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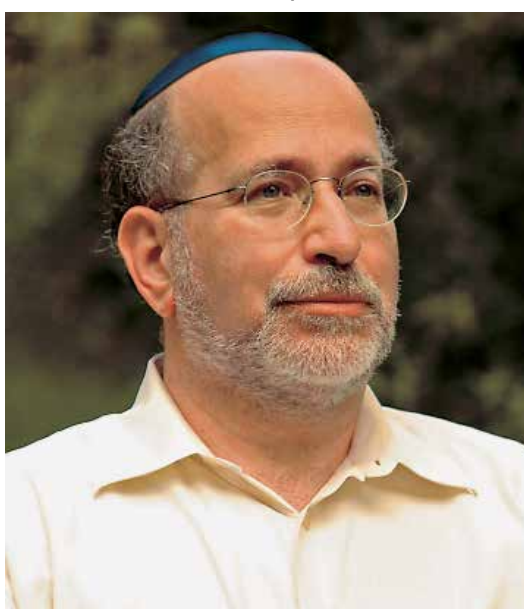
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 Jewish Community Campaign  
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Prolific author Rabbi Joseph Telushkin will be the speaker at the 34th Annual Leo Camp Memorial Lecture Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wachovia Theatre at Albright College. The event, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Reading and Albright, is free and open to the public.

Telushkin, named by *Talk Magazine* as one of the 50 best speakers in the United States, is one of America's leading ethicists. His books on ethics include "Words that Hurt, Words that Heal" and the two-volume "A Code of Jewish Ethics" — winner of the 2007 National Jewish Book Award as the Book of the Year.

The topic of the lecture is "Money & Morality: A Spiritual Take on Business Ethics" Asked to elaborate on what his message would be, Telushkin responded: "The first question people are asked after they die and come before the heavenly court is not, 'Did you believe in God or not,' 'Did you fast on Yom Kippur.' Rather it is, 'did you carry out your business affairs honestly?' What could better illustrate the significance of honesty in Jewish teachings?"

Hailed by *Jewish Week* as "America's rabbi," Telushkin is a renaissance figure, whose reputation extends well beyond the Jewish community. Telushkin's "Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History," published in 1991 and revised in 2001, is the most widely selling book on Judaism in the past two decades.



*Rabbi Joseph Telushkin*

A penetrating speaker with the timing of a standup comic, Telushkin's work inspired U.S. Senate Resolution 151 that established a National Speak No Evil Day, a series of episodes for the award-winning TV series "The Practice" based on his novel, "An Eye for an Eye," and the PBS special "Moral Imagination: A Day by Day Guide to Ethical Living."

His latest book, due to be published in June, is "The Seventh Rebbe: The Life, Wisdom, and Leadership of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson." It is a biography of the Lubavitcher Rebbe and tells the story of how a man took over

a small movement in 1951, headquartered in one neighborhood of one borough of New York City and turned it into the most dynamic movement in Jewish life. There are Chabad Houses in 48 American states and in 80 countries. The book investigates how this all came about. Other books by Telushkin include "Biblical Literacy," a Book of the Month Club selection in 1997; "The Golden Land" on Jewish migrations to the United States; "Why the Jews: The Reason for Anti-Semitism" and "The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism" co-written with Dennis Prager, "The Ten Commandments of Character," "Jewish Humor: What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews" and the novel "Heaven's Witness."

Telushkin was ordained at Yeshiva University and pursued graduate studies in Jewish history at Columbia University. He serves as a senior associate of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, as a board member of the Jewish Book Council and as spiritual leader of the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

The Camp Memorial Lectures were established at Albright by the Jewish Federation as a lasting tribute to Leo Camp, humanitarian and respected business and community leader. Camp possessed an enormous affection for his adopted home of Reading, and he pursued, with a deep sense of responsibility and pride, the building of bridges between the Jewish community and the community at large.

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**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Jewish Cultural Center, 1100 Berkshire Boulevard, Wyomissing PA 19610**  
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# Federation News

## Leave a Jewish legacy

By Paul L. Landry

There is a national program, sponsored by the National Council on Planned Giving and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, called



“Leave a Legacy”. It encourages people to support their favorite charities by leaving them a bequest. The Jewish Federations of North America has adapted that program a bit and called it “Leave a Jewish Legacy”.

Its specific purpose is to encourage Jews in the U.S. to help their Federation’s efforts to build strong, vital Jewish

communities, support Israel and provide needed help to Jews worldwide by arranging a gift through their estate plans.

While our Annual Jewish Campaign provides dollars for all those purposes, it never provides enough income to meet all of the needs that exist. So additional income from endowments or estate gifts (bequests, trusts, real estate, etc.) always allows the Federation to do more than it can do from Campaign income alone.

If there is a particular area of Federation programming that you would especially like to see continue, arranging a bequest whose income is

dedicated to that area is a great way to provide funding for it independent of Campaign revenues. And if the bequest is large enough (usually about 20 times the annual budget of the program), it can be “endowed” to support the purpose for years to come. Examples: a program that costs \$5,000 per year to run could be endowed with a gift of only \$100,000. A program that costs \$2,000 per year could be endowed for just \$40,000.

If you would like to talk about supporting a particular program area through your estate, please give me a call. I would be happy to help you think about what you would want to do and

how you could do it. All without any obligation on your part! All contacts are confidential! Call me at 610-921-0624 or e-mail [paull@jfreeding.org](mailto:paull@jfreeding.org).

So please — think about the many things the Federation does each year: the Food Pantry; the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College; Jewish-themed films, trips and events; Jewish Family Service help for those in the community who need it; support for social services in Israel; support for needy Jews throughout the world, and more.

And then consider putting your name on it by leaving a “Jewish Legacy” to support these programs for many years to come!

## Juliette’s gift to the Reading Jewish community

When artist Juliette Aristides, spoke on the occasion of the opening of her recent exhibition at the Reading Public Museum (“Juliette Aristides: Observations”) in August, she discussed at length her 2011 painting “Liberty,” a Holocaust masterwork selected for the exhibit. The large canvas (49” x 72”) was especially personal to Aristides and her family. Originally titled, “1945 (Bendheim Remembrance),” the painting was a reminder of the many family members her mother had lost, murdered by the Nazi regime. A classically trained painter, Juliette shared with her audience the challenge of finding the right models for the haunting figures, central on the landscape, and her considerations for every detail of the oil painting that ultimately resulted in a yearlong process of transferring her emotions onto the canvas. The painting was later purchased and will remain in the community.

In September, Tammy Mitgang, Federation president, received an email from Aristides, gifting “Study for 1945,” (sepia pencil on paper, 22 x 12”) to the

Jewish Federation of Reading. The study of the female figure, carrying a candle in the painting, will be exhibited at the Jewish Cultural Center.

“Juliette’s figures transcend the canvas and remind us of the complexities of the human experience. Her study of the female subject, pictured in Liberty, conveys the emotion and sympathy of the artist to the character. We are honored to be entrusted with this moving drawing. Returning to the community where she grew up, the exhibition provided the nationally and internationally recognized artist and teacher with a homecoming, but Juliette left a very personal part of herself and her family here for us to experience. We are appreciative of her thoughtful generosity.”



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**Photo credit:** Special thanks to Dr. Ivan Bub, uncle of the artist, for allowing us to use one of his photographs of the artist demonstrating the classical tradition of drawing during her lecture. The photo was used in the September *Shalom*.



“Study for 1945” by Juliette Aristides, on display at the Jewish Cultural Center in Wyomissing

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Fran Suknow

# Help us thrive in a challenging future

**By Alvin Katz**  
Chairman



I hope everyone had a happy New Year and are looking forward to this coming year with great expectation. This month I would like to discuss the challenges that await us as a Jewish community and how it is no different than what the rest of the country is facing.

It is not a secret that the number of Jews and Jewish families in Berks County is dwindling. This is due to a number of factors. There are shifts and contractions in our business community

and diminished career opportunities. Most of our children that go off to college are not returning to the area. Fewer young Jewish families are moving to our community. We have an aging community, and many of our seniors are retiring out of the area or have passed away. The reasons "how", "when" and "why" we connect as Jews have changed.

These factors affect the memberships in our religious organizations, the Jewish Cultural Center and contributions to the annual Federation campaign. There are also those who wish to remain unaffiliated and may be unknown to the Jewish community. This phenomenon is not unique to Reading. Less religious and more spiritual, faith communities are asking themselves what the next steps will be as

we look to the future. Jewish communities outside Reading are faced with these same issues and are having discussions that we need to have to rediscover who we are and what are our changing needs and how best to meet those needs.

We also need to understand that we are all sharing the same financial pie — congregations, the Cultural Center, Federation, other Jewish organizations and the rest of the non Jewish not-for-profit world. We need to determine what our Jewish community wants and needs and how best to meet those needs. Aided by wise investments and thoughtful planning, we hope to ensure that our financial assets continue to grow to meet our future needs.

We also need to develop leadership

succession in our organizations by identifying those individuals who will lead this community into the next decades and who understand the NEW NEEDS of the Jewish community and how best to achieve those goals. Today's lifestyles make it more challenging to find the time to become involved in community affairs, but it is no different than it has been for those who have previously taken the challenge to lead. As I noted in an earlier article — "if you want a job done, give it to a busy person." Become involved in community affairs and you will be able to tell your children that you helped make Reading a better community and hopefully will encourage others to relocate to Reading and grow the Jewish community.

## From the President's Desk

# NY Times op-ed piece calls for destruction of Israel

**By Tammy K. Mitgang**  
President



The *New York Times* chose to publish an opinion piece by Ian S. Lustick, a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. The article, published Sept. 15, was titled "Two-State Illusion." Though I understand the idea of free speech and recognize that the newspaper does not necessarily agree with the diverse opinions it prints, the question still remains — why would a well-regarded newspaper be a partner in mainstreaming extremist ideas?

The Lustick column argues that a unitary country that includes the Gaza Strip and West Bank should replace the State of Israel. The Op-Ed is reminiscent of a piece published several years ago in *The New York Times*, written by contributor Muammar Qaddafi ("The One-State Solution," Jan. 21, 2009). And while the now dead Libyan dictator is well-remembered for slaughtering his own people, it seems that the *Times*

has recommitted itself to putting the very idea of Israel's continued existence up for debate once again.

In his article, Lustick contends that the "obsessive focus on preserving the theoretical possibility of a two-state solution is as irrational as rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic rather than steering clear of icebergs" and calls the very idea of the two-state banner "an obstacle itself." Unlike Lustick and his dire prognosis, the majority of Jewish and Arab Israelis support the peace negotiations and efforts to establish a two-state solution.

As for his argument that "Strong Islamist trends make a fundamentalist Palestine more likely than a small state under a secular government" — isn't that all the more reason for concern when considering joining two distinct, adversarial nations into one state?

His dire column foreshadows growing violence and suggests that blood and magic are the key ingredients necessary to resolving the conflict. He goes on to state that fresh thinking is needed and begins with the reconsideration of Israel's "place" in the rapidly

changing region. Roughly translated, this so-called reconsideration suggests the disappearance of the Jewish state.

On one thing I am in agreement with the Lustick, and that is the difficulty and improbability of establishing a negotiated two-state solution. But adding to the contradictions of his writings, I point out that he also suggests that sometimes in international affairs "the impossible suddenly becomes probable."

So I hope you will join me in reminding the *Times* opinion editors (see below) that publishing everything and anything, even though they do not necessarily agree with what is published, does not give them the right to provide a platform to debate the right of the Jewish people to determine their own destiny in their ancestral homeland.

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Steven Cold, Beth Krumholz and Erin Riley-Lopez join together at Beth's art opening at the JCC. The "House Art" exhibit continues through Nov. 22



Fellow artist Nancy Sarangoulis views Beth's works Yes/No watercolors on cotton paper.

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# Big crowd gathers to mark Holocaust Library anniversary

By Amanda J. Hornberger  
Director, Holocaust Library  
& Resource Center

A crowd of students, faculty and community members filled the 270 seat capacity Wachovia Theatre at Albright College Sept. 9 to hear a lecture commemorating the Holocaust Library & Resource Center's 20th anniversary.

Special guest lecturer, Dr. Geoffrey P. Megargee from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), was on hand to discuss his research as editor of the Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945. This multi-volume encyclopedia is being produced by USHMM in order to facilitate research, create the most complete list of camps and ghettos available, and perhaps most importantly, memorialize the thousands of camps and ghettos, many small, previously unknown and now forgotten, where millions of victims of Nazi persecution were held, tortured and killed.

After a welcome by Albright College President Dr. Lex McMillan III, state Sen. Judy Schwank was on hand to offer an official proclamation honoring the 20th anniversary of the HRC and the strong partnership between the college and the Jewish Federation. Sen. Schwank's presence was especially fitting since her predecessor Senator Mike O'Pake was with the community for the dedication of the HRC in 1993.

Megargee's lecture focused on the shocking research that found there were over 42,500 camps and ghettos throughout occupied Europe from 1933-1945. Perhaps more startling was his revelation that the number was actually quite low. Researchers are still finding more camps and Megargee expects

the final number to grow over the next dozen years as the final encyclopedias are released.

One aspect of the Holocaust that many people still question is how did the German population not know about the camps, ghettos and mass extermination during the war. Megargee vehemently shot down the ignorant bystander theory by stating that there was not a single sector of German society that was not supported or connected to the forced labor controlled by the Nazis. In fact, according to Dr. Megargee, a "German could not turn a corner in Germany without finding someone held there against their will." This definitive statement and the sheer number of camps and ghettos hit home for surprised audience members.

Megargee fielded many excellent questions from audience members, students and community members alike. The various survival rates for different persecuted groups was outlined by Megargee as well as explaining the general hierarchy of the Nazi camp and ghetto system, including different statuses of prisoners held within camps.

A joint toast by McMillan and Jewish Federation President Tammy Mitgang, in which the strong partnership between Albright and the Federation was highlighted, capped the evening. Cocktails and desserts were enjoyed in a reception after the lecture where community members feted the success of 20 years of promoting Holocaust education and genocide awareness in greater Reading.

Special thanks to the community's local Holocaust survivors and founding HRC committee members who were able to be there to celebrate the Holocaust Library's platinum anniversary.

**Photos by Susan L. Angstadt, courtesy of Albright College**



Keynote speaker, Geoffrey Megargee speaks with State Sen. Judy Schwank, who offered a proclamation in honor of the Holocaust Center prior to the lecture. Schwank's predecessor, the late Sen. Michael A. O'Pake, spoke on the occasion of the Center's dedication on April 19, 1993. (see proclamation on facing page)



From left, Esther Bratt, a Holocaust survivor; her granddaughter Michele Leisawitz; Michele's mother-in-law Doris Leisawitz; Sid Bratt, survivor and husband of Esther and their daughter Corinne Wernick view one of Samuel Bak's powerful paintings at the Freedman Gallery on the Campus of Albright College. "Illuminations -The Art of Samuel Bak" was exhibited in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary Commemoration of the Holocaust Library and Resource Center at Albright College. The Center is a partnership between the college and Jewish Federation of Reading. The exhibition was sponsored in part by the Federation.



From left, Albright College President Lex O. McMillan III and community leaders Victor Hammel and Kenneth Lakin. Both Hammel and Lakin served as past presidents of Jewish Federation of Reading. Ken is a son of Edwin and Alma Lakin, who were instrumental in establishing the Center. Victor was a nephew of the late Richard J. Yashek, a survivor who died in 2005. Both families continue to play an active role in supporting the Center and the Berks County community.



Albright President Lex O. McMillan III, Ph.D., keynote speaker; Geoffrey P. Megargee, Ph.D. and Federation President, Tammy Mitgang join in a toast marking the partnership between Albright College and Jewish Federation of Reading that established the Holocaust Library and Resource Center on the campus. Originally spearheaded by Alma Lakin, Federation President at the time and Daniel Tannenbaum, Federation executive director and former college president, David Ruffer, the evening commemorating this important education resource was bittersweet as the community remembered both Federation and community leaders, now deceased.



Dr. Geoffrey P. Megargee's discussion shared the research he has headed for the past 13 years. Breaking down the structure of the system, he helped the audience better understand the scope of the ghettos, slave labor sites, concentration camps and killing factories that the Nazi set up throughout Europe - 42,500 to date. Dr. Megargee's work drew national and international attention after an article in The New York Times, The Holocaust Just Got More Shocking (Sunday Review, March 3, 2013) was published. One of two lead editors on the project, Megargee and Martin Dean, estimate that 15 million to 20 million people died or were imprisoned in the sites that they have identified as part of a multivolume encyclopedia. The United State Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. has published the first two volumes, with five more planned by 2025.

## **State Senate issues proclamation in honor of the Albright Holocaust Library & Resource Center**

*Senate of Pennsylvania*



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*Congratulations*

*In the Senate, July 17, 2013*

Whereas, The Jewish Federation of Reading, Albright College and the citizens of Reading and Berks County are celebrating the twentieth anniversary commemoration of the Holocaust Library and Resource Center at Albright College on September 9, 2013. More than two decades ago, the Jewish Federation of Reading and Albright College began a unique and visionary partnership to provide community awareness, information and education about the Holocaust to prevent similar tragic events from happening again. Formally dedicated on April 19, 1993, the Library and Center have been vital educational resources for the people of Reading and Berks County and beyond. From college courses to workshops to speakers, and through collaboration with the Berks County Intermediate Unit, the Center has taught students, both young and old, about the tragic reality of the Holocaust, both its human costs and its transhistorical impact. With more than two thousand three hundred books; three hundred videos, DVDs and CDs; and three dozen recorded interviews with local Holocaust survivors, the Holocaust Library and Resource Center provides a vast repository of materials to give scholars, educators, students and citizens a first-hand and vivid insight into a tragic epoch in human history. Moreover, the Center serves as a catalyst for discourse and action to confront prejudice, racism, stereotyping, violence and repression. It helps to arm people from all walks of life and backgrounds with the knowledge, will and resolve needed to halt the tyranny of ignorance, hatred and evil from committing genocide and other crimes against humanity. In so doing, the Center has fulfilled its mission over the past twenty years and is poised to continue its role at the forefront of efforts to promote knowledge, peace, understanding and positive action.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Jewish Federation of Reading and Albright College on twenty years of service, action and education through the Holocaust Library and Resource Center; extends best wishes for continued success carrying out the Center's work;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Judith L. Schwank, be transmitted to Tammy K. Mitgang, President of the Jewish Federation of Reading, and Dr. Lex O. McMillan III, President of Albright College, c/o 18th and Bern Streets, Reading, Pennsylvania.



*Judith L. Schwank*  
Senator Judith L. Schwank  
Attest:

*Megan Considine*  
Megan Tolino Considine, Secretary

# Gratz school year gets off to fantastic start

By Rabbi Barry Dov Lerner  
Gratz JCHS Reading Branch

The Reading Branch of the Gratz Jewish Community High School opened Sept. 15 with the largest number of students registered yet in our history. Not only do we have the largest numbers of students, we are spread across all five grades, 8-12, with numbers promising a good future for our program in years to come.

NOTE: Any Jewish student in the greater Reading community, grades 8-12, is still invited to contact the JCC at 610-921-0624 for details and instructions for registration for Gratz classes, or speak with Rabbi Dov Lerner at Gratz, 215-572-9175. Previous Jewish education is not required, nor is affiliation with a synagogue..

We invite you to visit the new Gratz College website, [www.gratz.edu](http://www.gratz.edu).

We also accomplished to date two 5774 records: we have — among all the Gratz branches and locations — (a) the largest number of new registered students and (b) the largest number of returning students, proportionally! Congratulations to our entire community, our rabbis and religious schools that feed our system.

At our first session we began with an orientation and then a introduction of our new teacher, Andrew Apt, who spoke a bit about himself and his background — including his professional degrees in education, his degree from Hebrew University, his work in informal education with B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and his enthusiasm for teaching teenagers.

We then broke for a very special snack of cupcakes, with a theme proposed by Rabbi Dov of "Etrog Cupcakes" for Sukkot — what a success. With recipes created by the pastry chef and baked by \*ndulge, a new kosher dairy bakery in Philadelphia, our students consumed dozens of cupcakes with incredible enthusiasm, accompanied with lemonade and chocolate covered

cashews. (Brochures from \*ndulge were left behind, as the bakery also prepares gluten-free baked goods and kosher gelato in multiple flavors.)

In honor of Sukkot, Rabbi Dov prepared a six-page brochure, a further copy of which was sent out to each name in our Gratz database. Copies of our publications will always be available to members of the JCC and Federation. The rabbi regularly provides students and families by email and handouts to students and parents.

Regular email letters are sent to families bi-weekly from Gratz College and the JCHS, which enable everyone to know what is occurring in each of the branches of JCHS. Gratz maintains a Facebook presence to which everyone is invited. We invite you to visit the JCHS Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/gratzjchs](http://www.facebook.com/gratzjchs)

Thereafter, the students and teachers met for three slightly shorter periods to introduce our program of classes: "Jewish Bioethics: Sacred Mind and Body," "Media Messages and Jewish Values," "Jewish Heroes: Who and Why," "Tikkun Olam: Hands-on Doing Judaism," and we may be changing a class to deal with Israel per the students request.

"Jewish Bioethics" is a college credit course. Students in 11th and 12th grade have the opportunity to choose to meet the full requirements, including a research paper, with which to transfer 3 credits to college each year.

Interested students in 11th or 12th grades (especially pre-law or pre-med) or their parents are invited to speak with Rabbi Dov for details or to answer questions about the College Credit Class, or any other courses for any ages, grades 8-12.

Don't overlook JOLT — Jewish Online Learning for Teens — another opportunity to add credits to a teen transcript for college application and credit and/or to simply add credits to one's total accrued JCHS total. More information



Instructor Andrew Apt prepares for the first period - note yummys in the bowls!



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# Community Holiday Celebrations

## Pre High Holiday Family Fun

People from across the community gathered at the JCC for Pre High Holiday Family Fun. A special thank you to Zeldi Lipsker for bringing the idea to our community. The event's success was a result of Zeldi's planning. Thank you to Rabbi Bromberg, Rabbi Michelson and Rabbi Lipsker for their participation, and to the following volunteers: Megan McIntosh, Rachel McIntosh, Jessica McIntosh, Cecily Hewins, Jojo Ure, Bryce Weizer, Zalman Lipsker, Janine Ure, Mindy McIntosh and Chana Lipsker



Rabbi Michelson is our guest PJ Library reader, joined by Simon Seesengood, Jennifer, Jacob and Gabrielle (sitting on Daddy's lap) Gurwitz, Aidan Inledon, Jennifer and Beni Beniquez, Rob Seesengood, Ben and Leah Leisawitz. The rabbi read "Today Is the Birthday of the World" by Linda Heller, one of the many PJ Library books sent to young members of our community each month.



Janine and JoJo Ure, Cecily Hewins and Chase Weizer enjoy Rabbi Bromberg's Shofar song as she introduces the Shofar Factory. Everyone at the JCC was invited to make a shofar to take home.



Lots of activity at the Simchat Torah flag making stand. Julie, Eliana and Evan Alwies, Daniella, Sammy and Hannah Leisawitz, Sari and Aidan Inledon are waiting patiently for their turn.



Our event was a huge success thanks to our volunteers: Zalman Lipsker, Zeldi Lipsker, Bryce Weizer, Rachel McIntosh, Megan McIntosh, Jessie McIntosh seated JoJo Ure and Cecily Hewins



From left, Carol and Gordon Perlmutter's granddaughter Lizzy is next in line after Lena Ure finishes making her edible staff for a Simchat Torah flag.



Zeldi and Shterna Lipsker form round challahs while Rabbi Lipsker and Jennifer Koosed are involved in conversation. Rose and mom Chana Lipsker are in the background.

## Sukkot

Rabbi Yosef Lipsker and his wife, Chana, hosted members of the community for "Sushi in the Sukkah," a special event to mark Sukkot at the Chabad Center of Berks County.



Attendees enjoy a delicious treat.



Rabbi Lipsker welcomes his guests to the Sukkah.



Freshly prepared sushi is on the way.

## When Thanksgiving meets Hanukkah, fun is sure to follow

Gas up the turkey fryer because on Nov. 28 Hanukkah will fall on Thanksgiving Day for the first time ever! And, the holiday 'share' will not happen again for another 70,000 years. Thanks to an unusual occurrence in the Hebrew and Gregorian calendars, we can all enjoy this special moment in Jewish-American history — latkes with a side of cranberry sauce!

Hanukkah starts on the eve of Nov. 27. That's the night before Thanksgiving (first candle), which falls on Nov. 28 and marks the first day of our Festival of Lights. Celebrating Thanksgiving in the light of the Hanukkah menorah is actually a brilliant pairing. After all, both holidays share many of the same values — religious freedom, gratitude and the gathering together of family and friends.

Retailers and entrepreneurs have wasted no time in capturing the moment by designing souvenir merchandise

including a "menurkey" (turkey shaped menorah at [www.menurkey.com](http://www.menurkey.com)), "Thanksgivukkah"\* t-shirts and assorted greeting cards. Creative chefs are imagining deep fried turkeys with latke stuffing. And, cranberries will most likely find their way into donuts, cheesecakes and blintzes. If a game of dreidel is on your list of activities to stave off a tryptophan nap, try substituting chocolate covered cranberries or craisins in lieu of gelt. Cornucopias may overflow with chocolate gelt and dreidels.

When the sun sets on Thanksgiving, one thing is certain; it will be time to once again light a candle on the Hanukkah menorah, the eve of Black Friday!

Happy Thanksgivukkah!  
 -\*"Thanksgivukkah" is a word coined by marketing professional Dana Gitell and celebrated online at <http://www.facebook.com/Thanksgivukkah> and <http://www.twitter.com/Thanksgivukkah>.



# Community News

## Woman with Reading ties addresses new IDF soldiers

*Mika Fox, daughter of Don\* and Tali Fox, was invited to welcome the roughly 400 new Garin Tzabar soldiers who began their journey this summer. There was an impressive ceremony at Tel Aviv University with more than 1,500 people in attendance, including members of the Knesset, ministers and generals. Fox is one of many American Jews who have decided to join the Israeli Defense Forces. Garin Tzabar is a program that makes that possible/*

*A link to a video of her speech can be found at [www.readingjewishcommunity.org](http://www.readingjewishcommunity.org) or at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-RZiYLiwY&feature=em-share\\_video\\_in\\_list\\_user&list=UUy0iTe4GdNbyq2S7\\_Chligg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-RZiYLiwY&feature=em-share_video_in_list_user&list=UUy0iTe4GdNbyq2S7_Chligg)*

Hi everyone! My name is Mika Fox. I am 18 years old and originally from New York City — but today I'm from Kibbutz Maoz Chaim! I am honored to speak to you about what this past year has been like for me and give you an idea about some of the things that lie ahead.

My relationship with Israel started when I was young — loving spending every summer here with my family and early on even thinking that someday I might want to live here. Then, in August of my junior year of high school, after returning from a trip to Poland with the Tzofimmishlach, I realized that my feelings towards Israel had changed. I now felt a profound sense of responsibility for this country, a duty that I knew I could fulfill by enlisting in the IDF.

Since I would be leaving my family behind, I looked for a program that would give me both army and emotional support. Garin Tzabar was a perfect fit. Last August my dream finally came true — I moved to Israel with a Garin (group)

of 30 Americans and two months later was drafted into the Israeli Army. I was trained to be an Infantry Instructor — a madrichat chir — and since March I've been teaching both soldiers and, miluim (reserves) how to use an IDF missile known as the Til Gil or Spike.

It's almost surreal that a year ago I was here, listening to other Garin Tzabar soldiers share their amazing stories. I couldn't picture myself in their position — thinking that accomplishing what they had done would be next to impossible! But now I can assure you that it's not only possible, it's going to happen — I did it, people before me did it and you will too. Even though this year has been the most challenging year of my life, having the Garin Tzabar family has made every step of the way a great deal easier and much more enjoyable.

When I first moved to the kibbutz with my Garin exactly one year ago, like you all will in a couple of hours, I must admit I was in a culture shock. Moving from Manhattan to Kibbutz Maoz Haim, a small kibbutz near the Jordan border, was such a mind-blowing change, but having a group of 30 American teenagers around somehow made me feel right at home.

I was the first in the group to receive my draft notice. It happened so fast. My Garin friends came right to the rescue. They helped me pack, threw me a farewell party and some even accompanied me to the IDF draft center in Tiberias a week later for my draft. I was able to survive the tough weeks of basic training through their support on the phone during the week and then on weekends at the kibbutz. Even now, ten months in, getting through the week is easier, knowing I have the Garin family to come home to.

Encouragement isn't only found within



*Mika Fox addresses fellow Diaspora Jews who have agreed to serve as Israeli soldiers*

your Garin. In my basic training and infantry instructor course, there were ten Garin Tzabar girls. Having them around came in handy when I needed a break from the Hebrew textbooks or the nights when I missed home. No matter how hard they try, not even your commanders will be able to understand the life of a lone soldier — like the longing for our parents or the importance of Thanksgiving. Meeting other lone soldiers, from Garin Tzabar, both on and off the base, will be a reminder that you really aren't so alone after all — that being a lone soldier in the IDF and part of Garin Tzabar is something that connects each one of us in the shared passion and love for Israel. We're scattered throughout the country, all of us — just look for the bright blue

Garin Tzabar backpacks on soldiers running to the bus or sitting on the train.

You're all about to embark on an unforgettable journey where you will learn so much about yourself. I can tell you that after only a year you won't believe how much you've accomplished and how much you've changed. I'm not saying it'll be easy and always fun (because it won't be), but don't forget you'll always have your Garin members and the Tzofim Garin Tzabar team to help you along the way.

It's been a true honor speaking to you today and from the bottom of my heart I wish you all the very best!

*\*A native of Berks County, Don Fox is owner of Fox Theatres LLC with locations in Exeter Township and Wyomissing.*

## All Around the Town

Congratulations to **Sue and Mel Blum and Judy and Neal Jacobs** on Samara and Matt's engagement. The couple will be married in the Turks and Caicos Dec. 15.

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Mazel Tov to Grandparents **Fran and**

**Burt Krieger and great-grandmothers Clara Seymour and Shirley Krieger** on the birth of Stephanie and Mike Epstein's daughter Olivia, Miami, Florida.

*Until next time: Shalom!*

Please e-mail all your simcha news to [joan@friedman.net](mailto:joan@friedman.net).

## Obituary

**Cynthia F. Alpert**, 58, formerly of Reading, passed away September 7 at her home in Arlington, Virginia. She is survived by her brother, Brian Alpert, of Fairfax, Virginia, her sister, Stephanie Rosen, of South Carolina, and several nieces and nephews. Other survivors include her cousins in Reading and a large extended family.

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# Congregational News

## A great opportunity to learn by example

By Rabbi Minna Bromberg  
Keshar Zion Synagogue

Two devotees of the same great rabbi are on their way to see their teacher. One of the students keeps talking on and on and about all the great things they have learned from their rabbi in the past and all the great things they are sure to learn this time as well: all the wonderful stories he tells, the unforgettable lessons he teaches. Finally the student turns to his traveling companion and says, "You've been kind of quiet; what's your favorite teaching that our great teacher has given? Is it a story about moral behavior? Is it one of his fantastic explanations of



Jewish law?" The second student is still quiet for a moment and then says, "I don't go to hear the rabbi teach; I go to watch him tie his shoes."

This story, told in many different versions, centers on the idea that true teaching and true learning are embodied in our whole selves. This teacher's wisdom and goodness filled his whole being; it's who he is and how he lives that with each breath, not only what he says (as wise as that might be). Because of this, his student could learn from his smallest gesture. We learn most deeply about who we are and who we want to be from watching how other folks live their daily lives, not just from listening to them tell us how we ought to be.

As many of you know, my husband will be spending the fall semester on a graduate research fellowship at Tel Aviv

University, and I have the great blessing of accompanying him there. He will be working on his dissertation (on Jewish views of pastoral care, but that's another story). And me? I have plenty of activities already planned: I'm presenting my work on singing and songwriting as healing practices at a conference on spiritual care; I hope to visit some folks from Reading who are currently in Israel; I'll be working on increasing my Hebrew fluency; and I'm delighted that Tammy Mitgang has a mission or two for me.

But in large part I am going to Tel Aviv to see how it "ties its shoes." The city will be my teacher, embodying its culture, its wisdom, and its challenges in its smallest gesture. I want to learn from how people stand in line at the grocery store, from how they order in the restaurant. I want to see what books people read on the bus

and learn what the Mediterranean looks like in December. I trust Tel Aviv, like that wise teacher, to embody its essence in the unfolding of daily life.

We live in a wonderful world of technological advances. Israel is in many ways closer to us here in the States than it has ever been. Without a doubt, I'll be able to stay connected with life here in Reading in ways that would not have been imaginable 30 years ago. And, thank God, we can connect with Israel from anywhere in the world.

But there are still things we can learn best by true immersion in the day-to-day of a place. I am excited to deepen my connection with Israel by living there again. And I am looking forward to coming back and sharing with you all that I have gleaned. Perhaps I'll even change how I tie my shoes.

## Theater group to headline Jewish Food & Cultural Festival

The annual Jewish Food & Cultural Festival returns to Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom in Wyomissing Sunday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New for this year: Reading Theater Project takes the best of Yiddish Theater songs, Borscht Belt comedy and modern Broadway hits by Jewish writers and composers and presents a vaudeville for all ages. Featured performers include Christine Cieplinski, Joel Gori, Vicki Graff, Chris Heslop and Amy Shea.

The event features a wide variety of delicious food for sale, most of which is prepared by members of the congregation. But there's much more to do than eat. Admission is free for the festival's musical performances and educational displays.

The menu features brisket and chicken platters, New York-style deli items, Israeli favorites such as falafel and breakfast selections including fresh bagels and lox.

Other favorites include chicken matzo ball soup, noodle kugel, freshly prepared cheese blintzes, chopped liver and several flavors of knishes. For many

guests the highlight is dessert. Our famous apple cakes sell out every year, and pastries such as ruggalah and mandel bread are big hits as well. There's much more on the menu, too.

A ticket good for one dinner, deli, or Israeli platter costs \$12 in advance. The same meals cost \$13 if purchased the day of the festival. Advance tickets are available from Oheb Sholom members and the synagogue office.

Other highlights include performances by the congregation's choir, tours of the sanctuary by Rabbi Brian Michelson, Jewish educational displays and the sale of gift items by the Temple Sisterhood and Ofar Enterprises. Hear the stirring sound of the shofar, the horn used to usher in the Jewish new year, and experience the reading of the Torah, the sacred scroll that contains the first five books of the Bible.

Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom is located at 555 Warwick Drive, a block away from State Hill Road near the Wyomissing Rite-Aid store.

Please call the synagogue office at 610-375-6034 for more information.



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# History, memory and 'The Attack'

Linda Maizels, PhD, the Senior Associate for Israel and Middle East affairs from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, traveled to the GoggleWorks in September and led a discussion group following a screening of the film "The Attack." She presented a short history of Israel's attempts to secure peace. She addressed some of the issues raised in the film within historical context. The audience, a mix of loyal GoggleWorks film discussion participants and other new faces listened intently to her informative narratives. A lively question and answer session followed. The lights dimmed and we exited the theater to continue our discussions in the parking lot.

Below is a related article Dr. Maizels wrote for the Jewish Exponent, which published it in September. It appears here courtesy of the Exponent.

Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians began last month, at about the same time that the movie "The Attack" was playing in area theaters. "The Attack" is a film about a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv and its effect on Dr. Amin Jaafari, a secular Muslim who is deeply integrated into Israeli Jewish society. His complacency is threatened, however, when he discovers that his wife, Siham, a Christian Arab from Nazareth with no history of political extremism, was the suicide bomber.

Directed by Ziad Doueiri, a Lebanese-American who worked as a cameraman for Quentin Tarantino, "The Attack"

garnered a number of positive reviews, in part for its even-handed approach. I went to see the film because I was curious to see what someone from Lebanon had to say on the subject. In a *Jerusalem Report* article, Doueiri expressed a similar curiosity: "I was brought up believing that all Israelis were gung-ho Goliaths," he explained. "But when I arrived (in Israel), I found that I was working with people who think like me and have a decent perspective of the conflict."

Reading this, I began to wonder: what would it be like to get to know — perhaps even to have coffee with — a man like Doueiri? For the first two-thirds of the movie, it seemed to me we might share a "decent perspective of the conflict." But I began to question that view when the characters in the movie explained that Siham was radicalized because she saw the aftermath of the Israeli army's incursion into Jenin in 2002. The line that relates this information to the audience is almost a throwaway. As the *Village Voice* review explained, "We discover which particular controversy radicalized her, but neither Jaafari nor the movie makes much of that."

Indeed, for those less knowledgeable about the conflict, "Jenin" is merely a placeholder for generalized suffering by Palestinians at the hands of Israelis. But "Jenin" refers to something quite specific: in response to a suicide bombing in Netanya that killed 29 people, the Israeli army reoccupied Jenin, which was seen as the heart of the West Bank terrorist

infrastructure. Rather than relying on airstrikes, Israel sought to minimize Palestinian casualties by sending in ground troops. A total of 23 Israeli soldiers, most of them reservists, were killed.

Immediately following the incursion, allegations of a "massacre" of thousands of Palestinian civilians began to spread and were repeated by credulous members of the media. The truth was later confirmed by a United Nations investigation: there were 52 Palestinian deaths. While the numbers were dismal, this was no massacre. Many media outlets recanted and some apologized for spreading misinformation. Nevertheless, the damage to Israel's reputation was done. Meanwhile the myth of the Jenin massacre lives on, ready to be resurrected whenever its destructive power is needed.

Israeli novelist Amos Oz wrote that he was bemused by the invitations he received from "well-meaning" European and North American groups to spend time in "idyllic retirement" with Palestinian artists and intellectuals so they would get to know and like each other. Oz explained that Israelis and Palestinians are not victims of a simple misunderstanding; they are combatants in a very real conflict. "This conflict," Oz continued, "can be resolved through compromise, through a partition, but not by simply having a nice cup of coffee with the enemy. Rivers of coffee cannot extinguish the tragedy of two peoples loving the same homeland."

In other words, my coffee date with Ziad Doueiri is not a solution. After exhausting all of the safe topics (film, food, wine) we would have to move to the final status issues: settlements, refugees, Jerusalem. Furthermore, we would have to confront the clash between the ways we see and understand the conflict. On certain issues, it is obvious that we do not — and possibly will not ever — agree. The massacre that he remembers is, for me, a slanderous accusation against the state of Israel.

Nevertheless, I believe that there is no choice but to move forward. As Oz trenchantly stated, "I don't need to go somewhere for a tête-à-tête with my Palestinian colleagues in order to get to like them — I like them, and yet they are my enemies, and it is precisely because they are my enemies that I believe I need to make peace with them." If I were to have coffee with Doueiri, I would have no illusions. No matter how much I might like or respect him, I know that we understand the Israeli-Arab conflict — its past, present and future — in very different ways.

Nevertheless, with eyes wide open and always expecting the worst, I still want that coffee date, even knowing that I do not, ultimately, want to make friends. Instead, I want to sit with my enemy and find a way to make peace.

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Linda Maizels, who has a doctorate in Jewish studies from Hebrew University, lives in Melrose Park, Pa. This piece was adapted from a recent talk she gave at a showing of the movie in Reading.

## Technology park to aid development of Negev region

**American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**  
BEER-SHEVA, Israel — The development of the Negev took a significant leap in September with the inauguration of Beer-Sheva's Advanced Technologies Park (ATP), in which Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) is the academic research partner. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

A joint public-private partnership of BGU, the Beer-Sheva Municipality, KUD International LLC, and Gav-Yam Negev, the first building of the ATP was completed and occupied this summer by international companies that include Oracle, Deutsche Telekom, EMC<sup>2</sup>, RSA, and ECI Telecom. New incubators such as Elbit Incubator and Jerusalem Venture Partner's CyberLabs, as well as BGN Technologies, BGU's technology transfer company, have also taken space.

When completed, the ATP will be adjacent to BGU's Marcus Family Campus and will encompass 16 buildings on 23 acres, with 2 million square feet of office and lab space, a conference center and hotel.

The site was designed by KUD International LLC, based in Los Angeles, and a subsidiary of the Japan-based Kajima Corporation, one of the world's largest development and construction firms.

A similar amount of space next to the commercial park will be used by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), whose elite technology units are relocating to the Negev to take advantage of the resources at BGU and in the ATP.

Prime Minister Netanyahu declared the park a national cyber center that will maximize the resources of the University, the IDF and the new high-tech tenants.

In order to advance the issue, NIS \$11 million in government support has been allocated over the next three years for companies that establish cyber innovation centers in Beer-Sheva.

Speaking at the ceremony last week, he stated that "we are launching the economic anchor that will turn Beer-Sheva into a national and international center for cyber security. We are changing the future of Israel and we are doing it in Beer-Sheva."

Cyber security is a major focus and strength at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The University's emphasis on applied research in information systems is unparalleled in Israel.

"The goal is to create a 'Silicon Wadi,' harnessing the research and brainpower emerging from BGU and the IDF, as well as to provide high paying jobs to keep Israel's best and brightest in the area," said Doron Krakow, executive vice president of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU).



Benjamin Netanyahu at the ribbon cutting

"This academic-business-government partnership is the ultimate fulfillment of David Ben-Gurion's dream to develop the Negev through science and technology."

"BGU will play a prominent role in major technology innovations that will secure Israel's future."

The project was originally the vision of MK Prof. Avishay Braverman, conceived when he was president of BGU. However, it was not until 2007 that it moved to the national agenda when Marvin J. Suomi, the Los Angeles-based president and chief executive officer of KUD International became involved, bringing the parties together to develop the project.

"This is a project that took courage and vision to implement," Suomi said. "Without the unwavering support of [Beer-Sheva's] Mayor Ruvik Danilovich, BGU President Rivka Carmi and their leadership teams, I doubt we could have been successful. It is one of the best examples in the world of the public and private sectors successfully partnering."

Prof. Rivka Carmi concluded in her remarks, "The opening of the Advanced Technologies Park in Beer-Sheva will be remembered as the turning point in the development of the Negev. We have always been at the geographical heart of Israel. Now we are on our way to becoming the true center for innovation and growth."

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American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev plays a vital role in sustaining David Ben-Gurion's vision, creating a world-class institution of education and research in the Israeli desert, nurturing the Negev community and sharing the University's expertise locally and around the globe. With some 20,000 students on campuses in Beer-Sheva, Sede Boqer and Eilat in Israel's southern desert, BGU is a university with a conscience, where the highest academic standards are integrated with community involvement, committed to sustainable development of the Negev.

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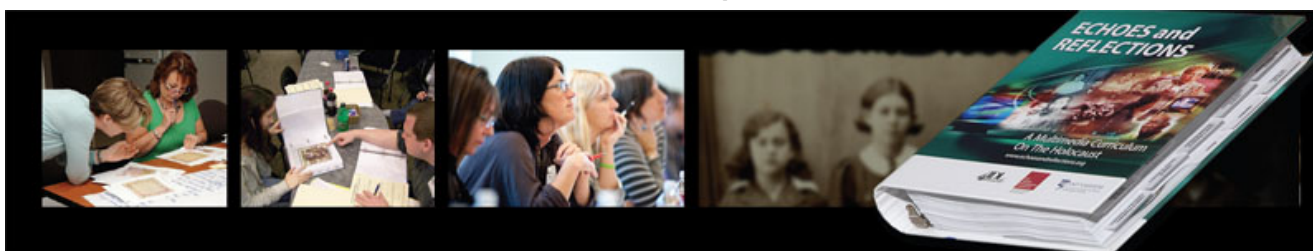
Dr. Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies and Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. She holds a B.A. from Smith College, an M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke University, and honorary doctorates from Christian Theological Seminary, Drury University, the University of Richmond, the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, and the University of South Carolina-Upstate.

Her books include “The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus” (HarperOne), the edited collection “The Historical Jesus in Context” (Princeton), and the fourteen-volume edited series, “Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings” (Continuum). With Marc Brettler of Brandeis University, she has edited the Jewish Annotated New Testament (Oxford).

The Jewish Annotated New Testament, edited entirely by Jews, includes notes and explanatory essays by 50 leading Jewish scholars, including Susannah Heschel, a historian and the daughter of the theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel; the Talmudist Daniel Boyarian; and Shaye J. D. Cohen, who teaches ancient Judaism at Harvard.

In her Vanderbilt profile, Dr. Levine describes herself as a “Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominately Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt.”

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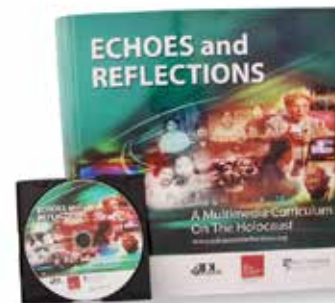
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From those who were arrested and never completed the journey to exile, to those who spent the war years far from home, and those forced into internal exile within a state to which they were vocally opposed, the effect on their music was profound.

This first appearance of the Daedalus Quartet in Reading occurs in 2014, the year that will mark the 75th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. The concert is free (donations appreciated) and open to the public and will be presented in the newly renovated WCR Center for the Arts, 140 N. 5th St. in downtown Reading. Free parking is available. Seating is on a first come basis.

The Daedalus Quartet — Artists: Min-Young Kim, violin; Matilda Kaul, violin; Jessica Thompson, viola and Thomas Kraines, cello. Guest Artist, Alexander Fiterstein, clarinet — is sponsored by the Arthur and Beatrice Hammel Music Series Fund of Jewish Federation of Reading.

*Music from Exile*  
 Erwin Schulhoff: *Five Pieces for String Quarter* (1923)

Paul Hindemith: *Quintet for Clarinet and Strings, Op. 30* (1923, rev. 1954), with guest artist, Alexander Fiterstein, clarinet

Mieczyslaw Weinberg: *String Quartet No. 8 in C Minor, Op. 66* (1945)

Erich Wolfgang Korngold: *String Quartet No. 3 in D Major, Op. 34* (1945)

Founded 12 years ago, the Daedalus Quartet has established itself as one of the most exciting of America's chamber ensembles.

It has performed in many of the world's leading music venues, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Library of Congress, Washington's Corcoran Gallery, and Boston's Gardner Museum. It has been the Quartet-in-Residence of Columbia University since 2005 and of the University of Pennsylvania since 2006.

Cellist Thomas Kraines has performed in Reading in 2008 on the Friends of Chamber Music Stirling Series with his wife, violinist Juliette Kang.

Of local interest, Thomas' father, David is Judith Kraines' father's brother's son. Judith and her husband, Dr. Neil Hoffman, live in Spring Township.

For the Hindemuth Quintet, the Daedalus Quarter will be joined by the

renowned Juilliard-trained clarinetist Alexander Fiterstein, winner of the 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant. He is a professor of clarinet at the University of Minnesota, and a member of the Fiterstein-Peled-Goldstein Trio.

Jewish Federation of Reading is pleased to sponsor Mr. Fiterstein's performance through the Arthur and Beatrice Hammel Music Series Fund.

The 2013-2014 season marks the Friends of Chamber Music's 61st year of bringing chamber music concerts in Reading. The concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are always appreciated.

The Friends of Chamber Music is a nonprofit organization and supported in part by a grant from the Reading Musical Foundation. To learn more about the 'Friends' 2013-2014 season — www.chambermusicreading.org.

# 12 great new books for Jewish readers

**Reported by Julia Klein Forward**

Reviews are taken from Amazon.com

## Fiction

**“The Unknowns”** — A Novel by Gabriel Roth

Eric Muller has been trying to hack the girlfriend problem for half his life. As a teenage geek, he discovered his gift for programming computers—but his attempts to understand women only confirm that he’s better at writing code than connecting with human beings. Brilliant, neurotic, and lonely, Eric spends high school in the solitary glow of a screen.

By his early twenties, Eric’s talent has made him a Silicon Valley millionaire. He can coax girls into bed with ironic remarks and carefully timed intimacies, but hiding behind wit and empathy gets lonely, and he fears that love will always be out of reach. So when Eric falls for the beautiful, fiercely opinionated Maya Marcom, and she miraculously falls for him too, he’s in new territory. But the more he learns about his perfect girlfriend’s unresolved past, the further Eric’s obsessive mind spirals into confusion and doubt.

This brilliant debut ushers Eric Muller — flawed, funny, irresistibly endearing—into the pantheon of unlikely heroes.

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**“Memories of a Marriage”** by Louis Begley

From the author of “Wartime Lies” and “About Schmidt,” an irresistibly entertaining novel about a man struggling to understand his friends’ seemingly charmed marriage, which may have been doomed from the start.

In the unforgiving class system of the 1950s, Lucy de Bourgh, daughter of one of Rhode Island’s first families and beneficiary of an ample trust fund, was married to Thomas Snow, son of a Newport garage owner and his bookkeeper wife. It hardly mattered that Thomas was a graduate of Harvard Business School, or that he went to work for a great Wall Street firm and succeeded beyond expectations. In Lucy’s eyes, he remained a “townie.” Decades later, a chance meeting brings Lucy together with Philip, our narrator. They’d known each other earlier, and he remembers her as a ravishing, funny, ready-for-anything hellion with a well-earned reputation for generosity with sexual favors. He also remembers Thomas, killed in a freak accident years after his and Lucy’s divorce, and is shocked to hear Lucy refer to Thomas insistently as “that monster.”

How is he to reconcile that unexpected and overflowing reservoir of bitterness and resentments with his own memories? Philip sets out on a quest that soon becomes an obsession to discover who exactly these friends were whom he had understood so incompletely, and what happened in their marriage. Through Philip’s patient probing, a brilliant portrait emerges of Begley’s heroine.

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**“Freud’s Mistress”** by Karen Mack and Jennifer Kaufman

A page-turning novel inspired by the true-life love affair between Sigmund Freud and his sister-in-law.

It is fin-de-siècle Vienna and Minna Bernays, an overeducated lady’s companion with a sharp, wry wit, is abruptly fired, yet again, from her position. She finds herself out on the street and out of options. In 1895, the city may be aswirl with avant-garde artists and revolutionary ideas, yet a woman’s only hope for security is still marriage. But Minna is unwilling to settle. Out of desperation, she turns to her sister Martha for help.

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**“The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P.”** by Adelle Waldman

Bold, touching, and funny — a debut

novel by a brilliant young woman about the coming-of-age of a brilliant young literary man

Nate Piven is a rising star in Brooklyn’s literary scene. After several lean and striving years, he has his pick of both magazine assignments and women: Juliet, the hotshot business reporter; Elisa, his gorgeous ex-girlfriend, now friend; and Hannah, “almost universally regarded as nice and smart, or smart and nice,” who is lively fun and holds her own in conversation with his friends.

In this 21st-century literary world, wit and conversation are not at all dead. Is romance? Novelist Adelle Waldman plunges into the psyche of a modern man — who thinks of himself as beyond superficial judgment, yet constantly struggles with his own status anxiety, who is drawn to women, yet has a habit of letting them down. With tough-minded intelligence and wry good humor this is an absorbing tale of one young man’s search for happiness—and an inside look at how he really thinks about women, sex and love.

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**“Last Car Over the Sagamore Bridge”** by Peter Orner

The long-awaited second collection of stories from a writer whose first was hailed as “one of the best story collections of the last decade” (Kevin Brockmeier).

In “Last Car Over the Sagamore Bridge,” Orner zeroes in on the strange ways our memories define us: A woman’s husband dies before their divorce is finalized; a man runs for governor of Illinois and loses much more than an election; two brothers play beneath the infamous bridge at Chappaquiddick. Orner presents a kaleidoscope of individual lives viewed in startling, intimate close-up.

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**“Margot”** by Jillian Cantor

Anne Frank has long been a symbol of bravery and hope, but there were two sisters hidden in the annex, two young Jewish girls, one a cultural icon made famous by her published diary and the other, nearly forgotten.

In the spring of 1959, “The Diary of Anne Frank” has just come to the silver screen to great acclaim, and a young woman named Margie Franklin is working in Philadelphia as a secretary at a Jewish law firm. On the surface she lives a quiet life, but Margie has a secret: a life she once lived, a past and a religion she has denied, and a family and a country she left behind.

Margie Franklin is really Margot Frank, older sister of Anne, who did not die in Bergen-Belsen as reported, but who instead escaped the Nazis for America. But now, as her sister becomes a global icon, Margie’s carefully constructed American life begins to fall apart, and she is forced to come to terms with Margot, with the people she loved, and with a life swept up into the course of history.

## Nonfiction

**“Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster — The Creators of Superman”** by Brad Ricca

In time for the 75th anniversary of the Man of Steel comes the first comprehensive literary biography of Shuster and Siegel, creators of Superman and the inspiration for Michael Chabon’s “Kavalier and Clay.”

Drawing on 10 years of research in the trenches of Cleveland libraries, boarded-up high schools, and secret, private collections, and a love of comic books, this is the first full biography of Superman’s creators. Among scores of new discoveries, the book reveals the first stories and pictures ever published by the two, where the first Superman story really came from, the real inspiration for

Lois Lane, the template for Superman’s costume, and much, much more. “Super Boys” also tracks the boys’ unknown, often mysterious lives after they left Superman, including Siegel’s secret work during World War II and never-before-seen work from Shuster.

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**“Difficult Men: Behind the Scenes of a Creative Revolution, from ‘The Sopranos’ and ‘The Wire’ to ‘Mad Men’ and ‘Breaking Bad’”** by Brett Martin

A riveting and revealing look at the shows that helped cable television drama emerge as the signature art form of the 21st century.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, the landscape of television began an unprecedented transformation. While the networks continued to chase the lowest common denominator, a wave of new shows, first on premium cable channels such as HBO and then basic cable networks such as FX and AMC, dramatically stretched television’s narrative inventiveness, emotional resonance, and artistic ambition. No longer necessarily concerned with creating always-likable characters, plots that wrapped up neatly every episode, or subjects that were deemed safe and appropriate, shows such as “The Wire,” “The Sopranos,” “Mad Men,” “Deadwood,” “The Shield” and more tackled issues of life and death, love and sexuality, addiction, race, violence, and existential boredom.

This revolution happened at the hands of a new breed of auteur: the all-powerful writer-show runner. These were men nearly as complicated, idiosyncratic, and difficult as the conflicted protagonists that defined the genre. Given the chance to make art in a maligned medium, they fell upon the opportunity with unchecked ambition.

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**“Kafka: The Years of Insight”** by Reiner Stach, translated from the German by Shelley Frisch

This volume of Reiner Stach’s acclaimed and definitive biography of Franz Kafka tells the story of the final years of the writer’s life, from 1916 to 1924 — a period during which the world Kafka had known came to an end. Stach’s riveting narrative, which reflects the latest findings about Kafka’s life and works, draws readers in with a nearly cinematic power, zooming in for extreme close-ups of Kafka’s personal life, then pulling back for panoramic shots of a wider world scarred by World War I, disease, and inflation.

In these years, Kafka was spared military service at the front, yet his work as a civil servant brought him into chilling proximity with its grim realities. The outbreak of tuberculosis and the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire constituted a double shock for Kafka, and made him agonizingly aware of his increasing rootlessness. He began to pose broader existential questions, and his writing grew terser and more reflective.

A door seemed to open in the form of a passionate relationship with the Czech journalist Milena Jesenská. But the romance was unfulfilled and Kafka, an incurably ill German Jew with a Czech passport, continued to suffer. However, his predicament only sharpened his perceptiveness, and the final period of his life became the years of insight.

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**“Totally Unofficial: The Autobiography of Raphael Lemkin,”** edited by Donna-Lee Frieze

Among the greatest intellectual heroes of modern times, Raphael Lemkin lived an extraordinary life of struggle and

hardship, yet altered international law and redefined the world’s understanding of group rights. He invented the concept and word “genocide” and propelled the idea into international legal status. An uncommonly creative pioneer in ethical thought, he twice was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Though Lemkin died alone and in poverty, he left behind a model for a life of activism, a legacy of major contributions to international law, and—not least—an unpublished autobiography.

Presented here for the first time is his own account of his life, from his boyhood on a small farm in Poland with his Jewish parents, to his perilous escape from Nazi Europe, through his arrival in the United States and rise to influence as an academic, thinker, and revered lawyer of international criminal law.

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**“I Kiss Your Hands Many Times: Hearts, Souls and Wars in Hungary”** by Marianne Szegedy-Maszak

A magnificent wartime love story about the forces that brought the author’s parents together and those that nearly drove them apart

Marianne Szegedy-Maszak’s parents, Hanna and Aladár, met and fell in love in Budapest in 1940. He was a rising star in the foreign ministry—a vocal anti-Fascist who was in talks with the Allies when he was arrested and sent to Dachau. She was the granddaughter of Manfred Weiss, the industrialist patriarch of an aristocratic Jewish family that owned factories, were patrons of intellectuals and artists, and entertained dignitaries at their baronial estates. Though many in the family had converted to Catholicism decades earlier, when the Germans invaded Hungary in March 1944, they were forced into hiding. In a secret and controversial deal brokered with Heinrich Himmler, the family turned over their vast holdings in exchange for their safe passage to Portugal.

Framed by a cache of letters written between 1940 and 1947, Szegedy-Maszak’s family memoir tells the story, at once intimate and epic, of the complicated relationship Hungary had with its Jewish population—the moments of glorious humanism that stood apart from its history of anti-Semitism—and with the rest of the world. She resurrects in riveting detail a lost world of splendor and carefully limns the moral struggles that history exacted — from a country and its individuals.

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**“Hothouse: The Art of Survival and the Survival of Art at America’s Most Celebrated Publishing House”** by Boris Kachka

Farrar, Straus and Giroux is arguably the most influential publishing house of the modern era. Home to an unrivaled 25 Nobel Prize winners and generation-defining authors such as T. S. Eliot, Flannery O’Connor, Susan Sontag, Tom Wolfe, Joan Didion, Philip Roth, and Jonathan Franzen, it’s a cultural institution. But FSG is no ivory tower—the owner’s wife called the office a “sexual sewer” — and its untold story is as tumultuous and engrossing as many of the great novels it has published.

Kachka deftly reveals the era and the city that built FSG through the stories of two men: founder-owner Roger Straus, the pugnacious black sheep of his powerful German-Jewish family — with his bottomless supply of ascots, charm, and vulgarity of every stripe — and his utter opposite, the reticent, closeted editor Robert Giroux, who rose from working-class New Jersey to discover the novelists and poets who helped define American culture.



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## Philosophical differences

By Anne Seltzer

The other night I had a philosophical discussion with our son Matt. The previous weekend he and Jamie had been in the Canary Islands for her best friend's wedding. I made an off-the-cuff remark about "well they must not be Jewish if they got married on Yom Kippur". Matt said they were not but that many invited were.

His explanation was that their families were spread all over the world, as were their friends, and that was the only date they could agree upon. He went on to say that one couple there had decided to observe Yom Kippur on another weekend, they could pray and fast Yom Kippur-style anytime. After all, the wedding was being held after sundown to respect those of the Jewish faith present. Jamie's mother and stepdad took another avenue by declining an invitation to the wedding because it was Yom Kippur. Jamie was a little upset with them, according to Matt, because after all it was hard to make the guest list and it was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

I told Matt that frankly I would have also turned down the invitation, not being able to even contemplate not observing Yom Kippur in a Temple. First off, how is one to be written up in the book of life if one doesn't even show up? Seriously, there are a few things in life that are non-negotiable to me, and that is one of them. I do not purport myself as a religious or observant person, but there are certain things that are important and sacred to me. Certainly he must have remembered when we visited him in London over Passover and I kept it. What I didn't tell him was that Yom Kippur services, while sometimes being soul-searching and painful, are



also beautiful. The music is haunting and moving at the same time. It is a day of contemplation for me, when I take honest stock of the person I was in the previous year, with all my shortcomings, and ask God to help me be a better person in the coming year. It is a day when life slows down and we take the time to pray together. Unfortunately, I didn't think of this until we hung up. Perhaps you agree with me, the friends I told the story to while baking apple cakes did, or perhaps you also think it is OK. This is not meant to be judgmental, as that is God's job, not mine. We're still friends. I do not think you are a bad person if you don't agree. We just have different philosophies.

This is a cookie that came from Facebook. Pinterest has had lots of good ones recently. It's also fairly healthy and gluten free. Don't let the chick peas throw you off; you'll never know they are there.

### Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter Cookies

- 1 ¼ c. canned chick peas well-rinsed and patted dry
- 1 tsp. baking powder 2 tsp. vanilla
- Pinch of salt if peanut butter is unsalted
- ½ c. + 2 T. NATURAL peanut butter, not processed
- ½ c. chocolate chips
- ¼ c. honey or agave

Combine all ingredients, except chocolate chips, in the food processor. Process until very smooth. Scrape down sides and process a little more. Put in chocolate chips and pulse once or twice. Mixture will be thick and sticky. With wet hands, form into 1 ½" balls. Place on parchment paper lined cookie sheets. Flatten slightly with hands as they will not flatten and spread on their own. Bake at 350° for about 10 minutes until they appear set and just a little browned. Let cool and enjoy!

## A few great books of a great people

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### Solution on Page 17

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#### Across

1. IN THE FIRST BOOK, THE FIRST
4. Bluetooth or other hearing enhancer (2 words)
10. Look at, with a certain appetite
14. MENTOR OF SAMUEL, IN THE BOOK NAMED AFTER THE LATTER
15. Fall flowers
16. Believe, in Barcelona
17. Tap fist against another's in greeting or as a sign of respect
18. TANAKH SECTION WITH JEREMIAH, MICAH, AMOS (two words)
20. Strive to attain
22. Play with another's mind, jokingly (as an option here, 2 words)
23. VOCALIZATION BY FAUNAL SYMBOL OF JUDAH (2 words)
26. FINE \_\_\_ DECORATED THE TEMPLE. READ CHRONICLES.
27. GREAT EXPANSES OF \_\_\_ WERE ENCOUNTERED IN THE SINAI
28. Tactic of deceit
30. Theater district sign
33. Scientist exclaims; Hey, found this \_\_\_ the atom's corner!
36. Julie \_\_\_\_, great director of theater (Lion King, Spider-Man)
39. MACCABEES, BARUCH, JUDITH & OTHERS ARE \_\_\_ (2 words)
43. Esteem with great respect
44. Land \_\_\_\_, company that markets yarn, fine needlework
45. Anger
46. Certain settled inhabitants of central, southern Asia
48. She-wolf
52. Rodent
55. THE STORY OF HE WHO STRUGGLED WITH FATE
58. A palm, as its common setting might define it (2 words)
61. No couples
62. NOT THE TORAH, NOR THE PROPHETS (with article at end)
65. DVORAH, IN ENGLISH
66. Work by Verdi
67. WHAT ONE IS WHEN PORING THROUGH THE NAMED BOOKS
68. Pale
69. One might trickle down your cheek
70. Light aircraft maker
71. Nordic word for hunt or knead

#### Down

1. Items worn, e.g., for valor
2. Probable ancient name for Cyprus or one of its districts
3. Earlier name for Japan
4. Diners or nashers, contracted
5. NORTHERN TRIBE, CITED IN SEVERAL OF THE BOOKS
6. Hwy.
7. 9th month of the common calendar (var.)
8. Mistakes
9. ROCK, Heb., variant
10. Earth color
11. Highly admired use of social media to publicize website (acronym preceded by accolade)
12. Hey! \_\_\_ roll!
13. Leisure
19. School non-profit
21. The small-time gambler had great faith \_\_\_\_, in his own, of course (2 words)
24. The paper relied \_\_\_ rather than on Reuters or NYT (2 words)
25. The \_\_\_\_. Henry virtually invented the short story
29. Ici \_\_\_ (here and there, in Quebec)
31. Large mythical bird
32. Where surfs. work
34. Hockey great Bobby
35. "The Science Guy" and family
37. Alphabet start
38. Popular singer Faviere with first name in Hebrew
39. HERO OF LEON URIS' EXODUS
40. "for each"
41. Verdi received great praise, then and ever since, \_\_\_ (2 wds)
42. Woman's singing voice
47. Abraham Goldstein (familiar form, family initial)
49. The largest group of North American First Nations
50. Northern, as in Northern Lights
51. Not present
53. Rose petal essence
54. Three prefix
56. PRIEST, A TERM IN THE BOOKS, SINCE THEN A FAMILY NAME
57. Any work like that cited in 41 Down
58. Local emergency security group
59. Beseech, in French
60. Caruso's given name, contracted
63. Scandinavian airline
64. Football scores, abbr.

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# Jewish Family Service

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## Focus on two local agencies

**By Sari Incledon**

I recently attended a training program that acquainted me with the services of two local agencies that do invaluable work in our community. While I have had some contact with both of these non-profits, the training provided an update on the important services these agencies provide.



The Berks County Blind Association was founded in 1929 by the Reading Lions Club. The agency focuses on the prevention of blindness and making it possible for visually impaired Berks County residents to lead independent, productive lives. Located at 2020 Hampden Blvd. in Reading, The Blind Association serves over 600 visually impaired and blind Berks County residents. Here is a list of just some of the programs offered by the Blind Association.

- Sight Loss Support Group – meets on the fourth Wednesday of

each month and provides clients with a forum for support, problem solving and information on technology and medical breakthroughs.

- Caregiver Support Group – also meets on the fourth Wednesday and gives caregivers an opportunity to support each other with the challenges of caring for loved ones who have lost some or all of their sight.

- Information and Referral Services – during an individualized home visit, information is obtained to provide the best means to assist a client.

- Private Counseling – A blind counselor on staff can help a client work through the struggles and challenges of vision loss.

- Talking Books – Clients can participate in a free program for talking books, large print and Braille material.

- Assistive Devices – Devices are available for purchase or lease in order to help clients lead more independent lives.

These are just a few of the worthwhile services offered. For more information call 610-375-8407 ext. 119 or go to [www.berksblind.org](http://www.berksblind.org)

Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Services was incorporated as a non-profit agency in 1968 and originally served children with speech and hearing problems. Since its inception, the mission of the agency has expanded and now provides services, resources and social opportunities to, and education and advocacy for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Berks and surrounding counties. These are some of the programs sponsored by Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.

- Assistive Device Distribution Program – Devices for alerting or signaling – alarm clocks, doorbell signalers, baby monitors and smoke alarms are examples of devices that are free to qualifying

clients.

- Hearing Aid Financial Assistance Program – This is a need based program.

- Pennsylvania Telecommunication Device Distribution Program - This program provides specialized telecommunication devices at no charge to qualifying persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices enable eligible individuals to access telephone services independently.

For more information about Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (located at 2045 Centre Avenue, Reading – across the street from the Fightin Phils Stadium) call 610-685-4520, email [bdhhs@bdhhs.org](mailto:bdhhs@bdhhs.org) or visit their website at [www.bdhhs.org](http://www.bdhhs.org).

## Living with Loss

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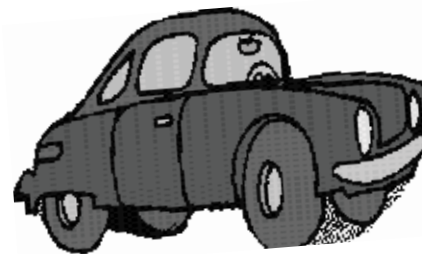
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 Birth of Debbie Goodman's granddaughter Violet Patricia Goodman – Louise Zeidman  
 Andrew Oppenheimer and Susan Kirby's engagement – Barbara Nazimov  
 Margo Filstein's engagement – Barbara Nazimov  
 Ed Lakin's Special Birthday – Andy and Corinne Wernick

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 Birth of Debbie Goodman's granddaughter – Dena and Vic Hammel  
 Birth of Sam and Alex Goodman's daughter – Dena and Vic Hammel  
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**In honor of:**  
 Ed Lakin's special birthday – Bob & Kaye Ullman

**Jewish Community Calendar Corrections**

The following are updates and corrections to the Jewish Community Calendar for 2013/2014

**Add to Calendar**

Dyke & Abbey Sassaman  
 4122 7th Avenue – Temple PA 19560

**Change of Address**

Trudy Katz room number should be PC 801  
 Ann Merkle Apartment number should be 126  
 Miriam Oppenheimer room number should be PC 806  
 David & Barbara Paul should be Reading 19606

**Cathy Sanders**

408 Westbury Drive – Wyomissing 19610

**Shira Steinfurth**

719 Brownsville Road – Sinking Spring 19608

**Armand & Shirley Sussman**

612 Eastwick Drive – Reading 19606

**Name Change**

Tammy Greene should be listed as  
 Tammy Rudolf-Greene

**Remove**

Lewis Cohen – deceased  
 Jason Horowitz – moved out of town  
 Rachel Kislin – moved out of town  
 Varsha Lift moved out of town  
 Shirley G. Ullman - deceased

Phone number correction  
 Marion Smith – 610-775-1017

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