



**SPECIAL ISSUE: GIVING / TIKKUN OLAM**

**JFNH Celebrates Award Winners, Kicks Off Campaign, and Welcomes New Board Members**

Manchester — The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Annual Meeting and Shem Tov Awards took place on Sunday, October 7, at Temple Adath Yeshurun and was attended by nearly 200 members of our Jewish community, who gathered from all corners of the state. The evening was festive and rooted in the theme of “Tikkun Olam,” demonstrated by the hundreds of non-perishable food items donated by attendees as well as the spirit of volunteerism that was embodied by the Shem Tov award winners, each of whom work tirelessly for their congregation.

The program included a warm welcome from Allyson Guertin, JFNH’s new director of community engagement, who spoke from the heart about her pride in having grown up in the greater Manchester Jewish community and now having

the honor of serving that very community across the state through her new full-time Federation role. Formerly splitting her time between her role as assistant director at Jewish Federation’s Preschool and her role as New Hampshire’s PJ Library coordinator, Allyson is excited to help invest more staff time and resources into programming statewide.

Shlichah Noam Wolf led everyone in the singing of “Hatikva,” and JFNH Director Melanie Zalman McDonald and Board Member Mathew Lee of Frances-town led the singing of the “Star Spangled Banner” to kick off the evening with song and reverence.

Rabbi Beth Davidson of Temple Adath Yeshurun addressed the crowd and delivered an inspiring d’var Torah connecting the parsha to our event theme of *tikkun olam* and expressing gratitude for all



Some of the Shem Tov honorees who received awards for their volunteer activities at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Pictured are (L-R): Karen Lukeman (Temple B’Nai Israel), Rebecca Abrams (Temple Israel, Manchester), Cate Tanzer (Temple Adath Yashurun), Talya Rezaoui (Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire), Sidney Regen (Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation), Barbara Katz (Temple B’Nai Israel), Vivian McGuire (Congregation Betenu), Dr. Stephen Soreff (JFNH), and David & Sandra Kochman (Congregation Ahavas Achim). Missing from photo are: Colleen Dickman (Temple Beth Jacob), Mike Kahn (Temple Israel, Dover), Deborah Kaplan (Kol Ha’Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community), and Dr. Ira Schwartz (Temple Israel, Portsmouth).

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Evelyn and Mike Miller, inaugural recipients of the *Kehillah Achdut (community unity)* award, with JFNH executive director Melanie Zalman McDonald and JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf at the Annual Meeting.

who stand up in our Jewish community to do their part.

Vice Chair Mindee Greenberg of Nashua shared poignant thoughts about the ways the future of our New Hampshire Jewish community rests on the shoulders of those who came before us. She spoke of founding Jewish community members in Manchester, Portsmouth, Keene, and elsewhere in the Granite State who were integral in creating space and opportunity for Jews to settle in New Hampshire and build new Jewish communities. Mindee also highlighted accomplishments from Federations 2017-18 fiscal year, including: the successful return of our Shlichah program, increased subsidies sending NH children to Jewish summer camps, our ongoing efforts helping our state’s most vulnerable in obtaining social services they need, hosting the 10th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, financially supporting temple

religious schools, celebrating 30 years of our Jewish Federation Preschool, and so much more.


Foundation Board chair Norm Kushner of Manchester reported on the positive performance of our funds invested with Combined Jewish Philanthropies and shared the Foundation Board’s desire to identify and attract new donors to establish PACE funds and donor-advised funds in the form of legacy gifts. Norm highlighted the benefits of legacy giving and invited those in attendance to reach out to him or to contact Federation director Melanie Zalman McDonald to discuss ways to tailor a legacy giving plan to suit their needs and interests.

When Rabbi Robin Nafshi of Temple Beth Jacob in Concord led those in attendance in the Hamotzi, the room was awash with warmth as Jews from all corners of New Hampshire sang together.

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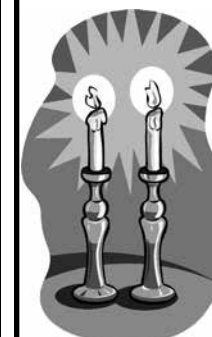
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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



<b>November 2</b>	<b>5:19 PM</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>4:10 PM</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>4:03 PM</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>3:58 PM</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>3:55 PM</b>

## A Look Ahead 2018-19 Plans on the Horizon

2017-18 has been a time of exponential growth for JFNH. Through our work across the state -- from Bethlehem to Keene and from Portsmouth to Concord -- we've touched more lives and helped to strengthen our Jewish quality of life here in our special corner of New England.

As we strengthened our connections with our Jewish communities near and far, we've spent a great deal of time listening to you -- our stakeholders -- about your needs, your challenges, your concerns, and what motivates you to live Jewishly here in the Granite State.

Here's a sampling of what we've heard and a look ahead to how we'll be responding this coming year.

### Reinvesting in Programming

In response to needs expressed by families, teens, young professionals, and seniors, beginning this year, we have shifted our staffing budget away from administration and re-invested in programming statewide. We've added three new initiatives under the direction of our new full-time director of community engagement, Allyson Guertin. Under Allyson's direction, our PJ Library program has doubled its reach, and we have been approved by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to be a PJ Our Way Community expanding access to Jewish-themed books to children in the 8-12 age range. Parents of these pre-B'nai Mitzvah kids had been reaching out about ways to engage their preteens in Jewish life. We are thrilled to deliver this new program in response.

We've stepped in to help Seniors Forever Young in an effort to broaden their reach to attract seniors statewide. Allyson will be working closely with them to plan outings and programs to provide

**Melanie Zalman  
McDonald**

**Executive  
Director**



social connectivity, education, and entertainment for these vibrant seniors, many of whom we are indebted to for their service to our Jewish community over many decades.

Noam's efforts to revive our Young Professionals Program, renamed "Young Mensches," continue to be a wild success. Roughly 40-50 twenty- and thirty-somethings gather monthly to celebrate Jewish holidays, enjoy outdoor recreation, and stay connected to other young Jews. As this program grows in numbers, it is these very participants who are becoming the volunteers and leaders in our Jewish communities.

There is also interest in reinstating the JPN (Jewish Professionals Network), a once-thriving group of Jewish professionals, business owners, and retirees who gathered to exchange ideas, learn about innovations, and support one another. We are eager to identify volunteers interested in taking on this important work with us in the hopes that folks will come to see New Hampshire as an exciting place to live, work, and raise a family. There's no time like the present to get started!

### Strengthening and Growing Synagogue Communities

Many synagogues worldwide are facing unprecedented drops in membership and community involvement. While

Federation serves all Jews, regardless of affiliation, we do believe that strong synagogue communities make a stronger and more unified Jewish New Hampshire. In an effort to be a better and more relevant resource to our synagogue communities, we are developing a series of workshops, programs, and peer affinity groups to provide insight, share best practices, and give synagogue boards and staff new tools. Imagine a quarterly meeting of synagogue presidents, whether in-person or via video conference, to discuss what is and isn't working. Envision a workshop about ways synagogues are using visually engaging email platforms and social media to foster community among current and prospective members, or a special program about emergency preparedness for our temples and Hebrew schools to ensure that we are prepared in the event that floods like those in Houston's Jewish community or another New Hampshire ice storm cause destruction and interruption of service to our most vulnerable residents.

This past month, JFNH quietly launched a brand new website with the help of our umbrella agency, Jewish Federations of North America. While some pages are still under construction, we are excited to watch the potential of this site unfold. Soon, representatives from all of our communities will have a login and password to be able to post events, volunteer opportunities, and Jewish jobs! Phase two of the site's development will include a special user-centered information menu aimed at helping newcomers to New Hampshire find the resources and opportunities they seek.

### Sustaining the Shlichah Program

Lastly, but most importantly, the sustainability of our beloved Shlichah Program is a priority for the Federation board and staff. Simply put, no initiative offered by JFNH reaches more people within and beyond the Jewish community statewide. Our Shlichah has a presence in every religious school, every sanctuary, every Hillel, every chavurah, every brotherhood and sisterhood, and every campus around the state.

For many children, our Shlichah is the first Israeli they have ever met and their first genuine connection to Israel outside of a story or prayer. The cost of the program is over \$60,000 year, which funds our contract with the Jewish Agency for Israel, an apartment, transportation, insurance, technology, training, supplies and more to maintain this vital connection with Israel here in New Hampshire. The effort we have invested (board, staff, community) in bringing this program back after several years has been tremendous, and the results are indisputable. We must preserve this program for our children and grandchildren.

We are working to identify potential funders whose resources combined could help to endow this critical program moving forward. If you or someone you know would like to help make this a reality, please.... come forward and share your interest with us.

It continues to be an honor and a pleasure to serve New Hampshire's Jewish community with the dedicated board and staff of our Federation. As we begin a New Year, I am grateful to our donors, friends, and volunteers for their support and collaboration.

## Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, Carrying Forward the Legacy of Past Generations

When I married a New Hampshire native and moved to Nashua two years ago, I was excited to get involved in the New Hampshire Jewish community. I had heard stories from Mike about attending Jewish preschool and playing basketball as a teen at the Federation building. I met the friends of my in-laws, who had moved from all different places, and were brought together through the Jewish community. I knew first-hand about the community's dedication to Jewish camping from my experience working at Camp Tevya in Brookline, a New Hampshire camp

**Mindee Greenberg,  
Board Chair**

**Board Column**



founded by the family of a past Federation chair, and about the community's dedication to parenting Jewish children as my grandson was starting to receive his PJ Library books from the Federation.

I read about the history of Jewish New

Hampshire and about the proud Jews who took risks and celebrated their faith in the late 1800s, establishing Jewish communities throughout the state. I read about people like Rebecca and Samuel Rosenblum, whose wedding was the first documented Jewish wedding in Manchester, not far from where I would have a Jewish wedding 120 years later. I read about people like Samuel Finkelstein, who kept a Torah in his Keene home and used it for the Shabbat services he hosted, not far from where one of my campers became a Bar Mitzvah 120 years later. I

read about people like Morris Port, who moved to Portsmouth and organized the local Jews into a formal group, not far from where a friend of mine just helped put up a sukkah 120 years later. Because of people like Rebecca and Samuel Rosenblum, Samuel Finkelstein, and Morris Port, we are all here today, 120 years later, living in Jewish communities throughout the state. Because of people like them and many others since, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire exists to engage and enhance the Jewish people

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# Statewide Calendar of Events

## Thursday, Nov. 1

### heBrew Happy Hour

5:30 PM, Location TBD

Contact Norri at 582-3838 for more information.

## Saturday, Nov. 3

### Breakfast with Rabbi Beth D. Davidson

9:30 AM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
Sponsored by Sisterhood.

## Sunday, Nov. 4

### Mt. Monadnock Hike With the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club

10 AM, starting at Visitor Center, Monadnock State Park

The hike is open to all genders, ages, and affiliations (you don't have to be Jewish or a man to join us) -- the important thing is that you like to hike. The hike will take 4-5 hours, led by Matthew Lee. RSVP to hikersvp@snhjmcc.org.

### Understanding the History & Morality of US Refugee Policy

2 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester

Free and open to the public but tickets are required. Sign up at [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-visiting-scholars-program-tickets-51024460535](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-visiting-scholars-program-tickets-51024460535) or call 622-6171

## Tuesday, Nov. 6

### Beginner's Hebrew Class

6-7:15 PM, Nancy Mae Shaines Library, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Learn the Alef Bet and begin the Kaddish. Tuition \$18 per semester. Text \$15. For more information, please contact instructor Kathryn Mulhearn, [isogloss@outlook.com](mailto:isogloss@outlook.com).

## Wednesday, Nov. 7

### TBA Sisterhood Fall Rummage Sale

9 AM-3 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Drop-off and setup day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, 9 AM to 4 PM. Bring your donations to TBA Social Hall.

We need: clothing; shoes, sneakers, boots; accessories; jewelry; household & kitchen items; bed, bath & decor items; small appliances, electronics; sports equipment; baby & children's items; art, music, books, games, toys; etc. Questions? Can you help? Call Carol Gorelick 889-8067 or Robin Rubin 571-1090.

### Basic Judaism Class with Rabbi Ira Korinow

7 PM, 2nd floor Boar Room, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

This free, ongoing class covers the hows and whys of Jewish living. Open to all, including interested non-Jews and Jews who want to further their knowledge of Judaism and enhance their observance. To be added to the class notification list, please contact Rabbi Ira Korinow at [RabbiIK@TempleIsraelNH.org](mailto:RabbiIK@TempleIsraelNH.org).

## Thursday, Nov. 8

### Book Discussion: Simon Wiesenthal's book *The Sunflower*

6:30 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Discussion will be led by Mary Anker in the Nancy Mae Shaines Library. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to Mary at [mamanker@gmail.com](mailto:mamanker@gmail.com).

## Sunday, Nov. 11

### Widow/Widower's Social Group Meeting

1 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Gather in the Court Street lobby. For people who have lost their partners within the past five years, this group offers a chance to meet and socialize and

develop friendships. Please RSVP to group leader Elissa Kaplan Senter, at 516-450-5171.

## Tuesday, Nov. 13

### Beginner's Hebrew Class

6-7:15 PM, Nancy Mae Shaines Library, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Learn the Alef Bet and begin the Kaddish. Tuition \$18 per semester. Text \$15. For more information, please contact instructor Kathryn Mulhearn, [isogloss@outlook.com](mailto:isogloss@outlook.com).

## Sunday, Nov. 18

### Greatest Hits of the Service, V2

10:30 AM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Class will meet in the Chapel, 2nd floor. Back by popular demand! Learn to chant from the Shabbat service, kiddush, and common prayers. Hebrew and non-Hebrew readers welcome. Please RSVP to Amy Hyett, [amyhyett@comcast.net](mailto:amyhyett@comcast.net).

## Monday, Nov. 19

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

7 PM, Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Elm Street, Manchester

## Tuesday, Nov. 20

### Beginner's Hebrew Class

6-7:15 PM, Nancy Mae Shaines Library, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

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## Tuesday, Nov. 27

### Beginner's Hebrew Class

6-7:15 PM, Nancy Mae Shaines Library, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

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## Wednesday, Nov. 28

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## Events For Our Youth

## Friday, Nov. 2

### Family Shabbat Service

6 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun

Contact Norri at 582-3838 for more information.

## Sunday, Nov. 4

### Yedidim Family Sunday School

10 AM - 12 PM, Temple Beth Abraham Religious School

Aimed at kids 2-3 years old and their caregivers, this innovative monthly program is caregiver-facilitated with planning, support and guidance from subject matter experts and certified teachers. We will create a fun and engaging environment where students will learn about Jewish holidays, Hebrew language, and Jewish values through age-appropriate activities, games, and songs. Register at [www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html](http://www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html).

## Friday, Nov. 9

### Build a Shabbat Workshop

4:45 PM - 6:30 PM, Temple Beth Abraham

Each month, join us for a Shabbat-related project, kid-approved dinner, and short, joyful, song-filled, kid-friendly Friday night service. Build memories with your child, and enjoy using the special crafts they create at your own Shabbat table at home afterward! Register at [www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html](http://www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html).

## Friday, Nov. 16

### Family Shabbat with Dinner and Speed Meeting

6 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester

Reservations required. Call 603.622.6171.

## Saturday, Nov. 17

### Junior Congregation

9:30 AM, Temple Israel, Manchester

Reservations are not required. Call 622-6171 for info.

### Potluck Popup Havdalah

4 PM, Host homes TBA in Nashua area - register for address!

Potluck Popup Havdalah delivers a complete service in a box, containing everything you need to celebrate the departure of Shabbat. If you host a Potluck Popup Havdalah in your home, Yedidim families will bring the kid-friendly dairy or pareve food and dessert, and we'll all experience the gentle fellowship of saying goodbye to Shabbat.



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## Annual Meeting Reminds Us: We Are All Here for Jewish New Hampshire – Together

As I am writing this, we are just past the high holidays. It was a busy and wonderful time for me. I celebrated every holiday at a different community; I did Rosh Hashanah dinner with the Young Mensches group at a beautiful lake house in Northwood; I attended Yom Kippur Services at Temple Adath Yeshurun and enjoyed a “break-the-fast” meal with them; I had a collaboration with PJ Library for Sukkot in the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation; new board member Ashley Barajas of Rochester helped me to host a Sangria in the Sukkah party with the Young Mensches group -- it was a blast.

It was a blast, and it was leading to the biggest event of the year -- our Federation’s Annual Meeting and Shem Tov awards. For the many of you who were there, I am so happy you came. It wasn’t the easiest day for me, but your presence there, and the meaningful reminder we are all here for Jewish New Hampshire together, was enough to lift me up.

Some of you may know that on Sunday morning, I woke up to the sad news about two people being murdered in Is-

Noam Wolf

JFNH Shlichah



rael, by a Palestinian terrorist in the Barkan Industrial Park in the West Bank. This is the first terror attack in the park, which employs both Israelis and Palestinians and is considered to be an oasis of coexistence. The suspect, identified as Ashraf Walid Suleiman Na’alwa, 23, from the village of Shuweika near the West Bank Palestinian city of Tulkarem, had no previous security-related history. Na’alwa had a permit to work at the industrial park. He had been employed as an electrician for the past seven months at a factory run by the Alon Group. He came to work early Sunday morning, at around 7 AM, entering the factory building with a semi-automatic Carl Gustav rifle hidden in his bag, which he left on the ground floor.

Reports indicate that Na’alwa fixed an electrical problem on the second floor, where he saw Kim Levengrond-Yehzekel and Ziv Hajbi already at work. He then went downstairs to get handcuffs and his bag, and returned, fatally shooting his two fellow employees.

Ziv Hajbi z”l was a son, a brother, a husband, and a father. The reason I heard about it so early is because one of my good friends from Manchester -- Tal Hagbi -- is his brother.

I want to tell you that this is a rare occasion. That my government will make sure this won’t happen again. But I simply can’t. I can’t tell you how many times during my life I have experienced life and death of people I know or their families. The reality in Israel is so hard, and it has taught all of us to be strong and move on. I am just now realizing I can never escape from my reality, not even in the other side of the world, in beautiful New



Ziv Hajbi z”l

Hampshire as the beautiful autumn leaves fall.

This incident affected me very much. I think about it every day. It can hit us at any moment from any direction, and we can’t see it coming.

In addition to the support you donate to JFNH, I hope you will consider showing your support to the Hagbi family. They

have created a “Go Fund Me” page to help provide for Ziv’s wife and three young children, whose lives are forever shaped by this tragedy. The link is [go-fundme.com/cu4v6s-ziv-hagbi-memorial-fund](http://go-fundme.com/cu4v6s-ziv-hagbi-memorial-fund) -- any amount will help. Please join me in showing this family (in Israel and here in Manchester) that we think about them and care at this most difficult time. I know they will appreciate it so much.

On behalf of me, and all of us at JFNH, thank you for keeping Israel in your prayers.

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Shlichah Noam Wolf provided exceptional musical entertainment, accompanied by a band made up of Israeli musicians from Berklee College of Music in Boston. The set list included popular songs in English and Hebrew as children danced along on stage!

After a delicious kosher dairy dinner, catered by Chanchie Krinsky under the supervision of Chabad of New Hampshire, the program resumed. Executive Director Melanie Zalman McDonald presented a plan for the New Year. Three themes formed a thread through her comments: reinvesting in programming, providing new tools and resources to synagogues statewide, and sustaining our shlichah program for future generations (see Director’s column on page 3 for highlights).

Treasurer Paul Bieber of Fitzwilliam provided an overview of the financials and expressed his passion for working with our Jewish community to do more for Federation. “The organization ran at a significant deficit in recent years, and while campaign support has increased, there is a need to do more,” he explained. Paul encouraged volunteers to come forward to serve as “Campaign callers” for Super Sunday, and challenged the community to increase their support this year to sustain the many programs in place as well as the initiatives on the horizon. The

community responded with \$20,000 worth of pledges in-hand before the event reached its conclusion. To make your pledge, call JFNH Monday through Thursday at 603-627-7679, or give online at [www.jewishnh.org/give](http://www.jewishnh.org/give).

The business portion of the meeting included the presentation of five new nominees to Federation’s statewide Board of Directors. The following individuals were presented to the membership and unanimously approved for various term lengths: Ashley Barajas of Rochester, Ross Fishbein of Bedford, Ken Litvack of Stratham, Evelyn Miller of Goffstown, and Rachel Kurshan of Portsmouth. For more information about these newcomers, see page 6. Beginning in December, we’ll feature a new board member in each issue of *The Jewish Reporter* so you can get to know these energetic leaders and volunteers.

The culmination of the evening’s festivities was the presentation of awards and honors. Board vice chair Mindee Greenberg recognized the efforts of retiring board members Dan Cohen, Debbie DePasse, Michael Rosenblum, and Robert Wofchuck with gifts and accolades.

Federation announced a new annual award this year called the *Kehillah Achdut* or “Community Unity” award. This recognition will be selected annually to honor someone from New Hampshire’s Jewish

community whose efforts, volunteerism, generosity, and impact reach across the state. This year’s inaugural *Kehillah Achdut* was awarded to Mike and Evelyn Miller. A plaque, presented by Shlichah Noam Wolf, recognized the Millers’ time, effort, and Jewish community spirit in organizing the “Israel at 70” Program Series. The series marking Israel’s 70th year took place between April and August 2017 and highlighted Israel’s rich cultural, environmental, and educational resources.

Fourteen beautiful Shem Tov awards were presented to individuals, couples, and families from synagogue communities around the state: Rebecca Abrams (Temple Israel, Manchester), Colleen Dickman (Temple Beth Jacob, Concord), Cheryl, Anna, and Laura Haas (Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry), Mike Kahn (Temple Israel, Dover), Deborah Kaplan (Kol Ha’Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community), Barbara Katz and Karen Lukeman (Temple B’Nai Israel, Laconia), David and Sandra Kochman (Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene), Vivian McGuire (Congregation Betenu, Amherst), Sidney Regen (Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation), Talya Reza-

oui (Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire), Dr. Ira Schwartz (Temple Israel Portsmouth), Dr. Stephen Soreff (Jewish Federation of New Hampshire), and Cate Tanzer (Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester). The Shem Tov award winners were each nominated by their communities for significant volunteer efforts and other meaningful contributions.

At the evening’s conclusion, we had gathered over 60 cases worth of nonperishable items thanks to donations from guests and a boost from C&S Wholesale Grocers. In an effort to exemplify a way to begin repairing the world on a local level, all items gathered by our Jewish community were donated to New Horizons for New Hampshire’s Food Pantry.

JFNH would like to thank Temple Adath Yeshurun for making their Social Hall available for this annual event, and expresses gratitude to the many volunteers whose time, talent, and efforts helped to make the Annual Meeting and Shem Tov Awards such a wonderful event. We look forward to gathering again next year to celebrate our strong and vibrant Jewish community.

Help the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire sustain a proud and vibrant Jewish NH. Make your gift to the Annual Campaign.

## JFNH Board Welcomes Five Dynamic New Members

Manchester — The following individuals were presented as nominees by the JFNH Governance Committee to the JFNH Board of Directors at the October 7 Annual Meeting. All were voted in unanimously. Future issues of *The Jewish Reporter* will “spotlight” each new board member. In the meantime, we’re excited to introduce you to our newest leaders!

**Ashley Barajas** lives in Rochester but was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. A graduate of UMass Boston with a degree in cultural anthropology, she lived in Massachusetts for over a decade before moving to



Ashley Barajas

New Hampshire a little over a year ago. Ashley became involved with JFNH through our reinvigorated Young Mensches program led by Shlichah Noam Wolf. When Ashley is not working, she is rock climbing inside and outside, hiking, managing a comedy podcast with her co-host, and occasionally performing standup and improv.

**Ross Fishbein** grew up in New Hampshire and currently lives in Bedford. A graduate of the University of Arizona, Tucson AZ, Ross is an attorney and has a JD certificate in international and business and trade law. He has been volunteering on the screening committee of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival since 2017. In his spare time, he enjoys martial arts, outdoor activities, and international travel and cuisine. Ross is engaged to be married this fall -- mazel tov!



Ross Fishbein

**Rachel Kurshan**, an active member of Temple Israel Portsmouth, moved to the Seacoast in 2005 after residing in Newburyport, MA, for ten years prior. Rachel is retired and has an 18-year-old daughter.



Rachel Kurshan

She spent three years teaching and doing children’s advocacy work and also practiced law in different capacities for nine years. For the past three years, Rachel has volunteered for the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival.

**Ken Litvak** is the former Board president at Temple Israel Dover (now reunited with Temple Israel Portsmouth). Ken and his wife, Bertha, split their time between Stratham and Florida; they also have an apartment in Jerusalem, where they visit twice a year. Serving the Jewish community has been a priority of Ken’s for many years, both here in the United States as well as in Israel. Ken has four grown children, four grandchildren, and four dogs.



Ken Litvak

**Evelyn Miller** of Goffstown moved to New Hampshire in 1978. During a vacation several years ago to Krakow, Poland, with her husband, Mike, they found the local Jewish Federation and went to many events there during their visit. Upon their return, they decided to be more active in their own Federation here in New Hampshire. Evelyn along with her husband Mike, were recently awarded the inaugural JFNH *Kehillah Achdut* (community unity) award in recognition of their efforts in visioning and organizing Federation’s “Israel at 70” program series, which took place April-August of this year.



Evelyn Miller

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## Meet the Hurwitz Family: Our PJ Library – New Hampshire Family of the Month!

### 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 Hurwitz Family

##### Tell us a little bit about your family

Our family consists of Derek, Joy, Ruby, Ally the coonhound, Josey the beaglepitbull, and BooKitty. We all live in Concord, where Derek and I both work -- Derek as a developer for the State of



The Hurwitz Family

New Hampshire and myself as an RN at the hospital. We are celebrating eight years of marriage this fall. We love travel and adventure and spending time with our family.

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

possible by the support and dedication of many throughout the extensive history of Jewish New Hampshire. We thank people like Rebecca and Sam Rosenblum, Samuel Finkelstein, and Morris Port, who stood up 120 years ago and said, "I care about Jewish New Hampshire." We thank the many other people in the years since who have continued to stand up and say, "I care." As we move into our new fiscal and programming year, we look forward to continuing to celebrate the accomplishments of Jewish engagement in our state, and we look forward to continuing to be grateful for all of you.

Now, please take a moment to think about the Jewish people who will live in New Hampshire 5, 10, 50, 120 years from now. What do we want Jewish New Hampshire to look like for them? What do we want our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren, and future generations of Jewish New Hampshire to be able to celebrate? The answer depends on us. It depends on all of us who are living in New Hampshire today. It depends on us saying, "I care about Jewish New Hampshire." To get involved with Jewish engagement and/or support this year's Annual Campaign, please call the Federation office at 603-627-7679.

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, and those who will be here 120 years from now, I thank you for caring, and I thank you for your support of Jewish New Hampshire.



We signed up before Ruby was born! Her cousins have participated for years, and we wanted to jump on board right away.

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

We have attended several of the programs and love the books. It has informed our choices in raising Ruby and made it easy for her to be around other Jewish children.

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

As stated above, having Ruby share experiences with other Jewish children means a lot living in New Hampshire, where the community is spread far and wide. PJ also gives us the opportunity for ample opportunities for exposure to our culture and traditions.

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

Ruby loves the Shalom Book (I think she likes the colors and the pizzazz with which I read it) and the Rosh Hashana Book, mostly because of lifting the flaps. I'm sure she is getting more out of it than that, however.

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

We loved the Curious George event back in March because it was in our community of Concord and it was a lot of fun for the whole family. We can't wait to see how she enjoys future events as she grows!

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

PJ Library is very inclusive and gives Jewish and interfaith families lots of opportunities for learning about all aspects of Judaism. You can be as involved as you would like to be.

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

Our family enjoys very special meals at "Mimi" and "Geepa's" house to celebrate the many Jewish holidays. We love that it gives us a chance to all get together and enjoy our traditions and share delicious traditional foods.

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and the Jewish communities in our state.

At the October 7 Annual Meeting, I reviewed the Federation's accomplishments in 2017-2018, giving us reason to celebrate our successful Jewish engagement. For one, our PJ Library program, coordinated by the Federation's director of community outreach, Allyson Guertin, provided free monthly books to 429 children in 318 families last year, adding 127 children and 87 families in just one year! Because of Allyson's creativity and warmth, and with the financial support of our community, more families in our state now have Jewish libraries in their homes. We also celebrated the return of our Israeli Emissary (Shlichah) program and the hiring of Shlichah Noam Wolf through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Noam spent the year traveling throughout the state, engaging children, teens, and young adults in a variety of Jewish cultural, educational, and social activities. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and extraordinary musical talent have had a tremendous impact on our community, and we are thrilled that she will be continuing for another year. Our successful NH Jewish Film Festival, our Israel at 70 programs, our JFNH Preschool, our camp and Israel grants, and our support of community projects and religious schools are a few of the other accomplishments worthy of celebration.

These accomplishments were made

## Seniors Forever Young Seeks to Reach Statewide

### JFNH Signature Program

The Jewish seniors group in New Hampshire has taken on many forms over the years. In the 1980s, XYZs (Extra Years of Zest), a program run through the Jewish Federation, enjoyed weekly lunches, holiday parties, and an array of day trips.

Currently, a group called Seniors Forever Young, run under the leadership of a small board of dedicated women, works hard to continue the tradition of Jewish senior programming in New Hampshire. While this program has always run with some financial support from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, it is this group of women who keep the program running. Meeting monthly, they plan trips to the theater,

boat cruises, speakers like JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf, and gatherings for lunch, just to name a few.

Now, the new JFNH director of community engagement, Allyson Guertin, will help support this group to create a stronger, more statewide option for senior programming. Allyson will meet with the Seniors Forever Young board monthly to help create and organize programming as well as advertise events on a larger scale through the Reporter, e-blasts, mailings, and Facebook to help spread the word.

It is an exciting time for Jewish seniors throughout the state. If you are interested in becoming more involved with senior programs and learning about Seniors Forever Young, please contact Allyson at 603-627-7679 or outreach@jewishnh.org.



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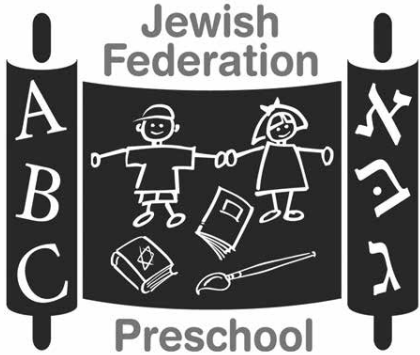
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# Your Federation at Work

## JFNH Preschool Leaps Into Fall Holidays With Art, Music, Crafts, and Lots of Enthusiasm!

JFNH Signature Program



Apple painting at the JFNH Preschool for Rosh Hashanah



Legos offer a special way to build a tiny sukkah.



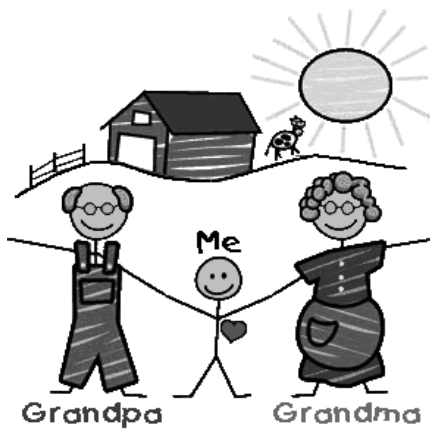
Hebrew enrichment with Miss Chanchie includes making the letter aleph



Flags for Simchat Torah at JFNH Preschool



Music enrichment is a group experience with Miss Kristen



### SAVE THE DATE

### Preschool Celebrates Grandparents

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Our Preschoolers invite their Grandparents (and parents) to celebrate together with a special morning filled with projects and snacks made by the children.

Come see the art work each child has created. Hear about what they are learning and enjoy this special time together.

### Campaign Callers Needed!

I'm Paul Bieber, the Federation Treasurer, and we need your help in making phone calls for the Annual Campaign on Sundays in December. We need callers across the state. We will be calling from the Federation office in Manchester and from synagogues across the state. You can also make calls from home. We'll give you all the information you need. Please email me at paulbaseball@msn.com letting me know which Sunday(s) works for you and where you would like to call from.

Thank you for helping our Federation!

# Annual Meeting

## JFNH 2018 Annual Meeting and Shem Tov Awards: Celebrating Our Volunteers, Giving Back to Our Community



*In keeping with the Annual Meeting theme of Tikkun Olam, tables centerpieces were comprised of grocery items that were later donated to help the hungry in our community.*



*Incoming JFNH board chair Mindee Greenberg introduces Judith Jolton, who has given many years of service to JFNH.*



*Donated food items went to the feed the hungry at the New Horizons Soup Kitchen following the Annual Meeting.*



*A delicious dairy meal was shared by attendees.*



*JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf and her very talented band.*



*The room was buzzing with conversation as people enjoyed the dairy lunch.*



*Jennifer Sirois and new board member Ross Fishbein at the buffet.*



*The next generation was well represented as Misha and Maya Greenblatt danced spontaneously to the music of Noam Wolf and her comboe.*



*The room was filled to capacity as attendees celebrated a year of accomplishments.*

## Why NH Families Choose a Jewish Summer Camp and How You Can Make a Difference

### JFNH Signature Program

By Nancy Frankel

The Jewish Federation of NH believes that every child should experience the magic of Jewish summer camp. It's where kids discover who they really are, make lasting friendships, and gain skills they can use for their entire lives. Jewish camp isn't just filled with Jewish campers. It is mission driven, weaving together Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp, helping campers connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. And, it also happens to be a whole lot of fun.

JFNH is proud to offer financial assistance for a Jewish overnight summer camp experience in the form of incentive grants of up to \$1,000 for children attending nonprofit, Jewish overnight camp for the first time. The application process is done through the Foundation for Jewish Camp. These grants are not needs based. A limited number of grants will be funded, and they are offered on a rolling basis as long as money is available. Explore Jewish summer camps and apply early at [www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org).

JFNH has funded 138 camp grants since the program started in 2008. Grants are funded almost exclusively through the JFNH Annual Campaign. In 2018, 12



children received grants, but several more families requested grants and were turned down because funds weren't available.

**Your contribution to the JFNH Annual Campaign makes possible this opportunity for a life-changing experience for our NH children.**

### Annabelle and Arnold Cohen Camp Grants

To honor the lifetime contribution of Annabelle and Arnold Cohen to the Jewish Federation of NH, the Eli and Bessie Cohen Camps offer special grants to income-eligible New Hampshire families at all three of their camps: Tevya, TelNoar, and Pembroke. Check them out at [www.cohencamps.org](http://www.cohencamps.org). For more information and to apply for a grant, contact Nancy Frankel, JFNH Grant Chair ([corkysmagic@gmail.com](mailto:corkysmagic@gmail.com) or 603-472-3983).



Jaden Lester in Chicago with USY on Wheels.

## Thanks For An Amazing Summer, JFNH!

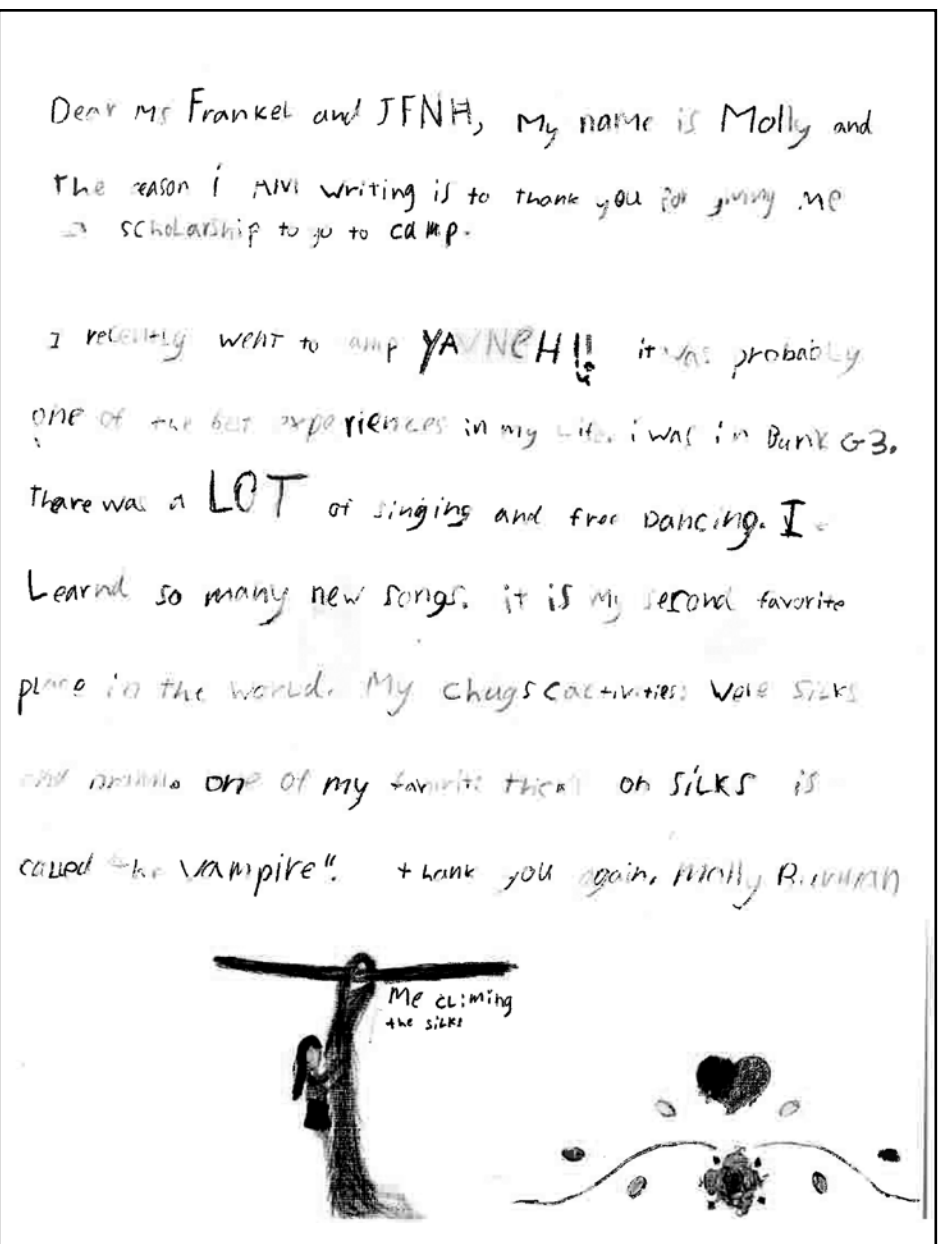
Dear JFNH,  
Thank you so much for helping me have the best summer of my life on USY on Wheels! Because of your grant, I made amazing friends who I talk to daily. I also was able to travel the country and have an amazing time visiting 26 states this summer! Whether it was hiking the Grand Canyon or making quesadillas

with tinfoil and a hotel clothing iron, this summer was one I'll never forget.

Thank you, JFNH!  
Jaden Lester.

*Jaden received a JFNH Campership Grant and lives with parents Amy and John Lester in Durham. They are members of Temple Israel Portsmouth.*

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Molly Burman, age 8, received a JFNH Campership Grant to attend Camp Yavneh. She lives with her parents, Lori and Guy Burman, in Keene, where they are members of Congregation Ahavas Achim.


## The Book of Genesis: Fact or Fiction?

As is the case every November, we find ourselves reading *Sefer B'reishit*, the Book of Genesis, during our annual cycle of Torah reading. Each year, I look forward to reading from Genesis. The other four books of the Torah describe the 40-year saga of our ancestors' Exodus from Egypt, their living in the wilderness of Sinai and receiving the *mitzvot*, which form the foundation for Jewish living. Genesis, on the other hand, is filled with stories about Creation, the great flood as well as the patriarchs, their wives and their offspring, which speak to us even today, nearly four millennia after these stories supposedly took place.

Throughout Genesis, we delve into subjects such as sibling rivalry, parental favoritism, and family dysfunction, to name just a few. These narratives reflect real-life issues that existed in biblical days and that still beset us in our everyday lives today. Most Orthodox Jews believe the Torah to be immutable, believing it was given by God at Mount Sinai. Most non-Orthodox Jews and even some Orthodox Jews believe the Torah was written by people approximately 2,500 to 3,000 years ago. The writers of Genesis were acutely aware of human behavior, and they, like us, struggled with these issues. Their insights into complex human situations can provide a measure of solace when we are faced with our own family dynamics.

This is what helps make the Torah relevant today. There is not a chapter in the Book of Genesis that does not speak to us of real-life situations with which we are all too familiar. But, one might ask if these narratives are true, or even whether or not the patriarchs and matriarchs actually lived. When the *Etz Hayim* chumash was published in 2001 by the Rabbinical Assembly, the umbrella organization of Conservative rabbis, it was strenuously criticized around the world for suggesting that the narratives in the Torah did not historically occur. Imagine — even the story of the Exodus from Egypt, which forms the very basis of our

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*Rabbi Ira Korinow*  
**Interim Rabbi Temple  
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Jewish identity and which is referred to in our liturgy every Shabbat and holiday, might never have occurred! As the scholars who edited and commented on the text in *Etz Hayim* point out, there has been no archeological evidence uncovered, either in Egypt or the Sinai desert, that ancient Israelites ever lived there.

If, in fact, many if not most of the stories we read in the Torah never occurred, why did they gain such prominence in Judaism, and why should we continue to read them today? Although the basic outlines of these stories in the Torah may have been borrowed from myths of other ancient Near Eastern civilizations, the writers of the stories as they appear in our Torah put a unique Jewish spin on them. Through the Torah itself and through the interpretive minds of the rabbis, these narratives convey Jewish values that can guide our lives and give us emotional support as we face our own struggles.

Although much of what's written in the Torah may lack historical truth, it does not lack what I like to call Truth with a capital "T." The Truth that the Torah contains is Truth that may be emotional, spiritual, or psychological. It is Truth to guide us to live a more meaningful life. Just because the Torah is not a historically accurate account of our origins, that does not diminish the Truth of its insights.

Indeed, whether we believe the Torah is historically true, given by God, or words written by humans, we should turn to the Torah, knowing we can derive much-needed guidance as we confront difficult issues in our families, in our communities, and in our world.

## Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski Installed at Temple Israel

By Steve Saulten, President, Temple Israel Manchester

Manchester — After many months of searching, the Temple Israel Board is pleased to introduce Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski, who was officially installed on October 19. Rabbi Jeremy holds two Master of Arts degrees: from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (rabbinic ordination) and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Bible). Among his many talents, Rabbi Jeremy also brings extensive educational



*Rabbi Jeremy  
Szczepanski*

skills, having taught and tutored Jewish children in grades 4 through 7, as well as working with youth outside the classroom and with families of preschool children. We are confident Rabbi Jeremy "has what it takes" to serve our growing base of families with preschool and school-aged families, as well as our much-loved senior members.

When not attempting to solve all of the mysteries of the universe, Rabbi Jeremy enjoys reading, cooking, and practicing Judo and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. His wife, Paula, runs a market research technology company. In their spare time, they love to travel and explore the world, as well as more local areas of interest, with their beloved little Boston Terrier, Layla.

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## Portsmouth and Dover: Reunited for the High Holidays, a Century Later

By Nicholas Conley

Portsmouth — This past Rosh Hashanah, in Temple Israel of Portsmouth, the shofar bellowed forth through the sanctuary, welcoming in the new year. For the entire Jewish community on the Seacoast, though, this ancient sounding of the ram's horn marked not only a new year—but a new era, with two communities reunited after nearly a century apart.

Some 80 years ago, members of the Portsmouth temple on State Street—the first permanent Jewish house of worship in New Hampshire—migrated to Dover, forming a second Temple Israel. Both temples supported their own vibrant Jewish communities for generations, but in recent years, the Dover temple began struggling financially. According to Ken Litvack, former president of the board, the Dover synagogue's money hardships

reached a point where they even considered renting out space from a local church. Cathi Cherry-Liston, of Dover, said, "In our efforts to keep our doors open from the time our new building was completed, many dedicated members devoted their time, money, heart, muscle, and soul. As numerous congregants departed, fewer joined." Finally, the notion of reuniting with Portsmouth was put on the table. "We decided the best avenue was to come together with Portsmouth," Litvack said, "and it's really worked out great."

According to Dr. Ira Schwartz, chairman of Portsmouth's Cultural Endowment Committee, "The word merger was never used. We called it a reunification." Portsmouth warmly welcomed the new members, Schwartz said. "We never viewed them as competition. This reunification resonated massively with both

communities. It was like family coming home." Litvack also voiced these feelings: "Portsmouth couldn't have been any nicer to us."

Of course, not every part of the transition was easy. News regarding the closing of Temple Israel of Dover was greeted with understandable sadness. In addition, integrating the important items, decorations, and symbols of the Dover synagogue into Portsmouth required a great deal of manual labor. According to Joanne Samuels of the Temple Israel House Committee, "We made sure that everything brought over had a home." These items included menorahs, a pulpit, a distinctive cement post, and perhaps most significantly, the iconic memorial boards, lovingly reworked by local artisan Jeffrey Cooper. This process, though challenging, successfully amalgamated both temples, and brought new energy to

Portsmouth. "This gave us the opportunity to completely redo our chapel," Samuels said. "We painted the room, installed shades, and used much of what TID gave us to complete the room."

Arrangements surrounding the reunification have been taking place most of the year, but it was the celebration of the High Holy Days which truly brought both communities together. As Dr. Schwartz put it, "It really happened in September." Litvack also remarked, "The High Holidays were excellent." Perhaps the most touching sentiments of all, though, have come from the Dover members who have comfortably found a new spiritual home. As Cathi Cherry-Liston explained, "We have traveled, via our founders, our parents, and our elders. We are finally settled again within the loving, welcoming community of Temple Israel on State Street."

## Hadassah

Manchester — The Manchester Chapter of Hadassah Book Club met in a local restaurant on October 11, to discuss the graphic memoir, *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast. The book lent itself to a very interesting and poignant discussion about coping with aging parents.

The chapter's November meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 1 PM. The guest speaker will be Officer Nathan Linstad, a Manchester Police Crime Prevention Officer, and member of the Swat Team. He will speak on living safely in our homes, neighborhoods and cars, and give information for those living alone. The meeting will be held at 1400 Front Street, Manchester. All are invited to attend.

Hadassah's 360 Degrees of Healing, The Full Circle Campaign is underway. This summer, work crews began the extensive renovation and expansion of the iconic Round Building at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem. Since 1960, the population of Jerusalem has tripled, and the medical needs of the city's patients have grown exponentially. Hadassah is thrilled to be a part of a thriving, growing Jerusalem.

### Campaign Overview

Renovation and expansion of the Round Building will include adding 200 new beds and renovating and upgrading 17 operating rooms. Originally built in the mid-1980s, these ORs are used for routine surgeries, such as laparoscopic and ophthalmology, that do not require the higher-level operating rooms in the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower. The renovation and expansion also will create larger rooms for more patient privacy and reduce the risk of infection, and strengthen building infrastructure to protect the building from earthquakes and conventional, biological, or chemical attacks.

To donate to the 360 Degrees of Healing campaign or Hadassah, contact donorservices@Hadassah.org. Please include the Manchester chapter's number: 43-430. For more information about chapter meetings, book club, or about Hadassah, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com or 488-5657.

## TAY Brotherhood Is Off and Running and Keeping on Giving!

Manchester — The first TAY Brotherhood meeting of the 2018-2019 year was held at Temple Adath Yeshurun on September 4. It started off with a nosh, including chicken wings, kosher hot dogs in jackets, French fries, salad, fruit, pastry, and soft drinks. Twenty-one Brothers were in attendance. Joining us was Los Angeles native Marc Birenbaum, who has been in Manchester as a representative of FEMA, working on New England Region 1 infrastructure problems. He expressed his appreciation for our welcoming congregation and to Rabbi Beth.

We discussed our programs for the upcoming year. On Sunday, September 23, we planned to build the TAY sukkah, once more under the able leadership of Herlicka Construction Company, with assistance by Bob Katchen. Then we discussed the return of our always-popular Candidates Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, October 28. We expect to have candidates for governor, First U.S. Congressional district, and Fourth New Hampshire Executive Council district.

Sunday, December 9, will see the Joel Gordon-led (and much anticipated by children and adults) Chanukah Party. The 2018 year will end with our traditional Mitzvah Program, which allows time off to our Christian friends on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As usual, we will help at New Horizons Soup Kitchen on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, cover the in-

formation desks at Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center, deliver luncheon platters to the Police and Fire Departments of Manchester and Bedford, run the bingo program at the Veterans Administration Hospital, and deliver Meals on Wheels.

The highlight of Good and Welfare at the end of the meeting was our request to long-time member Ted Yegerman to tell us about his very fascinating life story and especially about his World War II U.S. Army war-time experiences. Ted was born in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, and the rest of his childhood included stops in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Somersworth, New Hampshire, before the family returned to Williamsburg. After a year at City College of New York, Ted was drafted into the U.S. Army infantry. He was the only Jew in his company. He was eventually deployed to Germany, where, the day after the Dachau concentration camp was liberated, his unit was assigned to help control the area. It was a moving and horrifying experience that left Ted with a feeling that he emphasized: "War sucks!" Further regarding the Holocaust, sitting around the table at Ted's presentation were Bodo Schrader, who is a Holocaust survivor, and Marc Birenbaum, who is the son of Holocaust survivors. We all continued to vow, "Never again!"

In summary, TAY Brotherhood will keep busy and keep on giving (so what else is new). Stay tuned for future developments.



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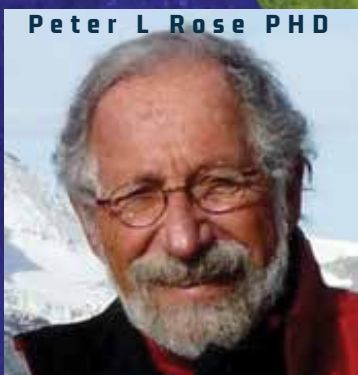
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# Giving / Tikkun Olam



A happy crowd of adults and kids stuffed bears "with love" for children in need at Etz Hayim Synagogue's October 12 Bear Mitzvah event.

## Fluffy Bears, a Beary Special Mitzvah, and Tikkun Olam at Etz Hayim Synagogue

Derry — There was lots of "beary" special good-deed doing happening on Friday, October 12, at Etz Hayim Synagogue (EHS) in Derry. In collaboration with Jayme's Fund for Social Justice (JFSJ), a New Hampshire non-profit organization that supports the human rights of children, EHS held a Bear Mitzvah project in which approximately 30 adults and children helped to make fleece teddy bears that will be given by JFSJ to children living through difficult circumstances. JFSJ's Bear Project was inspired by a mitzvah project undertaken by Jayme Anne Lipkin-Moore; Jayme made 40 fleece teddy bears for hospitalized children at the Jimmy Fund Clinic in Boston, Massachusetts. After Jayme's death at age 17, her mother established JFSJ to continue and advance Jayme's vision to help children in need.

The Bear Mitzvah event was followed by a special social-justice-themed Friday night service led by Amy Dattner-Levy, with guidance from Rabbi Peter Levy. The wonderful service included a rousing rendition of Bill Withers's "Lean on Me." At a break in services, EHS board of directors president Dina Michael Chaitowitz presented former Hebrew School student David Meyer with a President's Volunteer Service Award, issued by the federal Corporation for National



Etz Hayim Synagogue member David Meyer being presented with a President's Volunteer Service Award for 2017-2018 volunteer work. Pictured are (left to right) Rabbi Peter Levy, EHS president Dina Michael Chaitowitz, David Meyer, and his very proud mother, Andrea Meyer.

and Community Service. David earned the award for performing 50 hours of community service over a 12-month period in 2017-2018, including at EHS. Not surprisingly, David helped to set up, and clean up after, the Bear Mitzvah event.

## Just in Time for Chanukah: Stained Glass Afghan FunRaiser Raffle

Concord — Can you hear it? The sound of 28 clicking needles? The Temple Beth Jacob Knit-Crochet Group is at it again! A new afghan was started this summer. Countless hours have been spent creating a lovely handmade afghan with a design inspired by stained glass. Dozens of hexagons and diamonds were knit in a rainbow of 11 jewel tones and then crocheted together. Made with SuperWash wool, the afghan will be easy to clean in your washer and dryer.

All proceeds from this Raffle Fun-Raiser will support Temple Beth Jacob, Concord NH. The \$20 tickets are sold by members of the group or by email to office@tbjconcord.org. The drawing is Sunday, December 2 -- just in time for Chanukah!



This beautiful afghan will go home with the lucky winner of the TBJ raffle.



Manchester Brewfest organizer Bill Herlicka (rear right) and sponsors present a check to New Horizons president Maureen Beauregard (front right).

## TAY Member Brews Up a Wonderful Donation

Manchester — Sunday, July 29, saw 32 breweries gather at Arms Park on the New Hampshire riverfront to celebrate the 5th annual Manchester Brewfest. It was the largest number of participating breweries to date. From its onset, net profits from ticket sales and donations have gone to the New Horizons for NH program, according to event organizer Bill Herlicka. Bill and his wife Ellen and sons Jacob and Nathan are members of Temple Adath Yeshurun.

There was a record attendance this year of 1,700 people, a sell-out. There were many more who wanted to be admitted. The amount donated from the program to New Horizons this year was the most ever, a very impressive \$42,863!

According to Bill, the event couldn't happen with the volunteers and sponsors who were so generous with their donated services, goods, and money. The sponsors, led by Whole Foods of Bedford, included Stark Brewing, Spectrum Marketing, and Amoskeag Beverages LLC, among many others. Volunteers included quite a few representing New Horizons for NH.

The event is a wonderful example of the spirit of giving. As an individual, Bill himself has a long-standing history of volunteering and giving. Last Christmas morning, Bill was at the wheel of a van, driving New Horizons residents on very snowy roads, so that these needy individuals could partake of a very generous Manchester restaurant offering free breakfasts.

# Giving / Tikkun Olam

## Temple Adath Yeshurun Gives From the Heart and the Pocketbook!

Manchester — *Tzedakah*, the act of giving, has taken many forms at Temple Adath Yeshurun. In spirit and kindness, there are many opportunities for members to perform charitable deeds.

Under the leadership of Barry Scotch, the Social Action Committee has experienced a flurry of ideas for new community projects. Some projects have become annual events on our Temple calendar.

The **Mitzvah Day** program provides volunteer workers for Christmas Eve and

Christmas Day to relieve our Christian friends so they can attend church services. Meals are delivered to fire and police stations and hospital receptionists, and meals are prepared/served at the New Horizons soup kitchen. Mittens, hats, gloves, and socks are distributed to all who attend these meals, which feed over 225 persons.

The **Religious Response to Hunger** occurs after the High Holiday services and coordinates an interfaith community

food drive with over nine Manchester area congregations participating. TAY has led this effort for many years.

New on the docket this year has been the **collection of zip-lock plastic bags** for the summer lunch program, which feeds over 13,000 children breakfast and lunch. The call went out, and TAY collected over 36,000 bags. This project, which was so successful, will be repeated this summer.

Currently, the congregation has a **let-**

**ter-writing campaign** for our troops overseas to offset the isolation many feel at the holidays. Packages for detention center detainees have also been collected on an ongoing basis. Coming up this winter will be a **“Souper” Bowl campaign** to collect hot soup bowls to be distributed at New Horizons.

Temple Adath Yeshurun is proud to bring the true meaning of *tzedakah* to those in need and to touch the lives of so many.



Sol and Linda Rockenmacher with luncheon platters to be delivered to Manchester and Bedford Police and Fire Stations on Christmas Day as part of the TAY Mitzvah Program.



Rabbi Beth Davidson and Ted Yegerman sort out socks to be donated at New Horizons' Christmas eve dinner, served by TAY Mitzvah Program volunteers.



Ruthie Gordon, Linda Rockenmacher, and Priscilla Malcolm arrange produce before the Kol Nidre service at Temple Adath Yeshurun. The food was later donated to New Horizons.

## TAY Leads the Way in the Religious Response to Hunger

Manchester — “Amazing! What a great, amazing, and record-breaking day yesterday was!” wrote Michelle Casale, development director, Families in Transition. In a letter to Judith Jolton, TAY coordinator for the food drive, Michelle continued, “You have a total count of 930 +bags (versus 550 bags in 2017) -- needless to say, a new record. Amazing! Thank you so much for all you did to make this happen!”

As a community, painfully aware of the growing epidemic of “food insecurity” and its devastating consequences on the elderly, children, and the homeless, the Religious Response to Hunger has become a tradition through which Manchester’s interfaith communities reach out to neighbors in need.

This Religious Response to Hunger was made possible by volunteers who coordinated the efforts of nine congregations within the greater Manchester com-

munity: Cindy Watts and Julie Worthington, Brookside Congregational Church; Rev. Kevin Pleas and John Rowe, First Congregational Church; Bruce Edwards, First Presbyterian Church; Pastor Peter Boehringer, Gethsemane Lutheran Church; Pastor Robert Stewart, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church; Judtih Jolton, Nancy Frankel, and Rabbi Beth Davidson, Temple Adath Yeshurum (TAY); Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski, Temple Israel; Rabbi Levi Krinsky, Chabad of New Hampshire; and Curt Smith, Unitarian Universalist Church.

If you happened to be in Manchester, you would have been impressed by the long parade of cars filled with green bags, overflowing with food items. The bags were donated by Whole Foods Markets. Thank you one and all for continuing to keep the pantry shelves filled when the need continues to grow!

## Kehilat Har Lavan High Marks Holy Days With Community Outreach

North Conway — The year 5779 marked the fourth season of Kehilat Har Lavan High Holy Day services. KHL is a small popup community in northern New Hampshire-Maine that meets in various locations in the area. For the past two years, KHL has held services at the North Conway Community Center in the heart of North Conway. While the community has limited resources, we make an effort to reach out to the greater Mt. Washington area each High Holy Day season.

KHL strives to serve the community with our Yom Kippur “Fast Food” Drive. All who come to services are invited to bring a bag of food to be donated to the local food bank. Because Jews traditionally fast on Yom Kippur, our ticket of admission for the service is a bag of food staples equal to the amount one would have normally eaten during the 25-hour fast. KHL members generously brought big grocery bags full of food.



Eli Schor

This year, our bags of food were delivered to the food bank by our newest Bar Mitzvah, Eli Schor, and his family. Eli, son of Robert Schor and Dr. Mar-ni Madnick, was called to the Torah

in September at the top of spectacular Mount Cranmore. Assisting in the food drive is just one example of Eli’s commitment to service. His strong desire to help those that need some extra patience and understanding is evident through his continuing volunteer work. Eli studied for this life cycle milestone with KHL’s online b’nei mitzvah studies program led by Hazzan Marlena Fuerstman. For more information on this program, please contact harlavancommunity@gmail.com.

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# Giving / Tikkun Olam

## Temple Israel Community Delivers Food for the Hungry

Portsmouth — For many years, the High Holidays observances in Temple Israel Portsmouth have included a collection of grocery items that are donated to help feed hungry families in the Seacoast area. This year, the food drive was a big success, yielding about 100 grocery bags containing everything from soup to nuts, with paper towels, granola bars, juice boxes, and peanut butter as well.

The food drive began on Rosh Hashanah, when each pew in the sanctuary was provided with a grocery bag (donated by Trader Joe's). Families were instructed to take the bags home and bring them back on Yom Kippur filled with nonperishable items. Shortly after Yom Kippur, volunteers Lessa Brill, Fran Berman, Richard Grossman, Brenda Johnston, and Ken Kowalchek moved the bags into a few cars and delivered them to the Seacoast Family Promise (SFP) Day Center in Exeter.

Temple Israel is a founding partner in Seacoast Family Promise, a program for families experiencing homelessness that relies on a network of 22 local faith communities to provide meals and overnight support. About 40 volunteers from Temple Israel prepare and serve meals or stay overnight as hosts every few months, while giving their friendship to families rebuilding their lives to achieve stable housing and employment. Temple Israel volunteers partner with volunteers from First United Methodist Church in Portsmouth, one of the sites where the meals are served and guests and hosts stay overnight.

Temple Israel has been a part of the SFP program since its beginning in 2003. To learn more about SFP, visit [www.seacoastfamilypromise.org](http://www.seacoastfamilypromise.org) or contact Rachel Dennis, the SFP Volunteer Coordinator at Temple Israel, through the temple office at 436-5301 x10 or [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org).



The table at Seacoast Family Promise Day Center was full to overflowing with bags of food donated on Kol Nidrei by Temple Israel Portsmouth members to assist families experiencing homelessness.

## Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Food Drive



Over 25 large grocery bags filled to the brim were donated to the Bethlehem Food Pantry by BHC members and friends this year. Leslie Dreier and Stan Sakowitz delivered the goods. Photo by Alice Dreier.

## Tikkun Olam and Tzedakah Fuel the Little Engine That Could!

Laconia — The heart of Jewish activity in the Lakes Region and all of Central New Hampshire is Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia, a small 70-family congregation. Who would have thought that such a small group could make such a difference in the local community? Almost five years ago, in addition to community outreach programs already in place that serve meals for needy families (Hands Across the Table) and as a participant in the Salvation Army lunch program, TBI hatched a really unique concept of raising money and then giving it away to worthy local charities. TBI named the program "We Care," and through nine different musical events over four and a half years, they have raised and given away to seven different local nonprofits (some more than once) nearly \$60,000. The "We Care" initiative, which was launched to expand the temple's commitment to Tikkun Olam (to heal the world) and Tzedakah (a moral obligation for charitable giving), has become the largest charitable program under the TBI um-

brella. The concerts are held twice a year, in the spring and fall, and have supported families, veterans, domestic abuse victims, children, and the homeless.

At the heart of We Care is a remarkable team of volunteers led by Stu Needleman. Stu brings his corporate management background to help make We Care the success that it is. Stu, along with fellow congregant Ken Goodman, seek out talent throughout New England to ensure a good turnout, which translates to dollars for a worthy cause. The marketing team is led by Barbara Katz and Karen Luke-man, two of this year's JFNH Shem Tov award winners. Refreshments are coordinated by Rhoda Goodman and Susan Needleman. Gary Broom manages logistics. Each team is supported by volunteers including Rick and Molly Notkin, Jill Lieberman, Barbara Goren, Barbara Broom, Jane Harrington, Ysrael Funes-



tri, and Jerry and Sharon Fleischman. This We Care fundraising team is dedicated to making each event an outstanding success.

The saying goes, "It takes a village," and TBI is fortunate to have tremendous support from more than 100 Lakes

Region businesses through the Temple B'nai Israel Sponsor Book, as well as three event sponsors for 2018: Meredith Village Savings Bank, Miracle Farms Landscaping Services, and Golden View Health Care. These community-minded businesses are working hand in hand with We Care to help improve the lives of their neighbors.

As this year draws to a close, We Care is already planning for 2019. We Care seeks to partner with small, local Lakes Region nonprofits that would benefit from a team of experienced fundraisers to supplement their fundraising efforts. Requests for consideration can be submitted to [info@tbinh.org](mailto:info@tbinh.org).

## Temple Israel Manchester Food Drive



Ken Cohn and Christine Dame of Temple Israel Manchester were proud to pack up and transport 38 bags and one box of food to the New Horizons shelter, donated as part of TIM's Decorate, Donate and Drive campaign. Paula Winer (not pictured) was on hand at the shelter to help with off loading.

### Campaign Callers Needed!

I'm Paul Bieber, the Federation Treasurer, and we need your help in making phone calls for the Annual Campaign on Sundays in December. We need callers across the state. We will be calling from the Federation office in Manchester and from synagogues across the state. You can also make calls from home. We'll give you all the information you need. Please email me at [paulbaseball@msn.com](mailto:paulbaseball@msn.com) letting me know which Sunday(s) works for you and where you would like to call from. Thank you for helping our Federation!

# Sukkot



Students enjoying the sukkah at Congregation Betenu.



Rabbi Boaz Heilman teaching Temple B'nai Israel's Religious School students in the sukkah.



TAY children and adults hanging up waterproof sukkah decorations



Decorating the Temple Beth Jacob sukkah during Religious School.



Temple B'nai Israel's sukkah-building team: Gary Broom, Rick Notkin, and Jerry Fleischman.



Noam and her new Temple Beth Jacob friend during music in the sukkah with PreK-4th grade children and families.



The sukkah at Shapiro House at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth was again erected and decorated by Chavurah Piscataqua. During Sukkot, the chavurah enjoyed potluck meals and Israeli dancing at the sukkah.



TAY siblings making sure they can see the sky through the s'chach.

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## Hike Mt. Monadnock With SNHJMC on Nov. 4

Jaffrey — The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is proud to announce a hike up Mt. Monadnock on Sunday, November 4. The hike is open to all genders, ages, and affiliations (you don't have to be Jewish or a man to join us) -- the important thing is that you like to hike!

Monadnock State Park is located at 169 Poole Road, Jaffrey. It is a one-hour drive from Nashua, and a bit more than an hour from Concord. The group will meet at 10 AM at the Visitor Center and start hiking at 10:15. The hike will be about five miles round-trip, over rugged terrain, and will take 4-5 hours. The hike will be led by Matthew Lee. All hikers should RSVP to [hikersvp@snhjmc.org](mailto:hikersvp@snhjmc.org).

Hikers should bring trail snacks, lunch, and water. A park store sells snack bars, drinks, and other items, but it has no kitchen or deli. The group plans to eat lunch at the top, weather permitting.

Please be aware that while this is a popular and well-maintained hiking area, there are steep sections with rapid elevation gain, making this a strenuous and challenging hike for some. Please consid-

er carefully your physical condition, hiking abilities, and hiking gear before committing -- we would like this to be a great experience for all.

Children are encouraged to participate, as long as they are accompanied by a parent/guardian and their physical endurance and interest in hiking are strong. Children under age six may need to ride in a carrier.

Daytime temperatures around Jaffrey are typically in the 40s to 50s at this time of year, but on the mountain, temperatures can be much lower, especially when considering wind. Be sure to bring enough layers of clothing to be comfortable hiking in cold weather, including gloves and a hat.

If inclement weather is forecast, an email will go out the night before to all who RSVPed and we will reschedule (weather permitting) for the following Sunday, November 11.

Also note that Mount Monadnock is a NH State Park, and dogs are not allowed. State park fees (which include parking) are \$5 per adult and \$2 per kid 6-11, paid as you enter the park.



Hike leader Matthew Lee atop Mt. Monadnock with visiting Israeli scholar-in-residence Udi Goren and other hikers in 2017.

Please wear appropriate broken in hiking footwear (boots) and socks (synthetic or wool), so there will be no danger of forming painful blisters on the hike. You should wear hiking/sports oriented long pants, and a long shirt with long underwear as appropriate (avoid cotton in favor of synthetic materials or wool).

You should also bring a hiking back-

pack, to hold, at minimum: 1-2 quarts of water, snacks and appropriate trail food, lunch, a fleece or wool winter hat/cap that covers your ears, winter gloves (fleece or wool lined), sunglasses, whistle (school yard style), spare socks, backup clothing you can layer on/off as needed to match the weather, first aid kit, insect repellent as needed, sunscreen as needed, and a trail map (print in advance at [http://www.nhstateparks.org/uploads/pdf/Monadnock-State-Park\\_Hiking-Map.pdf](http://www.nhstateparks.org/uploads/pdf/Monadnock-State-Park_Hiking-Map.pdf) or pick up at the park). As we gain elevation, the temperature will drop and the wind will pick up, so be prepared.

More information on Monadnock State Park can be found at [www.nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/monadnock-state-park.aspx](http://www.nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/monadnock-state-park.aspx).

All hikers should RSVP to [hikersvp@snhjmc.org](mailto:hikersvp@snhjmc.org), including your name and mobile number, so we will know who to expect, and so we can reach you if needed before the hike. A phone number will be provided to all those who RSVP in case you need to reach the organizer by text or voice before the hike.

## Enjoy Klezmer and Israeli Dancing at Etz Hayim Nov. 17

Derry — It is going to be a lively and joyous night of music and dancing at Etz Hayim Synagogue on November 17 at 7 PM. The Raymond Street Klezmer Band will be playing the traditional music of the Jewish culture often enjoyed at celebrations and leading us in a few Israeli dances. The event, including a nosh, is free to synagogue members; donations (and RSVPs) from non-members are requested.

The popular musical group is headquartered at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua and has played at a variety of festivals and community gatherings, including the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C., the Lowell Folk Festival, and the Bread and Roses Festival in Lawrence. On July 4, 2017, the band played at Strawberry Banke's 20th anniversary celebration of the Shapiro House in connection with a program honoring immigrants, including those who became citizens in a naturalization ceremony that day. The talented band members are Ray Aucoin (percussion and vocals), Sandy Dickens (vocals), Alan Green (clarinet, saxophone, vo-



Raymond Street Klezmer Band

cals), Ruth Weiner Harris (accordion), Gordon Hegfield (keyboard), and Bruce Smith (bass, vocals).

For more information about November 17, and to RSVP for the event, contact Etz Hayim Synagogue Board president Dina Michael Chaitowitz at [d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org](mailto:d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org). For more information about the Raymond Street Klezmer Band, and to book a gig, contact Ruth Weiner Harris at [omanut@aol.com](mailto:omanut@aol.com).

## Exploring Jewish Music Program Starts With Klezmer Concert Dec. 1 at TAY

Manchester — What is Jewish Music? Temple Adath Yeshurun Lifelong Learning Committee is sponsoring a year-long program that will attempt to answer this question. Adult classes and a series of concerts make up the bulk of the learning opportunities.

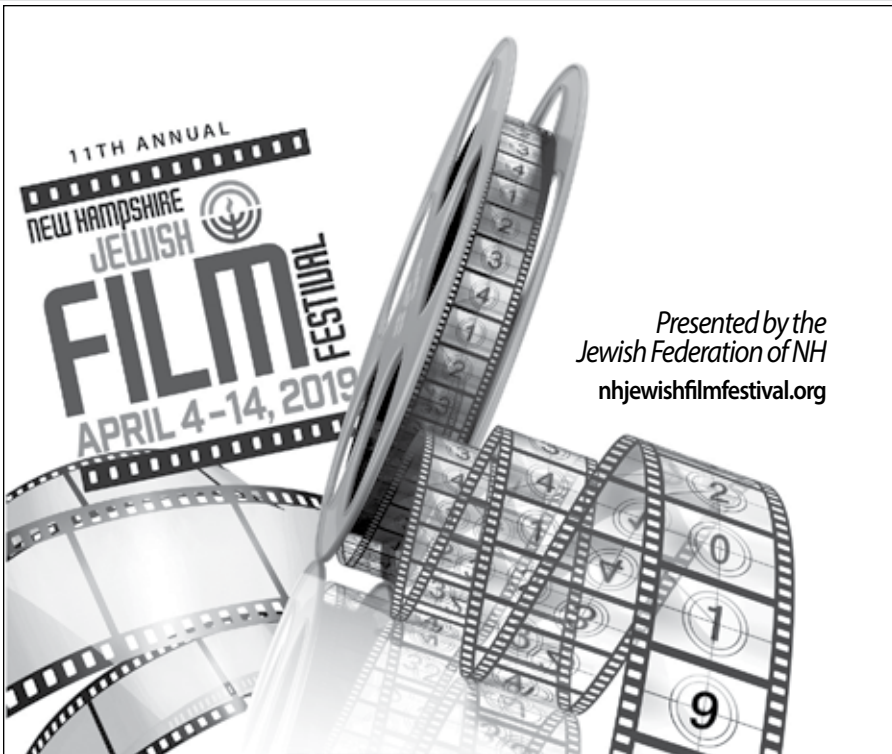
The first concert, on Saturday, December 1, at 7:30 PM, will feature the music of the Raymond Street Klezmer Band. This local band -- made up of Ray Aucoin, Sandy Dickens, Alan Green, Ruth Weiner-Harris, Gordon Hegfield, and Bruce Smith -- calls Nashua's Temple Beth Abraham home. Together since the early 1980s, the band plays a wide variety of traditional and contemporary Jewish music, with vocals in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish.

Dr. Alan Green *kvelled*, "The band has played at *simchat* and synagogue events throughout southern New Hampshire. It was honored to represent New Hampshire at the 1999 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington DC and has performed at local and regional cultural events including the Lowell Folk

Festival, International Day of Peace on the Boston Common, and Bread and Roses Heritage Festival in Lawrence."

When asked why Klezmer, Dr. Green replied, "My father was an amateur musician and played klezmer and other Jewish music with my brother and me when we were kids, so it's been in my *kishkes* for a long time. Today, it's a way to express my heritage of Judaism and Yiddishkeit via music, and I try to pass it down to my grandchildren. I'm not sure I can speak exactly for the other band members, but I believe they feel that it's lots of fun, and keeps them involved with events in the Jewish community."

All are welcome to hear the Raymond Street Klezmer Band on December 1. There is no cost associated with attending the concert, but we do ask that you call the TAY Office (669-5650) and RSVP. Your name on the attendance list guarantees you a seat! Please check our website or call the office for information on other learning opportunities associated with this project.



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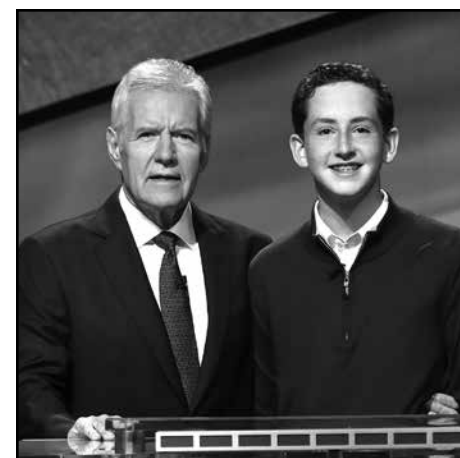
## Bedford Teen to Appear on Jeopardy

Bedford — When the Jeopardy Teen Tournament begins airing on November 7, there will be a familiar face to some on the air. Caleb Richmond, a tenth grader at Phillips Exeter Academy and Bedford resident, is a contestant. Caleb and his family are members of Temple Beth Abraham, and Caleb is active in the Phillips Exeter Jewish Community.

Caleb is a history, geography, and trivia buff and has been an avid fan of Jeopardy for as long as he can remember. When he heard there was a test for teens to qualify for the tournament, he quickly registered and took the online test back in March. A few months went by and he heard nothing. Then in May, he got the email he had been waiting for. He qualified for an in-person audition. Of the approximately 12,000 kids that take the online test (the actual number is a closely guarded secret) only about 300 are selected for the in-person audition.

Caleb flew to San Francisco in July for the interview, screen test, and sample game. Once again, he waited to hear back. His wait was shorter this time, and he was in the car with his mother, Tracy, when a Jeopardy producer called to say he had been selected for the tournament. Only 15 contestants and one alternate make it to this level.

Caleb was flown to California, all expenses paid, for the tournament. He was joined by both his parents, his brother, aunt, uncle and one of his grandmothers. They were all in the audience to see him film. Of course, we can't tell you how many games you will see Caleb compete in, but we can tell you that you will see



Jeopardy host Alex Trebek with Caleb



Caleb enjoying his time as a volunteer junior counselor at Camp Gan Israel last summer.

him at the very minimum on November 8. Jeopardy airs at 7:30 PM on WCVB.

Caleb says, "This was the best experience of my life, and I met amazing people from all over the country. The entire team at Jeopardy was fantastic, and I feel so fortunate to have had this experience."

The contestants range in age from 14 to 18. Caleb is the only competitor from New England.

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## Visiting Scholars Program at Temple Israel to Focus on U.S. Refugee Policy

Manchester — On November 4 at 2 PM, Temple Israel of Manchester will host its inaugural, annual Visiting Scholars Event, entitled “Understanding the History and Morality of U.S. Refugee Policy.” The purpose of the event, which is free and open to the public, is to engage the community in discussions about timely issues and shared values. The series is sponsored by Temple Israel MHT and the Abraham & Lillian Heifetz Gruber Family Fund.

According to Steve Saulten, president of Temple Israel, “This is the first of a one-of-a-kind annual event that will bring distinguished experts to New Hampshire to engage the entire community in considering timely issues through the lens of shared Jewish -- and, I think, also American -- values.”

The inaugural event features a world-

renowned expert on U.S. refugee policy: Smith College professor Peter I. Rose. Joining Prof. Rose will be Lauren Herman, a civil rights lawyer, and Manchester resident Arnold Mikolo, 2016 New Hampshire Civic Leader of the Year.

Peter I. Rose, PhD, a social scientist, is the Sophia Smith Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Anthropology and Senior Fellow of the Kahn Liberal Arts Institute at Smith College and visiting scholar at the Institute of Research in Social Science at Stanford. Dr. Rose is the author of many books.

Lauren W. Herman, JD, MTS, is a civil rights lawyer, community organizer, and scholar of religion and the law. Ms. Herman serves as the Harvard Public Service Venture Fund Fellow at Make the Road New Jersey.

Arnold Mikolo is the 2016 winner of New Hampshire’s Civil Leader of the Year award for his work as team leader with the Manchester Immigrant Integration Initiative, also known as Welcoming Manchester.

The discussion will be moderated by Stephen Reno, professor of religious studies. Dr. Reno is currently the executive di-

rector of Leadership New Hampshire and formerly served as the chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire.

The program will take place at Temple Israel, 660 Salmon Street, Manchester. For more information about the speakers and to reserve complimentary tickets, go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search Visiting Scholars Program TI) by November 1.

## Yedidim Brings Jewish Families Together at TBA Sunday School

By Jessie Mocle

Nashua — The first Yedidim Family Sunday School was a great success on September 30, with some of the youngest Temple Beth Abraham congregants making their learning debuts at the Religious School. The action-packed morning consisted of *tfillot*, a review of the many high holidays we had just experienced, and the introduction of counting in Hebrew, which was as easy as *echad, shtayim, shalosh* for spongy young brains. We decorated flags that some students brought to Simchat Torah services the next day, and built marshmallow and pretzel sukkahs while sitting in the sukkah during snack! The parents enjoyed schmoozing while the kids enjoyed free play, and we’re all looking forward to seeing each other again next month. Join us - you’ll love it and so will your kids!

Please visit [www.tbanashua.org/yedidim](http://www.tbanashua.org/yedidim) for more information or to register



Students create their own tiny pretzel and marshmallow sukkah snacks.

for programs or contact Jessie Mocle, Yedidim director, with any questions or comments at [yedidim@tbanashua.org](mailto:yedidim@tbanashua.org). Finally, stay tuned for December’s Yedidim Moms’ Night Out!

## Kehilat Har Lavan Offers Fall Online Courses

North Conway — Don’t let bad weather keep you from participating in Jewish studies. Kehilat Har Lavan is offering multiple online courses to build your Jewish learning.

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vidual lessons scheduled

- Lightning Hebrew: 15-minute individual lessons, any level through intermediate
- Biblical Hebrew: Schedule TBA, individual or group
- Conversion and Introduction to Judaism Courses: Schedule TBA, Individual or group.

For help connecting or for information on classes, contact [harlavancommunity@gmail.com](mailto:harlavancommunity@gmail.com).

## World Jewry

### Righting a Wrong: Why Dover’s Ali Flagler Spent Her Vacation in a Jewish Cemetery

By Darren Garnick

Dover resident Alexandra “Ali” Flagler recently returned home from Bialystok, Poland, an industrial city of 300,000 on the Belarus border that was 50% Jewish before World War II. Most of the city’s Jewish community was murdered at the nearby Treblinka concentration camp. For the second consecutive summer, Ali volunteered for the Bialystok Cemetery Restoration Project, helping to repair destruction caused by the Nazis, Communist government, and neighborhood vandals, followed by decades of neglect and abandonment.

Drawing volunteers from across the United States, Poland, Germany, and Israel, the restoration effort includes piecing together broken stones, unearthing headstones covered by grass and forest overgrowth, and repainting engraved Hebrew letters to honor the people buried -- and nearly forgotten -- there.

We recently caught up with Ali to ask her about her experiences in Eastern Poland and what makes her want to return.

**Q: What originally brought you to Bialystok?**

**AF:** My parents became involved in this amazing project from the very beginning, three years ago, and they in-

vited me to join them. Every day I volunteered in the cemetery, I think my purpose was vocalized in my head a little bit differently. Overall, I think it is super important to speak up for people who can no longer speak for themselves. And it’s important to make sure that their memory is not lost, that the Jewish community of Bialystok is not forgotten.

**Q: What motivates you to participate in this project?**

**AF:** My father has told me stories about how his father and uncles helped bring Holocaust survivors to the United

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Ali Flagler at work restoring the Jewish cemetery in Bialystok.

## Traveling in Lithuania and Latvia, Reexamining Past Horrors and Meeting New Challenges

By Jeff Crocker

We arrived in Vilnius on the afternoon of the second day of Rosh Hashanah. After getting settled, we decided to find a café in the old town for an early dinner before trying to sleep off the jet lag. Strolling along Pilies Gatve, a pedestrian street full of shops and cafés, we were approached by a Lubavitcher rabbi accompanied by four boys. "Shana Tova," I said. The rabbi asked whether I was Jewish. As soon as I answered, a kippah was swiftly placed on my head, a sheet of paper thrust into my hand, and I was asked to read the blessings so that the rabbi could blow shofar.

Generally speaking, I am not comfortable with public displays of religion. I do not favor placement on the public square or the state house lawn of a crèche at Christmas or a menorah during Chanukah. Could I politely decline to participate in this public display of religious ritual without appearing to repudiate my heritage?

Before the Holocaust, Vilnius was home to a large and influential Jewish community. A quarter of a million Jews lived in Lithuania. Forty percent of Vilnius's population was Jewish. Today, only about four thousand Jews remain in the entire country.

While in Vilnius, we visited both the Holocaust Museum and the KGB Museum (the KGB Museum is also known as the Museum of Genocide Victims). The Holocaust Museum is located in a small building called the "Green House," an annex of the State Jewish Museum. The Green House exhibit is a testament to the determination of the Green House museum's former long-time director, Rachel Kostanian, to tell the true story of the Jewish genocide in Lithuania, including the role played by some fascist Lithua-

nian partisans.

The Holocaust story told in the KGB Museum, on the other hand, has received much criticism from scholars such as David Katz and Evaldas Balciunas for whitewashing the role of certain right-wing Lithuanian partisans whose patriotic actions in the course of defending their nation against the Soviets is glorified, but whose shameful and murderous role in the Jewish genocide is completely omitted from the exhibit.

Later, we traveled to Latvia, where we visited the Jewish Community Center in the nation's capitol, Riga, which houses the Museum of the Jews. We also visited the Holocaust Memorial in the Bikernieki Forest, the site chosen by the Nazis for the execution and burial of around forty thousand Jews and other "undesirables" between 1941 and 1944. It was a moving experience to visit this memorial to our murdered Jewish ancestors during the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Standing there on crowded Pilies Gatve, I decided to comply with the rabbi's request. I can't tell you why. Perhaps it was my curiosity, wanting to see how the whole thing would turn out. The rabbi asked me to read the blessings on the sheet of paper in my hand. I had a choice of Hebrew or a transliteration printed just below. I chose to read the Hebrew. "A real pro," said the rabbi when I finished. He then blew shofar for what seemed an eternity. I mustered the courage to look around. We were surrounded by people, smiling people, not laughing or mocking. They were smiling in an approving, admiring way.

When the rabbi finished, I asked his name. "Rabbi Krinsky," he replied. I told him who I was and where I was from and I asked if he knew a Rabbi Krinsky in New Hampshire. "You know my cousin



The Holocaust Memorial in the woods outside of Riga, Latvia, where many thousands of Jews and others were murdered.

Levi?" he asked. "Please tell Levi hello from his cousin Shlomo."

We found a nearby café for dinner and ate outdoors, all the while watching Rabbi Krinsky repeat his Rosh Hashanah Day Two afternoon activity with other Jewish men, by my count more than a dozen just during the time we were there. It was a clockwork operation: spot a man who meets the profile and ask whether he is Jewish (every response was affirmative, save for one), place kippah on head, recite blessings, blow shofar, return to the pursuit. Every Jewish man approached by Rabbi Krinsky participated, seemingly without the hesitation I had felt. The reactions were always the same, approving smiles of pride and joy -- no embarrassment, and no disapproval from bystanders.

As we ate, it occurred to me that I had been part of something important that day. In this place, where so many had fallen victim to those who tried to annih-

late us, we were gathered in a public affirmation of our existence and heritage. A good place and a meaningful way to start the New Year, I thought. Another thought occurred to me as well. The Nazi and fascist murderers did not discriminate between men and women. They were equal opportunity killers. Maybe, just maybe, on some Rosh Hashanah afternoon in the near future, there will be Jewish women saying the blessings and blowing shofar in Vilnius too.

The next afternoon, I returned to Pilies Gatve on a solo walk. In place of Rabbi Krinsky, there was a group of Hare Krishnas marching down the street, dancing and singing.

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States and helped them get back on their feet here. Knowing they were able to make such a difference makes me think that volunteering to help bring some dignity back to this cemetery is the least bit that I can do.

**Q: What are you thinking about when you're restoring a gravestone?**

**AF:** Whether it's scrubbing a stone clean or lifting a fallen one off the ground, I try to read the names out loud. I just picture the people dancing in my

head, shouting "Woo-hoo!" In a way, I feel like we are helping to bring their souls back to life. It's really about restoring their memory in a place where they probably looked down and thought all hope was lost.

**Q: What disturbs you the most when you visit this cemetery?**

**AF:** Of course, seeing the shattered stones bothers me deeply, but I'm even more disturbed when I see signs of more recent vandalism like spray paint. Not only are they disrespecting everyone who

is buried here, and their families, but it's also disrespectful of Bialystok. I don't think these actions truly represent the majority in the community. I know that's not what this community is and that's not what this community wants to be.

**Q: What inspires you about volunteering in Bialystok?**

**AF:** When I am cleaning or painting a stone, I am spending a few minutes making contact with it. It sounds kind of crazy, but I often feel like I am having my best ideas or moments of introspection

when I'm with the stones. There are all kinds of inspiring signs everywhere. Seeing a flower poke out of the grass or seeing a butterfly are signs of life, and just having the opportunity to honor and help reawaken the souls here is absolutely amazing.

*For more information on volunteering in Bialystok in 2019 or supporting the continuing repair of the city's last surviving Jewish cemetery, visit [BialystokCemeteryRestoration.org](http://BialystokCemeteryRestoration.org).*

# Recent Events

Want to see your organization's photos here? Send them to [thereporter@jewishnh.org](mailto:thereporter@jewishnh.org).



Students at Congregation Betenu show off the shoebox sukkahs they created.



Professor Susannah Heschel of Dartmouth University with program organizer Ruth Harris at Temple Beth Abraham. Professor Heschel spoke about the role of German Jewish scholars in establishing the field of Islamic Studies.



Members of Temple Israel Manchester gathered at Norri Oberlander's house on Sunday, Oct 7, for "Kibbitz & Cooking." Nothing like mimosas and a great meal to start the day!



Beth Abraham congregants Larry and Robin Rubin and Gina and Robert Vega, studying texts on "love your neighbor" at The Village Bean in Windham with Rabbi Jon.



Elaine Silberberg, Jane Haigh, Priscilla Malcolm, Ruthie Gordon, Marc Birenbaum, and Linda Rockenmacher arrange produce on the bimah at TAY for Rosh Hashanah.



Rabbi Boaz Heilman discussing Torah with Temple B'nai Israel's Religious School students and community members at the Simchat Torah celebration.



Etz Hayim Synagogue religious school "graduates" Jack (far right) and David Meyer blew the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. Rabbi Peter Levy (seated) and Hazzan Albert J. Sandler, DMD, led the beautiful service.



Gahiji and Liana Marshall work on a tzedakah box at Beth Abraham's Yedidim Shabbat evening program on Oct. 12.



At Temple Adath Yeshurun, a Books of the Torah cake contest was a creative, fun learning experience, with students showing and explaining the main themes of Exodus, Vayikra (Leviticus), and BaMidbar (Numbers) through their decorations.



Beth Abraham members Marsha Feder, Phil and Carol Levy, and Colleen Lillstrang after studying Biblical texts with Rabbi Jon at Buckley's Bakery and Cafe in Merrimack.



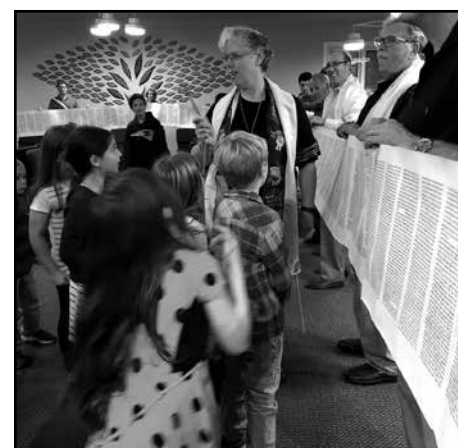
Musician-in-residence and educator Eliana Light performs for the Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood at their Paid-Up Luncheon on Sunday, October 14.



Rabbi Levi Krinsky and Carl Wallman shared the Sukkot tradition of shaking the lulav and etrog with a family they met while visiting Bear Brook State Park.



Temple Beth Jacob's PreK working hard on artwork for a Jonah project.



Rabbi Robin at Simchat Torah sharing the Torah at Temple Beth Jacob for all to see.

## Helen A Winebaum



York, Maine — Helen A. Winebaum, 90, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 2. Helen was born in 1928 in New York City, the daughter of Helen Coburn and George Auerbach. She spent her early years living in Los Angeles and Chester, Vermont, with her sister Marcia, who predeceased her. After graduating from the University of Chicago, she was active in stage, radio, and television in New York. This was the time of early live television, where she acted in “Studio One” and “Robert Montgomery Presents.” As a stage actress, she toured in “Member of The Wedding” and “Picnic” and was featured in the Broadway play “Dark Legend.” She continued her acting here on the Seacoast with many starring roles at Theater-By-The-Sea in Portsmouth.

She married Sumner Winebaum in 1953 and they had two sons, Sam and Jake. The couple moved to London, Milan, and Paris where Sumner pursued a career in advertising with Young and Rubicam before settling into the Seacoast of New Hampshire and Maine, first in Exeter and then in York for the past 32 years. They were longtime members of Temple Israel in Portsmouth.

Helen had a lifelong passion for the natural world. She guided and supported The York Land Trust from its beginnings and was an enthusiastic leader of the “Mount A to the Sea” initiative, representing The York Land Trust. She was instrumental in the efforts that to date have helped protect what is now 14,000 acres of unique and threatened ecological habitat. She was also a Trustee of the Maine Nature Conservancy. Helen was also a talented artist, and as part of her passion for the arts served as a Trustee of the Currier Museum of the Arts in Manchester.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Sumner; sons Sam and Jake; their wives Dominique and Cindy; and four grandchildren: Nathan, Hannah, Jenna, and Tess. Donations in her memory can be made to the York Land Trust, 1 Long Neck Marsh Road, York, ME 03909. Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Rd., York, Maine, assisted with arrangements.

### How to submit an obituary

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## Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

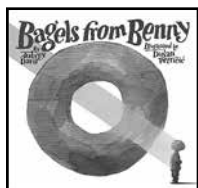
### PJ Library Selections Make Gift Giving Easy

The Jewish Federation of NH is a member of the wonderful organization PJ Library, which sends free, award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture to families with children 6 months through 8 years old. Now there is also a new program, PJ Our Way, through which kids ages 9-11 can choose their own free chapter books. You will find articles about the program in this newspaper. It is an outstanding opportunity for every family to fill its home with books to read to and with children.

There are wonderful books for children of all ages now, including read-alone books for kids up to 11 years old. This month, I am featuring books that are available this year from PJ Library. What an easy way to give your children the gift of books all year long. Or pick books reviewed here and purchase them in the bookstore for your child for the holidays. Either way, reading with your young children and having books around the house for your older young people fosters a lifelong love of reading.

#### Bagels From Benny

*Bagels From Benny* (Kids Can Press, 2005), written by Aubrey Davis, is an award-winning story that epitomizes values such as gratitude,

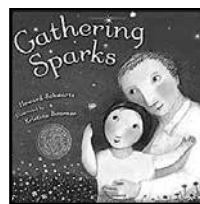


charity, and repairing the world. Young Benny loves helping his grandfather work at the bakery and enjoys hearing customers praise the cakes, breads, and bagels his grandfather bakes. He is confused when his grandfather feels that the cus-

tomers should not be thanking him until his grandfather explains that it is G-d who should be thanked. Benny works hard to find a way to say thank you to G-d, learning much along the way.

#### Gathering Sparks

*Gathering Sparks* (Roaring Brook Press, 2010), by Howard Schwartz, is a picture book about a young girl and her grandfather looking at the stars in the night sky. The grandfather tells the Jewish creation story that explains the stars and presents the concept of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). This book confirms that one by one, we can repair the world. Actions don’t need to be extravagant or costly to be worthwhile and effective. Sparks are gathered whenever and wherever simple acts of lovingkindness take place.



#### A Graphic Novel: The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey

For older readers, we start with the graphic novel, *The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey: A Graphic Novel of Jewish Wisdom and Wit in the Wild West* (Jewish Lights, 2006). This is the first book in Steve Sheinkin’s collection of Rabbi Harvey graphic novels. Rabbi Harvey shares stories about honesty, hospitality, forgiveness, saving face, wisdom, and humility. All are wrapped in a lively cartoon strip format and based on traditional Jewish tales.



#### Death by Toilet Paper

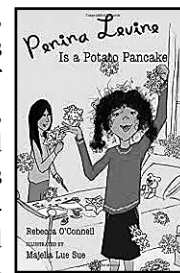
Another fun titled book with an important message is *Death by Toilet Paper* (Yearling, 2015),

written by Donna Gephart. Benjamin Epstein is having a tough seventh grade year. His father died, leaving the family with serious financial issues, and he and his mom are about to be evicted from their apartment. To further complicate matters, Ben’s Zayde, who has memory problems, is his new roommate -- and he snores! Ben has all kinds of creative get-rich-quick schemes involving various contests and sweepstakes, but can he really make enough money to pay the back rent?



#### Penina Levine Is a Potato Pancake

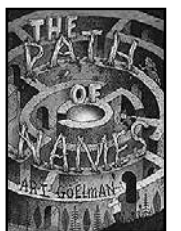
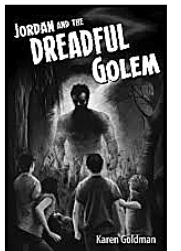
*Penina Levine Is a Potato Pancake* (Roaring Brook Press, 2008), by Rebecca O’Connell, is perfect for this season of holidays and gift giving, both pretty packages and charitable. Penina thinks Chanukah is going terribly wrong. Grandma and Grandpa show up to celebrate in the middle of a blizzard. The latkes are soggy, and her mother and grandmother are arguing. When her mother announces they are going to light candles, Penina says she is not. “Excuse me?” said Mom. “IS this the same Penina Levine who delivered the lecture about the true meaning of Hanukkah? The very same Miss Levine who advocates the abandonment of the gift-giving tradition that we might bet-



ter contemplate the miracle of oil?” Along with Penina, we learn the true meaning of giving and family.

#### Books of Mystery and Fantasy

Two books that give readers a thrilling, suspenseful feeling while reading about golems, mysteries, and fantasy are *Jordan and the Dreadful Golem* (Penlight Publications, 2013), by Karen Goldman, and *The Path of Names* (Arthur A. Levine Books, 2013), by Ari Goelman. Twelve-year-old Jordan has discovered he has a special gift, “the power to transform into water,” in *Jordan and the Dreadful Golem*. His friends also have special gifts. When they meet Miss Sara, the mysterious town matriarch, she helps the kids find and control their special talents using Kabbalah and other mystical teachings from Israel’s ancient past. *The Path of Names* is about Dahlia Sherman. She is not excited about her first summer at camp. Her favorite things are magic tricks, math, and video games. Dahlia is going to find camp much more interesting than she expected. There are some unusual experiences happening to Dahlia, and she is determined to find out about them. It will take all her courage, smarts, and a little sleight of hand to unravel the mysteries of camp. Both of these books keep readers on the edge of their chairs as they work through mysterious unexplainable circumstances.





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Members are the backbone of our Federation. You are a member because you care about being Jewish in New Hampshire. You care about others who are Jewish in New Hampshire and Israel. We do not ask for money every three months as many organizations do. We ask only once a year, and that time is now.

In the week before I wrote this piece, at my home address, we received 19 solicitation requests from legitimate charities. I'll bet most of you did as well.

The Jewish Federation needs to be at or near the top of your list. Because being Jewish in New Hampshire is not easy. We must help our Federation bring in the Shlichah, run education programs, and provide a Jewish environment for our children. We have over 400 families receiving PJ library books every month, many of whom are not yet connected to an organized synagogue. We must support our campaign. This is for the future of Jewish life in New Hampshire.

Elaine and I raised our children on Long Island, where we lived for 23 years. It was easy being Jewish. It's not the same here in New Hampshire. We have to work at it. We have to create Jewish environments and events that reinforce our thousands of years of history for our children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

Our Federation is the glue that holds Jewish New Hampshire together. Our goal for this year is \$225,000. Clip the coupon on this page, think about last year's gift, and add 25%. Send your check or credit card information on the cutout form to our office at the address on the form. If you just can't wait to make your donation, call us at 627-7679 and we'll take your credit card info on the phone!

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Paul Bieber  
JFNH Treasurer

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