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## Rabbi Robert Levy's legacy at Temple Beth Emeth

Sooji Min, special to the WJN

**R**abbi Robert Levy's deepest love in Judaism is for the Tanakh, which includes the Torah, Prophets, and Writings. "I grew up being taught the prophets, and at rabbinic school learned of the Torah's divine essence," says Rabbi Levy. "But it is the whole connection from Genesis through the Chronicles that is my core... I am still amazed that our people created a book along with other great works that is at the core of human achievement."

The Tanakh (Jewish Bible) was passed on from generation to generation and read out loud. Similarly, over the 32 years that Rabbi Levy's held the senior rabbinate at Temple Beth Emeth, he has shared aloud his teachings and affection for Judaism with all who come in contact with him—more often than not, in the form of a story.

"I've always cast everything in terms of narrative," says Levy. "It's not acting or explaining but sharing multiple parts in your own voice."

And for Rabbi Levy, when telling a story, that means talking with his hands, walking around the room, and even sitting on the



Robert Levy shares a story with 4th and 5th grade religious school students

floor. "He always sat on the floor with the kids and engaged them in different ways," recalls Noreen DeYoung, TBE member and former

director of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center. "Sometimes he would be silly and

bring balloons that he made animals out of. The kids were always excited to see him and always liked it when there was carryover and they saw him at synagogue as well." It also means, when the weather permits, getting on his bicycle. For six years Rabbi Levy led a biking trip for Oconomowoc, Wisconsin-based OSRUI (Olin Sang Rubin Union Institute), taking 10–20 youth each year on a 1,000 mile environmental education journey around Lake Michigan.

The real magic, however, is not in the gestures or animal balloons or cycling. It has to do with the way Rabbi Levy relates to children—his ability to learn kid's names and develop real relationships. "He is a really good storyteller," says DeYoung. "He always told the story in a way that helped the children relate to their own lives."

That magic translates to how he speaks and shares his stories with adults as well. While some scholars and rabbis can come across as patronizing or condescending, Rabbi Levy creates space for conversation and discovery. "He always seems to have the attitude that it's completely possible that someone in the Torah study group will have a very good idea that he's never thought of," says Ruth Scodel, a long-time TBE member who lives in Ann Arbor. "He doesn't go around saying, 'Oh, that's great,' every time someone makes an intelligent comment. He agrees or disagrees in a way that shows that whatever is said, he is thinking about it. That's what is so impressive. You are not being slotted into a lesson that he is trying to convey. It's a genuine interaction."

Congregations, believes Rabbi Levy, are not built by any one person. "They build themselves," he says. "Building is removing barriers and expanding boundaries." As Temple Beth Emeth has grown from 200 member units to more than 600 member units, Rabbi Levy's approach at every step was simply to get out of the way. "Building is not molding but watching growth."

TBE's Immediate Past President Deborah Katz has seen Rabbi Levy demonstrate this behavior time and time again and recalls a comment he made to her once: "Bob said to me that we should never be gate keepers. We should be door openers." So when people

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## Summer cultural arts highlights at the JCC

Karen Freedland, special to the WJN

**C**ultural arts programming continues throughout the summer at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor with powerful presentations and a captivating art exhibition in the Amster Gallery. On Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m., Susan Lackey, executive director of the Legacy Land Conservancy, will present on the group's work to protect and preserve natural areas in southern Michigan, followed by a question and answer opportunity with guests. Long-time Ann Arbor community member and frequent lecturer Larry Kuperman will present, "The Men Who Made the Atomic Bomb," on Thursday, July 14, with light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation at 7 p.m. Kuperman will explore the Jewish physicists, chemists, and mathematicians that worked in a race against Nazi Germany to develop a weapon of mass destruction in the context of the dramatic time period of World War II. While



*Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita,*  
by Sophie Grillet

neither presentation has a fee, reservations are requested to ensure appropriate seating and food.

The Amster Gallery's summer exhibition will show the works of Sophie Grillet, including a reception to meet the artist on Sunday, June 26, at 5 p.m. Grillet is a talented British artist working in Ann Arbor in her preferred media of oil and acrylic painting, stone and clay sculpture, and photography. Her work incorporates the love of nature and natural beauty with the unfortunate haste with which humans are destroying them. Grillet also serves as a docent at the University of Michigan Museum of Art and has worked as a cartoonist.

For more information on these and other cultural arts events, or to RSVP to either presentation, contact Karen Freedland, director of Jewish Cultural Arts and Education, at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■



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## Community

### Rabbi Levy, from page 1

have something they would like to pursue within the framework of being a member of a Jewish community, Rabbi Levy's response is not to say, "We don't do or have a club or

social justice was something that was exuded into the congregation. It wasn't heavy handed but is a part of who he is—it's in his being. I always got the sense that it wasn't about him.



**Rabbi Robert Levy in the Northern Negev in Israel**

committee that does that thing. His attitude is 'Well, that is something we should do.'

More importantly, says Katz, "Rabbi Levy has challenged the leadership, the Board, committees, and me, to find a way to say 'yes' when we feel like we don't have time for another thing. Open the door a little wider. It has a lot to do with the growth of the congregation." Indeed, during a time when being Jewish doesn't necessarily mean that one is affiliated with a synagogue, Rabbi Levy has made that choice a "desirable option," adds Katz.

The end result of 32 years of open doors and shared stories is a vibrant and thriving congregation that has depth and breadth. "We don't just do services well, we don't just do school well," says Katz. "We do music well, we do adult studies well, and we do social justice and social action work well."

For Rabbi Levy, however, there are two main areas that have been and remain important to his tenure and legacy: social justice and Israel. TBE is one of the founders of Alpha House (Interfaith Hospitality Network), an emergency shelter for children and their families experiencing homelessness, when it was the Rotating Shelter. Rabbi Levy, among many projects, worked with HIV and AIDS patients at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System during his first sabbatical, and has for many years been involved with and a supporter of Dawn Farm, a Michigan addiction treatment center, and SafeHouse Center, which provides support for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their children. He spent his last sabbatical on the road—as a Jewish pedaler (cycling)—serving underserved congregations in the South.

"I've always understood Judaism as being fundamentally concerned with justice and good for all members of society," says Levy. "There is no stronger mission than correcting the wrongs of this world and this is the path to true peace. It is not the only thing worth doing in the world but it is the only endeavor that will bring fundamental change to the world."

There are many other projects that Rabbi Levy has been involved with and will engage in that most of the greater community will never know about. "I would venture to say that a large part of the congregation doesn't have any idea about Bob's commitment to social justice," says Julie Steiner, a TBE member with a long history of involvement in social justice. "I've always felt that Bob's personal commitment to

It was about the work and making sure there were opportunities in the congregation for it."

Along those lines, Rabbi Levy's stand on Israel is not something he proclaims far and wide. But his commitment to Israel is clear says David Shtulman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, "Bob loves the country. He loves to go there and travel and bring groups there. He is certainly a Zionist, but at the same time, is a keen observer of Israel and willing to open up about his differences with Israeli policies. So it's a very thoughtful relationship that he has with Israel."

Indeed, Rabbi Levy has long admired all that Israel stands for: "Israel is the great miracle of 20th century Judaism," says Levy. "Through the efforts of a handful of ridiculously dedicated individuals a nation-state was created in a desolate land to answer the 2,000 year old need for a Jewish country. The fact that today we have millions of Israelis with their own culture, history, language, law, problems and struggles is a success far greater than even the Davidic monarchy and perhaps even greater than the second Jewish commonwealth of the 5th century BCE."

Just this past February, Rabbi Levy raised money for the Reform movement in Israel by biking over five days from the northern Negev to Jerusalem for a total of more than 150 miles. He returns to Israel to lead a group trip in July. For those who'd like to catch a few more stories as well as bid a fond farewell before his departure, TBE is hosting a casual celebration in Rabbi Levy's honor on Friday, June 24. For more information and to RSVP for the event, visit the TBE website at templebethemeth.org. ■



**Rabbi Robert Levy ready to begin his Southern Sabbatical Bike Tour**

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## Frankel Fellows to explore Israeli cultures

*Yaffa Klugerman, special to the WJN*

Israelis and Palestinians. Ashkenazim and Mizrahim. Hasidim and Zionists.

Welcome to Israel, the land that the Hebrew Bible described as flowing with milk and honey—and where you can currently find an amazing variety of cultures. That diversity will be explored in 2016–17, when fellows of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan gather around the theme of “Israeli Histories, Societies and Cultures: Comparative Approaches.”

“This year’s theme focuses on the diversity of Israeli life,” said Jeffrey Veidlinger, director of the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, which includes the Institute.



**Shachar Pinsker**

“In America’s obsession with Israeli political conflict, we so often forget the variety of cultures and societies that coexist within the state. Frankel fellows this year will be exploring many of these cultures, and will help us understand how we can better understand and appreciate the diversity of the human experience in Israel.”

Established through a generous financial contribution from the Jean and Samuel Frankel Jewish Heritage Foundation, the Frankel Institute provides annual fellowships for scholars and artists around the world to conduct research on a given theme. With the goal of advancing Jewish studies globally, it remains the only program of its kind at a public university in the United States. Additionally, the Institute offers lectures, symposia, art exhibitions and musical performances to the public.

“The 2016–2017 Frankel fellows are scholars who represent the cutting-edge of academic work on Israel,” noted Shachar Pinsker, associate professor of Hebrew literature and culture at

U-M and this year’s head fellow. “They will be thinking hard about Israel in multiple Jewish studies and Middle Eastern contexts—literary, historical, religious, political and cultural—and through the lens of different geographies. This will no doubt change the character of scholarship for many years to come, and complicate established narratives about Israel.”

The 2016–2017 Frankel Institute fellows and their fields of research are:

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- Liora Halperin, University of Colorado-Boulder  
“Memories of Violence: The First Aliyah and its After-Images”
- Mostafa Hussein, Brandeis University  
“The Refraction of Arabo-Islamic Civilization in Hebrew and Israeli Cultures”
- Noah Hysler-Rubin, Bezalel Academy for Arts and Design  
“Planning Palestine: A Comprehensive Approach for the Study of Israel’s Urban History”
- Lior Libman, State University of New York-Binghamton  
“‘Jews in a Harness’: The Socialist-Zionist Labor Movement and Hasidism”
- Aviad Moreno, Ben-Gurion University  
“From Morocco, in Another Way: Aliyah and Other Jewish Migrations from Northern Morocco, 1860–2010”
- Shachar Pinsker, University of Michigan  
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- Bryan Roby, University of Manchester  
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## JFS to honor refugees through children’s experience

*Rosemary Frenza Chudnof, special to the WJN*

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County is planning a special event in recognition of World Refugee Day on June 20. “World Refugee Day through the Eyes of Children” will be a morning meeting and celebration that brings special attention to the experiences of the youngest refugees. The event will be held at Cobblestone Farm, and will feature two parts. The community conversation portion will be held from 9–10:30 a.m., and the community celebration (open to the public) will take place from 10:30 a.m.–noon.

First, community partners and other professionals who work with the refugee population will have a breakfast meeting, to view a film about refugee children’s experiences, and to hear from some of JFS’ refugee clients who were children when they arrived in the United States. Second, JFS will welcome our refugee clients, their families, and the general public for a brunch event that celebrates diverse cultures through food, music and art. This “party” portion of the event will

feature a potluck of home-cooked food and donations from area restaurants, a display of artwork made by refugees, outdoor activities for children, and live music. The goal of the earlier, “meeting” portion of the event is to facilitate a dialog between community leaders, resettlement workers and refugees, while the later, “party” portion of the event will be a celebration and recognition of the courage and resilience of refugees.

“JFS always honors refugees on World Refugee Day,” says Anya Abramzon, JFS’ executive director. “Because refugee issues are currently in the national and local news, this year is an especially important time to draw attention to the experiences of refugees living right here in our own community. In particular, we wish to draw special attention to the struggles and adjustments that refugee children experience when arriving in a new country.”

There is no charge to attend this event, but an RSVP is required. To RSVP, visit [www.jfsannarbor.org/world-refugee-day](http://www.jfsannarbor.org/world-refugee-day). ■



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#### Celebrating World Refugee Day through the Eyes of Children

Monday, June 20, 2016 at Cobblestone Farm

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Community Conversation

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Community Celebration

To RSVP, visit [jfsannarbor.org/world-refugee-day](http://jfsannarbor.org/world-refugee-day)

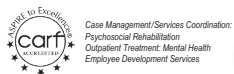
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## Summer Thursday Lunch and Learns

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

During the summer months the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor continues to provide a variety of informative, entertaining, and engaging daytime presentations and concerts as part of its weekly Thursday “Lunch and Learn” series. Each Thursday a light dairy lunch is available for purchase at noon with prior reservation. The featured presentation follows at 1 p.m.



Dr. John Seeley

On June 2, Dr. John Seeley, a member of and speaker from the Citizen’s Climate Lobby, will discuss the goals and policies of this national nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization that seeks to address climate change. On June 9, Corinne Sikorski, general manager of the Ypsilanti Food Co-op, will discuss the organization’s history as well as what they have planned for the future. On June 16, Rabbi Robert Levy will present, “*The Difference between Sour Cream and Applesauce*,” a presentation on the Torah as a gift. On June 23, indulge in the latest trend in relaxation and creativity with an hour of coloring for grownups, which will be accompanied by calming recorded music.

Special guest for the lunch and learn on June 30, will be Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, who will take time out of her busy schedule to come meet with the group. This will be a unique opportunity to talk with Congresswoman Dingell in an intimate

setting, to ask questions and engage with the complex and difficult issues facing our country and ourselves.

On July 7, Zana Macki, a presenter from Michigan Consumer Education, returns by popular demand to discuss preventing investment fraud. On July 14, the local Walgreen’s pharmacists will visit for a meet and greet and answer medical questions. The



Corinne Sikorski



Rabbi Robert Levy

J’s own Deborah Ryan returns for an encore piano performance on July 21. The JCC goes to the dogs on July 28, when Therapaws of Michigan visits. Enjoy the first team of a trained therapy dog and its volunteer owner

and learn more about the proven benefits of these educational and therapeutic visits that will take place every other month.

Lunch and Learn guests will have the opportunity to explore and provide feedback on the difficult issue of “*Restoring Public Trust in Michigan’s State Government*,” on August 4, as the Center for Michigan visits the JCC during its statewide community conversation initiative. On August 11, Beverly Willis, administrator of the Washtenaw County Historical Society, will discuss the history of Ann Arbor. On August 18 the Washtenaw ID Project will visit and discuss their mission to ensure that all residents of Washtenaw County have access to government issued identification, and how this affects the many marginalized members of our community. On August 25, Rabbi Josh Whinston, Temple Beth Emeth’s new rabbi, will present a topic of his choosing.

All Lunch and Learn presentations are presented by the JCC at no charge to members and guests. The optional lunch offered at noon is available for a nominal \$5 fee or \$3 for those 65 and over, and requires a minimum of 24 hours advanced reservation



Rabbi Josh Whinston

to ensure enough lunch is prepared. To learn more about these and future presentations, contact Rachael Hoffenblum, Adult Program coordinator, at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■

## JFS to combat stigma around mental health issues

Rosemary Frenza Chudnof, special to the WJN

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County is excited to announce that it will host a community mental health education day on September 11, targeted both toward fellow agencies and the general public. The day will be a part of a larger community mental health project that JFS is launching. Made possible through a grant from the Jewish Federation, the project will address mental health from a variety of perspectives, and will invite participation from the community.

JFS has a successful mental health treatment program for mildly to moderately mentally ill adults, and its nine therapists possess diverse and valuable expertise on various aspects of mental health. The idea for the current project was born from the desire to use that expertise to spread awareness of mental health issues and help end the stigma

surrounding mental illness that persists in many cultures, including Judaism.

JFS’ mental health education project will have two primary components: the first will be a replicable, half-day seminar offered to



other Jewish agencies and area non-profits. This seminar will focus on assisting employers with recognizing and understanding mental illness among colleagues and clients, in order

to promote healthy and safe workspaces. The second, public component of the project, will consist of a day of seminars, on September 11, most likely along multiple tracks, that will feature guest speakers and panel discussions about relevant topics related to mental illness that will be of interest and use to the public. Michelle Riba, M.D. will serve as the keynote speaker.

“Our aim with the mental health education project is to both use our expertise to help our non-profit colleagues and their clients, as well as members of the public who may have questions or concerns about mental illness,” said Anya Abramzon, JFS’ executive director. “We hope to encourage people to come for a learning experience that will also provide ample information about mental health resources available in Washtenaw County. ■



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## Michigan Israel Connect Program companies to expand business

Pamela B. Lippitt, special to the WJN

**M**ichigan Israel Business Bridge (MIBB) has partnered with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and its Pure Michigan Business Connect program to launch a pilot program called Michigan Israel Connect.

Michigan Israel Connect will create an international platform to provide Michigan companies with access to technologies and products developed by Israeli companies and research institutes. The site can be accessed at [www.michiganisraelconnect.com](http://www.michiganisraelconnect.com).

Under the pilot program, Michigan and Israeli companies will be able sign up to access this free business-to-business (B2B) network and be introduced to opportunities to expand their business. The MIBB website will host a new platform to allow companies to review opportunities. MIBB also will reach out to its members to enlist pro-bono services for companies working together.

"Michigan offers tremendous opportunities to Israel's many companies, especially tech start-ups, interested in bringing their products to market," said MEDC Chief Executive Officer Steve Arwood. "We commend MIBB for launching this pilot program with MEDC to create new opportunities that are mutually beneficial to our respective businesses."

The pilot program is a result of a long-standing partnership between MIBB and MEDC aimed at bringing more businesses and jobs to Michigan.

"MIBB is the perfect vehicle to connect Michigan and Israeli businesses, create better products to compete in the market place and keep connected the companies with feet in both Michigan and Israel," said Beth Gotthelf, MIBB president and a Butzel Long attorney. "MIBB's collaboration with the MEDC's Pure Michigan Business Connect program is a win-win for all."

Michigan Israel Connect portal will list incubators, and accelerators as well as independent companies.

Most Israeli companies in these groups are technology related and can provide solutions that match the needs of Michigan companies. The online search portal will display available technologies as well as other products and will be marketed across Michigan industries to senior technology and R&D executives.

"This program is a natural extension of our long-standing relationship with MEDC," said Mike Dergis, chair of the Michigan Israel Connect implementation committee and a partner at The Hunter Group. "It allows us to further our mission of expanding business between Michigan and Israel and growing Michigan businesses. Bringing companies in Michigan and Israel together will create technologies and solutions that will raise the bar in areas such as agriculture, automotive, cyber security, water technologies, life sciences and defense. That will ultimately expand the opportunities of Michigan and Israel companies, increase economic impact in communities and add jobs."

The platform also will encourage searches for partnerships to apply for Israel-US Binational Industrial Research and

Development (BIRD) Foundation grants to stimulate, promote and support industrial R&D, the Michigan Israel Technology Connect Program (MITCP), and other binational funding opportunities. In addition, the platform will help MIBB promote research collaborations between institutions of higher learning.

"We look at this partnership as a tremendous opportunity to bring Israeli technologies to Michigan, leading to economic growth," said MIBB Executive Director Pamela Lippitt. "We're pleased to partner with Pure Michigan Business Connect to enhance growth opportunities for both Michigan and Israeli companies."

In June 2014, Governor Rick Snyder and Consul General of Israel to the Midwest Roey Gilad signed a bilateral cooperation agreement to promote joint industrial research and development projects. The pact is intended to promote and enhance the economic partnership between Michigan and Israel. Launched in 2011, Pure Michigan Business Connect is a public-private alliance of the Michigan.

### About Michigan Israel Business Bridge

Founded in 2007, the Michigan Israel Business Bridge (MIBB) works to expand Israeli manufacturing, R&D, distribution and investment in Michigan. To advance these economic ties, MIBB holds networking events throughout the year that showcase current Israeli innovation and hosts receptions for business delegations and government officials from Israel. It also works one-on-one with companies poised for expansion and export by increasing opportunities for joint research and presenting investment opportunities. To learn more, please visit <http://www.michiganisrael.com>.

### About Pure Michigan Business Connect

Launched in 2011, Pure Michigan Business Connect (PMBC) is a multi-billion dollar public/private initiative developed by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) connecting buyers to suppliers of Michigan goods and services. Michigan companies can sign up for free to access this premier business-to-business (B2B) network and be introduced to opportunities to expand their supply chain within the state and access Michigan service providers, including pro bono and discounted services, such as legal, accounting, Web development, logistics and human resource assistance. Growing second-stage companies are also encouraged to explore PMBC and apply to the Economic Gardening® program, which offers powerful resources to launch companies into the next stage of growth at no additional cost to those who qualify. It is estimated that since Pure Michigan Business Connect launched, the program has facilitated more than \$2.7 billion in revenue for Michigan companies, which translates into approximately 13,600 jobs for Michigan residents. For more information on Pure Michigan Business Connect, visit <http://www.puremichiganb2b.com/b2b-web/#dashboard>. ■

## JCLP celebrates 2016 graduation

Karla Goldman, special to the WJN

**I**n the relative calm of Sunday morning, May 1, immediately following the University of Michigan (U-M) graduation and the end

Following Butter's address, each of the six graduating students shared reflections about their time at the U-M and experiences as a



JCLP Graduation jump



Dr. Irene Butter



Dr. Karla Goldman

of Passover, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) graduating class welcomed family and community members for brunch and a graduation celebration at the School of Social Work. More than just a celebration, the gathering offered a moving sharing of wisdom and insight from both young and old.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Irene Butter, Professor Emerita of Public Health, who speaks often to school groups about her experiences during the Holocaust as a prisoner at the Westerbork and Bergen Belsen concentration camps, shared the core lessons of her activist educational and communal work. She described the work of Gunter Demnig who has installed over 50,000 Stolpersteiner, or stumbling stones, in Germany and seventeen other countries inscribed with the names, and birth, deportation, and death dates of victims of Nazi persecution, at the threshold of the victims' last known residences. By inscribing these intimate and physical reminders of Nazi-era brutality into the streets and sidewalks of contemporary Europe, Demnig has reshaped contemporary memory and shown that "one person can make a difference."

Butter also cited the efforts of British House of Lords member Baron Alf Dubs who, as a six year old, was saved from the Nazi genocide that took the rest of his family when he was included on a two train Kindertransport bringing children from Prague to Great Britain. Now Baron Dubs is successfully pressing his government to welcome unaccompanied children among Syrian refugees to Britain, replicating his own experience, and exemplifying Butter's creed of "never a bystander."

part of JCLP. Many of the students described how they had moved beyond simply desiring to "help" to understanding the profound challenge of listening to and working with others to institute real structural change while also integrating Jewish texts and traditions into their commitment to social justice.

Aubree Sepler, for example, reflected upon what her time as a graduate student had taught her about Michigan's central credo. She noted that when she got her B.A. at U-M two years ago, she understood that being a Michigan grad meant that one should strive "to be one of the leaders and the best." Upon graduating from the School of Social Work and JCLP she now believes that it should mean "striving to lead society to be its best."

Post-graduation plans for the JCLP alums include work in New York City with OneTable, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing communities together around Shabbat gatherings, and Harlem RBI, an organization dedicated to youth enrichment for inner-city youth; teaching English in Northern Israel; food access work in the San Francisco Bay Area; and clinical work in Austin, Texas.

The insight and perspective offered by the six graduating students, Aubree Sepler, Alli Rosen, Jaime Bean, Emily Zussman, Kate Malekoff, and Mayan Herman affirmed the hopes of those in the audience that these young women, in their forthcoming work in the Jewish and broader communities, would be well positioned to follow through on Dr. Irene Butter's concluding charge to them: "Be committed, be persistent, be brave, and do your human duty." ■



## The echoes of summer

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

**A**s I write this article at the beginning of May, we are all still waiting for the continued warm weather that spring promises to bring- even in Michigan. There have been some pleasant days, but it seems we keep returning to the cold and wet when we should be enjoying sunshine and warmth.



Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

When the weather does turn warmer and summer plans become more a reality than just a dream to keep us warm during the winter, my thoughts inevitably turn to the 13 summers that I spent as a staff member at Camp Ramah in New England, one of the network of summer camps sponsored by the Conservative movement.

Why, after 34 years of serving as a congregational rabbi, and 25 years since the last summer I spent working at camp, do I still remember those summers? It is simply because working at Camp Ramah provided me invaluable experience in learning to be a teacher and learning to be a rabbi. I am sure that I am not alone among rabbis, when I speak of the impact that working at Jewish summer camps had on my training.

In addition to the joyful experience of being outdoors for a summer, singing and dancing with hundreds of other people, and simply rejoicing in our tradition. I learned so much about being a rabbi during my years in

camp. Let me share some examples:

First, it was at camp that I learned the value of what are called “teachable moments”.

As congregational rabbis, we plan classes, write sermons, and participate in the planning of programs for the synagogue and the community. These are critical aspects of our job. But often, the most important work that we do comes when we are confronted by the many circumstances that occur in life and attempt to help individuals navigate through difficult situations, or respond to the joys of life from a Jewish perspective.

It was at camp that I learned how important this is. I learned that the campers were most receptive to learning about Judaism when faced with a specific situation which called for a thoughtful immediate response. The situations which arose were not as significant as those we encounter in the rabbinate. But, in the context of camp, lost friendships, explanation of camp rules, disappointment when losing a game or joy at learning a new skill, are critically serious to those involved. As staff members, it was our job to help the campers respond to the joy or sadness of a moment, often with an unplanned and spontaneous bit of advice or even with an appropriate blessing.

To this day, when I help an individual or family find meaning in a life event, it reminds me of those camp moments. And, when I, for whatever reason, miss that opportunity, it brings great regret and disappointment.

It was at camp that I first learned that a community is made up of individuals who

are at different places in any given moment. When I stand before the congregation on the bima, I know, as any rabbi does, that there are those in the synagogue who are experiencing great joy and those who are experiencing devastating sadness, and many who are somewhere in between.

This makes it critical for a rabbi to be keenly aware of his/her choice of words, and to offer every individual in the congregation, the personal attention and sensitivity that they deserve.

This can be more difficult than it may seem. At camp, we were often called upon to turn from celebration to sadness in a moment's notice. For example, I still remember one Friday afternoon at Camp Ramah, just before Shabbat when I had to console a cabin of broken hearted, tearful 11 year olds, over the loss of a popular friend, who needed to go home due to an illness. As I left their cabin, another counselor grabbed my arm, urging me to help install the mezuzah created by her campers. They were so happy; everyone smiling ear to ear. This contrast in events and emotions, remains in my memory as a great moment of learning, especially for a profession where terribly sad events often occur at the same time as celebratory ones.

And, finally, I learned at camp what it truly means to be a community. We depended on each other, staff and campers, to keep the camp safe and clean and to build respectful relationships which would make everyone comfortable. I know what we built was not

perfect but it set the tone for me to continue to try to build that type of community in the synagogue. Our synagogues need to be places where people can depend upon each other to work towards the same goal of building a sacred community.

Again, my experiences were not unique. The majority of American rabbis have had similar experiences at summer camps or other summer programs working with kids and teenagers. These experiences were important for what they provide for our young people and for the lessons we take with us to the communities we serve. I am so deeply grateful for the time I spent at camp and would urge anyone interested in Jewish education, the rabbinate, or any field working with people in the Jewish community to recognize the value of these experiences. And, I urge parents to recognize the value of Jewish camping or other summer programs in helping to build a strong foundation for their children's Jewish identity and learning.

Finally, let me add one personal note. I learned so much at camp, at rabbinical school, and at the Jewish Theological Seminary. But, I have also learned quite a bit from my colleagues. With that in mind, I want to wish Rabbi Robert Levy all the best on his retirement. Thank you, Bob, for all that you have brought to this community, and for all that you have taught me over the years. I wish you and your family good health and joy in the years to come. ■

## The bridge between heaven and earth

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

**A**t Sinai there was a great revelation of God to the Jewish people. It was at this momentous event that God gave us the Torah and Mitzvot. Nevertheless, if we look at the writings of our great rabbis, they tell us that the concept of Torah and Mitzvot didn't start at Sinai. Our forefathers



Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

studied Torah and performed Mitzvot long before the revelation at Sinai. So the question arises as to why the holiday of Shavuot is so special when the Torah was known long before Sinai? (Shavuot, which celebrates the giving of the Torah at Sinai, is celebrated this year beginning the evening of Saturday, June 11 until the evening of Monday, June 13).

To answer the above question we are going to introduce an analogy given to us in the Midrash. There was a king who decreed that the people of Rome (which was deemed a superior place) should not go to Syria (which was deemed a lower place) and that the people of Syria should not come to Rome. One day the king Rome decided to nullify this decree. He decided that his people could now go down from Rome to Syria and he the king of Rome would be the first to go down to Syria. This is analogous to

the Torah. Before the Torah was given to the Jewish people there was a large gulf – a big separation between Heaven and Earth. As we say in Psalm chapter 115, the Heavens are for God and the Earth is given to Man. At the giving of the Torah, this gulf was nullified. Actually the two elements of Heaven and Earth became unified and God would be the force connecting the two – as it is written in Exodus that God came down to Sinai. Like the king in the aforementioned analogy, God came down from on high to our lower level and through that came the connection and unification between Heaven and Earth.

The term heaven represents everything that is spiritual. Earth represents everything physical. So when the Midrash says that before the Torah was given there was a gulf between Heaven and Earth, it is saying that it was impossible to have a connection between the spiritual and physical worlds. The separation between the two was so large that it couldn't be bridged. This is the most essential point of the Sinai event. As we mentioned previously, the Torah existed earlier, so it was not a new entity being introduced, but rather it was the bridge between Heaven and Earth – the spiritual and the physical – the lowly with the sublime - that was being introduced as an accessible bridge for everyone. For example, if we take a piece of parchment from the skin of an animal – this is very physical. If we write a Mezuza or a Torah on the physical skin, it is converted into something that is

holy. Suddenly we are making a connection between holiness – something spiritual like the words of Torah – and the physical skin of an animal. This is the great accomplishment of the giving of the Torah. Prior to Sinai it was impossible to make that connection.

So, not only is a pair of tefillin holy when we write God's name and Torah words on it, but when one takes a pair of tefillin and puts them on one's head and arm, we are permeating the body of a person with the light of holiness. The physical body becomes holy by putting on the tefillin. Another example; on Shabbat when a Jew experiences a physical pleasure such as eating meat or fish in the honor of Shabbat, the physical flesh of the animal that is being eaten is being elevated, made holy as it is being used for a higher spiritual purpose; to sustain the person so that they will be able to honor the Shabbat. Again, this is the great accomplishment of Sinai – now a Jew has the ability to connect with Heaven and bring holiness into this physical world.

Prior to Sinai, when our ancestors performed the Mitzvot, even though they had deeply spiritual and intellectual experiences, they didn't have the ability to permeate the physical world with the holiness of their deeply spiritual and intellectual experiences. They also were unable to elevate something physical to a higher level of holiness. The ability to achieve these two feats only came about after the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

Before Sinai, the physical world could be construed as a contradiction to the spiritual world. If a person wanted to get closer to God, they would have to retreat from the physical world. This would necessitate living the lifestyle of an ascetic; eating less than normal, drinking less than normal, and in general minimizing any physical pleasure or satisfaction of physical desires in order to experience the spiritual. But then, along comes the Sinaitic experience. With this event, God gave us the ability, not only to connect to the spiritual directly, but by using physicality, one could lead a full, spiritually fulfilling life by serving God through physical acts such as eating, drinking, having a marital life and children, etc. If done with the proper intention and in the proper context (given to us in the Torah), one no longer needed to deny the everyday experiences of sensuality or even the mundane activities of making a living in order to serve God. As long as these activities are done for the sake of God, and according to God's laws, they not only do not contradict being holy, but on the contrary, they give us the ability to take the holiness from Torah and permeate it into this physical world until the physical world is converted into something holy.

This is our mission in this physical world – to illuminate it with the light of Torah in order to make it a holy dwelling place for God. This is the great accomplishment of the Sinai experience that still applies to us here in our days. ■



# Congregations

## Summer events at Beth Israel Congregation

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

**Beth Israel 100th Anniversary Gala**  
at the Sheraton Hotel, 3200 Boardwalk Dr.  
Sunday, June 5, 6 p.m.

This celebratory event only happens once every 100 years. Wine and appetizers will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a delicious sit down dinner catered by Epic Kosher Catering. After dinner, the Klezmer Fusion Band will play dance music. Select Exhibits from the Beth Israel Centennial Museum will also be on display. The cost is \$118 per person. Call the office to see if there is still space.

**T-shirt and Baseball Cap Shabbat**  
Saturday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.

The traditional summer “wear a T Shirt Shabbat (university/camp/vacation spot” has been expanded to include the wearing of one’s favorite baseball cap. Coordinated T-Shirt/ Baseball cap outfits will receive extra credit (in the Book of Informal Shabbat Services). Services conclude with a Hot Dog and Veggie Dog Kiddush.

**Annual Congregation Meeting and Dessert Reception**  
Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m.

Beth Israel’s Annual Congregation Meeting includes a dessert reception, the election of new Beth Israel board members and officers for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and their installation, the presentation of Honorable Menschen Awards to volunteers who have made a difference over the past year, and the approval of the budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Beth Israel’s achievements over the past year will be celebrated, and goals for the upcoming year will be charted.

**Tisha B’av (The 9th of Av)**  
Saturday Night, August 13, 9:45 p.m. and Sunday,  
August 14, 9 a.m.

The 9th of Av marks the destruction of the first and second temples and other Jewish tragedies. Both services include the chanting of Megillat Eicha, the Book of Lamentations. This book, read only on Tisha B’av, is full of poignant images of destruction and pain and yet, underneath all of its sadness, is a hope for a return and a reconciliation with God.

A mincha service at 2:30 p.m. on August 14 includes the special Torah readings and haftarah for the holiday.

**Barks, Barbecue and Barchu**  
Friday, July 15, 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Outdoor  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel’s courtyard. Pets are cordially invited. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is July 13. Those interested are asked to call or email the office for reservations. After the deadline interested people are asked to call the office first and check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal.

**The BIC Vegetable Garden**

For the ninth year in a row Beth Israel maintains a garden at County Farm Park in Ann Arbor at Platt and Washtenaw. The garden is a part of County Farm Park’s 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 Jake Kander at programs@bethisrael-aa.org.

**Balloons, Bubbles, Barbecue and Barchu**  
Friday, August 19, 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Outdoor  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel’s courtyard. Featured performers to be announced. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is August 17. Those interested are asked to call or email the office for reservations. After the deadline interested people are asked to call the office first and check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal.

**Summer Tot Shabbat**  
June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 13 and August  
27, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is Beth Israel’s Shabbat morning program for toddlers and preschoolers along with their families. Tot Shabbat features singing, dancing, stories, and prayers to celebrate Shabbat. The experienced leaders of Tot Shabbat are Peretz Hirshbein and Jacob Kander. Peretz Hirshbein is the Director of the Early Childhood Center at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and the current Vice President for Programs on the Beth Israel Board of Directors. Jacob Kander is Beth Israel’s Program Director.

Tot Shabbat meets at Beth Israel downstairs in room 15. Following services child size tables are set out for Tot Shabbat kids and their families are always invited to stay to enjoy a Kiddush lunch with the rest of the congregation.

**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 Fridays evenings, usually at 6 p.m. Hours may vary on Friday evening. Please check the Beth Israel calendar at [www.bethisrael-aa.org](http://www.bethisrael-aa.org).

**Complimentary Tickets for High Holidays for Newcomers, Graduate Students and first and second year Medical Residents, and Special Dues for Those 35 and under**

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel’s way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and First and Second Year Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Sept. 30, and no tickets can be purchased 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 \$37.25).

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

*Additional summer events will be posted on Beth Israel’s website —[www.bethisrael-aa.org](http://www.bethisrael-aa.org)*

## June, July and August at Temple Beth Emeth

Avital Ostfeld, special to the WJN

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate: Martial Arts for Health, Healing & Self-Defense)**  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.  
June 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28;  
6:15–7:30 p.m.  
July 1, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26 and 29;  
4:15–5:45 p.m.  
August 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29  
and 30; 3:30–5 p.m.

Temple Beth Emeth’s Martial Arts for Health, Fitness and Self-defense. Open to grades K–12. Cost: \$10/session. Questions? Contact Rabbi Peter Gluck at [info@shalomgever.com](mailto:info@shalomgever.com) or SooJi Min at 665-4744.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit**  
Thursdays, 1:15 p.m., TBE Chapel  
June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30  
July 7, 14, 21 and 28  
August 4, 11, 18 and 25

For practitioners of all levels. Intention and instruction followed by 30-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by SooJi Min, Judy Freedman, and Quyen Epstein-Ngo. SooJi Min is TBE’s executive director. She recently completed a 16-month mindfulness teacher training program sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Awakened Heart Project. Judy Freedman has practicing meditation for over 20 years. She attended a three-year training in Jewish Meditation sponsored by the Philips Foundation at Chochmat ha Lev.

Quyen Epstein-Ngo is a therapist who holds a joint doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and Women’s Studies. One of the areas she specializes in is working with adolescents, adults, and couples on issues of faith and spirituality. Contact SooJi Min with questions, 665-4744.

**Adult Yoga Classes with Shlomit!**  
11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., TBE Social Hall  
Thursday, June 2

To learn more about the instructor, Shlomit Cohen, check out her website at [miviyoga.com](http://miviyoga.com)  
Drop in is \$15 payable in the office.

**Mindfulness Workshop**  
Thursday, June 2  
Monday, June 6

Moving from Liberation to Revelation. Explore the intersection of Judaism, mindfulness and social justice over the course of 8 weeks between Pesach and Shavuot. Come to one or all of the sessions. Led by Rabbi Robert Levy and SooJi Min.

**Men’s Torah Study Reinvented**  
Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m.

A men’s Torah discussion group will be led by a lay leader on the 2nd Monday and by Rabbi Levy. Participants will find their way as men by wrestling with text. For more information, contact Bill Parkus at [parkus@comcast.net](mailto:parkus@comcast.net).

**Women’s Torah Study**  
Monday, June 13 and 27, 7 p.m.

An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week’s Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at [cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org](mailto:cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org)

**Rabbi’s Lunch and Learn**  
Fridays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. June 3, 10, 17 and 24  
Informal discussion. Participants are welcome to bring lunch.

**Families with Young Children (FYC): Shabbat Service times every Friday**  
Friday, June 3, 10, 17, 24  
Friday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Friday, August 5, 12, 19, 26

Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services led by Cantor Hayut, 5:45 p.m.  
Sukkat Shalom (upper elementary) led by Rabbi Levy (only through June), 5:45 p.m.  
Dinner, 6:15 p.m.  
Popsicle Oneg, 6:45 p.m.  
Stay for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and salad bar at 6:15 p.m. Dinner is just \$5 per person and this year you can buy a

\$20 punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office.

**Celebrate Rabbi Levy’s Retirement**  
Friday, June 24  
BBQ Hosted by Brotherhood, 5-7 p.m.

A fun and casual backyard style cook-out. Cost \$18/adults, \$12/kids (twelve and under), kids two and under free.  
Tot Shabbat, 5:45 p.m.

Rabbi Levy will share some of his all-time favorite tales for kids and adults alike.  
Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi Levy, 7 p.m.

An engaging and unique final service led by Jewish clergy who were inspired by Rabbi’s mentorship.

RSVP to ALL events and pay for dinner if applicable. RSVP appreciated if attending any or all of the evenings events by June 3. Questions? Contact Sarah Krell at [skrell@templebethemeth.org](mailto:skrell@templebethemeth.org).

**TBE’s 50th Birthday**  
Friday, August 19  
Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

Help TBE celebrate its 50th birthday at this special Shabbat service.

**Welcome Back Welcome Shabbat**  
Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m.

Clergy-led services return to TBE mark the start of another liturgical year.



## Building community... the JCS way

Barb Banet, special to the WJN

When it comes to building community, the Jewish Cultural Society has the advantage of being a relatively small organization. Because of its size, members are expected to take turns contributing their time and effort into making every activity both meaningful and enjoyable.

JCS members value the sense of community that the organization works hard to achieve. An inclusive and welcoming

utensils, seder plates and other important items on each table. When the guests began arriving, the JCC lounges looked beautiful, and the children were proud of their work.

One of the most impressive aspects of the JCS Second Seder is the way Julie Gates, the *madrikha*, involves all the children in the Passover celebration. Every child who is interested in reading a sentence or two from the JCS Haggadah has a chance to do



JCS students reading from the Haggadah with Julie Gates Madrikha

community, JCS has many interfaith families. The common thread that runs through all JCS programs and activities is a secular humanistic perspective and viewing everything "through a Jewish lens."

An excellent example of "building community" was the Passover Second Night Seder that JCS members organized in April. From beginning to end, members worked together to create a very successful event for approximately 100 people.

"Community building" activities began earlier that week when a dedicated group of children in the JCS Sunday School worked together with their parents and other volunteers to make enormous quantities of matzo balls. Other members took responsibility for hard boiling dozens of eggs and making large quantities of nut-free charoset.

When it came time to assemble everything in one place, members of all ages gathered at

so. From the front of the large room, with 100 people looking on, they each read their portion of the document. It's not surprising that by the time these children reach b'nai mitzvah age, they are very comfortable making presentations in front of a large audience. Watching them learn and watching them grow over the years is an important part of building community...the JCS way.

Because most of the large JCS events are potlucks, members of all ages contribute to the success of the each event, and benefit from the diversity of tasty foods that are shared. The Second Seder is no different from other JCS potlucks, except that the foods are kosher for Passover. Most of the JCS members attended this event, and many brought relatives and friends. No one minded the long food lines because, while waiting for their turn, they had a chance to schmooze with folks they hadn't seen in a while.

It would be very hard to give credit to any one person—or even a few people—for building the community that JCS has become. For sure, there are many people who have made that happen over quite a few years. Particularly impressive is watching so many families contribute their time, their money, and their good ideas so willingly at events such as the Passover Second Seder. ■



Students making matzo balls

the Jewish Community Center to prepare for the Saturday evening event. The JCS students assembled the seder plates and put the final touches on the soup, with guidance from their parents.

The children also took charge of putting the JCS secular haggadah on each of the 100 chairs, and then put beverages, plates, cups,





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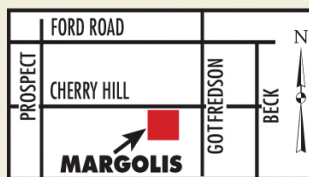
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## Jennifer Rosenberg named Hebrew Day School's Acting Head of School

by Eva Kramer Rosenfeld

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Jennifer Rosenberg

is to Jennifer Rosenberg, and the vision to which she has devoted her career. In 1992, she became a Jewish educator. In 1999, she began teaching at the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor. In 2003, she taught me, then a five-year-old girl in the Gan (kindergarten). "Morah Jen" was my first formal teacher, and I remember in equal parts sitting cross-legged reading aloud and learning about mitzvot. As I graduate from high school and Morah Jen steps into the role of Acting Head of School at HDS, I got a chance to hear the story of how she got there.

Rosenberg first taught elementary school in Chicago in 1990, but she fell in love with Jewish education over a year spent teaching in Israel. She was drawn to the wholeness of an education that had a broader reach than simply reading, writing and math, and knew she wanted to be a part of shaping the next generation of Jewish children. She began teaching at Oakland Hebrew Day School in Oakland, California, before spending two years there as vice-principal. She was then accepted to Harvard University, where she received a master's degree in education. Using the time in her graduate program to reflect, she realized that her true love was still in the classroom and decided she wanted to continue teaching after receiving her degree.

Her family was in Michigan, and she knew that she'd return there after graduating. When investigating Ann Arbor's educational offerings, Rosenberg learned about HDS and thought that would be a "perfect" place to teach.

While teaching Gan at HDS, Rosenberg devoted herself to working with parents, helping them understand the transition to formal school. She found herself drawn to the collaborative environment of the school — a place where each teacher shared the same goals and passion. Of the children, she

remembers the magic, the squeals of joy, the constant revelations.

After ten years in the classroom, Rosenberg shifted her focus from students to teachers. She began teaching graduate courses for teachers and moved into an educational coaching role at HDS. She designed professional learning, supported teachers in achieving their instructional goals and evaluated and developed curriculum. A very high priority for Rosenberg has been to ensure that teachers feel she is a supportive presence. "I value my ability to work with teachers to help them grow."

A few years later, she shifted positions again, this time taking on the title of principal, where her focus remained on the educational product of the school. She spent time with teachers and parents alike, discussing individual students and ensuring that their needs were met, as well as exploring and helping to develop the curriculum and effectiveness in delivering it. With this direct focus on the educational product, Rosenberg, together with current Head of School Hadar Dohn, introduced new learning initiatives to the school. HDS restructured into multi-age classrooms, introduced a writer's workshop system of writing instruction, divided Hebrew and Judaic studies and integrated engineering components into science units. Currently, the school is carefully examining math instruction.

Rosenberg's newest designation is Acting Head of School, which begins in the 2016–17 school year. Rosenberg plans to reorganize the position so that she can maintain the educational leadership aspects of her current job for which she is well suited. "The place I bring value to the school is through my experience as an educator. It's good for the school and good for me," she said. "I'm thinking about how to design this job so this is still part of my main responsibilities." She recognizes that the business aspects of running the school will require much of her attention as well and with the tremendous support of the HDS board of trustees and the current HDS staff, she is thinking creatively and strategically to make this position sustainable.

Rosenberg welcomes the challenges ahead and is sure of her overarching goals. One is simply to get the word out about the school, which she described as a "hidden gem" of Ann Arbor. A second is to continue to work side by side with the HDS teachers to ensure the educational experience and product is the very best it can be. Finally, she wants to continue the work of making sure that the school is in a financial position to offer a Jewish education to every family who wants one for their child. ■

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### JFS holds successful Bernstein Award event

Rosemary Frenza Chudnof, special to the WJN

JFS held its annual Bernstein Award Event and agency fundraiser on Sunday, April 17 at the University of Michigan Rackham Building. The theme of the event, “Generous Leaders: Bringing Community to the Head of the Table,” was inspired by this year’s Bernstein Award honorees, Zingerman’s Community of Businesses. Zingerman’s, which donates 10 percent of its annual profit to local non-profits, was chosen by JFS for the

Bernstein Award based on the companies’ longstanding commitment to social justice and community improvement, particularly in the area of hunger and food insecurity.

Mark Bernstein and Rachel Bendit chaired and emceed the event, and spoke passionately about their own commitment to social justice and the work that JFS does in the community. Other features of the program included a strolling wine reception; catering by Amanda’s Kitchen; a historic display of Zingerman’s artifacts; two Zingerman’s demonstration stations—one from the Creamery and one from the Candy Manufactory; music by Vincent York’s Jazzistry; and a vocal duet performance by Zingerman’s Robby Griswold and JFS’ Kate Papachristou. Two videos, one by JFS volunteer Ed Stein and one by Video Burst productions, highlighted both JFS and Zingerman’s, and the long commitment and intense



Robby Griswold of Zingerman’s and Kate Papachristou perform a medley from *West Side Story*



Zingerman’s Partners accept the 2016 Bernstein Award from Bob Miller and Anya Abramzon.

effort on the part of both organizations to combat hunger in Washtenaw County.

JFS would like to thank everyone who attended the event and/or sent in a donation in honor of Zingerman’s, and its corporate sponsors for their support. The agency would also like to thank everyone

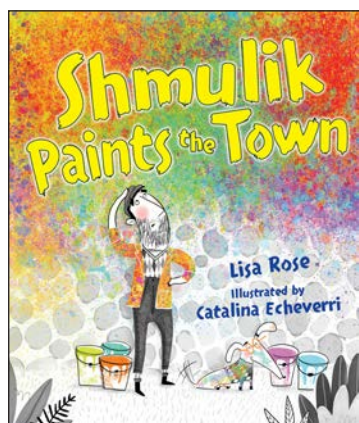
at Zingerman’s Community of Businesses, and Robby Griswold in particular, for their contributions and efforts in creating this successful event. Finally, JFS thanks Eileen Spring of Food Gatherers, Ed Stein, Amy Colton, Mark Bernstein, and Rachel Bendit for their time and contributions. ■

### Rain or shine, the celebration continues

Max Glick, special to the WJN

For more than a decade, Federation’s Celebrate Israel program has marked Israel’s independence and welcomed in spring in Ann Arbor. True to Michigan’s spring weather, over 150 people braved a wicked forecast to celebrate Yom Ha’azmaut, Israeli Independence Day at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

The celebration was kicked off with Detroit-based author,



Lisa Rose, who read her nationally distributed PJ Library children’s book: *Shmulik Paints the Town*.

In the book (for sale on Amazon and at Bookbound), Shmulik is asked to paint a mural to celebrate Israel’s independence. With the help of his dog Ezra, the community is able to collectively celebrate around

this new piece of art just in time for the holiday. As Rose described it, “I felt like I was at Shmulik’s bar mitzvah! As an author, I just concentrate on telling a good story with characters people enjoy—tonight I saw that in action!”

The night was full of bright colors as the Shmulik painted his mural and Celebrate Israel families joined in the fun with painting of their own. ECC teacher Lisa Vancise outlined scenes directly from the book for children and their parents to paint. The final product can be viewed in the hallways of the JCC.

Guests were then treated to freshly made falafel sandwiches, s’mores, and the night concluded with Israeli singing and dancing. Pictures of the celebration can be found on the Federation Facebook page and on their website: [www.JewishAnnArbor.org](http://www.JewishAnnArbor.org). ■





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## Sholem Aleichem website launched

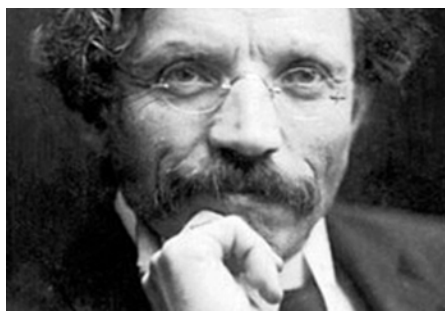
By Aubrey Wynn

Citizen Film launched the definitive Sholem Aleichem website (sholemaleichem.org) on May 13, 2016, the 100th anniversary of the writer's death. The Sholem Aleichem online project grows out of the New Media in Jewish Studies Collaborative, a joint initiative of San Francisco-based multimedia documentary company Citizen Film and the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University in New York.

Sholemaleichem.org provides resources to the general public, book lovers, teachers of literature, and teachers of Jewish Studies. The site is replete with video, audio and digital humanities materials created by documentarians and by graduate students at Columbia. Also included are recommended reading lists from Columbia professor Jeremy Dauber; an extensive bibliography; and suggested student activities for educators. The site features an interactive interpretation of the Ethical Will published in the *New York Times* at the time of Sholem Aleichem's death, and a call to action, inspired by the author's Ethical Will, to record oneself or friends reading from the author's work. Readers will be able to contribute to a gallery of crowd-sourced resources.

Citizen Film founder Sam Ball encourages visitors: "In his lifetime, hundreds of thousands of readers each week felt they had

a close relationship to the author and his serial works published in newspapers, the new mass medium of his day. That relationship was like the one some bloggers enjoy with readers today. Sholem Aleichem's writing remains fresh and relevant in 2016. By all means, read



Sholem Aleichem

"Tevye the Dairyman," the precursor to *Fiddler on the Roof* (currently running on Broadway). Professor Dauber's recommended reading list also includes 'The Man from Buenos Aires,' 'On Account of a Hat,' and 'The Enchanted Tailor.' Discover the highly enjoyable prose of Sholem Rabinovich, whose pen name Sholem Aleichem means 'hello' or 'how do you do' in Yiddish."

More than 100,000 people attended Sholem Aleichem's funeral in New York City in 1916—the largest public funeral in New York to date at that time. The author's will had

one main request: that his work be "read aloud in whatever language that you speak." Citizen Film and The Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University are launching this site so that a new generation can become entranced by a master teller of tales and one of the founders of modern Jewish literature. This project is a collaboration between Citizen Film, Columbia University, Riverside Films (the site includes clips from Riverside's documentary *Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness*) and the Yiddish Book Center, which is providing audiovisual materials from its archives. This project was made possible by Columbia's Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, the Covenant Foundation and the Sholem Aleichem Network dedicated to the great author and playwright's legacy.

### About Sholem Aleichem

Sholem Aleichem, born Sholem Naumovich Rabinovich on March 2, 1859 in Pereyaslav (in the Pale of the Settlement of Russia), was a novelist, essayist, playwright and one of the great writers of the late-19th and early-20th centuries. He created rich characters that stand out because of their humanity and their universal appeal. He was read and admired by Tolstoy and Chekhov, and by more than 500,000 people who pored over his weekly installments in newspapers. Sholem Aleichem wrote primarily about

Eastern European Jews, and is perhaps best known for "Tevye the Dairyman," upon which one of Broadway's most popular shows of all time, *Fiddler on the Roof*, was based. Columbia University professor Jeremy Dauber, author of *The Worlds of Sholem Aleichem: The Remarkable Life and Afterlife of the Man Who Created Tevye*, notes that the theme of *Fiddler on the Roof* is so universal, it has been performed in Japanese, Hungarian, Hindi and even a sock puppet parody on YouTube. Dauber asserts, "There's a reason that Tevye—particularly in his later incarnation as a musical theater star—has been beloved by audiences from Broadway to Tokyo. That reason has to do with the brilliance and heart that Sholem Aleichem lavished on his creation, forging a character that tells us something about what it means to live, to love, to struggle, and to change."

In his day, Sholem Aleichem was often called "The Jewish Mark Twain." (Twain reportedly introduced himself as "the American Sholem Aleichem" when he met Sholem Aleichem in 1906.) Like Twain, Sholem Aleichem was skilled at writing folksy dialogue in many different voices. His Motl, Menakhem Mendel, Sheyne Sheyndel, Tevye and a panoply other characters still pop off the page today. They are lovable, fallible people running headlong towards the brink of modernity. ■

## U.S. liberators, Holocaust survivors and IDF unite Auschwitz

By Ryan Greiss

Last month, 50 Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) supporters from across the U.S. returned from an unprecedented delegation to Poland and Israel with Holocaust survivors, G.I. liberators, and Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers.

Led by FIDF National President Peter Weintraub and FIDF National Director and CEO Maj. Gen. (Res.) Meir Klifi-Amir, the eight-day "From Holocaust to Independence" mission spanned Jewish history, from the darkest moments to the most inspiring. The American and Israeli soldiers and survivors accompanied the FIDF supporters on a trip across Poland, beginning at Tarnow, once home to thousands of Jews, and traced their steps, from Krakow's Jewish ghetto to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camps. The delegation then flew on an Israeli Air Force transport jet from Poland to Israel, where they commemorated Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terror, and celebrated Israel's 68th Independence Day.

"This one-of-a-kind delegation spanned the modern history of the Jewish people by uniting Holocaust survivors, American liberators of concentration camps, and IDF officers," said Gen. Klifi-Amir. "It told the story of our near-extinction in Europe, the creation of a Jewish homeland, and the new generation of a Jewish army that watches over our legacy today, making sure that 'never again' and 'never forget' are not just phrases, but rather promises. By marching with our brave IDF soldiers into the dreadful Auschwitz-Birkenau camps we sent a message to the world that we remember, and that the Holocaust cannot, and will not, ever happen again."

Joining the delegation were Holocaust survivors from Israel Martha Weiss, who was interned at Auschwitz shortly after her tenth



birthday, and Giselle Cycowicz, who survived five months in Birkenau. Alongside them were three former American soldiers who liberated concentration camps during WWII — Sid Shafner, 94, of Colorado, who was one of the first U.S. soldiers to enter Dachau with the 42nd Infantry Division and was awarded two bronze stars for heroism; Cranston Rogers, 91, of Massachusetts, who liberated Dachau with the 45th Infantry Division on April 29, 1945 and retired as a colonel; and William Bryant Phelps, 90, of Texas, who liberated Mauthausen-Gusen with the 11th Armored Division and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

One of the most unforgettable moments on the trip was an emotional reunion on an Israeli Air Force base between Shafner and Dachau survivor Marcel Levy, who now lives in Israel (video of the reunion is included below). After Levy escaped Dachau, he travelled with Shafner's unit, working as a cook. Shafner and Levy became good friends and have stayed in touch since 1945, and, before this week, last saw each other 21 years ago at Shafner's granddaughter's bat mitzvah in Jerusalem.

In Israel, the delegation met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin. Also joining the delegation to Poland and Israel was former Ambassador of Israel to the U.S. and current Member of the Knesset Michael Oren.

"This mission was one of the last opportunities for survivors and liberators to share their stories together," said Weintraub. "It was a very emotional experience for everyone involved — I can't imagine a more bittersweet moment than walking through the gates of Poland's most notorious death

camp surrounded by those who suffered within its walls, those who helped set them free, and those who must make sure they are not forgotten." ■

FIDF was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors as a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization with the mission of offering educational, cultural, recreational, and social programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and Jews worldwide. Today, FIDF has more than 150,000 loyal supporters, and 16 regional offices throughout the U.S. and Panama. FIDF proudly supports IDF soldiers, families of fallen soldiers, and wounded veterans through a variety of innovative programs that reinforce the vital bond between the communities in the United States, the soldiers of the IDF, and the State of Israel. For more information, visit: [www.fidf.org](http://www.fidf.org).



FIDF National President Peter Weintraub, holding a Torah scroll, leading a procession through the Buczyna Forest in Poland, where many Jews, including more than 800 children, were executed and buried by the Nazis.



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# Kosher Cuisine

## Honey and dairy for Shavuot

Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

**T**radition... tradition! It's tradition to eat dairy foods at Shavuot, in remembrance of the Israelites having been saved from slavery in Egypt and having been brought to a land flowing with milk and honey, at which they received the Torah.

Blintzes are definitely a favorite treat, and who could argue with that? Scroll-shaped and filled with, imbued with, and—best of all—fried with dairy products, they're an ideal indulgence for the occasion.

When we plan our meals, it seems we're very good about honoring the milk portion of that description of the new land, with its sweet freedom. But, Honey, what about the rest of it? Why aren't we including both parts of that phrase in our festive foods?

It's always good to bring new perspectives to our reading of Torah and new flavors to our holiday tables. And so, why not try varying the menu

a bit by combining both milk and honey in your Shavuot celebration?

A tray of cheese and crackers is the perfect place to start. Pair dry, aged cheeses - Parmigiano-Reggiano, Gruyère, or a cheddar, for example - with dark, rich honeys like chestnut or buckwheat. Creamy ricotta or goat cheese would work well with lighter varieties, such as orange blossom. These are wonderful accompanied by some salty-sweet, crispy-crunchy nuts that have been coated and candied in honey.

Or, perhaps, make a compound butter to add flavor to any number of foods. Honey and Sriracha offers sweetness and spice. Or, instead, mixing herbs with the honey accentuates the floral fragrance.

Now, if you've got your heart set on keeping with tradition, feel free to serve those beautiful blintzes for Shavuot. But instead of topping them with fruit sauce, you should try drizzling them with ... you guessed it: honey.

### Grilled Portobello Salad with Greens, Honey Vinaigrette, and Roquefort

Salad:

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 4 portobello mushrooms, cleaned with stems removed
- 8 cups mixed baby greens
- 1/2 cup crumbled Roquefort or blue cheese
- 1/4 cup finely chopped smoked almonds
- Snipped chives, for garnish

Vinaigrette:

- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper, to taste



Marinate mushrooms: In container of blender, combine honey, vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, and 1/4 cup oil until smooth; set aside. Brush mushrooms on both sides with 1 1/2 tablespoons oil; place on indoor grill or in preheated nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook about 5 minutes, turning occasionally, just until tender. Transfer to non-reactive container, gill sides up. Pour marinade over mushrooms; cover and refrigerate 2 to 4 hours, basting with marinade occasionally.

Make vinaigrette: Combine all ingredients; mix thoroughly.

Finish salad: In large bowl, toss greens with 1/3 cup (or to taste) Honey Vinaigrette. Divide greens equally among four individual serving plates. Halve mushrooms. Prop one half on the other on each salad. Divide cheese and almonds among the salads. Sprinkle with chives.

Yield: 4 servings.

Source: Adapted from the National Honey Board.

### Sea Salt and Honey Ice Cream

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
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- 1/4 cup Sue Bee honey
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt

Pour the whipping cream into a medium-sized mixing bowl. Start mixing on low speed and slowly increase to high. Mix for about 2 minutes until the whipping cream forms stiff peaks. Gently fold the sweetened condensed milk, honey, and salt into the whipped cream. Stir until all ingredients are evenly combined.

Pour into a freezer-safe, airtight container and drizzle the top with an additional tablespoon of honey. Seal the container. Freeze until solid, about 6 hours.

Yield: 6 servings.

Source: Sue Bee.

### Ricotta, Pine Nut, and Honey Bread Pudding

Bourbon Crème Anglaise:

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 large egg yolks
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Pinch of kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon bourbon

Pudding:

- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/4 cup honey
- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 12 cups cubed challah
- 1 1/2 cups ricotta
- 1/4 cup toasted pine nuts



For the Crème Anglaise: Combine the milk, cream, and honey in a medium saucepan. Heat the mixture over medium-low heat just until small bubbles begin to appear at the surface, about 5 minutes. Have a bowl of ice and water nearby.

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together in a mixing bowl, then very slowly add half of the hot milk mixture in a thin stream. Put the mixture back into the saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of the spoon, about 7 minutes. Remove from the heat and strain into a bowl through a fine-mesh sieve. Stir in the salt, vanilla, and bourbon and place the bowl over the ice bath to cool completely.

For the pudding: Combine the milk, cream, and honey in a large bowl. Whisk together the eggs and sugar, then add to the milk mixture. Whisk well to combine, and toss in the challah bread cubes. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to soak for 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line the bottom of a deep 9-by-13-inch baking dish with parchment paper and set aside.

Gently fold the ricotta and pine nuts into the bread mixture, using your hands. Drizzle with the melted butter and fold in.

Transfer the bread mixture to the lined baking dish and over with aluminum foil. Bake for 40 minutes, then remove the foil and crank up the temperature to 425F. Bake until the top is a deep golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

To serve, cut into individual portions and top with crème Anglaise.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Source: Einat Admony, *Balaboosta: Bold Mediterranean Recipes to Feed the People You Love*.

### Honey Flans

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 7 tablespoons honey (such as orange blossom), divided
- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt



Preheat oven to 350°. Sprinkle sugar in a 3-quart saucepan; place over medium heat and cook, gently shaking pan, 4 minutes or until sugar melts and turns a light golden brown. Slowly stir in 3 tablespoons honey. (Mixture will clump a little; gently stir just until melted.) Remove from heat; immediately pour hot caramelized sugar into six 6-ounce ramekins.

Process condensed milk, next 4 ingredients, and remaining 4 tablespoons honey in a blender for 10 to 15 seconds or until smooth; pour evenly over sugar in each ramekin. Place ramekins in a 13- x 9-inch pan. Add hot tap water to pan to a depth of 1 inch. Cover loosely with aluminum foil.

Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 minutes or until slightly set. (Flan will jiggle when pan is shaken.) Remove ramekins from water bath; place on a wire rack. Cool 30 minutes. Cover and chill for at least 3 hours. Run a knife around edges of flans to loosen; invert flans onto a serving plate.

Yield: 6 servings.

Source: Adapted from *Southern Living*.

### Serov Hatsi Kadaif (Turkish Bread Baked with Honey and Cream)

- 1 9-inch fresh round loaf country bread (at least 3 inches high, preferably sourdough)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, well softened
- 1/2 cup mild honey
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup crème fraîche

Preheat oven to 350°.

Cut off top and bottom crusts from bread loaf, leaving a 9- by 2-inch thick round with crusts on sides. Butter cut sides of bread and transfer to a shallow baking pan. Bake in middle of oven, turning over once, until lightly toasted, about 20 minutes.

Stir together honey and lemon juice, then spread on top of hot bread. Spread evenly with crème fraîche, then let stand 10 minutes. Bake in middle of oven until golden, about 20 minutes. Serve hot or warm, cut into wedges.

Yield: 8 servings.

Source: Adapted from *Gourmet*.

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## A conversation with local actress Molly Raynor

San Slomovits, staff writer

**R**omeo is Bleeding is a remarkable documentary film about turf violence in Richmond, California, and the efforts of some people to help heal the rifts in the community through spoken word poetry and theater. The film has a strong local connection because it features Molly Raynor, the daughter of Ann Arbor District Library's storyteller, Laura Pershin Raynor, and was directed by Jason Zeldes, Molly's cousin. The film has been shown in over 30 film festivals nationwide and has won numerous awards. It will come to Ann Arbor, on June 1, and will be shown at the Neutral Zone at 7 p.m. Both Molly, and Donté Clark, the young man at the center of the film, will attend.

I talked with Molly recently and began by asking how she got interested in spoken word poetry.

**Raynor:** I got involved with spoken word through Jeff Kass at Pioneer. When I was a freshman in high school, my English teacher read a poem that I wrote and she introduced me to Jeff because she thought that I had potential as a writer. Jeff had just moved to Ann Arbor and was starting a spoken word scene both at Pioneer and at the Neutral Zone, and he encouraged me to start coming to his workshops at the Neutral Zone. At that time spoken word was not big yet, so there were only two other kids and me in his workshops and it wasn't considered cool. (Laughter)

**WJN: When was this?**

**Raynor:** This would have been when I was 14, 15, so about 1999. I started going to his workshops, then I took his creative writing class, and Jeff really helped pull me out of my shell. I already loved language and literature, because of my mom being a storyteller; she was definitely the one who got me into language and writing, but Jeff is the one who introduced me to spoken word and pushed me. I would have never done the poetry slam, but he kind of forced me to. (Laughter). He signed me up for it against my will. (More laughter) When I finally got on stage and did it, it felt really good and I ended up making the slam team. I was on the Ann Arbor Slam Team for the next few years. During my sophomore year I came out to the Bay Area, and that's when I really fell in love with the Bay. That was a pivotal weekend for me, because the weekend that I turned sixteen I was in San Francisco, travelling for the first time away from my family, with a bunch of other young people, meeting kids from around the world through poetry—it completely expanded my mind. That weekend I decided I want to live here, and I want to be a teacher; I want to do what Jeff did for me, for other young people.

**WJN:** Did you move to Richmond right after you graduated from the University of Michigan?

**Raynor:** Yes, I was able to make up my own major at the UM. I studied critical pedagogy, and the long major that I made up was Critical Pedagogy and Activism Through the Arts. I was trying to figure out how to use poetry and alternative education to create more empowering spaces for people to learn and explore their identities. This was based on the fact that my most positive learning experience happened outside of the classroom, and at the Neutral Zone. I moved to the Bay, got a job at Making Waves (an after-school tutoring

and mentoring program) and I was teaching academic reading and writing. That's what I got hired to do, and then one thing led to another once I asked my boss if I could start a spoken word workshop, called RAW Talent, with Donté. I didn't set out to make a program, it just happened organically. Looking back, to be honest, I was starting to feel that I was stifled



Molly Raynor

creatively just teaching academic reading and writing. So it was kind of selfish, I was like, "I need a creative outlet! I'm sure these young people do too."

**WJN:** Whose idea was it to do the film, yours or Jason's?

**Raynor:** It was both of our ideas. I'd been telling him for years that he needed to come capture Donté on film. I was telling him, "Man, there's this kid Donté, who is so incredible, and I get to witness him every single day, the way he impacts our students. And I feel like other people would be really moved, the way I'm moved, to witness the work he's trying to do." But Jason was still in college at USC [University of Southern California], he wasn't actually ready to make a film yet. And, to be completely honest, I had no idea how big this was going to be. I was thinking, oh, if Jason comes and gets some footage and puts together a little documentary, then I can use that with funders to try get funding to keep RAW Talent alive, because I knew that Making Waves was going to close within the next couple of years. But once Jason came up for a weekend, he realized the power of Donté and of the story, and he basically uprooted his entire life and moved with his friends to Richmond for a year.

**WJN:** That was in 2012?

**Raynor:** Yes. We had the conversation where we really realized that he was going to come and make this film was when we were together at our grandma's 80th birthday party. I told him about the idea of doing an adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*, and he was like, "Whoa, that is a story within a story!"

**WJN:** Who suggested doing the adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*?

**Raynor:** I think it first came from Rooben Morgan, who was the math teacher at Making Waves, but who also had background in

drama. In the film Donté says it was my idea, but I'm pretty sure Rooben Morgan came up with it, then I got really excited about it. Donté was resistant at first because he was picturing us actually using the original play, but he got excited once he realized the potential to use the idea of Romeo and Juliet to tell the story of Richmond, to do a modern adaptation. Once

he got on board he was the one to really dive in and read Romeo and Juliet over and over until he fully understood it. Donté actually dove into the language, until it became really comfortable for him, until he actually learned to love it. He said, "If we're using this story, then I'm going to understand it, it's not going to be a Cliffs Notes situation."

**WJN:** There was no way you could have predicted, when you started filming, some of the things that happened, like the Chevron explosion, or several kids being killed during the course of the filming...

**Raynor:** The very first day that the film crew got there was when the Chevron Refinery exploded... so it was a crazy way for them to enter Richmond. And that kept happening; it felt like they were always there at necessary points in our journey to capture stuff. They weren't actually in town when Dimarea got killed, but I think that's probably better because I think it would have felt inappropriate to have cameras up in people's faces right then. But they came back the next week just to check in on everybody. There's no way that we could have predicted that in a film about violence, four of the young men in the film would lose their lives during the making of the film, and that one of them would be one of our core founding members. So out of respect for Dimarea being such a big part of RAW Talent, Jason decided to come back and follow up a lot more with Dimarea's family and Dimarea's mom, and make him a bigger part of the film. And since then, Dimarea's family, specifically his mom Paris, has gotten really, really close to us. After Dimarea was killed we started a workshop called Phoenix Rising, a spoken word workshop for people who've lost loved ones to gun violence. Specifically it's a support group for people who loved Dimarea. We didn't call it that, but that's how it started, and his mom and his friends, his sister would come and we all ended up getting really close, and now we've basically become like family. So, even though it was horrible what happened, I'm really glad that Jason took the time to come back and add more about Dimarea into the film, because Paris, his sister and his girlfriend say it really, really helped to know that his memory is being kept alive through the film, and knowing that there's something

that portrays him as an artist and a human being, and not just a criminal. That part of the film is very hard for us to watch. But I think it's really good that if that was going to happen that it could be integrated into the film in a way that kind of memorializes him.

**WJN:** How are you doing now, and how is Donté?

**Raynor:** Now we're based out of an organization in Richmond called the RYSE Center. It's worked out really well because we'd already been collaborating with RYSE and doing workshops there, and it's the closest thing I've ever found to the Neutral Zone. When Making Waves closed RYSE reached out to us and offered to be our fiscal sponsor so we could stay afloat, and in the year that they were fiscally sponsoring us we were trying to figure out if we had the capacity to start our own non-profit. It just became clear that we had the programming that they don't have—they didn't have a performing arts program, no spoken word or theater—and they had the infrastructure that we didn't have; we didn't have a board, we didn't have a building. It would have been super hard. And so at the end of that year RYSE offered for us to become the official performing arts program of RYSE. Now we're serving the same young people, but we don't have to invest all our time into trying to get money and form a board and all of that. We can just keep doing the work.

Through the film and through other work that he's done, Donté's really shining now. He's got his daily nine to five job working with young people at RYSE, and then he's getting asked every single day to come speak at this juvenile facility, or come speak to this group of public defenders.... As soon as people see the film, they want to meet him in person. We could have never anticipated that the film was going to be so well received and that it was going to win so many awards. And now there's an educational campaign around it, where teachers can buy it, and we created curriculum to go with it. So it's cool that the film can live beyond the film festival world, and that can last forever. I think Donté is excited because—even though it's a really powerful experience to go to all these fancy film festivals and have people moved to tears, and give it standing ovations—what he cares the most about is that young people see it, specifically young people in places like Richmond. I think he's received the most intense responses from incarcerated young people, because they get so inspired by him, and it really makes them feel like when they get out they can do something different.

Jason and I, we come from a long line of storytellers—film is his form of storytelling and spoken word is mine, and it's so cool that the legacy in our family from my great grandma, to papa, to my mom—my mom was the first one who actually had the privilege and ability to turn her craft into a profession—and now Jason and I have been able to inherit that from our family and from our ancestors and use our own forms of storytelling to try to help other people pull out their stories and help ourselves figure out what our stories are. ■



# Dating Shakespeare: James Shapiro's *The Year of Lear*

Rochel Urist, staff writer

James Shapiro is as meticulous a historian as he is a literary scholar. He teaches at Columbia University and is among the pre-eminent Shakespeare scholars today. His scholarly works read like suspense novels. This is especially true of *1599: A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare* (2005), *Shakespeare and the Jews* (1992), and his most recent book, *1606, The Year of Lear*. In this last, Shapiro examines not one but three plays: *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, and *Antony and Cleopatra*. Astoundingly, all three plays were written in 1606.

Shapiro's critical interpretations are based on the events and politics of the day. Religious tensions were high. The plague was at hand. Gathering places, including theatres, were closed. To write this book, Shapiro scoured a vast array of documents: sermons; schedules of performances (both at court and in public theatres); cast lists; rehearsal schedules; letters; diverse editions of published plays; reviews of plays both published and unpublished; trial transcripts; royal declarations; biographies; and records of political events, including revolution, court trials for witchcraft and heresy, and bloody religious warfare.

In comparing the various folios of Shakespeare's work, Shapiro notes the changes and omissions, charts their proximity to the day's events and makes his deductions accordingly. When he recounts the elaborate court masques of 1606, he records the condition of the Tudor palace, one of many influences on the masques' staging and pageantry. He traces the impact of social and political events on dramatic inventions. He delves into the religious prejudices of the day, which played a major role in the political climate—and on the material used by playwrights. What may be staged? What must be staged? What needs to be avoided? Each chapter of the book highlights an element of the society that begat much in the period's dramatic life.

Shapiro begins his excursion in a traditionally critical way: by examining King Lear's relationship to its predecessor, *King Leir*, an anonymous Elizabethan play about the life of the ancient king of Britain. *Leir* was performed by the Queen's Company in the 1590s. Shakespeare was a player in that company and may have performed in it. He was certainly well versed in the day's dramas, both published and unpublished. Shapiro acknowledges Shakespeare's propensity to borrow from others and improve on the originals. "His ability to pinpoint what was flawed in the works of others was one of his greatest gifts, though not one we know enough about nor celebrate today," writes Shapiro. "It was a talent closely allied to his habit of relying on the plots others had devised rather than inventing his own." (This habit is currently the subject of the current Broadway mega-hit, *Something Rotten*.)

Shapiro deepens his reader's appreciation of Shakespeare in myriad ways. Shapiro begins by comparing aspects of *Leir* and *Lear*. The dramatic scenes in which the daughters' illicit letters are exposed are particularly telling. In *Leir*, it is the old king who shows one of his two conspiring, adulterous daughters the incriminating letters: "Knowest thou these letters?" In *Lear*, Shakespeare has Albany, one of

*Lear*'s sons-in-law, confront his wife, Goneril, with the adulterous letter. By having the husband, not the father, confront the woman with her illicit love letters to her paramour, Shakespeare strengthens the impact of this final indictment of the scheming sisters. When they die, justice is served.

Shapiro points out that in adding the secondary plot of Edgar, son and heir of the Earl of Gloucester, Shakespeare provided counterpoint, "a way to highlight Lear's figurative blindness by juxtaposing it with something more literal." It is, says Shapiro, "the first and last time that Shakespeare ever included a parallel plot or subplot in one of his tragedies."

Shapiro then moves into historical mode by saying that in *Leir*, no one died, and all that was lost was restored. Shakespeare's changes were a shock. By turning the play into tragedy (though Shakespeare called his play a "chronicle"), Shakespeare flaunted the style of the day, which was to offer poetic justice. Shapiro notes that Samuel Johnson, the great critic of the eighteenth century, complained that *King Lear* "refused to satisfy moral expectations." The play keeps saying "the gods are just." But at core, the play embraces the idea that "As flies to wanton boys are we to th' gods; / They kill us for their sport." Nevertheless, for 150 years after Shakespeare's death, the play was performed with a happy ending. The worthy protagonists did not die; they lived and thrived.

Shapiro parses many of Shakespeare's literary influences, including two Elizabethan texts on witchcraft. One outlined methods for identifying and punishing witches. The other exposed priests who tricked people into believing they were possessed, citing the case of a serving girl accused of possession. She was taken to a place where knives were strangely placed. She asked why the knives were there. The priests said they saw no knives. Finally, she raised one of the knives to prove they were real. Only then did the priests acknowledge their presence. This story became public and led directly to Macbeth's famous question: "Is this a dagger I see before me?"

Shapiro makes crystal clear that theatre was as important a vehicle for communication as public announcements, sermons and gossip. In *Lear*, Edmund fabricates and plants a letter to implicate his brother, Edgar, in a plot to commit patricide. This ploy mirrored news of the times. By having Edmund plant the letter, then tell his father that he "found" this document, one that "proves" that Gloucester is Edgar's

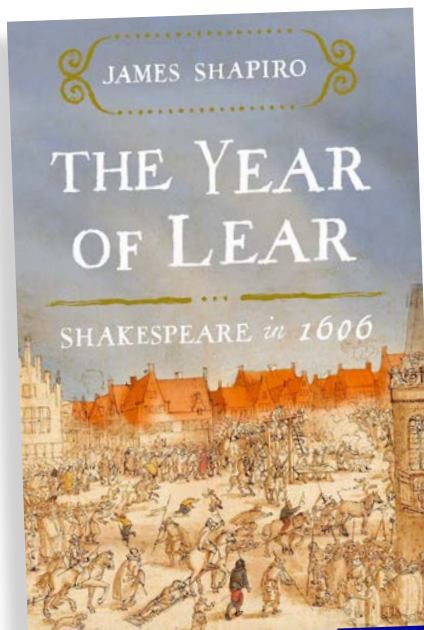
intended victim, Shakespeare reminds audiences of a similar scenario of 1605, when Lord Monteagle brought a similarly accusatory letter to Parliament. That letter exposed the notorious Gunpowder Plot, and it implicated Guy Fawkes and others as the plot's instigators. That plot was real. Ultimately, 36 barrels of gunpowder were discovered beneath the House of Lords. Had the plan been executed, thousands of people and many architectural landmarks would have been destroyed. Fawkes was found,

tortured, tried, convicted, hung, drawn and quartered. The bloody spectacle drew hundreds of onlookers. In thanksgiving, Guy Fawkes Day is still celebrated every November 5.

Shapiro traces the effects of the Gunpowder Plot through *Macbeth*, a play about the killing of a Scottish king. The brilliant jurist, Sir Edward Coke, oversaw the Gunpowder Plot trials. When sentencing the conspirators,

(or "Papists") were thought to encourage equivocation, in order to avoid arrest and persecution. Equivocating priests were denounced. This was a painful period for Catholics, many of who maintained their religion clandestinely. These secret Catholics were called "recusants." Shapiro does not mention the similarity with Marranos—Spanish Jews under threat of the Catholic Inquisition. They, too, practiced their religion in secret.

Equivocation permeates *Macbeth*. The weird sisters hail Macbeth as Thane of Glamis and Thane of Cawdor and promise that he "shalt be king hereafter." But they withhold vital information. They don't tell Macbeth that he'll have to kill to do it. Nor do they tell Banquo that he won't live to see his progeny become kings. (He hears only that he "shalt get kings," though he will "be none.") Shapiro further elucidates things by explaining the famous, paradoxical phrase "Fair is foul, and foul is fair" by pointing out that we must look past false exteriors. These verbal ploys are duplicitous "devil's tricks." They connote something innocent while hiding something evil.



James Shapiro

Coke spoke eloquently of the charnel house that would have ensued, had the plot not been exposed: "Lord, what a wind, what a fire, what a motion and commotion of earth and air there would have been!" Coke's words reverberate in *King Lear*. In Lear's speech on the heath, the old, battered king stands in the rain shouting: "Blow, wind, and crack your cheeks! Rage! Blow! / You sulphurous and thought-executing fires, / That make ingrateful man."

One of Shapiro's most startling achievements is his chapter on "equivocation." Shapiro points out that before *Macbeth*, the word "equivocation" appeared only once in Shakespeare's plays, when Hamlet uses the word in speaking of the gravedigger. Equivocation was a scholarly term that had appeared in only a few dozen books in sixteenth century England. It had pejorative and fiercely anti-Catholic associations. By 1606, the word implied deception. Equivocators concealed the truth by saying one thing while thinking another. A manuscript called *A Treatise of Equivocation, or A Treatise Against Lying and Fraudulent Equivocation*, was used as incriminating evidence in certain trials. The treatise spelled out the ways one might equivocate. Jesuits

Shapiro sets Shakespeare firmly in the rationalist camp, asserting that Shakespeare's plays "stop short of confronting anything darker or more disturbing than human maliciousness." He invokes *Lear* and *Twelfth Night* as prime examples of Shakespeare's rationalism. (In *Twelfth Night*, after Malvolio is accused of being possessed, he is visited by a character masquerading as a priest.) Furthermore, Shapiro points out, "one of Harsnett's attractions was his habit of describing those who feigned possession in theatrical language." Harsnett's book has hundreds of allusions to acting, counterfeiting, feigning, playing one's part well.

One need not be a Shakespeare aficionado to love this book, although it must be clear by now that this book is a goldmine for Shakespeare buffs. Those hoping to know what Shapiro has to say about *Antony and Cleopatra* will need to read the book. My space allowance is spent. For the die-hard Shapiro fans out there: know that he will speak at the Stratford Festival on June 18. Having heard him there once, I can say that the talk will be worth the trip. Shapiro is a national treasure. ■



# Calendar

## June 2016

### Wednesday 1

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 pm.  
Library Memoir Writing TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.  
Retirement Committee Meeting: TBE. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

### Thursday 2

Yoga with Shlomit: TBE. 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Citizens’ Climate Lobby: JCC. Dr. John Seeley will speak about the Citizens’ Climate Lobby, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization that has an Ann Arbor chapter. For information, contact Rachael by phone at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.  
Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.  
Mindfulness Workshop: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.  
Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

### Friday 3

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levy: TBE. 12:30–1:30 p.m.  
Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 3:30–5 p.m.  
Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Sukkat Shalom from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service (Sisterhood Kol Halev) from 7:30–9 p.m.  
Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

### Saturday 4

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.  
Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.  
Bar Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10–11:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Mincha: BIC. 6 p.m.  
Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

### Sunday 5

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Mincha Minyan: BIC. 4 p.m.  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: BIC. Sheraton Hotel. 6 p.m.  
Kol Halev Café: TBE. 6–9 p.m.

### Monday 6

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.  
Nachamu Training Session: TBE. 7–9 p.m.  
Mindfulness Workshop: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.  
Midrash in Hebrew: BIC. 8 p.m.

### Tuesday 7

Strength and Struggle: Lessons in Character from the Stories of Our Prophets: Chabad. Six-session course offered through the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays through June 28.*  
*Yidish Tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Wednesday 8**  
Annual Meeting: TBE. 7–9:30 p.m.

### Thursday 9

Get to Know the Ypsilanti Food Co-Op: JCC. Corinne Sikorski, General Manager of the Ypsilanti Food Co-Op will talk about this hidden gem that prides itself as a “locally grown community grocery store,” offering everything from groceries to pastries to a place to socialize. 1–2 p.m.  
Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.  
Confirmation Blessing: TBE. 7:15–8:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting: TBE Sisterhood. 7:30–9 p.m.  
Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of month.*

### Friday 10

Lunch and Learn: TBE. 12:30–1:30 p.m.  
Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 3:30–5:45 p.m.  
Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Sukkat Shalom from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service (Confirmation) from 7:30–9 p.m.  
Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

### Saturday 11

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.  
T-Shirt and Baseball Cap Shabbat: BIC. 9:30 p.m.  
Bat Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10–11:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Service: AARC. Participative community service integrates traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary English readings. Includes Torah service and discussion. At the JCC. 10 a.m.–Noon.  
Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.  
Shavuot/Havdalah: AARC. A discussion of the Book of Ruth. Held at a private home. For information, contact Clare Kinberg at ckinberg@gmail.com. 7:30–10 p.m.  
Celebration of Shavuos: Chabad. Evening Services at 8:45 p.m., followed by festive meal and all-night learning. 8:45 p.m.  
Maariv and Tikkun Leil Shavuot: BIC. 9:45 p.m.  
Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

### Sunday 12

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Shavuot Shaharit: BIC. 9:30 a.m.  
Book Club: AARC. Part 1 of 2 sessions discussing *The Prophets*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel. Held at a private home. For information, contact Emily Eisbruch at eisbruchs@gmail.com. 9:45–11:30 a.m.  
Shavuos Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m., after which children are invited to hear the Ten Commandments and attend an Ice Cream Party. Followed by festive meal for everyone, 9:45 a.m.  
Shavuot Service: TBE. 1–2 p.m.  
Kol Halev: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.  
Shavuos Services: Chabad. Afternoon and Evening Services. 7:15 p.m.  
Mincha: BIC. 7:30 p.m.

### Monday 13

Shavuot Shaharit with Yizkor: BIC. 9:30 a.m.  
Shavuos Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Services at 11 a.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.  
Womens’s Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.  
Mens’s Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.  
Shavuos Afternoon and Evening Services: Chabad. 8:45 p.m.  
Mincha: BIC. 9:30 p.m.

### Tuesday 14

KidZone Vacation Days: JCC. Fun and adventure for children in K-5 when Ann Arbor Public Schools and Hebrew Day School have scheduled closures. Children hang out in the new KidZone Lounge, complete with computers, games and a reading area, have art and crafts time, play sports, and watch a kid-friendly movie. For information including pricing or to register, visit [www.jccannarbor.org](http://www.jccannarbor.org). Contact Tamara at [tamaralewis@jccannarbor.org](mailto:tamaralewis@jccannarbor.org) with questions. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. *Through June 17.*  
Strength and Struggle: Lessons in Character from the Stories of Our Prophets: Chabad. Six-session course offered through the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays through June 28.*  
*Yidish Tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*  
Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m.  
Beyond the Pentateuch: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.  
Midrash in Hebrew: BIC. 8 p.m.  
Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

### Wednesday 15

KidZone Vacation Days: JCC. *See June 14.*  
Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

### Thursday 16

KidZone Vacation Days: JCC. *See June 14.*  
“The Difference Between Sour Cream and Applesauce.” JCC. Rabbi Robert Levy of Temple Beth Emeth discusses the gift of Torah. For information or to RSVP, phone (734) 971-0990. 1–2 p.m.  
Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.  
Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of month.*

### Friday 17

KidZone Vacation Days: JCC. *See June 14.*  
Lunch and Learn: TBE. 12:30–1:30 p.m.  
Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 3:30–5:45 p.m.  
Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Sukkat Shalom from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service | Birthday and Anniversary Celebration with Worship Band from 7:30–9 p.m.  
Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

### Saturday 18

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.  
Bar Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10–11:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Mincha: BIC. 6 p.m.  
Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of calendar.*

### Sunday 19

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Kol Halev: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.  
Congregation Annual Meeting: BIC. 9 p.m.

### Monday 20

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday 21

Strength and Struggle: Lessons in Character from the Stories of Our Prophets: Chabad. Six-session course offered through the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays through June 28.*  
*Yidish Tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*  
Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m.  
Camp Raanana Open House: JCC. For those who are either signed up for Camp Raanana at Cedar Lake or at the J, or those who are curious about camp and all it has to offer. Meet this year’s staff, play games, explore the camp’s grounds, and enjoy a kosher hot/veggie dog dinner. 2500 Pierce Road in Chelsea. Rain date is June 22. For information, contact Tamara at [tamaralewis@jccannarbor.org](mailto:tamaralewis@jccannarbor.org) or phone (734) 971-0990. 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
Men’s Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.  
Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

### Wednesday 22

Genesis Meeting: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

### Thursday 23

Coloring for Grownups: JCC. Coloring isn’t just for kids anymore. Join in on a calm afternoon of music, coloring, and great company. RSVP to assure there are enough supplies. For information or to RSVP, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at [rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org](mailto:rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org). 1–2 p.m.  
Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.  
Brotherhood Guys Night Out: TBE Brotherhood. At La Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant in Ypsilanti. 6–7:30 p.m.  
Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of the month.*

### Friday 24

Lunch and Learn: TBE. 12:30–1:30 p.m.  
Celebrate Rabbi Levi Shabbat BBQ: TBE. 5–7 p.m.  
Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Sukkat Shalom from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service (Celebrate Rabbi Levy with Kol Halev) from 7–9 p.m.  
Fourth Friday Shabbat Services and Potluck: AARC. Kabbalat services led by Rabbi Alana Alpert. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m. Pizza nosh for children and childcare provided during services from 6:15–8 p.m. Reservations requested for pizza and childcare. For information, phone (734) 445-1910 or email [info@aaarecon.org](mailto:info@aaarecon.org) At the JCC. 6:30 p.m.  
Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

### Saturday 25

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.  
Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.  
Bar Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10–11:30 a.m.  
Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.  
Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*



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## Sunday 26

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

**Artist Reception: JCC.** Amster Gallery reception for Sophie Grillet. Contact Karen at (734) 971-0990 or by email at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 5–7 p.m.

**Kol Halev: TBE.** 6:15–7:45 p.m.

## Monday 27

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 6:15–7:30 p.m.

**Women’s Torah Study: TBE.** 7–8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 28

**Strength and Struggle: Lessons in Character from the Stories of Our Prophets: Chabad.** Last session of six-session course offered through the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

**Yidish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Thursday 30

**Meet and Greet with Debbie Dingell: JCC.** Celebrate the Fourth of July with a visit from the Michigan 12<sup>th</sup> District’s Representative Dingell. RSVP required. For information or to RSVP, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE.** 1:15–2 p.m.

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad.** 8 p.m.

# July 2016

## Friday 1

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services: TBE.** Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Sukkat Shalom from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

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

## Saturday 2

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

## Sunday 3

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

## Tuesday 5

**Yidish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 6

**Mahj: TBE.** Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

**Library Memoir Writing: TBE.** 7–8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 7

**Avoiding Investment Fraud: JCC.** A representative from the Office of Consumer Protection will share information and strategies to avoid fraud and prevent falling victim to scams. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE.** 1:15–2 p.m.

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

## Friday 8

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services: TBE.** Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service| from 7–9 p.m.

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

## Saturday 9

**Tot Shabbat: BIC.** 11:145 a.m.

**Shabbat services: See listing at end of alendar.**

## Sunday 10

**Book Club: AARC.** Part 2 of 2 sessions for discussion of *The Prophets*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel. Held at a private home. For information, contact Emily Eisbruch at eisbruchs@gmail.com. 9:45–11:30 a.m.

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

## Monday 11

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 12

**Yidish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Thursday 14

**Pharmacists Meet and Greet: JCC.** Meet local Walgreens pharmacists and get prescription questions answered. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE.** 1:15–2 p.m.

**The Men Who Made the Atomic Bomb: JCC.** Presented by Larry Kuperman. For information, contact Karen at (734) 971-0990 or by email at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 6:30–8 p.m.

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of month*

## Friday 15

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate) TBE.** 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services: TBE.** Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7–9 p.m.

**Barks, Barbeque and Barchu: BIC.** 6 p.m.

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

## Saturday 16

**Shabbat services: See listing at th end of calendar.**

## Sunday 17

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

## Monday 18

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 19

**Yidish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 20

**Mahj: TBE.** Off-site. 1–3 p.m.

## Thursday 21

**Piano Concert: JCC.** The J’s own staff member, Deborah Ryan, will be back by popular demand to play the piano. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE.** 1:15–2 p.m.

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of the month.*

## Friday 22

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services: TBE.** Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7–9 p.m.

**Fourth Friday Shabbat Services and Potluck: AARC.** Kabbalat services led by Rabbi Alana Alpert. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m. Pizza nosh for children and childcare provided during services from 6:15–8 p.m. Reservations requested for pizza and childcare. For information, phone (734) 445-1910 or email info@aaarecon.org At the JCC. 6:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services: See listing at t end of calendar.**

## Saturday 23

**Tot Shabbat: BIC.** 11:15 a.m.

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

## Sunday 24

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

## Monday 25

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 26

**Yidish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 27

**Genesis Board Meeting: TBE.** 7–9 p.m.

## Thursday 28

**TheraPaws: JCC.** Presentation about TheraPaws, a canine-assisted therapy program dedicated to promoting and fostering the human-animal bond in therapeutic and educational settings. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE.** 1:15–2 p.m.

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of the month.*

## Friday 29

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services: TBE.** Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7–9 p.m.

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

## Saturday 30

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

## Sunday 31

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

# August 2016

## Monday 1

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE.** 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 2

**Yidish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Shalom Gever: (Jewish Karate) TBE.** 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 3

**Mahj: TBE.** 1–3 p.m.

**Library Memoir Writing: TBE.** 7–8:30 p.m.



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## Thursday 4

**Restoring the Public’s Trust in Michigan’s State Government:** JCC. The Center for Michigan has been traveling all over the state to hold community conversations to learn about the barriers to trusting the state government. Have your voice heard on a variety of topics, including government services and oversight of Michigan’s political system. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit:** TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.

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

## Friday 5

**Shalom Gever:** TBE. 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services:** TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30–9 p.m.

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

## Saturday 6

**Shabbat services:** *See listing at end of alendar.*

## Sunday 7

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

## Monday 8

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 9

**Yidish Tish** (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays*.

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 4:15–5 p.m.

**Brotherhood Board Meeting:** TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women:** Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays*.

## Thursday 11

**History of Ann Arbor:** JCC. Beverly Willis of the Washtenaw County Historical Society will discuss the history of Ann Arbor. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit:** TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law:** Chabad. 8 p.m.

## Friday 12

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services:** TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

**Friday evening services:** *See listing at end of calendar*

## Saturday 13

**Tot Shabbat:** BIC. 11:15 a.m.

**Maariv:** BIC. 9:15 p.m.

**Tisha B’Av Services:** Chabad. 9:30 p.m.

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

## Sunday 14

**Tisha B’Av Services:** Chabad. 8:30 a.m.

**Tisha B’Av Shaharit:** BIC. 9:30 a.m.

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

**Mincha:** BIC. 2:30 p.m.

**Tisha B’Av Afternoon and Evening Services:** Chabad. 7:45 p.m.

## Monday 15

**Youth Scholarship Golf Outing:** JCC. Play a fun round of golf at Lake Forest Golf Club and help families send their children to preschool and camp. Enjoy food and beverages and great golfing. If you can’t make it, sponsor a hole, green or tee or make a gift of support. 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 16

**Yidish Tish** (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m.

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women:** Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays*.

## Wednesday 17

**Mahj:** TBE. Off-site. 1–3 p.m.

## Thursday 18

**Washtenaw ID Project:** JCC. Staff from the Washtenaw ID Project will discuss their mission to get identification cards into the hands of Washtenaw County residents. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit:** TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law:** Chabad. 8 p.m.

## Friday 19

**Shalom Gever:** TBE. 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services:** TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

**Balloons, Bubbles, Barbeque and Barchu:** BIC. 6 p.m.

**Friday evening services:** *See listing at end of calenda.*

## Saturday 20

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

## Sunday 21

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

## Monday 22

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 23

**Yidish Tish** (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m.

**Shalom Gever:** TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women:** Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays*.

## Wednesday 24

**Genesis Board Meeting:** TBE. 7–9 p.m.

## Thursday 25

**Welcome Rabbi Winston:** JCC. Welcome Temple Beth Emeth’s newest rabbi as he presents on a topic of his choosing. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit:** TBE. 1:15–2 p.m.

**Guys Night Out:** TBE Brotherhood. Dinner at Gourmet Gardens Restaurant. 6–7:30 p.m.

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law:** Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of month.*

## Friday 26

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 3:30–5 p.m.

**Family Shabbat Services:** TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7–9 p.m.

**Fourth Friday Shabbat Services and Potluck:** AARC. Kabbalat services led by Rabbi Alana Alpert. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m. Pizza nosh for children and childcare provided during services from 6:15–8 p.m. Reservations requested for pizza and childcare. For information, phone (734) 445-1910 or email info@aaarecon.org At the JCC. 6:30 p.m.

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

## Saturday 27

**Bar Mitzvah Service:** TBE. 10–11:30 a.m.

**Tot Shabbat:** BIC. 11:15 a.m.

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

## Sunday 28

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

## Monday 29

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 30

**Yidish Tish** (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster’s Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome. For information, phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays*.

**Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate):** TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women:** Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays*.

### 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 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

**Shabbat Service:** Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aaarecon.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 Congregation. Morning services held the second Saturday of each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon integrating traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings including Torah service and discussion. A morning of songs and text study takes place the first Saturday of each month. For info, email info@aaarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aaarecon.org.

**Shabbat Services:** Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

**Shabbat Services:** Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call 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.

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

### Frequently listed phone numbers and addresses of organizations:

**Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)**  
1429 Hill Street 994-5822

**Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)**  
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 913-9705

**Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)**  
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

**Chabad House**  
715 Hill Street 995-3276

**Jewish Community Center (JCC)**  
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**Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)**  
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 975-9872

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2245 South State Street 769-0209

**Jewish Federation**  
2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100

**Pardes Hannah**  
2010 Washtenaw Ave. 761-5324

**Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)**  
2309 Packard Road 665-4744

**UM Hillel**  
1429 Hill Street 769-0500

### Shabbat Candlelighting

**June 3 ..... 8:46 p.m.**

**June 10 ..... 8:51 p.m.**

**June 17 ..... 8:54 p.m.**

**June 24 ..... 8:55 p.m.**

**July 1 ..... 8:55 p.m.**

**July 8 ..... 8:53 p.m.**

**July 15 ..... 8:49 p.m.**

**July 22 ..... 8:43 p.m.**

**July 29 ..... 8:36 p.m.**

**August 5 ..... 8:28 p.m.**

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## Mazel tov

Mae Veidlinger on her bat mitzvah, June 4.  
 Dara Mandell on her bat mitzvah, June 4.  
 Eli Thorpe on his bar mitzvah, June 11.  
 Aiva Zoldan on her bat mitzvah, June 11.  
 Hannah Halberstam on her bat mitzvah, June 18.  
 Zachary Halberstam on his bar mitzvah, June 18.  
 Andrew Curtis on his bar mitzvah, June 18.  
 Oren Zeckic on his bar mitzvah, June 25.  
 Hannah Bernstein on her bat mitzvah, July 30.  
 Elan Kluger on his bar mitzvah, August 27.  
 Jessica Everett on her bat mitzvah, August 27.  
 Fran and Irwin Martin on the wedding of their daughter Stacey Martin to Datus Tomasovich.  
 Joseph and Gloria Gurt on the birth of their granddaughter, Jessica Ruth, daughter of Michael and Jamie Gurt.  
 Michael and Peggy Singer on the birth of their grandson, Asher Aviv, son of Ilana and Lindsey Siegal.  
 Miriam Weininger on the birth of her grandson, Frank Licastro V, son of Charlene and Frank Licastro IV, December 28.

## Condolences

Wendy Lawrence on the death of her mother, Ruthann Newman, April 25.  
 Karen Soskin on the death of her mother, Irene Meketon, April 28.  
 Susan Rebner on the death of her mother, Beverly Weinman, April 29.  
 Martha Oleinick on the death of her brother, James Sandoz, April 30.  
 Susan Peterson on the death of her husband, David Shapiro, May 2.  
 Marilyn Gallatin on the death of her sister, Doris Griffith, May 3.  
 Michelle Hegyi on the death of her mother, Tova Aminoff, also sister-in-law of David and Helen Aminoff, May 7.  
 Steven Goldstein on the death of his father, Martin Goldstein, May 15.  
 Joe Eisenberg on the death of his father, Morris Eisenberg, May 16.  
 Rachel Bendit on the death of her mother, Gail M. Bendit, May 26.

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