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SUMMER FUN

New Hampshire Completes the PJ Our Way Leadership Pilot!

JFNH Signature Program

Manchester — On May 19, after six months of planning, 11-year-old Jonas of Derry, the New Hampshire PJ Our Way Leadership Representative, completed his “Be a Soup-er Hero and Help Fight Hunger” program with huge success!

The six-month program gave team members opportunities to form friendships with kids from a variety of different Jewish communities. During this time together, they learned skills such as visioning, goal setting, marketing, and program planning. Team Leadership kids paired up with local PJ Library professionals to create a program that can be used as a model for tween engagement.

Jonas and six other New Hampshire tweens spent the day at Whole Foods in



The PJ Our Way “Soup”-er Heroes: (back row) PJ Library coordinator Allyson Guertin; (2nd row) Ella Vargas, Benjamin DePasse, Jonas, Martin Moskowitz, Sophie DePasse; (front row) Henry McDonald, Mirabel.

Derry for a community service project in which they created bags to be given to people in need. Inside each bag were all

the ingredients the recipient would need to create tomato pasta soup to feed six people! With the help of donations made

by Whole Foods and its shoppers, 72 bags were created and then donated to Sunshine Soup Kitchen in Derry.



Making sure each bag contains all the right ingredients and the recipe.

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Shalom to Noam: Come to a Community Farewell Picnic July 28

Goffstown — SAVE THE DATE! All are welcome to join us on July 28 as we gather once more with Noam Wolf to celebrate her two phenomenal years of Israel education and engagement as our JFNH Shlichah! The picnic will be held from 11 AM to 2 PM at a private farm in Goffstown (address will be made available with RSVP). Bring the whole family and your own picnic lunch and enjoy cake, refreshments, music, and more courtesy of JFNH. There will also be pony rides and yard games for the children.

Just two years ago, Noam Wolf arrived at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport with her guitar and suitcase, ready to share her love of Israel with Jewish New Hampshire. In August, she will complete her time with us (her *shlichut*) and will return to Israel to

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The students at Temple Israel Portsmouth had fun at JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf’s “Hebrew at the Shuk” class this spring.

STAY TUNED to the August issue of the Jewish Reporter for **BIG NEWS** about our incoming Shlichah!

A Local Baseball Fan Hits It Out of the Park

Manchester — If you are a baseball fan, you will appreciate this: At age 7, in 1959, Marc Rubenson (then a Pittsburgh resident, but now a member of Manchester’s Jewish community for more than 30 years and recently retired from his general surgery practice) went with his father to a Pittsburgh Pirates double header against the Los Angeles Dodgers at famed Forbes Field, with pitchers Sandy Koufax and Don Driscoll. The Dodgers went on to win the World Series, and the Pirates had to wait a year before they won. Marc remembers being in awe that a Jewish “boy” was a famous baseball pitcher. And on that day, a young Marc became a baseball fan, particularly of his

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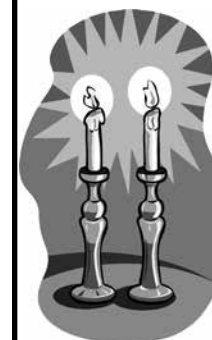
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



July 5	8:10 PM
July 12	8:07 PM
July 19	8:02 PM
July 26	7:56 PM

Share YOUR Light in the Darkness

Like you, I have spent the past year confronted by a dark reality -- a distinct rise in anti-Semitic activity. I am often on the front lines of this new place fielding calls from parents concerned about bullying or hate speech at school, from Jewish leaders reporting vandalism nearby, from government officials checking in to offer their support, from our state security partners. I hear from our houses of worship about their desire to find the best balance between safe and welcoming as they too assess their vulnerabilities to threats.

While we cannot deny that this darkness exists here in our beautiful state, we can do the important work of securing our communities and renew our focus on the light! There is certainly work to be done: collaborating with our state safety partners, partnering with school districts to stand beside victims of bullying and hate speech, investing in training about active shooter scenarios, and advancing educational initiatives about diversity,



the Holocaust, and more. But I assure you — between all of that darkness is brilliant, pure, light.

As we continue to live our lives as Jews here in New Hampshire, where so many of us were born, raised, or chose to lay down roots, we continue to have so much to celebrate as a united, Jewish New Hampshire!

At Federation, there are bright spots everywhere!

- Watching the faces of NH Hebrew school children as Noam Wolf teaches them a new Israeli dance.
- Hearing Allyson Guertin help a new PJ Library family start their subscrip-

tion and connecting them to new neighbors.

- Hearing from Emily about a recent Seniors Forever Young excursion where I know our seniors were entertained and enjoyed each other's company.
- Alane Sabel (with us for 32 years!) watching the littlest in our community graduate from the Jewish Federation Preschool.
- Reading about Jonas Welch (see our front page story) and feeling pride as this young man take steps to become a leader through PJ Our Way (one of our newest initiatives).
- Hearing from a newcomer about how welcomed they felt by Federation (receiving the Reporter, attending an event, excited to feel a PART of something meaningful and important).
- Hearing the pride and excitement of our New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival volunteers as they dive into planning for 2020.

- Getting calls from JFNH board members energized about their work on behalf of JFNH and wanting to involve their family and friends.
- Hearing about how a scholarship to attend summer camp or an Israel Experience grant changed someone's life, encouraged them to make ALIYAH, or helped strengthen their Jewish Identity. You've heard mine.... Now tell us about yours!

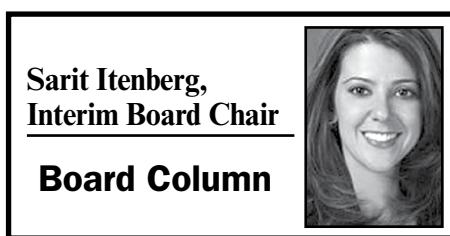
Let's work together to shine our lights in the darkness by holding space in our hearts and in this publication for the LIGHT! Let's celebrate simchas and emphasize the positive ways that we are living Jewishly despite what we know to be our reality. Please email me about your light at director@jewishnh.org and tell us in 100 words or less (with jpeg photo) about a Jewish interaction, celebration, experience, or memory that shines bright! A selection will appear in an upcoming edition of The Jewish Reporter!

Working With Our Neighbors for Inclusion and Against Hate

Happy Summer to all my fellow Jews in New Hampshire! I hope you are relaxing a bit, enjoying the weather, family, and friends. I know I have been!

In my few short weeks as interim chair of JFNH, I have been very fortunate to dive even deeper into the daily goings-on at the Federation. Our team, mostly consisting of Melanie Zalman McDonald, Allyson Guertin, Alane Sabel, Cheryl Gerrior, and Emily Cote, has worked tirelessly on numerous initiatives with lots and lots of momentum! The board and trustees have been working closely together. Love is in the air here at JFNH. All of this has added to my personal momentum and drive and has created even bigger goals and dreams for what we can achieve here in the Granite State.

We have really immersed ourselves quickly and strategically with top state



and federal officials, who are helping us with security, undertaking new approaches to anti-Semitism and hate crimes. All of these public officials are just a cell phone call away for JFNH, and thus, for each of you. If you have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to reach out to us directly. We are working very hard on various committees regarding security at events, approaches to anti-Semitism, and even a handbook in the near future for parents whose children may face adversity or an-

ti-Semitism at their schools.

We happen to live in a time here in New Hampshire when our state governor, Chris Sununu, has taken steps to tackle diversity and inclusion, creating an Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion that is traveling around the state meeting with many minorities. At our own table at a recent meeting that I attended with my husband and JFNH executive director Melanie Zalman McDonald was Rogers Johnson, president of the NH NAACP as well as the leader of the council. He was very interested in the state's Jewish community and how he could help.

Also in early June, I attended an amazing program at Etz Hayim Synagogue focused on combating hate crimes, with a panel including representatives of the U.S. Attorney for the Dis-

trict of New Hampshire, FBI, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, City of Concord, Rockingham County Attorney, and Derry Police (see photo page 18). The many people who attended discussed issues and learned a great deal. This same event will hopefully travel statewide, much as the governor's council has.

As I write this, I am heading off to Israel with my family and hopefully will have returned home safely by the time you are reading this! While I am away, I know our board will be working very hard on programming, the annual meeting, and more.

L'chayim for now! Stay tuned in the next month or two for some BIG NEWS and really exciting things that will happen here at JFNH for each and every one of you!

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reunite with her family and friends and begin her new life with Avi! There isn't a corner of the state that her programs haven't reached or a community that hasn't been brought closer to Israel through her efforts as our Shlichah these past two years. Don't miss this last op-

portunity to thank her for her service and to wish her (and Avi) well in the next chapter of their lives!

To RSVP, call the JFNH office at (603) 627-7679 or email info@jewishnh.org. In the event of rain, the picnic will be rescheduled to Sunday, August 4.

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Statewide Calendar of Events

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Sunday, June 30

Young Mensches Paint War

12:45 PM-4 PM, OSG Paintball, Barnstead, NH
The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and OSG Paintball invite you to a **subsidized** LOW IMPACT paintball event just for our Young Mensches! All the equipment is provided, and the cost is only \$15 per person. Bring exact cash or pay with a card ahead of time at 603-851-5088. RSVP is required to JFNH at (603) 627-7679 or info@jewishnh.org.

Tuesday, July 2

"How to Be President" Clergy-Led Candidate Interview With Rep. John Delaney

12 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
A group of Nashua-area clergy, spearheaded by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, are organizing public interviews. A panel of 2-3 clergy will ask questions and talk with the candidate. You are welcome to stay afterward and speak with Rep. Delaney individually. We will share the video of the event widely and ask you to do the same! Free and open to the public

Friday, July 5

Friday Afternoon Classical Concerts, "Sounds in the Sanctuary"

5 PM, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Sanctuary, Bethlehem

This program features Bernard Rose, piano, and Edward Arron, cello, performing works of Mendelssohn, JS Bach, and Beethoven. For all program details and ticket information visit www.bethlehemsynagogue.org. 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.

Sunday, July 7

Israeli Folk Dance Club

4-6 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Please join us in Temple Israel Portsmouth's Social Hall. All are welcome to come and learn Israeli folk dances. To RSVP or for info, contact Veronica Conley at (603) 436-5301 or veronica.ava.conley@gmail.com.

Raymond Street Klezmer Band in Concert

5:30-7:30 PM, Dorothea Jacobs Grant Common, 86 Obeds Lane, Ogunquit, ME
Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a free, outdoor klezmer concert hosted by Ogunquit Park & Recreation. Rain location: The Dunaway Center, 23 School St., Ogunquit. Donations gratefully accepted.

Thursday, July 11

Film Festival Thursdays, White Mountain Jewish Film Festival: *Heading Home: The Story of Team Israel*

6 PM, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem
Guest speaker: Seth Kramer, producer and director of the film. For all program details and ticket purchasing information, please visit www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/white-mountain-jewish-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.

Friday, July 12

Shabbat Alive: BBQ and Outdoor Musical Service

5:30 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Come from 5:30 on for a pre-Shabbat barbeque with Jewish music in the background. Stay for candle lighting and a rousing, singing Shabbat evening service with guitar, followed by Shabbat table rituals (kiddush and motzi blessings) and dessert. Invite friends! Shabbat Alive is a new service at TBA. Register online at <https://www.tbashua.org/event/shabbat-alive-bbq-and-outdoor-musical-service.html>. Dinner costs \$9 for adults 13 and up, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Services are free and open to all.

Sunday, July 14

22nd Annual NH Jewish Food Festival

11 AM-2 PM, Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia
For more information, contact Barbara Katz at (443) 254-6994 or by email at babsk52@gmail.com.

NextGen Summer Jazz Night

6:30 PM, Spotlight Room, Palace Theater, 96 Hanover St., Manchester
This special event is for those in their 30s and 40s. Live music begins at 7 PM, with jazz favorites in English and Hebrew, featuring Shlichia Noam Wolf. Refreshments and cash bar. Proceeds benefit JFNH Israeli Emissary/Shlichia program. Donation: \$54/person, \$100/couple. Reserve your tickets at (603) 627-7679 or at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4278464>.

Wednesday, July 17

Books of Jewish Interest

4 PM, Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem
For more information, contact Gail Robinson at gailkr48@gmail.com or visit the website at www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/books-of-jewish-interest/. No cost, open to the public.

CAA Book Club: *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn

6:30 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
Every two months we read and discuss a book of Jewish interest. This month's book is *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn. The club reads from a variety of genres, including memoir, literary novel, and historical fiction. The CAA Library acquires multiple copies of the current book club book, which can be borrowed by CAA members. Guided discussions are held on weekday evenings and are lively and fun. A light supper is included.

Thursday, July 18

Ragtime at Interlakes Summer Theatre With Seniors Forever Young

12 PM, meet the van at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester for the 2 PM show.
We will have dinner at Giuseppe's after the show (dinner not included in cost of trip). To register by credit card, please call the JFNH office at 603-627-7679 or mail payment to JFNH at 66 Hanover St. Suite 300 Manchester, NH 03101. Cost: \$29/person due to the JFNH office by July

Mah Jongg

1 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
If you think mah jongg is just for little old ladies, think again. A new generation of enthusiasts is spearheading the revival of this enjoyable tile game. Playing mah jongg is fun, social, and a good brain work out. Led by CAA member and mah jongg instructor extraordinaire Nancy Stone. There's an open invitation to join the group or just come to see what it's all about! Beginners are welcome!

Community Kitchen

4:45 PM, Keene Community Kitchen, Keene
Come lend a hand as CAA helps at the Keene Community Kitchen. As always, we'll help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. This is a wonderful way to help those in need and support a meaningful organization that helps so many! Contact Gary Shapiro at gms Shapiro@yahoo.com or (603) 352-0440.

Friday, July 19

Friday Afternoon Classical Concerts, "Sounds in the Sanctuary"

5 PM, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Sanctuary, Bethlehem

This concert features Michael Arnowitz, piano, works from Aaron Copland's Four Piano Blues, Piano Variations, El Salon Mexico, and Appalachian Spring; conversation at the Soda Fountain from film version of *Our Town*. For all program details and ticket purchasing information, visit www.bethlehemsynagogue.org. Cost: Tickets at the door: \$17 BHC members, \$20 general admission. Season passes: \$68 BHC members, \$80 general

Events For Our Youth

Monday, July 15 – Friday, July 19

Temple Israel-Portsmouth Summer Camps

8:45 AM-1 PM, Temple Israel Early Learning Center, Portsmouth
If you have children or grandchildren ages 3 to 5 who are looking for a week of summer activities, join us for a week of FUN at Summer Camp at Temple Israel-Portsmouth/Early Learning Center. Contact ELC director Tammy Labonte, (603) 436-5301 Ext. 23, preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org. Cost: \$200/child.

admission. To order season passes, contact Michel Adler at adlermf@verizon.net.

Sunday, July 21

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4-6 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
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Thursday, July 25

Film Festival Thursdays, White Mountain Jewish Film Festival: *The History of Love*

6 PM, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem
Guest speaker is Carole Renard, Wexler Oral History Project coordinator at the Yiddish Book Center, Amherst, MA. For all program details and ticket purchasing information, visit www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/white-mountain-jewish-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.

Sunday, July 28

(Rain date August 4)


Goodbye Picnic for Noam

11 AM-2 PM, Private farm in Goffstown, NH
Bring your family and a picnic lunch. There will be pony rides, cake, yard games, and music. as we celebrate Noam and her amazing work over the past two years sharing Israel with New Hampshire! RSVP by calling the JFNH office at (603) 627-7679 or emailing info@jewishnh.org. The address will be given with your RSVP.

Wednesday, July 31

Books of Jewish Interest

4 PM, Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem
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Thank You for My Amazing Two Years in New Hampshire!

Lately, the deep understanding that the end is near is slowly sinking in. I knew I was coming here for two years, but now I'm at a point where I have to finish everything I started here and pass the torch to someone else. And that someone else is going to live in my apartment, and drive my car, and probably become friends with my friends. I am happy for the next Shlichah, who will get to enjoy and explore NH, but I have to admit I am afraid of being forgotten. That everything I have done to strengthen the connection of NH Jewish community to Israel will be buried under the new events and ideas of the person who will be here to replace me. I also am full of pride about the programs, the ideas, the foundation I built in multiple age groups. I hope that people will take their abilities and help our tiny Federation staff to maintain everything we started.

I had the most amazing two years in the diverse Jewish community of New Hampshire. My time here has included more than 3,500 engagements with children (around six times with each child between the ages of 2 and 13), more than



80 Hebrew School programs, more than 350 events produced, and engagement with about 20,000 people (most of them repeatedly). From cooking classes across the state, to singing to Governor Chris Sununu, dropping gelt from a huge menorah, performing a jazz benefit concert to fundraise for the Shlichah program, teaching Israeli dancing and sharing Shabbat songs with PJ Library toddlers — I feel like I have done it all during my Shlichut. Most importantly, I have done things I haven't thought that I am capable of doing. I said YES to everything this job summoned me for, and I am so glad I did it.

The friendships I earned during these two years, the tools I gained from leading groups within this community, and the things that I learned about Judaism —



On May 1 Noam performed at the State House in Concord. Picture are (L-R) Allyson Guertin, JFNH Dir. of Community Outreach and Engagement; Governor Chris Sununu; Noam Wolf; and Mindee Greenberg, former Chair of JFNH Board of Directors.

they will stay with me forever, and I will not forget them. I hope I will get the chance to pass along all the information I received here to many other Israelis, who are probably, like me, hesitant about Ju-

daism and religion in general, every day. To teach them that there is another way to do this, and that they might LOVE that way, and feel a strong connection to

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Federation Voices

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their history and roots, in a way they didn't know they are capable of.

In the last two months that I have here, I will be busy writing a binder for the new Shlicha, doing my final cooking class on June 26 in Manchester, having my last events with the Young Mensches: Paint Wars on June 30 in Barnstead and one in July, yet to be determined. I'm also getting ready for my Goodbye Picnic on July 28 in Goffstown — call the office to RSVP!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the families and individuals who hosted me and Avi in the past two years, to everyone who made us feel at home and as if we have family here, to the friends who made us less lonely, to those who let me vent, and to those who helped in my weakest and saddest days. I got so much from you all — THANK YOU! I appreciate it all and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I hope to see you all at my Goodbye Picnic, and until then — have a great and long summer!



Some of the friendships Noam made in NH. From left to right: Avi and Noam, Ashley (JFNH Board), Erin, and Owen.



Noam at the PJ Library Tot Shabbat Sing Along, singing Hamotzi.



Cooking Class with the Shlicha in Derry -- yummy!



If you missed the Shir Jazz event, it was the event of the year!



Noam, Avi, and Niv gave an amazing performance! We hope to have them again next year!

Volunteer Spotlight: Elissa Kaplan Senter

By Sheila Salenger

This month the volunteer interview column features Elissa Kaplan Senter.

Among her varied activities in the NH Jewish community, Elissa serves as the chaplain at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital. She also teaches vocal music to the Early Learning Center preschool and Hebrew School students of Temple Israel in Portsmouth. AND in her 'spare time' she plans ceremonies for seacoast weddings. She officiates at the weddings, and as the cantor, regales the guests with her beautiful singing voice!

Elissa received her bachelors degree from Boston University, and she has taught in public and private schools in Long Island, New York; New Jersey; and Saratoga Springs, New York. She and her late husband, Rabbi David Rafael Senter, who was the beloved rabbi of Temple Israel in Portsmouth, moved to Dover, NH, in 2014. (You might wish to view "Sunday the Rabbi went to Church" on YouTube.)

If you go online to the seacoastweddings.org website, you can see and hear Elissa!



Elissa Kaplan Senter

Elissa lives in Dover and is an active member of Temple Israel Portsmouth.

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Lily enjoying her ice cream during the PJ Library Ice Cream Social in Bethlehem



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from the *Bimah*

You Can Do It! You Already Do It!

Confession-magnet. It's the worst part of a rabbi's job.

I've got relatives whom I don't see often, who don't live in the same town as I do -- who are old enough to know me long before I was a rabbi! -- and when we see each other, the first thing they say is, "I haven't been to synagogue in so long."

Confession-magnet. People sometimes feel guilty if we haven't seen each other in a while and I express how happy I am to see them. But I *am* so happy to see you -- unconditionally! Any rabbi will tell you: We hate being confession-magnets. We hate being the one who makes you judge yourself about how good a Jew you are.

Well, it's true that Jewish communities can be very judgmental. You can easily come across plenty of hand wringing and crisis thinking, about how people in our communities aren't involved enough, aren't fill-in-the-blank enough. We haven't

Rabbi in the House	
	Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

stamped out that vibe around here yet.

But I think I speak on behalf of my fellow rabbis and cantors and educators and Federation professionals when I say: That's not us. We're trying not to be that. Whenever we see you, we are indeed truly excited -- full stop, no strings attached!

And I'll go a step further. Seeing you -- having you show up for something we lead or we organize -- isn't the measure of Jewish living and commitment.

There is one thing, actually, that rabbis and synagogues have almost nothing to

do with but that more Jewish families and individuals do than probably anything other Jewish thing. It's complicated, it's got logistics, it involves rituals and Torah, it's even got Hebrew. But unless it's my house, there isn't a rabbi involved, and hardly anyone asks me how to do it.

What am I talking about? The envelope please....

Hosting a seder.

Why am I talking about Passover in the summer? Because the seder is the model for understanding why you are already an empowered, self-sufficient Jew. All year round. You and hundreds of other people in New Hampshire alone.

The seder should be our standard and guide. It's serious and fun and involved, and you're up to doing it -- you already have! You've been the host or the co-host or the participant-guest. Which is pretty much every role there is, in everything interesting that's Jewish.

Seders get done without any special training. You have access to the toolkit, but no one tells you what to do or judges you on how you do it. You figure out yourself what book/guide to get, how to use it, who to do it with. You find resources on the internet: videos, readings. You turn tradition into your own thing. You make it shorter or longer, you use Hebrew or not, you do it yourself or with other people. You explain things.

And it's amazing what you pull off. You're practically a rabbi yourself, already!

So -- let that be the model for the next Jewish thing.

Want to do Shabbat evening? You can find a toolkit and you're off. I've got one at rabbijon.net/rabbijon/toolkit.html, but you can find others from your local rabbi or teacher or online.

Do it yourself or talk one of your friends into doing it for you or together.

Set out a tzedakah (giving) box or cup to put some money in for giving away. Put out candles -- two, or one for everyone who is around. Make a moment out of it. Presto! Great job.

If you want to invite people over, make dinner or do potluck, or add blessings -- mix the elements however you want.

And you can do the same if you're interested in doing *chesed* (caring work), or studying some Torah, or any other Jewish thing.

Of course, by all means consult us "experts" in your neighborhood if you want, and take advantage of the gatherings and programs we've got going. We're another part of the toolkit.

But you are capable and empowered already. You know how to make a stab at taking an element from our tradition and making it meaningful and essential to our world.

You can do it -- you've already done it!

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Rabbinic Intern to Continue at Congregation Betenu

Amherst — The Congregation Betenu Board is pleased to announce that Sam Blumberg has accepted our offer to continue to serve as Betenu's Rabbinic Intern for the 2019/2020 school year.

Sam will lead Betenu's High Holy Day services in the fall. He will continue to lead at least one Friday evening service each month, to lead monthly Adult Ed discussion groups, and to work with Betenu religious school students. Sam will lead several Shabbat services over the summer -- see www.betenu.org and upcoming Betenu Newsletters for the schedule.

Sam will be entering his third of four years of study at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in Newton, MA. Be-

fore coming to Hebrew College, he spent five years in Portland, Oregon, teaching Jewish Studies in the middle school at Portland Jewish Academy. Sam holds a Master in Jewish Education degree from Hebrew College and is a graduate of the Pardes Educators Program.

Growing up, Sam was very involved in USY at his local synagogue and served on the regional board. During his college years at the University of California, Davis, Sam spent a semester at Hebrew University in Jerusalem (where he met his wife, Amalia) and served as the president of the Jewish Student Union on campus. Sam has been working with children since high school, teaching at several synagogues in California and Oregon. While



Rabbinic intern Sam Blumberg with wife Amalia and children Zamir and Sol.

living in Portland, Sam tutored students to prepare them to become B'nai Mitzvah, working with adolescents and their families to craft a service that felt right for them.

Having spent more than three years

living in Jerusalem, Sam brings his love for Israel and the Jewish people to the Betenu community. He is passionate about connecting and helping others connect with our Jewish history and texts, and deeply believes that we can all find our own relevance in the Torah and Jewish values. Sam lives in Waltham, MA, with his wife Amalia, son Zamir (born April 2016), daughter Sol (born January 2018), and their dog Kishu.

Sam has served as Rabbinic Intern at Congregation Betenu since August 2017. Betenu members appreciate Sam's engaging warmth, his depth of knowledge about Judaism, and his skill as a Jewish educator. We're all delighted that he will be with us for another year.

Temple B'nai Israel Honors Rabbi Boaz Heilman

Laconia — Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia will see major change in the coming year with the passing of the gavel from Marsha Ostroff-Rines to Ira Keltz, newly elected president of the Board of Trustees and a new resident of New Hampshire, arriving in Laconia from Westford, Massachusetts, just last year. Ms. Ostroff-Rines served as president for the last eight years. Her commitment to TBI will continue as a past president on the board, and she looks forward to spending her time helping with many aspects of temple activities, which will include welcoming Rabbi Dan Danson, who has been hired to fill the vacancy left by Rabbi Boaz Heilman. Following the annual meeting on Sunday, June 10, a farewell luncheon was held honoring Rabbi Heilman as he, along with his wife Rabbi Sally Finestone, begin a new chapter in Colorado.

This was a joyous, yet sad and bitter-sweet farewell, with a tribute to a man whom the congregation claimed as "our beloved TBI rabbi, our resident 'mensch' in the Lakes Region." Everyone felt that New Hampshire's loss is Colorado's gain. The accolades came from outgoing TBI president Marsha Ostroff-Rines, who praised Rabbi Heilman's dedication to the entire congregation. Gary Broom, second vice president, spoke eloquently and with sincere emotion, his voice often breaking, as he thanked Boaz for being more than a rabbi, but a friend as well. Rev. Judith Wright, representing the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, thanked Rabbi Heilman for reaching out into the community and sharing his warmth and spirit. The final tribute of the day was a

musical salute to Rabbi Heilman, sung by congregant Dr. Mark Aronson, a parody of Paul Simon's "Mrs. Robinson":

*And here's to you, Boaz Heilman,
Moses loves you more than you will know:*

*God bless you please, Boaz Heilman,
heaven holds a place for those who pray.*

At the time of his installation on November 14, 2015, Rabbi Heilman was "following his own path," as reported in The Laconia Daily Sun on November 17, 2015. The article by Michael Kitch, entitled "Passing the Torah," followed Rabbi Heilman's path "from Israel to America and back again, where he has left his mark as a pianist, teacher, and medic with the Israel Defense Forces while slaking an appetite for hiking and honing an eye for photography. With his rich experience and diverse talents, Rabbi Heilman is an ideal fit with what Barbara Morgenstern (of blessed memory), a member of the board, called 'our interesting, eclectic congregation.'"

Thus, the legacy of Rabbi Boaz Heilman began in Laconia, New Hampshire. At his installation, he spoke with great anticipation about embarking on this path at this time of his life:

Not only did I find the kind of powerful and dramatic beauty of nature that New Hampshire possesses. Not only did I discover a slower, more patient, more easy-going way of life. Not only did I discover a thriving Jewish community here, but one that has been in existence for well over 100 years! I discovered a community of people so devoted to their Judaism that they took it upon themselves to make sure that it



Outgoing president Marsha Ostroff-Rines accepts a retirement gift from the Board of Trustees presented by second vice president Gary Broom.

survived and even thrived.

It did not take long for the temple members to realize just how very lucky it was that Rabbi Heilman was willing to make the trek every two weeks from Massachusetts to lead the congregation in Shabbat services and adult education programs, and to officiate at life cycle events including weddings, funerals, and Bar or Bat Mitzvahs. Rabbi Heilman also supervised the small but dynamic religious school and won the heart of every child in the school.

On Sunday, Rabbi Heilman was overcome with emotion, often stopping to collect his thoughts as he addressed the congregation. He



TBI religious school students will miss Rabbi Heilman.

said "I wanted to be here," and noted that he did not consider it "work," as it was a joy and pleasure for him to lead this vibrant congregation. Rabbi Boaz Heilman will be missed and will always be in the hearts and minds of the congregants of TBI.

Rabbi Dan Danson will begin his tenure at Temple B'nai Israel on July 1. TBI invites the community to meet Rabbi Danson at The New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival on Sunday, July 14, 11 AM to 2 PM, on the temple grounds at 210 Court Street in Laconia. For more information, visit the TBI website TBINH.org.



Rabbi Dan Danson, the new spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Israel, will meet the community at the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival on July 14 and at Havdalah on the Lake Sunset Cruise on August 3.

Swim With a Mission Highlights Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood Breakfast

Manchester — The 2019 Spring TAY Brotherhood Breakfast was held on Sunday morning, May 19. The featured presentation, by TAY members Phil and Julie Taub of Bedford, was "Swim With a Mission," a program to support military veterans. The Taubs embarked on this effort because they felt that our veterans were being treated poorly and deserved far more support than they were receiving. They noted that veterans and their families have given so much, and some had made the ultimate sacrifice. The Taubs just "knew that they needed to do something," so they went on their mission to honor our veterans. Eventually, they founded Swim With a Mission, an open water swim fundraiser across Newfound Lake, with the support of Navy SEALs. Over the first two years, they have raised \$1.2 million via registration fees and sponsorships to help support several veteran service organizations. This year's swim will be on July 13.

After a nosh of bagels, shmeers, pastry, fruit, juice, and coffee, Phil and Julie,



TAY Brotherhood co-president David Penchansky congratulates Julie and Phil Taub for their wonderful Swim With a Mission program and presents them with a donation at the TAY Brotherhood Breakfast.

with a back-up of photos, spoke to a very attentive audience about their wonderful mitzvah. If you were not at the breakfast, you can find out about Swim With a Mission by checking the website: swimwithamission.org. You will be so impressed with what you see.

Hadassah Chapter Continues Advocacy and Learning Activities

Manchester — On Sunday, May 5, members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah attended NH4Israel's third annual Walk/Run for Healing. Money raised will go toward Hadassah Medical Organization's research on pancreatic cancer. It was an opportunity for Hadassah members to reach out and communicate with the community about the groundbreaking research and humanitarian worldwide impact of Hadassah.

A chapter meeting was held on May 23. Michele Bank spoke about and showed pictures of the Jewish sites she and her family visited on their recent trip to Europe. A lively discussion ensued about other members' memories of similar trips.

The book club discussed *The Family* by David Laskin at a well-attended dinner meeting. One topic of discussion was the role of the Jewish woman at the turn of the century. The next chapter meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 26, at 7 PM. The address is 1400 Front Street, Manchester. All are welcome to attend.

As an organization committed to the safety and security of the Jewish people, Hadassah works to combat anti-Semitism both at home and abroad. Hadassah advances policies that seek to ensure the se-



Hadassah members Gail Ellis (left) and Helen Arnold (right) at the Run/Walk for Healing.

curity of Jewish communities, hold perpetrators of harassment and violence accountable, assert U.S. leadership, and provide support to international partners. Additionally, Hadassah strives to expand Holocaust and anti-hate education nationwide. For more information about Hadassah, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com or 488-5657.

Rabbi Mark Visits Havurah

Sunapee — On Sunday, May 19, Rabbi Mark Melamut, newly appointed rabbi at Hanover's Upper Valley Jewish Community, met with the Sunapee-Kearsarge Jewish Community. Almost 40 members were on hand to meet the rabbi. The meeting was a social gathering, and the highlight was Rabbi Mark's talk and the Q&A session that followed it.

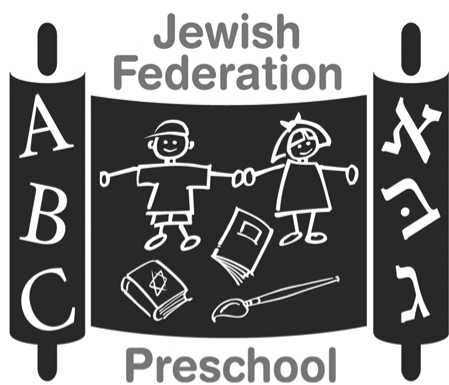
The group learned that Rabbi Mark was raised in Alabama and came to the rabbinate early in life but only after studying business administration and exploring a number of business fields. The transition may have been triggered by his time at Yale Divinity School. This was followed by studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and in Israel at Hebrew University and the Pardes Institute for Advanced Studies in Judaism.

Art Rosen, moderator of the havurah, reported that Rabbi Mark would be back to the Sunapee-Kearsarge area to participate in a series called "The American



Rabbi Mark Melamut addressing the Sunapee-Kearsarge Jewish Community.

Born Religions." Nine faith groups will be covered, ranging from the Methodists and Universalists to Conservative and Reconstructionist Judaism. The series will be sponsored by Adventures in Learning at Colby-Sawyer College. Announcements will follow.



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In the Community



Kitchen Krew members David Rosenzweig and Bob Katchen do prep work for the TAY Brotherhood Spring Dinner Concert.

TAY Brotherhood 2019 Spring Dinner Concert...and All That Jazz!

Manchester — The Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood Spring Dinner Concert (formerly known as the Seniors Dinner) was held at TAY on Thursday evening, May 9. And “Oh, what a night” it was. There were over 70 attendees, including guests, Brotherhood Kitchen Krew members, and members of the Manchester West High School Jazz Ensemble (the evening’s entertainment). Chairing the event, which was an evening of great food, great camaraderie, and great music, once again was Mark Granoff.

A delicious meal was prepared by the Brotherhood Kitchen Krew, including Mark G, Bob Katchen, David Penchansky, Mel Spierer, Jay Hodes, Sol Rockenmacher, and David Rosenzweig (who was also the official photographer of the event). Alan Kaplan set up the audio

equipment. Rabbi Beth delivered the pre-meal blessing. Linda Rockenmacher helped with decorations for the tables. Bob LeFevre helped in the kitchen. Following hot dogs in the blanket as an appetizer, the main course was chicken with stuffing, plus cranberry sauce, salad, and mashed potatoes. For dessert there was a celebratory cake, cookies, and fruit salad.

A highlight of the evening was an encore outstanding performance by the Manchester West High School Jazz Band, who played, and played very well indeed, music from the 40s and the 50s. Diane Francoeur is the faculty leader and advisor for this wonderful group of young people. From all the feedback we have had, this was another exceptional Spring Dinner Concert.

“We Remember” on Memorial Day 2019

Manchester — On Memorial Day, May 27, members of the Manchester Jewish community once again gathered at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery. They came to venerate not only those veterans who are buried in the cemetery but all those who have served our great country in the uniformed services throughout the years.

Some 136 veterans are buried in the cemetery. Several days before the ceremony, American flags were placed at the gravesites by volunteers Sue and Jay Niederman, David Rosenzweig, and Gerry Gan.

The service was held in the Cemetery Chapel as “A Service of Thanks and Memorial,” led by Rabbis Gary Atkins, Beth Davidson, and Jeremy Szczepanski. U.S. Army veteran David Rosenzweig introduced U.S. Navy veteran Sol Rockenmacher, who spoke on the theme of “dual loyalty, the loyalty to God and country,” with that country being the United States of America. Sol told the story of the Sheridan Guard, soldiers of Irish heritage who served in the Union Forces during the Civil War and who are buried in nearby Old St. Joseph Cemetery. Their motto was “For God and Country,” and that country was the United States of America. Sol

noted that Jews have a long history of service in our U.S. military forces and that a Jew, Simon Magruder Levy, was one of the first two graduates of West Point. He pointed out that our Jewish heritage links us to Israel, but our country is the United States of America.

Sue Niederman, Jeff Klein, and Bob Bersak read the names of the 136 veterans who are buried in the cemetery. Then Rabbis Gary Atkins (former U.S. Air Force Chaplain), Beth Davidson, and Jeremy Szczepanski led the religious service, which included remembering Benjamin R. Bronstein, Robert O. Isenberg, Jack Perolman, Zalman R. Rosenberg, and Max Slovack, who are buried in the cemetery and who gave their lives in defense of our country and in defense of our ideals. There was a moment of silence, followed by the recitation of *El Moyal Rachamim* and the Mourner’s Kaddish. The Chapel event concluded with the playing of “Taps.”

Before and after the service, attendees visited the graves of loved ones to meditate and to place a stone.

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Summer Fun

Enjoy Havdalah on the Lake Sunset Cruise August 3 on Lake Winnepesaukee

Laconia — Join Temple B'nai Israel on a sunset cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee aboard the M/V Doris E. on Saturday, August 3, 7:30–9:30 PM. Enjoy the peaceful quiet of the beautiful big lake, the night sky, and the idyllic islands and scenic shoreline. Share a wonderful end to Shabbat when three stars appear in the sky. TBI's new rabbi, Dan Danson, along with cantorial soloist Melody Funk, will conduct a traditional Havdalah service. This is open to the entire Jewish community of New Hampshire and is an event not to be missed! A great experience for families with kids and grandkids too!

TBI has recently welcomed Rabbi Danson as its new spiritual leader. After 30 years as the rabbi of a small congrega-

tion in Wisconsin, Rabbi Danson is excited about the opportunity to experience the magnificent surroundings of the Lakes Region and become more familiar with the congregation and the greater Jewish community of New Hampshire. This Havdalah sunset cruise will be a wonderful chance for everyone to connect on a spiritual and social level.

The cruise will depart from the M/S Mount Washington cruise docks at Weirs Beach in Laconia promptly at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 13 and can be purchased online at TBINH.org. Most major credit cards are accepted. Ticket price includes homemade desserts, beverages, and a lively evening.



A scenic view from last year's sunset Havdalah cruise aboard the M/V Doris E.

Baseball *continued from page 1*

hometown Pittsburgh Pirates and his adopted Boston Red Sox. Marc embarked on a goal to visit every ballpark in the country, not intending for it to take 60 years.

Still in pursuit of his goal in 2019, he saved the Washington Nationals for his last ballpark visit and planned a special trip for his family, including daughters Rachel Rubenson Marmor with husband Dave, Gail Rubenson Goldman with husband Michael, daughter Sara Rubenson,

four grandchildren of ages ranging from 2 to 10, and first cousin Lynn Rubenson and companion Penny Balber Berceli. All gathered in Washington the weekend of April 14 to watch the Pittsburgh Pirates play and celebrate with Marc as he checked off the last ballpark on his list.

Over the years, one or more family member or friend has joined Marc as he traveled the country, with the goal of watching either his beloved Red Sox or Pirates play the home team. In all, Marc attended games at 45 ballparks, including some former stadiums and their modern replacements.

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Outside the Nationals ballpark are (back row) son-in-law Dave with wife Rachel Rubenson Marmor of White Plains, NY; Sara Rubenson of Portland, ME; Gail Rubenson Goldman with husband Michael Goldman of Boston; and Marc Rubenson and (front row) Benjamin, Sasha, and Lizzie Goldman with Evan Marmor in stroller; Penny Balber Bercelli of Manchester; and Lynn Rubenson of San Diego.

Summer Fun

Dine Under the Tent at the 22nd Annual New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival on Sunday, July 14

Laconia — Once again, the event to attend this summer is The New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival at Temple B'nai Israel, 210 Court Street in Laconia, on Sunday, July 14, from 11 AM to 2 PM.



servings of the most delectable foods. We have purchased, cooked, and hand sliced nearly 200 pounds of everyone's favorite meats and baked dozens of varieties of cakes, cookies and other deserts. But no matter how much we have, everything goes quickly. So don't be late and risk having your favorite item sold out!"

People will be coming together from all over New Hampshire and beyond to enjoy the memories of the tastes and smells from the kitchens of Jewish mothers and bubbes (grandmothers) through the ages, from traditional Jewish cooking to delicatessen delights to amazing desserts and more! Don't just dream of the luscious homemade delicacies from the kitchen of Temple B'nai Israel — plan to be there.

The Jewish Food Festival in Laconia ranks with the best due to TBI's talented cooking crew of women and men who have been gathering before Festival Day for planning and recipe selection as well as participating in dozens of cooking and baking sessions in the temple kitchen. Per committee chair Stu Needleman, "Our cooking teams have prepared hundreds of

Along with the homemade favorites, the Jewish Food Festival features corned beef, pastrami, and tongue from Evan's New York Style Deli of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Evan's meats are cooked on premises, in his restaurant, and dedicated TBI volunteers make the trip to bring these delicacies to New Hampshire.

On Festival day, enjoy your favorite deli sandwich, homemade brisket, corned beef, pastrami, or tongue, on rye or roll, served with coleslaw and dill pickle. Luscious cheese blintzes with strawberry sauce and potato and meat knishes will be hot and ready to eat. Did someone say dessert? A mouthwatering

selection of cakes, cookies, pies, and other traditional sweets awaits you.

There will also be a limited supply of traditional foods to take home and enjoy, including blintzes, beef brisket, meat knishes, potato knishes, latkes (potato pancakes)*, matzo ball soup*, noodle

kugel*, and stuffed cabbage*, packaged and frozen. Freshly packaged chopped herring* and chopped chicken liver* will be available as well. (*Items only available to take home.)

All questions may be directed to foodfestival@tbinh.org.

JFNH Announces NextGen Summer Jazz Night Benefit for Shlichah Program

Manchester — Nothing's better than cool jazz on a hot summer night! Join us on July 14 for this special NextGen Federation event for those in their 30s and 40s. The evening starts at 6:30 PM in the Spotlight Room in the Palace Theater, 96 Hanover Street, Manchester. Live music begins at 7 PM, with jazz favorites in English and Hebrew,

featuring Shlichah Noam Wolf. Enjoy refreshments and a cash bar. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit our Israeli Emissary/Shlichah program. Space is limited, so reserve your tickets today by calling (603)627-7679 or online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4278464>. Donation: \$54/ person, \$100/couple.

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July 18 Ragtime at Interlakes Summer Theatre, Meredith

Meet van at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester at 12PM
Show begins at 2PM
Dinner at Giuseppe's after the show (not included in cost of trip)
\$29/person - pay by July 8th

August 8 Squam Lake Cruise, Holderness

Meet van at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester at 9:30am
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Jewish Journeys

On Becoming Mohelim

By Dr. Josh Nathan and
Dr. Ami Kilchevsky

Josh: I've always been engaged in various ways with the Jewish community wherever I've lived. Growing up with a respectable Jewish education allowed me in particular to be involved with and lead many wonderful and soul-fulfilling Jewish religious rituals. When I was presented with the opportunity to become a mohel, I was excited, seeing the venture as a way to continue deepening my connection with Judaism.

As an obstetrician, my training included medical circumcision, so I already possessed the technical skills needed to perform *bris milah*. Over the years since our son Judah had his *bris*, my wife Christy had periodically encouraged me to consider becoming a mohel, but I never pursued it, as there was not much demand to do so. Living in Seattle at the time, with its relatively large Jewish community, it was not particularly difficult to find a mohel.

Recognizing, though, that access to a mohel here in New Hampshire was becoming endangered, Rabbi Gary Atkins approached me and offered to train me as a mohel. I instantly thought back to the times when Christy was encouraging me to do this. The thought of being able to perform such an ancient and sacred ritual was energizing, and I eagerly ac-



Josh Nathan at a Brit Milah ceremony he performed earlier this year.

cepted his offer.

Embarking on his mission to train a new generation of mohelim, Rabbi Gary also approached the affable Dr. Ami Kilchevsky – a local urologist and fellow member of Temple Israel Manchester – to study the halachah and customs of *milah*. Through our studies, Ami and I not only developed a profound new appreciation for *bris milah*, but we also became good friends in the process.

As we progressed in our studies, I was struck by how little I understood about *milah* despite Judah's *bris milah* having occurred just eight years ago. I did not

appreciate the profound meanings behind the various steps to the ritual. Perhaps this was natural, given that *bris milah* can be emotionally overwhelming to parents. *Milah*, however, is so much more than just about circumcision.

The memory that I recall most from Judah's *bris* was when we gave him his name. We chose his name to be representative of the personal characteristics and qualities we want him to bring to this world: to make it a better place. *Milah* is about celebrating a moment at the embarkation of life where we not only welcome our newest member of the Jewish community, but also bestow blessings and wishes on a newborn to learn Torah, find the love of their life, and perform *tikkun olam*.

I'm excited to be serving our Jewish community as a mohel and to partner with parents, guiding them through this very auspicious occasion at the cusp of life.

Ami: Lindsay and I have been blessed with two sons, Golan and Matan. Golan, our oldest, was born when I was a urologic oncology fellow in Washington, D.C. When it came time to find a mohel in the area, several individuals were available to perform the *bris milah* ceremony. Two years later, when Matan was born in New Hampshire, locating a mohel presented more of a challenge. Fortunately, we were able to connect with Dr. Alan Green, an



Amichai and Lindsay Kilchevsky holding their son Matan at his Brit Milah.

OB/Gyn in Nashua who led a masterful service. We were grateful for his availability but realized there must be other families in the region who want a *bris milah* for their son, but may not be able to find a practitioner. This realization, coupled with a serendipitous encounter with Dr. Josh Nathan, cemented my desire to pursue formal *bris milah* training with Rabbi Gary Atkins. The experience ultimately turned out to be one of the most fulfilling academic and religious endeavors I have undertaken. I look forward to serving the New Hampshire Jewish community for years to come.

How I Found What Was Missing

By Elaine Bieber

The only way I could explain my attraction to Judaism way back in the late 60s was that it provided something to hold onto. And I realized then that was something missing in my religion. I grew up in the white steepled church in a small New England town. I loved singing in the choir every Sunday morning and couldn't wait for the Christmas festival held in early December with wonderful crafts for children and a potluck dinner. And there was Easter and Children's Day in June. I'm sure it provided more sustenance than that for many other people, but I couldn't find it.

My high school boyfriend was Jewish, and I began to learn about his religious and secular Jewish life. It involved families, celebrations, holidays, food, rituals, and yes, complaints about Hebrew School and Bar Mitzvah prep. But any complaints were tinged with affection. And my assigned college roommate was an urban Jew from Boston. She had an even more active Jewish life than my

small-town boyfriend. So I heard about family squabbles and support, traditions, and Saturdays spent in three-family houses going from aunt to grandmother to cousins. And although I wrote a couple of papers comparing Christianity and Judaism, I still only saw the parts that were missing in my religion.

And then...I met Paul, who had a very traditional Jewish upbringing, surrounded by other Jewish families and a strong synagogue life. But I met him after he had been away from that life for four years, and he was not interested in going back to it. Yet, when we got together with my roommate and her Jewish boyfriend, it came to the surface. The Yiddish words, the memories of holidays and B'Nai Mitzvahs, the family ties, the food -- it was all a common bond. Whether it happened in Cleveland or Boston, it was the same. But I still knew very little of what transpired in a Friday night or Saturday morning service.

Paul's Jewishness kicked in when we knew we were having a son. Five months

into the pregnancy, he realized that we must find a mohel. It was 1985, I wasn't Jewish, and we did not have a community around us who could help us. We don't remember how, but he found someone to do it in our home with modified prayers due to me. And because at the time our daughter was three, we now needed to join a synagogue because she needed Hebrew school. It really kicked in!

That was when my real learning started. I took every class available, we attended services regularly, and we celebrated holidays and mitzvahs. But the most important thing that happened was that I was hearing things that made sense to me, that gave me something to think about until the next service. There was that something to hold onto. I loved the constant reminders: honoring people no longer with us, remembering to slow down on Shabbat and think about our lives, doing little mitzvahs and giving tzedakah, and being role models for our children so that they would grow up with these same traditions.

After our children finished becoming

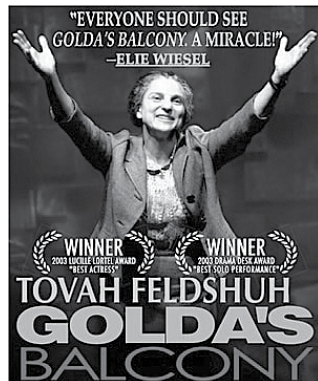
B'Nai Mitzvah, I began to think about my journey and decided to convert. It was a very quiet event. I called the rabbi and asked to speak with him about conversion. He thought I was prepared with the classes I had taken, the field trip to the mikveh with the cantor, and the years of involvement with the synagogue, so we made a date. He and my daughter were there – it was a moment filled with awe and calmness – and then it was over. I already felt such a strong connection to the religion, it was just another step on my journey. It took until the next Friday night to feel the impact. Only a couple of people knew what had transpired; to the rest of the people, I looked the same. But for the first time, I felt like I was inside, not on the outside looking in. This was my something to hang onto. I felt at home, comfortable, supported, and grateful when I heard and read the words that made sense to me.

Elaine and her husband, Paul, live in Keene, where they are active members of Congregation Ahavas Achim.

2019 NH Jewish Film Festival Announces Audience Choice Awards

JFNH Signature Program

Manchester — Thank you to the NH statewide audience for an exceptional 11th season of the NH Jewish Film Festival. After each screening, festival organizers sought out the audience's opinion of the film they had just viewed. They did



this by completing a short, written survey to rate the film before leaving the theater.

The results have now been tabulated, and we are pleased to announce the winners of 2019 NH Jewish Film Festival.

The Audience Choice Feature Film Award went to the film *Golda's Balcony*: The film was produced by David Fishel-

son and directed by Scott Schwartz. The Audience Choice Documentary Film Award went to *Who Will Write Our History*, from Katahdin Productions, directed by Roberta Grossman. The Audience Choice Award for a Short Film went to *Double Date*, produced and written by Jamie Elman and Eli Batalion.

Congratulations to these three films – and to you, the audience, for helping the NH Jewish Film Festival become better known to a wider audience each year.

Please mark your calendars and save the dates for the 12th season of the Jewish Film Festival, March 19 – March 29, 2020. See you at the movies!

Memorial Day Concert a Rousing Success

Meredith — An enthusiastic packed house in Meredith enjoyed the distinctive a capella style of Five O'Clock Shadow (focs.com), the Boston-based award-winning vocal group, on Saturday night, May 25. The concert was presented by “We Care” of Temple B'nai Israel to benefit the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association (Irvna.org). The stirring performance had everyone wondering how they were hearing guitars, harmonica, drums, and horns with only six guys on stage singing their hearts out. FOCS has perfected the art of imitating the sound of the instruments while singing and harmonizing some of the most iconic music of the last 50 plus years. In addition to innumerable contemporary tunes, the group led the audience in singing “The Star-Spangled Banner” as a salute to those who have served and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The evening was capped off by a rousing performance of Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody,” bringing everyone to their feet with thunderous applause.



Everyone in attendance that night also feasted on the array of desserts homemade by TBI members, platters of cheese and fruits generously provided by Moulton Farms and Hannaford, as well as coffee supplied by McDonald's.

Now in its sixth year, “We Care” has presented 11 concerts that has raised nearly \$85,000 to benefit nine different local agencies. In addition to ticket sales, the funds raised come from online social media campaigns as well as main event sponsors. “We Care” thanks Miracle Farms Landscaping, Cantin Chevrolet, and Golden View Health Care for their contribution to this concert as main event sponsors.

The “We Care” concert series will conclude its 2019 season on Saturday night, October 26, when Doo Wop DeVille will perform the greatest hits of the golden era of rock and roll. The evening will benefit Interlakes Community Caregivers, volunteers who provide services to individuals and families in times of need. Tickets are available now at www.tbinh.org.



Five O'Clock Shadow on stage in Meredith, NH.



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3rd Annual Community Walk/Run for Healing Raises Funds for Hadassah Pancreatic Cancer Research

Derry — The 3rd Annual Run/Walk for Healing for Pancreatic Cancer was a wonderful success, but NH4Israel members who organized the event knew that the hundreds of missiles launched from Gaza into Israel starting the day before were continuing. Linda McGrath, one of the co-chairs of the event, rewrote the prayer for the peace of Jerusalem the night before, and by the opening ceremony the next day the number of rockets had increased from 300 to 500.

The Run for Healing was started with twin goals: to raise funds for Hadassah

Medical Center in Jerusalem and to educate people in New Hampshire about the real Israel -- the Israel that is a world leader in medical advances and technology and that has a creative spirit that solves problems and shares those solutions for the benefit of people around the world.

The first event in 2017 raised enough money to buy an Accuvein machine for Hadassah Hospital's anesthesiology and critical care department. In 2018, NH4Israel raised \$5,000 for groundbreaking research into ALS, also known as Lou Geh-



More than 100 people, including many committed runners, came out to participate in this year's race.



Members of NH4Israel at this year's Run for Healing (L-R): Brian Grodman, Linda Gerson, Marty Weinstein, Pam Colantuono, Jon LeBrun, Cheryl LeBrun, Linda Leventhal McGrath, Gail O'Hare, James O'Hare, and Ken Kowalchek.

rig's disease. This year the group decided to support pancreatic cancer research through a casual conversation with Seacoast community member Brenda Johnson, who knows Dr. Gideon Zamir and Dr. Dror Kolodkin Gal at Hadassah. She became a great supporter and cheerleader, even coming back from her travels to attend and speak at the event!

Co-chair Linda Gerson and her family were Gold Sponsors in memory of her mother in law, Marilyn Gerson, who died of pancreatic cancer. She said "the disease is heart wrenching because there is so little hope -- the five-year survival rate

is only 8%."

NH4Israel would like to thank everyone who helped us: over 100 runners, walkers, and attendees; the two dozen volunteers and four dozen sponsors; James and Gayle O'Hare, who provided the beautiful music; the Church of the Transfiguration choir, who performed our National Anthem; and Rabbi Levy, who told the story of how Israel treats all with legal egalitarianism, even those who try to kill us. Am Yisrael chai (the people Israel live)! For more information on NH4Israel, please visit www.nh4israel.org.

Young Adults: You Can Make a Difference in Israel With Urban Kibbutz

Israel — Do you feel like you have a strong connection to Israel, but are not sure how to relate to it? Are you looking to build community and meaningful Jewish work?

Enter Urban Kibbutz Social Change! We invite our participants to come live for four months in an urban kibbutz -- a communal framework in an urban setting -- in the beautiful city of Haifa. There, they will be a part of their community, learn Hebrew, and meet and

work with their Israeli neighbors!

Participants will live communally in Haifa, learning and working together, while being part of a close network of other communal houses in the city with friends and neighbors doing similar work. The internships that the participants will work in are based on meeting a challenge that Israeli society faces today and finding an answer to create a more just change. These internships include working with children in an after-

school center, joining a newspaper staff and pioneering its new English branch, working with a revolutionary organization fighting to end modern genocide in the world, and teaching in an innovative new school, employing new philosophies of education including project-based, experiential learning, and even educational agricultural work! Our participants will be able to take their experiences with them when they finish the program and strengthen their own communities when

they return home!

This program is designed for young adults between the ages of 20 and 30. If you are interested in coming to live, work, and be a part of new innovative projects in Israel, come join us in September 2019!

For more information, check out our website: <https://urbankibbutz.weebly.com/> or contact our offices at mail@kibbutzprogramcenter.org for questions and registration.

Three Very Different Non-Fiction Reading Choices for Summer

Mensch Marks

Mensch Marks (Health Communications, 2019), the subtitles tell us, is a book of "Life Lessons of a Human Rabbi – Wisdom for Untethered Times." That really captures the essence of what you will find when you read this book.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman started out as a young rabbi in 1985. He was 28 years old and had become the spiritual leader for a congregation in Connecticut. As the new young rabbi, he writes, he realized that being so young he might not yet look like a rabbi. His energetic and over-the-top enthusiasm is attributed to his newness, and some say it will diminish with time and experience.

He realizes that congregants are asking themselves, "How can this rabbi be mature enough to comfort mourners when he hasn't known a lifetime of personal grief? How can he represent us... when he hasn't seen what we've seen? Can a rabbi who is not battle scarred truly be a rabbi?" Through the writings in this book, you watch as this young rabbi gets his feet wet and is toughened up over the course of his career.

Hammerman writes about everything from condolence calls to Bar Mitzvahs to questions of Kashrut and other rituals. In 2018, after the Parkland, Florida, school shooting, a march was scheduled for a Saturday. He talks about joining the March for Our Lives even though it meant breaking the rules of Shabbat. Hammerman writes that "sometimes filling G-d's command can only be done by violating it." He talks about the principle of *pikuach nefesh*, which puts saving a human life above any other religious considerations, reinforcing the idea that

commandments are intended to sanctify and preserve life, not cause undue risk of death. Like other famous rabbis before him including Abraham Joshua Heschel, who marched alongside Martin Luther King in Selma, he felt like he was praying with his feet. Rabbi Joshua Hammerman hopes that by joining the students marching, "I will be praying with my feet, too. And while I am walking, I'll be praying that, in a small way, I'll be saving lives, and

thereby, just maybe, helping to save the world."

Joshua Hammerman, a celebrated rabbi and award-winning journalist and blogger, has served Temple Beth El in Stamford, Connecticut, for over three decades.

Alone Against Gravity

Alone Against Gravity: Einstein in Berlin: The Turbulent Birth of the Theory of Relativity, 1914–1918 (Bunim & Bannigan, 2018), by Thomas De Padova, presents the life of Albert Einstein and his revolutionary theory about general relativity as the world around him is collapsing and entering a world war.

Einstein was fascinated by the idea of weightlessness. As people were experimenting with flight, he was wondering if someone were free-falling toward earth would they feel gravitational pull?

In 1914, Einstein moves to Germany just as they were mobilizing their army for war. The book follows Einstein through his marriage to Mileva and his affair with his cousin Elsa and their

eventual marriage. It shows how physics was the most important mistress of the great scientist. The book mainly centers on the discoveries and political events and interactions Einstein had between 1914 and 1918.

Author Padova explains, "Einstein during the war transformed from being a 'pure' scientist into a politically engaged person. It was the violent nationalism of his colleagues that led him to pacifism." Einstein, though a pacifist, never left Germany to go home to Switzerland. He lived with many contradictions. The book lays out his theories, discoveries, and interactions with other scientists in great detail. Thomas De Padova lives in Berlin and has a background in physics and astronomy.

Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II

Robert Matzen is the author of *Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II* (Goodnight Books, 2019). One of my all-time favorite movies is Hepburn's film *Gigi!* Well known for her role in *My Fair Lady*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, and *Roman Holiday*, Audrey Kathleen van Heemstra Ruston also had a secret past. This book is an eye-opening look into that hidden past.

This book reveals the turbulent childhood of Hepburn, living in the Netherlands through the German invasion and occupation of 1939–1944. The details of the story presented in *Dutch Girl* are fascinating in that they happened to Audrey Hep-

burn, but this is also a historical account of World War II from the Dutch perspective that has not really been examined until now. The book reflects on the five years during which Hepburn

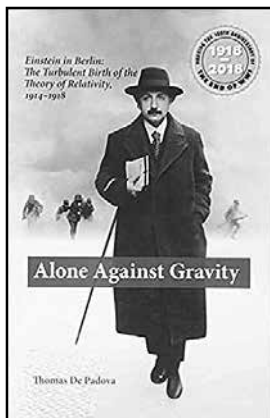
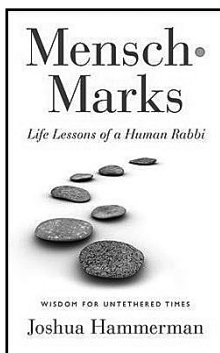
and her family, along with the Dutch people, lived under Hitler's rule. Matzen explains: "Not that they had ever listened to his speeches or obeyed, but it had been a life under the oppression of his terrible will and his twisted soul that they had endured." Audrey and her family lived in the town of Velp, which was liberated by the British and Americans after being under siege, with everyone living in hiding.

Audrey was 16 at the time of the liberation. Audrey and her mother then went to live in Amsterdam. This would later connect her to Anne Frank's story. She went from there to London to start her career and left her mother and her political troubles behind.

Her first success was as a chorus girl in *High Button Shoes*. Then MGM came to town, and Audrey won a screen test. Her stardom began in 1953. The amazing part is that like *Gigi* and *Eliza Doolittle* from *My Fair Lady*, Hepburn's story is one of unexpected success at something she was aiming toward.

In a 1965 interview, she says, "I can safely say that unlike others, I simply stumbled into movies. And from one thing to another." It was never a career she wanted, it was a career that came easily to her -- she had grown into an exotic face that responded to makeup and lighting.

She noted, "My success still bewilders me." And what a great success she was!



Opinion

Another Perspective: There Is a Double Standard When It Comes to Israel

By Judy Eliasberg

(The column below was previously published in the Concord Monitor in response to anti-Israel letters and articles. It is republished here with permission of the writer.)

From the earliest times, the Jewish people have been at risk of losing their homes and livelihoods. It is widely known that Spain and Portugal expelled them in 1492.

And over the years they were then expelled from France and England. Living in Russia under the pogroms was tenuous, never knowing when the Cossacks would attack, never living where the rules for them were the same as for everyone else. Even if not expelled, in many other European countries, their taxes were higher, the work they could do was restricted, and on and on. It all culminated with the massacre and atrocities against 6,000,000

totally innocent people in the 1930s until the end of World War II. Did anyone in the world help them? I think the Jews heard the message: There is no self-determination for the Jewish people and they needed a land where they had control of their own lives.

In 1948 the UN authorized the establishment of Israel, the original homeland of the Jews. If you know history, the Jews were expelled [from Israel] in 70 AD by

Rome, although some managed to remain. In Hebrew prayer since that time, the sentence "next year in Jerusalem" has been central. As soon as Israel was established, the neighboring states attacked. Who would have thought that nascent Israel would survive? Those Palestinians who did not run away became citizens of Israel with the right to vote, an education, and health care. Since that time, some

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Recent Events

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



JoAnn Meyers, of the TAY Social Action Committee, presents 62 backpacks to Manchester's Beech Street School's Adopt A School Coordinator Kelly Newman and Principal Kelly Martin.



Betenu students display important messages after studying Leviticus.



Presenting at the June 11 Etz Hayim Synagogue talk "Hate Crimes Against the House of Worship Community" were Scott W. Murray, U.S. Attorney for the District of NH; Michael Gibeley, FBI Supervisory Senior Resident Agent; Patricia E. Conway, Rockingham County Attorney; Derry Police Chief Edward Garone; Robert A. Christensen, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Paul Halversen, Concord City Attorney; and Joseph Cafarelli, U.S. Attorney's Office. Also pictured are (front L-R) Sarit Itenberg, JFNH interim chair; Dina Michael Chaitowitz, EHS member and JFNH Board member; Ross W. Fishbein, JFNH Board member; and Melanie Zalman McDonald, JFNH Executive Director.



The Temple Beth Jacob first graders showing off their beautiful, handmade Pesach seder plates.



The Temple Beth Jacob PreK making believe they are the items on a parachute seder plate.

Recent Events



At its annual meeting on June 2, Etz Hayim Synagogue elected Paul Martin (checkered shirt) and Peter Wasserman (foreground) -- both former Etz Board of Director presidents -- as co-presidents/vice-presidents. Here they perform their first presidential task: cleaning the Episcopal Church's kitchen after the annual interfaith picnic, assisted by outgoing board secretary Jonathan Kane.



IN MEMORY OF -
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In the spring, Etz Hayim Synagogue member Laurie Kagan Medrek traveled to Pinkerton Academy in Derry to give moving educational presentations to two classes on her family's experiences in the Holocaust. She was accompanied by Board president Dina Michael Chaitowitz.



Rabbi Peter Levy helped decorate the synagogue for Etz Hayim's annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, which took place on May 18.



Etz Hayim Synagogue is proud of its many members and friends who participated in NH4Israel's May 2019 "Run for Healing." Pictured are Scott Reiff, who achieved first place in his age division, with wife Jill and daughter Brooke; and religious school teacher Amy Dattner Levy, flanked by two friends from the neighboring Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.



Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum, who arrives the weekend of July 5 to spend the summer and fall seasons as the spiritual leader of Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation.



Audrey Steinberg and Sam and Mimi Bogen studying Talmud with TBA's Rabbi Jon at The Inside Scoop in Bedford.



Mother Ruth and son Mark Granoff at TAY Brotherhood Spring Dinner Concert.



Members of Beth Abraham gathering at the Riverwalk Cafe in Nashua to study Talmud with Rabbi Jon on the topic of giving.



A big crowd gathered for the annual concert of Temple Beth Abraham's Zimria choir!

OBITUARIES

Milton Novak

Milton Novak, a longtime resident of Manchester, passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in Bethlehem, Pa., at the age of 92.

Milton graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in business and was the owner of Interstate Restaurant Equipment. He served as the national president of the Food Service Equipment Association, the president of Temple Israel for two terms, and was on the board of the Jewish Community Center.

When his children were enrolled at The Derryfield School, he was deeply involved in fundraising for the school.

For many years, as his wife Edith's health deteriorated, he was her devoted caretaker.

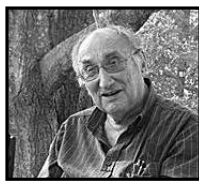
The last two years of his life, he was a much-beloved resident of Kirkland Village in Bethlehem, Pa.

He is predeceased by his wife, Edith, and his son, Steven. He is survived by his daughter, Barbara; his son-in-law, Michael; his grandchildren, Jacob, Aaron, Monica, and David; and his great-grandchildren, Ilona and Ezra. His passing leaves a deep cavity in their collective hearts.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 23, Temple Israel, Manchester, with interment at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Abraham Braverman Hanukkah Fund at Temple Israel, Manchester.

Albert Spaien



"Don't worry, everything will work out." These words were frequently uttered by Albert "Al" Spaien, a wise, kind man and a phenomenal father and husband. Al, 91, died on April 14 with his daughters, Eve Kennedy-Spaien and Gail Spaien, at his bedside.

Al touched the lives of thousands in his lifetime. Born in Hartford, the son of the late Hyman and Tillie (Rosen) Spaien, he graduated from University of Connecticut, was a sergeant in the Korean war, and was the owner of the family business, Spaien's Department Store. Once he met the love of his life, Fritzie (Winick) Spaien, they enjoyed 54 years of marriage. Al was a devout Jew, volunteering at Beth El Temple in West Hartford, CT, and later at Temple Israel in Portsmouth, NH. During his years at Temple Israel, he was a constant fixture in the temple office and at nearly all temple meetings and services, opening and closing the building, overseeing building maintenance, and serving as an ever-present volunteer building manager. He also showed his deep love of the Jewish people by serving as chair of the Greater Seacoast UJA.

He leaves two daughters, Gail Ellen Spaien and her husband, Rick Bertaska, of South Portland, ME, and Eve Tracey Kennedy-Spaien and her husband, Kevin Kennedy-Spaien, of Danvers, MA; and two beloved grandchildren, Amelia Bertaska and Evan Kennedy-Spaien. He was predeceased by his sister, Martha (Spaien) Dwartz.

Funeral services were held graveside on Tuesday, April 16, at the Hartford Sick Benefit Association Cemetery. Shiva was observed at the home of the Kennedy-Spaiens in Danvers, MA. Arrangements were by Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Israel, 200 State Street, Portsmouth NH, or Beth El Temple 2626 Albany Ave, West Hartford, CT.

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leaders of the Palestinians have preached that Israel must be wiped off the map and into the sea.. As a result, Israel has been attacked unprovoked many times. Without walls and checkpoints, Jewish people were being murdered on their farms and in the streets. If all that hadn't been happening, perhaps there wouldn't be checkpoints today. I see a cause and effect here. After not succeeding on the battlefield, tactics were changed. The Palestinian hierarchy decided to win the war by propaganda and terrorist activities. They provoke, Israel responds. The

world only sees the response. Go to Israel and see how it has been turned into the land of milk and honey where before only desert existed.

Since the creation of Israel, 850,000 Jewish people have been expelled from Arab lands. I haven't heard a hue and cry for justice for them. Have you? I clearly see a double standard at work here. There are terrible occurrences all over the world: Saudi Arabia bombs children's hospitals in Libya, there is extreme persecution of Muslims in Russia, China has taken over Tibet causing ethnic cleansing, to name just a few. Do I hear a hue and cry about that? No, but when it comes to Israel the

Bernice (Siegel) Singer



Bernice (Siegel) Singer, a Manchester resident for 73 years, passed away on May 25, 2019, at the age of 94.

She was the beloved wife of the late Irving L. Singer, daughter to Anne (Vineglass) and John Siegel, and devoted mother to Stephen (and Lillian) Singer, Alan (and Dava) Singer, Robert Singer, Jeffrey (and Rebecca) Singer, Gary (and Cindi) Singer, Joy (and Michael) Sydney, and Stewart (and Wendy) Singer. She was also cherished and adored by her 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Loving sister and sister-in-law to Pearl (Siegel) and Herbert Zimmerman and the late Sidney Siegel and Edward Siegel, she was also aunt to many nieces and nephews who were part of her life.

Bernice was born in Lawrence, Mass., to a loving family. Upon completing her education, Bernice began working for her future husband and soul mate. It was love at first sight. Immediately after their marriage, they planted their roots and started their incredible and beautiful journey together in Manchester, NH. Their seven children were born and raised in Manchester, where Bernice and Irving eventually founded Merchants Automotive Group. Their home was always open to those who needed a warm meal or a welcoming place to celebrate a holiday. One of Bernice's greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Each of them had a special and unique relationship with their "Bubbe."

In addition to being the matriarch of a large family, Bernice always had time and energy for several philanthropic endeavors. Among the many organizations that benefited from her efforts were Hadassah, Temple Israel Sisterhood, The Webster House, and The American Cancer Society. Bernice was the recipient of numerous awards, including Person of the Year from Caregivers, Hadassah Medical Organization, and The American Cancer Society to mention a few. In her younger years, Bernice found the time to prepare and deliver holiday meals to those in need. Bernice was an active volunteer with The American Red Cross well into her 90s. For over three decades, she was the greeter to the donors at the annual Gail Singer Blood Drive.

Bernice was an excellent chef, and her coffee cake was legendary. For those who received it, the cake was considered a special gift, and it was the favorite auction item at a myriad of charitable events around town. Bernice also maintained an active social calendar, which included games of bridge and mahjong and outings with her many friends of all ages.

Bernice will be missed by all. Her unassuming strength of character and compassion for others will leave a void. Her long and fulfilling life will be a source of inspiration to all who loved and knew her.

The Singer Family is extremely grateful for the loving and compassionate care that Bernice received from her loyal companions Bernice Barham and Luzma Uruena.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 27, at Temple Israel, Manchester.

Immediately after services, interment took place at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Bernice's memory to the Singer Family Fund at Temple Israel, 66 Salmon Street, Manchester, NH 03104.

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world becomes upset. Why is that?

Did anyone notice what happened when Israel returned Gaza back to Palestinian control? The first thing that happened was that the hot houses and homes left behind by the Israelis, which could have provided food production and housing for the people of Gaza, were destroyed. The second thing that happened was that Israel was shelled from Gaza. It is reported that financial help given by the UN to Gaza for schools and housing was used to build tunnels into Israel to attack the Israelis. Hamas keeps the populace in turmoil, preaching hatred.

It's time for the world to see the situa-

tion for what it is. Israel has continually been threatened to be driven into the sea. Wouldn't it be unwise for Israel not to defend itself? After WWII, the Jewish people were accused of not fighting back and walking into the death camps. Israel says "never again," and they are doing all they can to prevent their extinction.

Judy Eliasberg is a resident of Concord.

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Lindsay and Amichai Kilchevsky in memory of Dr. Herb Sherman

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Andrea and Norm Kushner to Mr. and Mrs. James Bornstein in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Eliana Beila

Andrea and Norm Kushner in memory of Marty Heller

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Rikki and Michael Bornstein in memory of Carol Kushner

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Renee Hahn in memory of Carol Kushner

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Andrea and Norm Kushner in memory of Carol Kushner

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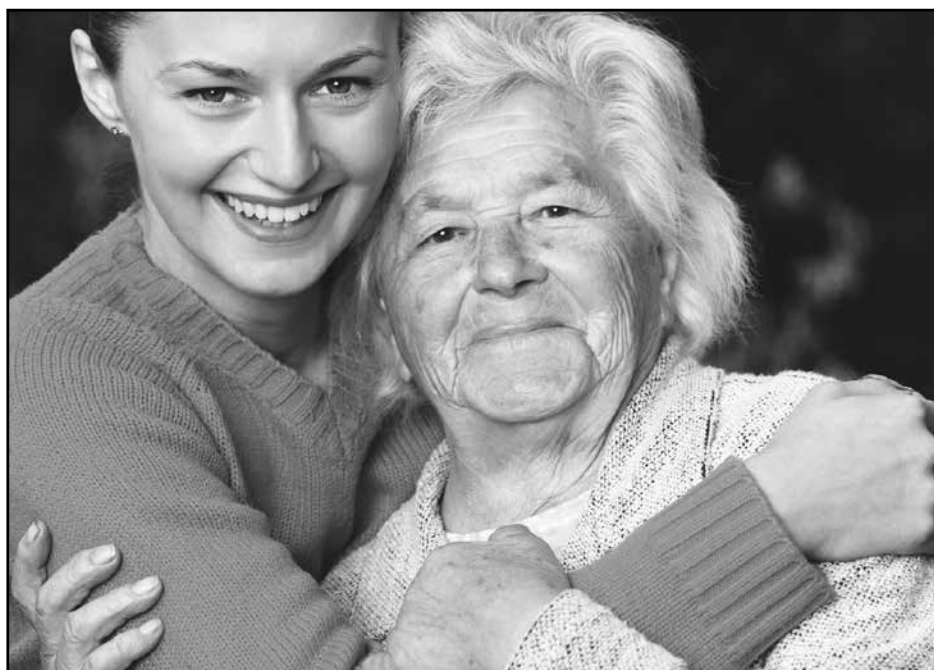
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