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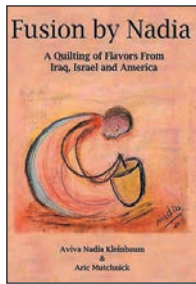
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Daniel Kahn concert begins year of Yiddish culture at Frankel

Kelsey Robinette Keeves, special to the WJN

The Frankel Institute will kick off its theme year on “Yiddish Matters” with a concert by Daniel Kahn, Yeva Lapsker, and Jake Shulman-Ment. In collaboration with the School of Music, the Frankel Institute will host the free concert September 26, 7:30 p.m. at Britton Recital Hall in the Earle V. Moore Building. Detroit-born, Berlin-based singer, songwriter, translator, and U-M alumnus Daniel Kahn will return to Ann Arbor for an intimate polyglot program in Yiddish, English, Russian, German, and French. Featuring images and surtitles designed and projected by co-translator and partner Yeva Lapsker and acclaimed violinist Jake Shulman-Ment, Kahn’s songscape traverses the borders of language, culture, history, and politics and draws on Kahn’s own original songs and translations of Yiddish folk songs.

As part of its theme year on “Yiddish Matters,” the Frankel Institute is presenting a wide variety of events in the coming academic year that will explore different facets of the history and culture of Yiddish. The Head Fellow in the fall semester will be Julian Levinson; he will be

joined in this role in the winter by Justin Cammy from Smith College.

The Institute has also planned a series



Daniel Kahn

of lectures and panels that will showcase the fellows’ research and cover diverse aspects of contemporary Yiddish studies. U-M professors Geneviève Zubrzycki and Benjamin Paloff will

join fellow Karolina Szymaniak November 19 to discuss the revival of Yiddish culture and language in contemporary Poland in a panel titled “Yiddish in Poland: Past, Present, and Future.” Head fellow Julian Levinson will be a part of a panel discussion on Yiddish and trauma, together with Harriet Murav and Hannah Pollin-Galay, on February 25.

On December 5, at 4 p.m. in Room 2022 of the Thayer Building, there will be a panel entitled “Translating from Yiddish: New Approaches in Theory and Practice.” The panel will address the unique challenges of translating Yiddish into other languages and how translations are affected by phenomena such as the rise of Zionism, the Holocaust, and changing relations between American Jews and the immigrant experience. It will feature Frankel Institute fellows Anita Norich, Yaakov Herskovits, and Julian Levinson. Norich and Herskovitz will both be returning to Ann Arbor to participate in the Institute Theme Year after retiring and graduating from U-M, respectively.

The theme year will also include two larger

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Rabbi Jonah Pesner at TBE on S’lichot

Bette Cotzin, special to the WJN

“Study alone is not enough, our tradition demands action.” – Pirkei Avot

Founded nearly 60 years ago, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC), is the center of Jewish social justice work of the Reform Movement. Temple



Rabbi Jonah Pesner

which will help to prepare us spiritually for the upcoming the High Holidays.

A dynamic and charismatic leader who is a tireless advocate for social justice, Rabbi Pesner leads an organization with a storied history. For example, on the conference room tables of the RAC, parts of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were drafted. The RAC was also saluted in a special tribute at the White House Rose Garden in 1961 in which President John F. Kennedy was presented with an historic Torah by the Isaac Mayer Wise Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, symbolizing the lasting contribution of Jews to the moral fabric of American society.

The RAC is a non-partisan organization which represents the values of the Reform Jewish Movement, building coalitions and mobilizing around legislation which will help create a more compassionate and just society.

At his core, Rabbi Pesner is a teacher of Torah and a community organizer. He encourages communities to come together to work for diverse causes, including economic justice, marriage equality, immigration reform, gun violence prevention, environmental justice, racial justice, reproductive justice and access to health care. The RAC runs programs which have taught thousands of teenagers and adults the skills associated with advocacy and

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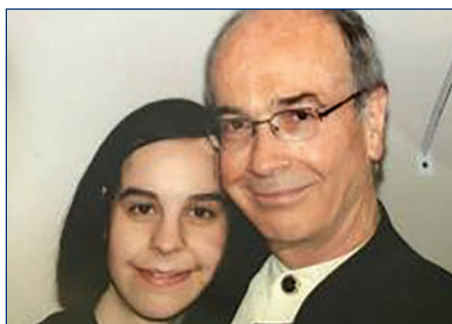
Much loved conductor Arie Lipsky has health crisis

By Emily Camras

During my five years studying in Ann Arbor, I became close with many special families. One of them was the Lipsky family: Arie Lipsky, his wife Rachel, and their daughter, Inbal. I met Inbal at a Shabbat meal hosted by a friend. Soon after, the Lipskys invited me, my cousin, and another friend to celebrate Hannukah at their home. The invitation would have been special enough due to the beautiful meal that Rachel prepared, but more special was getting to know the family.

We spoke about Israel: Arie was born in Haifa and Rachel in Akko. Both served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) during the Yom Kippur War. Arie served in the tanks, and Rachel was a clarinetist with the IDF Band. They didn’t know each other at the time.

Arie had studied Aerospace Engineering at the Technion, not music. Like him, I was studying science (physics), even though all I really wanted to do was play the cello. We all had music in common: Arie and Rachel both pursued artistic graduate degrees at The Cleveland Insti-



Inbal and Arie Lipsky

tute of Music after moving to the States.

Inbal, who is about my age, was then pursuing a Masters’ degree in Library Science at Wayne State University. Thanks to their hospitality, a unique relationship began. Over the next four years, we remained close. Inbal and I enjoyed many outings; Rachel, who taught Hebrew for twenty-three years at the University of Buffalo, provided ample opportunity for me to practice. I enjoyed many meals at their home. My favorite outing was riding on peddle-boats

on the Huron River while swans came to visit our boat. Arie sang the famous piece for cello, The Swan, to the majestic creatures as they approached.

During two summers at the Chautauqua Music Festival, I studied cello with Arie, a leader and a mentor in every sense of the word. His musicianship, leadership, involvement in outreach and education are present in Ann Arbor and in every place he worked. He was cello instructor and head of the chamber music program at the festival. He organized and coached ensembles and provided extra performance opportunities for chamber music groups in house-concerts and in masterclasses. He worked with faculty and community members to improve the program.

Thanks to his efforts, the program bought high-quality music parts, and chamber music ensembles began to perform in the Chautauqua amphitheater. For his cello studio, Arie also went “above and beyond,” offering extra lessons, personal guidance, and coaching.

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From the Editor

In early August, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) syndicated two articles written by DC-based commentator Ron Kampeas that caught my eye because they were specifically about Michigan Jews and national politics. The first article, “Detroit Jews are caught between a rock named Trump and a hard choice among Democrats” was written after a short visit to Detroit where the main attraction was



Clare Kinberg

covering the mid-July Democratic primary debate. The second article, which Kampeas submitted three days later, had the headline, “Not The Squad: Rep. Elissa Slotkin and her ‘Gang of 9’ offer Democrats a path of moderation.” The JTA website is www.jta.org.

Kampeas grouped Detroit Jews into two disparate camps, and also made an effort to find a variety of voices. He met with an ad hoc group assembled for him by leaders at the Detroit Federation whom he characterized as “largely liberal but moderate.” Separately, he

also interviewed Rabbi Alana Alpert, director of Detroit Jews for Justice, as a representative leader of the “vocal progressive,” wing of the community. He also talked to Jews who support President Trump. Kampeas summarized his impression of Detroit as “a community stuck between a rock and a hard place, grappling with a president that most Jewish voters revile for his apparent biases and a Democratic Party that appears increasingly driven by its Israel-critical left wing.”

In the meantime, the issues raised in the articles become more exasperating each day. President Trump’s declarations that Jews who vote Democratic are disloyal to Israel make clear his intention to use Israel to win reelection by dividing Jews and trying to pit us against Muslims, people of color, and immigrants.

There are differences of opinion among Jews, we know this. But divisive manipulation of our differences has got to be out of bounds. It is my belief that an important role of a community newspaper is as a “public square,” a meeting place for airing issues of concern. I look forward to receiving thoughtful and respectful letters and opinions from members of the community on these and other topics. ■

Opinion: Preventing Militarization of Jewish Spaces

By Michael Appel, Molly Kleinman, Ruth Kraut, Elizabeth Temkin, Zu Weinger

Coming together in community is a fundamental part of being Jewish. Whether it is for Friday night Shabbat services and dinner, Saturday night Havdalah, or any day of the week for a holiday, we spend time together in holy spaces to celebrate our identity as Jews. For some, it is incredibly important to observe these rituals in sacred spaces, such as synagogues. However, in recent times it has been difficult for us to gather within these spaces, especially with the threat of violence from hate groups and the rise of anti-Semitic attacks around the globe.

In response, some public figures (including President Trump) have suggested that synagogues should hire armed security guards or door staff. Some congregations have done so in an attempt to create a sense of security, and allow visitors and congregants to stay focused on worship and community. However, these approaches come at a real cost to participation in Jewish community because not everyone is safe in the presence of law enforcement or someone resembling law enforcement. Many people who are marginalized, especially people of color, do not feel secure around armed individuals, and for good reason. Although many people who come to a synagogue may feel safer with an armed security guard, we don’t necessarily know who is not coming and staying away out of fear of the security guard.

Because not everyone feels the same way about security in our synagogues, it is important to talk about how we can ensure safety for everyone while not compromising how people feel in the space. In an article titled “As a Black Jew, I’m Begging You: Don’t Arm Your Synagogue,” Nylah Burton explores the issue of security guards in congregation spaces and how it can affect Jews of Color and other marginalized Jews. Her advice: “In speaking with black Jewish wom-

en about this topic, many of them have said that Jewish synagogues should consult and collaborate with Black churches or Muslim mosques to gain insight into innovative security solutions that don’t involve law enforcement or guns.”

Another approach to help prevent militarization of our space is de-escalation trainings for synagogue members and security guards. This will prepare our communities not to jump to violence when trying to end a situation that may make people uncomfortable, such as a mentally ill person in the space who just needs help, or even someone coming into a synagogue with ill intent.

If groups and congregations do decide to have security or door staff, there are ways to minimize their visibility, while maintaining the efficacy of their role. This approach can balance the needs of people who feel endangered by law enforcement with those who feel safer knowing there is someone there to protect them. Mishkan Chicago, a Jewish spiritual community, has found ways to strike this balance. Following the attack in Pittsburgh, Mishkan held a dialogue among its members to engage in honest and sometimes difficult conversations on security. Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann notes that conversations about security are both cathartic and productive in understanding the diversity of opinions on what safety means to various community members. They consulted with security experts, and found that their commitment to creating an open and welcoming space was not at odds with a desire to keep their spaces secure, but rather bolstered by it: “Strong welcoming practices are strong security practices,” says Rabbi Lizzi. “When we regularly welcome people, when we say ‘shabbat shalom’ and welcome them because it is in our culture, we are more likely to

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symposia. On October 29, in addition to guest scholar Sunny Yudkoff of University of Wisconsin-Madison, fellows Justin Cammy, Eve Jochowitz, Saul Zaritt, and U-M professor Mikhail Krutikov will discuss the place of contemporary Yiddish in current Jewish culture. On March 16, Jack Kugelmass, Dov-Ber Kerler, Amy Kerner, Eli Rosenblatt, and Nick Underwood will discuss the global role of Yiddish.

In addition, there will be individual lectures featuring guest scholars. Zohar Weiman-Kelman will be speaking on October 16 in Rackham Graduate School's East Conference Room at 4 p.m. Weiman-Kelman's lecture, "Queer Expectations: a Genealogy of Jewish Women's Poetry," brings together Jewish women's poetry in English, Yiddish, and Hebrew from the late 19th century through the 1970s to explore how Jewish women writers turned to poetry to write new histories.

Naomi Seidman will give a talk on December



Molly Picon and Yiddish theater actors will be discussed in symposia

3 and David Roskies will be speaking on January 14, both at 4 p.m. in Room 2022 of the Thayer Building. Seidman is the Chancellor Jackman Professor of the Arts in the Department of Religion and the Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies at the University of Toronto. Her lecture will explore the role of Yiddish in Freud's writings and in their translational afterlife.

Roskies teaches Yiddish and modern Jewish literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is a cultural historian who has published extensively on modern Yiddish storytelling, Jewish responses to catastrophe, Holocaust literature, and memory. His lecture will focus on how first-generation tellers of tales in Eastern Yiddish learned to message their competing truth claims through dialogical means.

Stay tuned to the Frankel Center's website, Facebook, and Twitter for more information on upcoming events. ■

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activism. The RAC provides a strong voice in Washington advocating for the values of the Reform Movement.

Members of TBE have been actively engaged with the work of the RAC through its network of resources. Teenagers annually attend

the RAC's L'Taken Seminar with TBE clergy, and adult members attend the biennial Consultation on Conscience. TBE's commitment to social justice aligns closely with the work of the RAC.

Rabbi Pesner was ordained at HUC-JIR in 1997 and serves as Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform Judaism, as well as a Board member of numerous

organizations, including the NAACP and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. The community is invited to join Temple Beth Emeth as it welcomes and learns with Rabbi Pesner. ■

Arie Lipsky, continued from page 1

When I experienced a health crisis in my last semester, the Lipskys supported me every step of the way, to graduate and to heal. Arie helped me "pick up the pieces" of my professional life. He knew how much I wanted to finish studying physics, and get back to performing after my hospital stay. He made it possible for me to play as substitute cellist in the A2SO Verdi Requiem, and to study with him again at Chautauqua that summer.

Knowing that I planned to make aliyah, he spoke to colleagues in Israel to seek out opportunities for me. He coached me for the audition for my current job (and as a bonus, sent me the entire packet from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra cello audition two decades ago, which I treasure).

The Lipskys showed they believed in me, even during a very difficult time in my life. It is thanks to their support that I was able to heal, and am now settled in Israel.

Since November 2018, Arie has been experiencing his own health crisis; a pinched cervical nerve, which left him unable to perform or conduct in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in Ashland, Ohio. His situation deteriorated into

a months-long crisis which included two hospitalizations. He has since returned home from receiving care in Arizona, and is improving. However, his recovery will take considerable time.

The situation is very difficult for the family. Rachel called to update me last month and I established a GoFundMe page. We are very grateful to have reached half of our fundraising goal, but even more grateful to feel the care and support of people from all over the world.

Arie and his family have shown kindness and generosity to countless individuals: music students, Hebrew students, community members in Cleveland, Buffalo, Israel, Ann Arbor, Ashland Ohio, and other communities. My story is just one example.

I ask on behalf of the Lipskys' kindness to people worldwide that we return their gemilut hasadim at this difficult time.

Donations may be made to the Arie Lipsky Family Medical Fund: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/arie-lipsky-recovery-fund>. Or by mailing a check to: The Lipsky Family, 780 Greenhills Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48105. ■

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High Holiday Service Schedules

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services			
ROSH HASHANAH	Erev Sunday 9/29	Monday 9/30	Second Day Tuesday 10/1
Beth Israel Congregation			
Family Celebration	4 p.m.		
Service and Reception	7:30 p.m.		
First day Shacharit		8 a.m.	
Children's Programs, grades K–5/6th–8th		10 a.m.	
Tashlich (Rabbi Nadav's home)		4 p.m.	
Mincha and Maariv		7 p.m.	
Shaharit			8 a.m.
Children's Program K– 5			10 a.m.
Mincha and Ma'ariv 8 p.m. 7:55 p.m.			7 p.m.
Chabad House			
Candle Lighting 7:37 p.m. 8:34 p.m.	7:02 p.m.		
Afternoon/Evening Services	7:00 p.m.		
Morning Service		9:45 a.m.	
Sounding of the Shofar and festive meal		11:30 a.m.	
Afternoon Service and Tashlich		4 p.m.	
Candle Lighting		After 8 p.m.	
Morning Service			9:45 a.m.
Sounding of the Shofar			11:30 a.m.
Afternoon/Evening Service			7 p.m.
Hillel			
Reform	7 p.m.	10 a.m.	
Conservative	7 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	
Conservative Evening		7 p.m.	
Conservative Second Day			9:30 a.m.
For Orthodox see AAOM			
Jewish Cultural Society.			
Rosh Hashanah	7 p.m.		
Tashlich		4 p.m.	
Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)			
Mincha/Maariv	7 p.m.		
Shacharit (shofar not before 11am)		9 a.m.	
Mincha/Maariv		7 p.m.	
Shacharit			9 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv			7 p.m.
Havdallah			7:44 p.m.
Pardes Hannah			
Traditional Jewish Renewal		9:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	
Meditation, potluck lunch. tashlich			9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation			
Erev Rosh Hashanah	7–8:30 p.m.		
Morning Service		9:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	
Children's Service		10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	
Tashlich (Walk JCC to Mallet's Creek)		5 p.m.	
Temple Beth Emeth			
Erev Rosh Hashana Early Service	5– 6:30 p.m.		
Erev Rosh Hashana Service	8– 9:30 p.m.		
Morning Adult Service #1		9– 10:45 a.m.	
Family Service		9:20– 10:20 a.m.	
Tot/Pre– Reader Service		9:20– 10:20 a.m.	
AARTY Rosh Hashanah Service: grades 9–12		11:30 a.m.– 1:15 p.m.	
Adult Service #2		11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	
Tashlich		1:45–2:45 p.m.	

YOM KIPPUR	Erev 10/8	10/9
Beth Israel Congregation		
Kol Nidre	6:45 p.m.	
9th - 12th Grade Service	6:45 p.m.	
Shacharit		8 a.m.
Children's Programs: K - 5 / 6 - 8 grades		10 a.m.
Yizkor		11 a.m.
Study Session		2 p.m.
Group Discussion		3 p.m.
Mincha/Neila		4:30 p.m.
Break-the-fast		7:30 p.m.
Chabad House		
Candlelighting	6:47 p.m.	
Evening Service	6:45 pm.	
Fast begins	7:03 p.m.	
Morning Services		9:45 a.m.
Yizkor Memorial Services		12:30 p.m.
Afternoon/Evening Service		5:30 p.m.
Fast ends		7:40 p.m.
Hillel		
Reform Kol Nidre	6:45 p.m.	.
Reform Morning		10:30 a.m
Reform Concluding		7 p.m.
Conservative Kol Nidre	6:45 p.m.	
Conservative Morning		9:30 a.m.
Orthodox see AAOM		
Jewish Cultural Society		
Kol Nidre	7 p.m	
Yom Kippur		2 p.m.
Break– the– Fast Potluck		6 p.m.
Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)		
Early Mincha	4:30 p.m.	
Late Mincha Kol Nidre	6:40 p.m.	
Shacharit		9 a.m.
Neila		6:40 p.m.
Havdallah		7:44 p.m.
Pardes Hannah		
Kol Nidre Reflection	6:15 p.m.	
Candlelighting and service	6:44 p.m.	
Morning Service		9:15 p.m.
Open Time/Walking Meditation		2:30 p.m.
Meditation followed by Brief Study		3:45 p.m.
Mincha Accepting Deployment.		4:15 p.m
Yizkor		5:30 p.m.
Neilah		6:45 p.m
Havdallah and Potluck Break-the-fast.		7:42 p.m.
Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation		
Kol Nidre Candlelighting.	6:45 p.m.	
Yom Kippur Morning and Torah service		10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Children's Service		10:30–11:30 a.m.
Afternoon programming		2:30–4:30 p.m.
Yizkor.		4:15–6:15 p.m.
Neilah/Shofar 8:15 p.m.		6:30–7:45 p.m.
Break-the-fast		7:45 p.m.
Temple Beth Emeth		
Adult Service #1	5 p.m.	
Adult Service #2	8 p.m.	
Adult Service #1		9 a.m.
Family Service		9:20 a.m.
Tot/Pre– Reader Service		9:20 a.m.
AARTY Service: grades 9–12		11:30 a.m.
Adult Service #2		11:30 a.m.
Study Session		2:30 p.m.
Afternoon Service		4 p.m.
Yizkor/Neilah		6 p.m.
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TBE Events September 2019

Families with Young Children (FYC): Tot Shabbat Service

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27, 5:45 p.m., TBE Sanctuary
5:45 p.m. | Tot (0-5 year olds) Shabbat Services with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut
6:15 p.m. Dinner for Tot Shabbat | 6:45 p.m. Shira Service

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Weekly Lunch & Learn

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27, TBE Adult Lounge, Noon

Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Saturday Torah Study

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 8:50 a.m.
Join us for this weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston.

Women's Torah Study

Monday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.
An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various

passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org.

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Friday, September 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., TBE Sanctuary

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Euchre Night

Saturday, September 7, 8:00 p.m., TBE Adult Lounge

Grab a partner or come alone! All levels welcome. Contact Dave Ostreicher, djostrei@umich.edu, with questions.

Meditation with Linda Greene

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 1:00 p.m., TBE Chapel

Linda Greene offers brief Jewish teachings and leads a 20-30 minute meditation time. Contact Linda Greene, lingreene@gmail.com, with questions.

S'lichot Study Session

Saturday, September 21, 8:00 p.m., TBE Adult Lounge

Usher in the High Holy Dats with a Study Ses-

sion and a S'lichot Service. No tickets required.

Welcome Shabbat

Friday, September 6, 7:30 p.m., TBE Sanctuary

TBE invites families new to the area, those who have been around and considering joining a temple, and returning members. Learn about our new "Try It" program offering a reduced-rate membership opportunity through September 30, 2019. Tot dinner at 6:15 pm is targeted at families with children under 5 (\$5 donation/person requested).

High Holiday Schedule

Adult Services: The two adult services are identical in content and take place at 9 am and 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Tickets required. **Family Service:** A morning service designed for families with children in the Social Hall. Tickets required. **Tot/Pre-Reader Service:** A morning program designed for families with children in kindergarten and younger in the Core. Tickets required. **AARTY (Grades 9-12) Service:** This service

is designed by and for high schoolers. Drop-off and socializing time is from 10-11 am. Brunch is served after the service. No tickets required. RSVP to Nikki Feinberg. **Tashlich Service:** Tashlich involves casting away sins by throwing crumbs of bread into a flowing body of water. No tickets required.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 1, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 2, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary

On the evening of Rosh Hashanah, we pray for a sweet new year. Tickets required.

Rosh Hashanah Adult Service 1, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah Family Service, 9:20 a.m., Social Hall

Rosh Hashanah Tot/Pre-Reader Service, 9:20 a.m., Core

AARTY Rosh Hashanah Service, 11:30 a.m., Rooms 7-8

Rosh Hashanah Adult Service 2, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Tashlich Service, 1:45 p.m., Offsite. ■

Introducing TBE's "Try It" memberships

Candace Bulkley, special to the WJN

Temple Beth Emeth, Washtenaw County's only Reform congregation, announces its "Try It" membership program. In August and September 2019, TBE will be offering "Try It" memberships – \$360 for the year, which includes all regular membership benefits such as High Holiday tickets and religious school discounts. TBE is also excited to announce that after many years off-site, the congregation will be returning to its own building to celebrate the High Holiday services this year.

In conjunction with the "Try It" program, TBE invites families that are new to the area, those who have been around and are considering joining a congregation, and returning members to: **Welcome Shabbat on Friday September 6.**

5:45 p.m.: Tot Shabbat welcome service

6:15 p.m.: Tot Shabbat dinner – targeted at families with children under 5 (\$5 donation per person requested)

7:30 p.m.: Welcome Shabbat, followed by Oreg in the Social Hall.

Come find out why TBE was voted Washt-

enaw County's 2019 Favorite Place to Worship by Ann Arbor Family Magazine!

Joining a temple is a significant decision, both emotionally and financially. TBE strives to help members of the community lower the barriers to joining a synagogue and looks forward to welcoming many new members to TBE under this program, with the goal of continuing membership and relationships for many years. TBE's VP for Membership Candace Bulkley commented that "We know there are many families in Ann Arbor and the surrounding areas who have not joined a congregation because of the anticipated expenses. We hope this program gives them a chance to experience membership while removing that barrier."

For more information about Try It memberships and TBE, please consult the web site at www.templebethemeth.org. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director Melissa Sigmond msigmond@templebethemeth.org, or Vice President for Membership, Candace Bulkley candacebulkley@gmail.com. ■

B'riot Ha'Kehilah with WTBE

Ketl Freedman-Doan, special to the WJN

The Women of Temple Beth Emeth (WTBE), through a grant from their parent organization the Women of Reform Judaism as well as private donations, will be hosting a series of programs to highlight mental health and wellness issues in our community. The programs, entitled *Ha'Kehilah* (Community Wellness), will provide a forum for members of our Jewish community to become more aware of – and better able to respond to – various mental health issues. The WTBE *Ha'Kehilah* programs will address such issues as suicide, caring for aging parents, substance abuse, loss of a child, sacred aging, end of life issues, fertility difficulties, and other issues, as the needs arise in our community.

The programs this year will focus on suicide prevention and response. The first program will feature information about detecting warning signs for suicide and how to respond, as well as how to talk with the grieving family.

It is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, from 3 – 5 p.m. at TBE, with refreshments to follow. Experts from the U of M Depression Center and TBE's social worker, Marissa Quigg, LMSW, will provide information about how to identify and provide support to those who may be at increased risk for suicidal thoughts and behavior.

Participants will also hear from the Halpert family, who lost their son to suicide two years ago. They have been developing a center called Garrett's Space that addresses gaps in treatment for young adults with mental health issues. The center will offer group and individual therapy, holistic options for relieving stress and promoting wellness, and support for families and friends.

All in the community are welcome to attend. For more information, contact our TBE office at: 734 665-4744. ■

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Kindertransport—Rescuing Children on the Brink of War

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The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus special exhibit, “Kindertransport—Rescuing Children on the Brink of War,” opened July 1 and will remain on display through December 31, 2019.

An emotional and thought-provoking exhibition, Kindertransport—Rescuing Children on the Brink of War, commemorates the 80th anniversary of the start of Kindertransport, the remarkable humanitarian mission to rescue 10,000 refugee children from Nazi-occupied Europe in the years leading up to the Holocaust. The exhibition explores the story of this rescue effort through moving personal stories, artifacts and other media, asking what it must have been like for the parents, forced to lose their children in order to save them. Created for the Yeshiva University Museum and the Leo Baeck Institute, the exhibition was designed by C&G Partners.

The exhibition makes a strong first impression with a striking red wall covered with thousands of paper name tags. The refugee children wore manila tags attached by twine around their necks during the Kindertransport, serving to identify them and their be-

longings. The tags completely fill one wall of the exhibit, calling to mind leaves blown by the wind. The tags represent the scale, ano-

their daughter removed from the picture. The opposite or “British” wall shows their daughter looking back towards them across



Kindertransport Exhibit Holocaust Memorial Center

nymity and eventual bittersweet success of the transport effort, which was able to rescue children, but not their families. Serving as highly emotional bookends to the gallery space, the “German” wall has an actual-scale image of a mother and father, with

the exhibition.

One wall of the exhibition is a map of Europe, illustrating the route taken by the refugee children. Referencing transit maps from the 1930s, these lines plot out major stops of the Kindertransport. Visitors “begin” their

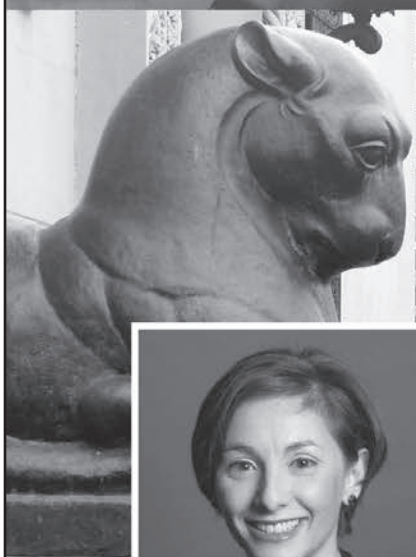
experience in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria or Germany, and continue through the exhibit to ultimately arrive in UK destinations of Harwich or Southampton.

Display cases throughout the gallery contain artifacts from the Kindertransport period, including letters, clothing, and toys. Audio interviews of surviving Kinder who tell the personal story of their journey, and the days before and after are also a part of this exhibit. The Holocaust Memorial Center will host an opening program for the exhibit, The Power of Good, featuring Nick Winton, Jr., on Thursday, July 18. Winton is the son of Sir Nicholas George Winton, MBE, a British humanitarian credited with organizing the escape of 669 mostly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II. That operation came to be known as the Czech Kindertransport.

The exhibit is open Sunday through Friday and is free with museum admission or membership. Docent-led tours of the exhibit will be hosted at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15; Sunday, October 27; and Sunday, November 10, and at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23; Monday, October 28; and Monday, November 4. Sign up for a tour by calling 248-556-3178. ■

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For over 25 years, JFS has provided employment services by working with community members in need to overcome barriers to finding and maintaining steady employment. JFS has successfully built its employment department to now offering four different employment-related programs, primarily focused on addressing the barriers faced by refugees and other immigrant groups. In the last five years, the department has focus on expanding its expertise from employment and training services to include economic empowerment services. In collaboration with HIAS, our national agency, we have established a financial literacy curriculum and managed a successful Refugee Individual Development Account program in

which refugees developed savings habits and purchased an asset through matched savings. Assets included vehicles, post-secondary education, homes, and business assets.

JFS is wrapping up its second year with the Refugee Microenterprise Development Program. In this program, JFS has supported 43 individuals in their path to building their credit score, opening a small business, or expanding an existing business through technical assistance, peer support, and microloans. We're working on taking this expertise to the next level by offering a business incubator space within our agency offering a co-working space, business address, financial literacy classes, and marketing services. Business owners will rent the space for a monthly fee and

a percentage of sales and the income will go towards a lending circle fund in which JFS can offer small interest free business loans to those who don't qualify for a microloan from the federally funded Refugee Microenterprise Development program. Tenants of the business incubator space will serve on a loan review committee approving the loan applications from business owners. This will allow our participants to not only have a space to open the business, financial education, peer support, and access to loans, but to also actively participate in the American financial system by creating a loan fund and reviewing loan applications themselves.

JFS is excited about this new program offering and the opportunities it can offer to

the community. There are a number of ways that supporters can be involved in this new initiative. JFS is seeking volunteer mentors and instructors to work with refugee clients developing their business plan and financial literacy skills. JFS is also accepting financial donations to go towards the microloan fund and outfitting the business incubator space. Also, look for information about events during Welcoming Week (welcomingamerica.org) which will be September 13-22. Follow our social media pages and weekly email blast for more information about businesses JFS helped open. You will be able to view and purchase products from our small businesses on our website. ■

Focus group forming for parents of children with special needs

Jacob Singer, special to the WJN

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, in an effort to support families and their children with special needs, will be hosting a focus group for parents. The group will be facilitated by a social worker and expert in this field and the goals will be to help identify unmet community needs, share resources, provide and receive peer to peer support, and assist in the development of programming. The group will meet quarterly for one hour and

child care services will be available.

The focus group is just one part of an exciting JFS initiative to build a community where events and celebrations are inclusive of and welcoming to families and individuals across the broad spectrum of needs and abilities. JFS will be working closely with Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth to design and deliver several inclusive Shabbat services informed not only by known

best practices but also by the nuances and character of our local congregations. With the help of an expert social worker consultant engaged specifically for this initiative, Jewish communal leaders, congregation staff and volunteers JFS will receive focused training to optimize awareness and inclusion. Teen volunteers will also be trained to assist with child care at the focus groups and inclusive Shabbats.

Generously supported by a grant from the Jewish Women's Foundation, this JFS initiative represents an important step to creating a more inclusive Jewish Ann Arbor for families of children with special needs.

Parents interested in participating in the aforementioned focus group and teens and adults interested in volunteering with this initiative, can contact Jacob at jsinger@jfsannarbor.org for more information. ■

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ROSH HASHANAH ENDS TUESDAY, OCTOBER

Notes from BIC Director of Education, Mira Sussman

For many religious school directors, summer is the season for putting finishing touches on curricula, rethinking programming, participating in professional trainings, and spending time thinking about the big questions; "What are the goals of a supplemental Jewish education?" "What outcomes do we expect of our students?" "How do we determine our priorities within the timeframe that we have?"

This year, Beth Israel Religious School will have a revamped *tefillah* (prayer) curriculum, additional opportunities for parents and families of students to get to know each other, and new middle school *chugim* (electives). Beth Israel will also house advanced/conversational Hebrew classes through Keshet, a program in partnership with Temple Beth Emeth and the Jewish Federation of Ann Arbor, for middle and high school students.

New and updated Beth Israel Religious School offerings in the coming year include:

- Monthly Gan Katan preschool program for kids 2-5 years old with an adult
- Advanced/conversational Hebrew for middle school and high school students
- Middle school shabbaton at Camp Tamarack
- Weekly tefillah and Havdallah for every grade
- *Shira* (singing) twice a month and *Sifryah* (library) monthly

In addition to the religious school, Beth Israel has a full menu of adult education opportunities, including adult Hebrew classes, Judaism and Buddhism with Rav Nadav Caine, Torah study, Learners' Prayer Service, daily minyan, and adult bar/bat mitzvah opportunities. Regardless of one's background or level of experience with Jewish texts and traditions, everyone is invited to take their next step on their personal Jewish path with Beth Israel Congregation. ■

Shana tova from the Washtenaw Jewish News

Beth Israel Congregation

September Happenings at Beth Israel

Judaism and Buddhism

Saturday, September 7 and 21, 12:30 p.m.

Join Rav Nadav's explorations of Jewish texts, often Kabbalistic, through the lens of classical Buddhist philosophy. How does the Buddhist notion of "non-attachment" help us to understand Rabbinic interpretations of the Garden of Eden along with Aviva Zornberg's existential explanation of the Rashi? How does the Buddhist concept of "suffering" illuminate the Priestly Blessing? How is the distinction between "being" and "having" crucial for understanding the Kabbalistic interpretation of the Burning Bush? The focus of this course is not narrative (personal journey), but philosophical. Are there truths about human existence and perception that we can mine? Can the Kabbalistic focus on Moses' "enlightenment" at the Burning Bush change the way we think of the Torah itself? Can our understanding of our own practice deepen as we compare the definitions of the words "nirvana" and "Shabbat?" Please join Rav Nadav for this journey of exploration after Shabbat services in the Small Social Hall.

Shabbat Limmud

Saturday, September 14 and 28, 9:30 p.m.

Held before Shabbat morning services by Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, these sessions offer a lively discussion on Parashat HaShavua, the Torah portion of the week and other traditional texts. Join us in the library for Torah study over coffee and cake!

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, September 14 and 28, 11:15 p.m.

Tot Shabbat, led by Alona Henig, is our special Shabbat morning program for preschoolers and their parents with songs, stories, prayers, and the Shabbat "Mystery Box." Tot Shabbat meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month downstairs in room 15.

The Magical Musical Shabbat: A Family-Friendly Dinner and Service

Friday, September 20, 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to our first family-friendly dinner and service of the year. Come with your immediate family, your friends, or come be with your Beth Israel family! The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m. After dinner everyone will gather around a Shabbat table filled with candles, tzedakah boxes, and challot, and sing while accompanied by camp-style guitar. In the glow of candles, we'll bless each other, sing Shabbat prayers and listen to a brief teaching. Then it is time for dessert! There is no charge for the dinner, but please RSVP to Beth at office@bethisrael-aa.org or RSVP online (www.bethisrael-aa.org). This evening has been generously sponsored anonymously.

Selichot Program and Service

Saturday, September 21

8 p.m. – Program

8:45 p.m. – Reception

9:15 p.m. – Memorial Plaque Dedication

9:30 p.m. – Service

Selichot marks the beginning of the High Holidays. The Selichot program will be a study where we learn about the main prayers of the High Holidays and will practice them with mindfulness. After the program all are invited to a reception followed by the dedication of memorial plaques. The evening ends

with the Selichot service. All are welcome to attend this special evening.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration (Preschool – 4th Grade)

Sunday, September 29, 4 p.m.

The Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration (not a service) will be led by Rav Nadav. The program is geared towards preschool children through 4th grade and their parents, but all ages are welcome. No tickets are required for this program.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service and Reception

Sunday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.

The service will include special musical selections and will be followed by our annual Rosh Hashanah reception. This is a wonderful time to renew acquaintances and make new friends over refreshments.

Rosh Hashanah, First Day: Monday, September 30

8 a.m. Shacharit Service

10 a.m. Children's Programs K - 5 / 6th - 8th Grade

4 p.m. Tashlich at Rav Nadav's home

7 p.m. Minchah and Maariv

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day: Tuesday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Shacharit Service

10:00 a.m. Children's Programs K - 5

7:00 p.m. Minchah and Maariv

High Holiday Tickets for Beth Israel

Complimentary Tickets for High Holidays for Newcomers, Graduate Students and Full Time Medical Residents, and Special Dues for Those 35 and Under. Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and full time Medical Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms for Rosh Hashanah must be submitted by 12 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, and by 12 p.m. on Monday, October 7 for Yom Kippur, and no tickets can be provided immediately prior to any service. Please fill out the complimentary ticket form available on the Beth Israel website (www.bethisrael-aa.org).

People who are 35 years old or younger may become members at a special rate of \$300 for the whole family for their first year of membership (plus USCJ dues assessment of \$37.25).

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non-members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at 665-9897.

All High Holiday ticket and Membership forms are found on the Beth Israel website, www.bethisrael-aa.org. ■

Beth Israel Welcomes New Staff

Special to the WJN

Beth Israel welcomes Lisabeth Lobenthal as Executive Director. Lisabeth comes with many years of experience as a professional and lay leader in the Jewish world. Most recently, she served as the Executive Director of University Synagogue in Los Angeles. She recently relocated to Michigan due to family needs.

learning for people of all ages and backgrounds), and is a passionate advocate for Jewish summer camps and youth groups.

Mira believes that we are all life-long learners. She believes that having the tools for living a Jewish life is fulfilling, meaningful and fun, and that Judaism provides a critical framework for how to exist in the



Lisabeth Lobenthal

Mira Sussman

Amanda Glucklich

Amanda Fisher

After having lived in Israel and earning a Master's degree in Jewish Communal Service, she began her career in Federations. She then moved into synagogue life where she found she is most at home. She also served in professional leadership roles for Israel-related organizations. She has experience in synagogue management, leadership development, fundraising, budgeting, supervision, programming and more.

As a lay leader, she served as a mentor and on committees for the Jewish Communal Professionals of Southern California, Executive Vice President of Adat Shalom and a volunteer for Koreh L.A., a program designed to improve literacy for children.

While not working, she enjoys making jewelry, her cats, and her partner, Patrick. Not necessarily in that order.

Her door is most often open and she looks forward to meeting everyone. Lisabeth's email address is lblobenthal@bethisrael-aa.org.

Mira Sussman is excited and honored to take on the permanent position as Director of Education at Beth Israel Congregation this summer.

For the past year she has been privileged to get to know many of the Religious School families better as Interim Religious School Director. This year has shown her the vibrancy and dedication of the BIRS families. She is so excited to spend more time with students and congregants, and to facilitate meaningful learning for BIC students.

Mira has been a long-time member at BIC, having grown up in this community. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Jewish Studies from the University of Judaism (now American Jewish University) in Los Angeles, a Master's in Social Work from the University of Southern California, and another Master's degree in Jewish Communal Service from Hebrew Union College in L.A. Prior to working at Beth Israel she worked at Jewish Family Services of Ann Arbor, directing their Employment and Refugee Resettlement Programs, and conducting trainings on a variety of topics.

Throughout her life she has taught religious school, tutored bar/bat mitzvah students, run youth groups, and conducted High Holiday services for kids. She is a co-founder and past co-chair of Limmud Michigan (a day-long gathering of Jewish

world. She is always happy to meet for coffee or to chat and can be reached at school@bethisrael-aa.org.

Well-known Ann Arbor caterer Amanda Fisher is Beth Israel's new Kitchen Coordinator. Amanda and her family have been members of Beth Israel since moving to Ann Arbor from Israel 16 years ago. Amanda is thrilled to take on the position of kitchen coordinator and join the BIC team! She currently owns and operates her own catering company, and is co-teaching the course Jewish Foodways at the University of Michigan. Amanda has worked at numerous restaurants and catering companies all over the world and is looking forward to this new chapter. Amanda can be reached at afisher@bethisrael-aa.org.

Amanda Glucklich is Beth Israel's new Engagement and Programs Director. Beth Israel made some changes in the job to accommodate a focus on connecting Beth Israel and community members to each other and to Torah. Amanda fits right in to that focus. She comes to BIC with a wide variety of experiences in both the Jewish and non-Jewish world. Most important, she is passionate about connecting people and many of her ideas involve the outdoors and food.

She served as a community connector for the PJ Library, was a Farm Education and Program Coordinator, resided in and organized partnerships with Moishe House (<https://www.moishehouse.org>), was a Food and Nature specialist for camps, and spent a year on a Young Judea Course through the American Jewish University.

She is skilled at event planning, cultivating community relationships, program development and facilitation and creating Jewish experiential education into which all can enter. Amanda is passionate about creating entry points for people to enter, and be engaged in Jewish life in whatever way is meaningful to them. You can reach her at engage@bethisrael-aa.org. ■

Jewish Communal Leadership Program

U-M welcomes newest cohort of Jewish leadership students

Paige Walker, JCLP Program Manager

The Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) at the U-M School of Social Work welcomes the start of the new academic year and six new faces of the Class of 2021. These students are beginning a twenty-month journey that will include rigorous academics, dynamic field placements, and training in social justice, management, community organizing, interpersonal practice, and Judaic studies.

They will join the returning cohort for a busy year with an agenda that includes touring local Jewish agencies and organizations in Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit; creating and implementing programs for the local community; and pursuing field placements in local and national organizations.

The first JCLP community event of the year, the annual Community Welcome Breakfast, preceded the beginning of classes and was held on Monday, August 26 at the U-M School of Social Work. Community members are also invited to join JCLP students for their annual Sukkot Open House on Wednesday, October 16th in the late afternoon/early evening in the School of Social Work courtyard Sukkah (1080 S. University Ave, Ann Arbor).

For the second year, JCLP and the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor are inviting community members to connect personally with the current students as professional mentors or as hosts for Jewish holidays and Shabbat experiences. If you'd be interested in connecting with JCLP students in this way, please be in touch with Paige Walker at vp-walker@umich.edu. The incoming students bring an exciting range of strengths, interests, and experiences to the University and Ann Arbor. They are eager to connect with and contribute to the local community.

Simi Adler comes to JCLP from Denver, Colorado where, most recently, he has served as Student Life Director at University of Denver Hillel. Simi's engagement with Jewish community is reflected in his varied professional roles. His growing interest in leadership development, informal education, and Jewish programming led him to work in Jewish summer camps, where Jewish identities are often formed and enhanced – first as a Head Counselor and Unit Head at Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camp in Malibu, California, and later as Assistant Director at Temple Emanuel's Maurice B. Shwayder Camp near Idaho Springs, Colorado. During his time in Denver, Simi spent as much time as possible in the Colorado mountains volunteering with the National Center for the Disabled in Winter Park. Simi plans to study Management of Human Services and begin his field placement at JFS Detroit this semester.



Simi Adler

Rebecca Belkin, originally from Providence, Rhode Island, graduated from New York University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Social Work and a minor in Studio Art. She completed her undergraduate field placement at an agency that provides social, academic, and mental health support to high school students at risk of dropping out. In 2018-19, she participated in the Avodah Justice Fellowship in New York City, where she began exploring the historical connections between Judaism, justice, and resistance. Rebecca is excited to return to social work and



Becca Belkin

continue exploring the relationship between justice work and Jewish community through JCLP. She will be studying Community Organization.

Courtney Bushnell is originally from Sandy, Utah. She graduated from Brigham Young University with her Bachelors in Sociology in June 2018. Her capstone research was on the development of religion into culture. During her undergraduate years, she had the opportunity to study abroad in Jerusalem, which amongst other formative experiences led her to JCLP. Since graduating Courtney has worked with the anti-human trafficking organization, Operation Underground Railroad, as the Team Lead for volunteers in the Denver metro area. She also served as a leader in a faith-based organization that works with a group of girls to prepare them to be strong contributing women in society. She hopes to work within faith organizations and be a part of interfaith collaboration to help achieve mutual humanitarian efforts in society and the world. She will be studying Management of Human Services.



Courtney Bushnell

Meredith Berlin, originally from metro Detroit, comes to JCLP from Western Michigan University, where she served as a Resident Assistant and Research Assistant and studied Interdisciplinary Health Services with minors in Human Resource Management and Gerontology. Meredith was deeply involved with WMU Hillel, serving as its president during her senior year. She has also worked as a counselor at Camp Tamarack, af-



Meredith Berlin

ter many years as a camper. She plans to study Interpersonal Practice.

Originally from Albany, New York, Hilary Forrest comes to JCLP by way of New York City where she currently works as a recruiting associate at ExecOnline, an EdTech startup which partners with top global business schools to deliver online leadership development programs. She graduated in 2016 from UM's Ford School of Public Policy. Hilary worked at the Jewish Federations of North America and the International Institute of Education at the United Nations before teaching English in Israel through the Masa Teaching Fellows program. Most recently, Hilary organized events for young Jewish professionals through the Manhattan Jewish Experience. She is excited to return to Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan and plans to study Interpersonal Practice.



Hilary Forrest

Kayla Kapen grew up in West Bloomfield. She graduated in May 2019 from Ohio University (OU) with a double major in Music and Psychology. She worked with OU Hillel as an engagement intern, planning and leading student activities that promoted Jewish life on campus. Kayla also volunteered with Athens County Children's Services working with foster children. Other interests included her sorority, the OU Psychology Club, and the OU Symphony Orchestra. Kayla will be studying Community Organization and Management. ■



Kayla Kapen

Reflections on summer learning from JCLP students in Michigan and beyond

by Nora Greenstein

This summer, the second-year students of the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) have explored Jewish communities across the country, interning and working from Washington, DC to Los Angeles, California and places in between.

Ashley Schnaar spent her summer working at the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit and the Trotter Multicultural Center. She also spent time traveling with family and friends from Cancun, Mexico to Vancouver, Canada. Ashley also attended the JPRO conference for Jewish professionals thanks to the generosity of donors to the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. Hannah Berger spent her summer living and working in Chicago, Illinois at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs. Through this organization she has done community organizing and coalition building for police accountability and immigration reform, and made time to explore Chicago's amazing cultural landmarks and food scene, as well as spending as much time as she can outdoors.

Lauren Fine has been living in Washington, DC and working at the National Council for Jewish Women. "At NCJW, I got the opportunity to lobby my representatives on the hill about policy that I care about," Lauren shared. "I've also learned how the process of holding our elected officials accountable actually works

on the federal level." Megan Bernard spent her summer working at the Union for Reform Judaism's Kutz Camp, her home away from home. While there, Megan thought about different



Lauren Fine '20 (holding the NCJW sign) protesting on Capitol Hill with the National Council of Jewish Women in DC where she had her field placement.

ways to engage young adults and teens in meaningful Jewish community experiences during a time of transition and organizational closures.

For Nora Greenstein, summer 2019 was a time of exploring the philanthropic world and the Metro Detroit community through her work at the William Davidson Foundation.

"I've been able to dive deeply into my organization and explore all pieces of the work, along with experiencing the summer activities that Ann Arbor and Detroit have to offer!" Sara

Weinfeld has been balancing classes at the School of Social Work while also working at Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County in the access department and food pantry. And all the way in sunny California, Sam Langstein has been a social work intern at Beit T'shuvah, a residential addiction treatment center guided by Jewish spirituality and open to all.

With a meaningful summer under their belt, the second-year cohort is now focusing on the upcoming year. So what does the next year have in store? "After a year of bonding as a cohort, I'm looking forward to bringing our various strengths together to create a mean-

ingful community conversation program that engages our community around Jewish issues," Lauren shared, while Nora mentioned her focus on upcoming events for JCLP: "Last year, JCLP put together many meaningful programs that engaged the community on a variety of topics. I'm excited to plan the community breakfast

this semester, and our winter semester community conversation to continue diving deep into issues that affect the local, and national, Jewish community."

Another focus for the second-year cohort is continuing to bring together the Jewish community of Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit, while welcoming in the newest cohort of JCLP. For Ashley, she's been building her relationship with the Ann Arbor Jewish community, and wants to continue that. "One of my favorite parts of the summer has been exploring Ann Arbor, and becoming more entrenched in the community. I'm looking forward to another amazing year of learning, meeting new people, and exploring Ann Arbor more." The cohort looks forward to coming back together to share their different summer stories and prepare for a year of meaningful community engaging, while welcoming a new group of students to the program and the Ann Arbor Jewish community.

Community members can meet the students and learn more about their experiences at JCLP's next community event, the annual Sukkot Open House. This will take place on Wednesday, October 16th late afternoon to early evening in the School of Social Work (1080 S. University Ave) Courtyard Sukkah. More information forthcoming. ■

Hebrew Day School

Hebrew Day School welcomes new Board president

By Jennifer Rosenberg, special to the WJN

As the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor prepares to open its doors for another school year, it does so under the leadership of a new Board president, as Gil Seinfeld takes over the reins from outgoing president Greg Gafni

States Supreme Court). He has served as Treasurer and then president of Hebrew Day's Parent-Teacher Organization, spearheaded the school's annual Purim Baskets fundraiser for many years, and been a member of the Board of Trustees



New HDS board president, Gil Seinfeld, with his children.

Pappas. "I can't think of a better person to take over as president of the HDS Board of Trustees than Gil," said Gafni Pappas. "His level of devotion to Jewish day school education is exceptional and I look forward to his leadership within the Ann Arbor Jewish community."

Seinfeld and his wife, Debra Chopp, are parents of two HDS alums and one current Hebrew Day School student. Since joining the HDS community in the Fall of 2009, Seinfeld has taken on virtually every volunteer role one could imagine for an elementary school parent. He has been a regular volunteer in HDS classrooms, a field trip chaperone, and a guest instructor in the fifth grade (teaching numerous fifth-grade classes over the years about important recent decisions of the United

since 2015.

"I've worn lots of different hats over the years," Seinfeld said, "and each offered its own distinctive rewards. Truth be told, even though my work on the Board and through the PTO has probably been more important, or at least had a broader impact, it's the times I've spent in the classroom that have been most fulfilling and certainly the most fun." It's no surprise that Seinfeld offered that perspective, as he is a classroom teacher by trade—his family moved to Ann Arbor in 2005 when he took a position on the faculty of the University of Michigan Law School. "I don't think my wife and I would have moved here, were it not for Hebrew Day," Seinfeld explained. "It was essential to us that we move to a community where we

could provide our children with a strong foundation of Jewish knowledge and a vibrant sense of Jewish identity. HDS made that possible."

Barbara Kramer, who served on the HDS Board for many years (including a three-year stint as Board President), shared her perspective: "Gil is the best person to lead the HDS Board. No one is more passionate about the extraordinary work HDS does in educating each student, or about its role in the larger Jewish community. He loves HDS and has devoted countless hours to the school, as a parent, board member, and officer. Gil also has a special ability to listen thoughtfully and bring people together. This is a challenging time for day schools around the country, and Gil is well-equipped to help HDS navigate those challenges and continue building a school that offers the best elementary education in Ann Arbor."

Seinfeld's top priority as Board President—as has been true for those who preceded him in that role—is to assure the school's long-term health and stability. "We have this fabulous little school, loaded

with talented, remarkably devoted teachers," Seinfeld noted, "and a warm, caring, deeply connected Jewish community has grown up around it. I've experienced this first-hand as a parent for ten years now, and I want to make sure that, for many years to come, Jewish families in Ann Arbor are able to reap the same benefits that my family has enjoyed."

Seinfeld will assume the role of Board President at a time when the school confronts a mix of challenges and opportunities. "On the one hand," he said, "like many day schools across the country, we would like enrollment to be higher, and we need to find more ways to get the message out to our community about the school's many virtues." "On the other hand," he continued, "those virtues are obvious and impressive. The educational product is superb, and HDS parents and staff are remarkably devoted to the school. It makes it easy for me to assume the role of messenger-in-chief. I'm so proud of the school and proud to have the opportunity to lead." ■

JCS fall events

All events are open to adults and children. Please register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For additional information email info@jewishculturalsociety.org. The suggested donation for nonmembers of JCS for all three events (Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur) is \$100/family of 4, \$50/individual, or \$25/student. If attending only one event, the suggested donation is \$50/family of 4, \$25/individual, or \$10/student, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. There is no charge for Tashlich or the Break-the-Fast Potluck.

JCS Fall Kickoff

Sunday, September 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at County Farm Park

All are invited to enjoy refreshments and fun activities while learning about the Jewish Cultural Society's Sunday School at County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Road, Ann Arbor 48104.

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29, 7:00 p.m. at the JCC

As the first day of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah marks a turning point—a separation between what was and what will be. It offers a time for Secular Humanistic Jews to pause in their daily lives and reflect on their behavior, renewing their commitment to their best selves and highest values. Rosh Hashanah at the Jewish Cultural Society provides a time for renewal and new beginnings. The blast of the shofar brings the community together to begin this time of reflection through music, readings, and a creative observance.

Tashlich

Monday, September 30, 4:00 p.m. at Island Park

The JCS community gathers on the banks of the Huron River for refreshments and a chance to "cast off" (or let go of) our shortcomings of the past year. As participants promise to strive to become better people, they toss beautiful

flower petals into the river, an expression of hope for the future.

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. at the JCC

Kol Nidre provides further opportunities for individual reflection and an opportunity to listen to the haunting melodies sung in preparation for the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 p.m. at the JCC

Yom Kippur brings the ten days of the Jewish New Year to a close. On Yom Kippur day, participants consider how their actions affect the greater community. While examining the world, and considering the Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam, participants look inside themselves to see how they can make a difference. Unlike the other events, this one is more intimate, and members of the community take turns reading.

Break-the-Fast Potluck

Sunday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. at the JCC

To close the High Holidays, JCS members and friends gather for a community potluck at the end of Yom Kippur. All are invited to attend and bring a vegetarian and nut-free dish to share, whether or not they have been fasting.

Sukkot

Sunday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. at the JCC

All are welcome to participate in the JCS Sukkot festivities: crafts, decorating the sukkah, stories, snacks, and drinks. Participants are invited to bring a vegetarian, nut-free dish to share. ■

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Federation kicks off 2020 campaign

By Stephanie Glass, Special to the WJN

On September 1, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor kicked off its 2020 Annual Community Campaign. The goal for this year's Campaign, under the leadership of Babette Levy Daskin, is \$1.5 million, to be used to strengthen and empower local and overseas partners.

The 2020 Campaign theme is: "Jewish Moments Powered By You." The vibrant Greater Ann Arbor Jewish community exists because of its strong organizations and congregations. Throughout the year, Federation will highlight stories of amazing Jewish moments, which happen daily in our community. Federation invites community members to share their stories of transformational Jewish experiences, meaningful encounters or ways in which they or others have engaged, been touched or received help through Jewish communal programs and organizations.

The Federation will be hosting its Major Gifts Event Sunday, September 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. This event will feature Senator Carl Levin who will speak on a "Retired Senator's Look at the World." Dinner, drinks and mingling to follow. Major Gifts is open to all families that make a minimum gift of \$5,000 to the Annual Community Campaign and those under 45 who pledge a minimum of \$1,000. Please RSVP to Isaac Ellis by calling 734.677.0100 ext. 245 or by emailing events@jewishannarbor.org.

The campaign events calendar continues with a brunch for Lions of Judah and Pomegranates featuring Wendy Abrams, the immediate past chair of National Women's Philanthropy. This event is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the power of women's giving from an expert and to connect with other Jewish women. The brunch will be on Sunday, October 6 at 10 a.m. at the home of Judy Cohen. It is open to women donors giving at least \$1,800 to the 2020 Women's Annual Community Campaign. All those interested in attending may RSVP to events@jewishannarbor.org. To make a pledge and/or get further information, please contact Sharyn J. Gallatin, Esq. at 734.773.3533 or sharyn@jewishannarbor.org.

This year, Women's Philanthropy, chaired by Joyce Gerber and Sara Wohl,



Senator Carl Levin

will feature a full schedule of events focusing on the relationship between women and food and sustainable food practices. Federation is proud to partner with Chabad House and other local organizations for the community's second Mega Challah Bake November 6 at Palmer Commonson north campus. In the winter, a wine and cheese tasting will kick off the series followed by a program on food waste and sustainability in the spring. The year will close with a Rosh Chodesh dinner. The aim of Women's Philanthropy programming is for participants to come away with greater knowledge of and a deeper connection to the powerful impact women can play in making a difference in the community.

New this year, the Cardozo Society, chaired by Joan Lowenstein and Jerry Lax, will offer a series of events of special interest to our donors in the legal profession. This will provide individuals the opportunity to learn from experts and network with other Jewish legal professionals. On November 4, Tom Warrick, a counterterrorism expert formerly with the Department of Homeland Security, will speak about "Should We Be Afraid?: U.S. Counter-terrorism Policy and Modern Politics." Stay tuned for further details about this program and the rest of the upcoming series.

Federation volunteers and staff look forward to a year of varied and creative campaign programs and connecting with familiar and new faces! The Federation hopes to see you at an event soon. ■

For questions regarding any of the events listed or for more information on how to become involved in the Federation, please contact Isaac Ellis at info@jewishannarbor.org or 734-677-0100 x 245.

Federation launches community-wide security campaign

By Sharyn J. Gallatin, Esq., special to the WJN

The sharp rise in hate crimes and anti-Semitic rhetoric throughout the world has left many members of the Jewish community with significant concern about individual safety and community security preparedness. Here in Greater Ann Arbor, a security committee, chaired by Elina Zilberberg and representing our communal organizations, is focused on a proactive approach – accounting for the diverse interests and sensitivities of our organizations and members – to ensuring we have the best facilities, training and protocols possible to keep our community safe.

On July 18, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, with support from the community, launched a Community Security Campaign aimed at raising funds to make the Jewish community in and around Ann Arbor as prepared, safe and secure as possible. The Campaign seeks to raise a minimum of \$100,000 with an ultimate goal of raising at least \$150,000 for on-going training and other communal security needs.

The community security committee has identified the most urgent communal needs: security assessments for all community build-

ings to be conducted by the Secure Community Network (SCN); assessment and consultation around community-wide emergency and communication protocols training for staff and volunteers including situational awareness, greeter-usher protocols, active threat and emergency medical preparedness emergency medical supplies for all community organizations and congregations.

Funds raised will also be used to ensure that regular training as well as protocol review and update are integral, continual aspects of community safety preparedness operations. The security committee is developing allocations priorities and guidelines to determine disbursements beyond the most immediate needs.

The Security Campaign will run concurrently with the Federation's Annual Community Campaign and will end on August 31, 2020. ■

For more information about the campaign or to make a pledge, please contact Sharyn J. Gallatin, Esq. at 734.773.3533 or by email at sharyn@jewishannarbor.org. For more information about community preparedness, please contact Eileen Freed at 734.773.3537 or by email at eileenfreed@jewishannarbor.org.

Chai Mitzvah engagement groups

Marci Sukenic, special to the WJN

CHAI MITZVAH!!! The community is buzzing with excitement about Chai Mitzvah groups that are currently running! New groups are currently forming and there is always room to join an existing group. Now is the time to get

engaging in meaningful discussion, participating in social action and having fun! Each participant commits to at least nine monthly meetings throughout the year for discussion, learning and dialogue. Participants will also have the opportunity to develop an indi-



Chai Mitzvah participants: Robin Pollack, Andrea Rich, Sierra Imwalle, Marci Sukenic, Jackie Lonn, Lara Kross, Amy Davidoff, Robyn Schmier, Leora Rubin, Meera Meerkov, and Liora Rosen at the July Chai Mitzvah get together, focusing on the theme of leadership.

vidual bucket list of ways to enhance his/her Jewish identity through ritual, learning, and social action projects. These bucket lists can be tailored to one's own Jewish priorities.

Chai Mitzvah groups will be meeting monthly in locations across the community and can also be integrated into pre-existing groups or classes within synagogues or organizations. Interested? Questions? Please contact Marci Sukenic, Chai Mitzvah Community Coordinator, at marci@jewishannarbor.org or (734) 677-0100, ext 226. ■

involved. Chai Mitzvah is an excellent way to get involved in the Jewish community, at whatever level seems comfortable for each participant.

So, what is Chai Mitzvah? Chai Mitzvah is an engagement program that has come to Ann Arbor, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. Some have described it as "a book group without a book," "a youth group for adults," and "a way to get involved, build community, and participate in mitzvot and learning projects." Groups are for all ages, for anyone who is interested in getting involved in the Jewish community,



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A² Celebrates with Israel Scouts

By Jessica Weil, special to the WJN

On August 6, 130 people gathered at the Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center to celebrate the arrival of the Israel Scouts. This was a partnership event between the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and the JCC of Greater Ann Arbor. The tailgate featured activities from Hebrew Day School, PJ Library, Jewish

Family Services of Washtenaw County, and American Friends of Magen David Adom. Attendees also enjoyed a kosher cookout. Following the tailgate, the concert brought community members to their feet singing and dancing along with the Israel Scouts. The room was filled with *ruach!* ■



JCC celebrates 35 years with a gala event

Clara Silver, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will celebrate its 35 year anniversary with an archive opening and gala celebration honoring the many involved in founding the organization

year anniversary a few years ago, to archive the 35 year JCC history. Martin has since written and, with the help of the Ann Arbor JCC, published, "The History of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor," which will be launched as part of the Gala.

Proceeds of the Gala will be used to fund increased demand in cultural arts programming, combined with retiring the mortgage of the Ann Arbor JCC's facility. Stone notes that, "when you do great arts programming, people want more, and that takes funding. Some of that funding will come from dollars we will no longer have to use to pay a mortgage, and some will



on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. at its facility on Birch Hollow Drive. The event is open to everyone and tickets include entry to the archive exhibition and gala dinner, at which the founders of the organization will be honored. According to Executive Director, David Stone, "the JCC is thrilled to have the privilege of honoring the folks who started this journey and what better time than when our board is completing its vision for the next 35 years?" He continues, "we have a tremendous group of people who have been here since the beginning and are still deeply committed to the JCC's success."

The event will feature founder and leader of the effort to form the JCC, Chuck Newman, along with many other community members who joined in his vision. Last year, Newman shared an idea that Stone summed up as, "we need to celebrate the folks who started the JCC. They were important to its beginning and they are important to its future." Newman's interest in archiving the JCC's history led him to ask Fran Martin, who had curated the archive for Beth Israel Congregation's 100

come from the very generous sponsors that have stepped up. Our incredibly dedicated supporter, Mike Levine, has offered to match any gift dollar for dollar up to \$50,000, and I know that this community can not only meet, but exceed, that challenge."

There are two committees of volunteers engaged in creating the Gala. The steering committee is chaired by Prue Rosenthal and includes Leslie Bash, Harriet Bakalar, Elaine Margolis, and Chuck Newman. The event committee is chaired by Elaine Margolis and includes Sue Adler, Leslie Bash, Rita Gelman, Alyse Tankanow, and Roberta Tankanow. The Gala dinner will be catered by a Detroit Vaad Ha'rabbanim supervised caterer so that all members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community can join the festivities. Sponsorships are available at levels ranging from \$500 to \$50,000. Tickets are \$118 per person and must be purchased by September 16, 2019. Information is available at jccannarbor.org by clicking on the event graphic on the home page or by calling (734) 971-0990. ■

Ann Arbor Maccabi delegation are all winners

By Deborah Ryan, special to the WJN

The first full week of August saw a group of 16 excited Ann Arbor youth boarding a bus to join 1800 other Jewish youth from around the country and world for the JCC Maccabi Games and ArtsFest, hosted

full week of hard fought competitions, spectacular evening events, and daily community service projects via Maccabi's JCC Cares program to help make the world a better place.

The week of JCC Maccabi Games and



Ann Arbor Maccabi Delegation

for a record sixth time by the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit. The Ann Arbor Delegation competed in soccer, swimming, basketball, tennis, culinary arts, and music. All the athletes and artists experienced a busy week of learning and competition and they were joined by teens from the Ann Arbor Partnership Together region, Moshav Nahal in Israel. The experience yields friendships forged across categories and home cities. The Ann Arbor delegation won a few medals along the way, and by the end of the week the participants were exhausted and happy with a

Arts Fest is not only a sports and arts competition, but an experience for Jewish teens to develop an appreciation of their Jewish identity and values with other Jewish youth, while also capitalizing on sports talent, artistic ability, and cultural and social opportunities. The 2020 Maccabi Games and Arts Fest will be held in San Diego California and the Ann Arbor JCC's delegation is already planning ahead to be there. For more information on how to participate, contact the Ann Arbor JCC by calling (734) 971-0990 or emailing deborahryan@jccannarbor.org. ■



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Pirkei Avot and the Homestead Concentration Camp

By Rebecca Epstein

Two days before I left to witness the detention center for unaccompanied minors in Homestead, Florida in June 2019, I felt deeply depressed. I did not want to go on another witnessing trip. Approximately six months earlier, I, and other immigrant rights activists, had used witnessing (which sparked embarrassing media cov-

my trip for my own mental health.

But then a fellow activist reminded me of a passage from *Pirkei Avot* (generally translated as "Ethics of Our Fathers" and part of the Mishnah, the first text of the Jewish oral law) that reminds us of the obligation we all have to contribute in our own way toward the cause of justice and righteousness. "It is not incumbent on you to finish the task, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it." (*Pirkei Avot*, 2:21). I took a breath, and resolved to move forward with my journey to Homestead.

At Tornillo, which is far more geographically isolated than the center at Homestead, the only way to see and be seen by the children was to trespass on Federal or private land. Rabbi Josh Whinston, of Temple Beth Emeth, Ann



Arbor, who has a relationship with a family whose son was held inside Tornillo for two months, reported to his congregation that children could hear witnesses singing, especially during the quiet evenings before bedtime. A teacher in El Paso, with a student who spent two months in Tornillo, shared that her student and his peers knew we were there and that our presence that gave them hope in so many ways.

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At the less isolated Homestead center, witnesses can routinely see children when they are outside playing soccer and interact with them through hand motions by standing on ladders across the street from a 10-foot privacy fence. Witnesses have devised ways to communicate by holding up brightly colored signs shaped like hearts, and using hand motions. If a child waves his or her hands,

dren. We defund the parts of our government whose military-like staff rips families apart, neglects children, and refuses to permit its civilian employees to comfort children when they cry. We insist that government agencies that neglect children and infants of teenagers to the point of death, that claim children don't need soap, don't get another cent.

We resist. We call our Senators and our



or takes off a hat and circles it in the air, a witness waves a hand or hat back using the exact same motion. If a child blows a kiss, a witness catches and returns it. I spoke with witnesses who had been there day after day - some for months - observing the patterns of children's movements, buses bringing in more children, and the patterns of incoming supplies. Children interacting with witnesses know that they are being seen and acknowledged by people outside of their prison, their concentration camp.

And - yes - I am using that term. It's apt. It fits. My tax dollars are, infuriatingly, funding concentration camps for our children.

Homestead, Florida has not been an affluent community for hundreds of years. Prior to the arrival of European settlers, the land where the detention center sits held the richness of the Seminole and the Miccosukee indigenous peoples and vastly more biodiversity than its current acres of concrete. In 1945 and again in 1992, the city was devastated by hurricanes, from which it never fully recovered. Homestead's current population is primarily first, second, and third generation immigrants. Jobs at the detention center pay \$17.00 dollars an hour - a significant amount for city residents. However, staff rarely get benefits because most jobs are part-time. According to a staff member of We Count! (a local organization to "build the power of Latin American immigrants and farm workers") almost everyone who lives in Homestead knows someone who works at the detention center.

How do we pressure Caliburn International, who currently holds the contract servicing the center in Homestead, not to renew, as we did with BCFS in Tornillo? It will certainly be more difficult since, unlike the not-for-profit BCFS, Caliburn is for-profit, and the Trump administration has already shuffled funds within HHS to allow for the expansion of the center and the creation of new centers. The administration is also pushing to approve supplementary funding requests from the Department of Homeland Security, under which ICE operates.

This is how: we insist that our federally elected officials refuse additional funding, and cut existing funding, for the parts of our government that are responsible for orchestrating these concentration camps for chil-

Representatives. We email them. We text them. We stay informed, we don't look away. We witness, we support other witnesses, we vote, and encourage/demand others to do so. We find people that are on the cusp of doing something for migrant children and give them opportunities to help. We donate to nonprofits serving these traumatized yet resilient children and their families. We run fundraisers for them. We donate to asylum seekers GoFundMe Campaigns. We pay their bail through local community bond funds. We provide Sanctuary. We meet new immigrants, freshly released from ICE with no cash in their pockets, taking cross country trips on Greyhound buses to be reunited with their family, along the way at bus stops with meals and hugs. We participate in civil disobedience. Someday soon, perhaps, massively engineered civil disobedience. We also take care of ourselves. We comfort each other, are friends to each other, and help one another find joy in human resilience.

Is it enough? Not while children are still locked away, aching for their families and for human touch. Today, our job is to keep our own depression and despair in check. Our job is to continue the work, to kindle hope in ourselves, our fellow immigrant rights activists, and most importantly the children living in concentration camps. Closing the camps and making our government operate fair borders will be a long relay race. The U.S. has a long history of separating families - via the slave trade, culture-obliterating boarding schools for indigenous children, Japanese American internment camps, and our current criminal justice system. Detention centers are but another variant of the government perpetrating monstrous policies in the name of the nation's so-called economic well-being, and safety.

The wisdom of *Pirkei Avot*, written 1,800 years ago, applies in every generation. Its ethical message for us today is clear. We must grasp the baton and pass it onto each other and to today's youth and to our children. We don't have to sprint all the time, or run a daily marathon, or even travel far each time we lace up our shoes. Our job for today is to simply keep walking, holding the baton, and not fall down until, step by step, we collectively reach our destination. ■

Introducing Bend the Arc Ann Arbor

By Rebecca Epstein, Naomi Goldberg and Molly Kleinman

Activism and Judaism have always gone hand in hand, and there has been no shortage of either in Southeast Michigan. Now there is a new space for Jewish-centered social action in Washtenaw County. Bend the Arc: Ann Ar-

bor creates spaces where Jews (unaffiliated, secular, or belonging to any faith community) and Jewish allies can engage in social action, build community, and leverage our power to repair the world. The group is a local "Moral Minyan" supported by Bend the Arc, a national organization uniting progressive Jewish voices across America to fight for justice for all. Ann Arbor's Moral Minyan's current activism is focused on immigration, but more generally stands with communities under attack, holds elected officials accountable, and resists white nationalism.

County. The Moral Minyan recently hosted a training about relational organizing and plans are underway for more learning sessions on topics including anti-racism.

In addition to planning events, the Moral Minyan shares information about ongoing



Rebecca Epstein, Molly Kleinman and Naomi Goldberg

activism and actions. For example, members of the Moral Minyan participated in the Lights for Liberty vigil, demanding the government close detention camps, end family separations and deportations, and defund Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and marched with Movimiento Cosecha in downtown Ann Arbor, calling on the state to resume granting driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants. In mid-August, members of the Moral Minyan joined Detroit Jews for Justice, the Council on Islamic Relations - Michigan, and United We Dream in Dearborn for a Tisha B'Av protest, demanding that the Dearborn Police Department end their contract with ICE.

Heading into the fall, Bend the Arc: Ann Arbor's Moral Minyan has planned several events around the High Holy Days, including actions during the Days of Awe, and a second Social Justice Family Playdate for Sukkot (Sunday, Oct. 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.). "We've come together to grow a meaningful, powerful community of progressive Jews and Jewish allies in and around Ann Arbor, partnering with organizations, learning together, and showing up in places where our voices can make a difference," says volunteer Naomi Goldberg.

Ann Arbor's Moral Minyan embraces people with a wide range of identities, including but not limited to gender expression, race and ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, class, immigration status, religion, educational background, and geographic origin. Many members are parents with young children, though events and meetings have drawn generations of activists and those looking for a way to connect with like-minded people during this challenging political climate.

If you are interested in learning more or participating with this new group please send an email to bendthearc.a2@gmail.com and like the Facebook page Bend the Arc: Ann Arbor (<https://www.facebook.com/BendTheArcAnnArbor/>) ■

Interview with *Almost Lost* author Pauline Loewenhardt

Beth Dwoskin, special to the WJN

For the last three years, the Ann Arbor Public Library has been operating the hybrid publishing service Fifth Avenue Press. A locally-focused and publicly-owned publishing imprint, the AADL Productions team for the press chooses an annual list of books from submitted manuscripts and provides editorial and formatting services for print publication, as well as e-book publishing. Among the books chosen for 2019 was *Almost Lost: Detroit Kids Discover Holocaust Secrets and Family Survivors*, a memoir by Pauline Loewenhardt.

Pauline Loewenhardt was born in 1934 and grew up in Detroit the child of German immigrants, a Catholic mother and a father who was born Jewish and converted to Catholicism. In 1994, Pauline's brother did a web search and found Loewenhardt first cousins once removed in the Netherlands. They were grandchildren of Holocaust victims, Pauline's uncle and aunt. This particular uncle, Adolf, had fled Germany for the Netherlands along with many other German Jews, such as the family of Anne Frank. Pauline entered into a relationship with these cousins that has changed her life. She describes the experience in her memoir, *Almost Lost*. I spoke to Pauline about her life experiences and her cousin connections.

Beth Dwoskin: You were raised Catholic. What religion do you profess or feel drawn to now?

How about your relatives?

Pauline Loewenhardt: The Unitarian

Universalist Church is my spiritual home. I consider myself an agnostic, but I feel that I'm praying to somebody. I left the Catholic church behind long ago, especially after they wanted my daughter to go to confession before her First Communion, when she was just a child. After I divorced, and especially after I came out as a lesbian, I did not feel that the Catholic church welcomed me. However, I had a close relationship to the Franciscan Center in Tampa, Florida, which celebrated a mass for gays and lesbians that I attended for a time.

I love to read about other people who have found out that they have Jewish background, but I feel no urge to convert to Judaism. I would say that my approach is eclectic. I don't think my children are very interested in their Jewish background, though they're happy to hear about it. I've never asked them! My late sister left all her money to the Holocaust Museum in DC.

BD: How about your family in the Netherlands?

PL: My cousins in the Netherlands identify as Jewish, though I



don't know how much they practice Judaism. When we visited our grandmother's grave in the Netherlands, my cousin Louise was the one who remembered to bring the stones to put on her grave. I don't think any of their children married Jews.

BD: What about your mother's German Catholic family?

PL: My mother had a baby girl, Margot, out of wedlock in Germany and left her behind with her parents when she emigrated to America. When she married my father they

wanted to bring Margot to America, but my grandmother wouldn't send her because she "didn't want her to be raised by a Jew." Margot did not join our mother in America until after her grandmother died. I know that my mother's family may have contained Nazis or Nazi sympathizers but I don't want to think about it.

BD: How did you know that your father was Jewish?

PL: One of his sisters, Tante Hanny, emigrated to America first and then sponsored my father's immigration. She used to speak some Yiddish. My parents spoke German, so I knew the difference. It was confusing to me. I think that's how I learned that my father was born Jewish, though I'm not sure.

BD: Your cousin John in the Netherlands has set up a foundation, the Löwenhardt Foundation at loewenhardtfoundation.org. Please describe this foundation and talk about your relationship with John and his sister, Louise.

PL: The word "foundation" as we use it in America doesn't have the same meaning for John. He didn't form the foundation to raise money, although there is a board and they accept donations. The foundation is a repository for all the research and genealogical

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DJJ Hosts Inaugural Wolfgang Awards

Valeriya Epshteyn, special to the WJN

On Thursday, September 19 from 6 to 9 p.m., Detroit Jews for Justice will host its first ever fund-raising gala, the Myra Wolfgang Awards. Named for a pioneering Jewish labor organizer, the Wolfgang Awards are being established to honor those who have shown principled tenacity in pursuit of justice. Tickets are now available at www.detroitjewsforjustice.org/wolfgang

The event will feature a dinner catered by Guerilla Food Detroit, a silent auction featuring dozens of local small businesses and organizations, remarks by honorees, and more. This year's honorees are Selma Goode and Sylvia Orduño. Selma Goode has organized students, mothers, grocery workers, and fellow Democratic Socialists. Sylvia Orduño has deep roots as an anti-

Depression when she had to turn to labor organizing out of necessity. Wolfgang played critical roles in the Woolworth's strike, in several organizing drives throughout Detroit's service industries, and eventually Michigan's first minimum wage law.



Selma Goode

Throughout her career in the labor movement, Wolfgang held positions such as secretary of Detroit Local 705 of the Waiters and Waitresses Union and International Vice President of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union. The DJJ community is blessed to continue her legacy.

Detroit Jews for Justice is proud to bring this event to fruition with the support of a stellar volunteer event planning team. DJJ organizes the Metro Detroit Jewish community to participate in movements for racial and economic justice. We envision

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Sylvia Orduño

poverty advocate and organizer for water, housing, and environmental justice. DJJ is moved by their fierce leadership, and is thrilled to host them as honored guests and as local movement heroes.

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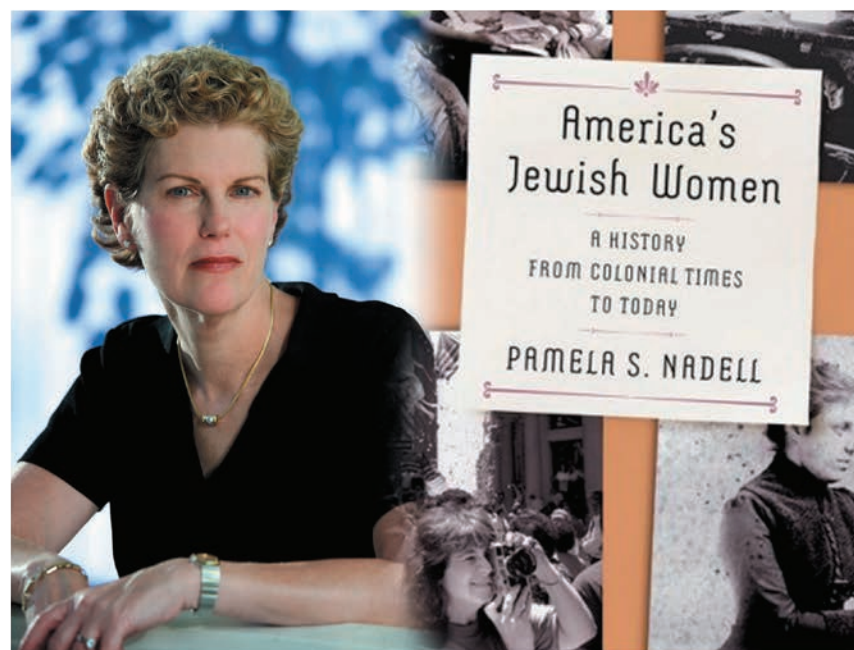
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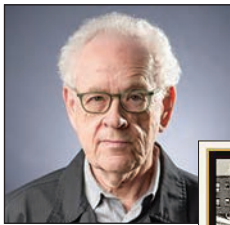
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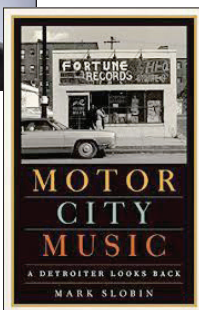
Traffic pattern music

Review by Beth Dwoskin

If you ask someone, What is Detroit music? the response is usually, "Motown." But as the Detroit-born ethnomusicologist Mark Slobin demonstrates, the reality is much more complex. His new book, *Motor City Music: a Detroit Looks Back*, is being billed as "the first-ever historical study across all musical genres of any American city."



Mark Slobin



Slobin emphasizes Detroit's musical uniqueness by portraying it as a motor vehicle and tracing its development in the form of a book-length traffic pattern, in keeping with Detroit's Motor City moniker. Thus, "The Construction Site" is about music in families and "The Traffic Circle" is about the superb musical program that existed in the Detroit public schools, particularly Cass Tech (though Slobin admits that his analogy suffers from the lack of any actual traffic circles in Detroit). "Local Traffic" is about music in neighborhoods and "Border Traffic" is about the music of Detroit's Jews, the people on the border between black and white. "Merging Traffic" is about the music as it exited local venues for citywide performances that brought groups together for civic, industrial, and commercial events.

Though this metaphor can seem insistently strained within each chapter, it works overall because Detroit music fits organically into each category. Writing about families and neighborhoods, Slobin uncovers significant material about "Euro-Americans"—Poles, Greeks, Ukrainians, Albanians, and other groups that arrived after the German settlers of the late nineteenth century set the tone for concert and choral music in Detroit. He also takes note of Southerners from the Appalachians who not only journeyed back and forth along US-23 for Detroit jobs, but also spread out to settle beyond the city's borders. In addition, he writes about Mexicans, Croatians, and a substantial Armenian presence in Detroit music.

These musicians were not exclusive or parochial about their music. They performed for the sake of audiences and money, not to further any ethnic or political agenda. They freely mixed their music with the sounds of other ethnic groups and popular culture.

Native Detroit Jews know that these truths don't always apply in the case of African-

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El Paso's diverse Jewish community grapples with a mass shooting

Josefin Dolsten

(JTA) — Joseph Charter used to feel safe in El Paso. But after Saturday, when a gunman killed 22 people and injured 26 at a Walmart store in the Texas city, everything changed.

"I had to go to Target the following day, and

B'nai Zion, the city's Conservative congregation. Temple Mount Sinai's choir sang as part of the musical prelude.

The Reform synagogue, which has nearly 400 member households, is also raising money



for the first time ever I kind of looked around," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a phone interview Wednesday. "You have to start second guessing and be a little more cautious."

His wife, Fabiola, feels especially vulnerable. She is Mexican American, and the suspect, Patrick Crusius, is believed to have posted a manifesto prior to the shooting in which he railed against immigrants and Latinos. A relative of Charter's ex-wife was among the victims, and one of his co-workers was there during the attack but managed to escape.

His wife feels "a little more self-conscious about 'I'm Mexican and there are people here who do not welcome me here,'" said Charter, who is Jewish.

He said the shooting has sparked new discussions with his wife.

"[S]he has now talked about 'I want to get a gun. I don't feel safe. I want to make sure if I was ever put in that situation I would have at least some means to try to protect our children,'" he said.

Charter, 33, and his wife belong to the city's Reform synagogue, where they are one of many Latino-Jewish couples.

"A lot of the families at Temple Mount Sinai include people who have chosen Judaism, who were local people and fell in love with Judaism as they were falling in love with a future spouse, and it includes a lot of interfaith families as well," said the congregation's rabbi, Ben Zeidman.

There are approximately 5,000 Jews in El Paso, and even for those who do not have Latino family members, the shooting hit hard. The Jewish community is close with the Latino community, which makes up 80 percent of the city. Members mix socially and at interfaith events.

"There's this feeling like we've lost a part of ourselves in a way because of what our city is and how we relate to everybody else who is here," Zeidman said.

The rabbi helped organize an interfaith vigil the night after the shooting. He represented the synagogue alongside Rabbi Scott Rosenberg of

to distribute to victims and their families.

El Paso is also home to a Jewish federation, a Chabad house, a Jewish preschool and a Holocaust museum.

"Historically, there's been a close relationship between the Jewish community and the Hispanic community," said Stephen Leon, rabbi emeritus of B'nai Zion, which has 250 member families.

Leon was at the mall where the shooting took place just three days earlier with his wife and grandchildren.

"You just say — without being cliché — just for the grace of God that could've been us," he said.

Like the Reform synagogue, Leon's congregation is diverse. Twenty to 25 percent of the congregation is Latino — mostly families who grew up Catholic but discovered they have Jewish roots.

Since arriving in El Paso in 1986, Leon has been active in reaching out to people in the local Hispanic community who believe they are the descendants of conversos, Sephardi Jews who were forcibly converted to Catholicism during the Spanish Inquisition.

It all started days after he arrived in the city for the first time, when a man from the nearby city of Juarez, in Mexico, sought him out to tell him about a peculiar family custom: His grandmother would light candles every Friday night and say a prayer in a foreign language.

That week, two others approached Leon with similar inquiries. It turned out they had Jewish heritage. In all, Leon says 70 families have returned to Judaism through his work. Most live in El Paso, although some are in nearby towns or in Mexico.

"This has become my passion," the rabbi said.

Charter said the tragedy has united the city. "I'm used to having a very close-knit support system in the Jewish community," he said. "And now I'm seeing it as a greater El Paso community." ■



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At this Florida Jewish day school, half the students aren't Jewish

Ben Sales

SARASOTA, Florida (JTA) — Most American Jewish day schools go all in on Hanukkah, in part to remind their students that Jews have a winter holiday of their own.

But when December rolls around at the Hershorin Schiff Community Day School in southwestern Florida, you're almost as likely to see kids drawing Christmas trees as menorahs or dreidels. That's because the school asks its students to design their own holiday plates — and almost half the students at this Jewish day school are not Jewish.

"Even though we only teach about Hanukkah, if they say, 'we're excited that we have a Christmas tree and a menorah in our house,' if it's important to our kids, we're going to honor that and create a space for them to share that," said Dan Ceaser, the head of school. "So while we're teaching our Jewish traditions, we are creating a space for families to share their traditions and we are honoring those as well."

The school has always been open to non-Jews, but it began emphasizing that inclusiveness — including a mission statement welcoming "children of all faiths" — when Ceaser, in his first job at a Jewish school, came on in 2015. Since then, Community Day's enrollment has more than tripled, from 67 students in 2015 to 275 in the upcoming school year. It has students from preschool through eighth grade in a city with about 20,000 Jews.

The school is trying to strike a balance between teaching Jewish values, culture and practice on the one hand, and remaining inclusive on the other. In addition to its Judaism, the school appeals to families by emphasizing its diversity (students' families hail from 40 countries) and a philosophy of independent, project-based learning.

The school is explicitly trying to serve as a model for other Jewish day schools as non-Orthodox Jewish schools struggle with rising costs and declining affiliation. Another experiment in pluralistic Jewish education, the American Hebrew Academy boarding school in North Carolina, closed abruptly this year, citing financial challenges.

For more than a decade, Hebrew-language charter schools have pursued a similar model. They're open to students of all faiths and backgrounds and, in order to accept public funding, emphasize Israeli culture, not religious identity. What sets the Sarasota school apart is that, unlike charter schools, it is explicitly Jewish. Students pray, eat kosher-style food and celebrate Shabbat. Tuition is on a sliding scale, but averages \$9,300 per child.

"The best way to fight anti-Semitism and injustice is not just to educate Jews but to educate non-Jews about the importance of advocating for all," Ceaser said. "We welcome you as you are and we'll celebrate what you bring to us. That's in terms of faith, affiliation, culture, ethnicity, families that identify as non-traditional."

Students at the school learn about the Jewish calendar, holidays and Israel, and pray each morning. Through second grade, they all study English, Hebrew and

Spanish. Starting the following year, students split off into studying one of the two languages intensively. There are also a few different religious studies tracks kids can choose — from world religions to Jewish studies to a more intensive, four-day-a-week traditional Jewish track run by Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz, director of Chabad Lubavitch of Sarasota & Manatee Counties, that will have a handful of kids this year.

"It's kind of cool to compare the two religions," said Matthew Cook, who will be entering 8th grade at the school and is a practicing Catholic. "The challah and the wine, there's something a lot similar, it's bread and wine — almost the same thing. Just [to me] it represents the body of Christ and the blood."

In Hebrew class, the emphasis is on learning how to order falafel, or listening to classic Israeli singers, said Snait Ben-Herut, a Hebrew teacher. Ben-Herut said she gives kids an overview of Jewish history, which can get them interested in the language. Middle schoolers also travel to Israel every other year.

"The emphasis is less on writing and reading and more on the possibility of expressing yourself in Hebrew," she said. "There's an emphasis on the cultural side — Israeli slang, Israeli music, Israeli food. There's an emphasis on Hebrew as a living, relevant language."

The school also tries to cater to its diverse student body by being flexible in general. Classes will often have students from multiple grades. The curriculum is project-based, so students can (literally) get their hands dirty in a garden, choosing which vegetables to plant, or can devise a way to build a chicken coop on school grounds — a thing that actually happened.

Scott Pressman, who is Jewish and has two children at the school, appreciates that he can place them in a Jewish environment that does not cloister them away from the country's non-Jewish majority.

"It allows our children to be raised with Jewish values, but it still embraces a multicultural feel," he said. "It allows for children to prepare to engage in a diverse community, whether they do so academically or multiculturally or whether they do so occupationally. We don't live in a Jewish microcosm."

Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald, who leads the First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, began sending her three kids to Community Day two years ago and is now on the school's board of trustees. She appreciates the school's project-based learning and gardening lessons, but also sees value in sending her Christian kids to a Jewish school.

Recently, she was walking with her daughter in the supermarket and pulled a prepackaged school lunch of meat, cheese and crackers off the shelf. Her daughter made her put it back: It wasn't kosher. Her kids also asked to light a menorah on Hanukkah.

"I don't feel threatened in going to a Jewish school," Fitzgerald said, "There's maybe some understanding in the [Chris-

tian] community that that wouldn't be a faithful choice, but I think it's where we need to live as a society, in an interfaith culture."

Ceaser said the school's atmosphere and philosophy aim to make the students empathetic to each other's divergent experiences, religious or otherwise. One hallway in the school displays the flags of all of the students' families' home countries. Ceaser remembers when, after the flags were hung, a group of seventh-grade girls approached

him urgently in the hallway to demand that the Nepali flag be rotated. It was hanging in the wrong direction, they said, and could hurt the feelings of their Nepali friend.

"They're like, 'No, we need to talk to you now,'" he recalled. "You hung that flag and our friend, we feel like if she sees it hung upside-down, she's going to feel really disrespected. I'm the principal, and they're stopping me to advocate for one of their friends." ■

A 19th-century synagogue in Romania is now a restaurant

Cnaan Liphshiz

(JTA) — A building that used to house a 19th-century synagogue in northern Romania was sold off and turned into a restaurant.

The transformation happened sometime

Earlier this month, a unique former synagogue in Belarus from the 19th century was auctioned off for a little over \$6,000, but remained unsold as no one met the minimum



Dmitry Vilensky/Center for Jewish Art

after 2013, when the dilapidated building that used to house the Great Synagogue of Sveni was put on sale, Jewish Heritage Europe reported Tuesday.

According to the Ziaristii news website, the restaurant serves meat and traditional Romanian foods.

The building was returned to the Federation of Jewish Communities of Romania, or FEDROM, in 2004, according to the reports. The town, which had thousands of Jewish residents before the Holocaust, had no Jews and the building fell into further disrepair, prompting its sale, according to the news website.

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The building in Porazava, a village located about 120 miles southwest of the Belarusian capital of Minsk, is the only one still intact in Belarus that is made mostly from rubble stone, according to the Tut.by news site.

Last year, the Foundation for Jewish Heritage unveiled a groundbreaking mapping project that cataloged 3,348 existing buildings that either used to function or still function as a synagogue. Of those, only 767 still function as synagogues. Before the Holocaust, Europe had more than 17,000 synagogues. ■

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know when someone or something seems unfamiliar, and we are better equipped to play this role than any outside security person can be."

Rabbi Lizzi notes that Mishkan does still hire security, but those working wear plain clothes and are not empowered to make judgments about who belongs in the space such as by checking IDs or frisking individuals. Mishkan is open and communicative about their security practices because they believe them to be an extension of their values. "It is one of our community values to keep each other safe. When other people

come into our community, we need to ask ourselves: How are we embodying our values for newcomers or people we don't recognize?"

Security is not a simple issue. What makes one person feel safer makes another person feel less safe. Engaging a broad range of people in the discussion, centering de-escalation as an approach to security, and minimizing the visibility of security are three ways to contribute to a safer, but non-militarized community. ■

Twenty years of action for affordable housing

Lonnie Sussman, special to the WJN

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH) in Washtenaw County. The yearly meeting will include a celebration marking this milestone. The meeting will be held at Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw, on September 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. All are invited but please RSVP on the website www.raah.org to ensure there is enough cake for the celebration.

RAAH's mission statement includes working for a substantial increase in low-cost and affordable housing. The group collaborates with local agencies, religious congregations and other appropriate entities to achieve this end. The group also engages with education, fundraising and advocacy work to further the goal of increased housing for the most vulnerable members of the community.

RAAH is in the middle of a two-year campaign to raise \$75,000 by the end of fiscal year 2020. Among the recipient programs during the last campaign, 2015-17, were SOS Community Services to launch their Eviction Prevention program, the Housing Bureau for Seniors to allow them to continue serving senior citizens in danger of foreclosure and Michigan Ability Partners to help veterans move into decent lodging.

The 2018-20 campaign is raising funds for five new projects. One of the projects is run by the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County and is called "House More Serve More." It supports clients ready to leave the Delonis Homeless Shelter for a local room or apartment but who need additional funds for startup costs such as a security deposit. By helping move some residents out, this program allows others to move into Delonis.

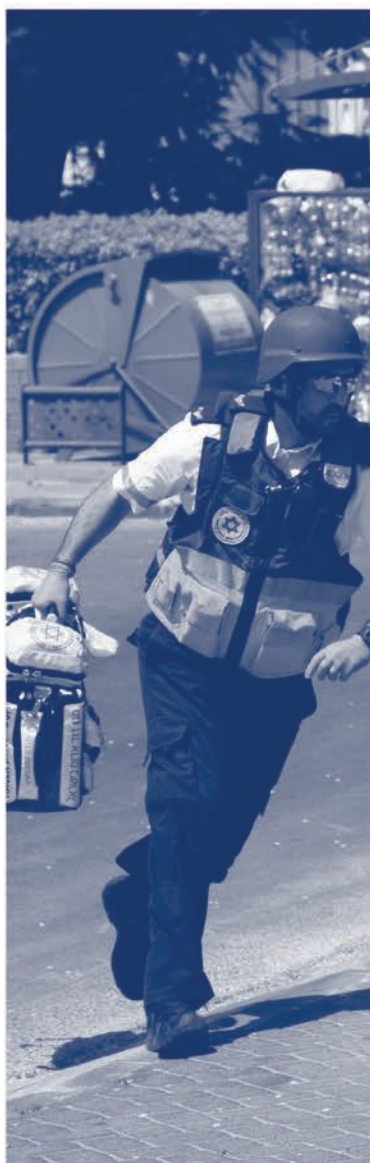
A second program is run by Unified Health, HIV and Beyond and is called "Wellness Housing." It provides supportive services and rental assistance for homeless persons with HIV and AIDS.

The Community Action Network (CAN) Housing Stabilization Program and the Family Support Teams at Avalon Housing are two projects focused on households that had experienced homelessness but need additional support with budgeting to continue to stay in their homes. Both groups also provide support for children with tutoring and activities.

The fifth recipient project, Community Risk Mitigation Fund, is new for this county. Backed by the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, its goal is to alleviate fears of private landlords who are considering renting to the formerly homeless. The fund can be used to cover damages and losses with the hopes that more landlords will lease their properties.

Many local congregations as well as individuals lend their support to RAAH's mission. Please check out the website www.raah.org for more information, to donate using Paypal or to RSVP for the annual meeting and twentieth year celebration. ■

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12 Israeli shows to binge watch now that you're done with 'Shtisel'

Lior Zaltzman

I love "Shtisel," you love "Shtisel," everybody loves "Shtisel"! The Israeli show, about a haredi Orthodox family of the same last name, is taking American audiences by storm. Streaming on Netflix, this show has been covered by The New York Times and even has a Facebook fan group with more than 6,000 fans.

I totally get the hype — "Shtisel" is truly an impeccable show. Its only flaw? It is only two seasons and unlikely to have a third season.

If you've already plowed through the series, what's a mom with insomnia (say, um, for example) supposed to binge watch now? Well, dear reader, do not fret. From Netflix to Amazon, it seems the world is onto the fact that Israel makes some truly incredible TV.

These days, there is a delightful array of Israeli content on all your favorite streaming platforms. Seriously, it's an embarrassment of riches. What's even better is that many of these shows have cast members in common with "Shtisel" — Israel is a small country, after all.

So grab your snacks of choice, put those kids to bed (or if they're older, plop them on the couch by you), and get ready to binge your heart out.

The Beauty and The Baker (Amazon Prime)

High production value, a gorgeous cast, lots of DRAMA, and even one cute overbearing Yemeni Jewish mom. What doesn't this soapy show have!?

In this star-crossed romance, poor pita baker Amos meets Noa, an international supermodel and actress, and an explosive romance ensues. But Noa's agent and Amos's ex band together to try and break the two apart. Will true love conquer all? Watch and find out!

As Britain's Channel 4 presenter Walter Izzuliano says, "If TV is a drug, then this is an addictive, delicious medicine that's guaranteed to make you feel better." I concur!

And of course, as with any good Israeli show, ABC has a pilot based on this thoroughly enjoyable show in production.

False Flag (Hulu)

"False Flag" is terrific, and a total nail-biter.

In its first season, five Israelis wake up one morning to find that they are implicated in the assassination of an Iranian politician. They're teachers, new immigrants, and a bride on her wedding day — not really folks you'd expect to be involved in a complicated Mossad mission. The news wreaks havoc on their lives and puts them under scrutiny from the media and the police.

But are they as innocent as they profess to be? Watch this show to find out. No, seriously: Watch it.

(And yes, there is an American adaptation in the works.)

When Heroes Fly (Netflix)

This drama features some familiar (and handsome!) faces for lovers of Israe-

li dramas. First off, there's Michael Aloni who plays Akiva (Kiveh) in "Shtisel," and Tomer Kapon, who audiences know as Boaz in "Fauda." They each star as veterans of the Second Lebanon War, dealing with its trauma in different ways.

Along with two other former teammates from the army, they go to search for Yaeli, who is the sister of one of the soldiers and the ex-girlfriend of Kapon's character. Yaeli was believed to have been killed in a car accident in Colombia but was recently spotted by a photographer there. Despite their socio-economic and religious differences, the four band to-

gether to find out to find out what happened to her.

Based on an incredible book by Amir Gutfreund, the show has been renewed for a second season. And, you guessed it, there's an American adaptation in the works. Don't miss it.

A Touch Away (Amazon Prime)

I was slightly obsessed with this show

must do one thing: ensure the prime minister does not survive the surgery. How's that for drama? Will she do the right thing? Will she rescue her family? Will there be some steamy illicit romance? (The answer to that last question? Yes.)

The suspenseful drama did get an American adaptation, starring my fav, Toni Collette, but unfortunately, was canceled after its first season. Le sigh. But you can watch it's two seasons on Netflix right now.

Mossad 101 (Netflix)

This show's first season is melodramatic and hilarious in the best of ways. Focusing on a group of people training to become Mossad agents, this show features comedian Hana Laszlo — who you may know as Menukha Kenigsberg in "Shtisel" — as an aspiring agent at the prestigious and secretive intelligence agency.

It's second and last season takes itself perhaps too seriously but is still highly worth the watch.

Mekimi (Amazon Prime)

This show is a secret gem. It's based on an autobiographical story of the same title written by Noa Yaron-Dayana, a former TV and radio personality who joined the Breslov Hasidic sect.

In the series, Alma falls in love with Ben, who, in turn, slowly falls in love with religion. Is there room for all three in this love triangle? Watch this short series that really tugs at the heartstrings to find out!

Fauda (Netflix)

Seriously — if you haven't watched "Fauda" yet, remedy this ASAP. This series has everything going for it. With both Palestinian and Jewish fans, the drama, which has two seasons so far, was created by and stars Lior Raz, and is loosely based on his army experiences in the Duvdevani Unit, known for its covert operations.

It's about secret agents, targeted killings, suicide bombings and so much more, but it explores these topics with depth and sensitivity.

Juda (Hulu)

This vampire show is coming to Hulu soon and I really can't wait. I've watched the first two episodes, which are available to stream (quite legally) in Hebrew through the Hot YouTube page, and I can say that it is just a fun, campy and dramatic vampire show — and, I mean, it's been a while since "True Blood" ended.

This show, which was created by and stars Israeli comedian and musician Tzion Baruch, is a sort of dramatic comedy. A dramedy, if you will. And there's nothing like a vampire show that doesn't take it-self too seriously.

Plus, it's the first ever Jewish vampire drama and it is super Jew-y (it takes Juda eight days to fully unleash his power. Get it, eight days?) ■

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as a teen. If you're a fan of "Shtisel," this show also explores the life of an observant family — in this case, in the religious city of Bnei Brak. However, it is very, very different. "A Touch Away" is a Romeo and Juliet love story about the secular son of a Russian immigrant and the daughter of a haredi Orthodox family.

It's a touching (see what I did there?) story of forbidden love, but it also has a great portrayal of what it's like to be a Russian immigrant in Israel and to feel like a second-rate citizen in many ways. Unlike "Shtisel," which handles the religious world with sensitivity and nuance, this drama can be a bit heavy-handed, but it's still an enjoyable viewing experience.

HaShoter HaTov (Netflix)

This delightful comedy's title is Hebrew for "The Good Cop." It's been kept in Hebrew because Netflix bought an adaptation for it, "The Good Cop," starring Josh Groban and Tony Danza (!), which somehow was not as good as you would expect it to be. But the Hebrew counterpart is one of my favorite shows in a long, long time.

There's just something so satisfying about a really good, juicy comedy with wonderful acting and poignant dramatic moments. It stars comedian Yuval Semo as a rough-around-the-edges cop who comes from a family of petty criminals. This show is not the most politically correct, but the humanity with which it treats its characters is endearing.

Hostages (Netflix)

I swear I watched the entire first season of this show in one evening. Ayelet Zurer, who you might know as Elisheva from "Shtisel," stars as a surgeon about to get the gig of a lifetime: She's going to operate on the Israeli prime minister!

But alas, her family gets taken hostage, and in order to secure their release, she

must do one thing: ensure the prime minister does not survive the surgery. How's that for drama? Will she do the right thing? Will she rescue her family? Will there be some steamy illicit romance? (The answer to that last question? Yes.)

Prisoners of War (Hulu)

If you liked "Homeland," I think it's safe to say you'll enjoy the two seasons of this very different but just as suspenseful show — in fact, "Homeland" is based on "Prisoners of War."

In this show, two captured soldiers are released from Lebanon, to the delight of their family and the country, which embraces them and tries to help them recover from the trauma of 17 years in captivity. But when their stories don't really match, things get complicated — and make for some really outstanding television.

Srugim (Amazon Prime)

I like to say "Srugim" is like the religious version of "Friends" — if the show took place in Jerusalem and was actually

Rabbis' Corner

Why is Rosh Hashanah the Sixth Day of Creation?

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

The Specialness of Serving God In This World

Rosh Hashanah emphasizes the importance of the service of Man. Therefore, Rosh Hashanah was established to be on the first of Tishrei, the day that Man was created, which was the sixth day of Creation; and not on the first day of Creation, the twenty-fifth day of Elul when Heaven and Earth were created. We are inclined to think that the “head of the year” (Rosh Hashanah) should be at the beginning, the first day of the Creation rather than the sixth day. But the Torah says no, it’s on the sixth day. This emphasizes that the process of the Creation of the world came to its completion only after Man was created. Adam, the first man, was the first of creation to serve God. As it’s brought in the Zohar, Adam went to the rest of creation on Friday (the day he was created) and declared to



Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

them God as their King. He said, “Let us bow and kneel to God, the One that made us.”

This is really what Rosh Hashanah is all about. What are we supposed to do on Rosh Hashanah? It is a day that we are supposed to take upon ourselves, anew, the Kingship of God. We subjugate ourselves to serve God with our complete heart. As a result of this submission to God – renewing upon oneself the yoke of heaven for the new year – we are granted a flow of blessings for the entire upcoming year.

The information above is of a general nature. Now we will delve into a more specific discussion through the prism of Chassidus. Chassidus gives us a deeper understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness of Man and the service of Man to God – in particular, the specialness of serving God in this world.

If we look at the physical world as it is, how low it is and how far it is from God, one might ask the question: Why did God create this low world on such a low level? God could have finished creation in the upper, spiritual worlds. Why did God continue creation on a lower and lower level until coming to this world of gross physicality? The teachings of Chassidus explain that the purpose of God creating this low, physi-

cal world was deliberate. The ultimate purpose of creation is not in the more refined, spiritual realms that are able to bask in Godly radiance. Rather, the ultimate purpose is in this crude world of physicality in which the Godly radiance is obscured.

So why did God do it this way? The answer is that the purpose of Creation can only be accomplished in this lowly world. Furthermore, all of the higher more spiritual worlds were created for our lowly, physical world. How does this service to God manifest in this physical world? It comes about through the service of Man, when the Jewish people take upon themselves the yoke and kingship of God, and fulfill God’s will through the study of Torah and observing the commandments. By virtue of that, they bring God himself down to this world and fulfill the purpose of Creation – which is that God should have a dwelling place in this lowly world.

We do this every year on Rosh Hashanah when we take upon ourselves to declare God as our King and to do His Mitzvot down here in this world. Through that we accomplish the purpose of Creation.

However, Chassidus goes further. The full completion of the purpose of Creation is

when the Messiah (Moshiach) comes. As it is explained in the Holy Book of Tanya, that the days of Moshiach, when the Messiah comes, is the purpose of the Creation of this physical world. This is the reason that, from the very beginning, God created this physical world in order that He could be revealed in this world. And the greatest level of His revelation will be when the Messiah comes. This is the reason we see, in the prayers of Rosh Hashanah, that in addition to praying for a good year we also pray for the world to come to its full completion. We use Messianic Era expressions such as God ruling over the Earth and all of Creation will recognize God. We speak of God appearing with His great glory for all Creation and other expressions of the final completion of Creation with the coming of Moshiach.

From this we can understand the great importance of the service of God. That all of the upper, spiritual worlds and all the generations since the beginning of Creation are waiting for the service of the Jewish people here and now in this world. They are waiting that our service to God will be completed in such a way that it will bring the blessing of God for a good year, a sweet year both physically and spiritually. ■

Judaism: Inheritance and Engagement

Rabbi Nadav Caine

The Jewish new year is a time for reflection. As Rosh Hashanah approaches we have the opportunity to learn from our past year and consider the future. This year, as we sit in synagogue (or around the dinner table!) and introspect, I humbly suggest that we frame our reflections with the following question: What is our relationship with Judaism?



Rabbi Nadav

Many of us are Jews because we were born Jews. Judaism is something received in a passive manner, like a chromosomal trait handed down from parents. Rabbi Isaac Abarbanel, a 15th century Spanish Torah commentator, precisely captures this idea. In a comment

on Deuteronomy chapter 29, Abarbanel explains how our Jewish heritage passes from generation to generation. He likens the two most formative events for the Jewish People – the Exodus from Egypt and the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai – to a debt. Abarbanel describes, “Just as children receive their parents’ physical property as inheritance, so too they also inherit their debts.” In other words, though we were not physically present at the Exodus or at Mount Sinai, those experiences are ours by way of inheritance.

Pirkei Avot, however, provides a different perspective to this question and suggests that our Jewish heritage cannot be transmitted to the next generation in a passive manner. Rabbi Yossi in *Pirkei Avot* 2:12 remarks, “Make yourself fit for Torah study, for it is not yours simply by inheritance.” Rabbi Yossi is clear: Judaism requires work, it cannot be inherited

otherwise. Those within our community who were not born as Jews and decided to join the Jewish People know the saliency of this point. According to Rabbi Yossi, our religion is not automatically handed down to us from the previous generation. We are not Jewish because we were born that way. We are Jewish because we invest in our Judaism. Like most experiences in life, the measure we put into our faith impacts the measure we get out of it.

At first glance, the comment of Abarbanel and the statement in *Pirkei Avot* seem to conflict. While Abarbanel states that our Judaism is transmitted through generations, Rabbi Yossi asserts that it cannot be passed along as an inheritance. The resolution, I suggest, is that Abarbanel and Rabbi Yossi each speak about a different aspect of Judaism. Abarbanel speaks about our potential: each and every one of us, whether we were born Jewish or

not, was included indirectly in the formative events of the Jewish People; our relationship with Judaism, therefore, is in the present, not the past. Rabbi Yossi, though, moves beyond our potential and focuses on the actualization of this potential: if we invest in our Judaism, then it becomes a part of our lives and we truly acquire it.

Ultimately, both Abarbanel and Rabbi Yossi are correct. Each one of us has a share in Judaism and in our Torah. But, in order to fully actualize our Judaism, we must do more than just possess it – we must engage in it. As we approach the High Holidays, let us appreciate the beautiful inheritance of Judaism that is ours, and work towards actively realizing its full potential in our lives. May we all be blessed with a new year that is filled with learning and growth. ■



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Mizrachi foods for the Holidays and all year

Lonnie Sussman, special to the WJN

I wish everyone a healthy and happy Jewish New Year and a year of eating with family and friends to celebrate the holidays, the Sabbath and each other. Whatever your traditions are, I hope you will be open to new possibilities. Although my roots are deeply Ashkenazi, I am going to use this space to explore Jewish traditions around the world, beginning with the Mizrachi world.

Mizrachi? Is that the same as Sephardi? Until recently I thought it was, but it is not. Mizrachi refers to Jews who lived in various countries in the Middle East since the time of the destruction of the First Temple in 576 BCE. Many were deported to Babylonia or what we now call Iraq. The Jews of Yemen trace their history back to the time of King Solomon and may have been involved with the spice trade then. Other large populations in the Near and Middle East lived in

Egypt, Syria, the North African countries of Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria as well as Libya. There were also sizable communities in Afghanistan and the surrounding "Stans." In short, Jews lived in these countries for more than 2,000 years. In the 20th century they were expelled from these areas and have since migrated to Israel and the rest of the world.

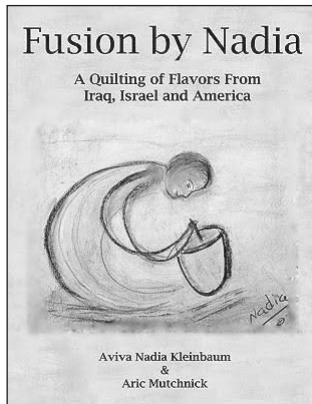
Mizrachi Jews have proud histories and cultures based on Torah and the surrounding cultures. These places are now part of the Islamic world but the Jewish communities predate the rise of Christianity and Islam. The Jewish people have left these

ancient homelands but not their traditions, especially the ones associated with food.

Like all people around the world, they used the resources available. In Iraq, Iran, and Egypt people ate chicken, lamb or beef along with some fish if they lived near rivers. Vegetables included squash, beans, onions, cabbage, turnips and beets. Spices changed slightly from country to country with Yemen having some of the spiciest mixtures. Fruits of all sorts were used in many dishes and of course, rice and lentils were important parts of the diet. All the Jewish holidays as well as the Sabbath had, and continue to

have, food traditions.

I met with Aviva Kleinbaum to discuss Mizrachi food traditions. Aviva is a renowned cook who once owned her own restaurant and catering business and now cooks for her family and friends. Her enthusiasm for cooking and Mizrachi/Iraqi traditions is contagious. She is passionate about using fresh ingredients, lots of herbs and spices and seasonal vegetables. She also proudly shares the history of her original homeland and its traditions of freedom for women and the richness of culture. I bought a cookbook she wrote, *Fusion by Nadia: a quilting of flavors from Iraq, Israel and America*. In it she writes, "I have never met a recipe I have not changed." What a great quote! Please feel free to follow these recipes or change them as you need to. The first recipe is somewhat complicated but the next are much simpler. ■



Tabit

Iraqi recipe for chicken cooked overnight and used on Shabbat, holidays and special occasions. I found many recipes for this dish that are similar but not exactly the same. The name "Tabit" is spelled differently. I don't know how to pronounce it with a good Iraqi/Israeli accent, but whether it's "t"Beet, Tabyit or Tabit, it's delicious. Some use the whole chicken and place all the stuffing inside the chicken cavity rather than inside the skin. This version is from Aviva's cookbook.

Broth
½ cup olive oil
1-1/2 cups yellow or Spanish onion, minced
6 cardamom seeds, broken apart
1-1/2 tsp. Baharat spice mix
1-1/2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. hot paprika
1 tsp. turmeric
1 whole roasting chicken (hard for us to find anything over 2-1/2 pound but better to find a 3 or 4 -pound chicken) Try and remove the skin as whole as you can and save for stuffing and debone it. Or, use chicken breasts and thighs instead of cutting up the chicken and deboning it.
2 cups diced tomatoes (1 -14.5 can)
2 TBS. tomato paste
4 cups Basmati rice, rinsed twice
Hashwa (the stuffed chicken skin)
1 extra chicken breast, diced in to ½ inch pieces



1/3 cup Basmati rice, rinsed twice
½ tsp. ground Baharat
½ tsp ground cardamom
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
½ tsp ground pepper
½ tsp salt
1 cup minced Roma tomato
Hardboiled eggs, as many as you want

Use a large soup pot and add the oil until it heats up. Add the onions and sauté until softened. Add the cardamom, Baharat, salt, paprika and turmeric and sauté 1 minute. Add the pieces of the whole chicken and stir well so it is coated in spices. Cook for an addition 2-3 minutes and keep turning it to ensure the spices are coating it. Mix in the tomato paste. Cover the pot, set temperature to low and cook about 30 minutes. Remove the chicken to another bowl and boil the remaining liquid for another 10 minutes. Add the 4 cups of rice and continue to boil for 7-8 minutes, then lower the heat and simmer for 30 minutes.

The Hashwa: Use all the ingredients and mix together. Sew up all the openings except one to add the stuffing; stuff the skin with this Hashwa mixture Then sew it shut.

Preheat oven to 180 degrees and put the pieces of the chicken around the sides of the pot. Place the Hashwa in the center of the pot and submerge it in the broth. Add the hard-boiled eggs and try to submerge them as well. Cover the pot with 2 layers of tin foil and a pot cover. Cook for 24 hours.

Loubia/Black Eyed Pea Stew (Egypt)

The Book of Jewish Food, Claudia Roden, serves 8 (meat). This was an Egyptian dish for Rosh Hashanah that symbolized fertility and the hope for many births in the new year.

1 onion
3 Tbs. oil
2 garlic cloves
1-1/2 lbs. lamb or veal, cubed
1 lb. tomatoes, peeled and chopped
3 Tbs. tomato paste
1 lb. dried black eye peas, soaked for one hour
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. allspice
Salt and pepper
1-2 tps. Sugar



Fry the onions in oil until golden. Add the garlic and when it's fragrant add the meat. Stir to brown the meat all over. Add the tomatoes and tomato paste. Drain the peas and simmer in fresh water for 15 minutes. Drain again and add to the meat. Add the cinnamon and allspice and simmer on low for 2 hours. Add salt and pepper and sugar after 1 hour.

Kichree- Rice and Red Lentils

Serves 4 (dairy). Claudia Roden, *The Book of Jewish Food*. This recipe is similar to an Indian dish and is very popular all over the Middle East. I found a variety of recipes for kichree but they all include garlic and tomato

paste. Most recipes suggest rinsing the rice in cool water several times.

4 garlic cloves, minced
2 Tbs. light vegetable oil
2 tsp. cumin
2 Tbs. tomato paste
1 Cup any kind of long-grain rice
1 Cup red lentils
1 tsp. salt
Pepper to taste
3 oz. butter



Optional Topping
1 large onion, sliced
3 Tbs oil
12 oz. halumi cheese or mozzarella, sliced

Fry the garlic in oil until it just begins to change color. Stir in the cumin and tomato paste. Then add the rice and the lentils. Stir over low heat to coat the grains. Cover with 4 cups of water and add salt and pepper. Bring to a boil then lower the heat and simmer for about 45 minutes until the rice is very soft. Add water if necessary. At the end, turn off the heat and stir in the butter if you like. Serve topped with yogurt or with the cheese topping. For the cheese topping, fry the onion in oil until golden and then place the cheese on top of it. Leave the pan on low until the cheese starts to bubble. Place on top of the kichree. ■

World ORT Points to Mumbai

Joan Levitt, special to the WJN

The Ann Arbor chapter of ORT America will hold its Fall Event, "World ORT Points to Mumbai, India's Future," on Sunday, September 22, from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., at the home of Eileen Thacker. Members and prospective members are invited to attend.

The event will highlight World ORT programs in India, and will feature delicious Indian appetizers and desserts.

ORT Ann Arbor is excited to share the success of the 2018 fundraising campaign. The chapter raised enough money to convert a 1950's classroom to a Smart Classroom at the ORT Kfar Silver Youth Village. The 2019



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goal is to fund a Pedagogical Program for the Kfar Silver teachers. This program will help the teachers use the Smart Classroom most effectively, enabling their students to obtain the skills needed to meet the demands of the 21st-century job market.

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Palestinian and Israeli discovered a shared past when they met as Washington interns

Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In its 10 years of placing young Palestinian and Israeli leaders with Congress members, no lawmaker asked New Story Leadership for one of each — until Jamie Raskin did.

This summer, Eran Nissan and Mohammed Ahmad have been interning in the office of the Maryland Democrat, bonding over constituent work.

No one knew until well into the summer, however, that the two young men had a deeper



Representative Jamie Raskin

connection than they realized: When Ahmad described the unsettling nightly intrusions by Israeli troops and their trained search dogs into his West Bank village, Azzun, it dawned on Nissan that he had led such patrols while Ahmad lived there.

That Nissan and Ahmad became friends thrilled Raskin, who since his 2016 election has made a name for himself among Congress members for encouraging Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation — the reason why he asked for one of each. (Raskin also brings on an unusually high number of summer interns, with over 30 in his offices and another 100 attached to Democracy Summer, a social justice program.)

“That’s a really wonderful byproduct of this program,” Raskin said in an interview, referring to the friendship between Ahmad and Nissan. He made time to have lunch with the two men toward the end of the internship.

Nissan, who in Israel is employed by Peace Now, was politically savvy, while Ahmad, who is pursuing a master’s degree in teaching English, had been shielded from politics by his parents because of their belief that political activism poses dangers for West Bank Palestinians.

“Mo, as I understood it, was not politically engaged, his family tried to keep him away from politics,” Raskin said of Ahmad. “It was moving to me — Mo had never been to the United States before. He said it was a dream to get to work in the U.S. Congress.”

Raskin, whose parents were prominent in the civil rights movement, routinely brings Palestinians and Israelis into his office to work together on business or nonprofit ventures, in part to show his staff that it can be done.

“I’m a middle child and I’m always drawn to the efforts to bring people together,” the lawmaker said.

Earlier this year he spearheaded a closed-door meeting between Jewish Democrats in the caucus and Reps. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, two Muslim congresswomen who back the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement targeting Israel.

“It’s easy enough to figure out reasons why one group hates another,” Raskin said. “The real challenge is to find common ground to build a positive future.”

That thinking, he said, informed his vote, as a progressive, for the recent nonbinding resolution condemning the BDS movement.

“We need not mutual boycotts and hostility but rather engagement and organizing and common work,” said Raskin, a professor of constitutional law. “I’m the academic, and I’ve always been opposed to the idea we’ll make progress by isolating ourselves from each other.”

New Story Leadership, funded mostly by small donations from the Virginia-Maryland-D.C. area, has graduated about 100 interns over the past decade, all placed with Democrats, despite what its director, Rawan Odeh, said was a concentrated effort to bring a Republican on board. One prominent GOP member was set to bring on an intern this summer, she said, but backed out at the last minute because of the optics of buying into a dialogue program at a time when the Trump administration has cut funding to the traditional coexistence programs.

It’s modeled on an older Ireland-Northern

Ireland program that has produced at least one famous graduate: Leo Varadkar, Ireland’s taoiseach, or prime minister. Odeh, perhaps quixotically, entertains similar hopes for the Israeli-Palestinian program, noting that alumni

terns: the stimulating (attending the plethora of briefings that fill up the summer calendar) and the less so, like answering constituent calls, where they encountered curiosity about their accents.



Mohammed Ahmad, left, and Eran Nissan speak at a New Voices Leadership event on Capitol Hill, July 11, 2019

stay in touch helping to select interns and running a number of programs in Israel. One of the programs is a monthly yoga studio that brings Israelis and Palestinians together in Beit Jallah, the village between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

A New Leadership Story event featuring eight interns telling their stories packed a Hill conference room on a night flooded with rainstorms.

“We tend to get the more left-wing Israelis, those who have an awareness and understanding of what the occupation presents to the Palestinian people,” Odeh said.

Participating lawmakers who were able to take time out from a busy voting night on the Hill lavished praise on their interns; among them were Tlaib and Omar. The Palestinians, particularly, were smitten with Tlaib, whose family is from the West Bank.

“For the first time in my life, I could see someone who looks like me, who talks like me, who is me, in power,” said Thawra Abukhdier, an intern from Jerusalem.

Ahmed and Nissan bonded as interns, taking on the tasks expected of congressional in-

Nissan recalled a meeting with a delegation from Christians United for Israel, a group that supports the most hawkish of Israeli policies, a considerable distance from his own political views.

“It was fascinating to hear how people talk about the conflict,” he said.

It was during preparation for the Capitol Hill event that Nissan and Ahmad discovered their deeper connection.

“We went around the room and introduced ourselves,” Nissan recalled at that session. As Ahmad recounted his story of nightly raids, Nissan realized that “I was that soldier dozens of times.” Israel says such raids are necessary to defend Israeli civilians and catch those who try to harm them.

“Eran told me he might have been one of the soldiers behind the doors,” Ahmad recalled. Azzun is a village near Qalqilya in the northern West Bank.

An audience member at the Capitol Hill event asked Ahmad, inevitably, how did that make you feel?

“Being angry is not the solution,” he said. ■

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material relating to the descendants of our Loewenhardt family, which had 12 children. It is a memorial to the Loewenhardts who were murdered in the Holocaust. It also includes material on other branches of the family. For example, some of John and Louise’s family on their mother’s side took refuge in the hidden village in Vierhouten, which was a small settlement that was built into a hillside in the middle of a dense forest that the Germans didn’t patrol. It was eventually discovered, but many people managed to escape.

In my visits to the Netherlands, I’ve seen many sights that are part of my family history. I saw the grave of my grandmother Pauline, whom I’m named for. I also saw the memorial stone for the Jews who were killed when Vierhouten was discovered. I have seen the house in Almelo where my first cousin

Heinz was hidden with Mimi, whom he would later marry. They are the parents of John and Louise. The seven children of John and Louise have grown up and there are many grandchildren. I hope to visit them again and spend time with the younger generation.

BD: In addition to your genealogical discoveries and your European trips, you write about your life in Detroit, your career as a nurse and a mother, and your experience as a survivor of a severe case of polio. Please tell WJN readers how to get a copy of your book.

PL: If you would like a copy of the book, please send an email to loewenhardt@sbcglobal.net and I will send information about how to order the book. My website is paulineloewenhardt.com. ■

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Americans and Jews. African-Americans were severely limited in their mobility and integration compared to other groups, yet their musical influence was perhaps the most profound of all. Slobin documents the fact that not only did Detroit produce several jazz immortals, but the most famous stars of the jazz world made a point of performing in Detroit because of its favorable venues, sidemen, and audiences. In addition, African-American musicians succeeded in the classical world despite prejudice, in part because of dedicated teachers, and gifted artists such as Ron Carter and Regina Carter who crossed over from classical to jazz.

As for Jews, Slobin notes, “Detroit had possibly the most anti-Semitic atmosphere of any American city.” Yet, Jewish communal and religious structures and cultural background

worked to give Jews a pre-eminent place in the world of Detroit classical music. Jewish music teachers moonlighted in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and their students achieved local and national success. Under the direction of Fred Butzel, immigrant Julius Chajes formed the Center Symphony Orchestra at the Detroit JCC, the only one of its kind ever.

Slobin’s book is primarily about Detroit, but it is also his memoir. He acknowledges many Detroit sources, including his Ann Arbor cousins, Barry and Barbara Stark-Nemon. Slobin made extensive use of the Davidson Archive of Detroit Jewish History, housed at the Bentley Library. This archive is the digitized version of the *Detroit Jewish News* and the *Detroit Jewish Chronicle*, and it is freely available on the internet. ■

Calendar

September 2019

Sunday 1

Tanya-Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. Sundays.

Monday 2

WTBE Fiber Arts: TBE, Adult Lounge. All are welcome – beginners to experts, we help each other to get better at our craft. We have some project ideas and materials to help you out. As a group we will be knitting hats for cancer patients that can be completed successfully as a beginner. For more information contact Martha Weintraub at weintraub.martha@gmail.com. 7:30–9 p.m.

Tuesday 3

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Discussions led by TBE Cantor Emeritus Annie Rose. Sept books are *More Fully Alive: The Benefits of Using Jewish Wisdom for Responding to Stress and Overload* 2016. Plus the first section of Alden Solovy's *Jewish Prayers of Hope and Healing*. 7:30–9 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m.

Wednesday 4

Yidish tish יידיש שיט (Yiddish Conversation & Reading Group): JCC. After many years at the Michigan League, we now meet at the Ann Arbor JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, Conference Room. We're experimenting with combining the long-time Yiddish reading group and the conversational one, about 37½ minutes each of conversation and reading. Free and open to all who are interested in Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age. All manner of topics are covered with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking and reading skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. For more information and to make certain that we are meeting on a specific day, please e-mail Elliot H. Gertel at egertel@umich.edu or call Lily Ladin at (734) 662-6613 at least one day before scheduled meeting day. 10:45 a.m.

Rosh Chodesh Elul: Pardes Hannah. Facilitated by Lucinda Kurtz. 350 Rock Creek Drive. 7 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC - GSAC 2010 Lower Level. Join the Theology Book Club to read and discuss books on Jewish thought and beliefs. 8 p.m.

Thursday 5

Baking Mavens: TBE. 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Discussions led by TBE Cantor Emeritus Annie Rose. Sept books are *More Fully Alive: The Benefits of Using Jewish Wisdom for Responding to Stress and Overload* 2016. Plus the first section of Alden Solovy's *Jewish Prayers of Hope and Healing*. Noon - 1 p.m.

Jewish Meditation with Linda Greene: TBE. 1–2 p.m.,

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Hadassah Opening Event: . at Nature Cove Condominiums Community Room, 2115 Nature Cove Court off of St. Francis Drive.

Andy Schiff presents “My Amazing Trip to Israel with Hadassah! I won it!” 7:30 p.m.

Talmud-Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays*

Friday 6

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Adult Lounge. Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch. Noon–1 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: TBE. Tot Shabbat (0-5yrs) from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m.

Welcome Shabbat: TBE. 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Friday evening services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Saturday 7

Torah Study: TBE. Weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston 8:50–9:50 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Judaism and Buddhism: BIC. Follow through Rav Nadav's explorations of Jewish texts, often Kabbalistic, through the lens of classical Buddhist philosophy. 12:30 p.m.

Euchre Night: TBE. 8–10 p.m.

Shabbat services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Sunday 8

Apple Picking with the kids: AAOM. Apple picking and pancake breakfast at Erwin Orchards (61475 Silver Lake Road, South Lyon). 10 a.m.

Tanya-Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. Sundays.

Friendship Brunch: WTBE. The Women of Temple Beth Emeth invite you to an annual kickoff brunch. At Earhart Village Condominiums. RSVP to Bobbi 734.994.4261. 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Major Gifts Event with Senator Carl Levin: Federation. Matthaei Botanical Gardens. 4:30 p.m.

Kol HaLev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 9

WTBE Historical Novel Reading Group: TBE. This month's read is *The Silence of the Girls* by Pat Barker. 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at canthayut@templebethemeth.org. 7–9 p.m.

Tuesday 10

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m.

Brotherhood Hebrew Bible Study: TBE. 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Wednesday 11

Yidish tish יידיש שיט (Yiddish Conversation & Reading Group): JCC. See first Wednesday 10:45 a.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC - GSAC 2010 Lower Level. Join the Theology Book Club to read and discuss books on Jewish thought and beliefs. 8 p.m.

Thursday 12

Expulsion of Hagar. Frankel Center. Nyasha Junior, Temple University, Judaic Studies Lecture, 202 S Thayer, 1p.m.

Jewish Meditation with Linda Greene: TBE. 1–2 p.m.,

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

Talmud-Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays*.

Gala Mukomolova Poetry Reading and Book Signing: U-M Zell Visiting Writers Series. Stern Auditorium Museum of Art. 5:30p.m.

Friday 13

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Adult Lounge. Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch. Noon–1 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: TBE. Tot Shabbat (0-5yrs) from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat Service with adult choir Kol Halev: TBE. 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Friday evening services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Saturday 14

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. Held before Shabbat morning services by Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, this session will offer a lively discussion on Parashat HaShavua, the Torah portion of the week and other traditional texts. 9 a.m.

Torah Study: TBE. Weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston 8:50–9:50 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. This special Shabbat morning program is for preschoolers and their parents with songs, stories, prayers, and the Shabbat “Mystery Box.” 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Sunday 15

TBE Families Monthly Meet-Up: Offsite. 10a.m.-Noon.

Rosh Hashana for Tots. AAOM. With Rav Jared at Hillel (1429 Hill St). 10 a.m.

Fall Kickoff: JCS. At County Farm Park, 2–4 p.m.

A Rich Brew: How Cafes Created Modern Jewish Culture: AADL Mallet's Creek. Author Shachar Pinsker, professor, Judaic Studies and Middle East Studies, University of Michigan discusses his book. 3–5 p.m.

Tanya-Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Kol HaLev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 16

WTBE Fiber Arts: TBE, Adult Lounge. For more information contact Martha Weintraub at weintraub.martha@gmail.com. 7:30–9 p.m.

Tuesday 17

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. See first Tuesday of month.

Wednesday 18

Yidish tish יידיש שיט (Yiddish Conversation & Reading Group): JCC. For more information and to make certain that we are meeting on a specific day, please e-mail Elliot H. Gertel at egertel@umich.edu or call Lily Ladin at (734) 662-6613 at least one day before scheduled meeting day. 10:45 a.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC - GSAC 2010 Lower Level. Join the Theology Book Club to read and discuss books on Jewish thought and beliefs. 8 p.m.

Thursday 19

Jewish Meditation with Linda Greene: TBE. 1–2 p.m.,

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

TBE Brotherhood Guy's Night Out: offsite. 6:30–8 p.m.

Myra Wolfgang Awards: DJJ. Dinner and awards ceremony honoring Selma Goode and Sylvia Orduño. Tickets available at www.detroitjewsforjustice.org/wolfgang. 7 – 9 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Talmud-Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays*.

Friday 20

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Adult Lounge. Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch. Noon–1 p.m.

The Magical Musical Shabbat: A Family-Friendly Dinner and Service: BIC. The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m. After dinner everyone will gather around a Shabbat table filled with candles, tzedakah boxes, and challot, and sing while accompanied by camp-style guitar. In the glow of candles, we'll bless each other, sing Shabbat prayers and listen to a brief teaching. Then it is time for dessert! RSVP online at www.bethisrael-aa.org. 6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat (0-5yrs): TBE. 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. Shira Service.

Friday evening services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Saturday 21

Torah Study: TBE. Weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston 8:50 – 9:50 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Judaism and Buddhism: BIC. Follow through Rav Nadav's explorations of Jewish texts, often Kabbalistic, through the lens of classical Buddhist philosophy. 12:30 p.m.

S'lichot Program, Reception, and Service: BIC. Selichot marks the beginning of the High Holidays. BIC Selichot program will be a study where we learn about the main prayers of the High Holidays and will practice them with mindfulness. After the program all are invited to a reception followed by the dedication of memorial plaques. The evening ends with the Selichot service. 8 p.m.

S'lichot Study Session w/ Guest Rabbi Pesner: TBE. 8–9 p.m. S'lichot Havdalah & Service: 9–10 p.m.

S'lichot: Pardes Hannah. Led by Rabbi Elliot.

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2924 Baylis Drive 9-11 p.m.
Shabbat services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Sunday 22

S'lichot: AAOM. Subsequent s'lichot are recited at 12am daily. 1:30 a.m.
S'lichot: Chabad. Service featuring Cantor Rabbi Polter from Oak Park, Michigan leading the service.1:30 a.m.
Apples and Honey at the JCC. 2 - 5p.m.
ORT Ann Arbor Fall Event. "World ORT Points to Mumbai, India's Future," from at the home of Eileen Thacker. The event will highlight World ORT programs in India, and will feature delicious Indian appetizers and desserts. Members and prospective members are invited to attend. A suggested donation of \$10 at the door will help support ORT. Rides are available if needed. Please rsvp to Joan Levitt at jflevitt2@gmail. com. 2:30 – 4:30 p. m.
Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Kol HaLev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Monday 23

Tuesday 24

Tea and Torah on Tuesday–for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. See first Tuesday of month.
Gala 35 Anniversary: JCC. Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will celebrate its 35 year anniversary with an archive opening and gala celebration honoring the many involved in founding the organization. 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 25

Yidish tish יידיש שיט (Yiddish Conversation & Reading Group): JCC. See first Wednesday 10:45 a.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC - GSAC 2010 Lower Level. Join the Theology Book Club to read and discuss books on Jewish thought and beliefs. 8 p.m.

Thursday 26

Jewish Meditation with Linda Greene: TBE. 1-2 p.m.,
Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.
Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE 7:30 – 9 p.m.
Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*
Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH) in Washtenaw County. The yearly meeting will include a celebration marking this milestone. The meeting will be held at Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Concert: Daniel Kahn, Yeva Lapsker and Jake Shulman-Ment, 8 p.m.

Friday 27

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Adult Lounge. Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch. Noon–1 p.m.
Tot Dinner: TBE. 6 – 6:30 p.m.
Guitar-led Shabbat Service: TBE. Sanctuary 6:30–8 p.m.
Friday evening services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Saturday 28

Torah Study: TBE. Weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat: BIC. This special Shabbat morning program is for preschoolers and their parents with songs, stories, prayers, and the Shabbat "Mystery Box." 11:15 a.m.
Shabbat services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

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Erev Rosh Hashanah. See all congregations full Holiday service times on page 2

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel at candle lighting. Contact rabbi@annarborminyan.org to confirm time.
Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.
Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call (734) 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: AARC. Every fourth Friday at the JCC. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Pizza for the little ones at 6:15 p.m. Service at 6:30 p.m., followed by vegetarian potluck at 8 p.m. Childcare during service. All are welcome to attend. For information, email info@aaarecon.org, phone (734) 445-1910, or visit www.aaarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candle lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call (734) 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service at UM Hillel, 9:30 a.m. Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: Contact: welcome@annarborminyan.org.
Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. For other service times, visit www.bethisrael-aa.org.
Shabbat Services: AARC. Second Saturday of each month at the JCC. 10 a.m. Ta-Shma/ Come and Learn. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings and discussion. For information, email info@aaarecon.org, phone (734) 445-1910, or visit www.aaarecon.org.
Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon Mincha services 45 minutes before

sundown. Call (734) 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call (734) 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Josh Whinston and Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at (734) 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality and Meals: Chabad. Every Shabbat and Holiday. Call (734) 995-3276 in advance.

Phone numbers and addresses of organizations frequently listed in the calendar:

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
1429 Hill Street 248-408-3269
Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 913-9705
Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897
Chabad House
715 Hill Street 995-3276
Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 971-0990
Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 975-9872
Jewish Family Services (JFS)
2245 South State Street 769-0209
Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100
Pardes Hannah
2010 Washtenaw Ave. 761-5324
Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)
2309 Packard Road 665-4744
UM Hillel
1429 Hill Street 769-0500

Vitals

Mazel tov

Sadie Fay Ashare granddaughter of Sharon and Chuck Newman born on 6/18/19 to Shaina and Danny Ashare of Minneapolis.
Adam Thorpe on his Bar Mitzvah, September 7.
San Regenbogen on his Bar Mitzvah, September 7.
Anjan Singer on his Bar Mitzvah, September 14.
Justin Pacernick on his bar mitzvah, September 14..
Ethan Lyu on his Bar Mitzvah, September 21.

Condolences

David Sherman on the death of his stepfather, Sidney Schwartzfield, May 19.
Matthew (Susan Garetz) Shapiro on the death of his mother, May 23.
Sue Adler on the death of her father, Leon Feig, May 27.
Malli Holoshitz on the death of her mother, Genia Schreiber, June 2.
Jo Ellin (Rabbi Bob Levy) Gutterman on the death of her mother, Laurel Kanner Gutterman, June 4.
Janet Roth on the death of her mother, Helen Polacheck, June 20.
Marc Kessler on the death of his father, Lester Eli Kessler, June 22.
Rivka Rubinfeld on the death of her husband, Jack Rubinfeld, also father of Ilan Rubinfeld, June 24.
Pat (Ed Stein) McCune on the death of her mother, Clare McCune, July 3.
Ketl Freedman-Doan on the death of her father, Seymour Freedman, July 6.
Ed & Hanneke Bonnewit on the death of their son and husband, Marcel Bonnewit, July 9.
Nat (Candace) Bulkley on the death of his father, Jonathan Bulkley, July 14.
Lynn Malinoff on the death of her father, Morris Kleiman, July 17.
Arthur Gershowitz on the death of his mother, Beverly Gershowitz, August 5.

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Obituaries

Paul Zeldan Kissner, MD, passed away on May 12, 2019 after a year-long struggle with mantle cell lymphoma. He was born in The Bronx, NY on August 17, 1940 to Morris and Helen (Scher) Kissner. He spent his childhood sneaking into Yankees games, playing stickball, and generally making his mother nervous. He spent summers on Cape Cod playing tennis. He graduated from New York High School of Music and Art in 1958; University of Michigan, where he played varsity tennis, in 1962; and U of M Medical School in 1966. He served as a physician in the U.S. Public Health Service, Peace Corps Division, Kingston, Jamaica from 1967-1969. There he learned firsthand what leprosy, diphtheria, and tropical disease look like. After completing his nephrology fellowship at the U of M in 1974, he practiced nephrology and taught at Wayne County General Hospital and the U of M until 1986. From then until his retirement in 2015 he was a member of the faculty at Wayne State University School of Medicine, practicing medicine and teaching. He was known as a superb physician, role model, and educator. In 1971 he married Dana Gleicher Kissner, who survives him. Together they traveled around the world. Throughout his life Paul easily met and kept friends, from the neighborhood in the Bronx to Jamaica, and finally the gym and swim club in Ann Arbor. Paul was a central and driving force in the lives of the many he touched, with his remarkable warmth, kindness, generosity, compassion, and quirky sense of humor. He was passionate about so many things- caring for patients, teaching students and trainees, traveling the world, playing tennis, swimming, ice cream, UM football and basketball, art and photography, and his beautiful home where he loved to be. But his truest passion was for the people around him. He had a wonderful ability to become friends with anyone, at any time or place and maintain the friendship forever. After meeting new people, he wrote down their names and that of family members, as well as their concerns so he could ask about each person by name and follow-up on their specific interests the next time they met. He was an inspiring and dedicated friend, husband, and father. Surviving are his loving children Sol (Patricia) and Sara, and his devoted wife and travel partner, Dana. Paul leaves behind many dear friends, cousins, exercising buddies from Liberty Athletic Club and Huron Valley Swim Club, and his favorite canine companion Chovy. He was an extraordinary man who was dearly loved and is now missed by those who knew him.



Beverly Gershowitz, 88, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on 05 August 2019. Beloved wife of the late Henry Gershowitz. Cherished mother of Susan (Sheldon) Katz, Arthur (Barbra Mazie) Gershowitz, Emily (Jerry) Cole and Laura (the late Michael) Green. Proud grandmother of Rachel (Marty) Sams,

Benjamin (Michelle) Katz, Samuel Gershowitz, Hannah and Abigail Green, Alexia Davis, and Ava Palmer. Adoring great-grandmother of Jillian Sams. Loving sister of Blanche (Rueben) Berkovitch. Devoted daughter of the late Samuel and the late Ethel Brodie. Interment at Beth Israel Memorial Gardens of Arborcrest Cemetery. Arrangements by The Ira Kaufman Chapel.



Esther Goldman, 98, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on 15 August 2019. Beloved wife of the late Jack Goldman. Cherished mother of Robert Goldman (Sherri Bieck) and Cheryl (Edward) D'Angelo. Loving grandmother of Steven (Chrissy Hoy) Goldman, Michael Goldman, Jonathan (Anne-Lise) D'Angelo, and Joshua (Hannah Djalleta) D'Angelo. Adored great-grandmother of Sydney and Shelby Goldman, and Mae D'Angelo. Sister of the late Albert (late Charlotte) Wakser. Also survived by her loving nieces and nephews. Interment at Beth Israel Memorial Garden at Arborcrest Cemetery. Arrangements by The Ira Kaufman Chapel.



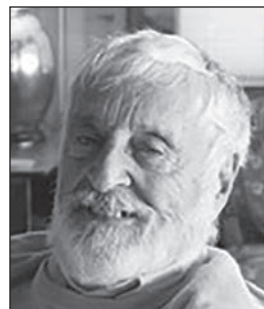
Marcel Louis Bonnewit, 3/25/1968 - 7/7/2019 Ann Arbor Loving husband to Heather (de Jongh) Bonnewit and daughters Sophia, Isabella, and Olivia. He was born on March 25, 1968 in New York City, the oldest of three children to Eddie and Hanneke (Leviticus) Bonnewit of The Netherlands. Diagnosed with melanoma in 2013, he courageously fought the disease for far longer than thought possible. He is survived by his wife, children, parents and sisters, Natalie Bonnewit (Matthew Myers) of Oakland, CA and Anouk (Jeff) Weiss of Saline, MI, as well as six sisters-in-law and seven brothers-in-law. He was the uncle to Aydan Myers Bonnewit, Griffin Weiss, Brady Weiss, and twenty-four nieces and nephews on the de Jongh side. In lieu of flowers, Marcel and his family have asked that donations be made to The Bonnewit Family College Fund, Ele's Place, or AIM at Melanoma.



Ruth K. Fineberg, 6/10/2019 Saline, Michigan Ruth K. Fineberg, 97, of Saline, Michigan, died on June 10, 2019. Beloved wife of Sumner M. Fineberg. Cherished mother of Dr. Clifford (Rachel) Rose, Keith Fineberg (Lynn Barr), and Jill Fineberg. Loving grandmother of Michael Rose, Jeffrey (Jillian) Rose, Zachary (Emily) Fineberg, and Whitaker Fineberg. Adored great-grandmother of Lily Rose.

Laurel Kanner Gutterman of Philadelphia PA passed away on June 4, 2019. She was born in Brooklyn, New York the older child of Rubell (Gevitz) and Herbert Lee Kanner. She graduated from James Madison High School in Brooklyn and seeking a new environment enrolled in the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa, married Morris B. Gutterman (who predeceased her in 1987) and moved to his home city of Norfolk, Virginia. She became active in the education field. With a grant from the Ford Foundation, she originated and taught Spanish on television to fourth and fifth graders. After receiving a Masters in American History, she taught American Studies (an American literature/history) course to eleventh graders. She became chair of the history department at Lake Taylor High School and left there to become an administrator/supervisor with the Norfolk Public Schools. She completed all the course work for a doctorate at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. After retirement, she moved to Ann Arbor Michigan and was able to enjoy the rich cultural and educational life of a university community. She is survived by two daughters Jo Ellen (Robert Levy) and Nan (William Irby) and two granddaughters Zoe Gutterman (Marc Friend) and Noa Gutterman. Her brother, Merritt Kanner predeceased her. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Planned Parenthood or a charity of your choice.

Jarvis Franzblau, 10/14/1924 - 7/6/2019 Grand Rapids, Michigan Jarvis Theodore Franzblau, 94, of Manistee, Michigan, died July 6, 2019. Jarvis Theodore Franzblau was born to Herman and Rose Franzblau October 14, 1924. He was the loved brother of his sisters Mynne, Claire and Ardis. He met his great love, Pearl "Pitzie" Epstein, at Central High School at the age of 16 but, like most of their contemporaries, their lives were interrupted. At 18, he was called to serve his country as a US Airman, where he flew 38 missions over Germany in World War II. Upon his return he earned his degree at the University of Michigan, where he and Pitzie formed lifelong friendships. They wed in 1948 and Jarvis joined his father in the family fruit farming business. Pitzie and Jarvis started their family and within the next 6 years, David, Jonny and Deborah were born. They raised their family alongside their dear friends Eunie and Bob Faber, and created a tight-knit community in Ann Arbor. With his father, Jarvis established Huron Farms, a successful business that became a haven for those needing work as well as friends and family. From 1979 to 1997 they were blessed with seven grandchildren. Jarvis was the cherished father of David and his wife Colby, the late Jon and his wife Hildy, and Deborah and her wife Rona. Loving Geempa, Bumpa, and Grandpa of Rachel and husband Dan, great-grandsons Hudson Jarvis and Jonathan Asher, Emily and husband Chris, Jesse, Sean and wife Erin, Jordan, Avery and fiancé



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Scott and Sammi. Jarvis is also survived by beloved nieces, nephews and his sister-in-law Ray. After the death of Pitzie, fate again brought Jarvis love and companionship with Annette and later with Sally. His final chapter, overlooking Lake Michigan, was full of visits from loving relatives and beautiful sunsets. Interment in Beth Israel Memorial Garden at Arborcrest Cemetery.

Charlotte Fogel, formerly of Ithaca, died peacefully at age 97 surrounded by family, on Saturday, August 17th, at her home at Glacier Hills Senior Living Community in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Known as Chippy to her family and close friends, Charlotte was the daughter of Harry and Anna (Greenbaum) Finkelstein and the widow of Ephim "Ep" Fogel, whom she married in 1941. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers Herbert and Alan, and her granddaughter Emily Kahn-Fogel. She is survived and will be greatly missed by her children Daniel Kahn-Fogel (Rachel) of Colchester, VT, David Fogel (Susan Hamann) of Freeville, NY, Rebecca Anderson (Martin) of Durham, CT, Jessica Fogel (Lawrence Weiner) of Ann Arbor; grandchildren Nicholas Kahn-Fogel (Keri Sims), Rosemary Luttrell, Sarah Downs Ravuri (Suman), Abigail Downs (Felipe Lorca), Monika Anderson, Michael Lintulahti (Vanessa Williams), and Annabel Weiner; four great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a sister-in-law.

Charlotte was born on January 24, 1922 in Brooklyn, NY, and was raised in the Bronx. She was valedictorian of her class at Evander Childs High School in 1938, graduated from Hunter College in 1942, and received a Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University in 1946. In 1949, Ep joined the Cornell English Department faculty, and the family moved to Ithaca, where Charlotte raised her children and worked as a social worker at Family & Children's Services from 1964 to 1983. She moved to Ann Arbor in 2003.

Charlotte was an avid reader and was passionate about social justice issues. She was a member of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca, a Life Member of Hadassah, a longtime member of the National Association of Social Workers, and a board member of the Ithaca Ballet Guild. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and had many close friends.

Donations may be made in Charlotte's memory to Family & Children's Services of Ithaca, Temple Beth-El, or HIAS (www.hias.org).

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Hadassah event: "My Amazing Trip to Israel"

Andy Schiff will speak at Hadassah's Opening Event about her recent trip to Israel, how she won the trip through Hadassah, her adventures, reactions, and the important work that Hadassah continues to do in Israel.

"My Amazing Trip to Israel with Hadas-

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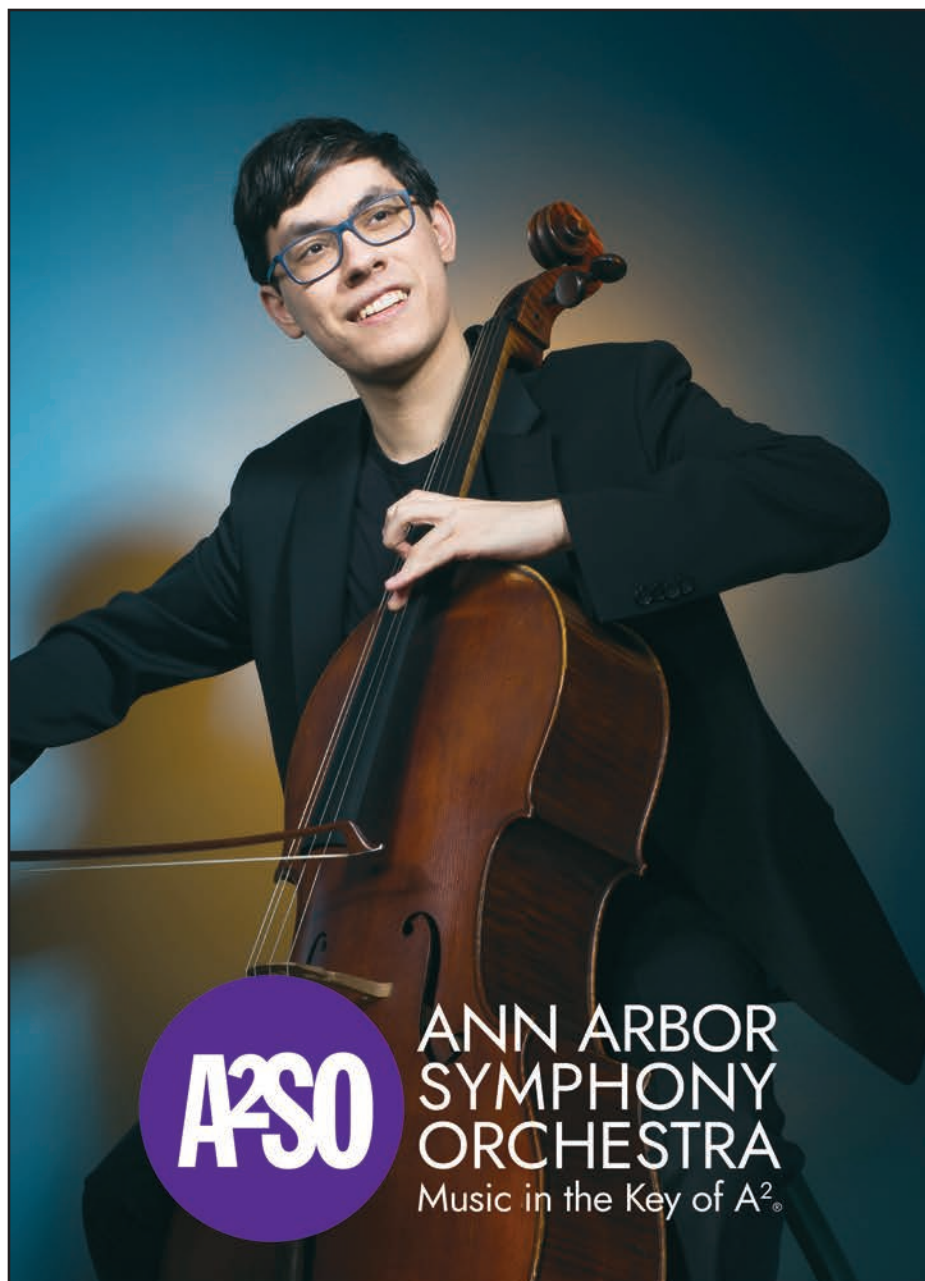
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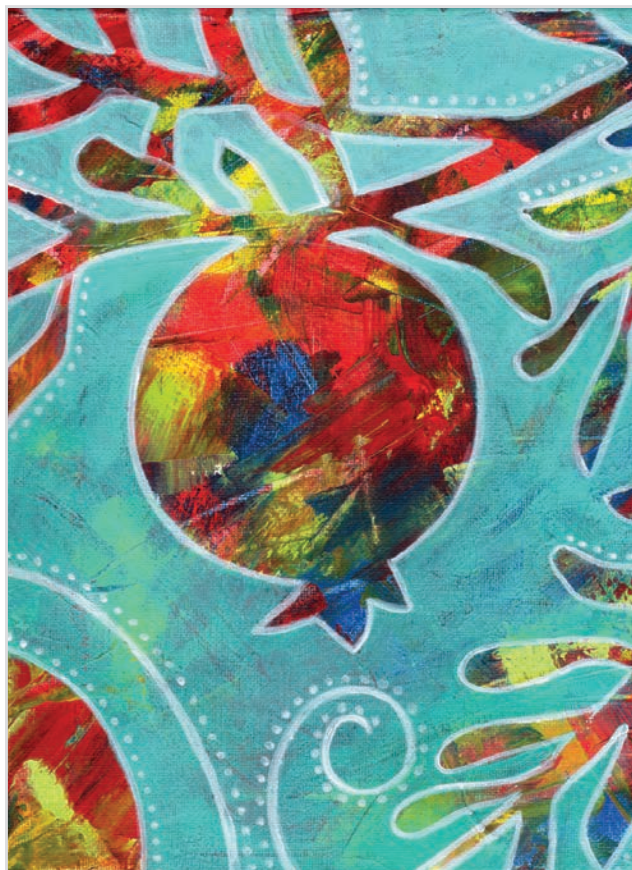
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Odds and Ends

Trader Joe's is not your synagogue. But what if?

Andrew Silow-Carroll

(JTA) — You know that thing when you pick up the leash and the dog runs to the front door, ready for his walk?

That's me when my wife asks if I want to go to Trader Joe's.

I'm not alone in this. The grocery chain has a big, almost cultish following. The lines in the Manhattan stores are DMV length, and a bouncer is often outside letting customers in one at a time. People regularly tweet about the store's products, wondering why they discontinued the Boffo candy bar or the Roasted Cocoa Nibs (OK, that was just me). I actually

wiseguy).

"There's a playful vibe, as if to say, 'Hey, you're just buying food; food is delicious, so enjoy yourself,'" Freakonomics explains. "There's also an artsy vibe, a writerly vibe — more so, oddly enough, than in a typical bookstore."

TJ's offers choice — but not too much choice. Sheena Iyengar, a professor at Columbia Business School, has done studies showing that people want variety, but in moderation.

"When it comes down to making a choice, we don't want that choice to be too hard or too conflict-ridden or too burdensome," she explains.

A typical supermarket has 35,000 items. The biggest TJ's has 4,000.

"They don't overwhelm you with choice, which is why you're more willing to examine each novel choice," Iyengar says.

It mixes tradition and novelty, the familiar and the new. Customers have their favorite products, but TJ's is "famous for constantly introducing new products — experimenting with them, really," Dubner explains.

Iyengar compares it to a treasure hunt.

"It doesn't give me the boring stuff, it keeps me excited because I want to see, what do they have?" she says. "And what do they have that might get me thinking about something I don't ordinarily think about? So they also maintain the mystery of novelty for me."

They mix the high and the low. Dubner calls it "a rather unsubtle blend of healthy, or at least healthy-seeming, and hedonistic." So the Organic Green Vegetable Foursome sits across the freezer aisle from the Cookie Butter Ice Cream. TJ's honors your aspirations to feel better about yourself, even offers the goods to help you, but also says you are entitled to cut loose a little.

Not everything about TJ's translates to, say, your local synagogue. TJ's relatively low prices are a big draw. People will always complain about the high price of being Jewish, although how a synagogue can keep its dues low and keep its lights on is beyond my expertise as an English major.

But TJ's has figured out a way to turn a dutiful chore into something resembling a community. There's a lot to work with there. Can Jewish institutions be friendlier and do more to make their members and constituents feel more welcome? Do they pay enough attention to the physical environment — the design cues that reflect the values of the congregation or the organization? Can a spirit of experimentation and novelty — even whimsy — live alongside the traditions that are non-negotiable?

Michael Roberto, a business professor at Bryant University, says it's difficult to replicate the way TJ's does business. But certainly places that are trying to engage people spiritually and intellectually can emulate what he calls the "soft things": "Not just the kind of people you hire, but the way you train them and the culture you create."

Am I saying Jewish institutions need to treat average Joes like Trader Jews? No. I would not stoop to so low a pun.

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Rabbi Reuven Hammer a pioneer of Conservative Judaism in Israel dies at 86

JERUSALEM (JTA) — **Rabbi Reuven Hammer**, one of the pioneers of Conservative Judaism in Israel, died on August 12, 2019. He was 86.

Hammer moved to Israel in the 1970s and helped establish Jerusalem's Kehilat Moreshet Avraham synagogue as well as the larger Masorti movement. He later served as the head of the Masorti Beth Din (rabbinic court) here as well as president of the International Rabbinical Assembly.



He died in Jerusalem on Monday, the Masorti movement announced on Facebook.

Hammer was the author of the a commentary on the Conservative prayerbook as well as Sifre: A Taanaic commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy.

"The Rabbinical Assembly in Israel (association of Masorti/Conservative rabbis), together with all arms of the Masorti/Conservative Movement in Israel and abroad, mourns the death of one of our luminaries, Rabbi Prof. Reuven Hammer, z"l. We send our condolences to his wife Rahel and all the family," the Rabbinical Assembly said in a statement sent to JTA.

"Rabbi Hammer was not only one of the founders of the Masorti Movement in Israel, but also a leading scholar in the Jewish world," the statement continued. "He is perhaps most known for his works on Jewish liturgy and Midrash, as well as a regular column on the weekly Torah portion in the Jerusalem Post. He also founded what today has grown to become the Schechter Institutes, which includes the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary for training Israeli rabbis for Masorti congregations."

The statement also noted Hammer's role as a "a leading member of the Committee for Jewish Law and Standards" and how he "laid the halakhic foundations for Masorti's groundbreaking Bat/Bat Mitzvah program for children with special needs."

Hammer, a native of Syracuse, New York, studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, where he received ordination and a doctorate. He also earned a doctorate from Northwestern University.

Rabbi Mikie Goldstein, president of the Rabbinical Assembly in Israel, recalled meeting Hammer when Goldstein was heading Masorti's development office.

"Rabbi Hammer was generally soft-spoken, but always clear and firm. He was especially understanding and open to Masorti geirim (converts), assisting them in their decision to join the Jewish people," Goldstein said. "He was a great scholar and a believer that traditional Judaism can be relevant in 21st century. He will be sorely missed by family, friends and colleagues." ■

TBE Announces Partnership with Life & Legacy Program

Melissa Sigmond, special to the WJN

Temple Beth Emeth is very pleased to announce that the Ann Arbor Jewish community has been selected for the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Life & Legacy Program. The program assists communities across North America in promoting after-lifetime giving to build endowments that will benefit the local Jewish community.

While large institutions such as universities, hospitals and museums have long recognized the value of securing lifetime or after-lifetime endowment gifts, Jewish organizations have not yet fully recognized the possibilities or sought legacy gifts despite the knowledge that endowments will have an increasingly impactful role in sustaining the future of our organizations.

With this knowledge, the Harold Grin-

spoon Foundation sought to motivate Jewish communities to become proactive in widespread legacy giving by implementing the Life & Legacy Program. To date, the Life & Legacy Program has 52 participating cities, 558 partnering organizations and 17,627 legacy commitments.

As an active organization within Ann Arbor's Jewish community, TBE is thrilled to be named one of the leading community partners engaged in building and deepening our Ann Arbor Jewish community. We look forward to the upcoming years of ensuring that the generous and forward-thinking members of our Jewish community have opportunities to express their passion, purpose, and commitment to the future of our Jewish organizations. ■

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The Ann Arbor Jewish Sanctuary and Immigration Network has begun a local “Butterfly Project: Migration Is Beautiful, Never Again Is Now.” This is a tile and flyer campaign, focused on the messages that Migration Is Beautiful, Never Again Is Now, End Child Detention, and No Human Being Is Illegal. Throughout September we’ll be coloring tiles that will be set out in unexpected corners of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti this fall. We’ll be coloring flyers for people to put on doors, windows, and car windows.. The tiles are inspired by the artist Gunter Demnig’s “stolpersteine,” or stumbling stones, found throughout Germany and 23 other European counties, which commemorate those who fled or were murdered in the Holocaust. For more information, or to schedule a tile or flyer coloring event, contact Ruth Kraut (ruthkraut@gmail.com), Idelle Hammond-Sass (hammond_sass@msn.com), or Elena Weissman (elena.weissman@gmail.com). ■



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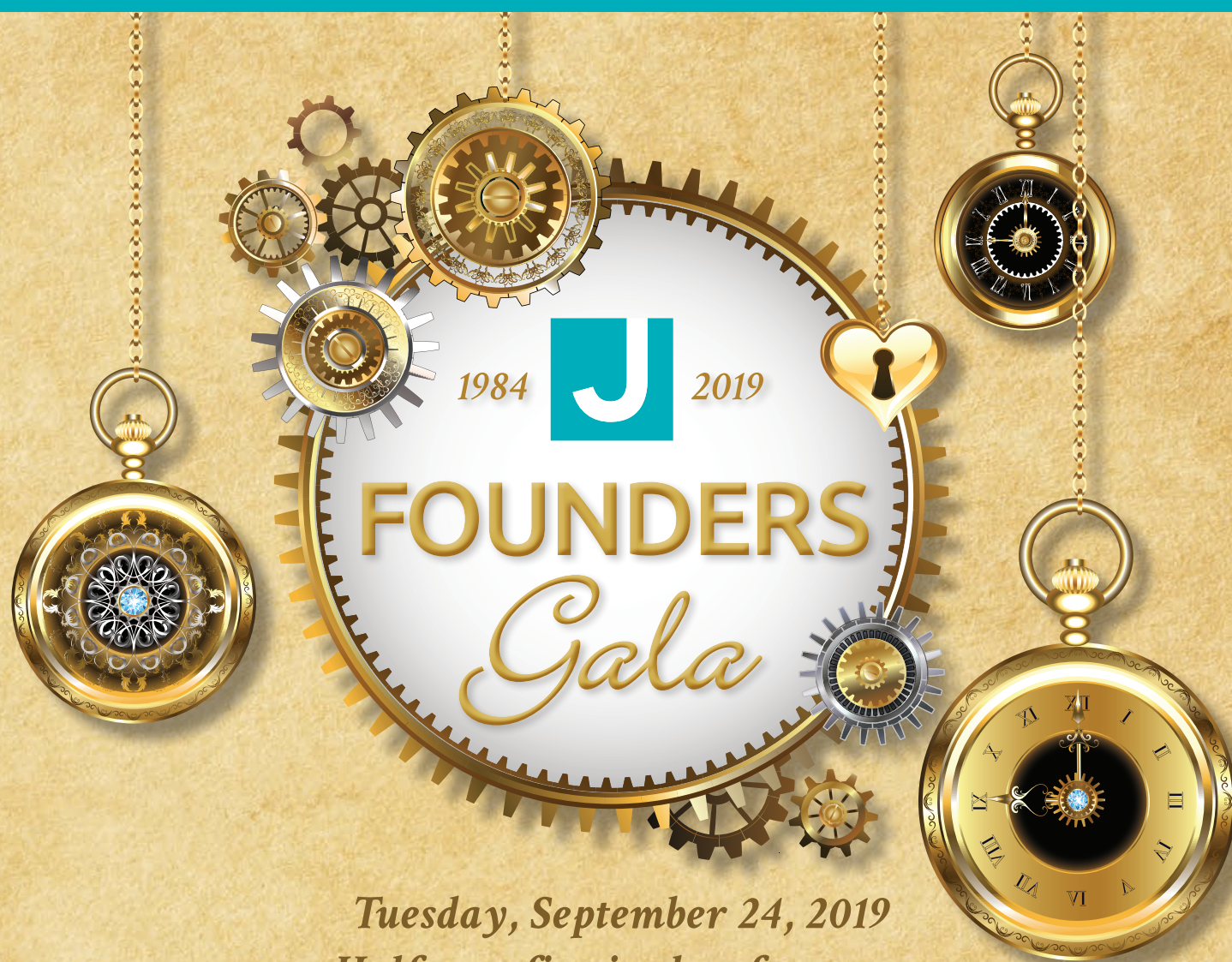
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