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Embracing the strength of Jewish tradition

It is almost spring in Texas, and next month we Jewishly welcome the spring harvest season with the celebration of Pesach. I know my Midwestern family is eager to end this particularly

challenging winter and if the eating of matzah signals the end of winter — let's eat matzah!

Before we embrace spring and matzah, we will celebrate Purim. During Purim we read Megillat Esther, the Book of Esther, a story filled with irony, humor, darkness and triumph of good versus evil. It sounds like an ad for a Marvel comic because in many ways it reads like a fantastical story. The beautiful young Jewish woman, Esther, ascends to become queen of a ridiculously wealthy and silly king named Ahashuerus, who has a demonical advisor, Haman. The queen's wise uncle Mordechai helps Esther grow in confidence to ultimately save her people. The story has lots of crazy

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plot twists, and while it reads to be outrageously fiction, we know that truth can be much stranger than fiction. Whether the story of Esther is truth, legend or a little bit of both, we embrace its lessons of Jewish

pride and strength of our tradition.

I loved Purim as a child. My siblings and I enjoyed the celebratory atmosphere and plenty of hamentashen at the synagogue, not to mention the silliness of the rabbis. In retrospect, I recall the "naches" (happiness) it gave my grandparents to see us children dressed in costume and simply having fun. That is the ultimate victory of the Purim story. We survived as a people and we continue to thrive for generations.

While it is still winter, we can enjoy Purim hamentashen this month. Eat your fill now because next month we will be clearing the last of the hamentashen to make way for boxes of matzah.

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To be eligible for the trip, women must have children living at home and be able to attend pre and post trip meetings. The San Antonio trip will depart December 7 and return December 17.

For more information about the trip and costs, please contact Jill Jacobs, Senior Director of Development for the Jewish Federation, at (210) 302-6968.

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Early childhood Jewish educators hold annual conference in San Antonio

San Antonio hosted the Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism (ECE-RJ) for their annual conference. During a special pre-conference day, more than 50 educators from across the U.S. country) toured San Antonio's three Jewish preschools, the Heintz Preschool of

Agudas Achim, the Block and Dreeben School for Young Children at the Barshop JCC and Gan Gani Preschool of Chabad.

The morning was followed by a luncheon led by the Jewish Federation of San Antonio where the educators learned about the San Antonio Jewish community and met early childhood leaders from around the city. The day ended with a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Museum where the conference participants learned about ways to continue to teach tolerance and compassion to their students.

Israel Dayan to Perform for Yom Ha'atzmaut - May 8

Accomplished Israeli vocalist from the Western Galilee region of Israel, and his children, will come to San Antonio on May 8th at 6:30 p.m. to perform for Israel's 71st birthday concert.

Israel Dayan is a lyricist and composer who has been performing in Israel and abroad for more than 30 years. He is one of the most prominent Israeli musicians who has been leading "sing



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Above the Drowning Sea

Almost a year ago, community member Arlene Starr had the opportunity to screen the film *Above the Drowning Sea* at the Neue Gallerie in New York City. She was so moved by what she had learned and believed it recounted a part of history of which relatively few people know. That will soon change as Starr, in partnership with the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, will sponsor the film's screening on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Santikos Palladium. Tickets are \$10.

Above the Drowning Sea tells the story of the dramatic escape of European Jews from Nazi-controlled Europe to Shanghai on the eve of World War Two. It details the courageous intervention of Ho Feng Shan, the Chinese Consul General in Vienna who defied his own government and braved the Gestapo to issue visas to Jewish refugees when no other country would open its doors.

Jewish refugees and the Chinese residents of Shanghai who helped them survive in China recount their experiences and the enduring friendships, forged across cultures, that survive to this day. This is truly a story that celebrates the heroism and humanity of ordinary people caught in extraordinary circumstances.

For more information or to RSVP, visit HMMSA.org/events/ATDS.

DAYAN from PG 6



along" evenings in front of thousands of Israeli audiences. Dayan mixes his captivating singing with audience participation and slide shows of Israel's landscapes. His daughter Shoval will join him on guitar and his son Sagiv will be singing and playing the piano as well.

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PJ Library and Gan Gani Preschool Hike to Celebrate Tu Bishvat

PJ Library teamed up with Gan Gani Preschool of the Chabad Center to celebrate Tu Bishvat, the birthday of the trees. The afternoon kicked off with a reading of the PJ Library story, *Dear Tree*, from Mrs. Sarah Endzweig of the Torah Academy of San Antonio (TASA). Endzweig also shared photos and lessons from her recent trip to Israel where she was a delegate at the Partnership2gether educators summit in December. The after-



Dr. Wendy Drezek of the Alamo Area Texas Master Naturalist Founding Chapter showed children many different samples of nature.

noon followed with a nature walk provided by Dr. Wendy Drezek (Gan Gani gardening teacher) with two of her associates at the Alamo Area Texas Master Naturalist Founding Chapter. The children were given a special look at the various types of leaves and trees in the trails of Hardberger Park and then they went on various paced nature hikes. The program ended with earth friendly snacks and playtime on the playgrounds with new and longtime friends.

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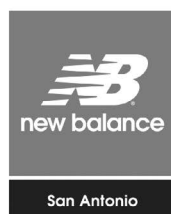
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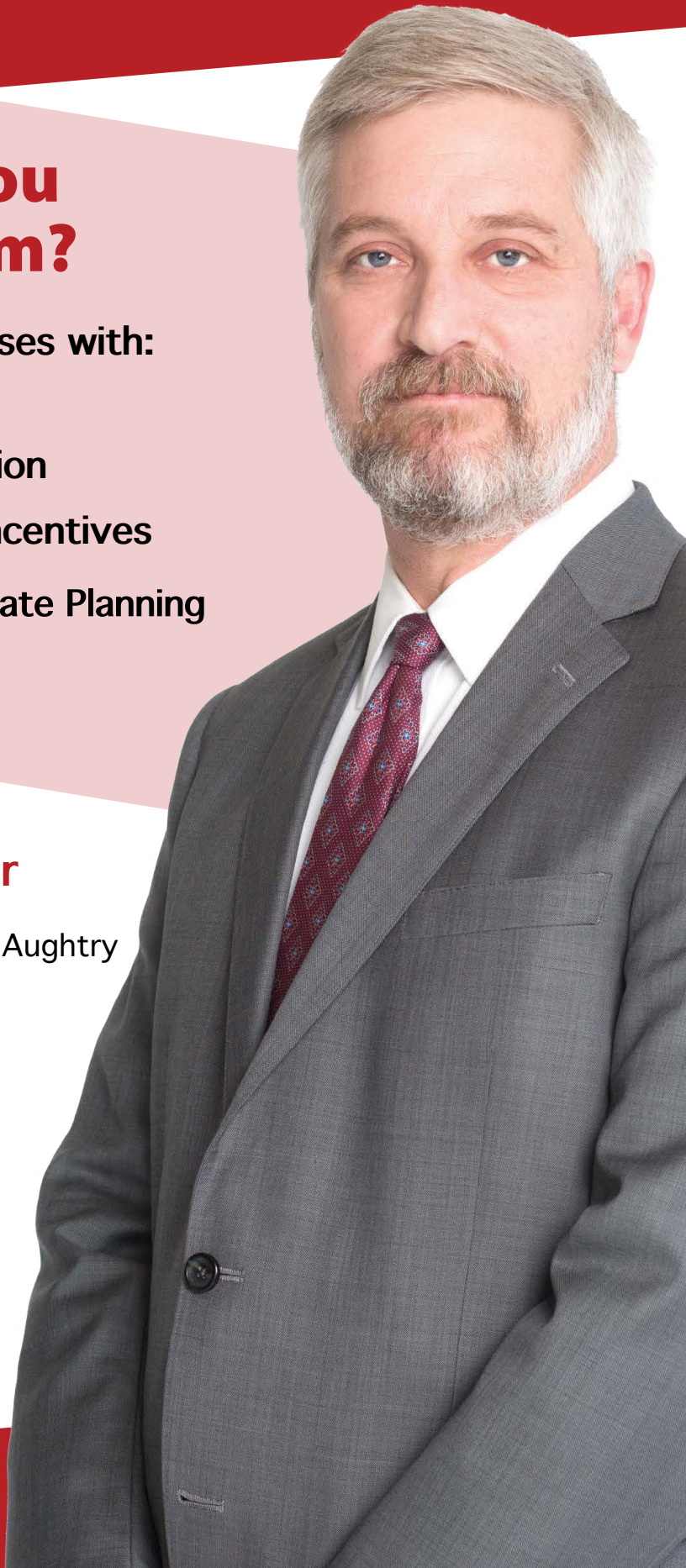
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Holocaust survivors and guests from the Partnership delegation shared a morning to remember the past and speak Hungarian together.

Budapest and Western Galilee Delegates visit San Antonio

In January, Jewish Federation of San Antonio welcomed Hedi Puszta and Istvan Barzony of Budapest, Hungary, and Idan Zaccai of the Western Galilee in Israel. The delegates came on a Young Adult Mission, visiting three Texas cities in Federation's Partnership2gether consortium.

During their 3-day visit, delegates met with young adults from the Jewish Federation's Young Adult Division (YAD), had lunch with the Hadassah Aviva chapter, celebrated Shabbat dinner with Hillel students, toured

downtown San Antonio with Temple Beth El's 20s30s group, and met with Holocaust survivors and docents (pictured). The delegates also visited with Torah Academy of San Antonio (TASA), Congregation Agudas Achim, and met with small groups around town.

The culmination of their trip was a night out with San Antonio Community Israel Trip participants. Zaccai spoke to the group about their upcoming April trip to the Ghetto Fighters Museum in the Western Galilee Partnership region which Zaccai will lead.

The Women's Philanthropy division hosts Handbag Bingo



The Women's Philanthropy division of Federation hosted a sold-out Handbag Bingo event in February, where guests enjoyed socializing with friends and playing rounds of bingo to win more than \$3,000 in prizes of handbags and accessories. Guests were also encouraged to bring gently worn professional clothing to benefit Dress for Success.

The event committee included Chair Darcy Hoberman (pictured on right), Lauren Stanley, the Women's Chair, Vicki Adelstein, Dr. Amy Benedikt, Sherry Braslau, Margaret Gofman-Klein, Michelle Kaufman, Samantha Mazuz, Jordana Pazin and Lynn Stahl.

Members of Federation's Pearl Society, Pomegranate Society, and Lions of Judah had a powerful collective impact on the community last year, making up nearly half of the overall 2018 Annual Campaign.

To learn about upcoming Community Engagement events, contact Eva Laporte, Director of Community Engagement at laporte@jfsatx.org or (210) 302-6965.

For information about Women's Philanthropy and the Annual Campaign, contact Jill Jacobs, Senior Director of Development at jacobsj@jfsatx.org or (210) 302-6968.

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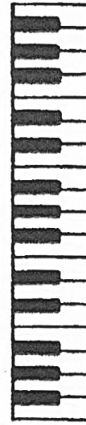


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Learn and Remember 2019

The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio (HMMSA), the San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation collaborated on and hosted 25 events as part of Learn and Remember 2019: Resistance.

"In this, our 7th year, we chose a topic that highlights the actions and deeds of those that defied the Nazi's through diplomatic, cultural, intellectual, spiritual and armed resistance,"

said HMMSA Executive Director Ellen Ollvervides. "We extend a special thank you to Dr. Roger Barnes of the University of the Incarnate Word, Dr. Jason Johnson of Trinity University and the HMMSA Distinguished Scholar in Residence and Second generation survivor, Varda Ratner."

Programs in January and February included lectures, poetry readings, performances, book clubs, film screenings, and exhibits.



SPOTLIGHT



SARAH “MRS. E” ENDZWEIG

Sarah Endzweig was born in Brooklyn, New York, as one of eight children. While a student at Toro College, Endzweig was waiting at the train station when she met another nice student (by chance) named Yosef who was also waiting for the train. It wasn't long before the two got married and moved to Florida where he became a respiratory therapist, and she a teacher. The Endzweigs later moved to San Antonio with their two daughters to be near Yosef's grandmother. Sarah, otherwise known as Mrs. E, is Torah Academy of San Antonio (TASA) teacher. She says she is grateful for the experience she has received there as she is constantly challenged by her students, and really enjoys fostering each child as a learner. She says TASA has encouraged her to meet everyone's needs in a very special and meaningful Jewish environment.

In December Sarah traveled to Israel on a Partnership2gether delegation with educators from 13 cities in North America and Budapest, Hungary. Endzweig says she learned a tremendous amount of lessons that she will use to bridge the gap between American and Israeli students. Her overarching goal is to shorten the distance between them through music, pictures, and educational resources.

She recalls a story from when she visited Regba Elementary (in Akko) and sat in on a middle school class. As the bell rang for recess, a group of young girls ran up to her asking questions about her school in America. She realized that children are eager to learn and really want to learn about each other. It didn't matter what religion or age the various students were, but it was really the America vs. Israel amazing experience that the younger students wanted to hear more about. Endzweig commented that she plans to grow the many meaningful relationships she built with the Israeli children, the program head Carmit Madar, and new colleagues from whom she gained a new perspective.

Endzweig plans to implement some of the ideas she learned at the conference such as using musical lyrics as a way to help teach Hebrew to her students. She also plans to implement gardening and nature walks with her classes.

Endzweig is involved with the Chabad Center of San Antonio. She enjoys volunteering with PJ Library and the Jewish Federation and being a busy mom to her daughters. She says looks forward to watching the San Antonio community become more unified and one close tight knit group.

IN PHOTO: Sarah Endzweig, center, represented San Antonio at the Partnership2gether Educator Delegation in December in the Western Galilee, Israel.

Holocaust Museum receives grant from Valero

The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio recently received a grant from the Valero Energy Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. These funds will be used to support the continuously growing educational programming that is offered to the greater San Antonio community. Valero Energy Foundation along with the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission helped to support events such as recent showing of *The African American Response to Fascism* and the *Bagels Over Berlin* film screening coming up on March 4. With the support of generous partners the Museum will continue to fulfil its mission to educate the entire community on the dangers of hatred, prejudice, and apathy.



PJ Library and PJ Our Way kids painted pots for Tu B'Shvat (the birthday of the trees) at their PJ Get Together

PJ Library San Antonio receives grant funding for more Get Together community events

PJ Library San Antonio is one of the 43 cities worldwide that was selected to participate in a six-month cohort to help make Jewish moments into memories. This selection was due to the active involvement of PJ Library families in embracing Jewish events and causes under the umbrella of the

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Communities Day Chair and CRC Vice-Chair, Winslow Swart, Sharon Mullen, District 123 State Representative, Diego Bernal, and CRC Director, Ellen Ollervidez

Jewish Communities Day in Austin

A delegation from the San Antonio Jewish community met in Austin with delegates from Austin, Houston, Dallas and Ft. Worth on January 30 for the annual Jewish Communities Day in Austin. Delegates, including Winslow Swart (local Communities Day Chair), Harry Levy IV, Kevin Epstein, Ellen Ollervidez, Judy Lackritz, Lisa Epstein, Sharon Mullen, Kathie Jordan, Marion Bernstein, Debbie Linck, and Ross Halfant, were greeted by guest speakers and legislators and received updates on childhood education, social services and the Texas-Israel Water Cooperation before delegates met legislators to advocate for positions on social justice and Israel.

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Jewish Federation of San Antonio and Jewish agencies.

Local PJ Library and PJ Our Way subscribers can apply up to three times to receive \$100 gift cards to host small Jewish get togethers to help Jewish families further their Jewish journey. The get togethers can include the theme of Jewish holidays or Shabbat/Havdalah, a family volunteer or service project, or a parent night to discuss or learn about a Jewish theme. PJ Library also encourages families to include a PJ Library book in the program in some way. The San Antonio goal is to host over 50 gatherings before the program ends on April 30. To sign up to host your own Get Together, go to: <https://pjlibrary.org/get-together2018> or contact Lauren Abraham at AbrahamL@jfsatx.org for more information.

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Jewish Federation to Sponsor Community Town Hall Event

Jewish Federation leadership is interested in what you have to say about our community. As part of an ongoing broad needs assessment, the Federation has commissioned a report that will include two key elements: A community e-survey, which was emailed in late-February, and a Community Town Hall Meeting.

The Town Hall will take place at The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus in the Holzman Auditorium on March 6 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will be facilitated by David Phillips, Principal of Immersive1st consulting.

"We are excited by the opportunity to hear from community members regarding the future of the San Antonio Jewish community," says Ronit Sherwin, Jewish Federation CEO. "We are experiencing growth, challenges and shifts in need, and our job is to be ahead of the trends in order to respond effectively and efficiently. It's only fair we ask those who are invested and passionate about the future to come along and share their wisdom, concerns and guidance."

The Town Hall will be an informal, hands on brainstorming session and Federation is encouraging people to attend themselves and tell family and friends to come along and speak up.

For more information about the Town Hall, or if you did not receive the e-survey, please contact Betul Ozmat, Project Associate, at (210) 302-6839 or ozmatb@jfsatx.org.



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Shabbat, March 9	Shabbat Ends: 7:14 p.m.
Friday, March 15	Light Candles at: 7:24 p.m.
Shabbat, March 16	Shabbat Ends: 8:18 p.m.
Friday, March 22	Light Candles at: 7:29 p.m.
Shabbat, March 23	Shabbat Ends: 8:23 p.m.
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Anne Frank's step sister Eva Schloss to Speak

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning and Trinity University are sponsors of an historic event in San Antonio with Eva Schloss of London, England, who will share her experiences as a survivor of Auschwitz and a childhood friend and step sister of Anne Frank.

The presentation will take place at the Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., and will be suitable for people of all ages, including teenagers. Families of all faiths and backgrounds are invited to attend. This is a special opportunity to hear a first-hand account from someone whose life intersected with one of the most compelling figures in modern history.

Dr. Lawrence Cohen, a long-time beloved congregant, board member, advisor and friend of Chabad will be honored with the 2019 Chabad Dor L'Dor Award at a pre-event VIP reception.

Louis Escareño, an attorney in private practice for over 30 years in San Antonio and a longtime friend of Israel and the San Antonio Jewish community, will be honored with the 2019 Chabad Distinguished Community Service Award.

The event is in conjunction with (as of print): Holocaust Memorial Museum San Antonio, The Alamo Colleges District, Our Lady of the Lake University, University of the Incarnate Word, St. Mary's University, Texas A&M University-San Antonio,



EVA SCHLOSS

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General admission tickets are available for \$20 at the Laurie Auditorium box office (1 Trinity Pl, San Antonio, TX 78212), Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. General admission tickets are also available online at Ticketmaster for approximately \$30, including all fees, at www.chabadsa.com/tickets.

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Agudas Achim's Sisterhood to honor Abraham at 100th Annual Tea

Congregation Agudas Achim's Sisterhood will celebrate its 100th anniversary at its annual tea on April 14 at 1 p.m. This year's honoree is Rebbetzin Lauren Abraham. There will also be a recognition for all Sisterhood members who have been part of the Agudas Achim Sisterhood throughout its 100-year history.



The Tea, which will be held at the congregation, is open to all members of the Jewish community. For more information, contact the Agudas Achim office at (210) 479-0307 or info@agudas-achim.org.

Night to Honor Hagees at Congregation Rodfei Sholom

Congregation Rodfei Sholom will honor Pastor and Diana Hagee in San Antonio on April 2, 38 years after the first Night to Honor Israel (NTHI) was held. Since then, Pastor Hagee has started a NTHI in cities throughout America and the world.

Hagee has become a force for changing the way Evangelical Christians relate to Israel and world Jewry. His efforts in support of Israel and the Jewish people have helped to influence events, which have changed the course of history in Israel today.

Rodfei Sholom leaders say, "The special relationship between Evangelical Christians and Israel and world Jewry have resulted in strengthening the support of America for its most crucial ally and friend in the Middle East."

Thirteen years ago, Pastor Hagee founded Christians United for Israel (CUFI), the largest Christian organization in support of the Jewish nation in the world today, numbering 4.5 million strong and growing daily. In addition, to further demonstrate Christian support for Israel, Hagee Ministries partners have given more than 100 million dollars to Jewish humanitarian causes throughout Israel and around the globe.

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Cantor Julie Berlin and Rabbi Alan Berlin, who recently led a group of Temple members on a trip to Cuba, will share a unique perspective on the history of Jewish Cuba and the current state of the island's Jewish community. Rabbi Berlin's mother, a Cuban native, emigrated to the United States as a young woman during the early stages of the Cuban Revolution. Rabbi Berlin will share about his own family as an example of Cuba's rich and complex Jewish history.

Dinner is potluck, with entrée provided from The Smoke Shack. Cost is \$10 per person plus a side dish or dessert. Bring your own wine or bring some to share. For reservations (required), visit https://bethelsa.formstack.com/forms/tbe_sasix_off. Contact Mindi Silver-Weiss at mindisw@gmail.com or Nancy Gerson at nancykgerson@yahoo.com for more information.



Special Shabbat Chazanut at Rodfei Sholom March 29 & 30

Congregation Rodfei Sholom will be holding a special Shabbat Chazanut (Cantorial Shabbat) on March 29 and 30. Under the direction of Yaakov (Yankale) Rotner and with the participation of renowned Cantor Yaakov Motzen, Voices of Israel Ensemble (Kolot Israel) will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday night and Saturday.

Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night will start at 7 p.m.; Saturday services begin at 9 a.m. The community is invited.

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IMPACT: Jewish Oral History Project Premiere set for April 14

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) will launch the fundraising premiere of IMPACT: The San Antonio Jewish Oral History Project on Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Regal Quarry Market Theater. The documentary film chronicles the important role Jews have played in the development of San Antonio and many of its key initiatives.

Jewish leaders were instrumental in not only founding a wide variety of businesses, but also in bringing about key initiatives that have shaped San Antonio over the past 150 years including desegregation during the Civil Rights movement, the founding of the San Antonio Medical Center, Hemisfair, the creation of many community-wide philanthropies, such as the San Antonio Area Foundation and Goodwill. Their inspiring stories, and many more, are told in IMPACT: The San

Antonio Jewish Oral History Project.

Founding sponsors include San Antonio Jewish Senior Services, Jewish Federation of San Antonio, Institute of Texan Culture, Texas Jewish Historical Society, San Antonio Area Foundation, Barshop Jewish Community Center, Judge Bonnie Reed and Stu Schlosberg, and Janet and Paul Neuenschwander.

Sponsorships ranging from \$18 to \$1800 are available to bring the film to the big screen as well as to enable NCJW to host subsequent showings throughout the year. Sponsorship levels include ad space as well as personal tributes. Individual tickets are \$54. All funds raised support NCJW's programs.

For more information about IMPACT: The Jewish Oral History Project and sponsorship opportunities, go to the NCJW website at www.ncjwsa.org/

Jewish Family Service Annual Fundraiser on Sunday, May 19

Jewish Family Service will host its annual Inspiration Brunch fundraiser on Sunday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Holzman Auditorium at the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community. This year's honorees, Ilene and Stephen Kramer and Barbara and *Lew Richmond and Family (*of blessed memory), are members of the community who, through their contributions of time and treasure, inspire others to support JFS and the vital services provided to the residents of San Antonio, Bexar and surrounding counties. The Inspiration Brunch includes a keynote speaker and an honoree presentation.

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JCC Fore! the Kids Golf Classic

The Jewish Community Center's annual Fore! the Kids Golf Classic, will be held Friday, May 3 at SilverHorn Golf Club. Funds raised benefit early childhood, youth, and inclusion services and programs at the Barshop Jewish Community Center.

There are several opportunities to get involved in this event:

Play. All sponsorships include lunch, dinner, two drink tickets, greens fees, and golf cart plus a goody bag. Individuals welcome.

For non-golfing sponsors, receive signage on the golf course, as well as recognition at the dinner, in the event program, and in the JCC's June Center Peace.

Contribute an item to the Fore! the Kids silent auction.

For more information, contact Aliyah Kuchinsky at (210) 302-6827, or visit www.jccsanantonio.org/forethekids.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

Our community photos can now be found on the Federation Facebook Page,

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CELEBRATE

Congregation Agudas Achim Purim celebrations

Congregation Agudas Achim's annual Purim Palooza and Megillah Madness will take place on Wednesday, March 20 beginning at 5 p.m. The circus-themed event will include rides, games, food, and a magician. The cost is \$5 per person (ages 2 and under are free).

The fun continues at 6:45 p.m. with Agudas Achim's Megillah Madness. The free event includes the Megillah reading

along with the exciting introductions to each chapter with special "jingles" to modern songs led by Senior Rabbi, Jeffrey Abraham. All of the chapters of the Megillah will be read by Agudas Achim teenagers. The Agudas Achim Youth Choir will perform as well.

To RSVP or for more information, contact the office at RSVP@agudas-achim.org or (210) 479-0307.

Chabad Plans *Purim in NYC*

Chabad will hold its annual Purim Megillah reading on Wednesday, March 20 at 8:15 p.m. in the sanctuary at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning, 14535 Blanco Rd. During the reading there will be a special multi-media presentation for the children. Following the Megillah reading the community is invited to refreshments and music. Costumes are encouraged.

On Thursday morning, March 21, services will begin at 6:30 a.m. during which the Megillah will be read at 7:15 a.m. On Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m., another

Megillah reading will take place, followed by the annual traditional Purim meal and celebration.

This year's theme will be Purim in NYC, held at Chabad at 5:45 p.m., featuring music by DJ S•H•A•T•Z from NYC, balloon sculpting, Purim caricatures, kosher pickle making, graffiti wall art, NY Deli dinner & treats, dancing and more.

Cost of the dinner is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 3 and over. To make reservations, call Chabad at (210) 764-0300 or visit www.ChabadSA.com/NYC.

Temple Chai Purim Celebration

Temple Chai will celebrate Purim at its regular Shabbat service on Friday, March 22 at 6:45 p.m. at its new location, 15316 Huebner Road. All are welcome to enjoy an

abbreviated Shabbat liturgy and a festive retelling of the Purim story, costumes welcome. For more information, visit www.templechaisa.org or call (210) 340-2090.

MAZEL TOV



RUSTIN – HENSON WEDDING

Rachel Rustin and Brandon Henson have announced their recent wedding. Rachel is the daughter of Laura and Terry Rustin of Houston, Texas. She is a graduate of Rice University and has a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management. She serves as the Director of Camp and Youth Services at the Barshop Jewish Community Center. Brandon is the son of Sandra Henson of Kimberling City, Missouri and D. Leigh Henson of Springfield, Missouri. He is a graduate of Missouri State University and serves as the Executive Director of Youth Orchestras of San Antonio.

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MARCH 24

Hill Country Bus Tour

Temple Beth-El's TBE6os+Singles will head out for a Hill Country Bus Tour on Sunday, March 24, leaving the Temple parking lot at 9 a.m. sharp — to return by approximately 5 p.m. Stops on the scenic drive include Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg, shopping and sightseeing in Fredericksburg, and Mendelbaum Cellars (kosher Israeli wine).

The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the bus, plus entry fee and docent at the Wildflower Center. Lunch is on your own - bring a lunch or plan to dine out (water and

beverages may be brought on the bus, as long as there are no glass containers).

The bus will stop at Mendelbaum Cellars on the way back to San Antonio; if you wish to participate in a wine tasting, it will cost an additional \$15. (Note: Water and beverages may be brought on the bus, as long as there are no glass containers.)

Reservations are required no later than Wednesday, March 13 to Geri Gregory at geri@beth-elsa.org or 210-733-9135, ext. 120.

A portion of the bus trip is funded by a grant from San Antonio Jewish Senior Services.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



AGUDAS ACHIM TEACHES COLLEGE STUDENTS ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

Congregation Agudas Achim's Senior Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham and member Howie Nestel taught one of the opening classes for the Holocaust Studies Class at the University of Incarnate Word. Rabbi Abraham provided the history around the Holocaust and Nestel told the story of his uncle who survived the Holocaust.

Scholarship Applications NOW AVAILABLE

For Camperships, Local Jewish Day School and Jewish High Schools, Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, and Study in Israel

Jewish Sleep-Away Camp

Scholarships are available to students entering grades 2-12. Eligibility for scholarship is based primarily on financial need.

Local Jewish Day School and Jewish High Schools

Scholarships are available to students attending the Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio or a Jewish High School outside of San Antonio. Eligibility for scholarship is based primarily on financial need.

Undergraduate Studies

Scholarships are available to individuals seeking to further their undergraduate education. Eligibility for scholarship is based primarily on financial need.

Graduate Studies

Scholarships are available to individuals seeking a postgraduate degree in Jewish education, Rabbinical, or Cantorial studies. Eligibility for scholarship is based primarily on financial need.

Elmer and Sally Cooper Scholarship

Scholarships are available to Jewish students whose university studies are in pre-med in the United States. Eligibility for scholarship is based primarily on financial need.

Beady Berler Scholarship for Study in Israel

One scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is enrolled in a college or university within the state of Texas. This is a merit-based scholarship for an academic course of study in Israel as part of a degree program.



Applications must be received no later than Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

Applications are available online at www.jfsatx.org or by contacting Matthew Elam at:

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