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



**Meet Avia Sagron, New Hampshire's New Shlichah**

**JFNH Signature Program**

This month JFNH is excited to welcome our new Shlichah, Avia Sagron. We learned some interesting facts about Avia in our interview and can't wait to learn even more when she arrives later in the month.

**Where in Israel do you live?**

I was born and raised in Kiryat Shmona (in northern Israel). For the last three years I have lived in the Golan Heights and Kibbutz Yakum (in the center of Israel).

**What will people find most surprising about you?**

I think people would be surprised to find out that I don't use my first name, Tehia, which means "revival" in Hebrew. I use only my middle name, Avia, because it's the name my family has called me all my life.

**What is your favorite Israeli food? American food?**

My favorite Israeli food is hummus, and I



*New JFNH Shlichah Avia Sagron. Avia is slated to arrive mid-August!*

think my favorite American food is donuts. (I am crazy about chocolate in general).

**What is your favorite Israeli song? American song?**

These days my favorite Israeli song is

"Mode Ani" by Meir Ariel, and my favorite American song is "Free Fallin" by John Mayer, but it changes all the time.

**What are you most excited to see/do/visit/eat/explore/experience in New Hampshire?**

First of all, I'm most excited to meet everyone and get to know your community. The second thing is to travel in New Hampshire. I heard that it's a beautiful country with wonderful views.

**What do you most want people to know (or understand) about Israel?**

I think that sometimes Israel can look like a dangerous place because of the international media. I want people to know how it really feels to live in Israel and grow up in this special country.

**What do you feel you can teach us (New Hampshire Jews) about Israel?**

I feel that I can teach about modern Israeli culture. Israeli art, food, music, and how we celebrate our holidays and special days. My

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**Our Federation of the Future Is NOW: JFNH Is Relocating to Better Serve Community**

It's 2019, and Federations of all sizes across North America are reinventing themselves and re-engaging their communities. Nowhere is that more the case than here in New Hampshire. As Federations nationwide adapt to envelop more widespread and diverse Jewish populations across broader geographic areas, we are excited to announce our plans here in the Granite State.

Over the past year, we have been actively listening to you, our stakeholders, about your needs as you live Jewishly here in New Hampshire. There is a longing to gather and convene, a desire to connect with Jews outside our own temple communities, an interest in social opportunities that were plentiful

in iterations of JFNH gone by. There is concern about organizational visibility and frustration with parking and accessibility at our current location on Hanover Street. Lay leaders have articulated a need for leadership around advancing efforts to combat hate speech and to speak out against anti-Semitism in all its forms, and have looked to JFNH for resources and expertise.

For these reasons and more, the board of JFNH is excited to announce that we are relocating in early September to a new storefront space in Bedford on South River Road! This new location will be easily accessible (1 mile from I-93) with free, on-site parking,

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Jewish Federation of New Hampshire 2019 Annual Meeting**

Keynote Speaker:  
New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu

**Sunday, September 15, at 3 PM**  
Temple Israel Manchester

- Celebrate the Shem Tov Award winners
- Meet our new Shlichah
- Hear about Federation's recent accomplishments & plans for the year ahead
- Learn more about the state of hate & anti-Semitism in NH with Federation & our security partners

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Saturday morning twice a month, 9:30 AM

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Weekly Services: July through Simchat Torah  
Friday: 6:30 PM; Saturday: 10 AM

## CLAREMONT

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Services: Generally the second Friday of the month, 6:15 PM, April to November.

## CONCORD

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Services: Friday night - 7 PM  
Saturday morning - 9:30 AM

## DERRY

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Please check the website for the Shabbat Morning schedule

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Shabbat morning services  
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uvjc@valley.net  
Services: Friday night Shabbat services at 6 PM, led by Dartmouth Hillel  
Saturday morning Shabbat services at 10 AM

## KEENE

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Services: Shabbat Services  
Saturday morning at 9:30 AM  
Sunday morning minyan at 9 AM

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Services: Shabbat services the first Friday of the month at 6 PM  
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Alternating Shabbat services or Torah study Saturday mornings at 10 AM

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Services: Alternate Fridays at 7 PM  
Saturday at 9:30 AM  
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## NASHUA

### TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

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Saturday morning 9:30 AM  
Mon. - Thur. minyan 7:30 PM

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Enter meeting ID <https://zoom.us/j/381930069>  
Holiday service times, locations TBA

## PORTSMOUTH

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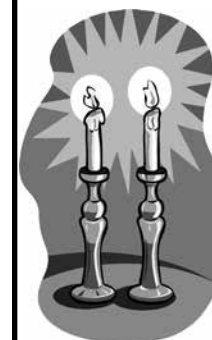
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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



<b>August 2</b>	<b>7:48 PM</b>
<b>August 9</b>	<b>7:39 PM</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>7:29 PM</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>7:18 PM</b>
<b>August 30</b>	<b>7:07 PM</b>

## Annual Meeting to Focus on the State of Hate in NH: Save the Date

On Sunday, September 15, we will gather as we have every year for decades to celebrate the accomplishments of our statewide Jewish community. Certainly there is a great deal to applaud: PJ Library is growing, our Shlichah Program continues to make a deep impact, more seniors are joining our programs, and Film Festival attendance was up this year. Additionally, we have Shem Tov Award recipients in each of our communities who will be recognized for their mitzvot and important work. The event usually involves an impressive amount of food, and it is a great place to catch up socially with old friends and new.

While that is all important and integral to Federations operations, we cannot ignore what is happening in the bigger picture — globally, nationally, and here in New Hampshire.

Anti-Semitism is on the rise. Hate speech is commonplace. Vandalism has increased. And Jewish children are being bullied at school.

This Annual Meeting will be different because it needs to be.

Did you know that in March of this year, an outspoken Holocaust denier was elected to the board of selectmen in the town of Richmond, NH?

Did you know that hate speech and anti-Semitism in our schools can often be

**Melanie Zalman  
McDonald**

**Executive  
Director**



misread as “typical bullying”?

We can’t push it aside, we can’t focus only on the positives. We must face this reality together. This is real, and it’s happening right here, across New Hampshire.

While our history as a Jewish community has been wrought with adversity, we have come to realize that we are living in different times. Since our last gathering on October 7, 2018, there have been unspeakable tragedies in the Jewish community: shootings in Pittsburgh and Poway, arson at Chabad in Massachusetts, and hate speech and anti-Semitic tropes right here in the Granite State. Federation’s office has never received more phone calls about anti-Semitic vandalism, bullying of Jewish children in schools, and requests for guidance, support, and training from our synagogue counterparts. In the past two years, New Hampshire has seen a dramatic uptick in these incidents: anti-Semitic vandalism in Keene, Jaffrey, and Manchester; threats to Concord’s Jewish community and Rabbi, and troubling anti-Semitic and

anti-Israel content on social media, all of which are on our collective radar.

During this past year, we have all invested time, energy, effort, and resources in security for our synagogues and religious schools. We have tightened up our facilities, gathered in security committees, and attended active shooter trainings. We have undertaken these necessary precautions and have struggled with the increased difficulty of balancing the need to protect our congregants with the need to be warm and welcoming. All of this has been done with a combination of determination, worry, pride, hope, and teamwork despite its triggering in many of us a sense of PTSD, evoking a deep-seeded feeling that comes with decades of persecution, discrimination, and “otherness.”

Did you know that New Hampshire has the second highest number of identified hate groups of all the New England States (second only to Massachusetts)?

While JFNH has made some headway in the form of security partnerships (with the FBI, Dept. of Homeland Security, Attorney General, and local and State Police), we are ready to bring this conversation to the next level, enlisting a deeper level of support and partnership with our government as we advance the effort to reduce (nay, eliminate) hate and anti-

Semitism in our state. It is with that in mind that we have invited our sitting governor, Chris Sununu, to join us at the Annual Meeting and to share what he is doing in his capacity to address these concerns. No matter where your views fall on the political spectrum, your presence is critical, and requested!

We recognize that these are uncomfortable conversations, and that many synagogue communities are already having them. It’s time to broaden the circle and to open up the dialogue statewide. It’s time to identify the places where we can have an impact. It’s time to shine a bright light in the dark places where these acts and words are unfolding. This is a year for change, and it can only happen as one unified Jewish New Hampshire.

Please join us on Sunday, September 15, at 3 PM in the Sanctuary of Temple Israel in Manchester to be a part of this important gathering and to learn more about efforts already underway and how together we can advance the fight against hate and anti-Semitism. Following the speakers and awards ceremony, there will be a dessert buffet for all to enjoy.

Stay tuned to your mail and email boxes for more information. If you are a JFNH member in good standing and you wish to RSVP early, please email [info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org) or call us at (603) 627-7679.

## If Not Us, Then Who? It’s Time to Give

Fellow Jewish New Hampshireites, I hope you are having an excellent summer and that you have enjoyed some sunny days spent lakeside, poolside, or otherwise outside in our beautiful state. As the fall approaches at Federation, our thoughts start to turn to the annual campaign that is so vital to our fiscal health. I have been asked to write this board column about why my family gives, and to again ask for your generous support this year.

Why do we give? For a very simple reason — if not us, then who? Sustaining Jewish community in places where Jews are a minority — and in particular, in places like New Hampshire, where we are an even smaller minority than in the broader United States — requires that we be intentional in our actions, and that we invest our time, wisdom, and resources to keep that community strong. Each of us has the potential to make an incredible impact on the NH Jewish community. My family gives to JFNH and to other Jewish institutions in New Hampshire because we know our gifts matter and

**Julia Kay Preis**

**Board Column**



that they make a difference in keeping this community strong.

This sense of responsibility for our community is a natural outgrowth of our Jewish pride. We give because we care deeply about raising Jewish children and are extremely proud to be Jewish. The events of the past year have changed everything and nothing -- the hard and joyous work of raising Jewish kids continues, day in and day out, regardless of what events might transpire locally or globally. JFNH’s PJ Library programming, support for our Hebrew schools, and Israeli emissary (shlichah) program are but a few efforts that aid us in our Jewish parenting efforts, and for which we are grateful.

At the same time, the importance of

JFNH is even more critical as we appear to face increased anti-Semitism. JFNH is the voice of Jewish NH and seeks to be at the forefront of combating and responding to anti-Semitism and hate on behalf of our community. We hope you will join us at our annual meeting in September to hear more about efforts on this critical priority.

We also give because we can -- and so can you. It is true that four- and five-figure (and dare we dream, six-figure) gifts historically have driven our campaign total, and we are incredibly grateful to the generous donors of these gifts. But it is the smaller gifts, the \$18 and \$36 ones, that I also find meaningful and inspiring. The donors of those gifts also clearly care about our community and they too are standing up and taking responsibility for our future, together.

So can all of us. If 5,000 NH Jewish families start giving or increase their gifts by \$36 this year, that will translate to an extraordinary campaign increase of \$180,000. There is strength in numbers,

and no gift or increase is too small.

This past weekend we entertained college Hillel friends who now reside in Westchester, NY, and who are contemplating a move to New Hampshire. It was wonderful to see them, and to see our mess of kids having a great time together. Our conversation naturally turned to the subject of raising Jewish kids here, and the unique challenges — but also opportunities — it poses vs. more Jewishly populated areas. The challenges are self-apparent; I don’t need to elaborate on them here.

I think the opportunities are more interesting — that each family, each parent, each child has the chance to really step up and make a difference in this community if they are so motivated. That is something exciting and special about the NH Jewish community. What are you doing right now, and what are you going to do this year, with that power, that opportunity?

I hope, among other things, that you will consider generously supporting

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# Statewide Calendar of Events

To submit Calendar items for the print and online JFNH Calendar and E-News, go to <https://jewishnh.org/community-calendar>, click the red "Suggest an Event" button, then fill in the form with your event information.

## Thursday, August 1

### Yarncraft Group

9-11 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Drop in and sit and knit and crochet, or any other number of fiber-related crafts! If you have any questions, please email Jessica Stern at [SerenovaCrafts@gmail.com](mailto:SerenovaCrafts@gmail.com).

## Friday, August 2

### Friday Afternoon Classical Concerts, "Sounds in the Sanctuary"

5 PM, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Sanctuary, Bethlehem

Featuring Ensemble Aubade: Peter H. Bloom, flute; Francis Grimes, viola; and Mary Jane Rupert, piano. Works of C.P.E. Bach, Carl Maria von Weber, Robert Russell Bennett, and Karl Henning. Tickets at the door: \$17 BHC members, \$20 general admission. Season Passes: \$68 BHC members, \$80 general admission. For all program details and ticket purchasing information please visit [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org). To order season passes contact Michel Adler at [adlermf@verizon.net](mailto:adlermf@verizon.net).

### Shabbat Alive! Outdoor Friday Dinner and Service

5:30-7:30 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Come from 5:30 on for a pre-Shabbat barbecue. RSVP Required. Cost: \$9 per adult, \$5 per child, free for ages 5 and under. Stay for candle lighting and a rousing, singing Shabbat evening service outside, led by our Shabbat Alive players! Dessert afterward, including blessings over juice/wine and challah at 6:30 PM. The Shabbat Alive service will be in the backyard of the synagogue, or inside in case of rain or heat. Services are free and require no RSVP. For more information, please email [office@tbanashua.org](mailto:office@tbanashua.org) or visit <https://www.tbanashua.org>.

## Saturday, August 3

### "Havdalah on The Lake" Cruise Presented by Temple B'nai Israel

7:30-9:30 PM, Laconia (Cruise Departs from Mount Washington Cruises Docks)  
Cruise with us on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee on the M/V Doris E. When we see 3 stars, we'll stop the boat and surrounded by islands and peaceful quiet, our cantorial soloist Melody Funk will conduct Havdalah services. We'll sing songs, eat dessert, and share a wonderful end to Shabbat. Please arrive 20 minutes before departure. The M/V Doris E is 78 feet long, has a capacity of 125 people, with room for 70 people under cover. Restroom facilities on board. All New Hampshire Jewish community members are invited! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 13 if purchased in advance (\$20 for all tickets purchased dockside). Purchase tickets online at [www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org) or mail a check to Temple B'nai Israel, 210 Court Street, Laconia, NH 03246. Please specify the number of adult/children tickets needed. For more information, email [info@tbinh.org](mailto:info@tbinh.org).

## Wednesday, August 7

### BABKA Book Club

8 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
The book for the August meeting is *Journey to the End of the Millenium* by A.B. Yehoshua, and the book for the September meeting is *Eternal Life* by Dara Horn. Enjoy a rousing discussion regarding the reading!

## Thursday, August 8

### Yarncraft Group

9-11 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
See August 1 listing for more information.

### Seniors Forever Young Squam Lake Cruise

9:30 AM-3:00 PM, Squam Lake, Holderness  
Participants will meet the van at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester at 9:30 AM. The cruise departs at 11:30 AM. Lunch at Common Man after the cruise (not included in the cost of the trip). Cost: \$24/person. Contact: Allyson Guertin at [outreach@jewishnh.org](mailto:outreach@jewishnh.org) to register or for information.

### Film Festival Thursdays, White Mountain Jewish Film Festival: *The German Doctor*

6 PM, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem  
Guest Speaker: Marjorie Agosin, award-winning Chilean author, poet, and professor, and winner of the Gabriela Mistral Medal for Lifetime Achievement. Tickets at the door: \$9 BHC members, \$10. Season Passes: \$40 BHC members, \$45 general admission. To order Season Passes contact Michel Adler at [adlermf@verizon.net](mailto:adlermf@verizon.net). For all program details and ticket purchasing information please visit [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org).

## Friday, August 9

### Movement and Judaism with Gabriella Foster

5:30 PM, followed by (optional) Shabbat Dinner, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Gabriella Foster, a recent alum of Colby College who double majored in Religious Studies and Theater/Dance, is bringing her senior research to Beth Abraham. Gabriella will lead us in the exploration of what it means to be Jewish today through conversation, collaboration, and movement-based tasks. All ages and bodies are welcome! Gabriella's family are longtime members of Beth Abraham. Dinner is separate registration after "Movement and Judaism." Adults 13 and up are \$9, Children 6-12 are \$5, and Children 5 and under are free. Please register at <https://www.tbanashua.org>.

## Saturday, August 10

### Erev Tisha B'Av Study Session at Temple Adath Yeshurun

8-9:30 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
Contact: Karen Rothstein at 603-669-5650 or [office@taynh.org](mailto:office@taynh.org).

### Erev Tisha B'Av Service

8:35-10:35 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester  
Contact: Christine Dame at 603-622-6171 or [office@templeisraelmht.org](mailto:office@templeisraelmht.org)

## Sunday, August 11

### Tish'a B'Av Service

9-11 AM, Temple Israel, Manchester  
Contact: Christine Dame at 603-622-6171 or [office@templeisraelmht.org](mailto:office@templeisraelmht.org).

## Wednesday, August 14

### Books of Jewish Interest

4 PM, Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem  
For more information, contact Gail Robinson, convener, at [gailkr48@gmail.com](mailto:gailkr48@gmail.com) or visit [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org).

## Thursday, August 15

### TBA Annual Golf Tournament

7:30 AM-2 PM, Souhegan Woods Golf Club, Amherst  
This fun filled event is open to all men and women, members and nonmembers. Space is limited. First come, first served! Cost: \$100 per person, the cost varies depending on the number of players and if you choose to sponsor anything. For more information or to register online, please go to [www.tbanashua.org](http://www.tbanashua.org).

### Yarncraft Group

9-11 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
See August 1 listing for more information.

## Friday, August 16

### Friday Afternoon Classical Concerts, "Sounds in the Sanctuary"

5 PM, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Sanctuary, Bethlehem

Featuring Classicopia Piano Quartet: Daniel Weiser, piano; Iris Jortner, cello; Ralph Allen, violin; and Marcia Cassidy, viola. Works of Schumann and Dvorak. Tickets at the door: \$17 BHC members, \$20 general admission. Season Passes: \$68 BHC members, \$80 general admission. To order Season Passes contact Michel Adler at [adlermf@verizon.net](mailto:adlermf@verizon.net). For all program details and ticket purchasing information please visit [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org)

## Saturday, August 17

### Saturday Night at the Movies: The CAA Movie Club shows *The Physician*

7 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene  
Free to CAA members. Nonmembers are asked to contribute \$5 per person to defray the cost of refreshments and movie rental.

## Sunday, August 18

### Congregation Ahavas Achim's 52nd Annual Kosher-Q

11:30 AM-2 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene  
Don't miss this event! On the menu is Kosher barbecued chicken with Charlotte's famous secret sauce, fresh picked local corn steamed in the husk, rolls, cold drinks, and juicy watermelon. This celebration of community, tradition, and delicious kosher BBQ is sure to delight all! Enjoy your meal under the trees with friends and family, or order your meals "to go." Take a chance on raffles for great prizes! Kosher-Q proceeds benefit synagogue projects. Cost: \$15 per adult, \$10 per student, \$5 for children 12 and under. Please purchase tickets from a member of the board or at the Kosher-Q. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Malcolm Katz at 603-352-1644.

## Wednesday, August 21

### Avodah Shebalev Meditation

9:30 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Whether you are a longtime meditator or have never tried it before, leader and teacher Laura Hegfield would love to share sacred time and space with you. In addition to a brief teaching on the weekly Torah portion, she offers simple, gentle guidance for the basic "how to" aspect of mindfulness meditation practice as she was taught by and continually learns from her teachers at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality since 2004. Come with your busy, curious, anxious, ridiculous, creative, confused, resourceful, and wiser than you know heart/mind and sit with us for a little while. All are welcome.

## Events For Our Youth

## Friday, August 9

### Shabbat in the Park with PJ Library and Temple Beth Abraham

5:30 PM, Benson Park, Hudson  
Join PJ Library and Temple Beth Abraham for a Shabbat evening in the park! Enjoy a kid-friendly, interactive service and outdoor fun and games. Bring a blanket, picnic dinner for your family, and a dessert to share with the group. RSVP: [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org) by August 7.

## Sunday, August 25

### Hebrew School Open House

10 AM-12 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester  
Our teachers and Rabbi will be happy to meet your children and answer any questions! For more information, please visit our website at [www.office@templeisraelmht.org](http://www.office@templeisraelmht.org) or contact Christine Dame at 603-622-6171 or [office@templeisraelmht.org](mailto:office@templeisraelmht.org).

### PJ Library Popsicles on the Playground-Manchester

10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Playground of the Jewish Federation Preschool, Manchester  
PJ Library is headed back to the Jewish Federation Preschool in Manchester for the third year of fun on the playground! Join us for activities, fun, and of course a popsicle snack. Space is limited so please register by August 22. Contact: Allyson Guertin at [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org).

## Thursday August 22

### Yarncraft Group

9-11 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
See August 1 listing for more information.

### Film Festival Thursdays, White Mountain Jewish Film Festival Showing: *Trumbo*

6 PM, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem  
Guest Speaker: Rick Winston, film historian and lecturer, former owner of Montpelier's Savoy Theater, and longtime programming director for the Green Mountain Film Festival. Tickets at the door: \$9 BHC members, \$10 general admission. Season Passes: \$40 BHC members, \$45 general admission. To order Season Passes contact Michel Adler at [adlermf@verizon.net](mailto:adlermf@verizon.net). For all program details and ticket purchasing information please visit [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org).

## Wednesday, August 28

### Books of Jewish Interest

4 PM, Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem  
See listing from August 14.

## Thursday, August 29

### Yarncraft Group

9-11 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
See August 1 listing for more information.

### Film Festival Thursdays, White Mountain Jewish Film Festival: *The Women's Balcony*

6 PM, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Shayna Weiss, associate director of the Shusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. She has also taught courses

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about Israeli history and society at universities in Tel Aviv and New York. Tickets at the door: \$9 BHC members, \$10 general admission. Season Passes: \$40 BHC members, \$45 general admission. To order Season Passes contact Michel Adler at adlermf@verizon.net. For all program details and ticket purchasing information please visit [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org).

## Friday, August 30

### Friday Afternoon Classical Concerts, "Sounds in the Sanctuary"

5 PM, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Sanctuary, Bethlehem  
Featuring Amit Peled, cello and Noreen Cassidy-

Polera, piano, performing works of Bach, Cassado, Strauss. Tickets at the door: \$17 BHC members, \$20 general admission. Season Passes: \$68 BHC members, \$80 general admission. To order Season Passes contact Michel Adler at adlermf@verizon.net. For all program details and ticket purchasing information please visit [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org).

## Wednesday, September 4

### Dr. Yehezkel Landau

8 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Dr. Landau is an interfaith educator who will speak about Israeli-Palestinian peace building.

## Sunday, September 8

### Solar Project Ribbon Cutting

4 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Temple Beth Abraham in conjunction with ReVision Energy will inaugurate its newly installed solar electric power generation and LED lighting retrofit projects at a gala ribbon cutting ceremony. The projects, which were installed in July 2019, are part of a major energy initiative, the goal of which is both to enhance long term financial sustainability and to reduce the carbon footprint of the facility. The inaugural fete will feature greetings from state and local officials as well as a live demonstration of the solar electric generation capability of the system. Refreshments will be served.

## Thursday, September 12

### Sisterhood Members Dinner at Temple Adath Yeshurun

6-8 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
Contact: Karen Rothstein at 603-669-5650 or [office@taynh.org](mailto:office@taynh.org).

## Sunday, September 15

### JFNH Annual Meeting

3 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester  
Save the date. More details coming soon.

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



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## Meet the New Additions to the JFNH Staff

### Emily Cote, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

My name is Emily Cote and I work as a receptionist/administrative assistant here at JFNH. I am most often found on the front lines of connecting with the community by phone and email. If you have ever called the Federation, you probably have spoken to me! I moved to this area with my husband and three daughters two years ago from Massachusetts. From exploring the beautiful White Mountains to relaxing at the beaches and lakes, we are really enjoying living in this beautiful state!



*Emily Cote,  
Receptionist/  
Administrative  
Assistant*

community. It is not about the size of the community, but rather everyone has really taken me in here and made me feel very welcome. I have gone to events at different synagogues, brought my children to PJ Library and PJ Our Way events, attended "Shir Jazz" featuring the amazing Shlichah Noam Wolf, and even accompanied the Seniors Forever Young group recently to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. I am grateful for the new friendships I have made so far and am looking forward to immersing myself more in the wonderful community we have here!

Since beginning at JFNH in February, I have learned so much and met so many wonderful people within the Jewish community. I am originally from Newton, Massachusetts, and grew up in the Greater Boston area, where the Jewish Community is very large, but living here in the Manchester area, I really feel that sense of

Look out for my bi-weekly emails with information about local events and feel free to email ([info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org)) or call (603-627-7679) with any questions or concerns. Thank you for welcoming me into the community!

### Cheryl Gerrior, Bookkeeper

My name is Cheryl Gerrior, and I began working at Jewish Federation of New Hampshire in January of this year as the bookkeeper. I moved to New Hampshire just two years ago to be closer to my family. Being here makes it possible to be spontaneous when either of my two beautiful grandchildren have school or dance events, or just need me for something, and that is truly having a positive and joyous impact on my life. I can be found in my kitchen at least some part of every week baking or making candy. That is a love that I have really been able to nurture now that I have family to share all the goodies with. I am originally from Massachusetts and then lived in Maine, and now I have all the benefits of a rural living space while being close



*Cheryl Gerrior,  
Bookkeeper*

to city life. It's really the best of both worlds. Now, working at JFNH I have another family — and more people to share cupcakes with!

I have worked in the non-profit world for most of my working years in some aspect of finance. It has always been important to me to work in a place involved in providing services to people. JFNH reaches many people, with many great programs. It represents all the things that are important to me: families, children, seniors, community, and much more. Even though my work is not hands on, I have come to realize the importance of financial work in a nonprofit as being part of the backbone of the organization. It makes me proud to be involved with JFNH and the community we serve.

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*Staying cool at Cowabunga's!*

## Federation Preschool Stays Cool in Summer, Plans for Fall

*By Alane Sabel, Preschool Director*

Manchester — Summer has been sizzling but that has not kept our JFNH Preschool campers from having a wonderful time. We have stayed cool at Cowabunga's, gone swimming at the YMCA, moved with Miss Kristen, and enjoyed outdoor water play.

As quickly as summer starts, so does it end. Soon our teachers will be busy getting ready for a new school year. The

JFNH Preschool will open for its 32nd year on September 4. There are limited spaces still available.

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

If you are interested in any of our preschool programs, we can be reached at 603-782-5174 or [preschool@jewishnh.org](mailto:preschool@jewishnh.org) for more information and to set up a tour, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

## PJ Family of the Month: The Berch Family

JFNH Signature Program



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

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

We're the Berchs: Dinah, Joshua, Kira (5), and Cayden (almost 2). We live in Dover, NH, and belong to Temple Israel in Portsmouth. We moved to the Seacoast a year ago from Quincy, MA, but are originally from Vermont and Maryland. We met through the Habonim Dror youth movement when we were 15.

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

We've been a PJ Library family since our daughter was born. She may have been signed up by a relative before birth.

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

We've moved states twice since having children, first from Virginia to Massachusetts and now to New Hampshire.

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Thank you.

*Julia Kay Preis has served on the JFNH Board since 2017 and resides in Bedford with her husband Ido and their two young boys.*



*The Berch Family:  
Dinah, Joshua, Kira, and Cayden*

Both times, PJ Library programming served as a perfect supplement to joining a synagogue.

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

We love receiving new and fresh Jewish-themed books each month. This keeps the children engaged and excited. Our daughter has learned so much about Jewish holidays through her books. She loves sharing her books with friends and classmates to tell them all about her holidays.

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

Kira has a special affinity for two of the Passover-themed books, *The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah* and *Too Many Cooks*. Both continue to be read months and months after Passover -- she won't let us put them away with the other holiday books! Last April we read *Too Many Cooks* to her preschool class

and showed all the students how to make their own charoset.

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

Popsicles on the playground. My kids will do anything for a popsicle.

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

I think people assume you need a certain familiarity with Judaism and Jewish customs to appreciate the books -- this isn't true. The books are very well written and approachable for people at every level of interaction with Judaism.

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

Grampa Mark grows his own horseradish. Each year Kira helps him shred some for maror for the seder table, just as Joshua did as a child with his grandmother Mollie. Cayden will be old enough to help soon too. It makes Kira very proud that her maror is on the table.

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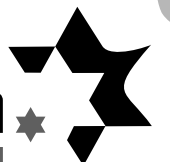


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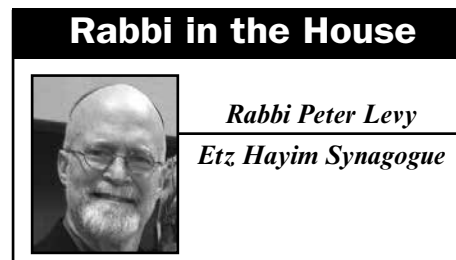
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## It's Time We All Go Back to School

Here I am, on faculty at the URJ Eisner Camp on July 10, trying to write a back to school article for this newspaper. Talk about a wrinkle in time. So what is there for me to say except, "Go back to school." Every synagogue probably has an article in this issue about their comprehensive educational program. So that covers our children between the ages of 7 to 13? Maybe it also includes some up to 16. That is all well and good. But let's do some math. If we average 3 hours of Hebrew school a week for 30 weeks for 7 years -- that equals less than 80 average school days in toto. Would you consider your children to be educated in life if that was the full extent of their secular education? So how can we consider our children Jewishly educated in those few hours? Yes, there are opportunities for additional "education" at services (if we go) and life cy-



cle and holiday observances at home. But when our children bring home Hebrew school homework, can we check it? And can we properly supervise B'nai Mitzvah reading and/or chanting? How can we teach if we, ourselves, are unsure?

So now that we have a possible problem, how about a possible solution? We all need to go back and continue our Jewish education. And I do mean all of us. As clergy, we need to continue our studies so that we can teach some things that are

new. This week I am teaching classes in Midrash and Comparative Religion Among the Abrahamic Faiths. I reached out to colleagues for sources and guidance. And now I am going to teach 40 campers. I need to do the same in my synagogue for our members. I need to create opportunities for them to continue to grow and learn as Jews. Yes, we run our Hot Topics, a Book Club, and such, but these are not necessarily Jewish history or practice. I need to run liturgy classes so more people will feel comfortable coming to services. And I am sure that other clergy are in a similar situation.

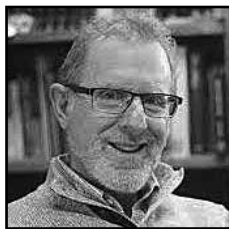
So what, then, do you have to do? Join these classes. Learn. Study. Grow. If you learn enough, then you will be able to help your children or grandchildren continue to grow as well. You will be a student and a teacher. You will be able to understand

their answers when you ask, "What did you learn in Hebrew school today?" You will be able to study Torah with them as they prepare to enter into Jewish adulthood. You will be able to pass down family recipes as you prepare for the holidays together. You will know how to mount a mezuzah on their dorm door or on the door of their first home of their own. You will learn how to live a Jewish life all the time and not just when you visit your synagogue.

Because, as I have said before, Jew is a verb and not an adjective. There is a reason that we have changed the name of our adult learning program to be Life Long Learning. Yes, there is always more to learn and more to teach. So let's all go back to school this September. Let's learn so we can do and teach. I hope you had a good summer vacation, because school is about to re-open. Welcome back!

## Temple B'nai Israel Welcomes Rabbi Dan Danson

Laconia — Temple B'nai Israel in Laconia recently welcomed Rabbi Dan Danson as its new spiritual leader. Rabbi Danson arrives after nearly 30 years as the rabbi of Mt. Sinai Congregation in Wausau, Wisconsin, a small, Reform synagogue with members in nine counties, covering an



*Rabbi Dan Danson*

area roughly the size of Maryland. It is a region that takes in two national forests, thousands of lakes, and keeps its snow cover from December through March. Save for the absence of mountains, much of this will sound very familiar to the Jewish community of central New Hampshire. Dan

and his wife, Julie Luks, raised their three children there. Their family's life has been filled with the magic of a small synagogue and small town life. He recognizes that each synagogue is unique, with its own rich culture and individual set of challenges, and looks forward to learning about TBI's story as we move forward together with the next chapter in our synagogue's rich history.

Rabbi Danson tells us that when he was in rabbinical school, New England appealed to him and Julie as a location that might be a good place for them to settle, and he was forever pumping the Laconia student rabbis about whether TBI was looking to hire an ordained rabbi. He is delighted that after 30 plus years, he is finally getting the chance to serve as our rabbi.

### *Relocating* continued from page 1

and a new, flexible program space where we can host programs for PJ Library, Seniors Forever Young, our new incoming Shlichah Avia Sagron, and our wider JFNH community!

Gary Linder, a former JFNH Board member and current trustee of JFNH Foundation, said, "This strategic relocation comes with renewed enthusiasm for our programs, for widespread participation in JFNH and for our future together."

The new space is modest in size, but MASSIVE with potential and will fill a vital need for our Jewish community. In addition to on-site programming, we will have technological capacity to offer virtual trainings, meetings, and educational programs, expanding opportunities for those in more remote and rural parts of the state.

"This is an exciting new chapter that

JFNH is embarking upon, and the new space in Bedford is an integral part of it. This move makes Federation infinitely more accessible for all types of uses that the current office space makes extremely difficult. The new space opens the opportunity for programming space for all types of meetings and small events and the convenient location also has a wealth of on-site parking that was always an issue in the current space. This is a huge win/win for all," says Norm Kushner, JFNH Foundation Board Chair.

As we prepare the new space to become our Federation of the future, we have (and are) fundraising to ensure security upgrades are in place to offer our safe space to all. The Relocation Committee (a temporary working group of board and staff) is coordinating the details to ensure that the space is well out-

fitted and able to accommodate the various needs that were the impetus for the decision to relocate.

Please stay tuned for more details in the September issue of The Jewish Reporter and news of upcoming events and programs designed just for you!

We are excited to share more details as our plans unfold and will look forward to providing opportunities for you to share more about what you would like to see at our new Federation home!

Long-time supporter and member of the Singer family Michael Sydney had this to say, "This is an exciting time for JFNH, with innovative leadership and ideas, new improved space to enhance programming and functionality. Looking forward to collaborating with the statewide Jewish community for everyone's benefit. Please participate and be part of this journey!"

### **Donations Welcome!**

**Financial Sponsorship:** We welcome your financial support as we fulfill our vision to improve accessibility and provide expanded educational and social offerings for our evolving Jewish community. **Please show your support with a financial contribution to help provide resources for this important transition. To make your gift today, call us at (603) 627-7679 or visit [www.jewishnh.org/give](http://www.jewishnh.org/give) to give online!**

**In-kind:** We are looking for donations of "like new" furniture, and other items to fill the space with warmth. We would also be thrilled to have pro-bono services in the realms of painting, light carpentry, and electrical. If you are a professional painter, licensed electrician, or have professional services or "like new" donations of furniture you would like to offer, please contact Melanie at 603-627-7679 or email at [director@jewishnh.org](mailto:director@jewishnh.org)!

## Temple Beth Abraham to Inaugurate Major Solar Electric Project

Nashua — Temple Beth Abraham of Nashua, New Hampshire, in conjunction with ReVision Energy, will inaugurate its newly installed solar electric power generation and LED lighting retrofit projects at a gala ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 PM on September 8 at its facility in Nashua. The projects, which were installed in July, are part of a major energy initiative that aims both to enhance long-term financial sustainability and to reduce the carbon footprint of the facility. The inaugural fete will feature greetings from state and local officials as well as a live demonstration of the solar electric generation capability of the system. Refreshments will be served.

The solar project includes the installa-

tion of approximately 250 320W solar panels with a total production capacity of just under 80 kW. The inverters and optimizers are manufactured by Solar Edge, a high-tech Israeli company. The system is anticipated to generate approximately 85,000 kWh annually, which will supply 80% of the electric power requirement of the synagogue. The project cost of \$170,000 will be borne by a group of local investors organized by ReVision Energy who will reap the federal tax incentives and system depreciation over the first five years of operation. Following that time, the congregation will have the option to buy out the system for approximately \$100,000, after which the annual synagogue operating expenses



Workers install solar panels on Temple Beth Abraham's roof.

will be reduced by approximately \$13,000, providing a payback period of seven years.

The synagogue is also retrofitting approximately 180 lighting fixtures with

high-efficiency, long-lasting LED fixtures, which is anticipated to reduce annual electric consumption by 13,500 kWh and eliminate maintenance costs associated with light bulb and ballast replacement. The gross project cost of the LED retrofit, also by ReVision Energy, is \$28,500, reduced by \$5,300 in rebates offered by Eversource. The LED retrofit project will be financed by the congregation, with an anticipated breakeven in year seven.

Temple Beth Abraham, established in 1895, is an inclusive Conservative synagogue in Nashua, New Hampshire, serving southern New Hampshire and adjacent Massachusetts communities. It has a current membership of approximately 260 families.

## Hadassah Holds Annual Brunch, Learns About Diabetes

Manchester — In June, the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah held its annual fundraising brunch at the Manchester Country Club. Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet brunch and the lovely singing voice of a Regional Idol Contestant, and some received table prizes and door prizes. The silent auction raised funds for Hadassah's 360 Degree Campaign, the reimagining of the Round Building in Ein Kerem. A video explaining the renovation was shown, and Kathy Kerstein, president of Hadassah Northern New England, discussed it. Carol Greenfield, chair of the Professional Councils, also spoke, describing the Attorney, Nurses, and Physician Councils.

The next Hadassah chapter meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Sep-

tember 26, at 7 PM, with guest speaker Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski of Temple Israel. The meeting address is 1400 Front Street, Manchester. All are welcome to attend.

In June, Hadassah Medical Organization published an article entitled "Diabetes: An Ongoing Struggle" (available online at [www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org)). Professor Gil Leibowitz, head of the Diabetes Unit at HMO's Endocrinology and Metabolism Service, has type 1, juvenile diabetes. He made it his life's mission to treat and help cure diabetes. Many advances have occurred over the last half-century, and Hadassah has played a historic role in helping to prevent diabetes and to improve the lives of those suffering from this chronic disease.

According to the article, 6% of Israelis aged 20-79 have either type 1 or type 2 diabetes. The number rises to 20% among the elderly and 50% among Jerusalem's Arab women. Certain populations, such as Yemenite Jews and Ethiopian Jews, used to have very low rates of diabetes until they came to Israel and adopted a western-style diet. In the United States, the diabetes rates are as high as 10% overall.

Prof. Leibowitz's own research at Hadassah has focused on the critical role of beta cells in the development of diabetes. Hadassah is also a major resource for clinical trials of medications outside the United States. Ongoing collaborations include those with the University of Helsinki and the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston.



At Hadassah's Annual Fundraising Brunch were (L-R) Carol Greenfield, Renee Brenner, Michele Bank, and Kathy Kerstein.

## Renowned Scholar and Peace Builder to Speak at Temple Beth Abraham Sept. 4

Nashua — On September 4, renowned scholar and peace builder Dr. Yehezkel Landau will speak at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua. The dual Israeli-American citizen is an interfaith educator, leadership trainer, author, and consultant who has been working to promote Jewish-Christian-Muslim engagement and Israeli-Palestinian peace building for more than 35 years. Landau will discuss the books he has participated in writing and the organizations he has helped found.

He is the author of *Healing the Holy Land: Interreligious Peacebuilding in Is-*

*raell/Palestine* and co-editor of *Voices From Jerusalem: Jews and Christians Reflect on the Holy Land*.

Landau lectures internationally on interfaith relations and Middle East peace issues, based on his past accomplishments. While living in Israel during the 1980s, he directed the Oz Veshalom-Netivot Shalom religious peace movement. From 1991 to 2003, he co-founded and codirected the Open House Center for Jewish-Arab Coexistence and Reconciliation in Ramle. Now at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, he directs an interfaith training

program for Jews, Christians, and Muslims called "Building Abrahamic Partnerships."

Landau is a senior associate of Merimack College's Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, and faculty associate in interfaith relations at Hartford Seminary. Landau earned his A.B. from Harvard University (1971) and an M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School (1976).

Watch the Federation announcement emails and the Temple Beth Abraham website for the final details. Everyone is welcome to attend this fascinating event.

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## Tradition! The Beat Goes On at TAY

Manchester – Well over 100 people very much enjoyed the Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood Annual Meeting/BBQ, which was held this year on Tuesday night, June 4, at TAY. It was an evening of community togetherness and a great time to schmooze, *ess* (eat-eat), *fress* (snack), and *h'ab'n sp'as* (enjoy). Although only 50 people actually signed up to attend, we exceeded the century mark for attendance. As a matter of fact, although we planned for twice the call-in number, we actually ran out of food at the end for the first time in recorded history. (Who knew? We should have!) Our mothers would not be happy with us, but we promise we will do better in the future.

Co-president David Penschansky was the MC for the event. After the *motzi* by Rabbi Beth Davidson, it was on to the meal. Kosher chicken and hamburgers and hot dogs topped the menu. (Our cherished antique, the George Silberberg-George Younger grill, is still working after all these years.) Kitchen Krew members David and Elaine Penschansky, David Rosenzweig, Bob Katchen, Steve Short, Alan Kaplan, Michael Bank, Barry Scotch, Gerry Gan,



Ted Yegerman and David Penschansky congratulate Man of the Year award winner Jonathan Baron at the TAY Brotherhood Annual Meeting-BBQ

Dick Lutsk, Paul Gladstone, Jonathan Pollack, George Bruno, Bob LeFevre, and Sol and Linda Rockenmacher took care of the preparation, set-up, and cooking.

Following the meal, we had a few minutes of genuine Jewish humor by Ted Yegerman before the presentation of our special awards.

Ted had the honor of introducing our 2019 Man of the Year, Jonathan Baron, who was selected from a roster of many deserving candidates. These were the citations highlighted on Jonathan's award:

- Who is equally at home serving on the Board of Directors or covering a Shabbat service.
- To a man whose surname is synonymous with service to our temple.
- To a man who manages to participate in every TAY event, despite living and working out-of-state.
- Whose warm smile and genuine affection for our congregation is an inspiration to all of us.

Well-deserved, and mazel tov to our hard-working Man for All Seasons.

Sol Rockenmacher presented this year's Samuel Sugeran Scholarship award. The winner, Brooke Flanders, was participating in her Manchester Central High School Choral Concert, which was going on at the same time as our BBQ. Sol read her winning entry, published elsewhere in this edition, which demonstrates how very actively Boston College-bound Brooke has been involved in local and regional Jewish youth programs, as well as secular activities such as youth theater, Special Olympics, and Central High School Key Club, which has implemented a food pantry that serves about 20 students weekly.

It was a wonderful evening of good food and, most of all, warmth and good fellowship. We Brothers recognize that there is a legacy of service, a continuity going back to the founders of the Brotherhood, who wanted to vigorously support the continued existence of their Temple Adath Yeshurun congregation, while also supporting their Jewish community and their continuity at large. We strive to continue the tradition.

The beat does go on...

## NH4Israel Celebrates Summer, Learns about the Six-Day War

Manchester — In July, NH4Israel finished out the 2018-2019 season with its annual dairy potluck picnic on the shores of Lake Massabesic in Manchester. NH4Israel was proud to donate \$3,600 (double chai) to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem to fund pancreatic cancer research; the funds were raised during NH4Israel's 3rd annual "Run for the Cure."

On June 5, NH4Israel welcomed Emil Campeanu, a veteran of the IDF and amateur historian of Israel's wars, to talk about lesser-known events of, and background issues to, the 1967 Six-Day War. Some highlights:

- Israel joined France and England in the 1956 Suez War to fight Fatah terrorists, not to ensure European control of the Suez Canal.
- Although that war's end saw a demilitarized Sinai and gave Israel access to the Indian Ocean and the Suez Canal, Egypt's President, General Nasser, kept envisioning a Pan-Arab contiguous country from Syria to Egypt. For a brief period there was integration with Syria under the United Arab Republic (UAR); left to win over were Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and Jordan. But Israel was not going away.
- Enter Russia and the Cold War. Nasser sided with Russia and received armaments while Israel remained self-armed



NH4 Israel celebrated July 4th at its annual dairy potluck picnic on the shores of Lake Massabesic in Manchester.

and helped by France. The United States did not take Israel's "side," but President Eisenhower did promulgate the "Eisenhower Doctrine," which pertained to all Middle Eastern nations and could have allowed U.S. military and economic aid to Israel in a conflict with Soviet-backed Egypt. The doctrine stated, in part, that the United States would "secure and protect the territorial integrity and political independence of such nations, requesting such aid against overt armed aggression from any nation controlled by *international communism*." Nevertheless, France re-

mained Israel's major supplier of arms through the start of the 1967 war.

- The "Six Day War" was a miracle. First, Egypt moved troops into the Sinai, telling the UN "peacekeeping" force to remain in their barracks while armies amassed on the Israeli frontier. Next, the Arabs denied Israeli ships access to the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, itself an act of war. UN Secretary General U Thant decided it was time for the UN to vacate the area, and Israeli civilians started to dig mass graves for expected casualties of the impending war. The IDF command decided to follow the Talmudic

dictum of when your enemy is coming to kill you, rise early and kill him first. So they launched air strikes against the Egyptian Air Force, literally destroying most of its planes on the ground. Egyptian anti-aircraft defenses were standing down because at the same time the Arab general staff was flying to the Sinai.

Emil narrated other instances of the providential hand of God throughout the Six-Day War, a true miracle and replay of the David and Goliath story.

NH4Israel presents guest speakers, films, and documentaries which address both historical and current issues in or about the state of Israel. Given special attention are topics on the Diaspora, Jew-hatred, and the story of Israel from its biblical beginnings to the present day.

With the exception of holiday conflicts and the summer break, NH4Israel hosts talks at Manchester's Temple Israel at 6:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month, starting September. If other venues and days are scheduled, these will be publicized (generally emailed) in advance, as well as posted on the calendar of events at the NH4Israel site. Find out more about NH4Israel and sign up for email updates on hosted events (ALL NH4Israel events have complimentary kosher refreshments/finger food) at NH4Israel.org.

## How To Be President Forums Kick Off Successfully!

By Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett

Nashua — On July 2, former U.S. Representative John Delaney spent an hour at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua in a different kind of conversation about his candidacy for president.

In front of 75 people, he spoke with me, Rev. Sally Newhall of the Nashua Presbyterian Church, and Michael Reinke of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Together with Rev. Allison Palm of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua, we are the leadership of How To Be President. Our tagline is “Transforming How We Learn About Candidates By Asking Better Questions.”

We believe that candidates too often have to present themselves as people of perfect experience and judgment with knowledge of every issue and a plan for everything. We as citizens collude in this illusion. We believe that journalists and citizens don’t ask enough of the reflective questions about leadership and about preparing for a job with powers, burdens, and complexities unlike any other. So we are inviting candidates from any party to come and speak with us. We don’t ask about specific issues -- there are plenty of places you can hear them speak about issues and their resume.

You can see the full hour of our interview with Rep. Delaney on YouTube —



The first in a series of community conversations with presidential candidates brought Rep. John Delaney to TBA.

go through our website, [howtobepresident.org](http://howtobepresident.org). The whole point of the series is to go into depth, so I hesitate to summarize and defeat our purpose! But here are some things we touched on.

We asked Rep. Delaney about what part of America farthest from his home base or comfort zone he has really gotten to know. He spoke to us about growing up in urban New Jersey in a union household and meeting his future wife and her family -- April grew up on a farm in Idaho. He spoke about the difference between how he and voters in his congressional district perceived aspects of his

life experience differently.

We asked him about how he is preparing for the responsibility of life and death the world over. Rep. Delaney spoke about the different spiritual, ethical, and analytical approaches he would have to integrate. I found this one of the most original and unexpected parts of our conversation.

We asked Rep. Delaney how as a businessperson who has to negotiate strategically, withholding parts of his true position and goals, he avoids becoming a dishonest person. He had some interesting reflections on the ethics of negotiating, and how one does business with people

whose own ethics and behavior make one’s blood boil.

One of our goals is to make sure that every candidate has to answer questions like these not just for an hour but as part of campaigning in New Hampshire. So we have published our own list of questions on our website, [howtobepresident.org](http://howtobepresident.org). Ask them, and post your own recordings or reportings about them, tagging them #howtobepresident. Share them with our Facebook page ([facebook.com/howtobepresident](https://www.facebook.com/howtobepresident) — like and recommend our page!) or email them to us at [info@howtobepresident.org](mailto:info@howtobepresident.org).

Our videos will continue to be uploaded on our YouTube channel, called How-To-Be-President. Subscribe to the channel! If you’d like to be notified by email of upcoming forums, contact us as well.

We are working on forums with at least one Senator, and I got a personal promise from Vice President Biden to do this as well. We are reaching out to candidates in both major parties.

Four years ago, our group in Greater Nashua tried to get candidates to come to our forums and no one accepted. The only fruit was my moment speaking to Secretary of State Clinton at a CNN televised town hall in Derry. It went viral, because it was a unique moment. Let’s make it not so unique this time around.

## Sisterhood Wishes Fond Farewell to Noam

By Helen Hanan

Portsmouth — Portsmouth’s Temple Israel Sisterhood organized a lovely gathering in the social hall on June 23 to bid farewell to JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf. The highlight of the afternoon was a vocal performance by Noam, accompanied by saxophonist Avi Rafaelov and pianist Niv Harnam.

Noam’s presence at Temple Israel over the past two years has touched us all. We are grateful for her adult education sessions, her time spent with our Hebrew school and preschool students, and for sharing her beautiful singing voice with us.

To wish her farewell, we sang, danced, and ate a delicious cake in her honor. We hope to keep in touch by Facebook and email. Shalom!



Niv Harnam, Noam Wolf, and Avi Rafaelov perform at Temple Israel Portsmouth’s Shlichah Send-Off.

*New Shlichah* continued from page 1

favorite thing to do is traveling, so I hope to reveal some of the beautiful places we have in Israel too.

**What do you hope to learn from our community?**

I hope to learn about diaspora Jewry’s life. How every community has her ways to preserve her Jewish identity. I’m looking forward to learning more about your community life and becoming a part of it.

**What parts of Israel do you most want to share with children?**

I’d love to share with children the values I grew up with. To be good friends to each other, to help people in need, and to love your environment. I think it’s a big part of Israeli childhood.

**What will you miss most from home (people/places/things)?**

I’m going to miss my family the most. Especially my two nephews, because they grow up so fast! I will miss my closest friends and of course my favorite view in the Golan Heights.

**What special items are you bringing with you that you can’t leave behind in Israel?**

I love drawing — it’s something I’ve done since I can remember, so I’m going to bring one of my paintings because it’s something that reminds me of a great period in my life. I will take some of my mother’s clothes that I love the most; I’m wearing them all the time in Israel, and they remind me how special my mom is.

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# Back to School

## Back to School in the NH Jewish Community

By Sheila Salenger

Since this is our Back to School issue, the NH Jewish Reporter reached out to religious schools all over New Hampshire seeking information about their plans for the upcoming school year. The schools below responded in time for our July 10 deadline. For more information, contact the synagogues and schools using contact information on page 2 of this issue.

### Early Learning Center Portsmouth, NH

Director: Tammy Labonte

The Early Learning Center located within Temple Israel - Portsmouth is often the first place Jewish families with preschool age children or families new to the community look for preschool and an introduction to Judaism. What does it mean to be a Jewish Preschool? The Early Learning Center incorporates the richness of Jewish values, tradition, and celebrations throughout the school year. We welcome everyone with joy, including all levels of faith and background. We are guided by Jewish values that are universal and speak to our shared humanity, such as *Derek Eretz* (common courtesy), *Tzedakah* (giving/helping others), and *Bayn Adam L'havero* (bringing peace between people). While these values have Hebrew names, they resonate with all cultures and backgrounds. We still have openings for the fall 2019 – 2020 school year! Tours and more information can be scheduled — please reach out to Tammy Labonte, Director at [preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org) or call 603-436-5301 Ext. 23.

#### Programs:

Age 2 years 9 months-5 years: Monday-Friday, 8:45 AM- 1 PM, September-June.

### Kol Ha'emek Upper Valley Jewish Community Hanover, NH

Education Director: Melissa Herman

The curriculum is designed to bring the richness of Jewish heritage to the students through the study of Torah. For grades 1-6, the Judaic piece of learning is taught from the Chai Curriculum (which was designed and authored by the Union for Reform Judaism). The version used is the adaptation for the Conservative Movement.

#### Programs:

Pre-K through 2nd grade: each Sunday, 10-noon

3rd-7th grades: Sundays and Tuesdays, 4-5:30

Post-B'nai Mitzvah (up to 12th grade) — the “Jew Crew”: alternate Tuesday evenings, 6-7:30

#### Special Events/Highlights:

The opening of the 2019 school season will be highlighted by the New Rabbi installation on September 8 and family high holiday services.

An exciting new program beginning this year is the “Better Together Program” that will connect youth and seniors via oral history documentation projects.

### Temple Adath Yeshurun Manchester, NH

Education Director: Stacy Garnick

Temple Adath Yeshurun's activities for all grades (pre K-10) are effervescent and exciting, because they strive for relevance between the Jewish past, the present, and the future. Family education and intergenerational programs promote the link to learning and doing with everyone in the Jewish community.

#### Programs:

Ages 3, 4, and 5: family experience two Sunday mornings a month. This “Little Sparks” program will focus on holidays, Jewish values, Jewish books, as well as linking the “Sefer Buddies” (teenagers) reading Jewish books with the pre-K students.

K-grade 2: Sundays, 10-12

Grades 3-7: Tuesdays, 4-6; Sundays, 10-12

Grades 8-10, the Chai School Program: classes on Comparative Judaism, World Religions, Jewish Ethics, and Social Justice

All grades include Israel and Passover curriculum components.

#### Special Events/Highlights

The curriculum study is geared to introduce students to the endless ways in which Judaism enhances our lives, the need to learn about the past to then support our present, and hopefully create a robust Jewish future. “Each of us is a unique link in the long chain of all things Jewish. Together we can create strong community based on reciprocal relationship with each other and with God.”

### Temple Beth Abraham Phillip Porter Religious School Nashua, NH

Director of Education: Noreen Leibson

Director of Family Engagement:

Jessie Mocle

Our school and programming aim to help students and families form lifelong connections with each other and learn a toolkit for creating their own Jewish

lives. Our pillars are ethical habits and principles, and Hebrew language.

#### Programs:

Birth to age 4: parent and family programs

Toddler to age 4: twice per month family school

Grades K-2: Sunday, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Grades 3-4: Sunday, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM and Tuesday, 3:45-5:30 PM

Grades 5-7: Tuesday, 3:45-5:30 PM and Thursday, 3:45-6:15 PM

After school and weekend periodic social programs for grades 4 and up.

Grades 8-12: Teen school assistant program, monthly teen philanthropy and service program

#### Special Events/Highlights:

Our Welcome Back Shabbat on Saturday, Sept. 7, runs through the morning with breakfast, coffee, and a variety of study, prayer, and connecting activities. First of a monthly series of intergenerational, diverse Shabbat morning offerings

for our students and families.

Regular service programs and speakers for our afternoon school, focused on ethics and doing good in the community.

Curriculum innovations this year focus on being a mensch, ethical dilemmas, and modern Hebrew skills.

### Temple Israel Manchester, NH

Religious School Director: Karen Jacobs

New students are always welcome.

#### Programs:

Pre-K- Grade 7: Sundays, 9:30 AM-noon

Grade 8 plus: Sundays, 12:30-1:45 PM

#### Special Events/Highlights

We are revamping our junior Congregation services and introducing a young student service for Shabbat mornings. Check email and websites for scheduling.

We are also introducing a B'nai Mitzvah prep class beginning in November for select B'nai Mitzvah candidates.



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# Back to School

## Etz Hayim Offers Classes for Ages 7-16, Camp For Ages 4-6

Derry — Etz Hayim Synagogue's youth education program for 2019-2020 begins on Tuesday, September 10, at 6 PM for students ages 7 to 16. Our Aleph and Bet classes work to provide students with the basics of learning Hebrew letter recognition and decoding in order to begin to learn to read as well as learning about Jewish holiday observance, tzedakah, and Jewish living. Our Gimel and Dalet teachers work with students to build on their Hebrew reading skills with emphasis on prayers surrounding the Amidah and Torah service as well as Jewish ethics and living based on the second and third books of the Torah. Our B'nai Mitzvah program prepares students to take their place as adults within the Jewish community. This program includes a focus on leading prayer, Jewish history, Judaica, and preparation of d'var Torah. Our Confirmation students also meet on Tuesday night with a

focus on advanced Jewish education, which includes classroom discussion along with the opportunity to be a teacher's aide for our younger students.

Our Sunday camp program for students ages 4-6 years old begins on Sunday, September 15. This program provides an adventure in Jewish learning through a mix of music, crafts, and games to introduce students to Etz Hayim, the Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah, and Hebrew. Sunday Camp meets from 10 AM to 12 noon, one Sunday per month.

Registration for all programs will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 6-8 PM. Our first Family focused Shabbat will be held on Friday, September 6, with a craft project at 6 PM and service at 7:15 PM.

For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1 1/2 Hood Road in Derry, NH.

## Phillip Porter Religious School Is Nashua's Premier Learning Venue

By Noreen Leibson, Education Director

Nashua — The Phillip Porter Religious School is situated across the street from our beautiful synagogue, Temple Beth Abraham, in a cozy residential neighborhood in north Nashua. Our school is named after a founding member of our community. We see the school as a sacred place where children can grow their Jewish identity through understanding of and engaging in Jewish values. It is a place of exploration and questions. It is a place where students think, create, and reflect.

One can enter our learning program through a couple of doorways. For children ages toddler to 4 years old, we have a twice-a-month Family Sunday program. Jessie Mocle, Yedidim Director, runs this program. Children in grades Gan (K) through Bet (2) meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 12. Kitah Gimel (3) and Dalet (4) come to school on Sundays and Tuesday afternoons, 3:45 – 5:30. Students in grades Hai (5), Vav (6), and Zayin (7) meet on Tuesdays, 3:45 – 5:30,

and on Thursdays, 3:45 – 6:15.

We will begin the year with a Welcome Back Shabbat morning breakfast and interactive service on Saturday, September 7, at 9:30 AM. All are welcome! The vibe of our Shabbat morning will prepare us for our ReNew Year services with Eliana Light as well as our monthly Shabbat Morning Family Davening.

This year we are moving into an open school concept. We have taken down some of the walls in our building in order to create a great room. In this space, students will be grouped and regrouped in different ways depending on the subject. We will continue with our goal of creating an engaging Modern Hebrew program while we stay current in Torah study and making Shabbat and the chagim come alive. Teachers will plan and work together. We will welcome several new madrichim to our staff.

Join us! Come for a visit and prepare to be wowed!

For more information, call or write Noreen Leibson, Education Director, at 603-883-9844 or [director@tbanashua.org](mailto:director@tbanashua.org).

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## Temple Adath Yeshurun Aims to Create Tomorrow's Jewish Leaders

By Stacy Garnick, Education Director

Manchester — According to our Midrash, when the people of Israel stood at Mount Sinai, awaiting the Revelation, God said “I am giving you My Torah, bring Me good guarantors that you will take care of it.” The people responded: “Our patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are our guarantors.” God did not accept this pledge. Next the people said, “Our prophets will be our guarantors,” but these too God found unacceptable. Then the people said, “Our children are our guarantors,” and this promise God immediately accepted, saying “For their sake I will give the Torah to you.”

We believe God's gift to us was predicated on our children, and so at TAY we believe that the education of our children is one of our primary responsibilities. From Pre-K to Chai School, we want to stimulate our students with a quality, age-appropriate, enjoyable education. We hope to inspire our next generation, and help create not only tomorrow's Jews, but tomorrow's Jewish leaders.

*Nitznutzim K'tanim* (Hebrew for Little

Sparks) is a twice-a-month program that gives our youngest students, ages three, four, and five (and parent/s) an opportunity to learn in a warm and creative environment. We guide and offer resources to accompanying adults, giving them knowledge and confidence to inspire their children and families to love living a Jewish life. Meetings focus on Torah, holidays, and values. Jewish learning isn't only about book learning; it's religion and prayer, holidays, culture, music, art, food, and so much more.

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

Grades 3-7 children attend on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons, learning the importance of Hebrew to Jews around the world and how this ancient language is still relevant to us. Together we learn Hebrew, as it's the language we use when we pray together. We learn our traditions passed down from generation to gen-

eration; the language we use to celebrate with others during our happiest moments in life as well as support and comfort each other in some of our saddest days.

Over their years of learning, students learn Torah, Jewish history, Jewish values and mitzvot, midrash, the importance of Israel to the Jewish people, Jewish literature, what it means to be a mensch through kindness, tzedakah, and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness). We learn about the Jewish American experience and the fabulous contributions Jews over the years have given to America and to the world. From birth to end of life, we learn our Jewish life cycle events and the traditions and customs that accompany them, so that as we live our lives, we have the skills and knowledge to be participants and not spectators. Appropriate to age and stage, each grade's learning includes an Israel component.

Our Chai School program meets on Sundays, twice a month, and will explore a variety of topics, including Jewish Ethics and Comparative Religion. Grades 8, 9, and 10 study together, culminating in the 10th grade with Confirmation.

Our Family Ed Programs and Intergen-

erational Celebrations connect learning to practice, and practice to learning, and enable the entire TAY community to celebrate and study together. At this year's Shavuotathon, for example, TAY members of all ages studied the 10 Commandments, made cheese, and tasted a variety of kugels --- I entered my mom's recipe in our contest and it was selected as one of the winners by our celebrity guest judge!

The entire TAY community is committed to doing *tikkun olam* — helping to repair our world. Our students participate in many repair-the-world activities and projects that go beyond bringing in tzedakah money to each class (we do this too). TAY is dedicated to building community within our doors and beyond. We believe in reciprocal responsibility, and this value is cultivated through our intentional learning, activities, and programs. We take care of each other and those in the world around us. Empathy and care are Jewish values. We have so much to offer!

If you are interested in our education program, please email me, Stacy Garnick, Education Director, at [eddirector-TAY@gmail.com](mailto:eddirector-TAY@gmail.com). I look forward to meeting you.

## Portsmouth's Early Learning Center Celebrates Year's End

By Tammy LaBonte

Portsmouth — Congratulations to the Early Learning Center's Class of 5779 (2018-2019)! The Early Learning Center had a wonderful end-of-the year celebration honoring all its students. Parents, family members, teachers, and siblings watched intently as the 11 students beaming with happiness and pride marched into the Chapel, performed a few Israeli dances to Israeli folk music led by Ellen McQueeney, and received diplomas and special recognition. The program continued with a slideshow of our year's activities and concluded with ice cream cake for everyone.

Thank you to the Early Learning Center families for letting me learn with and teach your children this past year. It has been a gift that has created many warm and loving memories.



Israeli dancing with Ellen McQueeney at the Early Learning Center – Temple Israel, Portsmouth graduation.

The Early Learning Center, established in 1987, is a New Hampshire State Licensed preschool located in historic downtown Portsmouth. It operates Monday-Friday, 8:45 AM-1 PM, September-June and accepts children ages 2 years 9 months to age 5.



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## Back to School

### Adult Learners Are Invited to Limmud Boston, The Festival For All Things Jewish

Brookline, MA — We are enjoying the beautiful sunny days of summer, and soon it will be time to start thinking about getting our children ready to go back to Hebrew School. But how about you? Adults can also enjoy learning and expanding their horizons. It is fun to spend some time learning new things. So join us for Limmud Boston on November 17 at The Campus @ 384 Congregation Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA.

Limmud, "The festival for all things Jewish," is a volunteer-run learning festival that brings together all parts of the Jewish community for learning in all its variety. Limmud is based on a shared set of values that inform how we bring the community together around Jewish learning.

Volunteers put together the festival itself, and all the presenters are also volunteers. You do not have to be an educator or rabbi to lead a session. You may make a proposal on any topic you're passionate about and want to share with others that touches on any aspect of the Jewish community or experience.

We are looking for people of all Jewish denominations and interests to propose topics to lead sessions on. We also encourage everyone who will be a presenter to also spend the day learning from others. The deadline for submitting proposals is September 7th.

Please check the Limmud Boston website (<https://limmudboston.org/presenter-faq/>) for more information.

## Israel

### Birthright Trip Connected Me to My Heritage

By Michele Young

This summer I had the awesome opportunity to spend 10 days traveling in Israel with other Jewish young people as part of the Birthright program. From exploring Tel Aviv to staying on a kibbutz, it soon became clear how special and diverse Israeli culture is, despite the small size of the country. I fell in love with the people, markets, dried fruit, *sabich*, landscapes, and spirituality. When placing my hands on the Western Wall and looking out from the top of Mt. Masada, I felt more connected to my Jewish heritage than ever, and it was incredible!



Michele Young is a member of Temple B'nai Israel in Laconia.

Michele Young and a friend enjoying the tastes of Israel.

### Volunteer Programs Combining Israeli Army Base Visits, Archeological Dig, and Special Tours Now Open to Public

New York — Volunteers for Israel (VFI) today announced 2019 dates for its enhanced, all-inclusive volunteer service programs, which are open to the general public. Americans can support Israel and volunteer on an active Israel Defense Forces (IDF) base, participate on a premier archaeological dig, and experience breathtaking private touring to places off the usual tourist grid.

VFI-PLUS ARCHAEOLOGY (Sept. 8-21, 2019) brings volunteers to a defense base and an active archaeological dig site manned by an international team and supervised by Tel Aviv University. The program begins with one week volunteer service on a defense base followed by two days of private guided touring, then five days volunteering, learning, and working at the biblical City of David archaeological site in Old Jerusalem, and two more days of guided touring. This 14-day all-inclusive program is designed for both new and veteran volunteers.

Adjacent to Old City Jerusalem, the City of David area is a world-class archaeological wonderland with biblical connections. Since 2007, this excavation has been uncovering different layers of the city's life from the Middle Ages back to ancient times.

VFI-PLUS (Oct. 25-Nov. 11) is designed for first-time volunteers and includes two

weeks of service on an IDF base, working alongside active-duty soldiers, and experiencing an inside look at life in the Israeli army. The program includes eight busy days of private tours across Israel. This 17-day, all-inclusive program also welcomes veteran volunteers.

VFI-PLUS ADVANCED (Dec. 6-22) is designed for repeat travelers to Israel and offers two weeks of volunteer service on an IDF base and eight days of guided touring to unique places overlooked by most tours. This 17-day, all-inclusive program is designed for first-time as well as veteran volunteers.

These all-inclusive volunteer programs cost between \$2,695 and \$2,825 per person not including round-trip airfare to Tel Aviv. To learn more about VFI's volunteer service programs, or to apply, please visit [www.vfi-usa.org](http://www.vfi-usa.org).

About Volunteers for Israel:

For the past 37 years, VFI has partnered with the Israeli organization Sar-El to process and prepare Americans to volunteer on Israel Defense Forces bases. To learn more, visit [www.vfi-usa.org](http://www.vfi-usa.org).

The VFI-PLUS programs simplify and enhance the volunteer experience, delivering a unique, unforgettable learning adventure in an all-inclusive setting. For more information, visit [www.vfi-usa.org/program-options/vfi-plus](http://www.vfi-usa.org/program-options/vfi-plus).



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## How Can AI Preserve Holocaust Memories? Israeli and American Teens Innovate New Ways to Keep These Stories Alive at IAC Eitanim Summer Hackathon

*At a time of rising anti-Semitism in America, teenagers from across the nation and Israel came together to innovate creative and cutting-edge solutions to engage the next generation around Holocaust stories.*

Los Angeles — During a one-of-a-kind Hackathon organized by the Israeli-American Council (IAC) from June 30 to July 4, teenagers presented their original solutions to a challenging task: create an innovative, teen-oriented product to help keep the stories of the Holocaust alive.

170 Jewish-American and Israeli-American teens -- along with teens from Israel -- joined forces at this year's IAC Eitanim Summer Hackathon at American Jewish University (AJU). In a week of dedicated teamwork, the groups tackled a major concern within the Jewish community, at a time of increasing public ignorance of the Holocaust. Executives from different industries and across the country joined the Hackathon, bringing their expertise, knowledge, and experience as volunteer mentors to the teens.

Through the Hackathon, the IAC places teens in the driver's seat and inspires them to reflect on real-world challenges as the leaders of tomorrow.

The group of Israeli-Americans and Jewish-Americans was joined by teen leaders from "Educating for Excellence Israel," an organization that strives to strengthen Israeli society by reducing socioeconomic disparity and creating equal opportunities for children who reside within Israel's social and geographic periphery.

Following the assignment of the task, Hackathon participants were placed in teams that emulated the start-up structure. They met with Holocaust survivors to hear and discuss their personal testimonies. Then, in an intensive 5-day Hackathon, they researched and developed solutions to engage their peers, with the ultimate goal of making the stories of the Holocaust accessible and meaningful for the next generation.

At the July 4 Demo Day in a four-minute demo, teens presented products that included both online and offline solutions. The winning team, ConneXt, proposed an app with a range of features -- including Journey, Chat, Bios, and Share tabs -- that would allow users to connect

closely with the stories of the Holocaust. Through the Journey tab, users select the country, age, and path of a survivor, granting them the ability to explore the experience of someone who was a similar age as they are. Users could then select the Chat feature, through which they would be able to message a Holocaust survivor and receive AI-crafted responses, based on individual stories programmed into the app. Through this feature, the app would harness AI to keep testimonies alive. The app's Share tab would allow users to sign a petition to make Holocaust education mandatory in all fifty states, when it is currently only required in six. "The IAC made a conscious choice to make this year's Hackathon about Holocaust education," said IAC Co-Founder and CEO Shoham Nicolet. "The secret of IAC Eitanim is taking teenagers, putting them in the 'driver's seat,' giving them tools, skills, and values -- and most importantly, connecting them with each other. There is no limit to where these teens can go and what they can achieve. When I look at these teenagers and how IAC Eitanim is inspiring deep connections to their Jewish heritage and Israel, I see the future of our community leadership and am confident in their ability to make change in the world."

IAC Eitanim is named for Nicolet's IDF commander, Major Eitan Balachsan, an Israeli war hero who was killed during an operation in Southern Lebanon in 1999; the program draws inspiration from Balachsan's life and values.

Teens developed solutions against the backdrop of Echoes & Reflections, an extensive educational program of the Anti-Defamation League, USC Shoah Foundation, and Yad Vashem that helps educators across the country teach about the Holocaust and its meaning today.

The mission posed by the Hackathon is especially imperative in an era when the Holocaust is increasingly fading from memory -- as firsthand accounts become scarcer -- and at a time of rising anti-Semitism. According to the latest comprehensive survey on Holocaust memory conducted by Schoen Consulting for the Claims Conference, 66% of Millennials have never heard of Auschwitz. The same percentage of respondents of all



*Some 170 teens from the United States and Israel joined forces for the 2019 IAC Eitanim Summer Hackathon at American Jewish University, in Los Angeles.*



*The winning team at this year's IAC Hackathon was ConneXt.*

ages do not personally know or know of a Holocaust survivor.

"I was honored to serve as a judge during the IAC Eitanim Demo Day and to speak to Jewish-American and Israeli-American teens from across the country," said Tel Aviv University professor Dina Porat. "With anti-Semitism on the rise, it's crucial we keep the haunting memories and lessons of the Holocaust alive to ensure what our people endured is never forgotten."

Throughout the year, the IAC Eitanim program brings together Jewish-American and Israeli-American middle and high school students for immersive, project-based learning experiences that strengthen their Jewish identity and build their connection to Israel, through inno-

vation and entrepreneurship. With the help of expert mentors, IAC Eitanim promotes teamwork, creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving and empowers the next generation to tackle central communal challenges.

### About the IAC

The Israeli-American Council (IAC) builds an engaged coast-to-coast community that strengthens the Israeli and Jewish identities of our next generation, the Jewish American community, and the State of Israel. The IAC reaches every generation in a family and empowers the Jewish American leadership of tomorrow through a national ecosystem that spans 20 regional offices, 58 communities, and 94 campuses. For more information, please visit [www.israeliamerican.org](http://www.israeliamerican.org).

## Senators Shaheen and Hassan Respond to Letters on Israel

In recent weeks, members of the JFNH Board of Directors wrote to New Hampshire's U.S. Senators about different issues related to Israel. Below are the replies they received.

### From Jeanne Shaheen, United States Senator

Thank you for writing to me about U.S.-Israel relations. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

I remain a strong supporter of the U.S.-Israel relationship and will continue to look for ways to bolster the long-term security of the people of Israel. The ties between our two countries remain strong, but it is important that we continue to reaffirm our history of close cooperation and relations, particularly as instability and turbulence grows in the Middle East.

The U.S. is committed to helping Israel defend against attack. In particular, the Iron Dome missile defense system has proven invaluable for saving civilian lives. Congress has authorized more than \$1 billion in funding for the Iron Dome system since 2011. As a member of both the Senate Armed Services Committee and the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee, I supported \$500 million in funding for missile defense in 2019, \$70 mil-

lion of which was designated specifically for the procurement of the Iron Dome system. I also support the President's request for \$3.3 billion in security assistance for Israel in Fiscal Year 2019.

As you know, Israel faces numerous security challenges. I have twice introduced bipartisan sanctions legislation, signed into law in 2015 and 2018, to target Hezbollah and further close the space in which that terrorist organization is able to operate. I was also proud to join a bipartisan and bicameral letter to President Trump emphasizing the importance of Israel's security in the greater Middle East. In this letter, nearly 400 lawmakers demonstrated broad and deep support for Israel by urging the President to implement a comprehensive strategy in Syria in order to address the risks posed to Israel's northern border by the continued conflict in Syria.

Israel is a critical ally of the U.S. and our support continues to be a fundamental and durable component of our foreign policy. At a time of rising anti-Semitism around the world, we must fully support this partnership and encourage more people to people links. As a member of the Senate Appropriations, Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, I look forward to continued coop-

eration with Israel and will continue to support measures that enhance our bilateral cooperation and promote security for Israel and the region.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me, and please do not hesitate to contact my office with any future concerns.

### From Margaret Wood Hassan, United States Senator

Thank you for contacting me regarding the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement against Israel. I value your opinion and appreciate you taking the time to write to me about this important issue.

The United States and Israel have an unshakable alliance built on shared values and interests, and the United States must continue to be Israel's strongest and most dependable ally. In the midst of ongoing turmoil throughout the Middle East, our commitment to Israel is more essential than ever.

We must support Israel's military and diplomatic efforts to endure and thrive in the face of existential threats, and I will continue to do everything in my power to strengthen our commitment to Israel's security and well-being. That is why I voted for S. 1, the Strengthening Ameri-

ca's Security in the Middle East Act of 2019, which provides important security and military assistance to Israel.

The Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act also includes a provision allowing state and local governments to stop doing business with companies that participate in the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. I oppose the BDS movement because I believe it harms U.S. efforts to secure enduring peace through bilateral negotiations toward a two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Toward that end, I have also cosponsored S.Res. 120, a resolution expressing opposition to the BDS movement and other efforts to delegitimize Israel. The resolution also reaffirms U.S. bipartisan support for a two-state solution. I strongly believe that the United States can and must play an indispensable role in helping to facilitate this outcome, which must also include guarantees that Israel's security interests will be protected.

Thank you again for writing to share your thoughts, and I hope that you keep in touch with me. For more information on this and other important issues please visit my website at <https://www.Hassan.Senate.Gov/>.

## Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

### *The Flight Portfolio* Teaches Lessons of History and Morality

Once again, an enjoyable novel can teach us a valuable lesson. There are two fabulous reasons to read *The Flight Portfolio* (Knopf, 2019) by Julie Orringer: First there is the history lesson that I had never known; then there is the morality question that one must face while reading this novel.

Julie Orringer, who also wrote *The Invisible Bridge*, another amazing novel of the war years, has again written a beautiful sweeping novel of a time period in history that has many unspoken, incredible stories to be told. This is the story of Varian Fry, an actual journalist from New York who traveled to France after it was infiltrated by the Germans in 1940.

Fry flies to Marseille as a representative of the Emergency Rescue Committee, an organization created to assist in the escape of artists and writers to the United

States. The ERC has sent Fry with a list of artists they have decided are the most talented, whose loss would be great if they were killed during the war. As Fry works in the Marseille office to arrange the visas and papers for these famous artists to travel out of the country, many other citizens in danger come to ask for help. With limited resources, there are only so many people he can help. Whose life is more valuable becomes a constant refrain.

In one discussion, the artist Zilberman, who Fry is hiding as he waits for the necessary papers to help him escape, tells him a German proverb to explain the dilemma. Zilberman says to Varian, "You are like the boy in the German proverb, the one who carries the pail of milk. Oh, it goes like this: Who's most important, the farmer who feeds the cow, the cow who makes the milk, or the girl

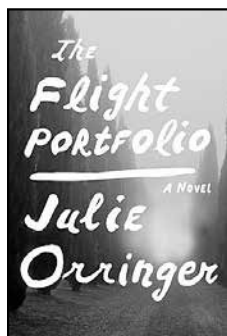
who milks the cow? None of them. The most important person is the boy who carries the milk to market. One wrong step, and the work of all the others is lost in an instant." This illustrates the very great burden on Varian Fry's shoulders as he makes life and death decisions.

Orringer has taken the facts and woven an intriguing, fast paced, captivating novel around the facts of Varian Fry and the many people he and his assistants were able to rescue. She has added fictional characters and imagined the details that could have happened to fill out the story of Fry and his experiences. She imagines a social life for Varian and some of the other real-life characters he encountered while working in the Marseilles office. Also there were those who guided the artists over the Pyrenees Mountains and across borders at risk to their own lives.

This is an incredible story based in fact about Varian Fry, who grew up in Ridge-wood, NJ, graduated from Harvard, and

was a New York journalist and editor. He risked everything to help artists and writers escape the Nazis after France was invaded. He was able to save, among others, Hannah Arendt, Franz Werfel, Andre Breton, Max Ernst, and Marc Chagall. Many years later, in 1994, he was honored by Yad Vashem in Israel as the first American to be "Righteous Among the Nations."

Julie Orringer is the author of two award-winning books: *The Invisible Bridge*, a New York Times bestselling novel, and *How to Breathe Underwater*, a collection of stories. She is the winner of the Paris Review's Plimpton Prize and has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Cullman Center at the New York Public Library, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard, the MacDowell Colony, and Yaddo. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and children, and is at work on a novel set in New Orleans.



# 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).



The Early Learning Center from Temple Israel, Portsmouth loves to explore their community. Thank you, Bennett's Sandwich Shop in downtown Portsmouth, for inviting our students to lunch! The grilled cheese sandwiches were delicious.



For Shavuot the Early Learning Center made Torah Scrolls with the Ten Commandments and also mini cheesecakes that we shared with the Temple Israel (Portsmouth) office. Miss Heather and volunteer Miss Sharon said "they were very yummy!"



As part of their preschool graduation celebration, students performed Israeli dances at Temple Israel Portsmouth's Early Learning Center.



Families gathered at the Early Learning Center in Portsmouth for PJ Library's Annual Popsicles on the Playground.



Barbara and Barry Scotch with their grandson Dean Budman at the TAY Purim Carnival



The students at Temple B'nai Israel presented a song and skits at the annual meeting in June with help from Rabbi Boaz Heilman, and Marsha Ostroff. Cantorial soloist Melody Funk and Rachel Funk (not pictured) also assisted.



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# Recent Events



*At Noam's last cooking class, Pat Kalik hosted, and the group made shakshuka and tahini and had the perfect dinner!*



*Noam and Avi performed at Temple Israel Portsmouth's Shlichah Send-Off event, which included Israeli dancing and more!*



*Noam and the Young Mensches went to OSG Paintball in Barnstead, owned by a Jewish family (you should go!) – and had a blast!*



*Noam was very moved by the personal goodbye party at Temple Israel Portsmouth!*



*Members of Seniors Forever Young visiting the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.*

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## OBITUARIES

### Richard Winneg



Dedham, MA — Richard (Dick) Winneg of Dedham, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on July 14, at the age of 90. He was the beloved son of the late Benjamin and Martha (Bass) Winneg; the loving husband of Frances (Mallen) Winneg of 60 years; the devoted father of Neal Winneg and his wife Clea of Boston, Robert Winneg and his wife Caroline of Sudbury, and Douglas Winneg and his wife Suzanne of Wellesley; the cherished grandfather of Benjamin, Anna, Nathan, Samuel, Max, and Jacob; and the dear brother of the late

Harvey Winneg, Herbert Winneg, Eugene Winneg, and Leona Worobey.

Dick was born and raised in Brockton, Massachusetts, the youngest of five children. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, then moved to New Hampshire. Dick owned and operated a contract stitching factory in Manchester for many years.

Dick was committed to the Jewish and New Hampshire communities and was a mentor to many in the nonprofit world. He always wanted to make life better for everyone and took great satisfaction in seeing those he had mentored succeed. He had an ability to set goals and focus on achieving them.

Dick was a long-time chair of the JFNH Foundation Board of Trustees as well as a past president of Federation (1977-1979) and of Temple Adath Yeshurun. He was instrumental in the renovation of the Federation building on Beech St., serving as the chair of the committee that raised the funds and coordinated the work.

He was tireless in his fundraising efforts for Federation, Temple Adath Yeshurun, and all of the other nonprofits he was so proud to lead.

He served on the board of directors of Elliot Hospital for 20 years, including serving as board chair, and he was a founding director of The Derryfield School. He was a director of Child Health Services in Manchester and he and his wife supported the Mayhew Program, Moore Center Services, Palace Theatre, and CASA. The Manchester Chamber of Commerce named him its Citizen of the Year in 2008.

The funeral service was held at Schlossberg Memorial Chapel, Canton, on July 16, with interment at Agudas Achim Cemetery, Brockton, followed by memorial observances at the Beal Family Chapel, Dedham, and at the home of Douglas Winneg on July 17. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dick's memory may be made to NewBride on the Charles, 5000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham MA 02026.

#### How to submit an obituary

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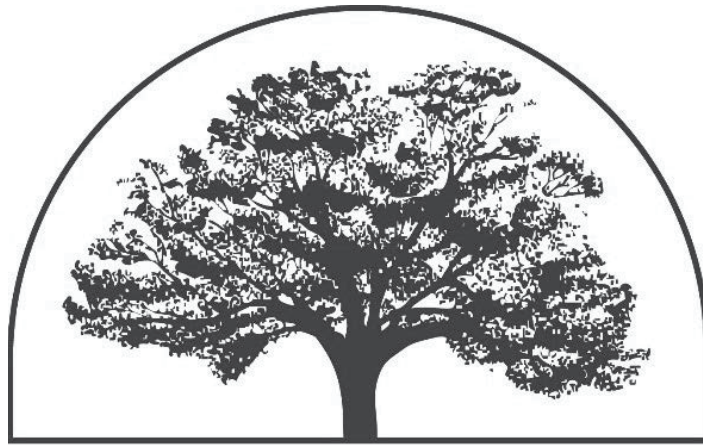
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