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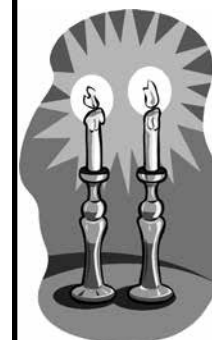
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



December 4	3:53 PM
December 11	3:53 PM
December 18	3:55 PM
December 25	3:59 PM
January 1	4:04 PM
January 8	4:11 PM
January 15	4:19 PM
January 22	4:28 PM
January 29	4:37 PM

An Introduction from Elyse Hyman, the New Executive Director of JFNH

I am excited to begin meeting and working with many of you in the Jewish community of New Hampshire as the newly appointed interim executive director of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

To share a little about myself, I grew up in a very small suburb outside of Orlando where there weren't many Jewish families at the time, and it wasn't always easy growing up Jewish. For many years, I was the only Jewish student in my public-school class. But it was so important to my parents that my brother and I grow up feeling proud to be Jewish, and participating in the community.

I am certain that my choice to be a professional in the Jewish community stems from my experience growing up. Maitland, pre-Disney, was a bedroom community and was hard to find on a map. My parents, along with a small group of

Elyse Hyman

Interim Executive Director



friends, used their homes as collateral and purchased land for a JCC. For many years, my mom was the membership Director and Camp Director. And from an early age, I could be found at the JCC "volunteering" my time stuffing envelopes, answering the phone, and working at the summer camp. I was the first teen chair of the Federation Youth Campaign. This was the beginning of my desire to do more, in and for the community. Following college, I went on to Brandeis University to receive a Master's in Jewish Com-

munal Service. The experience was transformational – I was hooked.

My professional journey in the Boston Jewish community for the past 30 years has included stints in Jewish education, the Boston Jewish Federation (CJP), executive director for a reform synagogue in Newton, and most recently, at Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Boston. I feel incredibly lucky. Each of these experiences allowed me the opportunity to meet and work with wonderful volunteer leaders and colleagues. I am thrilled to begin listening and learning from you, as I begin forming bonds and relationships.

I know we are in the midst of a pandemic, and much of our time is spent at home or juggling when to go to the supermarket or drugstore. And I know we are getting Zoom fatigued, but I believe these circumstances also present us with an incredible

opportunity: This is our chance to reach so many people all over the state. We offer a wealth of different types of programs, from lectures to cooking demonstrations, that can be accessible to even more people. And, with PJ Library programs and the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival virtually, of course, we have lots to look forward to in the coming months.

I want to help the community understand that the Jewish Federation is much more than fundraising. We are an organization whose mission is to promote Jewish continuity and engagement. In the next couple months, I intend to host open meeting times, which will give me a chance to meet many of you in the community.

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, I am excited to hear how we can help, and to get you involved in the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

Statewide Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, December 3

Talmud of the Heart: The Power of Relationships

7PM – 8:30PM, Zoom

Class led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. Enjoy Talmud study with a focus on Rabbinic stories that touch the heart and reveal fundamental Jewish values. Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on December 3, December 17 (special Chanukah teaching), January 7, and January 21. Please contact the Temple Israel Portsmouth office for Zoom link, 603-436-5301, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org

Sunday, December 6

Shavua Tov Story Time

8:30AM, Zoom

Start your week (and your Sunday morning) with and interactive Story Time. This 20 minute Zoom program is designed for families with children ages 2-5 and hosted by past JFNH Preschool Director Alane Sabel.

In December we'll read about Chanukah! All registered families will receive a Chanukah craft mailed to your home the week of the program. As a family, make your craft ahead of the program and we will use the finished projects as part of our story! Together we'll learn the Chanukah blessings and count the menorah candles 1-8 in English AND Hebrew!

Pre-registration is required by December 1st in order to mails your craft to you before the program. Register here <https://forms.gle/fPH1jzeCJbbHkX47>

or by calling the JFNH office at 603-627-7679. Zoom link will be provided when registration is received.

*Shavua Tov Story Time is a new program through the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's Early Education Initiative! *

Betenu Adult Education Program

1PM – 2:30PM, Zoom

Betenu "Great Jewish Debate" series session entitled "Will the Real Miracle of Chanukah Stand Up?"

This is a virtual event and will be hosted on zoom. Please call or email to receive a link for the event - 603-886-1633 or office@betenu.org

Thursday, December 10

Chanukah Drive-In Movie Night

6PM, BarnZ's Barrington Cinema, Barrington
\$20 per car

Join us for a fun Menorah lighting followed by and outdoor, drive-in movie night "The Frisco Kid". Must register at JewishSeacoast.com/Movie

Outdoor Chanukah Observance at Temple Israel Portsmouth

5PM – 6PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Every evening until December 17th

All are welcome to join us in the garden courtyard as we light the Hands of Hope menorah. Times will vary depending on the night; please contact the temple office or see the website for additional details. 603-436-5301. www.templeisraelnh.org.

Friday, December 11

Betenu Chanukah Service and Celebration

7:30PM – 9:00PM, Zoom

Service and candle lighting led by Rav Dena Glasgow
This is a virtual event and will be hosted on zoom. Please call or email to receive a link for the event - 603-886-1633 or office@betenu.org

Sunday, December 13

JFNH Super Sunday 2020

10AM – 2PM, Zoom

Super Sunday the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's biggest fundraising event of the year and this year we'll be virtual with entertainment throughout the day!

As a statewide organization we are charged with caring for the collective needs of all Jewish people in New Hampshire. It is thanks to the generous donations from our community to our Annual Campaign that allows us to continue our important work. So when your phone rings on Dec. 13th, be a Super Hero and answer the call!

Car Menorah Parade

1PM, Seacoast Jewish Center, Durham

Join us for the second Chanukah Car Menorah Parade in NH. Drive a car and make history, fun for the whole family. Starting point: The Jewish Center in Durham. Ending point: Chanukah on Ice at Strawberry Banke Museum.

RSVP Required: JewishSeacoast.com/LIGHTUP

Chanukah on Ice

2PM, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth

Come join us at Labrie Family Skate for an outdoor socially distant event. Ice skating, Menorah Lighting, The Dreidel Man, Doughnuts, Crafts, Jewish Music, Starbucks Coffee and more!

Free of charge-skates available for rent. Ice rink open exclusively to Chanukah on Ice participants. Registration is required at JewishSeacoast.com/ice or call 603-205-6598

Live from Jerusalem – Chanukah Concert

5PM, Zoom

Live from Jerusalem, the Gat Brothers (finalists on Israel's Rising Star TV show) will be performing classic hits such as The Sound of Silence and Nowhere Man as well as Jewish/Hebrew favorites! Prepare your Menorah to kindle simultaneously as we light up our Zoom Windows and our hearts. It will be a Chanukah evening to remember! Register at ChabadofNH.com/concert

(Free with registration – Chanukah Watch Party bags! Must sign up by Dec 1st).

Chanukah Menorah Lighting Drive In

5:30PM – 6:30PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
Etz Hayim will host a drive in Menorah Lighting event on Sunday in front of the synagogue. We have built a large outdoor menorah which we will light, including prayers, Chanukah songs and bring your own treats. All are welcome to park and either stay in or beside their vehicle during this event.

Wednesday, December 16

JFNH Virtual Community Chanukah Baking Program

7PM, Zoom

\$10/participant

Join NH Shlichah Avia Sagron as you make Sfinge (a Moroccan doughnut) and light the menorah candles together on Zoom. All the ingredients you need will be delivered to your door the week of the program. Space is limited Pre-registration is required by using our google form <https://forms.gle/PZJhTrZSD4z45Kci6> or calling the JFNH office at 603-627-7679

Tuesday, January 12

Winter Community Read - Author Discussion

7PM, Zoom

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire invites our New Hampshire Jewish community to join us as we read the book, MY Father's Torch by Gail Weiss Gaspar. Gail is the sister of NH Jewish Community member Jeff Weiss of Nashua. JFNH members who make a \$36.00 donation are invited to a free zoom discussion with author Gail Weiss Gaspar. Please pre-register at <http://forms.gle/aM1np9uoD6EaFguX8> or call the JFNH office 603-627-7679

Wednesday, January 27

Tu b'Shvat Seder at Temple Israel Portsmouth

5:30 PM, Zoom.

Please contact the temple office for Zoom link, 603-436-5301, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org

Special Chanukah edition!

Eight days, eight candles, eight of my favorite places in Israel to visit during wintertime.

Chanukah always creates this warm feeling in me. In Israel, we don't have a New Hampshire kind of winter, and cool rainy days are not that common. Chanukah is the only holiday we have that brings this wintery feeling, and of course, we bring sufganiyot along, to keep us warm.

Here are my eight favorite places in Israel to visit during the wintertime:

1. Saar Waterfall - Golan Heights

Located in the northern part of the Golan Heights, and easily accessible. It is the best going there in the winter or spring, because the water and snow from Mount Hermon are still making their descent to the Sea of Galilee, and the waterfall looks impressive. One more reason is that there is nothing more beautiful than the Golan Heights when everything is green! Most of the year it is too dry, and most of the plants become yellow, but there are three magical months when everything is green. It will take your breath away.

2. Mount Bental/Tal Al-Gharam - Golan Heights

If we are already visiting the northern part of the Golan Heights, don't miss a coffee break at the top of Mount Bental. Mount Bental is located right next to Kibbutz Merom Golan, and has a small coffee shop on the top named Kofi Annan, which literally means, "Cloud Coffee." Mount Bental is covered with Quercus calliprinos (Palestine oak) trees and on its top, there is an IDF stronghold which was built on an older Syrian stronghold that people

Avia Sagron

JFNH Shlichah



from all around the world come to see. Most importantly, the view is unforgettable! You can see all the way to Syria from there. Fun fact: Snow is very rare in Israel and this area is one of the only places you'll get some snow during the winter.

3. Bental Reservoir- Golan Heights

After some great coffee and playing with some rare Israeli snow, we'll try our luck and check if the hot spring in Bental Reservoir is open! This small pond is in the bottom of Mount Bental, and just a five-minute drive. It is connected to Kibbutz Merom Golan, and it was my view every morning during my agriculture work period in the Kibbutz. Lucky girl! The hot spring is open mostly in the wintertime, and it's just amazing to relax there after a long day.

4. Nahal Ayun - Metula

We are still up north, now in the Metula area. Metula is the most northeastern point in Israel and Nahal Ayun (Ayun River) is located right there. The stream originates from two springs in the Marjayoun (Merj 'Ayun) valley in southern Lebanon. During the rainy winter months, the water-flow is stronger, and the Tahana waterfall is spectacular. I lived in Metula for two years, and I just loved to visit and travel in Nahal Ayun in the wintertime. A great



Mount Bental – Wintertime

"backyard," if you ask me.

5. Bird Watching Site - Maagan Michael

The site is located on the seashore of the Mediterranean Sea between Tel Aviv and Haifa. The area is rich in fishponds and marshy vegetation, which attracts many bird species like seagulls, seashore birds, ducks, migrating raptors, and passerines. It is an excellent birding site all year long, but the best seasons would be during spring and winter. Maagan Michael also has one of the most beautiful beaches in Israel, and it's a really great place to spend a day with a good book.

6. Machneyuda - Jerusalem

Jerusalem itself is a great place to be during the wintertime, because after the Golan Heights, it is the next best place to have a chance of snow. Jerusalem is located high enough, and there are some years with snowstorms! In Jerusalem, my favorite place is Machneyuda market. I can spend days in this market with the wonderful smells, spices, street food, music, and special wall paintings. Machneyuda is a rainbow of Israel, with all its people and cultures. Before your next visit there, make sure you get recommendations from me.

7. Metzoke Dragot - flood watching



Avia and her brother, Netzah, building a snowman.



Ice skating in Metula.

During wintertime, The Israel Parks Authority holds several special flash flood watching events. They offer safe viewpoints of the floods, and explain the geography and process of this work of nature. One of the best places to view this is in Metzoke Dragot. You must be very careful, and have the right permits, but the experience and the view are worth the trouble.

8. Home

Wearing my PJs, lighting Chanukah candles with my family, eating special sufganiyot from Roladin Bakery, and enjoying the holiday spirit: This is the perfect way to spend a rainy, cool Chanukah day!

What is your favorite way?

I wish you all Chag Sameach, and a warm winter with lots of light!



The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's November 8 "Holocaust and Genocide Education in the 603" program—with Tom White of the Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies (top left); Dina Michael Chaitowitz, JFNH Board of Directors (top, middle); Jesse Tannetta of Echoes & Reflections (bottom left); and high school teacher Ashley Eugenia Harbel (bottom right). This is a picture of the speakers moments before the program began, with Allyson Guertin, JFNH's Outreach Director.

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

Winter Getaway to Israel

By Evelyn Miller

Winter is coming, and you have nowhere to go? Your Jewish Federation Israel Committee is coming to the rescue. We were thinking of planning a virtual winter getaway trip to Israel, and were excited to find that the Jewish National Fund had also thought of this idea. Due to the pandemic, the tourist industry in Israel had collapsed. Wanting to help the tour guides out, JNF offered free advertising and planning assistance for tour guides to give virtual tours to Israel.

As chairman of the Israel committee here in New Hampshire, I called JNF and was soon on my way to booking two firm dates for tours. Our first tour will be an adult tour booked for January 4-8. Our second tour will be a family tour booked for the winter vacation week of February 22-26. This tour will be partnered with our New Hampshire PJ Library. All dates were chosen so as not to conflict with other scheduled programs on the Jewish Community calendar.

JNF will send the Israel committee sample itineraries, and the Israel commit-

tee will craft together what we believe to be a wonderful and fun “Winter Getaway Vacation to Israel” for you. Because we believe half the fun of traveling is the anticipation of the trip, we will plan a pre-trip zoom social gathering to meet your fellow travelers. We’ll suggest travel guides and other books to read. We’ll see if Avia can give us a few Hebrew lessons on special words to take with us to Israel. Avia might give us some tips about what to pack for our trip, and what kind of food to expect to find in Israel. Allyson Guertin and PJ Library have special things up their sleeves for young family members who travel to Israel on our virtual winter tour, too.

When I talked to JNF, they had already taken over 4,000 people on virtual tours to Israel and the reviews I read were great. Tours may include both ancient and modern Israel, famous tourist attractions, JNF projects, sites that are off the beaten path, and the joy of meeting new Israeli people.

Tours will be one hour a day (Monday through Thursday) of live touring in Israel. After a short bus stop break, log

back in for a 30-minute social with Israelis who will share their daily life experiences with you, plus Q&A time with them. Friday will feature a special one-hour pre-Shabbat experience.

Your registration fee (remember, this goes to your Israeli licensed tour guide) is \$50 per Zoom spot for one week of live touring. Your Zoom spot allows you to invite your whole household to come along.

Don’t let the tour bus leave without you. Register for a specially planned JNF virtual tour by calling the Jewish

National Fund: shefez@jnf.org Good communication between the Federation and JNF will keep us posted as to those registering for the tours. We’ll join you in the excitement of trip preparation and have a Jewish Federation Israel Committee member act as host for the week, along with the certified Israeli tour guide and a Jewish National Fund representative.

Those dates again:

ADULT TOUR: Jan 4-8

FAMILY TOUR: Feb. 22-26

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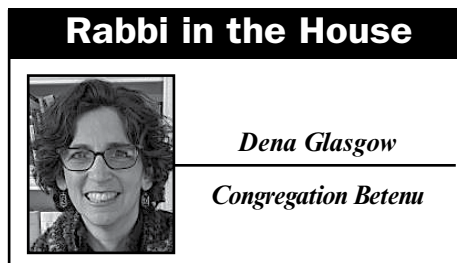
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Go Ahead, Make a Big Deal about Chanukah

It has been said so many times that it must be true. Chanukah is no big deal. It has the stature it has simply because it takes place around the same time as Christmas. In reality, though, it is a minor holiday — unmentioned in the Hebrew Bible and preserved in our tradition as being about the miracle of the oil that lasted eight days. Anyone who dares to make a big deal about Chanukah is just doing so to make our kids feel less different than their non-Jewish friends.

Underlining this argument is a fixed understanding of Judaism. If a holiday was minor hundreds of years ago, then it must be unimportant today. I am writing to take issue with this perspective. Judaism is not a fossilized set of traditions. Jewish law itself belies this notion. Called “halakha” in Hebrew, it means “the walk” and by its very definition acknowledging that Jewish tradition changes overtime.



The malleability of Chanukah is a great case in point. The historical event that is the basis for Chanukah is the victory of the Maccabees over King Antiochus in the second century BCE. The king banned Jewish practices and forced Jews to assimilate into Greek culture. The Maccabees revolted against Antiochus, captured Jerusalem, and rededicated the Temple with a celebration that lasted eight days. The word “Chanukah” means “dedication.”

For the classical rabbis, this ancient story inevitably disappointed. The de-

scendants of the Maccabees – the Hasmonians— ended up being Hellenized themselves, and when the Jews revolted again, the Romans crushed their rebellion and destroyed the Temple in 70 CE. No wonder, then, that the rabbis of the Talmud reoriented the holiday onto a small jug of oil in the Temple that miraculously lasted for eight days. Out of this famous kindling came our tradition of lighting the Chanukah menorah.

But, even in the Talmud, the kindling of the lights is not a static tradition. The Talmud describes that the basic mitzvah (commandment) is for one person per household to light a single light each night of the holiday. The more zealous (*mehadrin*) light a separate light for each member of the household. And, the most zealous (*mehadrin min hamehadrin*) increase the number of lights daily. Today, we are all the most zealous!

This ancient malleability of the holiday accelerates in modern times. With the Holocaust and the emergence of the modern state of Israel, Chanukah became a historical paradigm par excellence. In the early years of the State of Israel, Israelis were our Maccabees and Jewish children sang the song, “We come to drive away the darkness.”

These days, we turn to Chanukah to deal with our contemporary struggles. Thanks to our very success as Americans, it is difficult for many Jews to hold onto Jewish traditions. How wonderful, then, that in the very season where we struggle the most, we have Chanukah to engage our attention. For some Jews, Chanukah is the time to feel pride in our perseverance and renew our commitment to Jewish engagement. For others, Chanukah means learning from the Jews in the Maccabean era who struggled, like we do today, to maintain their identities in the face of a dominant world culture. Our goal should not be to minimize Chanukah but to invite further innovation in its celebration.

Indeed, this year, under the shadow of COVID, Chanukah takes on new meaning yet again. Nine months into a pandemic— and with short days, cold weather and turbulent politics —it is easy to feel down and to say, “Why bother?” Now, then, is when we need to remember Chanukah and its message of hope. This is the year to revive the Jewish tradition of lighting the menorah in a place where neighbors can see, sending the message that by working together we can drive away the darkness.

Shavua Story Time

A program for families with children ages 2-5

Start your week (and your Sunday morning) with an interactive Story Time. This 20 minute Zoom program is designed for families with children ages 2-5 and hosted by past JFNH Preschool Director Alane Sabel. Together we'll learn the Chanukah blessings and count the candles on the menorah from 1-8 in both English and in Hebrew! All registered families will receive a Chanukah craft mailed to your home the week of the program. As a family make your craft ahead of the program and we'll use the finished projects as part of our story!

On Zoom!

Sunday, December 6

Time: 8:30 AM

To Register

Contact the JFNH Office at 603-627-7679 or use our Google form <https://forms.gle/33u27shgKu1LBuQj9>



Shavua Tov Story time is a new program through the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's Early Education Initiative



Pictured: The October 21 board meeting in action, with Rabbi Daniel Aronson (Congregation Ahavas Achim in Keene), Avia Sagron (the Shlichah), and JFNH's new interim executive director, Elyse Hyman, joining.

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JFNH Introduces the Early Education Initiative

By Debbie DePasse

Last spring, upon closing the Jewish Federation Preschool, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire made a commitment to our community to continue to provide Jewish educational opportunities to children ages 2-6. Although nothing can truly replace the specialness of the Jewish Federation Preschool, the Early Education Initiative plans to bring Jewish educational opportunities to young families throughout the state.

This will be accomplished through various types of programming and events, such as holiday lessons and workshops, craft projects, singing, story time, Hebrew lessons, as well as bringing children together at various locations for in-person events throughout the state. We also plan to provide kits with books, craft supplies and other educational materials which will be mailed to those who order them. The cost to participate in programs may vary depending on the program, and some programs

may be free. Because we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, for now our programming will be remote, with families being able to access an on-line program through a registration process. Our goal would be to eventually move to do some in-person programming once it is safe to do so. These events may be in collaboration with PJ Library as well as partnering with synagogues throughout the state.

The Early Education Initiative is meant to enhance and supplement other Jewish educational and/or synagogue programs in which families may already be participating. We would encourage young families to participate in our programs, whether they are currently affiliated with a synagogue or not. We hope to engage Jewish and Interfaith families alike, with the goal of cultivating and strengthening children's Jewish identities and cultural connection to Jewish life.

Please join us for our first event, Shavua Tov Storytime, on Sunday, December 6th at 8:30 AM. Our kick-off program will be led by Alane Sabel, who was the founder and Director of the Jewish Federation Preschool for 32 years. We are excited that Alane has volunteered to lead this first event. The children will be creating a Chanukah menorah craft with their families in advance of the event. In this program, children will be learning about the menorah, will learn the Chanukah candle lighting blessings and will be counting the candles in Hebrew and English. They will use their finished menorah craft as part of the interactive story.

For those who register by December 1st, craft supplies will be mailed to you at no cost. We will provide the small list of craft supplies needed for those who are unable to register by December 1st. Please register at <https://forms.gle/fPH1j1zeCJbbHkX47> or by calling the JFNH office at 603-627-7679. A Zoom link will be provided when registration is received.

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A Tour of Israel for Children Through Their Five Senses

By Alane Sabel

How do you teach young children about Israel? Some are lucky enough to have family that live there, or parents who have been there and can share their photos. But what about the rest of us?

Young children learn through experiences—through sight, sound, touch and taste. Let's use these senses to teach them about Israel. Buckle up, here we go.

Our trip starts with an airplane ride. How is this plane ride going to be different from the plane ride to Florida to visit Grandma? The ride will take a longer time to get there. A two or three-year-old has no understanding of time, so how do we explain this? Like going to Grandma, you can watch a movie, read a book and have a snack, but during the plane ride to Israel, not only can you do all these things, but depending on the time your flight leaves, you might eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner, plus a snack. You will even sleep for a long while, like you do at bedtime. The stewardess will

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Israeli Hospital Creates Unique Program to Keep Schools Open Amid COVID-19

By Sharon Gelbach

Sheba Medical Center, the largest hospital in Israel, which has created numerous technological innovations to combat COVID-19, has launched a novel pilot 'rapid corona' testing program, designed to keep schools open amidst the challenges of the pandemic.

The director of the Infectious Diseases Unit at Sheba, Dr. Gili Regev-Yochay, launched Live Safe – Studying Alongside the Coronavirus, at the Herzliya Gymnasia high school in Tel Aviv on Sunday, November 8.



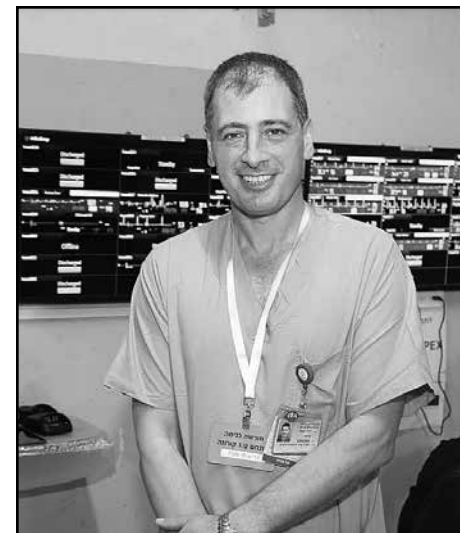
According to Regev-Yochay, the pilot is intended to keep schools open by making them into COVID-free "protective bubbles," thereby easing the toll the pandemic has had on the student population and their parents, as well as the teaching staff.

The first step of the program involves screening students and staff with a serological test, which will show if they have ever had the coronavirus and are immune to contracting the disease, at least temporarily, explained Dr. Regev-Yochay. Those who are not immune, will undergo rapid antigen testing at their school once every two days to identify those who are asymptomatic, but in the early stages of the disease.

The rapid antigen testing provides re-



Dr. Gili Regev-Yochay



Dr. Itai Pessach

sults within 15 minutes. Testing will be carried out by the school nurse, other school staff as well as Magen David Adom volunteers and senior students at the school, under the supervision of Dr. Regev-Yochay and her team.

Anyone who tests positive will undergo a regular PCR test as well. Students or teachers who test positive will need to enter isolation, and the other members of their capsule will likewise need to be quarantined. All quarantined and isolated individuals will undergo a daily

drive-in COVID test at the school.

The project will be implemented later this week at the Bikurim Youth village in the Eshkol region. "We must think out of the box and come up with creative, innovative solutions to enable us to maintain our routines, especially when it comes to education our children," said Dr. Itai Pessach, director of the Safra Children's Hospital at Sheba Medical Center. "We hope that this pilot will prove itself so that we can take it to all other schools and sectors."

A Tour of Israel *continued from page 7*

teach you some words in Hebrew, like *todah*, which means thank you, *shalom*, which means hello and goodbye—important words, we are always teaching our little ones.

After this long flight we land in Tel Aviv, one of the biggest cities. Then, we are off to our hotel, where everyone is saying "Shalom" to us.

Our next adventure is to the beach, where we *smell* fresh sea air, as well as the outdoor cafes, and fruit stands. At night, we walk outside onto a busy street, where we hear a man playing music on a guitar, singing new words we do not understand.

The next day we are off to Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, like Concord is to New Hampshire. We board a bus that takes us to a Kibbutz, a place where many different families live together. There is where we have our lunch. The foods *taste* so different. Sour pickles, salty olives, and spicy falafel. Falafel is like a meatball, except it doesn't go over spaghetti, but goes in pita bread with

lots of vegetables.

Back onto the bus, and through the curvy roads of Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, you can *see* people standing in front of a large wall praying, like we do when you are at Temple. Some people are *touching* the wall, and they are leaving pieces of paper. These are prayers for special people we know, and for the world.

There are so many more adventures to have in Israel, such as riding a camel, where we *feel* the hot, hot desert sands of the Negev desert, much hotter than Hampton Beach. We swim in the Dead Sea, where the water is so salty and you can float on top, even without wearing your floaties.

Now it is Friday afternoon, and you *hear* the sirens letting everyone know Shabbat is starting. People everywhere gather together for a wonderful Shabbat meal, and a community feeling of the joys of Shabbat. What a great way to end our trip.

Todah Robah, thank you for joining me on this trip.

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Temple Israel Uses Song for Annual Fund Campaign

Portsmouth – Congregants at Temple Israel Portsmouth received an unusual fundraising appeal this fall: A musical video pitching the temple's Annual Fund appeal. Denied the opportunity to address the full congregation in person during High Holidays due to Covid-19, the volunteers on the temple's Development Committee decided singing was their best way to get the congregation's attention. So, they went outside their comfort zone and recorded themselves singing new lyrics to, "If I Were a Rich Man," from *Fiddler on the Roof*. This year's Annual Fund will help the temple offset the effects of Covid-19 with new technology and programming.

Development chair Fran Berman spearheaded the effort, writing the new lyrics and piecing together the song and a spoken appeal to create a seven-minute video. Committee members Matt Allen, Marjorie Levy Beck, Beth Salzman, and Ira Schwartz helped craft the campaign and appear in the video.

Their song admits that while "we are not all rich men (or women)," we can

still support the temple by donating "a thousand, maybe two," to help deal with the special financial stresses caused by Covid-19. So far, their efforts seem to be paying off. They are more than halfway toward their goal of raising \$50,000, with many new donors coming forward. Especially heartwarming is the generous response from some distant donors who grew up in the Portsmouth Jewish community but have since moved away. The committee has been moved by the generosity of those giving to the Annual Fund this year, when some families are facing real hardships due to the effects of the pandemic.

To watch the Annual Fund Musical Extravaganza, visit TempleIsraelNH.org/Donate.

Temple Israel is a diverse, engaging congregation affiliated with the Conservative movement, led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. It has been a center for Jewish life in the NH Seacoast for more than 100 years. For more information, visit TempleIsraelNH.org, or call 603-436-5301.

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

A Priest and a Rabbi Zoomed into a Bar

On 7:00 PM on December 10, 2020 – via Zoom – Reverend Ray Bonin and Rabbi Peter Levy will discuss the relationships of their faiths to the rest of the world in the past and in the present, and what each faith offers, in regard to preparing for and understanding the future.

Reverend Ray Bonin is the priest at the Church of the Transfiguration, in Derry, and Rabbi Peter Levy is the Rabbi at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry. The church and the synagogue share an interfaith campus. On Tuesday mornings, the two offer teaching programs: Rabbi Levy leads a discussion on the Talmud and then Reverend Bonin leads a discussion on the Gospel. This program is part Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and



Reverend Ray Bonin and Rabbi Peter Levy.

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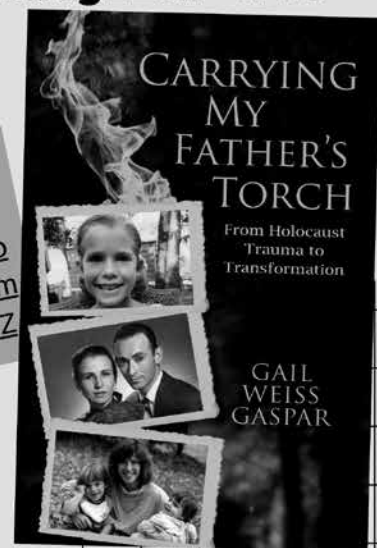


WINTER COMMUNITY READ

Please join our NH Jewish Community as we read the book *Carrying My Father's Torch* by Gail Gaspar. Gail is the sister of NH Community member Jeff Weiss of Nashua

**Zoom event with Author Gail Weiss Gaspar
Tuesday, January 12th ~7PM**

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Consider a contribution to JFNH. With a minimum donation of \$36, this event is free.

Pre-registration is required, please call 603-627-7679.

TAY Sisterhood Begins the Year with Membership Dinner and Woman of the Year Award

Each fall, the TAY Sisterhood enjoys a membership dinner with the theme of a different country. This year, we chose the country of Turkey. As we were not able to safely gather for a dinner physically together, Rona Zlokower arranged for Turkish meals to be prepared by former Turkish residents. The meals were picked up by our members, or delivered to them, and were thoroughly enjoyed, especially the pistachio baklava. The Zoom program that evening included a talk about the Jewish history of Turkey by Linda Rockenmacher, with slides facilitated by June Mittelmark.



The Turkish meal enjoyed by members of the TAY sisterhood.



Fran Short receives the 2020 TAY Sisterhood Woman of the Year Award from JoAnn Meyers, last year's winner.

The highlight of this evening is always the presentation of our Woman of the Year Award, given to a woman who has demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to our temple and sisterhood. This year, the award was given to a very deserving recipient, Fran Short. Fran is a long-time member of TAY who has served both the temple and sisterhood in a variety of leadership roles, most recently as a sisterhood board member and chair of the Tu B'Shvat Seder.

Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club Presents: How to Avoid Needing a Cardiologist

"How to Avoid Needing a Cardiologist," will be the topic discussed by Steven L. Schwartz, MD, FACC on Sunday, January 10, at 9:30 AM, Live via Zoom, presented by the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club.

After graduating from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine 36 years ago, Dr. Schwartz continued his studies by completing Fellowships at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and The New England Medical Center in Boston. As a Member of Foundation Cardiology in Nashua, Dr. Schwartz's subspecialties are General Cardiology, Adult Congenital Heart Disease and Cardiac Electrophysiology. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Electrocardiography. Based upon nomination by his peers in recognition of his professional activities and training, Dr. Schwartz is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He also is the personal Cardiologist of several Members of the Board of Directors of the SNHJMC.

Dr. Schwartz will discuss how to live a heart healthy lifestyle, that will hopefully result in your being able to avoid needing a cardiologist visit in the future. He will also talk about other risk factors that may affect heart health. We are all looking forward to this very interesting and informative discussion, that may actually change your life!

Dr. Schwartz's presentation will be followed by an open question and answer session.

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is proud to sponsor Dr. Schwartz's presentation, which will start off with "Schmooze Time" from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. This presentation is open to the public but advance registration is required. Please contact Don Gorelick at president@snhjmc.org to confirm your registration.



Steven L. Schwartz, MD, FACC

About the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club was founded in 1982 and conducts monthly

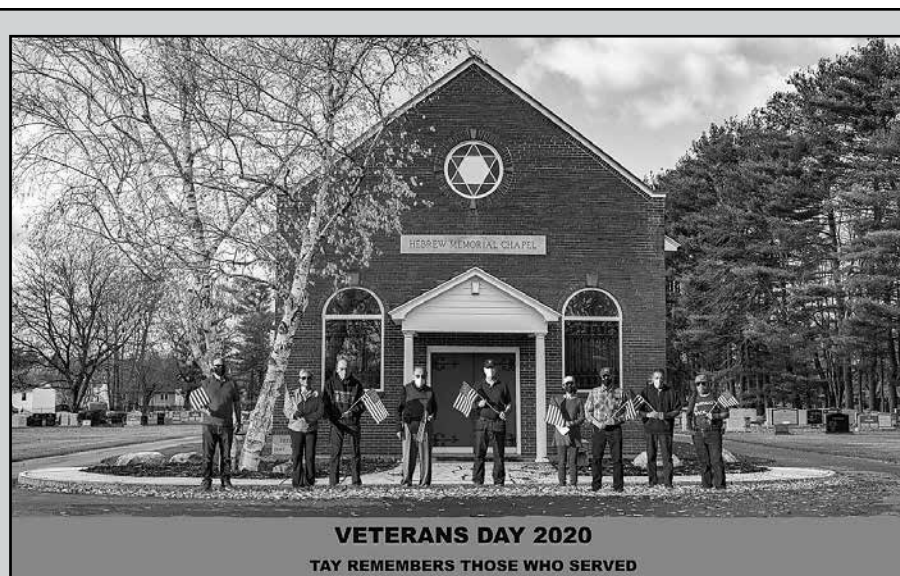
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On November 9, 2020 TAY Brotherhood members Jonathan Baron, Sol Rockenmacher, Barry Scotch, Bob Bersak, Alan Kaplan, David Rosenzweig, and Bob Katchen, along with TAY Sisterhood members Linda Rockenmacher and Emilie Kaplan, planted flags in honor of Veterans Day at the graves of 132 veterans buried at Manchester Hebrew Cemetery.

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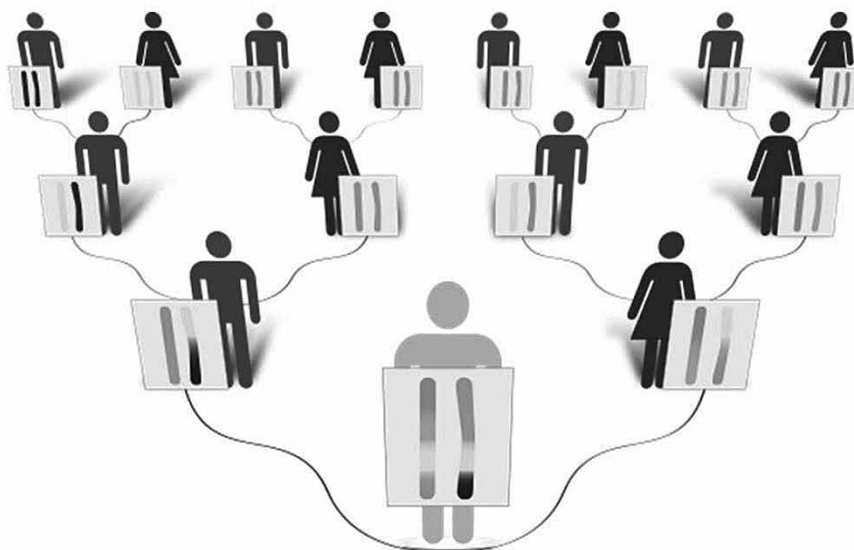
Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club Presents: Introduction to Genealogical DNA, a talk by Genealogist Paul Moverman

Introduction to Genealogical DNA, a talk by Genealogist Paul Moverman, will take place on Sunday, December 6th, at 9:30 AM, live via Zoom, presented by the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club and the Temple Beth Abraham Programs Committee.

Paul's genealogical journey began more than 30 years ago with a columnar pad and a pencil while sitting at the kitchen table with his father. During the past thirty years, genealogical research techniques have moved from 16 and 35mm microfilm and microfiche to sophisticated databases, a wide plethora of websites all around the world, and now, DNA research.

This presentation will start with an explanation of what DNA is and how it relates to trying to trace your family history. Some people have used DNA to locate birth parents and unknown siblings, while others are delving into their past, trying to find relatives lost long ago.

Paul has tested his own DNA with four of the major commercial DNA firms, and will explain the differences between not only the four firms, but also the difference between Autosomal DNA testing, Y-DNA Testing and mtDNA



testing, sharing his own results.

The presentation will end with an open Q&A session.

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The Temple Beth Abraham Programs Committee regularly provides a wide variety of Intellectual, Entertainment, Cultural and Religious events at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua. This assortment of programming is sometimes presented in conjunction with the TBA Ritual Committee, the TBA Sisterhood, The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club and sometimes in conjunction with Shabbat Services. For further information about the Programs Committee or if you would like to suggest an event, please contact Jeff Masors, Chairman at office@tbanashua.org.

What is the New England Jewish Experience?: An Online Event Presented by the New England Jewish History Collaborative

Do New England Jews share a common experience? Is there a regional identity? What resources are available for studying New England's Jewish history? Join us online as we invite historians, archivists, genealogists, and others interest-

ed in Jewish history to explore the regional experience of New England Jews.

Program to be held Sunday, January 24, 2021
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Keynote Talk

Michael Hoberman, Ph.D., Fitchburg State University: Author of *New Israel New England: Jews and Puritans in Early America and How Strange it Seems: Cultural Life of Jews in Small-Town New England*

Panel Discussion

Similarities and differences in Jewish historical experience among the six New England states.

Introduction of New Resources

Announcing a new website and guide by the New England Jewish History Collaborative highlighting the resources of Jewish historical organizations in New England.

Please note that this event is in lieu of our previously scheduled March 2020 conference. More information about the online event and registration to follow!


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In the Community

Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Kristallnacht Remembrance

BHC President David Goldstone and wife Dorothy opened BHC's Kristallnacht Remembrance Service in the synagogue garden Monday evening. Sixteen members and friends attended this meaningful event in Bethlehem, NH.

Shattered Whole...

Tonight both chandelier and scone
Illuminate a space where darkness was
Our memory of shattered glass
Dissolves in strength



BHC Synagogue alight in remembrance of Kristallnacht (photo by Martin Kessel).

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Of our souls
Our sanctuary, blessed by
Light within
Inhabits empty pews and
Radiates through walls
And windows
Spreading signs of victory
Our triumph of survival
With G-d's love
All glowing magnitude
Our willingness
Tonight we are that light
Tonight all that was fractured, shattered
Lives in majesty as
We are whole

Judith Felsen, Ph.D. 11/9/20 Member of Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation



David and Dorothy Goldstone welcome members and friends to this outdoor evening event (photo by Martin Kessel).



The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club hosted their highly regarded Political Breakfast on Sunday, October 18th on Zoom. Beginning at 9:30 am with a thirty minute "Schmooze Time" the program started with Club President Don Gorelick introducing Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett who served as Moderator. Each Candidate was afforded 15 minutes to address their Constituents followed by a 15-minute Q&A session with attendees' questions submitted to Rabbi Jon via private chat. The SNHJMC provided separate telephone support lines for the attendees as well as the Candidates. In addition to Rabbi Jon hosting the Zoom event, the Club provided five Co-Hosts who controlled video switching, access rights and technical support resulting in a flawless Zoom Event! The program was simultaneously broadcast on Temple Beth Abraham's YouTube Channel. Participants included Incumbent Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Incumbent Congressman Chris Pappas (top left and right), US Senatorial Candidate Corky Messner and NH Gubernatorial Candidate Dan Feltes (middle left and right), US House Candidates Matt Mowers and Steve Negron (bottom left and right) and SNHJMC President Don Gorelick and Moderator Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett (center top and bottom).

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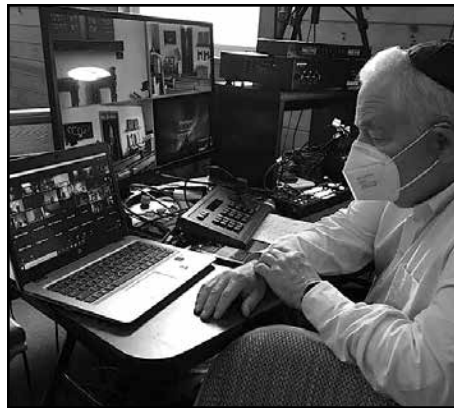
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Stu Needleman, Running the Controls for Temple B'nai Israel's Zoom Services

By Karen Rines

Stu Needleman not only spearheaded the work of bringing in all the new AV equipment and working with other great volunteers to get our services from the temple up and running, but he continues to innovate with slides and camera work that enhance the services even more. His son, Michael Needleman, took this picture during a service they worked on together. The congregation (and guests who have joined us from as far as California) is so appreciative of all his work, which helps keep us connected even as we are all so far apart.

Temple B'nai Israel will continue to meet via Zoom for adult education and religious school, as well as services, for the foreseeable future. We have been so blessed to have our wonderful shlichah, Avia Sagron, lead us through the Israel National Trail; our fantastic Rabbi, Dan Danson, help us stretch into break-out rooms for Hebrew and other small group work for religious school with volunteer



Stu Needleman

teachers Melody Funk, Marsha Ostroff, Joel Funk, and Samuel Cooperman; and our president, Ira Keltz, always at the ready to lead a zoom meeting. Our Holiday Committee is also putting together a Chanukah celebration to include a trivia game following our (virtual) gathering to light Chanukkiot and a short program led by Rabbi Danson.

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer and participate in all aspects of our temple life!

Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood: An Evolution

By Carol Gorelick/TBA Sisterhood President

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Sisterhood at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua has been brainstorming ideas on how to meet, and provide personal interactions, in these unprecedented times.

At the beginning of the Jewish Year, we were heartened that our High Holiday cards were able to be printed and sent out to our congregants. We were painfully aware that everyone needed to be in touch with others in our synagogue family, and in stepped Ruth Harris, our chair of Israeli Affairs, and artist extraordinaire. Ruth spearheaded this project, with printing, artwork, and postage donated by her. We have had moderate success with this in the past, but this year, as people yearned for connections, she sent cards, and accepted contributions in greater than ever numbers. Our season was off to a wonderful start, despite everything!

In October, Sisterhood held an informational program with Anne Ackerman, PhD, speaking about Women and the Vote, the history of the 19th amendment, and what still needs to be done. This event was held on Zoom, and many of the attendees, as well as Sisterhood regulars, learned a great deal from her. There is so much more work that still needs to be done! (Did you know that women in Puerto Rico are still marginalized, and can't vote for president?)

In October, our membership chair, Liz Eckley, orchestrated a Sisterhood Online Art Auction which had 11 vendors presenting their art. Members of Sisterhood, as well as some community members participated in this event, highlighting their talents and wares. This provided a safe (online) option for people to purchase quality artwork and Judaica. It was well done and may become a yearly event. It was advertised through Temple Beth Abraham, Facebook Marketplace, and on our Sisterhood Facebook page.

Following this success, we worked together to present our Sisterhood Paid up Lunch, which took place on October 25th. This "lunch" presented a unique challenge, as we had not been able to use the synagogue kitchen since the beginning of lockdown. Becky Green was able to present a plan to the synagogue and Temple Beth Abraham's Covid oversight committee, and ultimately, to

provide Sisterhood members with "to-go" bento box style meals. With the herculean efforts of Becky Green, Ida Stanger-Mildenberg, Sarah Brest, and Chur Masors we were able to have 54 members pick up lunch for themselves, and some of their spouses, and conduct our meeting together via Zoom.

Thanks to these efforts, and the efforts of Ruth Harris and the High Holiday cards, at the luncheon, we were able to donate funds to both *Bridges Rape and Assault Support Services*, which was graciously accepted by Amy-Jo Muscott their education chair; and *End 68 Hours of Hunger*, which was accepted by organization co-chair Jenn Morton. Both organizations are based in Nashua, and rely on donations to provide important services to women and children.

On November 8th, Sisterhood held the first online Mah Jongg Tournament, with great success! First, second and third prizes were awarded. Robin Rubin, with some help from her husband Larry, were the proctors and implementers of the event, and worked simultaneously with Zoom and MyJongg.net. Participants were able to visit on Zoom while they played online! We are in discussions now to see if we can make this a weekly event. Speaking of Mah Jongg... we have begun collecting checks for next year's Mah Jongg cards in advance. If you would like to order with us, the card comes straight to your home! Just send a check to Barbara Lester, 23 Bicentennial Drive, Nashua, 03062, payable to TBA Sisterhood. \$8.00 for a regular print card and \$9.00 for a large print card. We hope to have these orders in before the end of December. Even though we order as a group, the cards will come directly to you. This is just another way we can serve the community.

Our large and well-stocked Sisterhood Judaica shop is again open by appointment. We are looking forward to Chanukah, and fulfilling all of your family's wishes. Eileen Beckhardt Freedman is the point person for all Channukah needs as well as Tallitot, candles, dreidels, fair trade chocolate, jewelry, Kiddush cups, games, toys, and all manner of Judaica. You can call for an appointment at 603-566-5513. Covid protocol is in place, for your safety and ours, so an appointment is necessary.

Also, we are re-instituting our weekly "coffee break", which will take place be-

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Happy Chanukah



from your friends at



Bethlehem Memories Spur Progress for Centennial Celebration in 2021

By Dena Glasgow, Congregation Betenu

As BHC's Centennial Celebration Committee returns to the planning table, BHC members and friends savor the memories of those whose lives have been woven into the Bethlehem community for generations. Rita Katz Farrell's detailed memories bring new excitement and purpose to the celebration plans.

Dora's Place –

Cup of Coffee, Piece of Cake

Bethlehem? A railroad town? There are no railroads!

Ah, but long ago there were, and decades after they disappeared,

Boston engineers were still drawn to Bethlehem.

From 1867 to 1924, three separate railroad lines convened in Bethlehem Junction. The earliest trains carried passengers, mail, and lumber, southward via Fabyans to major markets. Later rail lines were added, first to Franconia Notch, then to Bethlehem Village. In season, seven locomotives a day puffed into Bethlehem Junction.

In 1940, there was still one train from Boston to Littleton, and David Solomon Katz's fellow railroad engineers on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad (New Haven RR), urged him to join their families and visit Bethlehem. They boarded the Boston & Maine to Littleton, and then taxied with Dick Coney to the outskirts of Bethlehem for a week's vacation at Eddy's Location or St. Clair's Trout Pool tourist cabins east of Bethlehem on Route 302.

David Katz was one of only two Jewish engineers working for the now extinct New Haven Railroad. The other was Isadore Krauss. Both were big men, both lived in Hartford until "Dave" moved his family to Boston's Roxbury section, and both families spent summers in Bethlehem Junction where Lydia Oppenheimer Krauss baked strudel and Dora Schnapp kept open house.

While the leisure classes summered on the American plan in Bethlehem's thirty "downtown" hotels, the working class rented cabins where wives cooked with food brought from home. Children spent their days hiking, splashing in the sparkling waters of the Ammonoosuc River, or, when it rained, hunched over back issues of *National Geographic* in the log chalet hand-built by Floyd Eddy.

In the evenings, everyone squeezed into someone's cabin to sip coffee or

tea, enjoy homemade cake, and sing as Dora Katz played songs on her violin including Irish ballads (*Danny Boy*), German lieder, (*Wenn uns Gott, Kinder Shickt*), and Yiddish favorites (*A Bisele Liebe*).

She was still playing her beloved violin at 96, just days before she slipped quietly away at home with her daughter in Delaware.

The trains and track are long gone; snowmobiles roar over old railroad beds; nature has reclaimed most tourist cabins; a Depression era CCC camp lies in ruins; and the mountainous Casella Waste landfill looms over a once bucolic setting.

Slabbing the Ammonoosuc is Muchmore Road, once dubbed Rabbi Row by locals because the families of Rabbis Bokser and Gelb owned cottages there. Around the bend, a jovial Brooklyn house painter named Sol Schiffer rented a converted train station every summer for his daughters and wife Rebecca, from whose tiny kitchen came cooking aromas and an invitation to anyone out for a *shpazier* (walk) to drop in, have a nosh, and laugh at Sol's jokes.

In 1942, Jack Finn wanted to sell his small house in the Junction. Built before 1870, it had one indoor faucet, one light bulb, no indoor toilet, an oil stove for cooking and heat, an attached shack filled with years of cans and trash, and no foundation.

But for the Katzes, the White Mountains evoked memories of their Austro-Hungarian homeland in the Carpathian Mountain villages of Miliye and Viznitz. They saved up, paid Mr. Finn the \$500 price, and bought the only house they would ever own.

Five generations lived or vacationed there: Scheindel "Baba" Schnapp, her children Dora, Max and Lottie; David's sister Anna, niece Ruth and son Michael; Dora and David's children Adolph, Bernhard, Rita; grandchildren Shira, Larry, Danny, David, Debbie, Steven, John, Heidi, nieces, nephews, most of the 14 great-grandchildren, and especially Will, Jon, Ava and Lily, for whom Bethlehem has become a second home.

Every summer Dora urged family and friends, all immigrants, to come up for a few days, gaze at the mountains from the back yard, and breathe the fresh air, the *frische luft*. No charge.

When hotels then refused to accommodate the handful of African Americans who visited the North Country,



Dora Schnapp (front row, second from right) played her violin for hospitalized troops during WWI. She married David Solomon Katz after she arrived in the United States. *In the Community.*

employees would quietly phone Mrs. Katz, knowing she would welcome as guests in her home any travelers stranded by bigotry. No charge.

When sons Adolph (Al) and Bernie completed their WWII service in the Navy and Army respectively, they used part of their mustering out pay to fix up what their father called "the shack. They attached sheet rock, jury-rigged wiring, and painted. Then Al returned to college and Bernie worked a summer on Courtland Quimby's road crew.

Every summer, caddies from the Maplewood Hotel walked down to St. Theodore's Church (now home of ex-caddy George Manupelli) for Sunday Mass, then stopped for pancakes at Ethel and Walter Roes' Mountain Valley Inn & Cabins, where at age eleven Rita had become a waitress and chambermaid, and pumped gas.

The Katz family had no car. A trip to the Village meant the children walked up and back while Dora flagged the Portland to Montreal bus in both directions and rode in style.

The Katzes were not religious, but would accompany Dora's mother "Baba" when she attended shul in the city. The family then and now celebrates Jewish holidays with traditional foods and lively secular discussions about the lessons the holidays teach about optimism, reflection, freedom, thanksgiving, unity and adversity.

Dora was active in the BHC Sisterhood. She worked on the annual luncheon, the Bingo fundraisers for Littleton Hospital, and attended Bernie Ru-

bin's Culture Club originated by Paul Pactor. She was friendly with everyone, and especially fond of Ann and Julius Friedlander, Adele and Morty Fisch, Esther Kamerling, Hilda Kate Meyer, and Mildred Jailer.

She had a *weltanschauung*, or world view. She joined the Garden Club, Bethlehem Women's Civic Club, the Durrell Church cookbook project, the White Mountain Senior Citizens Club, and the Littleton Hospital yard sales. She applied her training as a nurse or *krankenschwester* in the Austrian Army during WWI to quietly care for local neighbors unable to pay a doctor. She introduced Bethlehem elementary students to trick-or-treating for UNICEF and spoke with them about her visit to Israel. Friends nicknamed her the mayor of Bethlehem because of her unflagging energy and good humor. The book, *The History of Bethlehem, New Hampshire, 1774-1974* notes that "Mrs. Dora Katz found a piano for the Country Club, and we're all trying to figure out how little Dora carried that big piano into the building."

With courage and strength rooted in her unflagging belief that peace and justice must prevail, she joined the International Workers Order, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Russian War Relief.

Before civil rights was an era, she collected petitions demanding that major league baseball end its Jim Crow policy and hire Jackie Robinson. She campaigned tirelessly for progressive candidates, including Littleton's Hugh Gal-

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Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

Local Jewish Authors in the Granite State

Looking in our own backyard at some of our local Jewish authors here in New Hampshire, we meet Linda Eskin, who is writing delightful children's books.

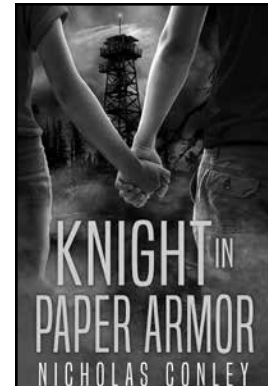
Eskin uses very simple, one-dimensional artwork, created from lines and shapes on her computer, to illustrate her heartwarming stories. One of her books, *The Chanukah Tree*, is the story of a little boy and his family as they make their annual visit to Grandma's house for Chanukah. The little boy can tell he is growing up, as each year, he gets closer to being able to reach the apples on the tree outside Grandma's house. The tree and the menorah look similar, and Grandma comments on the strong roots of the tree,



which also can be seen in the family. This book has so much nostalgia and so many messages that you can have a discussion with your child about – something on almost every page. Eskin's stories are written to memorialize people in her life, using them as inspiration for her books. These stories will help keep the images of Jewish grandmothers and ancestors from the “old country” shtetl life alive for another generation. Linda Eskin lives in New Hampshire with her family, and enjoys walks with her furry friend, Max. Her newest book is *The Week the Monsters Came to Visit*. Some of her other titles are *The Peace Baker*, and *The Card Lady*.

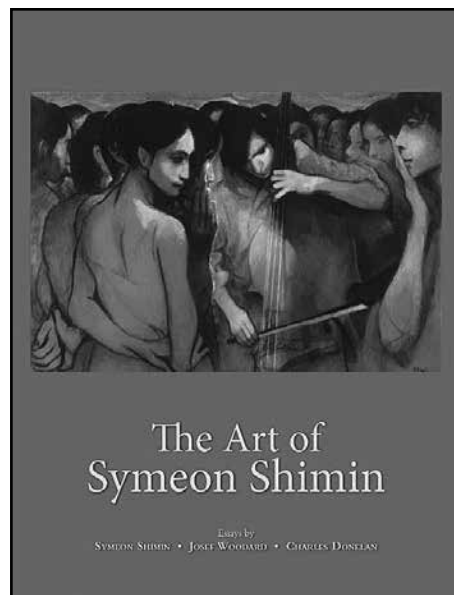
Moving on to adult books, and the Seacoast, we meet Nicholas Conley. His novels are described as science fiction and/or dystopian. Conley, who has been writing since he was a child, always knew he wanted to be an author: His talent rests in the ability to use subjects like aliens or magical realism as allegories and metaphors, to tackle hard topics and modern-day social issues. His novels include *Pale Highway*, *Intraterrestrial*, and his newest work, *Knight in Paper Armor*, which Conley says is his favorite to date. *Knight in Paper Armor* is the very unusual story of Billy Jakobek, who is born with the strange and powerful psychic ability to absorb the emotional energies, dreams, and traumas of everyone

he meets, including his grandmother's memories of the Holocaust. The story takes place in the near future, as Billy is taken to a place named Heaven's Hole, but the underlying message and symbolism reflects the world we are currently living in, taking the plot in a direction that imagines how things could go very wrong. This genre of writing uses science fiction and dystopian fiction to take a hard look at our lives and make insightful social and political commentary on contemporary society. Nicholas Conley writes on the NH Seacoast, where he lives with his family. He is also a journalist, editor, and freelance writer for various publications, including *The NH Jewish Reporter*.



Award-Winning Book Recognizes the Legacy of a Great Jewish Artist Who Fled Antisemitism In Russia to Gain Prominence in Hollywood, Publishing & Government

Some artists, despite fleeting moments of fame, fail to get their due honors. Symeon Shimin, though not a household name today, was an accomplished artist who touched millions with his work for Hollywood, book publishing, and the government. An award-winning book, *The Art of Symeon Shimin*, presents for the first time a comprehensive collection of the fine art of the 20th century phenomenon. It reveals the inspiring story of how he and his family escaped the pogroms and antisemitism of Russia in 1912 (at the age of 10) to embark on a highly successful career that included collaborating with numerous Jewish figures, such as Isaac Bashevis Singer. This book touchingly demonstrates how the Brooklynite-by-way-of-the-Baltic Sea lived his driving mission through his art, mainly to serve justice, highlight the human condition, and promote equality. Recognized as a superlative, award-winning illustrator of 57 children's books, he was also one of the highest paid artists of his time, painting original posters for legendary Hollywood films, including the iconic *Gone With the Wind*, and the biblical epic film, *Solomon and Sheba*. Most notably in the



world of fine art, he was acclaimed for his masterpiece, the mural *Contemporary Justice and the Child*, commissioned by the Public Works Arts Project, in 1936-1940, for the Department of Justice Building, Washington, DC, where it is on display to this day. “After my father's death in 1984, I found a treasure trove of slides and photographs of fine art paintings that were spread in collections around the world,” says Tonia Shimin, the artist's daughter

and the book's author. “I felt these works of a master artist should not disappear and be lost. Thus, my dream of creating this book and of preserving his legacy began.”

The book includes images of:

- A Department of Justice Building mural commissioned in 1936-1940 that exists today.
- Eleanor Roosevelt standing by his Buy War Bonds poster, during World War II, for which he received a citation from the U.S. Treasury Department.
- The cover he designed for *Vanity Fair*.
- His portrait of F. Scott Fitzgerald, author of *The Great Gatsby*.

Shimin, who was primarily self-taught, was featured in *Time Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Magazine of Arts*, *Art News*, *Art Journal*, and others. One of his best-known children's books was the classic *Gorilla, Gorilla* by Carol Fenner, and *Dance in the Desert* by best-selling author Madeleine L'Engle. He had his work exhibited at Museum of Modern Art in NYC, National Gallery in Washington, D.C., Art Institute in Chicago,

and Whitney Museum of Art in New York City. The exquisitely produced hardbound book includes more than 100 high-resolution printed plates and archival photographs, including two by the renowned photographer Berenice Abbott; an autobiography of the artist on his early years in Russia and then in Brooklyn; and essays by Santa Barbara arts writers Josef Woodard and Charles Donelan. With paintings held in private collections and the Chrysler Museum of Art, this is the first complete collection of his life's work. Shimin knew many artists of his day, including Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning, but his path was much different than his contemporaries. “Throughout his life and work, pursuing justice and preserving human dignity were permanent ideals for him,” says his daughter, who edited and curated the book. The Independent Press Awards named *The Art of Symeon Shimin* the Distinguished Favorite For Fine Arts, 2020. Published by Mercury Press International *The Art of Symeon Shimin* is now available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Ingram and independent booksellers.

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ginning December 2nd at 11:00 AM. Zoom information available at nashuasisterhood@gmail.com

We are continuing our weekly cooking show, with a Jewish flair, using favorite recipes. Day and time TBD, Zoom information will be available at nashuasisterhood@gmail.com.

Sisterhood is proud to institute a Rosh Chodesh group this year, led by Sharon Spivak. The group will follow the Meyerhoff Center's suggested format for Rosh Chodesh groups. Until we can gather together again in person, Rosh Chodesh will be done via Zoom. There will be more information at the synagogue website, Tbanashua.org, for Rosh Chodesh Tevet on December 16th

Also in the works:

- Zoom yoga
- Trivia night, via Zoom (December 20th)
- Sisterhood Shabbat (January 9th) spearheaded by Marsha Feder
- And so much more! We've seen what our evolving Sisterhood can do in

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len, and was among those en route to a Paul Robeson concert in Peekskill, New York who were stoned by local farmers.

Her love for her children and grandchildren was embodied not in sentiment but in her determination to strengthen them against succumbing to defeatism or opportunism.

In 2003, her daughter sold the house in the Junction and with her husband Jack moved to their vacation home on Agassiz Street. It may have indoor plumbing, but the "foundation" continues to be Dora and Dave's open welcome for family and friends.

these adverse times. We've learned that you can't keep us down, and that you can, indeed, teach old dogs new tricks (like Zoom, FB marketplace, and more!)

Sisterhood has taken strides to continue being alive, vibrant and relevant, until such time as we can meet in person! We are hopeful that we are providing respite, as an oasis in a sea of uncertainty. We will continue to meet, support, and

provide Sisterhood! As always, if you have any questions about Temple Beth Abraham's Sisterhood, please feel free to reach out to any member of Sisterhood, or President Carol Gorelick at nashuasisterhood@gmail.com.



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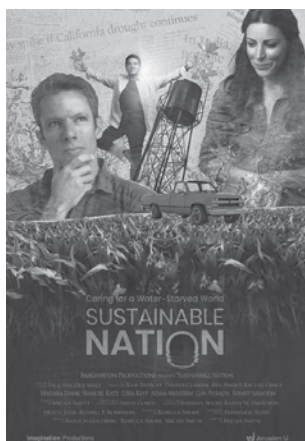
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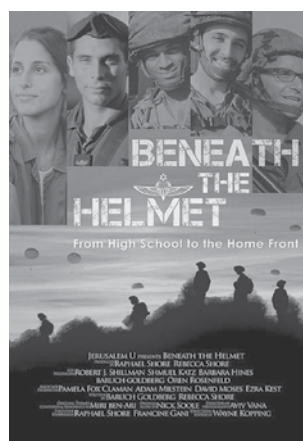
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Director:
Micah Smith
Documentary
2019, Israel
60 minutes
Hebrew with
English subtitles

Sustainable Nation Thursday, October 15, 6 PM

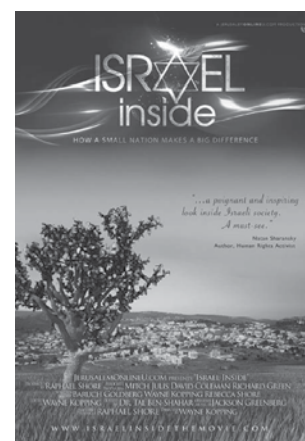
Post film discussion with Producer/Writer,
Rebecca Shore on Sunday, October 18, 2:00 PM
Sustainable Nation, a compelling documentary, follows
three individuals who are bringing innovative and
sustainable water solutions developed in Israel to an
increasingly thirsty planet.



Director:
Wayne Kopping
Documentary/Drama
2014, Israel
80 Minutes
English, Hebrew

Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front

Thursday, November 12, 6 PM
Post film discussion with Steve Shafran, IDF Lone
Soldier, Avia Sagron & Or Cohen, IDF Service
Members on Sunday, November 15 at 3 PM
Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front
is a coming-of-age story. The film highlights five Israeli
high school graduates who are drafted into the army to
defend their country. Appeals to audiences of all ages, in
particular teenagers and young adults.



Director:
Wayne Kopping
Documentary
2011, Israel
55 Minutes
English

Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference

Thursday, December 17, 6 PM
Post film discussion/time scheduled TBA
Sunday, December 20
*Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big
Difference*, focuses on the human side behind Israel's
accomplishments, emphasizing the core character
traits and deep-seated values that enable Israelis
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on the (Thursday) streaming dates for each virtual film and the post film discussion event.

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New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival to screen 2020 documentary 'Shared Legacies'

By Zach Camenker, NH JFF Committee Member

The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival invites you to a special screening of the 2020 documentary *Shared Legacies: The African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*. This film, which is currently rated 9.8/10 on IMDb (the Internet Movie Database) and had its world premiere at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival in February, details the long standing alliance between the African American and Jewish communities dating back to the early 1900s.

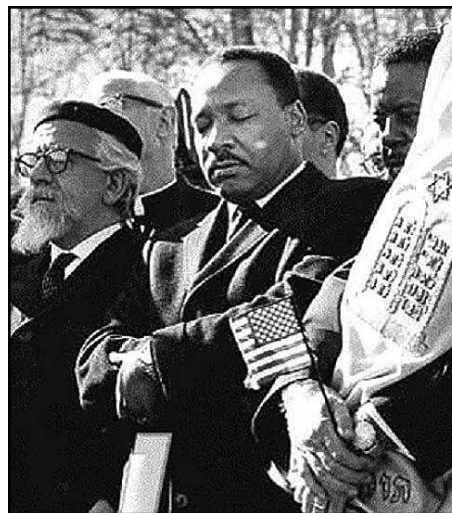
Featuring interviews with many prominent African American and Jewish leaders from around the world, including rabbis, politicians, activists, entertainers, Holocaust survivors, and members of Dr. Martin Luther King's family, *Shared Legacies* focuses on the fight for justice that the two communities have continued to forge, including through recent turbulence and unrest in our



John Lewis in *Shared Legacies*.

modern society.

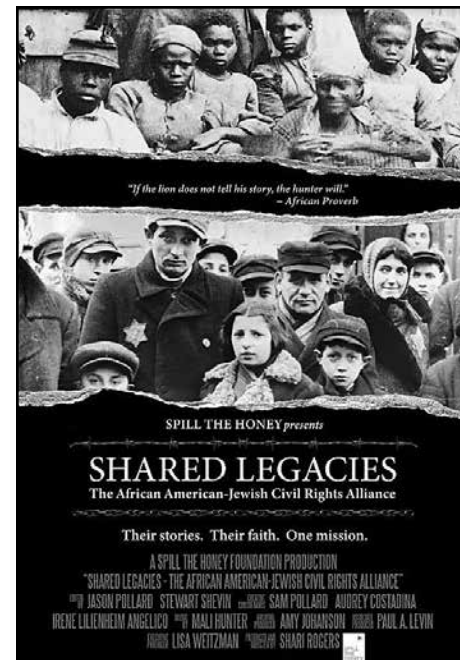
Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Film Festival Committee has decided to shift to a virtual format for this event, similar to our summer series a few months ago. So, please save the date for Thursday, January 28, when the weblink to the online screening of the film will be made available. It will be accessible for 72 hours, culminating with a post-film Zoom discussion on Sunday, January 31 at 7:00 PM, featuring a distinguished panel of guests. Please check our website www.NHJewishFilmFestival.com



Martin Luther King Jr.

for more details in the coming weeks, including how to sign up for, and access, the film, as well as who will join as our post-film discussion panelists.

We look forward to having you join us for this superb, engaging, and timely documentary, and we wish you all well



Shared Legacies: The African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance

as you celebrate Chanukah, and the arrival of 2021!

New Hampshire's own Red River Theatres offers Jewish-themed films in their virtual cinema, including 'Oliver Sacks: His Own Life'

By Zach Camenker, NH JFF Committee Member

If you are missing the movies as much as I am, especially when it comes to all that New Hampshire's very own independent cinema Red River Theatres has to offer, then you're in luck! Concord's beloved Red River, one of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival's longest partners, is offering a variety of top-notch films in their virtual cinema, including some Jewish-themed titles.

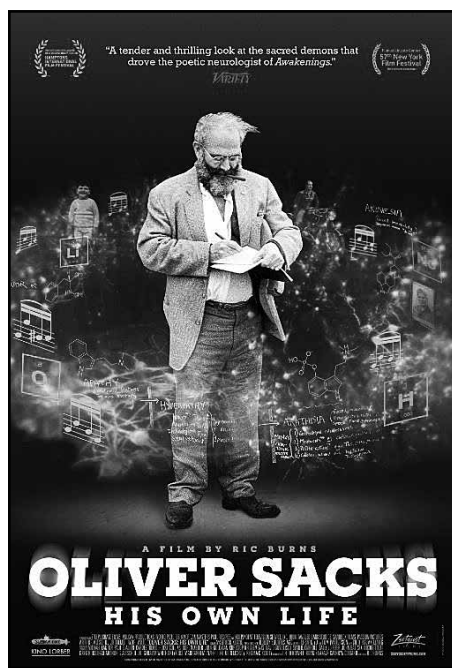
Recently, I had the good fortune to screen *Oliver Sacks: His Own Life*, a new documentary about the eponymous British neurologist and author who rose to fame in the late sixties and early seventies with his "awakenings" research in patients who had been victims of the encephalitis lethargica epidemic in the 1920s. A long-time employee of Beth Abraham Hospital in the Bronx, Sacks was born to an Orthodox Jewish family outside of London in 1933, as the youngest of four sons. His father Samuel was a prominent physician and his mother, Muriel Elsie Landau, was an accomplished gynecologist, at a time when there were few female doctors in London.

A fascinating man full of character, wit, and profound intelligence, Sacks grew up at the height of World War II and was evacuated to a boarding school in the Midlands at a young age with his brother, Michael. He returned to London to attend St. Paul's School, where he found himself to be one of only three Jewish students, which forced him to put aside his religious observances.

The early traumas of his life, including taunting and bullying by older children while in the Midlands, as well as his own struggles with his sexuality and seeking his parents' acceptance, led him to leave England for the United States shortly following his graduation from Oxford.

The documentary chronicles Sacks' career, including time spent in California at Mount Zion Hospital and his eventual arrival in New York, where he would practice medicine, conduct intense research, and write a variety of novels for almost half a century until his death in 2015.

One piece that I found most intriguing was how Sacks overcame an early struggle with drug addiction, something he turned to during his challenging years in California. A brilliant but quirky mind,



Sacks had some friendships and relationships that ultimately crumbled. That, coupled with his own desire for seclusion, riding his motorcycle, and spending time outdoors, left him with little in the form of connection with others.

Not long after arriving in New York, Sacks turned his life around and focused intently on his research, especially his

awakenings experiments, which led to a 1973 book titled *Awakenings*, in which he recounted his work administering the L-DOPA drug to patients.

Since Sacks was very experimental in his work, it often caused others to reject his intellect and not take him seriously. He fought with being taken seriously for his entire life, but his rise to prominence really did not come until the 1990 film *Awakenings*, directed by Penny Marshall and based on his work at Beth Abraham, opened to critical acclaim. Starring Robin Williams and Robert DeNiro, the film received Academy Award nominations for Best Picture, Lead Actor for DeNiro, and Adapted Screenplay. This gave Sacks a renewed focus and interest.

Following that, Sacks continued publishing a variety of non-fiction about medical subjects, as well as personal experiences.

The documentary focuses on Sacks as he nears the end of his life, using several interviews he gave to close friends and collaborators from his New York apartment in the winter and spring of 2015, at which point he had been diagnosed

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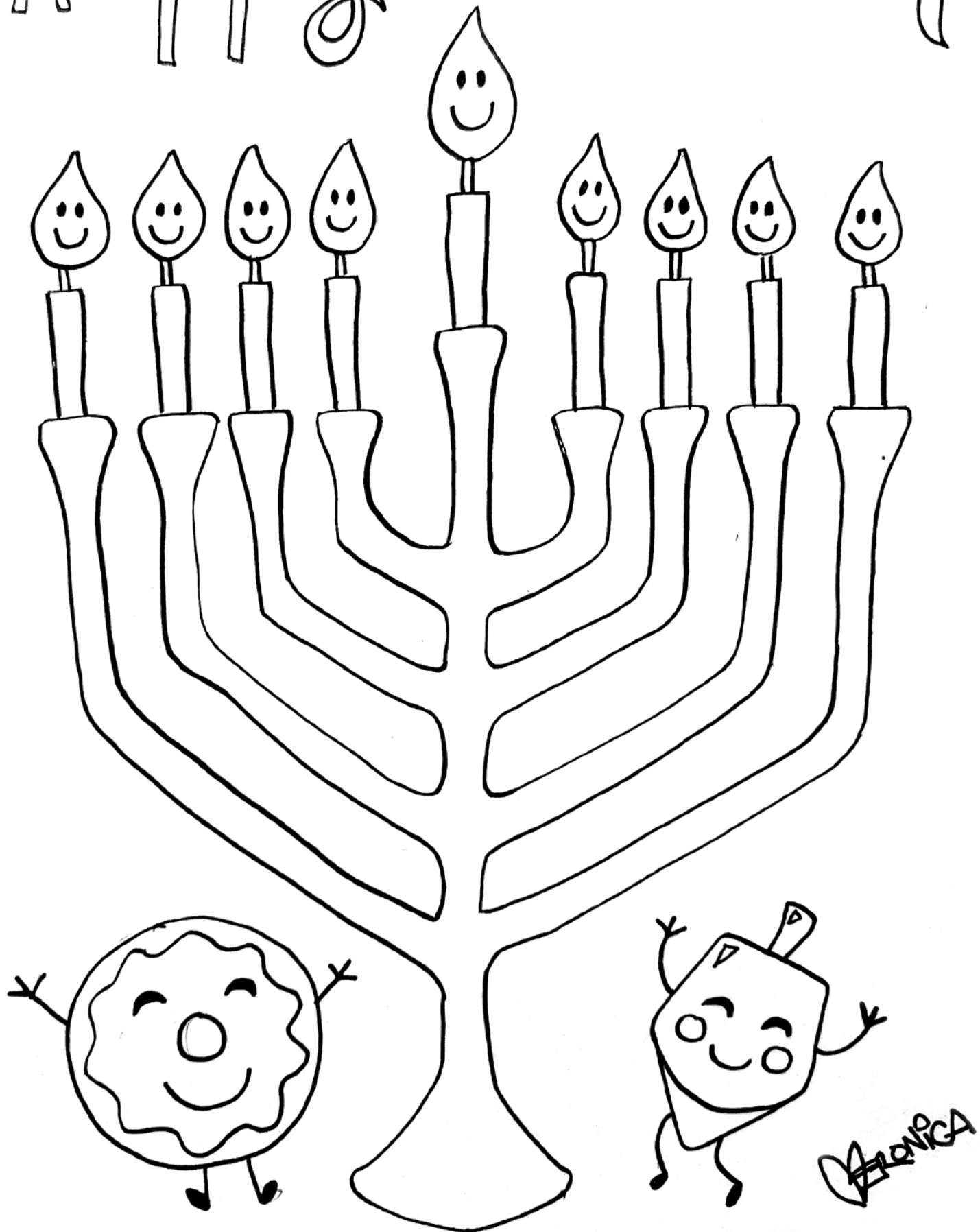
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Calvin's Impact on Proctor Academy

By Calvin Monfried

Growing up, I was the only Jewish kid in my grade. I attended Hebrew school twice a week and my graduating Hebrew School class had four kids. I had a Bar Mitzvah and visited Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, Israel. No one I knew was living or experiencing what it means to be Jewish at my age. I was the minority. There was Christmas break, but no Hannukah break, no Yom Kippur Break, no Passover Break. Being Jewish became a chore. I didn't want to go to synagogue, or be Kosher, or even be Jewish. I didn't want to be different.

I am currently in my sophomore year attending Proctor Academy, a coed boarding and day school in Andover, New Hampshire. On the outside, it looked like I was the only Jewish student, but during the fall of my second year at Proctor, my eyes were opened to others who must have felt the same as me. This changed most of the negative feelings I had towards my religion. Due to Covid-19, I was unable to return home for Yom Kippur, and worked to arrange a space for Jewish students to virtually watch a service in a classroom. One other student showed up, and even though it was a small step, it meant so much to see that I was not alone.

I have worked closely with faculty at Proctor these past few months to make sure that every Jewish student has a place to feel comfortable and to be able to talk about what being Jewish means to them. These steps forward were due to a large movement that recently occurred on Proctor's campus. Three students were reported to have pictures posted on social media of them either being racist or antisemitic. The antisemitic picture was a student with a fake Hitler mustache and their hand up in the air, saluting him.

Sometimes progress happens in waves, and after incidents that bring to light the discrimination faced by those in the minority. The school administration sent an email in response to the pictures that discussed their disciplinary action, but also that the students would be welcomed back into the community. Immediately, 90 percent of students (and faculty) gathered in front of a building on



campus to protest. Our Head of School, Mike Henriques, was very accepting of the response, and allowed students to miss classes to actively participate. While the protests were a big deal, it wasn't enough for us as students. We were searching for a stronger response, for the students to be removed from campus, and not return. The school planned to educate the students who offended the Black and Jewish communities on campus, but the protests continued through to the next day. I was tired of watching people hold signs and cheer. I wanted to see change.

I was then asked to join a group of upperclassmen to work on modifying rules in the Student Handbook in response to the incidents on campus. Proctor's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, Lori Patriacca, worked with me to design a safe space for Jewish students to express how they were affected by the offensive pictures.



I expected to see maybe two or three other people: In the end, thirteen students showed up. Two Jewish mentors also came, one being Laura Ostrowsky, Proctor's Woodlands Manager, and the other Erica Hample, a Mountain Classroom Instructor.

After discovering there were several other Jewish students, I was enthusiastic to develop a place for us to practice our religion. I communicated with several teachers to arrange a Shabbat every Friday night. The Dining Hall staff was incredibly excited to be able to help. The Assistant Head of school, Karin Clough, got involved, and joined us for our opening night of Shabbat. I was filled with satisfaction and so pleased that I could be a part of creating a safe, welcoming place for current, and hopefully future, Jewish students.

My goal is to incorporate togetherness at Proctor, to have this process serve as an example for other minority groups on campus. The change and influence I've had on Proctor Academy are going to hopefully create a global change: We have students from all around the globe who are excited to learn about different cultures.

I am realizing that being Jewish isn't a chore, for me or the other students at Proctor Academy. We are excited to celebrate Shabbat every week. I am proud to be Jewish. I am excited to educate students about what being a Jew means. I appreciate that my school is so accepting to different religions and cultures. I am ready to continue to fight for what is right in the Jewish community. I am hungry for more change, and, of course, some matzo ball soup.

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Suicide Awareness with CTeen of NH

On Monday evening, November 9th, a group of nearly 20 teens from all walks of life got together on Zoom for a suicide alert workshop.

CTeen of New Hampshire, in partnership with Gelt Charitable Foundation, offered the evidence-based suicide prevention and mental health awareness workshop, especially for 9th through 12th graders.

"Suicide has become a prevalent issue in our communities in recent years, and has been further exasperated by this crisis," Jack Miller, founder of the Gelt Charitable Foundation, said in a news release. "Suicide prevention education is crucial for our safety and wellbeing, and for the wellbeing of the people we care about."

The workshop, taught by Leigh Ioffe,

a certified safeTALK trainer, and mental health advocate, equipped teen participants with hands-on tools, knowledge, and awareness to assist peers who may struggle with thoughts of suicide.

"It is crucial that our community come together to get trained and learn to recognize the signs of suicide," Chanchie Krinsky, director at CTeen of New Hampshire, said. "I am so proud of these teens that realized that one hour in exchange for life-changing skills is a powerful step we all should take to create a safer, healthier community."

CTeen of NH is a chapter of a worldwide youth network for Jewish teens, and is affiliated with the Chabad Center for Jewish Living in Manchester. To be added to the CTeen NH mailing list, please email Chanchie@ChabadofNH.com.

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with melanoma that had metastasized to his liver.

Unlike some documentaries, this one relies on the beauty of the subject himself, delving into Sacks' uncanny but loveable personality from his early days in the United States to finding love in his late seventies. Sacks, who died on August 30, 2015 at the age of 82, is remembered well here by filmmaker Ric Burns, documentarian Ken Burns' brother.

As a result of this fine documentary, Oliver Sacks can rest peacefully knowing that so many people, including the variety of prominent interviewees, have finally taken his work seriously and paid homage to his genius.

To rent this film, visit [\[theatres.org\]\(http://theatres.org\) where you will find the virtual cinema listings on the home page, including a frequently asked questions page on how to stream the titles. There are also some other great Jewish-themed films available, including *Crescendo*, which was supposed to open the 2020 NH Jewish Film Festival, *The Tobacconist*, set during the rise of the Nazis in 1938 Vienna, and another new documentary, *Herb Alpert Is...*, which traces the octogenarian trumpeter, born to Jewish immigrants in Los Angeles.](http://www.redriver-</p>
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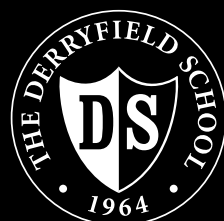
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Learn More About Hadassah

By Michele Bank

Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's organization in the United States. With over 300,000 members, associates and supporters across the country, Hadassah brings Jewish women together to effect change and advocate on critical issues such as medical care and research, women's empowerment, and the security of Israel.

Through Hadassah Medical Organization's (HMO) two hospitals, the world-renowned trauma center and the leading research facility in Jerusalem, Hadassah supports the delivery of exemplary patient care to over a million people every year. HMO serves without regard to race, religion or nationality, and earned a Nobel Peace Prize Nomination in 2005 for building "bridges to peace" through equality for medical treatment.

Hadassah has shifted to virtual programming during this seemingly unending period of isolation. They continue to offer to engage members to virtually attend many webinars via Zoom. One great website is www.hadassah.org/hadassahoncall. This website has a large collection of health videos, including topics on ALS, breast cancer, COVID-19, heart disease, infertility, kidney disease, et cetera. There is also an opportunity to engage in Zionist education discussions online. Six short films are available that will bring Israeli culture into your home. Go to <http://www.hadassah.org/belong/member-engagement.html#zionism>. Also, you can help Hadassah raise money when you shop on Amazon: Amazon Smile is an easy way for you to support Hadassah, at no cost to you. Instead of going to Amazon.com,

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The Manchester Chapter of Hadassah wishes all a happy Chanukah, as well as a safe, healthy, and happy New Year.

For additional information about Hadassah, its programs, the Manchester chapter's virtual book club, or making a donation, please contact michele.bank@gmail.com.

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New Program Will Engage Thousands of Jewish College Students in Volunteer Service

Repair the World and Hillel International Team Up to Enable Young Adults to Address Urgent Local Needs Through Service Infused with Jewish Learning

New York, NY — Repair the World and Hillel International are collaborating to mobilize thousands of college students in meaningful volunteer service and learning through the national Serve the Moment initiative. About 100 Hillel “Campus Corps Members” will serve on campuses throughout the world and recruit peers to engage in ongoing service work with local nonprofits to address urgent needs in their communities.

“Jewish college students witness inequity and racial injustice in their neighborhoods and across the country,” says Cindy Greenberg, CEO of Repair the World. “They want to create change by living out their Jewish values. These issues and social disparities have been amplified by the pandemic and the racial reckoning across the country. Together with Hillel, and with the resources of the Jewish Service Alliance (JSA), students now have the support and tools to engage and connect their Jewish values with their passion for service.”

Launched in June, the JSA is a coalition of organizations powered by Repair the World and including Hillel International, which is mobilizing tens of thousands of young people to do 100,000 acts of needed and meaningful service for COVID-19 relief, grounded in Jewish wisdom. As part of JSA’s Serve the Moment initiative, Hillel Campus Corps Members will lead service efforts addressing four key areas—hunger, education, employment, and mental health—and the program will offer training, resources, and best practices so that they

carry out this work in the most effective ways. The service work will be a combination of in-person and virtual volunteering, some episodic and some a part of time-bound national Serve the Moment campaigns. This is just the latest partnership between Repair and Hillel to strengthen and maximize service opportunities for young people.

“The Hillel Campus Corps Program is an opportunity to elevate service among Jewish college students across our entire movement,” said Adam Lehman, President and CEO of Hillel International. “In what remains a challenging period, our students are looking for ways to serve and support their local and global community alike, and through our partnership with Repair the World, Hillel will empower students to have a real and sustaining impact.”

Young adults increasingly engage in Jewish life and build community through meaningful service work combined with Jewish learning. Fifty percent of Jewish young adults have volunteered in the last year, revealing this initiative’s potential to reach a wider audience of Jewish young adults than those who are already deeply engaged in Jewish life.

Hillel will select 100 Corps Members across the 550 campuses it serves around the world. These students will engage in 10 hours of service/week, including at least three monthly service projects where they will each recruit at least 25 peers to serve. Campus Corps Members also will attend Serve the Moment learning sessions twice per month. In total these Corps Members from 100 campuses will engage at least 2,600 students in service and 5,100 acts of service and learning during this academic year.

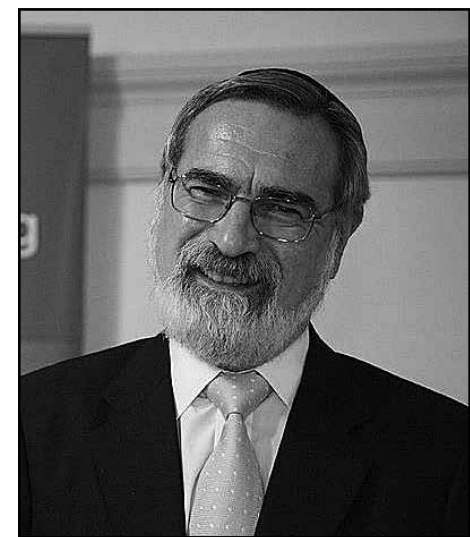


Remembering Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, 1948-2020

JFNH wishes to commemorate the life and legacy of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the former chief rabbi of the United Kingdom, who passed away on this past November 7th – a Saturday morning – from cancer, at 72 years old.

An admired figure across the world, but particularly in Europe, Rabbi Sacks was perhaps most known for his skill and focus when he delved into the philosophies of Judaism to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences alike, as he did through a regular segment on the BBC. Following his death, NPR described him as a “towering intellect of Judaism,” and while he faced several controversies as a public (and religious) figure, the cultural influence of his works—regarding philosophy and spirituality—cannot be understated.

Even though Sacks was born into an observant family, and became a rabbi in the Modern Orthodox tradition, he came to the rabbinate via a highly untraditional path: as the son of Louis Sacks, a Polish-born market trader, and Louisa, an ambulance driver, his original plan was to become an accountant. That changed following a bus tour in the U.S. during the summer of 1967, leading him down a road where he grew to become the U.K.’s chief rabbi at the young age of 42.



Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in 2006. Photo by cooperniall from England (per Wikimedia Commons).

Over his years on Earth, Sacks served as a school principal, the rabbi for several synagogues, a philosophy professor at multiple universities—and was, of course, a prolific author. Sacks was knighted in 2005, and became a frequent public speaker, both in English and Hebrew, to communities around the world. He was awarded the interfaith Templeton prize in 2016.

Rabbi Sacks is survived by his wife, his children, and three of his brothers. May his memory be a blessing.

The Establishment of Diplomatic Ties Between Sudan and Israel

JFNA welcomes the announcement that Sudan will join the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain in normalizing relations with Israel. The possibility of real and lasting peace between the Jew-

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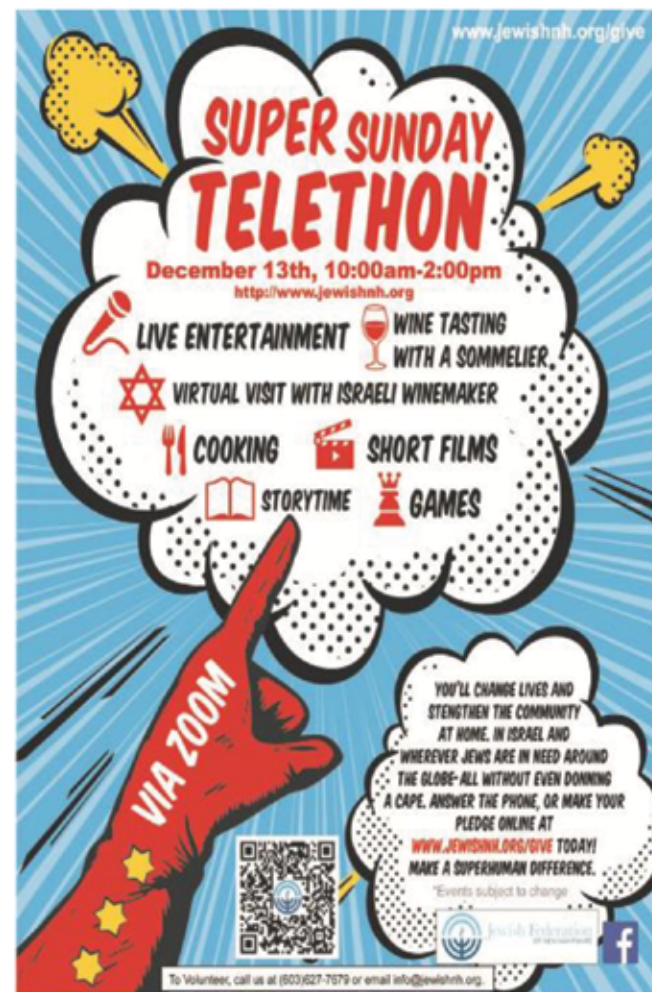
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