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**Celebrate NH Jewish Film Festival's
 11th Annual Showcase of Films!**

JFNH Signature Program

We're back and better than ever! Excitement is building for this year's New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, which runs from Thursday, April 4, to Sunday, April 14. This year's films include award winners, premieres, documentaries, dramas, thrillers, and comedies from the United States, Canada, Argentina, Hungary, and Israel. Our reputation for showing quality, cutting-edge films has engaged and delighted our viewers statewide. This year, our film venues are located in Concord, Manchester, Merrimack, Peterborough, and Portsmouth. Many of our events will include special guest speakers, who will lead post film discussions. We are delighted to include free PJ Library and PJ Our Way screenings on the final day of the festival.

The 11th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival is supported in part by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, a grant from the New Hampshire State Council of the Arts, many Corporate Sponsors, and Friends of the Festival.

Thursday, April 4: Short Film Program

For a Festival first, we will open with a short film program on Thursday, April 4, at Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU in Manchester. The program will include:



Last year's Gala Festival opening night at the Currier, combining art, decadent desserts, and great conversation.



Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman in Chewdaism

Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal, Double Date, and Wendy's Shabbat. Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal, an unadulterated foodie delight, follows two Montrealers, Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman, through an entire day's worth of eating in and around the city as they discover their own personal heritage within the story of Jewish Montreal. Double Date is a seven-minute comedic short starring Mayim Bialik about a blind date. The third

film, *Wendy's Shabbat*, a short documentary, focuses on a group of Jewish senior citizens who celebrate Shabbat at the local Wendy's fast food restaurant with Hebrew blessings along with burgers and fries. *Wendy's Shabbat* won the Audience Award for Best Short at the 2018 Teaneck International Film Festival

Saturday, April 6: Gala Celebration at the Currier Museum

Carl Laemmle, directed by James Freedman, will be screened at our Gala Celebration at the Currier Museum on Saturday evening, April 6. *Carl Laemmle* is a feature documentary about the extraordinary life of Carl Laemmle, the German-Jewish immigrant who founded Universal Pictures and saved over 300 Jewish families from Nazi Germany. "Certainly everything Universal is today would never have existed without Carl Laemmle's vision," said Ron Meyer, vice chairman,

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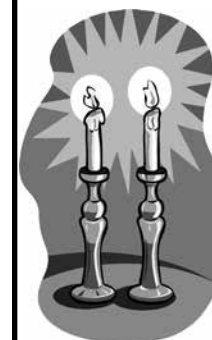
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March 1	5:17 PM
March 8	5:26 PM
March 15	6:34 PM
March 22	6:42 PM
March 29	6:51 PM

Finding Intensity, Insight, and Inspiration in Federation

Boker tov from Baltimore!! As I'm writing this, I'm surrounded by colleagues from across the country immersed in learning and activity development at the Jewish Federations of North America Professionals Institute. To my left, the executive from Durham-Chapel Hill North Carolina; to my right, the executive from the statewide Federation of Utah. Nearly 500 individuals devoted to strengthening Jewish communities gathered for three days to learn from experts, network, exchange best practices, and engage together in difficult work and challenging topics such as:

- What are the trends that might impact Jewish Federations in 5, 10, 20 years?
- Across the Political Divide: Talking Candidly and Constructively about Israel
- Establishing Federation Communication and Security Protocols
- What new tools and protocols are in place to communicate with our partners/constituents about security threats, and challenges the local and global Jewish community faces.

**Melanie Zalman
McDonald**

**Executive
Director**



The work was intense and challenging. The dialogue was insightful and eye-opening.

The concepts were innovative, and the speakers and presenters were top notch.

I always return to New Hampshire inspired by this conference, filled with new ideas and energy, and ready to roll up my sleeves and redouble my efforts. I leave with a profound sense of optimism and great urgency about all that I have learned. In addition to all of the fantastic professional development that takes place, there is great affirmation and a sense of pride in feeling part of the Federation movement

With March at our doorstep, our attention turns to one of our most exceptional signature programs: In just a few

weeks, on April 4-14, we will celebrate the 11th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival! Our committee of 40+ volunteers, led by Festival chair Pat Kalik, functions like clockwork planning year-round for this statewide event. The opportunity to experience exceptional Jewish films, to engage in worthwhile discussion and meaningful programming with filmgoers of all stripes (Jewish and not!) in some of New Hampshire's finest theaters is a special brand of wizardry. We are grateful to all of our Sponsors and Friends of the Festival (see a full listing on page 12) for their continued generosity and support in fueling this effort;

It may be "mud season" here in the Granite State, but in just a few weeks the isolation will be over as we meet up and fill seats in Concord, Manchester, Merrimack, Peterborough, and Portsmouth to enjoy films that engage, entertain, and inspire -- all through a thoughtful Jewish lens. We hope you will visit nhjewishfilmfestival.org or New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival on Facebook to stay connected to up-to-



JFNH executive director Melanie Zalman McDonald with Debra Stein, Small Federations Consultant of Jewish Federations of North America.

the-minute news about films, the Gala, Sociable Saturday Night, and other film fest happenings!

In closing, I'd like to offer an extra loud round of applause to Pat Kalik and all of the Film Festival volunteers who work tirelessly year-round screening films, planning programs, and orchestrating events to make our New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival such a phenomenal offering for all!

It continues to be my great honor and pleasure to serve our Jewish community.

Board Spotlight: Pat Kalik

By Paul Bieber, JFNH Treasurer

The Board spotlight this month is on Pat Kalik and the 41 volunteers supporting and working tirelessly for the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. This committee viewed over 50 films during the fall and early winter, choosing films to be shown at this year's Festival. Now this may sound like fun, but the time committed by our volunteers is truly outstanding. Pat showed 95% of these films in her home and gave up just about every evening and weekend that she had.

We will be seeing 17 films at our Festival, some of which are shorts. During the Festival, Pat and her team will put in hundreds of hours making sure everything runs perfectly. We have films for all ages and thoughts, including special showings for our PJ Library families and the PJ Our Way team.

Attending these films will make you laugh, cry, and be proud to be Jewish.

Your JFNH Board is proud of the Film Festival and our volunteers. The Festival has always created a funding surplus, which helps us to balance our budget. We could not have such a spectacular program without our Friends of the Festival and our Sponsors, who generously contribute both financially and with in-kind contributions. Our Sponsors and Friends care about our Federation and the Film Festival!

The Festival is a statewide program that takes place in five NH cities, which helps us to communicate to all corners of our state, uniting Jews from all over New Hampshire. Our Board looks forward to attending many different showings, where we will be transported to different times and places as Jews in history and in current times.

See you at the movies!



NH Jewish Film Festival chair Pat Kalik (center) with Festival committee members Barbara Ann and Barrie Paster, hard at work during last year's Festival.

See what's happening in the community at www.jewishnh.org

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Statewide Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 3

Trip to Yalla in Brattleboro, VT

10 AM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
Join us for a brief learning session about Israeli food at CAA and then we will head over to Yalla in Brattleboro, VT. Zohar, the restaurant owner, will give us some more information about Israeli cuisine and have some specials for us, too!

Tuesday, March 5

BRCA1 and BRCA2: The Ashkenazi Jewish Connection

7-8 PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
What are BRCA genes? Are you at risk of having a BRCA gene mutation? Should you have genetic counseling? To RSVP or for further info, contact Robin Rubin, 571-1090.

Thursday, March 7

"Your Smart Phone and Your Privacy"

7 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
Etz Hayim Synagogue's continuing education program, "Hot Topics, Cool Stuff," features a discussion with New Hampshire Assistant U.S. Attorney Seth Aframe, who will speak about the many uses that law enforcement makes of "smart devices" in investigations. The lecture series is free and open to all. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com, or visit the synagogue's website at <https://www.etzhayim.org>.

Friday, March 8

Kabbalat Shabbat Musical Service with special guest Cantor Micah Morgovsky

6:15 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Guest Cantor Micah Morgovsky of Temple Sinai in Stamford, Connecticut, will lead the service as we welcome Shabbat. Oneg will follow the service.

Saturday, March 9

Benefit Concert "From Bimah to Broadway"

7 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Featuring Cantor Shira Nafshi and Cantor Micah Morgovsky, to support TIP Musical Enrichment Fund. Suggested donation: \$36/adult, \$18/child. For more information, contact Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt, Shareneids@aol.com.

Sunday, March 10

Interfaith Seder

1:30 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Tuesday, March 12

Young Mensches (ages 21-38) Hummus and Falafel Cooking Class With the Shlichah

6:30 PM, Rochester
This event is hosted in a private home. \$10 per participant, which helps cover the ingredients. Call us at 627-7679 and reserve your spot using a debit/credit card. The address will be given with the confirmation of your RSVP. **Space is limited.**

Wednesday, March 13

Basic Judaism Class with Rabbi Ira Korinow

7 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth, in the Board Room, 2nd Floor.

Topic: "Purim: It's Not for Kids Only." This free, ongoing class covers the hows and whys of Jewish living. Open to all, including interested non-Jews and Jews who want to further their knowledge of Judaism and enhance their observance. To be added to the class notification list, please contact Rabbi Ira Korinow at RabbiK@TempleIsraelNH.org.

Friday, March 15

Annual Hadassah Shabbat Service and Oneg

Temple Israel, Manchester
Hadassah members will participate in the Kabbalat Shabbat service and host the following oneg.

Wednesday, March 20

Purim Service and Dinner

Temple Israel, Manchester

Pizza Dinner and then Purim Service

6 PM Pizza Dinner and 6:30 PM Purim Service, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
Enjoy a pizza dinner with friends and community before our Purim Service, then join in the fun and wear a costume for this joyful celebration.

Adult Purim Megillah Reading

8 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Thursday, March 21

Manchester Hadassah Meeting

7 PM, 1400 Front Street, Manchester
This monthly meeting is open to all. For more information, contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com or 488-5657.

Friday, March 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Musical Service with Cantor Shira Nafshi

6:15 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Guest Cantor Shira Nafshi will lead a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service. Oneg to follow.

Purim Spiel

7 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Saturday, March 23

Purim Shpiel Party for Adults

7 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
Motown-themed Purim Shpiel, followed by pot luck dessert buffet. Free. Call our office at 432-0004 for more information.

Sunday, March 24

Brotherhood Purim Party

11 AM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

New Widow/Widower Social Group Meeting

1 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
For people who have lost loved ones within the last five years, this group offers an opportunity to socialize and develop new friendships. Please RSVP to Elissa Kaplan Senter, ekapsent@aol.com.

Events For Our Youth

Sunday, March 10

PJ Library Purim and Pretend with Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

2 PM, Little Village Toy & Book Shop, Littleton
Space is limited, so please RSVP to pjlibrary@jewishnh.org by March 6.

Sunday, March 17

PJ Library Hamantashen Bake with Temple Israel Manchester

2 PM, Temple Israel, Manchester
Please RSVP to pjlibrary@jewishnh.org by March 10.

Young Mensches (ages 21-38) Good Deeds Day

2 PM, New Horizons Soup Kitchen, Manchester
Come and volunteer with Noam Wolf, JFNH Shlichah, at the New Horizons for New Hampshire, give back to the community and get a FREE Good Deeds Day T-shirt :) RSVP is a must, as space is limited! Call 627-7679 or info@jewishnh.org.

Purim HS Carnival

Temple Israel, Manchester

Wednesday, March 27

Basic Judaism Class with Rabbi Ira Korinow

7 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth, in the Board Room, 2nd Floor

Topic: To be announced. To be added to the class notification list, please contact Rabbi Ira Korinow at RabbiK@TempleIsraelNH.org.

Saturday, March 30

Concert featuring Cantor Jeff Klepper and Peter Allard

7 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester
Suggested donation \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Sunday, March 31

Nathan E. Cohen Lecture Series Presents Mak'hela

3 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene
Join us for a delightful afternoon of Jewish choral music from Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western, MA.

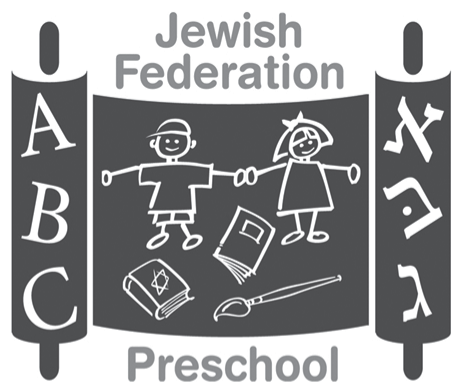
Tuesday, April 2

Nadav Tamir on the Israeli Elections

7 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Former Israeli Consul General for New England Nadav Tamir will speak about Israeli politics and the upcoming elections. The program will include a question and answer period followed by dessert.

This program is sponsored by J Street in cooperation with TIP's Israel Affairs Committee. Admission is free. For information or RSVP, contact templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org or 436-5301 x10.

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Breaking Down Preconceptions: There Are Many Ways to Be Jewish in America

I cannot believe it is already March! (It's actually still February as I write this article.) This second year is really flying by.

We are getting closer to the biggest event of the year for the Jewish Federation: the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival! Since August, I have been able to participate in the film festival by working with the "Young Adults Group" and watched all of the optional films. I was able to watch and review many wonderful films as the committee worked to make their selections. Although there were many great films, I want to tell you about one of them.

Queen 93 is a documentary about a group of women from a Hasidic neighborhood in Brooklyn who are smashing the patriarchy in their community by creating the first all-female volunteer ambu-

Noam Wolf

JFNH Shlichah



lance corps in New York City. This film offers a unique portrayal of a group of religious women who are taking matters into their own hands to change their own community from within.

As a secular Israeli Jewish woman, I had a very specific image of Judaism before I came to the United States. That image changed in a wonderful way once I had the opportunity to experience American Judaism (Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist movements, etc.). As I

learned about this world from within, it really changed the way I felt about religion in general. In Israel, I saw Judaism only in one way, but in America there are many ways to be Jewish.

This movie really gave me a different view of Hassidic woman. The person who created this film wanted to present these women in another light: brave, breaking through, and creative, and I re-

ally left the viewing with another point of view.

The film was chosen to be screened at the Film Festival (Sunday, April 7, at 1 PM in two locations: Cinemagic in Merrimack and Peterborough Community Theater in Peterborough), and I hope you can catch it in one of those locations, because it is really thought provoking and interesting.



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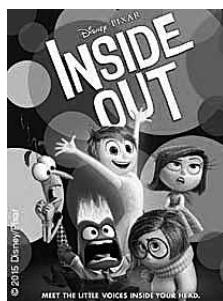
Disney Pixar's *Inside Out* Is NHJFF PJ Library Pick!

 JFNH Signature Program



On the heels of last year's successful PJ Library/Film Festival Collaboration showing of *Curious George Show Me the Monkey*, PJ Library New Hampshire is excited to announce this 2019 PJ Pick for families, which will be featured this year!

Originally released in 2015, *Inside Out* features the story of a family with a young daughter (Riley) whose world turns upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco from the Midwest. Riley's emotions try to guide her through this difficult, life-changing event. However, the stress of the move brings Sadness (an actual character!) to the forefront. When Joy and Sadness are inadvertently swept into the far reaches of Riley's mind, the



only emotions left in "Emotional Headquarters" are Anger, Fear, and Disgust. A cast of characters (and familiar celebrity voices) bring emotions to life and present us with an inside perspective that is filled with humor, life lessons, and an opportunity to better understand ourselves.

So, (you may ask) what is Jewish about a movie with emotions as the main characters? Well, the cycle of our Jewish year also mixes happiness and sadness. Over the course of the year, we have six joyous holidays, but we also have six fast days. Every Rosh Hashanah is followed by Yom Kippur, and every Pesach is followed by Tisha B'Av. Even at a traditional Jewish wedding, an

incredibly joyful event, the groom breaks a glass to remember that life is sometimes broken, and love helps us overcome that. Traditionally when someone dies we sit shiva. Joy would ask us, "What is the point of sitting shiva? Don't you want to get your mind off your problems?" She would wonder what she could say to cheer that person up. But sitting for a week processing what happens allows the person to move on, and sometimes just sitting beside them is enough. Acknowledging the bad with the good, and knowing how to process your emotions, help us move through hard times.

We are proud and excited to share this film with PJ New Hampshire families. Whether you've already experienced it or are watching it for the first time with your little ones, *Inside Out* provides entertainment, meaningful insight, and an opportunity to laugh and learn together.

Join us for the PJ Library selection at the NH Jewish Film Festival: Disney Pixar's *Inside Out*. The movie is FREE, but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 1:30 PM
The Hotel Concord, 11 S. Main St., Concord, NH

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At Jewish Federation of New Hampshire box office, Tuesday–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm

Spotlight on Volunteers: Shana Bilech

By Sheila Salenger

The Volunteer of the Month is Shana Bilech, a young Manchester professional who is committed to enhancing the cohesion of the Jewish community through culture awareness as engendered in Jewish films. Shana is a graduate of Bates College in Maine, where she majored in economics, a course of study that prepared her well for her work as a financial advisor.



Shana Bilech

Jewish Film Festival). In addition to participating in film selection for the NH Jewish Film Festival, her desire to connect with Jewish culture in New Hampshire is fulfilled by membership in The Young Mensches Group. The members, who are in their 20s or 30s, are involved with the Shlichah and social events sponsored by Noam. Shana is keenly focused on the value of centuries-old Jewish culture, as well as the awareness of the vital role of the State of Israel in the 21st century.

You may very well meet Shana in person if you attend the 2019 NH Jewish Film Festival in April: She will be one of the "meeters and greeters!"

The JFNH volunteer activity that Shana most enjoys is the screening of Jewish films (approximately six viewings were held by young professionals to meet and critique Jewish films for the 2019 NH

JFNH Preschool Offers Six Weeks of Summer Fun – Sign Up Now!

 JFNH Signature Program

Although the calendar still says winter, inside the Jewish Federation Preschool things are heating up. Don't know what to do with your preschooler this summer? Thought your little one was too young for a summer camp experience? Have we got a treat for you and your child.

The JFNH Preschool is busy planning an exciting six-week summer camp program for ages 2 to 6 years. There are crafts, swim lessons, field trips, music, and movement programs and lots of fun on our wonderful playground. All of that is packed into six weeks starting Tuesday, July 1 and ending August 9.

We offer a three-day program (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) or choose five days (Monday through Friday). Hours for either choice are 9 AM-Noon, 9 AM-2 PM, or 9 AM-5:30 PM, with early morning drop-off available.

Along with a wonderful six-week program, we will have child care available June 17 through June 28, before camp starts, and August 12 through August 23, after camp ends and before school starts.



Exciting adventures await at JFNH Preschool Summer Camp.



The YMCA pool is part of the fun at the JFNH Preschool Summer Camp.

For more information, pricing, and camp brochures, call JFNH Preschool at 603-782-5174 or email preschool@jewishnh.org.

Don't wait too long, as spaces are limited.

Help Wanted!

Do you live in Keene, Laconia, Bethlehem, Hanover, or another NH community and want to help produce the Jewish Reporter?

We are looking for people all over the state who are interested in writing about their local Jewish community.

To get involved, contact thereporter@jewishnh.org

PJ Library Family of the Month: The Berrys

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

Meet the Berry family, our PJ Library – New Hampshire Family of the Month!

Tell us a little bit about your family.

Our family is made up of Anna and Jake (Mom and Dad) and our three-year-old twins, Evan and Jonah. We live in Manchester, where Jake was born and raised. Jake works for New Futures, a health policy organization, and Anna works for the New Hampshire Bar Association. We love traveling, hiking with our dog, Clarence the Corgi, and spending time with friends and family at Temple Adath Yeshurun, where Jake serves as a board member.

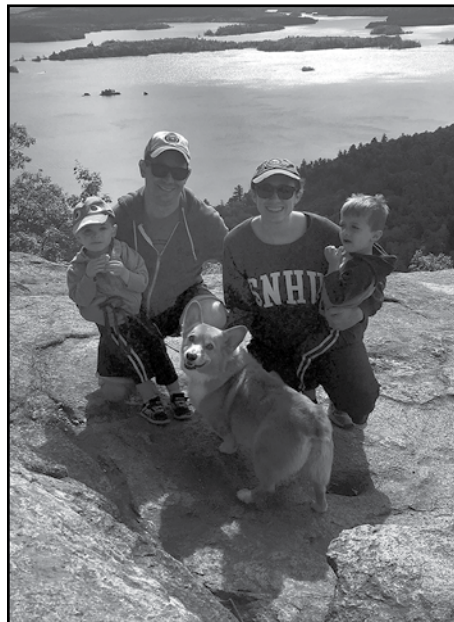
How long have you been a PJ Library family, and how did you learn about the program?

We joined PJ Library about two years ago after reading about it in the Reporter, and we've enjoyed every minute since!

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

Through both the programs and books, PJ Library has helped to teach Evan and Jonah since they were babies about the history, traditions, rituals, and values of Judaism, and about the goodness of the secular world.

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



The Berry family

We really love the community that PJ Library brings together. It's really nice to know that, even in New Hampshire, our boys can grow up surrounded by friends who share their religion and culture.

What are your children's favorite PJ books?

They seem to love all the books, but they always go back to Laila Tov. There's something about the beautiful, serene pictures and the rhythmic language that they never get tired of.

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

The boys' first experience at the movie theater was for the showing of Curious George in Concord. They loved it and talk about it all the time.

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

How friendly and welcoming the whole community is. Every event seems to draw new families, but everyone still seems like old friends.

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

Going to see the boys' great-grandmother and cousins in Michigan for Passover every year. From the plane ride to the food to searching for the afikomen, it's one of their favorite trips of the year.

PJ Our Way Showing Full Court Miracle at NHJFF!

JFNH Signature Program



PJ Our Way is excited to participate for the first time in this year's NH Jewish Film Festival with a film geared toward children who are 8.5-11 years old.

The film is a family-friendly story about an African-American college basketball star who becomes the head coach of a yeshiva's struggling basketball team in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after a knee injury forces him to leave the game. Based on the true story of Lamont Carr, of the University of Virginia Cavaliers.



**Join us for
Full Court Miracle**

This movie is FREE, but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 3:30 PM
The Hotel Concord, 11 S. Main St., Concord, NH

Reserve your tickets:

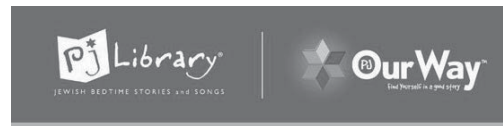
Online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org

Online at www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384

By phone at 800-838-3006 ext. 1

By phone at 603-627-7679,
Jewish Federation Office, Tuesday–Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM

At Jewish Federation of New Hampshire box office, Tuesday–Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM



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On something special with 2 or more other families and receive up to \$100 reimbursement from PJ Library

Get Together's can be anything with a Jewish element families want to do with two or more other Jewish families:

- Celebrate a Jewish Holiday
- Family Volunteering/Service Project
- Anything else you can think of!

Parent Only and PJOW Get Together's are allowed also.

Families can host up to three times and can be reimbursed up to \$100 for each Get Together.

Families must currently be PJ Library or PJ Our Way subscribers to host

Families can apply until April 30, 2019

To apply or for more information, visit our Landing Page at:

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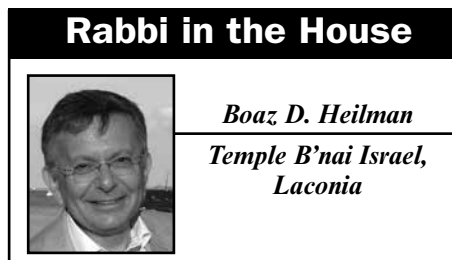
Flickering Lights: Jewish Movies That Have Impacted Us

Festivals have always been celebrations, focusing on some cultural aspect of a community. Jewish Americans today have – among others – music festivals, food festivals, and arts-and-crafts festivals. These are wonderful occasions for rejoicing, tasting a variety of foods from any number of countries and cultures, and they generally serve to unite communities both physically and spiritually.

For several decades now, there have also been Jewish film festivals, held in many cities all over the country. More than other kinds of festivals, the purpose of the Jewish film festival is to provide food for thought, reflection, and self-examination. Through the films we watch, we can recognize ourselves both individually and communally, and also identify the trends, current direction, and generally the state of the Jewish people.

Many excellent films have emerged from such festivals, resulting in much public discussion and influencing the way we American Jews see ourselves.

But even before festivals, there were movies that left indelible marks on our community. I would like to present to you a few of the movies (not a complete list by any means!) that – at least in my opinion



– have been meaningful to me personally.

I will focus on movies that came out after the Holocaust, categorizing them by topic or era.

First, the Holocaust, the cataclysmic event that changed us all, Jews as well as non-Jews.

The Diary of Anne Frank brought us – with both sensitivity and a sense of impending horror -- the famous story of a young girl and her family who spent 25 months hiding from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic. Another movie that highlighted the Holocaust but didn't stop there, moving instead to the creation of the State of Israel, was *Exodus*, a film that inspired and moved an entire generation. Since these two movies, many other movies have focused on the Holocaust, most importantly *Schindler's List* and *The Pianist*.

The modern Israel experience can be

viewed in many films. For the past couple of decades, Israel has been undergoing a renaissance in movie-making, but several stand out for me. First is *Sallah Shabati*, the 1964 film that views with biting humor the chaos of immigration and resettlement. *Fill the Void* and *Ushpizin* give us insight into the life of Israel's Orthodox community; both films examine the way Jews try to maintain their beliefs and traditions while facing the various crises that life and modernity bring about. Many other movies examine the social and political aspects of life in Israel (there is, of course, an Israel Film Festival held annually in Jerusalem and elsewhere).

The American Jewish experience is multi-faceted and can be examined through various films. *Fiddler On The Roof*, *The Frisco Kid*, and the animated *An American Tale* offer interesting takes on Eastern European immigration and the causes behind it. *Avalon*, *Hester Street*, and *School Ties* shed light on Jewish attempts to integrate into the general American society and way of life.

The films of Woody Allen offer a bit-terly sarcastic view of how some Jewish Americans see themselves. *Crimes and Misdemeanors* and, of course, *Annie*

Hall are representative of this perspective, if one can get past the massive amounts of guilt and self-hate (some would even call it anti-Semitism) that fill Allen's films.

One final outstanding example of Jewish movies is Barbra Streisand's *Yentl*. I point to this one not only because I love the music (and Streisand is at peak form in this movie!) but because of its huge impact. *Yentl* empowered thousands if not millions of American Jewish women to enter the "rooms within rooms" of Jewish education. In this sense, *Yentl* has had – and continues to have – lasting influence on the American Jewish experience.

Obviously, this list of movies is personal and incomplete. I am sure that it leaves huge gaps that can be filled by other movies and other audiences. Hopefully, this year's New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival will add even more films to the important new genre that we call "Jewish movies." Without a doubt, the Festival will accomplish its important goals of entertainment, reflection, and introspection. Certainly it will engender many great and heated discussions, as we view ourselves through tragic, comic, rose-tinted, realistic, visionary, or all of the above lenses.

Happy viewing!

Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum to Lead Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation in 2019

Bethlehem – Members of Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (BHC) are pleased to announce the appointment of Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum to the pulpit of the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. Rabbi Kirshbaum served as pulpit rabbi at Congregation String of Pearls in Princeton, New Jersey, prior to moving to Israel, where she led services, read Torah, and spoke at a Masorti synagogue near Beersheba.

Rabbi Kirshbaum brings to BHC her experience as a congregational rabbi, chaplain, educator, writer, and speaker. She is, in her own words, "passionate about reinvigorating Jewish traditions, insights, and learning for the 21st century in order to help communities and individuals add more joy and meaning to life and meet its conflicts, ethical dilemmas, suffering, losses, and

challenges in robust, Jewishly informed ways."

Rabbi Kirshbaum became active in the Women Wage Peace movement following the 2014 Gaza War. She was a major force in its growth to over 40,000 volunteers and 55,000 supporters worldwide, working actively to create new responses to conflict and writing grant proposals on behalf of the movement.

In addition, she has served as Publications Committee Chair of the Jewish Women International Clergy Task force for the Prevention of Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence. Throughout the Negev, she has presented talks on a variety of Jewish topics, including an Introduction to Talmud, Peace in the Jewish Tradition, and Fasting in Judaism. Following her ordi-

nation in 2008, she served as a pulpit rabbi in New Jersey, where she created and piloted an innovative Hebrew school curriculum based on Rashi.

Rabbi Kirshbaum has been tapped to coordinate a national Jewish bioethics coalition, which has become a clearinghouse of seminal resources written by coalition members, all committed to advancing a uniquely Jewish bioethics platform. Several of her commentaries have been included in *A Guide to Jewish Practice*, whose first volume won the 2011 National Jewish Book Award.

Her experience includes serving as a chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore), participating as an American Jewish World Service student delegation member to Ghana, and working as co-founder of Bolton Street Synagogue Religious School, Baltimore, Maryland.

Her many awards and honors include

the Lillian Fern Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College Community, the Rabbi Devora Bartnoff Prize for Spiritually Motivated Social Action, the Driesen Prize in Science and Judaism, and the Birnbaum Endowment Award for "extraordinary dedication to Klal Yisrael and distinguished service to the Baltimore Jewish educational community."

Rabbi Kirshbaum will commence her spiritual leadership of BHC on Friday, July 5, when she leads the Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by Saturday morning services and Torah study. She will be with BHC for the summer season and through the High Holidays to the end of season service on Simchat Torah.

BHC members welcome Rabbi Kirshbaum and look forward to her leadership and teaching.



Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum

See what's happening in the community at www.jewishnh.org

Oh, What A Night! TAY Brotherhood Deli Night 2019

Manchester – Over 200 hungry folks entered Temple Adath Yeshurun for the 32nd annual TAY Brotherhood Deli Night on Saturday night, January 26. They did not leave hungry. They were treated to plenty of appetizers, pastrami, corned beef, tongue, sliced turkey, salami, rye bread, macaroni salad, coleslaw (via Elaine Penchansky), potato salad (via Jet Goldberg), fresh salad, sour pickles and tomatoes, mustard, sauerkraut, rye bread, cookies, cakes, and beverages of all kinds, including Dr. Brown's Cel-Ray soda.

Those attending also enjoyed an evening of fine entertainment. On stage, the MC of the evening was once again our own Mr. Deli Night, David Penchansky, this year alias Elvis Presley. (Last year's Phantom of the Deli and the Deli Woman of the year before that had gone on well-deserved holidays.) As he has done for so many years, David was in charge of putting this event together. The opening act was magician Johnny Pizzi, and the headliner was comedian Tom Hayes. Dick Lutsk conducted the auction, which had been organized, along with the raffle, by George Bruno.

It was a lively evening, with a packed function room. Thank you to Jeffrey Jolton for creating the opening skit and Alan Kaplan for setting up the lighting and David Rosenzweig for the slide show. Hats and yarmulkes also off to the TAY Brotherhood Kitchen Krew and friends, which included Brothers Steve Rothstein, Howard Tocman, David Rosenzweig, Mark Granoff, Steve Short, Marty Warsaw, Steve Goldberg, Jonathan Baron, Len and Aaron Ruvinsky, Tom Sullivan,

Joel Gordon, Bryan Cadugan, Adam Tanzer, Ed Schoen, Ken Cohn, Michael Bank, Dick Paquin, Denis Paiste, Jay Hodes, Ron Pinkum, and Ken Hall, for all their hours of hard work setting up the room, as well as preparing, slicing, portioning out, and serving the food, taking care of the beverage area, and cleaning up. And thank you to Bob and JoAnne LeFevre, Linda Rockenmacher, Margie Hodes, Beth Goldberg, Fran Short, Cate Tanzer, and Ruthie Gordon. We are also so grateful to all who donated the wonderful auction and raffle item. They say, "It takes a village." Well, we had a city!

Deli Night is always a night of camaraderie and fun -- a night that brings the community together, to dine together and to schmooze and to laugh. That is really what it is all about, and it is still going strong after 32 years!



*Deli Night's MC Elvis,
AKA David Penchansky*

Model Matzah Bakery Is a Hands-On Pre-Passover Experience for Children

Manchester – With the approach of Passover, holiday preparation, shopping, and cleaning will soon be in full swing. This year, just as in the past 28 years, children will play a special role in ushering in the holiday with the Model Matzah Bakery. Groups of local children will participate in a hands-on pre-Passover experience on April 7 at the Chabad Center for Jewish Living. The bakery will be open to the public at 12 PM on April 7, and the PJ Library group will meet at 2 PM that afternoon. Admission is \$5 per child.

This unique event brings children together for a hands-on, exciting educational journey exploring the history and significance of Passover and matzah. The children will re-enact the process of manufacturing matzah, from grinding the

flour to kneading the dough, to baking the matzahs in a stone oven, all within 18 minutes, the time limit in which matzah must be made.

"The Matzah Bakery provides children with a very fun experience but also helps develop a profound appreciation for the holiday," said Rabbi Levi Krinsky of Chabad of New Hampshire. "Today, more than ever, parents appreciate opportunities like this to share their Jewish heritage and tradition with the next generation."

This year, Chabad is excited to welcome the PJ Library to our Model Matzah Bakery. The PJ Library invites children 0-8 years and their families to join. Please email pjlibrary@jewishnh.org to RSVP for the PJ group.



The Kitchen Krew




Hamantashen Bake

All children 0-8 are welcome

Make and take home your own Hamantashen!

Sunday, March 17th

2:00pm

Temple Israel of Manchester
66 Salmon St, Manchester

RSVP to pjlibrary@jewishnh.org by March 10th

A collaboration of PJ Library - New Hampshire and Temple Israel Manchester





Nadav Tamir, Former Israeli Consul General for New England, to Speak April 2 at TIP on Israeli Elections

Portsmouth – Nadav Tamir will speak in the Social Hall at Temple Israel Portsmouth, 200 State St., at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 2, about Israeli politics and the upcoming elections. The program will include a question and answer period followed by dessert.

Nadav Tamir is currently director of international policy and government affairs at Peres & Associates Global Advisory Ltd. He served as the senior policy

adviser to the President of Israel during the last three years of the presidency of Shimon Peres. Tamir served as the Consul General of Israel to New England at the Consulate General of Israel in Boston for four years, then returned to Israel in 2010 to work in the Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In July 2011 he joined the President's Office.

Tamir joined the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs in 1993. In 2001, he was granted the position of Advisor to the Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. He was later chosen as a Wexner Israel Fellow and earned his master's in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2004.

This program is sponsored by J Street in cooperation with TIP's Israel Affairs Committee. Admission is free.



Nadav Tamir

Hadassah Hosts March 15 Shabbat Service and Oneg, Plans June 24 Brunch

By Michele Bank

Manchester – The Manchester Chapter of Hadassah will hold its next meeting on Thursday evening, March 21, at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend at 1400 Front Street, Manchester

Temple Israel will host the chapter's annual Hadassah Shabbat Service and Oneg on Friday evening, March 15. The Temple is located at 66 Salmon Street in Manchester. Hadassah members will

participate in the service and host the following oneg.

Chapter members will attend NH4Israel's third annual walk/run for healing on Sunday, May 5. The proceeds from the race will go toward pancreatic cancer research.

Now is the time to submit ads and messages for the chapter's next annual membership/ad book. Funds raised from the ads will go toward renovation of the Round Building of Hadassah Medical

Center in Ein Kerem. Listings and ads start at \$10 each, and the chapter hopes that you will consider placing an ad.

The chapter is planning its annual brunch, to be held on Sunday, June 24, at the Manchester Country Club. The committee is planning another fun event with entertainment and delicious food. There will also be a silent auction.

An article printed in the *Forward* by Hadassah stated that health inequity puts women's lives at risk. Heart disease is the number one killer of American women, taking not just more lives each year than breast cancer but more than all cancers combined. Within five years of a first heart attack, 47% of women will die. For men, it's 36%. Yet, even today, women having heart attacks are often misdiagnosed, in part because their symptoms are different from men's. Women under 55 who experience heart attacks are seven times more likely to be misdiagnosed.

Women are at higher risk for Alzheimer's, yet the symptoms are often misdiagnosed. More than 75% of autoimmune diseases occur in women, and they take roughly five years to be correctly diagnosed. Multiple sclerosis is three times more prevalent in women and often undetected for years, even though most women report a combination of fatigue, vision problems, tingling and numbness, pain and spasms -- all the typical signs. Female-specific conditions like endometriosis often take a decade of doctor visits before they're accurately identified.

At Hadassah we know what holistic, interdisciplinary women's health care looks like -- it's the hallmark of our hospitals in Israel, where cutting-edge research, innovation, and quality care go hand in hand. Hadassah's programs and resources provide women with the knowledge to make informed medical decisions for themselves and their fami-

lies -- and often, to recognize the signs of conditions that too often get misdiagnosed. And we're a longtime advocate for gender equity in medicine, including greater inclusion of female test subjects in medical research.

In 2016, Hadassah saw an opportunity to bring together women's and health organizations from across the spectrum and around the country who were working to address health disparities and inequities, not only in research, but in prevention, treatment, awareness, funding, and access to care. We launched the Coalition for Women's Health Equity, which is now 28 organizations strong.

Members of the Coalition are supporting a range of policies, from breast cancer research and Alzheimer's screening to maternal quality care initiatives and improving the collection of public health data. Together, we're working proactively on women's health equity legislation, to focus more attention on women's health disparities throughout the healthcare system and further women's health equity.

Women must be empowered to play an active role in their health, and ensure each individual's symptoms and concerns are treated with respect. We must demand the appropriate attention, and encourage other women to do the same. But it shouldn't fall to the individual to fight bias. It's important to lift up women's stories, to advocate and empower more women to speak up and advocate for their own health. Helping people see the bigger picture is crucial, too. Help lift up other women's voices and ensure they are being heard. And spread the word about why we need #HealthEquity4Her.

For more information about Hadassah, participating in our Shabbat service, or placing an ad in our ad book, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com or 488-5657.

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Cantor Jeff Klepper & Peter Allard

in Concert



Saturday, March 30, at 7pm
Temple Adath Yeshurun

Suggested donation: \$5 per person/ \$10 family
Your donation is your reservation. Please send it to TAY, 152 Prospect St., Manchester, NH 03104, by March 20th.

This program is supported by a grant from
The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.



Portsmouth Temple Israel Hosts From Bimah to Broadway Benefit Concert

By Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt

Portsmouth – Temple Israel of Portsmouth invites you to a very special musical evening featuring two talented and uplifting performers: Cantor Shira Nafshi of Concord, New Hampshire, and visiting Cantor Micah Morgovsky from Temple Sinai in Stamford, Connecticut. Former class-

mates at the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music, they will be performing onstage together for the first time with an offering of both sacred and secular music.

The event will begin promptly at 7 PM on Saturday, March 9, in Temple Israel's historic sanctuary with Havdalah, followed by the concert. A raffle will be held for tickets to Portsmouth artistic

and entertainment venues. Attendees are invited to enjoy dessert and discussion in the social hall immediately following the performance.

Suggested donation is \$36 per adult, \$18 per child. All proceeds will benefit the Temple Israel Portsmouth Musical Enrichment Fund. For more information, contact Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt at shareneids@aol.com.



Cantors Micah Morgovsky and Shira Nafshi will inspire and entertain in a benefit concert on March 9.

Dahlings, It's Mahvelous! *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* on Amazon Prime

By Dale Rosenberg, Educational Director, Congregation Ahavas Achim

With two seasons available, Amazon Prime's *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* is a Jewish binge-watcher's treat. Beginning in 1958, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* is a slice of New York Jewish life at a time when all the rules are about to change. What the Coen brothers' *Inside Llewyn Davis* did for the Greenwich Village folk scene, this television series does for stand-up comedy.

Focusing on Midge Maisel, an upper middle class New York City housewife with two kids, director Amy Sherman-Paladino gives us a picture of Jewish comics at the moment when stand-up comedy started to become more edgy, more daring, more relevant. Midge, brilliantly played by Rachel Brosnahan, who won a Prime Time Emmy and two Golden Globes for this performance, never thought beyond marriage and family. It's what was expected of her, although the audience knows she is too smart and too talented to spend all her time pleasing her man.

Midge herself hasn't figured that out yet. She waits until Joel, her husband, is asleep to go through her skin regimen and then wakes up before him to wash and put on makeup so he never knows what she really looks like. She gives him children but "gets her body back" right away. He's interested in trying his hand at stand-up comedy so she punches up his comedy bits, bribes club owners to put him on stage by giving them her incomparable brisket, and takes copious notes on timing to help him improve. She's the perfect companion in every way she knows. Midge has no reason to believe he doesn't appreciate her until he drops the bomb that he is leaving her for his secretary, a woman so stupid she can't figure out how to work a pencil sharpener.

Shocked, desperate, and drunk, Midge finds herself part of the new comic scene. She ends up on stage at a club where Joel



had performed. He had bombed, having no flair for comedy and having only used reworked Bob Newhart bits, anyway. But Midge, in her misery, plumbs the tragedy of her marriage for comic gold. Like Lenny Bruce (who appears as a character in the series), she succeeds not because she shocks, but because her talent is huge enough to make shocking, edgy humor truly funny. She's part Joan Rivers, part Sarah Silverman, and always wholly herself.

Midge's and Joel's parents want the couple to reconcile and exert pressure on them in different ways. The families' foibles fuel much of the comedy in the early episodes, with sometimes over-the-top renditions of Jewish stereotypes. But as the show continues, each character's depth is explored, and it's not just Midge who turns out to have desires and needs hidden from all, even herself. And as Midge becomes more and more involved in her aspirations for a new career, there are impacts on her whole family and beyond.

Jewish life – secular and religious – is explored from the Upper West Side to the garment district, from the Catskills to holiday meals to life on the road as a Jewish performer. Although it takes place a little before my time, I recognized the television variety shows and telethons, the life of employees at a Jewish resort, the shul where the congregation sits like an audience while the rabbi and cantor stand up on the stage/bimah and put on a show, in costumes even. The whole atmosphere is one of everything-is-about-to-change, for

comedy, for marriage, for Jewish life, for politics. The characters don't know it yet, but those of us who lived through that change or came after it not only see it coming, but we feel it, too, in every joke and every individual character's growth and transformation.

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel is funny and witty, a true-down-to-all-the details period piece. The period is one recent

enough that we know so much about it – if not first hand, then from family stories and television programs and popular music we grew up with. This series is worth it for the music and the clothes alone. But there's so much more to like about this, yes, marvelous series. There are two seasons available to watch now, and it has been renewed for a third. Start watching now!



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Join Seniors Forever Young
at The Palace Theatre
in Manchester Sunday, March 17th



We'll meet at the ticket office at 11:15am.
Show begins at 12pm

Tickets are \$30/per person and must be paid to the Jewish Federation by February 28th to ensure your seat

*Limited tickets available

After the show join us for an early dinner at Ignite
(next door to The Palace Theatre)

*this is not included in the cost of the ticket

Please send payments to JFNH
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Manchester, NH 03101
or call (603)627-7679 to pay by credit card
Please indicate if you will be joining us for
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Portsmouth Early Learning Center Celebrates Birthday of the Trees

By Tammy Labonté, Director,
Early Learning Center

Portsmouth – The Early Learning Center, the preschool at Temple Israel, spent the first part of January learning about Tu B'Shevat, which is the 15th day of Shevat, lovingly known at the “Birthday of the Trees.” The mitzvah of *Shomrei Adamah*, partnering with God to be guardians of the planet (and of all physical surroundings), is easy for preschoolers to understand and connect to, especially with composting worms to take care of and plants to water in the classroom.

The ELC students learned what plants and trees needed to grow: soil, water, and sunlight. They examined a tree cutting to count the rings and determine how old the tree could be before it was cut down. They created trees by tracing their arms and hands as the trunk and branches and

then used their fingers to stamp the leaves on our trees. The children also learned the importance of nutrient-rich soil and its different layers. ELC students celebrated nature and trees through stories, songs, and the movement of rooting their feet to the earth and growing their bodies up to the sky for sunlight.

The class also put together a seder plate for Tu B'Shevat and tried examples of different foods that grow in Israel, including dates, figs, almonds, pomegranates, oranges, strawberries, wheat, and olives.

The students made a family tree outside the classroom with pictures of students' relatives and pets. They will finish the month learning about how to help the world in other ways, such as “reducing, reusing, and recycling,” both at the ELC and in the children's homes.

Wishing you a warm, healthy, and happy month ahead!




Tu B'Shevat story time with Elissa Kaplan Senter.

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Etz Hayim Educates and Entertains With Upcoming Speakers

Derry – **Your Smart Phone and Your Privacy.** On Thursday, March 7, at 7 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue's continuing education program, "Hot Topics, Cool Stuff," features a discussion with New Hampshire Assistant U.S. Attorney Seth Aframe, who will speak about the many uses that law enforcement make of "smart devices" in investigations, including GPS tracking, cell site tower information, texts, What's App messages, and so forth. AUSA Aframe will discuss the conflict between allowing law enforcement access to the evidence on smart devices and the priva-

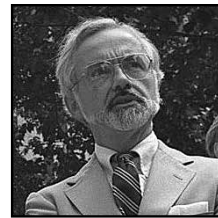


Seth Aframe

cy interests of device users, a conflict that has led to several recent Supreme Court decisions. He will also answer questions about how federal criminal investigations work -- a constant topic in the news these days. Attorney Aframe is a supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney at the United States Attorney's office in New Hampshire and also teaches First Amendment law at UNH Law School.

Building Bridges. On Thursday, April 4, at 7 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue will host a discussion with James B. Farmer, Esq., entitled "Bridges: Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity." During his 30-year career as a federal prosecutor in Boston, Farmer served, variously, as U.S. Attorney (Interim), chief of the Criminal Division, chief of

the Organized Crime Strike Force, and chief of the National Security Unit ("NSU"). As NSU chief, Farmer supervised the office's anti-terrorism efforts, including the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing investigation and trial. Throughout his tenure as NSU chief, Farmer met regularly with Arab, Muslim, and Sikh community leaders as part of BRIDGES (Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity), a group formed in the wake of the 9/11 attacks to facilitate quiet communication between federal, state, and local govern-



James B. Farmer, Esq.

ment officials in Massachusetts and the leaders of these communities, who were concerned about their communities' civil rights and felt under intense public scrutiny. Notably, Farmer was the United States Attorney (Interim) during the 9/11 attacks in 2001. Farmer will talk about both the group's challenges and its successes in maintaining vibrant lines of communication during often-trying circumstances. He will also discuss the somewhat unusual decision to have senior anti-terrorism prosecutors participate as part of this ongoing conversation.

The lecture series is free and open to all. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com, or visit the synagogue's website at <https://www.etzhayim.org>.

From Medical Careers for Women to NH Cultural Diversity at Etz Hayim

Derry – On January 15, Etz Hayim Synagogue's continuing education program, "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff," hosted a panel of four highly accomplished female doctors, who spoke about their experiences in medical school and in practice. The panelists were Dr. Sarah Finne Sandler, dental director at New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services and former president of Etz Hayim Synagogue; Dr. Susan E. White, director of didactic curriculum and assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Boston University School of Medicine; Dr. Stacie E. Perlman, a surgeon at Concord Hospital specializing in minimally invasive and robotic surgery; and Dr. Sarit Itenberg, a dermatologist in private practice and current vice chairperson of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. The program, entitled "Why Women Should Be Doctors and Why Your Doctors Should Be Women," was well-attended and included young female high school students hoping for a medical career.

All four panelists agreed that there is joy, meaning, and a good life in a medical profession, and they sought to "empower" the students in the audience to pursue their dreams. They also had many helpful and encouraging words of wisdom to share. One doctor noted that statistically, patients treated by female doctors have better outcomes and lower mortality rates than patients treated by male doctors. All four doctors agreed that aspiring medical professionals should work hard and do their best in school, but not be dissuaded from applying to a medical program just



Speakers focused on women in medicine (L-R): Dr. Sarah Finne Sandler, Dr. Susan E. White, Dr. Stacie E. Perlman, and Dr. Sarit Itenberg.

because they did not receive perfect scores in high school or college.

The doctors discussed the importance of finding a specialty that is well suited to the student's personality; for example, those who do not like to be in close physical proximity to others should not become dentists, and those lacking manual dexterity should not specialize in surgery. The panelists strongly urged students to "shadow" as many doctors in different specialties as possible. They generously offered to have students call them with further questions. They also noted that some medical schools accommodate religious Jews who cannot work on Shabbat.

Photographer Addresses Cultural Diversity in New Hampshire

Becky Field rejoices in both individuality and diversity. For the last seven years, the retired wildlife ecologist and university professor and now award-win-

ning photographer has met and photographed thousands of New Hampshire residents resettled here from over 47 countries. Her photographs, contained in her gorgeous book *Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire's Cultural Diversity*, shows the rich and beautiful ethnic and cultural diversity of our new American neighbors and honors their traditions. The photographs also illustrate, as she puts it, that "while we are different in many ways, we all have the same dreams: to have safe homes, jobs to support our families, strong futures for our children, and freedom to practice our cultural and religious traditions."

On February 7, Becky Field shared some of her photographs and knowledge with an enthralled audience at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry. She also spoke about the Different Roots, Common Dreams Scholarship Fund that she initi-



Photographer Becky Field surrounded by her thoroughly-fascinated audience. Those raising their hands have parents or grandparents from foreign countries.

ated with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to help those of any age who came to New Hampshire as refugees or immigrants and want to pursue a four-year undergraduate degree. Etz Hayim Synagogue's William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund contributed \$500 to the scholarship fund. For more information about Becky Field, her book, and the scholarship fund, please visit: <http://differentrootsnh.com>.

"Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff" continues with programs at 7 PM on March 7 ("Law Enforcement and Your Smart Phone"), April 4 ("Bridges: Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity"), May 2 ("I Asked for Wonder: An Evening of Poetry"), and June 6 ("Visiting a Jewish Cemetery"). For more information, contact Dr. Stephen M. Soreff at soreffs15@aol.com or visit <https://www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning>.



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NBC Universal. Following the film, Bob Treitel of Nashua will share his family story and their connection with Carl Laemmle. Enjoy our Gala Dessert and Wine Reception in the Winter Garden after our post film discussion.

Here is the schedule for the rest of the festival.

Sunday, April 7: Six screenings in three cities

There will be six screenings in three cities on April 7, the first Sunday of the Festival.

93 *Queen* will be screened simultaneously at 1 PM at Cinemagic Merrimack and at the Peterborough Community Theatre. This documentary features the story of Rachel "Ruchie" Freier. Within the ultra-Orthodox enclaves of Brooklyn, Ruchie, a lawyer and mother of six, is revolutionizing the role of women in daily life by training them to work as EMTs -- an alternative to Hatzolah, the all-male Jewish volunteer ambulance corps. In the words of *The Hollywood Reporter*, "Forget Supergirl and Wonder Woman. To see a real female superhero in action, check out Paula Eiselt's documentary."

At 1 PM in Portsmouth, at The Music Loft, the Argentinian film *The Last Suit* will be screened. It is the story of 88-year-old Abraham Bursztein, played by Miguel Ángel Solá. Comedic and poignant in equal measure, from Argentina to Spain, across Germany, and finally in Poland, Abraham is on his own but also accompanied by the characters he meets along the way, who both help him and need his help. *The Last Suit* won audience awards at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, the Miami Film Festival, and the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival in 2018.

At 3:30 PM, *The Samuel Project*, distributed by Menemsha Films, will be shown at Cinemagic Merrimack and The Peterborough Community Theatre. *The Samuel Project* stars Ryan Ochoa as Eli and Hal Linden as Samuel. Eli gets to know his grandfather Samuel for the first time when he makes him the subject of an animated art project for school. With dreams of becoming a professional artist, the high school senior discovers that



Actors Hal Linden and Ryan Ochoa in a scene from *The Samuel Project*.

his grandpa, a Jewish dry cleaner, was heroically saved from Nazi capture in Germany by a young woman.

At The Music Loft in Portsmouth, the 3:30 PM screening will be the documentary *Satan and Adam*. Wandering through Harlem in 1986, Adam Gussow, a heartbroken Jewish Ivy Leaguer with a harmonica in his pocket, happened upon the best blues guitarist he had ever heard: Sterling "Mr. Satan" Magee, who once played with Etta James, Marvin Gaye, and James Brown. *Satan and Adam*, an unlikely pair, quickly became a steady duo on the street outside the Apollo Theater, and eventually, through struggles with the music industry and mental illness, a successful band. *Satan & Adam* is a 23-year odyssey of music and friendship -- across races, classes, and generations. The post film discussion will feature musician Adam Gussow. This event should not be missed!



Musicians Sterling "Mr. Satan" Magee and Adam Gussow

Tuesday, April 9

The festival continues on April 9 in the Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall at Southern New Hampshire University with *Golda's Balcony, The Film*, a New England premiere. Tovah Feldshuh recreates her award-winning performance as Golda Meir in *Golda's Balcony, The Film*, produced by David Fishelson.

The rise of Golda Meir from Russian schoolgirl to prime minister of Israel is one of the most thrilling and amazing stories of the 20th century. *Golda's Balcony, The Film* has been playing to sold-out performances at Jewish film festivals across the country. Former Hadassah president June Walker perhaps put it best: "Run, don't walk, to *Golda's Balcony*, to spend an emotional hour and a half with one of the great women of history. Jews especially will be touched, but people of all religions will marvel at this triumph: It is not to be missed!" David Fishelson, producer of the film, will join us for a post film Q&A.



The incomparable Tovah Feldshuh as Israeli prime minister Golda Meir

All of the following films will be shown at Red River Theatre, one of our festival sponsors, in Concord, New Hampshire.

Thursday, April 11

Our next screening begins at 7 PM at Red River Theatre. *Working Woman*, a New Hampshire premiere, is a contemporary Israeli film dealing with the difficult subject of workplace sexual harassment.

This timely and devastating story is expertly told by long-time feminist filmmaker Michal Aviad. Orna, played by Liron Ben Shlush, is the mother of three young children, with a husband who is struggling to start his own restaurant. To help support her family, Orna returns to the workplace, landing a job with a former army superior, Benny, who is now a successful real estate developer, portrayed by Menashe Noy. While Orna embraces her new position and tries to balance its demands with her home life, she begins to experience escalating sexual harassment from her boss.

Saturday, April 13: Sociable Saturday Night

The popular Sociable Saturday Night Film event is back. Join us at Red River Theatre at 8 PM for the screening of *Shoelaces*, nominated for eight Ophir Awards (Israel's Academy Awards), including Best Picture of 2018 and the winner of the Audience Choice Award for Best Feature Film at the Israel Film Festival in Los Angeles, 2018. In this emotional Israeli family dramedy, surly mechanic Reuven reluctantly takes in his exuberant special-needs son, Gadi, after his mother's untimely death. As Gadi becomes accustomed to life with Reuven, Reuven's world is turned upside down by his newfound obligations as supervisor and caregiver. Thoughtful, poignant, and unexpectedly funny, *Shoelaces* explores the complex dynamics of adult parent-

child relationships through the delicate lens of its special-needs hero. After the film, join us for wine, cheese, and sweets as you discuss this riveting film with friends and fellow movie goers.

Sunday, April 14: Five Films include PJ Library, PJ Our Way, and Festival Wrap Party

The final day of our festival will be a day to remember. We will show five films. Our tradition of showing films free of charge for our PJ Library community has expanded to include two films, *Inside Out* and *Full Court Miracle*. The family friendly films will be shown at the Hotel Concord, a new hotel in Concord that is in the same building as the Red River Theatre. Details for this program can be found in the PJ Library article in this issue of the Reporter.

The Festival continues at 1 PM at the Red River Theatre with the screening of the thriller *Budapest Noir*, a Hungarian film set in 1936 based on the best-selling novel *Budapest Noir*, by Vilmos Kondor. Crime reporter Zsigmond Gordon, a cynic who thinks he has seen it all, has other things on his mind. A tip leads him to an unusual crime scene in a seedy part of the city: A beautiful, well-dressed young woman is dead, with only a Jewish prayer book in her purse. Investigating the mystery girl's murder, Gordon enters a world of pornographers, brothels, and Communist cells leading to the highest echelons of power. The more people try to scare him away, the deeper he digs in, not knowing who to trust, or what ulterior motives are working against him and the truth.

At 3 PM, we will screen the documentary *Who Will Write Our History*. In November 1940, days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars, and

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A scene from *Who Will Write Our History*, set in the Warsaw ghetto

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community leaders decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, this clandestine group vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with pen and paper. Now, for the first time, their story is told as a feature documentary. Written, produced, and directed by Roberta Grossman and executive produced by Nancy Spielberg, *Who Will Write Our History* mixes the writings of the Oyneg Shabes archive with new interviews, rarely seen footage, and stunning dramatizations to transport us inside the Ghetto and the lives of these courageous resistance fighters. They defied their murderous enemy with the ultimate weapon -- the truth -- and risked everything so that their archive would survive the war, even if they did not.

Roberta Grossman will join us via Skype for a post film discussion. She also produced or directed the films *Hava Nagila*, *On the Map*, and *Above and Beyond*.

The closing film, *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel*, will start at 5:30 PM. Don't miss our final film. A stirring story of sports, patriotism, and personal growth, *Heading Home* charts the underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. With their Mensch on the Bench mascot by their side, the team laughs, cries, and does much soul-searching, discovering the pride of representing Israel on the world stage. Special guests (to be announced) will contribute to a post film Q&A. After the film, join us for our Festival Wrap Party, featuring good food, good friends,

and good conversations in the Simchik Auditorium at Red River Theatre.

Sunday, June 23: Free Summer Film Event

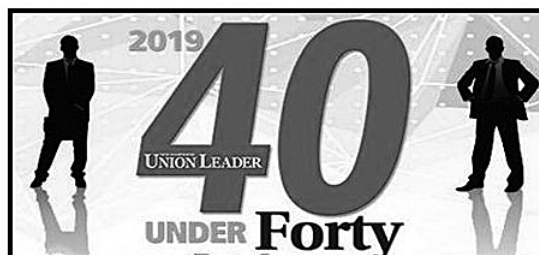
Stay tuned for updates on our special summer film event on June 23. There will be a special screening of the film *Babi Yar* at Red River Theatre in Concord. This documentary is an extraordinarily moving film of a Babi-Yar commemoration held in Melbourne Australia. The film includes a moving recitation of the poem and an astonishingly beautiful and heartfelt performance of Shostakovich's *Babi Yar* by the Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra.

In these days of Netflix and on-demand movies, film festivals play a refreshing role, bringing our community together. The NH Jewish Film Festival is delighted to present award-winning films along with compelling programs. Come celebrate film with us. To help plan your attendance, see our "Schedule at a Glance" on the back page in this edition of *The Reporter*. Our box office is open! Purchase Festival tickets early for all April 4-14 screenings. For ticket information and movie trailers, visit www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org.

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A “Beary Special” Mitzvah on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Derry – On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, PJ Library and PJ Our Way, Jayme's Fund for Social Justice (JFSJ), and Etz Hayim Synagogue (EHS) collaborated on a "Bear Mitzvah" project in which youngsters created stuffed bears that will be given to children living through difficult circumstances and in need of a "beary" special hug. Bear forms were cut and then stuffed with love by the PJ Library and PJ Our Way participants, and they were sewn on site by Paula Hogan, a JFSJ volunteer. JFSJ is a New Hampshire non-profit organization that supports the human rights of children.

The Jayme's Bear Project was inspired by a Bat Mitzvah project undertaken by Jayme Anne Lipkin-Moore. Jayme made 40 fleece teddy bears for hospitalized children at the Jimmy Fund Clinic in

Boston, Massachusetts. After Jayme's death at age 17, her mother established JFSJ to continue and advance Jayme's vision to help children in need. At the January 21 event, Etz Hayim Synagogue's "Book Bubbie," Leslie Kirshman, read a book about Jayme's inspiring story.

Jayme's Bear Project is a perfect Tik-kun Olam event, and JFSJ is excited to continue to partner with small groups, synagogues, PJ Library, and PJ Our Way in creating other bear-a-thons and opportunities for good-deed doing. To learn more about the Jayme's Bears Project, please contact JFSJ at info@jaymesfund.org. For information on PJ Library, please contact Allyson Guertin, JFNH Director of Community Engagement and PJ Library Coordinator, at pjlibrary@jewishnh.org.



On MLK day, a Bear Mitzvah event was held at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Pictured are (L-R): Leslie Kirshman (in sweater), EHS's "Book Bubbie"; Jonas Welch, NH tween representative, PJ Our Way Leadership Team; and Allyson Guertin, JFNH Director of Community Engagement and PJ Library Coordinator.

Temple B'nai Israel Announces Non-Profit Partners For 2019 “We Care” Fundraising Events

Laconia – Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) proudly announces the sixth continuous year of community fundraising in which the net profits are donated to local and deserving Lakes Region non-profit agencies. This year, TBI welcomes Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association and Interlakes Community Caregivers as the beneficiaries of two concerts to be held on May 25 and October 26.

Committee chair Stu Needleman said, “We are thrilled to be partnering with these two agencies and help them to continue to provide valuable and important services to our community as the need for these types of services continues to grow.”

Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association has been serving the Lakes Region area since 1923, offering a full range of home care and hospice services as well

Interlakes Community Caregivers



Interlakes Community Caregivers, a volunteer organization, provides supportive services to our neighbors to assist them in their daily lives.

as rehabilitation services, personal care services, and wellness and community programs that are designed to promote the health, safety, and mental well-being of their clients through numerous clinics and support groups. Each year, the LRVNA provides approximately 20,000 annual visits to residents in the comfort of their home. Service areas include Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro. For more information, visit www.lrvna.org.



Interlakes Community Caregivers provides assistance by caring volunteers to individuals and families in times of need, at no charge. Services include transportation, friendly visits, telephone checks, home chores, service assessments, errands, occasional meals, primary caregiver respites, resource referral, and quality of life experiences. Helping others to live more fulfilled and active lives is a rewarding mission to which Community Caregivers is strongly committed. In the past year, ICCI volunteers provided over 2,641 services, donated 4,022 hours, and drove



50,417 miles providing rides to those in need in Center Harbor, Meredith, Moultonborough, and Sandwich, New Hampshire. For more information, visit www.interlakescommunitycaregivers.org.

The We Care entertainment events will be held in the Community Auditorium at the Inter-Lakes High School, centrally located on Route 25 in Meredith. The members of Temple B'nai Israel are excited about the opportunity to help both of these worthwhile organizations in one of the best community venues in the Lakes Region.

Looking for Israel Lovers!

NH4Israel is currently planning for the 2019 3rd Annual Run/Walk for Healing to support inventive research to cure pancreatic cancer. The Race, which is also a celebration of Israel, is going to take place on Sunday, May 5, from noon to 3 PM (race time is 1 PM) at The Inter-faith Campus of Etz Hayim Synagogue & The Church of the Transfiguration, Derry, NH.

The first Run in 2017 raised \$6,000 to buy an Accuvein device for Dr. Paul Zilberman and the anesthesiology and criti-

cal care department at Hadassah Medical Center. The second Run in 2018 raised \$5,000 for Dr. Marc Gotkine's groundbreaking research into ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

This year's funds will be donated to pancreatic cancer research led by Dr. Dror Kolodkin Gal, also at Hadassah Hospital. NH4Israel is asking the New Hampshire community to come together in their love of Israel to help meet two goals. The first goal is to raise another \$5,000 for Hadassah Hospital research.

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The second goal is to double the number of participants! The number of runners and walkers from year one to year two doubled from 50 to 100, and the group is hoping to double it again this year to 200! If you sign up early (at NH4Israel.org), you will receive a free t-shirt with our new Run for Healing logo. This is the only way to obtain this beautiful, collectible t-shirt, so sign up for the low price of

\$18 even if you just attend for the fun, food, music, and celebration and leave the running for others.

Another positive result of putting on this event from year to year is to raise awareness in the New Hampshire community that Israel is a world leader in medical and technological innovation.

Join the team to find a cure for pancreatic cancer, the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. It is one of the deadliest. You can help make a difference.

Goffstown Woman Works to Help Restore Jewish Cemetery

By Travis R. Morin, Union Leader Correspondent

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In hopes of fulfilling her long-held dream to participate in international community service, Vivianne Schill is raising money for a trip to Poland where she'll help an American organization dedicated to restoring a Jewish cemetery that was desecrated by the Nazis during World War II.

A Goffstown resident and Southern New Hampshire University student, Schill says she's always looking for volunteer opportunities, but it wasn't until her mother came across a Facebook post about the Bialystok Cemetery Restoration Project that Schill saw an opportunity to connect her passion for service with her Jewish heritage.

"Growing up Jewish, it's always important to help each other out and do a lot of mitzvot," said Schill, referring to a spiritual duty to express acts of kindness for others.

Founded in 2015 by Amy and Josh De-



Volunteers working to excavate and lift a headstone in Bialystok's Bagnowka Cemetery. (Bialystok Cemetery Restoration Project, Facebook)

gen of Groton, Mass., the Bialystok Cemetery Restoration Project is a grass-roots organization working to restore the headstones in the Bagnowka Cemetery in Bialystok, Poland, that were smashed and toppled by the Nazis in 1943.

According to the Bialystok Cemetery Restoration Project, Nazis invaded Poland in 1939 decimating the population of 50,000 Jews, sending thousands to their deaths to Treblinka Extermination camp, murdering them in the streets of the enforced Jewish Ghetto, and killing more than 2,000 in a single day in the horrific Great Synagogue Fire of June 27, 1941.

As of 2017, Bialystok's Jewish population was estimated to make up just .000017 percent of the city.

Schill was awarded an \$1,800 grant from SNHU's Chandler Center for Community Engaged Learning; however, she needs \$3,000 to get to Bialystok.

In the process of spreading the word about her plans to travel to Poland, Schill says she's been contacted by several people with ancestral connections to Bialystok who have asked her to try to find a relative's headstone.

One of those people who made contact with Schill was Sharon Burnston of Epsom, whose grandmother was born in Bialystok in 1900 and arrived in America in 1902.

Last June, Schill traveled to Israel as part of Birthright Israel, a program that provides a free trip to the Holy Land for Jewish people between the ages of 18 and 26.



Goffstown resident and SNHU student Vivianne Schill during her June 2018 Birthright trip to Israel. (Vivianne Schill)

Schill says her experiences in Israel have made her all the more passionate about helping to repair the stones in Bialystok.

"When I went to Israel, we walked through all of these Holocaust museums, a few that were dedicated to children that had died in the Holocaust and families that were torn apart," Schill said.

"It was very chilling to see all of these things. I definitely feel more connected to the project (in Bialystok.)"

Those interested in contributing to Schill are asked to donate through her GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/bialystok-restoration-project.

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The Gown Delivers Historical Fiction Set in Postwar London's Fashion World

The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding, written by Jennifer Robson (William Morrow Paperbacks, 2018), is a book you will not want to put down until you have reached the end. If you are a fan of *The Royals* and enjoy reading historical fiction, you will be enthralled. If you are like me and also find the Holocaust and the World War II time period fascinating fiction, you will be thrilled. This is a book with everything, even a little romance thrown in for good measure. But don't shy away from this book if you feel you have read too much Holocaust fiction. This book only references the war and the plight of Jewish citizens of France during this time period. Mainly, this is a story of what happens in England following the war.

This is the story of the unsung women who sew and embroider the gowns that the upper classes and royal women wear for wonderful, extravagant evenings out. These women have been apprenticed at a

young age to learn the art of embroidery. Then they work for the best couture houses in Europe designing and embellishing dresses.

The setting is London in 1947. The war has ended and the world is trying to get back on its feet. Princess Elizabeth has announced her marriage to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. Thoughts and preparations for this grand event are guaranteed to bring some joy and excitement to the people of England during this dark time.

Ann Hughes is the head embroiderer at the famous fashion house of Norman Hartwell, which has been commissioned to create the wedding gown for Her Majesty and the wedding party. It is quite the honor. Miriam Dassin has recently joined the Hartwell fashion house after coming to England to recover from her horrific experiences during the Holocaust in France. She becomes the other main embroiderer on the wedding gown working with Anne. Along with the oth-

er women working on the gowns for the wedding party, they sew together in secret at Hartwell.

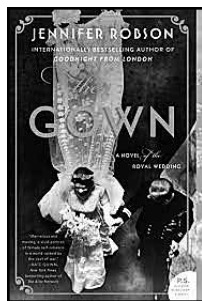
Anne and Miriam become friends and roommates in a small pension house and share secrets as they stitch the beautiful dresses. We learn about the time period and the anticipation leading up to the royal wedding. Each of the girls meets a man who will be a possible romance. They struggle with wondering if the men like them for themselves or whether they are trying to get information about the tightly held secret of what the wedding gown will look like before the big day.

Flash forward to 2016 and we meet Heather Mackensie, who lives in Toronto, Canada, and has just lost her job as a journalist with a local magazine when they have to cut back on expenses. Her grandmother has recently died, and she wonders about the beautiful embroidered flowers left in a box by her grandmother, addressed to her. As she goes on a journey to find out more about her grandmother's life, we sew together the past and present. Stitching together two

generations, we are brought to present day. As Heather and her mother get excited about a current day Royal wedding, we are reminded of the Queen who still sits on the throne 70 years after she walked down the aisle in her beautiful gown.

You are there in the small rental house with Ann and Miriam. Touring the streets of London and in the Hartwell fashion house as the dresses are being sewn. You are at the royal wedding as Elizabeth and Phillip say their vows. Then you are again in London with Heather as she searches for answers to the questions her grandmother left behind. This book is a beautifully finished garment that gathers all the loose threads and ties all the knots.

Jennifer Robson is the *USA Today* and *#1 Toronto Globe & Mail* bestselling author of *Somewhere in France*, *After the War is Over*, and *Moonlight Over Paris*. She holds a doctorate from Saint Antony's College, University of Oxford. She lives in Toronto with her husband and young children.



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On February 3, members of Etz Hayim Synagogue's women's group gathered for a pre-Super Bowl showing of *Love, Gilda*, a documentary about the adorably funny Gilda Radner.



Celebrating the birthday of the trees with PJ Library.



PJ Library teamed up with Tinkergarten for a program in nature to celebrate Tu B'Shevat.



A wonderful group of eager and capable teens got together at the Chabad Center for Jewish Living to cook three types of soup with school director Chanchie Krinsky. The soups were sold to the community and over \$300 of proceeds were donated to CHaD's toy wish list.

Recent Events



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf discovering the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument in Washington, DC, at the Shlichim Supervisors conference.



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf teaching the Israeli song "Chasake" to Chabad Hebrew School's Hebrew at the Beach class.



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf playing bingo at the Temple Israel Manchester Hebrew School's Hebrew at the shuk (market) class.



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf visited the Temple Israel Hebrew School on Sunday, Jan. 27. Both teachers and students alike were engaged by her lively teaching style and presence.



JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf having a Young Mensches Shabbat dinner with some wonderful people!

Recent Events



Temple Beth Abraham Philanthropy group member Ari Friedman drafting her communication to research non-profits in our area.



Temple Beth Abraham's Thursday morning adult Torah class welcomes Syed Hassan Jafri from the Islamic Center of Greater Nashua to talk about Ishmael and Hagar.



Students in Temple Beth Abraham's Religious School learn food Hebrew from JFNH Shlichah Noam Wolf with role-playing and technology.



Senior Temple Beth Jacob volunteer teacher and mensch "Mister Zibel," aka Howie Zibel, was honored in December by the TBJ community for 36 years of volunteer service as the Introduction to Hebrew teacher in the TBJ Religious School with a dinner that included presentations from his family, fellow teachers, and students. A highlight of the night was Howie's reminiscence about growing up in the Jewish Blue Hill Avenue neighborhood and a special video created by former and current students. Presented with a New England Patriots #36 "Zibel" jersey, he undoubtedly helped propel the team to the Super Bowl championship we all enjoyed!



Temple Beth Jacob K-3 teachers, madrichim, and students celebrate Tu B'shevat with a special seder!



Enjoying a warm breakfast on a cold Sunday morning with the Temple Beth Jacob Brotherhood!

Recent Events



Rabbi Heilman celebrated a model Tu B'Shevat seder with the Temple B'nai Israel religious school students. It's always nice when snack time can offer some learning, too!



The Temple B'nai Israel Religious School students beginning their Tu B'Shevat art project.

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OBITUARIES

Arnold L. Fishbein



Portsmouth – Arnold L. Fishbein, age 90, of Portsmouth, NH and Boca Raton, FL, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2019 at Hospice By the Sea, Boca Raton, FL.

He was born on October 14, 1928, in Haverhill, MA, the son of David and Lena (Bord) Fishbein. He grew up in Haverhill and graduated from Haverhill High School in 1946. He attended and graduated from Norwich University with the class of 1950 and attended Boston University Law School prior to deciding to pursue a career in retail clothing.

Arnold was married and moved to Portsmouth in 1954, when the family business, Hudsons, opened a second store.

For more than 40 years, he was a familiar figure on Congress Street. Many of his customers, not knowing his real name, affectionately referred to Arnold as “Mr. Hudson.” From the moment he opened the store, until his retirement, he was fully invested in the City of Portsmouth, and particularly the downtown. Arnold was active in the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the original Market Square Day Committee. Upon his retirement, he volunteered at the Chamber of Commerce for several years.

Arnold had an integral part in the urban renewal project in Portsmouth in the early 1970s. He developed and was co-owner of the Worth Building and was co-owner of the thirteen historic homes collectively known as “The Hill.”

Arnold enjoyed golf with family and friends and was a long-time member of Portsmouth Country Club and Boca Lago Country Club. He was a member and past president of Temple Israel in Portsmouth.

Arnold was a loving husband, brother, father, grandpa, and “Zayde,” and to all who had the privilege of knowing him, a true gentleman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Naomi (Partoll) Fishbein and by his children: Dr. James Fishbein and his wife Myra of Greenland, NH; Daniel Fishbein and his wife Belinda of Dover, NH; and Sue Ellen Williamson and her husband Russell of Ooltewah, TN. He is further survived by six grandchildren: Jennifer (Ira) Lehrer of Greenland, NH; Morgan (Greg) Henneman of Belair, MD; Jillian (Michael) Gibson of Hamden, CT; Alex (Veronica) Johannsen of San Antonio, TX; Kyle (Amy) Johannsen of Clarkston, GA; and Jaclyn Johannsen of Murfreesboro, TN; and five great grandchildren: Alec and Jack Lehrer, Avery and Caroline Henneman, and Charles Gibson. Arnold is also survived by a brother, Elliott Fishbein of Portsmouth, NH; a sister, Sandra Channen of Andover, MA; and several nephews and nieces. He was pre-deceased by his parents and a brother, Jerome Fishbein.

Funeral services were held at Temple Israel Portsmouth on Friday February 8, with interment immediately after at the Temple Israel Cemetery on Banfield Rd., Portsmouth. Arrangements were under the direction and care of the J. Verne Wood Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Arnold’s memory may be made to Temple Israel, 200 State St., Portsmouth, NH 03801 or at www.templeisraelnh.org. For online condolences, visit www.jvwoodfuneralhome.com.

Dennis Parcels



Center Ossipee – Dennis Parcels, born August 1, 1948, was buried with full military honors on December 24, 2018. Even though Dennis always preferred peace, he served his country bravely in Vietnam, where he suffered battle injuries to the head and spinal cord. Nightmares and chronic pain were part of his life but he lived, worked and coped with the circumstances.

Dennis was a man of many talents, careers, and interests. He built boats, oversaw airports in Saudi Arabia, crewed a team that installed air scrubbers for industrial paper mills, worked in electronics and precious metals, and completed the nursing program at University of California – Saddleback. His real gift, however, was engineering -- he patented several inventions. He could take anything apart and improve it.

He loved motorcycles and sports cars. He painted and played the guitar, and with his wife, Sally, played tennis.

Dennis was a devoted and loving husband, father of eight children and fourteen grandchildren. He was best friend to so many. His life was full of color and surprises.

Although Dennis had ancestors who were part of the Sephardim expelled from Spain, he and Sally began to practice Judaism in 1985 while still living in California and made it official in 1999.

When Dennis and Sally moved to the White Mountain region of New Hampshire, they realized that they were an hour’s drive from a synagogue. The idea began to grow in them to help found a place for High Holy Day services in the Washington Valley area. This was the beginning of Kehilat Har Lavan, and Dennis worked tirelessly as the community’s leader, cheerleader, and inspiration until the day he died. His dream was that the community would grow and come to celebrate not only the High Holy Days but all of the Jewish holidays. He wanted a place for conducting Shabbat services and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. Dennis felt very deeply that the community must be open to everyone and welcome all who want to be a part of the Jewish community.

It was Dennis’s dream to emigrate to Israel. Although he had been all over the world, he waited to go to Israel with Sally, who now says that she will attempt to at least visit during her lifetime, even though it will be without her soulmate.

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