



## BACK TO SCHOOL

### New Year, New Campaign

By Tracy Richmond, Campaign Co-Chair

Why should you support the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire with a financial gift? Well, maybe I should start this article with why I support the Federation. How about the words that come to mind when I think about what the term “Federation” means to me and my family? I think that might be easier.

To us, Federation means community, it means children and summer camp, it means Israel, it means tradition, emotional support, and challah on a Friday night. Federation means ADL seminars and Senior Citizen lunches, it means mahjong and rugelach cookies. Federation means supporting the fight against antisemitism in our communities and teaching Holocaust education in our schools.

All of these things are what

the Federation means to me, and what I have seen JFNH committed to in the seven short years my family has lived in New Hampshire. Coming here from Newton, MA was a shock to the system in good and bad ways. The good? Well, all of you know the good! That’s why we live in NH. But the bad? I was used to being in a vibrant Jewish community. My kids went to schools that closed for the Jewish holidays, whereas in NH, they were one of only a few kids in their



Tracy Richmond, campaign co-chair, with her husband Larry and their two sons, Caleb (18) and Owen (16).

entire grades that were Jewish. I needed to find ways to keep my kids connected to our identity, and JFNH has made that possible.

But why financially support this organization when there are so many worthy causes? **Because nobody but the Jews will support the Jews!** That's the reality. There are millions of causes in the world, but if you aren't Jewish, or someone in your family isn't Jewish, **Campaign continued on page 3**

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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



August 6	7:42 PM
August 13	7:33 PM
August 20	7:22 PM
August 28	7:11 PM

## Why I Work in the Jewish Community

Why do I do what I do? After working in the Jewish community for 30 years, I have been reflecting on why I chose to do this line of work.

Four years ago, on July 4th, 2017, my brother unexpectedly called me. After a brief silence, he said, “Mom died.”

“What?” I replied, “No she didn’t. I just spoke with her.” It took him a minute to convince me that my mom, who had been at her Zumba class the night before, had experienced a massive heart attack, and had passed away earlier that morning. It was a shocker, to say the least.

The reason I share this with you is to pay tribute to my mom, and to say thanks for showing me how special it is to work in the Jewish community. As I mentioned in an earlier edition of The Reporter, I grew up in Orlando, Florida—in the pre-Disney era, which was also pre-most anything. Back then, Orlando wasn’t noted for anything in particular. It was a small



**Elyse Hyman**

**Executive Director**

community known only for its orange groves. And the Jewish community was really small, so we all knew each other. My parents, with a small group of friends, put a down payment on land for a JCC using their homes as collateral. And once the JCC was established, my mom became the membership director and the camp director. Every kid in camp called her “Aunt Lois.” Several months before she died, she told me this story about shopping in the mall. She heard someone shout, “Aunt Lois” and looked around. She saw a gentleman with two small children holding his hands. His daughters looked confused.

They didn’t have an Aunt Lois so who was this? He explained that my mom had been the camp director when he was growing up and he loved her just like family. That was her legacy and she loved it.

I followed her footsteps into my role within the Jewish community. I have thoroughly enjoyed all that I have learned and all that I am able to share. I have had amazing opportunities as well as strong challenges. I have met mentors, friends, and colleagues who have become friends. And I am always in awe of those who volunteer. They give so much of their time and energy. It reminds me of this quote that I saw on the internet, not sure who wrote it:

*Volunteers are just ordinary folks with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time, to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow and to learn. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows no limit. They’ve known the*

*unexpected joy of a simple hug. They’ve planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives. Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a lifetime.*

Although the past year left many of us unable to meet in person, I am incredibly appreciative to all those individuals who met with me via Zoom, who helped me understand the community, who introduced me to others and who welcomed me to the community. I have especially enjoyed the opportunity to get to know and work with the staff in the office—Allyson Guertin, Cheryl Gerrior, Wendy Green, and Avia Sagron. They understand the needs, and make it all happen.

So, in honor of my mom—I hope she is smiling and proud of the work I do because of her. I learned from the best. My best wishes and thanks to you, the New Hampshire Jewish community.



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Dear JFNH Community,

With sad emotions, this email is to let you know that our Executive Director, Elyse Hyman, has informed us that she has been offered a new position closer to her home in Massachusetts. She will be leaving our Federation to take that job soon, and will be available to us through the month of September. The board is currently evaluating our near-term and future programming. If needed we can adjust our programming to accommodate Elyse's departure.

Although only with us since last November, Elyse has made an exemplary progress in our programming efforts and created a course for us to follow through the next year. As the days and weeks go by, we hope to be back in touch to share our organization's future plans and needs.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us at the Federation Office.

**Ken Litvack**  
Vice Chair  
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you most likely won't take the time to support a Jewish organization. For that reason alone, our donor list is always going to be relatively small, since it's such a specific niche.

So if any of the words or initiatives

above hold a special place in your heart, please consider making a financial donation to the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. We work hard for the Jews in our state, and we really really, really can't do it without you!

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## August

### Shalom/Shalom Drive-Thru

6:00PM - 7PM

Current JFNH Shlichah Avia and incoming Shaliach Ra'anan will be traveling the state together and making stops along the way to visit with the NH community. This is your chance to say farewell to Avia and welcome Ra'anan to NH. With such a small window of time to visit an entire community, you do not need to be a member of the synagogue to participate.

Tues 8/3 Temple Adath Yeshuran, Manchester

Wed 8/4 Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

Thurs 8/5 Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Wed 8/11 Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia

Tues 8/12 Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, Bethlehem

We do ask that you select your location ahead of time so we can bring enough goodie bags for everyone!

Contact Allyson Guertin 603-627-7679 or allyson.guertin@jewishnh.org

### Sunday August 8

#### Shlichut Art Gallery and Fundraiser

11:00AM - 1:00PM Stratham, NH

Join us for a celebration of our Shlichah program. Featuring Artwork by New Hampshire Shlichah Avia Sagron. A benefit to support the JFNH Israeli Emisary Program. Enjoy Kosher Israeli/Mediterranean fare. Wish Avia well on her next journey. Meet our new Shaliach Ra'anan De-Has. Purchase a piece of Avia's beautiful artwork and bid on two original creations.

Tickets \$36/person, \$50/couple. Receive an Israel/New Hampshire pin with an additional donation of \$18. To purchase tickets please contact the JFNH office at 603-627-7679.

### Sunday August 15

#### Community Day of Music and Movement

11AM - 3PM Temple Israel Portsmouth

Community Day of Music and Movement:

Awakening the Spirit for the Jewish New Year

This participatory, family friendly event will include a variety of Jewish and secular music, yoga, chi gong. Israeli folk dancing, African drumming and some surprises. A light (individually wrapped) lunch

will be provided. Come for individual segments or the entire event. All ages welcome.

Registration is required by August 13th at 2PM.

Please go to the TIP calendar to register: <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/event/day-of-movement.html> If you can not register by computer, please register by calling the TIP office at 603-436-5301 x10. For more information please contact Tzippy Horowitz [tzipporahorowitz@gmail.com](mailto:tzipporahorowitz@gmail.com) or Deborah Levine [dlevine12@yahoo.com](mailto:dlevine12@yahoo.com) Sponsor: Temple Israel Portsmouth Arts Review Team

### Tuesday and Wednesday August 17 and 18

#### 38th Annual Gail Singer Memorial Blood Drive

9AM - 6PM

Make an appointment <http://www.gailsingermemorial.org/>

### Saturday August 21

#### Mount Washington Valley Jewish Community Road Cleaning

10AM - 1PM

Cleaning Hurricane Mountain Road in North Conway  
Contact Joan Kurtz [mwvchavurah@gmail.com](mailto:mwvchavurah@gmail.com)  
<http://www.mwvjcc.org>

### Sunday August 29

#### JFNH Annual Meeting 2021

11AM - 1PM Virtual

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## Malabi!

I'm at the JFNH office, writing my last *Reporter* column and I can't believe it's been two years since I arrived here to be your Shlichah. The best decision I made was to choose the New Hampshire Jewish community to be my home for this incredible experience.

I want to thank each and every one of you for hosting me in your homes, welcoming me into your lives, participating in my programs and being there for me in the good and in the challenging times! I definitely didn't expect to be here during a worldwide pandemic. However, as always, I chose to look at the silver lining—I learned so much about myself and about our beautiful community because of it, and it made me see the mutual care and friendship among us.

I was very lucky to go around to the different organizations across the state, to see the beauty from Bethlehem to Laconia, Manchester, Nashua, and Derry, from Hanover to Keene and Ports-



Avia Sagron

JFNH Shlichah

### SPOTLIGHT ON ISRAEL NH SHLICHAH



mouth. I learned how much effort is invested in keeping the Jewish culture and identity in every corner of NH and it amazes me repeatedly.

It was my pleasure to share my love of Israel from my point of view, to have the opportunity to speak and discuss about important and meaningful topics like the Israeli mix of cultures, the story and history of the Kibbutz, leading women



of Israel, Israeli music and its impact on the society, the Israeli National Trail, and my personal story. I never thought I would be able to speak about all of it in front of people, in a foreign language, but you always made me feel safe and comfortable and I got better and better because of it.

It was very special to be here during Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut and share these meaningful days with you, to celebrate holidays in different ways and try new dishes that I never had (hello gefilte fish, borscht, and kugel) and to make my favorite recipes with you. I experienced a different kind of culture, and enjoyed every second of it.

It brought me such joy to visit every Hebrew school, every Sunday, during the past two years. To teach about Israel and get to know so many wonderful kids that are always curious about Israel. I was very grateful to be able to bring Israel to you in so many ways, it really gave me the chance to be creative and think outside the box.

To be a Shlichah is not just a job. For me, it was my whole life in the past two years. Every day and every minute held the opportunity to have a conversation



that will change something in me, or will change something for someone else. Thank you for giving me the platform to share my art and paintings with you, which once again helped me to fulfill my dreams. I consider my time here as one of the most inspirational periods I ever had: I loved to capture places and moments in my own special way.

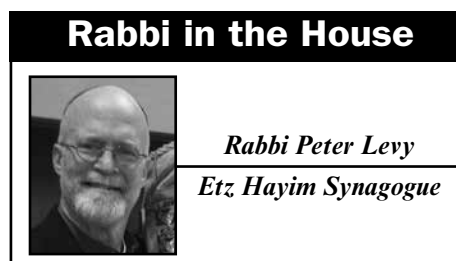
I arrived here as one person and I leave as another—a better and improved version of myself! Remember that you have a true friend in Israel. I will always be here for you.

With big love and appreciation,  
Avia

## On Deuteronomy, Memory, and Reflection

For many people, the month of August is filled with the dog days of summer. The novelty of summer has worn off and many people are putting off preparations for a return to school. But in actuality, the month of August is filled with a lot of work that demands immediate attention. Many of us clergy are still trying to figure out what we're going to say in our sermons during the Days of Awe. The fact that we are in the last four weeks before Rosh Hashanah is a rude awakening.

We are also reading the book of Deuteronomy, which reminds us of the history of our people, as recounted by Moses, culminating in the final preparation for the conquest of Canaan, the Promised Land. And in a way, that is sort of where we find ourselves now. Barring a



resurgence of the Covid virus, many are feeling that this leg of the journey is behind us. They feel that we are ready to enter a new future and leave the past behind. I hope and pray that they are right. But the real reason we read Deuteronomy every year is that we know the value of looking back and reflecting on our past so that we can learn from the challenges we faced, and the mistakes we

made. The intermediate days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not enough time for this introspection. You need to start sooner.

One of the fascinating parts about Deuteronomy is the comparison of Moses' remembrance of events as compared to the original occurrences. All too often, our memories are clouded or altered. We then have to try and remember what really happened, and what led us to alter the story in the retelling. Why in Exodus are we told to remember the Sabbath while in Deuteronomy we are told to guard it? Perhaps that is the exercise that we should be doing during the month of Elul, which begins on the evening of Sunday, August 28th. Don't be so quick to trust your memory. Google Photos re-

minds us of pictures that we have taken on any particular date in years past: when we look at those pictures, do all the correct memories come back?

Also, during the month of August, as we enter the month of Elul leading up to the High Holidays, we are commanded to sound the shofar every morning. This is our wake-up call. We take a spiritual inventory and reflect on the year that was. And on August 28th, we observe Selichot. That late evening service, when we hear those haunting melodies for the first time since last year, is our last opportunity to prepare for the High Holidays that begin so "early," in September.

On Monday night, September 6, will you be ready for these Days of Awe? You have the month of August to make sure.

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For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004.

Etz Hayim is located at 1 ½ Hood Road in Derry, NH.



### Etz Hayim Synagogue High Holiday Schedule and Registration

*Please join us! We require no tickets or reservations.*

Sat., Aug. 28	8:00 PM 9:00 PM	Selichot Program "Hummable Hits for the High Holidays" Services
Mon., Sept. 6	7:15 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Tues., Sept. 7	9:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:30 PM	Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 1) Tashlich – Hood Pond, Derry Family Service
Wed., Sept. 8	9:30 AM	Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 2)
Wed., Sept. 15	7:15 PM	Kol Nidre
Thur., Sept. 16	9:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM TBD	Yom Kippur Morning Service Discussion "Lessons Learned from Covid for our Synagogue" Family Service Afternoon Service Break Fast
Mon., Sept. 20	7:15 PM	Erev Sukkot
Fri., Sept. 24	6:00 PM	Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah
Wed., Sept. 29	9:30 AM	Simchat Torah

*We look forward to seeing you and engaging in meaningful prayer as we begin another year.*

For more information or live stream links, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004.  
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## Temple Israel Portsmouth Welcomes Tzipporah Horowitz as New Head of School/Family Programming Coordinator

By Ian Kaner

Temple Israel of Portsmouth is very excited to welcome Tzipporah Horowitz as the new Head of School / Family Programming Coordinator.

Tzipporah (Tzippy) has dedicated her professional life to creating unique Jewish experiences in a variety of settings, including USY and Camp Ramah. A current rabbinical student at the Academy for Jewish Religion in Yonkers, Tzippy has been developing JamJews, a community without walls that serves the Jewish live music community, with a focus on creating Jewish experiences at music festivals and concerts. Once the pandemic began, she transferred the entire operation online. She is now in the process of



Tzippy Horowitz, Temple Israel's New Head of School / Family Programming Coordinator

creating a recorded guitar series that delivers music education with a curriculum built around Jewish music.

Tzippy has arrived in Portsmouth! She has already begun to meet students, parents, and faculty via Zoom and looks forward to seeing you in-person at some fun outdoor programs before the summer ends. Stay tuned for more details.

A few words from Tzippy about the coming school year:

*"We have so many bright things on the horizon for Hebrew School! We plan to expand experiential learning opportunities, with a particular focus on the outdoors and*

*music. As we prepare for the coming in-person programming, I hope that you will be in touch to share your thoughts, questions, hopes, and concerns. And while many new and exciting things are on the horizon, first things first – keep an eye out for your registration invitation link and please REGISTER EARLY!"*

*B'simcha,  
Tzippy*

Tzippy can be reached at [head-ofschool@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:head-ofschool@templeisraelnh.org).

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Contact Director and Lead Teacher Tammy Roberge @ 603-436-5301 Ext. 23 or [preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org). More information is also available at [www.templeisraelnh.org](http://www.templeisraelnh.org).

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## What We Learned (and Learned about Learning) during COVID

By Cantor Marc Stober, Education Director, Temple Israel of Manchester

The 5781 (2020-2021) school year was year like no other, including here at Temple Israel Hebrew School! Because of COVID, Hebrew School was all virtual, all year. Despite the challenges of being remote, we not only learned, but we also learned about how to learn. And this is going to be reflected in our plans as Temple Israel more fully reopens for 5872 (2021-22).

Some parts of Hebrew School were familiar. We had the same teachers and used the same books (in some cases hand-delivered to students' houses at the beginning of the year). Hebrew School started at the same time on Sunday morning. Each week, the whole school began in one Zoom for *Zman Kehillah* (community time) which included songs and trivia, stories, or learning with the rabbi. One thing we



Temple Israel Manchester's Education Director Marc Stober preparing to log in to Zoom for school with his very important cup of coffee.

learned is that, even if the Internet means you can connect to people all

around the world, sometimes you still want to connect with your real-world local community—even (especially?) when you can't see them in real life. Sometimes we did use technology to connect with the rest of the world, though, such as when one of our teachers invited her sister from Israel to speak with the student.

When the pandemic began, our teachers put in extra time to give each student individual online attention. Teachers shortened Sunday classes, and, especially for our older students, began to hold individual or small group learning sessions during the week. Our students continued learning on subjects such as Bible, social justice, Hebrew, Israel, and prayer. Meeting online during the week was truly a silver lining of the pandemic. Students and teachers both enjoyed the personalized attention and valued being able to keep up even when holidays or other activities led to a lon-

ger break between Sundays.

Every year brings something new, and for 5782, we'll incorporate some of what we learned from remote Hebrew School. Temple Israel will be reopening for Hebrew School in person, following CDC and state and local guidelines. Everyone who is eligible is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Doing so is not only following medical advice: it is in keeping with our Jewish values. Plus, we will continue to use Zoom (and/or other technology) to continue offering remote, midweek learning for students in grades 5-7. It's the best of both worlds!

Temple Israel is a warm, authentic congregation and our Hebrew school program provides a strong, positive Jewish identity for our next generation. We welcome new and returning families. For more information about the program, please visit: <http://templeisraelmht.org/hebrew-school>

## TAY Religious School is Prepared for the Year Ahead

In the Mishnaic Tractate Pirke Avot we are told:

*“Joshua ben Perachya taught: Get yourself a teacher; acquire a friend to study with you.*

*When you judge people, give them the benefit of the doubt.”*

These are values that the TAY Religious School embraces, in all of our Pre-K through High School classes.

Our staff consists of dedicated and caring individuals, who are committed to teaching the next generation of Jews how to be Jewish in a complicated and challenging world. Our classes are small, allowing students to get to know everyone with whom they are studying. In New Hampshire, where some of our children may be the only Jewish child in a class or even a school, it is important for them to make connections with other Jewish students, helping them feel part of a larger whole and not isolated. Having friends with whom they can study Hebrew and a variety of Judaica subjects makes learning easier and a positive experience.

As for giving people the benefit of the doubt, our students live in a variety of different settings: home, school, sports/clubs, and the wider community. It is important for them to be able to interact not only with family and friends, but with other people as well. And so, we



Rabbi Davidson and student at the 2020 Purim Carnival.

also try to instill in our children that it is up to each of us to make the world a better place, and that we need to treat other people the way we want to be treated.

These lessons are reinforced when students enter their Bar/Bat Mitzvah year. All in our B'nai Mitzvah program are expected to do a Social Action project, in addition to leading services and reading/teaching Torah and Haftorah on the

day of their simcha.

TAY is also fortunate to have MANTY (Manchester Temple Youth) for grades 9-12, a youth group which encourages our students to remain Jewishly engaged.

The TAY Religious School curriculum is based on the URJ curriculum. We meet Sundays for Pre-K through High School, and on Tuesdays for grades 3-7. We are excited to be back in our building this coming year, enjoying classes in person and also using Zoom when appropriate. For more information, please feel free to contact Ms. Stacy Garnick, Education Director, at [edirectortay@gmail.com](mailto:edirectortay@gmail.com).



TAY President Jonathan Baron and Audrey Gallant at the 2020 Purim carnival.

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## Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ryan Rosenberg

*Submitted by Temple Adath Yeshurun*

On Sunday afternoon, June 13, 2021, at a reception at Manchester's Camp Carpenter, Ryan Rosenberg—with his proud parents at his side—stepped up to receive his prestigious Eagle Scout Award honor.

Ryan has been in Scouting since he was 10 years old, and is a very active and involved member of Manchester's Troop 106. During this time, he has earned 47 Merit Badges. Rabbi Beth helped him earn a Merit Badge in Religion. Ryan's recent Life Rank Project involved a much-needed refurbishing of the Manchester West High School Band instrument storage area. He is the 44th member in the 51-year-old Troop's history to have earned the honor of being named an Eagle Scout.

This was quite a month for Ryan. On June 8, he was awarded a Samuel Sugerman Scholarship by the Temple Adath



Yeshurun Brotherhood. He will be heading to University of Rhode Island this coming fall to study Business Finance.

Ryan, your TAY family is very proud of you, and we send our best wishes as you move forward on your path.

## Congregation Betenu Introduces New Rabbinic Intern

Congregation Betenu of Amherst, New Hampshire is delighted to announce that Giulia Fleishman will serve as Rabbinic Intern for the 2021/2022 year. Giulia will lead Betenu High Holy Day services this fall. She will be at Betenu one weekend each month from September 2021 through May 2022. Giulia will lead services on Friday evenings, will work with students at Beitenu's Religious School on Sunday mornings and will lead Sunday afternoon Adult Education classes.

Giulia has served as Rabbinic Intern at the Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center, and at Hebrew Senior Life in Boston, where she led Shabbat and Holiday Services, facilitated discussion and classes on religious themes, and provided pastoral care to residents. She is a B'nei Mitzvah and Judaica Tutor, teaching prayer



*Rabbinic Intern  
Giulia Fleishman*

and Judaica to 10–12-year-olds. She led interfaith services at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield MA., where she provided spiritual care to patients. At Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Giulia served as the sole rabbinic presence to seniors at three sites.

Giulia is entering her fifth year of study at Hebrew College Rabbinical School in Newton, MA. She previously completed the year program at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. Giulia is a graduate of New York University, with a BFA with Honors in Photography and Imaging.

We invite you to meet Giulia (virtually) on Friday evening July 16th when she will lead Betenu's Shabbat evening service via Zoom. If you are not a member of Betenu but would like to attend, please email Betenu at [betenu.org](mailto:betenu.org) or call 603-886-1633.



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# In the Community

## Building Community Through the Arts in Bethlehem Stages Eighth Season

Compiled by Eileen Regen with Notes from Program Chairs Martin Kessel, Dorothy and David Goldstone, and Gail Robinson

Season 8 of the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation's **Building Community Through the Arts** initiative offers unique August programs for music devotees, film lovers, and book enthusiasts. Though our standard precautions still must limit public gatherings, program designers have created comfortable solutions to bring audiences together to enjoy music, films, music, and the thought-provoking conversations that follow.

### Sounds in the Sanctuary Friday Concert Series Martin Kessel, Chair

The Sounds in the Sanctuary Friday Concert Series presents two more programs this year at 5:00 PM Fridays, August 13 and September 3.

For the August Sounds in the Sanctuary event, Richard Kogan will present "Mozart: The Mind and Music of a Genius" via Zoom. Following the Mozart presentation, pianist and composer Elizabeth Borowsky will appear in a live conversation with Kogan.

If conditions permit, the September performance by the Tempest Trio with Alon Goldstein, piano, Amit Peled, cello, and Ilya Kaler, violin, will be the only live performance of the season in the BHC sanctuary. If the live performance cannot take place, BHC will live-stream a special performance by the Tempest Trio. For more details and registration information, please visit our website: <https://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/sounds>.

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### The White Mountain Jewish Film Festival Dorothy and David Goldstone, Chairs

Dorothy Goldstone, creator of the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival noted, "Despite our trepidations of bringing the film festival online, we discovered a few benefits, most notably our ability to bring in White Mountain Jewish Film Festival followers from as far away as California, Arizona, or just about anywhere the Internet could take us, and open conversations with guest speakers ... We are still eager to return to the Colonial Theatre, to schmooze on the patio before the film and to have in-person discussions with our guest speakers. Last year, the film festival organizers prompted followers to watch films on their own and then tune into a thought-provoking conversation with a guest speaker."

The 2021 Film Festival Forum lineup reflects the Jewish experience all over the world. A guest speaker will lead each of the 2021 Film Forums at 7:30 PM., August 5, 19, and 26 on Zoom. In August, leading the forum for *Act of Defiance* is Professor Stephen Clingman. He will take us to South Africa to attend the trial of Nelson Mandela and nine other defendants, including the Jewish anti-apartheid fighters who faced a possible death sentence after their arrest during the summer of 1963. Attorney Hillary Schneller will lead the forum to the forefront of the women's movement and introduce one of its most brilliant

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and courageous leaders in the film *On the Basis of Sex*. For the final film forum of the season, Professor Susan Lanser will guide us to the separation wall between Israel and the occupied territory for a black comedy that leads us from the absurd to the sublime in the film *Tel Aviv on Fire*.

### Books of Jewish Interest Gail Robinson, Chair

The Books of Jewish Interest 2021 discussion group meets on Zoom. This year's selection is a diverse set of Jewish-themed books that explore the very foundation of our Jewish traditions and faith.

Participants are expected to read the book listed for each date: August 11: *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann, and August 25: *Becoming Eve* by Abby Chava Stein. Volunteer moderators are lined up for this season and we are in the process of inviting authors to join us. The book previews are found on the BHC website: <https://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/books>

If you wish to be on one or all of the Building Community Through the Arts mailing lists to receive direct mail notices and to sign up for these programs, please send us a message via our website: [www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/contact](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/contact).

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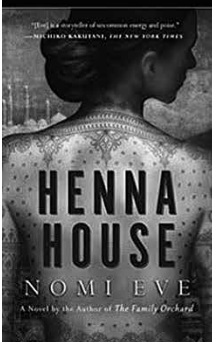
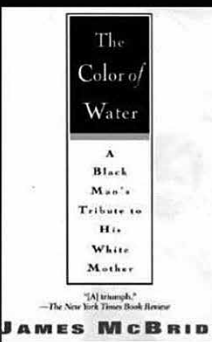
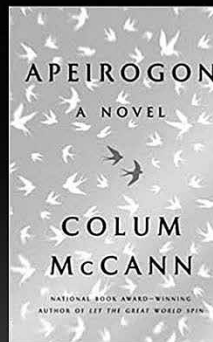
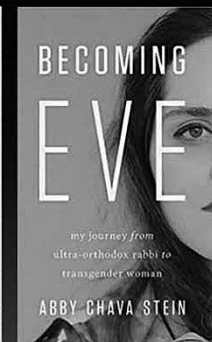
Classes are bi-monthly for our Family Pre-K program; weekly for our K-2 and twice weekly for grades 3-7.

For more information, call the synagogue office at 603-669-5650 or e-mail our Education Director, Stacy Garnick: [eddirectorTAY@gmail.com](mailto:eddirectorTAY@gmail.com)

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Aug 25	Becoming Eve	- Abby Chava Stein

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## Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia: We Care

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Temple B'nai Israel has been the heart of Jewish life in central New Hampshire for over 80 years with a strong legacy to *Tzedakah*, giving, and *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. The congregation plays a positive role in the community at large and works to integrate social action/social justice into the fabric of TBI community life. The goal is to give our members the opportunity to not only "be" Jewish, but to "do" Jewish.

In 2013 the TBI commitment to *Tikkun Olam* was expanded with the creation of the We Care committee, which has donated over \$100K to several different Lakes Region non-profit organizations through the We Care Concert series. The TBI We Care team hires the talent, contracts the venue, coordinates the logistics, creates an aggressive marketing program, and oversees the performance for each event, allowing the beneficiary to relax and enjoy the show and the rewards. The entire net proceeds of each concert are returned to the selected beneficiary for that concert.

We Care welcomes back Five O'Clock Shadow (*focs.com*), the award-winning Boston based a cappella group with a

unique and energetic style. FOCS last performed for We Care in 2019 to an enthusiastic packed house that resulted in many requests for a return performance in the Lakes Region. With that in mind, We Care has contracted for Five O'Clock Shadow to perform on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the newly renovated Colonial Theater (*coloniallaconia.com*) in Laconia. The concert will benefit The Bridge House (*tbhshelter.org*), a homeless shelter and veterans support program in Plymouth, NH.

Five O'Clock Shadow is comprised of six talented vocalists who are renowned for their harmonies and their ability to mimic musical instruments as they sing. What began as a simple a cappella group morphed into a vocal powerhouse. Their abilities take the art form of a cappella music to a new jaw-dropping level while maintaining a high level of musicality and innovation. Don't miss this chance to witness a revolutionary form of a cappella on October 23rd in Laconia. For more information visit [tbinh.org/event/we-care-focs/](http://tbinh.org/event/we-care-focs/).

We Care will continue its dedication to build bonds with their partners in the community and to make meaningful contributions to the Lakes Region, through music, song and performance.



## Community Day of Music and Movement: Awakening the Spirit for the Jewish New Year at Temple Israel Portsmouth

On Sunday Aug. 15th from 11:00am-3:00pm, Temple Israel Portsmouth will host a Community Day of Music and Movement: Awakening the Spirit for the Jewish New Year. This participatory, family friendly event will include a variety of Jewish and secular music, yoga, chi gong, Israeli folk dancing, African drumming, and some surprises. A light (individually wrapped) lunch will be provided. Come for individual segments or the entire event. All ages welcome.

Registration is required by Aug. 13th at 2pm. Please go to the TIP calendar to register. <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/calendar> If you cannot register by computer, please register by calling the TIP office at 603-436-5301



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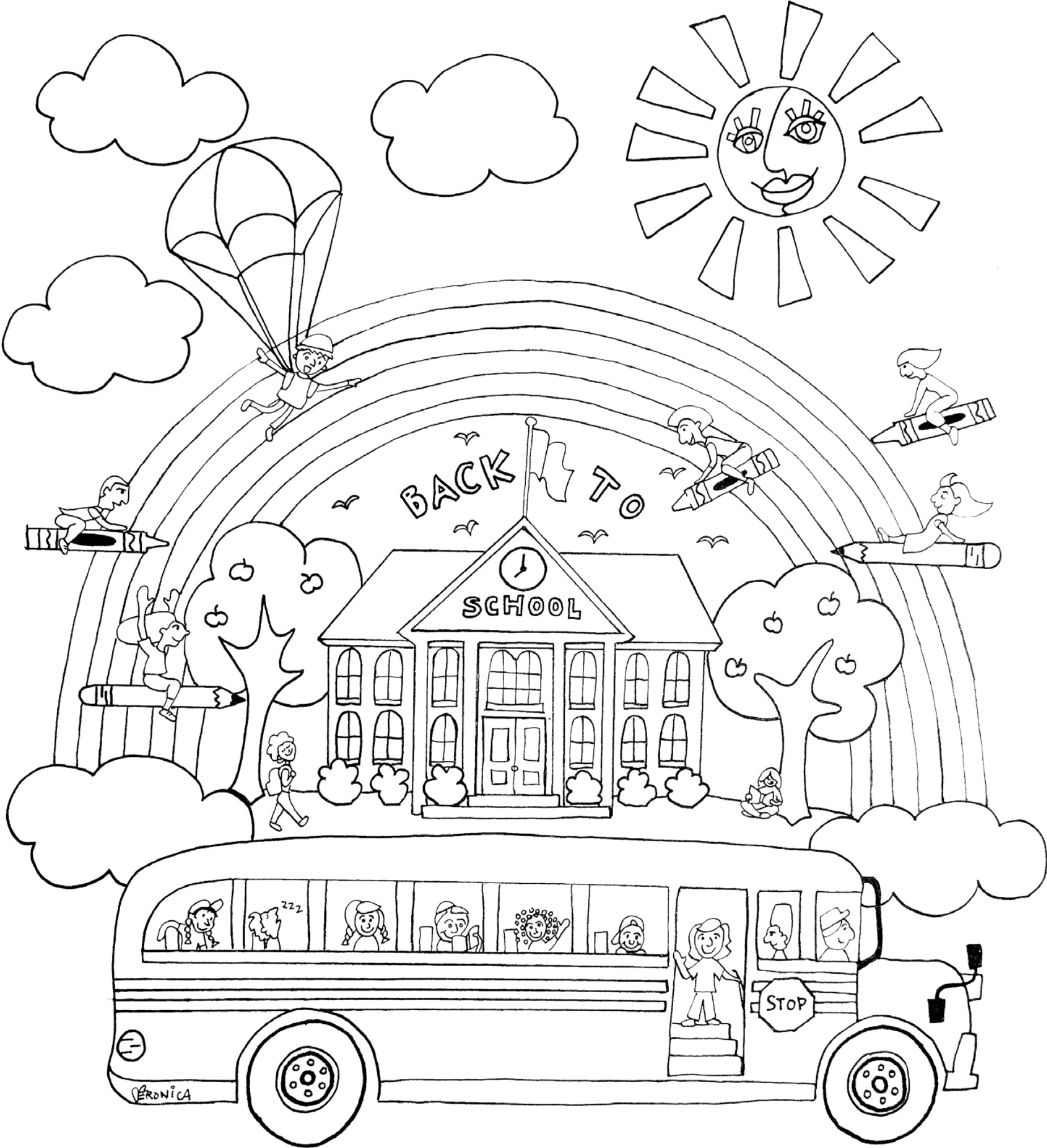


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# Kids' Corner Coloring Page



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## Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

### Hope Valley, by Haviva Ner-David

I grew up during the 1960s and early '70s sitting at family dinners with relatives who were Holocaust survivors. By high school, I was a proud Zionist and marched in New York City in an Israel Day parade chanting "Never Again." I thought my understanding of what was happening in Israel was the only story. We took pride in the strength of the Israeli army to win the 6 Day War and the Yom Kippur War. We thought the Jews were right in taking land and pushing Palestinians out all the way back to 1948.

Well, as time has gone on, and we are learning more of our history all the time, reading both nonfiction and fiction stories can offer other opinions and different interpretations of the events of Israel's history.

In *Hope Valley*, a novel set in northern Israel near the Galilee, author Haviva Ner-David explores the history of the land from both an Israeli point of view and a Palestinian perspective. Beautifully written, this novel finds a unique way of showing us both sides of the story.

We meet Tikvah, a woman who followed her Zionist dream from Long Is-

land, NY to make aliyah to Israel and marry Alon, a displaced Israeli who becomes an officer in the Israeli army. We also are introduced to Ruby, or Rabia, her Palestinian name. She was born in the settlement of Yakut al-Jalil a stone's throw away from the village her father grew up in. After the War of Independence, or as the Arabs called it the Catastrophe, her father had romanticized the area for Ruby, until she left the country to find herself and become an artist. Ruby has come home for the medical treatments she needs to fight cancer.

Tikvah, Alon and their daughter, Talya, moved to the moshav that developed after Ruby's father's family and their neighbors were evacuated from their village. Moshav Sapir is where Tikvah and Alon have come to create a safe and secure world for themselves after the tragedies and difficulties in their lives.

The two women, one Jewish Israeli and one Palestinian Israeli, seem worlds apart, but they build a friendship as they are both artists and are dealing with disease. Their accidental, casual encounter leads to a strong friendship that helps

them both. They build a connection worrying about the fragility of life and remnants of trauma. Meeting in the valley between their opposing villages at the beginning of the second intifada, they ignore the hatred on both sides. They share their personal stories and offer the reader hope that getting to know an individual can change the course of the Israeli Palestinian divide.

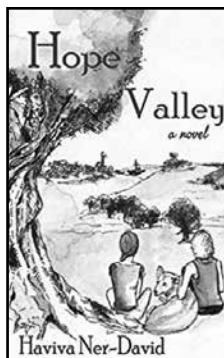
A wonderfully expressive novel written from the perspectives of three characters, Tikvah, Ruby, and Jamal (Ruby's father). We read Jamal's diary to give us the background story to the history of the Jewish Palestinian interactions that leads to Tikvah and Ruby's friendship. With incredible quotes like, "Open your mouth only if what you are going to say is more beautiful than silence." What a perfect concept.

Another theory to contemplate is Ruby explaining to Tikvah, "It's when you stop trying to swim against the current and just let it carry you, instead. It's about learning to surrender to the flow instead of trying to grab on to rocks along the way. Because in the end, you won't be able to hold on forever. Rocks are slippery, and no one has endless strength. Nothing is permanent."

Haviva Ner David's characters find

their way into the reader's heart. Each of the women seems to really believe in their versions of the history of the area, and it takes the love that is developing between them to keep them open to seeing that maybe the other person's story may have some credibility. This can give the reader hope that there is hope for the future of Israel to reach peace someday with the Palestinians, if everyone can just really hear what the other side is saying and want to make peace.

Rabbi Dr. Haviva Ner-David is a rabbi and writer. She is the rabbinic founder of Shmaya: A Mikveh for Mind, Body, and Soul, the only mikveh in Israel open to all to immerse as they choose. She is the author of two spiritual journey memoirs: *Chanah's Voice: A Rabbi Wrestles with Gender, Commandment, and the Women's Rituals of Baking, Bathing, and Brightening*, and *Life on the Fringes: A Feminist Journey Towards Traditional Rabbinic Ordination*, which was a runner-up for the National Jewish Book Council Awards. Ordained as both a rabbi and an inter-faith minister, certified as a spiritual counselor (with a specialty in dream work), she also has a doctorate on mikveh from Bar Ilan University. She lives on Kibbutz Hannaton with her husband and seven children.



## Film Review

By Zach Camenker

### Chai Flicks, for admirers of Jewish and Israeli films and television

If you're like me and have begun to switch your TV services to an entirely streaming-based platform, then you'll love the fact that Chai Flicks, a streaming service designed for admirers of Jewish and Israeli films and television shows, is available on multiple smart devices.

Chai Flicks was launched about a year ago by the duo behind Menemsha Films, a Jewish-themed distributor that has produced many of the films we have screened over the years at the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. It is currently available for a 7-day free trial and then at the low cost of \$5.99 a month or \$49.50 for the year.

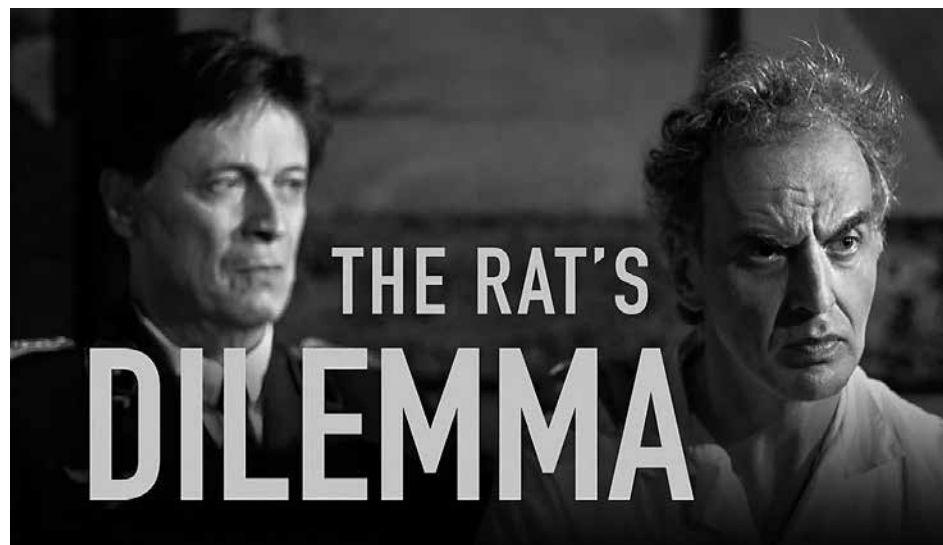
If you do not have access to Chai Flicks but are an Amazon Prime subscriber, you'll be happy to know that



many of the titles are available on Prime by typing "Menemsha Films" into the search bar. One perk of Chai Flicks, however, is the access to short films which are not as readily available on other platforms. If you're

a fan of shorts like I am, then Chai Flicks is definitely for you! I watched an Israeli short called *The Rat's Dilemma* and a documentary short called *Joe's Violin*.

*The Rat's Dilemma* blends styles and genres to tell the intriguing story of a Jewish physicist named Rudolph who is tasked with building a teleporter for the Nazis during the Holocaust. A sobering and amusing mix of historical and science fiction, the film runs at just 11 minutes but focuses intently on provocative themes and ideas that make us



*The Rat's Dilemma* (2014)

question humanity. As Rudolph works alongside his Nazi supervisor, who suspects he is hiding something, he truly

faces a major challenge that leaves the audience wondering the outcome.

*Film Review* continued on page 17



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## Film Review *continued from page 15*

One thing I love about documentary shorts is that despite their brevity, they still inform and educate audiences on fascinating subjects. The 2016 piece *Joe's Violin*, which was nominated for an Oscar for Best Documentary short, does just that in its 24 minute running time. A beautiful story about Joseph Feingold, a nonagenarian Holocaust survivor living in New York, *Joe's Violin* initially traces Feingold's backstory and love of music throughout his life. Juxtaposed alongside this thread is Joe's philanthropic effort to donate his beloved violin to a 12-year-old girl in the Bronx who is attending a music school. Despite having lost so much in the horrors of the Holocaust, Joe exudes love and pride, which is clear in the relationship he develops with the students at the Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls, the recipients of his kind act.

Joe, who died last April at the age of 98, leaves quite a mark on both the audience and his beneficiaries. This feel-good short is just right for any age.



*Joe's Violin* (2016)

The documentary film that I watched this month, which is readily available on both Amazon Prime and Chai Flicks, is *Welcome to Kutsher's: The Last Catskills Resort*. This informative piece tells the story of the last of the many Jewish resorts in the Catskills region of New York. A place where family, friends, and food intersected to form life-long bonds, Kutsher's was a destination for the New York Jewish community for over 100 years until it was sold to a wellness center in 2013. If you're a fan of Amazon's *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, as I am, then you'll delight in seeing the Catskills come to

life through the film's "cinema verite" style. Just as the Maisel and Weissman families portray in their trips to the Catskills, this documentary focuses intently on the culture, athletics, and dining that these resorts brought each year to their guests. What drew me in to the documentary was just how enamored the supporters of Kutsher's were with the resort and that it had year-round activities including ice skating and skiing, something that *Mrs. Maisel* does not depict. Additionally, the Kutsher family, who are interviewed throughout and display a steadfast passion for their resort, add another layer to the story of how the Catskills brought so much joy to so many.

Something I did not know was that these resorts in the Catskills were born out of a need for accessible clubs for Jews, who were often restricted from places in their own local communities. Given that, it's amazing to see what Jewish families like the Kutshers were

able to accomplish! Their resort became a destination for athletes and comedians alike, including Maurice Stokes and Danny Kaye, and a beacon of hope for all who frequented it.

As much as Kutsher's was born out of a need for something, that need ultimately faded over the years as big casinos dominated and Jews began leaving New York for other areas throughout the United States. Despite a strong desire to continue with the resort, the family eventually saw their collapse as imminent and their business as unsustainable. This documentary, which traces the history of their rise and the end of an era, beautifully captures what this resort did for so many families, all the while educating and informing in a way that only documentaries can.

I hope you are eager to check out Chai Flicks or at least watch this documentary on Prime and look forward to my next set of movie reviews, which will be featured in September and focus on a feature comedy and drama. While we wait for our next Festival, why not keep engaged in the best Jewish content out there? Happy viewing as always!

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## Hadassah Responds to the Surfside, Miami Tragedy

By Michele Bank



On June 16, 2021, Shirley Pinto was sworn into the Israeli parliament, marking her place in history as the first deaf member of the Knesset. Pinto, a longtime activist for the rights of people with disabilities, swore in using sign language. Image Credit: Wikipedia, Shirley Pinto

In national Hadassah news, Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. (HWZOA), National President Rhoda Smolow and Executive Director/CEO Janice Weinman released a statement after the condominium collapse in Surfside, Miami. It stated in part: "As an organization dedicated to healing the world, Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., sends its support and sympathy to the families impacted by the tragic condominium collapse in Surfside, Miami. Our prayers go to those injured, and we extend our hope for a speedy recovery. Our sincerest condolences to those who have lost loved ones. May their memory be for a blessing!"

In the wake of the terrible tragedy of the Surfside, Florida condo collapse, the Hadassah community, across Zoomland, joined together on July 9, for an online prayer service. We are all united, we are one people.

To support Hadassah's Surfside Rescue Fund (though now it is recovery), you can go to Hadassah's website, Hadassah.org and click on the box, "Greatest Need." To mail in your donation payment, please send a check with "Surfside Rescue Fund" in the note field, payable to: Hadassah Attn: Donor Services, PO Box 1100, New York, NY 10268-1100.

In international news, research conducted at Hadassah Medical Organization's Department of Geriatric Rehabilitation and the Center for Palliative Care, findings concluded that optimism leads to greater longevity for adults older than 85 and even those older than 90. *The Journals of Gerontology* report on these findings stated: "In their Jerusalem Longitudinal Study (1990-2020), the researchers assessed five-year mortality among a representative community sample of individuals born in 1920 and 1921. They measured the cohort's overall optimism at both age 85 and age 90 using a validated seven-item score from

the Scale of Subjective Wellbeing for Older Persons. The four questions concerning positive future expectations (Op-Future) and three questions concerning positive experiences (Op-Happy) were also analyzed separately.

The researchers adjusted for gender, financial difficulty, marital status, educational status, dependence in performing activities of daily living, physical activity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, ischemic heart disease, cognitive impairment and depression. Whether adjusted or unadjusted in terms of these circumstances, the researchers report, "All measures of optimism were significantly associated with improved five-year survival from age 85 to 90 and from 90 to 95." In addition, they note, men were "significantly more optimistic than females."

The authors conclude, "These findings support the hypothesis that being optimistic continues to confer a survival benefit irrespective of advancing age."

## Israel: Do You Know?

### SPOTLIGHT ON ISRAEL



By Linda Gerson

- The modern state of Israel has been a nation of the Jewish people since 1948.
- Geographically, Israel is located on the Asian continent.
- Israel is about the size of the US state of New Jersey.
- The capital of the Jewish state is Jerusalem. Jerusalem is a holy city for three religions: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.
- Israel is a long wedge of land. It is as narrow as 10 miles (26 km) in some areas and no wider than 70 miles (181 km) in others.
- In 2012, Israel became the first country to ban underweight models. They also required advertisers to identify pictures with photoshopped people.
- Israeli banknotes have Braille markings on them.

- The Java platform inside Amazon's best-selling Kindle was developed in Israel.
- The popular traffic app WAZE was developed in Israel.
- Quicktionary, a portable electronic pen that can scan and translate printed text was invented in Israel.
- The small but hardy cherry tomato was developed in Israel in the 1970s.
- Pet lovers in Israel created the first-ever US cable channel for dogs, DogTV. It is scientifically programmed to keep dogs entertained and comforted while they are home alone.
- The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth. The first beauty spa established at the Dead Sea was via Egypt's Queen Cleopatra, who bathed in its waters.
- The oldest tree in Israel is a jujube tree in Ein Hatzeva on the road to Eilat, which is thought to be between 1,500 to 2,000 years old.
- The Israel Postal service has a special Letters to God department, for all the letters arriving in Jerusalem from around the world addressed to God. They are opened and placed into the cracks of the Western Wall.



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## Repair the World Announces Expansion to Align with Program Priorities, Organizational Growth, and Unprecedented Opportunities for Jewish Service Movement

*New York* – Repair the World, a Jewish non-profit that mobilizes Jews and their communities to take action to pursue a just world, igniting a lifelong commitment to service, today announced program priorities for the coming year, along with realignment and growth of its professional team reflecting the expansion and additional strategic opportunities. A recent \$7 million gift from MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett to Repair the World will help grow its work to an unprecedented scale as many American Jews say that working for justice and equality is essential to being Jewish.

“In the wake of the pandemic, volunteers stepped up boldly to serve their communities in incredibly meaningful ways. As we enter this moment following the pandemic, we believe the Jewish community is entering a transformed ‘Service Era’ where they are building on the support and continued strengthening of their communities demonstrated last year by so many,” said Cindy Greenberg, President and CEO of Repair the World. “We are excited that Repair’s expansion can further build thriving Jewish life and meaningful social change through service infused with Jewish values and learning.”

Repair the World reached over 17,000 volunteers who contributed over 100,000 hours of service and learning to nonprofit partners across the country between August 2020-April 2021, thanks in part to last year’s launch of Serve the Moment powered by Repair the World in

partnership with 44 coalition organizations. Repair is now positioned to expand these and other meaningful service efforts. Key pieces of the alignment to the organizational growth and adaptive strategy include:

- **Mobilizing through direct programming**
  - Building a local presence in the 20 communities (currently operating in 13 communities) with the largest population of Jewish young adults
  - Curating a menu of program options for local communities (full-time Fellowship, part-time Service Corps, episodic service)
- **Catalyzing through national partnerships & field activation**
  - Strengthening customized partnerships with the largest national Jewish engagement organizations to engage their participants in meaningful service and Jewish learning
- **Inspiring through national service campaigns**
  - Facilitating issue-area based campaigns grounded in Jewish wisdom to promote and catalyze service
  - Digitally engaging with audiences to activate the field to lead to acts of service and learning

Repair the World will invest in its Jewish educational strategy by further centering Jewish learning in all of its service opportunities. Repair the World will also continue to prioritize its racial justice and equity commitments, rooted in solidarity and responsibility to amplify the

voices of marginalized communities and offer support to those communities.

To help achieve these new goals and expanded program offerings, Repair realigned its current senior strategic executive team to include:

- **President & CEO** | Cindy Greenberg (she/her) - Will continue as President & CEO of Repair; Cindy was the founding executive director of Repair’s NYC program. Previously, she was the executive director of NYU’s Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life.
- **Chief Strategy Officer** | Kate O’Bannon (she/her) - Has led Repair’s growth over the last few years and most recently served as senior director of strategy. Prior to joining Repair, Kate worked at the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies.
- **Chief Program Officer** | Jordan Fruchtman (he/him) - Most recently senior director of Jewish Service Alliance and helped launch Serve the Moment; prior to joining Repair, Jordan served as the Chief Program Officer for Moishe House.
- **Senior Director of Finance** | Neeraj Nagpal (he/him) - Has 15 years of experience leading complex finance functions for nonprofits, including Habitat for Humanity, NEO Philanthropy, and Amnesty International.
- **Senior Director of Jewish Education** | Rabbi Jessy Dressin (she/her) - Worked as a community rabbi in Baltimore, MD, for ten years, most recently as

Baltimore Repair’s executive director; received a Covenant Foundation 2020 Pomegranate Award and was named as one of The Forward’s “Most Inspiring Rabbis” in 2016.

- **Senior Director of Mobilize** | Zack Block (he/him) - Worked many years for large public accounting firms and as a long-time board member of the Hillel JUC in Pittsburgh, Zack was instrumental in building and sustaining J’burgh, Pittsburgh’s social and professional network for Jewish graduate students and young professionals. He now leads the mobilization strategies at Repair the World.
- **Senior Director of Philanthropy** | Wendy Rhein (she/her) - Was chief of staff of world food program, and previously was with UNICEF and Points of Light; has been development consultant for the last two years with Repair and is now joining the team full time.

Repair the World also seeks to add the role of Chief Operating Officer and is looking to fill the existing role of Senior Racial Justice Advisor.

*Repair the World mobilizes Jews and their communities to take action to pursue a just world, igniting a lifelong commitment to service. We believe service in support of social change is vital to a flourishing Jewish community and an inspired Jewish life. By 2030, Repair will inspire and catalyze one million acts of service towards repairing the world.*

## OneTable Launches PAUSE Episode 10 with Tiffany Shlain: Unplug to Pause

July 14, 2021 – OneTable, an organization that empowers people in their 20s and 30s to envision new rituals and build community through Shabbat dinner, released the new PAUSE episode in their 12-month video series. Focusing on the ideas of slowing down and unplugging as a way to rebel against the endless requirements of our modern, fast-paced world, the video is an invitation to unplug and restore. This episode is in collaboration with Tiffany Shlain & The Let It Ripple Studio, with appearances from Tan France, Beanie Feldstein, Jake Cohen, Shoshana Bean, Raviv Ullman, Shakina Nayfack, Ari Shapiro, and Tiffany Harris.

### About the episode:

“Going offline one day a week feels like an epiphany, a radical act of protection against the always-on always-available world.” — **Tiffany Shlain**

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We sat down with some of our favorite folks across industries to talk about the idea of habitually unplugging from our weekly grind (AND from technology!) to give ourselves space to truly be present. Say it with us: rest. is. good.

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*Produced by Adam Kantor, Tiffany Shlain, and Sawyer Steele.*

**About the PAUSE series:** OneTable’s 12-month PAUSE series is produced by Emmy, Grammy, and Outer Critics Circle award winner Adam Kantor. On the first Friday of each month, PAUSE highlights creators while providing rich discussion regarding the perks of making the effort to #takeaPAUSE. With talent like Beanie Feldstein, Tan France, Shoshana Bean, Ari Shapiro, Roxane Gay, Daniel Watts & more, PAUSE asks and answers the question: What can we gain from taking a PAUSE? Catch all the episodes at [onetable.org/pause](http://onetable.org/pause).

**About OneTable:** OneTable empowers people who don’t yet have a consistent Shabbat dinner practice to build one that feels authentic, sustainable, and valuable. OneTable is a national nonprofit funded to support people (21-39ish) looking to find and share this powerful experience. We envision a whole generation of slowing down, joining together, unplugging from the week, creating intention in their lives, and building meaningful communities. [onetable.org](http://onetable.org)

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## Sidney Regen

Colonel Sidney Regen (retired), of Sugar Hill, NH, passed away on April 21, 2021. He leaves behind his wife Eileen, their three sons, Michael, David and Scott, and six grandchildren.

Colonel Regen was brought up in Brooklyn and Queens, New York where he attended P.S. 244, 265 and 256. He also attended Jamaica High School where he was a varsity cross country runner, as well as a varsity baseball regular. He also played semi-pro baseball in Patterson, New Jersey. After graduation, he attended the University of Miami for the next two years, majoring in architecture. He then followed with a year of attendance at Fairleigh Dickenson University night school, while working daytimes as an electrical mechanical draftsman for American Car and Foundry's Avion Division. He subsequently enrolled in Ohio University, College of Fine Arts, School of Architecture and graduated in 1959. While at Ohio University he joined Phi Sigma Delta fraternity and met the love of his life—and future wife—Eileen Gaines.



Following graduation, Colonel Regen worked as an architect for a firm in Poughkeepsie, NY, until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in August. He attended basic and advanced training at Ft. Dix, NJ, and then was assigned to Trois Fontaines Ammunition Depot, France. After a short stint at Trois Fontaines, he was transferred to the 32nd Engineer Group, Verdun, France, where he worked as an engineering draftsman. While there he was selected as the Group Soldier of the Quarter. This is when he applied for and received a commission as a second lieutenant. Upon returning to the

states, he joined a Jersey City, NJ, Army Reserve Engineer Battalion. Soon, he relocated to the Washington, D.C. area where he was assigned to various Army Reserve units over his 37-year military career. He retired as a full colonel in 1996.

In his civilian capacity he worked as an architect and civil engineer for the Federal Housing Administration and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Washington D.C. as a Program/Project Manager. He was later assigned to the field office of the Officer in Charge of Construction in Bangkok, Thailand. Other overseas assignments followed in Vietnam, Israel, and Germany. While working for the U. S. Air Forces in Europe as a Civil Engineer at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Colonel Regen was awarded the Air Force Design Excellence Award in a 1996 competition.

When Colonel Regen retired from his civil service position he moved to Sugar Hill, NH, where he volunteered his design and engineering services for the programming, design, and construction of the new Profile High School. He served as a member of the Sugar Hill Planning Board for over 10 years, and he was also very active in the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation in Bethlehem, NH, where he served as treasurer over an eleven-year period. He received the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Shem Tov award in 2018 for outstanding service to New Hampshire's Jewish community.

Burial was at Judean Memorial Gardens, Olney, Maryland. A memorial service date will be set for later this year.

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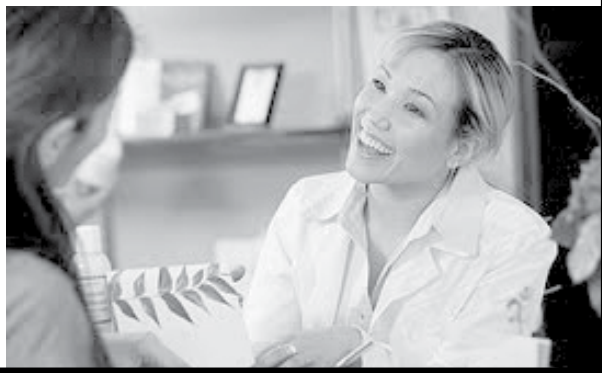
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