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**Your Campaign Pledge Fights Anti-Semitism and Advances a Mandate for Holocaust Education in the Granite State**

*By Campaign co-chairs Ken Litvack and Judith Jolton*

We are excited to announce that we will be launching our 2019-2020 campaign right after the high holidays, and we're excited to continue our important work on behalf of our Jewish New Hampshire.

If you've not supported campaign in years past, we urge you to do so now, as our work has never been more critical.

If you contributed last year, we strongly urge you to increase your pledge. This is the only way we can continue to grow and expand all the wonderful programs and communal support JFNH offers statewide!

We want to encourage more and more New Hampshire communities to become increas-

ingly involved and active in our Federation

With the rise in anti-Semitism and hate crimes in New Hampshire, your tax-deductible donation has never meant so much. Join us as we strive to reach this year's goal of \$300,000!

Your support will help us to work more closely with the Israel Action Network (a branch of JFNA) to counter delegitimization and other efforts to isolate Israel from the global family of nations, including opposing BDS (boycotts, divestment, and sanctions). Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were one of the states that offers an Anti-BDS bill? We are even hoping, in that not-too-distant future, to have a JFNH trip to Israel! Wouldn't you like to join us?

AM ISRAEL CHAI

If you missed our Annual Meeting on Sun-

day September 15, you missed a very exciting and educational event. One of our speakers, Kati Preston (see JFNH Facebook page for recorded testimony of her Holocaust story), is currently working on a bill with JFNH to advance a mandate for Holocaust studies in New Hampshire schools. Twelve U.S. states have already enacted this type of bill, and we want to be next. The impetus for this bill was a direct result of our Annual Meeting. Kati and the regional director of the ADL spoke to Governor Sununu during the Annual Meeting, and he indicated he would support such a bill, so the wheels have been set in motion to make this important change to get at the root of hateful ideology!

This is what happens when we sit down as a  
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**Federation Adds Eight Dynamic New Board Members**

Manchester — At the 2019 Annual Meeting, Jewish Federation of New Hampshire announced eight new, dynamic board members.

**Pierre Bakis lives in New Durham and is affiliated with Chabad.**



*Pierre Bakis*

As a young man, he belonged to a synagogue in Paris (Synagogue des Tournelles). Already, 40 years ago, synagogues in France had to deal with terrorism. They were often vandalized and physically attacked during services. He was part of the team that designed and implemented security best practices to proactively prevent and contain such attacks.

After college, he immigrated to Israel to live on a kibbutz in upper Galilee.

In 1982, during the Lebanon War, he served in a combat unit. He also provided armed protection to tourist groups visiting the country.

A couple of years later, he and his Ameri-

can wife decided to move to the US.

After several years of sabbatical, seeing a trend in increased terrorism against houses of worship in Europe and the US, he renewed his interest in the field of security. As a hobby, he also started training older people in self-defense using a firearm and advising them on home security.

After the Tree of Life synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh last October and recently the Poway Chabad House shooting, it became his mission to teach Jewish and Christian houses of worship to protect themselves. Pierre has been a volunteer contributor to the security plan at the new Bedford location of JFNH.

He strongly believes that everyone, regardless of their faith, has the fundamental right to pray without fearing for their lives.

**Debbie DePasse, a member of Temple Israel, Manchester, lives in Londonderry.**

She attended the University of Rochester, graduating with a degree in biology in 1993. Since then she has worked researching new

medicines and medical devices for pharmaceutical companies. In 2007, she went out on her own as a clinical research consultant, starting DePasse Clinical Research Consulting, followed by DePasse Consulting Group.



*Debbie DePasse*

After several years of living in Brookline, MA, and briefly living in Europe, Debbie returned to Londonderry, NH, with her husband, Greg. They have three children: Rebecca (age 14), Ben (age 12), and Sophia (age 9).

Debbie found her connection to the Jewish community in NH through the JFNH Preschool. The DePasse family had at least one child in attendance at the JFNH Preschool starting in 2007 and going through 2016. The warmth and caring environment from the staff and their devotion to the children made this an obvious choice for the DePasse family.

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**USCJ:** United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

## AMHERST

### CONGREGATION BETENU

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Reform, Affiliated URJ  
(603) 886-1633  
www.betenu.org  
Services: Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services at 7:30 PM  
Saturday morning twice a month, 9:30 AM

## BETHLEHEM

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Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum  
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Unaffiliated-Egalitarian  
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www.bethlehemsynagogue.org  
davegoldstone1@gmail.com  
Services: Contact for Date/Time Info  
President Dave Goldstone - (516) 592-1462  
or Eileen Regen - (603) 823-7711  
Weekly Services: July through Simchat Torah  
Friday: 6:30 PM; Saturday: 10 AM

## CLAREMONT

### TEMPLE MEYER DAVID

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Conservative  
(603) 542-6773  
Services: Generally the second Friday of the month, 6:15 PM, April to November.

## CONCORD

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office@tbjconcord.org  
Services: Friday night - 7 PM  
Saturday morning - 9:30 AM

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www.etzhayim.org  
office@etzhayim.org, rabbi@etzhayim.org  
Services: Fridays 7:15 PM  
Please check the website for the Shabbat Morning schedule

## DURHAM

### UNH & SEACOAST CHABAD JEWISH CENTER

Rabbi Berel Slavatticki  
72-1 Main Street, Durham  
(603) 205-6598  
Rabbi@JewishSeacoast.com  
www.JewishSeacoast.com

## HANOVER

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Rabbi Moshe Gray  
19 Allen Street, Hanover  
Orthodox, Chabad  
(603) 643-9821  
www.dartmouthchabad.com  
chabad@dartmouth.edu  
Services: Friday Evening Shabbat services and Dinner  
Shabbat morning services  
Call for times

### KOL HA'EMEK UPPER VALLEY JEWISH COMMUNITY

Rabbi Mark Melamut  
Roth Center for Jewish Life  
5 Occom Ridge, Hanover  
Nondenominational, Unaffiliated  
(603) 646-0460  
www.uvjc.org  
office@uvjc.org  
Services: Friday night Shabbat service at 6 PM  
Saturday morning Shabbat service at 10 AM

## KEENE

### CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM

Rabbi Amy Loewenthal  
84 Hastings Avenue, Keene  
Reconstructionist, Affiliated JRF  
(603) 352-6747  
www.keenesynagogue.org  
rabbi.ahavas.achim@gmail.com  
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Services: Regular Friday night services at 7 PM  
Monthly Shabbat morning services at 10 AM  
Check the website for time variations

## LACONIA

### TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

Rabbi Dan Danson  
210 Court Street, Laconia  
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## MANCHESTER

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

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Services: Shabbat services the first Friday of the month at 6 PM  
All other Friday nights at 7 PM with some exceptions.  
Alternating Shabbat services or Torah study Saturday mornings at 10 AM

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Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski  
66 Salmon Street, Manchester  
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(603) 622-6171  
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Saturday at 9:30 AM  
Minyans: Mon.-Fri. 7 AM. Call Stephen Singer 603-774-4048 for info.

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Mon. - Thur. minyan 7:30 PM

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

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200 State Street, Portsmouth  
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(603) 436-5301  
www.templeisraelnh.org  
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Services: Friday, 6:15 PM  
Saturday, 9:30 AM  
Tues. minyan 5:30 PM  
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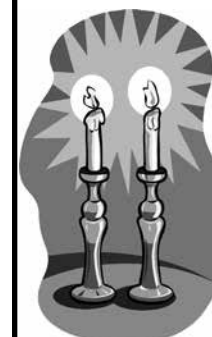
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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



<b>October 4</b>	<b>6:04 PM</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>5:52 PM</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>5:41 PM</b>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>

## It's Time to Celebrate Our Accomplishments and Move Ahead to a New Year in Jewish New Hampshire

[Adapted from remarks delivered at the JFNH Annual Meeting.]

L'Shana tovah!

It has been a year of tremendous growth and change for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and much of that can be attributed to you, our community: young and old, Jewish and interfaith, every individual who makes up our growing community. You have all helped us making tremendous strides in a short time.

Over 100 new children (many from families not affiliated with a synagogue) enrolled in PJ Library.

120 Jewish Seniors from all corners of the state gathered to learn, socialize, and volunteer.

Dozens of vulnerable individuals were able to turn to Federation for assistance and support in the form of social service referrals, food and heating assistance, and support in countless other ways.

Our Israeli Emissary (or Shlichah) Program reached over 5,000 individuals ages 2 to 92, helping to strengthen our Israel/NH connection.

Federation Preschool celebrated 32 years

**Melanie Zalman McDonald**

**Executive Director**



as NH's only full day Jewish Preschool serving ages 2-5.

Our New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival — everyone's favorite annual cultural event — was a tremendous success, attracting a growing younger demographic and exploring important topics through a Jewish lens. (Save the dates: March 19-29, 2020!)

We renewed our commitment to providing cultural program grants and Hebrew school allocations to help our synagogue communities thrive.

We formed a new Israel Engagement & Education Committee under the leadership of Board member Evelyn Miller, who is already hard at work to enhance our offerings in what brings us closer to "Eretz Yisrael!"

Through the generosity of Irving and

Bernice Singer's Israel Experience Program, we provided grants to several New Hampshire teens looking to explore Israel through a structured program.

Lastly, we were able to continue to remove obstacles for children seeking a first-time Jewish camp experience! Helping to nurture Jewish values and to invest in our Jewish future.

Federation's true success relies on its commitment to the community through its programming and people. I'm proud of the ways that we have lived up to that promise this past year and am beyond excited for the many ways that our new facility can do more at a time when our community needs it most. As we look to the year ahead, we are forging new partnerships providing opportunities to tackle anti-Semitism and to more actively support the state of Israel:

We will meet with elected officials to ask the hard questions, advocate for funding to support our growing security needs, to ensure that the threats facing our communities remain a priority to them in New Hampshire and in Washington.

We will collaborate with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to provide meaningful training and dialogue opportunities around anti-Semitism, hate crimes, and more.

We will work closely with National Federation's Israel Action Network to counter delegitimization and other efforts to isolate Israel from the global family of nations, including opposing the use of boycotts, divestment, and sanctions against Israel.

Lastly, we will attack hateful ideology and ignorance at its root cause by doing more in the way of Holocaust education in partnership with Keene State College's Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Without your support, these are just words, hopes, ideals. So I ask you to imagine a New Hampshire where there is no Federation to lead this charge. Through these programs and more, Federation will continue to strengthen our commitment to reach out to the entirety of New Hampshire's Jewish population and bring them together as one unified Jewish community.

## It's Been a Year of Facing Challenges and Finding Strength – Together

[Adapted from remarks delivered at the JFNH Annual Meeting.]

Shalom Chaverim!

Welcome NH Jewish community, friends, and partners. I would like to begin with letting you know that your Federation has been hard at work since our meeting last year. This year we have been busy meeting challenges and creating solutions. We have worked as a team of dedicated staff and devoted board members and volunteers to accomplish great things all while dreaming big.

For those of you have not yet heard, two weeks ago we officially relocated to our new home in Bedford, New Hampshire. Our new space, which is ripe with potential, combines our desire to be more visible and more accessible with plans to convene the Jewish community more regularly in meaningful ways. It has been many years since we have had a place like this to gather our statewide Jewish community, so this is very special. And, might I add, we did this very much under budget, thanks to a private grant from a community foundation in the amount of \$30,000, restricted for the purpose of a safe, new location. We have worked with

**Dr. Sarit Itenberg, Board Chair**

**Board Column**



law enforcement and security professionals, some of which are here today, and for which we are so very grateful. We have created a state of the art space that is both secure and welcoming. We are so fortunate to have architects, designers, and contractors who literally and physically have helped reshape our space! Thanks especially to Paul Mansback, Leslie Rifkin, and Lisa Muskat, and please look for a complete list of all those who have helped us in our relocation in the next Jewish Reporter. I look forward to having each and every one of you be our guest there very soon! Stay tuned for some grand opening announcements. In addition, thanks to the many donations of time, goods, and services, we have nearly completed this project, and, by being well under budget, we are able to redirect resources back to you, our com-

munity! Please see the list below of all the people and vendors who have worked, many gratis, on this very project! Also, please join me in thanking our relocation committee, without whom this smooth transition would not have been possible. Thank you to Ken Litvack, Jay Madnick, Judith Jolton, Pat Kalik, and Paul Bieber.

On a more serious note, I don't need to remind the people in this room that it has been a tough year for American Jews. We were all aghast when we heard about the massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. During Shabbat morning services, 11 people were killed and several injured in what has been called the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the United States. That event not only struck close to home for all of us for obvious reasons, it also struck very close to home because a NH family lost two loved ones that day. Pittsburgh is no exception and no specific target; we are threatened no matter where we are. And then there was California. In April, during Pesach, a Chabad congregation was stricken with terror in Poway, 20 miles north of San Diego; another life lost and many more shaken.

Did you know that NH ranks second

among the New England states for anti-Semitic incidents? Anti-Semitism is not a Democratic or Republican issue; it is OUR issue; it is a Jewish issue.

We may be divided by political parties, but we are united as Jews, by our shared belief that hate has no home in New Hampshire. We are brought together by a shared concern about a rise in anti-Semitism. We are invested (all of us) in efforts to provide safe and secure temples and gathering spaces. These priorities know no party affiliation.

It is very worthwhile mentioning that hate and racism are not problems that we, the Jewish community, face alone. Such attacks on innocent people praying are not just a problem for us. In the southern Philippines, 23 people were killed during Mass in a Roman Catholic church this past January, and close to 40 people in mosques in the New Zealand city of Christchurch were slaughtered in March.

American Jews are just the most recent target. Rising anti-Semitism along with rising xenophobia have left all freedom-loving people feeling scared and vulnerable.

New Hampshire has no place for hate.

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# Statewide Calendar of Events

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

## Friday, October 4

**Family Shabbat Service & Potluck Dinner**  
6-8 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
Family Shabbat Service and Potluck. Please bring a dish to share! Contact: Karen Rothstein at 603-669-5650 or [office@taynh.org](mailto:office@taynh.org).

## Sunday, October 6

**Cemetery Service at Manchester Hebrew Cemetery**  
10 AM-12 PM, Manchester Hebrew Cemetery, Manchester  
Community Memorial Service. Contact: Karen Rothstein at 603-669-5650 or [office@taynh.org](mailto:office@taynh.org).

## Thursday, October 10

**Mah Jongg Mixed Mingle & Merriment**  
12:30-4 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

All those who play the game are invited to attend this friendly gathering. Prizes awarded and silent auction. Snacks, decadent desserts, and beverages served. Event profits benefit the Cohen Lecture Series at Congregation Ahavas Achim. Play begins at 1 PM and ends at 4 PM. Pre-registration \$10 by mail, \$12 at the door. Only 24 seats available. Early registration strongly encouraged. Please make checks payable to: Nancy Stone, 54 Blackberry Lane, Keene, NH 03431. Include name, address, and phone number with payment.

## Sunday, October 13

**Visiting a Jewish Cemetery**  
10-11 AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Jewish cemeteries are one of the most overlooked Jewish resources that provide history about the community. Rabbi Joshua L. Segal, the author of *A Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery: A Spiritual Journey to the Past, Present, and Future*, and the Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Betenu, Amherst, NH, will speak on Jewish cemeteries and their place in the community. One of the greatest mitzvahs is for a Jew to bury their dead. Beyond the particulars about the deceased, important for genealogists, monument inscriptions also include references to the Jewish holidays, the Jewish calendar, the Bible, as well as art, history, and culture. Rabbi Segal's talk will help us understand

how Jewish cemeteries provide history about the Jewish community and its practices, and will explore the secret to enjoying Jewish cemeteries. The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is proud to sponsor Rabbi Segal's presentation, which will be preceded by our Monthly Sunday Breakfast at 9:30 AM. Our kitchen crew will be preparing a sumptuous feast of eggs, potatoes, bagels, lox and whitefish salad with veggies, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Cost for breakfast is \$8 for Men's Club members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, and to RSVP for breakfast, email [breakfastsvp@snhjmcc.org](mailto:breakfastsvp@snhjmcc.org).

## Friday, October 18

**Sukkot Service and Pizza in the Hut**  
6-8 PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
RSVP by October 10. Contact Karen Rothstein at 603-669-5650 or [office@taynh.org](mailto:office@taynh.org).

## Sunday, October 20

**Dedication: Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies**  
2-4 PM, Mason Library, Keene State College 229 Main St, Keene  
Dedication of the new space for the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the academic department of Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Speakers, brief talks, exhibit of art and photographs, refreshments.

## Events For Our Youth

### Sunday, October 6

**PJ Library Holiday Celebration**  
2-4 PM, Little Village Toy and Book Shop, Littleton  
Join PJ Library at the Little Village Toy & Book Shop, where we'll read some of our favorite holiday stories and make a fun craft! Please register to [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org) by October 3.

### Sunday, October 13

**PJ Library Sukkot Celebration**  
2-4 PM, Private Home, Dover  
PJ Library is ready to celebrate Sukkot! Join us in Dover at the home of a PJ family, where we'll help decorate their Sukkah, read stories and enjoy a snack. Strong parents/care givers can help construct the Sukkah!~ Please email [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org) by October 10 to register.\*Address will be given with your registration\*

### Friday, October 25

**Musical Shabbat Service with Kochava Munro**  
6:15-8:15 PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Please join us for musical Kabbalat Shabbat services led by cantorial soloist Kochava Munro.

### Saturday, October 26

**We Care Presents: Doo-Wop Deville Benefit Concert**  
7-9 PM, Interlakes Community Auditorium, Meredith  
Tickets are available at [WWW.TBINH.ORG](http://WWW.TBINH.ORG), or at the Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith, Bayswater Books in Center Harbor, and Greenlaws Music and Audio in Laconia. Children 12 and under free with paid adult and students with ID just \$10 at the door. Doo-Wop Deville, one of New England's premiere show bands, will perform the memorable music of the 50s and 60s. Complimentary snacks and desserts can be enjoyed at 7 P.M. and the concert begins at 7:45 P.M.

### Wednesday, October 30

**Congregation Ahavas Achim Book Club: Sinners and the Sea**  
7-9 PM, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene  
At 7 PM the book club will begin with a discussion of Rebecca Kanner's novel, *Sinners and the Sea: The Untold Story of Noah's Wife*. At 7:30, we will have an opportunity to Skype with the author from her home base in Minneapolis. Publisher's Weekly wrote that Noah's unnamed wife is a powerful, memorable character. This is a free event. Refreshments will be served.

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

A gift from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire



Sign up your children ages 6 months through 11 years old and enjoy the gift of Jewish children's books and resources delivered to your home each month. Explore Jewish heritage and culture through PJ Library's high-quality stories about Jewish values, traditions, and heritage.

Through the program your family will be enriched by experiencing the joys of Jewish life.

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Ages 6 mos. through 8  
[pjlibrary.org](http://pjlibrary.org)

Ages 9 through 11  
[pjourway.org](http://pjourway.org)

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Our quaint federation is just a small piece of a larger Jewish Federation puzzle. We, together, make up the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Jewish federations are not-for-profit organizations designed to bring the Jewish community together in for programming and organizational support. We are still just a smaller piece of charitable Jewish organizations worldwide that support and help heal.

We are unique; we are one and we are statewide. Because we are so few here in New Hampshire, JFNH has an enormous responsibility to our Jewish community. We push ourselves past our limits to outdo ourselves. Why? Because we

dream big. Join me in dreaming big.

To date, our campaign success this year surpassed last year's, which surpassed the one before that. We are clearly on the right trajectory here. We are feverishly planning and growing while trying our best to budget and spend more wisely than ever. Aggressive efforts are under way to check ourselves regularly, and we are more than confident our plan will be achieved! While we continue to serve our communities in a meaningful and impactful way, we ask you to continue to back us on these endeavors.

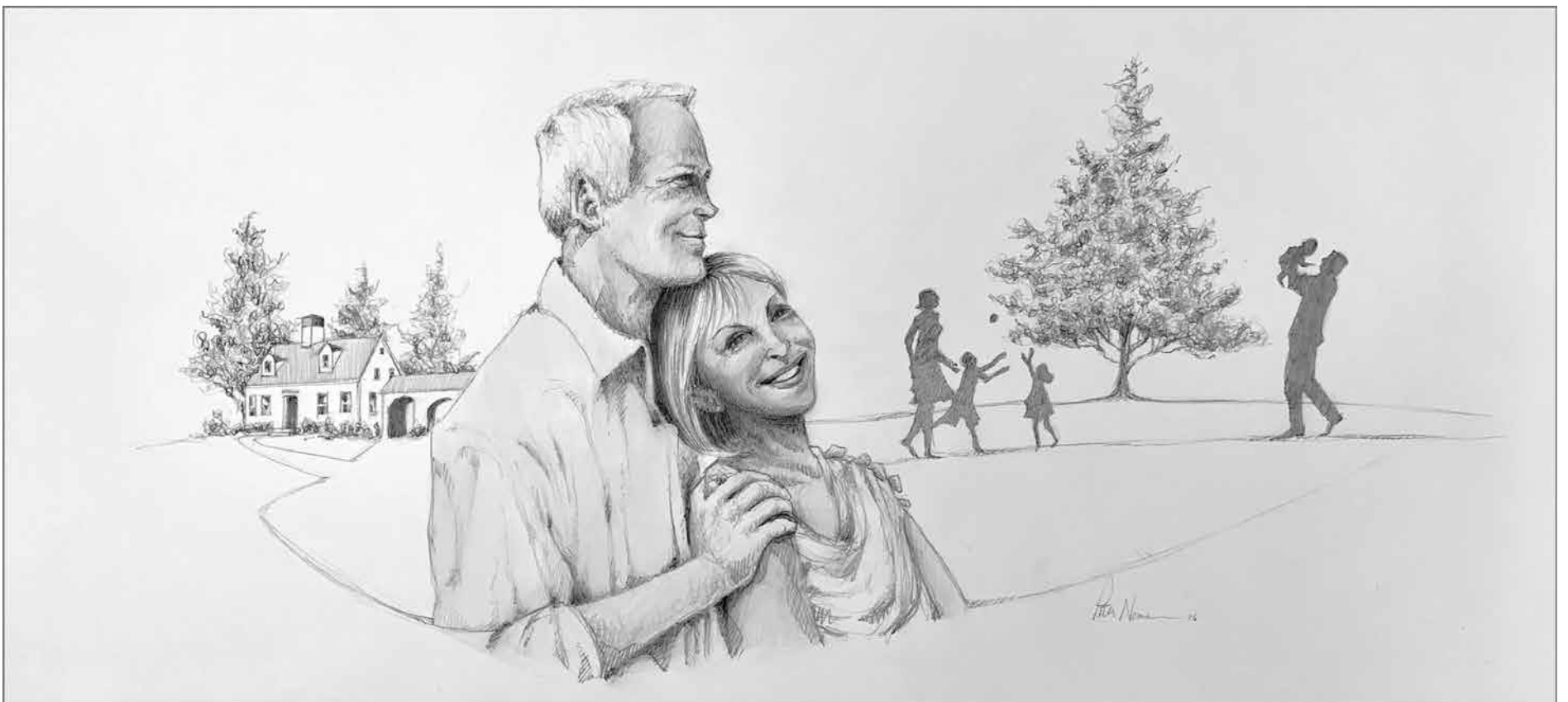
In conclusion, Elie Wiesel once said, "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering

and humiliation. We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." I am certain that in today's time if Mr. Wiesel knew of local anti-Semitic acts (vandalism, disrespect, bullying at schools, fear tactics on social media platforms), he would encourage us to speak and speak loudly, while united.

With this, I ask that you all join me and join one another and speak up against anything anti-Jewish, against all acts of anti-Semitism here in New Hampshire. As Elie Wiesel pointed out, taking sides IS important. This is not a matter of the Republican side or the Democratic

side, this is not an issue of the "right" side or the "left side," this is NOT a political side; this is the side where we NH Jews are one and united on being Jewish and being kind and being outspoken against anyone here in NH that may speak out against one of us. Hurting one of us is hurting all of us, especially when the reason is clear. Do not ignore that. We will not stand by and let this scary trend continue.

Please join me and my family and make a pledge to support our Federation. With your support, we will continue to grow and pursue all the dreams we have for our NH Jewish community. L'shanah tovah!



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## Starting My Year in New Hampshire – With Excitement!

Shalom! My name is Avia and I am the new Shlichah. I'm very excited to write to you all about my amazing first days in New Hampshire and about the way my family celebrates the High Holidays in Israel.

It has been a wonderful first few weeks for me. I have been invited to Friday dinners that have been very important for me. I have had the chance to meet amazing community members that have opened their homes and their hearts. Thank you all so much -- it has really made me feel at home.

I have arrived at a very exciting time, as the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire has a new home and I feel so lucky to be part of it! I'm so glad I've had the chance to enjoy the warm weather (yes, I know the winter is coming). I've had an amazing time visiting lakes, kayaking, hiking a little bit. I've even been to the beautiful Isles of Shoals thanks to my host family Evelyn Miller.

I am really looking forward to experienc-

**Avia Sagron**

**JFNH Shlichah**



ing the High Holidays here in NH. In my family the holidays are a big deal. There is a magical feeling in the air this time of year. It starts on Rosh Hashanah, when my whole family gets together, we eat apples with honey, and we bless the New Year. My family blessings are very special: We make a blessing for dates, pumpkins, beans, pomegranates, and lamb.

Yom Kippur is our chance to look inside, ask ourselves questions about the past year, and ask forgiveness from people we think we may have hurt. Mostly, I love the opportunity to start a clean page and I always aspire to be a better person in the upcoming year. My family and I keep this

day and we all wear white clothing, fast together, and go to the synagogue to hear the Shofar. Of course we all can't wait for the great dinner when the fast is over.

At night, when Yom Kippur is over, my father starts building the sukkah. My job is to help with the decorations. I love to make them myself and to have a colorful, warm, and happy sukkah. In Israel, we have school vacation for eight days during Sukkot, so it's a holiday that all the kids love. My family eats all our meals together in the sukkah and everyone is invited to join!

The second name of Sukkot is *Hag Ha-Asif*. The meaning of *Asif* is harvest

because it's the harvest time of the year and it's a great reason to celebrate.

The Simchat Torah (*Simchat* means happy, celebration) festivities begin with the evening service. In Israel, every city has a big celebration and a lot of people go out and dance together with the Torah scrolls. It's a great day of unity -- everyone loves celebrating.

I really hope that you like to read about my family and me. It is very exciting for me to be here as your Shlichah. I'm looking forward to this New Year and I wish you all this year will be as sweet as honey.

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## Federation Preschool Begins Its 31st Fabulous Year

### JFNH Signature Program

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Again this year, we are happy to offer two enrichment programs: Music and Movement on Thursdays with Miss Kristen and Hebrew on Mondays with Morah Chanchie.

Every Friday morning, the smell of fresh-baked challah flows through the building as all of our children bake their own mini challah to take home and share

with their families. Thank you to Rabbi Beth for coming in and blowing the shofar during our Friday morning Shabbat program. We can't wait to have the other area Rabbis join us on other Friday mornings.

This year we will be hosting monthly PJ Library Tot Shabbats and Playgroups, the first of which is Friday, October 12, at 10 AM. To join in the fun, contact Allyson Guertin at [pjlibrary@jewishnh.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnh.org) to RSVP.

Our spaces are filling up quickly, so if you are interested in learning more about the Jewish Federation Preschool or would like to set up a tour, contact Alane Sabel at [preschool@jewishnh.org](mailto:preschool@jewishnh.org) or 603-782-5174.



Kindergarteners at work on a STEM project



A is for alligator.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Norri Oberlander

Norri Oberlander is certainly a "daughter of New Hampshire"!

She grew up in Bedford, graduated from West High School in 2001, and went off to Hofstra College in New York. Her parents, Bernard and Toni Gasser, not only instilled in her the importance of Jewish Identity, but a love for family and for New Hampshire. She met her husband in New York and worked as an event planner, but she wanted to return to her family and the ambiance of New Hampshire!

Norri now resides in Londonderry with her husband and two children. As a principal in the family business, North End Properties in Manchester, she is involved with the Intown Manchester Board and



Norri Oberlander

Executive Committee. That organization of business owners enhances activities in downtown Manchester. She is also a member of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, and she is a 2014 graduate of the Leadership Greater Manchester Program.

JFNH has always been part of Norri's life; her memories of events date back to childhood.

To paraphrase her enthusiasm: volunteering with JFNH has always afforded her the opportunity to establish relationships not only in the Jewish community of New Hampshire, but also abroad. Additionally, Norri appreciates the fact that JFNH is the "spokesperson" for Jews in New Hampshire. She is particularly in awe of the Shlichah Program and the PJ Library ventures

that have enhanced JFNH outreach! In Norri's words, "Thank you, JFNH for all you do for our community."

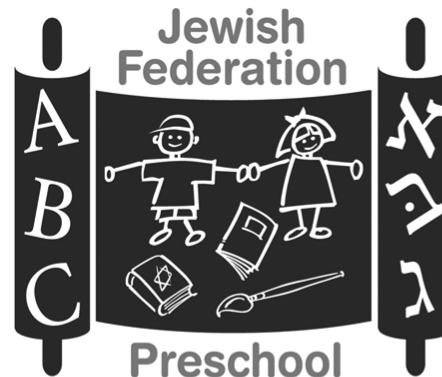
Probably Norri's most treasured volunteer effort is her role at Temple Israel Manchester for the annual fundraiser, "Schmooze & Booze," for which she is the event planner. She is also the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors and maintains

a viable Jewish cultural identity. This quote from her bio says it all: "I absolutely love culture, tradition, and ethnic customs and I want my kids to grow up in a community that celebrates WHO they are, and WHERE they come from."

That leaves no doubt about the "mensch" quality of this month's featured volunteer!

### The board and staff of JFNH want to recognize the following individuals for their support and expertise:

Joseph Cafarelli, LECC Coordinator, US Attorney's office  
 Robert Christensen, Operations Security Chief, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
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**New Board Members** *continued from page 1*

Debbie served on the Federation Board of Directors from 2009 through 2018. During that time, she actively participated in the yearly Super Sunday fundraising campaign, and she enjoyed volunteering on several committees throughout the years, such as the NH Jewish Film Festival, Planning and Allocation Committee, and Preschool Committee. After a year off the board, but still serving on the Preschool and Film Festival committees and volunteering with the Super Sunday fundraising drive, Debbie has decided to join the Board of Directors once again.

**Robert Feldmann, of Londonderry, is a former JFNH Board Member and a member of Temple Beth Abraham and Chabad Lubavitch.**



*Robert (Bob) Feldmann, pictured with his wife, Marcia.*

Bob Feldmann moved to Londonderry in 1999 with his wife, Marcia, and daughter, Molly. A month after arriving, Deena was born, and then Eli was born two years later. All three of their children attended the JFNH Preschool. When the kids got older, they were all onstage in productions in the JFNH Theatre, with Marcia and Bob in supporting roles behind the scenes.

Bob attended Rochester Institute of Technology, where he received a BS in mechanical engineering (and where his three children are currently students). This was followed by four years as a training officer in the U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. After that, Bob went to work as a design engineer at General Motors in Dayton, OH, where he worked for Inland/Delco Products/Delco Chassis/Delphi Chassis until 1999. While in Dayton, he earned an MS in materials engineering at University of Dayton. Since 1999, Bob has worked as a design engineer at Freudenberg-NOK/Vibracoustic in Manchester.

Bob previously served as a JFNH Board Member from 2004 to 2016. During that time, he served as Treasurer for two years and was on the Planning & Allocations Committee for all 12 years,

chairing it for 10 years. He also served on the Building Committee and the Executive Director Search Committee.

**Ami Kilchevsky and his wife, Lindsay, are members of Temple Israel Manchester.**



*Ami Kilchevsky*

Ami is a staff urologist at Concord Hospital. Here are his thoughts upon joining our Board: "I am honored to be joining the Board of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. I grew up in a house steeped in Jewish tradition, learning strong Jewish values from my parents, who are themselves active members of the Jewish Federation in Connecticut. They also instilled in me an appreciation and commitment to the land of Israel, where much of my family still lives. It is this passion of advancing Jewish causes which led to my involvement in the Jewish Federation here in New Hampshire. My wife, Lindsay, and I are dedicated to passing along the same devotion to these ideals to our sons, and what better way than by helping to shape Jewish life in the Granite State."

**Chanchie Krinsky is affiliated with The Chabad Center for Jewish Living in Manchester and lives in Manchester. Chanchie is the daughter of Rabbi Levi Krinsky.**



*Chanchie Krinsky*

- Attended Machon Shoshanat Yerushalayim, a seminary in Jerusalem.
- Year-long internship at Chabad of Potomac, MD
- Summer camp counselor at CGI of Arkansas, CGI Long Beach, California and CGI of Hong Kong.
- Assistant director of Camp Gan Israel NH
- Innovator of the "Traveling Hebrew School" and current consultant for branches across the United States
- Director and teacher at Chabad Hebrew School
- Program coordinator/youth director at Chabad of NH
- Member of international networking

- for CTeen youth group
- Mentor for teens and early 20s
- Part-time kosher caterer, servicing the needs of Southern NH

**Tracy Richmond is married to Larry Richmond, and they have 2 sons. They live in Bedford.**



*Tracy Richmond*

Tracy has been involved with The Bedford Education Foundation-Bedford NH as a Board member, 2015-2018, where she was the marketing/communication chair responsible for all social media and was also the fundraising chair, responsible for managing all annual fundraising efforts. The foundation raised over \$200,000 during her time in the role. Additionally, Tracy was the annual gala event chair for three years and held multiple committee seats and volunteer roles within the Bedford public school system.

Tracy participated in Combined Jewish Philanthropy Boston MA Acharai leadership program 2011-2012. Acharai — Hebrew for "follow me" — is a call to action. This premier leadership program engages a select group of 20 individuals in an intensive 18-month curriculum, including an overseas mission (Israel and Poland). Many of the Boston Jewish community's outstanding leaders credit their Acharai experience with transforming their lives and igniting a lifelong passion for leadership in the Jewish community.

She was the Jaffa Society co-chair in 2010. The Jaffa Society was created to engage women ages 25-45 in educational, community service, philanthropic, and social programming.

She has been a Lion of Judah Society member and conference attendee for multiple years.

She was also the Jewish Community Center of the North Shore, Marblehead MA Preschool fundraising co-chair, responsible for planning and running annual fundraising efforts. The organization raised over \$50,000 during her time in the role, 2005-2007.

**Harry Shepler, a member of Temple Israel Manchester, lives in Bedford.**



*Harry Shepler*

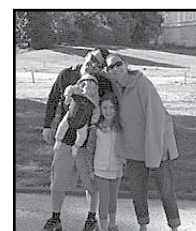
Harry Shepler, the founder and managing partner of The Shepler Financial Group, LLC, has been in the financial services industry since 1977 and has owned his own firm since 1988. He is an investment manager for all ages, but most especially for those who are within five years of their anticipated retirement. His specialty is differ-

ent than most advisors in that he uses a specific logical and scientific process that most people have not seen before.

Harry is nationally recognized in his field and is a frequent speaker at professional forums. He maintains membership in the American Society of Financial Planning Professionals as well as The Association of Advanced Life Underwriters.

On a personal note, Harry is very involved in AIPAC, and he loves Israel. He is involved in many local charities. He is the past president of the Board of Trustees of the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH, and served on its executive committee. He enjoys his membership at Temple Israel in Manchester, where he is a "regular" at morning minyan and serves on the Trust Account board. Also, he serves on the Community Hospice House Foundation Investment Board of Merrimack, NH. He lives and works in Bedford, NH, with his wife, Barbara, of 49 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

**Liz Sommers and her family live in Hopkinton, and they attend Temple Israel, Manchester.**



*Liz Sommers and family*

Liz Sommers is a certified early childhood special educator and parent education coordinator. She currently works with infants and toddlers with developmental delays and their families through Community Bridges' Early Supports & Services program. She leads parenting workshops around the capital region promoting the use of positive and proactive strategies and runs a supportive parenting group for moms in recovery from substance misuse. She previously taught early childhood education courses at Hesser College and worked in the NH public school system as a special education teacher. She holds a dual masters degree from New York University in early childhood education and early childhood special education with a focus on children with significant disabilities.

Liz lives in Hopkinton with her husband, Aaron, and two daughters, Poppy (age 7) and Lucy (age 1). She was born in Albany, NY, and lived in Miami Beach and Portland, OR, as a teen before heading to college in NYC. Poppy attended JFNH Preschool from age 2 to 6, loving every minute! Liz and Aaron appreciated the love of Judaism the preschool instilled in Poppy and hope to send Lucy once she turns two. Liz and her family are active members of Temple Israel (Manchester), where Poppy attends Hebrew School. Both Poppy and Lucy look forward every month to their PJ Library books.



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## JFNH Signs On to Support Holocaust Survivor Legislation

The Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire are building support for two important bills in Congress that impact the Holocaust survivor community in the United States.

The **Never Again Education Act**, introduced as S. 2085 in the Senate and H.R. 943 in the House, would provide public resources to effectively teach about the Holocaust and help combat anti-Semitism. This legislation would:

- Establish a fund at the U.S. Department of Education to help teachers develop and improve Holocaust education programs;
- Authorize \$2 million in federal funds to support this work for each of the next five years while encouraging additional private donations;
- Provide funding directly to teachers to develop individualized programs that best suit their students;
- Cover such expenses as training for educators, textbooks, transportation for Survivors to be brought to a school, and field trips; and
- Create a Holocaust education website as a central hub of resources and best practices for teachers interested in Holocaust education.

The **Trauma-Informed Modernization of Eldercare for Holocaust Survivors Act**, introduced as S. 2179 in the Senate and H.R. 4077 in the House, would amend the Older Americans Act to help bring care and services to Holocaust survivors and other older adults in a way that considers their unique needs. This legislation would:

- Prioritize the needs of Holocaust survivors in the Older Americans

Act, leading to additional resources, although many Survivors have long received some support from the Older Americans Act for congregate meals, caregiving, and other supportive services;

- Create a new position at the U.S. Administration for Community Living that specifically focuses on helping Holocaust Survivors;
- Establish a national resource center to share best practices and promote person-centered, trauma-informed care for agencies that serve older adults (including Holocaust survivors) who are experiencing the long-term and adverse consequences of trauma; and
- Ensure that providers of nutrition and transportation services can meet the special health-related or other dietary needs and mobility needs of Holocaust survivors.

These bills are making their way through the legislative process. Using its advocacy prowess, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire helped persuade Senator Maggie Hassan, who sits on the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee, which has jurisdiction over these issues, to cosponsor both bills, and succeeded in persuading Representatives Annie Kuster and Chris Pappas to cosponsor the Never Again Education Act. The Federation also signed on to several advocacy letters supporting both initiatives and reached out to the few remaining living survivors in our community asking for them to sign their own names to another letter supporting these efforts.

### Campaign continued from page 1

community and work together regardless of political beliefs.

Super Sunday will be on December 8. We will be contacting you for your support in reaching our fundraising goals. We are going to make this a fun Super Sunday as well for YOU, the many passionate community members who believe in continuing this work together.

**To volunteer for us on Super Sunday, email ken@traly.com or call Federation at (603) 627-7679.**

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We look forward to hearing from all of you soon!

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## NH Jewish Community Unites to Combat Hate and Honor Volunteers at JFNH Annual Meeting

Manchester — On Sunday, September 15, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH) held its annual meeting and Shem Tov Award ceremony. Despite it being a beautiful, sunny day, with a Patriot game in progress, the sanctuary of Temple Israel Manchester had about 200 people in attendance.

Melanie Zalman McDonald, JFNH executive director, opened the meeting and introduced our new Shlichah, Avia Sagron. Mayor Joyce Craig also gave a welcome speech. Dr. Sarit Itenberg, JFNH Board chair, spoke of the Federation's new location in Bedford and thanked all who helped make the move possible. She reported that the fundraising campaigns increased revenue two years in a row. She also stated that "New Hampshire has no place for hate" and

that "Hurting one of us is hurting all of us." Sarit encouraged us all to speak up against any anti-Semitism.

Robert Trestan, director of ADL New England, spoke about "The State of Hate." He stated that anti-Semitism is the hate crime most committed, although Jews are only 2% of the population. He encouraged us all to be "the front line" for religious freedom, safety, and security. He said that hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism breach our front line.

Governor Chris Sununu's talk was entitled "Hate Has No Place Here." He spoke of the power of the individual. With only 1.3 million residents in the state, we have 400 representatives in the house. Our concerns about anti-Semitism will be heard.

Judith Jolton led the nomination pro-

ceedings for the 2019-20 board nominees, who were unanimously approved. The proposed slate of officers for 2019-20 was presented and will be voted on by the JFNH Board at the October 2019 Directors Meeting. A list of names is available at JFNH.

Melanie Zalman McDonald, JFNH executive director, reminded us of the growth and strides made by JFNH during the past year, including serving over 100 children and 120 seniors, providing social services, organizing the Jewish Film Festival, and many more accomplishments. The Federation will continue to strengthen its commitment to all of NH's Jewish population and to bring them together as a unified community. The Shem Tov Awards were presented to outstanding volunteers from Jewish communities

across New Hampshire, and the special "Kehillah Achdut" (Community Unity) Award went to the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery Committee. Then Holocaust survivor Kati Preston gave a moving talk about her early years in Hungary during WWII and the trials, stresses, and losses that occurred to her. She said that we should all rise up and do something against anti-Semitism. She believes that with education, we will not be afraid of the "other." In that vein, she has written a book titled *Hidden*, a graphic novel that she hopes to put in all of the schools.

Rabbi Levi Krinsky of Chabad Center for Jewish Living closed the program with the blowing of the shofar, which made the afternoon's messages all that more meaningful. The community then came together united at a bountiful dessert reception.



Shem Tov and Kehillah Achdut "Community Unity" Award winners pose with their beautiful plaques. Artwork by Avia Sagron, JFNH Shlichah. Photo courtesy of Alan Glassman.



Sarit Itenberg with Kati Preston, Holocaust survivor and speaker. Photo courtesy of Alan Glassman.



Governor Chris Sununu with JFNH Board chair Sarit Itenberg and Robert Trestan, regional director of the ADL. Photo courtesy of Alan Glassman.



Manchester mayor Joyce Craig speaking at the JFNH Annual Meeting. Photo courtesy of Alan Glassman.



JFNH Board chair Sarit Itenberg addresses the crowd. Photo courtesy of Alan Glassman.

## Finding Meaning in Self-Denial on Yom Kippur

Three times our Torah commands us: “And this shall be to you a law for all time: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall practice self denial.” [Leviticus 16:29, Leviticus 23:27, Numbers 29:7]

These texts, of course, discuss Yom Kippur. The challenge, however, is that the Torah doesn’t actually define self-denial. What is it that we are supposed to do, or not do, to observe the Day of Atonement? The answer to this question is found in the Mishnah. Compiled at the end of the Second Century of the Common Era, the Mishnah is the first collection of rabbinic interpretations and elaborations of the Biblical texts. Covering questions of ritual, business, ethics, and the details of living Jewish lives, the Mishnah is the root of the Halachic system that continues to shape our lives today.

Tractate Yoma is dedicated to the hows and whys of Yom Kippur. In Chapter 8:1, we are taught:



“On Yom HaKippurim, it is forbidden to eat or drink, to wash, to anoint oneself, to put on sandals, or to have intercourse.” [Sefaria, Yoma,]

It is an interesting list, no? On this day of intense introspection, we shouldn’t be concerned with our appearances, so doing without washing or anointing ourselves makes sense. Engaging in marital relations is a pleasurable activity, not in keeping with the solemnity of the day, so such activity is banned (not to mention the fact that spending most of the day in the synagogue, as many do, would make intimacy impossible!) Going without shoes makes

one feel physically uncomfortable, as does giving up food and drink. Each of these is a form of self denial.

As I have gotten older, I have found that it gets easier to go without the food, but harder to go without liquid. I’ve also found that it is an easier fast when I begin to decaffeinate on Rosh Hashanah, so that I am caffeine free by Kol Nidre; that way the withdrawal headache doesn’t hit on Yom Kippur afternoon. Still, ask any of my friends and family, and they will tell you I am not a good faster, and I will admit that it is true.

So why do I do it? Yes, “Because God says so,” but “because” isn’t a completely satisfactory answer. I think part of “the why” is that as I become more and more attuned to how I am feeling, I am reminded of the gifts of God’s bounty, and I am reminded of the frailty of human life. There are moments of intense clarity and spiritual connection. Fasting enables me to go beyond my physical self, and to

reach outwards and inwards for God. And this, I believe, is at the core of Yom Kippur.

Fasting also delivers a powerful reminder that I am lucky, that I give up food, drink, and material comforts by choice, not out of necessity. We go without because we choose to, not because we have to. At Temple Adath Yeshurun, this was the impetus behind our High Holy Day Religious Response to Hunger, a citywide, ecumenical food drive that has, for nearly 40 years, collected food and necessities for our needy friends and neighbors. Giving up led us to giving to others. So Yom Kippur also reminds us that it isn’t enough to pray, we also have to act. Our practice of self-denial can fuel acts of giving, our fasting reminding us that we are expected to try and bring about a world of security, comfort, and plenty for all.

“*Tsom Kal,*” may we each be blessed with an easy and meaningful fast!

## The Upper Valley Jewish Community Celebrates Its Past and Future

By Paul Etkind

Hanover — On September 8, nearly 180 members and guests of the Upper Valley Jewish Community (UVJC) Kol Ha’Emek celebrated the installation of Rabbi Mark Melamut along with the release of a book detailing the history of the Jewish community in the Upper Valley. The celebration consisted of speeches, songs, prayers, and a jazz brunch.

As the president of the congregation, Deborah Callaghan, described in her introductory remarks, this was a momentous day. The publication of *What Came Before: An Oral History of the Upper Valley Jewish Community* by Liza Draper coincided with the installation of Rabbi Mark, signaling our community’s emergence as an independent Jewish community with our own full-time rabbi. Like the mythical Janus, this was a rare opportunity to examine our past while simultaneously looking toward our future.

After the Religious School sang a song of celebration, Barry Scherr spoke on behalf of the History Group, who researched and wrote *What Came Before*. Barry was UVJC president when the UVJC and Dartmouth College made the decision to join together to build what is now the Roth Center for Jewish Life, home to the UVJC and Dartmouth Hill-el. The Roth Center opened in 1997. The



Rabbi Mark Melamut at his installation ceremony

book focused on the years before the Roth Center was built. Members from that time and their families were interviewed, family photo collections were sought, and local business records were reviewed to find more leads for interviews. An interesting problem presented itself when reviewing the interview transcripts prepared by professional transcribers. “Strange names and Yiddish phrases seemed to be challenges, some of which were humorous.” Barry said there were many people to be thanked for this effort and he was very pleased with the great interest in the project shown by the members of the community. He urged the celebration attendees to look at the photo display outside the sanctuary. He also told the crowd that the transcripts

are now stored in Dartmouth’s library; photos are available for purchase; and, interviews on discs are available for listening at the Roth Center.

President Callaghan conducted an exercise to illustrate the importance of volunteers to the evolution and growth of the UVJC. She asked for past presidents to stand; then current and past members of the Board of Trustees; current and past committee members; former and current students and parents of the religious school; anyone who ever volunteered in any capacity for a community activity; and anyone who has ever asked a family member, “You’re going to the Roth Center AGAIN?” At that point, everyone in the audience was standing. The importance of community engagement to the life of the community was evident to all.

President Callaghan introduced Rabbi Melissa Heller, the Director of Admissions for the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Philadelphia, who is a long-time friend, classmate and study partner of Rabbi Melamut. She remarked that the timing of this celebration, early in the month of Elul, is momentous within the cycle of the Jewish year and is parallel to the developing relationship between the UVJC community and Rabbi Mark. This is a time of reflection. We are encouraged to reflect upon where we have been and what we have done in the

past year, and to think about where we want to go and how we want to conduct ourselves in the new year. She then began to speak about Rabbi Mark’s deep connection to coffee. “While he was in San Francisco at his previous congregation, he developed and ran the Sunrise Sunset Coffee House, which hosted readings, discussions, open mics, and an occasional murder mystery. The coffee always flowed. Rabbi Mark’s love of grinding coffee beans for brewing was emblematic of his qualities: He was not in a rush, he was careful, caring, deliberate, and was focused on the outcome.” She then spoke of their *chavruta* relationship while they were students: always questioning, always seeking answers, and always doing so while drinking coffee. She noted that the relationship between a Rabbi and congregation is like a *chavruta* relationship, in which both parties support and provoke each other into constant growth, development, and understanding. She offered a blessing for Rabbi Mark and the UVJC community. “May you grow together, move from strength to strength, be mutually nourishing, be bold, be courageous, encourage each other to continue to ask questions and seek solutions, and always keep the coffee flowing.”

Rabbi Mark then took the dais and expressed his gratitude for everyone’s atten-

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# High Holidays

## October Holidays Service Guide 2019

Contact your local synagogue (listed on page 2) for more information and to reserve tickets where required.  
Some times (e.g., shofar blowing, Yizkor) are approximate and may vary from the published schedule.

### AMHERST

#### Congregation Betenu

**Fri., Oct. 4:** 7:30 PM Lay-led Shabbat Shuva service. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 7:30 PM Kol Nidre service. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 10:30 AM Yom Kippur service, 3:45 PM afternoon service, 5:30 PM Yizkor and concluding service, 7 PM break-the-fast.

### BETHLEHEM

#### Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 10 AM Rosh Hashanah Day 2 service, 1 PM Dairy potluck luncheon. **Fri., Oct. 4:** Shabbat Shuva Kabbalat Shabbat. **Sat., Oct. 5:** 9:30 AM Shabbat Shuvah service, 10:30 AM Torah Study. **Sun., Oct. 6:** 12 PM BHC Community Cemetery service. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 6 PM Kol Nidre & Erev Yom Kippur service. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 10 AM Yom Kippur service, 12:30 PM Yizkor service, 1 PM Musaf service, 5 PM Minchah, 6:30 PM Neilah/ Havdalah, Final Shofar. **Thurs., Oct. 10:** 10 AM Sukkah building/Brunch. **Sun., Oct. 13:** 5 PM Sukkah decorating, 6 PM Sukkot service and Dairy/Pareve Potluck. **Fri., Oct. 18:** 6:30 PM Shabbat Shuva Kabbalat Shabbat. **Sat., Oct. 19:** 9:30 AM Shabbat and Sukkot Morning service, 10:30 AM Sukkot Torah Study. 5 PM Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor, 6 PM Simchat Torah Celebration.

### CONCORD

#### Temple Beth Jacob

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 9:30 AM Rosh Hashanah II service. **Fri., Oct. 4:** 7 PM Erev Shabbat Shuvah service. **Sat., Oct. 5:** 9:30 AM Shabbat Shuvah service. **Sun., Oct. 6:** 9 AM Memorial service at TBJ Cemetery (Blossom Hill Cemetery). **Tues., Oct. 8:** 7:30 PM \*Kol Nidre service. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 9:30 AM \*Yom Kippur service, 1:30 PM Family service (for families with children 7 or younger), 2:30 PM Alternative observance, 3:30 PM Afternoon-Yizkor-Neilah services. **Sun., Oct. 13:** 7 PM Erev Sukkot service. **Sun., Oct., 20:** 9:30 AM Yizkor service, 5 PM Family dinner (pizza provided), 5:45 PM Simchat Torah/ Consecration service. \*Tickets required.

### CONWAY

#### Kehilat Har Lavan Jewish Community (Majestic Theater, 36 Main Street, Conway)

**Tues., Oct. 8:** 5:45 PM Kol Nidre. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 10 AM Yom Kippur services, 12:30 PM Yizkor, 5 PM Children's service RSVP, 6:40 PM Final Shofar, followed by Break the Fast.

### DERRY

#### Etz Hayim Synagogue

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 9:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Day 2 service. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 7:15 PM Kol Nidre. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 9:30 AM Yom Kippur service, 1 PM Discussion group, 2 PM Family service, 4 PM Yizkor and Neilah,

followed by Break Fast. **Sun., Oct. 13:** 7:15 PM Erev Sukkot service. **Mon., Oct. 14:** 9:30 AM Sukkot service. **Sun., Oct. 20:** 6 PM Simchat Torah service.

### DURHAM

#### UNH & Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 10 AM Services, 11:30 AM Shofar blowing followed by Kiddush, Light Buffet. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 7 PM Kol Nidre. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 10 AM Yom Kippur Morning services, 11:45 AM Yizkor, 6:30 PM Neilah followed by Break Fast.

### HANOVER

#### Kol Ha'Emek, The Upper Valley Jewish Community

(Roth=Roth Center, Rollins=Rollins Chapel, Occom=Occom Commons) **Tues., Oct. 1:** 9 AM Rosh Hashanah 2nd day Traditional service-Roth. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 6 PM Kol Nidre service-Rollins. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 9 AM Yom Kippur Traditional service-Rollins, 10 AM Yom Kippur Tot and Family services-Roth, 10 AM Reform service-Occom, 3 PM Study session-Roth, 4:30 PM Minchah- Rollins, 6:15 PM Neilah and Havdalah-Rollins, 7 PM Break the Fast-Rollins. **Mon., Oct. 14:** 10 AM Sukkot Day 1 service-Roth. **Tues., Oct. 15:** 10 AM Sukkot Day 2 service-Roth. **Mon., Oct. 21:** 10 AM Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor services-Roth. **Tues., Oct. 22:** 10 AM Simchat Torah service-Roth.

### KEENE

#### Congregation Ahavas Achim

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 9 AM – 1 PM Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Morning service. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 6 PM Kol Nidre Evening service. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 9 AM Yom Kippur Morning service, 1:15 PM Yizkor (Memorial service), 2:15–4:15 PM Study and Meditation sessions, 4:30 PM Minchah service with Haftarah Jonah, 6 PM Ne'ilah, 6:59 PM Havdalah followed by communal break the fast vegetarian potluck

### LACONIA

#### Temple B'Nai Israel

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 10AM Rosh Hashanah service. **Fri., Oct. 4:** 7:30 PM Shabbat Shuva service. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 7:30 PM Kol Nidre service. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 10 AM Yom Kippur service, 4 PM Minchah service, 5:30 PM Ne'ilah service, followed by Community Break Fast at approximately 6:30 PM.

### MANCHESTER

#### Chabad Center for Jewish Living

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 10 AM Day 2 Rosh Hashanah service, 12:15 PM Shofar blowing. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 7 PM Kol Nidre. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 10 AM Yom Kippur Morning services, 11:15 AM-2:45 PM \*Children's service and activity room, 12:30 PM Yizkor, 6:59 PM Shofar blast, followed by break-fast buffet. \*Registration required.

### Temple Adath Yeshurun

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 10 AM Rosh Hashanah service. **Fri., Oct. 4:** 7 PM Shabbat Shuvah service. **Sat., Oct. 5:** 10 AM Shabbat Shuvah, Torah Study. **Sun., Oct. 6:** 10 AM Cemetery service, Manchester Hebrew Cemetery, 245 Beech Street, Manchester. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 8 PM Kol Nidre Service.

### Temple Israel

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 9 AM Rosh Hashanah Day 2 service. **Sat., Oct. 5:** 9:30 AM Shabbat Shuva service. **Sun., Oct. 6:** 11 AM Cemetery Visit **Sun., Oct. 6:** 1 PM Tashlich at Arm's Park **Tues., Oct. 8:** 5:30 PM Minchah followed by Kol Nidre. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 9 AM Yom Kippur service, 5 PM Minchah Neilah, 7:15 PM Break Fast. **Mon., Oct. 14:** 9 AM Sukkot Day 1 service. **Tues., Oct. 15:** 7 AM Sukkot Day 2 service. **Fri., Oct. 18:** 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service with sandwiches in the Sukkah.

### NASHUA

#### Temple Beth Abraham

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 9 AM Second Day Rosh Hashanah Main Sanctuary service, 10-11:30 AM reNewYEAR in Great Hall in School Building, 11:35 AM Rabbi Jon's sermon, followed by Shofar service, 1:30 PM Main Sanctuary service concludes. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 6 PM Kol Nidre in Sanctuary, 6:15-7:30 PM Main Sanctuary service, 6:30-7:15 PM reNewYEAR in Great Hall in School Building, 7:15-8 PM Song circle with Eliana Light. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 9 AM Main Sanctuary service, 10-11:30 AM reNewYEAR in Great Hall in School Building, 11:35 AM Rabbi Jon's sermon, 1:45 PM (approx.) Main Sanctuary service break for afternoon, 2 PM Discussion led by Eliana Light, 5 PM Services resume, 6-7 PM Ne'ilah concluding service, 7 PM Congregational break fast. **Sun., Oct. 13:** 7:30 PM First night Sukkot service in Sukkah. **Mon., Oct. 14:** 9:30 AM First day Sukkot morning service, 7:30 PM Second night Sukkot evening service in Sukkah. **Tues., Oct. 15:** 9:30 AM Second day Sukkot morning service. **Sun., Oct. 20:** 7:30 PM Shemini Atzeret evening service. **Mon., Oct. 21:** 9:30 AM Shemini Atzeret morning service and Yizkor, 5:45 PM Afternoon Yizkor service, 6-7:30 PM Simchat Torah dinner and family celebration for all ages. **Tues., Oct. 22:** 9:30 AM Simchat Torah morning service.

### PORTSMOUTH

#### Temple Israel

**Tues., Oct. 1:** 8:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Day 2 service, 9:45 AM Torah service, 10:30 AM Shofar service, 10:45 AM Sermon, 11:15 AM Musaf, 12:30 PM Conclusion of services. **Tues., Oct. 8:** 5:53 PM Fast begins, 7 PM Kol Nidre. **Wed., Oct. 9:** 8:30 AM Yom Kippur service, 10 AM Torah service, 11 AM Children's service, 11 AM Yizkor, 11:15 AM Sermon, 11:45 AM Family service, 11:45 AM Musaf, 5:15 PM Minchah, 6:15 PM (approx.) Neilah, 7:10 PM Ma'ariv, 7:15 PM Shofar, followed by Break the Fast. **Mon., Oct. 14:** 9:30 AM Sukkot service. **Sun., Oct. 20:** 6 PM Simchat Torah service and celebration with klezmer band. **Mon., Oct. 21:** 9:30 AM Shemini Atzeret service, 11 AM Yizkor.

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dance. He offered an emotional thanks to his wife and their two children, who had the courage to take a leap of faith to move across the country, from a metropolitan center like San Francisco to a more rural Upper Valley, without first seeing it. He then speculated on why it took a full year before this installation was held. "Perhaps it was part of a test on the part of the community. Can Rabbi Mark and family make it through an Upper Valley winter? The truth is, not only did we survive, but we thrived." He then picked up on the

theme of reflection and the month of Elul. He noted that Elul, in Hebrew, is spelled aleph, lamed, vov, lamed. These are the same letters that begin the words of the phrase "Ani lidodi v' lidodi li" – I am my beloved, and my beloved is mine. This is commonly stated in weddings because it speaks to strengthening relationships within marriages. This is also relevant to today's installation, because it speaks to the marriage between Rabbi Mark and the UVJC. For Rabbi Mark, his role is all about connections. It is to be present in all

relationships. Being present in relationships helps us to envision that which is sacred in our lives.

The program drew toward its close with a prayer followed by the shofar blowing, by Aaron Kaplan, with the call of *tekiah gedolah* that did not seem to end. The congregation read the following prayer with Rabbi Mark: "We mark this time of transition within our Jewish Calendar with the sounding of the shofar. These calls invite us to begin a period of internal reflection, as they wake us up to

life and the approaching New Year. How can we grow? What can we do differently? Where are we? In this moment, as a community, we experience the sound of the shofar and hear it also calling out to mark this unique moment of joy in establishing our sacred relationship as Community and Rabbi. We are present. We are ready. We are listening. Tekiah!" Two more songs ("Az der Rebbe Est" and "Shalom Chaverim") accompanied the celebrants as they then went to the tent outside for a joyous jazz brunch.

# High Holidays

## Enjoy New Recipes at Your Holiday Table

So many holidays and so many meals to prepare. We are looking for simple but delicious recipes to prepare to entertain our family and guests. *Variations: Simple and Delicious Dishes. Two Ways* (Artscroll/Shaar Press, September 2019) takes off the pressure of getting ready to entertain or just feed your immediate family dinner.

Variations gives the home cook a way to take a main recipe and add variations to it. Author Daniella Silver lays out recipes that will be delicious by themselves and then offers variations that present different ways to use the recipe, often adding ingredients that will sometimes make it a completely different dish. There are plenty of photos to show the home chef how the

dish will look in all the different stages.

The book includes recipes from Appetizers, Soups and Salads, Fish, Chicken and Meat all the way to Dairy, Grains and Vegetable Sides and ends with Desserts.

### Sweet Potato Pear Soup

[Recipe reprinted with permission from *Variations: Simple and Delicious Dishes. Two Ways* by Daniella Silver (Artscroll/Shaar Press, September 2019)]

Pareve / Passover / gluten-free / freezes well / yields 8-10 servings

- 2 Tbsp extra light olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 ribs celery, chopped

- 2 cloves garlic minced (about 1 tsp)
- kosher salt
- black pepper
- 4 large sweet potatoes - peeled and chopped
- 3 Asian or Bosc pears - peeled and chopped
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- pinch dried thyme
- 5-6 cups water or vegetable broth

Heat oil in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add onion, celery, garlic, salt, and pepper; sauté for 8-10 minutes, until golden.

Add sweet potatoes, pears, paprika, thyme, and water. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat. Simmer, partially covered,

for 40-45 minutes, or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; let cool slightly.

Using an immersion blender, process soup until smooth. If soup is too thick, add a little water. Adjust seasonings to taste.

### Variation: Cinnamon Sugar Pears

Prepare soup as directed. Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat a cooking rack or pizza tray with nonstick cooking spray. Slice 2 additional pears very thinly (do not peel). Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon on both sides. Bake, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes until golden. Garnish the soup with baked pears or sprinkle soup with thyme leaves.



## Join us for the High Holidays!

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Please join us as Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski, leads a full schedule of Yom Tov services from Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah. This year we are fortunate to have Rabbi Gary Atkins as our Hazan.

Temple Israel welcomes both old and new members of the Jewish Community. One ticket covers all events, including our catered Break Fast and Sandwiches in the Sukkah. Please call to purchase tickets or learn about membership opportunities.

### Schedule of Services & Events

Selichot at Temple Adath Yeshurun	-----	Sep 21	-----	8:00 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	-----	Sep 29	-----	6:00 pm
Rosh HaShanah Day 1*	-----	Sep 30	-----	9:00 am
Rosh HaShanah Day 2*	-----	Oct 1	-----	9:00 am
Shabbat Shuva (Saturday morning)	-----	Oct 5	-----	9:30 am
Cemetery Visit	-----	Oct 6	-----	11:00 am
Tashlich (Arm's Park)	-----	Oct 6	-----	1:00 pm
Erev Yom Kippur - Minchah followed by Kol Nidre	-----	Oct 8	-----	5:30 pm
Yom Kippur Morning Service with Yizkor*	-----	Oct 9	-----	9:00 am
Yom Kippur Evening Service - Mincha followed by Neilah	-----	Oct 9	-----	5:00 pm
Yom Kippur Break Fast (Register by noon Sep 27)	-----	Oct 9	-----	6:45 pm
Decorating the Sukkah	-----	Oct 13	-----	1:00 pm
Sukkot Day1	-----	Oct 14	-----	9:00 am
Sukkot Day 2	-----	Oct 15	-----	7:00 am
Kabalat Shabbat Services with Sandwiches in the Sukkah (register by noon Oct 7)	-----	Oct 18	-----	6:00pm
Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor	-----	Oct 21	-----	9:00 am
Erev Simchat Torah Service	-----	Oct 21	-----	6:00 pm
Simchat Torah Morning Service	-----	Oct 22	-----	7:00 am

\*Childcare from 9:00am-1:00pm, and children's service at 10:15am

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# Mitzvah/Giving

## Welcoming Guests Takes on a Special Meaning for Manchester Chabad

Manchester — It starts in April. As the Passover festivities come to a close, the first calls come in to the office of Chabad of Manchester, New Hampshire. From then, it picks up speed and becomes emails, messages, and phones ringing off the hook. What are all these people looking for? The southern NH Chabad Center has become the first point of contact for Jewish observant travelers looking to visit the state. Vacationers from the East Coast and Canada have made New Hampshire's White Mountains a popular summer vacation destination, with a record number of visitors in recent years. Beautiful hiking trails, thrilling alpine sliding, quaint attractions like Clark's Trading Post, and natural wonders like Mount Washington draw people to the area.

For the past five years, Rabbi Levi Krinsky of Chabad of NH has spent countless hours of his summer organizing and implementing many services for the religious visitors coming to the area. Residing an hour or so from Lincoln and Bethlehem, the main attractions, Rabbi Krinsky works from afar, spending hours on his phone to set up temporary synagogues where families can



A motel sign advertising the temporary daily minyan organized by NH Chabad.

spend time on Shabbat. Chabad rents an entire event center for July and August equipped with Torah scrolls. Books on Jewish studies are provided, along with plenty of both hot and cold refreshments. For the Shabbat-observing visitors, these synagogues are spread across different locations, allowing families



One of the prayer and study groups that met this summer thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Levi Krinsky of Chabad New Hampshire.

staying at various hotels in the area to have a synagogue in walking distance. This summer, Chabad organized 10 active Shabbat minyanim situated throughout the area. Each of them was well attended by visitors of all ages and origins and from all sects of Judaism.

New Hampshire is a beautiful state,

and Rabbi Krinsky hopes that these Chabad activities help visitors to feel welcome and at home when they arrive. There is an important Mitzvah in the Torah of *Hachnosat Orchim* — to welcome your guests warmly. The Rabbi sees this undertaking as an extension of this beautiful mitzvah.

## TBI “We Care” Announces Benefit Concert: Doo-Wop and Do Good All in One Night!

Meredith — The concept of “tzedakah,” or giving, is the core value of Temple B’nai Israel’s “We Care” program. “We Care” offers a helping hand to selected Lakes Region non-profits to enhance social programs that benefit the community. The next “We Care” event will lend a hand to



support Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. a 501(c)(3) organization that provides rides and other direct services to assist local residents in their daily lives. Services are provided at no charge and include rides to medical appointments (both long-distance and local), personal appointments,

grocery shopping, and other errands, as well as friendly visits and more. To learn more, visit [www.InterlakesCommunity-Caregivers.org](http://www.InterlakesCommunity-Caregivers.org), call 603-253-9275, or follow them on Facebook.

On Saturday night, October 26, get ready to rock n’ roll, twist n’ shout, and party like it’s 1959 when Doo-Wop DeVille, one of New England’s premiere show bands, takes the stage at the Inter-Lakes High School Auditorium in Meredith, NH, performing the most memorable music of the 50s and 60s. Doo-Wop DeVille is comprised of experienced professional musicians dedicated to the presentation of authentic doo-wop music. The group features four talented vocalists backed by a band that includes bass, guitar, sax, drums, and

keyboard. This is a performance not to be missed.

“We Care” invites you to come out for a good time and a good cause. Tickets are just \$27.50 and available online at [www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org) or at one of the following retail locations: Innisfree Book Store in Meredith, Bayswater Books in Center Harbor, Black’s Paper Store in Wolfeboro, or Greenlaw’s Music and Audio in Laconia. Bring the kids and grandkids! Tickets for students with ID are just \$10 at the door, and children 12 and under are free with a paying adult. The doors open at 7 PM for complimentary homemade desserts. The show starts at 7:45.

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## Geoffrey Brahmaer Presents Life and Writings of Primo Levi on October 17

By Eileen Regen

Bethlehem — Guest speaker Geoffrey Brahmaer will appear in Bethlehem, NH, at 7 PM on Thursday, October 17, in the Bethlehem Public Library with a Power-Point presentation about the life and writings of Holocaust survivor Primo Levi and the extent of the Holocaust in Italy. Through the lens of Levi's own Holocaust experiences and reflections, one may learn some of the lessons of the Holocaust for our own times. Members of the community will read a few of Levi's poems. Brahmaer's visit is sponsored by Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation.



Geoffrey Brahmaer

Italy was one of the places where Jews, some brought to Rome in chains after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE, first settled in Western Europe. At times over the last 2,000 years, cities in Italy became places of refuge for Jewish families escaping pogroms in France and Inquisitions in Spain and Portugal. Venice became the first known Jewish ghetto in Europe in 1516. Jewish ghettos, spread across Italy, were not dissolved until Napoleon Bonaparte established the Kingdom of Italy in 1805.

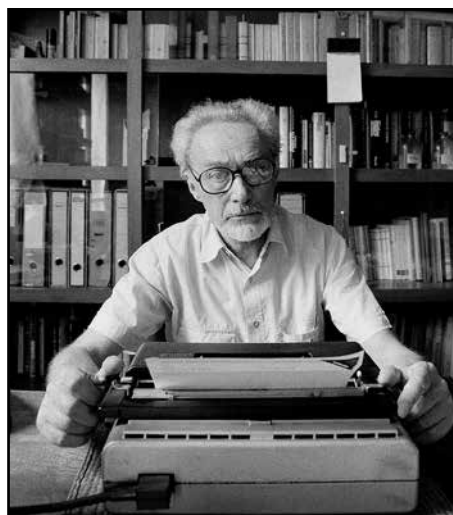
After Benito Mussolini rose to power in 1922, Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria considered Italy a sanctuary for a time. This changed as Mussolini developed closer diplomatic ties with Adolf Hitler, culminating in Italian anti-Semitic Laws, based on Nazi models, in 1938. Jews, losing many of their rights, were then considered "enemies of the people" by the State. Some Jews were incarcerat-

ed and sent to labor camps. During World War II, Italian Jews were initially protected from deportations from Italy. This changed, however, as Germany occupied much of the Italian Peninsula in September 1943. Shortly after the formal German occupation, deportations of Italian Jews to Auschwitz and other labor and extermination sites began.

Primo Levi was born on July 31, 1919. His Jewish ancestors, going back several centuries, came to Italy from Spain and Southern France and settled in the Turin area of Northern Italy. Levi was raised in an assimilated Jewish home, and until he was deported to Auschwitz, considered himself an Italian, not a Jew. As Levi notes, "I became a Jew in Auschwitz."

Levi joined a group of young Italian partisans in 1943. After being captured, Levi was sent to Fossoli, an Italian and later a Nazi incarceration and deportation center. He was deported to Auschwitz in February 1944 with 650 other Jews on an arduous four-day and night journey. Of the 650 people who began this journey, fewer than 200 were selected to live upon their initial arrival in Auschwitz. Of these initial survivors, many later did not survive. In the Holocaust, over 7,700 Italian Jews were murdered.

In Auschwitz, Levi's work as a writer began. His 1946 work, *If This Is A Man*, published in 1947, became one of the first Holocaust survivor memoirs. This was followed by multiple works, including poems, essays, short stories, memoirs, and a novel. Over the next 40 years, many of Levi's works were written when he was



Primo Levi

working as a chemist and manager in a paint factory.

Levi was once asked why he and other survivors spoke out, and he replied, "It happened, therefore it can happen again. This is the core of what we have to say."

Levi died by suicide on April 11, 1987.

Geoffrey Brahmaer says, "This presentation was motivated by the mass murders at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, as well as other synagogues, churches, mosques and schools in the United States and around the world. I dedicate it to the victims of these massacres and to all the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and other genocides. May we learn from them in our own times!"

## ADL Sponsors Forum on Combating Anti-Semitism

Newton, MA — Join the Boston community at the Newton Marriott on October 27 for ADL's the Good Fight Forum, an informative and hands-on day dedicated to combating anti-Semitism. This one-day forum will include presentations by leading experts on anti-Semitism and skill-building workshops for adults, students, and families. Participants will leave with an actionable toolkit for confronting anti-Semitism.



Featured speakers include CNN's John Berman, Emory History professor Deborah Lipstadt, and Bari Weiss of The New York Times. For more information and to register, visit [www.adl.org/goodfightforum](http://www.adl.org/goodfightforum). Admission is \$36/adult and \$18/student (grades 6-12) and includes snacks and lunch (dietary laws will be observed). This regional program is co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

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- Anti-Semitism in the Media
- Countering Anti-Semitism for Teens
- Tracing Anti-Semitism Through History
- Examining Anti-Semitism Through A Lens of Intersectionality
- Anti-Semitism on Campus

## An Israeli's Report on Israel

Newport — Bernard Avishai, visiting professor at Dartmouth and year-round Jerusalem resident, spoke at the summer meeting of the Sunapee-Kearsarge Jewish Community. Bernard offered observations about the American political scene and its implications for the Jewish community, and he commented about Israel's political divisions and its forthcoming elections.

Among his observations: Israel, which for years enjoyed bipartisan support, is in danger of becoming an American political issue. The Trump-Netanyahu alliance has made Israel look like another red state. This has played into the hands of the BDS supporters. Despite Trump's support of Israel, a great percentage of Jewish voters will support the Democratic presidential candidate. This could appear thankless and might antagonize the Trump base, affecting their support for Israel. Bernard noted that Israel was actually as divided politically as the United States. Netanyahu is propped up by the religious right, a theocratic faction that

retards progress and makes accommodation with the Palestinians impossible. Israel's economic center is on the coast and is largely secular and center left. He felt that a coalition of Israeli political parties, Jewish and Arab, could threaten Likud and lead to unseating Netanyahu.

In answer to questions about accommodation with the Palestinians, Bernard outlined a vision of a confederation of two states. He noted that all of Israel and the Palestinian territory could fit into Greater Los Angeles, and the distance between Israel's economic center and the economic center of the Palestinians is about the distance between Hanover and Lake Sunapee. Common infrastructure needs make separation of the two states all but impossible. He noted that accommodation would require land swaps, would be resisted by elements on both sides, and would likely lead to terrorism, but he felt that close cooperation was in the interests of both parties and was the best way out of the current situation.



Cutline?

## Just in Time for Chanukah: Afghan Gimmel Fundraiser Raffle

Concord — Can you hear it? The sound of clicking needles? The Temple Beth Jacob Knit-Crochet Group is at it again! It's the group's third afghan, hence its name "Afghan Gimmel." Over 20 makers collaborated on this raffle fundraiser to support the TBJ Security Fund.

Susan Zlotnick-Hale originated the group two afghans ago. This year, she and co-leader Mindy Fitterman chose six knit textures that look good front-and-back to use in Fitterman's block layout using colors selected by Alice Kinsler. The edges of all 20 blocks and the entire afghan are finished with a crocheted border. This handmade beauty is made with SuperWash wool, so it's easy to clean in

your washer and dryer.

Raffle tickets (\$20 each) can be purchased from group members or by email (office@tbjconcord.org). The drawing is Wednesday, December 4, just in time for Chanukah!

Thank you to the members who produced this year's beautiful afghan: Truda Bloom, Sheila Booth, Mary Bresler, EJ Cohen, Gena Cohen Moses, Nancy Court, Tabitha Dunn, Mindy Fitterman, Susan Friedburg, Amy Goldstein, Robin Helrich, Alice Kinsler, Carmen Kosow, Miriam Leiby, Linda Mattage, Leslie Melby, Carol Ringo, Eleanor Rudnick, Carol Sobelson, Marsha Turner, and Susan Zlotnick-Hale.



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### Seniors Forever Young Fall Calendar

#### October 3 - Encore Boston Harbor

Group will be taking the Encore Bus from Londonderry bus station (Exit 4)

Bus departs Londonderry at 10AM

Bus departs Encore 4PM

Lunch at Garden Cafe (not included in cost of trip)

\$15/person (non refundable) - pay by September 26th

#### November 13 - Lunch and Learn

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia - Presented by the Alzheimer's Assoc.

12PM JFNH Community Room ~ 273 S.River Rd #5, Bedford

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## Hadassah Opens Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit

[Reprinted from Arutz Sheva, Israel National News]

Recently, Hadassah Medical Organization opened a new pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) unit at Hadassah University Hospital Ein Kerem, Jerusalem. The unit, in the Sharett Institute of Oncology, was established and equipped thanks to a \$4.75 million grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust last year. This will enable Hadassah to provide life-saving treatments to 51 additional children every year. In recognition of this grant, the new unit will be named after Helmsley.

The unit functions within the Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation & Immunotherapy at Hadassah Ein Kerem, and it is dedicated to treating children requiring BMT, in full compliance with Israel's Ministry of Health instructions. The new expanded Pediatric BMT Unit is headed by Prof. Polina Stepensky, a world-

level pediatric hemato-oncology and BMT specialist, and is managed by a team of physicians specializing in pediatric oncology. Together, they provide the highest level of care, tailored to the patient's age.

Helmsley trustee Sandor Frankel said, "The Helmsley Charitable Trust is proud to support this important project, given the demonstrated need to improve pediatric BMT infrastructure and units in Israel, and Hadassah's unique ability to provide this treatment to people in the greater Jerusalem area. The new unit will significantly expand Hadassah's pediatric BMT capacity and will enable the hospital to provide life-saving BMT treatment to approximately 100 children each year." In the past year alone, more than 70 pediatric bone marrow transplantations were performed at Hadassah. Helmsley's Israel Program, which began active grantmaking in 2010, has committed over \$280 million to causes and organizations in Israel.

"History was made today at Hadassah, when we opened a complete unit from scratch, in line with Hadassah's commitment to the Ministry of Health," said Hadassah director general Prof. Zeev Rotstein. "A unit that is totally dedicated to treatment and bone marrow transplantation in children; rooms that allow for total isolation, as is required following BMT transplantation; a child-friendly environment in pleasant colors that soften the difficult experience; and most importantly, with our terrific team who specialize in treating such children, who need every hug and every specialist that will advance his/her treatment. Hadassah Medical Organization is very grateful to the Helmsley Charitable Trust for its vital support, which has enabled us to create and equip the new expansion of the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit."

Prof. Rotstein also emphasized that "the demand for these highly specialized treatments is constantly increasing. The

world-renowned specialists at Hadassah will now be able to double the number of pediatric bone marrow transplantations, saving the lives of more children, and that is the reason why we are here. In the past year alone, the Department performed more BMT transplantations than ever recorded in an Israeli institution. Hadassah is excited by this vital new partnership with the Helmsley Charitable Trust."

Hadassah serves approximately 1 million residents of Jerusalem and neighboring communities, including Judea and Samaria. It is the only facility in the greater Jerusalem area that offers complex oncology and BMT treatments for children, from across Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and other countries in the Middle East and around the world.

For additional information about Hadassah and the Manchester chapter, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com or 488-5657.

## TAY Brotherhood Fall Breakfast Program to Highlight Manchester's Millyard

Manchester — On Sunday morning, November 3, at 10 AM, the Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood will host its Fall Breakfast at TAY at 152 Prospect Street in Manchester. Our guest speaker is Susan Silberberg, city planner, urban designer, architect, author, and educator, who will speak about "Manchester's Millyard: Past, Present, and Future".

Susan will discuss the history of innovation at the Millyard and how current plans attempt to reconcile historic building layouts and urban streets with new ways of working, living, and playing.

She is the founder and principal of CivicMoxie, LLC, a planning, urban design, and strategic placemaking group with experience serving municipalities, nonprofits, and private clients. Susan led the Manchester Connects Multimodal and Land Use Plan for Manchester and the Waterfront Master Plan for Bridgeport, CT. She is currently leading the Sharon Master Planning project and a Cultural Master Plan for North Hempstead, Long Island,

NY, and she is on the team for the transit-oriented development plan for the southern part of the Millyard in Manchester.



Guest speaker  
Susan Silberberg

Susan was a lecturer in urban design and planning at MIT for thirteen years. She is lead author of the MIT publication, "Places in the Making: How Placemaking Builds Places and Communities." This publication reveals the importance of the placemaking process in building social capital and restoring local political voices in communities. She is a featured panelist

at the upcoming "Open to the Public" forum on public space and security hosted by the National Capital Planning Commission at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC.

It should be a very informative morning as we learn about the continuing evolution of this wonderful Manchester treasure.

We will be serving juice, fruit, bagels and shmeers, pastry, coffee, and tea. The program is open to all and admission is free, but please call the TAY office at 603-669-5650 to reserve a seat.

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## NH4Israel Kicks Off Its 2019-2020 Programs With Professor Joe Spoerl

Manchester — After taking the summer months off, NH4Israel resumed its monthly meetings with guest speaker Professor Joe Spoerl of Saint Anselm College. Prof. Spoerl lectures frequently on early Islam, anti-Semitism, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. He has published in such journals as *Comparative Islamic Studies*, *The Jewish Political Studies Review*, *The Levantine Review*, and *The Journal for the Study of Anti-Semitism*.

The topic of the lecture was the origins of Islam and how ecumenical Islam was in its early years.

Prof. Spoerl first reviewed the work of Islamic scholars like Fred Donner, who have posited that Christians and Jews were often welcomed as "believers" by early Muslims. Professor Spoerl then presented a

rebuttal to this thesis as he quoted from other scholars and from the Koran itself to demonstrate the many contradictions that appear in Donner's work.

With a full house audience in attendance from around the state, an extensive Q&A followed. The strong interest in the subject will likely lead to a future lecture by Prof. Spoerl where he can pick up where he left off at the end of this meeting, discussing the ideological reasons many Islamic scholars in the West have tried to rewrite the history of early Islam in order to fit modern political narratives.

NH4Israel's next meeting and program will be announced shortly to take place on Wednesday, October 2, at 6:30 PM in Manchester at Temple Israel. All are welcome!



Prof. Spoerl speaks about Islam at a meeting of NH4Israel.

## The Jewish National Fund Visits the Upper Valley

Hanover — "We are shaping the nature and spirit of the next 70 years of the Jewish state," said Dar Nadler, Jewish National Fund's Israel Emissary to New England and the Capital District NY. Nadler, speaking Saturday, August 31, at the Lunch and Learn session of the Upper Valley Jewish Community, noted that since 1901, Jewish National Fund's driving focus has been to ensure a strong, secure, and prosperous land of Israel for the Jewish people everywhere.

She began by asking the audience what their first thought is when they hear "Jewish National Fund." The unanimous response was "trees." "While we are active in many areas of Israeli life, most people still associate us with trees," she said. "It is true. We have been planting over 250 million trees, which has helped immeasurably to reclaim large tracts of land. But today our focus is developing the Negev and Galilee of Israel." She then spoke of JNF's amazing track record of building reservoirs and investing in state-of-the-art research and development in water conservation, reclamation, and reuse. She noted that "Israel is first in the world in its ability to recycle and use wastewater. It



Dar Nadler identifying the locations of JNF initiatives in Israel. Photo by David Greenfield.

does so with 85% of its water." She asked if anyone knows who is number 2. No one knew it is Spain, at 16%. The United States reclaims only 5% of its water.

She continued with a discussion of JNF's mission statement. "Everything we do — every project, initiative, and campaign we take on — connects to our vision and mission. We don't just build houses. We don't just buy fire trucks. We don't just plant trees. We don't just provide therapeutic assistance. We don't just boost

tourism, build medical centers, fund research, or run an American semester abroad high school in Israel. Everything we do plays an integral role in implementing our vision; population growth in the north and south, connecting the next generation to the land and people of Israel, developing infrastructure, ecology, special needs, heritage preservation, and more." She explained that the largest portion of the Israeli population is crowded into the Haifa-Tel Aviv-Jerusalem triangle. As a result, living costs within that area are be-

coming prohibitive. Proportionately fewer Israelis live in the north (the Galilee) and south (the Negev). JNF is investing in community building, job opportunities, housing, and more to make the North and South attractive to young professionals and to draw Israelis to relocate to the northern and southern tiers of the state.

Following an engaging question and answer period, she ended the talk by stating, "We are unique, we are strategic, we are visionary." Additional information about JNF is available at [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org).

## Temple Israel Sisterhood Plans Portsmouth Winter Holiday Bazaar Extravaganza

By Jewel B. Davis, Sisterhood Vice President

Portsmouth — On Sunday, December 1, the Temple Israel Portsmouth Sisterhood will hold a Winter Holiday Bazaar Extravaganza to entice holiday shoppers of all cultural backgrounds, selling arts and crafts including jewelry, knit goods, weaving, paintings, pottery, and other creative pieces. Snacks and drinks may be purchased as well. Also, we hope to bring a festive atmosphere for Temple members and our neighbors to experience in our blustery Seacoast winter before Chanukah and other holidays.

Already, a number of artists and crafts people from the Temple are excited to participate as vendors. We will also have ven-

dors from outside the Temple. Potential vendors should send an email to Jewel Davis, [Bugjewel@yahoo.com](mailto:Bugjewel@yahoo.com), as soon as possible, with photos of your work and you'll be emailed a vendor form.

The cost to vendors is \$50 per 8-foot table. Vendors may purchase more than one table. Only 16 tables are available, so we may not be able to give access to all who want to participate. The first to sign up will have first access.

There will be no cost for entrance.

Shoppers are invited to come to Temple Israel, 200 State St., Portsmouth, to browse and purchase holiday gifts on Sunday, December 1, from 10 AM to 2 PM!

We are looking forward to this event with excitement. For more information, contact Jewel Davis at [Bugjewel@yahoo.com](mailto:Bugjewel@yahoo.com).

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## TAY Brotherhood Launches Another Year

Manchester — The first TAY Brotherhood meeting of the 2019-2020 year was very well attended, with 33 Brothers responding to enjoy a pre-meeting nosh headed up by corned beef and pastrami flown in from the famous Katz's Deli in New York City. These delicacies were garnished by rye bread, mustard, and sauerkraut, plus barbequed chicken wings, French fried potatoes and a David Rosenzweig family dish of hot dogs and beans and flavorings. Hamantashen, cookies, and donut holes were available for dessert. No one left hungry!

Co-presidents Sol Rockenmacher and David Penchansky reviewed the previous season's last quarter programs and we discussed the calendar of events for the coming year, which are outlined below. TAY Brotherhood is looking forward to another active and meaningful year in which we will strive to continue the tradition of service and camaraderie and fun set forth by our excellent role models throughout the years. As always, membership in the Brotherhood is open to all men with a connection to the Jewish community. So please join in and enjoy a great experience of wonderful fellowship.

Brotherhood Meeting Dates 2019-2020: Wednesday, October 2; Tuesday, November 5; Tuesday, December 3;



*A bunch of hungry Brothers dig into the Katz's Deli corned beef and pastrami at the TAY Brotherhood September meeting nosh.*

Tuesday, January 7, 2020; Tuesday, February 4; Tuesday, March 3; Tuesday, April 7; Monday, May 4; and Tuesday, June 2, Annual Meeting, BBQ.

Programs for 2019-2020 are: TAY Sukkah Building, Sunday, October 13; Fall Brotherhood Breakfast, Sunday, November 3, with Susan Silberberg; The Manchester Millyard - Past, Present, Future; TAY Chanukah Party, Sunday, December 15; Mitzvah Program, Tuesday, December 24-Wednesday, December 25; TAY Deli Night, Saturday, January 25, 2020; MANTY Winter Wonderland Breakfast @TAY, Sunday, February 9; TAY Purim Party,

Sunday, March 8; TAY Spring Dinner Concert, Thursday, May 7; Spring Brotherhood Breakfast, Sunday, May 17; Memorial Day Service: Manchester Hebrew Cemetery, Monday, May 25; Brotherhood Annual Meeting/BBQ @TAY, Tuesday, June 2; and TAY Brotherhood-Sisterhood Service, Friday, June 19.

Breakfasts will be open to all.

Fellows, if you are not yet a member please come on board and enjoy a great experience of warm and wonderful fellowship. For Brotherhood membership information, please contact Sol Rockenmacher (Rockenmacher@comcast.net) or David Penchansky (docpen@comcast.net).

## JoAnn Meyers Is Named TAY Sisterhood Woman of the Year

Manchester — The Sisterhood of Temple Adath Yeshurun began the fall season with a Cuban-themed Membership Dinner. The social hall was decorated in tropical décor, and a delicious dinner of Cuban foods prepared by the members was enjoyed by all. Linda Rockenmacher presented a program about the History of Jews in Cuba.

The annual TAY Woman of the Year Award was presented to JoAnn Meyers for her dedication, welcoming attitude, and commitment. JoAnn is starting her fourth year of organizing our onegs as well as Breakfast with the Rabbi events. Congregants appreciate her diligence in seeing that these functions proceed smoothly.



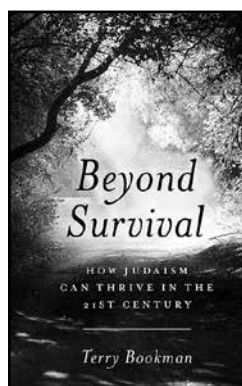
*JoAnn Meyers with her son, Jeffrey Meyers, and daughter-in-law, Amy Ignatious, who were present when she was given the TAY Woman of the Year award at the TAY Sisterhood dinner*

## Book Review

*Reviewed by Merle Carrus*

### Two books about the current state of Judaism in the twenty-first century

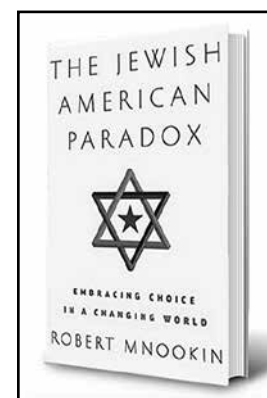
Here we are again, deciding how long to spend in synagogue for the most important Jewish holidays of the year, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and whether to take off from work or school. Looking forward to the season of eating in our booths for Sukkot, dancing with the Torah on Simchat Torah, and don't forget that minor holiday in between, Shmini Atzeret. Here are two books to read about the current state of Judaism in America and what is happening in the minds of Jews living in the twenty-first century. What makes people want to be Jewish or stay Jewish, to be observant or not? How does Judaism fit into everyday life in the United States today? Can American Judaism survive, and what will it look like going forward?



*Beyond Survival: How Judaism Can Thrive in the 21st Century* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019) is written by Terry Bookman, a rabbi, who shares his perspective on how Judaism looks today in this country and makes suggestions about how we need to proceed to keep our children and grandchildren participating in the religion going forward. Rabbi Bookman offers us a strategic plan for moving forward and having a thriving Jewish community. We need to give our current and future generations a meaningful answer to being Jewish because otherwise, "They may not officially drop out but neither will they actively drop in. Judaism will become a DNA piece of their total identity, a curiosity at best, but not something that will motivate their time, resources,

or personal commitment." Bookman is a respected rabbi and co-founder of Eitzah, Inc. He has a Doctor of Divinity degree and has taught at several universities. He was named one of *Newsweek's* "Top 25 Pulpit Rabbis in America."

*The Jewish American Paradox: Embracing Choice in a Changing World* (PublicAffairs, 2018), by Robert H. Mnookin, examines the changes for American Jews since the 1950s. In the United States today, Jewish people are at the height in terms of public acceptance, though we are concerned that for our descendants, Jewish identity is at risk. In the years following World War II and the establishment of Israel, there were five traditional touchstones; descent, religious affiliation, intermar-



riage within the community, anti-Semitism, and support for Israel. Today, fewer people find those connections meaningful or inspiring. In this book, Mnookin tries to discover for himself and share with the reader the answer to the question, "If you do not find your Jewish connection or comfort through religious observance, than what is your Jewish identity based on?" He also examines and attempts to answer the questions, "Why is being Jewish important to you? And how does being Jewish affect the way you live your life?" Robert H. Mnookin is the Samuel Williston Professor of Law at Harvard and director of the Harvard Negotiation Research Project. He is the author of nine books.

## Annie Kuster & J Street: The Rest of the Story

By Norm Silber

It was very puzzling and disheartening to see the article in last month's edition of *The New Hampshire Jewish Reporter* calling attention to an event at which Congresswoman Annie Kuster and J Street principals were hawking their negative views about Israel.

When the US Congress recently considered resolutions condemning the BDS (boycott, divestment, sanctions) "movement" against the State of Israel, the only true democracy and our only tried and true ally in the Mideast, the resolutions were co-sponsored by our own Representative Chris Pappas and Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan.

But our own Congresswoman Annie Kuster refused to be a co-sponsor, and we now should all know why -- it is because of her support for J Street, which, itself, actually supports BDS, no matter what they would have you believe to the contrary.

If you are unwilling to condemn BDS, you actually support it.

Over more than 5 centuries, Jews have been targeted for destruction by various groups for one reason and one reason only — that they are Jews. The Jewish State of Israel has spent the blood of many Jews (as well as Christian supporters of Israel) and much of its treasure to establish itself and protect its way of life. Its only desire is to live in peace and be left alone by its neighbors. Many Israelis fought and died to capture the Sinai, the Gaza Strip, the Golan, and the West Bank of the Jordan. It gave up the Sinai and the Gaza Strip for a promise of peace, which has never really materialized, although ceding the Sinai has produced a modicum of calm between Egypt and Israel.

Although on the surface, J Street proclaims that it is "pro-Israel," under the table J Street and its allies are funding trips for Jewish college students to go to Ramallah and pay homage at the tomb of Yassir Arafat, the father of modern day terrorism and probably the greatest mass murderer of Jews in the second half of the 20th century. And on college campuses, J Street partners with the rabidly anti-Semitic Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), a group in the forefront of the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement. An SJP document uncovered by an education watchdog group revealed SJP plans to target, ostracize, harass, and silence pro-Israel students. These are the bigots that J Street deems "pro-Israel, pro-peace."

It is no secret that some of the most vehemently anti-Israel money is behind J Street, most notably billionaire George Soros, who once referred to his teenage years assisting his father aiding the Nazis in confiscating the property of Jews as "the happiest time of my life." Add the wallets of donors such as Genevieve Lynch, former board member of The National Iranian American Council, also known as the voice of the mullahs in Tehran, and Mehmet Celebi, who co-produced the abhorrently anti-Semitic film "Valley of the Wolves," and you have a money trail that resembles funding for Hamas, not anything that would support the safety and security of Jews.

Among the candidates J Street has endorsed and supported were the minority voices saying "No" to Israeli security -- those who voted against funding the Iron Dome missile protection system for Israel, and those who defended the Muslim Brotherhood and advocated continuing U.S. taxpayer funding for Hamas, the U.S.-designated terror group that refuses to change its charter. "Obliterating" Israel and murdering Jews is still the goal of Hamas.

J Street tries to sugarcoat its support for BDS on its own web site by claiming that it does not oppose BDS initiatives that explicitly support a two-state solution, recognize Israel's right to exist, and focus only on occupied territory beyond the Green Line, the artificial line from the minds of anti-Zionists arising from the 1967 war in which Israel was able, with great difficulty and loss of lives, to push back against its Arab neighbors who sought its destruction.

Finally, I suggest that a careful look at the map of Israel and its neighbors might be instructive. Israel is a very small country, with enemies sworn to its destruction on every border. Compare living in Texas, Arizona, or any of our states bordering Canada, with those Israelis living near the Gaza Strip and the Golan. How would we feel, and how would we react, if our fellow citizens were subjected to random rocket attacks originating from Mexico or Canada?

It is, in my view, disgraceful that any publication would give any platform to those who support BDS and seek the destruction of Israel.

Please — Never again!

*Norm Silber is a semi-retired lawyer living in Gilford. He is a former NH State Representative from Belknap County District 2, a self-described political activist, and a regular at the Manchester Chabad House.*



Sen. Maggie Hassan participating in a recent panel at Temple Adath Yeshurun on security in NH houses of worship.

## Strengthening Security for New Hampshire Places of Worship

By Senator Maggie Hassan

No one should fear for their life when they enter a house of worship to reflect and pray. But in New Hampshire and across the country, religious institutions are facing growing threats. Domestic terrorists have attacked houses of worship including an Oak Creek Sikh temple, a Charleston church, and a Pittsburgh synagogue. And others, including in the Granite State, receive frequent threats.

Recently, I met with religious leaders and public safety officials at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester, as well as Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, who detailed some of the threats that they and their congregations have received. One Rabbi noted that they only open the doors to the temple shortly before services begin, and lock the doors shortly after the start of services. As she leads her congregation during those minutes when the doors are open, she says she wonders, "Is this the night we die?"

It is more important than ever that community organizations, such as houses of worship, have the resources that they need to address threats and mitigate the impact of attacks. We must also ensure that local and state law enforcement have robust infrastructure to prevent and respond to attacks.

Toward that end, I am encouraged that New Hampshire is receiving more than \$4 million in federal grant funding for terrorism prevention efforts.

This funding will help ensure that state and local law enforcement have the training necessary to help spot pre-attack warning signs as well as the plans, equipment, and response capabilities to help save lives if an attack occurred.

In addition, our state is receiving a \$150,000 federal grant specifically for seven New Hampshire houses of worship to help strengthen their buildings' physical security.

As a member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee I will continue to

fight for resources to protect non-profit organizations and communities all across our state.

As part of those efforts, I cosponsored a bipartisan bill to increase funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program that is helping support security upgrades at houses of worship, and also permanently authorize this grant program in law. This bipartisan bill, which has passed the Homeland Security Committee, would also ensure that states like New Hampshire — that don't have large population centers — are eligible for at least one-third of the total funding.

I will also continue to push the Department of Homeland Security and the rest of the federal government to improve and strengthen their abilities to combat threats of violence from domestic terrorists. In May, I sent a letter along with Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) to the Department of Homeland Security Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan expressing concern over the rise in domestic terrorism in the United States, and requesting information about what steps the Department of Homeland Security has taken to mitigate and prevent this threat to protect the safety and security of Americans.

The first responsibility of our government is ensuring that people are safe, secure, and free — and that, of course, includes being able to worship without fear of violence.

Our country is experiencing a terrible resurgence of hateful rhetoric and violent extremism, as well as more and more frequent mass shootings. We need action, first and foremost, to keep Americans of all backgrounds safe, including sensible measures to keep weapons out of the wrong hands and a comprehensive national strategy to combat domestic terrorism.

But we also need to address the root causes of these threats and violence. We need to meet this moment by standing together united — as Americans have in both good times and in bad — and rejecting hatred and intolerance.

# Recent Events

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



Avia Sagron, JFNH Shlichah, had a wonderful evening getting to know the JFNH board leadership. Thanks to Chair Sarit Itenberg (and her husband, Jonathan Greenblatt), Vice Chair Ken Litvack (and his wife, Bertha) for helping to make Avia feel so welcome as she settles into her role as New Hampshire's Shlichah!



On September 8, Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry hosted a mini-Yiddish class ("A Bissel Yiddish"). Over 35 attendees had great fun with instructors Alan Green (mohel and Raymond Street Klezmer Band member) and Shirley Lelchuk (Yiddish and Hebrew language teacher), both of Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua. Alan and Shirley are seated in the center of a very appreciative crowd. Photograph by Dina Michael Chaitowitz.



A team of volunteers delivered 50 chairs to the new Federation offices in Bedford on Sunday morning, September 15, as a gift from Etz Hayim Synagogue.



Temple B'nai Israel Religious School students and their families kicked off the new year by making fused glass mezuzahs and blowing the shofar. The mezuzahs will be meaningful and artistic additions to their rooms at home, and the temple seems to have gained some new shofar blowers!



Cate Tanzer, Rachel Spierer, Priscilla Malcolm, and Elaine Silberberg prepare food for the TAY Sisterhood dinner

# Recent Events



Dedicating the new solar panels at Temple Beth Abraham were the Temple's leaders, along with Dan Weeks of ReVision Energy, our partner; State Reps. Patricia Klee and Suzanne Vail, and Alderman Tom Lopez.










Temple B'nai Israel members served up blintzes and rugelach this year at Laco-  
nia's Multicultural Festival. Irene Gordon led the effort, as she has in many years past, for this varied and fun event.



Beth Abraham's Shabbat Alive! players getting ready for our monthly Friday night service! With Rabbi Jon are Davida Rubin-Baker, Becky Green, Liz Eckley, and Matthew Lee.

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### Volunteers Needed to Pick Olives in Israel!

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My good friend, Donny, is looking for volunteers to help with the olive harvest. You will live on the kibbutz (meals and accommodations provided) and work daily picking and preparing olives.

Volunteers are needed between October 18 and December 8, with particular help needed from early November to early December.

If interested reply to me and I'll give you the contact number.

Musically yours,  
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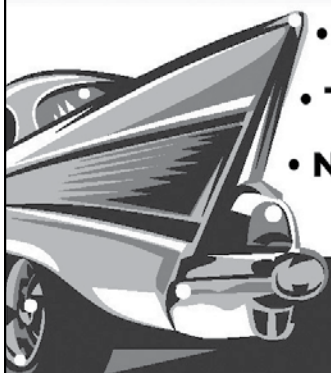
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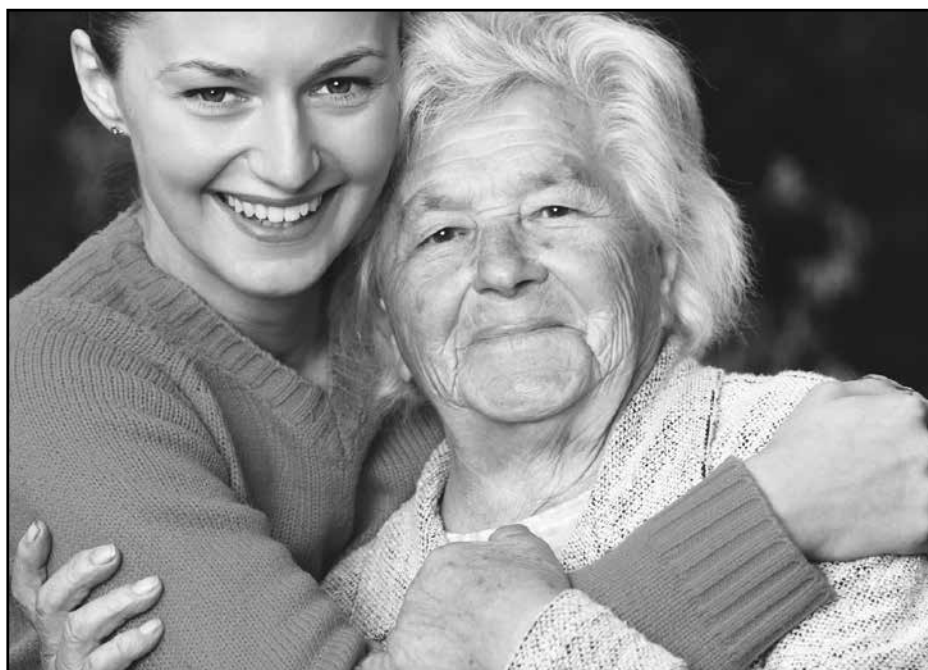
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