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Showing unity, respect and love



**Letter from
our CEO**

**RONIT
SHERWIN**

"And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9)" Etz chaim – the Tree of Life.

This beautiful image from the book of Genesis and this common Jewish phrase referring to Torah became clouded for many of us this past Shabbat with horror and tragedy. There are no words to describe how many of us have felt this past week in the aftermath of the murder of eleven individuals who were worshipping at the

Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The very place where many of us find comfort and spiritual sustenance was the scene in which lives were cut short by hate. May the memories of the eleven men and women who lost their lives on October 27, 2018 forever be a blessing to all.

In spite of the hate that led to murder, our Jewish community gathered, along with hundreds of others in the city of San Antonio, to demonstrate what unity, respect and love between human beings looks like at its

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Catholic-Jewish Relations Expert to speak at interfaith Hanukkah Celebration

On Thursday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m., members of the San Antonio area Roman Catholic and Jewish communities will gather for an interfaith Hanukkah celebration. The event will be held at San Fernando Cathedral Hall, 231 West Commerce. This marks the 17th year that San Antonio area



SISTER MARY BOYS

Sister Mary Boys, a leading figure in the Catholic-Jewish Encounter. She is the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Dean Skinner and McAlpin Professor of Practical Theology at Union Theological Seminary, in New York City. Sister Mary has authored six books, including *Christians and Jews in Dialogue: Learning in the Presence of the Other*, *Hebrew Union College*, *the Jewish Theological Seminary* and the *Catholic Theological Union* are among the numerous institutions, which have conferred honorary doctorates on her.

The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S, Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the presiding host for this unique interfaith observance this year. The Very Rev. Victor Valdez, Rector of San Fernando Cathedral, and Rabbi Samuel M. Stahl, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El, will lead the

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JCC Main Event presents a Simply San Antonio celebration

The Barshop Jewish Community Center's annual fall fundraiser, *The Main Event*, will take place Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the JCC.

Each year the *Main Event* has three primary goals: to bring the community together for an evening filled with food, fun, and entertainment, to generate funds

that will directly benefit services to children & youth, seniors, special needs, and individuals and families in need of financial assistance through the Walter and Reba Viner Charitable Fund, and to honor some of the most

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SHABBAT, NOV. 3

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SHABBAT, NOV.10

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FRIDAY, NOV. 16

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SHABBAT, NOV. 17

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SHABBAT, NOV. 24

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Jewish organizations gather to discuss legacy giving

Thirty-five representatives from eleven San Antonio Jewish community agencies and synagogues participated in the *Life & Legacy* kick off workshop *Why Legacy? Why Now?* presented by Tammy Dollin, Community Consultant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, in partnership with the

Jewish Federation of San Antonio. Pictured left to right in photo at top left are Perry Wulfe, SAJSS; Tammy Dollin, Harold Grinspoon Foundation; Rabbi Jeffery Abraham, Congregation Agudas Achim; Allan Smith, and Rabbi Chaim Block, Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning.

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On Sunday, January 20th, the Second Baptist Church will host the 32nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service.

The service will be led by area clergy, choirs, dancers, and this year's Guest Speaker, Dr. Mateen Diop. Dr. Diop is an educator, author, publisher and activist and a product of our nation's inner-city schools. As the current principal of Sam Houston High School, Dr. Diop exemplifies to our youth the power of leading boldly and embracing change toward positive ends. Join us for this uplifting service that gathers various faiths standing together in unity for a just and peaceful future. Reception to follow.



YOUR FEDERATION DOLLARS AT WORK

Holocaust Study Seminar students share experiences



More than 150 guests attended the Seminar Open House where they were given the opportunity to explore Holocaust history with 12 high school scholars.

Torrential rains did not deter the crowd that gathered in the Holzman Auditorium to learn about the experiences of the Holocaust Memorial Museum's 2018 Holocaust Study Seminar students.

After studying together for five months and traveling to Germany and Poland, students shared their understandings of the Holocaust at an Open House on Sunday, Sept. 15.

A special thank you was extended to educator Travis Weissler and benefactor Chris Busbee who made it their mission throughout the seminar and on-site study in Europe to impart the lessons of this tragic history and to



HMMSA Commission member Jeanette Pierce, Docent Suzanne Benson, and Holocaust survivor Susanne Jalnos learn from participant Jocelyn Epstein.

prepare young adults with deep understandings of the conditions that gave rise to the Nazi regime in order to prevent future atrocities



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OneTable brings young adults together for Shabbat

The Young Adult Division of JFSA is partnering with OneTable, a national organization that empowers people who don't yet have a consistent Shabbat dinner practice to build one that feels authentic, sustainable, and valuable. YAD is providing support for ten Shabbat dinners hosted by young Jewish adults in San Antonio by the end of 2018.

The OneTable community is an online network that supports people ages 21-39, not in college, and without children, looking to host or attend Shabbat dinners. YAD hopes to provide an opportunity for young Jewish adults, both longtime

residents and those new to San Antonio, to meet friends and enjoy Shabbat together.

It is easy to sign up to host or to look for a Shabbat meal to attend. OneTable provides nourishment credits to help pay for the meal, a full gallery of resources on Shabbat rituals, menu planning, holiday Shabbat dinners, hosting tips, and even Shabbat playlists.

YAD Board Member Hannah Cramer hosted her own Shabbat dinner in September. "Hosting with OneTable was really easy and provided an opportunity for a fun and meaningful Shabbat dinner," she said. "Without the support of Federation, twenty of my friends and I



wouldn't have been able to have such a beautiful Shabbat. Federation's partnership will provide more opportunities for young adults who might otherwise not host Shabbat in their homes."

To learn more, contact Eva Laporte at laportee@jfsatx.org or (210) 302-6965 or sign up at onetable.org.



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Brundibar an opera written for children, premiered on 23 September 1943, in the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

For details and locations visit:
hmmsa.org/learn-and-remember/
or contact EVENTS@HMMSA.ORG



SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

Stefanie & David Goldberg and family



What brought you to San Antonio?

Although they had mutual friends and similar class schedules during their time at Indiana University, David and Stefanie did not know each other until after college graduation.

They met randomly in Chicago, and after dating and getting married, they decided to move to a city near one of their families (David's family lives in San Antonio). With two family businesses here, San Antonio seemed like the opportune place to move five years ago, and they started their life here.

Although David is a San Antonio native, he left for quite some time, and now they have returned to settle in San Antonio for the long run. They really enjoy living in such a family oriented city with their daughters: Ellie age 3 ½, Jenna age 1 ½, and another baby girl on the way soon.

What is your strongest Jewish memory?

Both David and Stefanie's memories connect with the idea of the Holocaust and the notion of "never forget." David's strongest memory is during his March of the Living trip and visiting the Dachau concentration camp. Although David did not have a personal connection, the

moments at the camp really resonated with him.

Stefanie grew up sharing stories of her grandparents as survivors and learning about their connection to Judaism and their strong love for each other.

Her grandparents were true survivors and met at a wall outside a concentration camp as her grandfather would sneak bread to her grandmother in order to help keep her alive. With her strong desire to keep kosher, this was the only way she would stay satiated and fed. After the war was over, and their lives had been saved, they got married three days later.

Stefanie still hopes to visit Poland and Germany to solidify these connections, and she looks forward to volunteering and supporting the Holocaust Memorial Museum in her future volunteer endeavors.

What volunteer activities do you find the most rewarding and why?

With two little ones, it's challenging to find time for Stefanie to really get out and help the community like she wishes, but she does include helping her girls' schools as her top priority. In addition, she has recently joined the PJ Library Committee at the Jewish Federation of San Antonio and she

looks forward to helping plan and get involved with events. Stefanie also looks forward to being involved in Women's Philanthropy and giving more time to the Holocaust Memorial Museum as it is a strong part of her Jewish memory.

What's Your Favorite Jewish Holiday and Why?

Both Stefanie and David agree that their favorite holiday is Passover. Growing up, no matter where everyone lived, Passover was a time when everyone came together. David has always spent Passover with 50+ family members at their Seder in Dallas. Stefanie always joined aunts, uncles, and cousins for a fun experience when growing up. Passover was always and remains to be their family time together.

What is your hope or aspiration for the Jewish community?

Stefanie and David both agree that there is not one particular goal they have, but they would just like the community to be a place where people can come together. They want San Antonio to be a place for people to belong and for whatever group or organization you are associated with to come back and have wonderful

Jewish experiences there. They want their children to have a meaningful Jewish

life and to community to continue to strengthen as their children get older.



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Lion of Judah Sonia Lubetzky, JFSA CEO Ronit Sherwin, Pomegranate Chair Michelle Kaufman, and Pomegranates Diane Fisher and Tania Lubetzky.



Federation hosts Pomegranate lunch

The Pomegranate Society, part of Federation's Women's Philanthropy, held its annual event Thursday, Oct. 11 at Max & Louie's NY Diner. Lauren Stanley, Women's Philanthropy Chair, and Michelle Kaufman, Pomegranate Chair, welcomed guests.

The women enjoyed conversations about the needs and issues facing our community led by leaders at each table: Sherry Braslau, Wendy Glick, Rhonda

Gurinsky and Sandy Levenshus.

The Pomegranate Society is a national giving Society for Jewish women who make a commitment of \$1,800 - 4,999 to the Federation's Annual campaign.

For more information about The Pomegranate Society, the Pearl Society or the Lions of Judah, please contact Eva Laporte, LaporteE@jfsatx.org.



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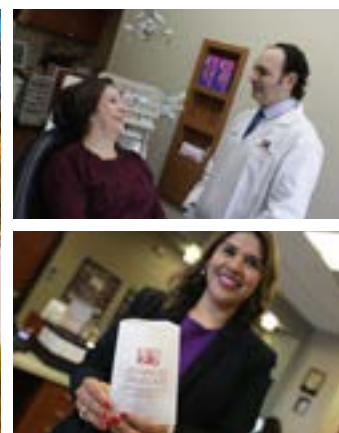


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proceedings.

Included in the program will be a presentation by the choir of Providence High School and the kindling of Hanukkah lights by clergy and other faith leaders of the Jewish and Catholic communities.

Reservations are required by November 30 to attend this program, which includes a catered lunch, at \$36.00 per person. Table sponsorships are also available for \$360. For further information, call San Fernando Cathedral, (210) 227-1297.



PARTNERSHIP CORNER

San Antonio welcomes Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and former IDF soldier

San Antonio was proud to welcome former lone soldier from the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), Yaacov Amar Rothstein. After deciding at a young age that his dream was to make Aliyah (move to Israel) from Colombia in 2013, Rothstein's first home in Israel was at the Jewish Agency Ulpan in Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu in the Valley of the Springs. Thanks to the high level classes, he learned Hebrew fluently in just a few months and was reading philosophy in Hebrew shortly after. He joined the Israeli Military (IDF) as a soldier in an elite unit (Meitar) that flew drones to ensure the safety of Israel during battles with Syria and other neighboring countries. Rothstein learned to navigate life as a lone soldier (without family nearby) and the army system due to the presence of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).

During their visit to San Antonio, Rothstein was



PJ Our Way Kids ages 8.5-11.5 enjoyed an afternoon on Columbus day with a former lone soldier as they participated in military drills and reenacted events from his time in the military.

joined by Nir Buchler of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). They met with PJ Our Way children ages 8½-11½ to teach them about Israel and perform simulation drills of the Israeli military. Rothstein also shared his invigorating story of how the Jewish agency helped him become a leader in the

World Zionist Congress and learn to live as a successful Israeli citizen and study chemical engineering at Ben Gurion University. His dream is to help the desert turn green and perform the research to help his children see improvements in the

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Young Adult Division (YAD) board members enjoyed an evening out to hear about the story of Yaacov and his leadership in Israel.

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best. The memorial gathering this past Tuesday was a strong statement that we, the Jewish people, will hold firmly to who we are and that we have many friends amongst us who will stand with us.

Thank you to all the rabbis and clergy in our Jewish community who lent invaluable cooperation and support in bringing our community together. I encourage all of us to attend Shabbat services this coming weekend. We are the branches of the "tree of life" that will continue to grow and extend.

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land. Rothstein spoke with the Young Adult Division (YAD) of the Jewish Federation at their monthly *L'chaim* and at their board meeting. Rothstein also spoke with the students and faculty of the Torah Academy of San Antonio (TASA), the seniors of the Sunshine Club lunch of Chabad, and the board of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

Rothstein served as an inspiration to share the work of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and explain how the "Wings" program helped him spread his own learning and support other Israelis in the military.

PJ Library families head to the pumpkin patch

More than twenty families gathered at Coker United Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 14 for an afternoon of nature with fall pumpkins at a brand new pumpkin patch on Wurzbach Parkway.

PJ Library families made "hands-on" pumpkins as they shared how they will help the world and participated in an edible craft to make their own "pumpkin hay ride" with wafers, mini pumpkins, and fall sweetness.

The afternoon was capped off with bonding time at the playground and photos and activities with pumpkins and gourds. The next PJ Library events are the Ladies Night Out with Hadassah Aviva chapter on November 8 and a Pre-Thanksgiving Mitzvah Day on November 18.

Check out PJ Library San Antonio on Facebook or contact Lauren Abraham at AbrahamL@jfsatx.org for more information on upcoming events.



PJ Mom and daughter enjoyed making a "hands-on" pumpkin with their ways to help the world.



PJ Library mom helps her daughters make their own edible hay rides.



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH IN THE MUSEUM

Are you or someone you know interested in the Holocaust Memorial Museum's collections and exhibits?
Do you enjoy learning and working with the public?
Are you seeking a rewarding volunteer experience?

Consider becoming a docent at the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio. A history background is not required... just an interest in learning and a high level of enthusiasm. A new partnership with Yad Vashem has allowed us to create an ongoing docent training program through an online digital portal. Training will continue with our Museum staff and experienced docents.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT JULIE TZUCKER-NIKOLAS, EDUCATION COORDINATOR AT 210-302-6812 OR DOCENTS@HMMSA.ORG



Temple Chai to offer adult education series on Chutzpah

Chutzpah, that classic trait of audaciousness and gumption, enjoys pride of place in the Yiddish lexicon and Jewish folklore. This two week class will be a fun exploration of what chutzpah is, how it is used in Jewish literature and culture, and how it can help transform Jewish life today. The class will be offered at Temple Chai on Thurs. Nov 8 and 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. by Rabbi David Komerofsky. All are welcome.

For more information and to register, visit www.templechaisa.org/adult-education or call (210) 340-2090.

Congregation Agudas Achim to host Interfaith Thanksgiving program and services

Congregation Agudas Achim is working hard to give back this year for Thanksgiving. The Inda Posner Religious School students from 2nd through 12th Grade will be volunteering together on Sunday morning, Nov. 18 with Sunday school students at Woodlawn Baptist Church. The students will be volunteering at the farm and garden associated with the San Antonio Food Bank.

At the same time the older students are volunteering together, the younger students in Pre-k through 1st Grade will be helping out at the *PJ Library PJ Gives Back* event.

That evening at 7 p.m., Agudas Achim will host the second annual Abrahamic traditions Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

The service will involve dozens of local synagogues, churches, and mosques to bring everyone together to celebrate our shared traditions



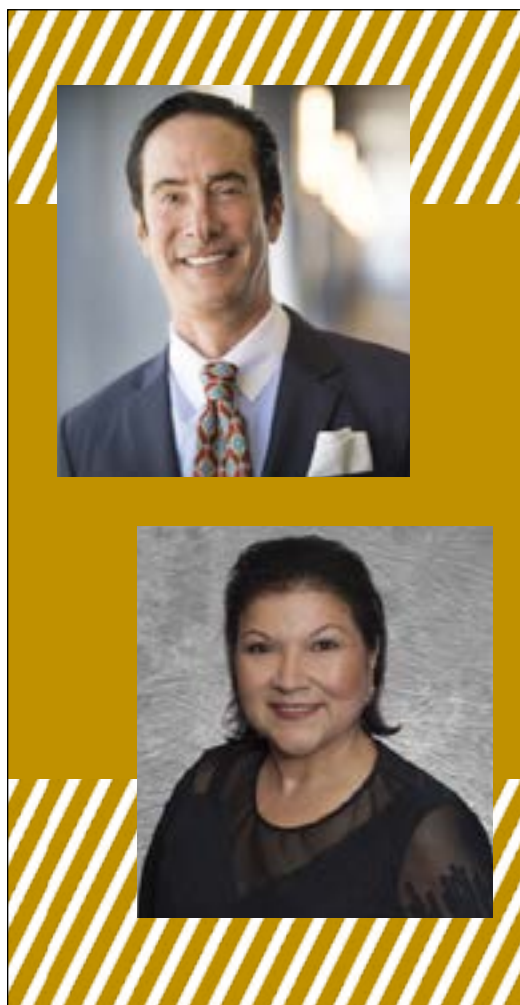
and importance of bringing everyone together to give thanks for the good we have in our lives. In addition to prayers from local community leaders and clergy, there will also be performances from the San Antonio Youth Chorale and the new Agudas Achim Youth Choir. There will also be a dessert reception following

the service.

"Giving back to our community and praying together are integral parts of Judaism, but also shared with our Christian and Muslim neighbors and friends," said Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham. "It will be a beautiful day and evening to bring our community together for a good cause and to give thanks."

Rodfei Gives Back – Thanksgiving 2018

This year Rodfei Sholom will be continuing its annual tradition of feeding police and firefighters at various local stations on Thanksgiving. Rodfei Sholom "takes great pride in continued efforts to thank the valued officers who make our community safe, even when it takes them away from their own families on cherished holidays." Congregants and members of the community are invited to help them prepare and deliver food on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 22. Children are encouraged to participate in this meaningful and fun mitzvah project. For more information, please contact the Rodfei Office at (210) 493-3557.



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PIZZA IN THE HUT AT RODFEI SHOLOM

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CONGREGATION AGUDAS ACHIM VOLUNTEERS AT SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK

Congregation Agudas Achim had its annual volunteer day at the San Antonio Food Bank on Sunday, Oct. 7. The volunteers sorted 11,080 pounds of food which equals 8,864 meals, and the congregation also donated approximately 300 pounds of food.



TEMPLE BETH-EL ATTENDS URJ'S KICK OFF SOCIAL ACTION EVENT

Members and staff of Temple Beth-El spent several days in Houston for the Union of Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center kick-off of RAC-TX, and have lots of ideas for Social Action and Advocacy to bring back to San Antonio. Pictured here, from left, are Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Executive Director of RAC, Leslie Tramer, Dr. Jon Tramer, Rabbi Marina Yergin, Ross Halfant, Temple Beth-El's Social Justice Intern, Olga Kauffman, and Rabbi David J Segal, Director of RAC-TX.

TASA GOES SUKKAH HOPPING



TASA students celebrated "Sukkah Hopping" in a bounce house.



JFS PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Jewish Family Service staff members handed out waters and snacks at this year's National Night Out which aims to promote community enrichment and well-being. JFS is a member of the Mission Road Collaborative with their South San Antonio office location.

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Gourmet Giving Bat Mitzvah Club has launched Season III for Jewish girls ages 10-12 to experience a wholesome and healthy dose of Jewish fun. Participants bake, create art, work on Chessed projects and discuss all things Jewish while enjoying friendships and lots of laughter. Meets bi-weekly on Mondays, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Chabad Center. For more information, contact Dina Forer or Rivka Zalmanov at gourmet@chabadsa.com.



AGUDAS ACHIM HOSTS ADULT EDUCATION CLASS ON THE TEN PATHS TO GOD

Congregation Agudas Achim hosted a special six-part class, taught by Senior Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham on The Ten Paths To God. The class is based off of the new curriculum from Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks.

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STUDENTS BATTER UP FOR SUKKOT AT RODFEI SHOLOM

Rodfei Sholom Talmud Torah students and their families enjoyed a fun-filled pancake brunch in the sukkah during Sukkot.



SUKKOT WITH TASA

TASA students visit the sukkot of several local Rabbis in the area. Pictured here are TASA students visiting with Rabbi Aryeh & Judy Scheinberg in their Sukkah.



SIMCHAT TORAH AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

Staff and congregants at Temple Beth-El enjoy Erev Atzeret-Simchat Torah Services. Pictured here are Rabbi Samuel M. Stahl, Rabbi Marina Yergin, and the Vexler family, with Cantor Berlin and the Eichelbaum family looking on during the Hakafot.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



YJSA BRINGS TOGETHER YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS

YJSAers experienced the joy of the High Holidays at a Yom Kippur break-fast and a Sushi dinner in the Sukkah at the Chabad Center. With a variety of educational, spiritual, and social activities, YJSA offers soulful and enjoyable connections to young Jewish adults (20s-30s). For more information please visit www.YJSA.org, email rabbielei@yjsa.org, or follow @YJSATx on social media.



HEINTZ PRESCHOOL HOSTS SMOOTHIES IN THE SUKKAH

During Sukkot, Heintz Preschool of Congregation Agudas Achim hosted its first ever Smoothies in the Sukkah. Heintz teachers made smoothies for children and their parents and also hosted special activities for young children in the Sukkah.



SILVER SOLUTIONS DRAWS CROWD AT THE JCC

Dr. Anatole Trakhtenbroit of Cardiology Clinic, shown visiting with Tevia and Joel Friedman while Sandy Shrager looks on, and HEB Dietician Jennifer Cotton provided Heart Health consultation and materials to guests visiting the San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah booth at the Texas Public Radio 8th Annual Silver Solutions Senior Health Fair on September 20 co-sponsored by Jewish Family Service.

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Giving thanks with Temple Chai

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, Temple Chai will host a special Shabbat service on Fri., November 23rd at 6:45 p.m. Using an original liturgy that combines the traditional Shabbat prayers with uniquely American themes, the service will celebrate the history of American Judaism.

Readings will include selections from the founding documents of the U.S.A., various iterations of Reform *siddurim* (prayer books) and early American religious libertarians.

All are welcome to celebrate. The service will be at 2121 Lockhill Selma, at the northeast corner of NW Military Hwy.

For more information about the congregation, call (210) 340-2090 or visit www.templechaisa.org.



December is Beth-El Mitzvah Month

Temple Beth-El provides many volunteer opportunities during the month of December, open to all. Contact geri@beth-elsa.org or 210-733-9135, ext. 120 to sign up or RSVP for:

Sunday, Dec. 2, 12 noon - Adopt-A-Family – Volunteers buy individual gifts for 10 needy families who are clients of Family Service Association, then gather to wrap, sort, and bag the gifts, and to enjoy lunch. A sign-up form to purchase gifts is available at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084da5af2ea2fa7-adoptafamily>.

Sunday, December 9, at 2 p.m. SAJSS Hanukkah Party for seniors – Volunteers are needed for a Hanukkah Party at Adante Senior Living (2702 Cembalo Blvd., off NW Military Hwy).

December 21-25, First



Responders Christmas Dinner – Families will bring Christmas Dinner to fire and police stations throughout San Antonio. Five options to choose from:

1. Cook a meal at home with your family and deliver on Christmas Day to an

assigned fire or police station.

2. Come to Temple on Christmas Day to pick up a meal and deliver to an assigned fire or police station.

3. Come to Temple and cook for our Christmas Day deliveries. (December 22, 23, 24, & 25)

4. Buy groceries for Temple cooks - must be delivered by December 21. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084da5af2ea2fa7-food>

5. Bake Christmas Cookies to deliver to the First Responders. Sign up online at the link above.

Tuesday, December 25, Haven for Hope Meal Service – Volunteers spend 1-1/2 hours to serve Breakfast (6:00 am) or Dinner (4:30 pm) in the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen to the homeless in Haven for Hope's Prospect Courtyard on Christmas Day.

Volunteers are also needed on **Tuesday, December 25, to answer phones for three Ronald McDonald House (RMH)** locations, so RMH staff can celebrate the holiday at home - 4803 Sid Katz, 227 Lewis St., and Children's Hospital of San Antonio, 333 N. Santa Rosa. The three shifts for volunteers are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, noon to 3 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteer duties include answering phones and assisting/checking-in families. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Volunteers should contact Liz Medina at RMH directly to volunteer, (210) 614-2554 or liz.medina@rmhcsanantonio.org.

MAIN EVENT

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dedicated and deserving JCC and community leaders.

This year the Main Event will acknowledge and honor

Community Leaders Brian & Tina Weiner and Gordon & Mary Weiner, as well as this year's Corporate Honoree the RK Group, for their collective and unwavering generosity and support of

the JCC and the Jewish and general communities.

The JCC Board of Directors, along with event co-chairs Courtney Silver and Jeff Siegel, "look forward to bringing the community together

for a Simply San Antonio Celebration that promises to simply entertain the more than 400 attendees with food, drinks, music, games, and a digital silent auction."

Music will be provided

by Session Zero, a new local band with Sheldon Vexler Theatre Director Ken Frazier on drums. The event will also feature casino gaming and the silent auction, featuring a new digital platform that will facilitate the bidding and check-out processes making shopping a breeze.

Food, prepared under Kosher supervision, will feature a diverse menu of culinary specialties provided by Irene's Kosher Catering, along with a variety of local restaurants and chefs. Myron's Prime Steakhouse will provide the adult libations.

Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$150, and individual tickets are \$50. For more information and updates, or to purchase tickets or a sponsorship, visit www.jccsanantonio.org/mainevent, stop by any JCC Courtesy Desk, or call (210) 302-6810.

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6th Annual Texas Kosher BBQ Championship at Congregation Agudas Achim on November 11

The competition is heating up for the 6th annual Texas Kosher BBQ Championship at Congregation Agudas Achim. This year's on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Congregation Agudas Achim, 16550 Huebner Road will feature 20 teams will be competing for who has the best brisket, chicken, salmon, and beans. The event will also feature live music and activities for the kids.

A Pre Q adults only party will be held on

Saturday night, Nov. 10 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., with hamburgers and hot dogs, a DJ, dancing, and games. Admission is \$10.

Tickets to the main event, the BBQ Cookoff on Sunday, Nov. 11, are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Combo tickets for both events are \$25.

Any active or retired military will receive a discount in honor of Veteran's Day. For more information and discounted tickets, visit www.txkosherbbq.com or call (210) 479-0307.

FLEX Program Returns to Rodfei Sholom

Starting November 10, Rodfei Sholom Youth Director Rabbi Moshe Rosenwasser will resume the Family Learning Experience program. On designated Saturday nights after Havdalah, the community is invited to come and learn about the Torah Portion with their children. Parents are provided with the materials to learn together with their children, which Rosenwasser says not only strengthens Jewish education but creates meaningful family memories. Pizza dinner will be served. To RSVP for FLEX or for more information on Rodfei Sholom's Youth and Children's programming, contact Rabbi Moshe Rosenwasser at (210) 493-3557 or rabbimoshe@rodfeisholom.com.

Shabbat Lunch Chavurah program series

Temple Beth-El will host a series of lunch programs in the Block Conference Center after Shabbat Morning Worship. Upcoming events include:

Saturday, Nov. 3, 11:45 am -Chinese food lunch and film, The Last Refuge: The Story of Jewish Refugees in Shanghai Immediately following Kristallnacht on November 9, 1938, many European Jews attempted to flee by escaping to any country that would accept them. Shanghai, in China required no documents for entry when almost every other country closed its doors. From 1938 to 1942, 18,000 Jews successfully emigrated there, and this 55-minute film documents their survival.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 12:15 pm - Hanukkah lunch & bingo

Featuring homemade latkes & brisket, with prizes for Bingo. Those 65 and older are free for these events; those under 65 are only \$5. RSVP for the lunches to geri@beth-elsa.org or (210) 733-9135, ext. 120.

The events are made possible through a generous grant from San Antonio Jewish Senior Services for making these events possible.



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Temple Chai honoring service members and veterans - Nov. 10

In honor of Veterans Day, and with the help of Jewish War Veterans Post 753, Temple Chai will host a service and Oneg Shabbat to honor service members and veterans on Fri., November 9th at 6:45 p.m. at its Lockhill Selma facility. Patriotic melodies and readings from the U.S. Armed Forces Siddur will be included in the service, and there will be a special festive Oneg Shabbat. All are welcome to attend.

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Did you know:

- ▶ JFS provides more than 12,000 hours of affordable services and impacts more than 2,500 individuals annually.
 - ▶ Two locations to serve you: North San Antonio and South San Antonio off Mission Road.
 - ▶ Services are provided regardless of ability to pay.
 - ▶ All are welcome regardless of religion, race, age, gender, or income.
 - ▶ Mental health services include both counseling and psychiatric services and address issues such as depression, anxiety, parent-child conflict, marital stress, PTSD, and more.
 - ▶ Social work services for seniors include a wide range of services such as financial assistance, care coordination and communication with family members, benefits counseling, isolation relief, and more.
 - ▶ This year, we plan to enhance our services by beginning a new expansive group therapy program and bringing educational programs to the community.
- JFS is available for those who need a little extra help. To schedule an appointment, call (210) 302-6920.

Jewish Family Service welcomes new marketing coordinator

Jewish Family Service has welcomed Tracy Hungate as the new marketing, events and communications coordinator.

She brings over a decade of experience working in nonprofit marketing and fundraising. In fact, Hungate spent the past 14 years on the marketing and development teams of the Barshop JCC.

Leaving the Campus for a short stint with a digital marketing agency allowed her to continue to develop her marketing skills and learn more about the digital world. Hungate is excited to be back with the Campus family and to work alongside some amazing talent.

"She is a great fit to the existing team and will be an important asset as the agency continues to grow beyond the Campus and the Jewish community," new JFS Executive Director, Talli Dolge said.

Jewish Family Service offers affordable mental health and social services to residents of San Antonio and the surrounding areas.

This includes two office locations: one in North San Antonio and the second off Mission Road in South San Antonio.

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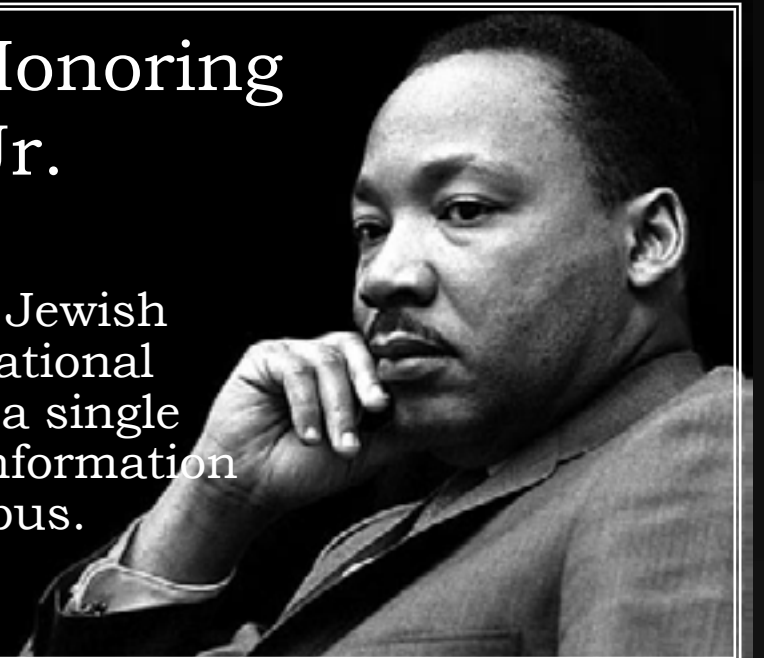
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The CRC is organizing our ENTIRE Jewish community, regardless of congregational affiliation, to march together under a single banner. Visit JFSATX.ORG for more information or to reserve your place on the bus.

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Hanukkah at Rodfei Sholom

Congregation Rodfei Sholom is gearing up for an action-packed Hanukkah celebration, beginning with a Hanukkah Sunday Funday on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. Families and people of all ages can enjoy the vendor marketplace, arts and crafts, cookie decorating and lunch.

Festivities continue with a family Hanukkah celebration with a special Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Dec. 7, directly after evening services. Rodfei will close the holiday with an adults only wine and olive oil tasting on Saturday, Dec. 8 after Havdalah. This is a wonderful opportunity to join friends for a relaxing evening of delicious wines, olive oil, dessert and Hanukkah celebration. All Rodfei Sholom Hanukkah programs are open to the community. Seniors will receive special rates to all Rodfei Hanukkah programs with thanks to a generous grant from San Antonio Jewish Senior Services. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Rodfei Office at (210) 493-3558.

Hanukkah at Congregation Agudas Achim

Congregation Agudas Achim is celebrating Hanukkah in a big way this year. All are welcome to join at any and all of their Hanukkah programs listed below.

Hands on Hanukkah at Vineyard Whole Foods

FREE.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 5-7 p.m.

Bring the kids (of all ages, birth through 7th grade and their friends) to Whole Foods at the Vineyard for a Hanukkah kickoff featuring Hanukkah crafts, pictures with Danny the Dreidel, and complimentary latkes from Whole Foods. Dinner will also be available for purchase.

Hanukkah Storytime at Barnes and Noble La Cantera

FREE.

Thursday, Nov. 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Abraham for Hanukkah Storytime plus songs, dreidel games, gelt, special coloring sheets and more.



Hanukkah at Sea World

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Special Candlelighting at Bay of Play at 5 p.m. More details in story on page 24.

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YOUTH & SENIOR NEWS

TASA kicks off new *Dor L'Dor* Program

As part of the Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio's new *Dor L'Dor* intergenerational program, TASA students visited with the residents of *Adante House* and *Madison Estates* during the recent Jewish holiday season.

TASA students spent time visiting and *schmoozing* with the residents. Both the students and the residents were eager to learn about each other and share their own stories and experiences. Their conversations and banter were very inspirational and uplifting to students and residents alike. As the program drew to a close, TASA students sang songs and shared Rosh Hashana cards that they made for the residents.

The *Dor L'Dor* program was created to give TASA students an opportunity to actively participate and give back to the community. The students also benefited by having opportunities to "*Honor*



TASA students visit with seniors at Adante House and Madison Estates.

their Elders", developing long-term relationships with local seniors, and being actively engaged in regular *Chessed* opportunities. As the group headed back to school, one of the TASA fourth graders commented that he was excited to have met so many "cool people", and expressed how much he looked forward to coming back and visiting with the seniors again.

TASA's *Dor L'Dor* program is made possible due to a generous grant from San Antonio Jewish Senior Services.

HANUKKAH

Congregation Agudas Achim to host Hanukkah celebration at SeaWorld

Congregation Agudas Achim will host the first-ever Hanukkah Celebration and menorah lighting at SeaWorld San Antonio on the first night of Hanukkah, December 2. Thanks to a special collaboration with SeaWorld San Antonio and a grant from Gefilte Fish Tank, attendees can receive over 50% off of general admission to SeaWorld when you purchase tickets online at <https://seaworld.com/san-antonio/events/hanukkah-celebration/>.

All are invited to enjoy time together with family and

friends at the park from 1-9 p.m. with a special candle lighting ceremony at the Bay of Play at 5 p.m.

"Sea World is a major staple here in San Antonio and it is only appropriate that we extend our community relationship with Sea World to include an amazing Hanukkah celebration there," said Director of Congregational Learning Samantha Mazuz. "The Jewish community has been celebrating Hanukkah at the Riverwalk for many years and now we get to celebrate with

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Camp Gan Israel opens registration for Winter Camp

Chabad has opened registration for its Camp Gan Israel Winter Camp for children ages 18 months-12 years. Campers will enjoy art, sports, Jewish fun time, robotics, Zumba, hot cocoa club, 2 field trips, Jewish pride and friendships, and so much more.

New for 2018, the Mini Gan division (ages 18m-4y) will be in session for both weeks of Winter break; Monday-Friday, Dec. 24, 2018 - Jan. 4, 2019. Gan Izzy upper division (ages 5-12) will be in session the first week of Winter break, Monday-Friday, Dec. 24-28; the week of Dec. 31-Jan. 1 is TBD. Drop-off is at 9 a.m. and pick-up is at 3:30 p.m.

"We look at this time as an opportunity for kids to connect with Jewish friends in a fun, energized, and educational environment, almost like a shot in the arm of Jewish pride," said Rochel Teldon, the camp's director.

For more information and to register, visit www.GanIsraelSA.com or contact Rochel Teldon at (210) 764-0300 or director@ganisraelsa.com.



Fall J-Camp fun at the JCC

The Barshop Jewish Community Center is offering a Fall J-Camp November 19 through 21. Camp is open to children in kindergarten-sixth grade and registration is available by the day.

Campers will participate in arts and crafts, spend time in the gym and on the playground, and enjoy Thanksgiving-themed activities. The group will also go on a field trip to the South Texas Maize in Hondo. J-Camp is open to the community; discounted rates are available to JCC members.

For registration information, visit www.jccsanantonio.org/fallcamp or call the Youth & Camping Office at (210) 302-6859. The JCC will also be holding a Winter J-Camp from December 24 to January 7. Flexible registration is available to accommodate school and travel schedules.

For more information on either of these programs, contact Rachel Rustin at rustinr@jcc-sa.org or (210) 302-6969.

Heintz Preschool and Inda Posner Religious School host annual Scholastic Book Fair

Heintz Preschool of Congregation Agudas Achim and the Inda Posner Religious School are hosting their annual Scholastic Book Fair November 1-12. The book fair will have books for the younger preschool aged crowd as well as books for older children through 5th grade.

The Book Fair will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 4, the Book Fair will be open from 9 a.m. to Noon. On Sunday, Nov. 11, the Book Fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Texas Kosher BBQ Championship.

The book fair will have books for the younger preschool aged crowd as well as books for older children up through 5th grade.

"Reading is a key component of our Heintz Preschool in ensuring that all children are truly kindergarten ready when they graduate from Heintz," said Heintz Preschool Director Taryn Bretado. "This book fair helps us to promote our values as a school through encouraging more and more reading and growing for our children."

For more information, contact Preschool Director Taryn Bretado at (210) 479-0429 or t.bretado@agudas-achim.org.

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TASA Rosh Hashanah Workshops

During the High Holidays, Shmuel Bass Torah Academy students participated in a multifaceted Rosh Hashanah program.

To set the tone they heard several inspiring stories from master storyteller Rabbi Yossi Marrus, TASA's Dean of Students. Students felt uplifted and inspired by the engaging stories.

Then they attended a *shofar* workshop, given by Rabbi Levi Grossbaum (pictured). The students got hands-on with horns from many different species of animals. They learned which may be used for the *Mitzvah*, and which may not.

The *Simanim* workshop

was given by Rabbi Dov Nimchinsky. *Simanim* are symbolic foods eaten in conjunction with short prayers for prosperity or good will. Students sampled nine different symbolic foods- including apples and honey, pomegranate, dates, gourd, carrots, black eyed peas, leeks, beets, and fish, and recited the customary prayer for each. (*No one liked the leeks!*)

Because the *Mitzvah* of giving *Tzedakah* is so important this time of year, the students made and decorated *Tzedakah boxes* for themselves under the guidance of TASA teachers.

Chabad offers Hebrew School of the Arts for children

Chabad's Hebrew School of the Arts is designed to bring Jewish holidays, values, history, Israel, mitzvot, Hebrew reading, parshah to life through art, cooking, theater, music and science. The weekly program, featuring experiential learning, is directed by Rabbi Levi & Rochel Teldon who say, "Hebrew School of the Arts is a weekly Jewish experience that fans the sparkle in children's eyes and souls, with captivating experiential learning facilitated by young, dynamic and passionate teachers. With an innovative and refreshing new curriculum, children never realize they're in a classroom." Programming includes:

► **Adventure with Aleph:** Beautiful illustrations and brilliant mnemonics makes it fun for younger students to learn and recall the Alef Bet.

► **JewQ:** Students build their Jewish knowledge and compete in a children's

international Torah championship.

► **MADTorah:** Where science and Torah collab, and live scientific experiments spark lively discussions about Jewish life lessons.

► **Aleph Champ:** A martial arts-inspired Hebrew reading method where color-coded levels motivate Aleph Champs to meet their manageable goals.

► **Adventure to the Holy Land:** Children take a 40-year road-trip to the Holy Land, reliving the journey using crafting, theater, filmmaking, engineering and more.

Hebrew School of the Arts is in session on Sundays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for children ages 4-12, at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd., 78216. For more information and to schedule a free trial, please contact Rochel Teldon at (210) 764-0300 or rochel@chabadsa.com. Learn more at [@HSofttheArts](https://www.facebook.com/HSofttheArts) on Facebook and [@hebschoolarts](https://www.instagram.com/hebschoolarts) on Instagram.

Drop in to Hands on Chanukah at the JCC on November 27

Families and children of all ages are invited to celebrate the Festival of Lights at the Barshop Jewish Community Center's annual Hands on Chanukah event Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 3 – 6 p.m.

This free family event will include crafts, activities, and latkes to celebrate the holiday. PJ Library will also be on hand with activities and storytelling.

While the event is free and open to the

community, RSVPs are highly encouraged. Contact Rachel Rustin at rustinr@jcc-sa.org or (210) 302-6969 for more information or to RSVP, or visit www.jccsanantonio.org/seasons.

Looking for Chanukah gifts or supplies? The Fogiel Gift Shop located at the JCC is your one-stop-shop to purchase candles, menorahs, and more.

Visit www.jccsanantonio.org/giftshop for hours of operation.



TASA Ushpizin visit local preschools

The Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio (TASA) Middle school students shared some Sukkot excitement with children from three local preschools.

The TASA students presented an interactive educational program for preschoolers at Heintz Preschool, Gan Gani, and the JCC preschool. The students dressed up in the seven Ushpizin (special guests who have had a formative impact on Judaism) Avraham, Yitzchak, Yaakov, Moshe, Aharon, Yosef and David. While in character, the TASA students introduced themselves and shared details about their lives and accomplishments.



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