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Jewish Family Service Live, Laugh, Give Comedy Night Raises More Than \$90,000

By Julie Loftis

On June 6 more than 300 registered attendees logged on to Jewish Family Services' (JFS) first-ever virtual Live, Laugh, Give fundraising event. The headliner, John Heffron, did not disappoint with his one-liners and jokes. According to Howard Olshansky, executive director for JFS, "We had no idea what to expect with a virtual event. We are so moved that once again our community opened their hearts, and the event raised over \$90,000 to support our services."

A special thank you to our major sponsors, Kim and Adam Levy, Izzy's Catering, Gary and Jodi Michel and Pinnacle Bank; to our event co-chairs, Andrea Cronson and Adina Loewenstein; and to the many others who donated their time, talents, and gifts. Sponsors were treated to a special virtual meet and greet with Heffron and a delicious meal catered by Best Impressions and delivered by volunteers.

Next month JFS kicks off its Family to Family Annual Campaign, accounting for close to a quarter of the total annual budget. The Family to Family Campaign will focus on "Reimagining a Stronger Community." Mem-

bers of our community have exhibited resilience throughout the pandemic, with a renewed sense of energy, hope, and possibility.

Partnering with our community, JFS has responded to the changing environment, breaking down old barriers and gaining stride and momentum in the aftermath of the pandemic, through the use of telehealth services and online presentations and workshops to name a few. The monies raised from Live, Laugh, Give and the Family to

Family Campaign, along with tributes and generous donations throughout the year, will help ensure JFS continues to provide the support our community has come to depend on. JFS has been instrumental in responding to our community's needs, especially during the pandemic.

During the pandemic, JFS was able to implement its continuum of services as an "agency without walls," responding to an increase in needs and providing support to our community traumatized by the impact of the pandemic. During this time:

- JFS distributed almost \$20,000 to those financially impacted by the pandemic for things like rent, mortgage and utilities.
- JFS distributed more than



400 holiday gift bags to seniors and pantry clients, including those delivered by volunteers to individuals that were isolated during quarantine.

- JFS met the needs of individuals with food insecurity with more than a 50% increase in pantry services.

JFS provided more than 16 virtual programs to seniors, keeping them engaged and connected to the community

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Most Jews Won't Set Foot In a Synagogue; That's Why Rabbis Need to Think Like Entrepreneurs

By Rabbi Shira Koch Epstein
June 15, 2021 (JTA)

On March 13, nearly a year to the day after Temple Beth El of Charlotte, North Carolina, closed due to COVID-19, Rabbi Dusty Klass gathered the congregation's 900 households for a shared — albeit remote — Jewish experience.

Unable to gather her community for worship, Klass and her colleagues, including operations manager Nathalie Friedlander, invented something new: Challah Day. Volunteers baked over 900 challot, and others delivered them to the doorstep of every household in the community to enjoy over a Shabbat meal.

Even those who rarely attend synagogue participated. New volunteers took leadership roles; people of different ages and stages initiated new relationships; those who felt only a distant connection to the community and to Jewish practice reported a sense of belonging.

Klass was one of thousands of pulpit rabbis who amid the pandemic quickly became rabbinic entre-

preneurs — and in the process kindled new energy in her Jewish community.

"I don't know what to say except that the worst misfortune isn't only misfortunes," says the Rev. John Ames, a character in Marilynne Robinson's novel "Gilead." These words are true of the impact that COVID-19 has had on the rabbinate. Our clergy have now spent more than a year adapting their leadership to reach beyond their synagogue walls, serving those who couldn't show up.

Misfortune may have fully emptied our sanctuaries, but the pandemic was merely an acceleration of a trend. The 2021 Pew Study of American Jews demonstrated that even before the pandemic, 52% of American Jews reported attending synagogue "seldom or never." Without a synagogue, most do not have a relationship with a good rabbi.

Yet more than half of these "non-attenders" reported "other ways of expressing their Jewishness" through, as Pew confirmed, "holidays, food choices, cultural connections or life milestones."

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From the Editor



Shira Firestone, Editor CJN

I think we can all agree that we need a term other than “new normal” to describe these times that we’re in.

With some hybrid form of online and in-person services being planned for many High Holiday services, and cases of COVID sharply rising again since the July 4th weekend with the new variant, we’re clearly not able to claim that this period of uncertainty is behind us. Yet we’re also reengaging on a personal level, returning to our offices, dining out, and best of all — hugging again. I think a

more appropriate term might be liminal space. That in-between place.

The word “liminal” comes from the Latin root, limen, which means “threshold.” The liminal space is the “crossing over” space — a space where you have left something behind, yet you are not yet fully in something else.*

This is where we are. Although it’s not a comfortable place to be, it’s also a place of potential transformation and opportunity. And it’s a place I’ve become all too familiar with in the past few years.

I left Seattle and my Jewish community four years ago to move to South Carolina to take care of my mother. I left my community but didn’t have a new one, and I didn’t know how long I would be in that in-between place. It was a situation I had no control over. When my mother passed and I moved to Charlotte, I thought that period of uncertainty was ending, and the first thing I did was try to find “my” Jewish community.

But this didn’t come as easily as I’d hoped. It felt clumsy and unnatural. It felt unfulfilling. And it felt lonely.

And then came COVID, and you’re well versed in that part of the story. I had just begun to learn my way around when getting around suddenly became irrelevant. And finding my Jewish community? It seemed I was going to have to give up on that, at least for the time being.

But something else happened during that time. I landed my dream job as editor of The Charlotte Jewish News. Though before I had felt like I didn’t connect with another Jewish soul, I was now meeting representatives and leaders from every Jewish organization in town, albeit as little Brady Bunch heads. And when we finally met in person, we greeted each other with hugs as if we’d been longtime friends.

In that year (this issue marks my one-year anniversary as editor), I’ve not only come to admire and gain affection for these new colleagues and friends but also have been thrust into a new

experience of Judaism that has helped me understand why it has been so hard to find my place in this Jewish world — why I’ve stayed stuck in this spiritual liminal space.

I was looking for “my” Jewish experience. I came seeking to replace the community, the experience, and the rabbi I had previously hitched my Jewish wagon to. I’ve concluded that they’re just not here. I’ve been grieving that. I still am.

But in the liminal place comes transformation. I thought Judaism came in three primary flavors, like some Neapolitan dessert, namely, Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform, and I knew which flavor I preferred; I knew where I fit. But one of my new Jewish teachers in Charlotte said to me that “labels are for T-shirts,” and that — we’re Jewish. I’m Jewish. And I’m figuring out what that means for me now, here in this liminal space.

Since landing in Charlotte, I’ve welcomed Shabbat in a sanctuary, a picnic shelter, a private home, and even a jazz club.

All had something that spoke to me. And none were exactly what I was looking for — because none of them were what I’d left behind — what I’d had before.

Where do I fit now? I don’t know. “Herein lies the power and the gift of the liminal space. The liminal space shakes us out of our habitual lives. It draws us out of what we have known, yet does not allow us to know what is coming next or when.” *

I suppose I’m still aptly “wandering,” and for that, any Jew should forgive me. So while I may continue to call Rabbi Ted in Seattle “my rabbi” for a while, I can see myself beginning to cross the threshold. The Charlotte Jewish community is teaching me that there’s more than one way to be Jewish.

*Alan Seale, “The Liminal Space — Embracing the Mystery and Power of Transition from What Has Been to What Will Be”

Shira

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times June/July

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Friday, August 13 – 7:56 p.m.
Friday, August 20 – 7:47 p.m.
Friday, August 27 – 7:38 p.m.



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- JFS provided 24 workshops to help our community manage stress, anxiety and parenting issues.

According to Fran, a JFS client, "I've been a top producer in sales. It was the first time I ever interviewed for jobs and couldn't get the job. I had to decrease my living expenses. I couldn't pay my rent. I couldn't even afford food. I got to the point where I was going to be homeless. It was really scary." She emailed JFS one evening and the next morning received a return phone call. "I was crying and she assured me, 'Don't worry, we are here for you.'"

Fran is now in a much better place than she was when she got that first call from JFS. "I want to give a special thanks to my therapist. I'm really happy now. Very happy and very grateful."

Of JFS's role in the community Howard Olshansky, JFS executive director, said, "Many people think of our work as a food pantry, providing mental health services, and supporting seniors. There are a lot of folks who don't realize the full extent of the needs that we're meeting in our community for all ages, including caregiver education and support, Holocaust survivor services, emergency financial assistance, parenting support, and

domestic violence services."

Live, Laugh, Give exceeded expectations as a virtual event, a success not possible without the support of our community. "Reimagining a Stronger Community" Family to Family Campaign will launch in September with more information to come. Donating to this campaign, and throughout the year, is an opportunity for families to make a real difference in the lives of other families in our community. If you are interested in donating funds, contributing to the food pantry or volunteering your time, please visit our website at www.JFSCharlotte.org for more information.

Rabbis Continued

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Of course, there are thriving synagogues where clergy and congregants express a dynamic American Judaism. But the title "rabbi" no longer guarantees pews full of Jews. Largely trained and paid to serve synagogues, rabbis thereby don't reach the Jewish majority.

Our clergy are an under-leveraged resource in connecting Jews and Judaism — and can do so with the incentive and tools. COVID-19 has proven our rabbis are ready to radically change in order to reach our people where they are.

For the past several years, the Center for Rabbinic Innovation has been training rabbis with the skills they need to build new communities in our Fellowship for Rabbinic Entrepreneurs. We have had success training our clergy to build and lead Jewish communities with and for those who do not attend synagogues. It only takes relatively small investments and support to encourage this success.

I see this in our fellow Rabbi Ariel Root Wolpe, who is building Ma'alot Atlanta, an emergent spiritual community that gathers folks to "sing, hike, eat, and celebrate holy moments."

While bringing rabbinic wisdom and spiritual leadership to this community, she has also been honing and practicing her entrepreneurial skills. Wolpe has met with scores of Atlanta residents who don't attend synagogue. She has collected and analyzed data on their spiritual and communal needs, tested new ideas, tweaked her early projects and has begun to attract financial support for her work. Over this past year, with training and very modest investment in her work, her community has been growing.

Clergy in our fellowship learn the skills of spiritual entrepreneurship and practice a lean startup methodology. They use small launch funds to pilot projects meeting people where they are and move forward with them. Through the failures and successes of our rabbinic innovators, we are learning in real time the best practices for creating sustainable communities with those who seek to express Jewishness outside the synagogue.

This year, we extended our work to 150 intrepid rabbis, including Klass, who participated in our Rabbinic (re)Design Labs. These mid-career clergy, serving existing communities, transformed their own spiritual leadership.

For example, the rabbi of a midsize congregation launched a listening campaign, training a core of passionate volunteers to reach out and build deep connections to others within and outside the syn-

agogue. With online meetings, they engaged more of their community than they had through regular synagogue programs and built Jewishly inspired, collaborative projects to overcome near-universal feelings of isolation.

Another rabbi in an urban congregation turned their neighborhood into a "Living Torah Museum Walking Tour" for Simchat Torah and beyond. They placed 54 laminated posters on members' buildings and gates around their neighborhoods. Each poster had artwork representing one of the 54 weekly Torah portions, plus a QR code with links to the portion. Members, neighbors, and curious passersby all engaged with Torah in new ways.

These rabbis nearly universally said they could prioritize these innovative projects only because their regular synagogue services and programming were on hold.

The majority of clergy earn their salaries from institutions supported by and focused on their members. Necessarily, the bulk of their attention goes to serving the needs of those paying dues: sanctuary worship, b'nai mitzvah, synagogue-based Jewish education, social action and chesed initiatives. Already working to capacity, they have little time or resources to reach those who may never appreciate these synagogue functions. Only a small subset of clergy can take the financial risk to pursue their innovative ideas as entrepreneurs. And who pays the rabbi as she builds a spiritual startup?

Our entire community must radically invest in the reinvention of the rabbinate so that 1,500 rabbis, not 150, learn and practice these methods. Even as we rightly celebrate the reopening of our sanctuaries, now is the time to ask how your synagogue, JCC, and federation are prioritizing and dedicating time and money to rabbinic innovation.

Training and supporting our clergy to lead successfully beyond the walls of the synagogue has exponential return on investment. COVID-19 has proven that they have the vision and capability to do so with the right training and support. Now is the moment to ensure that our clergy have the training, incentives, support, and resources to harness this positive momentum born out of our misfortune.

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BOOK REVIEW

"I Have a Jewish Name"
by Rochel Vorst

By Debby Block

Rochel Vorst's newest book, "I Have a Jewish Name," is a joyful expression of Jewish identity. Released in the spring of 2020, Vorst's rhyming book includes 170 Jewish names in Hebrew and Yiddish.

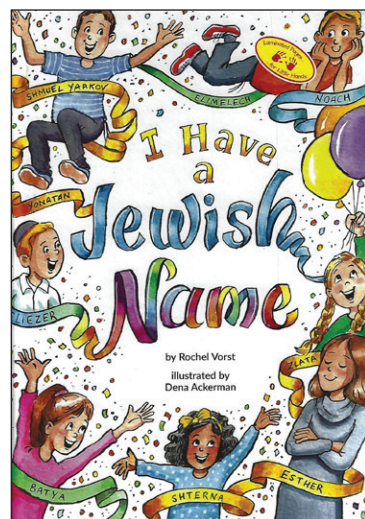
As a longtime Jewish educator and storyteller, I have often found it challenging to find books for children about their Jewish names. This picture book explains the whys and wherefores of receiving a Jewish name.

I highly recommend this book for young children. The laminated pages and the bright illustrations by Dena Ackerman lend to the positive, uplifting message of joyful Judaism. While this book is most appropriate for ages 1-5 years old, I also recommend it for kindergarten, 1st-and-2nd grade religious school teachers.

As the High Holidays are rapidly approaching, I also recommend Vorst's picture book for preschoolers called "Time to Start a Brand New Year." This rhyming book is a romp through all the symbols of Rosh Hashanah including apple picking, honey, round challah, pomegranates, tashlich, and shofars.

About Rochel Vorst:

Rochel Vorst is the oldest daughter of Rabbi Yossi Groner and Mariashi Groner, founders of Chabad of Charlotte. Although not quite a Charlotte native, Rochel has been in Charlotte since she was three months old. Rochel has been a kindergarten teacher for the past 18 years, is married to Rabbi Menachem Vorst, and has six children of her own. "I have a Jewish Name" is Vorst's third published picture book.



Interview with author Rochel Vorst

Debby Block: How did you start writing books?

Rochel Vorst: My first book was inspired by listening to my younger sister reading a version of "The House that Jack Built." I realized that the format fit perfectly with the concept of building a sukkah! So I created the book in my head during a Shabbat, repeating the verses over and over so as not to forget. After Shabbat, I quickly wrote it down. I was only 18 at the time. It wasn't until years later that my mother, Mariashi Groner, found the book and sent it off to HaChai publishing. And that's how I became a published children's author.

DB: Where do you get your inspiration for your books?

RV: One hundred percent from my students.

DB: And do you have a goal when writing for your students?

RV: My goal is to share the joy of Judaism!

DB: How long does it typically take you to write a book?

RV: Initially, I am able to write a book quite quickly. Of course, the editing process can take four to five years. Dina Rosenthal has been a wonderful editor and has helped in so many ways. I am currently working toward becoming an editor.

DB: Did you ever want to illustrate your own books?

RV: No, not really.

DB: Well then, how do you feel about illustrations in your books?



Rochel Vorst

RV: The illustrator is selected by the editor. In the case of my new book "I Have a Jewish Name," I was very pleased with the diversity in the illustrations.

DB: What was your favorite Jewish book as a child?

RV: Of course the selection of Jewish books was far more limited when I was younger. But the one I loved the most was "Ten and a Kid" by Sadie Weilerstein. I have always been drawn to descriptions of life in the shtetl.

DB: "I Have a Jewish Name" is your third children's picture book. Have you considered writing for other ages as well?

RV: Yes, I am working on a book for 3rd-6th graders that will be set in Hebron (Israel) in 1845. It is actually based on my own family's history.

Most Common Jewish Names in Israel

Boys

1. Joseph. Joseph is a Hebrew name that means "increase." Joseph was one of the sons of Jacob and a leader of the Israelites in Egypt.

2. David. David is a Hebrew name that means "beloved." David was the second king of Israel. He was a mighty warrior who was beloved by God and the people. According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah will be a descendant of David.

3. Daniel. Daniel means "God is my judge" in Hebrew. Daniel was a wise man of Israel living in the Babylonian court. The Book of Daniel (in the Bible) tells his life story.

4. Uri. Uri is a Hebrew name that means "my light."

5. Omer. Omer is the Jewish ritual during the forty-nine days between Passover and the Feast of Weeks. It is also a Hebrew name meaning "first born son, flourishing, long-lived, eloquent and gifted speaker."

Girls

1. Tamar. Tamar is a Hebrew name meaning "palm tree." In the Bible, Tamar was the widowed daughter-in-law of Judah. When Judah stalled her marriage to his youngest son, Tamar tricked Judah into sleeping with her in order to conceive a child.

2. Miriam. Miriam is a Hebrew name that means "rising water." Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron, led the Israelite women in dance after crossing the Sea of Reeds.

3. Sara/Sarah. Sarah is a Hebrew name that means "princess." In the Bible, Sarah, the first matriarch, was the wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac.

4. Avigayil/Abigail. Abigail is a Hebrew name meaning "my father is joy." In the Bible, Avigail becomes one of King David's wives.

5. Noa. Noa is a Hebrew name meaning "movement." Noa was one of the five daughters of Zelophehad.

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Sue Littauer

There are a slew of Jewish authors with new books for the summer, and I have many to recommend!



Jennifer Weiner's "That Summer"

I haven't been too excited about some of Jennifer Weiner's recent books, but "That Summer" is one of her best, and I devoured it. Like her other books, "That Summer" is a witty and heartfelt book about female friendship, teenage angst, family relationships, love, and finding the strength to confront the future.

"That Summer" is a powerful and insightful book about the #metoo movement, friendship, and family, and the role of men and women. Even after years of bestsellers, Weiner's ability to keep her books fresh and relevant speaks to her talent as a writer" (Sarah Gelman's Amazon Book Review).

"Last Summer at the Golden Hotel" by Elyssa Friedland

Elyssa Friedland's first book "The Floating Feldmans" was a very readable, light, funny yet poignant story of a family celebrating the family matriarch's 70th birthday. "Last Summer at the Golden Hotel" is the story of two families who own an aging hotel in the Catskills. Watching their hotel fall into a state of disrepair, facing a huge financial burden to restore it, and seeing so many of the old Catskill hotels close is all very disheartening for the owners, and it's time to decide whether to accept a generous offer from a resort group. The clash between the generations about the future of the hotel is the focal point of the book. The characters are well drawn, their situations are highly relatable, and the points of reference are nostalgic even if you've never "summered" in the Catskills.

"Where the Grass Is Green and the Girls Are Pretty" by Lauren Weisberger

From the bestselling author of "The Devil Wears Prada" and "When Life Gives You Lululemons" comes a highly entertaining, sharply observed novel about sisters, their perfect lives - and their perfect lies (Amazon).

This novel capitalizes on the recent scandals involving stars paying and cheating to get their children admitted to college. It's

the story of the relationships between sisters, between husbands and wives, and between mothers and daughters. Throw in a top-ranked TV news show forced into the limelight by a scandal, and you've got yourself Lauren Weisberger's newest novel.

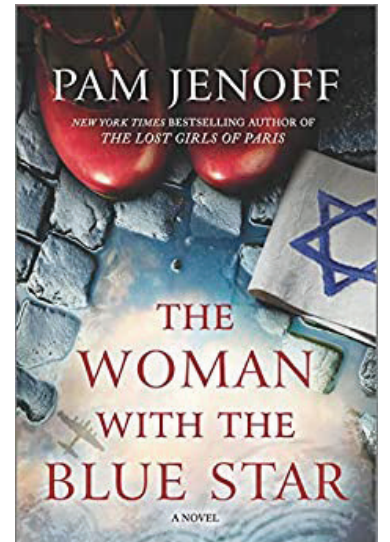
"The Woman with the Blue Star" by Pam Jenoff

I've read more Holocaust-themed books than I can count, so it's always interesting to me to read one that comes from a completely different perspective. "The Woman with the Blue Star" is that book. It is a harrowing tale of a mother and daughter who are forced to live in the sewers under the streets of Poland to escape capture by the

Nazis. This book demonstrates the lengths people went to to survive.

The descriptions are lengthy and repetitive at times, but on the whole, it is a worthy read. The friendship between two unlikely young women is a second theme that emerges throughout the novel, each woman displaying moral and physical courage to save the other.

The next CJE Book Club is Wednesday, August 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 110 on Main Street at Shalom Park. The book we will be discussing is "Eli's Promise" by Ron Balson. All are welcome. For more information, please contact sueb.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org.

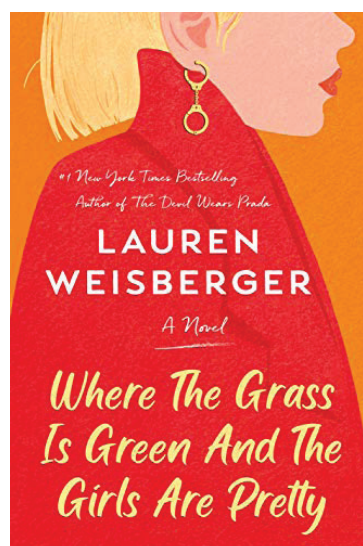
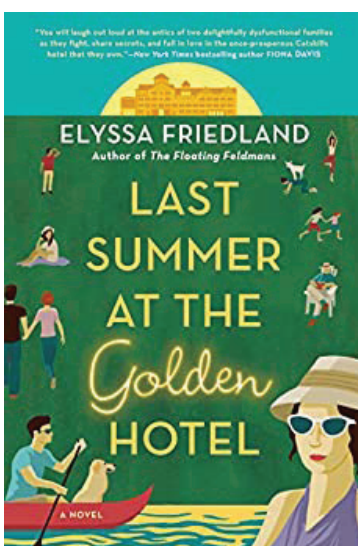


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"My grandparents ran Ratchick's, a classic Ashkenazi Jewish bakery on Avenue J and 15th Street in Brooklyn, for decades," writes cookbook author Julia Turshen in her new book "Simply Julia: 110 Recipes for Healthy Comfort Food." The

bakery closed before she was born, but "I feel like it's a part of me. It sometimes feels like I miss something I never actually had," she adds.

Her maternal grandparents, Beatrice and Julius, who met in

Minsk and fled the pogroms, ultimately made their way to New York City where they opened the bakery that bore their family name in 1948. Everyone in the family worked there. "My mother was one of three sisters, and they all worked in the bakery, as did my Uncle Marvin and all of my cousins," Julia tells us. They sold loaves of bread made by her grandfather along with cakes, babka, and cookies made from recipes that came from distant relatives and from bakers Julius hired.

The family sold the business in the early 1980s, but nearly 40 years later, the memory of their marbled baked goods holds a place in the family. "They sold marble pound cake and marble rye bread at Ratchick's, and they were also well-known for their babka, which is its own marbled thing," says Julia. One of her favorite stories from the bakery is that everyone (but especially her mom and Aunt Debby) would strategically pick crumbs from the top of the babka and coffee cakes to devour — and hope no one would notice.

Julia has been asking about her family and their recipes for as long as she can remember.

"I'm desperate to know people I will never actually meet, and food makes this very intangible desire feel a bit more in reach," she says. Inspired by the marble pound cake from Ratchick's, she developed her own marble loaf recipe and added three punches of coconut flavor, which she loves. The recipe, she writes, is "something tied to my past, but also tied to me."

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All recipes will be made available in advance and viewers will be able to ask questions throughout the show.



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Coconut Marble Loaf

Makes: 1 loaf / about 8 servings
Total Time: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Ingredients

Cooking spray (olive oil spray or any other non-stick sprays)
2 large eggs
1 cup [240 ml] canned coconut milk (shake before measuring; if separated, blend before measuring)
½ cup [120 ml] canola oil (or other neutral oil such as vegetable)
1 cup [200 g] granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon coconut extract (or almond extract)
1 ½ cups [188 g] all-purpose flour
½ cup [56 g] coconut flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
½ cup [85 g/3 ounces] dark or semisweet chocolate chips, melted

Preparation

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F.
2. Coat a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray.
3. Place the eggs in a large bowl and whisk well to combine. Add the coconut milk, canola oil, sugar and coconut extract and whisk well to combine.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flours, baking powder, and salt.
5. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients (hang onto the bowl you had the dry ingredients in). Transfer half the batter into the now-empty flour bowl. Stir the melted chocolate into one of the batter bowls. Two batters for the price of one!
6. Use two spoons to put alternating scoops of the plain and chocolate batters in the loaf pan. Depending on the size of your scoops (each about two tablespoons), you'll probably end up doing two layers of scoops. Don't stress about this; it's not an exam, it's just a loaf cake.
7. Bake the cake until a toothpick tests clean and no batter jiggles when you give the loaf a little shake, about 1 hour and 5 minutes.
8. Let the loaf cool, preferably on a wire rack to speed up cooling, until it reaches room temperature, then remove it from its pan. Cut into thick slices and serve.

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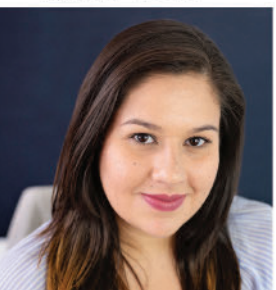


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The Surfside Tragedy Recalls South Florida's Long Hold on the Jewish Imagination and Reality

By Thane Rosenbaum
June 28, 2021 (JTA)

Until a 13-story building inexplicably collapsed in the middle of the night, placing the whereabouts and lives of 159 residents in doubt, few gave Surfside, Florida, very much thought before last week. The town was, after all, a South Florida misnomer. There's no surfing. The white caps on the Atlantic Ocean never provide enough tubular lift. The people of Surfside skew older. Nearly half its 6,000 residents are Jewish, and of those, many are Orthodox.

You can call Surfside sleepy, but even that wouldn't describe it. Nothing truly special had ever happened there. Now, with a tragedy so titanic — and still unfolding — its name will become synonymous with misery.

To the casual observer, Surfside was a breakaway township from its more widely known neighbor, Miami Beach, just to its south. Those over the border on Miami Beach, and in Bal Harbour, the village to Surfside's immediate north, for many decades had good reason to regard themselves as South Florida's very own Old City of Jerusalem — a mixed enclave with a major Jewish quarter, and a bit more decadence.

Surfside didn't have the Art Deco Jazz Age sparkle or swinger elegance that the Eden Roc and Fontainebleau hotels offered back in the 1950s into the '70s. In Surfside, the Americana was the swankiest hotel. It once showcased a very young Jackson 5, long before any Billie Jean took notice of Michael. A rare excitement, but the town's residents didn't beg for more. Surfside enjoyed the stillness — on land and sea.

I know about Surfside. I grew up on 74th Street on Miami Beach. The horrific spectacle that FEMA has now declared to be a national emergency site is on 87th Street. By the time the Champlain Towers was built in 1981, I had long decamped for college and then New York.

I frequently return to Miami Beach, but mostly in my imagination. Many of my novels have featured scenes with Miami Beach as the backdrop. My last one, "How Sweet It Is!," selected by the City of Miami Beach as its Centennial Book, is a nostalgic return to 1972 — a valentine, I call it — when Miami Beach was, oddly, the center of the world.

During that summer, Miami Beach hosted both the Democratic and Republican nominating conventions. Unlike the infamous Democratic National

Convention in Chicago in 1968, the Miami Beach police somehow avoided clubbing the heads of Vietnam War protesters.

Jackie Gleason, who no longer had his TV variety show — once filmed live on Miami Beach — was palling around with his buddy, Frank Sinatra, who had recently retired — for the first time. You could find them drinking in hotels along Collins Avenue, recapturing the easy camaraderie of their younger days at Toots Shor's saloon near the Theater District in Manhattan.

The cavalcade of stars did not stop there. Muhammad Ali sparred at Angelo Dundee's 5th Street Gym and did speed work on the quicksand of the beach — in heavy sweat clothes. He was trying to reclaim the heavyweight championship forfeited when he conscientiously objected to fighting the Vietcong.

Meyer Lansky, the notorious Jewish gangster who two years later would be fictionalized in "The Godfather Part II," had in 1972 just been extradited from Israel back to Miami Beach to stand trial for tax fraud. He would spend his days at Wolfie's Restaurant on 21st Street surrounded by an aging crew of Jewish wise guys still smarting over Fidel Castro's takeover of their Havana casinos in 1959.

All of them appear in "How Sweet It Is!" (yes, Gleason's signature signoff), reimagined, of course — along with one more special guest. The Yiddish novelist Isaac Bashevis Singer, not long thereafter a recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature, was spending the winters in Surfside. While there he unsparingly fictionalized the Jews of Poland

before the Holocaust, and those who survived and lived in New York thereafter, capturing their comical lives of heartbreak, betrayal and loss.

Ensconced just over the Miami Beach city line, situated right in between two Jewish enclaves populated with those who had

fled or escaped one hardship or another, Singer made a canny choice for a writer with a gravitational pull for the shortcomings and desperate moral choices of humankind.

One wonders what he might have written about the Champlain Towers today, a short dis-

tance from his own apartment.

All the avenues of Surfside were named for American and British authors. (Just west of the Champlain are Carlyle, Dickens, Irving and Emerson avenues.) Eventually a street would be named for him.

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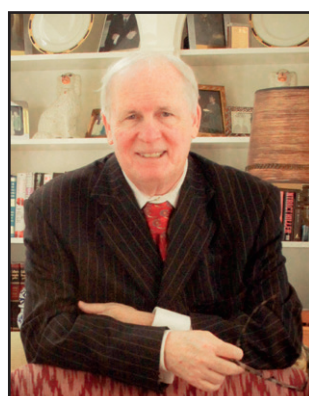
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August 6

Shabbat Evening Service, 6 PM

August 13

Shabbat Evening Service, 6 p.m. &
7:30 p.m. (7:30 Online Only)

August 14

Tot Shabbat (Offsite), 11 a.m.

August 20

Shabbat Evening Service, 6 p.m.

August 27

Shabbat Across Charlotte: Pets and
Popsicles (Offsite), 4:30 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service (Online Only),
7:30 p.m.

August 28

Selichot Service of Return, Repentance,
and Renewal, 7:30 p.m.

September 3

Shabbat Evening Service, 6 p.m.

September 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service,
6 & 8:30 p.m.

September 7

Morning Service for Families with
Young Children (LJCC - Lerner Hall),
8:30 a.m.

Morning Service for Families with
School-Age Children, 8:30 a.m.

Morning Service, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Tashlich:

Arboretum with Rabbi Knight, 4:30 p.m.

Freedom Park with Rabbi Klass, 4:30 PM

Teen-Led Tashlich (for grades 8-12) with
Rabbi Nichols, 4:30 p.m.

September 10

Shabbat Shuvah Service, 7:30 p.m.

September 11

Torah Study, 9 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.

September 15

Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Evening Service,
6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

September 16

Morning Service for Families with Young
Children (LJCC - Lerner Hall), 8:30 a.m.

Morning Service for Families with
School-Age Children, 8:30 a.m.

Morning Service with Yizkor, 10:30 a.m.
& 1 p.m.

Afternoon Study Session: Reckoning
Our Relationship with Earth with Rabbi
Schindler, 3 p.m.

Afternoon Study Session: Write Now on
Yom Kippur with
Ellen Reich, 3 p.m.

Yom Kippur Yoga with Rabbi Klass
(LJCC - Lerner Hall), 3:00 p.m.

Healing, Neliah, and Havdalah - Light Break
the Fast following Havdalah, 5 p.m.

September 19

Religious School Opening Day, 9 a.m.

Congregational Sukkot Cookout, 11 a.m.

September 21

Tot Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Festival Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.

September 24

Shabbat and Sukkot Service with
Installation of Rabbi Beth Nichols, 6 p.m.

Congregational Dinner in Celebration of
Rabbi Nichols, 7:30 p.m.

September 25

Sukkot Torah Study, 9 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.

September 26

Religious School Simchat Torah Celebration
and Consecration, 10 a.m.

September 28

Festival Morning Service with Yizkor,
10:30 a.m.



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August 28

Selichot Study Session ("Changing
our Torahs and Renewing Ourselves —
Getting Ready for the High Holidays with
Selichot"), 8:30 p.m.

Havdallah and Selichot Service, 9 p.m.

Selichot Dessert Reception, 10 p.m.

September 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 6 p.m.

September 7

Morning Service*, 9 a.m.

Family Service*, 9 a.m. Gorelick Hall (LJCC)

Tashlich, following services, Creek by
Temple Israel

Evening Service, 6 p.m.

September 8

Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Torah Tots Program, 9 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.

September 15

Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Evening Service*,
7 p.m.
(seated by 6:45 p.m.)

September 16

Torah Tots Program*, 9 a.m.,
Gorelick Hall (LJCC)
Family Service, Gorelick Hall (LJCC)
10 a.m.
Morning Service*, 10 a.m.
Yizkor*, 12 p.m.
(approximate time, may vary by 1/2 hour)
Mincha Service, 5:30 p.m.
Neilah and Shofar Blast, 6:30 p.m.
Breakfast, 8:15 p.m.
(Reservations Required)

September 20

Erev Sukkot Service, 7:30 p.m.

September 21

Sukkot Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.
Torah Tots Program, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Kiddush in a Box
(Registration Required)
Evening Minyan, 7:30 p.m.

September 22

Sukkot Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.
Women of Temple Israel Sukkot Program,
6:15 p.m.
Evening Minyan, 7:30 p.m.,

September 27

Morning Minyan, 8 a.m.
Erev Shemini Atzeret Service, 7:30 p.m.

September 28

Shemini Atzeret Service — Yizkor, 9 a.m.
Torah Tots Program, 5:30 p.m.
Food Trucks 6 p.m.
(Dinner; Reservations Required)
Erev Simchat Torah Festival, 7 p.m.

September 29

Simchat Torah Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Kiddush, Following Services
(Reservations Required)

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September 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 7:30 p.m.

September 7

Rosh Hashanah Day Service, 10 a.m.

September 15

Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Evening Service,
7:30 p.m.

September 16

Yom Kippur Service, 10 a.m.
Yiskor immediately following morning
service (free to community)
Neilah, 4 p.m.



Temple Kol Tikvah

Guests are welcome. For more details visit
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September 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 7 p.m.

September 7

Morning Children's Service, 9 a.m.
Morning Main Service, 10 a.m.
Tashlich, 1:30 p.m., Roosevelt Wilson Park

September 8

Morning Service, 10 a.m.

September 15

Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Evening Service,
7 p.m.

September 16

Children's Service, 9 a.m.
Main Service, 10 a.m.
Study, 1 p.m.
Healing, 2 p.m.
Afternoon Service, 3 p.m.
Yizkor, 4:30 p.m.
N'ilah, 6 p.m.



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August 17

High Holiday Introspections, 7:30 p.m.

August 24

High Holiday Introspections, 7:30 p.m.

August 28

Selichot Service, just after midnight

August 31

High Holiday Introspections, 7:30 p.m.

September 6

Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Evening Service,
7:30 p.m.
(Candle lighting at 7:24 p.m.)

September 7

Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Shofar Service, 11:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
(Light candles after 8:19 p.m.)

September 8

Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Shofar Service, 11:30 a.m.
Evening Service,
7:30 p.m.

September 9

Fast of Gedaliah Morning Service
Mincha Service, 7:20 p.m.

September 15

Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Evening Service,
7 p.m.
(Fast begins at 7:12 p.m.; candle lighting by 7:12 p.m.)

September 16

Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Yizkor Service, 11:30 a.m.
Mincha Service, 5:30 p.m.
(Fast ends at 8:06 p.m.)

~ SYNAGOGUES AND CONGREGATIONS ~

Charlotte Torah Center

By Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim, Charlotte Torah Center

I just got back from a hospital visit, and I am shaken. I didn't know the woman I visited, but a neighbor of hers asked if I would see her. She has few significant people in her life and is at the mercy of the hospital staff who are not as accommodating as one might hope. But it wasn't the hospital staff who knocked me off kilter. It was the cold words mindlessly said by a hospice doctor. As of last night, it seemed that this woman's days were numbered — meaning she had only a few days to live. When I left my house today, I went with the expectation that I would help her say the traditional prayers and declarations one does when preparing for the ultimate passage. I was pleasantly surprised when I got a call on the way to the hospital that the situation, although serious, was not nearly as bad as the staff had said. So why am I shaken?

The day before, the hospice doctor visited the patient, and this is what she told her. "You're going to die. You have gangrene and are not a candidate for surgery because of your condition."



When this frail woman began asking questions, the doctor said, "Don't try to bargain. Accept the reality; you're going to die — there is no hope that things will change." I was rattled when I heard how cold and heartless a woman (the doctor) could be and recalled part of the magnificent prayer of Maimonides, written about 800 years ago.

"Grant that my patients have confidence in me and my art and follow my directions and my counsel... Imbue my soul with gentleness and calmness. Let me be content in everything except the great science of my

profession."

What happened after the patient heard this awful news? Someone told a doctor who is part of the greater Charlotte Jewish community about the hospice doctor's words, and this second doctor immediately called and did two things. As one doctor to another, he berated the hospice doctor for her callous bedside manner and, after looking into the patient's medical report, felt the diagnosis was not accurate; the situation was not as bleak as she (the hospice doctor) had stated.

How do we combat cruelty?

By doing the opposite; by acting with kindness. This isn't just a feel-good idea; it's what is required of us. Our story has two heroes; I have been to the office of the doctor who fought for the dignity of a patient who wasn't even his own, and it's no coincidence that he has the Maimonides' doctor's prayer on the wall of his office. The second hero is the neighbor who left work in the middle of the day to be with this patient. She was there to make sure medication — yes, medication — was given to the patient, who had waited more than an hour and a half to get a painkiller. She made sure the bedding was changed. I witnessed that myself. At first the aide said that the linen had already been changed earlier that morning but, countered by our "Clara Barton" heroine, the woman had soiled herself and needed to be changed again. When I was leaving, I asked the kind neighbor, who is a busy financial adviser, how she found time in the middle of her day to make it to a hospital on the other side of town. She said had originally planned to go just for her lunch break, but then two of her clients, back-to-back, had can-

celed; she couldn't remember the last time this had happened.

The Talmud says that when a person chooses a path, they are helped to go on that path. Pharaoh chose the evil path of persecuting Jews, and his heart was hardened, which allowed him to stay on that path. Rebecca was raised in a dysfunctional and deceitful house, but she chose a different fate and was helped to build a new life and become one of the pivotal people of the nascent Jewish nation.

There's so much pain and injustice in the world, and it's easy to fall prey to the negative thinking that our actions are worthless in changing things. We are not tasked with changing the world, but we are expected to do whatever is in our capacity to make it a better place. Today I got a firsthand look at two people who made that happen.



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Temple Solel

For more information visit templesolelsc.org
All Services will be held virtually.

September 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 7 p.m.

September 7

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10 a.m.

September 10

Shabbat Shuvah Service, 7 p.m.

September 15

Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Evening Service, 7 p.m.

September 16

Morning Service, 10 a.m.

Yizkor Service, 3 p.m.

Neilah and Concluding Service, 4 p.m.



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September 7

Rosh Hashanah Experience, 10 a.m., Dale Halton Theater on Central Piedmont Community College Campus

September 15

Kol Nidre Experience, 7 p.m., TBA



Charlotte Torah Center

Services are to be determined. For more information visit www.Charlottetorahcenter.com



Hebrew Cemetery

September 12

Community Memorial Service, 10:30 a.m.

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Schedule of High Holiday Services & Events

Tickets required for all Services except Selichot and the Community Memorial Service
Visitors welcome. For ticket information, please contact Erin Goldstein at (980) 960-2380.

SELICHOT

Saturday, August 28

SELICHOT STUDY SESSION

8:30 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

*"Changing our Torahs and Renewing
Ourselves – Getting Ready for the
High Holidays with Selichot"*

HAVDALLAH & SELICHOT SERVICE

9:00 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

SELICHOT DESSERT RECEPTION
10:00 PM, Memorial Gallery

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 6

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

6:00 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

ROSH HASHANAH - DAY 1

Tuesday, September 7

MORNING SERVICE*

9:00 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

FAMILY SERVICE*

9:00 AM, Gorelick Hall (LJCC)

TASHLICH

Following Services, Creek by
Temple Israel

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 PM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel
and Zoom

ROSH HASHANAH - DAY 2

Wednesday, September 8

MORNING SERVICE

9:00 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

TORAH TOTS PROGRAM

9:00 AM, Temple Israel Courtyard

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 PM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel
and Zoom

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, September 12

10:00 AM, Hebrew Cemetery

KOL NIDRE

Wednesday, September 15

KOL NIDRE SERVICE*

Please be seated by 6:45 PM;
Service begins 7 PM,

Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

EARLY OFFICE CLOSING (1:00 PM)

Sep 6 – Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sep 15 - Erev Yom Kippur

Sep 20 - Erev Sukkot

Sep 27 – Erev Shemini Atzeret

OFFICE CLOSED

Sep 7 - Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Sep 8 - Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Sep 16 - Yom Kippur

Sep 21 - Sukkot Day 1

Sep 22 - Sukkot Day 2

Sep 28 - Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah/ Yizkor

Sep 29 - Simchat Torah

Oct 4 - Temple Closed for ALL Activities

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, September 16

TORAH TOTS PROGRAM*

9:00 AM, Gorelick Hall (LJCC)

FAMILY SERVICE*

10:00 AM, Gorelick Hall (LJCC)

MORNING SERVICE*

10:00 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

YIZKOR*

12:00 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream
(approximate time, may vary by ½ hour)

MINCHA SERVICE

5:30 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

NE'ILAH & Shofar Blast

6:30 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

BREAK FAST

8:15 PM, Leon & Sandra Levine
Social Hall (Registration Required)

EREV SUKKOT

Monday, September 20

EREV SUKKOT SERVICE

7:30 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Zoom

SUKKOT - DAY 1

Tuesday, September 21

MORNING SERVICE

9:30 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

TORAH TOTS PROGRAM

10:30 AM, Temple Israel Sukkah

KIDDUSH IN A BOX

(Registration Required)

Following Services,
Temple Israel Sukkah

EVENING MINYAN

7:30 PM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel
and Zoom

SUKKOT - DAY 2

Wednesday, September 22

MORNING SERVICE

9:30 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL SUKKOT PROGRAM

6:15 PM, Temple Israel Sukkah

EVENING MINYAN

7:30 PM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel
and Zoom

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Thursday, September 23

MORNING MINYAN

8:00 AM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel
and Zoom

LUNCH N' LEARN with Rabbi Wolk (By Reservation Only)

11:00 AM, Temple Israel Sukkah

SOCIAL CLUB SUKKOT

DINNER & PROGRAM

6:00 PM, Temple Israel Sukkah

EVENING MINYAN

7:30 PM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel and Zoom

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Friday, September 24

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

6:00 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

SOUTHERN FRIED SUKKOT

(By Reservation Only)

7:30 PM, Temple Israel Sukkah

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Saturday, September 25

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

9:30 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

TORAH ON TAP

"The Righteous Seven in the Sukkah"
7:00 PM, Temple Israel Sukkah

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Sunday, September 26

MENS CLUB STEAKS, CIGARS

AND SCOTCH IN THE SUKKAH

6:00 PM, Temple Israel Sukkah

EVENING MINYAN

7:30 PM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel
and Zoom

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Monday, September 27

MORNING SERVICE

9:00 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, September 27

MORNING MINYAN

8:00 AM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel
and Zoom

EREV SHEMINI ATZERET SERVICE

7:30 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

SHEMINI ATZERET

Tuesday, September 28

SHEMINI ATZERET SERVICE - YIZKOR

9:00 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary
and Livestream

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, September 28

TORAH TOTS PROGRAM

5:30 PM, Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel

FOOD TRUCKS (Dinner)

6:00 PM (Reservations Required for Dinner)

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH FESTIVAL

7:00 PM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday, September 29

MORNING SERVICE

9:00 AM, Morris & Sylvia Speizman
Sanctuary and Livestream

KIDDUSH

Following Services

(Registrations required)

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Shabbat Across Charlotte

By Cantor Mary Thomas, Temple Beth El

"Shabbat is a cathedral in time," Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel famously wrote. "It is a palace of moments set aside for reflection, study, introspection, family, friends, and seeking God." I have always been struck by this mental image of a "cathedral in time." What does that mean?

Imagine yourself standing in a cathedral. What does it feel like to have vaulted ceilings soaring overhead? Light dances on the floor, and shadows seep from corners. There is a sense that you are very small and that, somehow, the place is eternal. Majesty, magnificence, and memory surround. In a cathedral, time stands still, and busy city streets fade away within the serene silence of an empty space so beautiful. In a cathedral sound is more alive and more vibrant as the acoustics allow sound to wash over your entire being.

If Shabbat is a cathedral in

time, it is as if the world is being held at bay for a period, the busyness of life held back beyond the cathedral doors. Inside of this Shabbat cathedral, a person can be free from the obligations of yesterday or tomorrow and yet somehow deeply connected to our ancestors and descendants — the people who came before and will come after — throughout time. And in all of this, a sense of God's presence abides. This holy space in time is forever portable. It follows us throughout our lives, wherever we are. We can access it each week as the sun sinks behind the treetops on Friday evenings. Shabbat can be found inside of our Temple Beth El (TBE) building, but also in our homes, at our dinner tables, in the way we talk with friends and family, and in the activities who choose to engage in — or refrain from — on Shabbat.

The pandemic has reminded us that all of Jewish life — Shabbat and holidays, learning, and a sense of God's presence are ac-

cessible to us even when we are not in our synagogue building. The pandemic has also required us to develop skills that enable us to pray and learn, lead and teach from afar. The pandemic has renewed our deep value for our physical cathedrals, from the sanctuary to the swimming pool, all while rekindling the sense that our Judaism extends far beyond the walls of those spaces, too. As it was for our ancestors, our Judaism moves with us from place to place, as does Shabbat at the first glimpse of twilight.

For the summer months, we have dedicated the fourth Friday of each month to Shabbat Across Charlotte, an experiment that will encourage each one of us to think outside of the box for our personal Shabbat experience each month. On the fourth Friday, TBE services will be offered online only via Zoom, leaving space to encourage our community to invest in our home-based and creative Shabbat practices. Perhaps you

want to plan a Shabbat dinner with your TriBE or other families from your child's TBE Religious School class. Perhaps you want to take a hike and listen to services as you drive home from the mountains. Perhaps you want to join a member of our clergy team for an offsite Shabbat experience on these weeks. Yoga, nature walks, crafts, pool time, potlucks in neighboring communities are just some of the ideas in the works. You can choose to join together for a full service via zoom at 7:30 on these fourth Fridays. Shabbat Across Charlotte is about designing a personal Shabbat experience that is meaningful to you for the moment in which we live. It is about deepening your relationships and luxuriating in the palace that is time set aside for rest, renewal, and reflection.

As I write this, one Shabbat Across Charlotte Friday has already passed, and we have two more to look forward to. On the fourth Friday in June,

Rabbi Klass gathered with TBE community members of all ages for a Pride-themed potluck in Kilborne park. Those present offered Shabbat blessings and made Kiddush, sanctifying Shabbat and their time together. Over good food and great conversation, sparks of kindness and curiosity ushered in that sense of humanity that is eternal and that sense of eternity that is Shabbat, a beautifully constructed cathedral wherever we are, urging us to pause long enough to sense that we are a part of something much greater than ourselves.

Visit templebethel.org for more information about community-based Shabbat across Charlotte experiences this summer.



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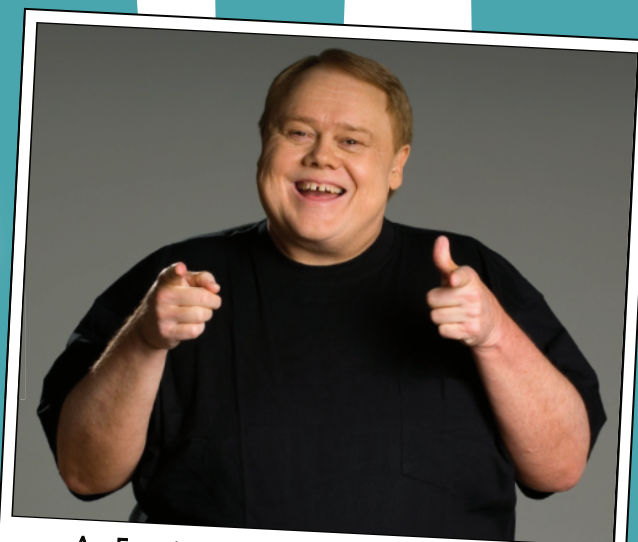
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High Holidays at Ohr HaTorah

Matters of value need proper preparation to be experienced in a meaningful way. The upcoming High Holidays, also known as Days of Awe, are coming upon us earlier in the season, on September 6, in the evening. To put it in perspective, that Monday is Labor Day, which in most of the United States, marks the end of summer.

Chabad of Charlotte will be hosting a three-week series of "High Holiday Introspections" on three consecutive Tuesdays, starting Tuesday August 17, at 7:30 p.m. These sessions will be in person and held at the Epstein Family Chabad Center on Sardis Road.

Congregation Ohr HaTorah hosts daily services in person. Weekday morning services are at 6:30 a.m., and evening services are 10 minutes before sunset. Sunday morning services are at 8:30 a.m. and Shabbat morning at 10 a.m.

Monday, August 9 is the first day of the Hebrew month of Elul, when the ritual of blowing the shofar begins daily

during the month of Elul, after the morning service (except on Shabbat).

S'lichot services will be conducted on Saturday, August 28, just after midnight and will continue for the entire week each morning until Rosh Hashanah.

High Holiday services at Ohr HaTorah are meaningful and soul stirring. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss leads the congregation with his soft and melodious voice. Rabbi Yossi Groner elucidates on the inner meaning of the passages with mystical and deeper commentary that opens the minds and hearts of the participants to the ancient words of the machzor. There is joy, camaraderie, and deep delight in experiencing the depth of these awesome days.

For a complete High Holiday schedule, see page 9.



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Temple Solel Back In Person After Holidays

By Shelley Pawlyk

Despite a pandemic and myriad tragedies across the world over the past year, at Temple Solel we have found ways to be grateful as we reflect on our congregation and the Jewish community at large. With online options, we have been able to open our services up to family and

friends who are able to be with us remotely from other cities. However, we do miss seeing each other in person and are pleased to report we have permission from UMC Belair to begin meeting again at the Family Life Center after the High Holidays. The Ritual Committee is reviewing future plans to continue offering

Zoom services for those who need that flexibility.

At the end of June, we held our annual meeting and luncheon. An overview of the congregation's accomplishments for the year was presented, and the following officers were confirmed for the 2021-2022 term: president — Shelley Pawlyk, vice president

— Ted Finkelstein, treasurer — Jan Rose, recording secretary — Robin Spivock, and ritual officer — Russ Cobe. The meeting concluded with Tanya Tachtenberg and sons holding a drawing for funny gifts that could be traded, such as Pop Its, keychains, Kleenex (not generic!), puzzles, and snacks, resulting in a lot of much-needed laughs!

The ritual committee and the temple board have put a great deal of time and thought into how we can observe the High Holidays this year. We are not quite ready yet to get together in person so will hold services on Zoom again this year. We welcome non-members and guests to share these sacred moments with us as a congregation. The cost is \$100 per adult. Children under 18, active college students, and active military are welcome to attend for free. As each member or guest joins the Zoom call, they will be "admitted" electronically once names are validated for security purposes.

For a complete High Holiday schedule, see page 10.

It is a mitzvah to give tzedakah, especially during the High Holiday season. This year we are asking those who want to participate to send us a check made payable to the Fort Mill Care Center. Please consider donating!

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Caroline Sim, director of rabbinical services, at the ISJL is booked to visit us October 8 and 9 for a Shabbaton. Rabbi Sim grew up in West Chester, Ohio, a suburb outside of Cincinnati. She

was one of four openly Jewish people in the school district — the other three being her brother and two cousins!

Rabbi Sim attended the Ohio State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature, French Language, and European Studies. After graduating, Caroline spent a year as an English-language teaching assistant, instructing French elementary students in Paris, France.

She feels a deep commitment for bringing access to Judaism to all Jews, wherever they are located and whatever the size of their community. Before joining the ISJL, Caroline served student pulpits for congregations from the Upper Peninsula in Michigan to the south of Alabama. She enjoys pursuing her artistic interests, including painting and drawing. She is also in the process of becoming a Soferet, a female Hebrew scribe.

The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL), is a regional nonprofit serving 13 Southern states. Established in 2000, it is proud to support, connect, and celebrate Jewish life in the South. In addition to preserving historical documents and artifacts, the ISJL works to provide Judaic services and cultural programs to Jewish communities across the South. They cover thirteen states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Temple Solel holds regular Shabbat services at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month via Zoom during the pandemic, and hopes to resume services when appropriate at Belair UMC Family Life Center, 8095 Shelley Mullis Rd., Fort Mill, SC 29707. For more information about the High Holy Days, or guest speakers, see templesolelSC.org, write us at info@templesolelSC.org, or call (803) 610-1707.

For a complete High Holiday schedule, see page 10.



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The High Holy Days Experience 5782 Returns Live and In Person

By Peter Levinson

The High Holy Days Experience is back for 5782! The High Holy Days Experience is a fresh, unique take on High Holiday services, filled with new Jewish music interlaced with traditional prayer to create services that are meaningful, understandable, and enjoyable. After being virtual last year because of the pandemic, the modern services, built on Jewish tradition, will be live and in person again this year.

The High Holydays Experience has changed how many people connect and relate to the traditional liturgy. Ellen Martin, who attended The Kol Nidre Experience in 2019, said, "I never enjoyed the Kol Nidre service because I found it negative, which is a problem for me because I believe that people are innately good. I felt uplifted rather than weighed down. This experience fed my soul."

Those who haven't attended The High Holy Days Experience before may hold a mistaken belief that they are simply



The Ruach from left to right: Peter Levinson, Howard Swartz, Nancy Good, Eric Marder, Dan Ruda, Tom Wilhelm

concerts. However, The Experience contains all the essential prayers and elements of traditional High Holidays Days services, including reading from the Torah. Rabbi Rachel Smookler adds to the deeply spiritual nature of the experience with her powerful and inspirational messages. It's tradition, but delivered in a creative way, creating an experience that is both inclusive and accessible.

This year, The Ruach will be joined by many notable musicians from the Charlotte area. Marissa Brooks, Stephanie DiPaolo, and Emily Chatham will sing with the band. Emily, a member of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, will also be playing violin, including accompanying Nancy Good, The Ruach's lead singer, for Avinu Malkeinu. Mark Boyd, a vocalist whose rich, deep voice

is well-known in the Charlotte area, will be singing the traditional Kol Nidre. A more contemporary version of the song by Max Bruch will be played by two more members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra: Jeremy Lamb on cello and Annie Brooks on piano. And of course, The Ruach will play a third version of Kol Nidre that was written by Peter Levinson, The Ruach's co-founder and lead guitarist.

The High Holy Days Experience 5782: Rosh Hashanah gets underway Tuesday, September 7 at 10 a.m. in the Dale Halton Theater on the campus of Central Piedmont Community College. The High Holy Days Experience 5782: Kol Nidre will be on Wednesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. As of the time of this writing, the location for Kol Nidre has not been confirmed. To make sure that you know where it will be held, be sure to follow The Ruach on Facebook (www.facebook.com/theruachband) or send an email to the.ruach.band@gmail.com

gmail.com and request to be added to The Ruach's email list.

The High Holy Days Experience is open to all — there is no cost, membership, or commitment to attend. Come as you are. There is no dress code. It is requested that if you are not vaccinated, you consider wearing a mask. Locations will be fully accessible.

The Ruach is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to spread the joy of Judaism and all it has to offer through modern Jewish music. The Ruach is supported by donations and a small grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.



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Bal Tashchit and Beyond: Summer in the Community Garden

By Liz Wahls

Summer in the Shalom Park Community Garden is peak produce time! Wander through the garden and you will see cherry tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, grapes, figs, and sunflowers along with mint, rosemary, and other herbs. Volunteers harvest the produce regularly for donation to Jewish Family Service's (JFS) food pantry as well as come together

for monthly garden work days. Campers from Camp Mindy visit the garden to learn and to take care of the plants. Families walk through smelling the herbs and seeing how vegetables grow.

The Shalom Park Community Garden is the most visible aspect of Shalom Green, the volunteer-led Shalom Park Environmental Initiative. The garden is a critical hub for environmental educational efforts and is providing

to be a powerful tool for engaging community members.

Bobbie Mabe, our garden coordinator, talks about the many ways people benefit from involvement with the garden. "Research shows that working with plants improves mood and decreases stress and anxiety," she noted. Additional benefits include:

Increased physical health through vitamin D exposure and

burning calories along with increased functional fitness;

Healthier decisions about food choices, including adding more vegetables and fruits to the diet; Increased social wellness by engaging with new people on a common task and by providing healthy, fresh produce to those experiencing food insecurity;

Increased knowledge of growing your own food and caring for a garden as well as learning new skills.

For longtime volunteer Estelle Toby Spike, her support of the garden is motivated by the Jewish value of life. "If we are to give back to life, then the soil/soul is a fundamental place to start, to begin. To enrich the soil/soul/life as you do when you create an organic garden, then you are truly giving back to life. You are building a strong foundation."

For some, the garden provides a strong sense of community. Nathan, one of the garden's young volunteers, age 10, says, "What I really like about working in the garden is that people are working together to help out



(Nathan and Norah Minchew)

the community. From weeding, watering, and harvesting, it really makes me happy to know that when we work together, we can do great things."

Roberta Rodgers, community liaison coordinator for JFS Charlotte, says "Our clients are always thrilled to receive fresh

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Hebrew Cemetery Association's Memorial Service

By Lorrie Klemons

The Zohar states, "That which constitutes a real person is the soul, the rest being only garments which cover the inner essence. When people depart this earth, they put off their outer coverings and continue to live by virtue of the soul, which is immortal."

How can we make sure that the souls of those departed are immortalized and continue to live? By reciting Kaddish for them on their yartzheit (anniversary of death). Through loving thoughts and memories. By visiting the cemetery to talk to those souls. By participating in community events created for such purpose.

On September 12, you will be able to make sure these souls are immortalized as you join Charlotte's Jewish community during the Hebrew Cemetery Association's Annual Community Memorial Service. Whether you participate live at the cemetery or virtually from the comfort of your own home, you can perform the mitzvah of paying homage to the departed souls of loved ones, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. Some of you will attend to pay homage to loved ones or friends buried at the cemetery. Or you may attend to honor the memory of loved ones and friends buried elsewhere. Many will attend to honor and show respect to the souls of strangers who preceded them in eternal life.

What draws hundreds of people to attend a memorial service held at a cemetery on a Sunday morning? Those of us who have been living in Charlotte for a while recognize the uniqueness of our Jewish community. It is a community that acknowledges the goodness in people and celebrates the contributions that each Jew makes to our continued history. The continuity of our people rests on our traditions, our rituals, our past, our present, and our future. We are a people who remember. We remember our past, and we never forget those who influenced our lives in such great ways. Their traditions, their ideals, their love and devotion - we hold to them fast, and they cannot die or vanish from the face of the earth as long as we cherish those memories.



The men, women, and children buried at Charlotte's Hebrew Cemetery contributed to shape our unique community. Many were the visionaries who planned for, created, and contributed to the wonderful Jewish community we all enjoy today. We are a people who remember, and thus we cannot forget our debt to all those who preceded us in eternal life, as each one of them accounts for our miraculous survival as a people. Their precious souls are to be celebrated by each one of us enjoying the world they left behind.

We can participate in that celebration by attending this year's annual memorial service, by visiting the cemetery periodically during the year, and by being members of the Hebrew Cemetery Association. Your tax-deductible annual dues of \$72 al-

lows you to honor the souls of those who preceded you in eternal life by guaranteeing a dignified and sanctified final resting place for their immortal souls, as well as for your own, when the time comes.

The Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery Association is a nonprofit committee of Jewish volunteers and a full-time director who care about the sanctity and dignity of those who precede us in eternal life. We believe that the cemetery is a Beit Olim, a house of two worlds - a sacred domain in which the two worlds meet with a kiss: the world going out and the future coming in.

For more information about membership benefits, graves, prepaid funeral costs, endowment donations, and/or including the cemetery in your estate

planning, contact the cemetery director, Sandra Goldman, at (704) 576-1859 or director@hebrewcemetery.org. Visit the website of the Hebrew Cemetery Association of Charlotte at www.hebrewcemetery.org.

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May all you all blessed with a sweet and healthy New Year. L'Shanah Tovah.



Shalom Green

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produce from the garden! We are so happy to be able to offer produce in addition to the non-perishables we routinely distribute. We are grateful for Shalom Green and its volunteers who harvest and maintain the garden."

What is the origin story of the garden?

When Shalom Green was established six years ago, creating a community garden was a core goal. A garden committee was formed, made up of both expert and novice gardeners who committed to help build and maintain the garden. After a grant was secured from the ClearPath Foundation, the garden was designed by Bobbie Mabe, owner of Growth through Gardening and certified horticultural therapist. In the fall of 2015, the garden was built by community volunteers. Since then, Bobbie has served as our part-time garden coordinator. In this role, she makes recommendations regarding horticultural and religious educational programming and works with community garden volunteers to determine planting, maintenance, watering, and harvesting schedules. She also coordinates and leads volunteers

during monthly community garden workdays.

How is the garden funded?

Funding for the garden, including the salary of our part-time garden coordinator and materials such as seeds, fertilizer, tools, and mulch, comes from allocations from The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and from private donations to the Shalom Green Fund via our fiscal sponsor, The Foundation of Shalom Park.

How can you get involved?

The garden is powered by volunteers — novice and experienced gardeners, families and retirees, teens looking for volunteer hours, and others. Come join us for our monthly garden workdays, usually the third Sunday of the month, to plant, weed, water, mulch, harvest, learn about gardening, and meet new people. Attend our educational programs such as the Plant a Fig Tree event. Register for events and sign up for our email list on the Shalom Green website at <https://shalomgreenclt.org/>.

How can you use the garden space?

Anyone is welcome to visit the garden, enjoy the picnic tables, and see the fruits and

vegetables growing, but please follow the posted garden rules at the entrance including:

Please don't pick the produce, as it is intended for donation to the community.

Group use of the garden space must be scheduled through The Foundation of Shalom Park.

Remember to be kind to nature and clean up after your use.

Jewish tradition teaches the importance of caring for the environment, for we must act as partners in preserving creation. If you are interested in donating your time or dollars to Shalom Green, please visit our website at www.shalomgreenclt.org/. You can email us at info@shalomgreenclt.org. Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram or visit our YouTube channel.



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Facebook Will Now Provide Holocaust Education in 12 languages Including German

By Ben Sales
July 8, 2021 (JTA)

Facebook is expanding its efforts to combat Holocaust denial by directing users to Holocaust education materials in 12 languages, including Arabic, Russian and German.

Beginning in January, people who searched in English for information about the Holocaust or Holocaust denial were given a prompt to visit AboutHolocaust.org, a website that provides basic facts about the genocide and provides testimonies by survivors.

By July 13, the site will be available to people who search for those terms in several other widely spoken languages.

The site is a project of the World Jewish Congress and UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization.

“It is essential that people all over the world have access to factually accurate information about the Holocaust,” UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay said in a statement. “In the context of the global rise of misinformation, social media platforms have a role to play in combating false narratives and hate, and redirecting users to reliable sources of information.”

The expansion of the Holocaust education site continues an about-face for Facebook that began last year, when the social media giant said it would ban Holocaust denial, after years of defending its distribution as a kind of misinformed but legitimate expression.

The WJC has worked with Facebook on fighting Holocaust denial. Last year, before the policy change, the Anti-Defamation League co-organized a high-profile advertising boycott of Facebook to protest its approach to hate speech.

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 1. Umpire's call
 5. Certain British nobles
 10. Monkeys and such
 14. Israeli singing star Haza
 15. Yutz
 16. Part of a three piece suit
 17. Inspiring sight for many Holocaust survivors coming to America
 20. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" villain
 21. Innocent one
 22. Toys with likenesses of Gal Gadot and Scarlett Johansson
 27. Distinctive group belief
 28. Solo of cinema
 29. Airplane speed numbers or some razors
 31. Kind of cloth
 32. Emily of the "A Quiet Place" movies
 34. Basic web code
 35. Those with connections
 36. "Ode on a ___ Urn" (Keats poem)
 38. Apple apps use it
 39. Bob Dylan or Harrison Ford
 42. Actor Morales always in crosswords
 43. Peter Pan dog
 44. CBS drama set in D.C.
 47. Forbidden inks in Judaism
 49. Third Commandment sin alluded to by 17, 22, and 41-Across?
 52. "L'cha" follower
 54. Abodes
 55. Women unlikely to be seen in synagogue
 58. "Midnight in Paris" actor Wilson
 59. "Awww, ___ you sweet!"
 60. "... Give or take"
 61. Ensnare
 62. Geeks
 63. Hannity of note
- ### Down

 1. Help letters
 2. At the back of a boat
 3. Most major league sports teams
 4. What one might do before or after the 9th of Av
 5. Old McDonald's refrain
 6. "And now, without further"
 7. Rabbi Isaac Alfasi aka The
 8. Texted "ha ha"
 9. Risk for a beekeeper
 10. 49-Across is one, b'Ivrit
 11. Flawlessness
 12. Guinness World Records suffix
 13. Pig's place
 18. Israeli arms
 19. "The Wizard of Oz" author Frank
 22. "And step on it!"
 23. Bruin or Penguin, e.g.
 24. Notable doctor of 2020
 25. "Am I right?" sentence ender, to Brits
 26. ___ Esreh (prayer)
 27. Wallach or Manning
 30. Classic Mercedes models
 32. "Just a minute," in texts
 33. River of Scotland
 36. Insurance giant which featured Europe and Eddie Money in commercials
 37. Do or die time in some baseball games
 40. 1969 moon event
 41. Luxor and Bellagio
 45. Omar who said "Israel has hypnotized the world"
 46. Made an oath
 47. Be popular on Twitter
 48. Mgrs.' helpers
 49. Suggestion
 50. 49-day period in Judaism
 51. Unpolluted
 52. ___ Equis (beer)
 53. Have deed to
 56. Code-cracking org.
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Staying For Good



(JFNA mission participants pictured in front of the Iron Dome, 2021 Photo credit: Eyal Warshavsky)

By Rebecca Caspi

Whenever he called me from the United States, my uncle asked the same question, “Do you think you’re going to stay in Israel?” As the decades passed, the question increasingly turned into a jest. And now that I’ve lived in Israel for almost 40 years, including marrying and raising a family here, it’s pretty clear that I’m here for good. And I mean that last phrase in two senses — not just that I’m here permanently, but also that I’m contributing to the vibrancy and vitality of my adopted homeland.

I’ve felt that profound sense of pride ever since I started working for the Jewish community in Israel in 1991 — first for

the Joint Distribution Committee and then, since 2007, in my current role as the director of the Israel office for the Jewish Federations of North America. And I’ve experienced it especially deeply lately while Israel was under relentless rocket attack from ruthless terrorists for two nerve-wracking weeks in May and as my staff and I at JFNA worked around the clock to manage Federations’ emergency response and to keep the North American Jewish community up to speed on all the breaking news, up to and including the cease-fire that was ultimately declared.

It was also crucial to us to inform the Israeli public of the wave of antizionism and an-

tisemitism that crashed upon North American shores in the wake of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Promoting understanding and building awareness about the different challenges faced by American Jews and Israel helps us all stay connected through thick and thin.

What was also truly fulfilling was the opportunity, just a few days after the cease-fire had been declared, to host the first senior leadership mission to Israel since the pandemic had begun. This high-profile trip came on the heels of an emergency fundraising campaign by Federations that raised more than \$3 million to aid the victims of the bombings and the first responders. It included meetings with former Prime Minister Netanyahu and newly elected Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. It featured a visit with an Israeli woman in Ashkelon whose house was ruined by a direct rocket hit in her living room and a tour of a neighborhood in Lod where violence between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs jeopardized long-standing relationships that are now being painstakingly rebuilt. The delegation’s message of love and support was heard loud and clear throughout the length and breadth of the land.

That visit was followed just a week later by one by the Israel Travel Alliance — a JFNA-convened collection of both Jewish and Christian organizations that sponsors trips, many of which are geared to young adults, to the Jewish state. We are working with the Israeli government to ensure that, by the end of the summer, more and more North Americans will have had the opportunity to visit Israel and deepen their own connections to the people and the land of Israel —some may even decide, as I did, to make Israel their home.

So am I staying? You’d better believe it. I’m staying for good.

This article was written by Rebecca Caspi. Rebecca is the senior vice president for Israel & Overseas of JFNA and the director general of JFNA’s Israel office.

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Jewish Studies at Queens University: Reaching Jews and Non-Jews Alike

By Rhett Edens

As we seek to educate the Charlotte community on issues relating to social justice and truth, Jewish Studies at Queens University offers educational resources to Jewish and non-Jewish community members alike. Joy Greene, a member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church who only recently moved to Charlotte, is a dedicated supporter of Jewish Studies at Queens University. Joy had taken courses in Judaism when she lived in Atlanta, but when she moved to Charlotte she continued her education by signing up for courses at Queens. She notes that some of her most meaningful experiences in these courses had to do with interfaith dialogues, specifically through conversations with leaders within Charlotte's Muslim and Christian communities. Like countless others, Joy believes that it is important for non-Jews like herself to study Judaism because Judaism is the foundation of Judeo-Christian culture. She seeks to understand where her beliefs came from "in the first place." Joy is an example of one of the many non-Jewish members of the Charlotte community who have expressed an interest in learning about Judaism and Jewish values. Because of her exposure to the Jewish Studies program at Queens, she has had the opportunity to engage in important educational conversations about globally relevant topics and now seeks to spread the awareness of our programs at Queens to both Jewish and non-Jewish members of the Charlotte Community alike.

At the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University, we seek to fulfill our responsibility to educate our neighbors and friends by engaging in important conversations about Judaism and Jewish values.

One of the highlights for the 2021-2022 year is our Fall 2021 signature course on Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. The course, presented by both the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Jewish Studies at Queens, will utilize a curriculum created by the Shalom Hartman Institute, an exceptional center of Jewish pluralism and learning. Their materials will serve as the foundation of our course as we explore one of the most divisive issues affecting the Jewish people today. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values might

shape their own political understandings. Although participants will hold a variety of political viewpoints, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for differences. The course will consist of 12 units over 12 weeks. Topics include "Talking About Israel: Foundations for a Values Discourse," which will explore the range of attitudes toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict across the Jewish world. In week two, participants will study "The Current Discourse: Living with Difference," which examines the sociological categories of pluralism, tolerance, and deviance and their reflection in Jewish sources to gain an understanding of the ways in which Jewish communities can accommodate difference and develop strategies of acceptance and belonging. The course will conclude with participants studying "A Light Unto the Nations: The Idea of Exceptionalism," and analyzing the core concept of Jewish exceptionalism from within the Jewish Tradition and how this idea can impact positions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Rabbi Judy Schindler, Skut Professor of Jewish Studies at Queens University, and Tair Guidice, an Israeli-American with more than a decade of experience in Jewish communal leadership and Jewish education with the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will co-lead this class. Tair noted her excitement about co-teaching this course, "I am looking forward to engaging our adult community learners as they delve deeply into Jewish texts that address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in all of its complexity. This is an opportunity

to move beyond surface conversations that so many of us have and get to a place where listening, learning, powerful dialogue, education, and encounter can happen."

The course will be held on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:00 from September 1 through December 15 with a break for Jew-

ish holidays. It will be in hybrid format (both in-person and virtually). Space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Talia Goldman, goldmant@queens.edu.

To learn more about all of our Jewish Studies and Holocaust and social justice educational offerings through our course guide,

visit the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice Website.

Rhett Edens is a summer intern at the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte.

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Jacobs-Jaffa Jewish Heritage Tour: A New Program Celebrating a Deep-Rooted History

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"Establishing great programs takes a stellar vision partnered with the commitment of capable leaders and generous donors. This program has it all. Susan Jacob's and Roz Cooper's vision and leadership coupled with Donald and Florence's gift are creating the strong roots that will ensure this program's solid growth. The Jacobs-Jaffa Jewish Heritage Tour contributes to Charlotte's cultural offerings and expands appreciation for the valuable role the Charlotte Jewish community has played for more than two centuries." *Rabbi Judy Schindler*

"I am so honored that my mother, Florence Jaffa, and husband, Donald Jacobs surprised me by sponsoring the Jewish Heritage tours that have been a labor of love for me. I am grateful to Judy Schindler and Roz Cooper for their partnership and camaraderie. I'm so proud of my family history in Charlotte and celebrate that we are now five generations. There is such a rich and powerful history of Jewish Charlotte. I hope we can share it through many Jacobs-Jaffa Jewish Heritage tours in the future." *Susan Jacobs*



(From left to right: Donald Jacobs, Ivan Cooper, Rabbi Asher Knight, Joni Cohen, Alicia Cooper, Jessie Cohen, Micah Cooper, Susan Jacobs, Roz Cooper, Florence Jaffa, Rabbi Judy Schindler, Jessie Sachs, Robbie Sachs, Patty Torcellini)

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Disney’s Saul Blinkoff to Speak at W.O.W. Fundraiser

By Andrea Gamlin

American film director, animator and voice actor Saul Blinkoff will share practical tools for success - meaning and fulfillment in all aspects of life through his talk “My Disney Tale” at W.O.W.’s annual fundraising event on November 14 at 7 p.m. Following his talk, he will offer the audience a caricature demonstration followed by a Q&A and a coffee and tea reception. Special ticket holders will enjoy a VIP cocktail hour at 6 p.m.

Saul began his career as an animator for the Walt Disney Studios, working on hit films such as “Pocahontas,” “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” “Mulan,” and “Tarzan.” Although he made his directorial debut at MTV, he returned to Disney to direct and consult on many films and shows, including the smash hit show “Doc McStuffins.” He has directed many commercials for high-profile clients including Best Buy, Dunkin’ Donuts, and

EASports. Currently, Saul is the supervising producer for the Dreamworks hit show “Madagascar: A Little Wild” on Hulu/Peacock. You can also hear him on his inspirational weekly podcast, “Life of Awesome!” Saul and his wife Marion live in Los Angeles with their four children.

This event is W.O.W.’s big fundraiser of the year. What we raise will help us send more women to Israel for Momentum’s Year-Long Journey and allow us to offer year-round programming to our community of Jewish women. Participants begin their Year-Long Journey with an all-expense (except for flight) paid, educational, and usually life-altering trip to Israel. Over the following year, women return home to continue to learn more about Judaism through our programming (and other opportunities throughout our community) and to infuse their family life with what they have learned.

When: November 14, 7 p.m.
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Cost: \$36.

VIP tickets: Be a VIP ticket holder and enjoy all of the evening’s events, including a special cocktail hour at 6 p.m. for \$100 per person or \$180 for two.

Sponsorships: Sponsorship includes all of the VIP benefits plus reserved seating, reserved parking, and name and/or company recognition at the event!

Sponsorship levels are: Bronze - \$360, Silver - \$720, Gold - \$1,800 and Platinum - \$4,000. One platinum level donation will send one woman on the awesome Momentum trip to Israel

W.O.W. is open to all Charlotte Jewish women, and no affiliation or membership is required. However, this event is open to the greater community so bring a friend for a fun evening out with Saul Blinkoff and W.O.W.



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ANSWER Scholarship Receives \$15,000 Grant From The Leon Levine Foundation

By Andrea Cooper

The Leon Levine Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant to ANSWER Scholarship to help send local moms to college. This is the 11th year The Leon Levine Foundation has invested in ANSWER.

ANSWER Scholarship provides college scholarships, mentoring, and professional development training to mothers in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. All have children ages preK-12 at home so that the children can learn from example and be inspired to go to college, too.

ANSWER has awarded more than \$530,000 in college scholarships to more than 100 mothers since the organization was founded in 2006. Mothers can earn a four-year degree in any field and select two-year degrees. Some ANSWER moms have gone on to earn master's degrees.



(2021-2022 ANSWER Scholars)

More than a financial scholarship, ANSWER connects each of its scholars with a volunteer mentor through its Mentors For Mom program. Mentors provide support and help scholarship recipients with the challenges of balancing school, work, and parenting.

Mentors For Mom is one reason why the ANSWER class of 2021 had a 100% graduation rate, in spite of all the challenges brought by the pandemic. They earned degrees from

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Challah Two Ways

By Andrea Gamlin

The mitzvah of challah instructs us to set aside a piece of dough for each batch we make. For me, there is something about separating a piece of dough, also known as "taking challah," and then smelling freshly baked braided loaves that get me in the mood for Shabbat and holidays. Whether you are a seasoned baker or a challah novice, join us in preparing dough to take home and bake and fill your home with the delicious aroma of challah!

Over the past 14 years, Sara Oppenheim has led a powerful and fun group of women in Charlotte to bake challah before Rosh Hashonah. The Rosh Hashonah challah bake, now run by Momentum's local chapter called W.O.W., will be held this year on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., August 31 and will be a hybrid event — it will be held in-person for vaccinated attendees and have a Zoom option! Please go to W.O.W.'s website at www.charlottewomenofwisdom.com for more information on the challah bake, the ingredient list for those joining from home, as well as the location and Zoom link.

Some of you may be baking adverse, or might need many loaves for the upcoming fall holidays - no worries, we've got you covered. Just order challah from our Challah Sale! If you've ever tasted Sara's challah, you know you'll want to order many to have around! Please submit your orders at W.O.W.'s website at www.charlottewomenofwisdom.com before August 16 to be entered into a raffle to win a VIP ticket to "My Disney Tale and Caricature Demonstration" with Saul Blinkoff. Special bonus: for every two challot (plural of challah) that you order, you get 1 challah free! Order now, don't wait!

We are a nondenominational group for Jewish women to engage, learn, and connect. No synagogue affiliation is necessary, just an interest to learn more about our beautiful heritage!



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Rosh Hashanah Is Right on Time

By Aileen Greenberg-Kriner

“Ready for Rosh Hashanah?”
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“I know. I can believe it’s so early!”

Is Rosh Hashanah really early? I guess it can be considered early or late on our “regular” Gregorian calendar, but actually,

it’s always right on time on the Hebrew calendar - neither early nor late. Rosh Hashanah (“head of the year”) is the first of the Jewish High Holidays and is always on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew year. Get ready to blow the shofar - on time!

Rosh Hashanah is a holiday filled with tradition, including

the “It’s so early this year!/It’s so late!” conversations. I remember going to my grandparents’ house before Rosh Hashanah and running upstairs to see the fish swimming in the bathtub. Those carp and pike soon became our holiday gefilte fish, though I never saw the transformation. When I was in school, my mother always took my sisters and

me shopping for a new outfit for Rosh Hashanah. Other children shopped for back-to-school clothes, but I grew up with new clothes for the holidays. As an adult, I learned how to make challah from the rebbitzin (rabbi’s wife) at our synagogue. The round, honey-vanilla challah has become one of my family’s traditions for Rosh Hashanah.

Most people have apples and honey to symbolize a sweet start for the New Year. This year, you can start New Year 5782 with honey from Hadassah. Order Hello Honey on the Charlotte Hadassah website (www.hadassahCLTevents.org) by August 18. An 8 oz. bottle is \$10, and a 16 oz. bottle is \$18. The honey will be ready for porch pickup at a home near you from August 23 to 25. We can also make arrangements for delivery or early pickup.

Hello Honey is locally owned by Laura and Kevin, a North Carolina-certified beekeeping couple. Their apiary (where the beehives are kept) is located just outside of uptown Charlotte.

Enjoy the honey with apples at your Rosh Hashanah meal or in your honey cake and tea, or send it to your college students. Help your family and friends begin the New Year on a sweet note. Contact Laurie at laushein@gmail.com or at (704) 763-4227 if you have questions.

Hadassah Charlotte wishes everyone a happy, sweet, and healthy New Year 5782! L’shanah tovah tikateivu v’tichateimu. May you have a good year, and may you be inscribed and sealed for blessing in the Book of Life.

In other Hadassah news...

Love shopping? Ready to clear out space for new treasures? Get ready to donate, shop, and support the Hadassah Accessory Boutique! Start collecting your new or gently used purses, scarves, belts, jewelry, and other accessories for our pop-up event in October. All proceeds will support Hadassah’s 360 Campaign, which benefits Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem at Ein Kerem. Refer to our website for donation drop-off locations and other details. Contact Anik at Anik@harrison.net if you have questions.

The Short Stories Discussion Group is off for the summer. It will return on September 17, which will be the last meeting via Zoom. It will meet at Temple Israel beginning on October 15. The next story selection will be published in the September CJN. You can also email Amalia Warshenbrot at AmaliaIma@ATT.net for more information.

Hadassah Charlotte’s “keeper of the cards,” Nancy Kerstein, sends beautiful Hadassah cards for births, illness, sympathy, and other life events. If you would like to send your family or loved one a personalized card, please email Nancy at randee3763@gmail.com.

The next Hadassah Charlotte Board meeting will be on Monday, August 16 at 7 pm via Zoom. All members are invited. Please contact Marci at marci333@gmail.com if you need the Zoom link.

Hadassah members live our motto - “The Power of Women Who Do” - and have fun while doing important work. Come join us! Contact Karen at klh2603@gmail.com for membership information.

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Back to School in 2021: An Emotional Roller Coaster

By Howard Olshansky, JFS Executive Director

Typically going back to school in the fall is both exciting and stressful for students. It is a time filled with the excitement to see friends but also with the anxiety and anticipation of not knowing what the year will bring. However, this coming school year will be anything but typical. Following the “Year of the Pandemic,” so much is unknown.

While most students were back in school at the end of last school year, the entire year was tumultuous. As we approach another school year, it is uncertain whether things will really be back to normal. There is some anxiety around who is and who isn’t vaccinated. Questions about masks and virus variants remain. At a time when anxiety and mental health issues for teens have escalated, there is concern about how students may handle these uncertainties.

According to an April article in “Psychiatry Advisor,” mental health issues were already on

the rise with youth prior to the pandemic. Survey results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show increasing rates of U.S. high school students experiencing persistent sadness or hopelessness (from approximately 26% in 2009 to 37% in 2019), serious contemplation of suicide (from 14% to 19%), suicide planning (from 11% to 16%), and suicide attempts (from 6% to 9%).

Early findings indicate that these issues are being further exacerbated by the current crisis, with individuals with preexisting psychological problems at higher risk. The results show increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder among youth of various age groups.

The concerns are not limited to middle and high school students. Children in elementary school have also been negatively affected by the pandemic and virtual learning. Learning development may have been delayed, and previously learned social be-

haviors may have been forgotten.

Compounding the issue is the fact that our school systems are significantly understaffed to provide student support services. In Mecklenburg County, the staffing for psychologists, social workers, and counselors is less than 50% of what is considered best practice, which means that if students contact a professional at school for emotional support, there is a good chance they may not get the attention they need.

Dr. Neha Chaudhary, child and adolescent psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, developed some tips on how to alleviate some of the anxiety of returning to school:

It’s good to plan ahead. As much as possible, learn protocols and routines for your child’s school. The more they know, the less anxious they will be.

Let’s talk about our worries. The more your children share what they are worried about, the more you can help them plan for how to deal with the situation.

Talking it out may also reveal other issues you can plan for.

Anticipate some anxiety and nerves. Acknowledging that it is OK and normal to be anxious will help assure your children that there is nothing wrong with them. It also opens up the opportunity to discuss ways to alleviate their anxiety. Talk about strategies such as breathing exercises, especially for students who may already have some history of anxiety.

Proactively check in about mental health. This is especially important so that your children know you understand that they may be feeling stressed, anxious, or depressed and that you are there to support their emotional needs. If you don’t feel as if they will open up to you, try to identify someone in their life who can fill this role.

Don’t expect everything to change overnight. Recognize it takes time to adjust. You may see some decline in grades or behaviors. Don’t ignore these signs, but also don’t overreact.

Talk with your child about what is going on and strategize on how to manage the situation.

Be present and consistent. Your children need stability at a time when they may be feeling vulnerable and unsettled. Knowing you are there and things are stable, consistent and, for younger children, routine will help them feel calm and give them a sense of security.

Seek professional help if necessary. If you are seeing symptoms that are more than you can handle or your child doesn’t seem to be able to adjust, seek professional counseling. Jewish Family Services can help.



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Jewish Council of Lake Norman to Hold Huge Deli Fest on The Green in Davidson on October 10

Well, it just goes to show what happens when the Jewish Council of Lake Norman (JCLKN) doesn't get to hold its annual Deli Fest — it just comes back bigger and better than ever! With a new venue allowing for more space, there will be more of the authentic, traditional, New York-style deli foods, more entertainment, more vendors, more sponsors, more activities for children, and more Jewish culture than area has seen in quite some time.

New York-style deli food has a rich history and is sometimes rather difficult to come by here in the Southern states. Kosher and kosher-style deli meats, such as corned beef and pastrami, which are the stars of Deli Fest, were meats that are cured in various ways to preserve freshness in absence of refrigeration, which was particularly important for the Jewish people many generations ago living in Eastern Europe under precarious circumstances. During those times, families needed to create an inexpensive

(now expensive) protein that lasted a long time and traveled well.

The corned beef and/or pastrami typically found its way onto Jewish rye bread, as it will at Deli Fest. This bread also originated from Eastern Europe, where rye and wheat were usually harvested together. Rye was usually less expensive but also contained less gluten, making it much denser, so it required some wheat in the baking. Caraway seeds were added for flavor. The loaf shaping was either round or oval (now it is oval), as in the Jewish tradition, round symbolizes the never-ending cycle of life.

One of the traditional fun beverages you'll find at Deli Fest is called an egg cream. This writer used to fear it involved drinking an egg à la "Rocky" style. Fortunately, this is not the case. It is carbonated chocolate milk with foam on top and a great story behind it. Born on the Lower East Side and Brooklyn during the 1920s, a certain Mr. Herman

Fox had a gambling problem, and after he lost all of his money in Texas oil well investments, he produced a chocolate syrup and named it "Fox's U-Bet" with a tagline of "You bet it's good." Seltzer was popular as an aid to digestion and to beat the stifling heat, so the two were mixed. Initially whipping an egg white on top and calling it an egg cream gave people at the soda fountains the impression they were getting a fancy drink for their money. Eventually, the egg was replaced by milk resulting in our current-day egg cream.

Other featured foods will be kosher hot dogs, knishes, Dr. Brown's soda, kosher pickles, Israeli food like falafel, traditional Jewish baked goods like black-and-white cookies, rainbow cookies, rugelach, and more.

When you're ready to dance off the calories, you will find the traditional Jewish folk music of the famous Bandana Klezmer Band of Western North Carolina. Don't worry if you don't

know any dance steps - Steven Lee Weintraub, the well-known teacher of traditional Yiddish dance at festivals around the world, will perform a few solo favorites and then have the crowd join in for some lively calorie burning. If you have two left feet, come watch. Then you can stroll around the curated vendor booths and find that one-of-a-kind piece of art or craft that you simply must have. Don't forget to visit the sponsors' tables (I found my dentist there a few years ago!).

The *kinder* (children) will have a great time as well. PJ Library will be coming up from Charlotte to put on a puppet show and will have free books for the children. There will be face painting and plenty of other amusements to keep smiles on their faces.

We would be remiss if we failed to mention our kugel contest. This is where you get to pull out your bubbe's recipe or create your own kosher or kosher-style

recipe and bring it to be judged and awarded. It's all about the bragging rights!

You will not want to miss this event. If you are a business owner, think about the location and consider a sponsorship. If you are an artisan, again, think about the location and consider a space. If you are now hungry, think you are going to be hungry, and wish to preorder and get your food at a better price, do so now. For any or all and more, please head over to our website at www.jcln.org. We can't wait to hear from you. See you on October 10!

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Bayit Brigade Helps Lone Soldiers Find Housing

By Zeke Meltsner

Back in January, I was in my room at school plugging away on my computer at UNC (Zoom) university. At this point, I was on the path to making it to Israel in the coming summer with an internship program in Tel Aviv. I knew I wanted to do some sort of internship in the nonprofit world, as I have an interest in social work and sociology, but nothing specific. One day, I was contacted by the internship placement coordinator that there was an opportunity with an organization called Bayit Brigade, a nonprofit that

helps lone soldiers in Israel find affordable housing and manage expenses. At this time, I barely knew what a lone soldier was. I was more so excited to be in Israel than to work on this project. However, a month before the internship program was to begin, I was offered the opportunity to go on a Birthright trip, which would take place a week beforehand. I jumped on this opportunity and was soon in Israel doing Birthright. On the trip I immediately became very close to one of the lone soldiers, Ben. We bonded over similar interests and experiences. Ben is a

lone soldier originally from Paris, France. As Ben and I grew close over the next 10 days, I learned his story which includes coming to Israel with no plan, actually being homeless for days, and being taken in by an organization like Bayit Brigade that helped him get on his feet before joining the army. I was shocked to hear what he had to go through to serve a country that is not his original home. I thought then of the philanthropy I have done in the Jewish community in Charlotte. Imagining Ben walking into a room at the inn at Temple Israel in his full army uniform gave me motivation to do everything I could to help him and the many more lone soldiers like him.

Today, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has 169,500 active duty personnel. Of those 169,500, there are more than six thousand lone soldiers. What we call a lone soldier is someone who joins the IDF without support in Israel from immediate family. Lone soldiers come from anywhere and everywhere, and they make great sacrifices to come to Israel and join the cause. Yet, the life of a lone soldier is not easy, and it doesn't always end in their getting to enjoy Israeli citizenship. Lone soldiers face many distinct day-to-day challenges that are unique to their situation. Of all of these challenges, one of the greatest is finding housing.

Many are aware of the housing challenges for lone soldiers, but not quite sure how to solve. The Israeli government does help the soldiers with a



monthly rent stipend of 1,300 shekels (about 400 USD), and there are options to live in a hostel specifically for lone soldiers (Beit Hachayal). Yet these are not perfect alternatives by any means. Many of these soldiers have aspirations to make a name for themselves in Israel, which they cannot do from the Beit Hachayal or from a cheap apartment in the middle of nowhere. That is where Bayit Brigade comes in. Bayit Brigade is a nonprofit focused on finding affordable housing for lone soldiers where they want to live, not where they have to live.

Bayit Brigade believes these soldiers deserve the same opportunities that any Israeli citizen has, if not more, and it is Israel's and the Jewish people's responsibility as a collective to make it happen for these extraordinary individuals sacrificing so much. Location of housing is a primary part of what Bayit Brigade does, as many of these soldiers need to be in or around Tel Aviv, where the people, places, and opportunities are. Finding affordable housing in this area

is not easy, as Tel Aviv is more expensive to live in than 85% of the world's cities. The cost of living in or around Tel Aviv is comparable to that of Miami or Toronto.

As of now, Bayit Brigade assists 40 lone soldiers in finding affordable housing or by providing scholarships each month to put toward their housing. More than 20,000 shekels in scholarship money has gone to lone soldiers in need. Among these 40 soldiers, 17 countries outside of Israel are represented. This diversity is valuable to Israel and Israeli society. This is one reason it is so important to allocate resources to make it possible to keep these soldiers here. In 2018, the Jerusalem Post reported that 50% of lone soldiers return home to their country after their service. As of now, 36 of the 40 soldiers Bayit Brigade serves are still in Israel. Helping them remain in Israel is an important part of what Bayit Brigade does.

I feel honored to be able to help out this special group of people. As a Charlottean in the Jewish community, I have always been proud of being Jewish and especially helping others in the community. I believe more people need to know about this important cause, which needs urgent attention. There is much to do in Israel to help the country progress and move forward.

Helping lone soldiers is a way to promote diversity in Israel, which is imperative for progress and something about which I am passionate, whether it be at home or abroad.

I am thankful to be from Charlotte, which I know to be a community that supports people I care about. I encourage you to show your support for this cause by sponsoring a soldier or donating to Bayit Brigade at www.bayitbrigade.com/donate.



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~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

Summer 2021 at JPS

This summer has been jam-packed with activities and fun! “A Splash of Color” has been our theme, and each week was filled with activities relating to that color as well as learning about mitzvot. We are keeping busy with gardening, water play, drama, Soccer Shots, music, and science! The days and weeks have flown by, and we are getting closer to the start of another wonderful school year.

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(Setting the table for Shabbat)



(Scooping soil in the garden)



(Tuesdays is music class)



(Enjoying outdoor play with MyGym)



(Having fun at Soccer Shots)

JPS Family Spotlight

“The Jewish Preschool on Sardis means so much to our family. Not only did I attend JPS as a child, our daughter Sadie has been enrolled since she was an infant and will graduate next Spring. Knowing how friendly and warm the teachers are makes us confident that she is in the best of hands, and leaving her to go to work is easy! As parents, we couldn’t ask for anything more, and I understand why my parents felt the same way when my brothers and I were growing up!”

Tracy Goldsmith Lisk



Tracy and Daniel with their daughter Sadie

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Looking Back, Looking Forward: Exciting Changes in the Year Ahead for Hebrew High

By Megan Harkavy

This past year was like none other. Due to COVID-19, we shifted to holding classes online. Our primary goal was to ensure our program continued to engage, meet our students' diverse needs, and foster a community. We provided a platform that addressed the world around us and explored topics such as racial injustice and the 2020 elections. Classes were split into two learning modules: The first module was called *Limmud* (Learning), in which students selected one class from a variety of choices. Those choices focused on the topics mentioned above, in addition to student favorites such as cooking and art. The second module was called *Kehillah* (Community Time) and focused on providing students an opportunity to get to know each other and socialize. Each week students chose from structured activities such as Jewish trivia and scavenger hunts or a special class taught by clergy from both temples.

We also had guest speakers, including Billy Planer, the founder of Etgar 36 — a social justice and social action cross-country summer program for teens; The Bible Players, an improv and comedy group that led games to teach Jewish values to our students; and Pamela Schuller, a hilarious New York City comedian and inclusion advocate.

Through these different opportunities, our students had an extremely positive experience during this challenging year. Our teens actively participated in class discussions, created positive Jewish memories, connected with teachers, and deepened relationships with their peers, all over Zoom. The feedback we heard about this past year was immensely positive.

We are excited to return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year! Our goals for the 2021-2022 school year are to add more social time for our students, be more accessible for all families, create community, deepen relationships with cler-

gy, and continue to create positive Jewish moments. We have already heard amazing feedback and excitement from our students, parents, and partners.

Hebrew High will continue to meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning with free dinner. Teens will have 30 minutes to eat and socialize with their friends. At the end of dinner, teens who are in NFTY, USY, BBYO, and any other youth groups will be able to make announcements of upcoming programs.

Classes will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will allow teens to come home earlier in the evening to finish up homework or spend time with family. This will also help new drivers who must be home by 9 p.m. because of curfew. Registration is now live — you can be part of this amazing community for one, two, or all three trimesters. Each trimester is six weeks long, and there are special programs throughout the year. Temple Beth El and Temple Israel clergy will join our amazing

educators to teach three classes each trimester.

Additionally, we are adding a gender-specific program for 8th and 9th graders monthly on Sunday nights. We are using *Moving Traditions*' curriculum to add the Rosh Chodesh (girls) and Shevet (boys) to Charlotte!

Rosh Chodesh uses Jewish teachings and practices to give girls a place to feel safe, articulate their deepest concerns, consider the impact of gender on their daily lives, have fun, and be "real" with their peers. Through discussion, arts and crafts, creative ritual, games, and drama, the girls and their leaders draw on Jewish values to explore issues the girls care about most, such as body image, friendship, relationships, family, competition, and stress.

Shevet is a program designed for teen boys by a group of rabbis, educators, psychologists, parents, and teens themselves. In general, the program is a lot of fun for the guys — they'll be playing various competitive and

collaborative games, talking about pop culture, studying great Jewish texts, eating, and sharing stories. But they will also be able to discuss, in a confidential setting, critical issues in their lives as teens and young men.

We are very excited to be back in person for Hebrew High! Hebrew High is a joint venture between Temple Beth El and Temple Israel and powered by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. It is open to all Jewish teens in grades 8-12 in the greater Charlotte area. To learn more, please visit www.hebrewhigh.org or contact Megan Harkavy at mharkavy@hebrewhigh.org.



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Pandemic Prompts a Move to CJDS, And That's a Good Thing

By Becky and Matt Pollack

In late 2019, we registered our daughter, Parker, for kindergarten with our neighborhood public school. Both of us are successful products of public school. We were all-in with our local school. Then the pandemic began, and everything changed. It was clear that our public school was not going to open in a form that would provide a decent kindergarten education. We had to evaluate our options. Charlotte Jewish Day School (CJDS) was a natural fit for us. We had heard great things about the school through friends and neighbors through the years. Luckily, Parker was able to join the incoming kindergarten class.

Skip to February, 2021. Parker is thriving. She absolutely loves going to school. She has made unbelievable academic progress, but more importantly, CJDS has helped develop her personal character in a unique way. Her teachers and the entire staff at CJDS have shown tremendous courage and diligence in committing to an in-person education with the proper safety precautions needed. Masks are

enforced at all times because they work, and they are a small price to pay for the privilege of safe, enriching in-person learning.

I honestly cannot believe that we ever considered any other option for Parker than CJDS. It is a place of light in a world that has lately been filled with darkness. It is a place where the teachers and staff put students first. CJDS is run by frontline heroes who have had the courage, the talent, and the training to commit to a safe in-person education all year. We will send our son to CJDS in a few years, and the school has been nothing short of amazing. CJDS is one of the greatest gifts our family has ever had, and I would recommend to anyone to check out the school to personally see what an unbelievable asset the school is to our community.



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- We are adding Sunday evening gender specific groups for 8th and 9th graders. These groups will meet monthly.
- Hebrew High will end 30 minutes earlier (8:30PM). By ending at this time, students will get home earlier (before curfew for new drivers) to complete homework and to spend time with family.

Hebrew High is a joint venture between Temple Beth El and Temple Israel. It is open to all Jewish teens in grades 8-12 in the greater Charlotte area. Questions? Contact Megan Harkavy at mharkavy@hebrewhigh.org

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~ YOUTH VISIONS ~

Two Generations Unite at Moishe House Charlotte

By Loán Lake, Moishe House Senior Communications Manager

On June 22, Holocaust survivor and World War II U.S. Army veteran Irving Bienstock joined Moishe House’s senior director of advancement, Dave Press, for dinner with the residents of Moishe House Charlotte and Moishe Pod Charlotte — South End to connect and share life experiences. The visit was the first of its kind since the global COVID-19 pandemic halted in-person activities in March 2020.

For Bienstock, a longtime Moishe House supporter who recently turned 95, the moment was an opportunity to interact with a new generation of Jewish community leaders that will carry on Jewish traditions and culture. “So many young people are turning away from Judaism. You’re doing the opposite by helping young people find

connection and meaning within Judaism. To me, there’s nothing more important than this,” Beinstock said.

The evening also had a profound impact on the residents as they learned firsthand about Irving’s incredible story of survival. “Hearing Irving speak about escaping the Holocaust provided me with a fresh perspective about my everyday worries and their insignificance. Meeting Irving was not only a memorable moment but also reminded me of the importance of Jewish organizations like Moishe House and how they are instrumental in securing the future of Jewish religion and culture,” said Moishe House Charlotte resident Calvin Newman.

Moishe House is the global leader in engaging Jewish young adults in peer-led programming and currently has two locations in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. For



(Left to right: Daniel Rich, Josh Kindler, Calvin Newman, Caleb Seidler, Irving Bienstock, Alison Shay, Emily Koller)

Dave Press, the gathering was a reminder of the myriad ways Moishe House provides a pathway to building community. “I was so thrilled when he agreed to allow me to bring him together

with the residents. Both Irving and the residents seemed incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be together in real life,” Press said.



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Charlotte Stands With Israel

By Marcy Braverman Goldstein, Ph.D.

With only four days to arrange everything, Club Z organized Charlotte Stands With Israel, a rally for peace that drew nearly 200 hopeful community leaders, citizens, immigrants, university students, parents, and children from the greater Charlotte area to Romare Bearden Park on May 20. People of various nationalities, ethnicities, and religions all came together to show support for the millions under attack during the recent deadly flare-up between Israel and Hamas. The devastating effects of that far-away conflict continue to reverberate globally despite the ceasefire agreement enacted the same day as this rally occurred, symbolizing a yearning for peace.

As flags waved in sunny blue skies, the crowd sang, prayed, and listened to a lineup of speakers that shared messages about dispelling darkness. Wrapped in an Israeli flag, Olga Meshoe Washington, regional director and educator at Club Z Charlotte, gave an impassioned speech about her conviction that we should stand courageously with Israel and Jewish Americans,

especially when they are ruthlessly attacked. She was then interviewed by WBTV, saying, "We have been standing here for peace on both ends, and in particular, we have been calling for Hamas to stop the rockets and to stop using civilians as human shields, which unfortunately has resulted in increased loss of human life. The Palestinian people in Gaza deserve better. The world needs to pressure Hamas to stop the terrorist activity not only [for] its people but also [for] Israel."

Club Z students Evan Biller and Aliya Martin explained the relevance of this destructive conflict to Jewish Americans and the significance of Israel to Jews worldwide: "We would like to commemorate the innocent Palestinian and Israeli civilian lives lost, and we send prayers for a peaceful resolution. But why are two Jewish teenagers in the United States talking about this? We are saddened to say that recent events ignited antisemitic protests and hate crimes all over the world ... And why should we actively support Israel? Because Israel is our home, the only Jewish state amid 195 countries,



(Club Z executive director, Olga Meshoe Washington, talks with the press)

a sliver of land no bigger than New Jersey. Jews are indigenous to this land. Our grandparents and great-grandparents fought to make Israel a safe haven for Jews. Our ancestors before them survived countless atrocities so that we can stand here today. This is not just a matter of defending the land and our people; it's about preserving our history, which has been passed down from generation to generation. And it's about securing our future."

Everyone also heard from a range of community leaders, including Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim of Charlotte Torah

Center, Rabbi Rachel Smookler of The Ruach Community, Pastor Dumisani Washington of the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel, and Cantor Elias Roohvarg. Charlotteans Maor Waizman and Larry Berendt offered a prayer for peace and protection for those at the forefront of the conflict, and Yael Osovski spoke movingly about bearing the stress of Jew hatred.

Participants reflected on the rally while mingling at the park and in the days that followed. Rachael Weiss, an administrator of the Facebook group Jewish Moms of Charlotte, explained what "standing" means: "Agree-

ing or disagreeing with the Israeli government should not be conflated with standing for Israel's existence. Nor should political views cause people to hate Jewish people. The rally was a beautiful way to come together and support all innocent people and a nation that's been terrorized for too long."

Charlotte Stands With Israel expresses the dream of "One Day," a song by Matisyahu: "All my life I've been waitin' for, I've been prayin' for, for the people to say, that we don't wanna fight no more, there'll be no more war, and our children will play. . . One day this all will change, treat people the same. Stop with the violence, down with the hate. One day we'll all be free and proud to be under the same sun, singin' songs of freedom."

Charlotte Stands With Israel was organized by Club Z, a growing national organization that educates teens to become a network of leaders that embraces Zionism, takes pride in its Jewish identity, and addresses issues of bigotry.



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Friendship Circle is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. To learn more, visit FriendshipCircleNC.org



(Alise leading a Friendship Circle Cookie Bake with her friend)



(Matthew and Jonathan joining in on the fun)



(Nothing compares to baking with friends)



BBYO Kickoff at Carowinds

By Ellen Goldstein

Charlotte BBYO is back in person and excited for a new programming year. We cannot wait to bring everyone together and reconnect! Our kickoff event will take place on Sunday, September 12 at Carowinds. All Jewish teens (members and non-members) in 8th through 12th grades are invited to participate. Enjoy

the amusement park from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There are two registration options, one with transportation and one without. Teens who would like to go to Carowinds on the bus will meet at the Levine JCC at 10:15 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure and will return at 4 p.m. The cost, including transportation, is \$50. Go to bit.ly/carowindsbybus to register for the bus and admission ticket. There is limited seating on the bus, so register as soon as possible. Teens who prefer to drive or be dropped off should meet at 11 a.m. at the drop-off sign at Carowinds and be picked up at 3:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/carowindsticket for \$35. Registration is required and open through midnight on August 31, 2021. Sign up today!

For 96 years, BBYO has offered so much to Jewish teens: friendship, leadership opportunities, a connection to Judaism, and most important, a place to just have fun. Charlotte BBYO has more than 200 members in four chapters — two for Alephs (teens who identify as males)

and two for BBGs (teens who identify as females). The chapters meet most Tuesday nights at the Levine JCC from 7 to 8:30 p.m. along with some weekend programming (conventions and sleepovers). With the guidance of their chapter advisers, BBYO teens plan and implement all aspects of their programming. Charlotte's first Tuesday night programs for existing members are planned for August 31 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Levine JCC. Teens interested in joining should attend our kickoff and plan attending a Tuesday night chapter program. For more information about BBYO, please call (704) 944-6834.

BBYO is always looking for teen mentors. If you are a young Jewish professional, 21 or older, and looking for a volunteer opportunity, please contact Jillian Mann, jmann@bbyo.org.



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B'yachad Together: Freedom School Returns to Shalom Park

By Margaret Musa

"B'yachad"-Together Freedom School Returns to Shalom Park!

Thirty-two scholars with smiling faces hopped out of yellow school buses onto the Shalom Park campus on June 14 as the Freedom School reopened its doors on Shalom Park. The 2021 summer marked the 11 year that Shalom Park has sponsored a Freedom School. These scholars, from low-income households and at risk for summer learning loss, spent six weeks on our Shalom Park campus. They completed a literacy program designed to maintain and improve literacy skills and enjoyed after-

noon enrichment projects, like origami, and outdoor physical activities. The site director, Alexandra Blackwood, and a staff of summer college interns, who are trained extensively by the national Freedom School organization, led the six-week program while our Shalom Park community provided the funding, space, and volunteers.

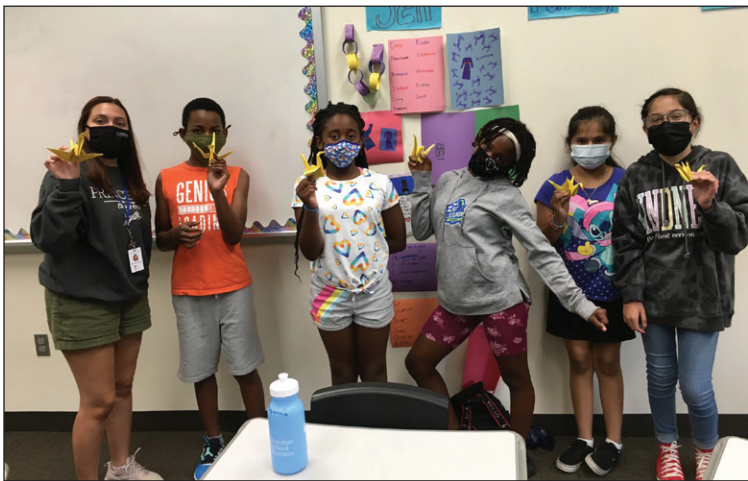
During the six-weeks, the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library provided each scholar with library visits and new books for their bookshelves at home. Each scholar was served a nutritious breakfast and lunch generously catered by Izzy's Catering and Jered Mond with funds generat-



(Freedom School Teen Board conducts supply drive on Shalom Park)



(Level-2 students taking a break after planting cucumbers)



(Scholars create origami swans)

ed from the LJCC Kosher BBQ. Scholars also enjoyed daily snacks, provided from Temple Beth El's Mitzvah Day, and fresh fruit.

Sponsoring a Freedom School site is a significant financial and logistical undertaking, and "B'yachad"-Together, the Shalom Park community did it! 120 individual donors made contributions to the program. The Freedom School on Shalom Park was also generously funded through an allocation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Temple Beth El's Tzedek Fund. Temple Israel contributed funds and the use of their religious school

classrooms, while the Charlotte Jewish Day School donated the use of its playground, and the Foundation of Shalom Park donated custodial and security services. The Shalom Park Freedom School Teen Board, composed of 40 local teens, conducted two supply drives at the LJCC for the program. Although there was not any in-person volunteering with the scholars, volunteers still served as supply shoppers, made weekly goodie bags for the staff, and delivered bags of food from the Second Harvest food bank for the children to take home to their families.

B'yachad, the Freedom School on Shalom Park thrived

during the summer of 2021!

If you are interested in volunteering with the program or serving on the Steering Committee, please contact Co-Chairs Margaret Musa at mmusa@carolina.rr.com or Annie Lord at annielord@gmail.com.



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Surfside Continued

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He must have enjoyed the irony that some of the hotels of Surfside once restricted Jews. One shamelessly boasted “Always a view, never a Jew.”

Singer strolled the sunbaked landscape in a white suit and impish teardrop fedora. Always taking notes, he fiercely studied and measured the patterns of these transplanted Jews: melting snowbirds and Holocaust survivors looking to the sun to cure memories of more ashen, cloudier days; widows and divorcees looking for a male ticket back to the Northeast or out of loneliness; young families tired of the transit strikes and crime waves of New York; Hasidim who dressed in the sweltering Sunshine State as if still in Lublin; and vaudevillians wearing makeup suitable to the burlesque surroundings of Miami Beach.

All of them immortalized in Kodak color, or in the pages of “My Love Affair with Miami Beach,” a book of photos by Richard Nagler, for which Singer wrote the introduction in 1990. Imagine them as Singer once

did: plotting affairs, swatting tennis balls, staring at stock tickers, clacking mah jongg tiles, gliding discs along shuffleboard courts and gesturing wildly about socialism.

“For me, a vacation in Miami Beach was a chance to be among my own people,” Singer wrote.

He found them sitting on the Broadway medians and inside the cafeterias on the Upper West Side, too, of course. But the Jews from Miami Beach were somehow of a different species — and not only because they were more prone to skin cancer.

It was a Shangri-La of Jewish misadventure, a shtetl still trembling but without Cossacks, the Chosen People out of choices, the detour of a once wandering tribe — finally at rest in and around sleepy Surfside.

And now it is home to new waves of Jews, reflecting the area’s diversity: retirees, of course, but also younger and wealthier Jewish families, many drawn to a booming Chabad; a large cohort of Hispanic Jews with feet in North and Latin America; a



smattering of Israelis; and more Sephardic Jews than the national average.

The residents of the Champlain Towers were asleep until a nightmare roused them. Will any survive to tell this tragic tale? In time, this beachside plot will become another reminder of senseless Jewish death in America — acts of hate, or negligence, or of God: the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in Manhattan and the massacre at Marjory Stoneman

Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; the Leo Frank lynching, The Temple bombing in Atlanta, the Crown Heights riots; and the antisemitic shootings at the Jewish Community Center of Los Angeles and Jewish Federation of Seattle, and then at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and Chabad synagogue in Poway, California.

At times like these, disasters, whether unnatural or manmade, leave the same feelings of loss.

Miami Beach has served as a refuge for some, and as a playground for others. An infinite coastline of condos always seemed to be rising from the sand. Today, unimaginably, we know that one can come crashing down.

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What's Next for Generations at Shalom Park

By Karen Knoble

Generations at Shalom Park is an exciting project bringing an adult living community inside the vibrant multigenerational setting of Shalom Park. "Generations" references an important Jewish value — L'Dor V'Dor (from Generation to Generation) and captures the essence and uniqueness of this project that will complete one of the visions that the founders of the Park had 40 years ago.

The campus of Shalom Park is already a unique community in the Jewish world, with programming for people of all ages, including adults and seniors. The addition of a senior living community will broaden the opportunities to actively engage this demographic in all aspects of our community.

To build Generations and be able to offer the life plan services our seniors need, Generations is partnering with Aldersgate which, like Generations, is a nonprofit, faith-based organization, mission bound to provide for the needs of seniors. Generations brings the Jewish, cultural expertise, and Aldersgate brings the expertise needed to conceptualize, finance, and operate a successful adult living community. Specifically, they offer expertise and best-in-market capabilities in skilled nursing, something Generations would not have been able to offer given the size of our property and regulatory requirements.

Generations is at an important stage in its development. The thorough planning of Generations included nearly every contingency imaginable, but not a pandemic, and the impact of COVID-19 has been significant. Just as Generations began looking for people to make a commitment and secure their home with a deposit, most of the world shut down, putting those types of decisions on pause for many. In the past few months, as vaccinations have allowed re-opening, Generations has seen momentum in this important reservation process, and many of the homes have been reserved.

Early depositors form the Genesis Club and are instrumental in defining the Generations community. Future residents who are putting down deposits at this time get the opportunity to choose their specific apartment and take advantage of significant early depositor benefits offered by Generations. These benefits, available only until the 70% reservation threshold is reached, will save Genesis Club members upward of \$150,000. The most significant benefits included:

- Discounted entrance fees. Genesis Club Members will receive a discount of more than 14% on their entrance fees compared to opening prices.
- Refundable contract bonus increase. For those Genesis Club members who choose the 90% refundable contact option, Generations will automatically upgrade that refund amount to 95%.
- No monthly service fees for two months. Genesis Club Members will receive a credit for two months of monthly service fees for the first and second person fees, if applicable.
- Second person monthly service fee discount. Genesis Club members who have a second person fee will receive a \$700/month discount for a lifetime.
- Choose the location and floor plan. The most popular floor plans are going quickly.

To date, approximately 65% of the depositors self-identify as Jewish, and a number of depositors currently live outside of Charlotte and North Carolina.

The reservation process is critical because Generations cannot move forward until 10% deposits are placed on 88 (70%) of the 125 independent living units. Seventy percent is the threshold required for the final financing to take place in order for the construction to begin. The North Carolina Department of Insurance regulates the deposit process and will not allow Generations to go forward if these deposits are not secured.

The Shalom Park partners are highly engaged in every phase of this project and its governance. The Generations board is mandated to have majority representation of Shalom Park community members. Currently, the five seats held by members of the Jewish community include Sam Bernstein, Barry Bobrow, Jonathan Howard, Julie Lerner Levine, and Holly Levinson.

To assist with bringing this project to fruition, Karen Knoble has joined the Generations professional team as community outreach coordinator. Her roles are to strengthen the ties between Generations and the Shalom Park partners and other agencies on the Park, keep our Shalom Park community abreast of the progress at Generations, and reach out to the Charlotte community and beyond. Karen has been involved with the Generations project since its inception and served on the initial steering committee. She is passionate about building

a Jewish adult living community in Charlotte.

If you have questions about the development of Generations, or would like more information about Generations at Shalom Park, reach out to Karen Knoble (karenk@generationsatshalompark.com) or go to www.generationsatshalompark.com.



Local Resident Selected Presenter for IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

Rhoda Miller, from Cornelius, has been selected as a presenter for the 41st Annual IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. The 2021 All-Virtual Conference will be held from August 1 to August 5, 2021.

Rhoda will present two live beginner genealogy sessions, the focus of which will be the use of census, naturalization, and passenger manifest records and Europe's changing borders. She will also present "Evidence Analysis: Which Is the Right Record?" as a prerecorded, on-demand program.

Rhoda Miller has been a certified genealogist since 1998, specializing in New York City area, Jewish research, and Holocaust studies. She is a past president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island (JGSLI) and a current board member. With JGSLI, she co-authored "Jewish Community of Long Island." As a regular presenter at the annual

IAJGS conference and libraries and community organizations, she is considered an expert in Jewish genealogy.

"Based on the successful full virtual format last year, as well as uncertainty with COVID, we are again moving to an all-virtual conference with many exciting interactive components," said Judi Missel, chair.

The conference will feature livestreamed presentations and more than 100 prerecorded, on-demand videos, both available for 60 days after the conference ends. Sessions will cover virtually every aspect of Jewish genealogy and research.

The special conference tracks this year include Early Jewish Settlers of the Americas, Innovative Methodology, Keepers of the Shoah Memory, Beginners Research, DNA Insights for Genealogy, and Heritage and Cultural Materials.

Registration and Conference program details are posted on the conference website at www.iajgs2021.org.

Ongoing information and questions will also be posted on the IAJGS Conference Discussion Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/IAJGS.

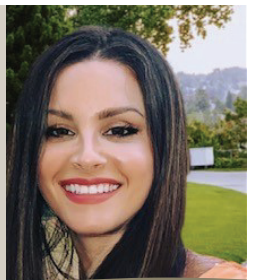
The IAJGS is an umbrella organization of more than 93 Jewish genealogical societies worldwide. It coordinates and organizes activities such as its annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy and provides a unified voice as the spokesperson on behalf of its members.

The IAJGS's vision is of a worldwide network of Jewish genealogical research organizations and partners working together as one coherent, effective, and respected community, enabling people to succeed in researching Jewish ancestry and heritage. Find the IAJGS at www.iajgs.org and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/iajgsjewishgenealogy.

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Can I Refuse Care?



Lorrie Klemons, MSN, RN, CDP

When you are a patient, it is important you realize that the members of your health-care team have your best interests at heart. Your absolute safety and security are the ultimate goal of all patient care, and the mantra of your health-care team is to do “no harm.” While that is the goal, you have only to read a newspaper or listen to the local news to hear stories of health care gone awry, at times with catastrophic consequences to the patient.

That said, you have the absolute right to refuse treatment, procedures, medication, or diagnostic testing at any time. Before refusing such care, however, you

must be able to evaluate the consequences of that decision. This means you need to understand the need for the specific drug, test, or procedure that your health team is recommending. If you feel you don't have enough information to make sound decisions about that care, ask your health-care team for more information.

If you haven't understood the explanations given to you by your health-care team, ask for clarification.

- Ask for the definition and spelling of unknown medical terminology.
- Ask for written literature about recommended care. Ask the doctor what he or she is going to do with the results of the recommended test or procedure.
- Ask who is going to perform it.
- Ask how many times she or he has previously performed it.
- Ask why you need a particular drug, procedure, or treatment.
- Ask about the potential side effects of prescribed drugs. Do the benefits of taking the drug outweigh not taking it?
- Ask about the consequences if you refuse such care.
- Always explain why you are

refusing treatment so that your rationale for refusal becomes part of your medical records. Otherwise, you risk being labeled an uncooperative patient.

Though it is your right to refuse care, you need to know that doing so regularly might interfere with finding out what is wrong with you (making a diagnosis) and with the ultimate outcome of your situation (prognosis). In addition, the hospital will be required to report your repeated refusals of care to your health insurance company (private, Medicare, or Medicaid), and that company may refuse to pay for your continued hospitalization. After all, why should it pay for you to be in the hospital to get care that you refuse?

Unless you are mentally incompetent to understand the consequences of refusing treatment, or are an actual prisoner requiring hospitalization, you can sign yourself out at any time.

If you choose to leave against medical advice (AMA), expect your health-care team to talk with you to find out why you want to leave. Be prepared for that conversation. The team



wants to be assured that you understand the potential consequences of leaving the hospital against medical advice. It will ask you to sign an AMA form. This form negates the staff's liability in the event that something catastrophic happens to you after you leave. If you refuse to sign it, two members of the health-care team will witness and document that you refused to sign it. If the health-care team feels you are incapable of understanding the consequences of leaving the hospital AMA, it can restrain you and call for a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether you

are capable of making such a decision for yourself.

The key is to communicate with your health-care team consistently. Let the staff know what you are feeling and thinking. Let the team know your concerns. Ask any questions you might have.

- Ask for clarification whenever you are in doubt.
- Be assertive.
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Reclaiming Shabbat: Aging Jewishly, What Our Traditions Tell Us About Growing Old

By Rabbi Barbara Aiello

For Harvey, it was the sweet smell of the challah. “I’d come in the door and, Oh, that smell! When I think of Shabbat, it’s my mother’s challah that always comes to mind.”

“It might sound silly but it was the newspaper on the floor. It meant that Mama had washed the floor for Shabbat,” said Clare, while Carl remembered “The white shirts. Ironed and hanging on the door. For my brothers and me, those fresh pressed white shirts said, ‘Gut Shabbos!’”

The sweet memory of Shabbat has become, for many Jews, their only connection to what our tradition tells us is the most important of all the Jewish holidays and celebrations. And the recent Pew Report documents what most of us already know. The Pew study found that “US Jews are less likely than the overall U.S. public to say religion is ‘very important’ to them (21% vs. 41%). While slightly more than half of Jews say religion is ‘not too’ or ‘not at all important’ in their lives.”

In the intervening 20 years since the last US Synagogue Survey, researchers found that “nonorthodox congregations are closing and merging. The Reform movement has downsized by 180, and the Conservative by over 350. In addition, the study found that just 14% of US Jews are members of Reform congregations, while a scant 11% maintain membership in a Conservative shul.

Couple these statistics with the words of cultural Zionist, Ahad Ha’am who said “More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews,” and we wonder, could this be true?

Incredibly following the destruction of the second Temple, when animal sacrifices ended, it took some time, but we Jews brought the “light of the fire” into our homes. At the family table, we continued to renew and refresh ourselves as we observed an at-home family Shabbat.

That was then. Today, when it comes to Shabbat, where do we Jews stand? Harvey, Clare, and

Carl who shared Shabbat memories described their connections to Shabbat today.

Harvey says “I don’t know. Shabbat got away from me. My wife passed on and I put the candlesticks away. And nowadays there’s always something else to do on Friday night.”

Clare agrees. “There was a time when the US had the Blue Laws. Stores were closed on Sundays for the Christian Sabbath. Sunday wasn’t our day but we Jews were reminded that every week has a day of rest.”

Carl chimed in. “What we’ve been through lately, with Covid and all, I needed something to hang on to. So I started lighting candles on Friday night and saying the blessings.

“My candlesticks were mismatched. They came from the Dollar Store. I looked through some storage containers and found the Kiddush cup I got for my Bar Mitzvah. I shined it up and bought some Manischewitz, then I made the bracha. I didn’t have challah but I had my rice

crackers so I made HaMotzi with the cracker. I ordered pizza and watched a Jewish film. I shut off the computer and all the craziness on the news and took a walk. At first it felt awkward and strange. But now I look forward to Friday nights. Sometimes I invite my kids or ask a friend over. I turn off the world and get back to basics. It makes me feel good.”

In a recent article by Iranian American columnist Sohrab Ahmari (“What We’ve Lost in Rejecting the Sabbath,” The Wall Street Journal, May 7, 2021), the author writes, “Setting aside one day a week for rest and prayer used to be an American tradition. In an age of constant activity, we need it more than ever.”

Mr. Ahmari also reminds us of the words of one of Judaism’s foremost thinkers, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who cautioned Jews to recall that “Shabbat guarantees our ‘inner liberty’ and that a society without a Sabbath could easily descend into tyranny and barbarism.”

Herschel went on to characterize Shabbat with these words: “It is one of life’s highest rewards, a source of strength and inspiration to endure tribulation, to live nobly . . . The Sabbath is the inspirer, the other days the inspired” (A.J. Heschel, The Sabbath, 22).

Could it be that Carl is on to something? As a wise rabbi once said, “When it comes to Shabbat, it is better to do something rather than nothing.” Notwithstanding mismatched candlesticks, rice crackers and pizza, Shabbat is God’s gift, just waiting for us to embrace it, enjoy it, and grow.

For ten years Rabbi Barbara Aiello served the Aviva Campus for Senior Life (Sarasota, FL) as resident rabbi. Her most popular columns are now published in her new book, “Aging Jewishly,” available on Amazon books. Rabbi Barbara now lives and works in Italy where she is rabbi of Italy’s first Reconstructionist synagogue. Contact her at Rabbi@RabbiBarbara.com

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Statewide Forum Features Abram and Bronfman

The Jewish Federations of Charlotte-Durham-Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Wake County are sponsoring a State-wide Forum in September at 7:30 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue, 4614 Waverly Dr., Greensboro, N.C. Prominent Jewish world leaders, Morris R. Abram and Edgar M. Bronfman will present a dialogue: "Friedlands under Pressure: The World Jewish Community and Israel." The Jewish community is invited to attend with no charge and there will be no solicitation.

Morris R. Abram is Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and the National Conference of Soviet Jews. Edgar M. Bronfman is President of the World Jewish Congress.

The Forum is chaired by Adam Abram of Chapel Hill, Herman Blumenthal of Charlotte, and Arthur Calcutt of Greensboro.

For those planning to attend from Greensboro or other areas, please contact JCC by phoning the organizing office (919) 394-0007.

There will be buses from Charlotte departing Shalom Park at 6:45 p.m. and arriving Beth David Synagogue in time for the Forum, and returning to Charlotte immediately after the program. Cost is \$10 per person, including a bus stop reservation fee. Reservations must be made by Sept. 3 by phoning Charlotte Jewish Federation offices.

Morris H. Abram, an at-

torney in New York, is a partner in the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, White & Garrison. He is past president of Brandeis University and of Brandeis University Law School. A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Abram holds a BA from the U.S. School of Jurisprudence from the U. of Chicago Law School, and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. During World War II he was an Air Force Intelligence Officer, after which he was a member of the American Psychological Staff, International Military Tribunal, Nuremberg, Germany.

Mr. Abram was appointed First General Counsel of the

Morris Abram

Edgar Bronfman

Peace Corps in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. U.S. Representative, United Nations Committee on Human Rights, 1965-68, by President

Lyndon B. Johnson; and Vice Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1963-68, by President Richard M. Nixon. Morris Abram has written an autobiography, "The Day is Short," containing articles to numerous publications and before frequently on Civil Rights.

Edgar M. Bronfman, born in Montreal, Canada, earned a BA from McGill University and a Ph.D. from Harvard University, honorary doctoral degrees from Pace Univ., NY, Yeshiva College, Massachusetts, which he had attended, and Hebrew Univ. in Jerusalem. He joined his family's food processing firm, Distillers Corp.—Scream Ltd. (now Scream Co.) in London in 1963. Two years later, he moved to New York as Chairman, Administrative Committee of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., and currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of both companies. He became a citizen in 1965.

President of the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, he is a Trustee of the Brooklyn Fellows of Columbia University and the Bronfman Scholars.

Temple Beth El Shalom

Federation Gives Israel Study Grant to Lass

By Phil Jaffe

Robbi Brenner, president of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, announced today she is awarding the recipient of a 1988 scholarship grant to a summer program in Israel, Michael Scott Lass of Matthews, N.C. An son of Fred and the late Israel Summer Scholarship committee of the Federation. Michael will be studying under Alexander Meir High School in Israel' Program, June 27 to August 1, 1988. Lass, a senior at South

Haven High School, is a candidate holding positions of chapter officer, vice-president and president. Under his direction the Atlanta chapter won the Henry Menck Award top three chapters in BYEO Chapter Competition. Lass received the Levitt Award (Atlanta Council Chapter of the Year), At South Mecklenburg High School belongs to the Drama Club, the Internationalist Chess Club Key. He is an assistant manager for the school's yearbook. Michael has earned his way onto the High School Honor Roll and was elected to

sign denotes "future home" of TEMPS.

A sign has been placed on the hillside overlooking the Jewish Community Center, marking the future home of Temple Beth El Shalom. The site is located in the southeastern portion of Shalom Park grounds on recently awarded acreage and will make a magnificent setting for the new temple building.

"Temple Building Fund Chairmen, Marc Silverman, commented: "The first official step toward actual construction is now being taken. Our fundraising efforts continue in reaching the dollar goal necessary to construct a temple which will serve our community for generations to come. We hope to see a sign on the site bring us one step closer to breaking ground, in event we all eagerly anticipate a hope our members are pleasantly surprised when driving into Shalom Park and seeing where their new home will be."

Temple Beth El Shalom

will construct its new sanctuary and social hall on approximately 9 of the 54 acres at Shalom Park. Its current building located at 1771 Providence Rd., was constructed in 1948.

JFS and JCC Sponsor Joint Education Program

The Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Community Center are very excited to announce the upcoming Jewish Study Group for Adults Education programs. The purpose of JFS/JCC programs is to provide community members with a wide range of support and educational groups designed to enhance the quality of life. Facilitators are professional educators, social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists in the community.

The JFS/JCC series for the fall 1988 includes workshops on parenting, divorce and separation, marital commitment, coping with aging parents, neuro-

sional drugs and understanding sexuality, music, and child development. In addition, two support groups for children of divorce will be offered as well as an evening presentation by TUCUS, an expert on childhood's Teen-Family Theatre.

All workshops will commence in September and be published in the JCC fall brochure. In addition, a series of seminars including detailed information about all JCC programs will be held in September. For more information call Janice Madison, 344-0204 or Scott Snyder, 369-5007.

Robbi Brenner is highly respected leader in Michael Lass. Mike Mikha, exec. director CJC, is right.

Mecklenburg High School, has been named for two consecutive years, after having won for a number of years. Lass, who is active in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization,

the Spanish Honor Society. JCC, P.T.S.A., and the community man said that the committee would like to see Lass, who was

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