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Apples and Honey goes back to the future

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

What is old will be new again, as Apples and Honey, the long-standing community-wide celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, returns to the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor on Sunday, September 25, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature a renewed focus on the original

apples with honey, the symbol of hope for a sweet year. Jewish agency partners will be offering make-it, take-it holiday crafts suitable for a variety of ages and interests. To set the celebratory tone for both the event and the holidays there will be cotton candy and popcorn, along with inflatables for children of all ages. For the competitive members of

David Stone, JCC executive director, notes that, "for newcomers to Ann Arbor, or folks like me who still feel like newcomers, this is a great opportunity to explore and connect with the many organizations that make up Ann Arbor's Jewish community." In addition to the JCC, organizations like the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, area synagogues of many denominations, the *Washtenaw Jewish News*, and many others will be on hand to talk to those interested in finding out more about them and what they have to offer. Apples and Honey and Lots, Lots More brings together nearly every Jewish organization in the Ann Arbor region and hundreds of people of all ages in celebration of Jewish culture and the Jewish New Year. Although there is no cost to attend Apples and Honey and Lots, Lots More, the JCC asks that attendees register ahead of time for planning purposes, and suggests participants plan to donate non-perishable food items. Register by visiting the www.jccannarbor.org, or contact Jessica Gillespie at (734) 971-0990 or jessicagillespie@jccannarbor.org with any questions or to volunteer. ■

JFS' Thrive Counseling to present mental health event

Rosemary Frenza Chudnof, special to the WJN

On September 11, Jewish Family Services' Thrive Counseling will host "Mental Health Across the Lifespan," a half-day seminar made possible by an Impact grant from the Jewish Federation. The seminar will take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and will cover mental health topics for differing age groups, ranging from adolescents to older adults. The program will feature a continental breakfast followed by a keynote speaker, Dr. Michelle Riba, who will speak on "What's Normal, What's Not: Depression Across the Lifespan." Next, attendees will be able to choose between three lectures that will take place simultaneously:

- "Raising Kids in a High-Pressured World: Fostering Resilience, Self-Acceptance and Independence in our Children and Teens," presented by Ruth Moscow-Cohen, L.M.S.W.
- "Caught in the Middle: Emotional Well-Being for the Sandwich Generation," presented by Sylvia Gordon, Ph.D.
- "Dementia, Delirium, Depression: The Three D's of Geriatric Mental Health Care," presented by Stephen Aronson, M.D.

There is an \$18 fee for attendance, and CEU's are available for licensed social workers. As is always the case with JFS events, a sliding fee scale is available. For more information and to register, visit www.jfsannarbor.org/mental-health-across-the-lifespan.

Thrive Counseling, the sponsor of this event, is JFS' recently branded counseling service. JFS now accepts most major insurance plans, and provides professional counseling services to individuals, couples and families. ■



inspiration for Apples and Honey from its inception in 1988: a community gathering that provides community families of all ages and sizes with meaningful connections to the fall Jewish holidays. Planned by a volunteer committee, chaired by former executive director Nancy Margolis, and staffed by Jessica Gillespie, a long-serving preschool teacher and new family program coordinator, the event has been "re-named" to its original name, "Apples and Honey and Lots, Lots More." There will be no entrance fee for families to attend. Gillespie says that, "when I spoke with the people who started Apples and Honey years ago, and asked them to share their experiences with me, I was struck by how much meaning past attendees got from the activities and experiences provided by our community partners. I've determined that this year we're going to bring that meaning back!"

Participants can expect to follow an apple story that leads to the sweetness of actual

the community, Apples and Honey and Lots, Lots More will feature a Gaga tournament. The gift shops of both Temple Beth Emeth and Beth Israel Congregation will be on hand with Judaica for sale, including holiday items like shofars, apples and honey serving plates, etrog boxes and more. The J's Early Childhood Center will hold its popular annual sale of kosher, nut-free holiday baked goods so community members can stock up on round challah, chocolate babka, seven layer cake, and more. Special this year, the Family Salon: Kids Helping Kids group will bring to the event its popular service project, Backpackacular, where new school supplies are packed in backpacks and donated to organizations to help children who cannot afford school supplies. Donations of new school supplies should be brought to the lobby of the JCC now through Friday, September 23. Finally, the event committee is planning a special surprise activity for school age children and teens.





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Community

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

ROSH HASHANAH	10/2	10/3	Tashlich	10/4
Beth Israel Congregation		8 a.m.	5 p.m.	8 a.m.
Family Celebration	4 p.m.			
Children's Programs K - 5/6 th - 8 th		10 a.m.		10 a.m.
Mincha		5 p.m.		7 p.m.
Ma'ariv	8 p.m.	7:15 p.m.		7 p.m.
Desert Reception	9:15 p.m.			
K - 8th Grade		10 a.m.	5 p.m. Mincha followed by Tashlich	
Chabad House	7 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	4 p.m.	9:45 a.m./7 p.m.
Sounding of the shofar, festive meal		11:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	11:30 a.m.
Hillel				
Conservative	7 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m. or 4 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Orthodox (AAOM)	7 p.m.	9 a.m./7 p.m.		9 a.m.
Reform	7 p.m.	10 a.m.		
Jewish Cultural Society	7 p.m.		noon	
Pardes Hannah		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.
Reconstructionist Congregation	7:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	10 a.m.
Children Service		10:30 a.m.		
Temple Beth Emeth	8 p.m.		1:45 p.m.	
Family Service		9 a.m.		
Traditional		11 a.m.		
AARTY		11 a.m.		
Birthday of the World Service		4:30 p.m.		

YOM KIPPUR	10/11	10/12	BREAK-THE-FAST
Beth Israel Congregation	6:30 p.m.	8 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
K-8th Grade	6:30 p.m.	10 a.m.	
Programs for 9th-12th (GSAC 2010 Washtenaw)	6:30 p.m.		
Study Session		4 p.m.	
Mincha,		4:45 p.m.	
Neilah (closing)		6:15 p.m.	
Yizkor (Memorial) service		11:00 a.m. (approx.)	
Chabad House	6:45 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Services		12:30 p.m.	
Afternoon/Evening Services,		5 p.m.	
Hillel			
Conservative	6:30 p.m.	9 a.m./5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Orthodox (AAOM)	6:30 p.m.	9 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Reform	6:30 p.m.	10 a.m./5:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Jewish Cultural Society	6:30 p.m.	2 p.m.	6 p.m.
Pardes Hannah	5:45 p.m.	9 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Embodied Practice		2:15 pm	
Meditation		3:30 pm	
Yizkor		5 pm	
Neilah		6:15 pm	
Reconstructionist Congregation	7 p.m.	10 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Children's Service		10:30 a.m.	
Workshops		2:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	
Yizkor		5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	
Neilah		6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.	
Temple Beth Emeth	8 p.m.		
Family Service		9 a.m.	
Traditional		11 a.m.	
Learning Event with Rabbi		2 p.m.	
Afternoon Service		3:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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A 3D view of giving tzedakah

Yaffa Klugerman, special to the WJN

Just in time for the High Holidays, there's a new way to look at giving tzedakah—and all you have to do is click.

A unique online exhibit jointly created by the Jean & Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and the University of Michigan Library provides users with a three-dimensional view of various pushkes, or tzedakah (charity) boxes, from around the world. Users can rotate and zoom in on numerous pushkes, including a South African Jewish War Appeal Relief Supplies Box; a pushke fashioned from a shofar; and several of the well-known "blue boxes" distributed by the Jewish National Fund.

Commons at the U-M Library, understood the value of the project as well. "The pushke collection is a wonderfully unique collection of artifacts, each with a story to tell," he remarked. "In capturing and publishing them as a digital 3D exhibit, it brings the collection into the light and makes it accessible for anyone across the globe to explore, study and appreciate them."

The collection was digitized by the U-M 3D Lab—a service of Digital Media Commons and the U-M Library—using the process of photogrammetry. The process involves capturing high fidelity photographs 360 de-



The many tzedakah boxes included in the online exhibit are from the Jewish Heritage Collection Dedicated to Mark and Dave Harris, a unique assemblage of books, ephemera, artwork and objects of everyday and religious significance in Jewish life. Housed in the University Library's Special Collections Library, the Jewish Heritage Collection is the gift of Constance and (the late) Theodore Harris.

In the summer of 2015, over three dozen of the Jewish Heritage Collection's pushkes went on display at the Frankel Center. That exhibit sparked the idea for the online exhibit, allowing people to view the same items from any location.

Constance Harris was delighted with the idea of using technology to display the collection. "I hope people will become more interested in Jewish culture viewed through interesting and unique artifacts that were used daily in Jewish homes and institutions," she said.

Eric Maslowski, director of creative applications and co-director of Digital Media

greets around an item, which are then analyzed by a computer algorithm that helps generate a 3D model. In all, programmers, artists, and administrators devoted over 200 hours of work to create the project.

"The pushke collection marks the beginning of a new approach to special collections," said Maslowski. "Institutions with large collections often struggle with making artifacts accessible due to limited exhibition space and the fragile and irreplaceable nature of the objects. This project brought these objects out of storage and into the public view without compromising the originals."

"My hope is that through this online exhibit, more will come to appreciate the artifacts and the stories behind them while becoming inspired to explore more of the Library's special collections."

The 3D pushke exhibit may be viewed at <http://lsa.umich.edu/judaic> under the Resources tab. ■

JCS First Friday Shabbat

Whitney Liberty, special to the WJN

Once a month JCS members and other interested members of the community come together to observe Shabbat. After Shabbat is welcomed in with songs, candlelighting, wine, and challah, there is a short thematic program, in which members of the congregation offer their thoughts about the theme. This year's First Friday Shabbat will be held on September 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Following Shabbat, participants share a meal and schmooze. Children are always welcome.

The theme for this year's First Friday meals will be Local Ann Arbor. Each

month a different place from around town will be featured, with a focus on local favorites, locally owned businesses, and locally grown foods.

First Friday begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The cost of dinner is \$10/person or \$25/family of 4. Financial contributions make it possible to continue the culinary themes.

RSVP online at <http://www.jewishculturalsociety.org/observances/shabbat/> to ensure that enough food is ordered.



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Ann Arbor's Realtor of the Year

Cookbook author Amelia Saltsman to speak at TBE

Clare Kinberg, special to the WJN

If you wanted to cook a lovely and delicious Rosh Hashanah dinner made entirely from ingredients bought at a local farmer's market, could you do it? Local food advocate and cookbook author Amelia Saltsman is coming to Ann Arbor just in time to help with this question. Her new book, *The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen: A Fresh Take on Tradition*, published in August 2015, is already in its second printing. In the book, along with over 150 recipes divided into six "micro-seasons" that highlight the deep connection of Jewish traditions to the year's cycles, Amelia traces the thread of Jewish cuisine from its ancient roots to contemporary food justice values. Today's sustainability and gleaning projects are founded in the agricultural and social justice lessons of the Bible, she says.

Amelia Saltsman is the daughter of a Romanian mother and an Iraqi father who met in the Israeli army and immigrated to Los Angeles, where she was born and raised. From her Iraqi grandmother she learned to cook kitchri--red lentils melted into rice with garlic slow-cooked to sweetness. Her

Golden Borscht with Buttermilk and Fresh Ginger has Romanian roots. "One grandmother used parsley; the other, cilantro. One cooked potatoes; the other, rice, she says. On family visits to Israel when she was a child, she ate steak hot off the grill in the avocado orchard of her farming family's moshav (collective farm), and long before the resurgence of farmers' markets in the United States, she accompanied city-dwelling aunts to the outdoor market (souk) to do the weekly shopping. These experiences defined her approach to food: an abiding admiration for family farmers, a love for globally diverse and bold flavors, and an understanding of the connections between past and present.

Her first book *The Santa Monica Farmers' Market Cookbook* (2007), includes advice on how to select and store produce, stories about farmers and their crops, chef and farmer cooking tips, and over 100 simple, tempting recipes. Saltsman still offers tours of the Santa Monica Farmer's Market where she teaches people to navigate the available foods, introduces people to the



Amelia Saltsman

farmers, and helps them plan fresh food menus while saving money.

On Wednesday September 14, at noon, Saltsman will bring her expertise to the Temple Beth Emeth Library (2309 Packard, downstairs) in an event titled "Talking lo-

cal and seasonal for the Jewish High Holidays—a taste and learn with Author Amelia Saltsman." Sponsored by the Jewish Alliance for Food, Land and Justice and Women of TBE, the event will include tasting of several recipes appropriate for a Rosh Hashanah meal, a conversation about why and how seasonality matters during the High Holidays, and an opportunity to buy signed copies of her gorgeous book.

Ari Weinzweig, founding partner, Zingerman's Community of Businesses, says of *The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen*: "This could be my perfect book. Cultural Jewish cooking at its best—so many intriguing recipes—combined with fascinating history, personal family anecdotes, and an emphasis on great seasonal ingredients. In the same way that Marcella Hazan made authentic Italian cooking come to life for non-Italians, Amelia's new work could have non-Jews preparing dishes like schmaltz-roasted potatoes, Tunisian lemon salad with harissa, saltgrilled chickpeas, and tzimmes every night!"

For more information, contact Clare Kinberg, TBE librarian, at ckinberg@gmail.com ■

Yefim Bronfman coming to Wharton Center

Kendall Buzzelli, special to the WJN

Grammy winning pianist Yefim Bronfman is internationally recognized as one of today's most acclaimed and admired pianists. He stands among a handful of artists regularly sought by festivals, orchestras, conductors and recital series. His commanding technique, power and exceptional lyrical gifts are consistently acknowledged by the press and audiences alike and on Sunday, September 18, he will make his debut at Wharton Center in East Lansing.

American novelist Philip Roth even describes Bronfman's playing, as well as his unique persona, in his book, *The Human Stain*. "Yefim Bronfman looks less like the person who is going to play the piano than like the guy who should be moving



Yefim Bronfman

it. I had never before seen anybody go at a piano like this sturdy little barrel of an unshaven Russian Jew. When he's finished, I thought, they'll have to throw the thing out. He crushes it. He doesn't let that piano conceal a thing. Whatever's in there is going to come out, and come out with its hands in the air. And when it does, everything there out in the open, the last of the last pulsation, he himself gets up and goes, leaving behind him our redemption. With a jaunty wave, he is suddenly gone, and though he takes all his fire off with him like no less a force than Prometheus, our own lives now seem inextinguishable. Nobody is dying, NOBODY — not if Bronfman has anything to say about it!"

Born in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Bronfman, now 58, grew up in family of musicians. His mother was a pianist and his father and sister played the violin. At 14, Bronfman decided he also wanted to be a musician. At 15, when his family relocated to Israel, his aspirations

began to come true. In Tel Aviv he studied with Arie Vardi, head of the Rubin Academy of Music at Tel Aviv University. At 18, Bronfman moved to the U.S. and studied at The Juilliard School, Marlboro School of Music, and the Curtis Institute of Music under Rudolf Firkusny, Leon Fleisher, and Rudolf Serkin.

Bronfman's Wharton Center performance will begin with the challenging and fast-paced Bartók Suite, Op. 14. He'll then go into the

dream-like Humoreske, Op. 20, by Robert Schumann, a hearty work encompassing many moods. One of the most anticipated pieces is Debussy's Suite Bergamasque, featuring its famous elegant third movement, Claire de Lune. Following the beauty of Claire de Lune, he'll perform Stravinsky's technical, high energy Petrushka. The dichotomy of the pair shows where Bronfman's talent lies — in his ability to change course and alter his playing for every piece he encounters. ■

Yefim Bronfman performs at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts in East Lansing on September 18 at 6:30 p.m.. Information at 1-800-WHARTON or whartoncenter.com.

Lynn Malinoff photo exhibit at JCC

Karen Freedland, special to the WJN

Life Posed and Unposed," an exhibition of images taken by Lynn Kleiman Malinoff during her travels, will be celebrated at a reception on Thursday, September 15, from 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish

Malinoff is the director of Eastern Michigan University's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs, Bright Futures, which provides afterschool programs support and positive youth development in



Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Over the past nine years, Malinoff has committed herself to developing her ability to see through the camera lens, to explore perspective, light, and color while observing the lives of strangers and recording moments in time. The result of this work is now on display in the Amster Gallery at the JCC.

Malinoff's passion for the art of "seeing" extends beyond her photography. The importance of being able to look at the world through multiple lenses is a skill she uses as a project developer and graduate professor at Eastern Michigan University. Malinoff has learned to "flip the lens" to look through the eyes of parents, children, and teachers.

twenty low-income, low-performing schools in the Ypsilanti, Romulus, and Wayne-Westland districts. Her goal is to help educators support youth in finding their voices, sometimes via writing, sometimes via speaking, and often with a camera. Her work is purpose driven and on record in her photos.

Malinoff's work will be on exhibition through September 30, 2016. No reservations are necessary for the September 15 reception. Information is available at jccannarbor.org. Questions can be directed to Karen Freedland, director of Jewish Cultural Arts and Education by calling (734) 971-0990 or emailing karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. ■

Crazy Wisdom salons to focus on building bridges between people

Lucinda Kurtz, special to the WJN

In this age of Trump and Brexit, xenophobia and terrorism, fear of the future and fear of the other, is pervading local and global communities. How can Ann Arborites work together to create a more positive climate for understanding and cooperation? Three community discussions at the Crazy Wisdom Bookstore this Fall, will explore and discuss these critical issues with involved community members. The series was created and will be facilitated by Lucinda Kurtz, Healing Science practitioner,

The first Salon, "From Separation to Community: Building Bridges through Healthy Communication," will be held on Thursday, September 29. In this time of high emotion, political slander, and lack of civility, how can one bring greater awareness to language that may trigger emotional responses that don't serve one's true intentions or a higher purpose? How can language be a bridge between people, helping them to more deeply understand where they share common beliefs?

Guests will include: Lisa Gottlieb, MSW, SSW, Nonviolent Communication Certified Trainer candidate; Belinda Dulin, executive director, Dispute Resolution Center of Washtenaw County; Gloria Zimet, reflexologist, holistic healing teacher and practitioner specializing in transforming limiting beliefs. In addition to the panel presentation and community discussion, participants will learn and practice valuable skills that can help transform feelings of fear and bring awareness to how they can be more sensitive to their communication with one another.

The second Salon, "Creating an Interfaith Dialogue for Deep Listening: Dispelling Fear of Religious Diversity," on Thursday, October 6, grew out of this writer's year of representing Pardes Hannah, the Jewish Renewal Community of Ann Arbor, on the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County. As the political season has inflamed passions and accentuated divisions between people, it is even more critical to gain greater understanding of the inherent commonality of underlying belief systems as well as acknowledge the issues that divide the community. The Salon will explore the perspectives of a diverse group of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian religious leaders. Guests will include Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, Beth Israel Congregation, who has played a major and long-time role in interfaith dialogue in the community. Other panel members are Reverend Susan B. King, the Co-director of the Interfaith Round Table; Reverend Lauren Zinn, Ph.D., religion education consultant; Imam Yahya Luqman,

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Metro Detroit; and Rev. Greg Briggs, associate pastor, Bethlehem UCC, Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, One Human Family Campaign.

The third Salon, "Immigration: Overcoming Fear of the Other in this Age of Terrorism," on Thursday, October 20, will deal with one of

attorney, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center; and Omar Mohamed, outreach chair, Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor.

This series is free and open to the public. All are welcome to participate in one, two, or all three Salons. The Salons will be at the Crazy Wisdom Bookstore Tea Room at 114 S. Main Street, at 7 p.m.



the hot button topics of today. What is the community doing to welcome or discourage refugees and emigrants? What are some of the larger issues involved with the vast migrations across Europe and the right-wing backlash that is occurring? How is it specifically affecting the Ann Arbor community? Guests will include: Shrina Eadeh, LMSW, director, Refugee Resettlement Services, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County; a representative from the Samaritas Organization, that connects new immigrants with families and communities; Darren Miller, staff

In addition, Lucinda Kurtz and Gloria Zimet will be offering a full-day experiential workshop entitled, "Dispelling Fear and Creating Hope" on Sunday, October 23. Participants will delve deeper into the topics discussed during the Fall Salon series. The intention is to help harness the individual voices and talents in the community into a sustained force for hope and change. For information and cost of workshop and information on the Salon series, contact Lucinda Kurtz at (734) 635-9441, Lucinda@lucindakurtz.com, www.lucindakurtz.com. ■

JFS to hold "Dinner with the Family" event

Rosemary Frenza Chudnof, special to the WJN

For the first time since 2008, JFS plans to bring back its "Dinner with the Family" fundraising event in 2017.

"While we love hosting our Bernstein Award Event each spring," said Anya Abramzon, executive director of Jewish Family Services, "we feel that the format for our major fundraiser should stay fresh. We are so excited to bring back Dinner with the Family, because we've gotten questions about it for the past eight years! In 2018, JFS will return to the Bernstein Award Event as we celebrate the agency's 25th anniversary."

Dinner with the Family will take place over the weekend of April 22, 2017. Leslie Bash, co-

chair of JFS' 2015 Bernstein Award Event, has agreed to serve as a co-chair again for Dinner with the Family. A number of JFS supporters will serve as volunteer "hosts," and prepare a menu for a special meal they will serve at their home. While in previous years the events all occurred simultaneously as a dinner, this year the event will be spread across an entire weekend to allow for brunches and dinners at different times to accommodate different schedules. JFS will combine the hosts' proposed menus into a book, which will serve as the event's invitation. Attendees will choose which meal(s) they'd like to attend, and will note their preferences when

they purchase advance event tickets from JFS.

Volunteer hosts have a great deal of flexibility, as they may choose to cook or cater the event in their home, or simply host a meal at a restaurant. JFS will host one of the dinners itself, and also host an "after party" with desserts on one of the weekend evenings. JFS is currently seeking volunteer hosts to contribute a meal to a wide array of international choices that reflect many diverse cuisines. Anyone interested in learning more about hosting or in participating in this event can contact Rosemary Frenza Chudnof at (734) 769-0209 or rosemary@jfsannarbor.org.



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Welcoming the JCLP Class of 2018

Paige Walker, special to the WJN

With the beginning of the fall semester and new academic year at the University of Michigan, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) at the U-M School of Social Work welcomes the incoming Class of 2018. Their 20-month journey includes rigorous academic and training in social justice, community organizing, management, interpersonal practice, and Judaic studies and begins with orientation starting Sunday, August 28. Throughout the program, students will have access to courses and professional development opportunities through the School of Social Work, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, and the Leadership in Community Benefit Organizations program. This new cohort brings a variety of experiences, strengths, and interests to JCLP.

Jacob Ehrlich comes to JCLP by way of Amherst, Massachusetts. He graduated with a



Jacob Ehrlich

B.A. in religious studies from Hampshire College in May 2015. Ehrlich lent his services as a song leader and homilist to Detroit Jews for Justice and the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue in Fall 2015. He is interested in how religious practice can be used as a technology for self-transformation and social change and hopes that he may better serve communities in need as a counselor and spiritual resource as he makes his way toward the rabbinate.

Erica Golden is originally from Tampa, Florida, and comes to JCLP after undergraduate and M.A. studies in psychology at Tulane University. In New Orleans, Golden volunteered as a crisis counselor with ViaLink/211, worked as an after-school care coordinator for Torah Academy and in Tulane's Child and Family Lab evaluating the impact of children's exposure to violence on social-emotional development and school readiness.

Alana Goldstein is a recent B.S.W. graduate from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a recipient of



Alana Goldstein

the Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program (FEREP) scholarship funded through The Jewish Federations of North America Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence for students who are planning careers in Jewish Federations. As an undergraduate, Goldstein interned with the Champaign County Public Defender's Office, Illini Hillel, and the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. She held the position of vice-president of philanthropy for the Pi Beta Phi sorority and worked as a camp counselor and on-site social worker at Keshet, an organization for individuals with special needs.

Leah Josephson is from Durham, North Carolina, where she has worked as a fundraiser and communications strategist for nonprofit and political organizations, most



Leah Josephson

recently as Director of Development at North Carolina Hillel. She graduated with her B.A. in journalism and French from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in December 2011. Josephson is active with the Carolina Abortion Fund, where she

serves as board chair, and was co-founder of Moishe House Triangle. Josephson is excited for the opportunity to continue her education in the classroom and by learning from community members and local organizations working at the intersections of Judaism and social justice.

After graduating with a B.A. in English and Judaic Studies from the University of Michigan in May 2015, Essie Shachar-Hill has spent the last year in Chicago as a member of AVODAH: the Jewish Service Corps



Essie Shachar-Hill

in Chicago where she worked with "Girls in the Game" as an after school coordinator. Shachar-Hill facilitated programs for over 175 girls in Chicago in addition to program recruitment, parent engagement, and volunteer management as well as coaching girls ages 7-14 in activities related to leadership, health, and fitness. Through JCLP, Essie hopes to continue examining how social justice and Judaism interact and inform each other in the field of social work.

From Rockville, Maryland, Ilana Soumekhian completed her B.A. in psychology with a minor in community Action and so-



Ilana Soumekhian

cial change (CASC) from the University of Michigan in May 2016. During her time as an undergraduate, Soumekhian served as

the new member educator for her sorority, held various leadership positions with Michigan's Dance Marathon, and volunteered at Cancer Support Community and Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She hopes that combining study of social work and training in Jewish leadership will prepare her to work with children in a variety of organizational contexts.

Eli Zucker is from West Bloomfield, Michigan, and graduated with his B.A. in political science and English from the University of Michigan in May 2016. Since 2014, Zucker has worked as a dialogue facilitator with U-M's Program on Intergroup Relations. Additionally, he lived in Israel in Summer 2015 where he worked with Project Harmony and Project Ten. As a Project Harmony intern, Zucker created and facilitated athletic activities for Arab and Jewish Israeli children through the Max Rayne Hand-in-Hand



Eli Zucker

School. At Project Ten, a Jewish learning and co-existence based program, he participated in organic farming initiatives, musical theater, and English education. Through JCLP, Eli hopes to forge relationships that illuminate the spectrum of individuality within Judaism.

Along with JCLP's returning cohort, the Class of 2018 will have a busy year ahead of them. Their agenda includes touring local Jewish agencies and organizations in Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Metro Detroit; creating and implementing programs for the local community; traveling to Washington D.C. to attend the 2016 General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America; and pursuing field placements in local and national placements. ■

University of Michigan Hillel and Detroit Federation to host U-M Professor Ralph Williams series on Primo Levi

WJN staff writers

University of Michigan Hillel and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit are co-sponsoring a three-part series on the Jewish chemist, writer, and Holocaust survivor, Primo Levi, presented by U-M Professor Ralph Williams.

In the first lecture, On Wednesday, September 21, Williams will discuss the situation of Jews in Italy historically, the biography of Primo Levi, and the first of his books, the very great *Survival in Auschwitz*. Levi in many ways invented the literature of witness, and in this work he takes up centrally with what it is to remember.

The second lecture, on September 28, will take up his continuation of the



Ralph Williams

memoir of his experience, *The Reawakening*. In the face of denial of the very Shoah itself, he dared to write a work of fiction, *The Monkey's Wrench*. Williams will discuss that work, and two works central to understanding his achievement; the incomparable *The Periodic Table* and his last great work before his death, *The Drowned and the Saved*.

The final lecture, on October 5, will conclude with a discussion of the last of these works, and then Levi's poetry of which he said that he only wrote in verse what he could not say in prose. In those poems Williams will talk about the agonized, powerful depths of Levi's response to the Shoah, and the composed understanding he tried to achieve and communicate.

Ralph Williams has taught at the University of Michigan for most of his career, where he is the Arthur F. Thurnou Professor of English Emeritus. He has won many awards for his teaching, including the lifetime Golden Apple Award and the Carnegie Award as Professor of the Year for the State of Michigan.

All Lectures will take place 7-8:30 p.m. at the Max M. Fisher Federation Building, 6735 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tuition is \$50 for the series. To register, call (248) 205-2557. ■

Community

Family Salon's day in the sun

Max Glick, special to the WJN

On Sunday, August 7, over 100 people of all ages came together at Independence Lake for Family Salon's second annual Appreciation Picnic. The day included eating, schmoozing, a magic show, bubble art, and swimming in the lake. Family

Salon is a joint program between the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. As Family Salon chair, Carrie Bank explained, "Our goal is to get Jewish families to come together, to have a good time. We

threw this party to say "thank you" to all families for helping us with our programs throughout the past year, and introduce new families to Family Salon."

Over the last 2 years Family Salon has featured events like the Backpackacular where

children stuff backpacks with donated school supplies for underprivileged students in the area. We are currently collecting school supplies in the front lobby of the JCC and backpacks will be filled as part of Apples & Honey on September 25. ■



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Fall for the J's Active Adults Program

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor continues to provide a variety of informative, entertaining, and engaging lunchtime talks. Over the summer, program participants enjoyed talks from speakers such as Rabbi Robert Levy, Michigan Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, the Center for Michigan, and Temple Beth Emeth's newest clergy member, Rabbi Josh Whinston.

On September 1, Gretchen Sanewsky from Huron Valley PACE will discuss the resources available for adults to age in their homes during her presentation titled, "Huron Valley PACE: All Your Healthcare in one Place While you live at Home." On September 8, local artist Carol Finerman will talk about the inspiration and construction of her intricate quilting projects. On September 15, Paulette Grotrian will discuss the benefits of mindfulness meditation and lead participants through guided meditation exercises. On September 22, TheraPaws will return for their monthly visit with calming and serotonin boosting therapy dogs. On September 29, artist Eric Bermann will discuss his work in his talk, "Psychology, Aging, and Art." Thursday presentations are offered at no

cost and are open to the public. An optional light lunch is available during the hour prior for a nominal fee. Advanced reservations are requested to ensure lunch for all those who would like to partake. Information and registration for the Tuesday and Thursday lunch café, and all Thursday presentations are listed on the Ann Arbor JCC's website, www.jccannarbor.org.

In addition to the Thursday presentations, the Ann Arbor JCC continues its partnership with Washtenaw Community College to offer classes geared towards adults over age 65. Dr. Lisbeth Fried's class, Jewish Views of the Messiah, will meet on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning September 7, Tai Chi for Seniors with Karla Groesbeck of Good EnerChi Studios will meet on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. beginning September 14, All Washtenaw Community College classes are offered free of charge to Ann Arbor JCC members. There is a small cost to participants who are not members at the time of enrollment in classes. To learn more about these enrichment opportunities, contact Rachael Hoffenblum at (734) 971-0990 or rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. ■

The men who made the atomic bomb

Barb Banet, special to the WJN

On July 14, 2016, Larry Kuperman gave an original presentation on "The Men Who Made the Atomic Bomb." Co-sponsored by the Jewish Cultural Society and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Kuperman

and Nagasaki. The scientists involved were all reluctant to develop the device and virtually all opposed the bombs being used. After the war these same scientists warned the world about the dangers of nuclear proliferation. Kuperman's presentation included images of

the actual letter that Einstein wrote to FDR and General Groves' sketch of the mushroom cloud from the test at Alamogordo. He also projected images of President Truman's hand-written notes about his decision to use the bombs on Japan.

Kuperman is known to members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community as a long-time teacher at JCS and frequent lecturer at the JCC and JCS. He



chronicled the work of the predominantly Jewish physicists, chemists and mathematicians who worked on the development of the first nuclear weapons. In 1938, at the behest of Leo Szilard, Albert Einstein wrote to President Roosevelt to warn him that the Germans appeared to be developing a device that would harness the power of uranium. This letter began the race to see who could make a bomb first.

Kuperman traced the steps from the initial experiments at Columbia University to the construction of the first nuclear reactor under Stagg Field at the University of Chicago. Next came the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos and the first test at Alamogordo. Finally, bombs were dropped on Hiroshima

has recently offered presentations on such diverse topics as "The Jewish Comic Book Guys," which charted the course of the comic book industry from pre-World War II days to current times, and "The Jewish Psychologists, from Sigmund Freud to Dr. Ruth."

Kuperman made the following comment about this presentation and others he has developed, "My goal is to address topics of Jewish identity, culture and history that are relevant to the Ann Arbor Jewish community. I delight in bringing people together to share a sense of who we are as a people." For the 60 people that attended this presentation, he succeeded in reaching this goal. ■

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This month at Beth Israel Congregation

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Shabbat at BIC community garden

Friday, September 9, 6 p.m. at the County Farm Park (2230 Platt Road)

Participants experience an informal outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service led by the Beth Israel rabbis in a natural environment, located near the Beth Israel Garden. (Participants will meet under the pavilions just inside the park entrance.) The Shabbat evening service is followed by a dairy potluck Shabbat Dinner, which includes produce from the Beth Israel garden. Beth Israel will provide drinks, salad and place settings, as well as grape juice for Kiddush and challah. County Farm Park is located at the southwest corner of Washtenaw and Platt.

at Beth Israel on the lower level 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. There is no fee for this program.

Adult Hebrew classes begin week of September 12

These Hebrew classes, for beginners to advanced students, are great opportunities to gain new skills in Hebrew while making great friends. Contact the Education Department Coordinator Penny Goldstein, birsassist@bethisrael-aa.org, for more information and to

Gan Katan is designed for 3 and four year olds with a parent (or other adult). The new teacher, Sara Goldshlack has a background in special education, and works as the resource teacher at Hebrew Day School. Sara and her husband Peter moved back to Michigan two years ago and have three children. Sara is excited to meet all the Gan Katan Families.

Gan Katan will meet on the following mornings, from 9:30–11 a.m.: September 18, October 16, November 13, December 11, January 29, February 12, March 12, April 23. The cost for the year is \$150. Gan Katan is open to member and non-member families

Selichot services

Saturday, September 24

9:30 a.m. refreshments

10 a.m. violinist Wendy Zohar, followed by the Selichot Service

The High Holiday season begins with the recitation of selichot, readings and prayers which helps to begin the process of teshuvah (repentance) which is at the core of the High Holiday experience. Beth Israel's evening of Selichot includes refreshments, inspiring music from Wendy Zohar, the dedication of the memorial plaques installed since last Selichot, and a Selichot service where congregants share music, poetry and readings emphasizing the importance of teshuvah in making a better world.

The Most Amazing Race Ever!

Sunday, September 25, noon

To most people, The Amazing Race is a reality television game show in which teams race around the world in competition with other teams. Contestants strive to arrive first at "pit stops" and complete challenges related in some way to the local culture. At Beth Israel Congregation, the Amazing Race is a real event in which teams of middle school and high school students race around Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Campus in competition with other teams. Contestants strive to arrive first and given points around campus and then answer trivia or complete challenges related in some way to the spot they have arrived at.

Teams are judged on a point basis on how well they complete the trivia and the challenges. The winning team will receive valuable prizes!

This year's version of the Beth Israel Amazing Race will be held on Sunday, immediately following religious school. The group will start with lunch at the Garfunkel Schteingart Activities Center and then proceed

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Lunch And Learn 2016

Lunch & Learn Series

Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28, noon

Garfunkel-Schteingart Activities Center (2010 Washtenaw Avenue)

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin and Rabbi Kim Blumenthal lead informal discussions on current topics. Participants are invited to bring a dairy lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Shabbat Limmud

Saturday, September 10 and 24, 9–9:45 a.m.

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin facilitates a discussion on Parashat Hashavua, the Torah portion of the week. All are welcome to participate in an informal conversation on the Torah portion over coffee and cake preceding the Shabbat morning service.

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays, Sept. 10 and 24, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is Beth Israel's Shabbat morning program for parents and their children 2–5 years old that includes songs, stories and prayers. It includes the mysterious "Shabbat Box," Torah processions with stuffed Torah toys, and a kiddush for tots. Tot Shabbat meets

find out which class group will best meet your needs. See bethisrael-aa.org for the flyer with class times and tuition.

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

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



Adult Hebrew Class



Gan Katan playground

BIC, continued from previous page

to the University of Michigan campus for the Race itself. The cost of participation is \$5, which includes lunch and a snack (though the snack may be something unusual or strange) and prizes for the winning team. The race will conclude at Beth Israel at 5 p.m.

Adult chaperones are also needed to accompany the racers and help drive to and from campus.

To sign up, contact Jake Kander, program director at programs@bethisrael-aa.org

A Toast to the New Year, featuring Mayor Christopher Taylor, September 18

10 a.m. Brunch

10:30 a.m. "A Conversation with Mayor Christopher Taylor"

11:30 a.m. Toasting the New Year

Beth Israel prepares to welcome 5777 with a visit from the mayor, a blast from the shofar, a skit involving Religious School students, and a toast to the New Year.

Christopher Taylor is an American attorney and politician who has been the mayor of Ann Arbor since 2014. He has earned four degrees



Mayor Christopher Taylor

from the University of Michigan, and served on the boards of directors of various Ann Arbor non-profit organizations before being elected to public office. In 2008, Taylor was elected to Ann Arbor City Council as a Democrat, on which he served a total of three terms before announcing his mayoral campaign in 2013. After winning a highly contested Democratic primary in August 2014, he was elected mayor of Ann Arbor winning 84.21 percent of the vote. Complimentary tickets for High Holidays for newcomers, graduate students and full-time medical residents, and special dues for those 35 and under

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and full time Medical Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms for Rosh Hashanah must be submitted by 3 p.m. on September 30, and by October 10 for Yom Kippur, and no tickets can be provided immediately prior to any service.

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

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non-members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration for Young Children. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at (734) 665-9897.

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

Happening this month at TBE

Nellie Stansbury, special to the WJN

Jewish Yoga, Shalom Gever, Peaceful Warrior Martial Arts

Tuesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 4-5 p.m.

Health, Healing and Self-Defense. Try out this unique martial arts instruction including lessons in how to live a healthy lifestyle, be energetic, do well in school and learn anti-bullying self-defense. 12-week semesters for belt advancement. Drop-in when schedules permit. Enrollment is open for students and their parents. Shalom Gever is taught by Rabbi Peter Gluck, 5th Degree Black Belt and martial arts instructor for 19 years. Contact the Temple Beth Emeth office at 665-4744 or Rabbi Gluck, info@shalomgever.org, for more registration information.

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Whinston, Sacred Aging

Friday, September 9 at noon at TBE

Bring your lunch to discuss aging through a Jewish lens. Rabbi Whinston will lead a conversation for anyone who has their own aging on their mind, as well as anyone concerned about the aging of a loved one. Please sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet>.

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Dinner, Campfire and Sing-A-Long

Saturday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. at TBE-member home

Enjoy a picnic-style dinner and conversation. Bring blankets, chairs, and guitars if you want for singing around a campfire! Drinks & main dish provided. Bring an appetizer, side or dessert. (Cost: \$7. Ages 40+. Fair weather only.) Sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet>

Talking Local and Seasonal Food for the High Holy Days: A Taste & Learn with Amelia Saltsman

Wednesday, September 14 at noon at TBE

The event will include tasting of several locally sourced and seasonal recipes appropriate for a Rosh Hashanah meal, a conversation about why and how seasonality matters during the High Holidays, and an opportunity to buy signed copies of The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen.

Cosponsored by the Jewish Alliance for Food, Land & Justice, TBE library and Women of TBE.

Nachamu, Shiva Minyan Leadership Workshop

Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. at TBE

Learn how to lead or participate in a Shiva minyan. Monthly sessions are led by Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut. Contact Cantor Hayut for more information at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org.

Saturday Morning Torah Study, God Talk

Saturday, September 17 at 9 a.m. at TBE

What does the Torah tell us about our relationship with God? What are the different interpretations of God and how has God's relationship with the Jewish people changed? Led by Rabbi Josh Whinston. Register to attend online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet> or call the Temple office.

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Volunteering Together

Sunday, September 18 at 3 p.m. at TBE

Get to know Rabbi Whinston by doing some valuable work together. We will assemble gift

baskets of household supplies for refugee families supported by JFS. All ages welcome.

Signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet>

Spirituality Book Club

Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 22, noon

The Return of the Spirituality Book Club! Starting Tuesday, September 20 and Thursday September 22. Cantor Emerita Annie Rose will be returning to facilitate the spirituality book club. Sign up for the book club by emailing Annie Rose at cantorannie@gmail.com or drop in to any of the meetings.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit

Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1:30 p.m. in the TBE Chapel

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 completed a 16-month mindfulness teacher training program sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Awakened Heart Project. Judy Freedman has been 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, at (734) 665-4744.

Adult Hebrew Classes Fall 2016

Hebrew 104, Tuesdays, September 13, 20 and 27 at 5 p.m.

Hebrew 103, Tuesdays, September 13, 20 and 27 at 6 p.m.

Hebrew 101, Wednesday, September 14, 21, and 28 at 5:30 p.m.

TBE is pleased to offer a 12-week term of Hebrew classes for adult learners at all levels, starting the week of September 12. There are three tracks of Hebrew being offered 100 Level courses for beginners. Each class session is 1 hour. Course fee: \$180 members of BIC and TBE; \$200 non-members; \$50 full time college students. Contact Danielle Goldberg at dgoldberg@templebethemeth.org for more information.

Special Jewish Yoga Series

Elul: Preparing for the High Holidays

Tuesdays, September 6, 13 and 20 at 6:15 p.m.

Join yoga teacher Shlomit Cohen on a spiritual journey for the month preceding the high holidays (September/Elul). These weekly meditative Jewish yoga classes will focus on bringing the gap between the physical and the mental to prepare ourselves for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. The price will be \$15 if you pay in advance \$18 at the door. To buy the series for \$40, pay online at <https://secure.templebethemeth.org/>. To find out more information and to register, email Danielle Goldberg at dgoldberg@templebethemeth.org.

S'lichot Service & Study Session

Forgiveness: Giving it, Not Just Asking For it

Saturday, September 24 at 8 p.m. at TBE

The High Holy Days are ushered in with the S'lichot service. The evening begins with a study

session followed by Havdalah and reception. No tickets are necessary.

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Coffee for Dads

Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m.

Are you a Jewish dad? So is Rabbi Josh! This will be a chance to caffeinate, hang with the guys, and get to know each other. Meet t Roos Roast, 1155 Rosewood St. Signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet>.

Men's Torah Study

Monday, September 12 and 26, 7 p.m.

A men's Torah discussion group will be led by a lay leader on the 2nd Monday and by Rabbi Whinston on the 4th Monday. Participants will find their way as men by wrestling with text. For more information, contact Bill Parkus at parkus@comcast.net.

Women's Torah Study

Monday, September 12 and 26, 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

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Coffee & Dessert

Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m. at TBE Member Home

Enjoy a quiet, relaxing evening with TBE friends to talk with Rabbi Whinston about your TBE experience. Why did you join? What do you hope to get out of your TBE life? How can Rabbi Josh help you on your journey? Please sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet>.

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Talkin' God for Middle Schoolers

Sunday, September 11, 1 p.m.

Enjoy a nature walk in the Arb. (Nichols Arboretum, 1610 Washington Heights). Then, settle down to a discussion about God. What is our relationship to God? Does it matter? What is the meaning of life with and without God? Signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet>.

Apple Picking, Rishonim Fall Kick-off

Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.

Calling all 3rd through 5th graders. This year Rishonim is holding a pre-Rosh Hashanah birthday party for the world. Come socialize with you friends while enjoying a hayride around the apple orchards, apple baked goods, apple cider, and apples with local honey. Meet at Plymouth Orchards (10685 Warren Rd, Plymouth). The cost is \$10 per person. To find out more information and to register, email Danielle Goldberg at tbe.youth.annarbor@gmail.com.

Kadima Goes to Revel & Roll, Kadima Fall Kick-off

Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m.

Go bowling with area 6-8th graders. Cost is \$15 per person. Meet at Revel & Roll (1950 S Industrial Hwy) for bowling, pizza and fun. To find out more information and to register, email Danielle Goldberg at tbe.youth.annarbor@gmail.com. ■

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Congregations

High Holidays with Pardes Hannah

By Lucinda Kurtz

Pardes Hannah, the Jewish Renewal Community of Ann Arbor, invites all spiritual seekers and community members to join us for the High Holidays and to participate in services led by our rabbi, Elliot Ginsburg. Each year the Pardes Hannah community selects a theme to guide us through the Days of Awe. Community members reflect on this theme, and at various points during the services, share some way its key concepts have resonated in our lives. It is one of the ways that we, as a community, support each other as we look at the year past, while opening up new personal and communal "heart-space" for the year that is emerging.

This year has been a particularly challenging year in the political and global realms, and community members felt strongly that we should explore how to create deeper connections rather than focusing on what divides us from each other. Therefore, in addition to the traditional themes of turning and renewal, we will focus this year on Creating Webs of Radical Connection: Goshar Gesharim. In the words of Rabbi Ginsburg:

"Ellul-and-the-Days-of-Awe just might be the most propitious time for us to explore the nature of our commitments and connections, our ability to stretch and re-calibrate. While daily life affords countless chances for reflecting on such bonds, the month of Ellul and the Days of Awe form a 40-day period of intensified reflection on the big questions. Even for those of us who don't have a daily practice, Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur are protected, communally sanctioned "retreats": time-out that allows for time-in.

In this era of political polarization and virtual friendships, we might be asking how we cultivate deep interpersonal connections, including caring bonds across political, religious, class and cultural difference. We might explore what happens when the veils of separation between people and peoples grow thinner, and we connect heart to heart, even across difference. The philosopher Martin Buber spoke of moments of I-You relation, where one becomes radically "present" with another, not hiding--letting the other into one's life. This involves a stance of radical trust: trusting the other and supposing the other "is also ready to deal with me as a partner."

The practice of seeing the world as a web of interconnection is both cheering and threatening to many of us. Where do we draw the boundaries? How porous are the boundaries? How safe do we need to feel before we can truly open? How confident do we feel with radical "not-knowing," living one's life as a wager that connection across divides is not only possible but potentially life-affirming and holy?

Deep connection enables ones to see the world through new eyes, to more skillfully surf the ebb and flow of relationship. It invites or challenges us to see the other as tzelem elohim, an image of the divine. Rabbi Aqiva held that

the key teaching of the Torah is "to love one's neighbor as oneself." Ben Azzai demurred, holding that the key teaching is not necessarily loving the other so much as recognizing the other as "an image of God." When there cannot be love, at least--he avers--let there be caring.

Other models of deep connection involve havruta or spiritual friendship, which entails the ability to listen deeply, to share in the joys and sadness of life's journey. Still other radical connections stretch across the generational divides. Others may cross the species divide: what is our responsibility and our shared community with animals and green living things and the more-than-human realm.

Thinking back over the past year, the year of Bernie and Trump, Hillary and Black Lives Matter, another year of yearning for peace in Israel-Palestine and beyond--from the big issues to the small ones that are also vital: what are our webs of connections with loved ones and not so loved ones, what is the nature of our hunger and longing for deeper connection, or less freighted connection? How do we cultivate and deepen such moments of radical connection, extend their lessons into our more ordinary lives?

What are the stances that open us to such encounters? And what are the practices (such as prayer, meditation, thanksgiving and the offering of blessing) that enable one to stand in moments of heightened awareness--to note, celebrate and begin to integrate moments of inter-being with other beings and with the divine source?

And what of our relations with the divine: what of devequt, the practice of radically connecting to the divine source, of holding the divine presence before us at all times, finding more skillful ways of aligning oneself with, and opening to, the life-force.

Martin Buber spoke of becoming less fearful goshar gesharim: courageous builders of bridges. What might this mean in our relations with our families, our acquaintances, our enemies; with our fellow Jews, with communities that have historically experienced enmity? What courage does this demand from us? What humility? What not-knowing? What balance between reverence and action, self-critique and self-regard, compassion for self and compassion for others, and yes, between (dehillu u-rehimu) between Awe and Love, that is the signature of this Season of Turning."

These are some of the themes that we at Pardes Hannah are invited to explore, to discuss, to share with each. And we invite community members to join us in this deep exploration and sharing during these Days of Radical Connection, the Days of Love and Awe

To prepare for the High Holidays, please join Lucinda Kurtz on Sunday, September 18, in her class, "Spiritual and Energetic Practices for a Miraculous New Year." Selichot will be on Saturday, September 24,

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A reminder to use our traditions

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

One of my favorite verses in the entire Torah is found in Chapter 8 of the book of Deuteronomy. In this chapter, Moses is reviewing some of the experiences of the Exodus and reminding the people of God's concern for them during the journey.

In verse 4, Moses says: "The clothes upon you did not wear out, nor did your feet swell these forty years".

I am intrigued by the statement in the first part of this verse: that the people's clothes did not wear out over the years of the journey. How would this be possible?

One interpretative tradition says that the pillar of smoke that led the people in their journey acted like an ancient washing machine cleansing the clothes each day.



Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

I like that fanciful legend but I like another fanciful interpretation more. There are those who say that the miracle of the clothing was that the clothes grew with the people, especially the children, as they grew.

I love this interpretation because it serves as a metaphor to remind us that our understanding of our faith and our commitment

...our understanding of our faith and our commitment to our tradition must grow with us as we grow.

to our tradition must grow with us as we grow. The lessons we learned as a child were important to us when we were young but if we don't seek to deepen our understanding of Jewish tradition, acquire new skills and wrestle with new questions, our faith will wear out and will often be discarded.

It is absolutely essential that we ask adult questions about Judaism. And, it is absolutely essential that we look at issues in our world and ask what our traditions and our ethical perspective on the world would have to say about these issues.

We have seen so many changes in our world in recent years and we are faced with so many challenges that our ancestors could not even have understood, let alone experienced. The eternal teachings of our tradition have much to teach us as we seek to confront issues in our nation and in our world and that is why so many rabbis, including this writer, often address current issues from the pulpit. We need to use our tradition to address issues ranging from gun violence to immigration and welcoming of refugees to the racial divide that threatens our nation. Different rabbis have different perspectives on these issues and that is appropriate but we, as rabbis, must speak out and advocate positions that we feel are consistent with our tradition. This will help us to fulfill the challenge the interpretation of the verse from Deuteronomy presents: to keep our faith growing with us as we journey through life.

I invite you to read my blog at rabbi-robdobrusinblog.wordpress.com to read sermons I have delivered and articles I have written on issues of the day. I also urge you to look at what other rabbis have written on blogs, synagogue bulletins and newspaper and magazine articles as we try to navigate our world using our values and traditions as a guide. As you read the different perspectives, you will gain a greater appreciation for how our tradition can help guide us through difficult times.

There is another interpretation of the verse from Deuteronomy that is worth serious consideration. One tradition teaches that the reason that the clothes did not wear out is that the people wore them every day. This interpretation expresses the idea that things wear out when we don't use them rather than when we use them continually. It is faith and tradition that is put away in a closet or allowed to grow stale that will prove of little use as we grow.

Especially in this election year, it is critical that we seriously consider the issues of the day and that we, as Jews, do so with the guidance of our tradition: a tradition which stresses the importance of kindness, compassion, humility and an endless search for peace and justice in the world. In that way, we will not only demonstrate how important our tradition can be in the contemporary times but also feel empowered by our tradition to make real change in our world. ■

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from 9-11 p.m., at home of Rabbi Eliot Ginsburg and Linda Jo Doctor at 2924 Baylis Avenue.

Rabbi Ginsburg will lead services on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, October 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Aidans Church on 1679 Broadway in Ann Arbor. This will be a traditional Jewish Renewal service with prayer, blowing of the Shofar, and Kiddush. Second day Rosh Hashanah service is a Meditation Service, Tuesday, October 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Aidans followed by a Kiddush, potluck lunch and tashlich at the home of Lucinda Kurtz and Oran Hesterman.

On Tuesday, October 11, Kol Nidrei preparations will commence at 5:45 p.m. and services will begin at 6:15 p.m. at St. Aidans Church. On Wednesday, Yom Kippur Day services will begin at 9:00 am with Embodied Practice at 2:15 pm, Meditation at 3:30 p.m., Yizkor at 5 p.m., Neilia at 6:15 p.m. and Shofar blowing and Havdalah at 7:40 p.m. Break-fast will follow.

For more information about Pardes Hannah, the High Holiday schedule and other Fall services and holiday plans, call Linda Doctor at (734) 645-5476 and check the Pardes Hannah website at <http://pardeshannah.wordpress.com>. ■

Why are there no holidays in Elul?

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

September 3-4 will be the beginning (Rosh Chodesh) of the Hebrew month of Elul. During Elul, we have wonderful things to do to get ready for the New Year. Elul is one of the months that hasn't a single holiday. Tishrei (the month after Elul) is saturated with holidays. Elul gives us time to reflect on the past year, in order to prepare ourselves for the coming year.

The founder of the Chabad movement, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, writes an analogy, in the late 1700s, about Elul having no holidays:

A king is traveling in his carriage from one city to another. As he crosses differ-

our potential? Can we improve in any area? Can we add anything good? Can we correct anything not so good? God, in His kindness, has given us Elul to take our personal inventory, to see where we are holding. It gives us time to prepare so that we will be better able to ask for God's forgiveness when the day of Rosh Hashanah arrives. If we utilize the opportunity of Elul, we will be able to offer God our well-prepared "business plan" for the upcoming year as opposed to suddenly showing up at shul on Rosh Hashanah without clearly knowing what to ask for.

In order to prepare for the New Year, we have a number of customs that we observe



Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

So, at least once a year, one has to take stock of things to determine how things went, make corrections and improvements, and plan for how things should go in the New Year.

ent fields, farmers doing their everyday work notice the royal entourage with the king coming across their field! Here the king is in a more informal, intimate setting with his subjects. It is easy for his people to reach him and speak with him. He can also receive his subjects with smiles and an informal, loving countenance that is only possible outside of the formalities of the palace protocols.

In Tishrei, we have Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and other holy days. The high holy days are called days of awe and judgement. One has to attend synagogue, pray, repent, etc. On Yom Kippur and Sukkot there are also many formalities to perform in order to optimally have one's prayers and entreaties heard in Heaven. Think of visiting a king in the palace.

In contrast, Elul has no holidays. God's manifestation is more of a merciful and accessible nature. This means that we can be in our everyday mode with clothing and activities, etc., and all we have to do is just to look up from our mundane activities and we can, so to speak, see the King in the field. The King is more available in Elul than He is during the more formal settings of the high holidays. This is why Elul is so special. The fact that it doesn't have any holy days indicates to us that we can reach God in a higher but easier way than during the high holidays.

Any successful business needs to take inventory, at least once a year, in order to evaluate the previous years' level of success, and to make plans to improve the performance of the operation in the New Year. Many times businesses are closed for inventory, despite the loss of business. It is worth it to close for inventory in order to know which direction to take for the following year. So at least once a year one has to take stock of things to determine how things went, make corrections and improvements, and plan for how things should go in the New Year.

This is analogous to God and us. All year we are busy doing wonderful things, holy and mundane. But at some point we have to evaluate how we are doing with our relationship with God. Are we living up to

during the month. The rabbis, in "The Ethics of Sinai", in the first chapter, state that the world stands on three pillars:

- 1) The study of Torah,
- 2) Service to God (sacrifices in the holy temple but today our prayer services)
- 3) Giving charity.

Since, hopefully, we all want to make the next year better and stronger, it stands to reason that we need to reinforce the three pillars. So, during Elul, it is customary to increase:

- 1) One's Torah studies
- 2) One's prayers (quantity and quality)
- 3) One's charitable contributions.

There are also a few more customs we observe during Elul to help us prepare for the New Year.

- 1) It is a custom to hear the Shofar almost every day of Elul in order to "wake us up" from our spiritual "slumber" and imbue a bit of the "fear and awe" of God into our lives in order to be more motivated to repent of our mistakes and resolve to improve in the upcoming year.
- 2) We read chapter 27 from Psalms twice a day once in the morning and the second time in the afternoon or evening services according to your custom. The psalm speaks about being close to God and how God gives us light.
- 3) A third custom, from the Ba'al Shem Tov, is to recite the entire book of psalms during Elul and ten days of Tishrei. Every day we recite three chapters. This contributes to the strengthening of our prayer service for Elul.
- 4) We increase our charitable contributions during Elul.

These are things we should do during Elul in order to reinforce the three pillars upon which the world is supported. May we all be blessed with a good year, a happy year, a successful year, a healthy year and all good things throughout the year, and the ultimate good thing—the coming of Moshiach—may it be speedily in our days. ■

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Hebrew Day School welcomes new staff

By Jennifer Rosenberg, head of school

Have you ever sat in a shopping cart full of school supplies? I have, and it was a completely joyful experience. I was posing for a picture for Hebrew Day School's Facebook countdown to the

sphere in which students can enjoy learning a language."

Hebrew Day School also welcomed Jenna Foley to the HDS family. Jenna will serve as the business manager. Jenna has a bachelor's



Jennifer Rosenberg

first day of school, in late August. I was surrounded by colorful sticky notes, pristinely sharpened pencils, and a Wonder Woman backpack. I thought about how these supplies encapsulate so much that is wonderful about education. There are tools to fit every need, the anticipation of future discoveries, and a lot of silliness in those school supplies.

I am excited and proud to have just begun my first school year as Head of School at HDS. Before taking on this role, I worked as a teacher, an educational coach, and the principal for a combined 16 years at the school. I am lucky to be surrounded by a tremendous team of educators, many of whom return to our school year after year. I am thrilled to welcome two new faces to our team, as well.

Noa Savir has joined the teaching staff as the Hebrew teacher in third/fourth and fifth grades. Last year, Noa taught Hebrew at Frankel Jewish Academy and Beth Israel Religious School. Prior to moving to Ann Arbor, she taught for six years in Israel and co-founded two projects that represent her passion for education and teachers. Both projects, the Leading Teachers Project and the National Teacher's Movement project, are dedicated to empowering and supporting teachers in Israel. She is sure to bring this dedication and enthusiasm to her work at HDS. Noa says, "My goal is to develop students' understanding, oral expression, reading and writing in Hebrew while maintaining a fun atmo-



Noa Savir, Jenna Foley

degree from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Eastern Michigan University. Her vast experience in finance and human resources includes work in Hanoi, Vietnam and Istanbul, Turkey. Jenna was director of finance at Christian Montessori School of Ann Arbor for seven years before joining the HDS team. She says, "I love working in schools and am so excited to be at HDS. I've received such a warm welcome from everyone and feel quite at home already."

On the first day of school, students, parents, and teachers greeted one another with delight. The hallways buzzed with stories from summer vacation, plans for future playdates, and enthusiastic high-fives. And of course, school supplies were everywhere. ■

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Children discover lifelong wellness at the Early Childhood Center

Susan Horowitz, special to the WJN

With the goal to instill lifelong healthy eating and physical activity habits in young children, the Early Childhood Center (ECC) at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor has recently begun implementing a new holistic health and wellness program called “Discover CATCH” into its curriculum.

CATCH is an acronym which stands for, “Coordinated Approach to Child Health,” and Discover CATCH is the new child wellness program released this past year by the Jew-



ish Community Center Association of North America (JCCA) which seeks to bring the gift of healthy habits not only to the very youngest members of the community but their families as well. Three ECC staff members, Peretz Hirshbein, Director, Michelle Paris, Preschool Head Teacher, and Nina Doigan, the new Dis-

cover CATCH coordinator, participated in the JCCA’s international training program on



implementing Discover CATCH in November 2015. They, in turn, trained the Ann Arbor JCC’s entire ECC staff in February 2016 and launched the program this spring.

Discover CATCH focuses on four main components: healthy eating, moderate to vigorous physical activity, nutrition, and gardening. The Discover CATCH approach brings together fun, active games and lessons designed to get children up and moving and to learn to make healthy choices. “Implementing Discover CATCH into our ECC has been a blessing for us at the Ann Arbor JCC. The children are in love with the games and activities and it has empowered teachers to continue to find new ways to get our kids moving and having fun,” said Doigan. She explains that many of the goals of this program go back to one basic premise, “It is easier to create new habits than break old ones.”

The Discover CATCH philosophy and lesson planning falls right in line with the ECC’s child-centered, constructivist approach to child learning. “When I first learned about Discover CATCH, I was so excited that we were going to bring it back to the ECC. I just

knew that our teachers would love it because the CATCH approach to children is a child-centered philosophical match with our own,” said Hirshbein.

One of the most noticeable elements of the Discover CATCH implementation process has been the ECC garden. Using JCCA grant funding, the ECC Garden Committee, consisting of Paris, Doigan, and ECC teachers Rhonda Smiley and Jesse Leadholm, re-envisioned and rebuilt the ECC garden in the center of the playground. A coalition of teachers, JCC staff, children, and families built new garden boxes, filled them with soil, and planted vegetables; mulch was laid around the area to create a separate garden space.

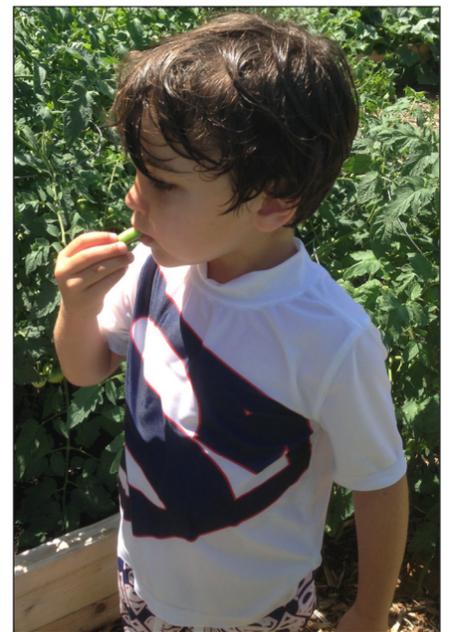
Throughout the spring and summer, children eagerly watched and assisted as seeds were planted, shoots started to emerge, the garden was watered and weeded, and finally, vegetables, herbs, and flowers were ready to be harvested. The children are able to pick and taste the vegetables right from the plants in the garden, as well as use the harvested vegetables in classroom cooking projects. Teachers



are finding that children are often much more willing to try new vegetables like kale, green beans, and zucchini, when they come straight from the garden. Said Doigan, “not only can the children grab a green bean to snack on whenever they please, but also we are seeing them trying new veggies and enjoying them every single day!”

Another component of the CATCH garden project has been a weekly donation of harvested vegetables to The Back Door Food Pantry, a joint effort of St. Clare’s Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim social services. Donating the produce brings an element of tzedakah, or social service, into the project. “It is just a great feeling to see the excitement on the volunteers’ faces when we walk through the door at the pantry each week with large boxes of fresh produce for our community,” said Smiley. “As you leave you see that people have started walking to the Pantry with their bags and carts to collect their weekly groceries. It is just so heartwarming that the ECC is helping so many community members.”

Building on the idea of sharing food with others, the ECC also began putting out some



of its produce for families to take home each day. Tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers, peppers, and more have been put in the ECC’s garden stand in its main hallway, and children and parents have enjoyed taking home some of the children’s harvest. Other community members have begun checking out the garden stand as well, and some families have even begun to bring vegetables from their own gardens to add to the stand and share with others. “The trainers who introduced us to Discover CATCH told us that the program would start to have an effect on other parts of the JCC, as well as the larger community,” said Hirshbein. “I couldn’t imagine what they meant until I saw parents taking home veggies from our garden, staff from the Jewish Federation contributing veggies from their own gardens to our giveaway bin, and members of the community responding to Facebook posts by stopping off at the J to pick up some produce.”

As summer comes to a close, the garden may soon be put to bed for now, but the games, conversations, lessons, and habits offered through the Discover CATCH curriculum will continue to inspire wellness and healthy behaviors throughout the community all year long. For more information about Discover CATCH, contact Peretz Hirshbein, director of Early Childhood Education, at (734) 971-0990 or peretzhirshbein@jccannarbor.org. ■



At Camp Gan Israel, it's always cool to be kind

Sora Gordon, special to the WJN

It's no secret that come September, children in Ann Arbor wait with baited breath for the school year to let out again, so that they can run right back to the summer camp they just left. This is doubly true for children who spent their summer at Camp Gan Israel of Ann Arbor, where every summer is better than the last.

Children heading to Camp Gan Izzy know to expect the usual activities, like swimming and sports and arts 'n crafts, but they spend the school year speculating about which original and exciting theme will be the focus of the coming summer, and which cool new activities will be used to bring the theme to life. This summer is no exception, and the theme "We Can Do It!" quickly became the catchphrase of camp.

Ask any camper at Gan Izzy what it is, exactly, that they "can do" and the answer will be "mitzvot," or more specifically, the mitzvah of ahavat yisroel, treating others with kindness. As every camper will agree, this is because the highlight of the summer is a camp-wide campaign called Kool To Be Kind, in which various Gan Israel camps around the world partner with special needs children who would otherwise be unable to attend camp or have the "typical" camp experience. The "virtual" camper attending Gan Israel of Ann Arbor this summer is a boy named Chaim Boruch Scop, from Mill Val-



ley, California. Although they never met face to face, the campers at Gan Izzy welcomed him to camp with open hearts, and were super excited to give him a taste of the Gan Israel experience that they know and love.

Whenever the campers go on trips, or participate in an exciting new activity, their

first thought is always to find a way to include Chaim Boruch as well. So when camp started, they sent him a purple camp t-shirt of his own, along with a matching Gan Izzy baseball cap. Although Chaim Boruch couldn't join them on a trip to the bowling alley, the campers made sure he felt included by sending him a bowling set so he could bowl along with them.

Chana Scop, Chaim Boruch's mother, described the joy that filled her home every time Chaim Boruch received one of these packages. "Younger siblings helped Chaim Boruch open his gift from his "bunk"

mates, all while Chaim Boruch experienced a moment that was simply all about him. And not just all about him, but all about his essence. His pure, simple essence." Chaim Boruch isn't the only one to look forward to these gifts, however. As Chana says, when the packages arrived, "We all shared our excite-

ment with him. I couldn't help notice the genuine happiness from the younger children," at seeing Chaim Boruch's smile.

Although Kool To Be Kind may be the most popular program this summer, it certainly isn't the only mitzvah-oriented activity in camp. Fitting in with the summer's theme, the campers are given a weekly task to complete, called a Mitzvah Mission. For example, the mission of Simcha Week was to bring joy to someone who was feeling sad. When the campers successfully cheered up someone who was feeling down, completing their mission, they received a medal. Now, the campers eagerly look forward to the upcoming week's mission, and plan ways to fulfill their weekly mitzvah with enthusiasm.

Of course, it isn't only the campers who are loving the mitzvah-focused themes. Many parents have expressed their enthusiasm for the lessons their children have learned over the summer as well. They love the fact that they know their children are having the summer of their lives while learning about and doing so many mitzvot too. The impact that one summer can have is visible already, as the campers are making visible efforts to treat each other more kindly and thoughtfully than before. When it comes to doing mitzvot with joy, ask any camper how they feel, and the answer will be the same: "We can do it!" ■



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Levine Fellows visit Israel

By David Shtulman, executive director, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

In July, the first cohort of four Levine Fellows, together with my wife Debbie and I, joined 55 other Federation volunteers and professionals from 19 communities

second, their sense of sharing a common destiny with other Jews living in Israel.

As one would expect in a “start-up nation,” the same kind of innovation is dem-

onstrated in social programs for at-risk youth. One of my favorites was called, “Ha-Gal Sheli” (My Wave) and takes place on the beach in Bat Yam. Omer, the founder, grew up surfing in Israel. While being the water-front counselor at the Reform movement OSRUI camp in Wisconsin, Omer understood that water sports could be the vehicle for education and esteem building. He returned to Israel, served in the Israeli Navy and earned a degree in education. Seeking a way to help the many troubled teens that live in the poorer neighborhoods of Bat Yam, Omer returned to the idea of surfing.

He approached the Jewish Agency with his idea and received a start-up grant (the equivalent of our own local Impact Fund grants). He bought a number of surfboards, wet suits and related equipment and invited the youth to learn to surf. Today, My Wave, teaches surfing to several hundred Israeli youth in four cities and most of the instructors are graduates from his first cohort.

is the tension between the haredi (ultra-Orthodox) and secular communities. In the US, it manifests itself primarily around the rights of non-Orthodox streams of Judaism in Israel. Our Ann Arbor group was fortunate to be able to have lunch with Knesset Deputy Speaker Yoel Hasson in the Knesset cafeteria to discuss our concerns in this regard. Mister Hasson was a gracious host and discussed the complexities of these issues with us at some depth. We were also fortunate to run into former Israeli Ambassador to the US, and now Knesset member, Michael Oren, who also took time to speak with us.

In Israel one of the hot points of contention in the haredi/secular relationship is the number of haredim who study full time rather than earn a living, stressing the economic system of the state as well as their refusal to serve in the military. To explore this we visited a JDC employment program in the primarily ultra-Orthodox city of Bnei Brak. In this program JDC works with members of the haredi community to provide secular education, job training and to integrate them into

placed 4,000 men and 3,000 women in jobs during the last three years alone. Israel faces many intractable social problems and we hear about them regularly, but through Federation’s partner agencies – JAFI, JDC and ORT – we are helping bring about solutions, even if we can’t read about them in the news.

On this mission, even eating was an adventure. We had a great time touring Tel Aviv’s old Levinsky Street Market, a market specializing in herbs, spices and street foods. Our guide, Inbal Baum, an olah from the US who started a company called Delicious Israel introduced us to immigrant storeowners who told us their stories and shared their wares, in a different way to do lunch.

In a version of Hell’s Kitchen, nationally known Israeli Chef Gadi Elias and his staff had us compete in teams to cook our own dinner and chose the top chef for each dish we made. The event took place in a wooded



Marty Shichtman, Sam Hirsch, Sara Wohl, Donny Wohl and Deborah Shtulman at dinner in Tel Aviv

in the Jewish Federations of North America Campaigners mission. The purpose of the mission is to support the success of the annual campaign through fundraising training and first-hand interaction with many of the programs that Federation campaigns make possible in Israel.

The Levine Fellows program was inaugurated this year, thanks to a generous grant from Michael Levine, to provide educational opportunities and experiences for a select group of Federation volunteers about the global Federation system. The four Levine Fellows this year are Sam Hirsch, Marty Shichtman, Donny Wohl and Sara Wohl.

One important aspect of the mission is learning about immigrants from the many communities that make up Israeli society and the reasons they make Aliyah. We met with Mehereta Baruch (photo) an Ethiopian Jew who came to Israel at age 10 as part of Operation Moses in 1984. She and her family walked hundreds of miles from Ethiopia through the Sudan where they met an Israeli plane and were brought to Israel.

Until the age of 10, Mehereta was illiterate and unfamiliar with electricity or indoor plumbing. In 2013, with a BA in psychology and human services and a MA in organizational sociology, Mehereta became a deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, a post she holds today.

We also met with new immigrants from Russia, the US, Hungary and France, living in an absorption center in Tel Aviv. All in their twenties, they are studying Hebrew and working in small high tech startups in Tel Aviv. The most sobering reasons for coming to Israel had to do with anti-Semitism, especially in Hungary and France. The young woman from Budapest suggested that, “all Hungarian Jews may not come to Israel, but they all know it is good to have an Israeli passport in your pocket.” Simon, from Paris, believes that there will be no Jews left in Paris twenty years from now because the government cannot protect them from anti-Semitism.

Two common themes were voiced by all of them. First is the role that Birthright or another Jewish Agency trip to Israel played in introducing Israel as an option for them, and



Competitive cooking

I was impressed not only the impact that this program has made on these young people and the entire Bat Yam community, but also the willingness of the Jewish Agency to invest your dollars and mine in these kinds of local innovative solutions to social problems.

One of the most public tensions in Israel

the workplace. Three haredim shared their stories with us and the difficulties of breaking communal norms to leave the Yeshiva and enter the workplace.

We learned that because of efforts like this, (again, funded by you and I) employment in the haredi community has increased by 60% since 2007 and more than 40,000 Haredi men are in the work force today and 5,000 are serving in the IDF. This one center we visited has



Marty Shichtman, David Shtulman, Deputy Speaker Yoel Hasson, Sam Hirsch and Deborah Shtulman in the Knesset



David Shtulman and Mehereta Baruch

park and was enormous fun.

There are many more important and interesting things that we did, but space limits how much I can say at this time. If you would like to learn more or if you have an interest in traveling to Israel on a mission of this type, I would be happy to give you the details and have you join me and our next cohort of Levine Fellows next July. ■

Federation gives donors more choice

By David Shtulman, executive director, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

The 2017 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign, beginning now, is using a new model intended to give donors more of a voice in choosing priorities for their annual donations. “Donors have been asking for more choices in their giving and the Federation is responding,” says 2017 Annual Campaign Chair, Steve Gerber.

The great majority of Federation allocations can be grouped in three categories: Israel and Overseas allocations; allocations meeting Human Needs such as food, shelter and other family needs; or allocations that promote Jewish Education and Identity. Sometimes, the categories overlap. For instance, human needs are funded both locally by the work of our agencies and also overseas in the soup kitchens and Hesed Centers of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in Europe.

Donors will now be able to indicate their personal priority areas on the pledge card and assign their contributions accordingly. The Federation will track the pledges to each category and report the information to the Allocations Committee. This information will also be important to the Federation as an indicator of the issues with which our donor community is most concerned.

In addition, there will also be an Unrestricted category for donors to choose as well as a Local Only option. The unrestricted category is for those donors who prefer to allow the allocations committee to determine how best to direct their donations as has been the traditional Federation model. Donors who choose local option will be assured that their complete donation will remain in Washtenaw County.

Why Now?

“The Federation listens carefully to the input from our donors and attempts to gear our efforts to the feedback that we receive,” according to Federation President Neal Blatt. “When we were told that a number of donors would prefer that their gifts stay local and not go to Israel, we created that option for donors who felt that way. When we heard criticism that our allocations always go to the same recipients, we created the Jewish Community Impact Fund in order to allow the broader Jewish community to apply for campaign dollars. In the past couple years we have heard that donors want more flexibility as to how their donations will be applied. This change is a response to that request.”

Why not simply allow direct donations?

The responsibility of Federation is to assure that the needs of the greatest number of Jews in the community and around the world are met. Unlike other agencies and congregations whose constituencies are limited to their members, students or clients, the Federation endeavors to make sure the needs of all Jews are met to the greatest extent possible. For this reason, we stay in close communication with our local, national and overseas partner agencies throughout the year and our allocations committee considers the needs of all when making its recommendations.

If Federation were to allow all donors to directly donate their pledges, the Federation would become a simple pass-through operation and not be able to fulfill its most important function. The agencies with the most effective marketing would receive the bulk of the funding and smaller agencies without that capacity, or with smaller constituencies, would fail.

By allowing donors to prioritize categories of service, donors are able to identify the categories most important to them and Federation retains the ability to fulfill its allocation responsibilities within those parameters.

What does Federation hope to achieve?

Federation believes that the better informed and more invested in the Annual Campaign that donors are, the greater community participation will be and the more the entire Jewish community will benefit. This system enables donors to engage with their solicitors at greater depth about what their personal goals are and what their donations can help accomplish. Donors who are uncomfortable at the idea of having no control over how their dollars will be used should be comforted by the ability to prioritize the use of their dollars. Federation will learn a great deal about the concerns and priorities of our donors, thus allowing us to be more responsive to those concerns in the future.

Who do I contact with questions or comments?

As always, Federation is eager to hear from you. We encourage you to contact Associate Campaign Director Max Glick or Federation Executive Director David Shtulman either by phone or by email. Both can be reached by phone at (734) 677-0100 and, by email, at Max@JewishAnnArbor.org or David@JewishAnnArbor.org. ■



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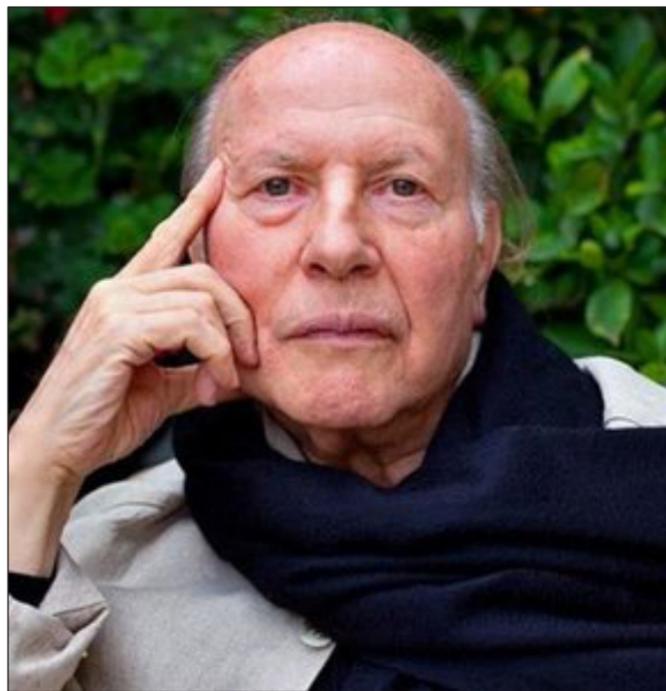
Best Reads: Homage to Imre Kertesz

Rachel Urist, staff writer

Last spring, the *New York Times* announced the death in Budapest of the writer, Imre Kertesz, a Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor. His writings document the dehumanizing years of the Nazi regime. *Fateless*, a novel (1975), is told from the point of view of a 14-year-old boy, Georg Koves. Taken from his family, he arrives in Auschwitz, then Buchenwald. When the train doors open, he sees convicts in uniform. He wonders what crimes they committed. Soon enough he understands that their crimes consisted of being born Jewish. He also learns that a key to survival is silence, even in the face of abuse. If, when told to work, he doubles down—no matter how pointless the labor, how raw the hands, how sore or bloody the back or shoulders—he might escape drubbing. Kindness is a thing of the past. With a probing eye, he examines the faces, postures, and gaits around him; he senses unspoken feelings; he studies every detail of his physical surroundings. His descriptions are steeped in the youthful pursuit of understanding. Surely there is a sensible reason for the behavior and protocol of this place. Informed by innocence, his narrative has the tenor of an immigrant working to make sense of his new culture, however strange and unwillingly adopted.

Georg learns that mornings and evenings, he must stand with his fellow convicts for “musterings” (roll call) in the camp’s *apelplatz*. Cushioned by the insouciance of youth, the boy, our narrator, still harbors hope and trust. He is soon relieved of these impediments to survival. He recognizes that he and his cohorts, “criminals” all, are

guarded by very real thieves and murderers. He learns that being slow to rise in the morning or violating strict protocol for getting food is reason enough to be slammed with the metal ladle. He also learns that it’s best to wait for soup from the bottom of the



Imre Kertesz

pot, where bits of meat and other substantial edibles may be found.

Time and language assume new weight. Normal acquires new norms. “Bad luck” is a term used when beatings get particularly bad, or some other “normal” disaster is ex-

acerbated. Georg never bargained for train travel in cattle cars, but he learns to appreciate how the bodies pressing against him keep him warm. Irritability wanes. When Georg is brought to the hospital in Auschwitz, his brain goes into overdrive.

“What were you to make of all this—the room, the coverlet, the beds, the silence? ... It is possible that you might conclude, as I did, that this is the sort of place I had already heard about in Auschwitz, where they feasted their patients on milk and honey until piece by piece they removed all their organs for the sake of knowledge and science ... Who can judge what is possible or believable in a concentration camp? Who could explore, exhaust all those countless ideas, inventions, games, jokes, and ponderable theories, which are easily accessible and transferable from

a make-believe world of fantasy into a concentration camp reality? You couldn’t, even if you mustered the totality of your knowledge.”

Among the ironies of the situation is that young Georg never thought of himself as particularly Jewish. His lack of Yiddish

makes him the object of ridicule among his fellow prisoners, who keep telling him, “You are no Jew.” So, even among his fellow convicts in these Nazi hellholes, Georg remains an outsider.

Kertesz’ *Liquidation*, is the story of a fictitious writer named B. who miraculously survived his birth in Auschwitz. B. is much loved and admired for his literary talents, so when news breaks that he has committed suicide, his friends are devastated. Among B.’s effects, they find a work for theatre, a play of curious prescience, predicting events after his death. One friend, in particular, begins pondering the whys and wherefores of B.’s life and death.

Kertesz plays with the Cartesian principle: I think therefore I am. In *Liquidation* it’s: I live, therefore I am. In *Kaddish for a Child Unborn*, it’s: I work, therefore I am. Kertesz’ writings were the inspirations for the recent Hungarian film, *Son of Saul*. Throughout his opus, Kertesz plays with the phenomenon of time and the notion of fate. “What we usually mean by fate is what we least understand,” he writes. That he employs the same characters in book after book underscores his sense of time’s fluidity, as though reincarnation is just as possible in literary fiction as it is in the spiritual realm.

Kertesz may not have the scientific eye of Primo Levi, but his work has been called a “masterpiece” in the tradition of other great writers—Elie Wiesel, Tadeusz Borowski, and Primo Levi—who built their reputations on the ashes of their youth. ■

Book review: *The End of Miracles*

by Nancy Margolis

The End of Miracles, by Monica Starkman, M.D., is a beautifully written novel about a woman’s desperate longing to become pregnant and the resultant near-tragic efforts to have a child.

The novel opens describing a loving couple who have gone through all the indignities of trying to conceive a baby. However, signs are evident that perhaps Margo is deeply and psychologically affected by her infertility: she has a recurring dream about a flood of babies dribbling from her mouth. She finds herself overly involved — almost obsessed — in watching children. Margo is a hospital administrator. One day she closely follows another hospital employee into the newborn nursery. She did not know what she would do there — but, once inside, was transfixed: “Babies everywhere. A sea of little faces, mostly puckered, mostly red.”

Needing contact with children, Margo decides to volunteer at a group home for developmentally disabled teenagers and becomes helpful and close to one girl. Perhaps, too close. She receives some love — but that does not diminish her longing to get pregnant.

After practically giving up, Margo suddenly realizes that she has missed her period and her doctor confirms she is pregnant. However, in six months, tragically, her joy is destroyed when her baby is born prematurely and dies.

There begins her spiral into deep depression and unreality. Margo suddenly becomes “pregnant” again and will not



Dr. Monica Starkman

believe her doctors when they tell her she is not. The book follows Margo as she becomes more distraught. A near tragic incident keeps the reader glued to the book.

Dr. Starkman, a psychiatrist, combines her professional training and experience with her empathy and caring to develop a compelling and suspenseful story. She gives the reader an amazing insight into mental illness as she portrays her charac-

ter’s sinking into a deep, clinical depression. She then reveals the processes of psychiatric care and hospitalization in



of Michigan Medical School’s Department of Psychiatry. She is a teacher, clinician and scientific researcher. Many of her publica-

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tions in the scientific literature highlight concerns and conditions of women, such as the first study of women’s reactions to the use of fetal monitoring during labor. She has served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology*. She is a recognized expert on the effects of stress hormones on mood, cognition and brain structure. Dr. Starkman has also published in *The New Republic* and *Vogue* magazine. She writes regularly for *Psychology Today*.

The End of Miracles is a finalist for literary fiction in the International Book Awards 2016. ■

Israel eats

Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

Israel. For many it's a second home, a place they visit frequently and where extended family members live. The country and its rhythms are as familiar as their own neighborhoods and routines here in the United States.

For others, it's a place they long to see and experience. It has such allure, and is worth saving up for, planning for, aspiring to. It's deserving of reverence, a land to fulfill lifelong wishes and dreams.

And for still others, it's a place that is intimidating, haunted by its history, its politics, its power.

Israel. It's complicated.

"So you're a Jew ... Why don't you go to Israel?"

"I'm not ready," replied Steven Rothfeld to the Israeli man who had challenged him as they rode a train through Italy together in 1984.

For whatever inexplicable, inarticulated reason, it just wasn't the right time. Mr. Rothfeld couldn't "fully understand why [he] had no desire to see Israel." He just didn't. He couldn't.

But that "brief exchange on the Italian train haunted [him] for years," he writes in *Israel Eats*, a love letter in words and pictures to the food, the people, and the magical place that is Israel.

In 2010, he visited for the first time.

"In the short time I spent wandering around this small country notorious for sorrow and conflict, I discovered joy, humor, celebration, endless holidays, and a vibrant cuisine," Mr. Rothfeld writes. "I had been so focused on the suffering of the Jews that the idea of the Israelis pursuing pleasure and eating great food never entered my mind. In markets with freshly squeezed pomegranate juice flowing wherever I turned; with mountains of marbled halvah flavored with chocolate, cilantro, coffee, and pesto; with fresh dates from farms near the Dead Sea; with steamy, flat, round and twisted breads; with dazzling displays of freshly caught Mediterranean fish and teetering stacks of cauliflower orbs, I encountered a world I had never imagined existed in Israel."

His friend Nancy Silverton, winner of the 2014 James Beard Foundation Award for Outstanding Chef, traveled with Mr. Rothfeld, learning and being inspired right along with him about a cuisine that he describes as reflecting "a global consciousness rooted in a vast, mind-boggling array of cultural influences and traditions."

She writes in the introduction to *Israel Eats* that the "cuisine of Israel is an extraordinary layering of flavors. The flavors are complex but in harmony. The dishes are sometimes exotic but always approachable."

This is an unusual development, Mr. Rothfeld says, since "discussing culinary matters was considered taboo during Israel's first two decades," with meals meant simply to sustain "the Hebrew pioneers building the new nation." Cookbooks taught "housewives how to feed a family with the meager means available," and "restaurants were few and far between."

But now?

"The emerging Israeli cuisine is growing vigorously," writes Mr. Rothfeld, "and the absence of centuries-old rigid and restrictive traditions has proved to be beneficial" for Israel cooks. They "have the freedom to create an innovative and daring culinary world."

Infused with "inspiration from the Mediterranean, from the Middle East, from the history of the Land of Israel, from the Roman Empire to the Ottoman Empire, from the two millennia of Jewish exile, and from the ethnic and religious minorities living in the modern state," the foods and cooking of Israel are traditional and yet avant garde, ancient but still contemporary, worldly and also homey - a mishmash evolving and coming into its own.

Mr. Rothfeld shows off the people and the foods of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, as well as Jerusalem and the Judean Hills, and covers the northern, southern, and central regions. Dishes range from the simple (tahini cookies, orange juice cake, kumquat marmalade) to the complex (chicken-stuffed artichoke hearts in a saffron-lemon sauce, challah with olives, anchovies, and oregano). The beautiful, bountiful produce is featured in enticing recipes and tempting photographs: chickpeas, herbs, eggplants, olives, dates, beets, and, especially, tomatoes that Israelis are justly proud of "because they are *kama tov*, so good."

And many of these dishes would be ideal for the upcoming High Holidays, for Sukkot, for Shabbat, or for any time you want to feel connected to Israel, a land where "the spiritual is palpable in everything I see," writes Mr. Rothfeld.

If it's traditional to eat round foods at Rosh Hashanah, then how perfect would it be to serve an entire head of cauliflower, roasted and sprinkled with za'atar, to welcome the new year? Or offer bright carrots sprinkled with an abundance of coriander seeds and tiny wisps of dill, and then finish your holiday meal with a simple no-churn ice cream infused with honey - a holiday favorite, of course - or a luxurious dessert sauce deeply flavored with both wine and seasonal apples, both of which can imbue your celebration with sweetness?

Israel Eats offers these temptations and many, many more.

Ms. Silverton writes about the flavors she encountered in her travels, saying that "in Israel, the combinations were sometimes complex, sometimes simple, yet always fresh and vibrant." A world traveler and immensely talented chef who recreated some of her favorite dishes for this book, she states unequivocally that it was, "across the board, the best food I've ever had on a vacation."

And so, with the year 5777 quickly approaching, you should add these Israeli-inspired dishes to your holiday menu, infusing your celebrations with rich symbolism.

Shanah Tovah. May the new year bring you great joy and a multitude of blessings. ■



Nancy's Whole Roasted Cauliflower with Za'atar and Mint Yogurt Sauce

2 whole cauliflowers with green leaves attached
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for rubbing cauliflowers
2 tablespoons za'atar
1 cup whole milk Greek yogurt
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 to 3 medium garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup packed whole mint leaves, finely chopped
Fresh ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 45°F.

Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil. Add the cauliflowers and blanch for 6 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare a large bowl of ice water. Remove cauliflowers from the boiling water and submerge them in ice water to stop the cooking process.



When cauliflowers are cool, remove from the ice water and pat dry with paper towels. Set on baking sheets or in a baking pan and massage generously with olive oil, making sure that the oil seeps into all the crevices of the cauliflowers, especially the centers. Roast cauliflowers until they are browned, rotating the pan for even browning, 15 to 20 minutes. Sprinkle the cauliflowers with za'atar.

Place the yogurt in a bowl. Add the oil, lemon juice, garlic, and salt; stir well. Using a spatula, fold in the mint. Season with pepper. Serve cauliflowers whole with yogurt sauce.

Yield: 4 to 6 side dish servings.

Adapted from Steven Rothfeld, *Israel Eats*.

Nancy's Whole Roasted Carrots with Cracked Coriander and Dill Crème Fraîche

12 extra-large carrots, orange or a rainbow of colors
Extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt
4 tablespoons coriander seeds
4 tablespoons cumin seeds
1 cup plus 4 tablespoons chopped dill
1 cup crème fraîche
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 450°F.

Rub the carrots with olive oil and season with salt. Arrange carrots on a baking sheet or in a roasting pan. Roast carrots, shaking



the pan occasionally, until they are tender and charred in places, about 40 minutes; the roasting time will vary depending on the size of the carrots.

Meanwhile, place the coriander seeds in a heavy small skillet and stir over medium heat until fragrant; transfer to a bowl. Add the cumin seeds to the same skillet and stir over medium heat until fragrant; transfer to the same bowl. Let cool. Transfer the seeds to a mortar and grind with a pestle until just cracked. Alternatively, place seeds in a spice grinder and pulse until just cracked. Sprinkle cracked spices and 4 tablespoons chopped dill on the carrots and toss to coat.

Combine the crème fraîche and lemon juice in a small bowl. Stir in the remaining chopped dill. Serve with the roasted carrots.

Yield: 4 side dish servings.

Adapted from Steven Rothfeld, *Israel Eats*.

Tahini-Honey Ice Cream with Almond Crumble

Crumble:

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup almond flour
1/4 cup raw tahini
1/4 cup melted butter



Ice cream:

1/2 gallon highest quality vanilla ice cream
1/2 cup raw tahini
1/4 cup honey
1/2 cup toasted pine nuts

For crumble: Preheat the oven to 325°F. Whisk the sugar and both flours together in a bowl. Using a wooden spoon, stir in the tahini and melted butter. Spread on a baking sheet and bake until the crumble is golden and the aroma is sweet and nutty, about 20 minutes. Cool to room temperature.

For ice cream: Place the ice cream in a bowl and let soften. Using a wooden spoon, stir in the tahini and honey. Cover and freeze until firm.

Divide the ice cream among 8 bowls. Sprinkle with pine nuts, then with the crumble. Serve immediately.

Yield: 8 servings.

Adapted from Steven Rothfeld, *Israel Eats*.

Sweet Wine Apple Syrup

2 large apples, peeled, cored, and coarsely chopped
1 750 ml bottle dry red wine
2 cups sugar
Peel of 1 lemon
1 cinnamon stick
2 cloves



Combine all ingredients in a medium-sized non-reactive saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the liquid is thick and syrupy, swirling the pan occasionally, for about 1 hour. Strain the liquid into another large, non-reactive, heavy saucepan and discard the solids. Continue simmering the strained liquid to reduce it even further, if desired.

Serve over cake, ice cream, or fruit.

Yield: 8 servings.

Adapted from Steven Rothfeld, *Israel Eats*.

On Another Note

Fiddler and Hamilton—more alike than different

San Slomovits, staff writer

Since 1964, when *Fiddler on the Roof* opened on Broadway, it has been impossible to grow up Jewish in America, or anywhere else probably, and not know the story line and at least some of the songs from the iconic musical. And, unless you just emigrated here from Mars, you've undoubtedly heard of the current Broadway-and-beyond sensation, *Hamilton*. Earlier this year, in May, I was lucky enough to see both musicals on Broadway in the same week.

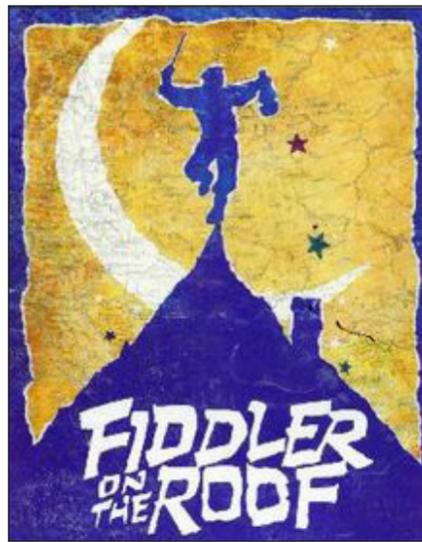
First of all, credit where credit is due. The only reason I got to see the shows is because my daughter Emily is a fan of musicals. (Do you recall that "fan" is short for "fanatic"? Enough said.) She discovered *Hamilton* soon after it opened on Broadway last year and started listening—non-stop—to the original cast recording. Last September she showed my wife a ten-minute clip she'd found online. When the clip ended, Brenda looked at her and said, "We have to go, right?" It wasn't hard to convince me. "Why don't we get tickets for Emily's 22nd birthday, and all go together to see it next May?" The next day they went online and bought three tickets to *Hamilton*. (I'll tell you later what we paid for them.)

Then in February, Emily went to NYC with her theater class at Eastern Michigan University to see a number of plays on Broadway, including the new revival of *Fiddler*. Before she left, I regaled her with stories about how *Fiddler* was my first Broadway play. It was in 1966, about two years after it opened. Herschel Bernardi was Tevye, having taken over the role a few months earlier from Zero Mostel who originated it. I told her how my aunt, who lived in Queens, managed to get my brother and me two standing room only tickets, how I was completely oblivious to the fact that I was standing for nearly three hours, totally mesmerized by what I was seeing. How, to this day I have a brilliantly vivid picture in my mind of Bernardi roaring, "There is no other hand!"

Emily saw *Fiddler*. Loved it. Raved about it. Insisted we had to see it. So, Brenda got two tickets to a Sunday matinee, while Emily got a ticket to *She Loves Me*, another Sheldon Harnick musical that was also revived on Broadway this year. The *Fiddler* revival is magnificent. I relished the restoration of my 40-year-old memories, and I loved the whole new set of marvelous ones. When we finally left the theater, among the last ones to leave, both of us still wiping our eyes, Brenda turned to me and said, "I thought about you, and how this might bring up some hard memories and feelings for you." She wasn't talking about the last time I saw *Fiddler* in 1966. She was referring to events long before that. In early 1957, when I was eight, my family left our native Hungary in the wake of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. It was less than a decade after my parents married, and only twelve years after they both survived Nazi Concentration Camps. So yes, *Fiddler's* family leaving their homeland touched off many memories and feelings for me.

Three days later we saw *Hamilton*. (Because we bought our tickets so early, before most of the world discovered *Hamilton*, we got them for \$89 each! These days the show is sold out at least six months in advance and some people are paying four and even five figure prices for tickets.) Our seats were in the very, very last row of the Richard Rodg-

ers Theatre. You cannot sit any farther from the stage in that theatre. It mattered not one bit. Oh sure, we couldn't clearly see the actors' facial expressions, but in retrospect that may have been a good thing. The show, even from where we were sitting, was so powerful, so moving, so stunningly beautiful, so overwhelming, that I'm not sure how we would have handled the additional impact of seeing the actors' faces emoting the play's many



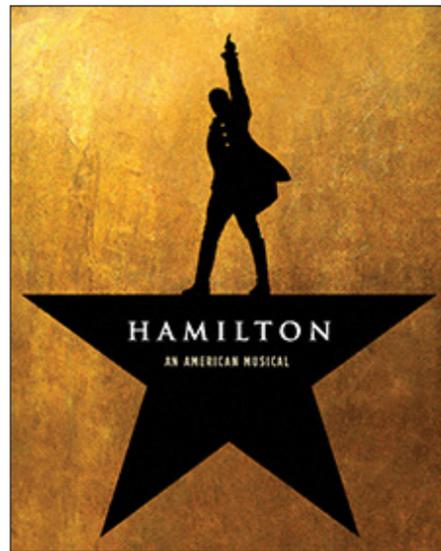
striking and tragic moments. *Hamilton* completely lived up to its unprecedented hype. I have never attended an artistic event that was as affecting, heartrending, soul stirring.... I'll run out of superlatives before I'm done trying to convey its effect on us. Months later, we still talk about it frequently. It's the yardstick by which I will measure all artistic moments from here on out.

But I am not writing here to review *Hamilton* or *Fiddler*, or to crow about our good fortune in getting tickets at reasonable prices. Instead, I'd just like to share with you, dear reader, some of my reflections about these two plays.

If you follow Broadway minutia the way Emily does, you've probably read about the somewhat controversial frame that director Bartlett Sher put around the current revival of *Fiddler*. But just in case you haven't heard about it... Sher has Danny Burstein, who portrays Tevye (magnificently) start and end the show wearing a modern red parka, a clear reference to the millions of Syrian and other refugees fleeing the Middle East, Africa and other war zones, dangerous places, or debilitating poverty and lack of opportunity. Burstein's weary stance on the stage at the beginning and end of the play was a moving gesture that brought the 50-year-old musical powerfully and painfully into the present. *Fiddler* has never been only a Jewish story, but rather a universal, everyman, everywoman, every human story. And *Hamilton* is not really about our founding fathers and mothers—though it does go a long way to help replace some of the sentimental, inaccurate, and untruthful Hallmark histories that we are taught in grade school. *Fiddler on the Roof's* lyrics, melodies and characters—and the actors who portray them—could not look and sound more different than those of *Hamilton*. But on deeper levels, the two musicals are more alike than different.

While *Fiddler* portrays a moment in one

of the more horrible chapters of European Jewry's history, the era of the pogroms, it also foreshadows one of the more glorious chapters in Jewish history, the massive migration of European Jews to America, to the great benefit of both those Jews and our nation. (And Broadway, in particular. It's not inaccurate to say that Broadway as we know it would not be possible without the contributions of Jews.) *Hamilton*, meanwhile, is set in the pivotal



moments surrounding the birth of our nation, but also takes place at that critical period when the institution of slavery was codified in our country, legitimizing enormous human misery, and creating a system of gross injustice with which we are still struggling today. Alexander Hamilton did in fact argue strongly against slavery, and the musical's lyrics touch on the issue a number of times. "We'll never be free until we end slavery!" And, given its cast—primarily people of color—and its hip-hop language and music, it is impossible to see *Hamilton* and not be forcefully reminded of the subject.

Fiddler on the Roof is about the end, and near destruction, of a culture and its second chance at survival in America. *Hamilton* is about the creation of that America which—despite its history of brutal racism, numerous prejudices, xenophobia, and yes, even genocidal policies and actions—is also arguably our world's primary embodiment of second chances for countless people.

This is why *Fiddler* and *Hamilton* struck particularly personal chords for me. Alexander Hamilton was able to emigrate from his impoverished birthplace in the Caribbean Islands, where the circumstances of his birth would have doomed him to a miserable and very limited life, while Tevye and his family were able to escape the murderous prejudices of their homeland. My family was incredibly fortunate to be able to come to America and make new lives that would never have been possible for us in Hungary.

The last lines of *Hamilton* are, "Will they tell your story? / Who lives, who dies, / Who tells your story?"

I will always be grateful to the creators of *Fiddler* and *Hamilton*, and all the people who have made it their life's work to bring them to all of us, for telling these stories. As one of my favorite lines from *Hamilton* says, "Look around, look around at how lucky we are to be alive right now!" ■

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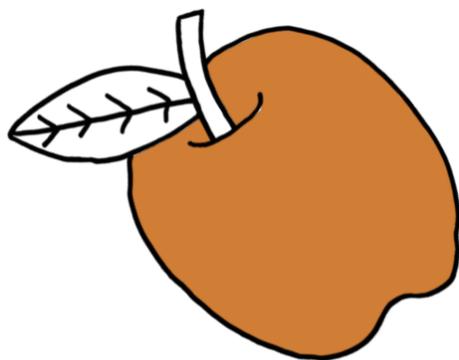
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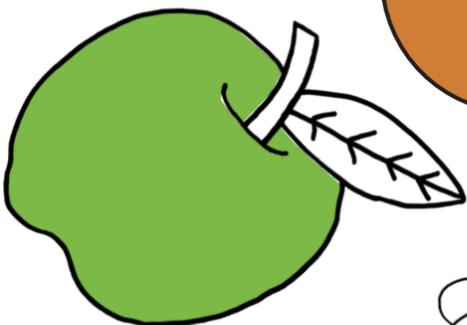
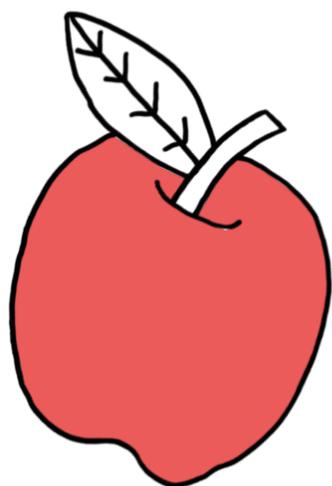
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Calendar

September 2016

Thursday 1

"All Your Healthcare in One Place While You Live at Home:" JCC Adults. Huron Valley PACE, located in Ypsilanti, wants to ensure that adults have the resources they need to remain in their homes for as long as possible. Learn about the history of the PACE organization and the services they perform. For information, contact Rachael at 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1-2 p.m.

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

Kol Halev Rehearsal: 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 2

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4-5 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. Shira from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30-9 p.m.

First Friday Shabbat: JCS. Once a month, members and other community members come together to observe Shabbat with songs, candle lighting, wine and challah. Short thematic program in which members of congregation offer thoughts about the theme. Following Shabbat, group shares a meal and schmoozes. This year's theme is Local Ann Arbor and each month will feature local favorites, locally owned businesses, and locally owned foods. Held in all JCC lounges. \$10/ dinner per person; \$25/family of four. RSVP at jewishculturalsociety.org/observances/shabbat. Children welcome. 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday 3

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

Sunday 4

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 6

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.*

Midrash in Hebrew: BIC. 1:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4-5 p.m.

Jewish Yoga Series-Elul: TBE. Preparing for the High Holidays. 6:15-7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday 7

Jewish Views of the Messiah: JCC. First meeting of one-semester class. Join Dr. Liz Fried as she answers questions like "How does Judaism view the idea of the messiah?" and explores

the treatment of different Biblical characters from Cyrus to Jesus. Class programmed by Washtenaw Community College's Community Enrichment Program, but held at the JCC. \$10/semester; free for members of the J. For information, contact Rachael at 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1-3 p.m.

Board Meeting: TBE. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday 8

Art Talk: JCC. Local artist Carol Finerman will discuss her quilts. For information, contact Rachael at 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 7:30-9 p.m.

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

Friday 9

Lunch and Learn: Sacred Aging: TBE. Noon-1 p.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4-5 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. Shira from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service (Welcoming back Welcome) from 7:30-9 p.m.

Shabbat in Beth Israel's Garden: BIC. 6 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck Dinner: Pardes Hannah. Location TBD.

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

Saturday 10

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

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

Dinner, Campfire and Sing Along: TBE. Offsite. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Sunday 11

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.

Book Club: AARC. This month's book is *Wise Aging*, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Held at a private home. For information, email info@aaecon.org. 9:45-11:30 a.m.

Mental Health Across the Lifespan: JFS and JCC. Featured keynote speaker Michelle Riba, M.D. will present "What's Normal, What's Not: Depression Across the Lifespan" followed by breakout sessions. \$18/registration includes continental breakfast. Register at jfsannarbor.org/mental-health-across-the-lifespan. For information, contact Erin Kelly at 769-0209. 10-12:30 p.m.

Community BBQ: AARC. End of summer family fun games. Meet Beit Sefer teachers. Newcomers welcome. Shelter at Island Park. Details at aaecon.org/calendar. Noon-3 p.m.

Religious School: TBE. 6-7:30 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Monday 12

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7-8:30 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 13

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.*

Midrash in Hebrew: BIC. 1:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4-5 p.m.

Jewish Yoga Series-Elul: TBE. Preparing for the High Holidays. 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Brotherhood Board Meeting: TBE. 7:15-8:45 p.m.

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

Wednesday 14

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Tai Chi for Seniors: JCC. First meeting of one-semester class. Class programmed by Washtenaw Community College's Community Enrichment Program, but held at the JCC. \$10/semester; free for members of the J. For information, contact Rachael at 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1-2:30 p.m.

Talking Local and Seasonal Foods for the High Holidays: TBE. A Taste and Learn with Amelia Salzman. 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Thursday 15

Mindfulness Meditation with Paulette: JCC. Led by Paulette Grotrian who has been practicing Insight Meditation since the 1990s. Join in for a mid-day break as Paulette discusses the benefits of mindfulness meditation and walks through guided meditation exercises. For information, contact Rachael at 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1-2 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Art Reception: JCC. Celebrate Dr. Lynn Malinoff and her photo exhibition of "Life Posed and Unposed," chronicling her nine years of world travel. For information, contact Karen at 971-0990 or email karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Nachamu-Shiva Minyan Leader Training: TBE. 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Friday 16

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4-5 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. Shira from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30-9 p.m.

Friday evening services: See listing at end of calendar.

Saturday 17

Shabbat Study-God Talk: TBE. 9-10 a.m.

5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Kickball Kickoff: TBE. 10:45-12:45 p.m.

Genesis Film Night: TBE. 5-10:30 p.m.

Shabbat services: See listing at end of calendar.

Sunday 18

Women of TBE Opening Bruch: TBE. Offsite. All day.

A Toast to the New Year: BIC. 10 a.m.

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

Spiritual and Energetic Practices for a

Miraculous New Year: Pardes Hannah. Join Lucinda Kurtz in preparing for the New Year by releasing old patterns that no longer serve your Highest Self and exploring a variety of practices and tools that come from the foundation for your daily home practice. For information, email lucinda@lucindakurtz.com or phone (734) 635-9441. Noon-5 p.m.

Kadima Goes Bowling: TBE. Offsite. 2-4 p.m.

Meet Rabbi Whinston-Volunteering Together: TBE. 3-5:30 p.m.

Shir Chadash: TBE. 5-7:30 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Monday 19

Hebrew School: TBE. 4:15-6 p.m.

Social Action Committee Meeting: TBE. 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday 20

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. 4-5 p.m.

Jewish Yoga-Elul: TBE. Preparing for the High Holidays. 6:15-7 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday 21

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1-3 p.m.

Hebrew School: TBE. 4:15-6 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting: TBE. 7-8 p.m.

Pulpit Committee Meeting: TBE. 7:30-9 p.m.

Thursday 22

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. 12:3-1:30 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Coffee and Dessert-Share Stories of TBE: TBE. Offsite. 7-9 p.m.

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

Friday 23

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4-5 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. Shira from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service-Board Installation from 7:30-9 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@aaecon.org At the JCC. 6:30-9 p.m.

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

Saturday 24

Brotherhood Membership Brunch: TBE. 8:30-10 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

Selichot: Pardes Hannah. At home of Elliott and Linda, 2924 Baylis Drive, Ann Arbor. 9-11 p.m.

Baby Shabbat: BIC. 9:30 a.m.
 B'not Mitzvah Service: TBE. 10–11:30 a.m.
 Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.
 Kiddush: TBE. 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
 Selichot Service: TBE. 8–11 p.m.
 Selichot: BIC. Service and refreshments. 9:30 p.m.
 Selichot: Chabad. Past midnight at 1:30 a.m.
 Shabbat services: See listing at end of calendar.

Sunday 25

Sixth Grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series: BIC. 10:30 a.m.
 Fall Brunch, "A Taste of Jewish Russia": Ann Arbor ORT. Members and prospective members are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Jeffrey Bernstein, professor of political science at Eastern Michigan University, speaking on "Who Will Jews Choose? Issues in the 2016 Election." An \$18 donation to ORT America is requested. A portion of the donation will support the ORT de Gunzburg School in St. Petersburg, Russia. Rides are available if needed. RSVP to Gretta Spier at a2gretta@mac.com, by September 21. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the home of Pat McCune.
 Chant Circle—Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days: Pardes Hannah. At the home of Linda Greene, 3300 East Delhi Road. For information, email lingreene@gmail.com or phone (734) 662-2029. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Coffee for Dads: TBE. Offsite. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Amazing Race: BIC. Noon.
 Apples and Honey: JCC. Annual community event celebrating fall Jewish holidays. Local organizations will be on hand, sharing information about their missions and providing opportunities to participate in holiday-themed activities. Apples and honey to taste, pizza, Israeli foods and other foods for sale, plus the J's Early Childhood Center's kosher baked goods sale. This free event is supported by gift from the Appelman family. For information, contact Jessica Gillespie at (734) 971-0990 or by email at jgillespie@jccannarbor.org. 2–5 p.m.
 Shir Chadash: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Monday 26

Hebrew School: TBE. 4:15–6 p.m.
 Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.
 Generations After Rehearsal: TBE. 7–9:30 p.m.
 Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 27

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Wednesday 28

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.
 Hebrew School: TBE. 4:15–6 p.m.
 Genesis Board Meeting: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Thursday 29

"Psychology, Aging and Art:" JCC. Presentation by Eric Berman as he discusses his drawings and paintings, along with the stories behind them, while linking the development of his work with psychological issues related to aging through the life span. Life circumstances and political events have shaped Eric's work and his artistic craft and art has always been his refuge and outlet. 1–2 p.m. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 12 p.m.
 "From Separation to Community: Building Bridges Through Healthy Communication:" Crazy Wisdom Salon. First of three-part series, "Building Bridges Between People: Dispelling Fear and Creating Hope." With Lisa Gottlieb, MSW, SSW and Nonviolent Communication Certified Trainer Candidate; Belinda Dulin, Executive Director, Dispute Resolution Center of Washtenaw County; Gloria Zimet, Reflexologist, Holistic Healing Teacher and Practitioner specializing in transforming limiting beliefs. For information, contact lucinda@lucindakurtz.com or phone (734) 635-9441. 7 p.m.
 Coffee and Dessert—Your TBE Experience: TBE. Offsite. 7–9 p.m.
 Talmud—Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. Thursdays.

Friday 30

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 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. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

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.aarecon.org.

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

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.
 Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
 Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist 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@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.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.

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

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
 1429 Hill Street (734) 994-5822
 Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
 2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 445-1910
 Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
 2000 Washtenaw Ave. (734) 665-9897
 Chabad House
 715 Hill Street (734) 995-3276
 Jewish Community Center (JCC)
 2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 971-0990
 Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
 2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 975-9872
 Jewish Family Services (JFS)
 2245 South State Street (734) 769-0209
 Jewish Federation
 2939 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 677-0100
 Pardes Hannah
 2010 Washtenaw Ave. (734) 761-5324
 Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)
 2309 Packard Road (734) 665-4744
 UM Hillel
 1429 Hill Street (734) 769-0500

Shabbat Candlelighting

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 September 9 7:32 p.m.
 September 16 7:20 p.m.
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Mazal tov

Alan Lampear and Anita Liberman Lampear on the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Ruth Lampear, daughter of Ari Lampear and Caren Minkoff.
 Liz and Enoch Brater on the birth of their grandson, Eliezer Edward, son of Jessica Brater and Christopher Silsby.
 Haran and Nikki Rashes, Laurie Lichter, and Paul and Carolyn Lichter on the marriage of son and grandson, Max Rashes, to Shaina Walker.
 Diane Kaplan Vinokur and Amiram Vinokur on the birth of their grandson, Abraham Samuel Vinokur, son of Ari and Stephanie Brue Vinokur.
 Linda and Merton Shill on the birth of their granddaughter, Theodora Paulette Lierl, daughter of Brian and Allyson Lierl.
 Aaron and Rachel Levy on the birth of their daughter, Miriam Shira Levy.
 Etan and Krin Klein on the birth of their son, Dawson Alijah, also grandson of Steve and Shira Klein.
 Judy and Paul Freedman on the birth of their grandson, Elijah James Zagar, born on July 1, to parents Nick and Sarah Zagar.
 Amy and Andrew Paberz on the birth of their grandson, Henry David Evans-Paberz, born on June 3 to parents Cathleen Evans and Alan Paberz.
 Rabbi Levy and Jo Ellin Gutterman on the marriage of their daughter, Zoe Gutterman, to Marc Friend on July 2.
 Lisa and Howie Sauller on the marriage of their daughter, Ariel to Evan Zoldan on July 3.
 Evan and Rosemary Mirsky, and Robert and Laurel Hern, on the birth of their granddaughter, Daphne Violet Hern, born on July 25 to parents Michael and Sarah Hern.
 Jill Cohen on the birth of her grandson, Ari Jordan Cohen, born on July 27 to parents Aaron and Stephanie Cohen.
 Mark and Frances Berg on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruth Berg Raunick, on July 21 to parents Cara Berg Raunick and Mike Raunick.
 Ilana Londry on her bat mitzvah, September 24.

Condolences

Karen Cooper on the death of her mother, Marsha Mae Seid Cooper.
 Janice Lieberman on the death of her mother, Sara Tema Lowe, May 27.
 Shelly Cooke on the death of her father, Jerry Baronick, June 8.
 Peggy Holtzman on the death of her father Edward Burke, June 8.
 Nancy Weissman on the death of her father, Richard Wright, June 12.
 Marjorie and Pat Lesko on the death of their son, Lane Benjamin Lesko, June 21.
 Steven Calef on the death of his mother, Florence Calef, June 22.
 Greg Saltzman on the death of his mother, Martha Saltzman, June 22.
 Mona Goldman on the death of her father, Robert Roy Rubin, July 21.
 Thea Glicksman on the death of her husband, Elliot Glicksman, July 25.
 The family of Gerald "Jerry" Avrin, on the death, July 28.
 Judy Endelman on the death of her father, Marvin A. Epstein, August 11.
 Rebecca Kanner on the death of her father, Robert Kanner, August 16.

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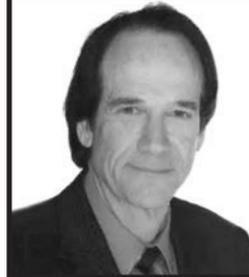


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 - Dementia, Delirium, Depression: The Three D's of Geriatric Mental Health Care - Stephen Aronson, M.D.

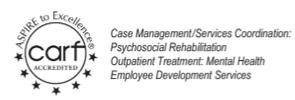
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