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PASSOVER AND ISRAEL AT 70 SPECIAL ISSUE

Celebrate Israel at 70 Statewide With JFNH From April to August!

JFNH Signature Program

Celebrate 70 years of Israeli independence! Join the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire as we mark this momentous anniversary and look toward the future with a season-long community celebration including special events and gatherings. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is excited to announce a special statewide program series in celebration of Israel's 70th! In an effort to provide new on-ramps for all ages to celebrate and explore Israel, the seven-program series offers experiences that focus on travel, creative play, world-class music, traditional dance, nature, and Shabbat reflection. Spanning the spring and into summer (April-August), there's something for everyone to enjoy and explore!

NH 4 Israel's 2nd Annual Run for Healing

A 5k Run/3k Walk to Benefit ALS
Sunday, April 22, 12 noon-3 PM,
FREE to spectators (held rain or shine!)
Registration: Adults (\$18 in advance,
\$25 day of race); Children 12 and under
(\$10)

Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
Join us as we help raise funds for ALS
(Lou Gehrig's Disease) genetic research
at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.
Come, sing "Hatikvah" with Shlichah
Noam Wolf, and join with friends and
neighbors to do a mitzvah and celebrate
Israel! Race starts at 1 PM, and a special
Yom Ha'atzmaut Party goes until 3 PM!
To register, visit www.nh4israel.org.

**Family Israel Fair: Build a Lego™
Model of Jerusalem**

Sunday, May 13, 10 AM-1 PM, FREE
Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Help build a 400-sq.-ft. model of the



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Campaign up 70%, Help Needed to Reach \$200k Goal!

Julia Kay Preis

**JFNH Campaign
Co-Chair**



On behalf of the Board of Directors of JFNH, I have some good news to share.

As of March 6, our 2017-18 Campaign for a Proud & Vibrant Jewish New Hampshire is 69% ahead of where Campaign was at this time last year. This is a difference of almost \$54,000, eight months into our fiscal year that runs July 1-June 30.

This very positive trajectory raises a couple of important questions: Why are we doing better? And how can we build on this much-needed momentum?

To the first question: why are we doing better?


Our data tells us that that we can attribute much of this year-on-year growth to new and reactivated donors. Donors who did not pledge last year (but may have pledged in the past) account for approximately two-thirds of our Campaign growth. To the 137 individuals and families in this group (of which my family is one), we say thank you. Additionally, it is certainly notable that 15% of our donors are first-time contributors to Federation. This is attributed to our extensive outreach efforts, and to the engagement of community members who perhaps didn't feel engaged previously and are now new friends of Federation! This is a figure that we anticipate will continue to grow as our initiatives reach more Jewish homes and communities across New Hampshire.

Another key group driving our growth is donors who increased their gifts. Collectively, over 20% of our donors nearly doubled their gifts to JFNH this year. To all of you, we also say thank you. To Federation's Board and staff, this is an affirmation that the time, effort, and care we are investing in repairing, strengthening, and building relationships is doing just that. Many of you are recognizing the investments Federation is making in your communities -- the presence of our exceptional Shlichah, Noam Wolf; expanded PJ Library programming; state-wide professional development for all Hebrew School teachers; the 30th anniversary of our wonderful JFNH Preschool; a reinvigorated *Jewish Reporter* newspaper; spectacular programming for our 10th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival; and more!

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Services: Friday night services at 7 PM
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Call for times

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uvjc@valley.net
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Saturday morning Shabbat services at 10 AM, led by Rabbi Boraz

KEENE

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Rabbi Amy Loewenthal
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Reconstructionist, Affiliated JRF
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Services: Regular Friday night services at 7 PM
Monthly Shabbat morning services at 9:30 AM
Check the website for time variations

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Services: Every other Friday night at 7:30 PM

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Conservative, Affiliated USCJ
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www.tbanashua.org
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Services: Friday night services 8 PM
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Saturday morning 9:30 AM
Mon. - Thur. minyan 7:30 PM

PORTSMOUTH

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Saturday, 9:30 AM
Tues. minyan 5:30 PM
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



April 6	7:00 PM
April 13	7:08 PM
April 20	7:16 PM
April 27	7:25 PM

Federation Moves Into Spring With Renewed Energy and Events

It's another snowy March weekday here in New Hampshire, a time to get things done creatively with my canine "officemates" and my young assistant by the fireplace here at home. Though spring feels so very far away, my thoughts have turned to Passover and visions of seeds germinating just beneath the frosty New England terrain. The tail end of winter can be a time of darkness and isolation. (I won't lie; I've got a touch of cabin fever myself!)

Thank goodness we've had our 10th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival to bring us together! Across the state, we've been bundling up and putting on our boots to traverse the wintry roads to experience these hand-selected Jewish films together. From Portsmouth to Concord and Manchester to Keene, hundreds of us have brushed off the snow to enjoy one of the greatest forms of "Edu-tainment" around! Thanks again to all our amazing volunteers led by Board member Pat Kalik. Together, their tireless efforts

**Melanie Zalman
McDonald**

**Executive
Director**



produced a stellar Festival! We are also grateful to our "Friends of the Festival" and Sponsors (see pages 10 and 11 for a complete list) whose generous contributions provided the resources to bring these exceptional films right here to New Hampshire! Lastly, thanks especially to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts for awarding a generous Project Grant in this, our 10th year producing the NHJFF!

As we prepare for spring, there is much to look forward to! We are gearing up to celebrate Israel at 70 with an array of programs aimed at shining a bright light on some of Israel's inspirational wonders and opportunities! (See front page article and back page schedule.)

We are watching with great admiration as our amazing Shlichah Noam Wolf braves her first winter and traverses our state providing enrichment at every Hebrew school, Sisterhood, and congregation in the Granite State. She brings with her an infectious warmth, a passion for Israel, and a love of New Hampshire's Jewish community. Noam has been planning spectacular outings for JFNH's "Young Mentsches" -- a group of 30 or so young professionals (ages 21-35) who are meeting up and enjoying social, cultural, and intellectual offerings together under the Federation umbrella.

Our Preschool continues to celebrate 30 years of service to the community -- an Open House (on April 8) will welcome prospective families, and an array of summer camp programs are on the horizon.

Our PJ Library subscription level has almost reached 400! That's nearly a 100% increase from two years ago. Our

PJ family programs are filling to capacity on the Seacoast, in Manchester, and soon in Nashua (see plans for a "Stuffed Animal Shabbat" event on April 20). New PJ collaborations are being planned in the North Country, and we even have a fun family event planned for Lag B'Omer! Our PJ coordinator Allyson Guertin is set to attend the National PJ Library Professionals Conference in Springfield, MA, this May, and she will no doubt return with new and exciting ideas to implement as our PJ following grows!

Needless to say, we have not been hibernating (despite the piles of snow all around us)! The time is upon us to clear out the *chametz*, polish our grandmother's seder plates, and break out our family recipes to celebrate Pesach! As we join together with family and neighbors to retell the Passover story, let us be mindful of the freedoms we cherish as Jews here in New Hampshire. Wishing everyone a *Zissen Pesach!* Next year in Jerusalem!

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That's some compelling data.

To the second critical question -- how can we build on this much-needed momentum together?

To answer this, the Board and I welcome YOUR input.

There was a time in recent Campaign years when we enjoyed much success.

But, over the past 10 years, Campaign has markedly decreased, from a high of \$500K+ down to \$160K last year. I am still relatively new to this Board and to this state, and I do not pretend to have all the answers as to why our Campaign has performed as it has -- although there have certainly been many changes over the years in JFNH's reach, leadership, and physical location. What I do know is that this year's growth is so very welcomed because it is so very much needed.

We are fortunate that our endowment has continued to grow and to date has been able to absorb the operating deficits incurred subsequent to the drop in Campaign revenue. Counting on our Campaign endowment to cover this loss is not sustainable long-term, and so the Board and staff are doing more with less, continuing to do all that we do (Social Services for our most vulnerable, Senior Programs, a blossoming PJ Library program, an exceptional Preschool celebrating 30 years, generous Camperships and Israel

Experience grants, a new and re-energized Shlichah program). We are hoping to do more with more -- and that's where you come in.

Our ultimate goal, of course, is a proud and vibrant Jewish New Hampshire. For that, we need a fiscally sustainable JFNH -- and we need our annual Campaign to continue to diversify and increase.

The annual campaign of Federation that fellow Board member Sarit Itenberg and I have agreed to co-chair quite literally allows Federation to exist. We need your help -- we need you to give to the campaign, so that Federation can do all that it does, and all that it aspires to do. If you have never given before, make this the first year that you do. If you gave last year, please give again, and if your means allow, please consider increasing your gift. If you gave in the past but perhaps stopped for a year or two, please consider reinvesting yourself in Federation and our community.

At risk of overly repeating myself in JFNH forums, I do want to reiterate that both my family and that of my campaign co-chair Sarit are personally proud to be making our first gifts to Federation this year. If you have not yet done so, please join us. If something is holding you back, please contact us -- or any JFNH staff or Board member -- to share more about what JFNH can do to earn your support. We need your help, and we appreciate it.

Celebrate Passover at a Community Seder

Passover begins at sunset on Friday, March 30, and ends at sunset on Saturday, April 7. At press time, the congregations below had reported their plans for community Seders, which welcome nonmembers as well as members. Please contact the congregation for information and reservations.

See the Calendar listings (page 4) for additional information.

Amherst

6 PM, Saturday, March 31,
Congregation Betenu

Concord

5:45 PM, Saturday, March 31, Temple
Beth Jacob

Derry

6:00 PM, Saturday, March 31, Etz
Hayim Synagogue

Dover

5:30 PM, Saturday, March 31, Temple
Israel

Hanover

6 PM, Saturday, March 31, Kol
Ha'Emek, The Upper Valley Jewish
Community

Keene

5:30 PM, Saturday, March 31,
Congregation Ahavas Achim

Manchester

7:30 PM, Friday, March 30, Chabad
6 PM, Saturday, March 31, Temple
Adath Yeshurun
6:45 PM, Saturday, March 31,
Temple Israel

Nashua

5:30 PM, Saturday,
March 31, Temple
Beth Abraham

Portsmouth

6:15 PM, Saturday,
March 31, Temple Israel



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sustain a proud and vibrant Jewish NH.
Make your gift to the 2017-2018 Campaign at
www.jewishnh.org/give.

Statewide Calendar of Events

Friday, March 30

First Night Seder

7:30 PM service followed by Seder, Chabad, Manchester

Join us for insightful, uplifting, and meaningful Passover Seder led by Rabbi Levi and Shternie Krinsky. Discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah, and enjoy a Seder complete with hand-baked matzah, 4 cups of Wine, Songs, and a delicious 4-course dinner in a warm, wonderful, and *heimische* atmosphere. Suggested donation \$30 adults, \$18 children. If you cannot afford it or know someone who may not be able to afford a Seder this year, please let us know and we will work it out. Space is limited. RSVP necessary to info@chabadofnh.com.

Saturday, March 31

Community Seder

5:30 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim
\$13 for members, \$8 for children 12 and under, and \$24 for nonmembers. RSVP to secretary.ahavas.achim@gmail.com or call 352-6747.

Community Seder

5:30 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
\$30 for adult members, \$36 for adult nonmembers, \$15 ages 6-12 members, \$20 ages 6-12 nonmembers, 5 and under free.

Community Passover Seder

5:30 PM, Temple Israel, Dover
Join us for a traditional Passover Seder, with special activities for the kids. Grape juice will be provided -- feel free to bring your own wine. Costs are \$45 for 13 and up; \$30 for 12 and under; \$118 max per family. For tickets in advance, contact rabbisam@dovertemple.org or the temple office at 742-3976.

Second Night Passover Seder and Potluck Meal

6 PM, Congregation Betenu, Amherst
More information: 886-1633 or betenu.org.

Community Second Seder

6 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
Rabbi Peter Levy will conduct the family-oriented, community-focused Seder following Havdalah. The cost is \$30 for members, \$15 for children under 13, \$42 for nonmembers, and \$21 for nonmember children under 13. Reservations required by noon on Monday, March 26, at the Etz Hayim office, online at <http://www.etzhayim.org>, or by calling 432-0004.

Community Seder

6 PM, Roth Center for Jewish Life, 5 Occom Ridge, Hanover
Join Kol Ha'Emek, The Upper Valley Jewish Community for the second night of Passover. Cost: Adults \$36, Children under 13 years \$18, Nonmembers \$45/\$20. For information and reservations, contact Chris DePierro, office@uvjc.org, 646-0460.

Sisterhood Second Seder

6 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester
Paid reservations are due by March 20. For information, call 669-5650.

Community Passover Seder

6:15 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
All are welcome to join with the Temple Israel community in this relaxed evening of food, wine, friends, and remembrance of our release from bondage. Vegetarian meals available. Temple Israel Member (Non-Member) Cost is \$35 (\$40) for adults and \$10 (\$18) for children under 10. For tickets or more information, contact the temple office at 436-5301, or email templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org.

Community Passover Seder & Service

6:45 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester
Temple members – \$30/adult, \$15/child aged 6-12, no charge kids for under 6. Nonmember guests - \$40/adult, \$20/child aged 6-12, no charge for kids under 6. Reservations and payment required by noon, March 15. More information: Contact Christine Dame at office@templeisraelmht.org or 622-6171.

Thursday, April 5

Hebrew Calligraphy Workshop

6 PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth
Make a decorated word in Hebrew calligraphy to take home. The word can be someone's name or simply "Israel" or "Shalom," etc. Donation of \$5 toward materials. Please register with Sue West, overbywest@gmail.com.

Friday, April 6

Passover Holiday Service

7 AM, Temple Israel, Manchester
Reservations are not required. Contact Christine at 622-6171 or office@templeisraelmht.org.

Saturday, April 7

Passover Holiday Service (with Yizkor)

9:30 AM, Temple Israel, Manchester
Reservations are not required. More information 622-6171 or office@templeisraelmht.org.

Sunday, April 8

First Annual TBA Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament

1-5 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
There will be fun, games, noshes, and prizes! There will also be a "learn to play area" for Mah Jongg newbies. Sisterhood members \$10, nonmembers \$18. Funds raised will go toward the purchase of a new oven for the TBA kitchen. More information and to RSVP, contact Robin at 571-1090 or litrube@gmail.com.

Mak'Hela, The Jewish Chorus of Western MA

3 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
The chorus is now in its 15th year and brings to audiences a wide range of beautiful, exciting, and spiritual Jewish choral music. This concert will include liturgical gems in Hebrew, Yiddish favorites, Klezmer-style lively toe-tapping numbers, and more. More information; 352-6747.

Yom Hashoah Commemoration

3 PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth
Temple Israel observes Holocaust Remembrance Day with guest clergy Cantor Shira Nafshi and keynote speaker Professor John Sturtz of the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College. This event is free and open to all. More information: 436-5301 or email templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org.

Monday, April 9

Genocide Awareness Lecture Series – Tibi Galis

7 PM, Mabel Brown Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center, Keene State College, Keene
Dr. Tibi Galis has been the executive director of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) since 2006.

Wednesday, April 11

Yom HaShoah Service

7 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester
More information: 669-5650.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

7 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

CAA invites you to an intimate memorial gathering as we remember the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. We will reflect on how our own lives were touched by the Shoah and pay our respects to the dead through words and prayer. More information: 352-6747.

Yom HaShoah Observance

7 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
The featured speaker will be Margot Schrader, daughter of a Holocaust survivor. TBA's Zimria Choir will perform with the Nashua Community Interfaith Choir. A question and answer session and a candle lighting ceremony memorializing the victims of the Holocaust will follow the presentation. This program is in collaboration with Rivier University. It is free and open to the public, no RSVP required. More information: Sheryl Rich-Kern, 881-7264 or sherylrchikern@gmail.com.

Thursday, April 12

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Presents: Memories in the Living Room

7 PM, Manchester (address will be given with RSVP)
Zikaron BaSalon offers a new, meaningful, and intimate way to commemorate this day and address its implications through discussion at home among family, friends, and guests. It is a unique and authentic tradition of people gathering to open their hearts to the stories of the survivors, sing, think, read, talk and, most importantly, listen. Bodo Schrader is a New Hampshire Holocaust Survivor who, along with daughter Margot, has been working to piece together his experiences and to rebuild connections to Jewish heritage and long-lost family in Germany. The Schraders' story was recently featured on NHPR's "Word of Mouth." Pre-registration is required as space is limited. More information and to RSVP: info@jewishnh.org.

Saturday, April 14

Lunch & Learn: A Talk with Galina Nizhikov

Noon-2 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Galina Nizhikov (the mother of a TBA congregant) was a "refusenik" in the Soviet Union and later an immigrant to the United States. She will discuss her life in the Soviet Union and her involvement with the Jewish women's movement in the 1970s during the Brezhnev Era. Mrs. Nizhikov is the author of *Against the Kremlin Wall*, which describes her experience in the Soviet Union's Jewish women's movement. More information: 883-8184.

Saturday Night at the Movies

7 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
The movie to be shown will be *Rosenwald*. Julius Rosenwald was a self-made Jewish businessman who never finished high school but rose to become CEO of Sears, Roebuck and Co., one of the largest American corporations during his time there. He was also a major influential philanthropist and civil rights activist. More information: 352-6747.

Winni Players Presents "I Never Saw Another Butterfly"

7:30 PM, Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Meredith
The Winni Players Community Theatre will present a staged reading of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day. For information, visit www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org or call 279-0333.

Yom HaShoah Concert With the Aryaloka String Quartet

8 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester
Featuring works by Jewish composers who were killed in the Holocaust. This concert is funded in part by a

grant from The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. More information: 669-5650.

Sunday, April 15

5th Annual Bagels and Biscuits 5K Fundraiser

7:30 AM, Registration/Number Pick-up; 9 AM, Run/Walk begins, Derryfield Park, Highland Street, Manchester
To benefit TAY and the Bedford Animal Rescue League. All walkers, runners, and leashed dogs welcome! Register by April 13 to receive the early bird discount. Donations of pet food gladly accepted at the race. Participate as an individual or start a team! To sign up, please go to our website: www.BagelsandBiscuits5k.com. More information: 669-5650.

Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club Breakfast

9:30 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
The speaker will be Ron Bruckman, who will discuss his trip to Germany for an extended family reunion. More information: www.snhjmc.org.

IsraAid Speaker

2-4 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
IsraAid, founded in 2001, is a nonprofit, nongovernmental Israeli organization that provides life-saving disaster relief and long-term humanitarian support worldwide. For over a decade, its teams of professional medics, search & rescue squads, post-trauma experts, and community mobilizers have been first on the front lines of nearly every major humanitarian response in the 21st century. The Israel Affairs Committee of Temple Israel, Portsmouth is hosting this event, which is supported in part by a mini-grant from Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

Winni Players Presents "I Never Saw Another Butterfly"

2 PM, Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Meredith
The Winni Players Community Theatre will present a staged reading of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day. For information, visit www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org or call 279-0333.

Screening of *Persona Non Grata*

7 PM, Tad's Place, 149 Eastside Dr., Concord
The true story of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, posted in Lithuania, who defied his country and saved 6,000 Jews during the Holocaust. Suggested donation \$5-\$10 at the door. The Greater Concord Interfaith Council is sponsoring this event to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Monday, April 16

Reading of the Names of Holocaust Victims

11 AM-1 PM, Eagle Square, Main Street, Concord (Near the Clock Tower)
This event will happen rain or shine. The Greater Concord Interfaith Council is sponsoring this event to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Holocaust Memorial Service

5:30 PM, Temple Beth Jacob, Concord
Guest speakers: Katrina Lantos Swett in conversation with her mother, Annette Lantos, child survivor of the Holocaust. More information: 228-8581.

Jewish Poetry as a Path to Prayer

6:30 PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth
Mary Anker and John Englander will lead this workshop exploring the relationship between prayer and poetry. Sources will include the siddur. Mary is an English teacher and performing poet. John is an educator and singer/songwriter who will play his guitar to enhance our understanding of words and their potential depth.

Statewide Calendar of Events

Two free sessions, take either or both. Please sign up by emailing Mary Anker at mamanker@gmail.com. Workshop is limited to 18 participants.

Wednesday, April 18

Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale

9 AM– 3 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Proceeds support TBA and local charitable agencies.
More information: 883-8184.

Thursday, April 19

Temple Israel's Annual Fundraiser & Community Event: Schmooze & Booze

6–10 PM, Manchester Country Club, 180 S. River Rd., Bedford
Enjoy drinks, dining, and dancing at the first annual Schmooze & Booze, featuring Laser Robots USA from America's Got Talent. This will be a sold-out event, so get your tickets now! \$60 per person (adults only), at Tischmoozeandbooze.eventbrite.com. Sponsored by the Shepler Financial Group. More information Christine: 622-6171 or office@templeisraelmht.org.

Friday, April 20

Shabbat Service With Noam Wolf, Holocaust Survivor Kati Preston

7 PM, Temple Israel Dover
Please join us as we observe Yom Hashoah with special guests Noam Wolf and Holocaust survivor Kati Preston. All welcome at no charge. For more information, please contact rabbisam@dovertemple.org or president@dovertemple.org or the Temple Office at 742-3976.

Saturday, April 21

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Presents: Memories in the Living Room

7 PM, 30 Doe Run Lane, Stratham
Zikaron BaSalon offers a new, meaningful and intimate way to commemorate this day and address its implications through discussion at home among family, friends, and guests. It is a unique and authentic tradition of people gathering to open their hearts to the stories of the survivors, sing, think, read, talk, and, most importantly, listen. Kati Preston is a New Hampshire Holocaust survivor and author of the book *Holocaust to Healing: Closing the Circle*. Kati will be sharing testimony of her experiences as a child survivor in Hungary with those in attendance. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. More information and to RSVP: templeoffice@dovertemple.org or (561) 317-3839.

Sunday, April 22

NH4Israel's 2nd Annual Run for Healing

Noon–3PM (run at 1PM), Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
5K run for ALS (or 1-mile walk, 2-mile walk, or just come and celebrate with us). Help raise funds for ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease genetic research at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. More information and to register: NH4israel.org.

Monday, April 23

Jewish Poetry as a Path to Prayer

6:30 PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth
Mary Anker and John Englander will lead this workshop exploring the relationship between prayer and poetry. Sources will include the siddur. Mary is an English teacher and performing poet. John is an educator and singer/songwriter who will play his guitar to enhance our understanding of words and their potential depth. Two free sessions, take either or both. Please sign up by emailing Mary Anker at mamanker@gmail.com. Workshop is limited to 18 participants.

Tuesday, April 24

The CAA Book Club Explores Non-Fiction

7 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
The book to be discussed will be *Who Wrote the Bible?* by Richard Elliott Friedman. More information: 352-6747.

Lunch and Learn: Israeli Deputy Consul-General for New England

12:30 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Matan Zamir has been the Israeli Deputy Consul-General to New England since 2016. He has been a member of Israel's Foreign Service since 2011. Please come and meet the Deputy Consul-General. He will be discussing Yom HaAtzma'ut and current events in Israel. There is no cost and RSVP is not required. More information: 883-8184.

Tuesday, May 1

Combatants for Peace

68 PM, Manchester Public Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester
If you yearn for peace in the Middle East but don't believe it can happen in your lifetime, consider coming to one of three public presentations by Palestinian Jamel Qassas and Israeli Netta Hazan, ex-fighters from opposite sides of the conflict who not only believe that peace is possible-- they're modeling what it looks like. They are members of Combatants for Peace, a grassroots organization founded on the conviction that the cycle of violence will end when Israelis and Palestinians join forces to oppose what the Combatants consider their common enemy: the occupation. The organization's groundbreaking work has earned its founders a nomination for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize. More information Joel Berman: joelberman@gmail.com.

Wednesday May 2

Combatants for Peace

6:30–8:30PM, Concord Universalist Unitarian Church, 274 Pleasant St., Concord
See listing, May 1.

Thursday, May 3

Combatants for Peace

6:30–8:30 PM, Portsmouth Public Library, Levenson Room, 175 Parrott Ave, Portsmouth
See listing, May 1.

Events For Our Youth

Saturday, April 7

Junior Congregation: Family Learning – A Taste of Text

10–11:30 AM, Temple Beth Abraham (during morning services)
Director of Education and Family Engagement Noreen Leibson will lead a discussion about Jewish texts. There is no cost and RSVP is not required. More information: Noreen Leibson, director@tbanashua.org.

Sunday, April 8

Jewish Federation Preschool Open House

2–4 PM, Jewish Federation Preschool, 152 Prospect St, Manchester (Harrison St. Entrance)
The Jewish Federation Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2018/2019 school year! Our preschool provides quality care and education to children 2 years – kindergarten. Come tour the school, meet our teachers, and see why families have chosen our program for more than 30 years. Flexible hours available! For questions or more information: 782-5174 or preschool@jewishnh.org.

Friday, April 13

Gimel / Dalet / Hai Class Service

7 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Friday night Shabbat service led by religious school students. No cost and no RSVP required. More information: 883-8184.

Saturday, April 14

Junior Congregation

10 AM Temple Israel, Manchester
Reservations are not required. More information 622-6171 or office@templeisraelmht.org.

Junior Congregation

10–11:30 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua (During morning services)
For children 3rd grade through 6th grade. No cost and no RSVP required. More information Noreen Leibson: director@tbanashua.org.

Friday, April 20

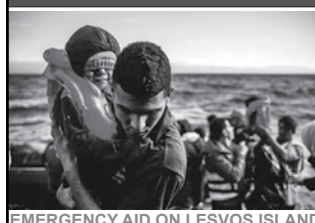
PJ Library: A Stuffy Shabbat!

4:30 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Share a Shabbat meal with families from across New Hampshire! We will have pasta, salad, and of course challah for dinner. Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a special craft and cuddle up with them during a family-friendly Shabbat service. Join us after our service for a milk and cookie oneg! This program is designed for children 0-8 years old and their families. This PJ Library event is held in collaboration with Temple Beth Abraham. Pre-registration is required by April 12 to: pjlibrary@jewishnh.org.

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April Brings Natural Beauty and Intense Emotions in Israel

With April around the corner, spring is official in Israel, and it is on its way here, too.

On one hand, it is my favorite time of year. The Golan Heights are blooming and green, all the rivers are full of water from Mount Hermon, and the Negev hosts its yearly festival Darom Adom (Red South). Flat carpets of red and orange anemones are revealed from the car window as you drive on Road Number 6 to the Negev. It is just like your foliage time in the fall -- glorious, hypnotizing, and colorful. On the other hand, April is a very intense month, so the time flies, and before you know it, it's May.

April in Israel starts with Passover, a long 2-week school vacation, when the kids take over the country. The streets of Tel Aviv are full of families walking, the museums are full, and there are children's theatre shows in every main square of the city. In my family, every year we do our Seder with



another side of my family. On my dad's side, my grandpa hides the afikomen under the pillow he sits on, and we need to steal it first and then negotiate for our presents. (My mom was the one who always bought the presents every year for me and my cousins, so I was a very calm negotiator, knowing they were in the kitchen waiting for us). My mom's side is way more traditional, and we read the whole Haggadah with them. My uncle is Chabad, and he doesn't skip any pages, not to mention the glasses of wine are completely full, all the way up (which helps when dealing with that oh-so-long night).



Singing in Yom Hazikaron memorial ceremony of my town in front of 7,000 people at age 11 in 2001.



Performing in a big Independence Day event in Jerusalem with four other talented musicians (I am third from the left).


After Pesach comes Yom Hashoah. This year it happens on April 12, and it will be very hard for me to not be in Israel on that day. During the siren that is heard all over Israel, every car stops, every person is silent, and we give that one minute of silence for the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. This day is specifically hard for me, as I know many Holocaust survivors, some of whom I volunteered with, and the memories and stories I heard are vivid. In our 11th year of school, most of the schools send their students to Poland, and we visit the concentration camps, where it all happened. We had a survivor who joined our trip when I was 17. Her name was Helena Birnbaum, and I will never forget the moment we walked into the gas chambers with her, or when she pointed out the place where she had her "bed" with five other people, in our Auschwitz visit. I will never forget how she made me feel. Since then, I have grown up and I am facing the horrible situation of our neglected survivors, some of whom can't even make ends meet, and some of whom have no one to support them. I personally care a lot about this topic, and I have been active about it in Israel for many years. This year in New Hampshire, I am helping to commemorate this day by producing two meaningful events and inviting people from the Jewish community and the non-Jewish community as well to participate. It is called *zikaron basalon* (memories in the living room), and it is a unique way to hear firsthand testimony in an intimate location, to create a different way of remembering. I can't wait for everyone to experience this meaningful day with me (April 12 in Manchester, April 21 in Stratham).

One week after Yom Hashoah comes Yom Hazikaron, the memorial day of the fallen soldiers of Israel and the victims

of terrorism. I have never seen a memorial ceremony from the crowd -- since I can remember, I have always been on the stage to sing a few songs in the ceremony, and it's a very emotional day for me. I knew many soldiers who died while protecting our country, and I was very close to losing my brother a few years ago, too. I'm lucky my brother is still alive, and I am thankful for it every day, but there are many others who were not so lucky, and the reality in Israel is that almost everyone knows at least one person who died in a war/operation or in a terror attack. It's a sad day, and the transition in the evening of that day toward Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), always catches me off guard. It's very hard to just start celebrating and become happy. But that's how it is in our calendar. We go out and watch the fireworks shows and big, live concerts in every city park. We spray each other with snow-spray, and the children run around with their friends. And this year it's even happier, as Israel will celebrate its 70th birthday. For this important celebration, the JFNH team and I are working on a series of seven events to emphasize the positive things about Israel, special and unique aspects of Israel that we think everyone should experience. I hope that each one of the Jewish community members in New Hampshire will be able to attend at least one event. I will be at every one of them, and I would love to meet you if we still haven't met. I'm excited for these events to come.

I am also excited and very happy to announce that I was invited to stay for another year in New Hampshire, and I have agreed. So it means you will have to keep reading my articles, follow me on Facebook, invite me to dinner, and hear me sing. I hope you can handle it...

Thanks for reading again, and thank you for letting me be myself in your home and bring my Israel to you.




EVENTS & PROGRAMS SPRING 2018

Help fight spring fever by joining PJ Library this season at one of our family friendly programs. Learn, create and grow alongside other Jewish New Hampshire families.
We look forward to seeing you!


April ● ● ● ● ●

Stuffy Shabbat
Friday, April 20; 4:30pm-6:30pm
Temple Beth Abraham (4 Raymond St., Nashua)
Children 0-8 and their families are invited to celebrate Shabbat with their favorite stuffed animal. Families will gather together for a Shabbat dinner, followed by a craft for your stuffy and special Shabbat service. We'll end the night with a milk and cookie oneg!
FREE Pre-registration is required by April 18th please email pjlibrary@jewishnh.org




May

SAVE THE DATE!
Lag B'Omer Bonfire and Sing Along and S'mores
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PJ Library Family of the Month: The Welch Family

JFNH Signature Program

The wonderful thing about PJ Library is that it welcomes all types of families looking for Jewish experiences. There is no mold or criteria a family has to fit into to benefit from their books or attend a program. They just have to share one common goal, raising Jewish children.

Each month we will highlight a family from across New Hampshire showing how together PJ Library and even the smallest family experience or tradition ensure that the history and love of Judaism is passed on to our next generation.

Meet the Welch family, our PJ Library – New Hampshire Family of the Month!

Tell us a little bit about your family.

We are the Welch family: Arielle, Mike, Jonas (10), and Mirabel (5). Our cat, Jasmine, is a Bengal “hypoallergenic” cat who helps keep the critters in our 1775 farmhouse at bay. We live in Rockingham County and we are involved with the NH Jewish community through JFNH Preschool, PJ Library, Camp Tevya, and Etz Hayim Synagogue. Arielle is a yoga and religious education teacher at JFNH Preschool and Etz Hayim. In the summer, the kids move to Camp Tevya with Arielle for her summer job of running the waterfront, and Mike gets to visit!

How long have you been a PJ Library family and how did you learn about the program?

A family friend told us about PJ Library when our son was born in November 2007. We signed up right away and began receiving



books when he was 6 months old. He now enjoys PJ Our Way chapter books, and his sister gets new PJ Library titles appropriate for her.

Tell us about your experiences with PJ Library and how this program (books and events) has impacted your family

Both kids always look forward to receiving their PJ Library books in the mail and opening the envelopes themselves. It's particularly special to receive a music CD we can listen to in the car and all sing along to together. Arriving at summer camp this past summer, the kids were pleasantly surprised when they realized they knew some of the songs already. It has helped to strengthen their connection to the Jewish community at large. The new PJ Library Radio app continues to develop this awareness and appreciation. We are so grateful for these resources and the connections they foster.

As PJ parents, what do you value most about your involvement with PJ Library and why?

Connection to the greater Jewish community is so important for New Hampshire families raising Jewish children. All of the PJ Library programs work together to create a sense of belonging in an area where we are very much a minority. Last summer, we had the opportunity to utilize PJ Library grant money to be able to host a Shabbat dinner for a few families. We had difficulty

coordinating our event, but we were inspired by the idea and have since gotten together with other families potluck style to share Shabbat.

What are your children's favorite PJ books?

Jonas's favorite PJ Library book is The Golem's Latkes by Eric A. Kimmel. Mirabel is currently enjoying two recent stories: One Little Chicken by Elka Weber and A Hat for Mrs. Goldman by Michelle Edwards.

What has been your child's favorite PJ Library program and why?

Our whole family really enjoyed the Shavuot program at Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton last year. Both kids loved writing on their “parchment” scrolls & making Mt. Sinai from paper plates. Mirabel has enjoyed many Tot Shabbats and Jonas is looking forward to PJ Our Way events coming soon! We hope to see a PJ Library family skiing event next winter!

What do you wish most people knew about PJ Library – New Hampshire?

It really is more than just books! The programs are showing families in New Hampshire that they do not have to feel



The Welch Family

isolated. Our community is bigger than we think it is!

Tell us about your favorite Jewish family tradition or special memory.

We love lighting the Shabbat candles and singing the blessings together. Our Shabbat table is set with family memorabilia including the kiddush cups from Arielle and Mike's wedding ceremony and two grandfathers, Bubbie's challah board, and the candlesticks from Arielle's Bat Mitzvah. We always enjoyed the challah from the JFNH Preschool and sometimes make our own mini ones at home the same way. We use the Chanukah tune for our candle blessing and we've been pleasantly surprised when we've hosted a Shabbat dinner for friends and found out we are not the only ones who do that!

Together with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, PJ Library provides programming and sends the gift of free Jewish books to children throughout New Hampshire each month. To learn more about PJ Library, visit www.pjlibrary.org or email pjlibrary@jewishnh.org

Preschool Announces Six Weeks of Camp Fun and April 8 Open House

JFNH Signature Program

By Alane Sabel, Preschool Director

Manchester — So many things are happening at JFNH Preschool!

Although the snow is on the ground and the temperatures are still cold, registration for Summer Camp has started. Camp will run for six theme-filled weeks, beginning July 2 and winding up August 10.

We will be offering a slightly different schedule this year. You can pick three days or five days. We have added the option of picking whatever combination of three days you need. There is a flat fee for 9 AM–12 PM or 9 AM–2 PM, and we have added 9

AM–5:30 PM. Early morning drop off (7:30 AM) option is available for an additional \$10 per early morning.

Child Care is offered two weeks before camps starts and two weeks after camp ends, before school starts.

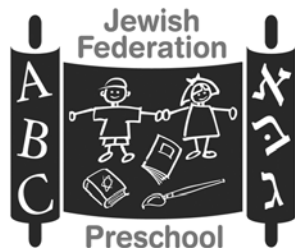
Don't wait too long -- spaces fill up fast. Call 782-5174 for a registration form.

But that's not all!

Preschool has delivered 30 years of quality early childhood education and was recently honored by the City of Manchester.

Come see what all the excitement is about. Join us for an Open House on Sunday, April 8, 2–4 PM, at 152 Prospect (entrance on Harrison St.).

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Your Federation at Work

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Welcomes New Bookkeeper

Manchester — The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire welcomes Karen Cannella as its new bookkeeper. Karen has been working as a bookkeeper for over 25 years and is looking forward to learning a new way of doing things.

Karen was born and raised in Everett, MA, and currently lives in Manchester. She has been married for 31 years and has three children -- two sons and a daughter -- as well as three grandchildren and two dogs. Karen has



Karen Cannella,
JFNH Bookkeeper

a love for arts and crafts and enjoys beading with her granddaughter on a regular basis. She is also an avid reader and loves to go for walks.

Karen looks forward to learning about the Jewish community and is excited to learn about Israel from Noam. She has enjoyed learning a daily Hebrew word of the day and sharing it with

the rest of the office.

Please help us in welcoming Karen to the Federation team!



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Volunteer Spotlight: Russell Wolff, Video Producer

By Paul Etkind

[Editor's Note: The work of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire depends heavily on determined work by many dedicated volunteers. This is the second in our new series highlighting the JFNH volunteers and the work they do to promote Jewish culture and values to New Hampshire's Jewish communities as well as to New Hampshire communities in general.]

This month we want to introduce our readers to Russell Wolff, who has been helping the Federation with his video production skills but in many other ways as well. Russell has spent countless hours on these videos, collecting footage of Federation events and activities, editing them, and putting the stories together in coherent and entertaining ways. Russell became involved in the Federation's "Young Mentsches" program, a series of social and cultural gatherings that occur across the state. These events include such activities as "Hebrew Happy Hour," holiday events, "Latkes and Lager," etc. Russell has twin sisters who are also heavily involved in these programs. He attends the Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry.

Tell me about your personal and professional background.

After graduating from Clarkson University with a degree in communications and mass media, I continued my education in the media profession and enhanced my experience with a major TV broadcasting corporation as well as doing local cable media. I own and operate Russell Wolff Productions www.russellwolffproductions.com, specializing in personal family remembrances, private parties such as weddings and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and corporate parties and sales events. I capture memories in different mediums. I've been doing this for 10 years as a professional videographer, I produce many videos related to family life-cycle events and community activities, but I also help create documentaries. I have received various awards for my video work. I have been active in the Boy Scouts, obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. I am also active in local community and high school programs, with and without a camera.

In what ways are you a volunteer for JFNH-related activities?

First of all, I don't view these opportunities as volunteering. I was raised to help where I see there is a need. I am just trying to do my part. I have been producing promotional video recordings of the JFNH activities, including holiday activities, the



Russell Wolff, JFNH Volunteer of the Month, with JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf (no relation)

meanings of different holidays, and PJ Library activities. Lately, I have been working on a documentary about Noam Wolf's time in New Hampshire as our shlichah: what her role is with the Federation, what she does, how she brings Israel to New Hampshire and does so in such a personal way. I have also been involved in various ways with the NH Jewish Film Festival.

Why is this work important to you?

I believe in the Federation's messages and mission, both within New Hampshire's Jewish communities and in its interfaith organizations. I enjoy being part of this organization and hope that my efforts help to promote its work toward a better understanding of people as individuals and a more harmonic society. These days, many people do not get their information from printed materials. Instead, they can stream a video and enjoy good quality information on their phones or tablets. If they feel moved by it, just a click of a button shows how they feel, and then it spreads. My hopes are to show this, since my mission is "Capturing Your Memories."

What do you hope to achieve with your volunteer work?

I hope that my work will be part of the reason that people gain a greater appreciation of what the Federation brings to the daily life, well-being, and cultural diversity of New Hampshire. Capturing today's society in a video that can be played back in years to come will hopefully highlight the changes and advances in our society over time. Just look at over-the-air broadcasting, which has been around for 90+ years, or any other media such as the phono-

graph, from a wax tube to vinyl to tape to digital recordings. What's next? I guess if someone views my work and it encourages them to get involved even a little bit, then that's one more person to share the joy of helping others.

How long have you been involved with the Federation?

I have been doing video production for about two years for the Federation, but I have volunteered at numerous events for the past five years.

What inspired you to volunteer?

As I said earlier, I saw needs that my skills and understanding could help to fill. I felt that the work of the Federation is important, and anything I could contribute would be meaningful. Helping others has always been part of my personal values, starting with Cub Scouts collecting food for those who need a helping hand. Ameri-

ca is so rich in resources, yet we have so many in desperate need. A simple smile, a thank you, and knowing that I've helped another person is my personal inspiration through my up-bringing.

What is your favorite aspect of this volunteer work?

I get great satisfaction from knowing I can help to grow the organization and explain its mission. In doing so, I have gained new experiences, made new friends and acquaintances, and feel that I am doing good for and with people. It has also given me opportunities to practice new skills within videography, using traditional techniques and showing the Federation's mission and understanding through slow-motion shots and action sequences. It's very rewarding to see the work while videoing the process. Anyone can pick up a camera, but I capture the spirit of the moment to preserve the memory, no filters needed.

Would you encourage your peers to volunteer for JFNH, and how would you do so?

Absolutely. The Federation does important work for New Hampshire's Jewish communities as well as contributing to the cultural life of all of New Hampshire. The Federation can use help in many traditional and nontraditional ways and from a very wide variety of skill sets. For me, being the guy who is behind the camera, not on the front lines, shows that the JFNH deeply cares about everyone. They appreciate what you can do in the moment or in the future, maybe also in the past. It is good to reach out, see what you can accomplish, maybe learn something new about yourself, and feel that you helped in a substantive way. But you know it is right and you feel good about it. Otherwise, it just feels like another day. You can contact me at www.russellwolffproductions.com and I'd be happy to elaborate more.

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From Shabbat Zachor to Pesach: A Reflection for the 21st Century

As I write this, Purim was recently concluded., As you read this, it is likely that Passover was recently concluded, or will be shortly. As we move into the new seasonal year, let us pause and reflect, as is a custom at each annual transition -- whether it be the High Holy Days or the secular New Year on January 1. The preparation for the new seasonal year begins with the Shabbat before Purim, Shabbat Zachor. This year, we saw the rare occurrence of the final full moon of winter in March (on the 1st) and the first full moon of spring also in March (on the 30th). This accident of the secular calendar can serve to reinforce the lessons and connection between Shabbat Zachor and Pesach that challenge us in our modern age.

Shabbat Zachor flashes back in the Torah to the experience with Amalek as Israel found herself on the path of freedom. In remembering this savage attack on Israel, Moses (Deuteronomy 25:18) reminds Israel that Amalek attacked the weak and the stragglers -- that is, those who were left on the edges of the community (the disenfranchised, the forgotten, and the marginalized). Thus, while the Torah says to "blot out the name of Amalek," Israel is also instructed to "never forget." As long as there is an Amalek in society -- who seeks to prey on the marginalized and the "other" -- Israel is equally culpable for not seeking out and bringing into the center and protection of the community those **VERY** forgotten and marginalized members of the community. (A side note for another article and time: Could this be the challenge of the strange use of the Hebrew word "me'od" in the "V'ahavta"? We are commanded as an integral part of the Shema to love God with all our thoughts, our feelings, and our support for the marginalized.)

From Shabbat Zachor, we move to Purim. While the subject is not raised in the traditional reading of the Megillah, a modern lesson shows that the marginalized in the story were women. Vashti was treated as chattel and expected to be totally subservient to her husband as a model for all women in the kingdom. When she did find her voice, she was removed completely from the story. Esther blindly followed the will of Mordecai. It was only when she found her voice that the saving of the Jews could happen. In fact, Morde-

Rabbi in the House



Rabbi Sam Seicol
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cai told her that "if she does not speak, salvation will come from elsewhere." Where did Esther's strength and voice come from? The Megillah does not say (another side note: This cries out for a Midrash that has Esther seek counsel secretly from Vashti). The essence of the story, however, teaches of the power that can come from "*kol isha*," the voice of a woman willing to speak out against the prevailing norms and narrow-minded misogyny of society. (One more side note: If Vashti had been given the honor of her voice, the rise of Haman and the destruction of so much of Shushan and the kingdom would never have happened.)

The next full moon is Passover. The traditional Haggadah offers at the beginning *ha lachma* as a reminder to invite all who are in need to join with us. Little is done in the rest of the seder, however, to further this theme. In keeping, then, with the theme begun at Shabbat Zachor and now reinforced and reimagined into the story of Purim, two modern traditions of the seder can remind us of our obligation to all of our people and community. By placing an orange or tangerine on the seder plate -- and taking time to raise it up and speak about it -- the marginalized and disenfranchised (be they LBGQTQ, elderly, poor, homeless, etc.) can be welcomed and invited fully into the center of the community (sheltered and protected from the Amalekites in our society). Along with the cup of Elijah (and prayers for the coming of an age of understanding and acceptance for all) during the closing parts of the seder, there can also be a cup of Miriam. The cup of Miriam can begin empty, and all can be invited to add to it a few drops from their individual water goblet. When all share in celebrating the *kol isha* of Miriam, no cup will have been significantly diminished. Yet the cup of Miriam will be seen to be overflowing.

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Purim



Chabad Purim party attendees listen to the entire Megillah being read!



Guests enjoy an entertaining circus show at the Chabad Purim party on March 1.



Etz Hayim Synagogue members had "fun, fun, fun" at their March 3, 2018 Purim party, which included a shpiel based on the songs of the Beach Boys.



Costumes added to the fun at Temple Israel Dover for Purim.



The TBA kids performed a Purim shpiel at the Purim Carnival.



Students at Temple Israel Dover enjoyed baking hamantaschen together.



Purim



On Sunday, March 4, the Hebrew School staff and teens at Manchester's Temple Israel planned a wonderful "Carnival" for students and their younger siblings. There were games, prizes and activities, something for everyone from the very young, to the young at heart.



Interim Rabbi Gary Atkins joins the kids of Manchester's Temple Israel in donning Purim costumes.



Hamantaschen making and baking at Temple Beth Jacob.



This year's Megillah reading was attended by people of all ages in creative costumes at Temple Israel Portsmouth.



Kid shtetl written and directed by 8th graders Anna G. and Madeline K, performed by pre-k/kindegartners-7th graders from Temple Beth Jacob.



Temple B'nai Israel celebrated Purim with "An Evening in Shushan!" Rabbi Boaz Heilman set the tone with a rousing reading of the Megillah.



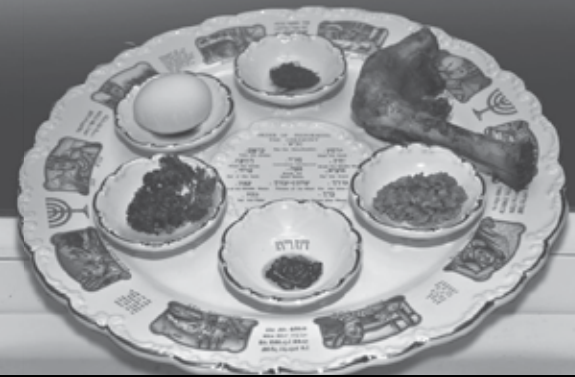
For Purim, Leslie Aronson's vision and energy transformed Temple B'nai Israel's Chertok Social Hall into a Persian banquet; the Holiday Committee, led by Naomi Goldman, prepared a delicious feast; and shlichah Noam Wolf delighted and entertained.



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Celebrate Passover With Family Favorite Recipes

The recipes below are excerpted with permission from *A Taste of Pesach 2* (Artscroll/Shaar Press, February 2018), which provides easy-to-prepare recipes and gourmet presentations for Pesach and all year-round.



PASTRAMI EGG ROLLS

Meat • Yields 18 Egg Rolls

A new way to serve the ubiquitous crepe that is synonymous with Pesach. Baking it uncovered gives it a real egg roll wrapper texture.

CREPES

8 eggs
1 cup potato starch
1 cup water
½ teaspoon salt
oil for frying

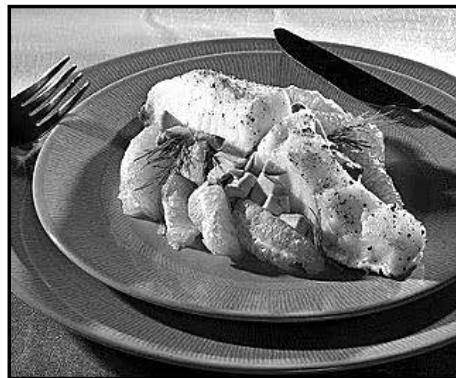
FILLING

1 Tablespoon oil
2 onions, julienned
1 (8-ounce) bag shredded green cabbage
8 slices pastrami
½ teaspoon garlic powder

1. Prepare the crepes: Beat eggs lightly; add remaining ingredients. Don't overbeat.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 10" non-stick frying pan. Pour a scant ¾ cup batter into hot pan; swirl pan to cover

the bottom completely. As soon as batter is set, use a spatula to carefully flip over for 15 seconds. Remove from pan. Continue until all batter has been used. You may need to regrease pan in between crepes.

3. Prepare the filling: In a large skillet, heat oil. Add julienned onions and shredded cabbage. Sauté until onions are soft and cabbage is wilted. Add pastrami strips and garlic powder. Sauté 5 minutes, stirring frequently.
4. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
5. Place 1/3 cup filling at one edge of a crepe. Fold top and bottom in, then roll, starting from filling. Place seam-side down on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining crepes and filling.
6. Bake, uncovered, for approximately 20 minutes until crispy.



CITRUS SEA BASS

Pareve • Yields 4 servings

The stunning presentation is part of this sea bass recipe. When eaten together, the citrus fruits and avocado complement the subtle flavors of the fish. The bonus is that its beauty will surely enhance your Yom Tov table. Easy to prepare and always gourmet, this is a must on your menu this year.

2 oranges
2 pink grapefruits
salt to taste
pepper to taste
4 (6-ounce) skinless sea bass fillets
1 Tablespoon oil
1 avocado, diced just before serving
4 Tablespoons avocado oil

1. Preheat oven to 450°F.
2. Using a small sharp knife, cut off all peel and white pith from fruit. Working over a medium bowl, cut between membranes to release segments into bowl.
3. Squeeze juices from membranes into the bowl; discard membranes. Drain

fruit, reserving ½ cup fruit juices. Return the ½ cup of reserved juice to the bowl with fruit.

4. Season fillets with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add fish; cook until golden brown and releases easily from pan, 6-8 minutes.
5. Transfer fish gently to a 9 x 13" pan, cooked side up. Bake until just opaque in the center, 5-10 minutes.
6. Divide fruit and avocado between individual plates; top each with a sea bass fillet. Spoon 2 tablespoons citrus juices and 1 tablespoon avocado oil over the fish and fruit on each plate.

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Israel at 70

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A Journey to Israel: Opportunities for Teens and Young Adults

Monday, May 21, 7pm, FREE
JFNH Office, Manchester / or remotely Via GoToMeeting Video conference

Teens, parents, and grandparents are welcome to join us live at the JFNH offices, or online via a dedicated video learning line to enjoy an interactive presentation by Shlichia Noam Wolf about a variety of opportunities for teens and young adults looking to plan trips to Israel. *To register to attend in person or online, call 627-7679 or email info@jewishnh.org*

Israeli Dancing for All

Sunday, June 10, 3-5 PM; FREE / Donations welcome

Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Join together with friends from across the state for an afternoon of traditional Israeli dancing on the Seacoast with seasoned professionals Eli and Aimee Levy with help from Shlichia Noam Wolf! We'll dance the hora and other traditional dances such as "Mayim," "Od Lo Ahavti Dai," and many more! Whether you are a novice or an expert, you'll be kicking up your heels for sure! Traditional Israeli snacks will be provided, and all ages are welcome. *To register, please call 627-7679 or email info@jewishnh.org*

Farewell Shabbat With Israeli Consul General to New England

Friday, June 22, 7 PM

Temple Beth Jacob, Concord, FREE

Join us for a special Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Robin Nafshi to honor and bid farewell to outgoing Israeli Consul General to New England Yehuda Yakov. Shlichia Noam Wolf will close the

service with the singing of "Hatikvah," with an oneg to follow. *No registration required.*

Jacob Reuven and The Be'er Sheva Mandolin Soloists in Concert

Sunday, July 29, 8 PM, \$18, *Proceeds benefit the Be'er Sheva Conservatory*

Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

Join us for an afternoon of mandolin quartet music performed by Jacob Reuven, director of the Be'er Sheva Music Conservatory and three of his outstanding mandolin graduates. Learn about the incredible development of this conservatory attended by over 600 Israeli, Arab, and Bedouin students who learn music theory, appreciation, and instrument musicianship. The performance program will consist of classical, Israeli, and Andalusian music. Special guests: New Hampshire's own August Watters (founder of the New England Mandolin Ensemble and former professor at Berklee College of Music) and Shlichia Noam Wolf, who will also perform! For tickets call 603-627-7679.

Migration Through Israel's Hula Valley: Great Avian Journeys

Sunday, August 19, 2-4 PM, FREE

Millyard Museum, Manchester

Join Iain MacLeod, director of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and Bird Migration expert, for a fascinating presentation on large bird migration (including satellite tracking) from Europe and Asia right through the heart of Israel en route to Africa (emphasis will be on hawks and osprey). Hear about Iain's fascination with Israel and the 500 million migrating birds that pass twice a year through Israel's Hula Valley, a rich agricultural and fresh water source region in Northern Israel. This flyway is a major stopover for birds migrating along the Syrian-African Rift Valley between Africa, Europe, and Asia. After the presentation you are welcome to enjoy the museum. To register, call 603-627-




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Millyard Museum, NH4Israel, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Temple Beth Abraham, Temple Beth Jacob, and Temple Israel (Portsmouth). For more information about this series, visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/jewishfederationofnewhampshire, or call us at 627-7679. [Tear out the back page of this month's Reporter for a schedule you can put on your fridge!]



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Big Challenges, Little Challenges

By Evelyn Miller

Mike and I recently went on a BIG idea trip to Israel, focusing on Israel's water solutions (see the March issue of the Reporter for the full story). This was a really interesting trip, but there was one unrelated incident that left a huge impression on me.

One of the areas we visited was the Eilat region, Israel's most southern section, which shares borders with Egypt and Jordan. This region is 13% of Israel's territory. It is home to 4,864 residents. There are 10 kibbutzim and 2 villages in the region. This region supports Israel's largest national park; 230,000 visitors come there each year. It is growing in industry, new homes, and population, and the successful agriculture ventures want to grow more too. The region has less than 1 inch of rainfall a year. At present they get all of their water from the Mekorot, the national water carrier, and the region is at the limit of what they can receive.

Because the kibbutzim wanted to increase their farming businesses, they needed more water. Our tour of water experts and engineers was brought to the site to hear of their plan. We went to the regional center building and after some pleasantries were directed to take seats in the auditorium. A Powerpoint presentation was given by the mayor of the region, and then he introduced the environmental engineer project manager and said, "Oh, by the way, she just delivered a baby three weeks ago." She walked up on the stage with the microphone in hand and an orange sling worn across the front of her body with lumps in it. Into her presentation about building a private regional waste treatment center with slides and diagrams to illustrate her design, she suddenly said, "Oh, excuse me," reached into her sling, and repositioned the baby, who had finished



The environmental engineer project manager makes her presentation while her infant nurses and sleeps in the sling.

nursed nursing, then looked at the audience of 30 professionals (mostly men) and said, "Israel's future," and then went right on with her presentation.

She was incredibly competent, took many questions at the end, and because of her professional skills, will increase the amount of water available to the 10 kibbutzim so they can increase their farming industry.

This to me was an "only in Israel moment." This young Israeli woman had probably served in the military, gotten her engineering degree, had a family, and is performing all of her responsibilities with complete competency and ease. To this young woman, her performance was everyday life. To me it was a demonstration of Israel's wonderful attitude of equality and of meeting all challenges whether great or small!

IsraAID: Arabs and Jews Working Together

Portsmouth — When worldwide disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, and wars tax the capacity of states and countries to respond to tragedies, the Israeli organization IsraAID responds tirelessly to provide relief and response to human suffering. Temple Israel of Portsmouth will host members of IsraAID on Sunday, April 15, to conduct a presentation on the many worldwide programs the organization supports.

IsraAID, The Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid, is an Israeli-based humanitarian organization that responds to emergencies all over the world with targeted help. This includes every aspect of disaster relief, including help in restoring communities and schools, rebuilding businesses, and providing aid packages, psycho-trauma care, medical assistance, and micro-financing.

IsraAID is a unique organization focused on tikkun olam, repairing the world, with Arabs and Jews working together in a common purpose. Although it is a nongovernmental organization, it is an umbrella organization with Israeli Jews and Arabs working together for search and rescue and



medical relief with groups that provide aid worldwide to people in need, regardless of race, religion, nationality, or disability. It encompasses over 35 humanitarian aid organizations, youth movements, solidarity movements, and friendship societies and is privately funded by individual Israeli and North American donors as well as partner organizations.

The IsraAID presentation is funded with grants from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and the Cultural Endowment Fund of Temple Israel Portsmouth.

Temple Israel's free program begins at 2 PM at 200 State Street, Portsmouth. Interested parties are encouraged to register for the program by contacting Heather Tomlinson in the temple office at 436-5301 or templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org. Walk-ins, however, are always welcome.

Combatants for Peace Coming to NH

Nobel prize-nominated organization will offer three public presentations May 1-3

By Joel Berman

A Palestinian and an Israeli die, go to heaven, and ask God, "Will there ever be peace in the Middle East?" God answers, "Yes, but not in my lifetime."

If you yearn for peace in the Middle East but don't believe it can happen in your lifetime, consider coming to one of three public presentations by Palestinian Jamel Qassem and Israeli Netta Hazan, ex-fighters from opposite sides of the conflict who not only believe that peace is possible, they're modeling what it looks like. They're members of Combatants for Peace, a grassroots organization founded on the conviction that the cycle of violence will end when Israelis and Palestinians join forces to oppose what the Combatants consider their common enemy -- the occupation. The organization's ground-breaking work has earned its founders a nomination for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize.

Qassem and Netta will give three presentations, each free and open to the public:

- Tuesday May 1, 6-8 PM, at Manchester Public Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester.
- Wednesday May 2, 6:30-8:30 PM, at

Concord Universalist Unitarian Church, 274 Pleasant St., Concord.

- Thursday May 3, 6:30-8:30 PM, at Portsmouth Public Library, Levenson Room, 175 Parrott Ave, Portsmouth.

Qassem and Netta will share their personal stories of transformation and will describe their work to bring peace to their respective homelands. The presentations will include a 25-minute clip of the award-winning documentary *Disturbing the Peace* [<http://tinyurl.com/dtp-trailer>], the full version of which played to a sold-out audience at Concord's Red River Theater on December 3.

This program offers a rare opportunity to meet people on opposing sides of the conflict who have learned to honor both their own and their enemies' narrative in order to work toward their common goal of a just and lasting peace. Audience members will have opportunities to ask questions of the presenters and to put themselves in the shoes of the "other" as a first step in understanding the other side's perspective. A moderator will ensure that the discussion remains respectful, flows smoothly, and affords spaciousness for everyone who wishes to participate in the conversation.

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Build Jerusalem, Celebrate Israel's 70th Anniversary, with 70,000 Lego Pieces

Nashua — Calling all master Lego builders! Help us celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary! This year on Sunday, May 13, the annual Shalom Israel Festival, at Temple Beth Abraham will feature building a HUGE Lego model of Jerusalem. Using 70,000 Lego building blocks, participants of all ages will construct a 400-square-foot model of the Old City of Jerusalem. You are sure to find this amazing, engaging, a lot of fun, and very educational.

The festival will begin with the annual Jason Schenker Memorial Walkathon at 9:30 AM. Opening ceremonies and the Lego project will be at 10 AM. In addition to the building of Jerusalem, the festival will include its usual features, such as falafel at Sarah & Sam's King David Café, the Ice Cream Parlor by USY, Kikar Zion open mic coffee house featuring our shlichah Noam Wolf, shop & stroll Ben Yehudah midrehov (pedestrian



mall), and visits to the Kotel (Western Wall) to send your prayers. As usual, there will be free popcorn, free Israeli flags, and free balloons.

Instead of using bricks, stone, and mortar, architect Stephen Schwartz will lead the Lego builders in the construction of a model of the Old City made entirely of Lego bricks.

The Old City of Jerusalem comes alive on top of a 20-foot by 20-foot drawing, complete with the walls, the eight gates to the city, the Kotel, King David's Tower, the Beit Hamikdash (the

Second Temple), and all of the other important landmark elements. Everyone then sits around the completed model and we take you on a tour of the city, so everyone learns about Jerusalem with a whole new vision. The important educational element is the location and name of each gate, the name of the various living quarters for each religious group, and the directional orientation of all of these elements.

Schwartz has been leading these building events across the Northeast, and Temple Beth Abraham is honored that he is coming to our community. Schwartz developed the project after using Legos to teach a lesson to his daughter's third grade class.

"After working on something like this, people really have a visual image in their minds of what the Old City of Jerusalem looked like, so whenever they hear about it or learn about it in the future they will

have a reference," Schwartz said. "It is a fun, hands-on way to learn. This program is not just for kids -- it's meant to cut across all generations."

Open to the entire community, this event will be held at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond St., Nashua, NH.

Please come at least 15 minutes early to the program so we can all start at the same time. Also, please wear socks, as everyone will be asked to take their shoes off. The prime age groups are 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, however, kids as young as 5 can participate when accompanied by a parent.

Registration is open now. To register, please visit www.tbanashua.org or call the temple office. With preregistration, admission to the event will be (members) \$5 for kids under 12 years old, and \$10 for adults; a \$30 cap per family will apply. (Nonmembers: \$5 for kids, \$15 for adults, \$40 cap per family.)

Prof. Edwin Seroussi Awarded Israel Prize

Jerusalem — Prof. Edwin Seroussi of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Department of Musicology at the Faculty of Humanities is being awarded the Israel Prize for the Study of Culture, Art, and Musicology for the year 2018.

Edwin researches ethnomusicology, Jewish and Middle Eastern music, popular music, and related areas of music and technology. He is also the director of the Jewish Music Research Center. He is recognized as the number one world expert in historical, diverse, and ethnic Jewish music.

Edwin and his wife, Hazzan Marlena Fuerstman, own a home in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, where Marlena was the hazzan for Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation for 11 years. Marlena is currently working with Kehilat Har Lavan, based in Conway, and she and Edwin will celebrate their fourth High Holy Day season with that emerging congregation. Marlena and Edwin come to New Hampshire's White Mountains every year for the summer through the fall holidays, and Edwin is a guest faculty member at Dartmouth College in Hanover.

Born in Montevideo, Uruguay, Edwin Seroussi immigrated to Israel in 1971, where he studied at the Department of Musicology at the undergraduate and graduate levels, continuing into his doctoral studies at the University of California Los Angeles (1981-1987). As a faculty

member of the Department of Musicology at the Hebrew University, he teaches ethnomusicology, world music, theory, and methodology in the study of oral traditions and popular music. His research focuses on the musical cultures of the Mediterranean and the Middle East, interactions between Jewish and Islamic cultures (specifically in art music genres), and popular music in Israel. Within these subjects, he explores the process of hybridization, diaspora, nationalism, and transnationalism in specific contexts such as the Ottoman Empire, and the constitution of Jewish identities through music making in settings as diverse as colonial Morocco and Algeria, Germany's Second Empire and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the early Zionist settlement in Palestine, and the Judeo-Spanish speaking diaspora. His approach to research stresses the agency of individuals in the shaping of folk and popular culture, social networks, and the role of reception and consumption in the making of musical cultures.

He has previously taught at the Department of Music of Bar Ilan University (1987-2000) which he chaired from 1996 to 2000; chaired the Department of Musicology at Hebrew University (2004-2008); and established and directed the new



Prof. Edwin Seroussi
(photo courtesy of Wikipedia)

School of the Arts at the Hebrew University (2008-2013). Since 2000, he has directed the Jewish Music Research Centre of the Hebrew University. He has been a visiting professor at several institutions, among them the University of California at Berkeley, Moscow University, Institut für Musikwissenschaft in Zürich, and Dartmouth College, where he has been a Visiting Scholar since 2008. More recently, in the spring of 2013, he was a Starr Fellow at Harvard University working on "The Jewish Music Experience Under Islam and Christianity: A Comparison." Besides

his academic activities, he is active in the music scene of Israel and abroad in diverse capacities, serving as a consultant for music festivals, member of state committees in music and the arts, and producer of music programs. Formerly, he represented Israel at the International Music Council of UNESCO.

The Israel Prize will be awarded at a special ceremony at the Jerusalem Theatre on Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). The ceremony is attended by the President and the Prime Minister of Israel, and the prizes are awarded by the Minister of Education, Naftali Bennett. This year the ceremony, on the occasion of Israel's 70th Anniversary, will be held on Thursday, April 19.

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TAY Spring Concert by Aryaloka String Quartet Commemorates the Holocaust

Manchester — At 8 PM on Saturday April 14, the Aryaloka String Quartet will perform works by three composers who perished in the Holocaust: Erwin Schulhoff, Pavel Haas, and Leo Smit. All are powerful works, deserving of being performed as part of the standard string quartet repertoire. The Smit is especially poignant, as it was never completed and is performed as written, with each instru-

ment dropping out one by one. The quartet will round out the program with the celebrated 8th Quartet of Dimitri Shostakovich, which was “dedicated to the victims of fascism and war.” The work was written in Dresden, where Shostakovich wrote the music for the film *Five Days, Five Nights*, about the bombing of Dresden in World War II.

Each work will be preceded by a very

short introduction to the composer and his music, and by a brief reading from the works of Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor Eli Wiesel, who died in 2016. This presentation of works of artists who perished during the Shoah, like Wiesel’s family, will bring to the foreground that art and music transcend evil and banality.

The Aryaloka String Quartet has performed concerts all around New England, and has toured in the United Kingdom. Its name, Aryaloka, is Sanskrit for “abode of the noble ones,” and the quartet, through its music, seeks to entertain, but also to bring out and highlight the potential of music to uplift, to inspire, and to bring harmony to a beautiful but troubled world.

The concert will take place at Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect Street,



The Aryaloka String Quartet

Manchester. While there is no admission charge, donations are appreciated. Pre-registration is required. Please register by calling 669-5650.

This concert is supported in part through the mini-grant program of The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

Aryaloka String Quartet Commemorating the Holocaust



Aryaloka String Quartet

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:00PM

Performing works by Erwin Schulhoff, Pavel Haas and Leo Smit.

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Film Profiles Local Beloved Principal With ALS

By *Linda McGrath*

Manchester — NH4Israel presents the film *Mr. Connolly Has ALS* at Southern New Hampshire University in the Gustafson Center on Sunday, April 8, at 3 PM. There will be a panel discussion about ALS research after the film with a Q&A.

During his 14-year tenure at Concord High School, Principal Gene Connolly was known for his nonstop energy, his love of rock & roll, and the personal connections he made with many of the school’s 1,600 students.

However, in 2014, Connolly was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The film chronicles Connolly’s final years as principal of the school, when his physical abilities were significantly limited.

The outpouring of love and support from the students, evident as they engage

with him in the film, is both remarkable and inspiring.

NH4Israel would like this courageous film to inspire you to run, walk, or just celebrate to benefit ALS research at the 2nd Annual Run for Healing for ALS.

Producer Dan Habib is a film maker at the University of New Hampshire’s Institute on Disability. In 2014, Habib was appointed by President Barack Obama to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

The Run for Healing is being held at Etz Hayim Synagogue’s Interfaith Campus in Derry on Sunday afternoon, April 22. All information is available at NH4Israel.org. We invite you to register, donate, and/or volunteer.

Let’s hit a home run for Lou Gehrig and for Gene Connolly! See you at the starting line!

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“We Care” of Temple B’nai Israel Presents a Memorial Day Weekend Doo Wop Concert to Benefit Camp Resilience

Meredith — On Saturday, May 26, Temple B’nai Israel (TBI) will present two of New England’s best doo wop groups, The Bel Airs and Lee Lewis and the All Stars, at the Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith. By purchasing a ticket for \$27.50, you will enjoy great music, food, and drink while supporting Gilford-based Camp Resilience, whose mission is to help those who have served in the U.S. military bounce back in mind, body, and spirit. Complimentary snacks and desserts can be enjoyed at 7 PM, and the concert begins at 7:45 PM. Tickets are available at www.TBINH.org.

Take a stroll down memory lane listening to the great harmonies of The Bel Airs and Lee Lewis and the All Stars in an evening that promises to be energetic and fun. Hear all the songs that made memories in the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s, including “Book of Love,” “Runaround Sue,” “Da Do Ron Ron,” “One Fine Day,” “He’s So Fine,” “Remember

Then,” “Rockin’ Robin,” and so many more. Get ready to rock ‘n roll, twist and shout, and make new memories with the songs you loved.

TBI is delighted to welcome back Camp Resilience as the beneficiary of the net profits from this event. Camp Resilience, using the scenic beauty of the Lakes Region of New Hampshire as its backdrop and home base, provides sports, adventure activities, and life skills programming for wounded warriors. The mission of Camp Resilience is to provide sustained, comprehensive programs to help wounded warriors recover their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. The goals of Camp Resilience are to help veterans find meaning and purpose in life, develop strong family and community relationship skills, avoid and overcome destructive and addictive behavior, and make life count and then pass this on to others through the power of example.

This is the 9th “We Care” concert or-



The Bel Airs



Lee Lewis and the All Stars

ganized by Temple B’nai Israel of Laco- nia in which the net ticket proceeds are donated to a local and deserving non- profit. Event chairperson Stu Needle- man says, “What better way to celebrate Memorial Day than by supporting Camp Resilience and the great work that they do for our veterans.”

Special recognition goes to the event sponsors, Miracle Farms and Meredith

Village Savings Bank, for their support for Camp Resilience.

The Meredith Community Auditori- um in the Inter-Lakes High School is located on Rte. 25 in Meredith, NH, and is convenient for everyone in the Lakes Region and Central NH. To pur- chase tickets and for more information, visit www.tbinh.org. Questions may be directed to info@tbinh.org.

Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

Novels Can Connect Us to Israel

As we celebrate our connections to the State of Israel on its 70th anniversary, I would like to share with you three novels by American authors who are writing about Israel. If you have traveled to Israel, these books can be like a trip down mem- ory lane. They will bring to mind the streets, places, and foods you relished while visit- ing. They may also give you views of the country you have never considered.

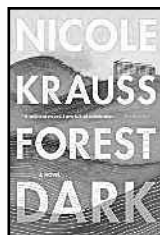
Many new, young Jewish writers are writing in a free-flowing story-within-a- story style. These novels take a bit more concentration and focus to follow the plots and decipher the messages the au- thors are trying to convey.

Nathan Englander, the author of one of my fa- vorite novels of all time (*What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*) has pub- lished a new book: *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* (Knopf, 2017). Like other Englander novels, it is edgy, with a dark sense of humor and complexity. Englander addresses topics that are controversial, taking chances that are courageous and provocative.



This time, in *Dinner at the Center of the Earth*, Englander has brought us to Israel with a political thriller that ex- plores the Israeli-Palestinian tensions and failed peace process. We meet X, a jailer, and Prisoner Z, an American spy for Israel who is accused of treason. We follow the thoughts of the General, who is modeled on Ariel Sharon, caught in his own prison of unconsciousness. His nurse, who is hoping he will wake up and finish what he started, is the mother of Prisoner Z’s guard. In this novel, Englander works through his personal “optimistic pessimism or pes- simistic optimism for Israel-Palestine, his true heartbreak over the peace pro- cess falling apart.”

Forest Dark (Harper, 2017), the newest novel from the wonderful Ni- cole Krauss, is full of disorienting moments. Two plots run side by side, one with a young novelist, Nicole, facing a writer’s block, who leaves her hus- band and children in New York and goes off to Israel to the Tel Aviv Hilton



Hotel of childhood family vacations, looking for inspiration. Running alongside this plot is the story of Jules Epstein, a wealthy, ambitious, indus- trious New York lawyer who is now flailing after the loss of both his par- ents, retirement from his law firm, and divorce from his wife. At age 68, he starts to divest himself of things, in- cluding his art collection. He travels to Israel with idea of leaving a legacy tribute to his parents. Each character goes on separate goose chases, which have life-changing consequences they never could have imagined. Jules fol- lows a charismatic rabbi who has con- vinced him he is a descendant of King David and a young woman who is pro- ducing a film in the desert about the life of of the king. Nicole follows the lost manuscripts of Franz Kafka, hid- den away in a suitcase by Max Brod and possibly found in the desert in the home of his sister.

In the novel *All I Love and Know* (Wil- liam Morrow, 2014), by Judith Frank, we travel between Israel and the United States. Daniel and Matt are two young men building a life together in Northamp-

ton MA. Each is person- ally working not only on how to live in a relation- ship with another per- son, but on how his sexual preferences have de- fined who he is. Daniel’s twin, Joel, a larger-than- life brother who lives in Israel, is mar- ried with two children and a successful television career when he is killed in a cafe bombing, along with his wife. The bombing in an Israeli cafe reverberates around the globe to shake up the world that Daniel and Matt are slowly work- ing through.

We meet Joel’s young Israeli children: Gal, age seven and Noam, age two. We watch as they are brought to America and how their new world and the experi- ences they have been through affect their development and feelings. We are able to listen in on Gal’s reactions, discovering what it is like to start over in a new country without someone you feel you can confide in.

This novel gives us yet a different way to look at how the conflicts in Israel are affecting its citizens.



Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Hosts Holocaust Remembrance Service for Interfaith Community on April 15

By Eileen Regen

Bethlehem — “Memory is a possibility for a human being to become more human by linking his or her past to the past of countless other human beings. What is memory? It is a way for any human being to redeem his or her past and link that past to a future. In other words, I do not think we should remember for the sake of the dead. It’s too late for that. We must remember for the sake of the future, meaning for the sake of our children.” Elie Wiesel



To honor this past, to remember the victims and harsh lessons of the Holocaust, and to pay tribute to the heroes and rescuers who risked their own lives to save men, women, and children in peril, the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (BHC) hosts the fifth annual interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Day Service at 4 PM, Sunday, April 15, in the BHC sanctuary, 39 Strawberry Hill, Bethlehem.

We invite members of the community who wish to be readers to contact Martin Kessel at martink1937@gmail.com.

The Holocaust Remembrance Service created by Joan Kurtz and Judith Felsen of the Mount Washington Valley Chavurah is interactive, with music, poetry, song, and inspiration. During the service, acclaimed pianist Marjan Kiepora will play pieces by Chopin and Bartok. Well-known Lithuanian violinist Borisas Traubas will perform “The Light Lament” for solo violin by Lithuanian composer Giedrius Kuprevicius. Schlichia Noam Wolf will sing one of

the Yiddish songs in the program and perform a special Israeli composition.

“It is not enough to curse the darkness of the past. We have to illuminate the future,” explains Holocaust survivor Estelle Laughlin.

The service, followed by a light reception, is open to the public. Your RSVP is important to the event planners. For more information, please visit www.bethlehemsynagogue.org.

To sign up as a reader and to RSVP, contact Martin Kessel, martink1937@gmail.com.

Israeli Deputy Consul-General to New England Coming to Temple Beth Abraham

Nashua — Matan Zamir, the Israeli Deputy Consul-General to New England, will be Temple Beth Abraham’s guest and speaker on April 28 at the Saturday Lunch & Learn after Shabbat services.

Matan Zamir has been the Deputy Consul-General to New England since 2016. He has been a member of Israel’s Foreign Service since 2011, previously serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission

at the Israeli Consulate in Mumbai.

Before joining the Foreign Service, Zamir was the Director of the Training Department of the Israeli Supreme Court, a position that was part of Israel’s Center for Citizenship and Democracy. He was also an International Business Manager at Bezeq International, an Israeli telecom company. Zamir led a decorated career in the Israeli Defense Forces. He served in

the IDF from 1999 to 2003 and was released as a lieutenant. During his service, he trained more than 1,000 cadets. In 2003, Zamir was honored for his service and received the President’s medal of excellence for Israel’s 55th Independence Day.

Matan Zamir grew up in Jerusalem, where his family has lived for nine generations. He is a lawyer, having received his L.L.B. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 2008.

Please come and meet the Deputy Consul-General at the April 28 Lunch & Learn beginning at 12:30, when he will discuss Yom Ha’Atzmaut and current events in Israel.



Matan Zamir

Learn more about the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire at www.jewishnh.org

Yom Hashoah Observances Around New Hampshire

For details, please see listings in the Statewide Calendar of Events, page 4.

Sunday, April 8

Yom Hashoah Commemoration With Guest Speaker
Prof. John Sturz
3 PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth

Monday, April 9

Genocide Awareness Lecture Series – Tibi Galis
7 PM, Mabel Brown Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center, Keene State College, Keene

Wednesday, April 11

Yom HaShoah Commemoration
7 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

Yom HaShoah Service

7 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

7 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

Thursday, April 12

JFNH Presents: Memories in the Living Room
7 PM, Manchester (address will be given with RSVP)

Saturday, April 14

Yom HaShoah Concert by the Aryaloka String Quartet
7 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Winni Players Presents “I Never Saw Another Butterfly”

7:30 PM, Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Meredith

Sunday, April 15

Winni Players Presents “I Never Saw Another Butterfly”
2 PM, Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Meredith

Screening of Persona Non Grata

7 PM, Tad’s Place, 149 Eastside Dr., Concord

Monday, April 16

Reading of the Names of Holocaust Victims
11 AM–1 PM, Eagle Square, Main Street, Concord (Near the Clock Tower)

Holocaust Memorial Service

5:30 PM, Temple Beth Jacob, Concord

Friday, April 20

Shabbat Service and Holocaust Remembrance with Noam Wolf, Holocaust survivor Kati Preston
7 PM, Temple Israel Dover

Saturday, April 21

JFNH Presents: Memories in the Living Room
7 PM, 30 Doe Run Lane, Stratham

NH4Israel Hears From Speakers, Prepares for Race for Life

Manchester — NH4Israel's February programs featured a fascinating talk by Evelyn Miller covering a Jewish National Fund (JNF) "water" environmental tour to Israel from which she and her husband, Michael recently returned. They reported on Israel's leadership in the fields of water desalination, waste water recovery, and productively using each drop of water to an ever increasing extent, including innovative ways of finding and repairing leaks in water and sewage mains.

Israel relies first on the Jordan River for water; second on desalination; and third on aquifers as sources of water. The aquifers have essentially briny water, yet with slight desalination, fish farming is prospering in Israel.

Although currently in second place, desalination plants are becoming more

numerous, and Israel is now building its sixth desalination plant. As the country's population and needs grow, desalination will overtake the Jordan as Israel's major source of potable water. The water coming from these plants is so pure that calcium is added for enhanced taste.

But their story didn't end there. Israel is the world's leader in recycling water: The space station recycles 100% of waste water; Israel 85%; and Singapore is next, albeit far behind, at 35%. Although recycled water is potable, it is used extensively for washing and irrigation. And Israel is parsimonious in using this precious recycled resource, as it also leads the world in drip irrigation systems, which Israel invented. Today, a full 5% of the earth's agriculture relies on drip irrigation.

Also covered on the JNF tour was fix-

ing broken intake water mains and pipes as well as leaky sewage in historic Jerusalem to be minimally invasive of Jerusalem's historic structures and byways. Israel pioneers in the use of pressure meters, which can detect cracks and breakages throughout the ancient system. And when a crack or break is detected, it is sealed from the inside walls of the pipes, in most cases obviating digging a trench to expose and repair the exterior of the pipe or main.

Planning the Race for Life

Meetings from March 21 through NH4Israel's second annual springtime run-jog-walkathon 5 kilometer race in Derry on April 22 will focus on race planning. Again, the race net proceeds will be for the benefit of Hadassah Hospital in Israel and its programs that reach out and treat all. This year's target is to help fund research that will hopefully lead to a cure for Lou Gehrig's Disease. If you would like to lend a hand in putting on the race, please attend any planning meeting.

Speakers Address Why They Left

On Wednesday, April 25, NH4Israel

returns to normal programming when Boston area scholars Irina Astashkevich and Diane Covert come to Temple Israel Manchester to present "Why They Left," a talk dealing with the pogroms from which the forebears of approximately 75% of today's American Jews fled. A number of rare period photographs will punctuate their talk, making this an event not to miss, especially if you could not make their presentation in February at St. Anselm's College.

With the exception of holiday conflicts and summer break, NH4Israel hosts talks with refreshments at Manchester's Temple Israel at 6:30 PM on most Wednesdays each month. If other venues and weekdays are scheduled, word of the change will be publicized (generally emailed) in advance, as well as posted on the calendar of events at NH4Israel.org. NH4Israel guest speakers address current issues surrounding the state of Israel as well as historical analyses of topics such as the Diaspora, Jew-hatred, and Zionism.

Find out more about NH4Israel and sign up for email updates on guest speakers and hosted events at NH4Israel.org.

TBJ Seeks Youth Group Advisor

Concord — Temple Beth Jacob, in Concord, is seeking a Youth Group Advisor. This is a part-time paid position with very varying weekly hours. CONTY (Concord Temple Youth) is an active and vibrant youth group of 8th-12th grade students. Traditional events include annual Kidnap of new 8th graders, soup sale, pie sale, group partici-

pation in NFTY events, High Holidays Food Drive, and more.

If you are excited about working with Jewish teens, have a flexible weekend schedule, a driver's license and a willingness to work with a diverse group of teens, and are hoping to be connected to a warm and welcoming congregation, contact Katy Gibney at katy.gibney@gmail.com.

Hadassah Plans Spring Projects and Speakers

By Michele Bank

Manchester — The Manchester chapter of Hadassah held its annual Shabbat Service and Oneg on Friday, March 16, at Temple Adath Yeshuran. Hadassah members participated in the service and provided a delicious oneg. Rabbi Beth Davidson led a beautiful prayer service accompanied by Rabbi Shira Nafshi. Rhonda Saunders, president of Hadassah Northern New England, spoke.

Book club members met on March 21 at The Derryfield Country Club to discuss *Marching to Zion* by Mary Glickman. A lively discussion was held over an enjoyable dinner.

On Sunday, April 22, the chapter will volunteer at NH4Israel's Second Annual Run for Healing. The proceeds from the race will be sent to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem for genetic research on ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. They are working on developing a treatment that will potentially slow down the disease process. If you are interested in supporting Hadassah by run-

ning/walking or volunteering at the Hadassah table, please contact Michele Bank.

On Thursday evening, at 7 PM, on May 3, the chapter will hold its next meeting in the community room of 1400 Front Street, Manchester. Our guest speaker will be Naom Wolf, the Federation's Shlichah. All are welcome to attend what promises to be an interesting evening.

In national Hadassah news: On May 6-8, 2018, the Hadassah Hospital Nurses Tour will be coming to Massachusetts. If you are a nurse/health professional, please contact Michele Bank. On May 15-17, 2018, "From Passion to Action: Hadassah Women's Health Summit & Conference" will be held in Washington, DC.

The chapter will hold its annual fundraising brunch at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford on Sunday, June 24. The committee is planning another entertaining event with a scrumptious brunch.

For additional information about Hadassah or any of the above events, please contact Michele Bank, chapter president, at Michele.bank@gmail.com

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In the Community

Refusenik to Speak at Temple Beth Abraham April 14

Nashua — Galina Nizhnikov, who will speak at Temple Beth Abraham on April 14, was one of the first female refuseniks to protest for the right to leave Soviet Russia. Very few people applied to emigrate during the 1960s. But in the 1970s, the Soviet Union, desperate for grain imports, sought détente with the United States. The Jackson-Vanik Amendment linked most-favored-nation status to the granting of emigration.

In 1974, Nizhnikov's family applied for an exit visa. Soon after they were refused, she became active in the refusenik community. Her in-laws introduced her to

Ida Nudel, a noted female refusenik. Nudel invited Nizhnikov to be one of six women demonstrating at the Kremlin Wall, where no protesters had dared to demonstrate before.

Galina had cousins in Philadelphia, one of whom was a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. America was always her destination. The propaganda that Russia broadcast about Israel was very frightening. They said that people couldn't find jobs. When Galina's family applied for emigration, they received a postcard from the KGB. It was a very scary card.

The card said, "You decided to go to

America. America is waiting for you. Your relatives are waiting for you. You will be sweeping garbage and broken glass [sic] on the streets."

Galina believes that her family was granted permission to leave, in part, because of her connection with her women's demonstrations and arrests. She attracted too much attention. One of her ideas was to go to demonstrations against the government wearing a yellow shirt with a blue Magen David. She thought that maybe this made her too visible. The government finally just wanted to get rid of her and her family.

Nizhnikov, possibly due to her cousin in Philadelphia's influence, was on the list that Senator Edward Kennedy gave to Leonid Brezhnev, detailing the people the United States wanted to be granted visas. Nizhnikov heard on Voice of America that the family's name was on the list of those granted exit visas months before being notified by the Soviet government.

Temple Beth Abraham's Lunch and Learn discussion with Galina Nizhnikov will take place on Saturday, April 14, after Shabbat morning services, at around 12:30 PM. The talk is free and open to all.

Mitzvahs

Hit a Home Run for Lou Gehrig!

By Linda McGrath

Derry — There are so many reasons to register for the 2nd Annual Run/Walk for Healing for ALS. First, of course, is to help find a cure for this terrible disease. 100% of your donation will go toward ground-breaking genetic research at Hadassah Hospital that has never been seen before.

Second, we will be celebrating Israel at 70! The race is highlighting Israel's innovative spirit and wide-ranging contributions to humanity. Did you know that an Israeli company, Brainstorm Inc., is developing an ALS treatment that has the potential to slow the disease process, providing families with hope that did not exist before?

Etz Hayim Synagogue's Rabbi Peter Levy will lead an interfaith "Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem" at the beginning of the race.

Shlichah Noam Wolf will perform "Hatikvah," and Hebrew School students of all ages are welcome to sing with her and

inspire us.

There will be dancing to live music throughout the day by James and Gayle O'Hare of Israel My Delight.

For those who missed it, we will provide an opportunity for brave souls to take the Ice Bucket Challenge!

There will also be food (of course), games, and crafts for kids.

Register for the 5K, or a 1- or 2-mile walk, and don't forget to join a team (NH4Israel, JFNH, Hadassah, GDTC, etc.). The team with the most registrants wins a pizza party! Receive a free race T-shirt with early registration, and all registrants are entered in a raffle to win valuable prizes. Medals will be awarded to winners in all age groups. Family-friendly advance pricing is \$18 for adults or \$10 for kids!

Become a sponsor along with Dr. Michael and Evelyn Miller, The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, The William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund, Grinley Creative, Southern New Hampshire University, Drs. Albert and



Sarah Sandler, and film producer Dan Habib.

All race information is available

at NH4Israel.org.

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Bulgarian PM Visits Macedonia to Commemorate 75th Anniversary of the Deportation of Jews from Macedonia, Preview Holocaust Memorial Center

Skopje, Macedonia — Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov is scheduled to attend the ceremonies commemorating the 75th anniversary of the deportation of Jews from Macedonia, which includes a ceremony at the Parliament and the preview opening of The Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia. The presence of the Bulgarian Prime Minister is in marked contrast to recent events in Poland, where the government has made it illegal to discuss the role of Poland and Polish institutions and citizens in collaborating with the Nazis.

The museum, which is scheduled to open to the public in April, is a joint project of the Jewish community and the Macedonian government and designed by renowned museum designers Berenbaum Jacobs Associates.

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and members of the U.S. diplomatic corps will be in attendance, as well as the U.S. Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Thomas Yazdgerdi. Other visitors include representatives from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Israel's Yad Vashem, and Paris's Memorial De La Shoah, the deputy Prime Minister and the director of the Elie Wiesel Center of Romania.

The new museum tells the story of the Macedonian Jewry beginning two millennia ago to the growth of the community as a haven from the Spanish Inquisition all the way to post-Holocaust Jewish Macedonia.

"As everyone is aware, the Holocaust wiped out enormous swaths of ancient Jewish communities throughout Europe," said Dr. Michael Berenbaum, principal of BJA and world-renowned Holocaust scholar. "Telling the Macedonian story is a significant opportunity to reinforce to the world how quickly enormous populations can be wiped from the face of the earth, with their contributions gone forever."

The story of the deportation of the Jews from Macedonia is unique in that Bulgaria expelled the Jews from their homes, ghettoized them in Monopol (a tobacco factory in Skopje), and then deported them to Treblinka. Only then did they hesitate to deport their own Jews from Bulgaria.

"It underscores the importance of citizenship and the desperate plight of refugees with no government to protect them. Bulgarians saved their own people, their own Jewish community, but only after

the blood of the Jews of Thrace and Macedonia had been spilled," Berenbaum said.

New Museum Highlights

History of Macedonian Jewry

Some 98% of the Macedonian Jews were murdered in Treblinka after deportation by the Bulgarians. Those who survived were hidden by non-Jewish Macedonians, released from Monopol because they were physicians and pharmacists or foreign nationals of Axis or neutral countries, or became partisan fighters.

"Even though we are only about 50 families, the Jewish community of Macedonia is strong," said Goran Sadikarijo, CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia. "The Museum juxtaposes our history against current events such as rise of anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and prejudice, encouraging people to look in their hearts to determine how they respond, how their decisions affect their humanity."

"Macedonia itself has emerged out of regional conflicts that had developed over many genera-



The new Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia, designed by Berenbaum Jacobs Associates, set to open in April 2018.



World-renowned Holocaust scholar and principal of Berenbaum Jacobs Associates, Michael Berenbaum; Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.); U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia Jess Baily; and Goran Sadikarijo, CEO of the Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia.

tions," said Edward Jacobs, principal of BJA. "The museum will provide Macedonians, Jew and Gentile alike, the opportunity to see themselves in a historical context with all the related moral decisions we are confronted with. The Museum bears a special responsibility because the story of the Holocaust will be told in a region that has experienced genocide and ethnic cleansing in the generation since the Holocaust."

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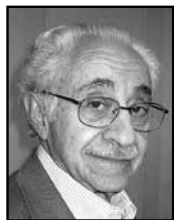
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Edward M. Broad



Edward M. Broad, retired vice president of Hitchiner Manufacturing Company, died in late February at the age of 96 in Dedham, MA, where he lived since 2012. He was predeceased by his wife Muriel Broad (nee Muriel Yvette Roof), a retired educator, who died in September 2017. Previously, he and Muriel lived in Manchester, NH, where he was long active in city and state nonprofit organizations.

In 2000, he was the first recipient of the now-annual John R. McLane Arts award honoring a Manchester resident for enhancing local cultural arts. He and Muriel were founding members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Hampshire (NAMI NH) and of the Manchester region of NAMI NH. In 1992, NAMI NH named him Businessman of the Year.

In October 2010, he and Muriel received the Community Leadership Award from the Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester. In 2004, they received the Lifetime of Service Award from the Manchester Regional Community Foundation of The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for their contributions to community life in Manchester over more than 50 years.

Ed was one of the early trustees of The Derryfield School, and he was also a trustee of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire (and continued as an Honorary Trustee until his death). He chaired the \$1,500,000 capital fund drive that made the Massabesic Audubon Center a reality and was chairman of the Massabesic Audubon Committee during the center's initial years. He often said that one of the greatest joys he had in nonprofit work was seeing the number of school children whose earliest encounters with nature and ecology were at the Center. He was active in the Opera League of New Hampshire and president for five years and was a member of Sarah Caldwell's Opera New England Board. He was a member of the Palace Theatre Trust for many years and was an amateur thespian, appearing in several Palace Theatre productions. He enjoyed hiking in the White Mountains and bird watching. He sailed in his earlier days and skied into his 80s.

Ed Broad was born in Springfield, MA, to Katherine (Margoles) and Charles Broad. He attended the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in Pittsburgh, PA, and graduated in 1947 with a degree in metallurgical engineering. His education was interrupted in May 1943, however, while he served as a Combat Engineer officer in the European theater of operations during World War II. He participated in the Battle of Central Europe and the Rhineland Campaign and received a Bronze Star. After the war, he was stationed in Dachau and Munich, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria, where he was responsible for the supply of construction material to POW camps and to displaced persons shelters in Bavaria.

Ed came to Manchester in 1947 to take charge of the foundry operation for Hitchiner Manufacturing Company. Hitchiner was then a small start-up operation in the Manchester Mill Yard but is now a recognized world leader in the lost wax investment casting industry, with plants in New Hampshire and Mexico and with many past and current licensees throughout the world. As vice president, international, Ed was responsible for licensing some of Hitchiner's unique casting expertise to General Motors and to companies in Brazil, England, France, Finland, Yugoslavia, Israel, India, Japan, and Australia. After retiring, he continued as a member of the Hitchiner Board of Directors for many years.

He served on the board of both Temple Adath Yeshurun and The Manchester Jewish Community Center, chairing numerous committees. He married Muriel (Rooff) in 1949, and they have four children: Michael, a financial advisor and attorney living in Newton, MA, and married to Grace Massey; Robin, a professor at American University in Washington, DC, and married to John Cavanagh; Charles (Chip) of Manchester, an employee of Catholic Medical Center; and Gary, an urban planner and retired city manager in California. They have five grandchildren: David (deceased), Katherine (married to Robert Farrell), Zoe, Cory, and Jesse. Ed leaves two sisters, Phyllis Dworsky of Silver Spring, MD, and Naomi Schoenberg of Longmeadow, MA.

Services were held at Manchester Hebrew Cemetery Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, 3 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301 or to the Palace Theatre Trust, 80 Hanover St, Manchester, NH 03101. Please visit www.goodwinfh.com to sign the online guest book.

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The Redhead – Sue Friedman



Bethlehem — Sue Friedman, 79, of Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, Bethlehem, passed away on February 20. She is survived by Harold, her beloved husband and life partner of 57 years. Throughout their life together, he was her Bogie and Sue was his Bacall. He was her Ozzie and she was his Harriet. They were looking forward to celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 2019.

On the day of their meeting, Harold seemed to be a character right out of the days of knights and their ladies. While Sue visited a dude ranch, her horse became lame, and along came Harold, who admittedly was attracted to Sue's mane of red hair, and he found her a new horse. During the horse trade, Harold managed to get the redhead's phone number. Fifty-eight years later, Harold's eyes go soft when he speaks of "my redhead," and Sue talked of her rescuer with moving words that painted the portrait of her true love.

Sue was born to Russian immigrants in Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. Her mother worked as a seamstress in a pocketbook factory, and Sue's father was a "custom peddler," a peddler with a car instead of a cart; the "custom" part meant that the seller of pots and pans and blouses and hats could also drive customers to a furniture or mattress factory for their selections. Sue's young life in Brooklyn included public elementary school and two years of Hebrew school; however, a girl did not become a Bat Mitzvah in those days.

When Sue was seven, her sister Edith was born, and after a couple of years, Sue and her mother and sister spent summers in Bethlehem, NH. Sue's mother suffered from both hay fever and asthma, and the Bethlehem mountain air seemed to alleviate both conditions. Her mom and the two little girls spent 10 hours traveling by train to Bethlehem Junction. They walked from the train to Ben Lyons' cottages near Pierce Bridge. A later vacation residence was with Dora Katz (Rita Katz Farrell's mother) near Trudeau Road. At 13, Sue no longer accompanied her mother and sister to the mountains, but stayed in Brooklyn to cook and keep house for her father.

After graduation from Eastern District High School, Sue attended Brooklyn College at night and became a legal secretary. She landed a job with a Manhattan law firm, where she earned \$90 a week -- a very handsome salary for a young woman then. She was an accomplished classical pianist when she was a young woman. Social life was dances, shows, movies, the Young Israel Community Club, and weekend vacation trips with girlfriends that luckily included a New Jersey dude ranch.

Harold called Sue not long after they met and took her on their first date -- to pick up his mother and visit his sister-in-law, who had just given birth. Not very romantic, we might say, but Harold meant business, and three months later he presented Sue with a gold Hamilton watch. Six months after their meeting, they were engaged, and they were married within eight months after that meeting. The newlyweds honeymooned in Miami Beach, and soon after, they set up their home in Sheepshead Bay. Eventually, they moved to Manhattan Beach to start their family. In the next eight years, their sons David, Michael, and Russell were born.

Sue became a stay-at-home mom. She was involved for years in Little League, Hebrew school, carpooling and serving as a Cub Scout den mother. When her youngest turned nine, Sue went back to her career as a legal secretary, but she worked part time and picked up the boys from school. Afternoons were filled with school and social activities, snacks, homework, and cooking dinner. Sue was an excellent cook, to which BHC potluck supper-goers can attest. She was also an accomplished cyclist and skier.

Sue and Harold began Bethlehem summer vacations in 1963. They bought and winterized a house on Pinewood Avenue, and they traveled to Bethlehem whenever they could. Later, Sue and Harold bought a larger home on Main Street. One of her favorite pastimes was babysitting for Russell's adorable little girls a few afternoons a week. Whenever Sue talked about her sons, daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren, she spoke with overwhelming pride and love.

Sue enjoyed her creative cooking and baking, reading, and knitting. Besides being active BHC members, Sue and Harold attended Elk's Club meetings and functions. A true woman of valor, Sue was a woman with a kind and generous heart, a sparkling wit, and loving ways. She was laid to rest at the Bethlehem Jewish Community Cemetery, Bethlehem, NH, surrounded by family and friends.

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