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**BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL ISSUE**

**PJ Library® Programming for Kids Ages 9-11 Now Available in New Hampshire With Expansion of PJ Our Way™**

**JFNH Signature Program**

Manchester — PJ Our Way, the newest chapter of PJ Library for kids ages 9-11, now has programming available in New Hampshire!

PJ Our Way launched across the United States in September 2016 after a successful two-year pilot period. Tweens throughout the United States are able to enjoy free chapter books and graphic novels with Jewish themes. Now the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation are partnering to provide PJ Our Way programming in New Hampshire.

Building on the success of PJ Library,



which gives the gift of Jewish children's books each month to more than 165,000 children in North America, PJ Our Way allows program participants to select one of four books every month, giving them more choice on their journey toward being life-long readers while introducing them to Jewish ideas. PJ Our Way books are provided at no cost to families because of generous contributions from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and PJ Alliance funders.

"We believe these stories and their values help shape young people in their understanding of being Jewish, and it's our hope that PJ Our Way will ultimately build a strong community of young Jewish people," said Harold Grinspoon,

Founder of PJ Library and PJ Our Way.

As part of the program, PJ Our Way participants can create book trailers, videos, quizzes, author interviews, and other media to communicate with peers about the books. The PJ Our Way website, [pjourway.org](http://pjourway.org), provides these new avenues for discussion.

"We've thought a great deal about how to engage older readers by giving them more say in what they read and then giving them creative platforms to talk to their peers about the books," said PJ Our Way director Catriella Freedman.

The PJ Our Way program is administered nationwide by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, based in Agawam, Massachusetts. Sign-up at [pjourway.org](http://pjourway.org).

For more information, contact Allyson Guertin, PJ Coordinator for JFNH, at [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org).

**About PJ Library**

PJ Library is an award-winning Jewish family engagement program designed to strengthen the identities of Jewish families and their relationship to local Jewish community. Created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Library started in 2005 by providing free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to 200 families. Now, more than 165,000 children between the ages of six months and eight years receive the books in more than 200 communities in the United States and Canada. In addition, more

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**Allyson Guertin Takes on Expanded Duties at JFNH**

Manchester — The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is proud to announce that Allyson Guertin, who has been with the JFNH Preschool for six years, is now joining the JFNH on a full-time basis. Allyson will continue to serve as Coordinator of the PJ Library Program and will oversee the program's expansion to reach children ages 9-11. She will take a more active role in our Senior Citizen Programs and work within the JFNH office to improve customer service and information flow.



*Allyson Guertin*

We all wish Allyson the best. Welcome to Hanover Street!

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Manchester

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Share your High Holidays message with the entire New Hampshire Jewish community! Simply fill out the form included as an insert in this issue and send it, with payment, to JFNH by August 10. Your name and message will be displayed in the September issue. For more information, call 603-627-7679 or email [info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org).

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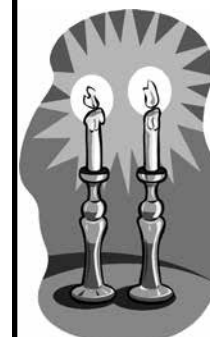
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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



<b>August 3</b>	<b>7:47 PM</b>
<b>August 10</b>	<b>7:38 PM</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>7:27 PM</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>7:16 PM</b>
<b>August 31</b>	<b>7:04 PM</b>

## Jewish New Hampshire and My Three Loves

Today I want to talk about three loves in my life. No, it is not what you are thinking. Yes, I love my partner, Peggy, and my children and grandchildren. But I want to discuss these other three core loves: New Hampshire, Judaism, and Israel.

First comes New Hampshire, my adopted state. I love the mountains, lakes, and seacoast. Here I can climb four-hundred footers, bicycle the entire seashore, and kayak in a lake, all within close proximity to where I live. I appreciate the sense of community and the welcome mat extended for citizen involvement. And yes, I enjoy no sales tax.

But I have a deeper, more profound and innate love of Judaism. My first activity when I moved here over 13 years ago was to find and join a synagogue. I enjoy the company of fellow Jews, which my parents referred to as *landsmen*. I go to Friday night services. I get to play rabbi when I give the *d'var Torah*. And when I awake on a cold morning, I wonder what it was like for the Jews in Auschwitz.

**Stephen Soreff, MD,  
JFNH Board**

**Board Column**



I feel connected to other Jews.

Israel is my third love. I would have served in the Six Day War if they would have taken me. In 1969, just after high school, I went to Israel. There I picked olives at 5 AM to avoid the hot day. I climbed Masada, and I attended the opening of the new Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. I honeymooned in Israel. And now my daughter, Matana, who will soon marry an Israeli, lives and works in Tel Aviv.

So why am dwelling on my three loves? Because the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire combines all three. I see it as the Jewish voice of all Jews in New Hampshire. It speaks when there are inci-

dents of anti-Semitism. It connects Jews in the entire state through events, information, and the Reporter. It offers a social service opportunity for New Hampshire Jews in need and some support for our cemeteries. Through our Sister City and Shlichah programs, we are linked to Israel. JFNH serves as the voice for Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, chavurot, and unaffiliated Jews of our state.

The voice of JFNH has grown stronger with the reconnecting of the Jews of the

seacoast with the Federation. We show that Judaism is important for children by supporting Jewish children going to Jewish summer camps, spending time in Israel, attending synagogue Hebrew schools, and enrolled in a Jewish preschool program. The Jewish Film Festival is the cinematic Jewish voice for New Hampshire.

JFNH says to Jews of New Hampshire, We are here for YOU. We are your voice. This is how the Jewish Federation of NH addresses my three loves: New Hampshire, Judaism, and Israel.

### *PJ Our Way* continued from page 1

than 260,000 schoolchildren in Israel receive Hebrew language, Jewish values-based books through PJ Library sister's program, *Sifriyat Pijama*. PJ Library is also available in Australia, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Russia, Latin America, and Singapore, with further international expansion anticipated. Originally inspired by Dolly Parton's Imagination

Library, which sends books to children in underprivileged areas of the United States, PJ Library ("PJ" is short for "pajamas") strives to contribute to the magic that books bring to bedtime. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation works in partnerships with philanthropists and Jewish non-profit organizations to bring PJ Library to families raising Jewish children. For more information, visit [pjlibrary.org](http://pjlibrary.org).

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If you have children 8 and under, sign up for PJ Library and enjoy the gift of Jewish children's books and music delivered to your home each month. Explore Jewish heritage and Jewish identity as a family through PJ Library's high-quality stories about Jewish values, traditions and holidays.

Through the program, your family will be enriched by experiencing the joy of Jewish life.

Funded by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, it's a gift that will nourish a Jewish life from the start.



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## Looking Back at a Year of Learning, Looking Ahead to New Adventures

This is the end of my first year as a Shlichah for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. I have learned so much and discovered so many interesting details about this state and the community!

When I first arrived, I was not sure how I would ever learn the names of all the board members, the rabbis, the towns, key community members, and their families. I had just arrived, and only a few days later I attended an ice-cream social for my arrival (with too many toppings to choose from!), where lots of people I did not know but who all knew about me waited for my arrival. I feel truly blessed by this community. I felt welcomed into your shuls, homes, and hearts. I feel like I have reached many of the goals I had for myself during this first year, and I was very happy to know this community wants me to stay for another year. There is much more to be done!

This summer I am spending time at Camp Tevya in Brookline New Hampshire, which is managed by Mindee Greenberg (JFNH board's next president). Spending time at this camp with its 500 campers and staff has been a unique

Noam Wolf

JFNH Shlichah



experience for me. I am in charge of the shira (music) department with a wonderful Israeli man who is at the camp for the second time. I love seeing children I know from the Hebrew schools and from the preschool, and teaching them Israeli and Hebrew music.

By the time you read this, I will probably be in Israel for my summer visit. I have not been home since August 2017. I cannot tell you how much I miss my family and friends, my cat, my Israeli vegetables, the beach, and hearing Hebrew around me. New Hampshire is not exactly a central location for Israelis to live or come visit -- but I still managed to find the ones who are here and "adopt" them as friends. For my visit, I am planning a lot of family time, along with a visit to the western wall with your notes and with your children's



Noam with guitar at Camp Tevya

and grandchildren's notes, too. I have many of them from my visits to the Hebrew schools this year. I am also planning to meet a representative from our sister city Hof HaCarmel, to plan our collaboration in the upcoming year. I want to spend some time in Tel Aviv seeing my friends, lying on the beach next to my old apartment, eating lots and lots of Israeli food, and visiting some of my favorite restaurants (Tel Aviv has so many).

When I come back, I will start my second year of Shlichut, and this time I have some helpful knowledge that I have gathered, which will make things easier for me:

1. Winter is longer and colder than I expected, but I do have real winter boots, coats, and a shovel to help me get through this. I will remember to lift my windshield wipers before a snowstorm.
2. I can plan all I want to have events outside, but New Hampshire's weather is going to be unexpected, and

things will be cancelled. And I am aware of the fact that rain is not just in the winter, it can happen in August as well (!!!).

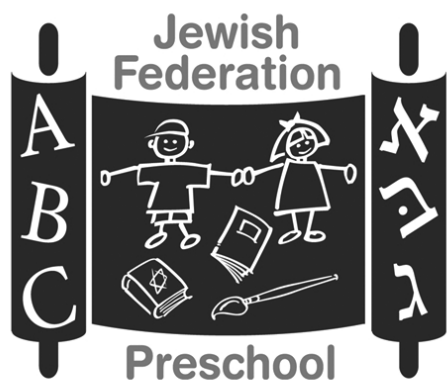
3. Being Israeli in the United States, with my chutzpa and ambition combined, will help me get anything done faster. Anything.
4. The beach and the ocean are just for tanning. If I want to go swimming, lakes are the wiser option!
5. Not every snow is a snowman kind of snow.
6. Many of the people I know during the summer will be gone in the winter, and most of them will be in Florida.

I think I am ready for my next year!

I invite you again to contact me by email, ask me questions, and invite me to your home if we still have not met officially. I love traveling, and I am here for anything you need.

See you soon!

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## Statewide Calendar of Events

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the August Calendar was not available when we went to press. Please check online at [www.jewishnh.org/calendar](http://www.jewishnh.org/calendar) for updated event listings across New Hampshire. The calendar will return in the September issue.

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# PJ Library Family of the Month: The Reeves of Merrimack

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 highlight a family from across New Hampshire, showing how PJ Library and even the smallest experiences and traditions ensure that the history and love of Judaism is passed on to our next generation.

**Meet the Reeve Family, our PJ Library – New Hampshire Family of the Month!**

**Tell us a little bit about your family.**

We live in Merrimack, NH. We (Joe and Gillian) have lived here for the past nine years. We have three girls: Eve is eight, Isla is four, and Aubrey is three. We enjoy getting outside and being active. Eve loves to read, Isla loves soccer and wants to be a ninja warrior, and Aubrey loves water play and being silly.

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

We have been part of the PJ Library since about January or February. I got an email one day about the program, and it looked so interesting that I signed the girls up.

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

Some of the girls' new favorite books are PJ Library books. We sit and have stories every night before bed. The best/funniest part of reading is introducing the girls to many of the Hebrew and Yiddish words, and then trying to teach them how to pronounce them. The events are wonderful. It's great to be able to visit other communities and to meet other Jewish families.



The Reeves Family of Merrimack

**As PJ parents, what do you value most about your involvement with PJ Library? Why?**

We really love reading the books to the girls and getting to integrate Jewish culture into our everyday lives. The girls carry the stories into their day to day and will reference the books or use some of the Yiddish and it is wonderful to be able to have that for them and for us.

**What are your children's favorite PJ books?**

They love The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah, Sadie and the Big Mountain, and Engineer Arielle and the

Israel Independence Day Surprise.

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

Other than the books, the events that would tie as their favorite would be the strawberry picking in Derry last month and the Stuffy Shabbat at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua in April. Everyone had such a great time at both.

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

That everyone we have met so far has been so welcoming and friendly.

**Tell us about your favorite Jewish family tradition or a special memory you have.**

We love Chanukah. Each night the girls take turns lighting the candles and we all sing the blessing. We don't do presents each night, but that makes the nights we do extra special.

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](http://www.pjlibrary.org) or email [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org).

## PJ Library Across the State

JFNH Signature Program



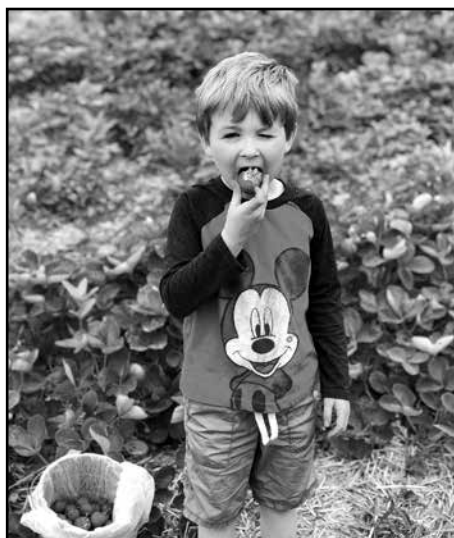
Even the youngest children enjoyed PJ's Popsicles on the Playground at Temple Israel Portsmouth



PJ families enjoyed Shabbat in the Park at Wagon Hill Park with Temple Israel Dover



Strawberry picking was a treat for PJ families at J&F Farms



Eating went along with picking in the strawberry field



Crafts were part of the fun at PJ's Popsicles on the Playground at Temple Israel's Early Learning Center in Portsmouth

## Final Event in “Celebrate Israel at 70 Series” Focuses on Bird Migration in Israel’s Hula Valley

### JFNH Signature Program

Manchester — The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire’s very successful season-long celebration of Israel’s 70th birthday comes to a close on August 19, with a talk on the amazing birds of the Hula Valley in Israel. In an effort to provide new on-ramps for all ages to celebrate and explore Israel, the series offered experiences that focus on travel, creative play, world-class music, traditional dance, nature, and Shabbat reflection.

The talk is titled “Migration Through Israel’s Hula Valley: Great Avian Journeys.” It

takes place on Sunday, August 19, from 2 to 4 PM at the Millyard Museum in Manchester. Join Iain MacLeod, director of the Squam Lake 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 603-627-7679 or email [info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org).

The Celebrate Israel at 70 series has been organized by Jewish Federation of New Hampshire in partnership with

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## JFNH Preschool Prepares for 31st Year

### JFNH Signature Program

Manchester — Summer has been sizzling, but that has not kept our campers from having a wonderful time. We have stayed cool at Cowabunga’s, had fun swimming at the YMCA, enjoyed movement with Miss Kristen, and had a great time with outdoor water play.

As quickly as summer starts, so does it end. Soon, our teachers will be busy getting ready for a new school year. The JFNH Preschool will open for its 31st year on August 27. There are still limited spaces available.

Be part of something special. See why the JFNH Preschool was recognized by the City of Manchester for quality early education.

If you are interested in any of our preschool programs, call 782-5174 or e-mail [preschool@jewishnh.org](mailto:preschool@jewishnh.org) for more information and to set up a tour, and don’t forget to follow us on Facebook.



*Enjoying the new raft at the Y*



*Hooray for Cowabunga’s*



*Making a sand castle*



*Fun at the water table*



*The board of Seniors Forever Young (L-R): Audrey Rondo, Elaine Silberberg, Sandra Wexler, Elaine Rabinovitz, and Frankie Shapiro. Missing from photo: Roslynn Levitt, Renee Brenner, and Brenda Schadick.*

## Volunteer Spotlight on the Board of Seniors Forever Young

Working as a team since 2015, the board of Seniors Forever Young operates under the leadership of Audrey Rondo (president), along with Elaine Silberberg (treasurer), Roslyn Levitt, Frankie Shapiro, Elaine Rabinovitz (publicity), Renee Brenner, Brenda Schadick, and Sandra Wexler (secretary). This team ensure that a seniors group remains active in the Manchester area.

Carrying on the program after the loss of the program’s longtime leader, Buddy Baron, was important to each of them. Once a month, these eight women decided to meet to plan upcoming trips, speakers, and activities throughout the state. They handle all details, including stuffing and mailing advertising, ticket purchases, reservations, and van rental,

to name only a few. This summer, you can see the group of Seniors Forever Young watching a show at the Palace Theatre, Interlakes Summer Theatre, on a Lake Sunapee Cruise, and enjoying each other’s company at dinner. This group tirelessly volunteers their time in an effort to offer one program a month to their 55 members.

Over the past three years, these women, who began only as acquaintances with the same goal of staying active, have formed a bond that has grown larger than their volunteer work and monthly meetings but into a lifelong friendship as well.

For more information about upcoming trips or Seniors Forever Young, contact the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire office at 603-627-7679.

## Seventh Graders Bring a Fresh Approach to Shabbat Prayers

For the religious school year just past, Cantor Shira Nafshi and I taught 7th grade Hebrew at Temple Beth Jacob. The students interpreted the Friday night prayers through art. In June, they led a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service.

**Opening Song** – They presented a creative dance to *Bim Bam/Shabbat Shalom*.

**Kabbalat Shabbat** – Each student offered an interpretation (drawing, poem, song) of one of the psalms or prayers leading up to *L'cha Dodi*.

**L'cha Dodi** – They shared their interpretations of the verses.

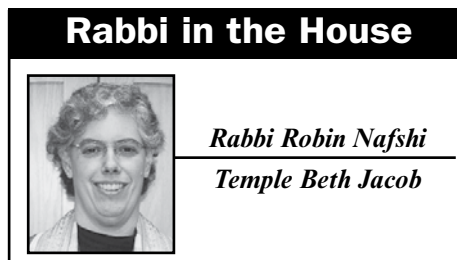
**Shalom Aleichem** – They enacted the angels coming and going.

**Chatzi Kaddish** – For this prayer of transition, the students took turns, each chanting one line.

**Bar'chu** – In ancient days, the Israelites sounded a *shofar* to call the community together. The class chanted a *T'kiya*, as one student responded with a *shofar* blast.

**Ma'ariv Aravim** – They responded to Israeli poet Alden Solovy's invitation to write six-word prayers.

Ruler of all, Creator of life  
You created day, night, light, darkness  
Earth is now whole, thank You



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Temple Beth Jacob

Thanks for giving light in darkness  
Sky and night, light the way  
You created us all, so thanks  
Change is always happening to us  
Thanks God for seasons and days  
**Ahavat Olam** – They wrote additional six-word prayers.

We always love family and friends  
I love God for everything done  
We love You, You love us  
You protect Israel and teach us  
Thanks for Torah, thanks for Love  
One God loves us through Torah  
Everlasting love learned in the Torah  
Torah teaches us, yet I wonder

**Sh'malV'ahavta** – The students made *mezzuzot*.

**Mi Chamocha** – As the three prayers surrounding the *Sh'malV'ahavta* constitute a unit, they wrote another six-word prayer.

You saved us, gave us peace  
You've saved us, we are thankful  
The sea splitting, saving the people  
God saved us, we thank You  
Thanks for helping us leave Egypt  
God's glory is shown to children  
Creation is everything, God is one  
You saved us, and are one

**Hashkivenu** – The students focused on the words *sukkat shlomechah*, "shelter of peace." They made a model of a *sukkah* and put inside items that gave them peace.

**V'shamru** – Borrowing from the Beatles, they rewrote *Here Comes the Sun* as *Here Comes Shabbat*.

**Adonai S'fatai Tiftach** – Each student read a prayer of repentance.

**Avot** – Each student wrote a *midrash*, an interpretation of Biblical text, about one of our patriarchs or matriarchs.

**G'vurot** – They made representations of what they believed to be the most powerful thing to have been created: Black holes, the universe, life, electricity, friendship.

**K'dushat Hashem/K'dushat Hayom** – To show holiness, they created a replica of the Western Wall in Jerusalem and added a *ner tamid*, an eternal light.

**Modim** – They wrote haiku poems about gratitude.

**Shalom Rav** – They created representations of peace.

**Silent Prayer** – The students wrote six-word prayers.

Contemplation in my head, during silence

Silence is holy, peaceful, and loud

Your power is amazement to us

Silence has no bad words ever

Silence is a wave of calm

Silence is what makes us holy

Peaceful listening is the unlocking key

It is quiet; it's not loud

**Mi Shebeirach for healing** – The students shared their ideas about healing with an artist in the congregation. Their ideas were made into healing cards.

**Aleinu** – The phrase in Aleinu "*L'takein olam b'malchut Shaddai*" means "to heal the world under the Sovereignty of God." The students glued puzzle pieces not completed to symbolize the broken world in need of healing.

**Mourner's Kaddish** – The students created a *Kaddish* memorial quilt, made up of squares in remembrance of a beloved family member or friend.

*Mazel tov* to the students!

## Three Rabbis Serve Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation This Season

By Eileen Regen

Bethlehem — Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (BHC) is excited to welcome Reb Sarah Noyovitz as its spiritual leader for July and August. Sarah Noyovitz, currently in her fifth year of studies in Hebrew College Rabbinical School, Boston, comes with an impressive background. Previously a Goodman Fellow, Noyovitz has experience developing Israel education curricula and designing Jewish experiential Israel education. A guitarist and singer, she has led religious services and education events for people of all ages during her years of study and participation in learning and service programs in the United States and Israel.



**Reb Sarah Noyovitz**

Rabbi Eric Gurvis will officiate at BHC's 2018 High Holy Day services. He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, with a BA in sociology and Judaic studies. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, and he has

served congregations in New York, Mississippi, and New Jersey. Most recently, he completed 18 years as senior rabbi of Temple Shalom of Newton in Massachusetts, where he is rabbi emeritus. For the past year, Gurvis served as East Coast manager for Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, where he has overseen all programmatic activity and relationship management in East Coast cities.

Rabbi Gurvis has been deeply involved in youth activities and Jewish camps, interfaith work, Israel programming, and education. He was a member of the fourth cohort of the Hartman Institute's Rabbinic Leadership Initiative, where he became a senior rabbinic fellow of the Institute in 2013 and serves on the Rabbinic Advisory Council. He has completed training with The Mussar Institute and is a certified Mussar Va'ad Leader, and he is a blogger and regular contributor to *Fresh Day*, an online interfaith e-zine.

Rabbi Gurvis lives in Newton, MA, with his wife, Laura Kizner Gurvis. They



**Rabbi Eric Gurvis**

have four children and a 15-month old grandson in whom they take great delight.

Rabbi Leonard Gordon led BHC services and shared teaching for Tisha B'Av weekend. He is an instructor in the MEAH Program at Hebrew College and codirector of Interfaith Partners for Peace. Rabbi Gordon has served as an instructor at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He is rabbi emeritus of the Germantown Jewish Center in Philadelphia, where he served as rabbi for 16 years. He also served for six years as rabbi of Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Newton, MA. His rabbinic experiences includes serving a small rural



**Rabbi Leonard Gordon**

congregation in and around Kenyon College in Ohio, where he was the sole Jewish professional on the faculty.

In his career, Rabbi Gordon has also chaired the National Havurah Committee and developed a deep appreciation for what small communities can do to create vibrancy. He is presently the co-chair of the Jewish-Muslim Taskforce for the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, and he serves as a board member of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, National Council of Synagogues, and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. Rabbi Gordon has been honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary, Neighborhood Interfaith Movement, and the Mid-Atlantic United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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## Temple Emanu-El Haverhill Chooses Cantor Vera Broekhuysen as Spiritual Leader, Welcomes Rabbinic Intern Mona Strick

Haverhill, MA — Temple Emanu-El of Haverhill is thrilled to announce that Cantor Vera Broekhuysen became its spiritual leader as of July 1. Cantor Broekhuysen has served as cantor at Temple Emanu-El since July 2016 and is delighted to expand her role as the temple moves forward following the retirement last year of its long-time rabbi, Ira Korinow. Temple Emanu-El is also excited to welcome Mona Strick, a fifth-year rabbinic student from Hebrew College, who will serve a one-year term as rabbinic intern beginning July 1.

“As the search committee engaged with temple members to understand the characteristics they valued most in a successor to Rabbi Korinow, one thing became abundantly clear,” said David Belsky, co-chair of the committee. “We already had in our midst a talented and beloved leader in Cantor Vera Broekhuysen. Once we recognized that, the rest was easy.”

“In the past two years I’ve grown to know and love Temple Emanu-El,” enthused Cantor Broekhuysen. “Our temple’s pluralism, in membership and litur-

gy, offers both clergy and congregants unique opportunities to pray and learn together. The warmth of our membership and the strength of our relationships let us explore fearlessly and debate honestly. As I become the spiritual leader at Temple Emanu-El, I am excited for us to grow our lay leadership. I’m excited for us to welcome and integrate interfaith families even more fully into our ritual and lifecycle events. I’m excited for us to expand music-making at our temple. And I’m excited for us to continue to both bring in, and to go out and meet, our wider Greater Haverhill community and our Merrimack Valley Jewish neighbors for shared celebration and education and pursuit of social justice. Together, we can use our own distinctive voices to praise God, ask questions of our holy texts and of our own lives, and advocate for those whose voices are less easily heard. And we can make some beautiful song while we’re



Cantor Vera Broekhuysen  
(Photo by Eli Katzoff)

at it!”

Cantor Broekhuysen deeply values opportunities to pursue both spiritual enrichment and social justice in interfaith environments. She is a member of the Greater Haverhill Clergy Association and a founding member of the Merrimack Valley Interfaith Sanctuary Network, which came together in the spring of 2017. While in cantorial school, Cantor Broekhuysen led an interfaith, cross-campus singing group (through the Center for Inter-Religious & Communal Leadership Education at both Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School) and co-created a series of events and workshops exploring the female voice in relationship to text and spiritual authority within Judaism and Islam.

Cantor Broekhuysen is a member of the New England Board of Cantors, where she currently serves as secretary. In March of 2018, she helped organize, and performed in, “From Out of the Storm: Cantors Respond to Devastation,” a successful benefit concert on behalf of the Jewish communities in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands who were impacted by Hurricanes Maria and Jose. This event was cosponsored by Temple Beth Zion of Brookline.

Cantor Broekhuysen was ordained by Hebrew College in June of 2016, when she also earned her Master of Jewish Education. She lives in North Andover, Massachusetts, with her husband and two sons.

Rav Mona Strick is a candidate for rabbinic ordination and a Master of Arts in Jewish Studies in June 2019. She has served as rabbinic intern at both Conservative and Reform congregations: Temple B'nai Sholom in Braintree, Kehillath Israel in Brookline, and Temple Israel in Boston. Prior to beginning a second career, Mona spent over 25 years in executive management positions in the travel industry and online media. During those years, she remained active in Jewish life and study, leading to the decision to enter rabbinical school.

“We are so excited to have Rav Mona join Temple Emanu-El this year,” said Jennifer Lampron, co-chair of the rabbi search committee. “She has already begun attending temple events to meet people in the community and work with Cantor Vera. Through her unique combination of rabbinic education from Hebrew College and executive experience in a competitive consumer service industry, we know she’ll bring great energy and valuable insights as we look to enhance our programs and reach out to potential new members.”

Rav Mona is originally from Brooklyn, New York, where she attended a Conservative Jewish day school and the Modern Orthodox Yeshiva of Flatbush and spent many years as part of Camp Ramah. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Near East studies from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She has studied at the Hebrew University, The Hartman institute, and Pardes in Jerusalem and recently completed a course of study at the Conservative Yeshiva as well as an interfaith seminar, “Building Abrahamic Partnerships,” at the Hartford Seminary.

Mona and her partner, Mark, live in Brookline. Their shared families consist of five children and eight grandchildren. When not in school, busy cooking, or studying in chevruta (learning groups), she enjoys team trivia competition, crosswords, powerlifting, and musical theater. Mona is committed to inspiring a love of Torah, a passion for Jewish study and social justice, and participation in joyful, contemplative prayer.

### About Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El is a dynamic Reform congregation with a traditional, yet creative, orientation serving a community of diverse needs and backgrounds. Since 1937, members of the Jewish community of Greater Haverhill have joined together to express our Jewish identities through worship, education, social action, friendship, and socialization. As a congregation, we foster a deep commitment to a Jewish way of life and to the future of our community. For more information about membership, religious school, adult education, and social programs, contact Nancy LaFleur at 978.373.3861 or visit [www.templeemanu-el.org](http://www.templeemanu-el.org).

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We are a reform congregation offering our members opportunities for Jewish identification and affiliation through worship, education and community.

**Family Shabbat Services** are at 6PM the first Friday of the month, followed by a Potluck. **Regular Shabbat Services** are at 7PM.  
Call the office for Holiday Service information.

**Shabbat Mornings: Torah Study** with Rabbi Davidson at 10AM.  
Other lifelong learning opportunities are available during the year.

**Sisterhood** provides social & programming & serves TAY.

**Brotherhood** sponsors religious, social & holiday activities.

**MANTY**, (affiliated with NFTY) is open to all High School Students.

**Religious School** meets Sundays 10-12 & Tuesdays 4pm-6pm.

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## Re:NewYear@ BethAbraham: A Shorter, Upbeat High Holidays Experience

Nashua -- Are you or your family looking for a change for High Holiday services? Something shorter and upbeat, with language explained and new understanding? Are you ready to mix it up? With guitar and drumming, connecting the words with praying, in an engaging Jewish community? If yes, then Re:NewYear@Beth Abraham is for you!

Join us for new High Holiday experiences at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, NH. Together, through song and story, reflection and ritual, we'll demystify and reconstruct prayer and practice, while tapping into the wonder and potential of these sacred days.

Re:NewYear High Holiday Services are led by Eliana Light, a nationally known Jewish songwriter and educator. Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur creative services will be multigenerational and family-friendly, with tots and nonagenarians, singles and couples, parents and children, empty nesters, grandparents and grandchildren, all together. We'll sing new songs with beats and traditional melodies in new styles as we get up close with a Torah scroll and a ram's horn.

Whether you're a seeker or experienced in the tradition, this is a new kind of learning for the High Holidays. Together, we'll explore how we can each be our best selves and play our part to make the best

world in the new Jewish year.

Re:NewYear services will be held at Temple Beth Abraham Religious School's Great Space at 5 Raymond Street in Nashua, NH.

- Rosh Hashanah: Monday, Sept 10, & Tuesday, Sept 11, at 10–11:30 AM
- Kol Nidre: Tuesday, Sept 18, at 6:15 PM

- Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Sept 19, at 10–11:30 AM

Additional Re:NewYear opportunities include Tashlich, the symbolic casting off of sins, a Rosh Hashanah ritual for the entire family at the Nashua River on Monday, Sept 10, at 2 PM; and Neila, the closing service on Wednesday, Sept 19, at 6:30 PM, in the Beth Abraham Sanctuary with

the final shofar blast at 7:33 PM.

For more Re:NewYear information and registration, please contact Judy Goldstein at Temple Beth Abraham office@tbanashua.org or 883-8184. Visit tbanashua.org to see more about Re:NewYear@Beth Abraham.

Together in September, join us for Re:NewYear@BethAbraham.

## Hadassah Learns About New Hampshire History at Annual Fundraising Brunch

Manchester -- The Manchester Chapter of Hadassah held its Annual Fundraising Brunch at the Manchester Country Club on June 24. The dining tables were festively decorated with balloons as the group was celebrating Israel's 70th year of statehood. They also acknowledged the 100th anniversaries of the Hadassah Medical Organization, the Henrietta Szold School of Nursing, and HMO's Department of Ophthalmology. The very informative video, *50th Anniversary of Hadassah Hospital's Reunification*, was shown. It depicted the history of Hadassah from its roots to present day. The Hadassah speaker was Kathy Kerstein, vice president of the Northern New England Region of Hadassah, who spoke about the new fundraising cam-

paign, 360 Degrees of Healing. A delicious brunch was served, followed by the highlight of the brunch, guest speaker John Clayton, executive director of the Manchester Historic Association and Millyard Museum. He was a very informative and interesting speaker, who spoke on a wide range of topics, all about New Hampshire. A silent auction was held and door prizes given out. Money raised will go toward the new fundraising campaign. The members reported having a very enjoyable time.

Hadassah recently achieved accreditation from BBB Wise Giving Alliance, highlighting excellence in leadership, finances, and mission-driven work. This accreditation signifies that Hadassah is deserving of donor trust, as it is a well-run nonprofit organization. If you would like to make a donation to Hadassah, email donorservices@Hadassah.org. Please include Manchester's chapter number: 43-430. For more information about Hadassah, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com or 488-5657.



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## Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry Accepting Students for 2018-2019 School Year

Derry — Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, is a warm and caring community with programs that inspire a love for Judaism and Jewish learning, and with teaching that includes Hebrew, Torah, and Jewish living curriculum. Etz Hayim Synagogue is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, and is situated on a lovely interfaith campus.

Etz Hayim Synagogue offers the following educational programs for children:

**Sunday Camp, for ages 4-6:** Utilizing a rich mix of music, crafts, and games, we introduce students to the synagogue, the Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah, and Hebrew. Sunday Camp meets from 10 AM to 12 PM, one Sunday afternoon per month.

**Tuesday night programs for grades 2-6:** Students focus on Hebrew learning, Torah, and Jewish living curriculum. Tuesday night classes meet every Tuesday, beginning at 6 PM. The first

day of the Tuesday night program is September 4, 2018.

**Wednesday night programs for B'Nai Mitzvah and confirmation:** This program prepares students to take their places as adults within the Jewish community. Aspects of the program focus on leading prayer, history, Judaica, as well as on preparation of D'Var Torah. Wednesday night programs meet every Wednesday. Class for B'Nai Mitzvah students is from 5 to 8:00 PM; class for confirmation students is from 6:30 to 8 PM; all students share a meal at 6 PM. The first day of the Wednesday night program is September 5, 2018.

**Registration** will take place on Tuesday, August 28, beginning at 6 PM.

For more information about the Hebrew School, please contact Education Committee chair Michael Schloss at [education@etzhayim.org](mailto:education@etzhayim.org); or contact Rabbi Peter Levy at [rabbi@etzhayim.org](mailto:rabbi@etzhayim.org).

## Temple Beth Abraham Welcomes Learners and Seekers to Its Learning Community

Nashua — The Philip Porter Religious School at Temple Beth Abraham invites you to join our community of learners and seekers as we lead our children and their parents on a journey of love of learning. Torah is the scroll we take out of the ark each Shabbat, and Torah is all the learning that comes handed down from generation to generation, *Dor L'dor*. But teaching and learning are not linear; in fact, the learning is cyclical or reciprocal. Teachers teach their students and students teach their teachers.

Our school vision is to *foster a strong Jewish identity and community participation* that will inspire families and their children to engage in Jewish learning and action.

We seek to immerse each child and family in Jewish life and learning. We strive to provide high quality and engaging educational and community-based programming.

The Sunday school program invites children ages four years old, Gan Katan, through seven years old, Kitah Bet (2nd grade). Our Kitah Gimel (3rd grade) students meet on Sundays and Tuesdays.

Grades Dalet – Zayin, 4th through 7th grade, meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our learning curriculum is rooted in Jewish values (*middot*) and other content areas, holidays, Torah, Talmud, and Hebrew, which are integrated through Jewish values. We have a strong Hebrew language program that begins in Gan Katan with Hebrew letter recognition and modern Hebrew words and phrases and moves to reading with fluency and continuing to develop usable modern Hebrew skills. Hebrew for prayer is an important part of the curriculum.

Each year, we engage whole families in family learning opportunities. We have a special program called *Yedidim* that focuses on families with preschool children. At the other end of the age continuum, we have a vital teen philanthropy program (BAP – Beth Abraham Philanthropists) for teens in 8th grade and older. It meets monthly, beginning in September.

For more information, please be in touch with Noreen Leibson at [director@tbanshua.org](mailto:director@tbanshua.org) or call 883-9844. We stand ready to welcome you to our learning community.

## Chabad Hebrew School Fired Up for Learning

Manchester — At Chabad Hebrew School, the passion and love for Judaism can be felt throughout the halls. We strive to curate lessons that the kids are excited about and can relate to. The sounds of laughter, song, and Hebrew language fill the Chabad Center every Wednesday. After an extremely successful pilot year of lessons, utilizing our brand new facility, we are fired up for another year of successful learning.

Kids love our popular Aleph Champ

program, which motivates the kids to progress in their Hebrew reading skills. We pride ourselves on being a Hebrew School that parents and kids love coming to!

For more information, e-mail [Chanchie@chabadofnh.com](mailto:Chanchie@chabadofnh.com). The program meets at 1234 River Road, Manchester, on Wednesdays from 4:10 to 6 PM and serves children ages 3 1/2 to 13. A discounted rate is offered for first-time students. Inquire for more details.

## Temple Beth Jacob Offers New Pre-K Program, Parent Book Group, and Workshop for Parents and Teens/Tweens

Concord — With over 60 students enrolling in our K-7 and Geshet programs, our Religious Education Committee, principal, faculty, parents, and students are getting ready for another great year! In addition to our focus on our students and Religious School, we are adding new programming for our youngest members and our parents.

We are excited about our new pre-K weekly program. This hour class will be filled with song, movement, art, and stories focusing on Jewish holidays and Jewish values. For our parents, we will open our year with a Jewish book discussion

group focusing on the roller coaster ride that we call parenting! In addition, on November 18, we are looking forward to welcoming Dr. Betsy Stone, a psychology and child development professor from Hebrew Union College. She will workshop with TBJ parents of tweens and teens as well as our Religious School faculty, and then TBJ tweens and teens separately, bringing us all together in the end to reflect on how to best navigate through challenging times and bring out the mensch in all of us. We look forward to spending another year together!

## Youth Religious Education at Temple B'nai Israel Is Project-Centered

Laconia — Temple B'nai Israel has been the hub of Jewish activity in central New Hampshire for the past 80 years. Our congregation is affiliated with Reform Judaism; however, our members' beliefs and traditions range from traditional Conservatism to modern versions of Reform practice.

We are active participants on the Lakes Region Interfaith Council of Religious Groups and play a positive role in the community at large.

The mission of Temple B'nai Israel is to be the center of Jewish life in the Lakes Region and throughout central New Hampshire by: preserving and practicing traditional rituals and religious customs in keeping with the Reform Movement; establishing a warm and accepting environment for all Jewish families inclusive of interfaith and same sex couples; being the social center of Jewish and nonsectarian activities for the entire congregation;

supporting the surrounding community and serving the surrounding community and supporting its needs and programs; and providing challenging and interesting Jewish educational programs for the youth and adults of the congregation.

Our Religious School reflects this philosophy and has the advantage of being project-centered. In a small and intimate environment, the twice-monthly meetings of our Religious School focus on particular themes and actively involve the students in creative art projects as well as cooking foods associated with holidays and other Jewish traditions. Individual attention to Hebrew is given to each student by the rabbi as well as experienced and knowledgeable teaching staff. Beyond the preparation and celebration of B'nai Mitzvah, a special program is currently being developed for teens. Tzedakah and social action projects are also an important aspect of the TBI curriculum.

## Temple Adath Yeshurun: Inspiring a Love of Jewish Learning and Life

Manchester — Temple Adath Yeshurun (TAY) has an education program that is effervescent and exciting, relevant and relatable; a program that makes connections and builds community. We teach our students about our collective Jewish past, so that we can support our present, and know that along our way all of us have the power to create a strong Jewish future. Each of us is a unique link in *L'dor V'dor*, the long chain of all things Jewish. This Jewish stuff has meaning! Everything we do here is intentional and reflective of these objectives.

*Nitznutzim K'tanim* (Hebrew for Little Sparks) is a once-a-month program that gives our youngest students, ages three, four, and five (and parent/s) an opportunity to learn in a warm and creative environment. We guide and offer resources to accompanying adults, giving them knowledge and confidence to inspire their children and families to love living a Jewish life. Meetings focus on Torah, hol-

idays, and values.

Jewish learning isn't only about book learning; it's religion and prayer, holidays, culture, music, art and food, and so much more. That's what I love about being Jewish; there are so many ways in.

Grades K-2 come on Sundays to begin their more formal Jewish education through experiential learning opportunities, Torah stories and other Jewish literature, introduction to Hebrew, "the synagogue," Israel, Jewish values, and community-building activities.

Grades 3-7 children join us Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons, learning the importance of Hebrew to Jews around the world and how this ancient language is still relevant to us. Together we learn Hebrew, as it's the language we use when we pray together. We learn our traditions passed down from generation to generation; the language we use to celebrate with others during our happiest moments in life as well as support and

comfort each other in some of our saddest days.

Over the range of their years of learning, students learn Torah, Jewish history, as well as the general context of what was/is happening in the world around us. Jewish values and mitzvot, midrash, the importance of Israel to the Jewish people, Jewish literature, what it means to be a mensch through kindness, *tzedakah*, and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness). We learn about the Jewish American experience and the fabulous contributions Jews over the years have given to America and to the world. From birth to end of life, we learn our Jewish life cycle events and the traditions and customs that accompany them, so that as we live our lives, we have the skills and knowledge to be participants and not spectators in our lives.

Appropriate to age and stage, each grade's learning includes an Israel component and a Pesach component, AND SO MUCH MORE.

We are rebuilding our Chai School Program (grades 8-10, leading up to Confirmation). More news coming soon.

The entire TAY community is very attached to Tikkun Olam -- helping to re-

pair our world. Our students participate in many repair-the-world activities and projects that go beyond bringing in tzedakah money each class (we do this too).

Family Education Programs and Intergenerational Programs and celebrations connect learning to practice and practice to learning. We cook and bake both beautiful and nutritious food, as is dictated by Jewish law, that we bring to the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Last November, our children made over a dozen recipes of "Cookies-in-a-jar" and gave them to women living in a transitional residence in Manchester. It's a new yearly tradition.

The TAY education program is committed to building community within our doors and beyond. We believe in reciprocal responsibility, and this value is cultivated through our intentional learning, activities, and programs. We take care of each other and those in the world around us. Empathy and care are Jewish values.

We have so much to offer! If you are interested in our education program, please email me, Stacy Garnick, Education Director, at [eddirectorTAY@gmail.com](mailto:eddirectorTAY@gmail.com). I look forward to meeting you.

Peace and pomegranates,  
Stacy

## Temple Israel Portsmouth Has Educational Programs From Preschool Through Adulthood

Portsmouth — Temple Israel Portsmouth offers educational opportunities to all its members, from the youngest to the oldest!

The Early Learning Center is a developmentally appropriate, inquiry-based program where children 2 years – 9 months to 5 years old can grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and spiritually, and family involvement is invited. Jewish values and concepts are integrated into everyday activities, and Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum. The ELC welcomes diversity and children of all faiths. The multi-age-group program maintains a low student-to-teacher ratio (7:1) and meets from 8:45 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday.

The TIP Religious School has about 80 students, ranging from Kindergarten to 7th grade, and it meets Wednesdays, 3:45–5:30 PM, and Sundays, 9 AM–12 PM. Our curriculum includes Hebrew decoding and writing, prayers and blessings, Torah, Jewish holidays, customs and traditions, Jewish values, ethics, life cycle, history, Israel, and more. The children help lead services twice a week during school. We also have class-led Shabbat services, and the whole school hosts a very well-attended, joyful Kabbalat Shabbat dinner and student-led service in early December.

Our annual Purim Carnival is wildly popular, and the 6th and 7th graders, as well as our madrichim (8th grade and up), run all the games.

Music, art, cooking, field trips (e.g., Jewish museum in Portland, Mayyim Hayyim Mikvah, geniza trip to the cemetery for burial of sacred texts, Shapiro House at Strawberry Banke, etc.) as well as special visits by Noam, our wonderful Israeli Shlichah, and presentations, such as the powerful one this spring by the organization IsraAid, all add interest to our program.

We also offer a Youth Group for 4th through 7th graders, and Gesher, a social and educational program for teens in 8th grade and up. Our Madrichim program allows post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to share their knowledge and skills as valuable classroom assistants.

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<i>Cemetery Visit</i>	<i>Sep 2</i>	<i>11:00am</i>
<i>Selichot (at Temple Adath Yeshurun)</i>	<i>Sep 8</i>	<i>8:00pm</i>
<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	<i>Sep 9</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>Rosh Hashanah Day 1</i>	<i>Sep 10</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>Tashlich (at the Landing)</i>	<i>Sep 10</i>	<i>1:45pm</i>
<i>Rosh Hashanah Day 2</i>	<i>Sep 11</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>Shabbat Shuva (Fri night)</i>	<i>Sep 14</i>	<i>7:15pm</i>
<i>Shabbat Shuva (Sat morning)</i>	<i>Sep 15</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>Yom Kippur Minchah followed by Kol Nidre</i>	<i>Sep 18</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Yom Kippur Morning</i>	<i>Sep 19</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>Yom Kippur Mincha Neilah</i>	<i>Sep 19</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
<i>Yom Kippur Break Fast (Register by noon on Sep. 12)</i>	<i>Sep 19</i>	<i>7:15pm</i>
<i>Sukkot 1</i>	<i>Sep. 24</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>Sukkot 2</i>	<i>Sep 25</i>	<i>7:00am</i>
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Sukkot Pizza in the Hut (Register by noon on Sep. 21)</i>	<i>Sep 28</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Shemini Atzeret (with Yizkor)</i>	<i>Oct 1</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>Erev Simchat Torah</i>	<i>Oct 1</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
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## Holocaust Survivors To Receive Increased Social Welfare Services After Negotiations With German Government

*Claims Conference Negotiations Net Additional Funding for Vital Services After German Delegation Hears First-Hand Survivor Testimony*

NEW YORK, NEW YORK: July 10, 2018 -- Today, Julius Berman, President of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), announced the outcomes from the organization's negotiations on behalf of Jewish Holocaust survivors with the German government. "The significant increase for social welfare services secured by our negotiating team will lead to more home care, food support, medicine and transportation services for Jewish Holocaust survivors around the world," said Claims Conference President Berman.

The negotiations resulted in a €75 million (\$87.75 million) increase in funding for social welfare services for Holocaust survivors, bringing total global allocations for 2019 to €480 (\$564 million). With the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. as a backdrop, the German delegation met with the Claims Conference negotiating delegation and heard first-hand testimony from survivors about the critical need for funding increases.

Claims Conference Special Negotiator, Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, stated, "I am particularly pleased as we enter the last stage of a more than 70 year effort by the Jewish Claims Conference to work with the German government to provide a measure of justice for Holocaust survivors, that the recently formed new German government has shown that they share our sense of urgency to insure that in their declining years Holocaust survivors, who suffered so greatly in their youth, live their remaining years in dignity. We have been able to get a major increase of some \$200 million in additional funding for critically important home care and in monthly pensions for survivors. Over the last decade, we increased funding for home care from €30 million to €405 million in 2018, and, now, to €480 million in 2019."

Of the negotiations, Claims Conference Executive Vice President, Greg Schneider said, "Although no amount of money can ever compensate for the indescribable suffering and losses of Holocaust survivors, these elderly heroes deserve the recognition that increased payments and much-needed services will

provide. It's been over 70 years since the war ended and time is running out for survivors. We need to ask ourselves: if not now, when?"

Survivor representatives of the Claims Conference delegation, Roman Kent and Marian Turski, both survivors of the Lodz Ghetto and Auschwitz, accompanied German officials on a tour through the museum. A cattle car in the museum's permanent exhibition served as an impromptu setting where Roman Kent shared with the German representatives and museum goers alike, his personal experience of being deported to Auschwitz and the horrific conditions he endured.

Kent said, "When I am asked how long I was in Auschwitz, my answer is...I don't know. What I do know is that one minute in Auschwitz was like a day, a day was a year, and a week an eternity. How many eternities can one have in a single lifetime? I don't know the answer to that either."

The Claims Conference negotiating delegation is continuously advocating for Jewish Holocaust survivors with the German government throughout the year to address unmet needs and expand criteria for compensation. In addition to the funding increase for social welfare services, negotiations this year achieved the following:

- Article 2 and Central and Eastern European Fund (CEEF) pensions, which the Claims Conference pays to 55,000 Holocaust survivors will increase by 53.6% over the next three years from €352 (\$411) to €541 (\$633). The first increase to €415 (\$485) will commence on January 1, 2019.
- The criteria for the Child Survivor Fund payments has been liberalized. The length of time child survivors need to have been in hiding or living under false identity was reduced from six months to four months.

The Claims Conference currently funds in-home care for approximately 76,200 needy and frail survivors around the world, so they are able to remain in their own homes. Additionally, the organization assists over 62,000 survivors with other vital services including food, medicine, transportation to doctors and programs to alleviate social isolation.

The Claims Conference negotiations delegation is comprised of Special Negotiator, Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat; Co-Chair, Roman Kent; Holocaust survivor



*Claims Conference executive vice president Greg Schneider, Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, and Holocaust survivor Roman Kent.*



*Holocaust survivor Roman Kent with German State Secretary Dr. Rolf Bösinger*

leaders, Ambassador Colette Avital, Ambassador Reuven Merhav, Ben Helfgott and Marian Turski; Rabbi Andrew Baker; and Claims Conference Executive Vice President Greg Schneider.

About the Claims Conference: The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) a nonprofit organization with offices in New York, Tel Aviv and Frankfurt, secures material compensation for Holocaust survivors around the world. Founded in 1951 by representatives of 23 major international Jewish organizations, the Claims Conference negotiates for and disburses funds to individuals and organizations, and seeks the return of Jewish

property stolen during the Holocaust. As a result of negotiations with the Claims Conference since 1952, the German government has paid more than \$70 billion in indemnification to individuals for suffering and losses resulting from persecution by the Nazis. In 2018, the Claims Conference will distribute approximately \$400 million in direct compensation to over 80,000 survivors in 83 countries and will allocate approximately \$500 million in grants to over 200 social service agencies worldwide that provide vital services for Holocaust survivors such as homecare, food and medicine.

For more information, please visit: [www.claimscon.org](http://www.claimscon.org)

## Preventing Anti-Semitism Through Education: UNESCO and OSCE Launch First Guide for Education Community

[Reprinted from the UNESCO website]

In early June, UNESCO and OSCE launched their first educational guide on combating anti-Semitism. The publication, "Addressing Anti-Semitism Through Education – Guidelines for Policymakers," is the first on the subject by a United Nations agency. Produced with experts from the countries of Europe, Central Asia, and North America, it examines the many and complex manifestations of anti-Semitic prejudice and discrimination and offers best practice recommendations to fight them through education.

UNESCO is strongly committed to work on the prevention of violent extremism as part of its core mandate to promote global citizenship, a priority for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. In this context, UNESCO promotes education systems that are able to equip learners with skills, attitudes, and behaviors that allow them to assume active roles in facing and resolving global challenges, and to become proactive contrib-

utors to a more peaceful, tolerant, and secure world. The publication is a new example of UNESCO's contribution to the fight against anti-Semitism.

UNESCO will organize a high-level debate on the subject within the framework of the General Assembly of the United Nations next September to mobilize the international community.

"The struggle against anti-Semitism cannot be undertaken by Jewish communities alone. Fighting it means defending human rights and liberties, because racism and anti-Semitism are one and the same in that they share hate of otherness," declared UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay, at the launch ceremony. "In this fight, education is a major factor. It must be harnessed to prevent the rise in extremism and violence. It is our responsibility to support teachers and educators in their mission, those who sometimes feel helpless in facing the scope of unbridled prejudice."

ODIHR Director Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, stressed the vital role of edu-

cation in countering anti-Semitism, and all forms of intolerance: "Educators have access to a uniquely large audience of young people and have the opportunity to help them foster mutual respect and understanding, and thereby become responsible citizens. Resilience to language and ideas that incite discrimination can only be ensured by educating young people so that they are mindful of their own and others' prejudices and capable of critical thinking, and that they feel responsible for making the societies in which they live cohesive ones."

On 22 May, UNESCO and ODIHR presented an outline of the publications to ministers responsible for education,



Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO's first Jewish director general, launches UNESCO's new educational guide, "Addressing Anti-Semitism Through Education."

culture, youth, media, communication, and sport of the European Union's 28 Member States, at a meeting chaired by Bulgaria.

UNESCO and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights had earlier worked together on the publication of "Guidelines for Educators on Countering Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims" (2011).

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## Books of Jewish Interest Club Flourishes in Bethlehem

By Gail Robinson

Bethlehem — Read, and dive into a new world. The Books of Jewish Interest Club (BJI) is in the midst of a lively season of discussions of Jewish-themed books from a variety of genres: fiction, memoir, history, and more. The BJI meets on Wednesdays at 4 PM on August 1, 8, and 22 at the Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main Street, Bethlehem. Meetings are open to the public. Authors join the discussions by phone or in person.

The season began with *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn, who joined the discussion by phone. In Horn's vibrant and compelling third novel, she examines the tenuous relationships of American Jewish spies -- among each other and to their country -- during the Civil War. Jacki Katzman led the discussion.

At the second meeting, the group discussed *Russ & Daughters: Reflections and Recipes From the House that Herring Built*, by Mark Russ Federman, former owner/proprietor of the beloved appetizing store on Manhattan's Lower East Side. His book tells the delightful, mouthwatering story of an immigrant family's journey from a pushcart in 1907 to "New York's

most hallowed shrine to the miracle of caviar, smoked salmon, ethereal herring, and silken chopped liver." Federman presented his book by phone, and Steve Monsein moderated the discussion.

*Green*, a newly released novel by Sam Graham-Felsen, is the focus of the meeting on August 1. *Green* is a classic coming-of-age story set in 1992-1993 and told by sixth-grader David Greenfeld, who lives in Boston's historic Jamaica Plain neighborhood with his parents and younger brother. David is one of the few white students at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. Graham-Felsen will present his novel in person, and Jack Karp will lead the discussion.

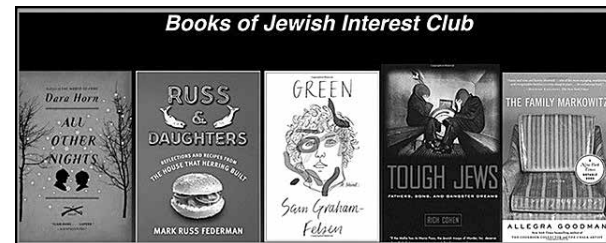
In an L.A. delicatessen, old friends from Brooklyn get together to reminisce about Jewish gangsters of yesteryear described in the book *Tough Jews: Fathers, Sons, and Gangster Dreams*, by Rich Cohen. Beginning at 4 PM, August 8, learn some of the secrets and revisit many of the details of the lives of Meyer Lansky, Bugsy Siegel, Gurrah Shapiro, Louis Lepke, and Red Levine, just some of the characters in *Tough Jews*. Robert Parker will lead the discussion.

Closing discussion of the season begins at 4 PM, August 22, with *The Family Mar-*

*kowitz*, by Allegra Goodman.

This novel is based on short stories originally published in the *New Yorker Magazine*. Centered on a middle-class American Jewish family, the stories touch on themes ranging from religiosity to aging, homosexuality, and intermarriage. Edward Cowan will guide the discussion.

All are welcome to attend these discussions to share ideas and questions about the selection as well as to be introduced to



new reading treasures. The library is handicap accessible and has plenty of parking. For more details please contact Gail Robinson, BJI Convener, at gailkr48@gmail.com.

## Celebrate the Sweetness of the New Year With Delicious Yet Healthy Recipes

Paula Shoyer, best-selling author and frequent TV guest, has taken some of our favorite Jewish holiday comfort foods and reimagines them more modern and lighter. In her fourth and latest cookbook, *The Healthy Jewish Kitchen: Fresh Contemporary Recipes for Every Occasion*, Paula takes Jewish everyday and holiday cooking to a whole new level. Here is one recipe from the new collection, perfect for Rosh Hashanah.

[Recipe reprinted from *The Healthy Jewish Kitchen* by Paula Shoyer (Sterling Epicure, November 2017).

### CARAMELIZED APPLE STRUDEL

Parve, Vegan • Serves 10 to 12

Apple strudel is one of those Old-World desserts that few people bake from scratch anymore. The whole-grain dough in this recipe is very easy to make and roll out. I like to rewarm the strudel after the first day.

PREP TIME: 20 minutes; dough rises 1 to 2 hours • BAKE TIME: 30 to 40 minutes • ADVANCE PREP: May be made 2 days in advance; reheat to serve • EQUIPMENT: Measuring cups and spoons, vegetable peeler, cutting board, knife, stand mixer without attachment, plastic wrap, large frying pan, wooden spoon, silicone spatula, cookie sheet or jelly roll pan, parchment or silicone baking mat, wire cooling rack

#### DOUGH

½ cup (65g) plus 2 tablespoons (15g) all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting  
 ½ cup (65g) white whole-wheat flour  
 ½ cup (65g) whole-wheat flour  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 ¼ teaspoon salt  
 ¼ cup (60ml) sunflower or safflower oil  
 ½ cup (120ml) water

Honey to drizzle over the strudel (optional)

#### FILLING

2 tablespoons coconut oil

¼ cup (55g) light brown sugar  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 ½ teaspoon cinnamon  
 4 Gala apples, peeled, cored, and sliced into ½-inch (12-mm) slices

3 tablespoons ground almonds

• To make the dough, place the all-purpose flour, white whole-wheat flour, whole-wheat flour, sugar, salt, oil, and water into the bowl of a stand mixer and mix with a dough hook attachment, or by hand, until it comes together into a ball. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let it rest for 1 to 2 hours at room temperature.

• To prepare the filling, heat a large frying pan over medium heat and add the coconut oil, brown sugar, sugar, and cinnamon, and stir. Add the apples to the pan and cook them, stirring often, for about 6 to 8 minutes, until the apples are fork-tender. Place the mixture into a bowl and let it cool for 10 minutes. Add the ground almonds and mix well.

• When the dough is ready, preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C). Divide the dough into 3 pieces. Cut off a large piece of parchment paper and sprinkle it with some all-purpose flour. Roll out a piece of dough into a rectangle about 8 x 14 inches (20 x 36cm), lifting the dough a few times to add more flour underneath it. Place a third of the filling down the length of the dough, 2 inches from the edge. Fold in the right and left sides (the short sides) about 1 inch from the edge. Roll the long end of the dough (with the filling), into a tight, long log. Place it on a cookie sheet or jelly roll pan lined with parchment or a silicone baking mat. Repeat the same steps to make 2 other logs.

• Bake the strudel for 30 to 40 minutes, or until it is lightly browned, and transfer to a wire cooling rack. Serve warm or at room temperature with a drizzle of honey over the top, if desired.

## White Mountain Jewish Film Festival Opens Fifth Anniversary Season In Bethlehem

By Eileen Regen

Bethlehem — The Colonial Theatre patio was packed with patrons eagerly anticipating the opening of the fifth season of the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival in Bethlehem on a sultry July evening.

North Country Senator Jeff Woodburn opened the evening with the presentation of a congratulatory proclamation in honor of the fifth anniversary year to Dorothy Goldstone, Festival artistic director, and to David Goldstone, BHC president.

*Keep the Change*, starring Samantha Elisofon, attracted many first-time as well as return festival patrons, who expressed great interest in guest speaker Marguerite Elisofon's introduction to the film, a romantic comedy about two young adults with autism.

This season, the film committee selected films that explore the power of love to change lives. Thursday film nights begin at 6 PM with a ticket holder reception. A guest speaker introduces the film at 6:30 PM, and each film begins at 7 PM. August



NH State Senator Jeff Woodburn presents a proclamation honoring the fifth year of the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival to Dorothy and David Goldstone.

films are *Hester Street* (August 2), *Marshall* (August 16), and *The History of Love* (August 30). Tickets are \$10, general admission, and \$9, BHC members.

Members of BHC look forward to greeting guests from near and far.

## Defacement in Wilmot Brings the Community Together

By Arthur Rosen, cofounder and leader of Sunapee-Kearsarge Jewish Community

Wilmot — State Police records may one day describe it as an incident in Wilmot, but to Wilmot it was an incident like no other. The white steepled century-old Congregational Church was defaced. Its doors were scrawled with symbols and epithets both anti-Christian and anti-Jewish. All of it was traced to neo-Nazi and neo-pagan internet sources. One example was, "For the dead kike on the pike," clearly a reference to the crucifixion and an attack on both Christians and Jews. It's worth noting that the epithet went even beyond Hitler. Hitler maintained that Jesus was the Aryan son of a German soldier in the Roman Army. The defacement did not spare even Jesus. The hope is that it was done by a young person who didn't fully understand the impact or full meaning of the scrawls. Young people spending hours alone with computers can easily be drawn into the dark world of hate blogs.

The news today is less about the defacement and more about the community response. Rev. Sara Marean of the Congregational Church notified us soon after



A large crowd gathered on the Sunday after the graffiti incident to show support for all of those targeted by the display of hate.

the event. Maureen and I joined the congregation for Sunday services and for a meeting to discuss next steps. Everyone agreed that it called for a community-wide response. Calls for support were sent by Rev. Sara to the Kearsarge Interfaith Fellowship and others. Announcements were made in churches, and e-mails went out to the Sunapee-Kearsarge

Jewish Community and a dozen or more congregations. Many of those receiving e-mails sent them on to their personal lists. Within a short time, the Sunapee-Kearsarge area was informed.

This past Sunday [July 8] upwards of 300 people gathered on the church lawn

in front of the once-defaced doors. There were believers and unbelievers, affiliated and unaffiliated, but they were of one mind: A defacement in Wilmot was a defacement of the entire Sunapee-Kearsarge area. There were speakers, songs, and prayers. There were tears, applause, and clasped hands. The message given was clear -- responding to a hateful act with compassion and understanding is a far greater power than hate. It was a horrible act, likely by a single person, but the community responded in the best possible way. For the S-K JC, I'm pleased to say about 20 of our members attended, and we received a dozen or more notes from people who were not able to be there.

From this point on, it is a police matter. The Wilmot chief assured everyone that ADL and state and federal figures have been consulted, and an investigation is underway. He also said that from a police point of view, it is best not to remove or paint over defacements. They are evidence. It should also be said that this was the only event of its kind in anyone's memory, and there is every reason to believe it will be a one-time event.

## Thou Shalt Exercise Your Right to Vote!

By Rabbi Beth Davidson and Bob Bersak, president of Temple Adath Yeshurun

[The letter below was sent out to members of Temple Adath Yeshurun and is reprinted here with permission.]

This year, New Hampshire's primary election will take place on September 11. That is Rosh Hashanah.

As there are primary contests involving the governorship and the state's two Congressional districts, you may want to plan ahead to ensure that you have the ability to vote in this primary, as well as in the upcoming general election in November.

In order to vote, you must be a registered voter! How do you register to vote? Check with your town or city to find out about its voter registration process.

How do you vote if the election takes place on a religious holiday (such as Rosh

Hashanah)? Under New Hampshire law, you may vote via absentee ballot for a number of reasons, including observance of a religious commitment.

Obtaining an absentee ballot is easy. Contact your town clerk well in advance of the election to request an absentee ballot form and send it to your town clerk. Be sure to do this early enough to ensure that you will be able to vote your ballot and have it received back at the town clerk's office by election day!

Jews have been instrumental as leaders since the birth of our country. In an 1808 letter to President Thomas Jefferson, his predecessor John Adams said, "I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize man than any other nation." It is important that we exercise our right to choose, and to maintain our status as leaders in the civilized world.

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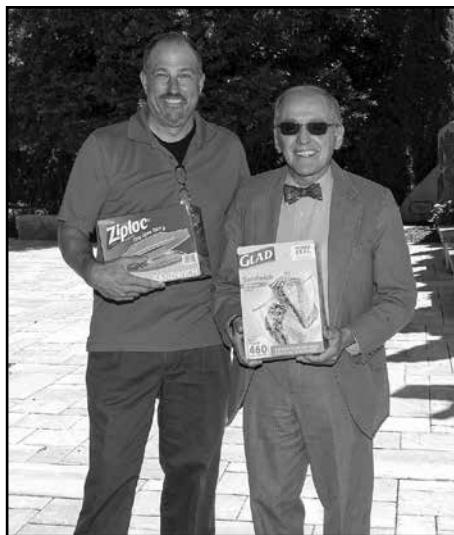
## TAY Answers the Call!

Manchester — Kudos to the newly revived Social Action Committee of Temple Adath Yeshurun (TAY). Under the leadership of Barry Scotch, the Social Action Committee has launched several new projects to carry out the stated purpose of the congregation's bylaws: "to engage in philanthropic and communal activities" for its congregants and the community at large.

Recently, Southern NH Services (SNHS) put out a call for help to feed over 13,000 children breakfast and lunch this summer. Henry Harris, community outreach director of SNHS, was invited to meet with the Social Action Committee to discuss opportunities for TAY's involvement. The committee decided TAY could supply plastic zip-lock bags. But how many were needed? Over 25,000 zip locks are needed each summer! This staggering amount did not discourage the committee. Members rolled up their sleeves and got to work.

"Did we do it? You bet we did!" gleamed Barry. "We collected over 36,000 sandwich bags." The congregation and the social action committee are to be commended for "answering the call"

In his letter of congratulations and thanks, Henry Harris wrote: "The zip-lock bags provided by the Temple Adath Yeshurun community have eliminated a



Henry Harris (left) accepts the bag donation from TAY Social Action Committee chairman Barry Scotch.

significant portion of the program's operational cost. As a result, we are able to sponsor a few additional food services in Manchester.... In closing, please know that the Social Action Committee's efforts have had a positive impact on the community. I thank you all for your kind heartfelt generosity, community spirit, and caring concern for the children of Manchester."

To become involved with future projects, contact Barry Scotch at bscotchnh@hotmail.com.



Volunteers Ariana Bell and Jacob Herlicka helped collect zip-lock bags for donation

## Welcoming the Stranger

By Jewel Beth Davis

One of the main projects of the Temple Israel Portsmouth Social Action Committee is the Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition. We will be working with illegal immigrants who are in fear of being imminently deported. In order to actively take part, each interested person must attend a two-part training offered intermittently to members of different churches and synagogues.

The room in Dover's First Parish was filled with 35 volunteers of varying ages, genders, and religious backgrounds. In two days, there would be another training for 30 additional volunteers. As varied as the volunteers were, we were all there for one reason: to train to assist the Sanctuary program. The Sanctuary would eventually be located in the basement of the Dover Friends Meeting House on Central Avenue in Dover. The Friends have built an apartment in the basement large enough to house a couple or single parent and several children, in-

cluding a dining space, a tiny living room, and a kitchenette for cooking. I will see the space later this summer, but the description reminds me very much of the living space that housed Anne Frank's family, the van Daans, and Mr. Dussell. What it adds up to is a small apartment that those adults inside can never leave for a very long time. If they leave, even to attend a court date or ride in an ambulance for a medical emergency, they are at risk of being picked up and deported.

A tall string bean of a man named Don with a pastoral voice and curly gray hair led off the training. "Think of a time," he said, "when you were a stranger and someone made you feel welcome. Or a time when you were vulnerable and someone was there for you." He instructed us to connect with a neighbor and share our experiences. I read one of the handouts on welcoming the stranger. To honor the stranger with respect and equality is deeply rooted in all major religions. "The Torah makes 36 references to

honoring the stranger. Leviticus (19:33-34) contains one of the most prominent tenets of the Jewish faith: "The stranger who resides with you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

I thought about several times when people's kindness made all the difference in how I felt and acted. I thought about the year 2011, when I first joined the full-time faculty at NHTI Community College. I was very anxious, wondering whether I would fit in. Previously, I'd been an adjunct for 11 years. Now, I'd share an office with a colleague, would see the other six full-time faculty daily, and attend regular department meetings. Each faculty member approached me individually, reaching out in a unique manner. They helped me feel like I belonged. I assume Don was trying to give us all the perspective of the people in Sanctuary. We went on to make a list of how we'd like to be treated if we were the person in Sanctuary.

For the next training, we'll speak with someone in Sanctuary and we'll tour the

Sanctuary space at the Quaker Meeting House. For those who might be interested in becoming involved, there are a number of duties for volunteers depending on their preferences. There is the overnight duty from 7 PM until 7 AM. Aside from that, a person can choose daytime visits, grocery shopping, driving the children to school and after-school activities, and running errands. It is important work, and a family is depending on the volunteers.

Don ended with a prayer. Then we ate chocolate chip cookies that he baked, which is always the best way to end any meeting or training.

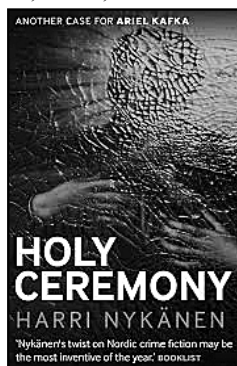
May this quote from the Talmud inspire you: "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

To get involved in Temple Israel's Social Action Committee, call the temple office at 436-5301.

## Uncovering The Past: A Mystery, A Novel, and A Memoir

### A Mystery

Harri Nykänen has written an intriguing mystery of dirty secrets, uncovered as the reader is taken through twists, turns, and misdirection along with Lieutenant Ariel Kafka of the Helsinki Violent Crime Unit. *Holy Ceremony* (Bitter Lemon Press, 2018) is the third case that Lt. Ariel Kafka solves in this series, but you don't need to have read the first two to enjoy reading about the strange goings-on as Kafka tries to uncover a murder.



Reijo "Reka" Lauren is being investigated after Roosa Nevala is found with a Biblical verse scratched into her skin on Lauren's apartment floor. But when the coroner, Dr. Esko Vuorio, tells Kafka that he has seen this body before, the confusion begins. Vuorio says, "For the first time in my career, the same person has been killed twice...or to be exact, not killed, but killed herself twice." He explains further, "This woman was found dead in her apartment yesterday. Had downed a vial of sedatives. I went to the scene myself."

Kafka is one of two Jewish police officers working in all of Helsinki. He is a dedicated policeman, always easy-going, with a wry sense of humor, assuming the best in people. When his partner uses some anti-Semitic slurs, he tries to overlook them, but it is hard to forget.

As the investigation proceeds, the Biblical clues lead Kafka to the Christian Brotherhood of the Sacred Vault, a group created years before by students at Day-break School. The intricate plot uncovers many secrets from the Sacred Vault that seem to have far-reaching consequences as other members start turning up dead.

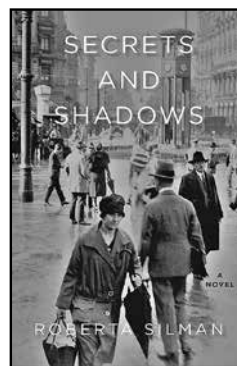
After you read this mystery, you may want to go back and read more about Lt. Ariel Kafka in *Behind God's Back* and *Nights of Awe*. Harri Nykänen, born in Helsinki in 1953, is a prize-winning mystery writer. This is the third in the Ariel Kafka series.

### A Novel

Then there is *Secrets and Shadows* (Campden Hill Books, 2018), looking back at the Holocaust from the perspective of the current day and how it has affected the lives of those who lived through it. Here is a novel with a different viewpoint of this horrific time in our history. Roberta Silman has approached two interesting subjects: the Holocaust and taking down the Berlin wall. Through the

lens of a marriage that is also faltering, she builds an in-depth view of the individuals who were affected deeply by these historic events.

Paul Bertram has lived the past 50 years hiding his childhood experience in war-torn Germany and escaping Europe and coming to America. Not even his parents and sister know all the secrets he is



keeping. He has worked hard to become a model citizen, successful lawyer, husband, and father. Playing the role of the man he thinks he should be has been difficult and has taken a toll on his family.

Now it is 1989, and the Berlin Wall is being dismantled. He feels that this may be his last chance to rectify the wrongs he has committed and the important people in his life he has alienated. His children are angry at him, and his wife has divorced him. He has been through a succession of affairs that are not satisfying. So he asks his ex-wife to accompany him to Germany to help him work through the past and maybe save the future.

Eve is shocked by the phone call from her husband asking her to join him on a trip to the new Germany, but after realizing she still has feelings for her ex-husband, she accompanies him to revisit the city of his childhood.

Paul did not realize how difficult the return would be: "I didn't know what to expect, I was so anxious to get here I hardly thought about what I would find." They are on the street where his childhood home still is. He is very shook up as he looks down the tree-lined street. Eve suggests he take some deep breaths. He has trouble speaking as he says, "It looks so harmless. Like an ordinary well-heeled neighborhood. Exactly as it looked when I was eight or nine. Unbelievable, not a single blemish."

Paul and Eve tour through Berlin, exploring the city and confronting the past. As Paul looks for a chance for redemption, Eve faces the fact that part of their marital problems were her fear of pushing Paul to answer the questions of his past.

They work together, finding out that love means accepting your partner including all their flaws. They help each other through discovering who they were when they were young and who they are

now, after maturing.

Silman has written a novel that brings to life the fear and suspense of trying to live in Berlin if you were Jewish during

the Great War. Hiding in Berlin, as Paul describes, was different than hiding in other places: "I guess that was the difference between Berlin and other places. Berlin was not a city that could become a cage, it

was too big, too spread out, its citizens far too independent. That's why it was possible for so many people to hide there."

She also delves into the complexities of marriage. Eve remembers someone once telling her that "marriage is like a minefield." But she wonders, "What if a marriage is layered, like a palimpsest, on top of a war, which has minefield after minefield? And what if it is your marriage?"

This is a wonderful novel about individually working through your demons and finding out if the relationship you thought was finished can be renewed on a different level of understanding. It keeps the reader thinking throughout the story.

Roberta Silman is the author of five traditionally published works of fiction. She is the recipient of both Guggenheim and NEA fellowships and has received numerous writing awards.

### A Memoir

*A Life Rebuilt: The Remarkable Transformation of a War Orphan* (Epigraph Publishing, 2018), by Sylvia Ruth Gutmann, is a true life account of what it is like to survive a traumatic childhood. When Sylvia was seven, her family was discovered after hiding in the south of

France. Her family was then murdered in Auschwitz. Sylvia was seven when she and her sisters arrived in New York City to live with a cruel aunt and a well-meaning

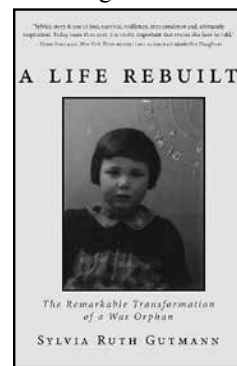
uncle. During her childhood, instead of being able to process the atrocities she had witnessed, her relatives always told her to put them behind her and move on.

Today, Sylvia is 79 years old. She has spent the last 50 years trying to battle depression, weight gain, and other symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. Her traumatic

childhood has also affected her son, passed from one generation to the next.

She has been working to understand the one memory that has stayed with her from childhood, that of her mother boarding a train. Traveling back to Germany, France, and Israel, she interviews people and researches the past. She gives talks and honors her parents. Sylvia says, "It is not an exaggeration to say that I have been writing this book all my life." She takes the reader through her life and the discovery of her personal freedom, finally, without what she describes as the "armor of self-pity, rage and hate."

Sylvia Ruth Gutmann is a former spokesperson on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal Federation of New York City. She shares her story at Holocaust remembrance and wounded warrior ceremonies organized by the U.S. military. She was granted honorary German citizenship in 2002 for her peace activism.





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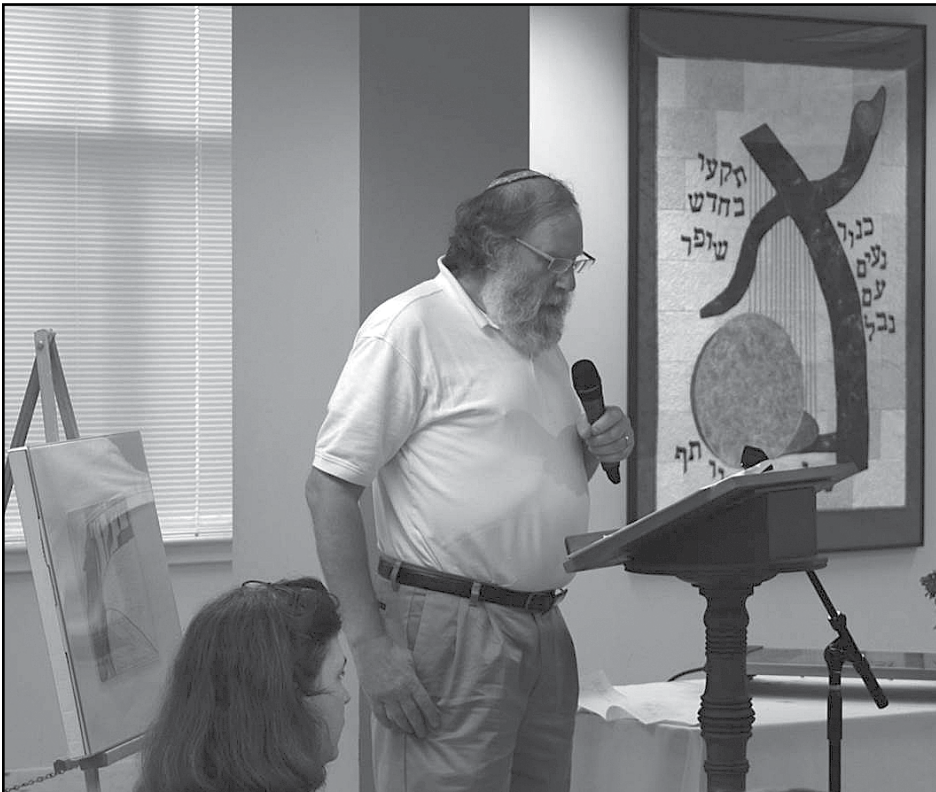
Temple Beth Abraham Torah group celebrates another year of study together!



Temple Beth Abraham Hebrew learners of all ages "ordering" snacks from JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf and assistant Lela Spira-Savett.



Rabbi Jon reading a Hebrew story to kids at Beth Abraham's Cafe Ivrit Hebrew immersion hour.



Ben Freedman speaks about Fred Malkin z"l at dedication of a hanging quilt in his memory at Temple Beth Abraham.



Artist and Temple Beth Abraham member Ruth Harris describing the design of the Twelve Tribes stained glass windows at an event to celebrate the community-wide Benjamin window.



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf getting people to speak Hebrew and learn names with a game at Temple Beth Abraham's Cafe Ivrit.

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