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HDS teacher Aron Kaufman wins Jewish Educator Award

David Shtulman, special to the WJN

Hebrew Day School teacher, Aron Kaufman has been awarded Ann Arbor's Steven Elyakin Jewish Educator Award and is also Ann Arbor's recipient of the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. Kaufman was recognized at the Jewish Federation Annual Meeting on May 30.

The Steven Elyakin Jewish Educator Award carries a \$1,000 cash prize and honors an Ann Arbor Jewish educator for outstanding commitment to Jewish education and performance in transmitting love of Judaism and Jewish peoplehood to our youth.

Neal Elyakin describes the award created to honor the memory of his brother Steven with these words. "Steven Elyakin (z"l), for whom this award is named, believed deeply in maintaining a strong connection to Israel and Jewish values. Steven lived in Israel for almost two decades. He worked in the orchards, volunteered with children, and was loved by many. His life was cut short in 1999 when, at the age of 39, he died in a car accident. The Elyakin family established the Steven R. Elyakin Philanthropic Fund to honor Steve's love



Aron Kaufman

Jewish Educator Award also becomes the Ann Arbor recipient of the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. The Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award provides a \$1,000 professional development stipend and an opportunity to participate in a Community of Practice with outstanding peers as well as ongoing access to professional development opportunities for Jewish educators.

Kaufman, who has been a teacher at Hebrew Day School for 22 years, pioneered the

of Israel, Judaism and making a difference in the next generation. What better way to honor Steve than to honor those who teach the children about Judaism and Israel."

The recipient of the Steven Elyakin Jewish Educator Award also becomes the Ann Arbor recipient of the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to teach, inspire and be inspired by a generation of students at the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor. Thank you for recognizing my efforts in the classroom, which sends a strong message that kids matter, Jewish education matters, and the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor (HDS) matters." ■

Hebrew Immersion program at HDS in 1995. He is an expert in several creative methods of teaching language to young students including Total Physical Response, kinesthetic and music, drama and storytelling.

Jennifer Rosenberg, a colleague of Kaufman at HDS and the 2007 winner of this same award, says of Kaufman, "His style is so unique and his passion so apparent that former students often remember moments in his classroom as highlights of their time at Hebrew Day School."

Kaufman says, "I am grateful to the Elyakin family and the Jewish Federation for honoring me with the Steven Elyakin Jewish Educators Award and the Grinspoon/Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to teach, inspire and be inspired by a generation of students at the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor. Thank you for recognizing my efforts in the classroom, which sends a strong message that kids matter, Jewish education matters, and the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor (HDS) matters." ■

Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan to perform at the Jewish Community Center

Shoshana Jackson, special to the WJN

Every year the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan spends a day entertaining and educating the campers at Camp Raanana, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's summer day camp for children entering grades K-8. After spending the day at camp, the Israel Scouts will perform in the evening at the JCC for the entire community.

The Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan is part of a larger delegation of approximately 100 teenage scouts who travel to North



Israel Scouts, 2011

America each summer to represent the land of Israel. Using song, dance, and storytelling, the Israel Scouts celebrate the Jewish heritage and bring the sights and sounds of Israel to life.

This summer the Israel Scouts will perform at the JCC on Wednesday, August 1. The program will start at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a community ice cream social. The charge for the event is \$3/person for Camp Raanana families and JCC members, or \$5 person for non-members (children under 2 are free). Registration forms will be posted in advance at www.jccannarbor.org and will also be available at the JCC.

Host families are needed to host the members of the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan for one night on Wednesday, August 1. If you are interested in hosting or would like more information about the Israel Scouts performance, contact shoshanajackson@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

Sukkah design-build competition coming in September

Avram Kluger, special to the WJN

Sukkot (Festival of Booths) is a biblical holiday that begins annually on the 15th of Tishrei and lasting for seven days. Historically Sukkot commemorates the 40-year period during which the Children of Israel were wandering in the desert and living in temporary shelters. Specific rules governing the building of a sukkah, later codified in Jewish law, date back to the time of the Mishnah (circa 200 CE) and Talmudic (circa 600 CE) periods.

Sukkah Arbor is an Architectural Design-Build Competition to re-envision the sukkah for the 21st century. This competition encourages use of "state of the art" design techniques and building materials to alter one's conceptions of what is possible and renew this traditional structure.

Sukkah Arbor is being held in partnership with the AIA (American Institute of Architects-



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Letter to the Editor

A "nuanced" anti-Zionist runs for the Ann Arbor City Council

The function of the Ann Arbor City Council is to make policy decisions for running the city. Its jurisdiction ends at the city limits. Nonetheless, ideologues, more concerned with agitation than with the democratic process, keep pushing the Council to pass resolutions on national and international issues beyond its scope. A leading practitioner of this modus operandi, Chuck Warpehoski, is now running for the City Council in the 5th Ward. Warpehoski is director of the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. The ICPJ has been able to find injustice only in Israel, not in Sudan, or Syria, or Iran, and from time to time promotes boycotts of Israeli goods. The ICPJ has refused to condemn the Herskovite harassment of Beth Israel Congregation, even though Daoud Walid, the Michigan Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, did so at a meeting sponsored by the ICPJ. This was reported in the Washtenaw Jewish News, but was left out of the accounts of the meeting in other media outlets.

Warpehoski is the author of the Islamophobia resolution passed by the City Council that was based solely on anti-Muslim activities that took place hundreds of miles away and therefore not within the City's purview. When this was first broached, the Human Rights Commission (appointed by the mayor and City Council) proposed a broader anti-bigotry text including condemnation of anti-Semitism as represented by the very real local manifestation of this form of prejudice in the now nearly nine-year long ongoing siege of Beth Israel referred to above. Warpehoski out-maneuvered the Commission to push through his one-sided version. That he took such great pains to avoid condemning anti-Semitism is troubling. On a subsequent AnnArbor.com blog, his response to criticism was to the effect that Jews ask for too much. In the previous primary in the same ward, Neal Elyakin was subjected to thinly veiled anti-Semitic attacks (anti-Zionist, Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his ilk call it). Despite sometimes-raucous tactical differences with him, Henry Herskovitz and Blaine Coleman would interpret the election of Chuck Warpehoski as encouraging progress for their jihad, and as an invitation to escalate their monomaniacal antics that have disrupted City Council meetings with endless calls for anti-Israel sanctions.

by Henry Brysk

Sukkah competition, continued from page 1

Huron Valley Chapter). The AIA is reaching over 5,000 architects and builders throughout Michigan and everyone is encouraged to submit a design. Additionally, requests for design submissions have been sent to the various schools and academic programs teaching Architecture, Design and Construction throughout Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio. The Jewish communities in Detroit, Toledo and Windsor have also been contacted about this. It is modeled after a similar event held in New York City in 2010.

Registration is now open to submit intent to propose a design. Actual designs can be submitted through July 1, 2012. A select jury comprising religious leaders and architects will review the submitted designs and determine finalists. They will base their decisions upon criteria including sustainability, portability/reusability, beauty/inspiration/awe and innovation. Five finalists will have their designs commissioned to be built and receive a stipend to purchase materials.

Volunteers are needed to serve on build-teams, under the direction of the commissioned sukkah's designers, to assist in their creation.

The five finalist sukkahs will be put up in Liberty Plaza Park in downtown Ann Arbor, for one day, on Sunday, September 23. The sukkahs will subsequently be moved and reassembled on at the JCC on Sunday, September 30, and remain available for community viewing and usage throughout the Sukkot holiday. While the sukkahs are up, people will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites. Top vote-getters will receive cash prizes

and recognition of their designs.

The holiday of Sukkot and the building of a sukkah comprise many universal themes. The basic needs of shelter and the fragility of life are symbolized by the sukkah. Sustainability and the environment are also symbolized by the nature of these structures. This will help serve two important goals of Sukkah Arbor. It is intended to unite



the wider community while raising awareness in the wider community to issues of homelessness, hunger and the environment. To that effect, net proceeds will be donated to the Shelter Association to further their mission on behalf of the homeless.

Sukkah Arbor was made possible through a grant from the Community Impact Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. The fund makes initiatives that benefit the entire Ann Arbor Jewish community possible. Go to www.sukkaharbor.com for more information, to donate and to register. ■

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Community

Mimi Weisberg joins Federation staff

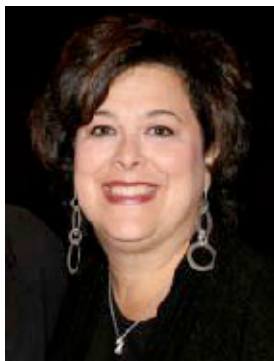
David Shtulman, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor has announced that Mimi Weisberg has been hired as campaign director. Weisberg begins her new position on June 1.

"The Federation is thrilled to have the opportunity to hire Mimi Weisberg as our new Campaign Director. Mimi brings together all the elements necessary to run a strong Federation campaign. She has a deep commitment to Jewish community, a strong fundraising background in endowments, annual giving and capital campaigns, and experience in programming and volunteer recruitment," says Laurie Barnett, new Federation president.

Since arriving in Ann Arbor in 2007, Weis-

berg has been deeply involved in Jewish life. She served as the vice-president of membership for Beth Israel Congregation and as the director of cultural arts and education at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. She continues to chair the Parents Advisory Council for University of Michigan Hillel. She



Mimi Weisberg

also served as Volunteer Recruitment Specialist for SOS Community Services in Ypsilanti.

Prior to arriving in Ann Arbor, Weisberg worked as an independent fundraiser in Bowling Green, Ohio, directing fundraising campaigns for schools and city parks. In Flint, she worked for several years with at-risk children in elementary schools while leading an \$800,000 endowment campaign for Congregation Beth Israel.

"I am passionate about the Federation's mission to foster Jewish communal life through the spirit of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*," says Weisberg.

Weisberg can be reached at 677-0100 or by email at mimi@jewishannarbor.org. ■

BIC and TBE collaborate on Hebrew classes

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth are proud of their collaboration over the past several years on joint Hebrew classes for two different populations: advanced middle school students and adult learners at all levels. These classes are open to anyone in the community regardless of synagogue affiliation.

For students who have graduated Hebrew Day School, the two congregations jointly offer a weekly advanced Hebrew class designed to help students continue developing their Hebrew language skills. For the 2012-2013 year, Beth Israel Congregation will host the sixth grade advanced Hebrew class, and Temple Beth Emeth will host the seventh grade Hebrew class. For information about either class, contact Beth Israel Congregation Director of Education Cindy Saper, at 769-2041, or school@bethisrael-aa.org, or Temple Beth Emeth Director of Education Terri Ginsburg, at 665-5817, or tginsburg@templebethemeth.org.

For adult Hebrew students, three tracks of Hebrew are offered: courses for beginners, courses which focus on conversational

Hebrew and courses which focus on biblical Hebrew. There will be a 12-week Hebrew session beginning in September, as well as



Malli Holoshitz, Pauli Weizman

a 12-week session beginning in January. Tuition for each semester is \$180 for members of TBE or BIC, and \$200 for non-members. Contact Beth Israel (665-9897, rabbisoffice@bethisrael-aa.org) or Temple Beth Emeth (665-4744, ldelson@templebethemeth.org) for a schedule of class times, and to sign up for a class. If someone is not sure which level to sign up for, he or she is advised to attend the Drop-

In Registration event at Beth Israel on Wednesday, September 5, from 6-7 p.m., for assistance in determining the appropriate class.

The adult classes are taught by two veteran Hebrew instructors, Malli Holoshitz and Pauli Weizman. Holoshitz is a native Israeli who has taught Hebrew for many years; she is noted for her lively and animated teaching style. She earned a Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan, and serves as the head of the Hebrew department at the Frankel Jewish Academy of Metro Detroit. Holoshitz has taught at the School of Education at Eastern Michigan University, as well as at the University of Michigan, where she received an "Excellence in Education" award.

Weizman has been teaching Hebrew at the University of Michigan since 1987, and is the proud recipient of an "Excellence in Education" award by the Department of Near Eastern Studies. She is a native Israeli and has earned two master's degrees — one in Teaching English as a Second Language and the other in social work; she also has a bachelor's degree in Hebrew linguistics. ■

Holocaust survivors lead Yom HaShoah observance at the JCC

Miriam Brysk, special to the WJN

Sixty-seven years have passed since the end of WW II. Most of the Holocaust survivors who were then adults are no longer alive. The number of child survivors is also rapidly dwindling. Contemplating the bleak reality that soon there will be no survivors left, a survivor group was formed in Ann Arbor last summer. A priority of this group was to initiate and to organize a community-wide memorial service on Yom HaShoah to remember the six million Jews who perished in the most extensive massacre in Jewish history. The survivors hope that this event will take place yearly in perpetuity.

On April 19, the Ann Arbor community, both Jews and Gentiles, gathered at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor to commemorate Yom HaShoah. The room was packed, adorned with Miriam Brysk's Holocaust art, as Chava Kopelman introduced the presenters. Todd Endelman, University of Michigan professor of Judaic Studies

and keynote speaker, presented a hopeful yet sobering analysis of how the Holocaust will be remembered in the longer term future (in the



Ari Lipsky playing niggunim on his cello

absence of any survivors). Arie Lipsky, conductor of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, played *niggunim* on the cello, including *Eli Eli*, which touched everyone there and brought tears to my eyes.

To personalize the Holocaust, survivors shared remembrances of individual relatives



Anna Darsky, Edie Rosenfeld, Chava Kopelman

lost, with photographs, then lit a candle in their memory. Many had tears in their eyes and choked up remembering their mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles. As

they did so, people in the audience, glued to their seats, were touched to the point of tears as they listened to the survivors' stories. The reactions were heartfelt and genuine. To end

the program, Annie Rose, cantor at Temple Beth Emeth, sang *El Rachamim, Eli Eli*, and recited the Kaddish; then, joined by the audience, she sang *Hatikvah*. I was more moved by this commemoration of the Shoah than any I have attended in the past. ■



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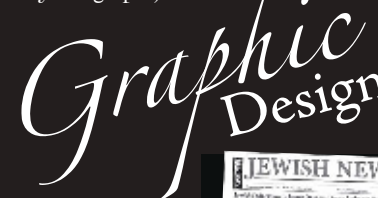
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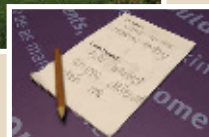
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Thursdays

10 a.m.: Energy Exercise© with Maria Farquhar. \$4 per session, or 3 sessions for \$10.

11 a.m.: Current Events with Heather Dombey. A discussion of this week's news. Bring items of interest for group discussion.

Noon: Homemade Dairy Lunch Buffet. \$3 per person.

1 p.m.: Thursday Special Events and Presentations (Call JCC for details).

2:15 p.m.: Sidney Warschausky Literary Group facilitated by group members.

Fridays

1:30 p.m.: Yiddish Reading Group at the JCC. Call Ray Juni for additional information at 761-2765.

Photos by Susan Ayer on exhibit at JCC, July–August

WJN staff writer

Susan Kravitz Ayer has been taking photographs and traveling the world most of her life. She has been to all 50 states and 32 countries in the world. "I find that through the camera lens, I am better able to focus on and appreciate the world around us," says Ayer. "I can see more clearly the wisps of clouds in the sky, the variegated layers of rock on a mountain, the nuanced shades of life on an old woman's face. When I connect with a child—whether



publications, including the *Crazy Wisdom Journal*. In addition, Ayer photographs bar/bat mitzvahs and other family celebrations; community events; and individual, group and professional portraits.

Ayer's photography exhibit, "The World Through My Lens," can be seen at the Amster Gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, July 1–August 31. An Artist's Reception will be held Sunday, July 8, 4–6 p.m.; the entire community is invited to attend. RSVP for the reception to Karen Freedland, at 971-0990 or karen-freedland@jccfed.org.

in Ann Arbor, Quito or Beijing—and capture his or her smile in a photograph, I am creating a bond that enriches my humanity."

Raised in Shaker Heights, Ohio, Ayer has lived in Ann Arbor since the early 1970s when she came here to attend the University of Michigan. She earned bachelors degrees in psychology, sociology and teaching, then a master's degree in social work. After working as a psychiatric therapist with mentally ill teenage boys, she retired to raise her family. Her children, Ray Daniel (32), Elizabeth (29), and Benjamin (27), says Ayer, are her greatest inspiration for striving to live a full and purposeful life.

Ayer's work as a photojournalist began in 1991, when she became publisher, editor, and staff photographer, for the *Washtenaw Jewish News*. She also does photography for many community organizations and other Ann Arbor



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New at the Jewish Community Center

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New summer class at the JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor Adult Education Department will offer a new 4 week class, "We Are What We Do: A Class that Discusses Jewish Identity in 20th Century America by Looking at Occupations." All classes will be presented by Larry Kuperman, long-time member of the Ann Arbor Jewish community and blogger, with more than ten years experience in teaching about Jewish history. This four-week course is \$40 and will meet Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. To register, contact Karen Freedland at 971-0990 or karenfreedland@jccfed.org

Class schedule

- **June 21: The Jews That Made the Atomic Bomb**, a discussion of the Jewish physicists who developed the atomic bomb and changed the fate of the world. In the 1940s, a group of Jewish physicists fled Nazi oppression and came to America, where they worked on the top-secret Manhattan project. Learn about their stories.
- **June 28: Jews On Broadway**: Follow the history of Jews in theater from the first performances of the Brody singers and the early Goldfaden plays of the 19th century; to the Yiddish theater of New York; to the music of Irving Berlin, the Gershwins, Jerome Kern, Oscar Hammerstein II and Stephen Sondheim; to the comedy of the Marx Brothers, Neil Simon, Woody Allen; to the public theater of Joe Papp.
- **July 12: "You ought to be in Pictures" Jews In the Cinema**, a discussion of the contributions of American Jewish entrepreneurs and how they made Hollywood into what it is today.
- **July 19: The Jewish Dot Com Billionaires**: Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook, Sergey Brin and Larry Page of Google, Mark Pincus of Zynga, Peter Thiel, Reid Hoffman and Elon Musk all coming out of Paypal, and Mark Cuban have all changed the internet and have grown fantastically wealthy along the way. This is their story.

Calling all Jewish organizations

Save the date for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Apples and Honey event, celebrating the fall Jewish holidays, Sunday, September 30, at noon, at the JCC. Apples and Honey will have a new look this year, and will be a Sukkarnival. This afternoon festival will include family fun, food, games, entertainment and booths to sell and promote each Jewish organization in Washtenaw County.

A new attraction this year will be the five life-size sukkahs, the winners of Sukkah Arbor, the national contest sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. The Federation invited architectural firms from around the country to submit designs for sukkahs. The five winners will be on display at the JCC for the week of Sukkot. They may be available for purchase.

Registration forms for Sukkacarnival will be sent out this summer, and information will be available on the JCC's website. For more information, contact the JCC at 971-0990.

JCC Annual Meeting June 10

The community is invited to attend the Jewish Community of Greater Ann Arbor's Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 10 at 10 a.m. The program will include the annual election of the board of directors. Nominated for their second three year terms are Harriet Bakalar, Elaine Margolis, Eric Metzendorf and Sheila Perlman. Two new teenage members will be announced at the meeting. Reports from all committees and departments will be made as well as plans for the coming year. A full agenda will be sent to members via email. Brunch will be served and childcare and children's programming is available with advance notice. For more information or to RSVP, contact the JCC at 971-0990.

Bicycle Riding Club

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor bicycle club meets the first Sunday of each month. All levels of riding skill are encouraged to join. Community members who would volunteer to lead the group on a rotating basis each month are needed. The next ride is Sunday, June 3, at 9:45 a.m. Anyone interested in leading the group and to find out the starting location of each ride, contact Karen Freedland at 971 0990 or karenfreedland@jccfed.org.

Walking tour with A2 Modern in Arbor Hills

Join the JCC in a walking tour of mid-century architecture on Thursday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. Walk in Ann Arbor Hills with a member of a2 Modern group as the guide leads the group through a concentrated pocket of mid-century modern architecture. Learn which architects designed houses for whom in the 1950s and 1960s. Featured architects are Robert Metcalf, George Brigham, William Muschenheim David Osler and more. This is an exterior housewalk and is limited to 20 persons. The cost is \$10 for JCC members and \$15 for non-members. Details on the meeting place will be given with RSVP. Contact Karen Freedland at 971-0990 or karenfreedland@jccfed.org.



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Women

Create a kiddush cup with Women's Circle

Mae Sander, special to the WJN

A clay workshop dedicated to making cups—especially kiddush cups—will be the last event of the Jewish Women's Circle of Ann Arbor for the 2011–2012 year. The meeting will take place Sunday, June 10, 3–5 p.m. at the Yourist Pottery Studio. Esther Goldstein, the JWC organizer, will give a short discussion of kiddush and its meaning, sanctity, while participants are working on their clay projects.

"Any cup can be a kiddush cup, as long as it holds at least 3.9 ounces of wine. No particular shape, design, or material is required. But it's very nice to have a special cup for saying kiddush," explains Goldstein.

Nancy Bulkley, a Yourist potter and instructor, will lead the workshop. She says, "At the workshop, I will show examples and demonstrate techniques for forming and building a cup, emphasizing shapes that are appropriate for kiddush cups, robust enough to be glazed and fired, and also simple enough for beginners to make. I'll give examples of decorating the surfaces of the cups with stamps, and show how to carve designs in the clay. This is a beginners' workshop: no prior experience is expected."

Participants can choose from many colors and types of glazes for their cup. After the workshop, Yourist staff members will fire the cups, glaze them with the selected glaze, and then do the final firing. All Yourist clay products are food-safe and dishwasher-safe.

Yourist Studios, located at 1133 Broadway in Ann Arbor, offers many workshops, classes,



Nancy Bulkley

and private events for adults and children at several levels, as well as space, equipment, and kiln use for rent by potters in the community. A clay gallery onsite displays and sells rotating selections of work by instructors and others.

The cost of this workshop is \$35, which includes all materials, two hours of instruction, and subsequent glazing and firing of the participants' work by the staff at the studio. Cups will be ready for pick up three to four weeks after the workshop.

The Jewish Women's Circle provides an opportunity for Jewish women to meet new friends, socialize, and learn about crafts, cooking, and a variety of issues. It is open to all, no affiliation necessary. Pre-registration by June 4 is essential for this workshop as spaces at the pottery studio are limited. To sign up for this meeting and to receive future invitations from the Jewish Women's Circle, send an email to esther@jewmich.com. ■

Ann Arbor ORT Spring Dinner

Joan Levitt, special to the WJN

The Ann Arbor chapter of ORT America will hold its annual Spring Dinner on Monday, June 18. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., at the Quarter Bistro at 300 South Maple Road. The three-course dinner, offering a choice of three entrees, will cost \$36 per person.

The dinner will provide ORT members and potential members the opportunity to dine with friends and to honor the chapter's generous donors. This year, attendees will learn about ORT's important programs with the dinner program, "The Wonderful World of ORT."

Working in pairs, attendees will learn the answers to questions such as:

- At what school did an ORT student use his engineering expertise to develop an "eye-mouse," a device that allows paralyzed individuals to interact with computers through eye movement alone?

- What country is celebrating its 75th ORT anniversary by launching an IT training academy to help disabled people gain basic computer skills?

To learn more, WJN readers can attend the dinner, or make a contribution to ORT and request to have the complete set of questions and answers sent to them by email.

ORT is the largest Jewish education non-profit in the world. It provides education in Jewish values and state-of-the-art technology. ORT graduates fuel economies—obtaining and utilizing the skills that prepare them for the needs of the local job market. For the 300,000 students ORT serves annually in 55 countries, an ORT education makes all the difference.

Rides to the dinner will be available to those who need them. For more information or to RSVP, contact Anne Heybey Wasciuk at anhey@umich.edu by June 8 ■



Beth Israel Women's League 2012-2013 board
(L to R) Sherri Peller (BIC board liaison), Diane Dingman (vice-president), Florence Gerber (past advisor), Renee Kozminski (membership vice-president), Dennie Carbeck (president), Marilyn Berk and Rachel Schreiber (gift shop co-managers), Robin Aronson (treasurer). Marcie Greenfield (programming vice-president) not pictured.

Jewish Family Services

Patient Partner Program seeks volunteers

Lisa Franklin, special to the WJN

Would you like to bring fun and fulfillment to your life, enhance your mind and body, advance your career, and connect you with others? Then JFS has the perfect solution; volunteering has proven to do all of these things. Volunteers at JFS express how much the volunteer experience enhances their lives. A Friendly Visitor volunteer stated, "I assumed my visits would benefit Ruth* [the older adult she visits weekly], but I had no idea how much they would enhance my life. I look forward every week to learning from, and connecting with Ruth."

People volunteer for different reasons. Many do it to make a difference in society as a whole or their community specifically or to role model community service to their children. Some volunteer as part of training or educational requirements, others for socializing and recreation. Many retirees volunteer as a way to have a defined role and keep their minds sharp. And still others use the volunteer role to relieve feelings of depression and/or isolation. Although people have different reasons for starting to volunteer, the benefits often turn out to be the same. Most are surprised at how mutually beneficial it is. In fact, agencies often hear many stories like the one above expressing thanks for the opportunity to help their community.

In addition to the Friendly Visitor program, JFS has many other unique volunteer opportunities. JFS is one of the only community agencies where one can choose from visiting with an isolated older adult, accompanying a senior to a much-needed medical appointment, teaching

an ESL class, providing support to an immigrant family during their first days in the United States, or helping people become citizens.

Patient Partners, an innovative medical accompaniment program, is designed to personalize the medical experience by providing trained volunteers to accompany older adults to medical appointments; the goal is that older adults will not have to interface with the medical establishment alone. Patient Partners is especially helpful to caregivers of older adults who live far away or are unable to take off time from work to accompany an older adult to medical appointments. JFS is one of only a handful of organizations in the nation to offer this important service. JFS is in the process of recruiting Patient Partner volunteers who will undergo extensive training in active listening skills, understanding the medical system, recognizing the physical and emotional needs of older adults, communicating with family members and medical-legal issues. This training will take place June 24, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. It is the perfect volunteer opportunity for retired social workers or nurses, but all are welcome.

Anyone interested in signing up for the June 24 Patient Partners Volunteer Training or who wants to hear more about other volunteer opportunities, can contact Lisa Franklin, director of programs and community outreach at JFS to set up an interview at 769-0209 or Lfranklin@jfsannarbor.org. ■

*Name changed to protect privacy.

International luncheon set for June 20

Cindy Klein, special to the WJN

On June 20, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County will host its semi-annual International Luncheon. This event is a celebration of the refugees served by JFS, recognition of their many cultures, as well as the coming together of the refugee and local communities. "The International Luncheons started about 10 years ago in the home of our ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher," said Mira Sussman, Resettlement Program director. "Over the years they have taken place more frequently and have grown significantly. Last June, we had over 150 attendees at Cobblestone Farm." This event will be simpler and will be held at the JFS offices at 2245 South State Street on Wednesday, June 20,

at 11:30 a.m. To RSVP or for more information about the luncheon or resettlement services, contact Mira Sussman at mira@jfsannarbor.org or call 769-0209.

Jewish Family Services has been helping immigrants from around the world rebuild their lives in Michigan for nearly twenty years. JFS is the only agency in Washtenaw County that is recognized by the U.S. State Department to provide refugee resettlement services. JFS first began by resettling new arrivals from the Former Soviet Union in the early 1990s. Since then, the organization has grown, serving 2,316 people in 2011 through 12 programs, varying from Older Adult Services to Employment.

JFS offers citizenship classes and naturalization services

Cindy Klein, special to the WJN

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County has recently initiated a new program to offer citizenship education classes and naturalization services, including assistance completing naturalization application documentation. In order to be eligible for citizenship, individuals must have been legal permanent residents for over five years or have been married to a U.S. citizen for at least three years. Classes are free and open to anyone eligible for, and interested in, becoming a U.S. citizen. "The classes address the content areas of the citizenship exam, and focus on English language skill acquisition," states Nicole Graham-Lusher, Citizenship Program educator. "We want everyone to pass the exam, and we will work one-on-one with students to

ensure they have the skills and confidence necessary to succeed."

Mira Sussman, Resettlement Program director, added "We have worked with immigrants for 18 years, helping them begin their lives in Michigan. This new Naturalization Program is exciting because we can complete the journey by helping immigrants to become citizens. It is especially meaningful to be able to offer this program in an election year, so that new citizens can vote this November."

For more information or to register for classes, contact Nicole Graham-Lusher at nicole@jfsannarbor.org or by calling 769-0209.

Jewish Communal Learning Program graduates first class

Karla Goldman, special to WJN

The Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) celebrated its inaugural graduation on April 27, 2011 at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. The six students receiving Certificates in Jewish Communal Leadership were joined in the ceremony by Dean Laura Lein of the School of Social Work; Deborah Dash Moore, director of the University's Frankel Center for Judaic Studies; Karla Goldman, JCLP director and keynote speaker; and Harlene Appelman, executive director of the Covenant Foundation.

Established in 2010, JCLP has built upon the legacy of earlier U-M programs, Project STaR and the Drachler Program, to give new life to Jewish leadership education at the university. The six graduates combined studies in community organizing, management of human services, Judaic Studies, local and national field placements, board placements with Jewish nonprofits, attendance at national conferences, and intensive engagement with the local Jewish communities of Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit.

Throughout their time in Ann Arbor and at the university, the students have played an active role in strengthening local and national Jewish community.

Ariel Pearl-Jacobvitz, originally from Oakland, California, pursued fieldwork placements at JVS Detroit in downtown Detroit and Kadima in Southfield. Pearl-Jacobvitz

also had the opportunity to serve on the board of Kadima for one year. Pearl-Jacobvitz plans to seek job opportunities in Detroit.

Joshua Kanter, originally from Huntington Woods, will be returning to Detroit after serving as a group leader on a Metro Detroit Jewish Federation youth mission to Israel. Kanter's field placement with Progressive Jewish Alliance & Jewish Funds for Justice (now renamed, Bend the Arc) had him coordinating the work of the twenty young Jewish leaders participating in the Detroit Community Leadership Initiative. Kanter also served on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor.

Ilana Schuman-Stoler came to JCLP from the Chicago area and will be returning to that region. Schuman-Stoler's field placement last summer was with Chicago's Jewish Council for Urban Affairs; she served on the board of Habonim-Dror Camp Tavor in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Liz Kohn hails from the Denver area. Her field placements were with Hazon in New York City and Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County; her board placement was with the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. During her studies here, Kohn was employed by the Fair Food Network; she will be continuing her work with there.

Sara Shvartzman, also from Colorado, found time to serve on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, work in



JCLP 2012 Graduates (left to right:) Talya Gates-Monasch, Ariel Pearl-Jacobvitz, Liz Kohn, Joshua Kanter, Ilana Schuman-Stoler, and Sara Shvartzman

field placements at JFS Detroit and Hebrew Senior Life in Boston, and sing a little opera during the course of her studies.

Talya Gates-Monasch, from the San Francisco Bay Area, served on the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Metro Detroit and completed a field placement with UpStart Bay Area. Gates-Monasch will be continuing her studies as she completes a joint degree at the School of Social Work and School of Public Health.

As sometime guinea pigs and full-time co-creators, these six graduates played an important role in defining the direction and future of the Jewish Communal Leadership Program.

Beyond their field and board placements, the graduates' contributions to the region included convening a full-day innovative communal conversation on April 1 that brought 100 participants to engage with each other on the theme of "What Is Jewish Detroit?" The April 27 JCLP graduation celebration featured contributions from each student and captured the challenge, commitment, and achievement of a diverse group that came together to engage in the work of forging a path toward a more vital Jewish future. ■

Frankel Institute announces Jewish studies scholars for 2012–2013

Kim Reick Kunoff, special to the WJN

Each year, the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan invites scholars to Ann Arbor to pursue research projects on a general theme. For 2011–2012, the group—led by U-M English Professor Jonathan Freedman—will gather around the theme of "Borders of Jewishness: Microhistories of Encounter."

"The Frankel Institute hopes to foster an ongoing conversation among historians, literary critics, political scientists, students of religion, and anthropologists," explains Freedman. "This theme year honors the interdisciplinary quality of scholarship at the University of Michigan and of Jewish studies at its very best by bringing together as varied a crew as possible—historians of the U.S.; students of rabbinics and theologi-

cal history; sociologists and political scientists; art historians and literary scholars—and seeing what, working together and relationally, we can all come up with."

The 2012–2013 Frankel Institute fellows:

- Jonathan Freedman (Head Fellow), University of Michigan
- Maya Barzilai, University of Michigan
Monstrous Borders: The Golem Legend and the Creation of Popular Culture
- Lois Dubin, Smith College
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- Jennifer Glaser, University of Cincinnati
Exceptional Differences: Race, Chosennes, and the Postwar Jewish American Literary Imagination

- Harvey Goldberg, Hebrew University
Ethnographic and Historical Perspectives on Maghrib Border Processes
- Kathryn Lavezzo, University of Iowa
Mapping Jews and Christians in Medieval and Renaissance Literature: A Cultural Geography of English Antisemitism
- Tatjana Lichtenstein, University of Texas – Austin
A Life at Odds: The Provate and Political World of Prague Zionist
- Jessica Marglin, Princeton University
The Assarrafs Go to Court: Jews in the Moroccan Legal System during the Nineteenth Century
- Isaac Oliver, University of Michigan
Luke: Marginalized Jew in the Greco Roman Diaspora

- Ranen Omer-Sherman, University of Miami
Jewish Levantine Identities in the Contemporary Memoir & Fiction
- Laurence Roth, Susquehanna University
Unpacking my Father's Bookstore: Collection, Commerce, Literature
- Andrea Siegel, Pepperdine University
An Experimental Foray: Calendar for Mother and Child and Mother and Child Yearbook
- Lisa Silverman, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
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Congregations

Reconstructionist services blend traditional and contemporary music

Karin Ahbel-Rappe, special to the WJN

Music has always had a special place in Reconstructionist Judaism. Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, suggested that tradition have a vote, but not a veto. The congregation of the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah (AARH) has its own unique take on that tradition under the leadership of its rabbinical intern, Aura Ahuvia. Music enriches all of the Havurah's services—Kabbalat Shabbat, Torah, Learner's Service, High Holiday services, B'nai Mitzvot. And each week, the AARH religious school includes a rousing period of Shirah.

Ahuvia, known as a gifted guitarist and vocalist, places emphasis on facilitating musical experiences that the congregation creates and shares together. "Participation is my guiding light," she says. Ahuvia chooses melodies that are easy to learn, easy to sing, and that sponsor spontaneous harmonizing.

AARH services use a flexible blend of traditional and more contemporary melodies. Ahuvia weaves in prayers sung to the nusach, the traditional melodies that are specific to



Aura Ahuvia playing guitar

each prayer and holiday. "As I teach my congregation, chanting within nusach is like riffing on jazz. Once you have the sense of the melodic ideas fixed in your mind, there are no wrong notes," she suggests. On the contemporary side, songs of Debbie Friedman are favorites. An interesting hybrid of the old and the new starts with the 18th century form of niggun. Niggun is a form of prayer with origins in 18th century Hassid that uses repetitive sounds—such as "bim-bim-bam"—instead of words. Ahuvia uses niggunim when introducing new melodies to the congregation before lyrics are added.

Most importantly, Ahuvia emphasized, "All the music is in the service of expressing the spiritual meaning of prayer."

AARH offers musical Kabbalat Shabbat services the fourth Friday of every month, and Torah services the second Saturday. These services take place at the Jewish Community Center and are open to all community members. Check the website to confirm the date, time, and schedule of AARH services at www.aarecon.org. ■

Lesson from the spies

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

On the Shabbat of June 16, we will read in the Torah about the incident of the spies that Moses sent into the land of Israel and discussing the lessons learned from it.

The Jewish people were just about to enter the land of Israel. That was the next destination after receiving the Torah at Sinai. Before they entered the land of Israel, When Moses



Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

asks of God if he should send spies into the Land to gather information so that they would be better able to conquer it. God replied "If you want to do it, go ahead." Unfortunately, the spies didn't use the opportunity to report solely on strategies for conquest. Rather, they returned with a majority opinion that the Jews could not conquer the kings and giants who occupied the land at that time. As a result of this and the acceptance by the people of their report, everyone of that generation over the age of 20 had to live out their lives in the desert over the next 40 years before the Jewish people would be allowed to enter the land of Israel. Only those under 20 years old at the time of the sin of the spies were allowed to enter the land of Israel.

So those are the basics of this week's reading of the Torah. As we know, every story we read in the Torah is not only an historical reference - there is a simultaneous lesson that we all can learn that is applicable to today in our times. So, according to the Chassidic interpretation, when we speak about the Jewish people entering the land of Israel, we are not only speaking about the physical movement of a group of people across the Jordan river - we are also speaking about the mission that every Jew has when their soul comes down to this world and the service that we are obligated to do here. In

other words, every Jew has a soul that came down to Earth from Heaven. What is the mission? The mission is to bring holiness into the physical world, and to make this physical world into a vessel for God's light. Similarly,

when the Jewish people physically went into the land of Israel, they were supposed to take the land that was at that time called Canaan, and turn it into the Land of Israel - a land where one could see and feel and reveal the presence of Godliness - to make it into a Holy Land. The soul coming into a physical body and making the world holy; and the Jewish people coming into the land of Canaan and making it into the Holy Land are the figurative and literal narratives the missions of both are the same—to make the physical a dwelling place for Godliness.

There are a couple of lessons in our service to God that every Jew can take away from the incident of the spies and use in their everyday lives: 1.) The concept of the sending of spies, and 2.) The problem of coming to wrong conclusions.

The first lesson is that when a Jew is given a mission to accomplish, first and foremost, for example when one is about to perform a mitzvah, one should find the best way to perform that mitzvah. This was the purpose for which Moses sent the spies - so they should find, within the rules of nature, the best way to conquer the land of Israel. This means that we should use the channels of nature to perform mitzvahs because the purpose of the mitzvah

is to elevate the natural, physical world to a holy, spiritual status. There is a perceptual error that a Jew can make when considering doing a mitzvah. The Jew can think, "If God wants this mitzvah done, why can't I just close

my eyes, have good intentions and let God make it happen? Why do I have to physically work through the channels of the natural, physical world?" By the fact that God told Moshe to send spies to the land of Canaan teaches us that it's not enough to simply say "If God wants us to do a mitzvah, He will find a way for us to do it." We have to find a way,

working within the physical laws of our natural world, to make it happen in order to carry out His will. After all, the purpose for our being created in this world is, by working within the restrictions of the physical world, to make this world a place for God to dwell.

The second lesson we learn from this Torah portion is that one should not go to the other extreme, as the spies did, by taking the liberty of unilaterally modifying the goals of the mission. They were tasked with discovering the most effective way to conquer Canaan—but they unilaterally decided to add their opinion, which wasn't asked for, and contradicted God's intention for the Jews. They were only told to find the best way to conquer Canaan not for their opinion of whether or not it was possible to do so. God had already told the Jews that they would conquer Canaan. So when the spies came back with an opinion that they couldn't, it was their sin for contra-

We have to find a way, working within the physical laws of our natural world, to make it happen in order to carry out God's will. After all, the purpose for our being created in this world is, by working within the restrictions of the physical world, to make this world a place for God to dwell.

dicting God. For not only were they saying that the nations occupying Canaan were too formidable for the Jews to conquer, but by implication they were saying that even God couldn't make the campaign successful. The lack of faith of the spies created doubt and fear among the Jewish people. This caused the people to be unwilling to do their part in the campaign against Canaan. Since God needs us to do our part in the physical aspect of His will before He does his part, this trepidation made the conquest impossible at that time. When God asks us to do a mitzvah, He always makes sure we will have the ability to do it. We need to trust that we won't be asked by God to do anything that is impossible. In certain situations God has to work a miracle. But we need to trust that God knows each of our abilities and will give us what we need to accomplish the goal He asks of us. Once we know our mission, the Torah tells us that we should work according to the channels of nature. We have to work with nature because our purpose on this earth is to spiritually elevate the physical elements of this world. When we do our part to the best of our abilities, God will do the remainder that is necessary for the completion of our goal. As my father used to tell me "We should do our best, and then God will do the rest." We note that Joshua and Caleb, the two spies who did not sin, tried to convince the people that since God commanded the conquest, He would certainly provide whatever else was necessary above and beyond their best efforts but, unfortunately, the people ignored Joshua and Caleb and instead listened to the other spies who didn't have faith that God would provide whatever they needed for the conquest.

So, hopefully, all of us will be able to use the full abilities that God gives us to carry out our missions in life and also to have faith that God will do His part if we do ours. ■

Happening at Temple Beth Emeth this summer

Soo Ji Min, special to the WJN

Jewish Hikers of Michigan

JHOM hikes are designed to cultivate the love of nature, spirituality, social interaction and physical activities. They are targeted for anybody who loves nature, and who likes to meet new people.

Bring backpacks, munchies, and water. Activity will last approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The hike is not physically demanding, is very scenic, and is free. No pets. For more information or to be added to Jewish Hikers of Michigan's email list, contact Eli Avny, (734) 883-9522 or jewish.hikers@gmail.com.

All Jewish Hikers of Michigan hikes are sponsored by Temple Beth Emeth.

Summer JHOM Hike Schedule

Sunday, June 24, at Saginaw Forest (3900 West Liberty Road, Ann Arbor)

Sunday, July 22, at Scarlett-Mitchell Nature Area (Turnberry Lane, Pittsfield Township)

Sunday, August 19, at Marshview Meadows (300 East Textile Road, Pittsfield Township)

Families with Young Children

Shabbat Services times (June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

Tot (0-5 years old) Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Levy and Cantor Annie Rose, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner for Tot Shabbat and Sukkat Shalom, 6 p.m.

Shira (Song Session), 6:30 p.m.

Sukkat Shalom (6-10 years old) Shabbat Services lead by Rabbi Delson and Cantor Annie Rose, 6:30 p.m.

Popsicle Oneg, 7 p.m.

Summer Shabbat Service times (July 6-September 7)

Tot (0-5 years old) Shabbat Services, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner for Tot Shabbat Families, 6 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club

Thursday, June 7, noon-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12, 7:30-9 p.m.

This month Book Club will be reading *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Analysis of texts and group discussion will provide lively sessions each month. Participants are welcome to drop in for selected sessions or the entire series through June. Contact Cantor Rose, cantorannie@gmail.com, with questions.

Women's Torah study

Mondays, June 4 and 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

This month, Cantor Annie Rose will lead two Women's Torah Study at Temple Beth Emeth. Cantor Annie Rose will use The Women of Reform Judaism's Women's Commentary which has become a major source of insight for those studying Torah in depth or simply reading the weekly parsha, portion. The Women's Torah group will be studying B'haalot'cha and Korach.

Men's Torah study

Wednesdays, June 13 and 27, 7:30 p.m.

Join TBE's Men's Torah study for an evening of learning. Don't be fooled, they aren't always serious; they like to have a good time, too. Refreshments are always served. For

more information, contact Roger Stutesman, at rgstutesman@sbcglobal.net.

Tisha B'Av service and study session

Saturday, July 28, 7:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Delson for a Tisha B'Av service and study session at Temple Beth Emeth. ■

TNT (Twenties and Thirties)

TNT is a social group for people in their twenties and thirties. This community led group offers social, cultural and social action opportunities throughout the year. TNT is open to the greater Ann Arbor community. For more Young Jewish Adult Events in Ann Arbor visit www.groupspaces.com/jhub.

TNT Canoeing and Cocktails

Saturday, June 9, 1 p.m.

Twenties and Thirties we will be hitting the "rushing" waters of the Huron River

on Sunday, June 9 at 1pm. After paddling for an hour and a half we will head to Dominick's at 812 Monroe Street to relax. Cost will be \$12 per person. To RSVP please email Rabbi Lisa Delson, ldelson@templebethemeth.org, by June 4.

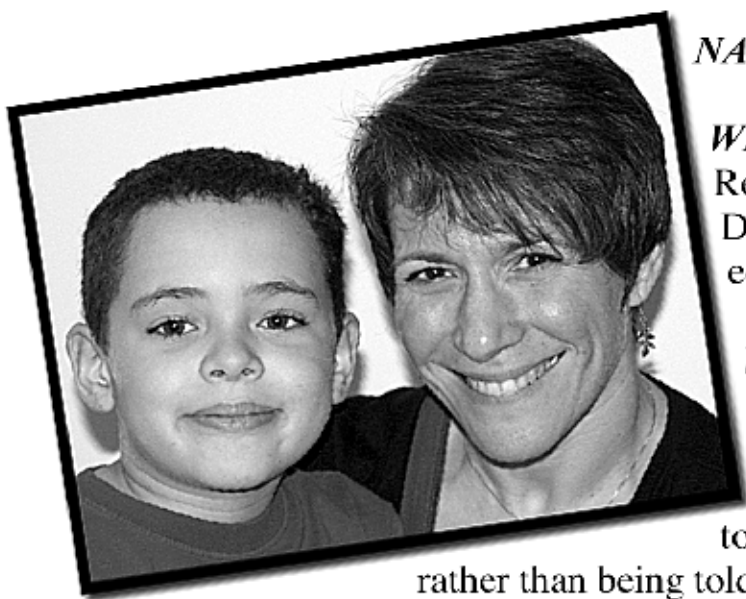
TNT BBQ Potluck

Saturday, July 21, 6 p.m.

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T-Shirt and Eco Shabbat

Saturday, June 9, 9:30 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to wear T-shirts with camp, school/university, and vacation designs at this Shabbat morning service. At the Kiddush, extra efforts are made to provide organic and/or locally produced foods. Besides the reusable dishes, silverware, and tablecloths, the “disposable” paper products are all created from 100% post consumer products, and are biodegradable and compostable. An information table will be available with ideas for individuals and families to learn about ways to “Go Green” and be nature-friendly/ecologically-minded in daily living. This Shabbat is co-sponsored by the Social Action Committee.

A summer evening fundraiser honoring the minyan captains

Sunday, June 10, 7–10 p.m.

This creative fundraising event, “Sail Away on the (BIC) Loveboat” features hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, “shipboard entertainment”, and desserts. Interested people may call the Beth Israel office to determine if additional reservations may be made.

Thirsty Third Thursdays

June 21, July 19, August 15, after the 7:30 p.m. minyan

Men’s Club offers this once monthly event after the evening service, enjoying coffee and snacks at a local establishment, while discussing the weekly parasha (Torah portion) or other topics of Jewish interest. For more information, or to suggest topics of interest, contact Shelley Aronson at firsttriver14@gmail.com. No reservations are required.

Annual congregation meeting

Sunday, June 24, 7 p.m.

Beth Israel’s Annual Congregation Meeting includes a dessert reception, the election of new members and officers of the Beth Israel Board for the 2012–2013 and their installation, the presentation of Honorable Menschen Awards to volunteers who have made a difference over the past year, the approval of the budget for the 2012–2013 fiscal year, and the installation of the board of the Beth Israel Women’s League.

Men’s Club Yankees/Tigers baseball

Sunday, June 3, 1:05 p.m.

The Men’s Club of Beth Israel travels to Comerica Park. Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact Haran Rashes at haran@umich.edu, for further information.

Barbecue and barchu

Friday, July 6, and August 24, 6 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Participants enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel’s courtyard. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is July 2 at 9 a.m. and August 21 at 9 a.m. Call the office for reservations, and after that date check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal.

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service

Friday, August 10, 6 p.m. hors d’oeuvres; 6:30 p.m. service; 7:30 p.m. dessert oneg

This annual Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service in the tradition of Joey Newhouse is held in the Sanctuary. The service includes new and

old melodies led by Joey’s mother Ruth, a music specialist, who plays the piano during the early part of the service. This event is underwritten by the Joseph Newhouse Beth Israel Musical Enhancement Fund.

Summer Tot Shabbat

June 9, July 14, August 11, 11:15 a.m.

Tots and their parents or special friends are invited to share a Shabbat celebration just for them. These interactive Tot Shabbat services are filled with songs, stories and exciting Jewish learning. Each Tot Shabbat service is led by Peretz Hirshbein or Jessica Kander. Peretz Hirshbein is the Early Childhood assistant director at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and the current vice president for education on the Beth Israel board of directors. Jessica De Young Kander is a graduate of the School of Education at the University of Michigan and former preschool teacher. She currently teaches at Eastern Michigan University, where she is completing a master’s degree in children’s literature and a certificate in the Teaching of Writing.

The holiday of Tisha B’av

Erev Tisha B’av Service, Saturday, July 28, 9:45 p.m.

Tisha B’av Morning Service, Sunday, July 29, 9 a.m.

Tisha B’av Afternoon Service, Sunday, July 29, 2:30 p.m.

Beth Israel offers three different services for the holiday on the 9th of Av, which marks the destruction of the first and second temples and other tragedies which have occurred in Jewish history. The evening and morning services include the chanting of Megillat Eichah, the Book of Lamentations, and appropriate songs. Special Torah and haftarah readings for the holiday are chanted at the afternoon (mincha) service.

The Beth Israel flower/vegetable garden

For the sixth year in a row Beth Israel maintains a garden at County Farm Park in Ann Arbor at Platt Road and Washtenaw Avenue. The garden is a part of Project Grow. The garden supplies flowers and vegetables for summer onegs, and local food banks. Approximately half of the produce is donated to Food Gatherers. Everyone in the community can experience the joy of agriculture by visiting the garden or volunteering to work with a friendly group of people. Prior experience not required. Contact Sam Zwetchkenbaum at szwetch@umich.edu or 717-6046 for more information or to volunteer.

Summer Services

Daily and Shabbat services continue all summer long; on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and on Friday evenings, generally at 6 p.m. Hours may vary on Friday evening. Check the Beth Israel calendar at www.bethisrael-aa.org.

Beth Israel Fair

Sunday, September 2, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Beth Israel Fair offers enjoyable activities such as a Bounce House, Cupcake Walk, Lawn Games, Traditional Lawn Relays, Arts and Crafts and face-painting, with a kosher hot dog lunch, sno cones and more. There is a charge for the hot dog lunch, but all other activities and the snow cones are free. Newcomers are invited to come to a special welcome program at 10:30 a.m., before the fair.

Complimentary tickets for High Holidays and special dues

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 First and Second Year Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms must be submitted before the holidays, as no tickets can be provided immediately prior to any service.

People who are age 35 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 \$34.75).

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 Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration for Young Children and the K–5 Family Program on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at 665-9897.

Beth Israel Religious School registration

Beth Israel Religious School provides an excellent education that emphasizes skills and experiences, and helps build important connections between home and synagogue. The kindergarten and first grade students meet each Sunday morning, while second through seventh graders meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The middle school experience includes the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family series as well as a Shabbaton

and a series of Shabbat morning sessions for sixth grade students. The eighth grade students engage in an in-depth exploration of Jewish identity using their own original photography. High School students continue their Jewish learning and involvement in the synagogue by participating in the Madrichim Program. This program includes two separate tracks, Educational Assistants and Service Learning. Participants in the two tracks come together for monthly text study sessions and social activities.

In addition to the formal educational program, Beth Israel offers informal programming that is open to everyone in the community. The Friday Night Lights program provides families with opportunities to enjoy the community experience of a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service and a dairy Shabbat dinner (\$7 per person, with no charge for children under 4). Mini Minyan and Kehillat Shabbat provide elementary students with age appropriate services on the second Saturday of each month.

For more information about the Beth Israel Religious School, contact the Director of Education Cindy Saper, at school@bethisrael-aa.org. Registration continues through the summer.

All Beth Israel events open to non-members

All Beth Israel events are open to the general community, and many are offered at no cost. Please call 665-9897 for additional information about the summer events.

Additional summer events will be posted on Beth Israel’s website –www.bethisrael-aa.org.

Beth Israel high school students in New York for Alternative Spring Break

This April, 11 Beth Israel high school students participated in an alternative spring break in New York City. While in New York, students volunteered at service sites in four boroughs. They sorted and stocked supplies at Materials for the Arts, a program of New York City Department of Cultural Affairs that collects unneeded items from businesses and individuals, and distributes these donations free of charge to non-profit organizations with arts programming and NYC public schools across the five boroughs. They prepared educational materials at Jumpstart, a national early education organization that helps low-income pre-school age children develop language and literacy skills. They spent time with senior citizens, homeless individuals, community leaders and inspiring volunteers. They worked with local residents at a community garden.

The alternative spring break trip was arranged through Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice. This is the new name for Jewish Funds for Justice and the Progressive Jewish Alliance.

The students participated in daily education and reflection sessions. These discussions help to frame their work in a Jewish manner and allowed the students to debrief from their experiences. During the course of the week they recognized they were lucky to have the opportunity to help and to learn from so many people and organizations. One student commented, “I didn’t know that I would feel so connected to the work we were doing.” This was an eye opening experience for the group, and the students look forward to bringing the lessons learned home to Ann Arbor.

This year’s Alternative Spring Break participants were Rebecca Greenberg, Joshua Bender, Jonathan Saltzman, Sara Norich, Adam Carbeck, Annie Rashes, Ilana Rashes, Samantha Brandt, Katia Kassof, Talia Dessel, and Lindsey Beaver. The trip was led by Rabbi Kim Blumenthal and Jacob Kander. Additional photos and videos may be found on the Beth Israel Facebook page.



Beth Israel students volunteering at Jumpstart in Manhattan

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	20	Alison Balsom, trumpet, and the Scottish Ensemble
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News from Camp Raanana

Halye Aisner, special to the WJN

This summer's staff

Camp Raanana has announced its staff, specialists, and counselors for summer 2012, including many wonderful returning staff members and a few exciting additions to the staff. Camp Raanana is the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's outdoor summer day camp for children entering grades K–8, with a Counselor-in-Training program for 9th and 10th graders. Camp Raanana works hard to assemble a staff of talented, dynamic, and mature individuals to ensure that each camper will have an incredible summer camp experience.

Shoshana Jackson is the JCC's Youth, Teen and Camp director. She first joined the JCC a year and a half ago as the Camp Raanana assistant director. During the 2010–2011 school year, she also served as the JCC's Afterschool Programs coordinator and assisted with other

Kim Braun, Camp Raanana's talented and enthusiastic waterfront director, is also returning for another camp season. During the school year, Braun is the physical education teacher for the JCC and Hebrew Day School. She has taught at the JCC since 1999 and loves working with her current and former students at Camp Raanana. She enjoys teaching children to appreciate the water and has over 20 years of experience as a certified lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, and CPR and lifeguard instructor. She and her husband live in Saline with their dog Cleo.

Jackson, Link and Braun will be joined by many other talented specialists and counselors at Camp Raanana. Returning staff members are: Katie Smith, Allison Merlos, Joe Mirsky, Eli Sugerman, and Marlowe Suselman. CIT graduates now serving as junior counselors are: David Berman, Katia Kassof,



JCC youth and teen programs. Jackson grew up in Ann Arbor and later attended college in Florida, receiving a liberal arts degree from Broward College. Her camp experience prior to joining Camp Raanana included three summers at a residential camp, where she served as a unit head for one summer and the assistant director for two years. She has also taught religious school at Temple Beth Emeth and the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah for over ten years. Jackson is very excited for the change in Camp Raanana's venue, believing the new Cedar Lake location will provide a better, more dynamic camp program. Jackson lives in Milan with her husband and two children.

Shannon Link is returning to Camp Raanana as assistant camp director. Link holds bachelor's degrees from University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University as well as a teaching certificate and master's degree in elementary education from U-M. She previously worked in the JCC Early Childhood Center as a lead teacher for six years before returning to school. Since completing her master's degree, she has been serving as the childcare supervisor for the before- and after-school programs at Byrant Elementary School. Link lives with in Ann Arbor with her husband and two kids, and plans to begin working as a teacher this fall.

Sara Norich, Eric Shayna, Alex Sugerman, and Tuval Vaknin. New staff members are: Crystal McDowell, Justin Bogrow, Kaitlin Winningham, Taylor Margolis, Allison Goldstein, Jourdan Deszo and Danny Hurvitz.

Pictures and bios of all the camp staff are available at www.CampRaanana.com.

Open House on June 21

All families who are registered for Camp Raanana are invited to the annual Camp Open House on Thursday, June 21, from 6–8 p.m.

The Open House will be held at Camp Raanana's new location at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center (2500 Pierce Rd. Chelsea, 48118). This will be an opportunity for families to tour the new camp site, meet the counselors and staff, and enjoy fun activities and a free kosher hot dog or veggie dog dinner with other camp families.

American Camp Association conference and accreditation

Early in March, Camp Raanana's Director Shoshana Jackson, Assistant Camp Director Shannon Link and Waterfront Director Kim Braun attended the three-day American Camp Association (ACA)'s Midstates Camping Conference in St. Charles, IL. The conference brings together 1000s of camping



professionals from all across the Midwest. All three of Camp Raanana's delegates participated in the ACA's Leadership Institute—an all-day high-powered training—in which Jackson learned how to hire, train and retain high-caliber staff; Link received the training and tools to supervise, lead and motivate staff; and Braun was taught ways to make staff training more exciting so staff stays engaged and they walk away fired up to begin the camp season.

The American Camp Association is an accrediting agency that inspects camp programs and has high standards for every aspect of the camp from kitchen facilities to program implementation to health forms. ACA accredited camps are nationally recognized as being of superior quality, having met up to 300 standards for health, safety and program quality. While the JCC's Camp Raanana is not yet ACA accredited, it is pur-

suing accreditation this year and hopes to be a fully accredited ACA Member Camp in the summer of 2013.

The JCC's Camp Raanana day camp serves children entering grades K–8, with a Counselor-in-Training program for grades 9 and 10. This year's camp season will run from June 25 to August 24, featuring an overnight week from August 5–10 (there is a day-camp program that week for campers in K–2, which is housed at the JCC). Camp brochures and registration forms, are available at the JCC and at www.CampRaanana.com. The registration deadline is June 1, but families are encouraged to register in advance to reserve their space and take advantage of savings opportunities. For more information, visit www.CampRaanana.com or contact Camp Director Shoshana Jackson at shoshanajackson@jccfed.org or 971-0990. ■

JCC to hold spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Maccabi team

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor is excited to participate in the 2012 JCC Maccabi Games, to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, August 5–10. The JCC has already filled all ten spots on their team. The JCC will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help raise enough money to send the athletes to Memphis. The dinner will provide the community an opportunity to meet the athletes as they serve the food. The dinner will be held in mid-June; call 971-0990 for the exact date and time.

The JCC relies on the generous support of the community to help offset costs for the JCC Maccabi Games and provide scholarship assistance to qualifying families. For more information about the JCC Maccabi Games, visit the JCC's website, or contact Rachael Hoffenblum at rachaelhoffenblum@jccfed.org or Shoshana Jackson at shoshanajackson@jccfed.org.

Teen leadership training set for September 9

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will hold a leadership workshop on Sunday, September 9, 3–5 p.m., at the JCC. The training, entitled "What Makes a Good Leader? Putting the 'Leadership' in Teen Leadership Council" will be open to the public free of charge and serve as the inaugural event for the JCC's Teen Leadership Program.

Directly following the leadership training will be The Teen Leadership Council's first board meeting. Teens who wish to learn more about the program or to serve on the executive board should stay for the meeting, which will run from 5–6 p.m. at the JCC.

Contact Rachael Hoffenblum at rachaelhoffenblum@jccfed.org for more information about the Teen Leadership Council or to RSVP for the events.

Camp Keshet: taking the learning outside

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

As the calendar turned to May, the staff of the JCC Early Childhood Center eagerly started looking forward to summer. Summertime means it is time to transform the preschool program into Camp Keshet, the JCC's summer camp for preschoolers. While Camp Keshet has been around for years, this will be the fifth anniversary of Camp Keshet's model featuring an outdoor learning environment that stimulates children's learning in all developmental areas. ECC teachers make use of the outdoors as a learning resource throughout the year, but only during Michigan's summer can the outdoors be used every day for all parts of a preschooler's morning routine.

So why do children need outdoor learning? According to Mary Rivkin, author of *The Great Outdoors*, children today know less about nature, the flora and fauna of their immediate environments than prior generations,



Knights and princesses on stage at Camp Keshet

terest areas and materials that are familiar. Taking the House area outside transforms it into the Camping Area, as children have access to a camping tent, fire ring, and other camping equipment. By bringing familiar materials outside, and by adding materials that can only be used outside, children experience the familiar in a completely different way. Last year, the staff expanded the outdoor classroom, adding a stage to enhance children's dramatic play, and a Games area for everything from soccer to parachute games.

What does a typical morning at Camp Keshet look like? The camp day starts with Greeting Time, when campers greet the day and find out about any changes to the regular routine. Greeting time is followed by Small Group

the children with an authentic summer camp experience. We felt that it was important for children to experience the many different sights, textures and smells that the outdoors has to offer." Teachers noted "The contrast between the man-made environment in the classroom and the natural environment of the outdoors was obviously a learning experience. One of the biggest differences was natural sunlight instead of artificial light. Natural light changed with the weather and time of day. Sunlight and shade moved across the outdoors."

Teachers noticed that the children had far richer experiences outdoors, using the same materials that they might have used inside. The book area, set under a large hickory tree had the same kinds of books and comfortable places to sit as existed inside. But teachers reading with children outside noticed that, "Sitting on a blanket and reading a book was a science activity. Hickory nuts, leaves, and twigs were on the ground. Squirrels were on the tree top gnawing on the nuts and dropping pieces of the hulls down on the ground. Insects were crawling on the bark of the trunk!"

Research on children and outdoor learning indicates that spending time outdoors reduces conflict as well. ECC teacher Michelle Paris noted that, "Even though children often worked close together, we saw much less conflict between children in the eight weeks we spent in the outdoor classroom." Spending time outdoors reduces stress levels, allowing people of all ages to respond to potential conflict far more calmly. Lowered stress also increases people's ability to concentrate and be aware of what is going on around them.

For example, ECC children use large pieces of lumber all summer to create structures, but according to DeYoung, "The children are so aware of what they are doing that in four years we have not have a single case of wood getting dropped on anyone! I attribute that to the open spaces the children had to build and this increase in awareness."

Learning experiences taking place outside have a richness missing from the same experiences indoors, as the changing natural world adds layers of learning. The American Jewish community realized long ago how important outdoor experiences are for children, playing a major role in the development of Fresh Air Fund camps across the country.

According to nature education advocate



Tonya Backstrom's small group explores the edge of the marsh during a field trip to Doyle Park.

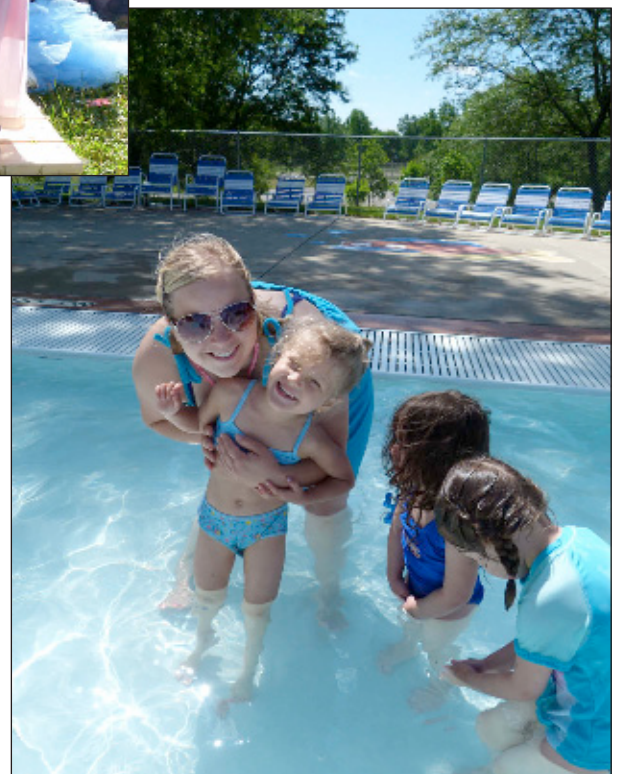
since their knowledge comes from sources like books and television, rather than direct experience. Direct experiences with nature teach children to treasure the environment and provide the emotional attachment to our world that will inspire them to engage in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

"Furthermore," Rivkin says, "The development of children's perceptual abilities may suffer when so much of their experience is through TV, computers, books, and media that require but two senses." Young children, particularly, are sensory-motor learners. Memories are attached to sounds, smells, and tastes, not just sight and sound. Movement and activity reinforce and fix knowledge. Outside, in nature, we use all of our senses to learn about the world around us, not just two. Outside, we have the freedom and desire to move, and be active.

The centerpiece of the camp program is the outdoor classroom environment. Utilizing large tents for Art, Block, and Manipulative areas, the camp provides the children with in-

Time, when a small group of campers works on an activity such as painting, building, or gardening with their teacher. Then, children plan their activities for Work Time, the centerpiece of the morning, when they can choose to work with any of the materials available in the learning environment. Frequent sights include children painting, building with lumber, exploring nature with magnifying glasses, and experimenting with pulleys and buckets. Following Work Time, children reflect on what they accomplished, reminding them that their work has meaning. Some days, children gather in large groups for music and movement activities, but on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Camp Keshet travels to the Tot Pool at nearby Buhr Park for an hour of swimming. Wednesdays feature field trips, walks to the local library, or exploring a nearby nature reserve.

When the staff at the ECC first took the preschool program outside into an outdoor classroom, the teachers discovered how rich this learning could be. Director Noreen DeYoung says, "Moving the program outdoors provides



Kinga Jung is enjoying Buhr pool with her teacher Natalie Wiesend



Camp Keshet visits the Big House

Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*, outdoor education is so valuable because it focuses on, "the elements that have always united humankind: driving rain, hard wind, warm sun, forests deep and dark—and the awe and amazement that our earth inspires, especially during our formative years."

For questions about Camp Keshet, contact Noreen DeYoung, JCC Early Childhood director, at 971-0990 or noreendeyoung@jccfed.org, or visit the JCC's website at www.jccannarbor.org. ■



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These were only a few of the words that entered our daily vocabulary at "edJEWcon5772.0," a conference for Jewish day school leadership teams. Subsidized by the Avi Chai Foundation and the Schechter Day School Network, the conference was the

edJEWcon conference of 100 participants reached an audience of over 100,000 because of the online sharing by conference participants through blogs and tweets that attracted the interest of other online followers. (Tweeting refers to posting live comments that are 140 characters or less.) Sixth graders from the Gottlieb School joined keynote sessions, iPads in hand, to help guide the adult participants on how to tweet.

Hebrew Day School staff returned from the conference with many goals. "I'm inspired to set up a faculty ning," says Shtull who explained that a ning is a closed social network that requires membership. "The site will have chat groups



HDS conference team: Dina Shtull, Ali Reingold, Carol Gannon, Aron Kaufman

brainchild of the administrators and teachers at the Martin J. Gottlieb Jewish Day School in Jacksonville, Florida, where the conference was held. Twenty-one school teams were selected to learn how to integrate technology into teaching and how to connect globally to colleagues and fellow students. Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor was among these schools. The school's team included Carol Gannon, director of technology and general studies teacher; Aron Kaufman, Hebrew/Judaics teacher; Ali Reingold, director of marketing and development; and Dina Shtull, head of school.

A main theme of the conference was that learning for 21st century students must be relevant today or in "real time." Keynote speaker, Angela Maiers, an educator at the forefront of the transformational power of web technologies on school success, suggested that teachers should feel and act as if they are in the presence of genius. Upon returning from the conference, fifth grade teacher Carol Gannon challenged her students with a relevant assignment—to choose the better of two Hebrew story-writing apps that her colleague Aron Kaufman had learned about and downloaded at the conference. The students began by developing a list of criteria: Does it use vowels? Are there ads? Does it have spell check? Does it have text or voice-to-text features? Can one navigate with ease? Are the instructions clear? Is the font big enough for little kids? Are touch features calibrated correctly? After answering the questions, the students tested the apps by writing their own stories. They then documented their evaluation of the two apps and shared their findings on their blog on Edmodo.com. "We must empower children and let them drive their learning," said Gannon. "With that mindset we are better prepared to teach our 21st century learners."

"The web is not just static data, like a library," said conference speaker Maiers. "We do not just visit the web. We contribute to it. We are part of that community." Maiers pointed out that in under 24 hours, the



Carol Gannon, Dina Shtull, Aron Kaufman, holding iPads given to conference participants

for teachers to have online conversations on instructional topics. Teachers won't have to be in the same room to reflect, and schedules won't have to be juggled. Instead, the conversation will be ongoing and teachers will blog and comment on relevant topics at their convenience."

Aron Kaufman is now reading and responding to the blogs and tweets of other instructors. He is creating a PLN, a personal learning network of online colleagues, and has begun to "curate," a new term which refers to choosing from many valuable online resources and sharing them with your PLN. "It was exciting and professionally rewarding to gather with other day school educators from Florida to Winnipeg and work collaboratively to envision both the present and the future of Jewish education," said Kaufman.






"When we think of twenty-first century skills," says Ali Reingold, "we need to think beyond our classrooms, our students, and our teachers. To stay current, build our school's brand, and connect with donors and alumni, we must have a digital presence. Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Pinterest are tools that enable us to grow our community and reach out to people across the globe. Coming together at a conference such as edJEWcon reinforces these ideas and makes the cyber-world more manageable and less lonely. We have partners in cyberspace and our colleagues, fellow educators, and friends are there to help guide us on our journey," shared Reingold. ■

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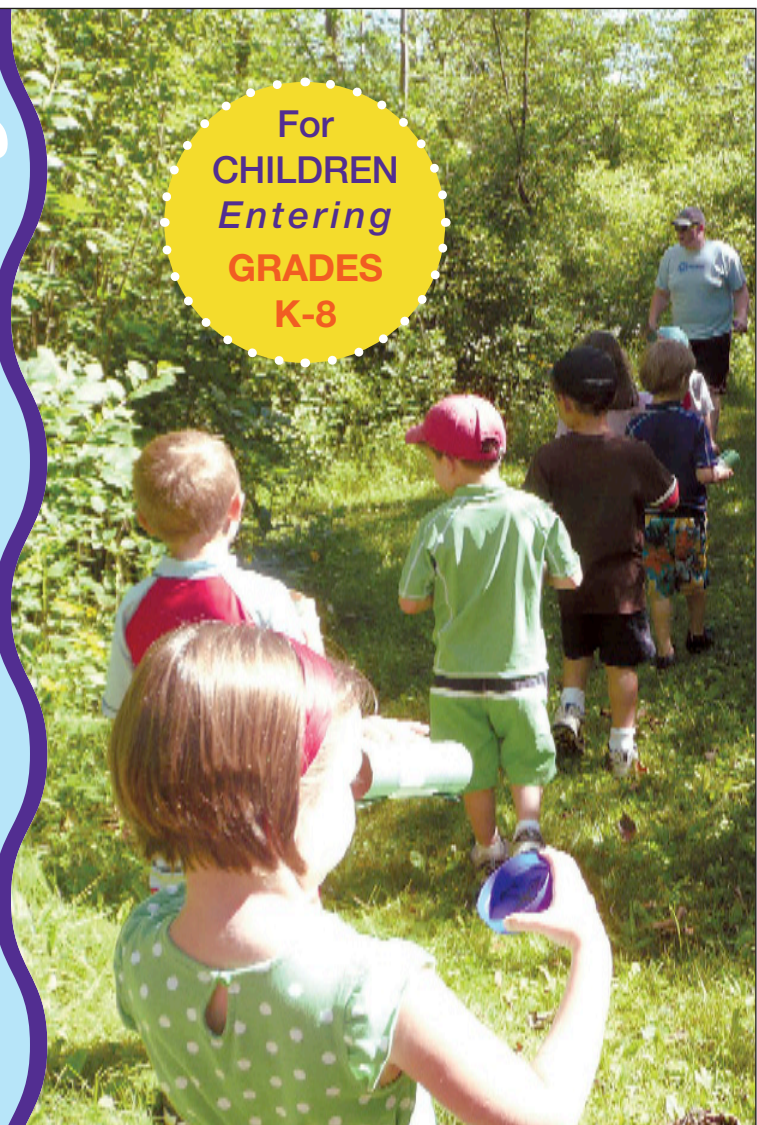
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Three million (free) books on, PJ Library eyes expansion

By Uriel Heilman

NEW YORK (JTA)—PJ Library wants to come between parents and children—literally. Every month, PJ Library mails free Jewish-themed children's books to nearly 100,000 households in North America with a grand ambition: that somewhere between Dr. Seuss and the Berenstain Bears, a child may turn to a book like Vivian Newman's *Ella's Trip to Israel* or Laurel Snyder's Baxter, *The Pig Who Wanted to Be Kosher*, and spark a Jewish discussion in a household that doesn't have enough of them.

"The conversations that take place in the home between parents and children, and parents among themselves, is one of the most important byproducts of this program," says PJ Library's director, Marcie Greenfield Simons. "We're helping Jews on the periphery take those first baby steps to being welcomed by the Jewish community."

In the past seven years, PJ Library has helped publish more than 200 titles that have filled kids' shelves in 175 North American communities, become a force in the publishing industry through its mass purchases and spawned two similar programs in Hebrew—one in Israel and one for the children of Israelis living in the United States.

Next month, the organization plans to send out its 3 millionth freely distributed book.

For Harold Grinspoon, the 82-year-old real estate mogul and Jewish philanthropist from Massachusetts who founded the program, PJ Library is about more than just books. It's

meant to be a portal to Jewish life.

"What kind of an educational process are we getting with these kids?" Grinspoon said. "How much are they loving Judaism? Are they baking challahs? Are they dancing and singing and enjoying the joys of Judaism?"

In the absence of an independent, longitudinal study, it's impossible to say whether this \$8 million-a-year program—which is paid for by a 50-50 partnership between Grinspoon's foundation and local Jewish community partners, including federations, private donors, JCCs, Y's and synagogues—is having a significant impact on Jewish community engagement or practice.

One Jewish educational professional who asked not to be named said Jewish communities are wasting money delivering free books to mostly middle-class children whose families are, for the most part, already involved in Jewish life.

"To me, it's about priorities in the Jewish community and how eccentric philanthropists do what they want," the professional said. "It's not that there's a problem with the program, but I question the premise. The logic of you're giving books to kids and you'll create lifelong Jews has to be proved."

PJ Library says most of its recipients hail from households where there were fewer than 10 Jewish books before the deliveries began.

That figure is from a 2010 PJ Library email survey of more than 16,000 recipient households that also showed that 26 percent

of respondents were interfaith families, 32 percent were not synagogue affiliated and one-third saying they were unlikely or only somewhat likely to read Jewish content if not for PJ Library.



About three-quarters of respondents said they read the books at least once a week, and the vast majority said it made them feel or think about being Jewish.

The books, which are chosen by a selection committee of educators and editors, run the gamut from explicitly Jewish to barely so.

The themes reflect the personal predilections of the program's founder, who puts a premium on stories promoting tikkun olam (repairing the world), Jewish summer camp, visiting Israel and contemporary families enjoying Judaism.

Richard Michelson's *Across the Alley* is a richly illustrated story about prejudice that tells the tale of a black boy and a Jewish boy who live next door to each other but never talk—except at night, when out of view of their friends they become best buddies. It's mailed to 6- and 7-year-olds.

Latifa Berry Kropf's *It's Challah Time!* is a photo-illustrated storybook about baking challah; it's mailed to 2-year-olds.

Each age group, from 6 months to 8 years old, receives its own age-appropriate books, and all the books include a parents' guide for further discussion or activity.

"After we get a book, we usually read it for two weeks straight every night," said Margo Hirsch Strahlberg, a lawyer from Chicago with three children. "For my 6-and-a-half-year-old and my 4-year-old, when we get a book it's exciting. It's not really educating us because I send them to a Jewish day school, but it's complementing what they're already learning."

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Israeli pastry chef makes it big as "Sweet Genius"

By Josh Lipowsky

TEANECK, N.J. (JTA)—As the minutes on the clock tick away, the chefs run about their kitchens furiously trying to complete their Taj Mahal-themed desserts.

"What have I got for you now?" booms the thickly accented master pastry chef Ron Ben-Israel as he overlooks the chefs' workstations. "Another mandatory ingredient—tahini paste!"

This is "Sweet Genius," the hit Food Network show that recently began its second season.

Chefs compete to earn the coveted title, win \$10,000 and impress Ben-Israel, the show's host, judge and original sweet genius, who often asks competitors to include ingredients not typically found in desserts.

"When you talk about a level of skill and craftsmanship, the other cake purveyors in the city are in awe of Ron's work," says Ashlea Halpern, *New York Magazine's* strategist editor. "He's one of the best in New York. He's perfected the model."

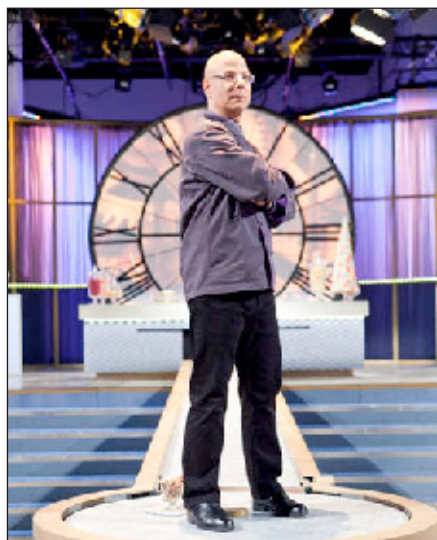
Ben-Israel doesn't like to focus on the genius moniker, however, and he was even a bit intimidated by the idea when Food Network proposed it, he told JTA in an interview at Ron Ben-Israel Cakes, his New York bake shop. He prefers to concentrate on the "sweet" part of the title and considers himself more like a guide to the show's contestants.

For the few who impress Ben-Israel enough to also earn the title, the recognition—and prize money—can be a career booster.

When pastry chef Amos Hayon competed on "Sweet Genius" last season, he was on the verge of returning to his native Israel, having failed to make a living in the United States. After Ben-Israel crowned him a sweet genius and awarded him \$10,000, things began to pick up.

In addition to traveling to food festivals nationwide, Hayon is a pastry chef at a restaurant on Long Island in suburban New York.

He calls Ben-Israel an inspiration both for his accomplishments as a baker and as a gay Israeli who realized his dream.



Ron Ben-Israel host of *Sweet Genius*

"He's my guru," Hayon says. "He gave me a lot of energy, power to do this. Somebody came before me, and I know I can do this also."

Ben-Israel's confections can be seen on the pages of *Martha Stewart Living*, *People*, *New York Magazine* and *Vogue*, and they are staples at such establishments as the Waldorf-Astoria, Four Seasons and Ritz-Carlton.

Cakes have always been popular, says Ben-Israel, 54, but television has given bakers permission to make them the main attraction.

"In a bar mitzvah you do the candle-lighting ceremony with the cake. Every birthday the cake is the big moment," he says. Now because of the growing pop-culture spotlight, "every cake-maker knows how important they are. I always knew it."

The Food Network studios are a long way from Ben-Israel's beginnings in Tel Aviv, and even further from his original career as a dancer.

He attended a Tel Aviv high school that focused on the arts, and then while he was serving in the Israel Defense Forces in the late 1970s, a friend got him interested in ballet. After completing his mandatory army service, he joined Bat Dor, an Israeli dance troupe.

Ben-Israel then began studying dance techniques across Europe, Canada and the United States. When he arrived in New York City in the mid-1980s, he says he knew he was there to stay.

"I really feel Tel Aviv has a lot, but everything in New York is just more," he says.

In between applying for grants to fund his dance studies, Ben-Israel began picking up odd jobs designing store window displays and working in bakeries.

"Toward the end of my career, grants were drying up and I needed to support myself," recalls Ben-Israel, who had grown up watching his Viennese mother make fantastic desserts. "I was able to come in [to bakeries] and observe—and with my ego, tell them how to do it better."

At the age of 36, after 15 years as a professional dancer, he began baking full time. In 1996, while on display in the windows of Mikimoto on Fifth Avenue, his cakes began grabbing national attention and Ben-Israel soon started receiving commissions from De Beers, Bloomingdale's and Bergdorf-Goodman.

The New York Times dubbed Ben-Israel "the Manolo Blahnik of cakes."

In 1999 he opened Ron Ben-Israel Cakes in New York's SoHo neighborhood with one oven and one mixer. As people fled downtown New York after the 9/11 tragedy, he was able to capitalize on lower rents and expand his operation.

Coming from a secular Israeli upbringing, Ben-Israel wasn't ideologically interested in making his shop kosher, but for a caterer for some of New York City's biggest hotels, it was a prudent business decision.

He chose OK Laboratories, the Chabad-affiliated kosher organization headquartered in Brooklyn, which now certifies his shop's pareve cakes.

The Chabad rabbis, Ben-Israel says, have a certain spirit that has ignited his own passion for Judaism. He never thought about owning separate Passover dishes while living in Israel, but now he owns a set, as well as a dozen Haggadahs, a shofar and a menorah.

"I became more sentimental," he says. "It's a matter of age, but also not being in Israel on a regular basis, I miss a lot of the traditions that are just natural in Israel and you don't even think about it because you're surrounded by Jews. So I had to distinguish myself."

Jewish and Israeli cultures have certainly influenced the master baker. Challah, he says, is one of his favorite things to bake—but he doesn't do just any challah.

"My version has olive oil, semolina flour, honey, and I make six braids," he says. "It takes the whole day."

As the son of Holocaust survivors, being Israeli and Jewish are sources of pride for Ben-Israel.

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Fifteen years of research leads to four-volume book on Holocaust—in Farsi

By Debra Rubin

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Ari Babaknia doesn't expect that Iran's president will ever read his four-volume series of Holocaust books written in the Farsi language.

But the author says he is confident that Mahmoud Ahmadinejad knows the books exist.

"I've done 10, 11 television interviews," Babaknia said -- interviews that are transmitted via satellite to Iran.

He has sent the four volumes, released in April, to three people in Iran who requested it via the website memorah.com.

The volumes are titled *Man's Inhumanity to Man*, *America's Response to the Holocaust*, *The World's Response to the Holocaust and End of the Holocaust and Liberation of Nazi Camps* and *the Genocides of the Last 100 Years*.

Once the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies and Babaknia's family Memorah Foundation, which published the volumes, recoup what the author estimates at \$70,000 to \$80,000 in publishing costs, he plans to make the works available online for free.

Babaknia, an Iranian-born Jew who sits on the Wyman board, says the costs do not account for his time or the money he paid for researchers or designers.

A physician who completed medical school in Tehran, Babaknia arrived in the United States in 1974 to continue his education in women's medical health and then infertility.

In the 1990s, he began his Holocaust research.

"More than 120 million speak or write Farsi in the world, and there never has been a well-researched or -documented book about the Holocaust in Farsi," said Babaknia, 65, of Newport Beach, Calif.

However, Project Aladdin, a UNESCO-sponsored project that works to foster positive relations between Muslims and Jews and to combat Holocaust denial, does offer several books on the Holocaust in Farsi translation.

Babaknia said he initially expected to complete his research during a one-year sabbatical.

"One year was two or three years, then it was 15 years later," said Babaknia, who explained that he kept finding himself with more questions to research.

The author views the Holocaust as a "human catastrophe." The Jews were the victims, he says, but "we don't own" the Holocaust.

In looking at the world's response to the Holocaust, Babaknia notes that Jews remained safe in Iran.

"The most important thing to understand about Iran is that Iran has a virtually flawless record during the Holocaust," said Holocaust scholar Michael Berenbaum. "When Ahmadinejad denies the Holocaust, he also denies the humanity of his own people."

Berenbaum commended Babaknia for translating original documents and materials in a serious "attempt to educate those in the Iranian population who are interested in studying history instead of the fantasy that the Holocaust never happened."

Liebe Geft, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, which hosted a book launch party for Babaknia in April, praises the series as "a monumental work of enormous importance."

"Put into the hands of young people today, academics," Geft said, Babaknia's books provide "an opportunity to learn, to understand, to encounter and perhaps even to transform." ■

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The \$100 or so per-household cost of sending a year's worth of PJ products—11 books and one CD—is split between the Grinspoon Foundation and the community institutions. The institutions also help market the program to new families and run community events around the books, including pajama Havdalah parties, holiday concerts and intergenerational book readings at senior homes.

Keeping the program free for recipients is the key, PJ officials say, though recipients are asked after a year or two in the program if they'd like to "pay it forward" and make a donation to fund books for someone else.

"The idea that this is a gift from the Jewish community is an important message that each family is getting: You're part of something bigger," said Greenfield Simons, PJ's director.

In the Israeli version of PJ, called Sifriyat Pijama and started in 2009, kids get the books at school as part of a curriculum supported by the Education Ministry. The books are discussed in class before being sent home to some 120,000 Israeli households.

"In most nursery schools they come home with a library book from the school, and they always have to bring them back," said Medinah Korn, a mother of four in Ramat Beit Shemesh, whose 4-year-old son, Uriel, gets the books through his school. "He's so excited when he gets one in his knapsack because this one is for keeping."

The Israeli-American version of the program—called Sifriyat Pijama B'America (sifriya is Hebrew for library)—uses those same Hebrew books and is geared to children of Israelis living in America who sign up for the program either online or at events hosted by local Jewish day schools.

Next school year, organizers plan to expand the year-old program from 2,000 recipients to 6,000.

"The goal is to give them an appetite to start being affiliated in Jewish life, and eventually increase Israeli enrollment in Jewish day schools," said Adam Milstein, an Israeli-American investor and Jewish philanthropist from Los Angeles who has put \$100,000 into the \$600,000 program.

For this initiative, too, half the funding comes from Grinspoon.

Grinspoon is in talks to expand elsewhere in the Jewish world, and PJ already runs an outreach program to boost enrollment in the Russian-speaking Jewish community in New York.

As books become increasingly digitized, PJ Library says it is committed to sticking with the old pulp-and-paper model.

"There's something incredibly powerful about parents and children snuggling together with a real book in their hands," Greenfield Simons said. "We're pretty wedded to this idea." ■

Pluralism means finding your place in the Jewish story

By Edgar M. Bronfman

NEW YORK (JTA)—For the past six years The Samuel Bronfman Foundation, which is named in honor of my father and that I now run with my son Adam, has held a conference called "Why Be Jewish?" It is an intimate gathering that seeks to explore an expansive question. This year, in conjunction with the Shalom Hartman Institute, we will focus on the idea of Jewish pluralism.

Jewish pluralism, to me, is about finding your place in the story of our people. All Jews

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share a narrative going back to the patriarchs and matriarchs who created us, and they are wonderful and complex stories to share, study and learn. Jewish texts root you in the world and allow you to understand yourself, your values and your culture, all the while speaking to our modern lives with ancient wisdom.

Every Jew, regardless of belief and practice, should be able to see themselves in the narrative, values and rituals—in all their permutations—that bind us together as the Jewish people. We have an obligation as Jews to educate ourselves about our shared texts, common history and the traditions we have inherited.

At the heart of my Jewish beliefs is the tradition of questioning. Questioning is how we begin to learn. We Jews constantly discuss complex issues about how to live a moral and meaningful life, and seek guidance from sources ranging from our sacred texts to our most assimilated activists. We debate openly and are not shy, nor should we be.

All Jews, regardless of how they choose to practice—or not practice—their Judaism should be encouraged to engage in this dialogue. Questions are where education begins, and with education comes a sense of pride and ownership. The challenge for those of us who care about seeing Judaism thrive now and in the future is not to tell people what they should think, but rather to encourage them to learn enough that they can arrive at their own conclusions.

Taking a curious rather than pedantic approach to the question of why we are Jewish has led me to studying Jewish texts, history and culture. That knowledge has become, as I enter my 83rd year, a wellspring of joy and inspiration. It is not because studying taught me how to be a Jew, but rather because it rewarded my curiosity and helped me become a better human being.

One of the greatest lessons I've learned through studying Judaism is the necessity of mutual respect, and this idea lies at the heart of pluralism. To debate well we must be civil. To answer questions we must listen. I am a firm subscriber to the notion that there is no valid question that is rude, only questions rudely asked.

The "Why Be Jewish?" conference this year also marks the 25th year of a program I founded called the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel. BYFI takes a small group of young, promising future Jewish leaders from across the spectrum of beliefs and traditions and immerses them in intensive study both here and in Israel. It is of great importance to me that the teenagers in the BYFI program represent people from across the spectrum of Jewish experience so that they learn not only by engaging in Jewish study, but also through dialogue with each other. My hope is that the future of pluralism can be seen through the transformative conversations that occur between participants.

This type of Jewish dialogue shouldn't just be limited to teenagers in intensive study programs, but is something we can all share with each other through learning with our families, friends, communities and, even upon occasion, those we might see as our enemies. Jews are, after all, a family of sorts. Even when we disagree, we are mutually bound to care for each other.

That interconnectedness means respecting other streams of Judaism and discovering what we can learn from each other. Pluralism is an open Judaism where all denominations can be inspired and gain wisdom by listening to each other. Regardless of individual practice, we all share a rich heritage in which meaning can be found for every Jew, from the traditionally pious to the most skeptical of conventional religious practice.

Pluralism also means egalitarianism. Women's contributions as Jewish leaders and rabbis have only enhanced our community as a whole, as has the open inclusion of homosexuals. Their active participation in Jewish life should be encouraged across the entire spectrum of Jewish

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practice and ideologies. The more widely we open out tent, as our forefather Abraham did, the more Judaism is enriched. All should be welcome and able to express themselves within our community.

Like Abraham, who was known to keep his tent open to accommodate all who wished to be included, pluralism means all that who wish to come into our Jewish community must be welcome. Judaism is strong and rich enough to take on a plurality of practice. There is room for all in our story. My hope for all Jewish people is that they write a new story for themselves that will be told for generations to come. ■

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Israel shows off its homeland security technologies to international visitors

By Mati Wagner

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israel's security technologies were on display as the country hosted two separate international contingents.

An Interpol European Regional Conference brought 110 senior law enforcement officers from 49 countries to Tel Aviv, while a homeland security conference drew 37 mayors from two dozen world-wide cities to sites throughout Israel last week.

"Israel has been forced to overcome difficult circumstances, including war and terror, in order to survive," said Alfred Vanderpuije, mayor of the Ghana capital of Accra, following a visit to Elbit Systems, a defense electronics company based in Haifa. "And this has put the Israelis in a unique situation to develop security technologies."

In the decade following the terror attacks of 9-11, Israeli security exports rose from about \$2 billion a year to more than \$7 billion, according to data supplied by SIBAT, Israel's Defense Export and Defense Cooperation Agency. Part of the rise was attributed to the growing international demand for more effective homeland security systems.

At Elbit and other security firms such as Magal Security Systems and Elta Group, a subsidiary of Israel Aerospace Industries, Vanderpuije and the other mayors saw presentations on defense technologies.

Originally developed for the Israel Defense Forces to fight wars and terror, many of the systems are being modified for civilian use, such as securing large cities. Called the "digital army project," Elbit's technology connects all military forces to a single communication network that enables the

free transferral of audio and video information. "From the individual soldier to entire divisions on the land, in the air and on the sea, all our forces are interconnected," said Dalia Rosen, Elbit's vice president of corporate communications.

"In the past few years we have begun adopting the tools we have developed and applied on the battlefield for use in a civilian context to create what we call 'safe cities.'"

The basic tools that are used to fight terrorism can be used to fight crime and help officials react more efficiently to natural disasters, said Amnon Sofrim, who heads Elta's homeland security projects. "Instead of endless patrols, we can use strategically placed cameras or electronic devices connected to a situation room to detect the beginning of a robbery or a fire," said Sofrim, former chief of the IDF's intelligence corps. "And this allows us to use a limited amount of security forces or firefighters only where they are really needed."

There were signs that the meetings between mayors and Israeli security experts might lead to business ties. "I was very impressed with what I saw and am even thinking about bringing some of these ideas back to Ghana," Vanderpuije said.

While private Israeli firms were showing the mayors homeland security technologies, a similar show-and-tell was taking place in Tel Aviv at Interpol's 41st regional conference, the first time Israel has hosted such a conference since it joined the international police organization in October 1949.

Among the Israeli innovations on display were the "skunk," a liquid with a putrid odor,

and the "screamer," a hand-held device the size of a bullhorn that emits a sound so loud that it can paralyze.

Israeli police developed both as non-lethal means of crowd control in the wake of the October 2000 riots that left 12 Arab Israelis dead.

The Or Commission, an Israeli panel of inquiry set up after the riots, criticized the police for being unprepared and possibly using excessive force to disperse the mobs.

"The skunk and the screamer are more ethical than your average police baton since they don't cause long-term injuries," said Cmdr. Oded Shemla, who heads research and development for the police technology division. "They also happen to be more effective."

An interactive simulator capable of constructing realistic scenarios, from soccer game riots and violent demonstrations to kidnappings and sniper attacks, also was on display. "What is unique about our technology is that it is developed by policemen for policemen," said Shemla, who previously was a police helicopter unit pilot.

Interpol officials were not authorized to comment on Israel's innovations vis-a-vis other member countries.

Shemla said, however, that senior police officers from Europe were particularly impressed that the Israeli technologies presented at the conference already were in use and had proven to be effective in real-life situations.

"We were not showing them an abstract con-

cept," he said. "We were showing them things that actually work in the field."

Jake Rosen, who chairs the American Council for World Jewry that organized and sponsored the international mayors' conference, said there is room for more security export growth.

"One of the goals of this year's conference is to break down prejudices [toward Israel] and overcome feelings of hesitation about doing business here," Rosen said. "We have to be proactive in allowing access to Israeli know-how and in countering anti-Israel sentiment."

Rosen said that political leaders such as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who has claimed that Israel plans to "terminate" the Palestinian people, are "obstacles to openness" when it comes to economic ties with Israel.

However, Rosen noted that Venezuela should be seen as monolithic. Antonio Ledezma, who beat a pro-Chavez candidate to become mayor of Caracas, attended the conference.

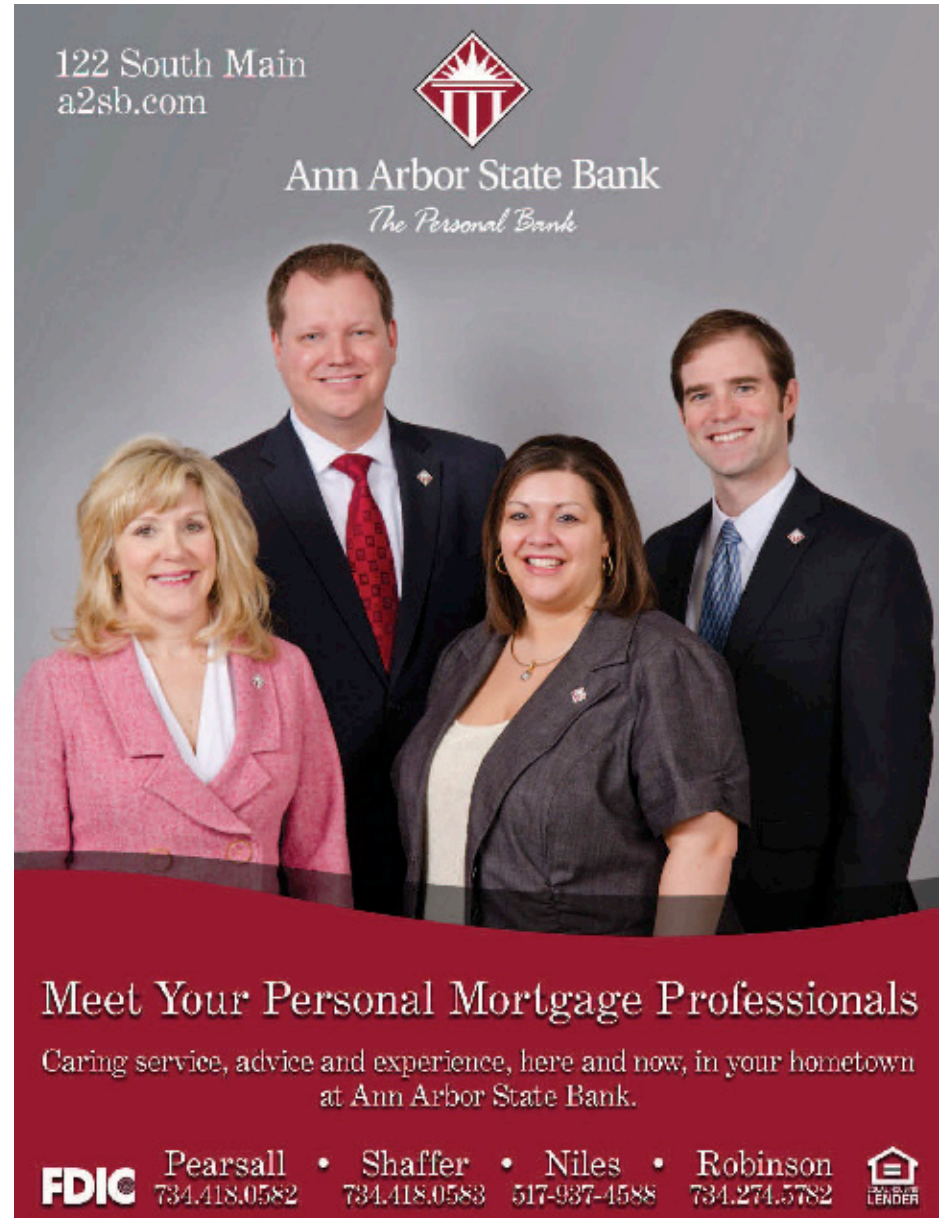
Otto Perez Leal, the mayor of Mixco, Guatemala, and son of Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina, said his municipality already was implementing security cameras and other technologies developed in Israel. "Our army and police use this equipment to integrate our forces and improve our ability to respond to natural disasters and other challenges," Leal said.

"It's not just about training people and it's not just about technology. It's about combining them both. And that is something that we are learning from you." ■



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Political turmoil worries Hungary's Jews

By Ruth Ellen Gruber

BUDAPEST (JTA)—The debate over anti-Semitism in Hungary has sharpened since the anti-Israel, anti-Jewish and anti-Roma (Gypsy) Jobbik movement entered Parliament two years ago as the country's third largest party.

Seeking scapegoats and channeling paranoia at a time of severe economic, social and political woes, Jobbik's lawmakers regularly—and loudly—spout xenophobic, anti-Roma, anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric. Outbursts in Parliament, in local councils and in the media have demolished taboos and increasingly serve to legitimize hate speech in both private conversation and public discourse.

But for the Jewish community, anxiety over anti-Semitism is only one toxic element of a broader and much more complex national crisis that touches all parts of society two years after the 2010 elections swept the conservative Fidesz party to power. “The danger is about Hungarian democracy, not about anti-Semitism,” Rabbi Istvan Darvas told JTA.

“Everybody feels the crisis,” said Mircea Cernov, CEO of Haver, a foundation that fights anti-Semitism and teaches schoolchildren about Judaism and the Jewish people. “The financial and economic challenges, unemployment and poverty, social, education and health system crisis, democratic system in turbulence—there is no difference between people influenced by all this.”

With a two-thirds majority in Parliament, Prime Minister Victor Orban and his government rewrote the constitution and pushed through controversial new laws that sharply polarized the country and also drew tough criticism from the European Union and other international bodies.

These included new legislation regulating the media, changing how judges are appointed and reducing the number of officially recognized religious bodies. Three Jewish streams have such recognition.

Other new laws cut social benefits, nationalized private pension funds and even outlawed homelessness. The government said the new laws were needed to consolidate the legal and judicial system. But critics claimed they contributed to a “democracy deficit” and undermined democratic rights.

Jobbik and other extremists have capitalized on the economic uncertainty and social and political polarization to push a virulently nationalist message that stigmatizes Jews, Roma, immigrants and other minority groups.

Fidesz is not formally allied with Jobbik and has condemned anti-Semitism.

But a defense of Hungarian national honor is one of Fidesz's platforms. Many Hungarian Jews, who traditionally have gravitated toward leftist-liberal parties, are deeply troubled by appeals to nationalism, even by mainstream parties.

And there is a perception among Fidesz opponents that some of its members may be sympathetic to Jobbik's more extreme stance. This month, for example, the Israeli ambassador to Hungary canceled an official visit to the town of Eger after an audio recording came to light in which a Fidesz town councilor slammed a prominent actor as a “filthy Jew” with leftist-liberal sympathies.

“Intolerance is growing, radical narratives and voices are powerful, and many people feel that the risk of a greater conflict is real,” said Cernov.

The country, he said, faces a “moral crisis” along with its other woes.

“There are no real credible voices and opinion-influencing figures,” he said. “No role models and no people who can set positive reference points. The lack of a minimum platform of common understanding among all democratic

parties and civil groups is the real weakness of the Hungarian society.”

In a recent incident, addressing Parliament just before Passover, a Jobbik lawmaker went so far as to advance the blood libel—the accusation that Jews kill Christian children and use their blood for ritual purposes.

And in a February interview with the London Jewish Chronicle, Jobbik foreign affairs spokesman Marton Gyongyosi called Israel a “Nazi system based on racial hatred,” accused Jews of “colonizing” Hungary and stressed Jobbik's support of Iran.

These developments have ratcheted up the anxiety level for Hungary's 100,000 Jews, the largest Jewish community in central Europe.

“The gravity of the situation is unprecedented in the past two decades of Hungarian democracy,” Rabbi Shlomo Koves told The Associated Press. “Although the safety and well-being of Hungarian Jews in their daily life is not physically in danger—or no worse than in any other European country—anti-Semitic public speech has escalated to a point which cannot be ignored by a single decent person.”

Rabbi Andrew Baker, the representative on anti-Semitism to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, said it is not simple to gauge the extent and impact of anti-Semitism in Hungary.

“There are real problems and a high degree of uncertainty,” he told JTA after a fact-finding mission to Hungary in April. But, he added, “It is not easy to separate the anxiety that Jews feel together with many other left-of-center Hungarians at current political developments and unease at what are more directly anti-Semitic rumblings.”

Members of the Jewish community said anti-Semitism was widely expressed verbally but there have been few episodes of physical violence.

“Many people are afraid,” said Andras Heisler, a former president of the Federation of Jewish Communities. “But in normal daily life there is not any danger.”

Indeed, unlike in many Western countries, little security is evident at most of Budapest's 20 or so active synagogues, prayer houses and other Jewish sites.

And Jewish life is lived openly. Budapest may be one of the only capitals where a program linked to this year's March of the Living was publicized on an advertisement that covered the entire side of a downtown building.

Still, a report released before Passover by the Anti-Defamation League added fuel to alarmist fires. Based on a telephone survey in which callers asked 500 people in 10 countries four questions regarding anti-Semitic stereotypes, the ADL found that 63 percent of Hungarians held anti-Semitic attitudes.

The report grabbed headlines. But sociologist Andras Kovacs, Hungary's foremost researcher on anti-Semitism, slammed the report for employing what he called a faulty methodology that favored responses from hard-core anti-Semites, giving a skewed result that fed alarmism.

According to his research, he said, the proportion of anti-Semites in Hungary is 20 to 25 percent.

Cernov called the ADL report “superficial” and “even irresponsible.”

It could, he said, have a negative impact on organizations like Haver that were trying to carry out serious social action and other educational work to combat prejudice and counter extremist trends. ■

Amid security concerns in Tunisia, a smaller Hiloula celebration

By JTA Staff

DJERBA, Tunisia (JTA)—Two thousand years ago, a mysterious woman who was unable to talk arrived on this island. Every sick person she touched was healed. Although she died when her wooden house caught fire, her body remained intact and did not burn.

That's a local legend.

Another is that the miracle worker is buried beneath the foundation stone of the El Ghriba Synagogue, one of the oldest continuously used synagogues in the Diaspora and the site of an annual pilgrimage that typically brings thousands to Djerba seeking answers to their prayers.

This year, amid political uncertainty and security concerns, the two-day celebration held last week on Lag b'Omer drew more journalists and police than pilgrims.

“We have about 300 people here from abroad today, but most are locals,” said Rene Trabelsi, a Paris-based organizer of the celebration whose family oversees the synagogue. “What's important is that we are having this event this year because last year it did not happen. I hope we can slowly increase the number of people attending each year.”

Last year, in the aftermath of Tunisia's revolution that overthrew the country's long time autocrat Zine El Abddine Ben Ali and killed more than 300 Tunisians, the celebration was canceled.

Pilgrimages in previous years had attracted thousands of visitors to Djerba. After the El Ghriba Synagogue was attacked in 2002, the pilgrimage was vastly scaled back, but the number of pilgrims steadily increased until nearly 10,000 came in 2010.

Heavy security accompanied this year's event, and those coming by car faced some dozen checkpoints en route.

Elias al-Fakhfakh, Tunisia's minister of tourism and a member of the center-left Ettakatol political party, attended on the second day.

The crowd, which had been singing kabbalistic tunes outside the synagogue, switched to the Tunisian national anthem as al-Fakhfakh approached.

Entering the El Ghriba sanctuary, al-Fakhfakh put on a kabbus, a red traditional Tunisian hat that many Tunisian Jewish men wear as a kippah.

Before cameras from almost every Tunisian television station, al-Fakhfakh viewed both the sefer Torah and holy area where the foundation stone is believed to be.

“It is great that Muslims and Jews can celebrate this occasion together,” he told a cheering crowd before heading off to a meal with local Jewish community leaders. “After the Tunisian revolution we adopted new democratic values. We have a new country with a deep heritage that accepts people with different cultures and religions.

“As a government,” he said, “we want to embrace good relations between Jews and Muslims in the new free Tunisia.”

During the pilgrimage, El Ghriba's sanctuary becomes a holding place for people's wishes, which are written on paper and placed inside cracks of the wall—similar to the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Coins are placed inside oil lamps for tzedakah, charity.

Women seeking to marry or have children

visit El Ghriba and write their wishes on boiled eggs, symbolizing life. Candles are lit for those asking for good health and a long life.

A door to the foundation stone, which is beneath the ark, is opened during the pilgrimage, so the candles and eggs may be placed on the stone.

Newlywed Vanessa Mamou, whose father is from Djerba, traveled from Paris for the celebration.

“I put an egg in the synagogue because I am married and want to have a baby,” she told JTA. “My sister is here because she wants to meet someone and get married.”

The El Ghriba legend is important not only for Tunisian Jews but for Muslims as well.

“This is a holy place for all Djerbians, not just the Jews,” a woman named Khalija said as she was leaving the sanctuary. “I came to light a candle with my Jewish friend.”

Unlike previous years, when the celebration attracted Tunisians and non-Tunisians from abroad, nearly all of this year's pilgrims were Tunisian.

Many were local Djerbians; others came from Tunis. The remaining were Tunisians visiting from Europe, although the visitors included a couple of French pilgrims.

“My family left Tunisia when I was 10 years old, but I spent almost every summer growing up in Tunisia,” said Isabel, who came with her husband and daughter from Paris. “No one will scare me away from coming here because this is my country. I am Tunisian and will never be afraid of my country.”

Adjacent to the synagogue is a building that once served as an inn housing visitors, primarily Libyan Jews visiting El Ghriba. With the growth of the tourism industry and the establishment of vast hotels in recent years, the building is mostly abandoned year-round.

But during the two-day Hiloula, the inn becomes a center of celebration. Live traditional Tunisian music, in Hebrew and Arabic, is sung to the beat of the darbouka drum.

The smell of fried briq—a flour envelope of potatoes, Tunisian hot sauce known as harissa, parsley and egg—is present in the air. Families sit together on benches and munch on fresh almonds, apricots, oranges, cantaloupe and mulberries that are sold in nearby stands.

For some Tunisians who have been abroad for many years, the celebration is a chance to reconnect with Tunisia. On sale are CDs of famous Tunisian Jewish singers from the community's past as well as DVD collections of recent Tunisian sitcoms.

Previous celebrations have attracted many Israeli pilgrims, but this year Israel issued a travel warning advising its people not to attend.

Perez Trabelsi, El Ghriba's president, criticized the Israelis in the local French language Tunisian newspaper, Le Press, for not attending this year.

According to some foreign attendees, many foreign visitors canceled after the Islamist Tunisian party Ennahda invited Youssef Al Qaradawi, a Qatar-based Egyptian sheik well known for his endorsement of suicide bombings, on a multi-city speaking tour of Tunisia in the week leading up to the Hiloula. ■

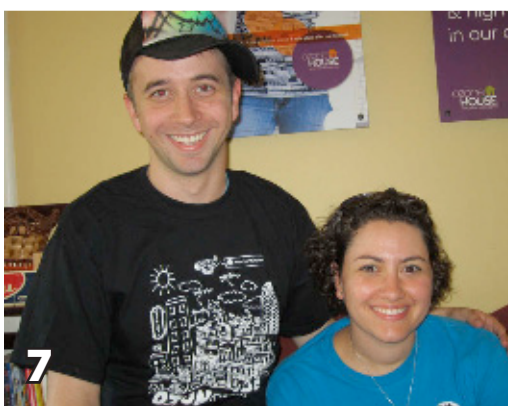
Community Photo Album

Temple Beth Emeth volunteers partner with Ozone House for Mitzvah Day

Sue Dvorak, special to the WJN

As part of their 15th Annual Mitzvah Day, nearly 150 community volunteers from Temple Beth Emeth devoted the better part of their weekend to painting, landscaping, repairing, and performing numerous other projects at Ozone House in Ann Arbor. Each year the TBE Mitzvah Day committee members choose a nonprofit organization to partner with in order to fulfill the commandment of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).

"It's so great to see all of this community support for Ozone House. The volunteers from Temple Beth Emeth embody the true meaning of the mitzvah. We are so grateful to every single person who came out to help with this project," said Allie Schachter, Ozone House administrative coordinator ■



1. Volunteers painted the interior of Ozone House. Deborah Juster, Don Levitt, Colleen O'Brien, and Rachel Glick
2. Steve (who helped launch the Mitzvah Day for TBE 15 years ago) and Kathy Rhodes spent the day making the conference room beautiful.
3. Elianna Shwayder digs in to help beautify Ozone House with Administrative Coordinator Allie Schachter.
4. Temple Beth Emeth volunteers did everything from pulling weeds to pruning bushes and trees, to putting mulch down to help spruce up Ozone House. L to r: Allie Schachter, Julie Haines, Jacob Robinson-Mayer, and Aviva Shwayder
5. Mother and daughter, Stephanie and Sarah Levin, made a great team painting the back steps.
6. Volunteers from TBE after a long but rewarding Mitzvah Day at Ozone House.
7. Ozone House Youth Specialist Phil Smith with Temple Beth Emeth Assistant Rabbi Lisa Delson.
8. Susan Beckett enjoyed painting the mantel in the conference room.
9. Volunteers reorganized the Ozone House storage room. L to r: Allie Schachter (Ozone House Administrative Coordinator), Miriam Shaw, Doris Sperling, Miriam Cohen, and Julie Nagel
10. Assistant Rabbi Lisa Delson and her husband, Brent Pliskow, take a well-deserved break.
11. Marvin Wagner hung a new door in the Crisis Line room.



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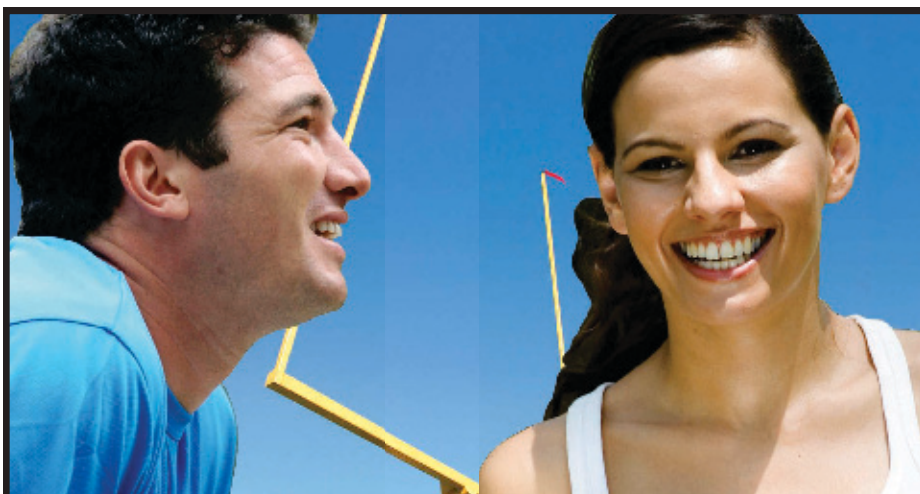


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Social Media

"Hunger Games" social media video with Israeli roots hits the jackpot

By Alexandra Halpern

NEW YORK (JTA)—It's post-apocalyptic America and you're in District 12 of Panem. With your bow and arrow, you are helping Katniss Everdeen hunt for meat and berries to bring back to your family. President Snow, the evil dictator, is planning the next Hunger Games, in which children are placed in an arena to fight to the death—and you might be chosen.

This is the world that Funtactix, a company founded in Israel, has created on Facebook along with Lionsgate and "Hunger Games" author Suzanne Collins.

With social network games—typically played online through a social network such as Facebook or on a mobile device—replacing the console system as the standard in recent years, Funtactix finds itself well positioned.

The Hunger Games Adventures is just the latest conquest for a company that has been receiving plenty of hype from gaming experts for integrating social gaming with big brand marketing. Last year, Funtactix partnered with Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros. to create Facebook games centered on "Rango," "Mission: Impossible" and "New Boyz."

Now it seems to have hit the jackpot: Funtactix is the first company to launch a Facebook game released on the same date as the movie on which it is based.

Half a billion people play social games, according to Funtactix CEO Sam Glassenberg.

"Traditional console-based movie games reached only those hard-core gamer movie fans that both loved the film and owned a specific gaming console," he said. "With social games there is no barrier to entry, no expensive game console required."

Funtactix began as a startup company in Tel Aviv in 2006, and now has offices in New York, Jerusalem and Los Angeles.

So how did this young company born in Israel, which is second only to Silicon Valley in its per capita concentration of startups, connect with big names like Paramount, Warner Bros. and Lionsgate?

"Convincing a film studio or director to bring their upcoming film to the medium of social games is no easy task," Glassenberg said.

But his team of Israelis had decades of combined experience building games for movies and was able to parlay existing relationships with Hollywood.

The company has carved "out a unique niche," said Scott Steinberg, who heads the technology consulting firm TechSavvy Global.

Funtactix may be making it big at the box office, but its technology is standard, according to Ron Weaver, a faculty member at the Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy.

Several Facebook games have been set up in conjunction with TV shows, and content and technology updates are common for all games, as there are no barriers on the Facebook platform.

"Funtactix's implementation of console-quality graphics within Flash is not a lone effort," Weaver told JTA. "Kudos to Funtactix for helping to lead the charge, but fortunately they are not alone."

Glassenberg, who had worked for Microsoft, says one of the reasons he left the company to join Funtactix in 2008 was to help build the games industry in Israel.

"From personal experience, I know that Israel has the potential to make a huge contribution to the global games industry," he said, noting that the \$100 billion-a-year industry will serve to enhance the nation economically and culturally, providing education and talent retention.

His Zionism and Funtactix's Israeli roots were among the things that drew him to the company. "Israel has a great deal to contribute to the global games industry. Funtactix is just scratching the surface," Glassenberg said. "We have established a reputation in Hollywood for Israeli game development. We hope this will serve as a catalyst for a much larger games ecosystem in Israel."

Indeed, he'd like to see Funtactix pave the way for other Israeli startups.

Pointing to the powerhouse Google, which recently announced its plans to set up an Israel-based "incubator" to host and fund about 20 entrepreneurs, Glassenberg says big companies want access to Israeli talent. ■

Sweet Genius, continued from page 16

A "textbook second-generation survivor," Ben-Israel remembers listening to his parents' stories and realizing an emptiness within them that has trickled down to him. The creativity of baking helps fill that emptiness, he says.

"My parents were artists, so my salvation was to make pretty things—and ultimately delicious things at the same time," he says.

In 2007, Ben-Israel designed a cake celebrating the 100th anniversary of New York's Plaza Hotel, which the Israeli conglomerate Elad Properties had purchased earlier in the decade. The connection quickly raised his profile in his homeland. The chef tries to return to Israel at least once a year, and he would love to do an Israeli version of "Sweet Genius."

While Ben-Israel no longer votes in Israeli elections—he doesn't believe it's right for him to vote if he doesn't live in the country—he maintains a strong sense of pride in Israel and

its accomplishments, especially in women's and gay rights.

Still, he says, there is a long way to go.

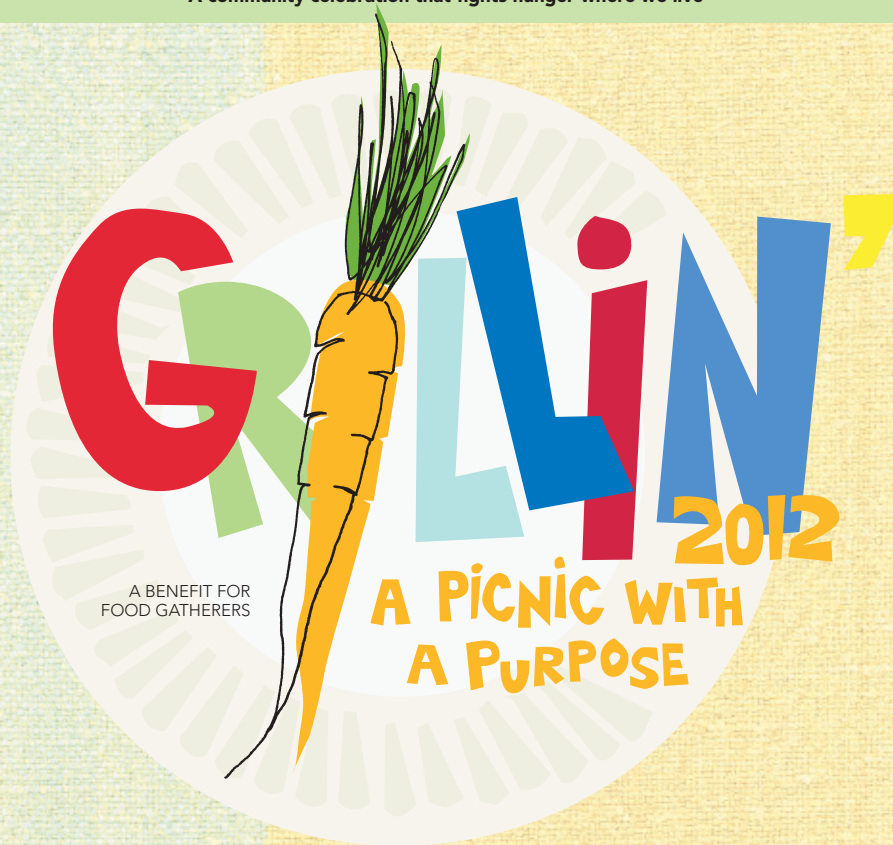
"I always admire people in Israel who come out because it's such a small place and everybody's looking at you," Ben-Israel says, noting that while he himself came out in Israel, being openly gay was common at the art school he attended.

Between running his cake shop, hosting "Sweet Genius," and teaching at The International Culinary Center, founded as The French Culinary Institute, Ben-Israel appears to have time for little else. Still, he continues to seek new challenges.

Perhaps peacemaker?

"The Palestinians do cakes with the same products," he says. "I'd be open to bridge the gap with sugar and cake." ■

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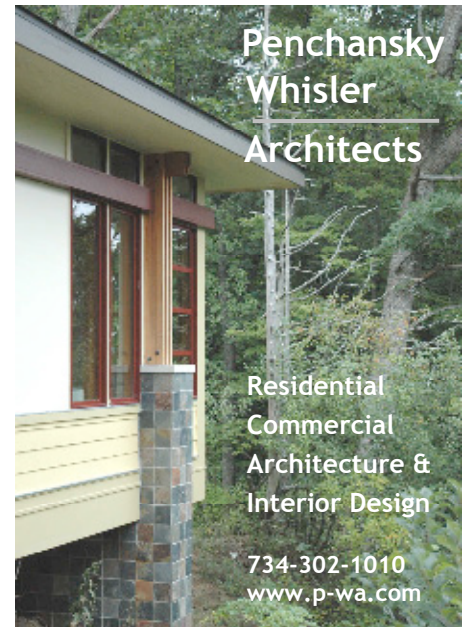
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Short story collection by Nathan Englander

Rachel Urist, staff writer

Nathan Englander's *What We Talk About When We Talk About Ann Frank* is a collection of short stories as clever, colorful and penetrating as those he told in his breakout work, *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*. The title story of his new collection includes the "game" that the story's indelibly Jewish protagonists have played since childhood. The game has the same name as the story. It is a psychological twister all too familiar to those of us raised in the wake of the holocaust. Would you hide me today if they came for me? Would you risk your life to save mine? Would you have been as noble as a righteous gentile?

It is chilling to hear Englander call this a "game." In my experience, it was a sequential set of riddles that was compelling, but never fun. It allowed players to cross boundaries, to imagine themselves survivors, to expiate their sin of survival by reliving what they never experienced. It usurped the humility and gratitude of "There by the grace of God go I." As a reader, I was shocked to discover this "game" in Englander's book. I never realized that this obsession is so widely shared; that it remains so real for so many Jews of the second and third generations. The Holocaust still haunts our collective psyche, and this compulsion to test others—and oneself—is evident in a number of today's prominent writers. It appears in Shalom Auslander's *Hope: A Tragedy*, whose protagonist plays this game willy-nilly, with dire consequences. Like Englander, Auslander conjures Ann Frank. Like Auslander, Englander names a character Mr. Kugel. (He spells it "Kigel.")



Nathan Englander

Both Englander and Auslander were raised in strict, Orthodox households in closed communities in New York. Both became secular. But Englander, who remains loyal to Jewish tradition, creates Jewish characters that are sympathetic despite their observance. Two of the four protagonists in his new book's title story are Hassidim by choice, raised on pot and beer, and transformed into prolific parents who have made *aliya* (emigrated to Israel). Their visit back to the States includes a stay with their old friends. They struggle to find common ground. Alcohol helps. When the riddle's specter intrudes, they discover more about themselves than they wanted to know.

Most of Englander's stories are steeped in Jewish life, reminding me of a poignant observation made of the great Yiddish writers of the turn of the last century. Though they were *shtetl* Jews who had

left the fold, they filled their stories with *Yiddishkeit*, which gave the stories their charm and color, and gave their authors new life. A dose of nostalgia cures a host of ills. Englander's stories are often funny, but they are never far from the existential Jewish conundrums: to live or not to live within rabbinic ordinance? Never forget!—but, do we forgive?

Comedy and tragedy are two heads of a coin, and Englander keeps both perspectives in view. In "Camp Sundown," an elderhostel group of Holocaust survivors evokes laughter with the spot-on mimicry of Jews speaking English with a Yiddish cadence. "I want I should talk to Rabbi Himmelman. ... Always he takes care." Or they confuse English with Yiddish words: —"Fondle." Is that Yiddish?

—No! Everything sounds Yiddish to you. Far-fetched, far-fung ... Farf ung is Yiddish.

These campers have a collective memory sharpened by age; they never forget a face, particularly a face from the Camps. Or do they? Can their conviction be a sign of fear? Englander keeps our doubts alive. Those who have dealt with the aging know that "sundowning" means loss of faculties as the sun goes down. As seniors watch their visitors leave, and as the lights are dimmed, so is lucid thought. And "camp" has its own associations. I just learned of woman who, as a child, immersed

herself in Holocaust literature. When, at age nine, she learned that her parents had signed her up for summer camp, she was horrified, certain they were sending her to Birkenau. The holocaust survivors consigned to summer camp in this story, cannot escape the Camps of yesteryear.

"Sister Hills" is an exquisite story. It satisfies literary and human interest when taken at face value. Scratch the surface, and the story becomes a profound parable for the Arab-Israeli conflict. It is a story of hope, tragedy, sweat and redemption. Two young Zionist families set up home on adjoining hilltops. They share a vision: to establish a city that will be a model of Jewish life in the new state. As their families grow, so does their neighbors' resentment. The families share each other's joys and sorrows. Each is the other's lifeline. Bargains are made, debts incurred. Life turns love to tatters, but their vision remains. In the end, their vision is realized, but the sacrifices are unspeakable.

Englander's "Peep Show" is an uncanny echo of a piece on pornography that Shalom Auslander just wrote for *GQ* magazine. Each of these authors unwittingly mirrors the other, with equal and devastating insight. Yeshiva boys with *payess*, rabbis with black hats and *tzitzess*, all figure in x-rated scenes stripped of eroticism. The contradictory desires—for sex and Torah, consummation and commendation—are spun together until they are indistinguishable one from the other, and the protagonist, like the drunken Jew on Purim, cannot tell Haman from Mordecai.

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Bob Dylan: "Prophet" and Medal of Freedom recipient

By Robert Gluck/JointMedia News Service

Most rock stars are retired by 71, but not Bob Dylan. He's touring, performing and later this spring receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor given by the U.S.

President Barack Obama will present the medals to Dylan, Israeli President Shimon Peres, former secretary of state Madeleine Albright, and 10 others.

Born Robert Allen Zimmerman to Jewish parents and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota, many Dylan fans might not truly appreciate how much Dylan's heritage infuses his work. But Seth Rogovoy certainly does. In his book *Bob Dylan: Prophet, Mystic, Poet*, Rogovoy explores how Judaism influenced the songwriter.

Rogovoy reveals the ways in which Dylan walks in the footsteps of the Jewish prophets, explaining the profound depth of Jewish content—drawn from the Bible, the Talmud, and the Kabbalah—at the heart of Dylan's music, and demonstrating how his songs can only be fully appreciated in light of the Jewish themes that inform them.

According to Rogovoy, Dylan's spiritual roots are evident throughout his 50 albums.

"Bob was raised in a traditional Jewish household with Yiddish speaking grandparents living in the house with a great-grandfather nearby who would daven every day and study Talmud every afternoon. Bob was exposed to all of this," Rogovoy told *JointMedia News Service*. "His family was at the center of the Jewish community in the town he grew up in."

Another profound experience outside Dylan's home, Rogovoy said, was his experience at summer camp.

"Like many Jewish boys and girls of his gen-



Joan Baez and Bob Dylan at the 1963 March on Washington.

eration, Bob went for four summers to Camp Herzl, the Jewish summer camp in Wisconsin," Rogovoy said. "A testimony to the impact it had on Dylan is that several of his lifelong friends are people who he met at Camp Herzl. You can take the Dylan out of Hibbing but you can't take the Jew out of Dylan."

According to Sean Wilentz, author of *Bob Dylan in America*, being brought up in a Jewish household in the Minnesota iron range in the 1940s and '50s could only have influenced every aspect of his life and work in some way, especially his spiritual side and its appeal to audiences.

"Every poet—and, I suppose, every artist—has a spiritual side," Sean Wilentz. "If you mean specifically his roots in Judaism, I suppose it's done something to appeal to some listeners who don't ordinarily take popular music too seriously."

Dylan was praised in the White House's April 26 Medal of Freedom announcement as being among "the most influential American musicians of the 20th century," for "his rich and

poetic lyrics" and for work that has "had considerable influence on the civil rights movement of the 1960s and has had significant impact on American culture over the past five decades."

Wilentz said Dylan's art "transcends the national and linguistic barriers of the late 20th and early 21st centuries, precisely the time when American popular culture reached a new apogee of influence around the world." Dylan "tapped into and then enlarged an international, American-inspired youth culture that was unprecedented, then held that

audience while touching the imagination of a later generation," he said.

Howard Sounes, author of *Down the Highway: The Life of Bob Dylan*, told *JointMedia News Service* that "Jewishness is absolutely integral to [Dylan's] life and work."

"It is who he is," Sounes said. "As one of his Jewish friends said to me when I was researching the book, 'He's really Jewish. He was bar mitzvah!'"

When Dylan attended college in Minnesota, he moved into the Jewish fraternity house Sigma Alpha Mu, and in September 1983, he visited Jerusalem for his son's bar mitzvah.

"He is a true and original artist who interprets his own life and the world in a way that makes us think about our own lives in a deep and powerful way," Sounes said.

Rogovoy acknowledged that Dylan did make up stories about his background, but not to hide his Jewish heritage. To Dylan, the most important things are the songs he writes and sings,

Rogovoy said. "One of the first original songs he ever wrote and performed was 'Talkin' Hava Negeilah Blues,'" Rogovoy said. "Hava Nagilah was probably the most famous Jewish song of the 20th century and it was played at every [Jewish] wedding. In many of his songs he addresses directly, lyrically, issues of Jewish history."

For example, Dylan writes about the Holocaust in his song "With God on Our Side":

"When the Second World War came to an end
We forgave the Germans
And then we were friends
Though they murdered six million
In the ovens they fried
The Germans now too
Have God on their side."

But it's not just the horror of the Holocaust Dylan writes about; he writes about mystical experiences. "Dylan is always talking about face-to-face experiences of the divinity," Rogovoy noted.

Rogovoy said Dylan performs in the mode, style and message of ancient prophets. He said Dylan is one of the best at channeling the moment into a transcendent experience for the listener. There is no formula.

"It helps to see Dylan in the context of the biblical prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, both in terms of subject matter, and his relationship to the people he's prophesizing to," Rogovoy said. "The main purpose was to scold. You're not living up to your end of the bargain. He's berating them for not living up to the moral and ethical agreements they have and warning them of the consequences. Bob Dylan has done that from the very beginning and he's still doing it." ■

On Another Note

Fiddler on the Roof at The Encore Theatre

Sandor Slomovits, staff writer

The Encore Theatre in Dexter will be presenting *Fiddler on the Roof* beginning on July 12 and running through August 12. The Encore Theatre, which opened in 2009 and is now in its fourth season, has been presenting very high quality musical theater productions with casts consisting of a mix of professional Equity actors and local amateurs. They also regularly present concerts and revues, and during the summer months also offer musical theater programs for elementary through high school students. Their shows have included, *Annie*, *Oklahoma*, *The Music Man*, *Damn Yankees*, and *The Music Man*. Their current show is *Nunsense*. Dan Cooney, one of Encore's founders and its producing artistic director, and Thalia Schramm, the Encore's associate artistic director, talked about their upcoming production of *Fiddler*.

Cooney: I'm very close to Fiddler. I toured with Theodore Bikel; I was his Perchik for two different tours in '96 and '98. Each tour was about a year and then we also did a summer at the Muny in St. Louis. Theo, when he'd get a company together, he would then want that company all the time. He actually called me one time in my hotel room. We were on the road and I had no voice. He says, (and here Cooney adopts a very creditable imitation of Bikel's famously resonant speaking voice,) "Dan, it's Theo." (Laughter) "I understand you called out of the show tonight." I said, "Yes. I have no voice, I'm exhausted." He says, "Well, how about we cut the song?" I said, "Really?" He says, "Great, that saves me \$200 bucks." (Laughter) "I'll see you in a couple hours." (More laughter) He doesn't like change. I think he's 87, 88 now, he just had a concert on his birthday in one of the halls in New York City. That was wonderful, touring with him. We became good friends. He actually wrote my recommendation for me for the Yale School of Drama. I saw him last, I was doing 9 to 5: The Musical on Broadway and he came backstage. He walked in and said, "Some of you kids, probably most of you kids, don't even know who I am!" (Boisterous laughter) And half of them didn't, though they all said, "Of course we do, Mr. Bikel. Mr. Bikel." (Here Cooney deliberately mispronounces Bikel's name, putting the accent on the first syllable, rather than the second.) (More laughter)

WJN: I wore out my copy of his recording of Yiddish folk songs.

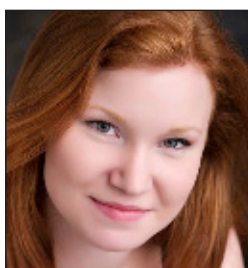
Cooney: He's amazing. He was the original Captain von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* on Broadway, was president of Actor's Equity, made numerous recordings. He would give concerts to the cast, put out a little buffet, bring out his guitar and sing; I think he sings in thirteen or fourteen different languages. Just a beautiful man. That's my Fiddler experience; it's very close to my heart. I loved that show. Sammy Dallas Bayes directed. He was the original dance captain on Broadway, and Jerome Robbins, Fiddler's choreographer, appointed Sammy to set his choreography throughout the world. Right up through this last one with Topol, he directed that one as well. He's the Jerome Robbins expert.

WJN: I saw Fiddler on Broadway in 1966 or 1967. My aunt lived in the City and she got standing room only tickets for my brother and me. I totally lost track of the time that night. When it was over I had no awareness that I'd been standing for two plus hours. The scene where Tevye roars, "There is no other hand!" is as vivid to me now, 45 years later, as if I'd seen it five minutes ago. Herschel Bernardi was Tevye. He was the second Tevye, after Zero Mostel originated the role.

Cooney: Theo would say, "Well, you know, Zero is more of a comedian. I am more of an actor!" (Laughter) "We approach the world very differently" (More laughter) And Theo was really funny. But he felt that he was funny because he approaches it as an actor and he's very honest, where Zero is very presentational and out there. Different styles, obviously both fantastic.

WJN: Next year, 2014, will be the 50th anniversary of when Fiddler opened on Broadway. You're getting a jump on that anniversary.

Cooney: We're doing it now most specifically because Stephen West lives in our community. He's a renowned opera singer and teaches voice at Michigan. He basically approached us and said, "You know, I'm always leaving for the summer to do some kind of performance, and I've grown to really love your space and I would like to do something here



Thalia Schramm

this summer. Is there something you think you could use me in?" I said, "Well, what would you like to do?" (Laughter) He said, "I



Dan Cooney as Perchik in Fiddler

could do South Pacific or Fiddler." I said, "I love Fiddler." It was that easy. Stephen presented the opportunity and we jumped on it. I don't know of any other opera singers who have played Tevye, so it will be a really interesting approach, and I'm sure phenomenal performances. I've seen his "If I Were a Rich Man." He did it in concert for us here, brought down the house.

WJN: Will you do this Fiddler the way you remember from your own touring in it, or will you try for something different?

Cooney: We'll use as many elements from Sammy Dallas Bayes' production—which is in essence the original—as we can manage with this company and this space, because it was so well thought out. Nothing was just because. It was very specific to a purpose. I will go through my notes; it's been quite some time, maybe even call Theo, or Sammy and ask, "What's this scene about again?"

We're going to be using a lot of our usual actors and they probably know very little about the history. So we're going to have to really find our way into that world in as authentic way as possible. I'm looking to make it as authentic as we can. There's nothing in the works at this point that's going to make it a unique, crazy production. We're not going to put it on the moon... (Laughter)

Schramm: We have a really unique space, we only have 122 seats, a pretty small stage, and the pit is off to the side, so with all the big shows that we do there's always a kind of re-imagining of space. How we can really make the space work for so many different places.

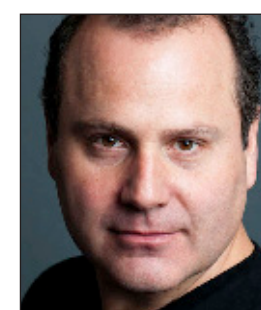
Cooney: I like to think of it as Broadway Unplugged. We do our best to suggest a place; oftentimes realistic, oftentimes some other musical theater fancy that fits the show. I always like to approach things realistically, especially because in this particular space front row is here (Dan points to his chair) and you're the actor. (Dan points to me. I was sitting very near him.) (Laughter) A large presentation oftentimes...

Schramm: ...doesn't work as well as something that can be focused.

Cooney: We have the luxury of really working on the honesty of the action. And it reads; it carries over, because you're right there. And you even get a little spit with it! (Laughter)

WJN: Your shows always have a mix of Equity actors and local actors. Fiddler has a huge cast; will you be bringing in more local people than usual?

Schramm: Absolutely. When we have a bigger show like this, we love to feature children in it, because it's the summer and we want to get kids involved in theater as much as possible. And then we have so many really good people in our community that are fantastic



Dan Cooney

actors, and there are so many opportunities in this show to have a lot of featured local Equity and non-Equity actors for all the daughters, and all the boys who marry the daughters... Our cast has maybe 40 people in it and 12

bottle dancers, so we're going to have to make it work in a smaller space without taking away any of the power of the piece.

Cooney: It's quite a challenge for us in this space with the budgets, to have three Equity contracts and everyone else local. So we have a group of people that have been with us since day one, and we've worked together, rehearsed together, shared technique, and they're, if I do say so myself, getting good training, and they're fantastic. They have really given back tenfold what we've given them in master classes, and setting the tone, and getting on the same page about how we talk about the work, and what acting is and what it isn't for our stage.

WJN: Dan, are you Jewish, and if you're not, how did you get into the role of Perchik?

Cooney: I'm not Jewish. I was actually raised Catholic. So now I'm a recovering Catholic. (Laughter) I really just did the work as an actor and it was such a gift to have Sammy and Theo because... you can imagine... Theo would say, "No, no, no, now Dan..." We always used to say "Zeitel." Drove him crazy. He'd correct our pronunciation. "Tse tse fly." He was a stickler for the little things like that. I would say Zeitel. He would say, "no, no, no, Tzeitel." "Zeitel" "No, Tzeitel" Zeitel. (Laughter) He's a lovely man. I may give him a call and say, "Come spend the weekend with us and help us," because it would be wonderful to get this as close to something that rings as true as possible.

It was all basic technique and rehearsal process. I of course watched a bunch of old films but really what you're seeing there is actors pretending to be that person as well. Really, our imagination is our best tool—along with some authentic guidance ■

For more information and tickets, visit TheEncoreTheatre.org or call 268-6200.

One final note: Please allow me to kvell a little. OK, a lot. My daughter, Emily, has been cast as the fiddler in this production of Fiddler on the Roof. See you at the Encore!

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"How We Avenged the Blums" is the story of neighborhood bullies who inspire their young Jewish victims to learn self-defense. Zvi and his friends learn martial arts: Japanese Karate, Russian hand-to-hand combat, and Israeli Krav Maga. They learn to punch, kick, stomp, bite, jab. They learn when to walk away and how to stand their ground. But the most valuable lesson remains elusive; having wrought vengeance, they forget to run.

A venerable professor once told me: "if you want to make a work universal, you must make it very specific." Englander's work is so specifically Jewish that anyone can identify. Replace the Jewish touches with any other ethnicity, and the story becomes Italian, Croatian, Kenyan, Buddhist, Catholic, and so on. For all his secularism, Englander, like the great Yiddish writer, I.L. Peretz,

takes comfort in writing about tradition. It is little wonder that Englander was persuaded by a fellow Jewish wunderkind, Jonathan Safran Foer, to write a new translation for the *New American Haggadah*. It is hard to imagine Auslander, equally secular but alienated from tradition, doing the same. Auslander, however, still believes in the God he cannot forgive. His characters spend a good deal of time arguing with Him, like the voices in the poems by Ji' Orten, the late, Czech poet whose work was recently featured in Ann Arbor. Orten is being revived through translation. Our collective unconscious, still plagued by the camps, finds redemption through stories. In the beginning, with words alone, God created... the world. In the 21st century, life re-creates itself through fiction. ■

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Feature

Jewish women nurture, celebrate, and nourish thru food work

Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

People bond over food—it serves as a means to building relationships, and thus community, whether through welcoming, nurturing, celebrating, or nourishing. The seven women profiled below are involved in widely divergent areas of the food industry in Ann Arbor, but each is contributing to the sense of community in her own unique way—feeding customers and guests, supporting local farms and restaurants, making events and meals special and memorable. The Jewish values these women were raised with and continue to be deeply inspired by—from *tikkun olam* and *tzedakah* to Abraham's example of hospitality—have invested their work and their passion as they invest in the community on both intimate and expansive scales.

Roberta Tankanow, Moonwinks Café

Judaism is "an important part of (Roberta's) life." She was raised in New York State, in a town with a small Jewish population; her parents were active in the Reform/Conservative temple, she attended Hebrew school and participated in youth groups and Jewish camps, and her extended family always gath-

in neighbors from the local area, getting to know them by name," exemplifying "being a *mensh* in business."

moonwinkscfe.com, 994-5151

Patti Aaron, WholeHeart Group

Patti has been involved with Jewish communal work for nearly three decades, and has thus "witnessed the incredible inequity within our food system." In response to this, and in support of her belief that "Access to



Patti Aaron

... real food should be available to everyone in this country," she has focused her passion upon selling healthy foods and using profits to support programs for individuals in need of job skills training. Her for-profit company, The WholeHeart Group, offers four varieties of granola, Superlicious Seasoning, and refreshing Hibiscus Elixir which can be found at area farmers' markets, at select local merchants, and at U-Go stores. The company's products are "delicious and healthy and locally sourced whenever possible."

Having been raised in Michigan, and a proud graduate of the University of Michigan—"the only school" considered—Patti has been drawn to "the local and sustainable food movement and the many passionate advocates who live and work" in Ann Arbor. A member of Temple Beth Emeth and the mother of "three independent and creative young adults," she was raised in a kosher household. Although she no longer adheres strictly to the dietary laws, Patti still "can't bring (herself) to eat a cheeseburger ... even with grassfed beef." The importance of faith and tradition were imprinted upon her early on, as she holds "deeply meaningful memories of extended family gatherings, particularly around holiday time and life-cycle events." And Patti wants to share these same cherished values, and the belief in food being more than mere sustenance, by devoting herself to "programs that help individuals gain economic self-sufficiency ... so they can overcome personal financial obstacles and access healthy food for themselves and their family." As she says, "If that isn't *tikkun olam*, I don't know what is."

wholeheartgroup.com, 222-4757

Marcie Greenfield, Savor Ann Arbor

Raised in an Orthodox family "in a town with no Jews," Marcie "was the last Jewish child to be raised in Brownsville, PA" as the population in the area dwindled. Her father, both grandfathers, and other relatives



Roberta Tankanow

ered for holidays. In a "wonderful, spiritual, and truly educational" ceremony at Beth Israel Congregation, where she and her husband Larry are members, Roberta became an adult bat mitzvah 19 years ago.

Having retired from teaching at The University of Michigan, where she was a clinical pharmacist, Roberta was seeking a new project. She likes "challenges and learning new things," and one idea she wanted to pursue was owning her own business—perhaps "a book store, with areas to listen to music, have coffee." Instead, she and her son Andy opened Moonwinks Café, which offers many of the attributes Roberta dreamt of for her enterprise. Moonwinks serves gourmet coffee and teas, breakfast, light lunch items, ice cream, and fresh fruit smoothies. It was important to Roberta that the cafe offer wholesome foods "obtained from local vendors," as well as providing "a meeting place." Thus, the cafe is "a wonderful, warm venue" for book clubs, mah jongg players, and knitting groups; it has also hosted book signings and receptions for artists whose works are displayed on the walls. Moonwinks is committed to the community, and has given *tzedakah* by providing food for area fundraisers and donating store proceeds to numerous charities. Roberta encourages the "nurturing aspect" of "drawing



Marcie Greenfield

were grocers and butchers, and her paternal grandmother was “a great cook and baker,” so Marcie grew up in a family of “foodies” long before the term was popular. Her “love affair with Ann Arbor” began when she would visit her brother, who was attending graduate school. She subsequently attended the University of Michigan herself; met her husband, Jim Morgenstern, here; and has stayed to raise her twin daughters in the city she feels such a part of. Marcie’s family belongs to Beth Israel Congregation, where she tries to participate in many events—especially if they’re food related. She remembers her mother’s activities at shul were “mostly in the kitchen,” so she’s continuing a family tradition.

A “passionate cook (and eater!),” Marcie “toyed with the idea of becoming a chef or caterer or restaurant owner over the years.” Instead, after a 25-year marketing career at Chrysler, she created Savor Ann Arbor, which offers “custom tours that celebrate everything about Ann Arbor, from the food to the fairy doors.” Having participated in walking tours in such inspiring places as Italy, Argentina and China, Marcie decided to engage with everyone from newcomers to townies and explore the city by foot, often with tastings along the way. (Tours can be tailored to a group’s or individual’s interests.) As she says: “It’s hard to talk about Ann Arbor without including the food scene ... and it offers lots of opportunities to learn about other cultures and eat their food.” Marcie would love to one day realize her dream of opening a Balinese café—one unique cuisine that Ann Arbor doesn’t feature ... yet.

savorannarbor.com, 709-4739

Rena Basch, Locavorous

Although she had no background in the world of food other than “working at a local ice cream shop as a young teenager,” Rena left a career in materials science and engineering at Ford to commit herself to supporting sustainable agriculture. After purchasing an



Rena Basch

initial CSA share and also getting involved in Ann Arbor Township’s efforts to preserve farmland (she’s been the township Clerk since 2004), Rena had found her mission: she created Locavorous, which offers shares of frozen fruits and vegetables that are picked up at various locations around town, such that customers can eat local produce even through the winter. “With a Locavorous subscription, you get delicious, healthy and locally grown food ... plus you help achieve a larger mission of promoting sustainable food systems, reducing the energy consumption and carbon footprint of current food distribution, and preserving family farms. Every package of food includes the name of the farm it comes from, the farm’s location and the date of harvest.”

A devotee of “cooking, eating, gardening and browsing at farmers markets,” Rena, her husband Jeff, and their two children are members of the Reconstructionist Havurah, which places significant emphasis upon *tikkun olam*. This tenet has “guided (Rena’s) desire to change the current industrialized and unhealthy food system.” Growing up in the Washington, D.C. area, for many years her extended Jewish family “had Shabbat dinner every Friday night with (her) dad’s side and got together with mom’s side of the family for kosher hot dogs almost every Saturday night.” Although Rena’s immediate family did not keep kosher, “knowledge of that meaningful, purposeful way of eating creates an awareness of the ethics of eating, our responsibility towards the animals we raise for food, and our stewardship of the land and water that grow our food.”

locavorous.com, 276-5945

Stacy Williams, What’s Cooking!

After an eclectic assortment of jobs that started with dental hygiene and gravitated into pharmaceutical sales, Stacy found that she was becoming increasingly interested in the catering options that were being provided to area doctors when she hosted events.



Stacy Williams

So when it was time to choose another career path, she decided to pursue her interests in the food industry; thus, What’s Cooking! was born. This service lets customers order “healthy, affordable, delicious (and) fun meals” for delivery or for pick up at various sites, from a menu that changes weekly. The innovative home-style dishes—featuring whole grains, fresh herbs and vegetables, and no hydrogenated oils or corn syrup—are fully cooked and packaged so that the meals stay fresh, ready to be reheated and enjoyed. Stacy

believes passionately in providing “healthy food for busy people” who may have neither the time nor the inclination to cook.

Stacy grew up helping her mother in the kitchen, whether for daily meals or for frequent dinner parties. Her parents are “not quite foodies,” although there was always a keen interest in what was being eaten, where the family would go out to eat, and when they would eat. Stacy moved to Ann Arbor from Massachusetts, and lives here with her husband and their two children; the family belongs to Temple Beth Emeth. Although the meals offered by What’s Cooking! are not certified kosher, they are prepared in a professional licensed kitchen; Stacy is knowledgeable about the laws of kashrut, and can work with customers depending upon their level of observance. Stacy is also flexible with regard to special diets, and can often offer substitutions requested for health reasons. She is convinced that she “got ‘the bubbe gene,’” as she simply “likes feeding people.”

whatscookinga2.com, 645-5287

Dahlia Weinman, Dahlia’s Cakes

A Brooklyn native with undergraduate and master’s degrees from Harvard, Dahlia has taken time off from a career in magazine publishing to raise her two sons. She moved to Michigan five years ago when her husband, Aaron Fried, an Ann Arbor native, was transferred by his employer. As her children reached school age, Dahlia sought “a new career to fulfill (her) artistic passion.” And thus



Dahlia Weinman

Dahlia’s Cakes began offering “one-of-a-kind wedding and special occasion cakes,” as well as Dahlia’s current primary focus: marzipan sculptures to serve as “toppers, party favors or gifts.” When her younger son turned one, Dahlia prepared her first specialty cake “and (her) second career began.” Both sons “are now enthusiastic taste-testers!”

A member of Beth Israel Congregation, Dahlia was raised in a mostly Conservative household but attended the Orthodox Yeshiva of Flatbush; her parents “believed (she) should have a complete Jewish education” in order to “make an informed decision as an adult” about her faith. Her exposure to the many facets of the Jewish community also derive from her father and her maternal grandparents being Israeli, with both Hebrew and English having been spoken at home. Dahlia believes deeply that “Food is

an important element in Jewish culture and (she’s) happy to be part of that tradition.” She prepares homemade hamantaschen for Purim and macaroons at Pesach, as well as babka to break the fast at Yom Kippur. She is grateful to be a member of the Ann Arbor Jewish community, which “welcomed (her family) warmly” when they moved here; Dahlia “can’t emphasize enough how important that was.”

dahliascakes.com, (917) 658-0726

Eve Aronoff, Frita Batidos

An “extremely enthusiastic eater,” Eve was drawn to a culinary career after growing up “in a food family (in which) everything revolved around cooking and eating.” She was “nurtured by (her) Mom ... who put a ton of love and care” into the dishes she prepared. Eve’s Jewish identity was nurtured, as well, by growing up in a home where holidays were celebrated and the family “went to Shul on High Holy Days.” She became a bat mitzvah, attended summer camps, and is a graduate of Brandeis University; her maternal grand-



Eve Aronoff

mother was Orthodox and her paternal grandparents were members of the Habonim Pioneer Movement which settled in Israel in 1948. Eve also lived in Israel while her parents, both professors at Michigan State University, were on sabbatical, and she spent a year there after finishing high school.

Having immersed herself in many areas of the food industry—from selling hot dogs at Fenway Park to earning diplomas from Le Cordon Bleu in Paris—Eve opened the sophisticated eve, a restaurant which highlighted seasonal foods before closing in 2011. The menu often featured twists on traditional Jewish dishes, such as “latkes with rum spiked applesauce and creme fraiche.” Eve now owns Frita Batidos, which serves “Cuban inspired street food” in a casual environment that offers “the warmth and conviviality of feeding the people you love.” Frita’s exemplifies the “philosophy of nurturing people and Abraham’s tent being open on all four sides” to welcome guests. “The most powerful way that being Jewish has informed” Eve’s work is that her “favorite thing in the world is to ... make people happy through cooking.” She’s in the process of developing yet another Jewish-inspired treat for her customers: guava rugelach.

fritabatidos.com, 761-2882

Calendar

June 2012

Friday 1

Weekly Yiddish Reading Group: JCC Seniors. Meets at the JCC. 1:30 p.m. Call Ray Juni at 761-2765 for information.

Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE. Tot Shabbat for ages 5 and under at 5:30 p.m. Tot and Sukkat Shalom dinner at 6 p.m. Sukkat Shalom for ages 5 through 10 at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Confirmation service with Kol Halev at 7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday 2

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50–9:30 a.m.

Learner's Service: AARH. Rabbinic intern Aura Ahuvia will provide a fuller davening experience at this final session of a nine-part series. For more information, visit www.aarecon.org or phone 445-1910. Meets at the JCC from 10–Noon.

Mystical Insights to the Torah—for Women: Chabad. Learn more about the mystical dimensions of the Torah. 1 hour before sundown. *Every Saturday.*

Laws of Shabbat—Jewish Ethics: Chabad. Study group code of law for Shabbat, and study of Jewish Ethics, 1/2 hour before sundown. *Every Saturday.*

Shabbat services: See listing at end of calendar.

Sunday 3

Reading Hebrew through the Prayer Book—for Women: Chabad. An in-depth study into the prayer book, an overview of the weekly Torah reading, with Jewish philosophy. 9:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Tanya—Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and open your eyes to the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Bicycle Riding Club: JCC. New club meets first Sunday of each month. Contact Karen Freedland for start points of each ride. RSVP to karenfreedland@jccfed.org or phone 971-0990. 9:45 a.m.

Baseball Game Outing: BIC Men's Club. Trip to Tigers—Yankees baseball game. 1:05 p.m.

Art Exhibit Reception: JCC. Exhibit of paintings of Aviva Kleinbaum shown in JCC's Amster Gallery through June 30. RSVP for reception to Karen Freedland at karenfreedland@jccfed.org or phone 971-0990. 4 p.m.

Constructive Conversations: TBE. Discussion of Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. For information, contact Marian Cohen at marianc@umich.edu or phone 761-4578. 4–6 p.m.

Judaism in the Spring: JCC. Three-week course led by Michael Weiss. Class focuses on “Judaism on the Fringe: Mapping the Boundaries of a Covenantal Community.” \$60/person. 4 p.m. *Also June 10.*

Jewish Concepts—for Women: Chabad. Learning the deeper meanings to the Jewish way of life. 8 p.m. *Every Sunday.*

Monday 4

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.—noon on Mondays—Fridays and 1–3 p.m. on Mondays—Thursdays at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email andre@jfsannarbor.org. *Ongoing.*

Torah Trop: TBE. With Cantor Rose. Ongoing weekly group. Noon.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. Led by Cantor Annie Rose. 7–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 5

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar, 11 a.m., \$4/session or \$10/3 sessions; \$3 Homemade Dairy Buffet Lunch, noon; Games and activities including mahjong, quilting for the patients of Mott Hospital, art projects and card games. *Every Tuesday.*

Yidish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): All ages and levels welcome including UM and non-UM participants. 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor of UM Michigan League. For information, call 936-2367.

Weekly Torah Portion—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Bible may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, together with the classical commentaries. 8:30 p.m. *Every Tuesday.*

Wednesday 6

Thursday 7

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar, 10 a.m., \$4 or 3/\$10; Current Events with Heather Dombey, a Jewish perspective on this week's news, 11 a.m.; \$3 Homemade Dairy Buffet Lunch, Noon; Special events and guest presentations, 1 p.m. (Call for details.); Sidney Warschausky Literary Group facilitated by group members at 2:15 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Lunchtime exploration of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Noon–1:30 p.m.

Mid-Century Architecture Walking Tour: JCC. Walking tour of a concentrated pocket of mid-century architecture in the Ann Arbor Hills neighborhood. Learn who designed what and for whom from 1950–1960. Exterior housewalk limited to twenty persons. \$10/JCC members; \$15/non-members. RSVP to Karen Freedland at karenfreedland@jccfed.org. 5:30 p.m.

Talmud Study Group—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 of the original Talmud tractate Taanit chapter 2. 8 p.m. *Every Thursday.*

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T-Shirt and Eco Shabbat: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. For preschoolers and their families. 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning Services: AARH. Interactive community service features music, modern English readings alongside the traditional and thought-provoking Torah discussion. Let by rabbinic intern Aura Ahuvia. For information, contact aura613@gmail.com or visit www.aarecon.org. 10–12:30 p.m.

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Planning Meeting: BIC Men's Club. 9:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting: JCC. Honoring outgoing Board members and volunteers, voting on new slate for Board of Directors, and reporting from committee chairs. RSVP by phone at 971-0990. 10–Noon.

Tanya—Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and open your eyes to the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Every Sunday.*

Kiddush Cup Workshop: Jewish Women's Circle. Short discussion about the meaning and sanctity of Kiddush as participants built their own clay cups with guidance from potter and instructor Nancy Bulkley. No prior experience necessary. Yourist Pottery Studio, 1133 Broadway. \$35 for workshop, materials, glazes and firing. 3–5 p.m.

Judaism in the Spring: JCC. Three-week course. *See June 3.*

Minyan: BIC. Meeting at a special time. 6:30 p.m.

Fundraiser: BIC. Summer fundraiser honoring BIC's Minyan Captains. 7 p.m.

Jewish Concepts—for Women: Chabad. Learn the deeper meanings of the Jewish way of life. 8 p.m. *Every Sunday.*

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Family Fun Night: JCC Early Childhood Center. For ECC children and their families who will celebrate at this yearly event with pizza, ice cream, bouncers and a special performance by Gemini. \$15/family. For information or to RSVP, phone 971-0990. 6–8 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Evening exploration of *When Bad Things Happen to Good*

People, by Rabbi Harold Kushner. For information, contact cantorannnie@gmail.com. 7:30–9 p.m.

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Annual Meeting: TBE. Annual congregational meeting with refreshments at 7 p.m. Meeting at 7:30–9 p.m.

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Spring Dinner: ORT. Dinner honoring Ann Arbor Chapter's donors and members. Rides available, if needed. Quarter Bistro Restaurant, 300 South Maple Road. RSVP by June 6 to Anne Haybey Wasciuk at annehey@umich.edu.

Gardening Club: JCC. Monthly series of speakers, workshops, plant exchanges and garden tours. This month, a guest gardener will discuss how to prepare vegetable and flower gardens. \$5/ drop-in fee. RSVP to karenfreedland@jccfed.org or by phone at 971-0990. 7 p.m.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. Led by Cantor Annie Rose. 7–8:30 p.m.

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Fourth Friday Shabbat Service: AARH. Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services led by rabbinic intern Aura Ahuvia. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children before services at 6 p.m. and childcare provid-

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Shabbat Limmud: BIC. With Rabbi Dobrusin. 9 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11 a.m.

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Wednesday 27

Panel: UM Classical Studies. A panel will consider “The State of Biblical Scholarship,” as part

of the University of Michigan's conference, *Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World: Tradition, Transmission and Adaptation*. Panelists include: David Carr, Union Theological Seminary; Christopher Rollston, Emmanuel Christian Seminary; and Robert Miller, Catholic University of America. UM Michigan League Hussey Room, 911 North University Avenue. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. Bi-monthly group led by Roger Stutesman. For information, contact rstutesman@sbcglobal.net. 7:30–9 p.m.

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Barbeque and Barchu: BIC. Dinner at 6 p.m. Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 7 p.m.

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Klezmer Concert: TBE Brotherhood. For information about this summer concert, contact George Brielloff at gbrielloff@gmail.com. 7–9 p.m.

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Tisha B'Av Service and Study Session: TBE. Rabbi Delson leads service and study session. 7:30 p.m.

Tisha B'Av Maariv Service: BIC. With reading of Megilat Eich. 9:45 p.m.

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August Hike: Jewish Hikers Of Michigan. Location to be determined. For more information or to be added to the JHOM email list, contact Eli Avny at jewishhikers@gmail.com or by phone at 883-9522. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

End of Summer BBQ: AARH. Annual end of summer barbeque. Bring something to grill and something to share. Evening will end around a campfire with songs and s'mores. Bandemeer Park. For information, phone 445-1910 or email Jennifer Cohen via www.aarecon.org/contact-us. 4–9 p.m.

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Fourth Friday Shabbat Service: AARH. Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services led by rabbinic intern Aura Ahuvia. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children before services at 6 p.m. and childcare provided during services from 6:15–7:30 p.m. Reservations preferred, especially for pizza and childcare. Phone 445-1910 or email Jennifer Cohen via www.aarecon.org/contact us. At the JCC from 6–10 p.m.

BBQ and Barchu II: BIC. Dinner at 6 p.m. Outdoor Kabbalat Service at 7 p.m.

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Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Sukkat Shalom service at 6:30 p.m. for “tot grads,” preceded by dinner. Shira at 6:30 p.m. Oneg for Tot and Sukkat Shalom families at 7 p.m. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the last Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

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

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Havurah. Learners' Service held first or second Saturday each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon. Discussion-based format with changing topics, focusing on historical, geographical, and political traditions of different parts of traditional service each month. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown.

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

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study with Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Delson and lay leaders at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM. Call 662-5805 in advance.

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A legal trailblazer takes on terror

By Araleh Weisberg/JointMedia News Service

The late Leon Klinghoffer, an American Jew, was wheelchair bound. In 1985, he took a cruise on the Italian ship Achille Lauro, which was hijacked by the Palestine Liberation Front near Egypt. The terrorists threw Klinghoffer overboard, while he was alive, and let him drown. The incident shocked the world, including a 10-year-old girl named Nitzana. Back then, she didn't fathom that the first time she would appear before Israel's Supreme Court, it would be on Klinghoffer's behalf.

Attorney Nitzana Darshan-Leitner is considered a legal trailblazer in Israel. Together with a long line of friends and colleagues (and a husband), she founded the Israel Law Center ("Shurat Hadin" in Hebrew), a Jewish human rights organization, in 2003. Over the course of the last nine years, the organization's litigators have filed hundreds of lawsuits against terror groups and governments that support terror.

"We have been awarded more than a billion dollars so far," Darshan-Leitner said proudly in an interview with Israel Hayom. "But we have only been able to collect \$120 million, which has been distributed among families of terror victims. I suppose that we will never see a large portion of the sums we have been awarded by the courts."

Ever since her first days as a law student, Darshan-Leitner knew that she "would not be an ordinary lawyer." "I knew I would want to work in something extraordinary," Darshan-Leitner recalled. And indeed, during her years at Bar-Ilan University she was always drawn to unusual fields.

"When the Oslo Accords were signed, Israel allowed arch-terrorists who had been exiled to return to their homes so that they could vote on behalf of the PLO. One of them was Abu Abbas, the mastermind of the Achille Lauro cruise ship attack. There was a group of some 20 law students who found this disturbing. We decided to petition the High Court of Justice," she said.

Darshan-Leitner was selected as the one to go into the ring. "We didn't have money to hire a lawyer. Everyone said that I should be present in the hearing because I was the only woman in the bunch, and the judges wouldn't dare yell at me, or force us to pay legal costs—which we had no way of paying. To appear in the High Court is a career climax for any attorney, and I was still a student."

"That morning in Jerusalem, in 1996, the judges tried to talk me down with goodwill. They complimented me, said I could argue like the greatest litigators, and then hinted that we didn't have a shot. But we refused to withdraw the petition. I said during the hearing: 'Leon Klinghoffer's blood is screaming from the earth.' Two weeks later, the court informed us that their hands were tied and that it was a government decision. At least we weren't stuck with the legal costs. It gave me a push. I realized that I could push the boundaries of what was possible."

In the years after that High Court loss, the original group of law students, who had by then become full-fledged lawyers, continued to work together. The formative incident that ultimately prompted the founding of the Israel Law Center was the lynching in Ramallah in 2000. Israel Defense Forces Reservists Vadim Nurzhitz and

Yossi Avrahami lost their way and ended up in the Palestinian city. An angry Palestinian mob assaulted them, murdered them, and mutilated their bodies—all on camera.

"When the Intifada erupted, it was only natural to go and do what had never been done before," Darshan-Leitner said. "To bring terror organizations and their supporters to justice."

"This lynching took place within the Palestinian Authority, in a police building, with policemen taking active part. It was very clear that the Palestinian Authority needed to take responsibility and pay for what happened."

Darshan-Leitner contacted Nurzhitz's family, and launched the first lawsuit against the Palestinians on behalf of terror victims. "We were asked to pay \$30,000 in that first case for witnesses, translations and evidence. We borrowed the money from an acquaintance, and we promised him that he would get 400 percent interest if we won. Who thought that we would get anything out of it? But as time progressed, and we invested more and more time, I realized that we couldn't pursue this thing as a side project."

"In order to prove the Palestinian Authority's culpability, an anecdotal incident was not enough. They could argue, and they did argue, that the crime was committed outside their jurisdiction, and that the police officers who participated did not receive orders to do so. We showed that these were systematic murders. The Palestinian Authority was the body instigating the Intifada in those days. It was inciting to violence in its education system, in its mosques, people were being urged to commit murder. The Palestinian

Authority itself was encouraging people to admire terrorists and naming town squares and towns after martyrs. It was an immense constellation of evidence."

As a result, the court ordered NIS 64 million (\$16.6 million) from the Palestinian Authority reserves to be paid as compensation, but even today, almost 12 years after the lynching, the victims' families haven't received the money. The transfer of funds is still pending appeals. "It won't be over any time soon," Darshan-Leitner surmised. "One of the challenging aspects of what we do is the battle against the Israeli establishment. The state itself should be dealing with this, and it is absurd that we, the citizens, are performing the state's duties. For years, courts in Israel viewed this issue as a legal hot potato, and tripped themselves up with empty claims. Now we are starting to see some progress, but in reality we haven't received a single verdict in Israel."

Recently, Darshan-Leitner achieved another significant victory: A Washington, D.C., court ordered Syria to pay \$323 million in damages to the Israeli-American Wultz family, whose son Daniel was killed in a suicide bombing at a Tel Aviv fast food restaurant in 2006. During the course of the trial, the prosecution presented proof that the Islamic Jihad, which perpetrated the attack, enjoyed funding from Syria and Iran, and also trained there.

"This is an important and exciting verdict," said Darshan-Leitner. ■

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Elijah Cook on his bar mitzvah, June 2.
 Leo Tunkle on his bar mitzvah, June 2.
 Jamie Todd on her bat mitzvah, June 2.
 Matt Lieberman on his bar mitzvah, June 9.
 Daniel Zacks on his bar mitzvah, June 23.
 Nathan Carbeck on his bar mitzvah, August 4.
 Kobi Eichner on his bar mitzvah, August 18.
 Daniel Stein on his bar mitzvah, August 25.
 Kathy and Gil Stiefel, on the birth of their granddaughter, Corinne Zara Stiefel, born on April 18, to Barry and Lori Stiefel.
 Paula and Alan Brown, on the birth of their daughter, Leah Rose, born on April 25.
 Richard and Lesley Hume, on the birth of their grandson, Jackson Blake Hume, born on April 25, to Michael and Kimberly Hume.
 Tamas and Eszter Gombosi, on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Noah Pomerantz, born on April 26, to Judy Gombosi Pomerantz and Steve Pomerantz.

Condolences

Sam Taylor on the death of his sister, Lillian Goldman, April 18.
 Deborah Morrison on the death of her mother, Barbara Bates, April 19.
 Harriet Charson on the death of her mother, Lucille Schwartz, April 20.
 Marilyn Jeffs on the death of her uncle, Abraham White, April 20.
 Seymour Veniar on the death of his wife, Florence Veniar, April 21.
 Shirley Norton on the death of her husband, Martin Norton, May 1.
 Linda Joseph on the death of her mother, Muriel Cycowski, May 6.
 Cindy Kellman on the death of her father, Leslie Morgenstern.

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