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JFSA Allocations Process Grants \$681,068 for 2015-2016

Under the leadership of Harry Levy, the Jewish Federation of San Antonio's Vice President of Planning & Allocations, \$681,068 has been awarded for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Despite a slightly decreased annual campaign in 2014, which was down approximately \$35,000 from 2013, the

total allocations requests granted for 2015-2016 were down only \$21,900 from the previous year.

Harry Levy commented, "After a thoughtful and deliberate process, the Federation Planning & Allocations Committee was pleased to make its recommendations to the

Board of Trustees for the coming fiscal year. We utilized the five goals developed from our community conversations held throughout the fall and winter months to determine our criteria for allocating funds to our local agencies. We are also pleased to announce the roll-

out of our Innovation Fund, where agencies and others can apply for micro-grants for innovative ideas and concepts that follow our goals. My deep thanks to the entire Allocations Committee for their tireless work and commitment to this important

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Nepal Relief Efforts Update

In the wake of two devastating earthquakes, Nepali and international aid agencies are struggling to provide relief to the hundreds of thousands affected.

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Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook taught, "The old will be made new, and the new will be made holy."

This month the Jewish Federation of San Antonio honors its present leadership and installs new leadership on its Board of Directors at our 93rd Annual Meeting. The intention of our annual meeting is to inspire a new charge and spirit in our leaders, people tasked with the important and holy task of leading our community. It is also our hope to bring new leaders into this work with fresh ideas and perspectives. Ideally, we will fulfill the lesson of Rabbi Kook by exciting our leadership around the past and present and making space for the



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our CEO**

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voices of new leaders, thus allowing for more sacred work in all that we do.

We are a mid-sized Jewish community, with increasing demands and more competition for resources. It is critical that we work together as one community, for we are stronger together than apart or at odds with each other. Apart we struggle, together we succeed.

This is the charge to all future leaders of the San Antonio Jewish community

and the larger Jewish world: We are stronger together than we are apart.

Throughout my first year here I have heard from so many how great San Antonio's Jewish community was when we focused on being one people and working together. Then it disintegrated, not all at once but over time, conflict, tension and turf became the norm. The time has come for renewing the greatness we once knew. We are stronger together than we are apart.

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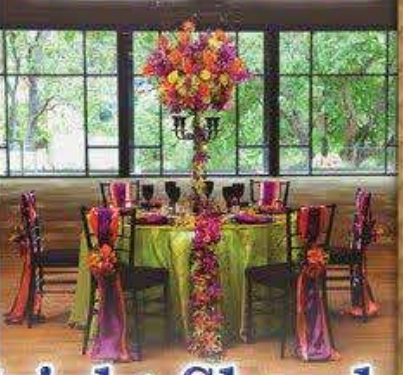
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YOUR FEDERATION DOLLARS AT WORK

Federation welcomes new Women's Philanthropy Director

The Jewish Federation is pleased to welcome Julie Schack to her new position as Director of Women's Philanthropy. Julie will work with the campaign team under the direction of Susan Kariv, the Federation's Chief Development Officer.

"I am very excited to have Julie join our campaign team. Julie brings strong skills and a passion for the Jewish community. Julie will be instrumental in growing our women's programming, leadership development and annual campaign, and I have every confidence that with Julie's experience and leadership, we will achieve our goals," said Kariv.

Julie and her family are new to the community, having most recently relocated from St. Louis where she served as Director of Sales for the *St. Louis Jewish Light*, the community news outlet.

There she was responsible for leading the sales effort for the weekly newspaper, 4 quarterly magazines, 3 annual business events and the website.

During her 3 year tenure at the Light, her team improved sales by nearly +25%.

"I am very proud of the team we built and their dedication to serving the news to the community," stated Julie.

In addition to overseeing the sales at the Light, Julie has been the owner of After5 Advertising, a full service



advertising/marketing firm with an emphasis on media buying and sales training.

She has spent most of her career in advertising and media sales. After graduating with honors from Indiana University with a B.A. in Telecommunications, Julie began her career in advertising, working for Leo Burnett Advertising in Chicago. Julie honed her negotiating skills as a media buyer and planner for Procter and Gamble.

Her career path lead her to TV advertising sales in New York and then back to Chicago where she was a top producing account executive, overseeing national accounts such as Ford, AT&T, and Taco Bell, just to name a few.

Schack is very excited to bring her wealth of sales knowledge to the Federation. "Fundraising is very similar to sales. With sales, it's all about understanding the client's needs and providing a solution to help improve their

business. The same goes with fundraising. Engaging the community to help support the community's needs is our #1 priority."

In addition to her professional success, Schack has also enjoyed contributing her time and talents to several non profit organizations in the communities where she has lived.

Most recently, she served as event co-chair and on the executive board of J Associates, the women's fundraising auxiliary to the JCC of St. Louis.

She also served on the board of the St. Louis Senior Olympics, one of the largest sporting events for seniors in the country.

While living in Wisconsin, she served on the executive PTA board to the Milwaukee Jewish Day School and was active in the Milwaukee Jewish Federation where she served on the Women's Board.

In her spare time, Julie enjoys hiking, yoga, and walking with her 'new' friends. She is an avid reader, new golfer, enjoys travel and checking out all of the new restaurants in town with her husband Marty of 25 years. Marty's position as Director of Sales at KENS5 TV is what precipitated their move to San Antonio earlier this year.

Together they have three children; twin sons, Jordan and Jonathan, who just completed their junior year

of college at University of Pennsylvania and University of Missouri respectively.

Their daughter Isabel attends Churchill High School.

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San Antonio Jewish community professionals meet with PJ Library's Paul Lewis

San Antonio welcomes PJ Library/Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) Program Officer Paul Lewis

After PJ (Pajama) Library Coordinator Lauren Abraham, and PJ Library Committee Chair Lisa Abramson attended the 7th Annual National PJ Library Conference at Pearlstone Retreat Center in April, the vibrancy and excitement that came directly from PJ Library founder, activist and philanthropist Harold Grinspoon at the conference, was transferred back to our community San Antonio.

On behalf of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Program Officer and PJ Library advocate, Paul Lewis, flew in to share his passion for Jewish literacy, community building, and ways to engage San Antonio families to improve Jewish identity and the Jewish future. Lewis met with Jewish Federation board members, San Antonio lay leaders, PJ Library committee members, and facilitated a special Mexican Fiesta lunch for Jewish community professionals



(l to r) Lauren Abraham, PJ Library Coordinator; Paul Lewis, PJ Library Program Officer; Harold Grinspoon, PJ Library Founder, activist and philanthropist; and Lisa Abramson, PJ Library Committee Chair at Pearlstone Retreat Center in Maryland.

working with children ages 6 months to 7 years old in our own community. With palpable inspiration, and stories and ideas to share from his various 45 cities across America Lewis was able to remind us all of the essential values of PJ Library.

Lewis shared that the key inspiration of PJ Library was from Country singer Dolly Parton's "inspiration library" that transmitted books to underprivileged children in her hometown in Tennessee.

PJ Library has now (since inception 9 years ago) distributed over 13 million Jewish books in 7 countries, and it continues to live up to the tactical goals of turning bedtime snuggly moments between families into Jewish moments, connecting young families to each other, and connecting young families to the Jewish community through family engagement. San Antonio and our Jewish Federation look forward to continued growth with our PJ Library books and programs.



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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Meet Nicole Porterfield

By Rachel Stern,
Tribe Coordinator

Nicole Porterfield, age 28, is a graduate of the Jewish Federation's Young Leadership program and is the current chair of the Tribe (The Jewish Federation's Young Adult Group). She is also on the planning committee that created JNETSA and an Event Coordinator for YJSA. In just a few years of involvement Nicole has made her mark on the Jewish community and she is just getting started.

As the coordinator of the Tribe, it was my pleasure to have the chance to sit down with Nicole to see what has shaped her thus far and what her dreams are for the future.

RS: Where are you from?

NP: I have lived in San Antonio since I was a newborn and have grown up here. I like to tell myself I'm a born and bred local regardless of semantics.

RS: What do you do professionally?

NP: I work in the management consulting industry and have a passion for public relations and marketing.

RS: What was your involvement in the Jewish community growing up?

NP: I went to Temple Beth-



Nicole Porterfield

El for religious school all the way through Confirmation and attended Chabad's Camp Gan Israel as a child in the Summer. We were an extremely involved family.

RS: How did you first get involved in the Jewish community as an adult?

NP: I wanted to meet other Jews and make Jewish friends so one day I went to the JCC and asked the front desk staff where the Jews were. It was a surprise to hear that there was no readily available information on any groups within the city. I had to research in order to find them and I did! I discovered there were several Jewish young adult groups in town such as Machar, YJSA, and of course The Tribe.

RS: What drew you in and made you want to be more active?

NP: I knew what it felt like to be feel isolated from the Jewish community and I wanted to change that for myself and others. I wanted to connect people who had the common thread of Judaism and create an environment to do so. Involvement doesn't have to be religious or financial. It can simply be about Jews being social and linked to one another.

RS: How did you shift into a leadership role?

NP: From the start with these organizations, I was asked to get involved and I did just that. From fundraising to event planning I saw I could have an impact and people responded to me. I started by asking to get involved and then it shifted to people asking me to take on larger responsibilities. I pushed my way in because I wanted to make a difference and see changes made. I wanted to be

the kind of person who says she is going to take action and really does it. Once my name was attached to events, I had a high standard of what I wanted these programs to achieve.

RS: What's your leadership style?

NP: I want people to feel comfortable and be able to be who they are, and yet be open to others. I create atmospheres where people can feel no pressure and no agenda. They can just be together as Jews. I regard myself as a convener, bringing people together.

RS: Have you had a role model within the Jewish community?

NP: My mom (Flora Porterfield) taught me a lot. She took risks and pushed the community boundaries. She was always her own person and had a flare for creating experiences that were memorable. There was great diversity even within our family and my mother

was a model on how to bring everyone together. I am also extremely thankful to the people I have the privilege to call my mentors. They are my guardians and their advice is what aids me in navigating my successes today.

RS: What have you learned about the Jewish community?

NP: We are in an arena for growth and it is an exciting period to be in. All of San Antonio is being revitalized and changing for the better. The only place to go is up.

RS: What are you most proud of in terms of your leadership contributions?

NP: I've really become the ambassador of the Jewish young adult demographic in town. I've drawn people in and connected them to each other. We've introduced new programs, new people, and new partnerships. We even established a growing regional presence.

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Lackritz appointed director of Holocaust Memorial Museum

HMMSA has a new director, Judy Lackritz, who will also remain the Community Relations Director of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

Lackritz says that she is looking forward to working with the Museum staff to move its educational and exhibit efforts forward to educate the community, which create awareness about the dangers of hate, prejudice and anti-Semitism.

Lackritz extends gratitude to the museum directors who have preceded her. She thanks the most recent



Holocaust Survivor Rose Williams with newly appointed Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio (HMMSA) Director Judy Lackritz and HMMSA Education Director Juana Rubalcava

director, Francesca Garrett, who is moving to Atlanta. "Francesca opened new creative spaces in the museum programming

and fundraising. She encouraged a robust development of interns and fellows in the museum. These talented young

people have bolstered the museum efforts and many of them have moved on to work in other museums." Lackritz' first connection

with the Jewish Federation of San Antonio was when she volunteered as a Holocaust docent in the 1990's. She believes that the educational programming is the heart of the Museum's outreach and is a critical part of teaching young people to think with more perception about their world in order that the genocidal horrors of the Shoah do not happen to any young people in the future.

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RS: What are your goals for the community?

NP: More integrated growth—less turf issues and more collaboration and partnerships. The more we

communicate and work together the more goals that can be accomplished.

RS: What are your personal goals?

NP: To create a strong balance between my professional career and my volunteer work. I want to find the best ways to

utilize my strong and varied skill sets then leverage those to benefit whatever I am engaged in. I want to be able to heavily financially contribute and to inspire others to get more involved.

RS: What has your work in the Jewish world meant to you?

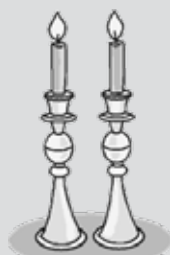
NP: It has taught me how to interact with people of all backgrounds and experiences. We have a diverse community and everyone's opinions should be respected. Each person has a place and they should feel included.

Wise words from a wise, and up and coming woman. Our community is lucky to have her and we will no doubt benefit from many years of Nicole Porterfield's vision and leadership. Thanks for all you do Nicole. You are already an inspiration.



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Jewish War Veterans Membership Drive

A membership drive for Jewish War Veterans Post 753 is currently underway. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV) is the oldest veterans' group in the U.S.

For more information on membership requirements, contact Luis Hernandez at (210) 521-1113.

The organization's upcoming events are listed in this issue's community calendar.

Volunteers needed for Temple Beth-El's Food and Fun Summer Day Camp

Temple Beth-El has been approved once again by the San Antonio Food Bank and the Texas Department of Agriculture to provide two meals daily for children in the Temple vicinity who rely on free meals during the school year, and do not have access to food during the summer. Community volunteers provide creative, fun and sports activities between meals Monday through Friday for the entire summer.

This year, the camp runs for a little over nine weeks, Monday through Friday, June 8 through August 12 (except July 3). In order to attract the children and provide a fun and safe environment for them to spend their summer mornings, the congregation has – with the help of grants from various organizations – created a Free Summer Day Camp, which is advertised throughout the neighborhood.



Temple Beth-El volunteers provide a wide array of fun and educational activities for neighborhood children in addition to nutritious meals.

Volunteers are needed for many aspects of this project, such as supervising the comings and goings at the front door, leading arts and crafts projects, playing games, making sure children wash their hands, fetching balls during tennis sessions, counting milk cartons given and consumed, reading or telling stories to children, assisting in a cooking class,

and countless other duties.

Volunteers are welcome on a regular, occasional, or one-time basis. If you have a special talent or program to present, if you have a high school student who needs in-service hours, if you have any time at all this summer, contact Geri Gregory at geri@beth-elsa.org or 733-9135, ext. 120.



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Rodfei Sholom welcomes the community to enjoy an afternoon of ice skating on Sunday, June 14, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ice Center at Northwoods, 17530 Henderson Pass.

Light snacks will be available at a private party. The cost is \$11 per skater and includes skate rental and snack. RSVP by Wednesday, June 10, at rodfeisa@gmail.com or (210) 493-3557.

Temple Beth-El welcomes new Assistant Rabbi

Temple Beth-El will welcome Rabbi Marina Yergin to San Antonio this month as she and her husband, Dave, move from Cincinnati. Rabbi Yergin will begin working as the Temple's Assistant Rabbi on July 1.

Her hiring was the conclusion of an extensive national search process led by Rabbinic Search Committee chair, Danna Halff. Over 15 candidates were interviewed for the position, and four were brought to San Antonio to meet with the committee, Temple clergy and staff, the Board of Trustees, and several committee chairs. The

Temple's Board of Trustees enthusiastically supported the search committee's recommendation to hire Rabbi Yergin.

Rabbi Yergin recently completed five years of study at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and was ordained in May in Cincinnati. She was reared in Chicago, earning an undergraduate degree in Hebrew, Sociology and Jewish Studies (a triple major) from the University of Minnesota. A product of URJ camps and NFTY, she has aspired to be a rabbi since childhood.

Rabbi Yergin has experience working with children of various ages,



spending six summers staffing various Jewish camps, including NFTY in Israel, and teaching Hebrew and Israeli culture at Kulanu, The Cincinnati Jewish High School. She has extensive experience with outreach, working with young adults through a Hillel internship. As part of her efforts to encourage youth involvement, she developed a smartphone app to keep young people engaged.

Rodfei Sholom hires interim director

Andrés Guariguata has been hired as Interim Executive Director of Congregation Rodfei Sholom.

Guariguata will take the reins from Gina Meishar who is leaving her post after 18 years of service to spend time with her family.

"Eighteen 'chai' years describe the quantity of years as well as the quality of those years", said Rabbi Aryeh Scheinberg. "Gina has invested her life, heart, soul, passion, devotion, and dedication going far beyond the call of duty."

Guariguata spent the past 2 years as a senior policy analyst for the Texas Health & Human Services Commission where his primary focus was on mental health and substance abuse services, financing, and policy.



Guariguata, a licensed clinical social worker, has more than 30 years experience the field of behavioral health treatment and medical psychosocial services. For the past 15 years, his primary responsibilities have been clinical, administrative, and executive management.

He has been a member of Rodfei Sholom since 1991 and has served on the Board for the past 3 years.

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A JCC Sports and Fitness attendant will be on hand to facilitate and assist participants with getting acclimated with the bike, if need be. A towel and water bottle will be provided. Bikes are limited so reservations must be made in advance by stopping by the JCC Lower Level Courtesy Desk, calling Gretchen at (210) 302-6851, or online at www.jccsanantonio.org.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 12 at 10 a.m. – Health and Fitness in the Jewish Faith
Rachel Stern, Director of Education at the Institute for Southern Jewish Life

Monday, July 13 at 6 p.m. – Who Wrote the Bible? Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham of Congregation Agudas Achim

Wednesday, July 22nd at 7:30p.m. – Jews and Sports ESPN Radio's Ari Temkin

Sunday, July 19 at 10 a.m. – 10 Things You Can Do to Build Relationships with Your Kids - Cindy Berman, Precious Minds, New Connections



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Judaics After School at the JCC is currently hiring part-time Jewish educators to join its faculty.

JAS @ the J is a daily after-school Judaics program for Jewish children attending the Eleanor Kolitz Hebrew Academy. This supplemental Jewish studies program provides education in Jewish rituals, text and values and fosters Jewish identity by making the study of Judaism

relevant to our everyday lives.

The JAS faculty consists of experienced Jewish educators who teach daily from 3-4pm. Teachers are provided with the opportunity to design their own lesson plans and classroom environment.

For more information, please contact Rachel Rustin, JCC Director of Jewish Journeys, at (210) 302-6969 or rustinr@jcc-sa.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY: YOUTH NEWS

Watermelon Wednesdays for young children

Congregation Agudas Achim will host Watermelon Wednesdays preschoolers and young elementary children throughout the summer. The program with Rabbi Jeffrey and Lauren Abraham will include Jewish stories, song, fun activities, and of course, watermelon.

Watermelon Wednesdays will be held on June 17, 24 and July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. The program is free and open to all.

IN THE COMMUNITY: YOUTH NEWS



Summer 2015 at J-Camp

The JCC is gearing up for J-Camp summer camps, with a theme of *The Best in Texas*.

All JCC camps feature a child-centered program focusing on the individual needs of each camper and the collective interests of each camp group. The goal is to help each camper develop new skills, learn new things, work together with their peers, and have a blast. The community setting at the JCC helps the children develop their confidence, too. From swimming, sports, arts and crafts, learning about Israel with Shlichim, or attending field trips, campers are able to build connections with friends that will last a lifetime.

Every week of camp

there is a *Wacky Wednesday* theme. Campers come to camp in the morning dressed as the theme of the day. During the morning opening session, campers can show off their attire for the day. Fridays will feature non-camp related activities, games, and programs with different themes including Wild West Friday, USA Maccabia, and Israel Day among others.

The JCC offers Pre-Camps, Traditional Camps, Weekly Camps, Sports and Tennis Camps, and Post Camps throughout the summer. For more information, contact the J-Camp office at (210) 302-6859 or visit jccsanantonio.org/camp.

HPS Summer Camps seeking volunteers

It's not too late to apply for Camper Assistant and Counselor in Training programs at HPS Summer Camps at Congregation Agudas Achim. Both volunteer jobs allow students to interact on a daily basis with campers and with camp teachers while having a fun and meaningful experience.

Camper Assistants (CAs) are students ages 12 and up; Counselors in Training

(CITs) are students ages 9-11.

The CA and CIT program is open to children from throughout the San Antonio community. Volunteers will receive documented volunteer service hours at the end of the program.

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End of school year celebrations at Temple Beth-El Religious School

On Sunday May 3, Temple Beth-El Religious School hosted its inaugural Pancake Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation *t'fillah* service, sponsored and prepared by Temple Sisterhood. Yachad (Temple's parent organization) presented thank you gifts to Temple Beth-El's religious school teachers and *ma'aseh* (student leaders). Beginning Hebrew students received their prayerbooks, and congregants said *l'hitraot* (goodbye) to graduating seniors. Temple Beth-el closed out the Religious School year with a *Maccabeah* on Sunday, May 17. The classes, *ma'aseh*, and teachers divided into four teams competing in games and relays, based on this year's learning, before gathering for a closing assembly.



ABOVE: Beginning Hebrew students receive their prayer books from Cantor Julie Berlin during the *t'fillah* service

AT LEFT: Children enjoy Temple Beth-El Sisterhood's inaugural Pancake Breakfast



(l to r) Sammy Schwartzman, Talia Contie, Devan Lauterstein, and Lilah Yanover were among the JCC Judaics After School (JAS) students who planted parsley on Tu B'Shevat to use at their Passover Seder.

Judaics After School program accepting fall registrations

The Jewish Community Center after-school Judaics program is accepting registration forms for this fall. The program is open to Jewish children attending the EKHLA charter school at the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community. This supplemental Jewish studies program provides students education in the areas of Jewish life and ritual, Torah, values, and culture.

JAS runs Monday through

Friday from school dismissal until 3:50 p.m.

Students enrolled in JAS will have the opportunity to enroll in a wide variety of enrichment programs held in the afternoons at the JCC. Discounted rates for Kids Club, the JCC after school program, are available for those enrolled in JAS.

For more information, please contact Rachel Rustin at rustinr@jcc-sa.org or (210) 302-6969.

JCC Block and Dreeben School offering summer enrichment classes

The JCC Block and Dreeben School for Young Children is offering afternoon summer enrichment classes for three to five year olds in June and July. Classes include dance, yoga,

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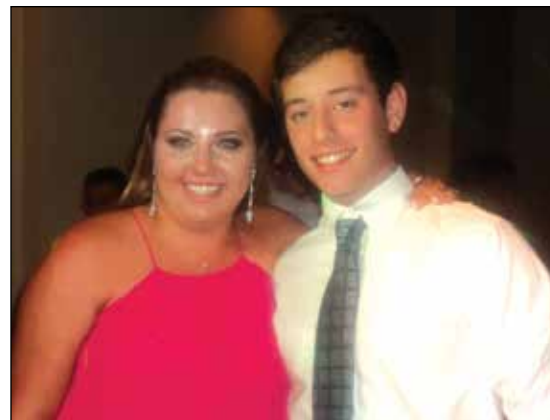
IN THE COMMUNITY: TEENS



SAFTY and Temple Beth-El Host Central Texas Lock-In

The San Antonio Federation of Temple Youth (SAFTY) hosted teens from Austin, Waco, Houston, and Corpus Christi in April for a night of fun and learning about how to repair the world one person at a time. The focus of the event was social action and gave many of San Antonio's youth leaders the chance to share their passions with teens from around the NFTY Texas-Oklahoma region.

To find out more about SAFTY or NFTY, please contact Sam Stern, Director of Youth Engagement at Temple Beth-El, at (210) 733-9135 x151 or sstern@beth-elsa.org.



BBYO Beau Sweetheart

Erich Weiss AZA and Sababa BBG held their annual Beau Sweetheart event on May 2 chaired by Allison Stern and Jack Rosenblatt. BBYO teens took part in a dinner, dance and a special "walkdown" ceremony as members

said goodbye to outgoing Beau Danny Noorily and Sweetheart Bailey Ratner.

At the conclusion of the evening, Abby Efron and Jonas Berkowitch (pictured) were announced as the 2015-2016 Beau and Sweetheart.

Area Teens headed to 2015 JCC Maccabi Games

San Antonio teen athletes will compete in the JCC Maccabi Games in Dallas during the week of August 2-7.

During the week-long experience, teen participants stay with Jewish

host families and take part in competitive sports and evening social events, as well as a day of community service with teens from around the country.

Twenty-six San Antonio teens

and two Israeli sister city athletes will participate in individual sports, including bowling, golf, table tennis, and tennis, and team sports such as girls volleyball and basketball and boys baseball, basketball, and soccer.

For more information about this year's Maccabi Games, contact Dylan Ashworth at (210) 302-6869 or ashworthd@jcc-sa.org.



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(l to r): Paul and Janet Neuenschwander and Ruthie and Dick Wurzburg.

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Janet Neuenschwander and Ruthie Wurzburg were honored for their commitment and dedication at the National Council of Jewish Women High Tea on April 19.



JUDAISM DECODED

Participants gather in May for *Judaism Decoded*, a 6-session course by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute on the mysteries surrounding biblical interpretation. The program in San Antonio was sponsored by Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION AT AGUDAS ACHIM

Congregation Agudas Achim's Lag B'Omer celebration included a funfest of burgers, hot dogs, games and clowns.



Stewart and Shirley Alexander, and Jay Casell enjoyed the fun at the Lag B'Omer celebration.

LAG B'OMER FESTIVITIES

Congregation Rodfei Sholom celebrated Lag B'Omer on May 7 with a barbecue, bonfire, family-friendly games and other activities.



YCCA CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

The Young Couples Club of Agudas gathered for an evening of Mexican food, margaritas and fun at the monthly get-together.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



HOLOCAUST MUSEUM YOM HASHOAH TRIP

Members of the community shared a meaningful day visiting the Holocaust Museum in Houston. The trip was hosted by the Simcha Social Club of Agudas Achim and sponsored by Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services, Agudas Achim, Rodfei Sholom, Temple Beth-El and Chabad.

SHMUEL BASS TORAH ACADEMY HOSTS CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER



(l to r) Elsa Neuman, Esther Marcushamer, Aviva Bass and Hagit Lifshitz

The Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio (TASA) held its first major fundraising event on May 10. The Casino Night, chaired by Sharon and Aryeh Kluger and held at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning, raised more than \$15,000 for the school. The night included a silent auction that included items donated by Americus Diamond, Spurs Sports & Entertainment, and Elle Jewelry, among many others.

TASA grandparent, Elke Sarfati, bought the winning raffle ticket for a trip for two to Cancun.

In its second year, the Shmuel Bass Torah Academy is San Antonio's only Jewish private school, which continues to grow and improve with the support of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio and the San Antonio community.



Co-chairs Aryeh and Sharon Kluger

WHAT'S HAPPENING

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATIONS



(l to r) Dr. Leon Ghitis, Ian Fisher, Dr. Daniella Fisher, and Diane Fisher with granddaughter Mia Gumprecht celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (*Israel Independence Day*) at Congregation Rodfei Sholom on Sunday, April 19.

Two year olds from the JCC Block and Dreeben School for Young Children celebrate Yom Ha'atzmut with their teacher Darlene Potter, JCC Judaica Specialist, Mary Levy, and former student in the JCC Early Childhood program, Rabbi Kelly Levy.



Gan Gani Preschool students display their homemade flags for Israel Independence Day.



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YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATIONS



(l to r): Noemi Lasky and Rebecca Elbaz at Israel Stock II

On Thursday, April 23, Congregation Rodfei Sholom hosted Israelstock II, an outdoor live Israeli concert to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut.

BETH-EL SISTERHOOD BOARD INSTALLATION AND AWARDS LUNCHEON



(l to r) Suzie Kaufman and award recipient Robin Kressbach.



(l to r) Judy O'Krent and award recipient Janie Kolman.

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood hosted its honors luncheon in May. Robin Kressbach was presented the Or Tamid award. Kay Stein and Amy Strickland received the President's Award. Janie Kolman and Stephanie Basile-Drileck were recognized with special service Torah Orah awards. Carole Kerman and the Sisterhood Board 2015-16 were installed.

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The remaining \$381,068 has been granted locally between the Barshop Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service and the

Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio.

Additionally, the Jewish Federation has created a new Innovation Fund designed to jumpstart new projects and initiatives in our local Jewish community. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) was also awarded to help seed this fund, with the intention to grow it to \$25,000 for the first year.

More information on the Innovation Fund grants for 2015-2016 will follow later this summer.



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Hillel concludes a successful year

Throughout the school year Hillel kept UTSA and Trinity University college students engaged with a variety of activities.

They celebrated Jewish traditions, attended community wide events, met with speakers, held a student lead Passover Seder, and advocated for Israel on both campuses.

Students celebrated their last Shabbat of the semester together in May right before taking their final exams.

Thirty young Jewish students gathered together, sang songs of Shabbat, and joined around the table for an Israeli meal.

The students say the memories they created together this year will grow with them as their college careers continue; and for those graduating, these moments will serve as a foundation of Judaism in their lives.

For more information on Hillel in San Antonio, visit www.SAHillel.org.



Students advocating for Israel on the UTSA Campus

Pro-Israel resolution supported by Aggie student leaders

In April, the Texas A&M Student Senate passed a pro-Israel resolution, becoming the first campus in Texas and the fourth campus in the country to do so this year.

The resolution calls upon Texas A&M University to increase academic cooperation with Israel and to expand study abroad opportunities in Israel. Texas A&M follows the University of Georgia, University of Nevada Las Vegas, and University of Nevada Reno to pass a pro-Israel resolution in 2015.

The resolution, written and submitted to the Student Senate by the Aggie Students Supporting Israel group (ASSI), passed by unanimous vote.

ASSI says the goal was to pre-empt any possible future anti-Israel resolutions by the divisive Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.



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The L'Chayim Club will meet on Wednesday, June 17, at Rodfei Sholom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program, *Does Everyone Speak Yiddish Like Your Zeyde and Bobbe?* presented by Dr. Alan Astro, will give insights into the numerous Yiddish dialects that exist. Dr. Astro, Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, has taught at Trinity University for 30 years. He is the author of 35 articles on writers as varied as Bashevis, Baudelaire, Beckett and Borges, and he is the editor of *Yiddish South Of The Border: An Anthology Of Latin American Yiddish Writing* (University Of New Mexico Press).



Immediately following the program, lunch will be served. A table will be reserved for anyone who wants to practice his or her Yiddish.

There is no charge for seniors. Cost for others is \$5 per person. RSVP to the synagogue office at rodfeisa@gmail.com or (210) 493-3557 by Friday, June 12.

Simcha Social Club summer events

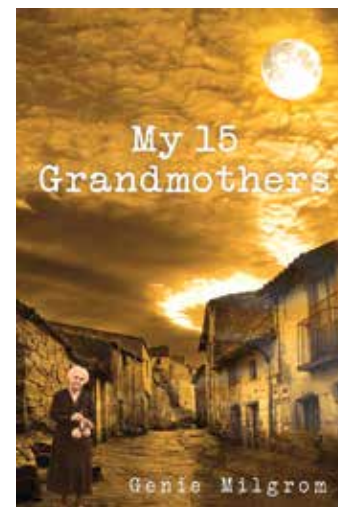
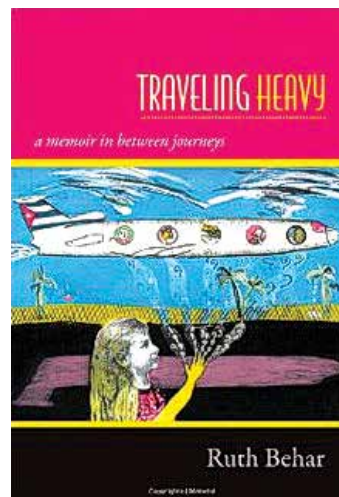
The June program of Congregation Agudas Achim's Simcha Social Club will feature guest speaker Marion Bernstein, genealogy expert, as she presents *Finding Your Shtetle* on Thursday, June 11 from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Celebrate Tu B'Av, the holiday of love on Thursday, July 9, at 11 a.m. Learn about this modern Jewish holiday and create a beautiful craft with some special guests.

A casual luncheon will

be served at both programs. All Simcha Social Club events and activities are complimentary for those 65 years of age and older; \$5 for anyone under 65. To RSVP please call Linda Brown at (210) 473-8307 or email rsvp@agudas-achim.org. The Simcha Social Club is generously underwritten by a grant from Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services. For transportation arrangements (at no charge) please contact GMJSS at (210) 302-6946.

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OFF THE SHELF OF THE BELDON LIBRARY

Curious about Jewish Cuba? The Beldon Library has purchased three new books about this subject. *An Island Called Home, Returning to Jewish Cuba* by Ruth Behar tells her story of her roots and of the Jewish community of today's Cuba. *Traveling Heavy* by Ruth Behar is a memoir of her travels to Cuba. *My 15 Grandmothers* by Genie Milgrom is the story of Genie's discovery of her Jewish ancestry.



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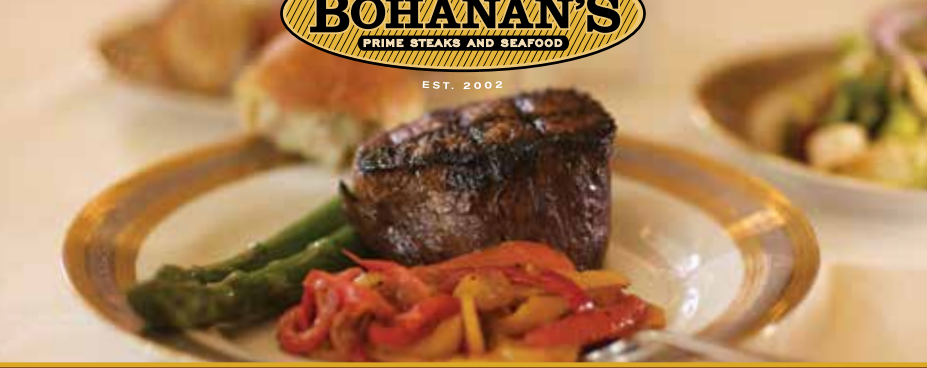
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The Vex announces 2015-16 season

The Sheldon Vexler Theatre has announced the show line-up for the upcoming 2015-2016 season. Artistic Director Ken Frazier says, “we are, in our own creative way, having a world tour- each show has themes or location from around the world: France, Israel, America, and England.” Two of the shows are San Antonio community theatre premieres.

The season opens in August with a farce, *Boeing-Boeing* by Marc Camoletti. Patrons may recall the Tony Curtis/Jerry Lewis film version of the play set in 1960s France. The 2008 Tony Award-winning comedy centers around a self-styled Parisian named Bernard who has an Italian fiancée, a German fiancée, and an American fiancée, each a beautiful

airline hostesses with frequent “layovers.” He keeps “one up, one down, and one pending,” until unexpected schedule changes bring all three to Paris and Bernard’s apartment at the same time.

In the second slot (October/November), The Vex will be premiering the drama with comedy, *Bad Jews* by Joshua Harmon. It is the night after their grandfather’s funeral, and three cousins engage in a verbal, and sometimes physical, battle. In one corner is Daphna, a “Real Jew” who is volatile, self-assured, and unbending. In the other is her equally stubborn cousin Liam, a secular and entitled young man, who has his *shiksa* girlfriend, Melody, in tow. Stuck in the middle is Liam’s brother, Jonah, who tries to stay out of the

fray. When Liam stakes claim to their grandfather’s *Chai* necklace, a vicious and hilarious brawl over family, faith, and legacy ensues.

February brings *The Diviners*, a tender drama by Jim Leonard, Jr. This passionately written play is the story of a disturbed young man and his friendship with a disenchanted preacher in southern Indiana in the early 1930s. As a young child, the boy, who lost his mother, almost drowned in an accident, leaving him deathly afraid of water. The former preacher, set on breaking away from his Kentucky history, works as a local hired hand. The town tries to persuade him to stay and preach, while he only hopes to persuade the child to let go of his fear.



Announcing the Sheldon Vexler Theatre
2015-2016 Season

-  **BOEING-BOEING**
by Marc Camoletti
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-  **Bad Jews**
by Joshua Harmon
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by Jim Leonard, Jr.
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-  **ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS**
by Richard Bean
May 2016

The Vex

Closing the season in May will be a comedy with music: *One Man, Two Guvnors*, by Richard Bean. Fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe. But Roscoe is really Rachel, posing as her own dead brother – who has been killed by her boyfriend Stanley Stubbers. Francis spots the chance of an extra meal ticket and takes a job

with one Stanley Stubbers – but to prevent discovery, he must keep his two “guvnors” apart. Simple. Based on the classic Italian comedy, *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni.

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GMJSS and San Antonio Violin partnering for performance at Madison Estates

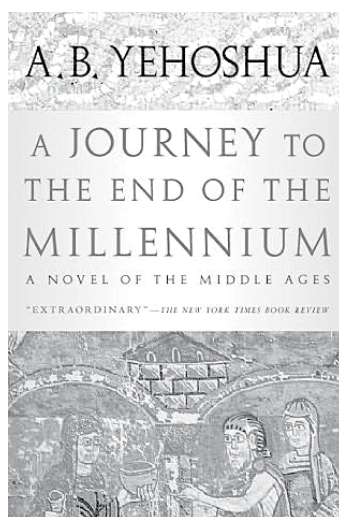
Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services is partnering with San Antonio Violin to entertain the residents of Madison Estates on Saturday, June 6, at 4 p.m. The community is invited to attend this performance at 8645 Fredericksburg Road. San Antonio Violin, under

the direction of Claudia Ferguson, is a Suzuki Violin and Viola Studio, teaching students ranging in age from two to adult. The performance will include classical pieces and classically arranged children's songs by composers such as Mozart, Bach, and Suzuki.

Rodfei Sholom Book Club

The Rodfei Sholom Book Club meets at the synagogue the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

At the next meeting on July 1, the club will discuss *A Journey to the End of the Millennium* by A. B. Yehoshua (translated by Nicholas de Lange). Set in the year 999, a North African, Ben Attar, and his nephew, Abulafa, have for many years been engaged in a prosperous trading partnership with a Muslim partner Abu Laffi, who seeks wares in Africa to be sold in Europe. Through the trails of a medieval merchant, Yehoshua explores the



deepest questions about the nature of morality, character, and codes of conduct.

PERSPECTIVE

At Issue: English Muffing

England gave the world Shakespeare, the railroad, and Winnie the Pooh. However, cuisine is not one of Albion's most notable contributions to civilization. Anyone who visits England is likely to be forced to start the day with an "English breakfast" - toasted white bread, marmalade, baked beans, oily fried eggs, and . . . undercooked bacon.

Last month, Ed Miliband, leader of the Labour Party, attempted to become the first Jewish prime minister of the United Kingdom (Benjamin Disraeli's two terms as prime minister were possible in the 19th century only because he had converted to the Anglican Church). The son of Holocaust refugees who became leftist professors, Miliband struck many voters as too intellectual and "foreign." To prove that he was just an ordinary English bloke, Miliband posed for a photo of himself eating a bacon sandwich. Though he is an avowed atheist, Miliband is obviously uncomfortable in the photo showing him



Perspective:

STEVEN G. KELLMAN

eating *treyf*. In fact, the scene became so awkward that he abandoned the sandwich, grease oozing from its sides, and handed it to an aide. The image of a clumsy Jewish geek failing to eat bacon gracefully went viral. It might have had something to do with Miliband's

electoral defeat on May 7.

After a decisive surprise victory by David Cameron's Conservative Party, Miliband resigned his position as leader of the Labour Party. However, the bacon fiasco probably did not cost Labour the Jewish vote. Roughly two-thirds of Britain's Jews were already supporting the right-wing Conservative Party, in contrast to the United States, where more than two-thirds of

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Jewish voters support the Democratic Party.

Jews were not eating bacon, beans, or anything else in England for almost four centuries. In 1290, King Edward I issued an edict of expulsion, and Jews were not allowed back into the country until 1655, under Oliver Cromwell. Today, with almost 300,000 Jews, Britain has the second largest Jewish population in Europe (after France) and the fifth largest in the world (after the United States, Israel, France, and Canada). However, many of Britain's Jews feel as if they are living under siege. According to the Community Security Trust,

a philanthropic organization founded in 1994 to ensure the safety of Britain's Jewish community, there were 1,168 incidents against Jews in 2014. These included acts of violence, threats of violence, damage to property, and desecration of synagogues and cemeteries. The number of anti-Semitic incidents in 2014, the largest ever recorded in Britain, more than doubled the figure for 2013. Jews have become the target of both the far right – traditionally antagonistic toward minorities – and the far left – whose antipathy toward Israel as an alleged colonial oppressor sometimes leads into anti-Semitism. Many of the 2 million Muslims in the United Kingdom

are not sympathetic to Jews. Last summer, pro-Palestinian protestors forced a Sainsbury's supermarket in London's Holborn neighborhood to eliminate its kosher food section. Refusing to distinguish between Judaism and Zionism, they somehow believed that a jar of borscht is an offense against the people of Gaza.

The War on Britain's Jews?, a 2007 documentary broadcast on Britain's Channel 4 TV, makes concrete the statistics in the official 2006 "Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Committee Against Anti-Semitism." In the film, which is now available in its entirety on YouTube, journalist Richard Littlejohn travels around England looking for evidence of animosity toward Jews. He does not have to look very far. Most strikingly, in Manchester, home to the second largest Jewish community in Britain after London, he finds Orthodox men who were brutally assaulted on their way to synagogue, vandalized tombstones, and a Jewish school transformed into a guarded fortress. Jewish institutions in the United Kingdom have become a lucrative market for barbed wire,

metal detectors, and bomb-proof windows.

An initiative against violent anti-Semitism might seem an appropriate campaign for the human rights organization Amnesty International. Though AI has seven million members worldwide and maintains regional offices in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, it is based in London, where it was founded in 1961 by Peter Benenson, a Jew who converted to Catholicism. The organization held its annual general meeting in London in April, and it considered several resolutions about future human rights initiatives. One called on AI to campaign against anti-Semitism in the United Kingdom. After rigorous debate, the resolution was defeated by a vote of 468-461. It was the only resolution voted down at the meeting.

Afterward, attempting to put a good face on a bad action, Neil Durkin, AI press officer, explained that the resolution was rejected because of its "single focus." Yet much of AI's most effective work is done with a single focus. Singling out

"prisoners of conscience," the organization pressures particular governments to release men and women incarcerated merely for their beliefs. Amnesty International proclaims its mission "to investigate and expose the facts, whenever and wherever abuses happen." Abuses are happening to Jews in the United Kingdom, and the fact needs to be exposed.

In Shylock, the usurious merchant of Venice, William Shakespeare created one of the least attractive Jews in literary history. Yet Shakespeare provides Shylock with an eloquent argument against anti-Semitism. "I am a Jew," he declares. "Hath not a Jew eyes? hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer, as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? if you tickle us, do we not laugh? if you poison us, do we not die?" It is a poignant plea for toleration, the noble principle that attracted so many Jews to flee other lands and settle in Britain.

Steven G. Kellman is a professor of comparative literature at UTSA.

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Rivlin, Netanyahu pledge to repair relations with Ethiopian Israelis

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel erred in its treatment of Ethiopian immigrants, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin said at a state ceremony in memory of the Ethiopian Jews who died on their way to Israel.

The May 7th ceremony at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, which takes place annually on Jerusalem Day, commemorates the 4,000 Ethiopian Jews who died as they walked from their birthplace through Sudan toward Jerusalem.

Rivlin referred to the anti-racism protests by the Ethiopian-Israeli community in recent weeks, stressing the need to repair the damage and to create equal opportunities in all areas.

“In recent weeks ... we heard a wounded community who voiced their heartfelt cries of feelings of discrimination, racism, insult and lack of response,” Rivlin said, according to a statement released by his office.

Rivlin acknowledged that Israel had “erred ... in integrating and treating the Ethiopian community,” and said the country was obliged to do better.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke at the ceremony about a meeting he held in early May with Ethiopian Israelis in which he agreed to form a special committee to address the problems of their community.

Chicago Jewish families hire private security following anti-Semitic incidents

(JTA) — Jewish families in the West Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago have hired off-duty Chicago police officers to patrol the neighborhood in the wake of several anti-Semitic incidents.

The armed officers were hired to patrol a 16-block area populated largely by Orthodox Jewish families on the Jewish sabbath and holidays, when residents walk to synagogue and do not carry cell phones, the news website DNAinfo-Chicago reported.

More than 25 families pay \$25 a month for the extra security.

The Chicago police are not happy with the arrangement, according to the news website.

“It was brought to our attention there was a group of citizens in the area that don’t



A Jewish man, who only identified himself as Israel, walks on Touhy Avenue in West Rogers Park in Chicago. (Photo from DNAinfo.com/Benjamin Woodard)

feel the police are serving the community the best we can,” Sgt. Shawn Sisk, who leads the district’s community policing office, told DNAinfo. “We can’t stop that from happening, however, we’re not going to support it. We don’t want that to send a false sense of security to the

neighborhood.”

Incidents over the last six months include anti-Semitic graffiti, robbery at gunpoint and anonymous envelopes filled with white powder and Arabic writing sent to several Jewish organizations in the area.

Gaza economy on ‘verge of collapse’

(JTA) — Gaza’s economy, stifled by the highest unemployment rate in the world, blockades, poor governance and a series of military conflicts, is headed towards a “collapse,” says a new World Bank report.

Gaza’s overall unemployment rate is now 43 percent, and its youth unemployment rate is 60 percent. Nearly 80 percent of Gaza residents receive social assistance.



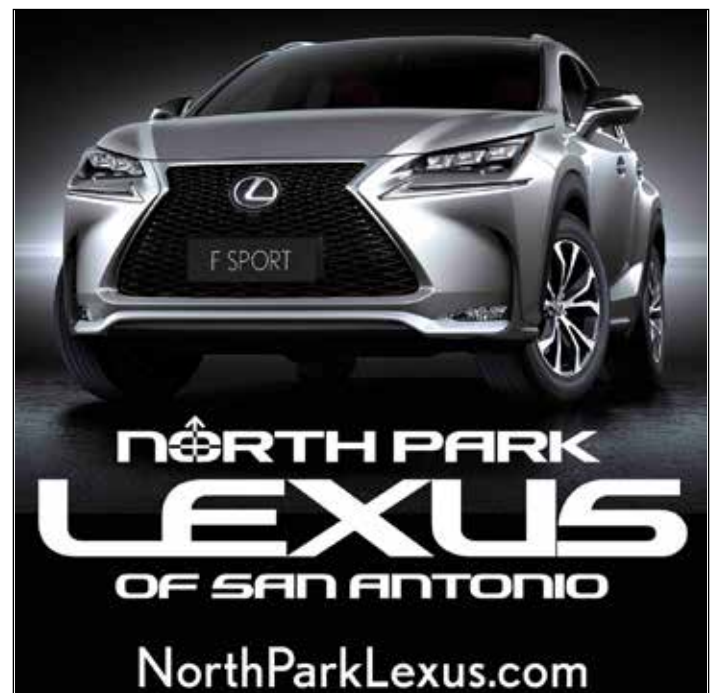
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Israel slams PA unilateralism after pope's 'angel of peace' remark about Abbas

(JNS.org) After Pope Francis hosted Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas at the Vatican on May 15 and appeared to call Abbas an "angel of peace," Israel highlighted the Palestinian leader's unilateral moves against Israel, such as joining the International Criminal Court.

"It is regrettable that Mahmoud Abbas uses international forums to attack Israel and refrains from returning to negotiation, which is the right way to implement a diplomatic vision and a solution of peace,"

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon said.

Earlier in May 2015, the Vatican formally recognized the "State of Palestine" as part of its announcement of a new treaty. On May 15, Pope Francis presented Abbas with a medallion and said it represented the "angel of peace destroying the bad spirit of war." The Vatican later said the pope's remarks were taken out of context, claiming he was voicing his wish that Abbas would become an angel who would bring peace in the future.

Marchers come under attack during Jerusalem Day march

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Participants in the annual Jerusalem Day flag march came under attack from Muslims in the Old City of Jerusalem.

At least two police officers were injured May 17 near the Damascus Gate, which leads to the Old City's Muslim Quarter and the popular Arab market.

Palestinians, some carrying Palestinian flags, threw rocks at police and marchers. At

least two Palestinian Muslims were arrested. Jewish marchers and Palestinians also brawled along the route.

Thousands of Israelis participate in the annual Jerusalem Day march, which runs through the Old City's Muslim Quarter en route to the Western Wall. Jerusalem Day marks the reunification of the city following the 1967 Six-Day War.

The week before the march, Israel's Supreme

Court rejected a petition to change the route of the march to avoid confrontation between Jewish Israelis and Muslims.

The court ordered police to arrest any participants who shouted racist slogans or engaged in violence or vandalism during the march.

Last year, marchers were caught on video shouting "Death to Arabs" and "Muhammad is dead."

Greek town demands Star of David removal from Holocaust memorial

(JTA) — Authorities in the Greek port of Kavala want the Star of David removed from a Holocaust memorial or they will not permit its display.

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) said on May 15 that its partner body in Greece, the Central Board of Jewish Communities, reported that municipal authorities had canceled a May 17 ceremony unveiling the memorial.

A Star of David is currently engraved into the Kavala monument. The authorities want the Jewish symbol removed before they allow the memorial's display.

"How can it be that the



eternal symbol of the Jewish people — the very symbol that the Nazis required Jews to wear in the death camps and ghettos of Europe during the Second World War — is deemed unfit for public display in Kavala?" AJC's

executive director, David Harris, said in a statement.

The memorial commemorates the 1,484 Jews in the northern city murdered by the Nazis.

The AJC statement quoted the Greek minister of culture, education and religious affairs as blasting the Kavala municipal authorities.

"As an Orthodox Christian, I feel deeply insulted by this issue, because it would be as if someone asked us to erase or modify for 'aesthetic reasons' the symbol of the cross on the tombs of our grandfathers executed by the Germans," the statement quoted Giorgos Kalantzis as saying.

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Drake names his new Toronto club after his Jewish grandparents

By Gabe Friedman

Jewish artist Drake already has a reputation for being hip hop's most sensitive rapper.

But that hasn't stopped him from scoring some more points in the books of bubbes and zaydes across the country.

The Canadian-born Grammy winner announced on Instagram in May that his new nightclub – located in the Air Canada Centre, where the NBA's Toronto Raptors and the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs play – is named Sher Club, after his Jewish grandparents Reuben and Evelyn Sher.

Drake has never been



Drake performing at the 2015 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. (Getty Images)

shy about talking about his grandmother and his Jewish roots more generally.

He posts annual Hanukkah celebration photos on the Internet and proclaimed his Jewishness in an Saturday Night Live monologue.

U.S. approves sale of \$1.8 billion in advanced munitions to Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Obama administration approved the sale of \$1.8 billion worth of munitions to Israel, including precision guidance devices and bunker-busting bombs.

The sale announced Wednesday by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency includes 14,500 JDAMs — GPS-guided precision kits that attach to bombs. Also included are 50 BLU-113 bunker-busting bombs, which are capable of penetrating 20 feet of concrete.

President Barack Obama first authorized the sale of the bombs in 2009, when

Israeli concerns about Iran's nuclear capability began to intensify.

The package also includes 3,000 Hellfire missiles. The Obama administration suspended the sale of the missiles last summer during Israel's operation against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, reportedly out of concern for the mounting civilian casualties in the war.

Obama has sought to assuage regional concerns about an emerging nuclear deal with Iran. Last week he said he would enhance U.S. defense cooperation with a number of Persian Gulf Arab states.

Israeli Foreign Ministry seeks to shut down anti-Semitic websites

Israel Hayom/
Exclusive to JNS.org

Following a special forum of some 1,000 experts put together by the Israeli Foreign Ministry, the ministry has decided to act to combat the spread of anti-Semitism in Europe, including online.

The Foreign Ministry's

Global Forum for Combating Anti-Semitism, which held a three-day conference in Jerusalem in May, determined a series of practical steps to change what it called "a discourse of hate speech." The ministry will take action to have websites that promote Holocaust denial shut down, and to keep hate sites out of Google searches, particularly

when searches for the word "Jew" direct users to anti-Semitic sites.

The Israeli ministry will also establish special units in each country where it has a presence to compel Internet companies to enforce their own rules against storing hate material, and to enforce existing legislation on the issue.

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Jewish naval academy student in Amtrak derailment given full military honors at funeral

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Jewish 20-year-old sophomore at the U.S. Naval Academy who was killed in the Amtrak train derailment in Philadelphia last month was given full military honors at his funeral, which was attended by 160 Navy midshipmen.

The funeral for Justin Zemser of Rockaway, Queens, who aspired to be a Navy SEAL, was held in Long Island on May 15. Zemser's commanding officer, Capt. Brady Soublet, called the sophomore a "phenomenal young man" at the ceremony, which featured a bugler and a naval burial detail, the Baltimore Sun reported.

The naval academy's Jewish chaplain, Lt. Yonatan Warren, served as burial rabbi.

Zemser, who was one of eight passengers killed aboard a northbound Amtrak



Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy carry Midshipman Justin Zemser to a waiting car after his funeral on May 15, 2015 in Hewlett, New York. (Kena Betancur/Getty Images)

train that derailed and injured dozens of passengers, was vice president of the naval academy's Jewish Midshipmen Club and a wide receiver on the school's sprint football team.

He was a popular student who was lauded as mature and intelligent by friends, family and naval academy colleagues, NBC New York

reported, and was en route to his home in Queens when the train derailed.

The funeral for Jewish 39-year-old Rachel Jacobs, a start-up CEO who was also killed in the crash, was held in her hometown of Southfield, Michigan, a Detroit suburb. Jacobs lived in Manhattan with her husband and young son.



Orthodox children studying in a religious school in Sarcelles, France. (photo credit: Serge Attal/Flash90)

French lawmakers pass bill requiring 'neutrality on religion' at preschools

(JTA) — French lawmakers have passed a law requiring "religious neutrality" in all educational institutions for children under the age of 6.

Proposed in a bill by the Radical Party of the Left, the law states that all pedagogical institutions "which serve a public mission" and are attended by children younger than 6 are "under a responsibility to remain neutral on

religion," the Le Figaro daily reported.

The new law could have consequences for dozens of Jewish early childhood programs operated by the Chabad Lubavitch branch in France. In Paris alone, Chabad operates 20 Jewish preschools, which, despite not being public institutions, received hundreds of thousands of dollars in government subsidies because they are recognized as carrying out a "public mission."

Pupils at these kindergartens are taught about and according to the Jewish faith by rabbis and other instructors wearing Jewish traditional garb and kippot — a practice that could be seen as violating the new law.



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Univ. of California alumni call for steps to curb campus anti-Semitism

(JTA) — More than 500 alumni of the University of California called on the system's president and Board of Regents to address the "rising tide of anti-Jewish bigotry at the UC."

The alumni wrote in the open letter published May 20 in the Daily Bruin, the student newspaper of the University of California, Los Angeles, that they are "deeply concerned about the safety of Jewish students at our alma mater."

The 521 signers said they "heartily commend" the student senates of three U.C. schools — Berkeley, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara — for "responding to the alarming escalation of anti-Semitic activity on UC campuses by unanimously passing resolutions which condemn anti-Semitism." They also praised the U.C.'s president, Janet Napolitano,

for her own statement condemning anti-Semitism.

The alumni called on Napolitano and the Board of Regents to formally adopt the U.S. State Department's definition of anti-Semitism in order to properly identify anti-Semitic expression on campus; to train campus staff to identify and address campus anti-Semitism; and to develop initiatives to educate the campus community about anti-Semitism.

The letter echoed a similar open letter released on May 19 by a coalition of 23 student and community organizations.

Recent incidents on U.C. campuses include swastikas drawn on a Jewish fraternity house at Davis and the inappropriate questioning of a candidate for student judiciary board about her Jewishness and Jewish affiliations at UCLA.

Ancient Jerusalem aqueduct discovered during sewer work

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A section of Jerusalem's lower aqueduct, which brought water to the city more than 2,000 years ago, was uncovered during sewer work.

The aqueduct, which was excavated by the Israel Antiquities Authority, was found in the Umm Tuba neighborhood, near Har Homa. It begins near Solomon's Pools south of Bethlehem and continues for about 13 miles, running through several Jerusalem neighborhoods.

In a statement released May 22, the Antiquities Authority said the aqueduct operated intermittently until 100 years ago.

The water originally traveled through an open channel. About 500 years ago, during the Ottoman period, terra cotta pipe was installed inside the channel to better protect the water, according to excavation director Yaakov Billig.



Part of a 2,000-year-old aqueduct discovered in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Umm Tuba. The aqueduct, which was one of Jerusalem's main water sources for two millennia, was replaced a century ago by an electrically-operated water system. (Assaf Peretz, courtesy of the Israel Antiquities Authority)

Billig said the Umm Tuba section of the aqueduct has been documented, studied and covered again to preserve it for future generations.

"Due to its historical and archaeological importance, the Israel Antiquities

Authority is taking steps to prevent any damage to the aqueduct, and is working to expose sections of its remains, study them and make them accessible to the general public," the authority's statement said.

Poland to give pensions to Holocaust survivors

(JTA) — New Polish regulations entitle Holocaust survivors born in that country to monthly pension payments of \$130, restitution officials said.

The regulations that went into effect in April are expected to benefit nearly 20,000 survivors worldwide.

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Netanyahu tells EU's chief diplomat he is committed to two-state solution

(JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the European Union's top diplomat that he was committed to finding a two-state solution with the Palestinians, as long as they recognize the Jewish state.

"I don't support a one-state solution — I don't believe that's a solution at all," Netanyahu said at a joint news conference with EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini before meeting privately with her on May 20 in Jerusalem. "I support the vision of two states for two peoples — a demilitarized Palestinian state that recognizes the Jewish state — and I look forward to discussing with you how we can advance that vision in a practical, secure and responsible way."

In response, Mogherini

said that the EU supports the establishment of a Palestinian state.

"I believe your recommitment tonight to work on peace and security," Mogherini said.

Netanyahu drew the ire of the international community, notably the United States, for saying on the eve of his reelection on March 17 that there would be no possibility of a two-state solution under his leadership. He walked back his comments and said that they were misconstrued in the media.

On May 20, Netanyahu said that he has always been in favor of the establishment of a Palestinian state that recognizes a Jewish state.

"Israel wants peace. I want peace. We want a peace that would end the conflict once and for all," he said.

REMEMBERING DECEASED JEWISH VETERANS

Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A Post 753 asks you to remember these Jewish military veterans whose yahrzeit (anniversary of the individual's death) occurs in the month of June and who are buried in a local cemetery. (If you know of a name that is missing please contact Herschel at 210-494-8768),

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U.S. approves sale of \$1.8 billion in advanced munitions to Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Obama administration approved the sale of \$1.8 billion worth of munitions to Israel, including precision guidance devices and bunker-busting bombs.

The sale announced Wednesday by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency includes 14,500 JDAMs — GPS-guided precision kits that attach to bombs. Also included are 50 BLU-113 bunker-

busting bombs, which are capable of penetrating 20 feet of concrete.

President Barack Obama first authorized the sale of the bombs in 2009, when Israeli concerns about Iran's nuclear capability began to intensify.

The package also includes 3,000 Hellfire missiles. The Obama administration suspended the sale of the missiles last summer during Israel's operation against

Hamas in the Gaza Strip, reportedly out of concern for the mounting civilian casualties in the war.

Obama has sought to assuage regional concerns about an emerging nuclear deal with Iran. Last week he said he would enhance U.S. defense cooperation with a number of Persian Gulf Arab states.

Swiss court orders Israel to pay Iran \$1.1 billion

Haartez) - An Israeli oil company, the Eilat Ashkelon Pipeline Company, has been ordered to pay \$1.1 billion in compensation to Iran by a Swiss court, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported on Wednesday.

In response, Israel clarified

that it will not pay the debt to the Iranians. "Without referring to the matter at hand, we'll note that according to the Trading with the Enemy Act it is forbidden to transfer money to the enemy, including the Iranian national oil company," the

Finance Ministry statement said.

The compensation ruling follows a long-running legal battle between the two countries over the revenues from an oil pipeline joint venture that dates back to before the Islamic Revolution.



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Temple Beth-El recognizes 2015 Presidential Service Award recipients

Temple Beth-El recognized the recipients of President Barak Obama's Volunteer Service Award at Shabbat Eve Services on Friday, May 1.

In the Teens category (ages 11-15), Gold Awards were presented to (Front row l to r) Benjamin Wulfe, son of Amy and Perry Wulfe; Zachary Rosen, son of Robyn and Scott Rosen; Autumn Sparks, daughter of Lisa and Eugene Sparks; and Hannah Eichelbaum, daughter of Jennifer and Rob Eichelbaum. All served well over 100 hours in various volunteer opportunities.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, called the *President's Call to Service Award*, was presented to Iris Lieberman (top row center) for volunteering more than 7,500 hours throughout her lifetime, both within and outside the Temple and Jewish communities.

Past recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award,

Robin Kressbach, Mary Levy, Barbara Moss, Hannah Margolis, Daniel Laser and Steve Rubin (not pictured) were also recognized at the service.

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BAR MITZVAH:

Asher Bar-Yadin



Asher Bar-Yadin will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 4, (17 Sivan, 5775, Parshah Beha' Alotecha) at Congregation Rodfei Sholom.

Asher is a seventh grader at Eleanor Kolitz Hebrew Language Academy and has attended the EKHLA (EKA) since kindergarten.

Asher is the son of Deborah and Reuben Bar-Yadin and brother to Rachel, Ze'ev and Daniel Bar-Yadin. He is grandson to Natan Bar-Yadin, Tzipi and Dr. Yaacov Herszage, and Ernesto and Lupita Trevino.

In lieu of gifts, Asher has dedicated his Bar Mitzvah to raising funds for The Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) in honor of his older brother Ze'ev who is currently serving in the IDF in the Orev Golani Elite Unit. Asher is passionate about Israel and hopes to someday follow in his siblings' footsteps by living in Israel.

He attends summer camp at Camp Young Judaea in Wimberley, Texas. He is an avid reader and his hobbies include tennis, soccer, piano and train model building.

BAR MITZVAH:

Max Ian Schwartz



Max Ian Schwartz was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 9 at Congregation Agudas Achim. He is the son of Stacey A. Schwartz and brother to Sam. He is also son of Eric Schwartz. Max is the grandson of Barbara and Burt Arnow of San Antonio. He is also the grandson of Marna Schwartz and the late Alan Schwartz. Max lovingly remembers his Great Grandparents Max and Ida Arnow of Florida and Rose Seidenberg of Florida as well.

Max is a straight A 7th grade student at Eisenhower Middle School. He is active in Academic UIL in which he competed in State competition last year for Science. He was also recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Max also enjoys reading, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends.

Max has always had a love for animals and enjoys learning about them. His mitzvah project is to collect items for the Humane Society and other pet care owners. In the summer, he will volunteer his time to help the Humane Society.

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