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Israel@70 Events Continue in February

Join us as we continue to mark 70 years of statehood by exploring Israel's extraordinary people, culture, history, and politics. Speakers, performers, artists, and celebrations will showcase the complexity and diversity of contemporary Israel in a series of programs designed to entertain, educate, and inspire. See page 34 for an Israel@70 event snapshot.

February 7

Federation and AIPAC Present Bret Stephens, New York Times
Changing Tides of the Middle East

7 PM: Dessert Reception
7:30 PM: Program
Sam Lerner Center

Bret Stephens joined the *New York Times* as a columnist and associate editor in April 2017. Prior to that he had been at *The Wall Street Journal*, as well as the paper's deputy editorial page edi-



Bret Stephens

tor. Before that, he was editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Post*, a position he assumed in 2002 at the age of 28. Bret was born in New York and raised in Mexico City. He is the author of *America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder*, which Niall Ferguson called a "shrewd, sharp and shamelessly unfashionable defense of Ameri-

can power as a force for good." He has won numerous awards and distinctions, including the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary.

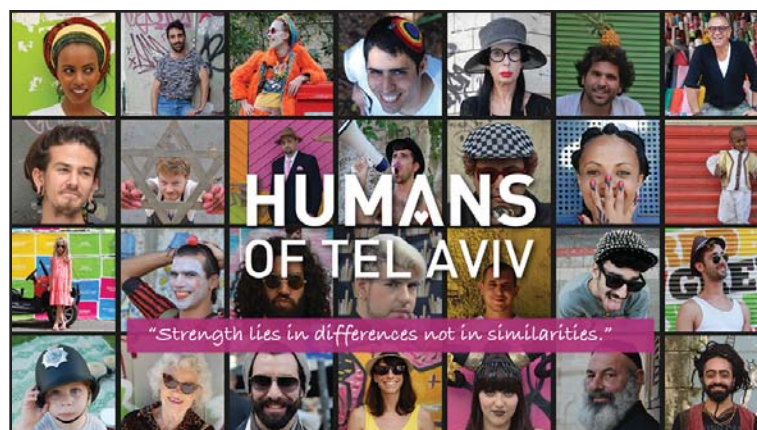
February 27

Humans of Tel Aviv Photo Exhibit

Erez Kagonovitz, Photojournalist

7 PM: Pre-Reception
7:30 PM: Program
Spirit Square

The Humans of Tel Aviv project began in 2012 when journalist and photographer Erez Kagonovitz came across a photo from the blog, Humans of New York, which was created by Brandon Stanton in 2010 to show the humanity within New York City. When Kagonovitz saw Stanton's work, he knew he wanted to create a Humans project in Tel Aviv because what he saw was not the war-torn homeland often pre-



sented by the media, but rather, "its multiculturalism, its diversity, its very active civil society, all its complexity." Kagonovitz has a knack for discovering and setting up the perfect shot. He also has a natural feel for approaching and interviewing his subjects, who all begin as strangers. His ability and desire to connect has allowed him to capture people from all walks of life. Please join us to hear Erez speak about his journey of the

amazing social fabric of Tel Aviv and view his amazing photo exhibit. ☆



2018 Campaign Team Set to Raise \$ 4 Million

Federation's 2018 Annual Campaign Team is Off to a Fast Start

Federation's 2018 annual campaign is underway and momentum is building. This year the goal is highest in our community's history - \$4 million. Federation's dollars are always hard at work: caring for people in need, both in Greater Charlotte and in our partner communities in Israel and

around the world; responding in times of crisis to aid with recovery; and shaping our Jewish future through deepening Jewish education and engagement and connecting Jews throughout Greater Charlotte to Israel and each other.

When a Federation volunteer calls you, they are asking you to please give generously and to invest in a strong a prosperous Jewish community. This important

Meet our 2018 Campaign Team:

- * Risa Miller and Jeff Turk Annual Campaign Co-Chairs
- * Stacy Gorelick Major Gifts Chair
- * Jill Newman Create a Jewish Legacy Chair
- * Dale Polsky Women's Philanthropy Chair
- * Gail Baron and Stephanie Gitlin Lion of Judah Co-Chairs
- * Jenny Rosenthal and Bonnie Tangelos Pomegranate Society Co-Chairs
- * Sam Bernstein, Meredith Baumstein, and George Cronson Team Captains
- * Jason Tanenbaum Super Sunday Chair
- * Zach Schwartz Impact365 Chair
- * Alison Lerner Immediate Past Chair

work is all about relationships. The volunteer is calling to connect with you and strengthen the link between you and Jews throughout Greater Charlotte and the globe.

Federation's volunteers want to hear your story. How are you involved in our Jewish community? Why are you invested in Jewish organizations and initiatives? How do you want to see our community grow in the future? Please be generous with your time as well as your dollars.

When considering a gift to Federation, keep the Levine Leap in mind. Again this year, the Leon Levine Foundation will generously provide a \$1 for \$1 match for qualifying donations that LEAP to the next giving level. Please discuss the opportunity to have your dollars doubled when

you speak to a member of our Campaign team.

This year, Federation has assembled an incredible team of committed leaders to guide our volunteer Campaigners as they work toward meeting our 2018 Campaign Goal of \$4,000,000.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Federation's Chief

Development Officer Jason Pressberg at jason.pressberg@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆



Jason Pressburg, JFGC Development Director; Risa Miller and Jeff Turk, campaign co-chairs.

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In honor of Alan Blumenthal
By: Mike and Sue Littauer

In honor of Alison Lerner
By: Gale Osborne

In honor of Risa Miller
By: Cary Bernstein

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By: Gale Osborne

In honor of Joseph and Irene Perl
By: Gary, Bonnie, Anna and Luke Wilson

In honor of Jeff Turk
By: Cary Bernstein

In honor of the engagement of Reid Worrel, son of Kim and Sue Worrel
By: Linda Seigel

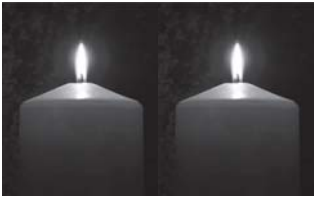
In memory of Judith “JW” Wiener
By: Cynthia Clare

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Friday, February 2, 5:35 PM
Friday, February 9, 5:42 PM
Friday, February 16, 5:49 PM
Friday, February 23, 5:55 PM



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Check out what's happening this month at the CJE ?

CJE CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Center for Jewish Education (CJE) enhances community engagement, promotes lifelong Jewish learning, and creates pathways to Jewish identity. LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; and Sunday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm				1	2 PJ Library Baby Storytime 11:00 AM Levine-Sklut Judaic Library
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Sue's Book Shelf
By Sue Littauer



The books I'm recommending this month are those I found intriguing yet the thought of actually reading them pushed me a bit out of my comfort zone. I generally like to read literary fiction, but each of the three books I'm recommending this month (two

memoirs and a book of short stories) took me in a different direction and were compelling, educational, and very readable. For me, this raises the question of how and why we select books not only for ourselves but for our book clubs.

- * Do we read solely for pleasure?
- * Do we seek to enhance our understanding of human nature?
- * Do we read vicariously through others for adventure?

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Sue's Book Shelf

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* Do we want to educate ourselves about history and the world around us?

* Do we want a book that will take us on a spiritual journey?

* Do we want to select a classic to elevate our literary knowledge?

Personally, I think a combination of all is the best way to go - read for pleasure, slip in a book every now and then to challenge your mind, but be kind to yourself, because the most important thing is to keep reading. A wise librarian once told me to give yourself permission to put a book down if you don't like it. At least you will push yourself out of your comfort zone and who knows? You may discover a treasure.

This month's recommendations can all be found on the shelves of The Center for Jewish Education:

No Room for Small Dreams: Courage, Imagination and the Making of Israel by Shimon Peres

In this, his final work, finished only weeks before his passing, Peres offers a long-awaited examination of the crucial turning points in Israeli history through the prism of having been a decision maker and eyewitness. Told with the frankness of someone aware this would likely be his final statement, *No Room for Small Dreams* spans decades and events, but as much as it is about what happened, it is about why it happened. Examining pivotal moments in Israel's rise, Peres explores what makes for a great leader, how to make hard choices in a climate of uncertainty and distress, the challenges of balancing principles with policies, and the liberating nature of imagination and unpredicted innovation. In doing so, he not only charts a better path forward for his beloved country but provides deep and universal wisdom for younger generations who seek to

lead — be it in politics, business, or the broader service of making our planet a safer, more peaceful, and just place. (Amazon)

No Room for Small Dreams was our CJE Book Club Selection for December. This book was inspirational and educational; it read like a novel; and it made for an interesting and thought provoking discussion. Shimon Peres was instrumental in shaping the State of Israel, he was a visionary, a creative thinker and a strong leader. Reading about his decision making processes was not only fascinating but also offered insight for each of us as we struggle with hard decision making and seeking new ways to overcome obstacles. I highly recommend this book to everyone.

The Book of Separation by Tova Mirvis

Tova Mirvis has already established herself as a first-rate novelist with *The Ladies Auxiliary*, *The Outside World*, and *Visible City*. With *The Book of Separation: A Memoir*, Mirvis shifts genres, reveals some of the autobiographical origins of her fiction, and compellingly chronicles the process of separating from Orthodoxy. ... The respect for intra-Jewish difference that Mirvis models for her children — and for readers — is a precious gift to the Jewish literary world. ... Beautiful and poignant. (*Lilith Magazine*)

With elegance, rare depth, and unflinching honesty, Tova Mirvis offers up a chronicle of one woman's revolution against her own life. *The Book of Separation* is fiercely inspiring, and illuminates the too often dormant power within all of us to live in accordance with who we truly are. (Heidi Pitlor, author of *The Daylight Marriage*)

I was completely transfixed by Tova Mirvis' memoir *The Book of*

Separation. The author writes bravely about the gut wrenching truths and life altering decisions that come to redefine every aspect of her being.

Nine Facts that Can Change Your Life, Stories by Ronna Wineberg

In this stirring new collection, Ronna Wineberg explores our essential bonds to partners, children, parents, and friends. Intimacy, marriage, parenthood, adultery, divorce, and the legacies left by the past unfold in these beautifully written stories. Men and women search for happiness and love, yet face longing, disappointment, and loss. The characters in *Nine Facts That Can Change Your Life* struggle with unexpected changes in their own lives but discover the power of kindness, the joy of connection, and the ways in which we can be renewed. (Amazon)

I am not usually a reader of short stories, but I was captivated when I read the description of Ronna Wineberg's new short story collection. Each story is sensitive, thought provoking, beautifully written; each main character is well drawn. What I particularly liked about this collection is that the reader can easily imagine these characters and their new lives continuing well beyond the last page.

What's New in the CJE Library?
Poetry Will Save Your Life: a Memoir by Jill Bialosky
The Story of Arthur Trulov by Elizabeth Berg
Millard Salter's Last Day by Jacob M. Appel

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The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff

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7:00 p.m. Dessert Reception | 7:30 p.m. Program
Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park
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This event is off the record and closed to the press.



BRET STEPHENS joined the *New York Times* as a columnist and associate editor in April 2017. Prior to that he had been the foreign-affairs columnist for *The Wall Street Journal*, as well as the paper's deputy editorial page editor. Still prior to that, he was editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Post*, a position he assumed in 2002 at the age of 28. Bret was born in New York and raised in Mexico City. He is the author of "America In Retreat: The new Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder," which Niall Ferguson called a "shrewd, sharp and shamelessly unfashionable defense of American power as a force for good." He has won numerous awards and distinctions, including the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary. Bret was educated at the University of Chicago and the London School of Economics. He lives in Manhattan with his wife Corinna, a classical music and opera critic for the *Times*, and their three children.



Community News

Bringing the Community Together

By Lorrie Klemons

Jewish tradition calls for Jews to bury our own and it is the obligation of every Jewish community to do so. Those of us in the Charlotte community who are involved with the "business" of death and dying have been exposed to much grief, bereavement, and tragedy in the course of our work. Though oftentimes, extremely painful, we are committed to the work and the comfort we bring to those left behind.

Volunteers work quietly and humbly behind the scenes in this holy arena. The activities they participate in include serving on the Board of the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery Association in the daily administration and maintenance of our beautiful and sacred cemetery grounds; volunteering on the men or women's Chevrah Kadisha Committee which ritually prepares the body for burial; or volunteering on the Shomrim Committee to sit with the deceased body until the time of interment. Our sages tell us that these are the holiest activities one can participate in as the recipients of our "care" cannot say thank you.

It is hard to maintain one's faith when a loved one dies. Rabbi Yossi Groner of Chabad of Charlotte would tell you that when someone dies it means his or her soul has completed its worldly mission and has now returned to eternal life with God. I'm not sure this concept universally helps families cope with their loss, but for some, it may be quite comforting. Any individual or family unit coping with such loss is invited to seek out the confidential counseling services of Jewish Family Services at the Levine JCC.

Unless death is premature, there is a long birth-death continuum in which important age appropriate life conversations should

take place. We teach our young children not to talk to or go with strangers. We teach our pre-teens about the birds and bees. As we age, we should continue to have relevant conversations with our children as well. Can I afford retirement? What if aging in place is not an option. Where do I want to live? How do I want to be buried? Where do I want to be buried? Death is inevitable. Pre-planning is a legacy gift you leave your children. Have the conversation today. If you wait until the end of life, it is too late. At that point, others will make the decisions for you and they may not be the decisions you would make for yourself. You can feel comfortable discussing your funeral pre-needs confidentially with Sandra Goldman, Director of the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery.

The Hebrew Cemetery Association is committed to keeping the cemetery a sacred and holy place for all who enter its sacred grounds. As a non-profit organization, the Hebrew Cemetery depends largely on donations, annual membership dues, and the sale of graves for the resources needed to maintain the sanctified grounds of the cemetery in perpetuity for all those who precede us in eternal life. The Cemetery Association's mission is a commitment to God's commandment that we bury our own, and we do so with grace, dignity, honor, and deep bereavement for the losses.

In the secular world, February is the month of love. It is also Random Acts of Kindness month which is the product of that love. In the Jewish world, every day is a day for *G'milut Hasadim* (acts of loving kindness). Please do a mitzvah this month in the merit of someone you may have recently lost. One way to do this is to make a donation today in his/her memory to the Steinberger Funeral As-



sistance Fund which assures the proper Jewish burial of those indigent members of our community. Send your checks payable to the Hebrew Cemetery and earmarked for the Steinberger Funeral Assistance Fund directly to the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery Association, 5007 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226.

For more information about membership benefits, graves, prepaid funeral costs, endowments, and/or including the cemetery in your estate planning, contact Cemetery Director, Sandra Goldman at 704- 576-1859 or 704-944-6854 or director@hebrew-cemetery.org.

Visit the cemetery website at www.hebrewcemetery.org. ☆



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Are you feeling a little more down than usual? Having trouble getting motivated to get out of bed, eating too much, not sleeping well and are unusually irritable? You could be experiencing something called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). SAD is a type of depression that occurs most frequently in the winter. It sometimes starts in the fall with its most serious symptoms emerging in the months of January through March. While the cause of SAD is unknown, research has shown a direct correlation to the levels of serotonin and melatonin in your system. SAD is often influenced by the decrease in the amount of sunlight we are exposed to during the winter months.

Many people experiencing Seasonal Affective Disorder want to shrug it off as just the "winter blues." However, just like other types of depression, SAD can have a serious impact of your ability to function. SAD occurs more frequently in women and younger adults, including teens. You are also more likely to experience SAD if you have a family history of mood disorders or depression.

Although much less common, SAD can also occur in the spring and summer months. Common symptoms associated with "summer" SAD are loss of appetite, insomnia, and increased anxiety and



agitation.

If you are experiencing symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder there are ways you can help yourself. Try going outside more often, getting plenty of sunlight, exercising, avoiding drugs and alcohol, getting plenty of sleep, and practicing relaxation exercises.

If, however, your symptoms do not improve, you most likely need professional support and it would be important to seek treatment. Ignoring what is going on can often result in problems at work or school, increased use of drugs and alcohol, interference in social relationships, and increased risk for other mental health disorders, such as eating and anxiety disorders. See your doctor or reach out to a mental health professional. There are a variety of treatment options to help with SAD including light treatment, medication, and therapy.

Mental health is real. This article is written and brought to you by the leadership of the Charlotte Jewish community and the Mental Health Initiative. For more information contact Jewish Family Services at 704-364-6594 or go online to jfscharlotte.org. ☆

Terri Beattie Joins Foundation of Shalom Park as New Executive Director

By Amy Krakovitz

The phrase customer service is more than just a cliché to Terri Beattie. "We want to create a 'best-in-class' delivery," says the new Executive Director of the Foundation of Shalom Park. And "best-in-class" is indeed what she is as well. A seasoned professional with more than 30 years of experience in global real estate and facility operations management, Beattie joined FSP on January 3.

After earning her degree in engineering, Beattie joined Lockheed Martin and ascended to become President of their commercial real estate company. She has also been a Finance Executive and Senior Vice President at Bank of America, with responsibilities in worldwide real estate business support. Most recently, as a Managing Partner with MAB Consulting LLC, she advised on many things, including real estate and financial strategies.

"My number one goal," she says, "is to take the platform of the Foundation of Shalom Park and leverage it to enhance the environment for everyone who utilizes these facilities, whether it's the resident agencies, their executives and staff, or families and individuals who come here to swim, to worship, or to just enjoy the beautiful environment."

Beattie is anxious to learn more about our community as well.



Terri Beattie

"Because Shalom Park is home to so many Jewish agencies, there will be a richness added to my pursuit to become more familiar with Jewish culture," Beattie remarks.

Mark Lerner, who co-chaired the Foundation of Shalom Park Executive Search committee with Karen Knoble, said that the Foundation of Shalom Park is fortunate to have Beattie as its executive di-

rector. He noted that her extensive experience in property management and finance and will be an asset for the Foundation of Shalom Park and everyone who utilizes its facilities. Lerner also extended his thanks to Monica McDaniel, for her dedication and leadership as the interim executive director of the Foundation of Shalom Park for the past year.

"And all the people I have met so far have been so welcoming," Beattie exclaims. "The families, the staff in the Park, the committee that selected me ... everyone has greeted me warmly and expressed enthusiasm for my role."

If you see Terri Beattie around the park, please welcome her. You can also contact her at 704-944-6840 or TBeattie@shalomcharlotte.org. ☆



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Women's News

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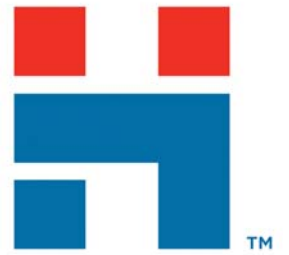
Bring your own team of up to six people, or come by yourself and join another team. There is a \$5/person donation to play, and prizes will be awarded for the top teams. Come test your general

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RSVPs are not necessary, but would be greatly appreciated. Email sharon.goretsky@gmail.com for more information or to let us know that you want to play.

Three Spirits Brewery is located at 5046 Old Pineville Road. See you there. ☆

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Golda Meir biography Takes Top Honor in National Jewish Book Awards

(JTA) — A biography of Golda Meir was named Book of the Year for 2017 by the Jewish Book Council, one of about 20 books honored as part of the 2017 National Jewish Book Awards.

Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel, an 800-page work about the late Israeli prime minister by Francine Klagsbrun (published by Schocken Books) was awarded the Everett Family Foundation Book of the Year in the council's announcement on Wednesday. It is the 67th year of the awards.

Honors also were awarded in nearly a dozen other categories, including children's literature and the Holocaust.

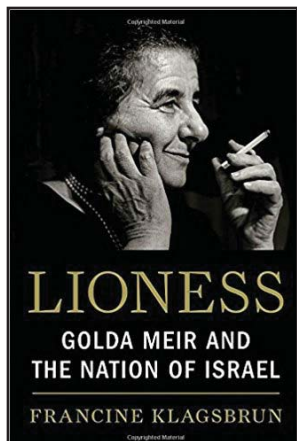
Gary Rosenblatt, editor and publisher of *The Jewish Week of New York*, was given the inaugural Carolyn Starman Hessel Mentorship Award recognizing his

support and mentorship of Jewish authors and journalists throughout his career.

The winners will be honored March 6 at an awards dinner and ceremony at the Prince George Ballroom in Manhattan. ☆



Golda Meir in 1973. (Wikimedia Commons)



Three novels won awards for fiction:

* *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), which the council called "a book about books," won The Miller Family Book Club Award in Memory of Helen Dunn Weinstein and June Keit Miller.

* *Barren Island* (New Issues Poetry & Prose/Western Michigan University), a historical novel by Carol Zoref about the Brooklyn shore's last resort for poor immigrant families, won the Goldberg Prize for Debut Fiction.

* *A Horse Walks into a Bar* (Alfred A. Knopf), by Israeli novelist David Grossman and translated by Jessica Cohen, won the JJ Greenberg Fiction Award, his second novel to win the award.

The Barbara Dobkin Award in Women's Studies was awarded to *Coming of Age in Medieval Egypt: Female Adolescence, Jewish Law, and Ordinary Culture*, by Eve Krakowski (Princeton University Press).

The Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice Myra H. Kraft Memorial Award was presented to *The Torah of Music: Reflections on a Tradition of Singing and Song* by Joey Weisenberg (Hadar Press).

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What Makes Levine Hearing Different?

By Madison Levine

Since opening in July 2015, Levine Hearing has experienced a warm welcome from South Charlotte. Across the street from the Arboretum Shopping Center, Levine Hearing is owned and operated by Madison Levine, a second generation Hearing Instrument Specialist. Her mother started her clinic nearly 30 years ago in Macon, Georgia, and Madison has modeled her own practice after her mother's, as an independent operation, with the focus on patient care first.

Being independent means that Levine Hearing is not owned by any hearing aid manufacturer, allowing Madison to choose the best treatment plan and hearing devices to fit each patient's individual needs and budget. She has accounts with all major manufacturers, including Starkey, Resound, Phonak, Widex, Oticon, Unitron, Rexton, Siemens and others. This makes it very simple for patients to transition their care to her practice if they are moving to Charlotte from out of town or if they are just looking to switch providers locally. With the newest technology available, any of these brands can be sold through Levine Hearing, but Madison makes selections based on her patient's needs and budget.

Madison says that her goal is to be the most trusted hearing care practice in Charlotte and she believes that starts with straightforward advertising. Madison says, "I am building my practice on happy patients, not on advertising gimmicks or flashy spending." Those savings are then passed on to her patients, who in turn refer others to the practice. Patients are referring their friends because the price, service and outcome have all resulted in that trust that Levine Hearing is working so hard for. She goes on to say, "People tell me all the time that they know someone who isn't happy with their hearing aids and I just say...well, send them to me, because my patients are happy!"

Levine Hearing's online reviews (they are 5 stars across all sites - just google "Levine Hearing") reflect that Madison takes the time to educate the patient on their test results and also on the whole range of treatment options. She says that it is essential to get that transparent advice so that a patient doesn't choose the budget option, only to realize it was a waste, or vice-versa, to overpay when a more affordable solution was within reach. Levine Hearing keeps the focus on good customer service, excellent clinical care, and reasonable pricing, to ensure that they will be around to serve Charlotte for a very long time!



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Hebrew Highlights

Hebrew High student’s celebration of the second night of Chanukah was amazing. There was something for everyone in the three rotations offered to all students.

We baked and decorated Chanukah cookies for Jewish Family Services, enjoyed a sing-along with Chanukah songs such as Adam Sandler’s Chanukah Song, “Miracle” by Matisyahu, “Light One Candle” by Peter, Paul and

Mary, and “Candle Light” by the Maccabeats. Students played Chanukah Bingo, which was created by our staff, and won fun Chanukah prizes for traditional bingo, four corners, and the letter “H.” Then our fabulous Student

Council led the edible dreidel-making and spinning contest (can you guess how many dreidels they ate instead of spinning)? We lit the menorah as a community and had delicious doughnuts to end the evening. ☆



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BBYO Attends Eastern Regional Convention ... and More

Charlotte BBYO is off to a great start in 2018. We are excited by our membership growth. The four chapters have enjoyed welcoming our newest members to their chapters and have great things planned.

In December, we traveled to Raleigh for Eastern Regional Convention with friends from across southern Virginia, North Carolina, and Dixie Council which includes South Carolina and Georgia. We were joined by song leaders Eric Hunker and Happie Hoffman, along with teens from our partner city, Zaporozhye, Ukraine and Madrichim from Maccabi Tzair in Israel. We had inspirational programming, including a talk from Imam Abdullah Antepli, Duke University's first Muslim Chaplain, regarding interfaith relations. It was truly a programming showcase and we were so glad so many teens participated.

We have many exciting things coming this semester in Charlotte BBYO. If you are a Jewish teen in 8th-12th grade, reach out to us



Eastern Regional Convention

for more information at Charlotte@bbyo.org.

If you know of anyone interested in helping Jewish teens as a volunteer advisor, reach out to Charlotte City Directors, Lindsay Trapani and Jamie Bryan at Charlotte@bbyo.org. ☆



Looking for a Jewish college roommate? BBYO has an app for that.

By Gabe Friedman

(JTA) — Finding a Jewish roommate at college can be a challenge, given that Jews make up only about 2 percent of the American population. A new free app hopes to make the matching process easier.

Joomie (yep), launched over the weekend at the BBYO International Convention in Dallas, asks incoming first-year students questions about their Jewish identity and personal habits with the aim of creating harmonious Jewish dorm mates.

"Questions range from their Jewish youth group affiliations and whether they're Sabbath observant and keep kosher, to what kind of music they like, types of campus activity interests they have, and whether they're early birds or night owls, and messy or neat freaks," according to a news release.

Matt Grossman, BBYO's CEO, said: "We believe that usage of Joomie will help facilitate the transition to college for many students, and ultimately promote a greater engagement in Jewish life in campuses across North America." ☆



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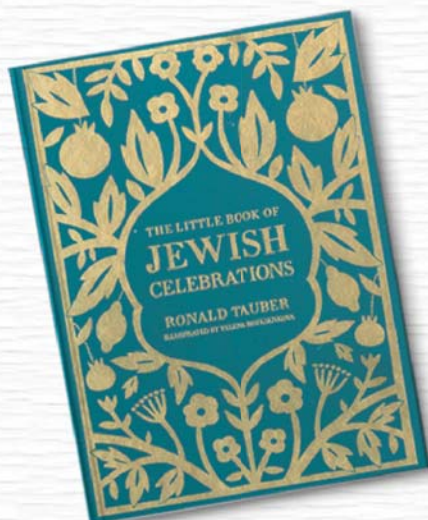
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The Fault in Our Bubbles

By Rabbi Dusty Klass, Temple Beth El



Rabbi Dusty Klass

For me, Christmas has never been about Chinese and a movie – it has been about family and food, watching *It's a Wonderful Life*, and singing along to Counting Crows in the kitchen while doing dishes with my cousins. And yes, we opened presents next to a tree.

Now, we have never had a tree in the house, though my mom is Catholic. My dad wasn't comfortable with one, and my mom was more interested in the spiritual components of Christmas anyway. My parents chose to raise my sister and me exclusively Jewish, and they were committed to their decision. Every Shabbat, we lit candles, said Kiddush – the long version – and Motzi, and attended Friday night services. And, each year on December 25, we packed ourselves into our Subaru, drove across the bridge from Seattle into Bellevue, and spent the day with my mom's side of the family.

When I first explained to a Jewish friend that I couldn't be away for Christmas because I had family obligations, she was flummoxed. "What was so special about Christmas?" she asked. "You're studying to be a rabbi."

We all live in bubbles, spaces that swirl with people and ideas similar to us: people whose children all move through school together, who live in a certain area of town, who belong to the same socioeconomic class, who prac-

tice the same religion.

I don't fault the bubbles – there is real comfort in being around people who look, sound, and believe like us. We often feel more seen by people who we feel like will understand us best, and the people we feel will understand us best are those with whom we share lived experiences. One of my favorite articles about the concept of "bageling," or outing oneself to fellow Jewish travelers, describes the comfort of meeting strangers who connect with us around shared life bubbles:

"On our honeymoon in Rome, we were standing at the top of the Spanish Steps next to a middle-aged couple holding a map. The husband piped up in an obvious voice, 'I wonder where the synagogue is.' My husband and I exchanged a knowing look at this classic Roman bagel and proceeded to strike up a conversation with this lovely couple from Chicago." (<https://www.jweekly.com/2007/12/21/have-you-ever-been-bageled>) This story has always resonated with me, perhaps because traveling can be a lonely experience and so finding people who share a common characteristic brings a sort of relief and reminder that I am not, in fact, alone.

Yet, too much time spent in our bubbles can leave us isolated, uninformed, and unprepared for fruitful interaction with the wider world. On the other hand, cultivating curiosity about how people outside our bubble understand the way things work, learning about their practices and beliefs, and discussing the things they grapple with themselves helps us expand our bubbles. When we engage in learning and relationship-building with people who don't look or sound like us, people who have widely different opinions about technology and taxes, about rules and rights, and about God and spirituality, we both expand our views and also clarify our own understandings.

Reform Judaism lives in the tension between universalism and



particularism – an understanding that the religions and peoples of the world have much to teach each other and shared truths to offer, while simultaneously recognizing Jewish ritual, ethics, history and traditions as uniquely special. As such, interfaith dialogue and a desire to welcome people of other faiths into conversation around faith has long been a value for us at Temple Beth El and for Reform Jews worldwide.

Perhaps that is why I have always found my home in Reform Judaism. My parents, in choosing to help me build and develop a Jewish identity while each confidently developing their own religious identities, modeled for me what it means to be your own person while learning from each other – and they expanded the bubble through which I get to view the world. ☆

(If you would like to expand your bubble, Temple Beth El has a number of educational opportunities: join us for our *Comparative Religion Series*, Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm through March 6. We also will begin our next *Elements of Judaism Series* on March 6 if you'd like to brush up on your Jewish knowledge. And check out MeckMin, an interfaith organization here in Charlotte that strives to build bridges across differences: www.meckmin.org.)

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Purim, the most joyous day on the Jewish calendar, falls this year on March 1. Ohr HaTorah will dedicate the entire day to Purim festivities and special Purim observances.

Jerusalem is the undisputed capital of Purim joy in the world. Festivities there last 48 hours, as their Purim is celebrated on Shushan Purim. The ecstasy, the happiness and the colorful costumes that pour through the streets of Israel's capital is legendary.

What makes Purim in Jerusalem special is its unique blending of cultures from all streams of Jewish life with a common festive theme. From red fez hats to gems turbans, from furry shtrimals to golden robes, from Eastern to Oriental garb, to traditional Queen Esther costumes, the spectacular street scenes in Jerusalem are quite festive.

The food, of course, is a highlight in any Jewish celebration and Israeli food is particularly relevant to the Purim holiday as the story of Purim took place in the Middle East.

Ohr HaTorah will host this year's Purim feast with the theme of "Purim in Jerusalem" where you will enjoy dinner at the Shuk with Israel's finest delicacies. There will be royal Israeli wines for the adults and delicious grape juice for the children. Masquerade in authentic Israeli or Oriental costumes and be serenaded by authentic and contemporary Israeli music. Families and individuals will be able to have their picture taken at the "Kotel" - the Western Wall.

There will be several opportunities to hear the reading of the Megillah (with a special slide show). The first will be on



Wednesday, February 28, at 7 PM when we usher in the Purim holiday. On Thursday, March 1, Purim services begin at 6:30 AM with the Megillah reading at 7 AM. An additional reading will be held at 5 PM.

The Purim feast will be held on March 1, at 5:45 PM at Congregation Ohr HaTorah, 6619 Sardis Road in Charlotte and is open to the entire community.

The cost for Purim Dinner is \$25 per adult and \$12 per child. For more information and to reserve a space, please visit our website at www.chabadnc.net or call our office at 704-366-3984. ☆

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scroll of Esther, which depicts the age old story of Purim. Enjoy an entertaining slideshow illustrating the historical events, a bingo game to keep you guessing, and

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There will also be a Megillah reading Wednesday night, February 28, at 7 PM at the Ballantyne Jewish Center: 8632 Bryant Farms Rd. Free of charge. ☆



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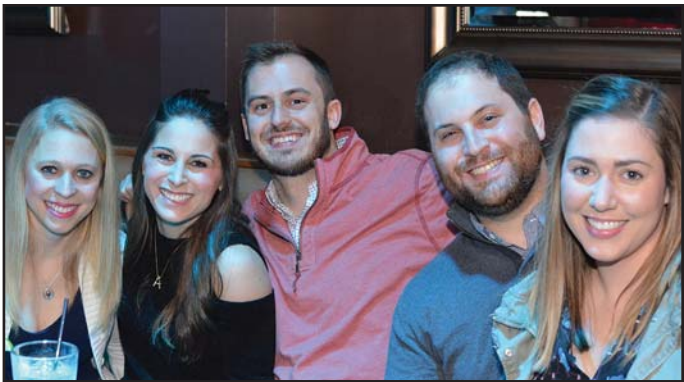
-Jonathan Kozol in New Menorah 44 (Summer 1996)

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ner of the dreidel tournament, Brian Hill, won a \$100 Uber gift card. December also marked the launch of our bi-monthly Shabbat Socials open to all young Jewish professionals with over 60 attendees. Each new event introduces us to many new young Jewish professional transplants and locals who

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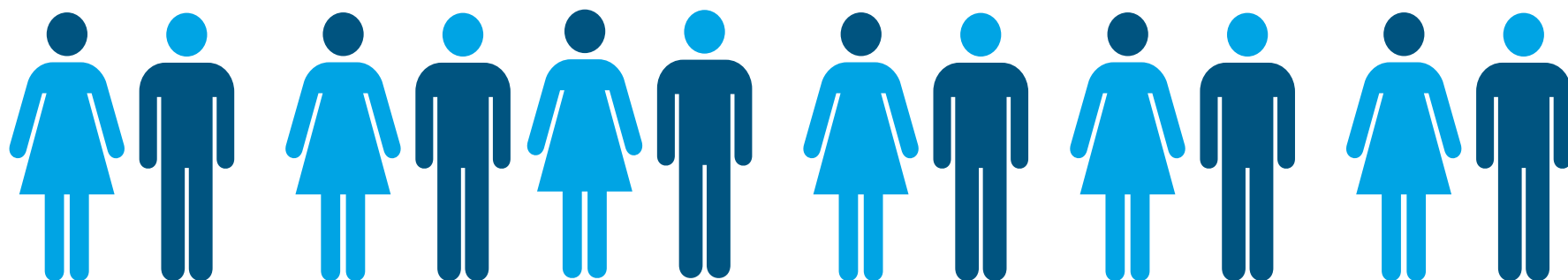
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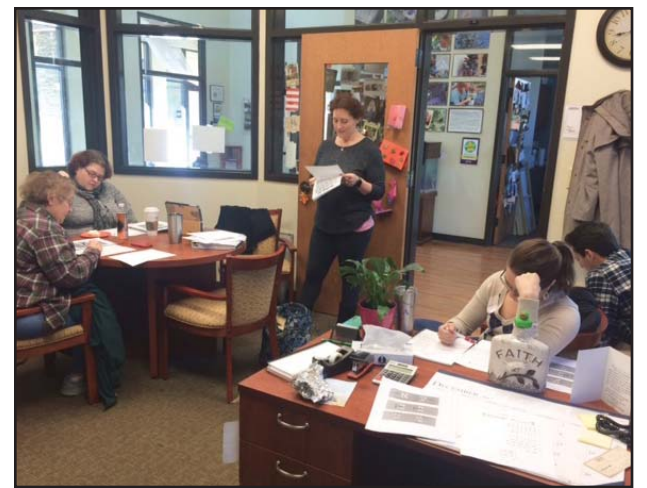
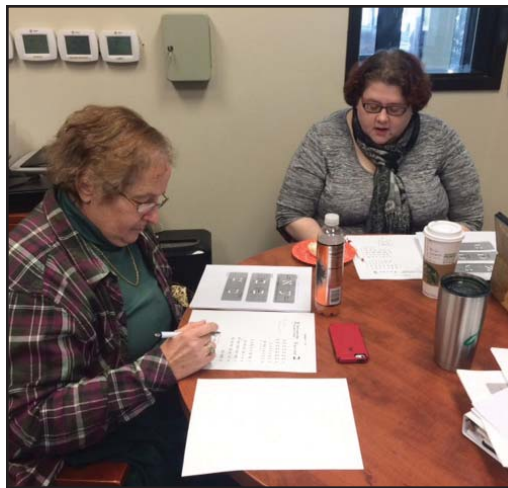
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Temple Kol Ami Offers Adult Education Class

Education has always been a strong tenet of Judaism. The Jewish people have an educational tradition as old as our history itself, and at Temple Kol Ami of Fort Mill, SC, learning is a central focus of our congregation. The TKA Religious School education program starts with our Torah Tots at age three and extends to our B'nei Mitzvah. Temple Kol Ami is pleased to now offer an Adult Education class entitled "Hey, You, Want to Learn Some Hebrew?" This class will meet monthly on Sundays from 11 AM to noon at Ivybrook Academy, 873 Dave Gibson Blvd, Fort Mill. Class dates are as follows: February 4, March 12, April 15, and May 6. Need to polish up your Hebrew? Don't know any Hebrew at all? Come have a nosh and learn with our language specialist Adena Sherman-Adams. If you are interested in attending this

class, please contact us at yorksynagogue@gmail.com. At Temple Kol Ami, we believe that learning never ends. We are thrilled to have been awarded another grant from the Impact and Innovation Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte which we intend to apply towards our education programs.

Temple Kol Ami is a Reform congregation that welcomes Jews from all walks of life and diverse religious backgrounds. We have Shabbat services the first and third Fridays of each month at Philadelphia United Methodist Church in Fort Mill. We are thrilled to have Rabbi Ana Bonnheim to lead us once a month; she will be with us the following dates for the next few months: February 2, March 16, and April 13. Please feel free to join us at any of our services or events- just check our calendar at www.templekolamisc.org to keep up with everything going on at TKA. ☆



Members of Temple Kol Ami brushing up on their Hebrew.



Temple Solel of Fort Mill

So far, this winter has been busy for Temple Solel. In December, we were represented by a delegation of four board members at the URJ Biennial in Boston, MA. Each board member brought back resources and music to enhance our worship and community efforts, and made valuable connections with other similar congregations. Later in the month, several volunteers from the congregation prepared and served Christmas lunch at the Children's Attention Home of Fort Mill, giving the staff some well-deserved time with their families for the holiday. We are so blessed to be able to spend time with these children each Christmas.



Front row, left to right: Pamela Zwick, Shelley Pawlyk, Micki Fox. Back row, left to right: Murray Simon, Linda Simon, Tanya Trachtenberg, James Fox

Our URJ Biennial delegation was sorely missing the fellowship and music from the Biennial in December, so we were thrilled to present The Ruach at our January 12 community Shabbat event, held at Blooming Einsteins in Fort Mill, SC. We had a great turnout, and everyone left the event filled with spirit. A few weeks later, we hosted an event with representatives from the Hebrew Cemetery to learn more about Jewish end of life options, so that we could provide an intimate gathering for our baby boomers to ask questions about rituals and other details.

We are looking forward to our community Purim party on March 3, and welcoming Rabbi Miri Gold to our Shabbat services on March 9. Please join us in Fort Mill, SC on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7 PM each month for Shabbat services and fellowship. For more information visit our website at: www.templesolelsc.org, find us on Facebook, or call 803-619-9707. ☆

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Temple Kol Tikvah Israel Trip, October 2017

Part 1 of 2

Members, friends, and associates of Temple Kol Tikvah of Lake Norman recently came back from an eventful trip to Israel. All had a great time. Tour participants included first-timers as well as seasoned Israel travelers. But, of course, there were many new sites to explore and many experiences to enjoy by all.

Our own Rabbi Michael Shields was our spiritual leader ensuring that we sense the religious and spiritual essence of vis-

iting Israel. We stopped at various points along the way to recite prayers and readings from the Bible and other Jewish sources, as appropriate. Each participant had a copy of the 93-page handbook titled "Temple Kol Tikvah - Israel Trip, Our Israel: Historically, Religiously, and Today," which Rabbi Shields had prepared in advance of our trip.

We had a very busy itinerary, and our guide, Abie, made sure that we didn't miss a beat. We visited many sites that are on a must-visit list in Israel. We climbed and descended the narrow alley ways in ancient Jaffa with its many galleries and Judaica shops; walked in the ancient port city of Caesarea, built by King Herod in honor of the Roman Emperor; visited the art museum in Tel Aviv where Ben Gurion and other Jewish dignitaries signed Israel Declaration of Independence in 1948; walked through The Museum of The Diaspora showing Jewish life and communities all over the world; strolled through the small alley ways of Tzfat, the city where the Kabbalah was studied and practiced in the 15th and 16th centuries; and we meandered through the restored ruins of the city of Beit Shean in the Izrael Valley not far from the Jordanian border. We floated in the Dead Sea, being careful not to splash the salty water lest our eyes itch and burn; visited the Yitzchak Rabin museum telling the story of the Israeli Prime Minister who sought peace and was assassinated by an Israeli zealot; and we enjoyed the magnificent scenery over Machtesh Ramon in the Negev Desert. This is an amazing, world famous crater and unique geological formation caused by erosion over millennia. It is 40 kilometers long and several kilometers wide. We visited the Sde Boker Kibbutz in the Negev where David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, lived after retiring from the government. At Ramat Negev Research and Development Center, we learned how Israeli scientists combine technology and natural resources to make the desert bloom; we traveled to Akko, steeped in ancient crusader history, and with fairly well preserved citadel and walls. Let's not forget our visit to the chocolate factory in the Galilee, the oil factory, and of course, last but not least, the Golan Heights Winery and its complimentary exquisite wine tasting session; and on and on, so many sites and experiences.

Several of our experiences were very special and are noteworthy. First and foremost, we celebrated, at the Wall, the Bar Mitzvah of our own Kenlee Griffin, a wonderful young man who attends our Kol Tikvah's Religious School. Kenlee recited the traditional Torah reading prayers and expertly chanted the Torah

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FAQs About the Jewish Preschool on Sardis

By Dedee Goldsmith, Director

Registration for the Jewish Preschool on Sardis is well underway for summer 2018 and the 2018-2019 school year. It has been wonderful welcoming new families, returning families, and welcoming new members to families. Over the past few months we've done numerous tours to eager and somewhat nervous parents as they delve into preschools, group environments, and a world away from their home for their child's first time.

What questions are most commonly asked, you wonder? Well, here are just a few but of course, if you are interested in learning more about JPS and our programs, please call us at 704-364-8395 or email us to schedule a tour at info@jpsonsardis.org.

Q: Do you have families who are not Jewish at JPS?

A: 100% of our families have at least one parent that is Jewish. We recognize the various family make ups and honor all level of observances.

Q: What does "JPS is a 5 Star program" mean?

A: North Carolina requires that all child care and education programs meet a minimum number of standards. Anything you do to enhance that environment earns additional stars, up to 5. That

means all JPS lead teachers have degrees in early childhood, child development, or something related. All teaching staff have years of experience in child care and early education. We adhere to the highest voluntary ratios, meaning we have great student-teacher ratios, even when we are at capacity. Our curriculum is state approved and assessed for quality content that is appropriate and challenging for each stage and age. Lastly, it means we have a variety of high quality materials that are rotated to keep children engaged, challenged, and eager for more.

Q: What sets JPS apart from other programs?

A: Well, I sure am biased but I think we have an amazing program that is only resonated by our families and our staff. We are a warm and nurturing environment that truly looks at this stage and age as an extension of your family. It is a place that engages the children daily in Judaic and secular programs as well as engages families to participate in various programs in and out of school. The environment is rich with materials and content as well as knowledge and love.

Q: How long are your school days?

A: JPS has what I like to call an a la carte menu of options. 9 AM-

1 PM is our core portion of the day. We offer 7:30 AM early drop off for the early commuters and we have two late afternoon pick up options (3 or 6 PM).

Q: What else should I know about JPS before registering?

A: JPS is known for its high scores in just about every assessment out there, particularly parent satisfaction. We believe that we are stronger when we work as partners. Our staff is dedicated, our children are proud to be Jewish and are ready to tackle the next educational leap, while preparing to become a meaningful citizen.

Looking forward to a fun summer and a wonderful school year to come. ☆



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Welcoming Bubbe and Zayde to CJP

By Becca Weiner

Every February at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, we look forward to welcoming some of our most important visitors of the year — grandparents. Grandparents come from near and far to spend the morning learning with (and from) their grandchildren. It's also a time for grandparents to go back to preschool themselves as they participate in morning routines and activities that showcase just how much their grandkids have learned so far this year.

Our students proudly walk their grandparents and special visitors to their classroom, where they can show off their artwork displayed on various bulletin boards. As visitors settle into their grandchild's classroom, teachers lead a very special circle time with everyone. Some teachers prepare a song for the students to sing for their grandparents, and others create a learning experience for young and

seasoned learners alike. After circle time, our students and their visitors work together on a craft and create something together before going to our weekly Shabbat service.

Shabbat is a high-energy Judaic experience that our students participate in each week, but this Shabbat they share this meaningful time with their grandparents. They excitedly sing every word in our service, giving their visitors the opportunity to kvell at all they have learned about being Jewish. From Bim Bam to Oseh Shalom students are self-assuredly participating in the service that Miss Patty and Morah Becca lead each Friday, except this time they have guests to participate alongside them.

Each of these activities make Grandparents Day special for our students and helps teach our students that we have a strong obligation to honor our elders. We are commanded in Leviticus 19:32, "You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old."

God demands that we honor the life experiences of those who came before us by showing them respect. What does that respect look like? At the CJP, deference to our elders happens when they walk through our doors and we can honor them through *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming them into our classrooms, and guiding their participation with their grandchildren throughout the morning.

Furthermore, Judaism emphasizes the Judaic value of *l'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation. Traditions are passed from our grandparents to our parents and then to us, which we then pass on to our children. On Grandparents Day, our preschoolers demonstrate *l'dor v'dor*. As they cover their eyes while we recite the candlelight blessing during our Shabbat service each student is emulating the strong Jewish continuity that their grandparents so greatly desire.

Grandparents Day facilitates older generations involvement in

the Jewish education of their kids and grandkids. At CJP our students learn daily blessings and developmentally appropriate Judaic values, but families are responsible for reinforcing these concepts and practices in the home. Grandparents Day demonstrates that kids understand and can participate in Jewish practices and rituals from a very early age, and shows grandparents how they can be involved in their progeny's Jewish education. After all, our parents and grandparents are the only links we have to our family's traditions from the past. It is from them that we learn our Bubbe's brisket recipe for Pesach, or the secret ingredient in the family challah recipe. At the CJP, we strive to not only involve Jewish families at our school and on Shalom Park, but to provide a bridge between school and home so that each family is empowered to provide the foundation for Jewish practices in each of their homes, and continue traditions set forth by our ancestors. ☆



Ella and Zayde



After One Visit to Brandeis, This Man Donated \$8.4 Million

(JTA) — Brandeis University has received an \$8.4 million bequest gift for social justice initiatives from a man who visited the campus once.

The university announced the gift from Seymour Bluestone on Tuesday. Bluestone, a former doctor from Florida, strongly connected to the university's social justice values, died in September at 96.

Bluestone began making small gifts to Brandeis in the 1990s at the request of family friends. He visited the campus in 2000, where he learned about the school's programs. Over lunch, he and Laurence Simon, the founding director of the Sustainable International Development program at the university's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, began a discussion about poverty and other global issues.

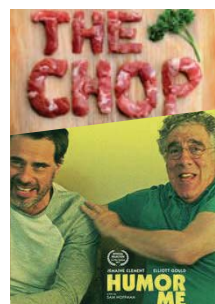
In 2001, Bluestone created the Jesse F. and Dora H. Bluestone Scholarship in memory of his parents to support students in the Sustainable International Development program. Bluestone's bequest will provide financial aid for up to five students in the program in future years, and support research and program development in the Center for Global Development and Sustainability, also at the Heller School. The gift also will help students enrolled in the Myra Kraft Transitional Year program.

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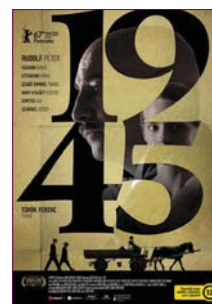
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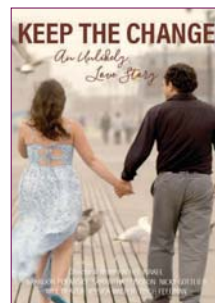
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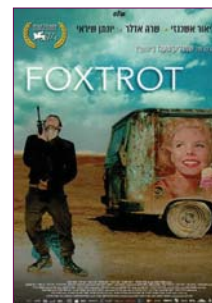
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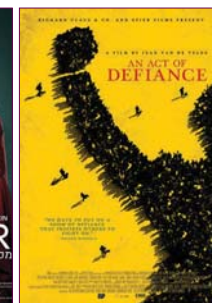
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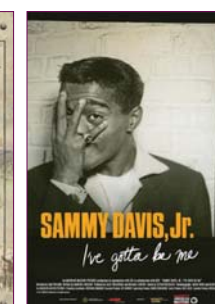
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The Case for Day Schools

By Erica Brown

"The world endures only for the breath of the school children," stated Reish Lakish [BT Shabbat 119b]. This quintessentially Jewish teaching weaves family, education, and the future into a lyrical portrait of continuity. Maimonides cites this passage in the mandate to establish Jewish schools "in every state, in every district, and in every city." Our best insurance policy is educating the next generation. God, in one Talmudic parable, is asked how a divinity spends time. It's a fair question. God, it turns out, is busy in the fourth hour of the day teaching school children [BT Avodah Zarah 3b]. Imagine God as your homeroom teacher.

We're hitting the season of school registration when parents decide to stay or try a new option. No decision may be more important to the life of a family than where your children go to school. It can determine your choice of neighborhood, your choice of friends, and the kind of moral uni-

verse you want to build together. So indulge me for a few minutes.

Please consider a Jewish day school education. If you're thinking of pulling your kid out, please reconsider. Education involves more slow-cooking than microwave cooking. The fruits of day school education are cumulative. Parents and kids tend to think short-term about schooling. And you don't need to be religious to want a warm, loving, values-based school community for yourself and your children.

I know this well because I entered day school at 16. I could barely write my name in Hebrew. Most day schools do a terrific job transitioning students like me and welcoming families new to Judaism or observance. When it came to where to send our children, there was never a doubt. Is it expensive? Crushing so. Yet it's our finest and proudest investment.

I came from a fancy prep school, but worked harder in day school. The rigor of the day over-



Erica Brown

prepared me for the demands of university. We have research from Brandeis University's Cohen Center that day school graduates achieve among the highest levels of academic success. Central to that is the confidence these schools instill in their students to handle a serious workload. We talk a lot about resilience in education. Look at the stamina of day school students. They come early, leave late, balance a dual curriculum, and heap on extra-curricular activities.

The dual curriculum and language requirements help prepare the groundwork for critical thinking. I picked up the Jewish propensity to ask questions in English, math, history and science, but probably most in Talmud. The close reading of text in Bible helped me in AP literature and in valuing the interpretive process. Day school exposed me to a Jewish life that was sophisticated, embracing and challenging.

Day school also gave me a treasured group of friends, decent human beings who cared about each other and now care about the world. The Cohen Center study above demonstrated that day school graduates in college were less likely to engage in risky behavior, and after college were more likely to volunteer, to find careers that helped people, and to devote themselves in and outside of work to making a difference in society.

And how many people can say almost 35 years after graduation they are still in touch with some of their high school teachers? My teachers were mission driven. They wanted to grow us as students, caring most about our moral fiber and the totality of our lives.

Day schools offer living wisdom and a soul-stretching education I couldn't find where I was. Prep school prepared me well for individual achievement. But day school gave me my first-ever community. It taught me to live responsibly in an I-Thou space. It's no surprise that research done by the Avi Chai Foundation showed an over-representation of day school graduates in leadership positions. When Jewish organizations need leaders, chances are they'll be filling slots with day school graduates.

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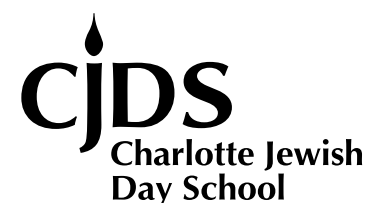
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Temple Kol Tikvah's Trip to Israel

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portion. We all danced together joyously to the tunes of "Havah Nagilah" and "Simen Tov Umazel Tov" and several of the strong young men lifted the Bar Mitzvah boy up in the air. Kenlee's grandparents, Madeline and Alex, were there and shed many tears in joy and gratitude. Many in our group were also crying, unable to hide their emotions. One could almost imagine that even the massive stones surrounding us, once part of the Holy Temple and later toppled by the Roman conquerors, were dancing and celebrating with us.

Another memorable event was visiting Kehillat Tzur Hadassah, a Reform Synagogue in Jerusalem. We celebrated Friday night and prayed with Rabbi Stacey Blank

and local congregants. Rabbi Blank delivered a stimulating sermon in Hebrew. There were English handouts. Following the service we split into smaller groups and departed for a Shabbat meal with local families who graciously hosted us in their homes.

Climbing high up the mountains surrounding Jerusalem and standing high up on Mount Scopus surveying the amazing and awe inspiring views of ancient and modern Israel from above was another unforgettable experience. We assembled and recited the *shehecheyanu* blessing thanking God for enabling us to reach this day. ☆

(Part 2 will appear in the March 2018 edition of The Charlotte Jewish News.)

The Case for Day Schools

(Continued from previous page)

tral concerns about schooling: Will my child get into a university of choice? Will my child be socially well-adjusted and achieve his or her personal best? And lastly, will my child embody the values we as a family hold dear? Let's reverse the order of these questions. Nothing will make you prouder than raising a spiritual child who embodies compassion, uses good judgment, chooses good friends who are good people, advocates justice in the world at large ... and gets into a good college.

In education, there is no one-size-fits-all. Discerning parents

realize that day school deserves a fair hearing. You might find, as I did, that no single decision has done more to craft a life of meaning for a family. The best case for day school is not what it delivers short-term. It's the life it delivers long after graduation. ☆

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both The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston. Erica was a Jerusalem Fellow, is a faculty member of the Wexner Foundation, an Avi Chai Fellow, and is the recipient of the 2009 Covenant Award for her work in education and the 2012 Bernie Reisman Award (Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program, Brandeis University). You can subscribe to her blog, *Weekly Jewish Wisdom* at erica@ericabrown.com.

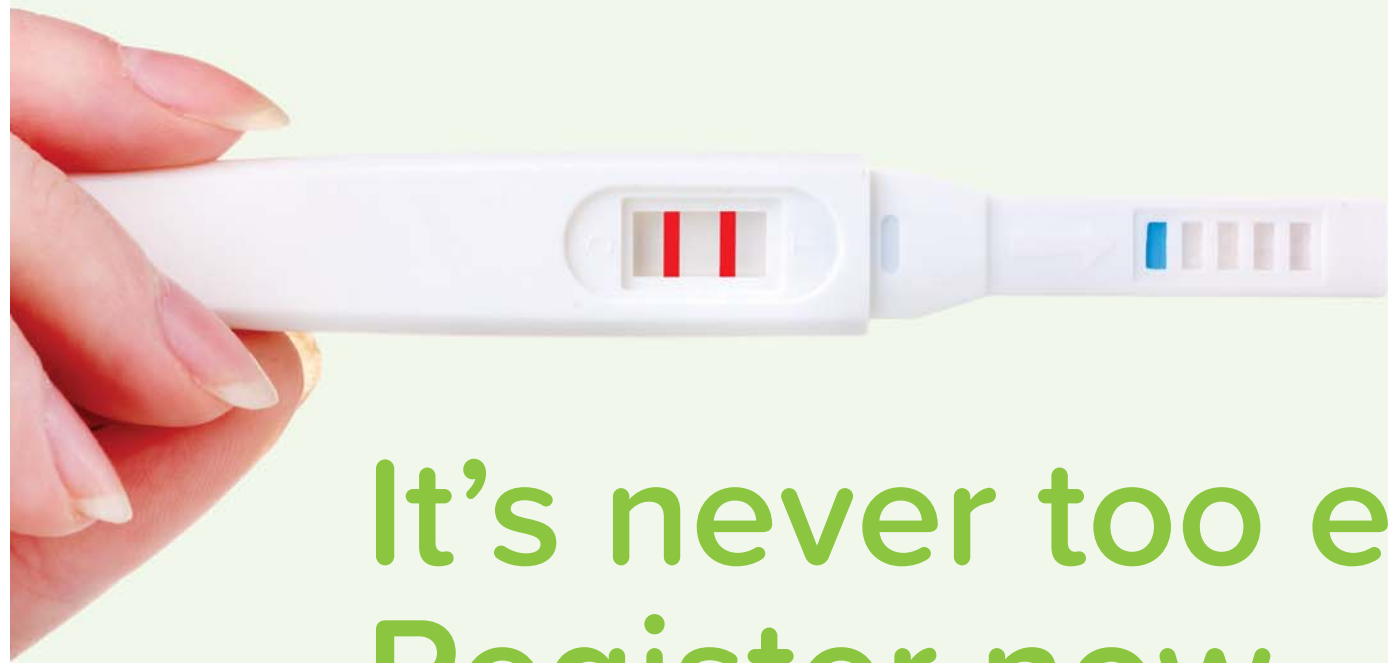
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Freedom School Seeking Teen Board Members

The Shalom Park Freedom School is once again pleased to accept applications (rising 10th-12th graders) for its Teen Board, which will serve the 2018 summer program at Shalom Park.

What Is Freedom School?

Summer reading loss is the foremost contributor to the achievement gap for low-income children, leading to what the Children's Defense Fund calls the "cradle to prison pipeline."

* Nationally, low-income children typically lose two to three months in reading level every summer, making them less likely to graduate high school as these losses become cumulative.

* Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools have a 90% success rate for preventing summer reading loss, with 65% of children gaining one or more levels of reading comprehension after just one summer.

Freedom Schools address these issues. The vision for the Shalom Park Freedom School (SPFS) is to engage in tikkun olam by fulfilling the highest level of Jewish charity: helping 80 children in our community become self-sufficient through closing this achievement gap with a six-week literacy based summer program. These 80 scholars are selected from Huntingtowne Farms and Sterling, the elementary schools in faith-based partnerships with Temple Israel and Temple Beth El.

Why Be a Part of the Shalom Park Freedom School Teen Board?

* Great experience working with a diverse group of scholars, college interns and professionals in the area.

* To be with some of the most proactive, solution-oriented teens from all over Charlotte.

* To serve on an actual non-profit board and develop an understanding of what that means and the responsibilities.

* To get hands-on experience working in a dynamic education setting.

* Explore Charlotte through field trips, guest speakers, and community-wide events

* Be a part of the pilot program for the Freedom School Teen Leadership Program

* Successfully complete 80 hours of community service activity at beautiful Shalom Park.

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What Is the Commitment?

Teen Board members will commit to work as school assistants for at least two consecutive weeks between June 18-July 27. Hours will be from 8:15 AM-3:15 PM



Betsy Olinger with last year's Teen Board members.

(some days until 4:15 PM), five days a week. Opportunities will include working in classrooms, accompanying teachers and students on field trips, planning activities for the classroom, securing and delivering supplies, and other assistance as needed. A swim test and swimming with scholars will be required. Additionally, fundraising will be a component: a movie night and raising funds for the "Challah for Scholars," a program for providing the scholars with Challah each week during

th summer.

Teen board members will commit to attend two instructional meetings. One in April 15 and the second meeting will be held June 14 "Welcome to Freedom School" lunch and swim test.

Next Steps:

Application deadline is March 3.

Application can be found at spfreedomschool.org/get-involved.

If you have any questions,

please reach out to Camille Kanofsky at camille@rsdiv.com or Betsy Olinger Betsy.B.Olinger@gmail.com. ☆



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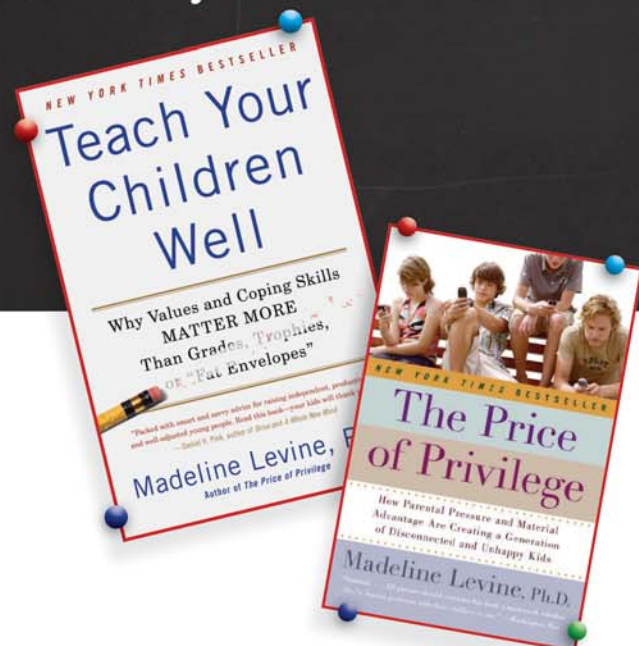
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Jewish Family Services Reaches Its Goal and Helps Transform Lives

Thank you for supporting Jewish Family Services, the heart of our community. With your assistance, the Family to Family Annual Campaign was a huge success. We reached our goal, an accomplishment we can all be proud of. It is through the continued support from many wonderful friends like you that Jewish Family Services can fulfill its mission to strengthen and empower individuals and families. Because of your generosity, people lives are getting better and our community is getting stronger.

Our services mean a great deal to the people who access them. Your kind gift created life-changing moments:

* A father of a young girl is able to talk to his daughter rather than use his fists to communicate.

* One troubled young girl was able to enjoy summer camp by using the coping skills she was learned in therapy.

* One woman was brought to tears as she received a gift for Chanukah; the only one she would receive this year.

* A family was able to observe Rosh Hashanah with a traditional holiday meal.

* A grandmother said she fi-

nally felt part of her family's Chanukah celebration this year, because JFS helped provide presents for her to give her grandchildren.

Your contributions transform lives. Did you know, that Jewish Family Services is the only resource in the community that provides counseling to Jewish members of our community without insurance or who cannot afford it? Your commitment, confidence and generosity allows us to reach people when they need us the most.

The future holds even more promise as 2018 begins to unfold. Our new board, headed up by Jan Weiner, and infused with five new members Ana Bonheim, James Bryan, Suzy Catenazzo, Harry Rubenstein, and Mason Sklut has enthusiastically hit the ground running, embracing all aspects of JFS allowing us to cast a wider net in the coming year. The Mental Health Initiative, a partnership with many of the Shalom Park Agencies and Partners, is designed to dive deeper into the impact of mental health in our everyday lives. Workshops, trainings, and living room discussions to arm people with the skills they

need to assist someone impacted by anxiety, depression, or suicide are all on the calendar. Through a relationship with Mental Health America of Central Carolinas, meaningful conversations with teens, adults and professionals is expected.

Programming for older adults continues to develop as we anticipate stepped up efforts to honor and enrich the lives of our community's Holocaust Survivors, enhance supports to family caregivers and increase social activities including a new Purim Carnival for our senior adult population.

Conversations and plans to extend our services beyond our walls are underway. JFS is committed to providing services where they will be most effective. Being able to provide counseling and other services in the home, at a Senior Living facility or in a school continues to build on JFS' ability to meet the needs of our community. It allows individuals to receive services when they need it with the most effective results. ☆



Judaism is not confined to synagogues. Many of us strive for spirituality within the comfort and familiarity of our own homes and in the workplace. Thanks to a lovely donation from Alan Moldoff, mezuzahs now adorn every doorpost within the Jewish Family Services office. Thank you, Alan, for your heartfelt donation and the decorative mezuzahs, a true representation of our Jewish heritage.

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Special Thanks: To the many volunteers who made the 2017 Senior Chanukah luncheon a great success. Whether you served food, drove a senior, helped set up or clean up, or made Chanukah cards we appreciate your giving time to this event. ☆



Jewish Family SERVICES

the heart of our community

Jewish and Muslim groups help refugees in Greece

(JTA) — A historically Jewish organization and a Muslim group will work together to provide legal services to refugees in Greece.

HIAS, the global Jewish non-profit that protects refugees, and Islamic Relief USA, the U.S. arm of the humanitarian assistance and advocacy organization, have formed a joint initiative to help the thousands of refugees in Greece.

More than 1 million refugees from Syria, Iraq, and other countries in crisis passed through Greece in 2015 and 2016. 60,000 refugees remain there. Last year, nearly 3,000 refugees arrived in Greece each month, according to HIAS.

The partnership, which will operate in Athens and on the island of Lesbos, will help refugees navigate asylum procedures, increasing limitations on movement and employment opportunities, lack of police protection, and inadequate medical and mental health services. HIAS first launched a program for refugees in Lesbos in 2016.

The two groups have been collaborating to advance refugee rights for several years. In June, Islamic Relief USA honored HIAS with its Courage Award. Upon accepting the award in Washington, D.C., HIAS President Mark Hetfield said, "All the Abrahamic faiths are united by the value of hospitality and welcoming the stranger as ourselves, for we were all once strangers in a strange land."

On Wednesday, HIAS received a grant from the Genesis Prize Foundation and its 2017 laureate Anish Kapoor to advocate in support of immigrants and refugees to the United States. ☆

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Compost Cookie Hamantaschen Recipe

By Shannon Sarna

(Nosher via JTA) — If you've never made compost cookies, but you love desserts that are a little salty and a little sweet, this cookie (and hamantaschen) are for you. Do a quick Google search for "compost cookie" and you will come up with dozens of recipes. But the original compost cookie was born out of the genius dessert brain of Christina Tosi of Milk Bar, one of my baking heroes. The recipe for her famous cookie (and cakes and crazy desserts) can be found in her cookbook, which I adore and highly recommend for those who love baking projects.

I'm a huge fan of classic hamantaschen dough filled simply with jam or Nutella. But I wanted to get a little crazy with the actual dough this year, which is where the compost part comes in. In Tosi's famous cookies, she adds cornflakes, pretzels, potato chips and even coffee grinds. You know, like you add the coffee grinds to your compost? It's sort of an "everything but the kitchen sink" sort of cookie.

The cookies are complex, fun and absolutely delish. Get creative and crazy with your toppings because, after all, it's Purim.

Directions:

In a stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat butter till creamy. Scrape down sides of bowl and add sugar. Beat again till light and fluffy. Add egg, vanilla, and milk. Scrape down sides again. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, salt, baking powder, crushed cornflakes, and crushed potato chips. Note: I recommend crushing the potato chips and cornflakes in a food processor to get them very fine, but you can also crush them in a plastic baggie using a mallet or rolling pin for coarser crumbs. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients till dough comes together. Scrape dough from bowl and form into 2 rounds. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill for 1 hr. or up to 24 hrs. Preheat oven to 400 F.

When ready to bake, roll out dough onto lightly floured surface until 1/4" thick. Cut dough into rounds and fill with 1/2 teaspoon filling (either chocolate spread, cookie butter, or dulce de leche). Pinch up circle into triangles very tight. Place on baking sheet lined with a silpat or parchment paper and pop in freezer for 10 mins. Bake for 7-9 mins. Allow to cool completely. In a small, mi-



Ingredients:

For the dough:

- 1 c. butter (or margarine)
- 1-1/4 c. sugar
- 2 t. vanilla
- 2 T. milk or almond milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 2-1/2 c. unbleached all-purpose flour
- 2 T. crushed potato chips
- 2 T. crushed cornflakes
- 1 T. coffee grounds

For the filling:

Nutella, dulce de leche, or cookie butter

For the toppings:

- 1 c. white chocolate chips
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- additional crushed cornflakes, potato chips, cookie crumbs, or sprinkles

crowave-safe bowl, melt white chocolate chips and vegetable oil in 30-sec. intervals, stirring vigorously between till completely smooth. Dip part of each cookie in chocolate and place on top of a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Add sprinkles, crushed cornflakes, potato chip, or cookies on top if desired. Allow chocolate to set completely before storing in airtight container. ☆

(Shannon Sarna is the editor of The Nosher.)

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PURIM



The Totally Rad '80s Purim Spiel!

Sunday, Feb. 25 at 10:30 am

Congregation-wide and appropriate for all ages. Join us and then head over to the Purim Carnival at the Levine JCC. Head waaay back to the 1980s and hear the Purim story retold as never before by our very own congregants!

Purim Happy Hour

Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 – 8:30 pm (offsite)

Bring in Purim with your beverage of choice and enjoy an opportunity for adults to hang out together!

LEARNING

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Wednesday evenings starting Feb. 7 at 7:00 pm

Learn how to decode and read Hebrew, and become more connected to services and prayers. (RSVP online)

21st Annual Comparative Religion Series:

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Tuesday evenings starting Jan. 30 at 7:00 pm

Religious leaders of different faiths offer their points of view. The event is free and open to the community.



Your Purim Celebration Headquarters! We have everything from groggers and masks to jewelry and books.

Also, look for us at the community-wide Purim Carnival, Sunday, Feb. 25!

Discovered Traditions is open 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, before and after Friday night services, and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Religious School Sundays. Proceeds support the Temple Beth El Religious School.



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TBE hosted a weekend-long kallah for our LIBERTY Youth Group and teens from around the region. Highlights: Participation in an Interfaith Prayer Service and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

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Friday, Feb. 23 at 5:45 – 8:00 pm, Temple Beth El

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Nine Things You (Maybe) Didn't Know About Purim

By Julie Wiener

(My Jewish Learning via JTA)
- With costumes, spiels, and lots of drinking, Purim is one of Judaism's most raucous holidays. You might know about beautiful Esther thwarting evil Haman's plans, the custom of getting drunk, and what hamantaschen are. But we're guessing there's a few things about Purim, which this year starts at sundown February 28, that might surprise you.

1. Esther was a vegetarian (or at least a flexitarian).

According to midrash, while Queen Esther lived in the court of King Ahasuerus, she followed a vegetarian diet consisting largely of legumes so that she would not break the laws of kashrut (dietary laws). For this reason, there is a tradition of eating beans and peas on Purim. (After all, you'll need something healthy after all the booze and hamantaschen.)

2. You're supposed to find a go-between to deliver your mishloach manot, the gift baskets traditionally exchanged with friends and family on Purim.

The verse in the Book of Esther about mishloach manot stipulates that we should send gifts to one another, not just give gifts to one another. As a result, it's better to send your packets of goodies to a friend via a messenger than to just give them outright. Anyone can act as a go-between, so feel free to recruit the postal service or even that nice guy in the elevator to help you deliver your gifts.

3. The Book of Esther is the only biblical book that does not include God's name.

The Book of Esther also makes no references to the Temple, to prayer or to Jewish practices such as kashrut [keeping kosher].

4. Hamantaschen might have been designed to symbolize Haman's hat — or his ears or pockets. Or something a little more womanly.

Some say these cookies represent Haman's ears (the Hebrew name for them, "oznei Haman," means just this), and refer to a custom of cutting off a criminal's ears before his execution. Another theory is that the three corners represent the three patriarchs whose power weakened Haman and gave strength to Esther to save the Jews.

Yet another theory: Because the German word tasche means "pouch" or "pocket," the cookies could signify Haman's pockets and the money he offered the king for permission to kill the Jews.

Finally, in recent years, some feminists have suggested the cookies, which after all are not dissimilar in appearance to female reproductive parts, were meant to be fertility symbols.

5. In 1945, a group of American soldiers held belated Purim services inside Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels' confiscated castle.

According to JTA coverage at the time, the Jewish chaplain "carefully arranged the candles over a swastika-bedecked bookcase in Goebbels' main dining room," and Jewish soldiers explained to their Christian comrades in attendance "about Haman

and why it was so fitting that Purim services should be held in a castle belonging to Goebbels."

6. The Book of Esther, which many scholars theorize is fictional, may be an adaptation of a Babylonian story.

Some scholars argue that the Book of Esther adapted stories about these pagan gods — Marduk becoming Mordechai and Ishtar transformed to Esther — to reflect the realities of its own Jewish authors in exile.

7. The Jewish calendar has a regular leap year with two months of Adar (but only one Purim, which falls during the second Adar).

To ensure that the holidays remain in their mandated seasons, the Jewish calendar was ingeniously adjusted to accommodate the 11-day difference between the lunar and solar years. In the fourth century C.E., Hillel scheduled an extra month at the end of the biblical year, as necessary. The biblical year begins in spring with Nissan (Exodus 12: 1-2) and ends

with Adar. Hillel, in conjunction with the Sanhedrin (Jewish supreme court), chose to repeat Adar (Adar I and Adar II) every third, sixth, eighth, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th year over a 19-year period.

8. Purim is celebrated one day later inside walled cities than it is everywhere else.



Mishloach manot (Wikimedia Commons)

Accordingly, if a person lives in a city that has been walled since the days of Joshua (circa 1250 BCE), as Shushan was, Purim is celebrated on the 15th of Adar, a day referred to as Shushan Purim.

9. Just after the 1991 Gulf War, Israel's most popular Purim costume was of the Israeli army spokesman whose face appeared on TV every time a Scud missile alert sounded — and people snacked on "Saddamtaschen" instead of hamantaschen.

Spokesman Nachman Shai's "reassuring tones earned him the sobriquet 'National Valium,'" while Israel was being pelted with Iraqi missiles, according to a JTA report at the time. That year, while many costume-makers avoided the temptation to make Saddam Hussein costumes (it would be like a Hitler costume, one vendor told JTA), bakeries hawked "Saddamtashen," which "look and taste exactly like hamantaschen." ☆

(Julie Wiener is managing editor of My Jewish Learning.)

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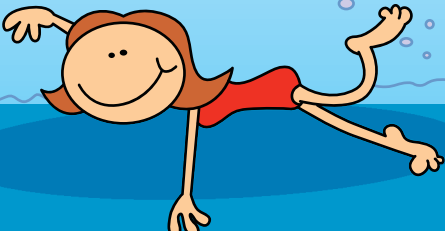


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Israeli Chefs Take Hamantaschen to a Whole New Level

By Andrew Tobin

Tel Aviv (JTA) – Cheesecake, amaretto, or goat cheese and onion jam?

Those are just some of the new hamantaschen options this year at Roladin, a popular Israeli bakery chain. The Dizengoff Center branch in Tel Aviv, one of dozens around the country, bustles in advance of the Purim holiday.

“The public trusts us to expose them to new flavors,” said the branch owner, Itzik Shamsian. “Roladin takes pride in innovating and changing.”

In recent years, Israeli bakeries have increasingly offered gourmet versions of the three-cornered cookie — marzipan, say, or gluten-free varieties — alongside the classics, like poppyseed. The change reflects the growing sophistication of Israel’s culinary scene, which is focused on updating traditional dishes and fusing them with cuisines from around the world.

Purim — which commemorates the Jews’ deliverance from Haman, an evil adviser to an ancient Persian king — is a festive holiday for both religious and secular Jews in Israel.

Like Halloween in the United States, it is characterized by costumes and parties, including in the streets of some cities.

But perhaps the most iconic symbol of the holiday are hamantaschen — called *oznay haman*, or “Haman’s ears,” in Hebrew. In the weeks before Purim, they pop up



Goat cheese and onion jam hamantaschen (Courtesy of Roladin)

in bakeries, cafes and kitchens around the country, and the treats are included in the mishloach manot, or Purim gift baskets, Israelis traditionally exchange for the holiday.

Ashkenazi Jews, about half of Israel’s Jewish population, have been making hamantaschen on Purim for generations, and little has fundamentally changed. A piece of dough is folded into a triangle around a sweet filling and baked. In Israel, the classics are poppyseed, chocolate, and date, with jam not nearly as common as in the United States.

But in recent years, Israeli chefs have been giving hamantaschen an upgrade, introducing fillings inspired by high-end desserts and even savory pastries.

Roladin last year introduced a dozen new flavors, as well upscale takes on the traditional ones. The company planned to produce 2 million hamantaschen — 1 million

traditional flavors and 1 million new flavors, including triple sec cheesecake, amaretto-pistachio-marzipan, salted caramel chocolate, and goat cheese and onion jam.

“We decided to innovate and surprise with a variety of sweet, salty, alcoholic, and traditional flavors to suit everyone,” Roladin

CEO Noah Becher Aharoni said in a statement to JTA. “Our pastries are handmade and of higher quality ingredients.”

Roladin is something of a pioneer in creating innovative, holiday-centric treats. Starting a few years ago, for Chanukah, Roladin began offering sufganiyot flavors like dulce de leche and pistachio, some served with syringes to allow customers to squeeze the optimal amount of filling into every bite.

Lehamin, a bakery chain with branches in Tel Aviv and Manhattan, has gradually expanded its hamantaschen offerings over the past decade or so. But recently they reversed course. This year, instead of eight or nine new flavors of hamantaschen, Lehamin is focusing on traditional varieties — with three notable exceptions: marzipan, sweet potato and feta cheese, and potato and parsley.

According to owner Uri Sheft, the secret to his poppyseed

hamantaschen — which he said he sells more of than the rest of the flavors combined — is the seeds. To preserve their sweetness, he uses a special machine to press rather than grind them and bakes them immediately after. But his personal favorite is the marzipan, which draws on his Danish heritage.

“A lot of the traditional foods people eat in Israel were mass produced, which gave them a bad reputation,” Sheft said. “But more and more, people are making these foods right and discovering what they should taste like. I never knew what [the Yemenite bread] *malawach* was until my Moroccan-Yemenite wife’s family made it for me.”

Like its population, Israel’s food is a mishmash of global influences, from Poland to Morocco. Until recently, cooking mostly took place in the home.

But in the past decade or so, food has gone public, with an explosion of dining options in Tel Aviv and other cities. Cooking shows, like Israel’s version of “MasterChef,” which celebrate and refine Israel’s diverse culinary heritage, have shattered viewing records and made household names

out of celebrity chefs like Eyal Shani and Haim Cohen.

Oren Becker, a top pastry chef, recently started making gluten-free, vegan, and low fat and low-sugar hamantaschen. His preferred ingredients include whole-grain dough and goji berries. But he dismissed new flavors as largely hype. Most people just want one of the classics, he said.

“The media and chefs have to come up with new things, like hamantaschen that taste like quiche or pizza or whatever,” he said. “But if you ask people in the street, they really want the traditional thing that their parents and their grandparents ate.”

Shamsian, the Roladin manager, acknowledged that the most popular flavors at his branch remain poppyseed, chocolate, and date. ☆



A pastry chef at Roladin serving a customer in Tel Aviv, March 7, 2017. (Andrew Tobin)



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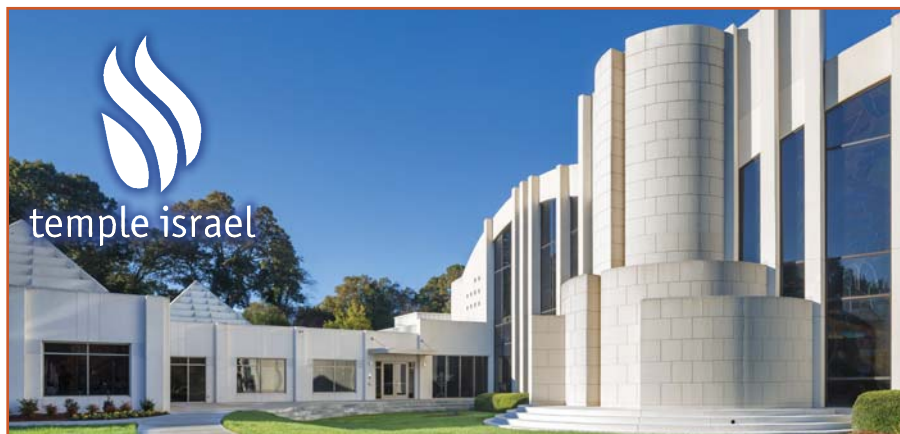


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Sunday, February 4

9 - 9:15 a.m. - Wrapping (Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel)

9:15 - 10 a.m. - Service (Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel)

10 - 10:30 a.m. - Breakfast (Boardroom)

All are welcome to join Temple Israel for the 19th Annual World

Wide Wrap, which takes place on Super Bowl Sunday morning at Temple Israel. We will be wrapping tefillin together with hundreds of communities around the world, and will be joined by the parents and children from the Etgar and Mechina programs at TIRS. *Breakfast will follow Morning Minyan.*

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Saturday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Shabbat service, followed by a special Kiddush, as we pay tribute to the individuals and families who have created a legacy gift and named Temple Israel as a beneficiary. Services will also be led in part by our Beyond B'nai Mitzvah youth (8th-12th grades).



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The film at heart is an admiring salute to European Jews who chose to stay put, toughing out the painful reminders of the past to reclaim their violated patria.
- The Hollywood Reporter

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Wednesday, February 28

5-5:30 p.m. – Torah Tots program

5:30-6:15 p.m. – Pizza Dinner

6:15-7 p.m. – Megillah Reading & "Beauty & The Beast" Purim Shpiel

7-7:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Dessert Party & Adult Bar

7:30-8 p.m. – Interactive Maariv

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This is Why Purim Is the Original Interfaith Holiday

By Dana Marlowe

(Kveller via JTA) - When I explain Purim to those less familiar with the holiday, I tell them it's kind of like Jewish Halloween. Not so much because of the history and story behind each (Purim has no ghosts), but related to the joyful spirit, costumes, food, and fun.

Full disclosure: My neighborhood doesn't celebrate Halloween in the way other areas decorate with cobwebs, spiders, and screaming doormats. In my little suburban neighborhood nestled in Silver Spring, MD, the population is predominately Orthodox. I might be a bit of an outsider with my cultural Jewish upbringing and unaffiliated interfaith family, but luckily our 'hood doesn't check your synagogue membership at all. The arms of the community are always open, especially this month.

In our community, we celebrate Purim with hundreds of kids running from house to house.

Bedazzled with costumes of Batman and Mordechai, they load in and out of cars, dropping off

and picking up mishloach manot, holiday gift baskets. We have a large street in the neighborhood that closes off to have a "Purim on Fulham" festival that is driven by the folks who live on that long block.

The celebration doesn't stop there. There are also countless carnivals and events held nearby. My kids love assembling the mishloach manot, handing them out to a neighborhood in a candied frenzy state. My husband, the engineer, marvels at the endless creative themes of the mishloach manot, ranging from international food themes to play-on-words baskets, along with Lego groggers and gourmet hamantaschen. The excitement mounts in my house as my children stuff the paper bags and draw on the outside of the sacks—and it's only matched by the myriad of moon bounces that pop up on street corners.

For us, it's a fun day. The fact that we don't do the more observant part of the holiday — like attend a Megillah reading or fast beforehand — is inconsequential. People welcome us regardless, but



like any neighborhood, it's a two-way street in respect. We are careful to make sure the mishloach manot include the diverse food items needed for differing blessings, and that everything has clear kosher labels. Purim is a joyful

holiday. Our joy is increased by bringing kosher wine to the meals we are invited to and by our friends translating the blessings into English for us.

In addition to Purim, while my husband and I often work on these

holidays that are deemed of the utmost significance in Judaism, our Orthodox friends don't judge us or make us feel wrong.

There is such a deeply rooted understanding that we all celebrate our Judaism and other holidays in our own respective ways.

Purim by nature is an interfaith holiday: Esther saves the Jewish people by teaching tolerance to Ahasuerus to save her people and have them coexist together in Shushan. I feel that same spirit of inclusion daily in our neighborhood.

In a conventional neighborhood, people are united simply by geography. Literally, of course, we share a ZIP code, garbage day pickup schedule, a post office and the same unfortunate power grid in winter storms. But a neighborhood can be so much more than a regional district. It's a shared identity.

In a close-knit community, people are united by common goals, collective activities and group events that give the residents a sense of true belonging. Nowhere was this more apparent than in the countless instances witnessed over the past years and the holiday season. My neighbors have opened their homes, hearts and kitchens to us during the holidays, and for Shabbat meals.

When someone has a sick family member, the neighborhood provides food. Neighborhood Facebook pages exist for toy and costume swaps as well as "I just need one thing from Costco," which comes in handy more times than you can count. One such helpful example was when I needed to bring my older son to the emergency room when my husband was out of town for business. I posted a message and within minutes, friends showed up to babysit.

I recently heard a community described as a circle to which you feel you belong. If you're away, that circle will miss your presence; it reaches out to you when you're absent, and you long for it when you're not there.

We are happy to celebrate another Purim here. Our minivan will brim with hamantaschen and smiles. As we drive up the streets sharing in the festivities, we celebrate in our own way, and our neighbors in another. And I know that just as we get pumped up to celebrate Purim, our friends and neighbors will be excited to see my interfaith family's Easter egg hunt just a few weeks after we put away the groggers and masks. Because that's how we, as a community, roll. ☆

(Dana Marlowe champions people with disabilities in the workforce and for accessible technology innovation as the principal partner of Accessibility Partners, LLC. She is the creator of Support the Girls, a charitable organization that accepts donations of bras, tampons, and maxi pads for homeless women.)

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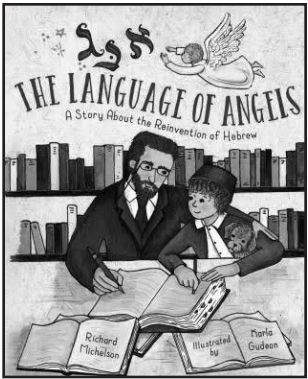
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2018 Sydney Taylor Book Awards Announced

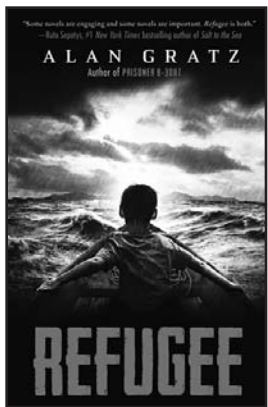
Winners of the annual Sydney Taylor Book Award were announced by the Association of Jewish Libraries today. Named in memory of Sydney Taylor, author of the classic *All-of-a-Kind Family* series, the award recognizes books for children and teens that exemplify high literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience.

2018 is the 50th Anniversary of the Sydney Taylor Awards. The first winner was *The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia* by Esther Hautzig in 1968, published by the Thomas Y. Crowell Company.



Gold Medalists

The Language of Angels: A Story About the Reinvention of Hebrew by Richard Michelson, illustrated by Karla Gudeon, published by Charlesbridge, won the Sydney Taylor Book Award in the Younger Readers category. This beautiful picture book tells the story of how Hebrew became an everyday language in Israel, after being out of use for two thousand years. The folk art illustrations are an illuminating match.



Refugee by Alan Gratz, published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic, won the Sydney Taylor Book Award in the Older Readers category. The journeys of three different young refugees from Nazi Germany, 1990s Cuba, and present-day Syria come together to form an emotional and timely narrative about the refugee experience.



The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe, translated by Lilit

Thwaites, published by Godwin Books, an imprint of Henry Holt and Company, a division of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, won the Sydney Taylor Book Award in the Teen Readers category. This powerful story of Dita Kraus and her protection of a handful of books in the Auschwitz concentration camp shows the importance of hope in the darkest of times.

Harold Grinspoon and PJ Library won the Sydney Taylor Body of Work Award. PJ Library, a project of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, is a family engagement program that sends free books celebrating Jewish values and culture to families with children six months through eight years old. This program has revolutionized the field of Jewish children's literature by providing dramatically improved access to Jewish books for families. It has also significantly increased the publication of children's books with Jewish content. The Body of Work Award has been given twelve times in the 50-year history of the Sydney Taylor Awards. The last recipient was author Eric Kimmel in 2004.



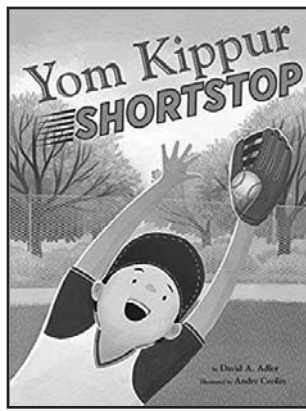
Silver Medalists

Eight Sydney Taylor Honor Books were also recognized. For Younger Readers, the Honor Books are: *Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam* adapted by Fawzia Gilani Williams, illustrated by Chiara Fedele, published by Kar-Ben Publishing, a division of Lerner Publishing Group and *Drop by Drop: A Story of Rabbi Akiva* by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Yevgenia Nayberg, published by Kar-Ben Publishing, a division of Lerner Publishing Group.

For Older Readers, the Honor Books are: *Viva, Rose!* by Susan Krawitz, published by Holiday House, which was also the recipient of the 2015 Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award; *This Is Just a Test* by Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy Wan-Long Shang, published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic; and *The Six-Day Hero* by Tammar Stein, published by Kar-Ben Publishing, a division of Lerner Publishing Group.

For Teen Readers, the Honor Books are: *To Look a Nazi in the Eye: A Teen's Account of a War Criminal Trial* by Kathy Kacer with Jordana Lebowitz, published by Second Story Press; *Almost Autumn* by Marianne Kaurin, translated by Rosie Hedger, published by Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic; and *The Girl with the Red Balloon* by Katherine Locke, published by Albert Whitman and Company.

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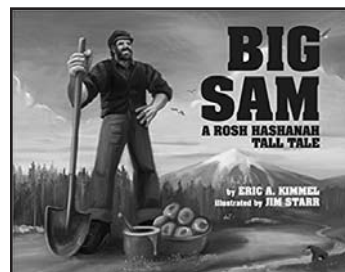
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Yom Kippur Shortstop by David A. Adler, illustrated by Andre Ceolin published by Apples and Honey Press, an imprint of Behrman House

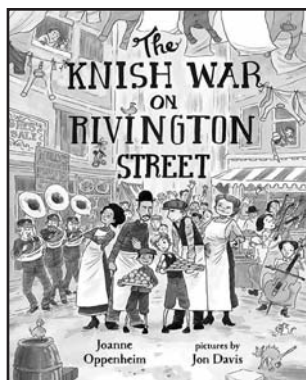


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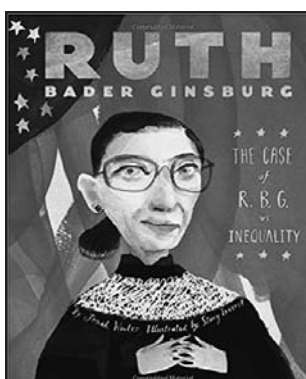
Big Sam: A Rosh Hashanah Tall Tale by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Jim Starr published by Apples and Honey Press, an imprint of Behrman House



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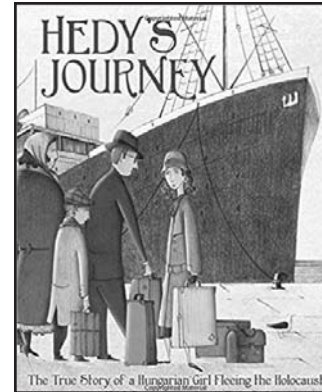
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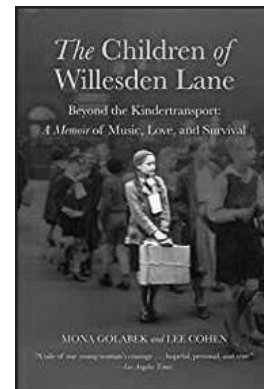
Jonah Winter, illustrated by Stacy Innerst, published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, a division of Abrams

Notable Books for Older Readers

Hedy's Journey: The True Story of a Hungarian Girl Fleeing the Holocaust by Michelle Bisson, illustrated by El Primo Ramón published by Capstone Press, a Capstone imprint



The Children of Willesden Lane: A True Story of Hope and Survival During World War II: Young Readers Edition by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen and adapted by Emil Sher published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, a division of Hachette Book Group



Wordwings by Sydelle Pearl, published by Guernica Editions

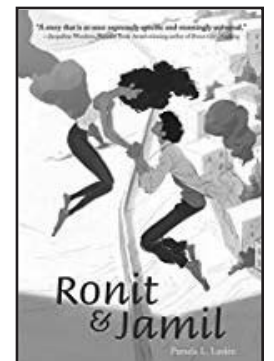
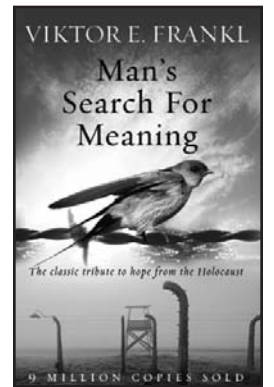


The Dollmaker of Krakow by R.M. Romero published by Delacorte Press, a division of Random House Children's Books

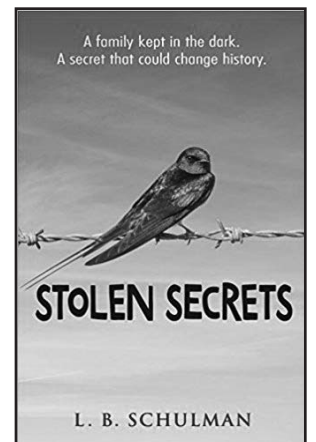


Notable Books for Teen Readers
Man's Search for Meaning: Young Reader Edition by Viktor

E. Frankl, published by Beacon Press



Ronit and Jamil by Pamela L. Laskin published by Katherine Tegen Books, a division of HarperCollins Publishers



Stolen Secrets by L.B. Schulman, published by Boyds Mills Press, a division of Highlights

Winning authors and illustrators will receive their awards at the Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries, to be held in Boston, MA from June 18-20. Gold and silver medalists will also participate in a blog tour February 4-8.

The Language of Angels and *Refugee* were also named winners of the 67th Annual National Jewish Book Awards, which were announced today as well. A full list of all the winners can be found on the Jewish Book Councils website.

Members of the 2018 Sydney Taylor Book Award committee are: Chair Susan Kusel, Temple Rodef Shalom Library, Falls Church, VA; Rena Citrin, Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, Chicago, IL; Elissa Gershowitz, Horn Book Magazine, Boston, MA; Rebecca Levitan, Baltimore County Public Library, Pikesville Branch, Baltimore, MD; Heather Lenson, Joseph and Florence Mandel Jewish Day School, Beachwood, OH; Marjorie Shuster, Congregation Emanuel of the City of New York, New York, NY; and Rivka Yerushalmi, Silver Spring, MD. ☆



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