of the education and care that our children have received at CJDS and want more families to benefit from the Jewish values that are instilled in our children. We want to encourage and help active young families to experience and gain from this very special institution." Amy and Mark are very engaged members

of the Charlotte Jewish community, serving on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, The Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community, and the Hebrew Cemetery, in addition to CJP and CJDS.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to one family. The recipient will receive up to \$5000 towards CJDS tuition over a three-year period as follows:

- * Year 1-\$1000
- * Year 2-\$2000
- * Year 3-\$2000

The scholarship is a needs-blind reward for young parents who wish to give their children a quality education steeped in Jewish values, learning, and traditions and are deeply passionate about serving the Jewish community. Minimum eligibility requirements includes:

- * Must be a new family applying to Charlotte Jewish Day

School entering grades K-2

* Family shall be a member in good standing at a Temple in the Charlotte area.

* Minimum support of the Federation annual campaign of \$36 for the current campaign year.

* Letter of recommendation from a Jewish organization with whom you are affiliated.

* Financial need is not an eligibility factor.

The David's have two younger children, Noah and Jacob. We are excited to welcome the Davids to our CJDS community. ☆



The David family.

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JPS Searches for Missing Kippah

Morah Jayme and Avi are up to some fun adventures to begin the 2017-2018 school year at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis. This time, they began Avi's Kippah Adventures with our four-year-old classroom.

"Avi loves to do a mitzvah, but sometimes he doesn't get it quite right. Avi is always losing his favorite kippah. Don't worry, though, Avi's kippah is busy having adventures and doing mitzvot all on its own. Let's take a trip and see where Avi's kippah has been ..."

It works like this:

* Children take Avi's kippah on adventures and they take photos of where the kippah (and kids) have been.

* Families snap photos of those adventures and mitzvot

* Some ideas for Avi's kippah are taking it to run errands at the store or doing a mitzvah like helping a family member or friend, it could also be participating in daily schedules like brushing teeth or making challah, and possibly on some adventure like going to the park, to a game, or possibly on a trip with the family.

* Once the adventures have happened, and lots of photos taken, send the kippah to a family member or friend who lives in another place. Ask them to enjoy the same fun and to send the kippah and photos back.

As the family members return

the photos to the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, Morah Jayme will print the photos and the class will have a book to share their stories with one another. We can't wait to see where Avi's kippah ends up. How far do you think it will travel? What is the most exciting adventure do you think the kippah will experience?

JPS is excited to hear of the adventures and we hope you'll get to see some of the photos if you join us for Brunch in the Sukkah on

Sunday, October 8. See our ad on page 25 for details or contact our office at 704-364-8395 for more information. Chag Sameach Y'all! ☆



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Ring in Rosh Hashanah at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool

By Becca Weiner

At the Charlotte Jewish Preschool our half-day program started back right after Labor Day and it is wonderful to have all 250 of our students back in our building. With the new preschool year in full effect while Rosh Hashanah was quickly approaching, CJP students explored the value of *haht-chalah*, New Beginnings.

Our ones classes created Shanah Tovah, Happy New Year, cards and engaged families by exchanging them with each other using a mailbox at school. They also hand delivered New Year cards to Oasis members on September 18 as part of our new L'dor V'dor initiative. Each month one of our preschool classes will be visiting Oasis for a special teacher-driven program so that we can build connections and our students can learn from the elders of our community.

Our twos classes loved using light tables to look at honey, especially when there were seeds and apple chunks in there. This sensory activity allowed them to learn the word "sticky" and to see what the honey looks like when held up to a light.

Our threes classes learned about New Beginnings through the lifecycle of an apple seed. The classes planted apple seeds in zipper-seal bags with soil in them and hung them on their window so they could see how it grew daily. They learned how a seed needs sunlight and water to sprout from a seedling into an apple tree, and when we eat an apple we have a brand new opportunity to plant another apple seed.

Our fours classes set their Rosh Hashanah tables during their morning meetings. They saw how the Rosh Hashanah table differs from the Shabbat table – the *challah* is round, there are apples and honey, and the shofar is ready to be blown. We compared and contrasted Rosh Hashanah with Shabbat, and the fours continued to celebrate Rosh Hashanah in their dramatic play centers will of the necessary accoutrements.

As for Judaica, students particularly enjoyed blowing and hearing the shofar. Although only a few students got a sound out of the shofar, every student had the opportunity to touch, feel, and try their hand at blowing the shofar. Many expressed that it was difficult to do, but all of them tried something new and persisted at the activity. Shanah tovah u'metukah, we wish all of the families in our community a good and sweet new year. ☆



CJP Kids get to try out a shofar in Morah Becca's Judaica class.



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Community News

New Cultural Arts Programs at the JCC with PlayPlay, JSTAGE, and Fall Flicks

There has never been a busier time for the LJCC Cultural Arts programs and The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival (CJFF). Under the direction of Susan Cherin Gundersheim, Cultural Arts and CJFF Director, and Kayla Piscatelli, Cultural Arts Coordinator, there are two brand new programs coming this fall, in addition to the always stellar CJFF FallFlicks series.

Thanks to the LJCC Capital Campaign, Gorelick Hall is ready for the exciting new programs it will host this fall, with brand new LED lighting, a new sound system, and new curtains. Come check out PlayPlay, our brand new theatre experience designed for children from birth – three years. With its simple plots, live music, and floor seating with room to move around, PlayPlay has performed to sold out audiences at Children's Theatre of Charlotte and we are thrilled to bring their amazing shows to the LJCC for the 2017 – 2018 season. Pre-performance experience engages the audience before the show begins along with stimulating, inviting lights to encourage the youngest of theatre-goers to watch along.

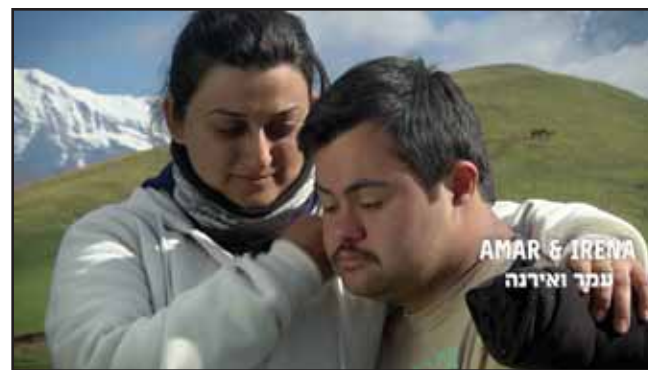
First up in October is *Uh-oh!*, where ordinary objects become

fun; in December we see how the greatest gifts come in the smallest packages in our holiday show wee; March brings *Shalom!*, a brand new show created for our JCC community; and in May the colors and sounds of the Spanish culture come alive in *Mi Casa*. Tickets are on sale now at charlottejcc.org/culturalarts and can be purchased for \$12 for individual shows ... or save with a season pass for all four shows for \$40.

Equally exciting but for an older crowd, JSTAGE announces its first professional production, *Bar Mitzvah Boy*, playing in the newly renovated Gorelick Hall October 19–22. *Bar Mitzvah Boy*, by Marc Leiren-Young, was the 2017 National and Charlotte winner of the Jewish Playwriting Contest. The play tells the story of a grandfather who finds new purpose through ritual and a Rabbi struggling to find her way after a tragedy, measuring a Jewish life and values through faith, suffering, children, joy, and community. Directed by Steven Levine and starring Stephanie DiPaolo and Rob Addison, *Bar Mitzvah Boy* evokes laughter one minute and tears the next, and is a theatrical experience not to be missed. Tickets can be purchased for \$18 at charlottejcc.org/cultur

alarts.

Lastly, after competing with the Panthers last fall, The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival has moved FallFlicks to Saturday evenings. We have a great line up of three films at Regal Ballantyne beginning in late October, and two directors scheduled to appear as special guests. *My Hero Brother*, an extraordinary Israeli film, in which a group of young people with Down syndrome embarks on a demanding trip through the Indian Himalayas, accompanied by their “typical” brothers and sisters, will play on Saturday, October 28 and director Yonatan Nir will join us after the film for a discussion. On Saturday November 4, we will screen *Past Life*, a hybrid detective thriller and heart-tugging melodrama based on a true story in which two Israeli sisters unravel the shocking truth about their father's murky WWII experiences. And on Saturday November 11, we welcome special guest director Brad Lichtenstein with his film *There Are Jews Here*, which focuses on four once-thriving Jewish communities in rural and small town America and how they struggle to maintain their traditions. Tickets for FallFlicks can be purchased at charlottejewishfilm.com and are only



“My Hero Brother”

\$10 each and \$25 for all three.

In addition to our series of FallFlicks films, we are excited to partner with Full Scale Productions for the free premiere of *Jewish American Soldiers: Stories of WWII*. This film tells the stories of Charlotte-area Jewish American World War II veterans and will screen as a bonus FallFlick on Sunday, November 12 at 3 PM at Regal Ballantyne. We would love

to see a packed house to honor these local heroes. See the story on on page 1 for more information.

Whether you are the parent of a baby or toddler, a busy family, or a senior citizen, come join us at the LJCC and add a little culture to your life. We hope to see you in the audience soon. See our ad on page 27 for even more details. ☆



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Jewish Family Services Receives Legacy Gift

Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte (JFS) and the Carolina Refugee Settlement Agency (CRRRA) have received legacy gifts from the estate of Daniel and Ellen Dubin to support their community work. Following Ellen's passing in late 2016, and Dan's in 2011, these gifts were made in accordance with their estate and legacy plans. The legacy gifts received by these two organizations were grants from the Dan and Ellen Dubin Donor Advised Fund, established at Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC) in 2009 to assist them with their charitable giving.

At a young age, Dan and Ellen Dubin were taught of their responsibilities to provide for others, especially those who were less fortunate. They saw it as a communal responsibility and made it part of their lives, leading by example and passing along those same traditions to their four children. They did so with their time as well as with their resources.

"What turned out to be one of the last conversations I had with my father," shares daughter Joyce, "was him reminding me of the importance of giving tzedakah." Daughter Adina adds "Even as children, my dad would take us with him to Costco a couple of times a year specifically to buy food and supplies to donate to JFS. We always had a conversation about what we were doing and why this was so important."

In 2000, the Dubin's had al-



Ellen and Dan Dubin (z"l)

ready established the Dubin-Feldman Food Endowment to support Jewish Family Services of Charlotte and memorialize Dan's uncle, Louis Feldman. "Uncle Lou" was fondly remembered by Dan, Ellen, Dan's brother, and their children as an unpretentious man with a big heart. Having experienced hunger as a child, Lou was especially concerned that other people not go hungry. The Dubins' support of CRRRA, formerly affiliated with Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), can be traced back to the organization's support of Ellen's grandfather when he arrived in this country from Eastern Europe. Ellen began working as the organization's volunteer coordinator in

1996 and eventually became the director of HIAS, NC. Over the years, Ellen was often reminded of her grandfather's story as she served the many Jewish and non-Jewish refugees assisted by the organization.

"Our parents were modest people," said son Adam, "and they cared deeply for the world around them." Noted son David, "They supported causes that were meaningful to them and they encour-

aged us to do so, in our own ways, as well."

In addition to utilizing their donor advised fund to support their legacy giving, Dan and Ellen were assisted by FCJC in arranging for their four children to serve collaboratively as the fund's successor advisors. In doing so, these assets are now available to pass down a family's philanthropic tradition to the next generation. The children are currently working with the University of Albany Hillel, where Dan and Ellen met. Because this organization deeply influenced their parents' personal and familial Jewish journeys, the children would like to establish a legacy there that will impact students for generations to come.

"Dan and Ellen Dubin were quiet and compassionate people who were committed to making the world a better place," said FCJC Executive Director Phil Warshauer. "During our visits they shared with me their love of family and their compassion for others. It's comforting to know that they will be remembered through their legacy gifts and the many shared memories that remain alive in the hearts of their children and grandchildren." ☆



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Moishe House October Events

Moishe House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community among Jewish young adults in their twenties and early thirties. Moishe House looks to fill the void that often exists after graduating college and prior to settling down. The organization brings together groups of three to five Jewish adults who live together and plan local programs, both home-based and external, for other young Jewish adults. There are currently 93 Moishe Houses in 22 countries around the world.

Moishe House Charlotte began in August 2013 and since then has hosted 130+ events ranging from service projects to social events to Jewish learning and more. We are always happy to see new and returning faces, so be sure to join us. We are currently looking for a new roommate. We are pleased to share with you our exciting events for this October:

Event 1: Pizza, Poker, and Philanthropy - Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 PM at Moishe House

The WE ARE campaign builds off of the notion of strength-in-numbers, where many members of a Moishe House community joining together and making personally meaningful financial contributions will make an enormously positive and powerful impact. And what better way to donate to your lovely Charlotte Moishe House, and Moishe Houses around the globe, than a.... poker night. You love them so we're throwing another. Food and drinks will be provided.

Event 2: Moishe House Without Walls Happy Hour - Thursday, October 5 at 6 PM at Thomas Street Tavern, 1218 Thomas Ave., Charlotte

Did you know that Moishe House will provide you funding in exchange for building your own ideal Jewish community? It's a good gig. Join Moishe House Without Walls (MHWOW) Administrator Leah Jalfon and MoHo Charlotte over brews to learn how to become eligible for the program.

Event 3: Bonfire at MoHo - Friday, October 13 at 7:30 PM at Moishe House

Fall is finally here and you know what that means - s'mores. Join MoHo Charlotte for a backyard bonfire. We will provide exciting s'mores materials (read: chocolate and Reese's cups) but please bring a snack to share.

Event 4: Dinner and a Movie - Thursday, October 19 at 6 PM. Dinner at Yafo. Movie at Phillips Place.

We will start the night off right at Yafo for some dinner and then head to Phillips Place for one of the 7 PM movies. Vote on our survey for which movie you'd like to see. And when we get out the night will still be young.

Event 5: Pumpkin Brunch Potluck - Sunday, October 29 at 11 AM at Moishe House Charlotte

It's that time of year when anything that can be eaten with pumpkin should be eaten with pumpkin. So, MoHo will be opening our home for a pumpkin brunch

potluck. We are asking all Moishe's to bring a pumpkin-themed dish and we will provide a fully stocked Bloody Mary bar.

To learn more about Moishe House Charlotte, visit us at www.moishehousecharlotte.org/houses/charlotte or check us out on facebook: www.facebook.com/MoisheHouseCharlotte. To contact us, please e-mail mohocharlotte@gmail.com. ☆



From Politics to Protests – Ideas for Engaging in Critical Conversations

By Jackie Fishman, Education Consultant for the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice

We live in extremely difficult times. How do we, as parents, teachers, neighbors, and community members, engage with one another in talking about current events that are shocking, painful and too frequently, echo the horrid voices of the worst of both our Jewish and our American past? From responding to the protests in Charlotte last fall to processing the horror of neo-Nazis marching in Charlottesville two months ago, the past year has been filled with legal, political, civic, and ethical dilemmas that confound many of us. All of us are asking questions that don't have easy answers.

The Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte has suggestions that may both clarify and complicate your thinking about race. We hope they en-

hance your ability to do the work of Tikkun Olam, repairing our world.

Read and research. Identify the issue at the core of the current event you want to address and read articles reflecting diverse perspectives on credible websites. (Visit the "validating resources" under "teacher resources" on our website.) Challenge your worldview by digging deeper than the headlines and the social media posts that flash before you. In order to take part in productive conversations about the history of race, slavery, the Civil War and Reconstruction in the United States, you may need background. Our past has a powerful impact upon our present, and beliefs from those times have been the impetus

for a great deal of terror and violence, but also have inspired many social movements committed to justice and democratic ideals.

Be brave and vulnerable. Ask yourself and others how they feel about discussing race, class, or gender. Is it difficult? Why? Are these feelings valid? Where do they come from? Acknowledge them and use them for your own critical thinking and participating in meaningful conversations.

Confirm your values. Do some serious thinking about what principles guide your life. Is their source religious, political or ethical? Consider how you put them into practice in your daily life. What actions reflect those values

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Sukkot
Thursday, October 5 1-9:30pm
Sukkot
Friday, October 6 1-5pm
Erev Shemini Atzeret
Wednesday, October 11 5:30am-6pm
Shemini Atzeret
Thursday, October 12 1-6pm
Simchat Torah
Friday, October 13 1-5pm

Pick up a flyer with detailed info on fitness classes and hours at the LJCC Customer Service Desk or visit charlottejcc.org

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NM/\$5.50 per hour

Reservations Required! 704-366-5007, or visit LJCC Customer Service.

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Players must be approved by tennis staff to enroll in this class if they are not currently on a CRUSH Team. Emphasis placed on point construction, rally skills, and basic tennis conditioning. Twice per week recommended for all competitive players. Open to all 10 and under team tennis players.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

5-6:30pm

September 5 – December 7 (36 sessions)

M/\$240 B/\$180 NM/\$300 for any 10 sessions

Best College for Me & Financial Aid 101

10th – 12th Grade

Are you starting to look at and apply to college? There are a lot of factors to think about when choosing a school. Student life, athletics, programs, even food options. There is also Financial Aid, what to ask for and are there other options if you don't receive as much as you need? Join us for two great discussions to help put you in the right direction. Registration is required.

Sunday, October 15

2-3:30pm

M/\$10 (\$20 for families up to 4 members) B/Free

NM/\$15 (\$30 for families up to 4 members)



The Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center
Board of Directors 31st Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 • 7:00pm
Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts

Election of Officers & Directors & Recognizing Volunteers

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LEVINE JCC Cultural Arts

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

Playplay!
Theatre for the Very Young
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(ages 5 and under)
Friday, Oct 13 • 2:00
Saturday, Oct 14 • 1:00 | 3:00
Sunday, Oct 15 • 10:00 | 12:00
\$12 per ticket

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Bar Mitzvah Boy
(ages 13 and up)
Thursday, Oct 19 • 7:00
Saturday, Oct 21 • 2:00 | 7:00
Sunday, Oct 22 • 2:00
\$18 per ticket

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PRESENTS

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Saturday, Oct 28 • 7:15
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Sukkot in the Vineyards and Orchards

Adults 21+

Celebrate Sukkot and Fall in the beautiful North Carolina Mountains. Come join the LJCC on our all-day excursion to Burntshirt Vineyards and an Apple Orchard in Hendersonville, NC. Space is limited - RSVP and pay by Monday, October 2.

Sunday, October 8 (Rain or Shine)

Bus Departs from LJCC at 10am, returns by 7pm
M/\$80 B/ \$75 NM/\$90

**Includes Transportation/Box Lunch/Private Tour/
Private 14-Wine Tasting/Souvenir Glass/No charge
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704-944-6753 or sharri.benjamin@charlottejcc.org

Judaism for the Curious

Are you curious about Judaism? Throughout the coming year the Oasis Senior Enrichment Program will be offering monthly classes on Judaism designed to educate, motivate, and inspire you to live life with the use of timeless Jewish wisdom. Rabbi Oppenheim will explore a different topic each month.

October topic: What Judaism say about KINDNESS

Monday, October 2 • 1-2pm

FSP Board Room

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Ladies' Night Out: Cuisine & Craft

Create a simple, fashionable T-Shirt scarf while enjoying dinner at Grapes Wine Bar in Matthews.

2233 Matthews Township Pkwy, Matthews, NC 28105

Thursday, November 2

6:30pm

M/\$20 NM/\$25 Plus cost of dinner

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Flu Shot Clinic AT THE LJCC

Monday, October 9

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9am-4pm

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Free dinner limited to first 200 persons.

November 9 • 6-8pm

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Hebrew Cemetery's 150th Anniversary Gala

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of The Hebrew Cemetery Association, thank you to our sponsors, our donors, our members, and all who attended our 150th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, August 26 at the Levine Museum of the New South. Our month-long fundraising campaign raised in excess of \$75,000 for our maintenance and capital programs. Your generosity and support helps ensure that our next generation will be well on their way to celebrating the Cemetery's 200th birthday in 2067.

Noteworthy announcements: Bill Gorelick and Marc Silverman were presented with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their commitment and service to our Cemetery. Steve Hockfield was presented with an award for his more than 20 years of legal service to our Cemetery. All three were named Lifetime Members in The Hebrew Cemetery Association. Brian Yesowitch was named as the first "Hilbert Fuerstman Honorary Historical Chair." Thank you to

Glenn Fishkin and Full Scale Productions for producing the excellent video of our Hebrew Cemetery and to Art Mattos of ARTSHOTS Photography for the wonderful photographs of the evening.

Contact Sandra Goldman if you wish to view our video or the photographs of the celebration and if you wish to become a Cemetery Association member. ✨



Marc Silverman, Mike Littauer, Bill Gorelick, Steve Hockfield



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Women's News

The Events of Celebrate The Tatas 2017

Soccer Tournament of Champions

Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8

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9 AM-3:30 PM
Shalom Park

Raise a Glass

Wednesday, October 25, 6 PM

With Hadassah National VP
Carol Ann Schwartz
3214 Gray Moss Rd.

Little Reveal

Thursday, October 26, 11:30
AM-2:30 PM

Maggiano's: dedication, lunch,
live auction, and more

For more info, visit celebrate-thetatas.com. ☆



Your Free 2017-2018 Charlotte Area Jewish Community Directory

Hadassah Charlotte has lots of exciting news about the 2017-2018 Directory. The most important news- the 2017-2018 Charlotte Area Jewish Community Directory is being distributed for free. That's right - you can pick up your copy of the Directory for free at the front desk of the Levine Jewish Community Center starting Monday, October 2. There will also be copies at Ohr HaTorah, Temple Beth El, and Temple Israel.

Novant Health is the sponsor of the 2017-2018 Charlotte Area Jewish Community Directory. Their generous sponsorship has enabled us to triple the number of books printed and to distribute the Directory free of charge to the Jewish community. Thank you, Novant Health. This year Hadassah Charlotte went online to update listings and to better serve our advertisers. Many important changes took place behind the scenes to improve the accuracy, relevance, and availability of the 2017-2018 Directory. The Directory will be mailed to all the women who are the generous patrons of the Directory. Thank you to everyone who completed the online listing update form, and you can also get your copy of the Directory for free. As always, any

member of the Charlotte area Jewish community can be listed, for no charge, in the Directory.

Please patronize our wonderful advertisers, the businesses, and professionals who support our community and our Directory through their ads.

Thanks again to Novant, our advertisers and all the Hadassah Charlotte volunteers who made this new Directory a reality. ☆

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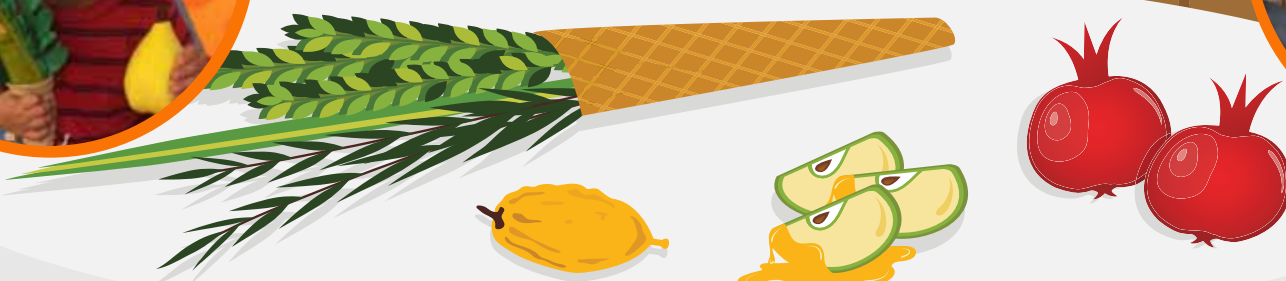


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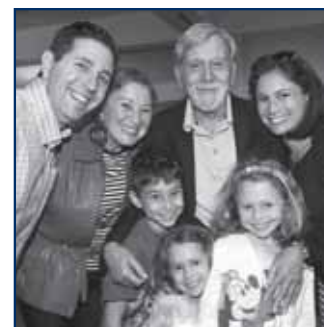
Sunday, October 8
9:00 - 10:30 am



Shake the etrog and lulav, nosh & enjoy new friends!
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6619 Sardis Road | Kindly RSVP to info@jpsonsardis.org





Support of Shalom Park Security Expenses

Dear Shalom Park Families and Individuals:

Safety and security on Shalom Park is one of the Foundation's primary duties, and we take this very seriously. As a result of events at the beginning of this year, **the Foundation of Shalom Park took immediate action to increase security on Shalom Park**, including the following measures:

- Increased Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) hours by more than 400%,
- Increased contracted security by more than 25%, and
- Engaged a 3rd party security consulting company to review all policies and procedures, and to work with staff to develop priorities for safety and security planning and training. The company also made recommendations for capital improvements to increase safety and mitigate risks.

In 2017, the Foundation refocused its partnership with the Security Council, which includes the FBI, Homeland Security, and CMPD, to deepen its strong relationships with law enforcement and to enhance ongoing two-way communication. We have made significant progress implementing the 3rd party guidance via these actions:

- Purchased a security vehicle that is consistently used in Park patrols,
- Implemented procedures for handling 27 possible events ranging from suspicious person to civil unrest,
- Developed an ongoing training program that will continue year-to-year, and
- Completed security training for nearly all employees prior to the beginning of the High Holy Days.

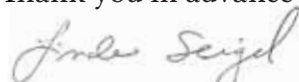
Furthermore, the Foundation continues to be proactive about equipment upgrades, traffic flow improvements and inter-agency communication.

Increased security for 2017 cost an additional \$182,000, and this unbudgeted amount is being absorbed by the Foundation's reserves, as well as by the Partners and organizations that call Shalom Park home. Security costs on Shalom Park now are projected to be **70.3% greater than last year**.

The Foundation is committed to maintaining this level of security, which is budgeted at \$416,000 in 2018. We will need your financial support to achieve our campaign goal of \$160,000. A suggested contribution of **\$180 per household** will enable us to provide the appropriate level of protection for children and families who enjoy the activities and services on the Park.* While any donation is gratefully accepted, if you are able, please consider a gift of **\$360, \$540 or more** to supplement those unable to contribute.

The security of our community is paramount. To make your contribution **please complete and return the form on the reverse side of this letter**. Your generous donation will help the Foundation maintain a robust security program in 2018.

Thank you in advance for your support,


Linda Seigel, President



This letter is endorsed by the following leaders at Shalom Park:

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Engaging in
Critical
Conversations

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in your family and community life?

Contribute. Turn study, feelings, and beliefs into actions by speaking out against discrimination and becoming intentionally involved in activities that confirm your commitment to stand against negative forces in our community and country.

The Greenspon Center is here to help you explore, discuss and work for change. Please contact us at www.stangreensponcenter.org/

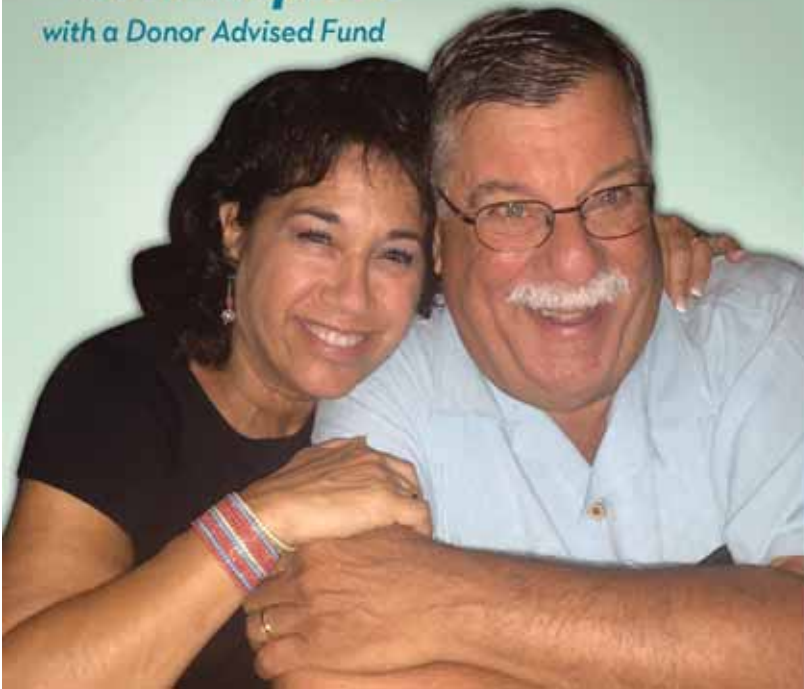
Below are a few resources you may wish to begin with.

- Ta-Nehesi Coates, *Between the World and Me.*
- “What I said when my white friend asked for my black opinion on white privilege” (onbeing.org)
- “What is the ‘altright’?” by Cory Collins (tolerance.org)
- Antifa: Left-wing militants on the rise* (bbc.com)
- Black Lives Matter (blacklivesmatter.com)
- Anti-Defamation League (adl.org)
- The Equal Justice Initiative (eji.org) ☆

A person who walks his path in life without regard to ethical standards is like a blind man who does not now his journey is along the bank of a river. The person can at any moment succumb to the dangers of a wrong step and the odds are more certainly toward his being hurt than escaping harm.”

– Moses Luzzatto,
The Path of the Upright

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2017

Uh-Oh! (ages 5 and under)
Friday, Oct 13 • 2:00
Saturday, Oct 14 • 1:00 | 3:00
Sunday, Oct 15 • 10:00 | 12:00

Bar Mitzvah Boy (ages 13 and up)
Thursday, Oct 19 • 7:00
Saturday, Oct 21 • 2:00 | 7:00
Sunday, Oct 22 • 2:00

Fall Flicks (ages 13 and up)
Saturday, Oct 28 • 7:15
Saturday, Nov 4 • 7:15
Saturday, Nov 11 • 7:15
Sunday, Nov 12 • 3:00

Children of Eden (ages 5 and up)
Saturday, Dec 9 • 2:00 | 7:00
Sunday, Dec 10 • 2:00 | 7:00
Saturday, Dec 16 • 2:00 | 7:00
Sunday, Dec 17 • 2:00 | 7:00

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Dec 21 • 10:00 | 12:00 | 2:00
Dec 22 • 10:00 | 12:00 | 2:00
Dec 23 • 1:00 | 3:00

2018

Core Festival (ages 13 and up)
February 10 – March 4

Holding Out For A Hero (ages 5 and up) (Kids Musical)
Saturday, Mar 3 • 2:00
Sunday, Mar 4 • 2:00

Shalom! (ages 5 and under)
Friday, Mar 23 • 2:00
Saturday, Mar 24 • 1:00 | 3:00
Sunday, Mar 25 • 10:00 | 12:00

Jewish Playwriting Contest (ages 13 and up)
Saturday, Apr 14 • 7:00

JCabaret! (ages 13 and up)
Saturday, Apr 21 • 7:00

Mi Casa (ages 5 and under)
Friday, May 4 • 2:00
Saturday, May 5 • 1:00 | 3:00
Sunday, May 6 • 2:00 | 4:00

Pippin (ages 13 and up)
Saturday, Jun 2 • 2:00 | 7:00
Sunday, Jun 3 • 5:00

CHARLOTTE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

2017 2018

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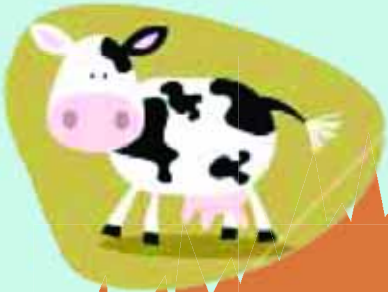
PlayPlay!
Theatre for the Very Young

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Tickets for CJFF available at charlottejewishfilm.com **All Tickets ON SALE NOW**



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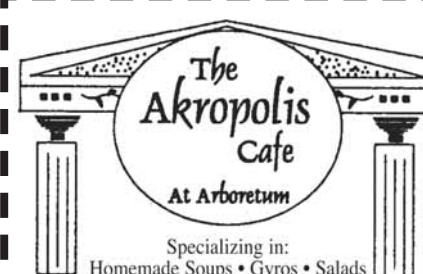
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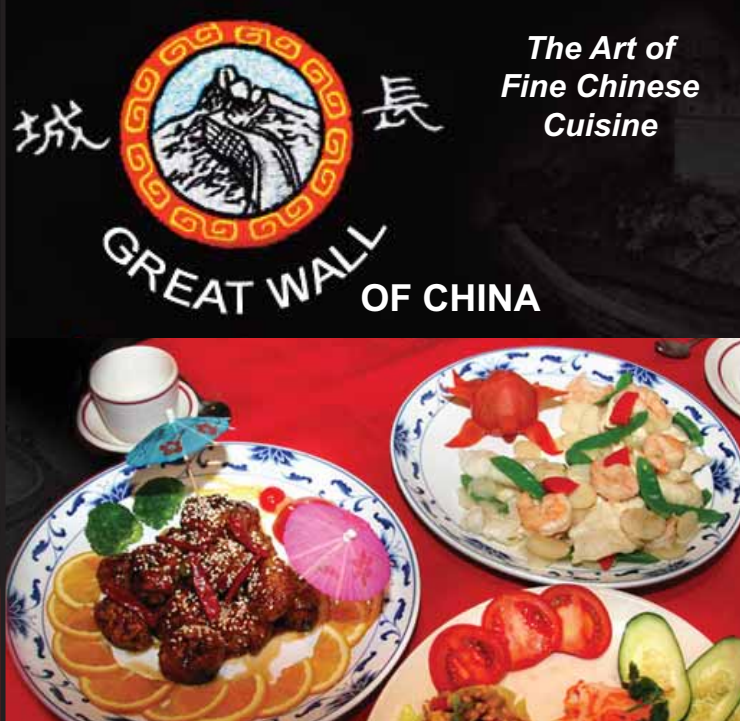


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JCRI Urges Members of the Charlotte Jewish Community to Help Fund DACA Renewals

By Amy Lefkof

In response to President Trump's phased termination of the DACA program (deferred action for childhood arrivals) and the looming October 5 deadline for filing DACA renewals, Rabbi Asher Knight of Temple Beth El spoke out on the likely impact of the President's rescission of DACA:

"It will likely affect hundreds of thousands of people, tear apart families, send people underground, make people unemployable, and possibly lead to deportations. What happens when hundreds of thousands of Dreamers become refugees in their own country?"

The rescission prompted the Jewish Community Refugee Initiative (JCRI), through several of its Shalom Park partners and the Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Action, to send out a clarification call to members of the Charlotte Jewish community. See full statement on JCRI's website, charlottejcri.org.

JCRI indicated that one way to help DACA youth submit their renewal requests by the October 5 deadline is to donate to the DACA fund at Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy (CCLA), formerly Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, since the hefty filing fee of

\$495 is a steep financial barrier for any young person with just a few weeks' notice.

CCLA Executive Director, Kenneth Schorr, a member of Temple Beth El, announced that CCLA will be hosting several renewal clinics to provide application assistance. A generous donor from the Jewish community has pledged to match up to \$25,000 in gifts towards this effort. Donations to CCLA's DACA fund must be made by October 5 for the matching grant to apply.

Tax-deductible donations to CCLA with DACA in the memo line can be made either by check to CCLA at 1431 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28204, or through CCLA's website at www.charlottelegaladvocacy.org. Go to "donate now" button and select DACA from drop down list.

Other ways to defend DACA: attend educational programs on the Bipartisan Dream Act, volunteer at DACA workshops, or contact members of the House of Representatives as well as Senators Burr and Tillis to express views on the proposed 2017 DREAM Act.

In a statement posted on JCRI's website, Rabbi Murray Ezring of Temple Israel implored mem-

bers of the Jewish community to act:

"The Torah reminds us that we have always been strangers in strange lands. The United States has been a welcoming and secure home for us. Being American citizens and Jews draws together both our human and spiritual beings in a way that makes us uniquely able to understand the plight of the Dreamers. The government's removal of DACA protections changes the basic concepts of freedom and welcome on which this country was founded. Remaining silent is a betrayal of our Jewish and American values—we must speak out while we can." ☆



Who Are the Jewish 'Dreamers'?

By Ron Kampeas

(JTA) - Our email inboxes were stuffed in September with statements from Jewish organizations urging continued protection for "Dreamers," undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States as children.

out in its concern not just about Dreamers, but Jewish Dreamers.

"It affects hundreds of thousands of young people, including many in the Jewish community, who have grown up and been educated in the United States, the only home they have known," the



Immigrants and DACA supporters rallying across the street from the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Las Vegas, Sept. 10, 2017. (Ethan Miller/Getty Images)

Last Monday, President Donald Trump said he was giving six months notice to end the DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, launched by his predecessor, Barack Obama, in 2011. Trump has signaled a willingness to sign congressional legislation that would codify its provisions.

One statement, though, from Agudath Israel of America, stood

haredi Orthodox organization said in its statement issued Thursday.

We covered one such Dreamer who has become an activist, Elias Rosenfeld of Boston (see story on next page), but I was curious about the "many in the Jewish community" in the release. Agudah put me in touch with David Grunblatt, the lay chairman of its

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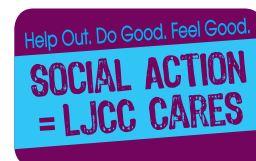


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A Jewish 'Dreamer' is Scared, but Refuses to Despair

By Penny Schwartz

Boston (JTA) - At 15, Elias Rosenfeld became a "Dreamer."

At the time, the Venezuela native was attending Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School in Miami, where he had lived since he was six years old, when his Jewish family moved to South Florida from Caracas. His mother was a media executive and they traveled to the United States on an L1 visa, which allows specialized, managerial employees to work for the U.S. office of a parent company.

But tragedy struck the family: When Rosenfeld was in the fifth grade, his mother was diagnosed with kidney cancer. She died two years later.

In high school, Rosenfeld applied for a driver's permit, only to find out that he lacked the required legal papers. He discovered that his mother's death voided her visa. He and his older sister were undocumented.

"It was an embarrassing moment for me," Rosenfeld recalled more than five years later.

Within five months, in June 2012, President Barack Obama signed an executive order, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, granting temporary, renewable legal status to young unauthorized immigrants who had been brought to America by their parents as children.

Known as DACA, the order opened up a world of opportunities for some 800,000 young people



Elias Rosenfeld, a sophomore at Brandeis University, speaking at a rally at Boston's Faneuil Hall hours after President Trump announced he was rescinding DACA protections for some 800,000 young people, Sept. 5, 2017. (Jeremy Burton/JCRC of Greater Boston)

who were now able to apply for driver's licenses, temporary work permits, and college.

"Dreamers" refers to a bipartisan bill, known as the Dream Act, that would have offered them a path to legal residency.

"It was the power of one order that can so directly change one's life," Rosenfeld said. "That launched me. I became an advocate."

He launched United Student Immigrants, a nonprofit to assist undocumented students that has been credited with raising tens of thousands of dollars for help with scholarships and applications.

Rosenfeld, now a 20-year-old sophomore at Brandeis University

on a full scholarship, spoke with JTA at a rally outside of this city's Faneuil Hall, just hours after President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced they would rescind DACA. The president gave Congress a six-month window to preserve the program through legislation. Or not.

The Boston protest was organized by the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, where Rosenfeld is an intern. He shared his story with several hundred people at the quickly organized rally.

He explained that DACA enabled him to drive, buy his first car, and apply for internships,

jobs, and scholarships.

"Today's news was cruel and devastating. Now is not the time of despair, however, but to put our energy towards effective action," he said, urging the crowd to work for protective legislation at the federal and state levels. There are some 8,000 DACA residents in Massachusetts.

Several Jewish communal leaders attended the rally, including Jeremy Burton, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, and Jerry Rubin, president of Jewish Vocational Services. Representatives from the New England Jewish Labor Committee, which helped spread the word of the rally, held signs in the crowd.

Another Dreamer, Filipe Zamborini, who came to the U.S. from Brazil when he was 12 and now works as a career coach at Jewish Vocational Services, also spoke.

"We're going to mourn today," Zamborini, 28, told the assembly.

Rosenfeld said the Trump administration's decision was disturbing and unsettling.

"There's a high level of fear and anxiety in DACA communities," he told JTA.

Rosenfeld recalls too well the sting and uncertainty of being undocumented.

"It means you can't do everything your peers and your friends are doing. You feel American, but you are suffering these consequences from choices you didn't make," he said.

But he also sounded a note of optimism, pointing out that Trump called on Congress to act.

"We hope Congress follows their president's word now and does the job of passing one of the



The New England Jewish Labor Committee helped spread the word about a rally in Boston in support of DACA, Sept. 5, 2017. (Marion Davis/Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition)

many pieces of legislation" before them, Rosenfeld said.

He readily admits to feeling scared and anxious.

"But I'm also feeling empowered and motivated from seeing

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Who Are the Jewish Dreamers?

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immigration task force and the co-head of the immigration department at Proskauer, a major law firm.

Grunblatt told me that he started hearing from Jewish Dreamers almost as soon as Agudah put out a release offering to assist them, soon after DACA was launched in 2012.

He said the number of Jewish Dreamers among the 800,000 known to have applied for protections under DACA was “not huge but not negligible,” and there were a variety of reasons for their illegal status among the cases he has handled.

“They tried to apply for a green card or for employment sponsorship, and it went wrong and they’ve been here five or six or

seven years and they’re not going anywhere,” Grunblatt said. “Or a family comes here because someone in the family needs medical treatment, they stay six months, another six months, another six months and the situation is resolved one way or the other - but the family is here.”

In some cases, he said, parents successfully obtain green cards but fail to obtain them for their children.

The case of Rosenfeld, a Venezuelan native, involved an illness: His mother, a media executive, traveled to the United States on an L1 visa, which allows specialized, managerial employees to work for the U.S. office of a parent company. When he was in the fifth grade, his mother was diag-

nosed with kidney cancer. She died two years later.

Grunblatt said that in one case, he was contacted by an all-girls school.

“They discovered one of the girls in the school was undocumented because they were going on a school trip to Canada and the kid didn’t even know [if] she was documented,” he said.

That’s fairly common, said Melanie Nezer, a vice president at HIAS, the lead Jewish organization handling immigration advocacy.

“If a child is brought over when they’re a baby or a very young child, they just grow up American,” she said. “They speak English — why would they think they’re different from anyone else?”

While support for the Dreamers has been fairly bipartisan, and Jewish organizational consensus

is for a solution that lets them stay in the country, some Jews have major qualms about the program — especially with the way it was created by executive order under Obama.

“If the Obama administration wanted to implement the DACA program, it should have made the case to Congress and try to pass its proposal into law,” Rep. Lee Zeldin of New York, one of two Jewish Republicans in Congress, said in a statement. “The administration absolutely did not have the authority to write its own ‘laws.’

“If the proposal did not have the support to pass, then it should not go into effect. That is how our process is designed and must be respected.”

Zeldin said he is “open” to debating the issue with his colleagues, but “[m]y priority will always unapologetically remain with fighting for the people fol-

lowing the laws rather than the ones breaking them.”

Nezer said her impression was that the majority of Dreamers fit the profile that gets the most prominent play in the media: those who arrive here as babies or toddlers with their parents from Mexico or Central America.

But, she said, that the population is more diverse than that template — and includes Jews — should not surprise members of the Jewish community.

“Our parents and grandparents took these risks not for themselves but for us,” Nezer said. “And that’s exactly what the Dreamers’ parents did.”

Few lives track an easy trajectory, Grunblatt said, and Dreamers are no different.

“It’s life,” he said. “Things happen in life, plans go awry, ambitions fail and people end up here.” ☆

Jewish “Dreamer” is Scared

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the outpouring of support,” locally and across the country, he said.

To DACA opponents, including Jewish supporters of Trump, Rosenfeld asks them to look at the facts and the stories of people like himself.

“I don’t think it aligns with our values, with Jewish values and the Jewish community,” he said of a policy that would essentially strip a generation of people raised here of official recognition.

Rosenfeld cited the activism of a group called Torah Trumps Hate, which opposes policies that it considers anathema to values contained in Jewish teachings.

Growing up, his family attended synagogue often and celebrated Shabbat and Jewish holidays.

Despite the hardships he faced following his mother’s death, Rosenfeld excelled in high school.

He completed 13 Advanced Placement courses and ranked among the top 10% of his graduating class, according to a Miami-Dade County school bulletin. Rosenfeld was widely recognized as a student leader, receiving several awards and honors. During the presidential campaign, he volunteered for the Hillary Clinton campaign.

Many students who were undocumented live in constant fear, even after receiving temporary legal status under DACA, Rosenfeld said.

“There is fear behind the shadows,” he said. “We are always behind the shadows.”

Earlier in the day, before the president’s announcement, Brandeis President Ron Liebowitz sent a letter to Trump urging him not to undo DACA.

“Here at Brandeis University, we value our DACA students, who enrich our campus in many ways and are integral to our community,” the letter said. “Reversing DACA inflicts harsh punishment on the innocent. As a nation founded by immigrants, we can, should, and must do better.”

Rosenfeld was attracted to Brandeis both for its academics and its commitment to social justice.

He is studying political science, sociology and law, with plans to continue his advocacy work on behalf of immigrants. He

hopes one day to attend law school and work in politics or practice law.

With a full schedule of courses and volunteer work, Rosenfeld gets by without much sleep, he acknowledged with an easy laugh.

The Brandeis administration

has been supportive, he said, and there is a meeting later this week on campus to discuss school policy on the issue.

Asked what America means to him, Rosenfeld does not hesitate.

“It means my country. It’s my home. There’s a connection. I

want to contribute,” he said. “I just don’t think it’s valuable to want to kick out people that want to contribute to this country.” ☆

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Sunday, Oct. 8 at 11:30 am

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These Jerusalem Sukkahs are Nicer than Yours

By Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman

Jerusalem (JTA) — Amit Zakoon's flower business started with a seed — literally — but it quickly grew into one of Jerusalem's premier purveyors of luxury sukkahs.

"We work for all the rich and famous," Zakoon, the owner and CEO of Yarok Yarok Events Design, told JTA.

Studio Ya Ya, as Zakoon's clients call the business, is known for executing weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, and parties for Jerusalem's A-list, including visiting U.S. presidents (from Bush to Obama) to big-time philanthropists like the Bronfmans.

These kinds of upscale events may keep Zakoon and team busy year-round, but Sukkot (which is October 5-12 this year) is Studio Ya Ya's time to shine. The joyous festival, which commemorates both the harvest and the Exodus from Egypt, transforms Jerusalem: Thousands of pilgrims make their way to the Western Wall, sukkahs sprout on seemingly every balcony and celebrations are widespread throughout the city.

Studio Ya Ya designs many of Jerusalem's largest and finest sukkahs, including those at the Waldorf Astoria, King David and Inbal hotels, as well as the president's residence and the Bible Lands Museum. Over the years, its sukkahs have ranged from "biblical" — incorporating natural woods and fresh Jerusalem herbs



The sukkah designed by Studio Ya Ya in 2010 for the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel employed a massive, palm tree centerpiece threaded with tiny red flowers. (Courtesy of Yarok Yarok Events Design)

into a design — to elegant, with a decor featuring strategically placed, plastic pomegranates painted in metallic shades.

Such luxury doesn't come cheap: Hotels pay \$35,000 to \$75,000 for their Ya Ya sukkahs, Zakoon said, while design services for private clients range from \$3,000 to \$25,000.

"The sukkahs must be the most magnificent," he said. "All the rich and famous come to the hotels, they come to their private second homes in Jerusalem and this holiday is one of the most important to them."

For Zakoon and his team, that

means the pressure is on. In addition to creating a visually stunning sukkah, the designers need to understand both the philosophical background of the holiday, as well as the legal requirements of building a kosher sukkah that will work for even the most religious guests.

"We can make an amazing design, but if it's not kosher, it's not worth one shekel," Zakoon said.

For example, the sukkah's "roof," or "schach," must be made of predominantly natural ingredients, said Rabbi Morey Schwartz, director of education for the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning. The schach

should provide more shade than sun, be open enough to see the stars — or at least that you'd get wet if it started to rain.

While his clients may see rain as a blessing, for Zakoon it presents a challenge: He can't use paper displays, paintings or any material that could be destroyed by the elements.

The length of the decorations is also a consideration. Those up to 12 1/2 inches can be considered part of the schach, but anything longer is considered something separate, which could present a problem — those in the sukkah must be sitting under the schach. Thus longer decorations need to be very narrow. Ya Ya uses thin ribbons, for example, to add length but avoid conflict with Jewish law, and hangs larger decorations or lights directly above the tables, so visitors don't risk sitting under them.

It's not enough to get the details mostly right — Ya Ya's design manager, Noa Kirshberg, said at some hotels, a rabbi gets on a ladder and takes exact measurements.

Fortunately, Jewish law doesn't preclude stunning sukkahs — Kirshberg shows a reporter an album filled with photos of scrambling grape vines that were used to accent the Waldorf's sukkah one year, to tables strewn with vases full of corn poppies and daffodils leveraged in a private home.

Studio Ya Ya starts planning for Sukkot as early as a year in advance. But when the holiday actu-

ally arrives, so does another challenge: While the structures can be erected ahead of time, the sukkahs cannot be decorated far in advance because the flowers will wilt.

Since Studio Ya Ya designs and maintains as many as 20 sukkahs — ranging in size from nine to 4,900 square feet — Zakoon hires up to 40 freelancers, who work round the clock in the days leading up to the holiday. Because flowers cannot be maintained on yom tov — the first one to two days of the holiday, with laws similar to those of Shabbat — the Ya Ya team rotates among its sukkahs on the interim days to change out arrangements and freshen up anything that has shifted.

Another consideration? Repeat customers. Kirshberg noted that because hotels tend to get the same visitors year after year, Ya Ya aims for a fresh design annually.

Also, each of the hotel's sukkahs must be unique and match the hotel's existing ambience.

"The Waldorf is luxurious and the King David is traditional," she said.

Studio Ya Ya's hard work doesn't just enhance the experience for hotel and museum guests, said Schwartz — the company is doing a mitzvah, too.

"Beautification is considered greater sanctification of God's name," he said. ☆

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