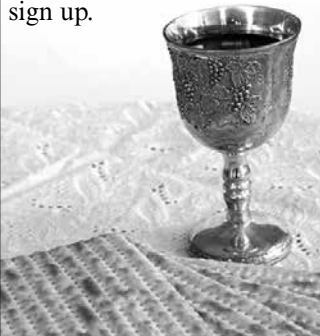




**PASSOVER ISSUE**

**You Are Invited to a Community Seder!**

Passover begins on Friday night, April 19! Synagogues around New Hampshire are hosting community Seders (most are on April 20), and they welcome member and non-members alike. Please see our special Guide to Community Seders on page 11 for more information, and contact your local sponsoring organization to sign up.



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**NH Jewish Film Festival Examines the Life of Carl Laemmle With April 6 Film and Gala Celebration**

**JFNH Signature Program**

By Zachary S. Camenker

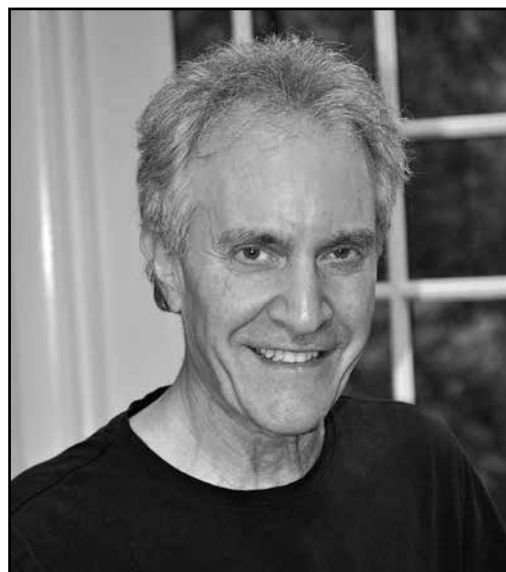
James L. Freedman's latest documentary, *Carl Laemmle*, examines the life of an unlikely Hollywood mogul who managed to open Universal Pictures, launch the monster movie to critical acclaim, produce the Oscar-winning *All Quiet on the Western Front*, and eventually save over 300 Jewish families who would have otherwise been killed during the Holocaust. This year's Gala Celebration for the 11th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival will be held at the Currier Museum in Manchester on Saturday, April 6, at 8 PM and will feature the New England Premiere screening of *Carl Laemmle* and a Q&A with Bob Treitel of Nashua, whose grandparents were sponsored by Laemmle.

*Carl Laemmle* is Freedman's second film. He wrote, produced, and directed the 2013 HBO documentary *Glickman*, which was executive produced by Martin Scorsese and told the story of American radio announcer Marty Glickman's track and field career and removal from the 1936 U.S. Olympic relay team.

When asked what drew Freedman to Carl Laemmle, a film industry name that is now largely in the past, Freedman drew on Laem-



Carl Laemmle



Filmmaker James L. Freedman

le's positive influence on both the early studio era and his work as a humanitarian. "What better time to make a film about an immigrant?" Freedman said, citing the divisiveness of our current time and Laemmle's little-known status as an American hero as factors that contributed to making the documentary.

Freedman, who compiled his research through reading about 15 books and watching close to a dozen documentaries, also saw

the importance in telling the story of a man who saved so many lives.

A common theme in Laemmle's career was his sense of daring. Between hiring 11 female directors at Universal, opening nickelodeon theatres with his own imprint, and providing sanctuary for Jewish people, Laemmle did a great deal to stand out. While it would seem like Laemmle was on his own little island, Jim Freedman said, "All the studio heads were daring. What separated Laemmle from the others was that he did not forget his roots in Eastern Europe and kept up his relationship with his homeland of Germany." In fact, Freedman noted that "Laemmle's relationship with Germany affected him many times throughout his life."

Laemmle also helped launch countless performers and filmmakers to their stardom, most notably Lon Chaney and Bela Lugosi, who were major symbols of the silent film era. Chaney famously played the title characters in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *The Phantom of the Opera*, while Lugosi was best known for his work as Dracula.


"Carl Laemmle was short and not particularly good looking," Freedman said when discussing what some feel drew Laemmle to the

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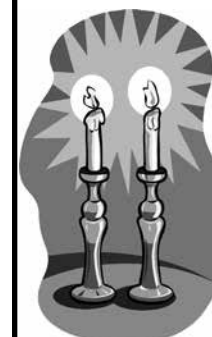
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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



<b>April 5</b>	<b>6:59 PM</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>7:07 PM</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>7:23 PM</b>

## Living Jewishly in New Hampshire: Spectacular!

It's a typical busy Sunday in our household! We get up and out early on Sundays to get our seven-year-old to Hebrew School. It's almost Purim, so there's a terrific carnival in our synagogue social hall afterwards and even pizza for lunch! After that, we're headed to a PJ Library Hamantashen Baking event at Temple Israel in Manchester -- an opportunity to engage in education, enrichment, and be elbow-deep in poppy seed filling! On the way home, we'll be delivering *mishloach manot* to a few families we know will appreciate a visit and some treats -- a mitzvah to end a chock-filled day together.

**Melanie Zalman  
McDonald**

**Executive  
Director**



The day will be long, the family will be busy, we will work (and play) hard. But, I wouldn't have it any other way. I've heard it said that living Jewishly in New Hampshire takes effort, intention, and commitment. Depending on which corner of the state you reside in, you might find that

sentiment more (or less) resonant. Regardless of how you fill your downtime and how you engage in "doing Jewish" ritually, culturally, educationally, with or without a temple community, I hope you would agree that the variety of offerings and invitations to participate, to get involved, to experience Jewish life in New Hampshire are diverse and plentiful.

Simply open The Jewish Reporter events calendar, or visit our statewide calendar of offerings at [www.jewishnh.org/](http://www.jewishnh.org/) community-calendar to peruse the many opportunities available. There are Seders ready to welcome you, fun and free family

programs with PJ Library, rummage sales, senior gatherings, Jewish concerts, "Lunch & Learn" programs, Shabbat hikes, Film Festival events, and so much more!

Whatever you choose, I hope you'll find (as I have) that being Jewish in New Hampshire is spectacular. That there are ways to "do Jewish" that meet you where you are -- on your own terms. That there are communities (formal and informal) that are eager to include, to welcome, and to get to know you. The opportunities to engage are meaningful, insightful, spiritual, educational, entertaining, powerful, and endless!

## Let's Connect – Over Food, Memories, Films, Good Deeds, and More

With April coming, there are so many exciting things that are happening!

First of all, the Jewish Film Festival is happening – but I wrote about that in my last article, so I know you are ready and excited, and most of you have already purchased your tickets or your season passes. I'll be at some of the films to support the festival, so I would love for you to come up to me and introduce yourselves if we don't know each other yet. I am very friendly, I promise.

For a long time now, I wanted to "refresh" my Shlichah schedule and add new programming into the hectic New Hampshire Jewish life. I created a new series of Israeli Cooking Classes with the Shlichah! The first event was a Shakshukah cooking class in Nashua, hosted by our new JFNH Board chair, Mindee Greenberg. It was an awesome night, and many people I'd never met came to cook with us. We had a great dinner, and it was just perfect! Each of the participants got a recipe to take home with them, and friendships were made. I just LOVED doing the event. The second event was a Young Mensches event and took place in Rochester. Many new people came, and it was a great night -- we cooked fresh hummus and falafel! There are two events open for registration right now. The first is a cooking class in Durham, on April 15, and we will be making hummus-ma-

**Noam Wolf**

**JFNH Shlichah**



sabacha. The second class will be in Derry, on May 30, and we will be making hummus and tabouleh. If you are interested in attending, the cost is \$10 per person to cover ingredients. You can reserve your spot over the phone by calling the Federation at (603)-627-7679.

During April school vacation week I am having a Good Deeds Day program for teens and parents. On April 22, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, we will be volunteering at the New Horizons for New Hampshire shelter and food pantry in Manchester in the kitchen and food packaging department. It is a great opportunity for teens to meet other Jewish teens from other districts, synagogues, and towns. You can carpool, and parents are welcome too! If you would like to make it to our Good Deeds Day, you will also get a free T-shirt, so hurry up and reserve your spot, and email your T-shirt size to us at [info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org)

And finally, right before May starts, we'll start a series of *Zikaron Basalon* events. *Zikaron* = memory, *Basalon* = in



*Shakshuka cooking class taught by Noam in Nashua.*

the living room. Some of you may have participated in those events last year, but if you don't know what I'm talking about, please consider joining. *Zikaron Basalon*. It is a non-profit that started as a local project in Israel a few years ago. The idea came from the need to connect the younger generation to a new, more intimate way to commemorate Yom HaShoah (the holocaust memorial day of Israel). It is basically a gathering of 20-30 people in a living room, to listen to

testimony of one survivor, and a facilitated discussion that allows the participants to share, read, or sing something that will help everyone connect. It is a meaningful event that I promise you will not forget. If you are interested in hearing more about our *Zikaron Basalon* events, please reach out to us.

I hope to see you at one of these events, and to meet you if we do not know each other yet.

Have a great beginning of the spring!

See what's happening in the community at [www.jewishnh.org](http://www.jewishnh.org)

**NH Jewish Film Festival • April 4-14, 2019**

# Statewide Calendar of Events

## Tuesday, April 2

### Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Presents: Genocide Awareness Lecture Series

7 PM, Mabel Brown Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center, Keene State College  
The speaker is human rights lawyer Andrea Gualde.

### Nadav Tamir on the Israeli Elections

7 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Former Israeli Consul General for New England Nadav Tamir will speak about Israeli politics and the upcoming elections. The program will include a question and answer period followed by dessert. Free. RSVP to templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org or 603-436-5301 x10.

## Wednesday, April 3

### TBA's Annual Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale

9 AM-3 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua, Main Social Hall  
Shop from donated merchandise from over 100 families, including clothing, accessories, household items, book, toys, and more. For more info, call 603-883-8184.

### Avodah Shebalev Meditation

9:30 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua, Chapel  
Join Congregant Laura Hegfield as she leads a guided meditation session. No RSVP needed.

### Babka Book Club

8 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
The book being discussed at this month's meeting is *Famous Father Girl* by Jamie Bernstein.

## Thursday, April 4

### Torah Class with Rabbi Jon and Noreen Leibson

10:30 AM-Noon, Philip Porter Religious School, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
We are currently studying the Abraham and Sarah story. We look at the original text in Hebrew and various translations, and we consult commentaries and interpretations from traditional sources and modern disciplines. Come once or many times! No RSVP needed.

### Bridges: Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity

7 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry  
A discussion with James B. Farmer, Esq. Farmer was chief of the National Security Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts, where he supervised the office's anti-terrorism efforts, including the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing investigation and trial. He was also the U.S. Attorney (interim) during the 9/11 attacks. This is part of the adult education series, "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff." It is free and open to all (donations welcome). For more information, contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com.

### NH Jewish Film Festival: *Chewdaism, Double Date, and Wendy's Shabbat*

7 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester  
For information and tickets, visit [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org), [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384), or call 627-7679.

## Saturday, April 6

### CAA Movie Night: *Zoolander*

7 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene  
Saturday night at the movies is free to all CAA members. We ask that non-members contribute \$5 per person to defray the cost of refreshments and movie rental

### NH Jewish Film Festival Opening Night Gala: *Carl Laemmle*

8 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM), Currier Museum, Manchester  
For information and tickets, visit [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org), [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384), or call 627-7679.

## Sunday, April 7

### Southern NH Jewish Men's Club Breakfast

9:30 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
The men's club will be joined by their own Dr. Bill Goodman, who will discuss "Top Issues in Men's Health -- Besides ED." Dr. Goodman will address common health problems that impact men and what can be done to prevent, recognize, and manage them. To RSVP, email [Breakfastsvp@snhmc.org](mailto:Breakfastsvp@snhmc.org)  
Cost: \$8 for members, \$12 for non-members.

### Temple Israel Schvitz Squad

10 AM, 1711 South Willow Street, Manchester (MASA Plaza)  
Get healthy and join us for this fun adult exercise class! Open to all ages and fitness levels. Bring an exercise mat and bottle of water. RSVP required to [norri333@aol.com](mailto:norri333@aol.com). Cost: \$20.

### NH Jewish Film Festival: *93 Queen*

1 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack AND Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough  
For information and tickets, visit [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org), [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384), or call 627-7679.

### NH Jewish Film Festival: *The Last Suit*

1 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth  
For information and tickets, visit [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org), [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384), or call 627-7679.

### NH Jewish Film Festival: *The Samuel Project*

3:30 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack AND Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough  
For information and tickets, visit [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org), [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384), or call 627-7679.

### NH Jewish Film Festival: *Satan and Adam*

3:30 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth  
For information and tickets, visit [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org), [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384), or call 627-7679.

## Tuesday, April 9

### NH Jewish Film Festival: *Golda's Balcony, The Film*

7 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester  
For information and tickets, visit [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org), [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384), or call 627-7679.

## Wednesday, April 10

### Basic Judaism Class with Rabbi Ira Korinow

7 PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth, 2nd floor Board Room  
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 Korinow at [RabbiIK@TempleIsraelNH.org](mailto:RabbiIK@TempleIsraelNH.org).

## Thursday, April 11

### Torah Class with Rabbi Jon and Noreen Leibson

10:30 AM-Noon, Philip Porter Religious School, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Please see April 4 listing for details.

## Events For Our Youth

## Friday, April 5

### Yedidim Build-a-Shabbat

4:45 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Your kids will love this creative monthly approach to celebrating Shabbat! Each month, join us for a Shabbat related project, kid-approved dinner, and short, joyful, song-filled, kid-friendly Friday night service. Your kids will receive their own Build-a-Shabbat Workshop apron to use for the duration of the workshop series. If your child attends all five workshops, they will earn a certificate of achievement and a special gift! Build memories with your child, and enjoy using the special crafts they create at your own Shabbat table at home afterward! RSVP at: [www.tbannahua.org/event/yedidim-build-a-shabbat1.html](http://www.tbannahua.org/event/yedidim-build-a-shabbat1.html). Free (donations welcome).

## Sunday, April 7

### Yedidim Family Sunday School

10 AM, Philip Porter Religious School, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Join us for your child's first Hebrew School experience at the Yedidim Family Sunday 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 learn about Jewish holidays, Hebrew language, and Jewish values through age-appropriate activities, games and songs. RSVP at: [www.tbannahua.org/event/yedidim-family-sunday-school7.html](http://www.tbannahua.org/event/yedidim-family-sunday-school7.html). Free, but donations are appreciated.

### PJ Library at Model Matzah Bakery

2 PM, Chabad Center for Jewish Life  
This year Chabad is excited to welcome the PJ

Library-New Hampshire to our Model Matzah Bakery. PJ Library invites children 0-8 years and their families to join. Please e-mail [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org) to RSVP for the PJ group. Cost: \$5.

## Sunday, April 14

### PJ Library at New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival: *Disney Pixar's Inside Out*

1 PM (Free Activity); 1:30PM (Film begins), The Hotel Concord, Concord  
This free, fun, family event is best enjoyed by ages 3 and up and includes a snack. You do not need to be a PJ Library subscriber to attend. This movie is FREE, but you MUST pre-register; go to Brown Tickets and sign up at [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384).

### PJ Our Way at New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival: *Disney's Full Court Miracle*

3:30 PM, The Hotel Concord, Concord  
Join PJ Our Way, a program for children ages 8.5-11, at the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival to view *Disney's Full Court Miracle*. The event includes a snack! You do not need to be a PJ Our Way subscriber to attend. This movie is FREE, but you must register; please go to Brown Tickets and obtain your ticket: [www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384).

## Sunday, April 28

### PJ Our Way Cooking with the Shlichah Event

2 PM, Manchester, address will be given with your RSVP  
Join PJ Our Way and Noam Wolf to make Kadurey Shakolad (chocolate ball). This program is for children 8.5-11 years and will be held in a private home in Manchester. Space is limited, so please RSVP to [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org) by April 24.

## Monday, April 15

### Something's Cooking: Hummus-Masabacha Cooking Class with Noam, the JFNH Shlichah

6:30 PM, Durham, location address will be provided with RSVP

We're excited to invite you to the third event on a series of cooking classes! The cost per person helps cover the ingredients, and you get to have dinner with wonderful people, participate in the cooking process, learn about the foods and their history and hang out with Noam :) Space is limited! Address will be given with RSVP Reserve your spot using a cc at 603-627-7679. \$10 per participant.

## Thursday, April 18

### Torah Class with Rabbi Jon and Noreen Leibson

10:30 AM-Noon, Philip Porter Religious School, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Please see April 4 listing for details.

## Friday, April 19 – Passover begins at sundown, First Seder

### Siyyum Breakfast and Service

7:30 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Morning service followed by light breakfast (final bread!). The custom was for first-borns to fast the day before Pesach, and we override the fast by completing the study of a Jewish text together. No RSVP needed.

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# Statewide Calendar of Events

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## First Night Seder

7:15, Candle-lighting followed by Services and Seder, Chabad Center for Jewish Living, Manchester

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## Saturday, April 20 – First day of Passover, 2nd Seder

Many synagogues around the state are hosting community Seders open to members and non-members. See our guide to Passover Community Seders on page 11 for more information.

## Sunday, April 21 – Second day of Passover

Consult your local synagogue for service times.

## Monday, April 22

### Good Deeds Day

11:30 AM-1:30 PM, New Horizons, Manchester  
This activity is for Jewish teens from all over the state of New Hampshire. Join us for a day of spirited Mitzvah making! Get a FREE JFNH Good Deeds Day T-Shirt. RSVP: (603) 627-7679, info@jewishnh.org. Space is limited!

## Wednesday, April 24

### Basic Judaism Class with Rabbi Ira Korinow

7 PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth, in the 2nd floor Board Room  
Please see April 10 listing for details.

## CAA Book Club: "Jew vs. Jew"

7 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene  
Back by popular demand and it's Pesach, so we will have pesadikka refreshments, including Dale's famous macaroons.

## Thursday, April 25

### Avodah Shebalev Meditation

See April 4 event listing for information.

## Tuesday, April 30

### Cohen Center Awards Night

7 PM, Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Building, Keene State College  
The Charles Hildebrandt for Holocaust Studies Award honors Keene State College's professor emeritus in sociology and founder of the Center for Holocaust Studies. It is given in recognition of excellence in Holocaust Studies. For more information and an award application form, visit [www.keene.edu.cchs](http://www.keene.edu.cchs).

### Sosua75: Remembering the Past, Building the Future

7 PM, Dion Center, Nashua  
Temple Beth Abraham in collaboration with Rivier University will mark Yom Hashoah with a presentation by Hugh Baver, whose organization honors the story of the colony of Sosua in the Dominican Republic, where Jewish refugees from Germany were accepted in 1938. For more information, visit <https://www.tbanashua.org/event/sosua75-remembering-the-past-building-the-future.html>. No RSVP needed.

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monster film. "Director Peter Bogdanovich says in the film that Laemmle wanted to show that unattractive people had feelings too," Freedman said, adding, "What separated Carl's monster movies to me was that these characters weren't just monsters. They had feelings and emotions, and that was a big change from the stereotypes of the past."

Laemmle's son, Carl Jr. (known by his father as "Junior") extended on the monster film franchise in the 1930s with the advent of talking pictures, producing the famous 1931 version of *Frankenstein* that starred Boris Karloff.

Additionally, Freedman noted that Laemmle launched the careers of many Hollywood legends behind the scenes, including producer Irving Thalberg, four-time Oscar winning director John Ford, three-time Oscar-winning director William Wyler (a distant cousin of Laemmle's), fellow Eastern European immigrant director and actor Erich von Stroheim (who later received an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of Max in Billy Wilder's *Sunset Boulevard*), and female director Lois Weber, through their work at Universal Studios.

Hiring Lois Weber in particular was a daring move, especially as she completed the final cut of the 1925 adaptation of *The Phantom of the Opera* after issues with its credited director, Rupert Julian. "Weber was the highest paid on the lot, and Laemmle didn't even think twice about it. I doubt if it was an issue in his mind to have a woman director with that status," Freedman said.

Additionally, Freedman notes that "Universal hired many more German filmmakers than the other studios at that time," building on the fact that Laemmle remained true to his Eastern European roots.

Despite that, Laemmle was also criticized for making anti-German films during World War I, a motive that many questioned. "It was to save his studio," Freedman said. "He blamed the Kaiser for starting World War I, not the German people. From Carl's point of view, he was asked by the U.S. government to make these propaganda films and did so," Freedman added that "despite his

feelings for his homeland, Laemmle had become a proud United States citizen and devoted to his adopted country." According to Freedman, "After the war, Carl Laemmle visited Germany, only to be horrified by what he saw. People were starving. He saw the hunger and devastation and knew he had to help these starving people, even if it meant putting his studio at risk to raise money for a country that started the war."

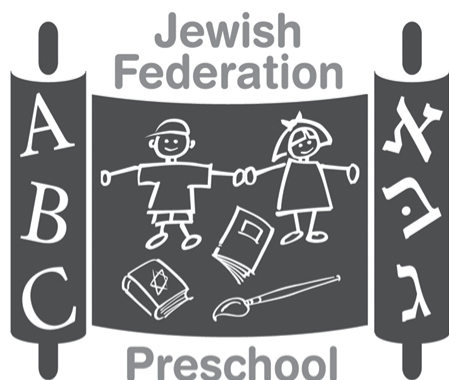
Later on, Laemmle made his most lauded picture, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, as "a gift to Germany" according to Freedman. "The irony there is how this great anti-war film's German release was sabotaged by Hitler and the Nazis, resulting in the film being banned in Germany," Freedman reflected.

It would not be the last time Laemmle tangled with Adolf Hitler. In the late 1930s, when Hitler's policies made life even more untenable for the Jews, Freedman noted that "Carl Laemmle spent a great deal of his fortune to rescue over 300 Jewish families from Nazi Germany by providing them affidavits, money, and jobs. This man was a true Jewish-American hero."

Freedman noted how inspirational Laemmle's feats were in bringing Jewish families to America, adding, "Since the film's recent screening in New York, two other families who Laemmle saved have come forward that nobody knew about. It's wonderful to know that Carl Laemmle lives on in the descendants of the people he saved."

"It was really the last part of his life that made him a hero, but what he did prior to it was also great," Freedman concluded, reflecting on the many legacies that Laemmle leaves behind.

For more information about the film and to learn about the legacy of Carl Laemmle, please visit <https://carllaemmlerthefilm.com/> or follow the film on Twitter at @CarlLaemmleFilm. To purchase tickets to the film event at the Currier Museum, visit the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival's website ([www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org)) and click on the "2019 Films" link, where you can view details about the Gala and a full schedule of films being shown across the state. Tickets are also available by calling the JFNH office at 603-627-7679.



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## Board Spotlight: Ken Litvak

By Ken Litvak

Being Jewish, for me, goes beyond worship. It's a way of life, maybe even a calling. I have mostly tried to live by the tenets of Judaism my whole life (with some success), applying them to business, family, friends, and serving the Jewish community.

Although I am not a Torah scholar, I believe the Torah is deeply rooted in all of us and there is a lot to learn from it. But to me, *tzedakah* sums it up. "Help others" is as close to a personal motto as I have. Through personal connection and through leading two synagogues as president, I hope I have contributed to the betterment of individual lives and the Jewish community at large.

I happened on the Jewish Federation of NH in a roundabout way. When I was president of Temple Israel Dover, we participated in the Shlichah program. Noam Wolf, a delightful young woman from Israel serving as the JFNH Shlichah, attended many events in Dover, and as I got to know her I learned more about the



Ken Litvak

organization that sponsored her. JFNH is different than any I have been involved with. Primarily, the JFNH feels more like family, a committed group of people working together toward common goals. My experience with other federations was more bureaucratic, and I found some difficult to work with.

In addition to its important work, the New Hampshire Federation is a standard for the Jewish community to show

that we are one people, one community, working for the benefit of not only the Jewish people but all people. Supporting the Federation philanthropically is an obligation that honors my grandparents, who escaped from Russia, and my parents, who believed in Jewish education and commitment.

I have a deep interest in the Holocaust and still cannot fathom how such a tragedy ever could have happened. My wife and I visit Yad Vashem in Israel at least every other year. As it is written, we can never let the world forget. Now, I feel that when we see hateful strategies unfolding, we all must be proactive. My wife and I recently opened our house to a *Zikaron Basalon* event (gathering of Holocaust remembrance), an experience that was fascinating and rewarding. We would gladly do it again.

My commitment to the Jewish community is reflected in my service as president of temples in Linwood, NJ, and most recently Dover, NH, and of the Jewish Community Center in Margate, NJ. Recently, my wife and I have been working

with a rabbi in Israel who helps refugees and abused children. Thanks to the generosity of Temple Israel of Dover, we will be presenting one of our Torahs to his synagogue during our April trip to Israel.

We also work with an organization in Israel called Jerusalem U, which makes educational documentaries and sponsors teens between high school and college to spend a year in Jerusalem to educate them on how to handle anti-Semitism on college campuses.

Fifty years of successfully managing businesses and people have taught me to be fair and open minded to the problems of a changing world. I bring that skill set to the JFNH board, and specifically to the finance and development committees. I am excited to meet new people and share ideas.

*Ken lives with his wife Bertha in Stratham, NH, and Florida, and they have an apartment in Jerusalem, where they visit twice a year. They have four grown children, four grandchildren, and four dogs. Ken joined the JFNH Board of Directors in 2018.*

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## Birthright Trip Made Israel Connection Real for This JFNH Board Member

By Ashley Barajas,  
JFNH Board Member

My birthright trip to Israel was what one might describe as a blur of emotional events. It was seven days of exploring an entire country, its culture, its history, and all the while reflecting on how it all made me feel.

After a 10-hour flight from Newark, it was straight from the airport to the bus, and on to the northern part of Israel. My memories of our first day are somewhat hazy. I kept waiting for that moment of realization that I was in fact in a different country, a different part of the world, but at the end of the day, and eventually the end of the week, it just felt like home. The fact that our Birthright group bonded so quickly and naturally with each other like family just elevated the experience and the ability to feel comfortable within our own experience. We were all looking for different things on this trip. Some of us were looking for spiritual rejuvenation, some of us wanted to feel connected to our vibrant community, and some of us just wanted to feel a closer connection to our families and where we came from.

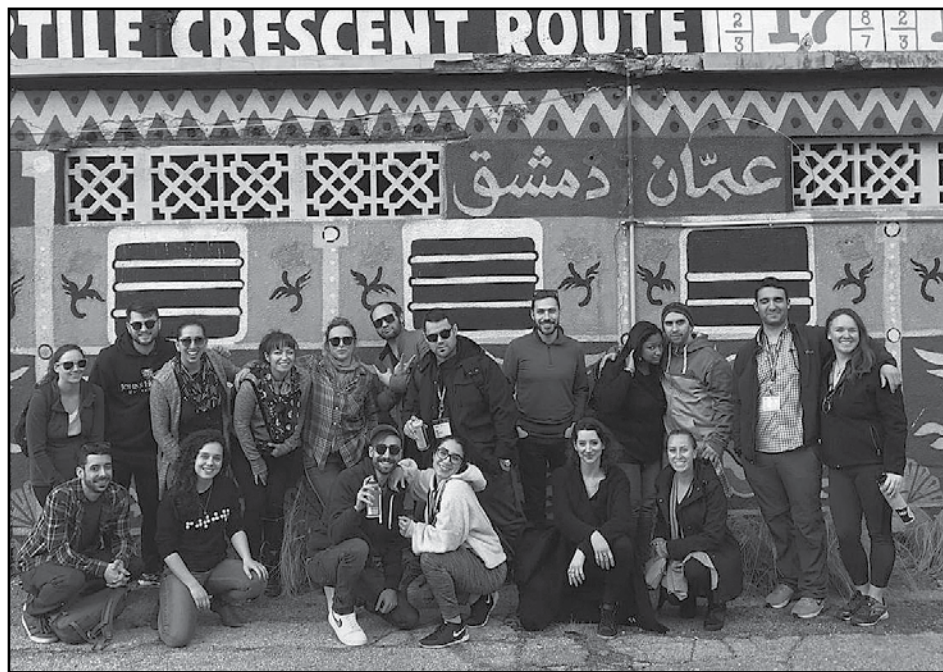
There were so many things packed into our week that it's still hard for me to remember everything. Of course one of the most impactful experiences for me was visiting Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Center. We've all heard of the horror stories of the Holocaust, whether in class, in documentaries, or even from the very mouths of our relatives. Yad Vashem and the amazing tour guide there really put the Holocaust into perspective and made Jewish history more immersive. To say that Yad Vashem was emotionally draining would be an understatement, but at the same time, they were feelings that I wanted and needed to feel.

Just as Yad Vashem was an emotional experience that my very core craved, visiting the Western Wall for the first time was exactly what my soul needed. The most interesting part of visiting the Kotel was the fact that we went there two times.

First, during the day on a Thursday, and then the next night on Shabbat. These two visits were polar opposites but still intrinsically connected. The first visit was full of emotion and tears and joy and connectedness that I could feel in myself, and that I could also see in the faces of my fellow Birthright sisters on the women's side of the wall. The second visit to the wall on Shabbat was a wonderfully warm and inviting feeling. My most vivid and fondest memory was walking up to the wall and hearing loudly "L'Cha Dodi" being sung from the men's side of the wall. It was a tune I was very familiar with, and I can tell you that I had the biggest grin on my face and I immediately started singing loudly and happily as I walked up to the wall with my new Birthright sisters. I can't tell you how wonderful and welcoming it felt to be in Israel, celebrating Shabbat, singing one of my favorite songs on Shabbat.

Although my trip was full of emotional moments filled with tears, I can gratefully say that it was also filled with much love, laughter, and newly formed relationships. Out of all the things I did in Israel, the moment that will stand out the most was going out dancing at a gay bar in Jerusalem. It was an experience I didn't think I was going to get out of my trip. It so seamlessly merged with my life back in the states (more often than not, my years in my 20s), when I went dancing with my closet friends at queer dance nights in Jamaica Plain, MA. The proverbial icing on the cake was when "Barbie Girl" by Aqua came on in the bar and the entire crowd went crazy with excitement. Here I was, in Jerusalem of all places, dancing with a bunch of similarly queer-identifying people who were just as excited as I was to dance to such a nostalgic song.

I think it's fair to say that I will absolutely be going back to Israel, sooner rather than later, and seven days was not enough time. I'm ridiculously grateful that I had the ability to experience Birthright at the age of 32. I have no regrets that I couldn't have gone sooner, and I



Ashley with her Sachlav Birthright group in Haifa

think my trip was more enriched by going at the current stage of my life. At the end of all this, I can say that I understand why so many Birthright participants come to make Aliyah.

Ashley Barajas is a new member of the JNFH board. She lives in Rochester with her partner Michael and their two cats. Ashley is a member of Temple Israel of Portsmouth, where she is the secretary of the Sisterhood. When Ashley isn't working she is rock climbing indoors and outdoors and co-hosting a podcast called "Cheers to Adulthood."

Taglit-Birthright Israel is a non-profit educational organization that sponsors free seven- and ten-day heritage trips to Israel for young adults of Jewish heritage, as well as those that have converted, aged 18-32.



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## PJ Library Family of the Month: The Preis Family

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Each month we highlight families 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 Preis Family, Our PJ Library – New Hampshire Family of the Month**  
**Tell us a little bit about your family.**

Hi! We're Julia, Ido, Jacob (4), and Joshua (2) Preis. Julia and Ido came to New Hampshire from Boston in 2014 when Ido joined Catholic Medical Cen-



The Preis family

ter's New England Heart & Vascular Institute as a cardiologist, and they are proud to be raising two native Jewish New Hampshireites. Our family is involved with PJ Library, Temple Israel-Manchester, and Chabad, and Julia also serves as a

board member of JFNH.

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

We signed up in March 2016, when Jacob was not yet 2. We were referred by a close family friend.

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

The books are wonderful, and we enjoy offering the boys a mix of their current favorite PJ and non-PJ books at story time. Likewise, we love participating in events for young Jewish families, and the programs organized by JFNH's PJ Library coordinator, Allyson Guertin, are fun and a great way to connect with other families as well. Both the books and the events integrate Jewish content into our lifestyle, which is just fantastic.

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

It's a very low barrier. Once you sign up, the books are sent directly to your kids in the mail every month. All you have to do is open them up and enjoy.

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

The Sylvie Book (aka The Night World) and The Hanukkah Book (various ones) are all quite popular. The various Lailah Tov books are also in heavy rotation.

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

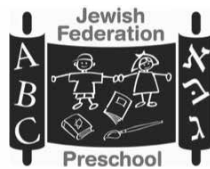
There are so many! Enjoying the farm visit and ice cream social, picking strawberries, visiting a fire station, doing Havdalah, singing and dancing at the Chanukah concert that we were fortunate to host – we have lots of great memories of PJ events that Allyson has so skillfully organized.

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

PJ Library is more than just books, it's also a community. There are fantastic programs for young families that JFNH helps organize (often in collaboration with other organizations as well).

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

We love doing Shabbat dinner together as a family – often with Ido's parents, who are local. It's a great way to cap off the week and celebrate being Jewish together.



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## Volunteer Spotlight: Harvey Epstein

Interviewed by Sheila Salenger

When Harvey Epstein of Lee, NH, retired, he decided to utilize his energy and interests to engage in volunteer activities that would impact others in a gainful manner.

Today, he volunteers for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire as a screener for films being considered for the annual NH Jewish Film Festival, with venues in Manchester, Merrimack, Concord, Peterborough, and Portsmouth. That



Harvey Epstein

applies into viewing and evaluating worthy films of interest to the Jewish community. Harvey has been volunteering once per week, two films per night, for the past two years (from the end of June through November). Many of the films are in different languages (e.g., Hebrew, Yiddish, German, Spanish) with subtitles.

Harvey has also assisted JFNH with applications for grants, searching out

segments for specific grants for the grant writers. He is an avid proofreader and describes himself as a "wordsmith." That is essential for the intricate detail in the grant application process.

His inspiration toward detail comes as no surprise. Harvey trained as a mathematician and worked as an engineer, designing control systems for the telephone company. Since his retirement commenced, this dedicated volunteer has been involved as a member of his town's zoning board; court-appointed guardian ad litem for children at risk; and district coordinator for AARP's Seacoast Area Tax Aid Program (free tax preparation for the elderly and less affluent), which dovetails well with his June–December Federation service as a film screener.

In 2009, Harvey was awarded the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service in New Hampshire. Kudos to this accomplished volunteer!

## Wofchuck-Gilbert Family Fund Established

Melanie Zalman McDonald, executive director of The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, is delighted to announce the establishment of the Wofchuck-Gilbert Family Fund within the JFNH Foundation Trust. The Fund will benefit Jewish New Hampshire youth via the JFNH Israel Experience Program. The JFNH Israel Experience Program assists New Hampshire Jewish high school aged students in the financing of summer programs in Israel in an effort to build Jewish identity, community, and continuity.

Rob Wofchuck is the managing member of Ledgewood Wealth Advisors in Exeter. His 30 years of expertise led Rob to found Ledgewood in 2000, where he focuses on comprehensive wealth management and investment strategies.

Locally, Rob has served as a JFNH Board member, treasurer, and for many

years served as chairperson of the JFNH Foundation Board of Trustees. Before locating in New Hampshire, Rob was active in Federation work in New Jersey, where he served as president of the Stein Assisted Living Residence in Somerset, NJ. Additionally, Rob is and has been actively involved locally as a Board member and treasurer of the Southeast Land Trust, Board member of the Three Rivers Stocking Association, as well as past chairman of the Brentwood Conservation Commission. When finding sparse spare time, Rob can be found skiing, hiking, fishing, birding, and generally enjoying the great outdoors.

Heather Gilbert is an environmentalist/conservationist who has held various positions with the Maine Department of Environmental Services, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Research, NH Depart-



*Rob Wofchuck and Heather Gilbert*

ment of Environmental Services, and the University of New Hampshire. Heather found her life's work after earning a degree in medical technology from UNH and pursuing a short career in medical technology. She worked for the Massachusetts Audubon directing an overnight camp for youth, and this experience inspired her to pursue her degree in environmental science from UNH. She has long served as a volunteer on the Brentwood Conservation Commission and assisting in elections, New Hampshire's favorite sport. In her spare time, Heather, like Rob, enjoys skiing and hiking as well as cycling.

Rob and Heather live in Brentwood.

JFNH is grateful for Rob and Heather's generosity and commitment to the missions set forth by JFNH.

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## Passover: A Time to Question and Debate

Passover will soon be here! We eagerly await the Passover Seder, the Jewish ritual that, according to national surveys, more American Jews participate in than any other. On the one hand, it's easy to love the Seder, a home-based gathering perpetuating time-honored traditions of symbolic food, song, and story. On the other hand, it's easy to take the Seder for granted, and in doing so, miss the whole point.

What is the point of carrying out Seder rituals? Clearly, we are trying to imagine our way back into the ancient story of being released from slavery in Egypt and being rescued at the Sea of Reeds. But rather than merely help us recount, the rituals are supposed to provoke questioning and debate. Our Four Questions ("Mah Nishtanah ha Laila Ha Zeh?" or "Why is this night different?") point us in the right direction, but perhaps our Sages might prefer our inquiry and engagement to go deeper, to go beyond the familiar and scripted questions.

A Talmud passage examines a Seder custom of those times, the removing of a tray table:

Rabbi in the House	
	<b>Rabbi Amy Loewenthal</b> Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

And why do we uproot the table? Rabbi Yannai said: So that the children should see and ask.

Abaye was sitting before Rabba. He saw that they removed the tray [too quickly]. He said: Have we already eaten that you are removing the tray?! Rabba said: You have exempted us from saying "Mah Nishtana."

-Talmud Bavli Pesachim 115b

Rabba is pleased at the genuine questioning that has been provoked, questioning that is just as good (or even better) than the scripted Four Questions.

In the spirit of our Sages, let's inquire more deeply into one of our beloved Seder customs, the story of the Four Sons. Most of us read this section of the

Maggid unquestioningly. But I invite you to delve deeper to understand its sources and appreciate the Rabbis' cleverness in composing the tale. Below are the Torah passages that inspired the Rabbis' creativity, followed by questions to guide your inquiry.

**(A) Deuteronomy 6:20-21**

When your son asks you in time to come: What is the meaning of the laws, statutes, and ordinances which A-donai our G-d has commanded you? You shall say to your son: "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt; and G-d brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand."

**(B) Exodus 12:26-27**

And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say to you: What do **you** (pl) mean by this service? You shall say: "It is the sacrifice of G-d's Passover, for G-d passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when G-d smote the Egyptians, but delivered our houses."

**(C) Exodus 13:13-15**

Every first-born of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb ... but all the first-born of man among your sons you shall redeem. When your son asks you...What

is this? you shall say to him: "By strength of hand G-d brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage."

**(D) Exodus 13:7-8**

Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days ... And you shall tell your son in that day: "It is because of what G-d did for me when I came forth out of Egypt."

**Questions:**

1) Among the Torah's many references to the Exodus from Egypt are the four passages listed above. What interpersonal interaction do they all have in common?

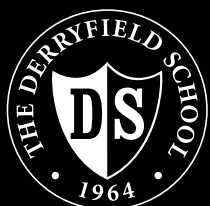
2) The ancient Rabbis loved to find similarities and make distinctions between them. You are likely familiar with their "Wise, Wicked, Simple, One Who Knows Not How to Ask" characterizations of the hypothetical sons/children mentioned in these texts. Can you find phrases in each of the texts that sparked the Rabbis' imaginative characterizations?

Whether you voraciously delve into hidden meanings, or calmly dip your parsley in salt water, I wish you a great Seder and a Happy Pesach!

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# Passover

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### Friday, April 19

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### Saturday, April 20

#### AMHERST

#### Congregation Betenu Community Seder

6 PM, Congregation Betenu, Amherst

Potluck 2nd Seder led by Rav Sam Blumberg. All dishes should be Passover friendly. Singles bring a side or dessert, families bring a main course. Please contact the Betenu office to reserve: [office@betenu.org](mailto:office@betenu.org) or 886-1633. Suggested donation: \$5 per person/\$18 per family.

#### CONCORD

#### Temple Beth Jacob Community Passover Seder

5:45 PM, Temple Beth Jacob, Concord

RSVP required no later than April 12, with how many and what you will bring ([office@tbjconcord.org](mailto:office@tbjconcord.org) or 228-8581). Cost is \$15/adult (13 and over), \$7/child (6-12 years). All are asked to bring a prepared Passover dish (cooked and ready to serve). All foods must be within Passover kashrut restrictions. This is a meat meal.

#### DERRY

#### Etz Hayim Passover Community Seder

5:30 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry

Kosher catered Seder, reservations required before April 4 at 432-0004 or [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org). Cost: Adults \$28, children \$15.

#### HANOVER

#### UVJC Second Night Seder

6 PM, Roth Center for Jewish Life, Hanover

RSVP by: April 14 to Chris DePierro, [office@uvjc.org](mailto:office@uvjc.org), 646-0460 or visit the website at [www.uvjc.org](http://www.uvjc.org). Adults \$40; Children under 13 years \$18; Non-members \$46/\$20.

#### KEENE

#### CAA Community Seder

5:30 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

\$13 per congregation member, \$8 per child 12 years and under, \$24 per non-congregational member. Please contact Daniella to RSVP and sign up for a dish to bring at [secretary.ahavas.achim@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ahavas.achim@gmail.com) or 352-6747.

#### MANCHESTER

#### Temple Adath Yeshurun Sisterhood Second Night, Traditional Passover Seder

6 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun Social Hall, Manchester

We look forward to dining with our congregational family! Adults \$36, children 12 & under \$12. RSVP: Your check to "TAY Sisterhood" by April, 11 is your reservation.

#### Temple Israel Manchester Passover Seder

6 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester

Cost: Temple Israel members \$30/adult, \$15/child aged 6-12, no charge for kids under 6. Nonmember guests \$40/adult, \$20/child aged 6-12, no charge for kids under 6. Reservations are required. Contact Christine at 622-6171 or [office@templeisraelmht.org](mailto:office@templeisraelmht.org) (email preferred).

#### NASHUA

#### Temple Beth Abraham Community Seder

5:30 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

A Temple Beth Abraham tradition! Do you have a favorite tradition that you would like to share? Would you like to lead part of the Seder, tell a story, do a skit, add a decoration, etc.? Come and join us! RSVP required: [www.tbanashua.org/event/community-seder2.html](http://www.tbanashua.org/event/community-seder2.html). Cost: Non-TBA members: adults \$36, children 6-12 \$20, children 5 and under FREE; TBA members: adults \$30, children 6-12 \$15, children 5 and under FREE.

#### PORTSMOUTH

#### Temple Israel Portsmouth Community Passover Seder

6:15 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

All are welcome to join with the Temple Israel Community in this relaxed evening of food, wine, friends, and remembrance of our release from bondage. Vegetarian meals available. Temple Israel member (non-member) cost is \$30 (\$40) for adults and \$10 (\$18) for children under 10. For tickets or more information, contact the Temple Office at 436-5301 or [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org).



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## Who Says Passover Has To Be Bland? Elevate Your Dishes to “Passover 2.0”

Passover is a time for beloved traditions – especially family recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation. But your grandma probably didn't have half a dozen different kinds of paprika at her disposal. It's possible she never heard of quinoa, either.

Well, times have changed. Palates have evolved. So when it comes to Passover, there's no reason to feel stuck in a rut.

Pereg Natural Foods ([www.pereg-gourmet.com](http://www.pereg-gourmet.com)) has asked kosher food writer, personal chef, and media personality Naomi Nachman, a.k.a. the “Aussie Gourmet,” to inspire you to change up your Passover game this year by sharing some recipes from her best-selling cookbook, *Perfect for Pesach* (ArtScroll).

“Delicious doesn't have to mean complicated,” says Nachman. “Sometimes a single ingredient, something new or unexpected, is all it takes to put an intriguing twist on a simple standby.”

Pereg's vast lineup of quality spices, spice blends, and ancient grains is like an artist's palette for home cooks; the possibilities are endless. Nachman shared a few recipes from her popular cookbook to spotlight some of these ingredients and show how easy it is to take Passover to the next level.

[Recipes shared by Naomi Nachman from *Perfect for Pesach* with permission from ArtScroll; Photos credits: Miriam Pascal.]

### Passover Quinoa “Hummus”

Quinoa (Kosher for Passover - Pereg Natural Foods) is a relative newcomer from South America. Since quinoa is a seed, it's perfectly acceptable for Passover use. Quinoa is a versatile “super-food” in every sense of the word: packed with nutrients and protein, high in fiber, low in fat, and gluten-free.



#### Ingredients:

1 cup Kosher for Passover Pereg Natural Foods Quinoa  
 ½ cup pine nuts  
 2 cloves garlic crushed  
 Juice of 1 lemon (2-3 teaspoons)  
 ½ teaspoon Kosher for Passover Pereg Natural Foods Salt  
 ½ teaspoon Kosher for Passover Pereg Natural Foods Cumin  
 1 Tablespoon olive oil  
 ¼ cup water  
 1 Tablespoon olive oil, for garnish  
 1 Tablespoon parsley, finely chopped for garnish  
 Kosher for Passover Pereg Natural Foods Paprika, for garnish  
 Pereg's Kosher for Passover Zahtar, for garnish

#### Method:

1. Place quinoa and pine nuts into the bowl of a food processor fitted with the “S” blade. Process until blended.
2. Add remaining ingredients; continue to blend. Scrape down sides and blend again for approximately 30 seconds. Do not over-blend or the mixture will become gummy.
3. Transfer to a serving bowl. Garnish with olive oil, parsley, zahtar and paprika. Store in an airtight container.

### Maple Glazed Rack of Ribs

#### Ingredients:

1 (4-5 pound) rack of beef ribs  
 1 Tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
 1 teaspoon Pereg Kosher for Passover Salt  
 ¼ teaspoon Pereg Kosher for Passover Black Pepper  
 1 teaspoon Pereg Kosher for Passover Paprika  
 1 teaspoon Pereg Kosher for Passover Onion Powder  
 6 cloves garlic, crushed  
 1 Tablespoon brown sugar  
 ½ cup pure maple syrup  
 ½ cup white wine  
 2 Tablespoons apple cider vinegar  
 2 Tablespoons tomato paste  
 1 teaspoon Pereg Kosher for Passover Salt

#### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees F. Place ribs into a large roasting pan; set aside.
2. In a small bowl, combine oil, salt, pepper, paprika, onion powder, garlic, and sugar. Mix well to form a paste. Rub paste all over the top and bottom of the meat.
3. If you have time, let the meat stand at room temperature for 1 hour to absorb some of the flavors.
4. In a second bowl, mix maple syrup, wine, vinegar, tomato paste, and salt. Pour over the meat. Cover the meat really well. Place in oven for 16 hours overnight.
5. Brush pan juices over meat; cut apart ribs just before serving.

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# Passover

## Pittsburgh Victim Family Member Launches “2 for Seder” Grassroots Event to Fight Anti-Semitism

Pittsburgh — A family member of a victim of the massacre at the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue, today announced a new event: “2 for Seder.” Aimed at tackling anti-Semitism at the grassroots level, 2 for Seder is an effort to encourage Jewish families to open their doors this Passover and build greater understanding with non-Jews.

The 2 for Seder event encourages Jewish families to welcome two non-Jews into Seder to experience first-hand the most celebrated Jewish holiday of the year in America. Opening the Seder to newcomers can dispel myths that breed misunderstanding, and directly fight bi-

ased attitudes. By opening up one’s home at Seder, Jewish families start a dialogue with non-Jewish friends and create a lasting ripple-effect.



Joyce Fienberg

believe that all American and Canadian Jews can take active steps to push back

“We are asking as many Jewish families as possible to participate in 2 for Seder this Passover,” said Marnie Fienberg, founder the 2 for Seder event. “We

against anti-Semitic acts like the shooting in Pittsburgh that touched my family so closely, through better understanding and openness. Inviting non-Jews to share Seder at Passover, one of the most popular Jewish holidays, is a start.”

“2 for Seder is inspired by my mother-in-law, Joyce Fienberg, who was one of 11 people murdered at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA on October 27, 2018,” said Fienberg. “Joyce always invited friends, neighbors, co-workers, and international students to our family’s holiday meals. Her generosity and openness meant new people were regularly a dynamic part of our family’s holiday meals. With 2 for Seder, we’re following her example.”

Host families are encouraged to sign up to show they are participating and receive a 2 for Seder Kit at [www.2forseder.org](http://www.2forseder.org). This first event is being held across the United States and Canada. The goal of 2 for Seder 2019 is to have 1,000 participating Seders, with at least 2,000 new people

experiencing this most Jewish of holidays.

Participating in 2 for Seder allows everyone across the country to stay in touch with Pittsburgh while taking positive action to push back against the misunderstandings and unfamiliarity about Jewish customs that can become the seeds of anti-Semitism. Together we can fight hate.

### About 2 for Seder and Pittsburgh Idea Evolutions (PIE)

The 2 for Seder event is managed by Pittsburgh Idea Evolutions, an emerging non-profit focusing on innovations and new approaches to help American and Canadian Jews participate in the fight against anti-Semitism.

The 2 for Seder event is held in partnership with the Jewish Community Center in Greater Pittsburgh, as well as the Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, the Anti-Defamation League, AJC, Hadassah, synagogues across the country, and many other Jewish professional groups fighting anti-Semitism.

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# Passover Greetings 2019

Wishing everyone a Zissen Pesach  
— Michele and Michael Bank

Chag Sameach Pesach! May your Seder gatherings be joy-filled, imbued with fond memories, rich with meaning, and shared with people you love  
— Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

We wish all JFNH families a wonderful and joyous Passover. Enjoy your Seders!  
— Elaine and Paul Bieber

Chag Sameach Pesach to the Community  
— The Carrus Family

May your Passover have less maror and more charoset. Chag Pesach Sameach!  
— Congregation Ahavas Achim

This Passover, as we rejoice in our freedom let us also remember the responsibilities to those who continue to strive for theirs. Happy Passover  
— The Crocker Family

Chag Pesach Sameach. May your Passover be rich with meaning and full of joy!  
— Anat Hatuka

Happy Passover from the Kushner Family  
— Andy, Norm, Scott, Jaime, Matthew, Ayla, Kenny, Lauren, and Max

We wish you Chag Sameach!!  
— The Leonard Family

May you celebrate the unique and special joys of Pesach with those you love. Chag Sameach!  
— Sidney and Eileen Regen

We wish you good health and joy in the rebirth and renewal of springtime  
— Linda and Sol Rockenmacher

May you go forth to new adventures, learning, better health, and happiness  
— Dr. Stephen Soreff and Ms. Peggy Tucker

Have a Zissen Pesach!  
— Liliane Sznycer & Abner Taub

Sending wishes for a happy and healthy Pesach. May the story of freedom carry your spirits to higher ground!  
— The students and teachers at The Philip Porter Religious School at TBA Nashua

Chag Sameach and a Zissen Pesach  
— Rabbi Robin Nafshi, Cantor Shira Nafshi, and the Temple Beth Jacob Community.

Wishing all a happy Pesach  
— Executive Councilor Andru Volinsky and Amy Goldstein



## TAY Brotherhood Has a Busy Spring Schedule – Join Us!

By Sol Rockenmacher

Manchester – TAY Brotherhood has been busy in recent weeks. Bob Katchen and his crew-mates David Rosenzweig, Mark Granoff, and Joel Gordon joined forces to feed 80 youngsters and their chaperones at the MANTY Winter Wonderland Breakfast at Temple Adath Yeshurun on Sunday morning, February 10. They served fresh fruit, juice, bagels, pastry, and coffee to the attendees for a nosh before they headed home from Manchester.

Next on our program agenda was “Purimissimo,” another much-anticipated TAY Purim Party headed up by Joel Gordon, on Sunday morning, March 24. Should be another really fun time!

On our calendar down the line: Spring Dinner Concert on Thursday night, May 9, followed by a Breakfast program on

the Taub family-founded “Swim With a Mission” initiative, a wonderful program serving our military veterans, on Sunday, May 19. Then comes our annual TAY Brotherhood-Sisterhood Service on Friday night, May 24, the Jewish community Memorial Day Service at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery on Monday, May 27, and our Annual Meeting- BBQ on Tuesday, June 4, which will round out another busy year.

While maintaining our active program schedule, we have also increased our annual support to TAY, helped fund Social Action Committee programs, and contributed to the sponsorship of the upcoming Interfaith Seder.

That is what Brotherhood is all about, as we try to continue our mission to serve our Temple and our Community. Stay tuned for more details on upcoming events!



Alex with his mother, Hannah, in Poland, 1948. Photo courtesy of Alex Konstantyn



Alex Konstantyn with the Israeli Defense Forces in 1957. Photo courtesy of Alex Konstantyn

## Portsmouth’s Temple Israel Observes Yom Hashoah With Survivor Testimony on May 5

Portsmouth – Holocaust Remembrance Day will be observed at Temple Israel Portsmouth, 200 State Street, on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3 PM.

Featured speaker and Holocaust survivor Alex Konstantyn will share his family’s experiences. They fled their home in Varenz, Poland, in 1941 to avoid being killed by Nazi troops and spent two years wandering the forests and small towns of

Europe, living on the streets and begging for food. Eventually, an old business acquaintance allowed them to hide in an underground cellar, where they waited another two years for the end of the war.

Please come and help us observe this important event, which is free and open to the public. Refreshments and viewing of a Holocaust-related exhibit will follow the program.

## Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Concert

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# In the Community

## Hadassah Supports Local Activities and Medical Research

Manchester – Last month, members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah Book Club held a potluck dinner at the home of Helen Arnold, who was also celebrating her birthday. The book discussed was *The Girl From the Garden* by Parnaz Faroutan. It is a story about the narrator's family, which inhabited a wealthy Jewish enclave in Iran – a very different culture than we are familiar with.

Chapter members will attend the NH4Israel's third annual walk/run for healing on Sunday, May 5. The proceeds from the race will benefit Hadassah Medical Organization's research on pancreatic cancer. You don't need to participate to donate.

The next chapter meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 23, at 7 PM. The address is 1400 Front Street, Manchester. All are welcome to attend.

The chapter's annual brunch is on Sunday, June 23, at the Manchester Country Club. In addition to a delicious menu, there will be singing entertainment by a Regional Idol Winner and a silent auction.



Front row: Dina Berger, Helen Arnold, Renee Brenner; second row: Carol Sternberg, Gail Ellis, Benay Birch, Reva Rovner; not pictured, Michele Bank.

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In international news, Hadassah reports: In 1912, Hadassah's first call to action was to raise enough funds to send two nurses to Palestine to treat infants and children with trachoma, a leading cause of blindness at the time. Today, Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) is still battling blindness with a new clinical trial that might cure age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Some 170 million people worldwide have AMD, according to the National Institutes of Health. While diagnosing dry AMD is simple, there has been no effective treatment, until now. Today, thanks to the 15-year research efforts of Dr. Eyal Banin, director of HMO's Center for Retinal and Macular Degeneration, a cure for this disease may be near. The preliminary results of this new clinical trial are exciting.

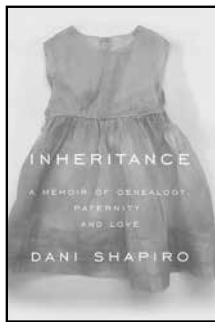
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## Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

### A Memoir Exposes a Family's Hidden Truth and Its Impact

Dani Shapiro has written quite a few memoirs. She has bared her soul and shared her personal life with readers for years. In her newest book, *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* (Knopf, 2019), she discovers the most explosive secret of her life. Through her writing, she has worked to understand herself and come to terms with feeling that she did not belong in the family she grew up in. But she also has written about



the importance to her of feeling part of an observant Jewish family, with connections going back generations through Orthodox Judaism. Her relationship to her father and his ancestors has been her grounding connection in the world. There were pictures hanging on the walls of her childhood home of those relatives. In each of her memoirs, she reveals more of the secrets that her family kept.

What makes us who we are? What combination of memory, history, biology, experience, and that ineffable thing called the soul defines us?

Imagine finding out that who you think

you are, your family history and ancestry, turn out to be completely different than the story you have lived for over 50 years. Shapiro's latest memoir shares that story: how she found out and how it has changed her life.

I, like others, have contemplated the idea of spitting into a test tube and sending it off to find out about my DNA. Also, I have thought that I would, like on the TV shows, research my ancestors and find out who I am related to going back generations. Always in the back of my mind is the idea that I will find out I am related to someone famous or that some surprise will be uncovered in my family history. But, I have always assumed it would be an exciting revelation. On a whim, Dani and her husband, Michael take an in-home DNA test. Dani has a very unexpected surprise when she gets the results.

These results start her on a journey to discover what her parents knew or did not know and why they never shared the information with her. She is also on a journey to find out who her biological father is and how he came to donate sperm to her exist-

ence. She contemplates the question, "What combination of memory, history, imagination, experience, subjectivity, genetic substance, and that ineffable thing called the soul makes us who we are?"

This book is both a personal story of Dani's life and how she comes to grips with who she really is. It also looks at the cultural and social norms that have developed in treating infertility: how researchers, doctors, and scientists look at infertility; how families approach infertility; and how young men in the 1960s may have not given too much thought to the results of sharing their sperm. Dani has become a case study of the ethical fallout of DNA analysis.

She learns she was donor conceived, the result of a procedure at the Farris Institute for Parenthood at the University of Pennsylvania, a somewhat unconventional clinic led by a maverick fertility doctor. Dani does quite a bit of research on the development of donors and the results for many couples who were having trouble conceiving. She also learns about others who have found out that they were conceived from donor sperm, about how they feel and react to the news. At the

time, no one could foresee the future of DNA research and the ability for anyone to test and discover their DNA matches.

It is fascinating to see how the actions of one generation impact the next generation in ways that hadn't been thought possible. Science has been moving forward so fast that people are finding out results of tests that were not even imagined a few decades ago.

Though Dani has changed the names of people in the book to protect their identities, it is an incredible and personal story. Dani does not shy away from baring her own soul for the public to see.

After reading this book, I will think very carefully before I move forward to test my DNA and look into my family history.

Dani Shapiro's books include the memoirs *Hourglass*, *Still Writing*, *Devotion*, and *Slow Motion*, and five novels including *Black & White* and *Family History*. She contributes regularly to The New York Times Book Review and has been broadcast on This American Life. Along with teaching writing workshops around the world, Dani has taught at Columbia and New York University. She lives with her family in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

## Spring Is Here: Play Ball!

By Paul Bieber

Spring is wonderful for so many things. Snow melts in New Hampshire, we sleep with one blanket instead of four, and, best of all, baseball season is here. To me, there is nothing better than an opening day for my favorite team, except I have two favorites. I lived in the New York City area for 30 years and fell in love with the Mets. Now, here in New Hampshire, I also love the current World Series champs, the Red Sox. But that is a story for another day.

Currently, there are nine Jewish men who will surely make Major League teams and 65 in the minors whose dream is to make it to the big leagues. Today's story is about the Jewish boys presently playing in the majors.

Richard Bleier is a relief pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles. He has a 1.97 earned run average (ERA), which is utterly fantastic after his three years in the majors. Currently, he is on the disabled list (DL), and I wish him well getting back into uniform.

Ryan Braun is an outfielder for the Milwaukee Brewers. He came to the Major League in 2007 and was immediately a hero for the Milwaukee fans. And the Jewish fans, too. Ryan was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in 2011, the first Jewish player to win since Sandy Koufax won it in 1963. Ryan owns the highest rookie slugging average in baseball. His lifetime batting average is .299. But, and there is always a but, Ryan ran into performance enhancing drug problems in 2013 and was suspended for most of that season. People now feel his hitting up to 2013 was fueled by the drugs. His hitting currently is very good, but not quite what it was when he first broke in.

Alex Bregman plays third for the Hous-

ton Astros. He played in in the 2018 All-Star game and hit a tenth inning home run to win the game, gaining him the game MVP, the first Jewish player to ever win this award. He arrived in the majors in July 2016 and is a great all-round player.

Max Fried is a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves. He arrived in the majors in 2018 and is already a mainstay for the team. He arrived for his big-league start wearing number 32 on his back, honoring Sandy Koufax, one of the greatest pitchers of all time.

Ian Kinsler is a second baseman for the San Diego Padres. He has been an All-Star for four years and won the Gold Glove, which is the best defense player at his position in his league, twice. Ian, who is a lead-off hitter, has 47 home runs to

start games. He also leads all Jewish players with 247 stolen bases. Ian has said, "I'm very into the cultural identity that comes with being Jewish. If there are Jewish kids out there who look up to me or see me as a role model of what's possible, I embrace that proudly."

Joc Pederson is a center fielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He has played in the majors for five years, averaging 25 homers a year. His defense is what is keeping him high on the list of Dodgers fans.

Kevin Pillar has been the center fielder for the Toronto Blue Jays since August 2013. On opening day in 2018, Kevin hit a single and then stole second, stole third, and to cap it off, stole home, the first Blue Jay to steal home in 11 years! Kevin is a steady hitter, striking out on

16% of his at bats, while the Major League average is over 20%.

Robert Stock is a relief pitcher for the San Diego Padres and just breaking into the big leagues. He played in a handful of games last year and is hoping to be on the final big-league roster for this year.

Rowdy Tellez, first baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays, made his debut last September. In his first three games, he hit three extra base hits (a double or better), the first time this has happened since 1920. He has a great future in baseball.

I hope you cheer for your favorite team this year. Enjoy the game!

*Paul Bieber is an impassioned baseball fan who roots for his teams from his home in Fitzwilliam.*

## Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Summer Programs Foster Spirit and Culture in the White Mountains

By Eileen Regen

Bethlehem – Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation has a great lineup of events and activities to fill summer days and evenings in the White Mountains.

Beginning with the arrival of Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum on Friday, July 5, members and visitors will enjoy weekly Friday and Saturday Shabbat services and Torah study in BHC's historic sanctuary. A Kiddush-Oneg gathering follows every service. Rabbi Kirshbaum will lead services and Torah study at BHC through the High Holy Days and Simchat Torah celebration.

BHC's popular Building Community

Through the Arts program begins its sixth year on July 5 with pianist Bernard Rose and cellist Edward Arron performing the first concert of the Sounds in the Sanctuary Classical Concert Series. This year, the concert series again includes five great performances.

On July 11, the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival opens with an uplifting story that will appeal to folks of all ages. Shlichah Noam Wolf will share her talents and spirit that weekend as well.

Book lovers are now preparing for the Books of Jewish Interest discussion group at the Bethlehem Public Library. This year's book list includes *The Plot*

*Against America* (Philip Roth), *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* (Heather Morris), *Bethlehem Road Murder* (Batya Gur), and *Lovesong: Becoming a Jew* (Julius Lester). For the youngsters, two PJ Library events will be offered.

To focus on the physical as well as spiritual and intellectual well-being, BHC will again host weekly Walking Tuesdays, Gentle Yoga with Susan Bonnici, and Feldenkrais with Jacki Katzman.

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## Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia Announces We Care Concerts and Jewish Food Festival Plans

Laconia – Temple B'nai Israel is gearing up for another year of good music and good food. The bands are booked and the cooking has begun, so mark your calendar now to be sure you don't miss out on these great events.

The first of two *We Care* concerts will take place on Saturday, May 26. Five O'Clock Shadow, the award-winning a cappella group, will perform to benefit the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, a New Hampshire-licensed home care and hospice agency that offers a full range of services in the comfort of your home. Five O'Clock Shadow is one of Boston's premiere vocal bands. These six vocalists have redefined the possibilities of vocal music by incorporating



mouth percussion, effectively blurring the lines between traditional a cappella singing and today's mainstream audio. What's more, these guys love what they do, and their joy is contagious!

The second *We Care* concert will take place on Saturday, October 25. Doo-Wop DeVille, New England's premiere doo-wop show band, will perform to benefit Interlakes Community Caregivers, a local non-profit agency comprised of volunteers who provide transportation and assistance with daily needs for people of all ages. The Doo-Wop DeVille Show presents the music the way it was meant to be: all live! Whether you are young, old, or in between, the stirring vocal harmonies and captivating choreography of men sporting sharkskin suits

singing to the exciting and dynamic rock-and-roll of a live band will have you clapping, snapping, dancing, and singing along with your favorite memories.

Both concerts will take place at the Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith. By purchasing a ticket for \$27.50, you will enjoy great music, food, and drink while supporting local agencies that provide vital services to the Lakes Region community. Complimentary snacks and desserts can be enjoyed at 7 PM, and the concerts begin at 7:45 PM. Tickets are available at [www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org), Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith, and Bayswater Books in Center Harbor. We Care thanks 2019 event sponsors Miracle Farms Landscaping, Cantin Chevrolet, and Golden View Health Care for their support.

Now in its 22nd year, the Annual Jewish Food Festival is one of the highlights of summer in the Lakes Region. Plan now to dine under the tent on Sunday, July 14, from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Temple, located at 210 Court Street in Laconia. Enjoy the tastes and smells reminiscent of the kitchens of Jewish mothers and bubbies (grandmothers) -- from traditional Jewish cooking to delicatessen delights to amazing desserts and more! If you want to be sure you don't miss out on your favorite dishes, you can pre-order your favorites at [www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org). All advance orders are guaranteed to be filled, never any disappointments. Pre-ordering takes place April 14 to June 2. Most major credit cards (see specifics on the site) and PayPal are accepted.

## Ellen Allard in Concert: Building Community Through Music

Haverhill, MA – Temple Emanu-El is thrilled to announce that acclaimed Jewish musician and educator Ellen Allard will perform at Temple Emanu-El in Haverhill, Mass., on Saturday, April 6. Cantor Vera Broekhuysen of Temple Emanu-El will join Ellen as guest vocalist. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7 PM, and the concert will begin at 7:30 PM. Ellen and Cantor Vera will lead a short Havdalah service, marking the end of Shabbat, following the performance. Tickets for this exciting evening of music (adults only, please) are \$18/person and will be available for purchase through the Temple office at 978-373-3861. Seating is first come, first served. Please contact the office ([Nancy@TempleEmanu-El.org](mailto:Nancy@TempleEmanu-El.org) or 978-373-3861) with any questions. The Temple is located at 514 Main Street, Haverhill, Mass.

Ellen Allard, award-winning recording artist, composer, performer, and educator, is one of the most popular and influential Jewish musicians on today's vibrant contemporary Jewish music scene. With over 40 years of performing experience, as well as 14 CDs and seven songbooks in her catalog (and a library of over 300 songs that she has composed), Ellen continues to charm audiences with her interactive, infectious, and entertaining music.

Widely recognized for her appeal to audiences of all ages, Ellen's songs have become the gold standard when it comes

to engaging Jewish audiences. With a strong commitment to building community through music, Ellen has a charismatic and charming way of getting participants to sing along. She knows exactly how to engage and hold her audience's attention – sometimes light-hearted, sometimes serious, always meaningful.

Ellen's songs have been recorded by other well-known performers and recording artists and are used in synagogues and religious schools throughout the United States. She is a graduate of Boston University, with a bachelor's degree in music, and holds a master's degree in early childhood education from Arcadia University. Ellen lives in Boston, Mass.

### About Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El is a dynamic Reform congregation with a traditional, yet creative, orientation serving a community of diverse needs and backgrounds. Since 1937, members of the Jewish community of Greater Haverhill, the Merrimack Valley, and southern New Hampshire have joined together to express our Jewish identities through worship, education, social action, friendship, and socializing. As a congregation, we foster a deep commitment to a Jewish way of life and to the future of our community. For more information about membership, religious school, adult education, and social programs, contact Nancy LaFleur at 978-373-3861 or visit [www.TempleEmanu-El.org](http://www.TempleEmanu-El.org).

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## Learn About Swim With a Mission at Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood Spring Breakfast

Manchester – Two years ago, Phil and Julie Taub of Bedford started a new charity, Swim With a Mission, because they understood and saw how many in our state desperately need assistance. Veterans and their families have given so much, and some had made the ultimate sacrifice. Phil and Julie felt that they needed to do something, so they went on a mission to help and honor our veterans. They founded Swim With a Mission ([www.swimwithamission.org](http://www.swimwithamission.org)), an open water swim fundraiser across Newfound Lake, with the support of Navy Seals. They have since added other events and continue to grow.

Over the first two years, the Taubs raised over \$1.2 million via registration fees and sponsorship, to help support several veteran service organizations. This year's swim event will be on July 13.

Please join Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood for breakfast at 10 AM on Sunday morning, May 19, to hear Phil and Julie discuss this wonderful mitzvah. Bagels, shmeers, pastry, fruit, coffee, and tea will be served. There is no admission charge, but please register by calling the TAY office at 669-5650 so that we can plan for enough food, chairs, and tables for the event.



Swimmers finishing the 5K swim at last year's Swim With a Mission event at Newfound Lake.



Navy SEALs, NH Adjutant General David Mikolaites, Gov. Chris Sununu join Phil, Julie, and Benjamin Taub in front of a Blackhawk helicopter at last year's Swim With a Mission event.

## Jewish New Hampshire Synagogue Challenge for Israel

Derry – Win a pizza party for your temple, youth group, and Hebrew school students!

NH4Israel's 2019 Run/Walk for Healing to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer research at Hadassah Medical Center is looking for participants on Sunday, May 5, noon-3 PM. The goal is to double the number of runners and walkers from last year, which was just shy of 100! All proceeds will be donated to groundbreaking research at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Hadassah Medical Center is a remarkable place that serves people of all nationalities, religions, and backgrounds, promoting peace by providing healthcare for all.

People who register early will get a beautiful, collectible t-shirt designed by Dan Grinley of Grinley Creative that embodies hope, life, achievement, and peace. The image features two stylized figures releasing doves flying toward the sun. Race day will have raffle prizes, food, live music

by James and Gayle O'Hare, and dancing to "Hava Nagila." Israel will be celebrated, and recent terror victim Ziv Hagbi, brother of local community member Tal Hagbi, will be remembered.

The sign-up page for the Run gives you the option to create a new team or to join an existing team. The team with the most participants will win a pizza party! At press time, you could join teams NH4Israel, Etz Hayim Synagogue, The Church of the Transfiguration, JFNH, Hadassah, or Uncle Bob's Cosmic Team, or you could create your own team.

An amazing fact is that a single strong horse can pull 9,000 pounds. However, two horses, hitched together, can pull an amazing 33,000 pounds! Let's join together to make this event a 33,000 pounder. You can make a difference!

Run, walk, volunteer, donate, or become a sponsor and help find a cure for one of the world's deadliest cancers. For more information, go to <https://NH4Israel.org>.


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# Recent Events

Would you like to see photos of your Jewish community event here? We accept a maximum of 2 high-resolution photos per event, with 1-sentence captions. Send jpeg attachments to [thereporter@jewishnh.org](mailto:thereporter@jewishnh.org).



JFNH Preschool celebrated acclaimed children's author Dr. Seuss's birthday by dressing as one of his most beloved characters, Cat in the Hat.



Reading the story "A Tale of Five Balloons" with JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf at the Early Learning Center at Portsmouth's Temple Israel.



Cantors Micah Morgovsky and Shira Nafshi wowed the audience during Temple Israel's "From Bimah to Broadway" concert on March 9 in Portsmouth as they sang gorgeous settings of liturgical music as well as songs from the secular world of musical theater that ranged in mood from humorous to profound.



On March 7, Etz Hayim Synagogue's adult education program hosted an extremely successful discussion on law enforcement's use of data on smart phones with panelists Seth R. Aframe, Esq.; Georgiana Konesky, Esq.; and Nick Abramson, Esq.



On Friday, February 15, members of Hempstead's St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and Londonderry's United Methodist Parsonage joined with Etz Hayim Synagogue for services. In photo, Rabbi Peter Levy and Amy Dattner Levy are flanked by Rev. Zachary Harmon (left) and Pastor Amy Alletzhauzer (right).



On March 5, Etz Hayim Synagogue religious school parents participated in a quick and fun "Pessach 101" cooking class, where "master chefs" Karen Seidler and Board of Directors president Dina Michael Chaitowitz, taught them to make vegetarian chopped liver and chocolate-covered matzah.



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# Recent Events



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf doing crafts with the kids at the JFNH preschool, after reading the Leah Goldberg story of “Dira Lehaskir” (apartment for rent).



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf teaches Hebrew at the Shuk to the kids of Congregation Betenu.



The kids of Temple Israel Manchester really kicked up their heels at the Pjammin' Havdalah Dance Party! Photograph courtesy of Norri Oberlander



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf spent time at the Hebrew School at TBJ, where she taught Hebrew at the Beach to grades 2-7.



Yalla Vermont, an Israeli restaurant, where JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf had lunch with Rabbi Amy Loewenthal from Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene.



What's Cooking at Temple Israel Manchester? The kitchen renovations are finished! LRC Fire Safety of Manchester installed new duct work to vent the stove and brought our range up to code. Many thanks to Michael Sydney for coordinating the project.

## Wake Up: Anti-Semitism Is Alive and Well in the U.S. Congress

By Sarit Itenberg and  
Jonathan Greenblatt

Let's just come out and say it and be OK with it. You are not wrong for not knowing. You are not wrong for not speaking up. You are not wrong for falling into circles of perpetual misinformation -- until now. Let's please hold ourselves personally accountable. Let's please educate ourselves more on topics that are important for our community and our nation. Let's please stop getting our news from streaming headlines, Facebook, or our friends. I beg you to please read, listen, and learn. Be very alert and aware of what is going on around you.

For a minute in time, freeze, forget about who is President, forget about the Wall, forget about MS-13, forget about global warming, forget about late-term abortions, forget about healthcare for all, and for this moment, think about 1948, the state of Israel, and the what happened to our families in Europe the decade leading up to that. Now, think for a moment, Why are we not united? Why are we divided? If you are reading this, you are one of the of NH Jewish families. You are a proud Jewish person with a proud Jewish heritage. You are someone who maybe has traveled to Israel once or many times or someone who really hopes to; after all, it is the Jewish national homeland.

Now, wake yourself up from that moment I asked you to freeze, and really

open your eyes wide to what is going on. There is a growing sentiment that is becoming a great threat to our community right here at home, specifically in our own U.S. House of Representatives. Anytime we are accused of hypnotizing the world, having less patriotism to the U.S. because of dual loyalty to Israel, or financially influencing decision-making in the U.S. government regarding Israel, that is blatant anti-Semitism and is a re-gurgitation of previous anti-Semitic tropes used in the Middle Ages, czarist and communist Russia, and Nazi Germany. These recent events are signals to us to pay very close attention.

In recent weeks, we as a community have not been outspoken enough against Rep. Ilhan Omar. and her colleagues. If you do not know all the details surrounding these events, stop reading now and look them up. Inform yourselves. This is crucial.

Rep. Ilhan Omar ( D-Minnesota) has, over the years, repeatedly made anti-Semitic statements, and her recent statements since being elected to Congress have been widely criticized on both sides of the aisle. Rep. Omar is an anti-Semite at the core, and her recent blatantly anti-Semitic statements are simply not becoming of a U.S. elected official. She certainly does not belong on the House Foreign Relations Committee. What happened after her recent statements in Congress: Well, that's simple. The blatant

anti-Semitic remarks were diluted and somehow lumped into an all-encompassing anti-hate resolution. The resolution was then passed by an overwhelming majority in Congress condemning anti-Semitism, anti-Islam, and all hate.

How did anti-Semitic tropes proclaimed by Rep. Omar result in a bill protecting her and us? Now, now, don't jump to judgment. I, OF COURSE, do not accept bigotry against any group and would always speak out against Islamophobia. HOWEVER, that was not the case at hand. The wrongdoing of anti-Semitic tropes against the Jewish community in America was adulterated because they had been made by a Muslim woman refugee from Somalia. Pay attention.

Also note that Rep. Omar stated that she did not support BDS [boycott, divest, sanctions] against Israel when running for office, but once elected, she revealed that she in fact supports BDS against Israel. Another new Representative in Congress, Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Michigan), also openly supports BDS against Israel.

To quote Alan Dershowitz, Harvard law Professor Emeritus: The BDS movement is anti-Semitic because it singles out Israel for economic strangulation. He further points out that the historical and current reality is being ignored. Arab citizens of Israel, who make up one-fifth of Israel's population, are freer than all Arabs living in Arab countries

around the world. "The BDS movement doesn't just hurt Israel, it hurts everyone," he said. "They don't care about helping the world, they care about hurting Israel." The BDS movement was founded by and continues to be orchestrated by terrorist factions within the Palestinian community.

Wait, have we yet mentioned that a Holocaust denier was just elected to public office in Richmond, NH? Are we OK with this? There is no way we are OK with this. Why are we not speaking up?

Come on now, wake up, NH. Lets work together to be aware of clear threats to our community and to be one in support of our community.

Lets get it together, chaverim. We are in danger now more than ever in recent years. We are in danger here in the U.S., abroad in Europe, and beyond. The state of Israel is in danger.

Wake up, unify, and never forget the past that has led us down some very, very dark times.

*Sarit Itenberg and Jonathan Greenblatt live in Bedford, NH.*

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## World Jewry

### Jewish Groups Respond to Attack on Muslim Worshipers in New Zealand

#### JFNA Statement on New Zealand Shootings

The following statement was put out by Jewish Federations of North America regarding the shooting at two mosques in Christchurch, NZ, on March 15:

We are devastated by the senseless hate-filled terror attack targeting two mosques in the New Zealand city of Christchurch. Our Jewish community mourns the tragic loss of 49 innocent lives. We know all too well the price of terrorism, racism and hatred.

No person should ever have to fear attending a sacred place of worship. The xenophobia that led to this unspeakable bloodshed must be condemned in no uncertain terms by leaders worldwide and

the public-at-large. Hatred and vitriol must have no place to manifest. We cannot allow it to continue to violate the moral and ethical core of our society.

#### Jewish Council for Public Affairs Condemns the Horrific Shootings of Muslim Worshipers in New Zealand

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) condemns the devastating and horrific shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, which killed 49 Muslim worshipers. Our hearts go out to the families of those murdered, to those injured, and to all of our brothers and sisters in the Muslim community worldwide. We will continue to fight against hate, Islamophobia, and growing

white supremacy, racism, and extremism both at home and abroad.

"This is a tragedy not just for Muslims but for all people and all communities of faith. A house of worship must be a sacred space. We must put in place a much stronger set of policies to bring a halt to the lethal combination of gun violence and white supremacy," stated Cheryl Fishbein, Chair of JCPA.

"Just as Muslim leaders stood with us in the wake of the Pittsburgh shootings, we stand with our Muslim friends," said David Bernstein, JCPA's President and CEO.

JCPA urges everyone, especially those in media, to refrain from sharing the shooter's manifesto and video footage of the shooting, and we call on social media

platforms to immediately take them down. We must ensure that social media is not used to further hateful activities, including incitement, calls to violence, intimidation, threats, or defamation targeting people based on their race, religion, or gender.

*The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) is the hub of the Jewish community relations movement, representing over 125 local Jewish community relations councils (JCRC's) and 17 national Jewish agencies. Together our network builds consensus on behalf of the entire Jewish community to promote a just and pluralistic American society, advocate for human rights around the world, and support Israel's quest for peace and security.*



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## Festival Schedule At A Glance

### Thursday, April 4, 2019

**Chewdaism, Double Date, & Wendy's Shabbat**

7:00 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester

### Saturday, April 6, 2019

**Carl Laemmle**

8:00 PM (Doors open 7:30 PM), Currier Museum, Manchester

**GALA FOOD AND WINE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

**SPECIAL GUEST: BOB TREITEL**

### Sunday, April 7, 2019

**93 Queen**

1:00 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack

1:00 PM, Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough

**The Last Suit**

1:00 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth

**The Samuel Project**

3:30 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack

3:30 PM, Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough

**Satan and Adam**

3:30 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth

**POST FILM DISCUSSION: ADAM GUSSOW**

### Tuesday, April 9, 2019

**Golda's Balcony, The Film**

7:00 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester

**POST FILM DISCUSSION: DAVID FISHELSON, PRODUCER**

### Thursday, April 11, 2019

**Working Woman**

7:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

### Saturday, April 13, 2019

**Shoelaces**

8:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

**SOCIABLE SATURDAY NIGHT EVENT!**

### Sunday, April 14, 2019

**Budapest Noir**

1:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

**Inside Out**

1:30 PM, The Hotel Concord, Concord

**PJ LIBRARY EVENT — FREE**

**Who Will Write Our History**

3:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

**SPECIAL GUEST: DIRECTOR ROBERTA GROSSMAN VIA SKYPE**

**Full-Court Miracle**

3:30 PM, The Hotel Concord, Concord

**PJ OUR WAY EVENT — FREE**

**Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel**

5:30 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

**FESTIVAL WRAP PARTY, SPEAKERS TBA**

### Sunday, June 23, 2019

**Babi Yar**

3:30 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

**SPECIAL FILM EVENT, DETAILS TBA**

