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BACK TO SCHOOL



Rabbi Beth from Temple Adath Yeshurun led a fun morning of songs and stories during the JFNH's Early Education Initiatives June Tot Shabbat Hop!



The first session of Israeli Current Events led by JFNH Shaliach Ra'anana de-Haas was a success with 9 participants and lots of interesting conversation.



The JFNH Seniors Forever Young created wonderful egg carton wind chimes during Crafternoon in the JFNH Community Room.



The JFNH Seniors Forever Young enjoyed watching Gentleman's Agreement during an afternoon movie and popcorn in the JFNH Community Room.

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By Judith Jolton

Growing up, United Jewish Appeal—or Jewish Federation—meant very little to me. My hometown of Gadsden, Alabama had one synagogue, and that was the site of the worst attack on a US temple prior to the Pittsburgh shooting. It impacted my life and made me realize the importance of Jewish community.



Judith Jolton

To me, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is about tzedakah, the giving of time, commitment, and heart, to build pro-

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gramming to enrich and embolden our Jewish community. Judaism is more than a religion: it is a way of life. When I moved here 42 years ago, the Jewish Federation of Manchester and Bedford communities, not the statewide Jewish Federation of New Hampshire it is today. During that time, I have not only watched, but participated, in seeing the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire establish our Shlichah program, PJ Library, the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, Momentum, and Seniors Forever Young, which gives senior citizens the opportunity to attend Jewish programming. Federation also provides programming grants to our local temples, camperships, as well as being a source


of information through *The NH Jewish Reporter* and other community programs.

Each year, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire embarks upon a massive campaign to fulfill the needs of a budget that is put together and approved by your Board of Directors. These are the policy makers of Federation, and they rely on the input and giving of community members to make our dreams a reality. The 2022-2023 Annual Campaign, which begins after the High Holy Days, is the central fundraising mechanism and centerpiece of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. Our principles have grown more sophisticated in fundraising as our campaign continues to increase, looking to the

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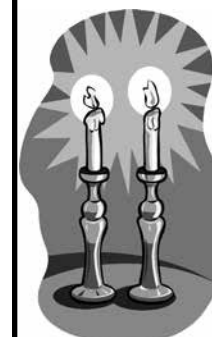
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



August 5	7:44 PM
August 12	7:34 PM
August 19	7:24 PM
August 26	7:13 PM

Tzedakah

How often do you think about tzedakah, and what it means to give tzedakah?

Tzedakah is a mitzvah. The mitzvah of Tzedakah is to sustain the Jewish people, to enhance the Jewish life and to strengthen the Jewish community for today and the future. As a child, my grandmother always taught me, “You can’t take it with you when you leave.” She truly understood that the only thing we can take with us when we leave the earth is what we have given away! And now as a mother, just as I teach my son to share, I must also teach him that sharing goes beyond his toys or snacks. We all have a responsibility to care for other Jews in need.

My husband and I give to lots of organizations – the animal shelter we adopted our cats from, the Council my son is a boy scout through, and cancer research, just to name a few. But it’s to organizations like my local synagogue, college Hillels, PJ Library, Momentum, and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire where my tzedakah goes. As a Jewish person it is my responsibility to support the Jewish community, to ensure a future of Jewish opportunities for connection and strength, learning and growth. Because even though we are passionate about all of the organizations we support, we have a commit-

Allyson Guertin

**JFNH
Director**



ment to support the Jewish ones for future generations. If we as a Jewish family don’t support our own Jewish organizations, who will?

As a statewide Jewish organization, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is committed to promoting Jewish continuity by enhancing and expanding a vibrant and connected Jewish community in New Hampshire, Israel, and around the world. In the past year JFNH has sent mothers to Israel, children to Jewish sleepaway camp for the first time, we’ve advocated for Holocaust education, given funding to synagogue Hebrew Schools, ensured a dying man received the Jewish burial he deserved, and so much more. JFNH is dedicated to keeping Jewish life in NH, now and in the future.

The mitzvah of tzedakah is to sustain the Jewish people. When choosing where your tzedakah should go, I hope you will consider JFNH and its longtime commitment to our wonderful Jewish NH.

Sneakers, Backpacks and Books

Back to school already? Wait, what? As I’m writing this it’s barely July. This summer is flying. My kids are away at Camp Grandparents in Vermont. I’m luxuriating in the silence, the complete lack of “mommy mommy mommy” and the incessant demands for snacks (I am missing the cuddles a bit, though). It’s the perfect opportunity to clean my house, go through my lists and start getting organized for the fall. Or to marathon my favorite TV shows. After all, PJ Library has done some of my list-making for me, with the “Back to School” preparedness guide on their website. I think my favorite tip from the PJ Library guide is this:

Talk about it

Let’s face it, going back to school can bring out anxiety in both kids and parents. It’s important to maintain a positive attitude about school around your child. If he or she is feeling anxious, directly address that anxiety, together. Don’t avoid the topic of school all together.

I’m lucky to have two kids who generally like school. Particularly lunch and recess. Kira’s also enamored by reading lately – I charge her Kindle more than I charge my own. Both kids will likely need new sweaters, coats, backpacks, and sneakers, all labeled and ready for the lost-and-found. We’ve got school snacks down pretty well, but we could definitely do with better morning routine, more organization and a functional homework station.

My son Cayden begins Kindergarten this year. He’ll be going off to “the big school” with his older sister, Kira, a rising third grader. She’s prepped him well, and he’s met most of the teachers. He seems



Dinah Berch

**JFNH
Program
Coordinator**



more excited than anxious, but school is still a far-off dream rather than the crushing reality it’ll be in a little over a month. I’m hoping that the friendly faces of Sammy Spider and Avi the Ambulance, characters from two of our favorite PJ Library book series, might help him. Check out *Avi the Ambulance Goes to School* by Claudia Carlson and *Sammy Spider’s First Day of School* by Sylvia Rouss.

For slightly older kids, difficult topics sometimes come up – like being Jewish at a public school. The book *My Name is Aviva*, by Lesléa Newman, tackles this subject along with name-calling and bullying. Another great book is *Signs in the Well* by Shoham Smith, which teaches that it’s never too late to learn. We have a few more years before Kira will need *How to Survive Middle School*, a PJ Our Way selection by Donna Gephart.

Cayden will also be starting Hebrew School this year at Temple Israel in Portsmouth. Kira’s dutifully been practicing the *alef-bet* with him. Did you know that Israeli kids learn a different tune for the Hebrew alphabet? Our Shaliach Ra’anan recently sang for Kira – watch our Facebook page for the video! The best part of “back to school” for me was always seeing my friends – both in Hebrew School and Public School. But why wait until then? Join us for a special Shabbat in the Park event in Merrimack on August 5th! Sign up through the jewishnh.org community calendar. Hope to see you there!

JFNH Board Spotlight: Board Member of the Month

Meet Kerry Hansen from Dover, New Hampshire.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I am a nurse and a social worker coming up on over 40 years in the fields of mental health and addiction medicine. Wow! I live in the same house I grew up in with my husband, two cats, and a dog.

Why did you join the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board of Directors?

I joined The JFNH Board of Directors because I want to give back and serve the



Kerry Hansen

community.

How long have you been a Board Member with JFNH?

I joined the board in 2020.

What committee(s) do you currently volunteer on?

I am currently on the Social Services Committee. I feel like social action is in my blood.

What do you love most about JFNH?

What I love most about JFNH is the community, the learning, and the willingness to assist others. I feel as if I have grown as a person.

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greater good of the community. Myself, Ken Litvack, and Tracy Richmond, are excited to be co-chairing our fundraising campaign this year and are looking for everyone’s support.

If you have given in previous years, I

thank you and ask that you continue your support. If you haven’t, I hope you will see the good we are doing and will continue to do with your donation. It is our goal to top the 2021-2022 campaign dollars. The more you put into our Federation, personally and financially, the more beneficial it will be to all of us.

United Against Hate in New Hampshire

Over the first few weeks of July, many New Hampshire communities have been targeted with antisemitic flyers left on the lawns of residents living there.

The local authorities, FBI and ADL have all been notified and are working to get ahead of any future situations. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire has been in touch with both the FBI and ADL regarding the situation and will continue to work closely with them as they continue to work this and any future antisemitic reports in our state. It’s important all incidences are reported. If your property is targeted, please reach out to the FBI, and ADL to report the incident.

Antisemitism has a long and ugly history in the world, in this country, and more recently in our state. Although we are saddened and angered that certain groups feel the need to express their hatred in such a public way. We must stand steadfastly against it and against all other forms of racism, discrimination, and intolerance.

Our Jewish community and so much of our New Hampshire community stand unified and continue to fight against hate and intolerance.

L’Shalom,

Allyson Guertin, Director

Ken Litvack, Chair

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Statewide Calendar of Events

DISCLAIMER: Events are submitted weeks in advance of publication, and are subject to change, particularly during the pandemic. For information on format changes, rescheduling, and so on, please contact the event's host.

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, August 4

White Mountain Jewish Film Festival presents:

Tiger Within

6PM – 7PM, Colonial Theatre, 2050 Main Street Bethlehem, NH

General Admission \$10

BHC, JFNH & Colonial Members \$9

6:00 PM Patio Social Hour – Complimentary

Refreshments

6:30 PM Guest Speaker

7:00 PM Film (Followed by Q & A with Guest Speaker)

A young punk who thinks she knows it all. An old man who knows he doesn't. They strike up a conversation. It becomes life changing. A deepening knowledge occurs as she walks the streets of LA. He is a Holocaust survivor; she a massage-parlor worker on the run and a Holocaust denier, though he doesn't hold any of that against her. Newcomer 14-year-old Margot Josefsohn plays angry but stunningly naïve Casey, living from hand to mouth on the streets of LA fending off the frightening advances of men, having nowhere to go. She trusts no one. Samuel played by the sublime (multiple Emmy Award-winning Ed Asner) trusts only a few. The two form an unexpected friendship, which gradually blossoms into a new family unit – him providing her the support and guidance that was lacking in her life, and her offering him the glimpse of the fatherhood that was torn from him many years prior. A redemptive story about the power of forgiveness and unconditional love to transform lives and overcome ignorance, fear and hate...Gerri Miller Jewish Journal

Guest Speaker Larry Hott, Florentine Films/Hott Productions, has produced over twenty-five major documentaries for PBS and national broadcast. His awards include an E., y, tow Academy Award nominations, a George Foster Peabody Award, The DuPont-Columbia Journalism Award, the Erik Barnouw Award, Hott was the Fulbright Fellow in

Film and Television in the United Kingdom in 1994 and Fulbright Specialist in Vietnam in 2015. His recent films include "The Was of 1812." "Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America." And "The Warrior Tradition." He is now producing and directing "The Niagara Movement: A Mighty Current of Protest" for national PBS broadcasting next year. To register: <https://tickets.catamountarts.org/categories/bethlehem%20hebrew%20congregation> For more information visit <https://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/film-series-2022>

Friday, August 5

Betenu Shabbat Evening Service

7:30PM – 8:45PM, Congregation Betenu, Amherst, NH and via Zoom

Come welcome Rabbi Naomi Gurt Lind to Betenu as she leads Evening Shabbat services.

Please contact our office for Zoom link, Sheryl Liberman 603-886-1633, office@betenu.org <http://betenu.org>

Saturday, August 6

Tisha b'Av Gathering: Confronting Loss on the Path to Hope

8:30PM – 10:00PM Temple Israel Portsmouth Please join us in Portsmouth for a Tisha b'Av Gathering on Saturday, August 6, at 8:30PM in the Temple Israel courtyard (or indoors in case of rain). At Tisha b'Av, we recall the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and we grieve for the many losses endured by the Jewish people throughout the ages. The destruction of the Temple also represents a rupture between G-d and the people and between people and one another.

After we usher out Shabbat with Havdalah, led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, we will join in songs and readings, including chanting and reading of the traditional verses of Lamentations as we acknowledge both ancient and contemporary "destructions." We will begin our collective path forward by placing our stones on the Hands of Hope sculpture and end the evening by taking other stones home with us to inscribe with messages of hope. Register at <http://www.templeisraelnh.org> for updates. Bring a flashlight or cell phone, a rock, or stone to leave, and a blanket or chair to sit on. For more information contact templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org or call 603-436-5301

Thursday, August 12

BHC Concert Series: Richard Kogan

5:00PM – 7:00PM, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation in the Sanctuary

Dr. Richard Kogan's programs combine exquisite musicianship with psychological insights. This year's

program from his series "The Mind and Music of Famous Composers" will be: Ragtime: The Mind and Music of Scott Joplin.

To register: <https://tickets.catamountarts.org/categories/bethlehem%20hebrew%20congregation%20concert%20series> Sponsor: Consulate General of Israel to New England

Sunday, July 24

Popsicles on the Playground - Portsmouth

10:00AM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

PJ Library is teaming up with the Early Learning Center for a morning of fun on the playground! We invite families with children ages 2-5 (siblings welcome) to meet other families with Preschool age children and cool down with a popsicle treat during Popsicles on the Playground! Join us for activities, fun and of course a popsicle snack! Rain date August 7th. Free program, registration required, in person only event. To register <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSertEvAZkVBdw3ONMMMzKZloVwBm60slMSkFHdY7V6mxuYTA/viewform> or email PJ Library Coordinator Dinah Berch at berch@jewishnh.org with questions.

Friday, August 13

PJ Library Tot Shabbat Hop

11:00AM – 11:45AM UVJC, Hanover

PJ Library jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children 0-5 (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Stories, Singing, and Blessings followed by Kiddie Kiddush. Space is limited and registration is required. Backyard of the Roth Center for Jewish Life, Upper Valley Jewish Community 5 Occom Ridge, Hanover, NH. To register https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScC6I2+lko_wAlzUu-KpJRI4-Il2QGkZvzZXM8I46apBmg-_g/viewform Contact Dinah at berch@jewishnh.org or 603-627-7679 with questions Sponsor: PJ Library – NH, Kol Ha'Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community

Sunday, August 14

The New Hampshire Jewish Festival

12:00PM – 2:00PM New Castle, NH

The FIRST and GREATEST Jewish festival in the State of New Hampshire! A celebration of Jewish life and culture on the Oceanfront of New Castle Commons. Featuring a concert by Rogers Park Band from Chicago, and the first performance of the new "NH Klezmer band", a delicious kosher deli menu, and other kosher favorites! Kids will enjoy games and a variety of themed arts and crafts projects. Admission, Entertainment, and Crafts are FREE! Food, Judaica, and Books for sale. Vendors, crafters, and artists can reserve a booth for the festival. www.nhjewishfestival.com. Registration is required.

Thursday, August 18

White Mountain Jewish Film Festival presents:

Closer to the Moon

6:00PM – 7:00PM Colonial Theatre 2050 Main Street Bethlehem, NH

General Admission \$10

BHC, JFNH, & Colonial members \$9

6:00 PM Patio Social Hour – Complimentary

Refreshments

6:30 PM Guest Speaker

7:00 PM Film (Followed by Q & A with Guest Speaker) Mark Strong in a Romanian black comedy about a commie-baiting bank heist? Closer to the Moon is a curiosity, no doubt – but also a delight. The ever-

excellent British actor leads a gang of disillusioned former World War II resistance fighters in a futile fxxx-you to the powers-that-be in 1959 Romania. The twist is that when they are caught, the authorities force them to re-enact events for a propaganda film, under the innocent eye of cameraman Harry Lloyd (charming). A strong ensemble embraces the absurdity with gusto. And writer/director Nae Carafil's unlikely odd little film is quietly moving – all the more so because it is true. A provocative, darkly comedic, absurdist drama – based on a true story. Susan Granger, SSG Syndicate.

Guest Speaker Rick Winston was the co-owner of Montpelier's Savoy Theater for 29 years and was Programming Director for the Green Mountain Film Festival for 14 Years. He has taught film history at Burlington College, Community College of Vermont, Goddard College, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and has made presentations throughout Vermont on film history.

For more information visit <https://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/film-series-2022> To register <https://tickets.catamountarts.org/categories/bethlehem%20hebrew%20congregation>

Friday, August 19

Temple Israel Portsmouth – Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30PM – 8:30PM Strawberry Banke Museum

Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for three summer Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Services led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman at Strawberry Banke with special musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt. Bring a Picnic dinner and your own chair. The outdoor service will be live streamed on the Temple Israel Facebook Page. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in person in the sanctuary and accessible via the usual Zoom link. Strawberry Banke Museum 14 Hancock Street Portsmouth, NH 03801 <https://www.strawberrybanke.org/>

Sunday, August 21

Shaliach Fundraiser Stratham, NH

11:00AM- 1:00PM

Support the JFNH Shlichut program. Lunch and Silent Auction. Contact Allyson Guertin 603-627-7679 or allyson.guertin@jewishnh.org

Monday, August 22

Israel Report with Ra'anana

11:00AM – 12:30PM JFNH Office Bedford

Join JFNH Shaliach Ra'anana de Haas to go over news in Israel. JFNH Bedford office 273 South River Road Suite 5 Bedford, NH. To register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUZVif6HVLbX4StAPnzKMDIxdOany3ZLNDV1yyWpGrEgPN34w/viewform> Contact Ra'anana de Haas 603-851-5088 shaliach@jewishnh.org

Sunday, August 28

Temple Israel Back to School BBQ

12:00PM – 4:00PM Strawberry Banke Museum

Join the Temple Israel Portsmouth community for a Back to Shul Fest! Join us on Sunday, August 28th from 12-4pm at Strawberry Banke for music, food, games and more. Free and open to the entire Jewish community!

To register: <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/event/back-to-shul-carnival.html> Sponsored by Temple Israel Portsmouth. Activities with PJ Library – New Hampshire

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Israeli Elections, Explained

Shalom, everyone!

Wow, it's been a full year! It seems like yesterday when I got off the plane in MHT to a group of cheering board members who welcomed me with open arms. Between me writing this article, and you reading it, I will have the privilege to go to Israel for a short vacation. I'll write more about my time in Israel next month, but I just wanted to share how excited I am to see my family and friends after a full year of being here. I miss many things about Israel — the food, the beaches, the people and much more — but it seems the Israeli government decided to gift me one more thing that I was hoping to miss for a bit of a longer time.

If you haven't heard yet, Israel is on its way to their fifth election in three years. This is going to be my seventh election as a voting adult – a privilege that people in the US usually get in their late 40s (but hey, at least I get to vote at the Israeli embassy this time, that's new).

I want to use this platform to explain the electoral system in Israel, since it's so different from the American one. Let's



Ra'anan de Haas
JFNH Shaliach

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start with the biggest difference between the two systems: While the US has two main parties, in the previous Israeli election, Israeli voters had to choose between 38 different parties. Out of those, 13 parties passed the electoral threshold and formed the 120 Members of Knesset (MKs).

But let's take a step back, how do we decide who these 120 members are? In Israel you vote for a party, not an individual, and each party who passes the electoral threshold gets the number of seats relevant to the number of votes they got. So, if only 10 parties ran, and



all got the same number of votes, they would get 12 seats each.

Okay, so we have our 120 MKs. How do you form a coalition? Long story short, to form a coalition, you need to create a majority (61 votes) that is willing to come together and agree to support an individual MK as prime minister.

I hope you're still with me, because this is where we get to current events. Why is Israel on an election spiral? The short answer is because no one was able to form a coalition with 61 votes. The longer answer is more complicated, so let's dive in.

The recent elections in Israel were not about left or right. They were focused on one individual. Love him or hate him, he



is one of the most influential people in Israel: Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu became prime minister in 1996, and served in that position for a total of 15 years. In late 2019, he was indicted on three different counts of corruption. Due to this indictment, some members of the right-wing parties — that ideologically agree

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PJ Library - New Hampshire Family of the Month

By Dinah Berch

The wonderful thing about PJ Library is that it welcomes all types of families looking for Jewish experiences. There is no mold or criteria a family must fit into to benefit from the books or attend a program. They just have to share one common goal, and that is raising Jewish children.



Each month, going forward, we will be highlighting families from across New Hampshire, showing how PJ Library and even the smallest experiences and traditions ensure that the history and love of Judaism is passed on to our next generation. Interested in having your family featured in the newspaper? Contact Dinah Berch, at Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org.

Meet the Bannerman Lew Family, our PJ Library NH Family of the Month
Tell us a little bit about your family:



We are Elana and Allan. We have 2 boys, ages 2 and 6 months.

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

We have been a PJ library family since Isaac was six months old. We learned about the program through the Federation.



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

We love PJ library! Allan, Isaac, and I get excited when we get the package in the mailbox each month. PJ library has given us a framework to teach Isaac and Samuel about Judaism.

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

We value the friendships we've made with other PJ library families.

What are your children's favorite PJ books?

Isaac has so many favorites! *123 Rosh Hashana, Uncle Max, Happy Happy, Welcome Song for Baby*, to name a few. Samuel loves *My Face Book*.

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

The Tot Shabbats, because he gets to see his friends and play with the toy cars.

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

I wish people knew that they could get a free book every month.

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

We light the candles and sing the Shabbat prayers every Friday night and it has been so exciting to see Isaac cover his eyes to say the blessing over the Shabbat candles and start to sing some of the prayers with us.



Kibbitz & Coffee

Coffee's on us!

Join PJ Library NH's Program Coordinator Dinah Berch on Zoom or in person for a coffee or drink and a chat! We want to hear more about your family, your Jewish community and the roll PJ Library can play.

"Kibbitz" is Yiddish for chatting!



Contact Dinah at dinah.berch@jewishnh.org or sign up using this link or QR code:
<https://calendly.com/dinah-jfnh/coffee-with-dinah>



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Reawakening our Capacity for Human Interaction

The month of Elul introduces the daily sounding of the Shofar (except on Shabbat) as a clarion signal to prepare for *Yom Teruah*, the Day of Blowing the Trumpets, Rosh HaShanah. The holiday then brings associated sounds from festive meals to chatter in the pews. But the most urgent sounds are the ones we cannot hear. At the start of the First Book of Samuel, Hannah travels to the Temple's inner sanctum and prays and weeps and bargains with God to conceive. Eli, the High Priest, is watching from the door: "Hannah was speaking in her heart, her lips alone moving and her voice not heard, Eli thought she was drunk (1:12)."

Hannah responds to Eli that she is but in great torment. Even as silence enveloped her, Hannah could claim attention—Eli's notice, God's grace, our recognition. We read Hannah's story on Rosh HaShanah because God invites all prayers, even if offered unconventionally. Hannah made a place in the Temple. We call God "*HaMakom* - the Place," because the Divine space has room for all human beings created in the Divine Image.

On today's college campus, three out of five students are struggling with stress, anxiety, or depression. There are too many causes of pain, from the personal to the political to the pandemic's continuing trauma. Of course, professional mental health supports on and off campus serve an irreplaceable function. I hope, as does every minister, that

Rabbi in the House



Rabbi Seth Linfield
Upper Valley Hillel
at Dartmouth

the nonjudgmental listening and compassionate counseling we offer our students through pastoral care makes a difference. Hillel International, our parent organization, provides a robust set of resources to boost diversity, inclusion, and wellness, and we partnered with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire on a pilot program for a social worker to guide a sharing circle. But all of us can advance human flourishing by reawakening and training our capacities for human interaction.

Hillel at Dartmouth focuses on stu-

dent engagement and creates platforms for nourishing resilience. At lively Shabbat dinner tables, students lean into one another's lived experiences. Our programming slate, by and for students, promotes face-to-face interactions, from "Jews and Java" to "Jews and Canoes" to a rousing Passover Seder for 120 students at the Roth Center – and now on to High Holiday services. This Gen Z campus cohort seeks to counter isolation by cultivating shared sacred spaces.

Let's capture this moment to position all our synagogues as palaces of relationship! Today's service can no longer be packaged as trumpet bursts of spiritual inspiration or scholarly stimulation. For now, the most pressing want is more fellowship than theology. This atmosphere will partly arise from how we greet newcomers and the music we choose. But ultimately, this approach is about saying: I see you wherever you

are; I hear you; I value you; I want to join you.

Hannah's appeal is for an ethic of hospitality, to borrow ethicist Jeffrey Stout's nomenclature, that captures how we relate to every person in our fluid communities. This mindset encompasses not only engaging with diverse perspectives but also nursing a universe of scars. Hillel at Dartmouth's mission is to enrich Jewish students' lives so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world—and we mean *every* Jewish student. We meet all students with respect and joy—and pledge to help each find their voice.

A person with any ability or disability—physical or mental or emotional—may well offer to us "Hannah's prayer," insights from their own struggles that will inform our own. But they don't need to do that to engage and learn and celebrate and be embraced. Shanah Tovah.

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eNEWS

The First Ever New Hampshire Jewish Festival Launches in New Castle on August 14

By Hannah Cohen

The Seacoast Jewish Center, under the direction of Rabbi Berel Slavaticki and his wife, Rochy, will be hosting the New Hampshire Jewish Festival—an event that he calls the first of its kind in the state—on August 14, at the Great Island Commons, in New Castle.

“The goal is to bring the state together for a joyful and fun-filled Jewish experience,” says Slavaticki.

Slavaticki explains that the festival will highlight a message of optimism and positivity, as taught by the Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who is the most influential rabbi in modern history. “The Rebbe taught us to live positively and to recognize an opportunity for growth in every situation,” Slavaticki says. “We’re excited to share this message as our community continues to grow and blossom.”

The festival will feature family entertainment and traditional Jewish foods, including a kosher deli. Admission, music, and kids’ activities will all be free. The food will be for sale.

“What promoted us to create such an event was a few things, namely that locals

here are in love with kosher deli food,” Slavaticki emphasizes. Headlining the music portion of the festival will be the New Hampshire Klezmer Band, who will have their first appearance playing music that will bring an upbeat message of love and joy. This will be followed by a concert from The Rogers Band Park, America’s only Hassidic folk-rock band.

“The community has recently become more and more interested with Jewish music, so the thought of combining a day that would feature kosher deli, and an authentic klezmer band pushed us to make it a full-blown event for the public, which would be a day to celebrate Jewish culture and cuisine.” The rabbi adds, “What better way to come together as a community? This festival is open to all, and there will be something to enjoy for everyone.”

The event will run from 12 to 3 p.m. on August 14. Organizers request that those wishing to attend the New Hampshire Jewish Festival register for tickets in advance at NHJewishFestival.com. Vendors, crafters, organizations, and artists are also invited to sign up to have a booth at the festival.

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with him, and had previously joined coalitions under him—decided to do so no longer, under the principle that someone under indictment shouldn’t be prime minister.

That brings us to the fourth election in March 2021. As the votes were counted it became clear that, yet again, neither Bibi nor his opposition could form a majority. In came Naftali Bennet, and with his seven (of 120) seats he was able to form a coalition, bringing together parties from all over the political spectrum, including—for the first time—an Arab party. As I said before, the major thing holding this coalition together was “keeping Bibi out of the Prime Minister’s seat,” and for some, that was more than enough. For the most part, this government focused on bringing Israel out of Covid, putting an emphasis on the economy, lowering unemployment, and lowering crime. In addition, they continued to strengthen international relations with the Arab world. They tried to avoid “hot topics” like Palestine or the religious status quo in Israel, but

once they got to a point that they had to address these issues, you could see that the fragile connection had started ripping at the seam. This coalition lasted for just over a year. Whether it was successful or not depends on your political belief, but without a doubt, it was a unique government that was able to—even for a short time—bring together many different parts of Israeli society.

You might say to yourself, “But Ra’anan, how are you going to another election if you already have a coalition?”

Well, with this coalition having a very fragile 61 votes majority, once some of the members disagreed with the policies of the government, they were able to defect and start voting against coalition line, making it impossible to pass bills. Eventually, the opposition passed a bill causing Israel to go back to elections. This might seem weird but all you need is 61 MKs willing to vote “yes.”

What’s next? On November 1st, Israel will be voting again, choosing between the 30+ parties that will try and pass the electoral threshold to form the Israeli Knesset and then try and come together to form the coalition. Hopefully, this will be the only time I vote in Boston!

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Report from the TAY Sisterhood Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, June 21, Temple Adath Yeshurun Sisterhood had their Annual Meeting, a potluck supper on the Temple patio. The weather was glorious and about twenty-five members gathered to enjoy good food and good company. It was our first in-person general meeting in over two years, and it was so special to be back together again.

We had an Annual Report of our activities and our contributions to the Tem-

ple and the community, followed by election of officers for the new year. Our Annual Meeting at the end of June capped a very busy month which saw the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Sabbath Service on June 10 and a joint book discussion (with Brotherhood and Temple Israel) of Ari's Spoon by Dr. Douglas Zipes on June 15. All, in all, a great way to end the year and begin a summer of rest and planning for the year ahead.

Shabbat in the Park

Friday August 5, 2022

5:00 pm

Merrimack NH

Families with young children are invited to join us for a family friendly Kabbalat Shabbat event

- * Musical Kabbalat Shabbat
- * Story and craft by PJ Library
- * Challah, grape juice and an ice cream treat!

Free attendance

Exact location emailed upon registration

Register here: <https://forms.gle/WRRt51JnsaX7zLyk7>

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Feel free to bring a picnic supper & blanket/chairs to enjoy!



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Beth Abraham Welcomes Rebecca White to Our Team!

Beth Abraham welcomes Rebecca White to our leadership team! Rebecca began in June as our Communications and Office Manager. She joins Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett and Sarit Tsor Ferreira, Director of Education and Community Engagement.



Rebecca White

Rebecca has worked in some of the Boston area's most interesting and creative Jewish organizations: Gann Academy, Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh and Education Center, and the Jewish Community Day School. JCDS has been Rebecca's most recent professional home, a pluralistic and soulful Jewish day school located in Watertown, Massachusetts. Rebecca's work at JCDS focused on development and institutional advancement, and her colleagues

sang her praises to us for her initiative and her service to colleagues well beyond her official roles. Rebecca says she loved working at JCDS for the ruach (spirit) of the school, the warm and close-knit community, and the environment of collective learning and coming together, especially around Jewish holy days. At Mayyim Hayyim, she loved to hear the singing when a group of people would come together and celebrate as someone made the choice to become Jewish and immerse in the mikveh.

Rebecca's interest in working in the Jewish community grows out of her own life story. Growing up in Easton, Massachusetts, she attended the Solomon Schechter day school in

Stoughton, and her family belonged to Temple Beth Emunah in Brockton. She's been to Israel twice, with Birthright and on a trip with one of her cousins. At each stage of life, Rebecca has had special teachers she remembers: Mr. Waldman in 5th grade, who noticed her talents and seriousness; Rabbi David Werb in Brockton, a zayde figure, with a voice that was deep and comforting; Oren Kaunfer, the madrich ruchani (spiritual guide) at JCDS, for his presence, his welcoming, and his big heart.

Among her interests, Rebecca is a runner. She has completed five marathons so far: Chicago, New York, London, and Boston twice! In Boston, she has run to raise money on behalf of two charitable organizations. This fall Rebecca is traveling to Berlin for her next marathon

– we wish her much success! Rebecca's also a fan of Schitt's Creek and musical groups like the Backstreet Boys.

In moving up to Nashua, Rebecca joins her parents and two sisters, as well as an uncle. She is looking forward to helping connect new people to the community, continuing to figure out her own Jewish identity, and making our community more of a home for people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. We are fortunate to have Rebecca on our thought and planning team.

If there's anything Rebecca can help you with or you just want to introduce yourself, drop a note to rebecca@tbanashua.org or call the main office at (603) 883-8184. Now that Rebecca's here, the office is typically open from 10-4, and 10-2 on Fridays. She looks forward to meeting you!

TBA Nashua Celebrates Grant from the Scientists in Synagogues Project

Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua is honored and proud to be one of fourteen communities awarded a \$5,000 grant from the "Scientists in Synagogues" project! The project is part of the work of Sinai and Synapses, a national organization fiscally sponsored by CLAL - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

Sinai and Synapses bridges religious and scientific worlds, helping people develop a worldview that is scientifically grounded and spiritually uplifting. Congregations in the project draw on a combination of their own internal leadership and guest speakers to present issues ranging from "Living In The Tensions: Artificial Intelligence" to "Human Free Will: The Gifts, The Challenges, and Learning to Navigate The In-Between." Of the selected synagogues, nine are Conservative, three Reform, and two



Orthodox, hailing from eight different US states, plus one congregation from Israel. Funding for Scientists in Synagogues comes from The John Templeton Foundation and other donors, and it is run in consultation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion (DoSER).

Beth Abraham will be using the grant to outfit the STEM area in our revamped Education Center with equipment for scientific observation and measurement and with new technology, as well as to create an outdoor educa-

tion area. We will hold a series of programs throughout the year for all ages, beginning with a Sukkot expo including demonstrations related to water, soil, and solar energy innovation and conversations about spirituality and scientific work.

The grant to Temple Beth Abraham comes with guidance and mentorship from both Sinai and Synapses and AAAS DoSER. As a grantee, TBA will be creating written and video content on how members of our community explore the interaction of Judaism and science in their communities. Watch for more about upcoming programs and learning opportunities at tbanashua.org!

"As communities begin to return to more learning in person, people are hungry for deep intellectual conversations," said Rabbi Geoff Mitelman, Founding Director of Sinai and Synapses.

es. "But rather than exacerbating or highlighting the perceived conflict between science and religion, these communities will be celebrating multiple fonts of wisdom on topics ranging from human flourishing to the ethics of technology to the majesty of the universe. As we've seen since the inception of this project in 2016, communities are drawn to challenging questions, but always through a lens of relationship-building and inquiry."

There have now been nearly 50 synagogues that have been part of this project, from all over the world, both geographically and religiously, reaching nearly 15,000 people. For those who want to learn more or participate in future rounds, Sinai and Synapses plans to select another cohort for Scientists in Synagogues in 2023, and more information can be found at sinaiaandsynapses.org.



Temple Beth Abraham Zimria Chorus concert on June 12.

Etz Hayim Celebrates Shabbaton Pawtuckaway Lake

By Steve Soreff, MD

Etz Hayim Synagogue held its 12th Shabbat Service on Pawtuckaway Lake at the lakeside home of Peggy Tucker and Steve Soreff in Nottingham Saturday, June 18, 2022. Rabbi Peter Levy and Amy Dattner-Levy conducted the Shabbat service. The service also included the readings of several poems appropriate to the natural setting. Because of the cool day and challenging winds, at-

tendees for the T'fila spent time in the woods and along the shore reflecting, rather than the planned kayaking. As part of the service, participants engaged in a lively discussion and study of that week's Torah portion, Behaalotecha, Numbers 8:1-12:16. At the conclusion of the service, Bonnie and Barry Leshin provided a welcomed number of fruit refreshments. It was a meaningful, enlightening, and uplifting Shabbat service enjoyed by all who attended.



In the Community

The Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood's Annual Meeting and BBQ

By Mark Granoff, TAY Brotherhood President

When will this news cycle change? So much anxiety and sadness in the headlines. I hope we can all find some happiness and peace to help us through these times. We all deserve a break.



Mark Granoff

In June, we finally were able to host an in-person event and with food! Thanks to all who joined us for the TAY Brotherhood's Annual Meeting and BBQ on June 9th on the TAY patio! We had about 50 guests and Brothers enjoy the picture-perfect weather and BBQ. In addition to kosher hot dogs and burgers with all the fixings, we conducted the official business of approving the May minutes and elected our officers for 2022-2023. Continuing for another year will be yours truly as President, Ed Schoen as Treasurer, and Denis Paiste as Secretary. Thank you, Ed and Denis, for all the hard work this year and thank you for continuing with our leadership team.

As we noted at the annual meeting, Brotherhood had a productive year despite Covid restrictions, bringing in over \$11K and returning more than \$8K (and



Brotherhood Team Left to Right: Dave Penchansky, Bob Katchen, Sol Rockenmacher, Ed Schoen, Denis Paiste, "MOTY 22" Mike Litvin, Steve Short, Mark Granoff, David Rosenzweig, Custodian Bob LeFevre and Jonathan Baron. Photo by D. Rosenzweig

counting!) to TAY, and to our local Jewish and secular community causes. We will keep up the work of doing good in our community in 2022-2023.

Prior to digging in and schmoozing, we presented the 2022 Sugerman Scholarship Award to Elliott Frank for his wonderful essay on how he strives to live his best Jewish life in a manner that is consistent with the goals set forth by Samuel Sugerman. Thanks to Steve Short who chaired the review committee and presented the award to Elliott, who will put it to good use at the University of Wisconsin this fall. Mazel tov again Elliott.



Sugerman Award Recipient Elliott Frank with his proud parents Mandy and Barry along with TAY Past President Jonathan Baron. Photo by D. Rosenzweig

The 2022 TAY Brotherhood Man of the Year (MOTY) award was presented to Mike Litvin, our longtime TAY Treasurer (Emeritus now), TAY Board Member and all around "mensch" in honor of his devoted service to TAY. His award is a true treasure as the heartfelt inscription was carefully inscribed by Ted Yegerman shortly before his passing. It reads, "To a man who continues to serve our community and Temple Adath Yeshurun without fanfare or accolades; whose wit and dry sense of humor cannot mask the warm human being that dwells within; who has taken personal responsibility to ensure that our Temple services and programs flourish despite the challenges of our times, whose



Mike Litvin, Man of the Year, receiving his award with past recipients- Mark Granoff, Sol Rockenmacher, Barry Scotch, Steve Short, Bob Katchen and Dave Penchansky. Photo by D. Rosenzweig

untiring efforts on our behalf continue to flower and bear fruit for Temple Adath Yeshurun and our community." Thank you, Mike, for all you do for TAY!

On June 10th the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat Service capped off the year with a beautiful and melodic service coordinated by Sisterhood President Fran Short and the "tag team Brothers" Steve Short and Alan Kaplan. The service was so beautiful, highlighted by Arielle Kaplan's ethereal tones. Hoping summer brings us all peace, good health and an end to the terrible news cycle. Your Brotherhood will be back at it over the summer arranging the calendar for next year. Stay tuned, be safe and enjoy!

Etz Hayim Dedicates a Reflection Bench to Rabbi Louis Rieser

By Steve Soreff, MD

On Friday, June 17, 2022, Etz Hayim Synagogue held a dedication ceremony for the reflection bench in memory of Rabbi Louis Rieser.

Rabbi Levy offered some inspiring words, and members of the congregation offered their recollections of Rabbi Rieser. They talked about his gentle wisdom and thoughtful guidance during his time at Etz Hayim from 1997 to 2011. Many recalled how he compassionately officiated over their weddings and conducted their children's B'nai Mitzvah. Dr. Albert Sandler, Etz Hayim's Hazzan, recalled his profound joy at conducting High

Holiday Services with Rabbi Rieser. He also read a moving letter from Rieser's wife, Connie, showing her husband's passionate connection to this synagogue. At the Friday night services following the dedication, many of the songs and prayers were performed in the style Rabbi Rieser had conducted them.

Rabbi Rieser was ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1975 and was a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. In 2000, he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Hebrew Union College, in recognition of his 25 years of service to the Reform Movement. He had published extensively on many topics and authored



The Hillel Narratives, published in 2009. Rabbi Rieser was a longtime teacher for The National Havurah Summer Insti-



The plaque captures that Rabbi Reiser was Etz Hayim's "beloved teacher, spiritual guide and friend."

tute. He is survived by his wife, Connie; his children, Micha Rieser and Zev Rieser (Britta); and eight grandchildren.

Tisha b'Av Gathering: Confronting Loss on the Path to Hope

Saturday, Aug. 6 at 8:30 pm
Temple Israel Courtyard, 200 State Street, Portsmouth, NH

Please join us for a Tisha b'Av Gathering on Saturday, August 6, at 8:30 pm in the Temple Israel Courtyard (or indoors in case of rain). At Tisha b'Av, we recall

the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and we grieve for the many losses endured by the Jewish people throughout the ages. The destruction of the Temple also represents a rupture between G-d and the people and between the people and one another. After we usher out Shabbat with Havdalah, led by Rabba

Kaya Stern-Kaufman, we will join in songs and readings, including chanting and reading of the traditional verses of Lamentations as we acknowledge both ancient and contemporary "destructions." We will begin our collective path forward by placing our stones on the Hands of Hope sculpture and end the

evening by taking other stones home with us to inscribe with messages of hope. Register at templeisraelnh.org for updates. Bring a flashlight or cellphone, a rock or stone to leave, and a blanket or chair to sit on. For more information, contact templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org or call 603-436-5301.



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In the Community

Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia: Record Sales and Income from the 2022 NH Jewish Food Festival

By Stuart Needleman, Food Festival
Committee Chair

As you are reading this, the 2022 NH Jewish Food Festival will have drawn to a close, but as I am writing, we are still getting orders and wrapping up the pick-up plans. This year was quite the rollercoaster ride. Early sales were steady, but we didn't experience the initial surge we saw in 2021. The food festival committee began laying contingency plans of what we would do if we fell short of our planned sales goal.

There was still one chip to be played: no one knew what the impact of our 10-minute segment on WMUR's Chronicle would be. Never in our wildest dreams did we think it would have the effect that we felt after it aired. First, our website crashed due to all the traffic attempting to place orders. Then we saw several items quickly hit critical stock levels. We turned our attention from how to sell more, to how to *make* more – and toward which products were most impacted. The cooking team leaders, Susan Needleman and Rhoda Goodman, quickly sprang into action and identified products and cooking team members to deal with some of the quickly moving items. Barbara Katz adjusted inventories based on these additional quantities and the sales kept rolling. Although we do not have final sales figures it looks like we will have sales that are 12-15% more than last year. Given the present state of the economy, this is a testament to the quality of foods produced and the efforts of the marketing team. As of now, the temple freezers are overflowing, awaiting the end of July pick-up process to complete the 2022 Food Festival efforts. There are dozens of people that are deserving of credit for this great success:

- The cooking team leaders, **Susan Needleman and Rhoda Goodman** who spent tireless hours on the recipes, recruiting, planning, and participating in most, if not all, product cooking and baking efforts
- All those who participated in the cooking process and produced hundreds of knishes, over a thousand blintzes, 100 lbs. of rugelach, and dozens of other products. *You are too many to recognize here, but you know who you are.*
- **Marsha Ostroff, Karen Rines, Lori Ri-**



Barbara Katz being interview for Chronicle.



Strudels and noodle kugels fill the freezer.

etsma, Susan Needleman, Rhoda Goodman, Karen Lukeman, Lyn Wulfson, and Jane Bogursky who individually and single-handedly made all of the challahs, chopped liver, hamantaschen, kugels, matzah ball soup, Israeli salad, and chopped herring respectively.

- **Barbara Katz** who wore many hats including webmaster, marketing chief, and cooking team participant.

The last phase will be completed on July 22–24 when the orders are picked up. **Karen and Joe Lukeman** will ensure that that process goes smoothly building on the success of last year's efforts with the help of a new database management program that was conceived and developed by **Eytan Wulfson**. The 2022 Food Festival will go into the record books, at least until 2023, when we will try to beat our 2022 numbers. I think we will need a few more freezers and to start the cooking tomorrow to achieve that goal.



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Not Your Childhood's Hebrew School: The Jewish Education Center of Nashua offers a unique, innovative approach to Jewish Education

The education building at 5 Raymond Street in Nashua is being transformed, both visually and in the learners' experience! Walls are being painted and equipment updated, and new energy is being generated for a learning experience different from the typical religious school. What is an "education center," anyway? It is a hands-on center where the learners are in the driver's seat, empowered from a young age to make choices about what and how they are learning. We are transforming the classroom spaces so each one focuses on an aspect of the Jewish experience. Once complete, our center will offer the following spaces:

- **An Early Childhood room** with developmentally appropriate Jewish resources such as books and games, comfortable sitting areas, activity tables and interactive learning centers.
- **A STEM room** with science tools, equipment and resources connecting Judaism and STEM topics.
- **An art room** with a variety of media



such as clay, paints, collage materials and writing materials for creating Judaically inspired visual and 3D art.

- **An Israel inspired room** with a Western Wall visual, maps, artifacts and modern Israeli Hebrew resources.

- **A modern-Hebrew space** full of authentic Israeli Hebrew materials such as books, games, puzzles, and visual aids.
- **A "Judaism Comes to Life" room** featuring drama and role-play supplies for the reenactment of Jewish biblical and historical stories.
- **A fully stocked kitchen**, for cooking and baking of a variety of Jewish recipes.
- **A well-equipped library** with a reading corner featuring beanbags and cushions for a comfy, relaxing experience.
- **An outdoor garden** with a stone bench, nature-scape materials and tools to explore it.

During our Sunday Judaic program, children study the topic of the day through a choice of their interest area. For example, when we are focusing on Tu B'Shvat, the new year of trees, the learner has a choice of exploring through art, drama, or science. With art, they might make a 2-D or 3-D image of a tree, while in science they might study the biology of how trees grow and what environmen-

tal conditions are important, and in drama they might role-play the Talmudic story of Honi Ha'me'agel. Expert instructors are available in each room to guide the learner in the chosen space with the appropriate resources and materials.

For this upcoming academic year, the overarching theme is "Stories of Our People." Through various offerings, participants will explore Jewish values and traditions (including holy days and Shabbat) through biblical, historical and contemporary stories of our people. Look at the TBA website tbanashua.org for an open house date in August to be announced soon, so you and your child can visit, experience and learn more about our new program. Feel free anytime to contact me at sarit@tbanashua.org.

Info:

**Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua –
The Jewish Education Center**
Director of Education and Engagement:
Sarit Tsor Ferreira

Website: tbanashua.org/learn

All programs for all ages are open to TBA members and non-members!

Programs:

- PreK-K: Sunday mornings 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. An experiential and nature inspired learning of all things Jewish: Holy days, Jewish values, customs and traditions. Hebrew is introduced as a modern, conversational language.
- Grades 1-5: Modern Hebrew in small groups Sundays 9:30 am – 10:30 am. Judaics 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Our Judaics program follows a learning-center model in which students make a choice of art, science or drama in how they explore the topic of the day.
- Grades 6-7: Sunday mornings 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Students are empowered to chart the course of their studies as a group by making choices about the mitzvot they focus on, taking leadership roles within the group and the wider community, and discovering ways in which they can make a difference in their and other's lives. All are welcome to attend whether you are having a B'nai Mitzvah at TBA or not!
- Afterschool programs include a drama club in which students will create and perform a play, and stand-alone cooking classes in which they will prepare a Jewish recipe for an upcoming holiday.
- Other programs and events are added throughout the year! Check our website for up-to-date information.

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Etz Hayim Synagogue Appoints New Religious School Administrator

Etz Hayim Synagogue of Derry, NH is thrilled to announce the appointment of Megan Hogan as its religious school administrator. Working with our wonderful teaching team, Megan will be leading our education program by developing, implementing, and ensuring delivery of educational programming, including raising the knowledge of Judaism, its history and holidays, and Hebrew and prayer fluency. Megan brings years of experience as a Jewish educator and lead teacher. Previously, Megan worked in Colorado at Temple Emanuel and Rabbi Steven Foster Early Learning Center. The Etz



Hayim congregation is excited to welcome Megan, her husband, and their new baby boy, to our synagogue family.

Etz Hayim provides the following Jewish education programs; Sunday Camp for ages 4 to 6, Hebrew School ages 7 to 12, B’Nai Mitzvah classes and Confirmation.

A Personal Note from Megan:

Greetings! My name is Megan Hogan, and I’m so excited to join Etz Hayim. Judaism has always been a very important part of my life. I enjoy sharing my experiences with others and especially helping the younger generation develop an enthusiasm for Judaism. Learning can be

fun, and I want to mix the challenge of stretching one’s mind with the fun of learning new things.

I am a wife to Zachary and mother to Maverick. I have two dogs—Taylor and Hank—as well as chickens and pigeons, so my days are full of fun, work, and commitment. I am passionate about giving to others, and I used to train guide dogs for the blind. When we are not taking care of our chores, we get out into nature and explore, where I can decompress and enjoy the little things.

My first day will be August 1, and I can’t wait to get started. In the meantime, if you have any questions or have time for a chat, please reach out to me at HSAdmin@etzhayim.org.



Temple Israel Hebrew School Begins September 7

By Erik Martin, Head of School

We’re looking forward to another year of holiday and community celebrations with friends, meaningful classwork, and b’nei and kabbalat mitzvah preparation. In Temple Israel’s Shabbat School model, students join the congregation at Shabbat morning services between classroom sessions. At Convocation Shabbat last May, the children joyfully led many of the prayers and blessings under the direction of Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman.

On Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, Temple Israel’s dedicated teaching staff leads children on an exciting learning experience through the study of Jewish history and texts, Hebrew language, Judaic culture, ethics, and ritual practice. Additionally, the school strives to instill strong Jewish moral and ethical values, a positive Jewish identity, and a love of Judaism. Our curriculum covers multiple topic areas, organized in grade-appropriate sequen-



Mazel Tov to our b’nei mitzvah students 2021-2022: Emily Hyett (pictured), Sydney Berg, Emet Leonard, Ari LePage, Joe Lieberman, Zachary Raven, and Natalie Steber.

cial steps. We hope that our students will leave our program with lifelong friendships, the knowledge and skills to participate in Jewish life, and a desire to engage in ongoing exploration of their heritage throughout their lives.

For more information, please contact me via email at headofschool@templeisraelnh.org, or via phone, 603-436-5301, ext. 14.

Etz Hayim Synagogue Religious School Welcomes Returning and New Etz Hayim Students!

**Open House and Orientation:
Tuesday August 30 at 6:00 PM.**

Our Youth Education program begins September 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for students ages 7 to 18. We offer the following programs:

- Sunday Camp (Ages 4-6) meets from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. one Sunday afternoon per month, beginning Sunday, September 18, 2022. Our Sunday Camp Teacher uses a mix of music, crafts and games to introduce students to the Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew. **Sunday Camp is free for new families.**

The Tuesday night programs for grades 2+ meet every Tuesday, beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

- Aleph class (Grade 2) meets weekly from 6:00 to 7:15 PM, and the Bet

class meets (Grade 3) from 6:00 to 7:45 PM. These classes enable students to learn the basics of Hebrew letter recognition and decoding in order to begin to learn to read. Students will also learn about holiday observance, Tzedakah and Jewish living.

- Our Gimel, Dalet, B’Nai Mitzvah and Confirmation classes (Grades 4 and up) meet from 6:00 until 8:15 PM. Students start with building Hebrew reading skills, working up to leading prayer for our older students, as well as learning Jewish ethics, history and Judaica. Liturgical and Judaic knowledge and skills in preparation for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

To register, please visit: www.EtzHayim.org/Learn

Our educational programs are supported in part by an allocation from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

Preparing for Hebrew School in Manchester at Temple Israel, Plus a New Kindergarten/Preschool Program

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

Temple Israel of Manchester is getting ready for the 5783 (2022-2023) school year in its Hebrew School. Registration is now open (and online) for grades 1-7. We’ll be continuing our Sunday program

plus midweek online lessons for grades 4-7 and a Saturday Shabbaton program twice a year so the whole Temple community can celebrate Shabbat together. We’re also working on curriculum updates and new special activities.

We are also planning a monthly program during Hebrew School for pre-

school and kindergarten aged children, to get them familiar with coming to synagogue to learn, pray, and celebrate important occasions.

For more information about the Hebrew School, membership, or any other Temple Israel programs, please visit www.templeisraelmht.org or contact the synagogue.

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Welcome to Temple Beth Jacob's Religious School

What is the most read book in the world?

We will get back to this later, but for now, here is another question: Why do you choose to send your children to religious school? Many would say that it's the "right thing to do" or "I went to religious school when I was a child." While that may drive some of families to the front doors of a local synagogue, I push you to go deeper. What do we want our children

to experience and to learn that will support their growth as a Jewish child?

At Temple Beth Jacob, TBJ, our religious school provides an environment for children to learn and grow, while developing a positive sense of self and commitment to their Jewish values. At TBJ, the spirit of love and dedication is embraced by our teachers and leadership to help make TBJ an exciting and vibrant place to be.

Our curriculum focuses on Hebrew language for prayer and Jewish studies. Learning to identify the Hebrew letters begins in K/1, while learning to read Hebrew begins in second grade, and continues through 7th grade. Our students develop skills in reading and chanting prayers. Each year, for every grade, there is a class service held at the synagogue. Our Jewish Studies curriculum is an array of learning in Torah, holidays, Jewish history, Israel, values, and ethics. Much of the learning is hands on, and when you come to the school, you can feel the vibe of active learning.

The school meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 12 pm. For children in grades 5 – 7, there is a one-hour class focused on Hebrew and Torah studies. It meets from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The school is open to all TBJ members and there no cost for tuition (this is covered in part by synagogue dues).

We hope you will consider sending your children to our school. Our fami-

lies come from as far east as Dover and as far north as Center Harbor. TBJ is a very welcoming community and strives to make everyone feel at home. Our rabbi, Rabbi Robin, is quite active in the school, and she is a compassionate and dedicated, spiritual and knowledgeable leader who cares about each student. Our teachers are primarily teachers by trade, and they bring their skills and knowledge to our students. They are an impressive group of educators. If you have any questions, please email Noreen Leibson at noreenleibson@gmail.com. Noreen is our principal. She has over 30 years of experience in Jewish school leadership and brings her love for Jewish learning to her students. If you would like to visit us, please contact Noreen, and we can set up a tour before school even begins.

Now back to our initial question, what is the most read book in the world? It's the Bible!

See you in school!

Temple Israel of Manchester is looking for religious school teachers for grades K through 7 in our Sunday morning Hebrew school.

You should teach at Temple Israel if you:

- enjoy and have experience working with children in a synagogue setting;
- are passionate and knowledgeable about Judaism and Israel;
- have knowledge of Jewish rituals, traditions, and culture;
- have Hebrew knowledge (enough to participate in services); and
- want to create fun, educational, activities for children with a mix of needs and abilities.

Hours are 9:30-12 on most Sundays during the school year plus two Shabbat morning services. Please contact Cantor Marc Stober at school@templeisraelmht.org if interested or for more information.



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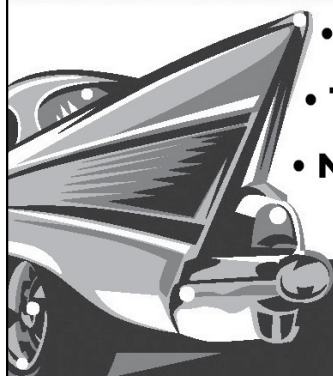
HELP WANTED – RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHER

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:15 PM. This position is for the Kita Gimmel class for ages 9-11. The curriculum includes:

- Practice reading, emphasizing the prayers.
- Learn recitation and chanting.
- Learn to translate Hebrew words/shorashim in prayer.
- Learn general translation of prayer.
- Discuss context, content and history of prayer.
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Please contact Andrea at Secretary@etzhayim.org.

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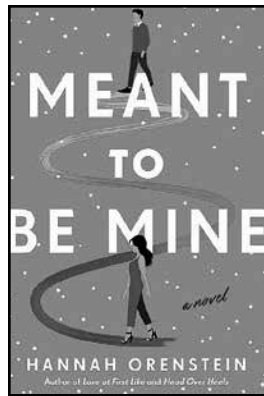
Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

Summer Reads

Summer reading on the beach is the best way to relax. *Meant to Be Mine*, a modern romance novel, is the ultimate way to relax while sitting under an umbrella on a towel on the sand. Between chapters, you can run down to the water and jump in to cool yourself off — and to stretch out the fun, romantic plot, so you do not reach the ending too quickly. When love is in the air, is it fate or destiny? Does love choose you? These are the questions the novel asks. Author Hannah Orenstein has written an entertaining story that can renew your belief in true love, and give you hope if you are looking for your *beshtet*.

This is the story of the twin sisters, Rae and Edie, as they each find their true love. Their grandmother, Gloria, has the reputation of having a second sense of when someone will meet their true love. Gloria can predict the calendar dates of when they will meet the man they are destined to marry, and family legend



says Gloria is never wrong. As Rae is about to marry her intended, Max, Edie's special date arrives. As she travels to a family gathering, she is looking around to find the man who she is meant to marry.

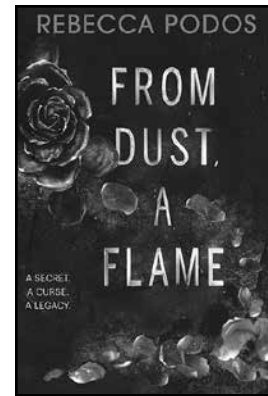
Told in the first person, Edie shares with the reader her struggles when it comes to the man she is sure is her destiny. She has broken up

with someone she really loved because she met him on the wrong day, but now, the new man—who she is sure is her true love—is not living up to his potential. Bringing him home to meet the family for Rosh Hashanah dinner proves not as comfortable as she thought it would be. Could there be a mistake with the date she was given? How hard should she work to make this relationship work, and when can you let go of a belief you are holding onto?

Hannah Orenstein is the author of *Playing with Matches*, *Love at First Like*, and *Head Over Heels*. She is the deputy

editor of dating at *Elite Daily*. Previously, she was a writer and editor at *Seventeen.com*. She lives in Brooklyn.

Don't stop your summer reading there, though — because there's also a fascinating YA debut novel from Rebecca Podos, titled *From Dust a Flame*. This book is a light fantasy, exploring mystical aspects from Jewish folklore about Hannah, a



girl who has grown up with her mother and brother, never feeling understood. Her mother always seems distracted and more connected to her brother, Gabe. Hannah is turning 17 and she has her future mapped out on a spreadsheet, finish high school in one place, working as hard as she can for the best grades. That way she can get noticed by the teachers and get recommendations to the Ivy league universities and leave her mother behind. Then on her birthday, everything changes. Her well-ordered life is blown out of her control, and in an effort to straighten things out she finds out how much she

never knew about her mother. She finds a family she did not know existed and she grapples with who she really is. This novel explores many interesting topics, such as Judaism, family connections, sexuality, friendship and commitment. Written in a teenage voice that embraces the current thoughts of today, and perfectly takes into account the different

way parents grow up from their children, and the inherent learning curve. It also taps into the power of ancient Jewish mysticism to connect with a modern-day lesson of love, strength and family.

Rebecca Podos is an award winner for her first two novels, winning the Junior Library Guild Selection and a B&N Best YA Book of 2016. She also won the 2018 Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ Children's and Young Adult. A graduate of the Writing, Literature and Publishing Program at Emerson College, she's an agent at the Rees Literary Agency in Boston by day.

Film Review

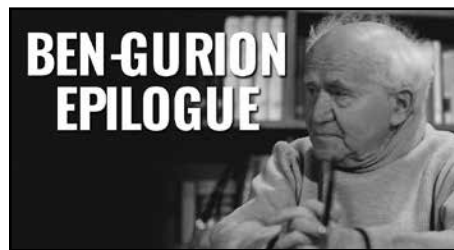
Reviewed by Zach Camenker, NH JFF Committee Member

Double Review: *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *Bubbeh Lee and Me*

If you are a Chai Flicks subscriber, then you will know at the moment that they have put together a limited series called *The Prime Ministers*,

which highlights the life of five of Israel's most renowned leaders. From mid-June to mid-July, they have released one documentary film per week examining particular prime ministers and their political and personal lives.

I got a chance just recently to watch the first in the series, *Ben-Gurion, Epilogue*, which details Israel's fascinating inaugural prime minister, following his political career and retirement in the desert. Just over an hour long, *Ben-Gurion, Epilogue* is based on a biography by Avi Shilon that was released in 2013. The film, which premiered three years later, is brief but informative in painting an image of Ben-Gurion as a person.



Filmed by a British historian and a small crew at Ben-Gurion's desert residence in 1968, the documentary focuses on the complexities of being prime minister, Ben-Gurion's decision to resign, and his observations of some of his successors from afar. At age 82, he is frank, provocative, and sharp. This footage was rediscovered and made into this film in 2016, edited from several hours into a shorter segment.

Born in Poland in 1886, Ben-Gurion eventually made his way to the United States during World War I. While there, he met his wife Paula Munweis, whose family had immigrated from Russia several years before. Despite objections

from Paula, the Ben-Gurions eventually made their way to present day Israel, and the rest is history.

Involved with many Jewish causes from a young age, Ben-Gurion was labeled a champion by many, and an anti-Zionist by others. As a staunch opponent of violence and early admirer of the philosophies of Buddha, many leaders in the opposing Irgun party, including his long-time rival and future prime minister, Menachem Begin, were opposed to Ben-Gurion's ideas.

His early political career is not tracked as deeply as it could be in the film, but much of that is due to the nature of the rediscovered footage and that most of the remaining hours of film that were cut lost their soundtrack. Nonetheless, Ben-Gurion rose to power as the first prime minister of Israel when it declared independence in May of 1948. He served in the post twice: first from May 1948 to January 1954 and then from November 1955 until his resignation in June 1963.

Moshe Sharett held the post in between Ben-Gurion's terms.

What the film does really well, aside from focusing on Ben-Gurion's biography and his tenure as prime minister, is the emphasis on asking specific questions of the formative leader. The filmmakers intently explore Ben-Gurion's conflicts over the years, particularly times of unrest and how that made him feel as a proponent of nonviolence. Additionally, Ben-Gurion hones in on the difficult decisions that a leader must make when confronted with doing what is right for the country versus what is in their gut, which resonated with me as a powerful idea.

The interviews began just before his wife Paula's death at the end of January 1968, which gives viewers the good fortune of being able to see Mrs. Ben-Gurion profiled a bit as well. In discussing her husband's decision to resign from politics, we see two different portrayals of how he is managing after leaving his

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Manchester Temple Israel and TAY Book Clubs Come Together for a Fascinating Zoom Program by Author Dr. Doug Zipes

On Wednesday evening, June 15, the Book Clubs of Temple Israel and Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester joined together to hear a presentation by author Dr. Doug Zipes about his latest book, *Ari's Spoon*.

Dr. Zipes is a nationally and world-renowned cardiologist who is the retired Chief of Cardiology and Professor Emeritus at the University of Indiana Medical Center in Indianapolis. He has published almost 1000 articles and 16 textbooks in the field of cardiology and has held leadership positions in many programs in the medical world. As he headed into retirement, he (thankfully for us) managed to find time to write some wonderful novels and an autobiography, all very impressive works. *Ari's Spoon* is his latest work of fiction and another truly wonderful read.

Here is a synopsis of the story: "Young

surgeon Gabe Goerner and his wife, Cassie, are thrilled when their daughter, Zoey, is born. She is a seven-pound, six-ounce re-creation of her mother. When she is three months old, her parents schedule her baptism at a Catholic Church in Indianapolis. The attendees include his parents who bring the family's cedar chest, his grandfather's most prized possession from Poland, that houses Gabe's baptismal gown. Although it is a family heirloom, its origins are unknown. As Gabe's family enters the church for his daughter's baptism, her gown triggers the security metal detector. After Gabe discovers the cause is an engraved silver spoon sewn into the double-layered hem of the tiny gown, the mysterious discovery soon transports him through a cascade of unforgettable events that lead him from contemporary Indianapolis to the Warsaw ghetto during World War II,

from underground bunkers to operating rooms, and from the safety of home to the Treblinka death camp. What he finds on his mission will transform his life... *Ari's Spoon* is the historical tale of a young surgeon's journey to the truth..."

The seed for the session with Doug was planted by Stephen Singer. He had read the book and contacted Dr. Sol Rockenmacher, who had introduced Stephen to previous works by Doug. Stephen described *Ari's Spoon* as follows: "An absolutely spellbinding historical novel dealing with both the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and contemporary antisemitism. Radiant, emotional and eye opening. Highly recommended." Stephen, Sol, and TI Book Club representative Ken Cohn all felt that it would be very special to have Doug join us for a discussion of the book with our Manchester Jewish community Book Clubs. Doug was contacted by Sol,

who had been a schoolmate of Doug's at Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Medical School and Harvard Medical School. Doug graciously accepted the invite to join us in a Zoom program from his home in Indianapolis.

The Zoom presentation began with an introduction by Sol and then Ken took over as moderator for the rest of the session. To start, Dr. Zipes gave a wonderful presentation about the process of putting the book together, with a lot of Polish Holocaust history and geography and an impressive description of development of the characters involved, both real and fictional. This was followed by questions from the audience. Overall, it was clearly a very enjoyable and meaningful program that brought our community together to reflect on both our past and present Jewish history. The bottom line: *Ari's Spoon* is a must-read!

Before the New Year, Watch 'The Good Place'

By Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, Temple Beth Abraham

Before you know it, the New Year will be upon us. Sorry to bring that up (actually not — I'm a rabbi, after all). I have no doubt that you have been reflecting already on the past year or two, what we've learned and how we've changed. If there's anything we crave, it's a sense of control over what the coming year might bring. Over who you can be in the new year. If you're thinking at all about what it means to become a better person — and who isn't? — then I've got just the thing to accompany you over the weeks from now to Rosh Hashanah. It's a TV show: *The Good Place*.

The Good Place is about a group of flawed people trying to earn their place in the afterlife after arriving there by mistake (sort of — I don't want to spoil everything). The show teaches ethical philosophy and tackles big questions in a hilarious way. It deals with lying, motivation, selfishness, and whether some good deeds have more value than others. Whether there are moral absolutes or it all depends. Whether you can sacrifice some people's happiness for the sake of a higher good. *The Good Place* explores how friends and teachers help us change.

Kristen Bell and Ted Danson are the big names connected with the show, along with creator Michael Schur. If you



like shows like *The Office*, *Parks and Recreation*, or *Cheers*; *Friends*, *Gilligan's Island* or *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (have I covered all the generations?) — you will love *The Good Place*. Really, if you like fast comedy, smart comedy and the occasional gross joke, you'll have a good time watching. And though the writers wouldn't say it this way, the show explores the fundamental metaphor of *teshuvah* — "going back." Whether in flashbacks, do-overs, or other clever variations, *The Good Place* is about that basic Jewish concept at the core of the High Holy Day season.

Which is why last summer I started a podcast to explore those connections. It's

called *Tov!*, which is Hebrew for "good." Each podcast is devoted to a specific episode of the show. We laugh, talk about some ideas and play around with related Jewish concepts. As I wrote in *The Reporter* last year, part of my motivation for the podcast was of questionable ethical value. I'm quite simply jealous that these TV writers have gotten millions of people talking about moral philosophy and big ethical questions and how we become better and even define what that means. After all, that's kind of my lane, no? So, I thought, why not try to take a ride on their back and get a big audience for teaching some Jewish things that way.

Well as I write this, my envy is still in-



tact. Yes, episodes of *Tov!* have gone all over the globe, and every so often it's made the top 100 of Jewish podcasts in a particular week. But

that's nowhere near as impressive or popular as it might sound. Still, doing the podcast has connected me with some amazing Jewish teachers around the country — smart and funny people, many of whom I met only because of this show. The show helped me understand Purim better this year, and has new opened windows into Talmudic teachings I've seen dozens of times before. The show notes get down some key Jewish ideas and links to deeper dives from great Jewish teachers.

So I'll say this: if nothing else, start streaming or binging *The Good Place* right now. Let it tickle you and in a non-threatening way help you think about what we all should be thinking about this summer and fall. It's the spoonful of sugar we all could use, for the medicine the world badly needs. And if you find yourself sucked in and wondering what Judaism might have to say, check out *Tov!* wherever you get podcasts or at tovgoodplace.com. If you do, drop me a note at tov@tovgoodplace.com — would love to hear what you have to say!

Arts & Entertainment

Film Review

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post. While he contends that he was ready to go, Paula says that he was not, and that politics remains in his blood like so many who choose that career path.

Personally, I tend to concur with Paula. Five years after his resignation, Ben-Gurion seems to still be attached to the happenings at the Knesset under the leadership of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. He does not appear to withdraw his attention from the political scene to instead enjoy his retirement haven in the desert. A true gentleman, however, Ben-Gurion does not let his personal differences with current leaders in 1968 influence his feelings as a retired prime minister. Instead, he continues to emphasize how hard the job is and that while he may not always see eye to eye with the Knesset, he hopes that their focus remains on finding peace.

Overall, the film is very intriguing and representative of Ben-Gurion in a lot of ways. Because of the nature of its brevity and its lost pieces, it does not read like a traditional, fluid documentary, but instead as a series of vignettes. It works, though, particularly because Ben-Gurion's tenure as prime minister was so formative for the State of Israel.

You can also catch the documentary *Golda* on Chai Flicks, which we screened at the 2021 New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival to much acclaim. Next time, I hope to feature a review on at least one of the other three documentaries in this series that I have not yet seen. Also profiled are Prime Ministers Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Rabin, and Ariel Sharon. The Begin documentary available through Chai Flicks is separate from *Upheaval: The Journey of Menachim Begin*, which screened earlier this year at our annual Film Festival and focused on his tenure

as prime minister, so I am looking forward to the opportunity to see another depiction of Begin's life and career.

Chai Flicks features an array of Jewish and Israeli films, series, and documentaries. You can sign up for a free 7-day trial

and then choose to subscribe for a year at \$60 or monthly for \$5.99 and it is compatible with Apple, Android, Roku, Amazon, and Samsung TVs. I highly recommend it as a great service and hope you will check it out. Until next time ...

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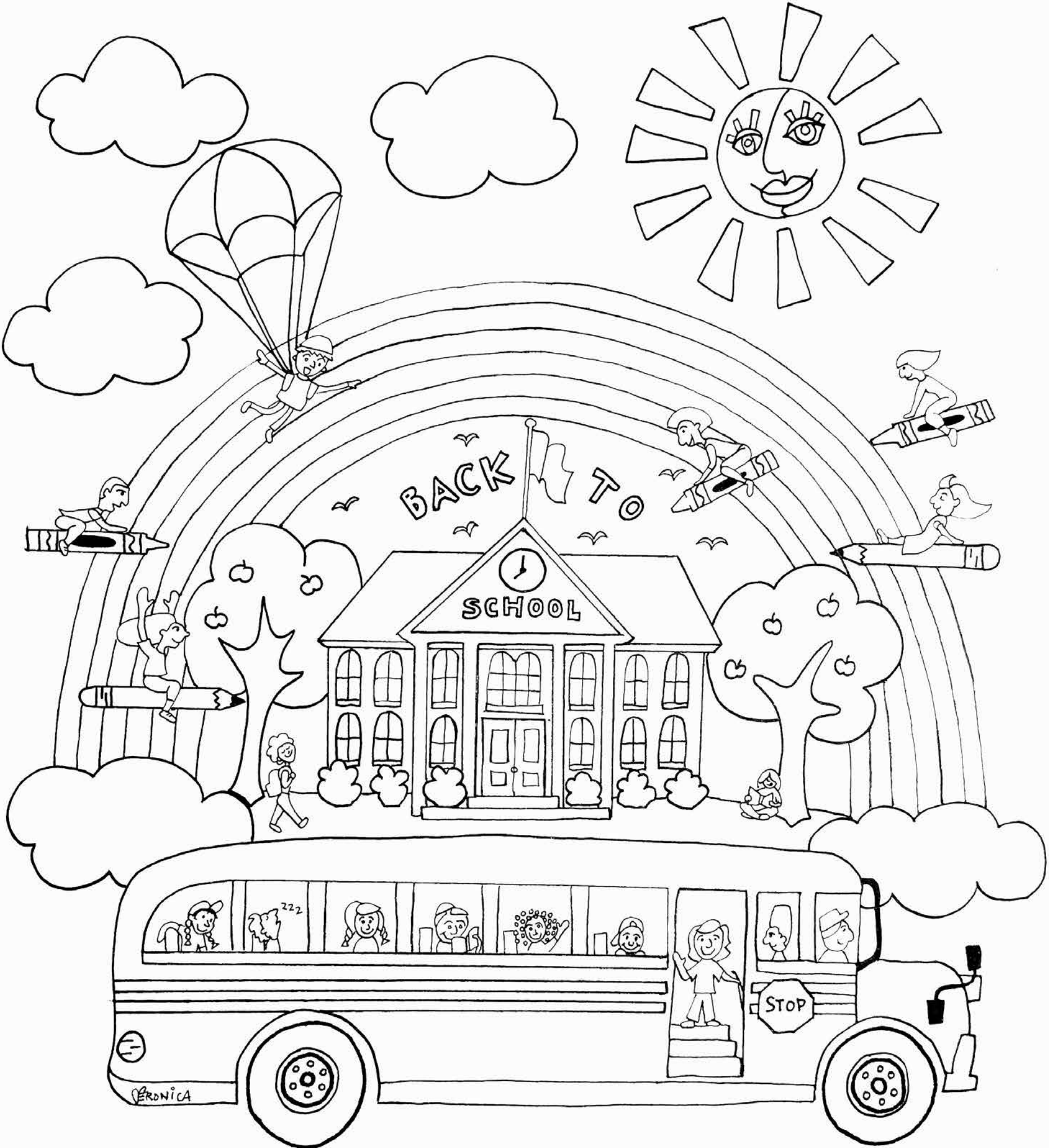
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Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation focuses on spring cleanups, Small Acts projects

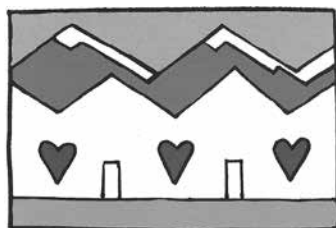
By Eileen Regen

Tough jobs? Yes, but tough crews finished two major spring cleanups with pride – one in the synagogue and one on the famed North Country trails. BHC participated in Bethlehem's Annual Spring Cleanup Day by clearing debris from a section of Route 142, from the turnoff to Copper Canyon Camp and down towards Franconia. Team members Michel Adler, Neil Brody, Dave Goldstone, and Lucy Goodhart filled large blue trash bags, each weighing about eight pounds, on their mile-long assignment which they finished in under an hour.

Next it was time for the synagogue cleanup. Over 10 members teamed up to sort out the classroom-meeting room

supply closet, the store-room, and the boiler room. Shelves were gleaned, sorted, and straightened up. BHC's dedicated work crew removed the tons of trash.

Led by Melissa Potter, BHC participates in the community #Small Acts program that originated in 2021 when the Bethlehem Select Board voted to make Bethlehem a Small Acts Community. BHC was invited to participate and unanimously voted YES! To be a Small Acts participant shows that we are a community of people who help others by doing small, neighborly acts. Some of the acts accomplished helped to bring cheer and comfort to folks in our community,



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including helping out a BHC member having a short-term financial issue due to a medical condition, delivering Shal-ach Manot Purim packages, and sending cheerful emails to someone dealing with a difficult family situation. In addition,

we hope that everyone participates often by doing small, everyday acts of kindness such as holding a door open for the next person, inviting someone to go ahead of you in a checkout line, leaving extra change at a laundromat, donating a box of cereal or a can of soup to the local food pantry, paying a compliment to a stranger, or just smiling and asking someone if you can help.

Small Acts. Tzedakah. Tikkun Olam. It's not limited to Bethlehem, to New Hampshire, or even to the United States! If you have any ideas for Small Acts, please share them with your community.



Moocho Salomon schlepped old boxes to the trash pile.



Alice Dreier sorted chairs.



Dorothy Goldstone sorted and folded tallisim.



President Dave Goldstone organized the school supply-book closet.



Two Ladies: Beth Harwood and Moocho Salomon sorted decades of papers.



Eileen Regen checked the tablecloth supply.



Gary Harwood tugged trash to the dump.

My Mother's Story of Survival

By Ruth Chevion

June 6th marks one of the most important events in modern history. In 1944, on June 6, the allies landed in Normandy to begin the liberation of Europe. On a personal scale, the day has particular significance in my family, because June 6th is also my mother's birthday.

In 1944, my mother had been in hiding in an apartment in Krakow Poland for over a year. The woman who was risking her life to hide her, and others as well, was Alicia Moskalska, a young Polish woman who took no money, but did it out of altruism and Polish patriotism. She was doing her part in the war against the Nazis.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, Alicia said to my mother, "I'm going out to the black market to see if I can find something for your birthday, maybe an orange." She



Alicia Moskalska, the Polish woman who hid my mother for the last two years of the war.

returned empty handed, and said to my mother, "I didn't find an orange, but I have the best birthday present for you ... the allies have landed in France!"

To celebrate June 6, we always get together and of course have a nice dinner, and then we watch the movie *The Longest Day*. My mother loved the part in the movie when Eisenhower risks launching the invasion despite bad weather.

We always remember Alicia with gratitude, and we honor and thank the many soldiers who died in that invasion.



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Hadassah Responds to Dobbs vs. Jackson and the war in Ukraine

By Michele Bank

Members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah Book Club met on Zoom recently to discuss the book, *The Betrayal of Anne Frank* by Rosemary Sullivan. While there is no conclusive evidence from this cold case investigation, it does give the reader much to think about. The next book that is scheduled to be read is Jodie Picoult's *Wish You Were Here*, "a powerfully evocative story of resilience and the triumph of the human spirit in a moment of crisis." A discussion will be held in August. Please contact Helen Arnold at helenarnold@comcast.net for more information. Hadassah members can join the next National Hadassah's One-Book-One-Hadassah book selection of *Last Summer at the Golden Hotel*. Hadassah Magazine Executive Editor Lisa Hostein will interview Elyssa Friedland about her novel. "Filled with heart, humor, romance and plenty of Borscht Belt schmaltz, the charming multigenerational caper is a perfect summer read rooted in a deeply Jewish question: How can we preserve our legacies and traditions in the face of change?" This program is scheduled for Monday, August 15 at 7 PM. Go to Hadassah.org and sign up for hadassah@home to register.

In response to the recent decision issued by the Supreme Court of the United States in Dobbs vs. Jackson – Women's Health overturning the precedent of Roe v. Wade, Hadassah National President Rhoda Smolow and CEO Naomi Adler made the following statement: "The Supreme Court's decision is an attack on American women and their

rights to health care, privacy and autonomy. Without federal protection for their rights, women across the country could now be barred from making their own health decisions under a patchwork of inconsistent state laws. Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, reaffirms its unwavering support for full and complete access to reproductive health services and the right to make decisions based on each woman's religious, moral, and ethical values. Hadassah will continue to fight for federal and state legislation affirming and protecting reproductive rights."

As a result of the war in Ukraine, Hadassah treated 31,000+ war victims, and sent 15 Hadassah Medical Delegations (100 medical staff). 55 young war refugees are at Youth Aliyah Villages, \$30,000 of medical supplies were donated, and over \$1.1 million was raised to support the Hadassah Medical Humanitarian Mission.

After more than 90 days on the ground at Poland's border with Ukraine, Hadassah's mission to set up an urgent care trauma facility for the thousands of war refugees fleeing Ukraine has come to its intended conclusion. Hadassah has successfully built the framework and established an expert medical organization where it is critically needed and have cultivated relationships with local and global organizations to take the lead. While the medical component of Hadassah's Ukraine humanitarian relief efforts has been completed, the initiative to serve young adults who fled the war continues at the Youth Aliyah villages in Israel.

For additional information about Hadassah, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com.

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A Map of Antisemitism in New England

By Information supplied by the ADL of New England

The following information about the very dangerous “Mapping Project” is provided by the Anti-Defamation League.

What is the Mapping Project?

The mapping project is an interactive map that pinpoints the locations of Jewish communal and other community organizations in Massachusetts, including ADL. The map’s lines extend outwards to any group, organization, educational institution, or government official those communal organizations may have interacted with, in an attempt to expose and isolate those who they assert are responsible for “the colonization of Palestine” and other perceived “harms that we see linked, such as policing, US Imperialism and displacement.” In all, approximately 400 organizations are named. This BDS Boston-endorsed Project includes a disturbing and antisemitic call to “dismantle” and “disrupt” most of Boston’s Jewish community and concludes with a thinly veiled threat that “every entity has an address, every network can be disrupted.”

What exactly is antisemitic about the Mapping Project?

Under the guise of this interactive map, the authors essentially name, shame, and blame Jewish communal organizations in Massachusetts for many of the world’s problems and specifically calls out Zionism as a “harm,” thus implicating the vast majority of the Jewish community that identifies in some way with the state of Israel. Of the 38 non-profit organizations named, 30 are Jewish organizations – no other community is similarly targeted. The Jewish communal groups are identified as “Boston’s Zionist NGO circuit” and accused not only of “supporting the colonization of Palestine” but also “violence worldwide.” Many familiar antisemitic tropes are woven into this project, including:

- Myths of Jewish wealth, power and control through the project’s inordinate focus on revealing the identity of Jewish philanthropists, doctors, and media.
- Scapegoating the Jewish community by claiming that Jews are overwhelmingly responsible for a range of societal ills.
- Advocating the isolation and shunning of the entire Jewish community and those who interact with it, including through boycotts.

- Any campaign that blames and scapegoats Jews as a community for perceived ills is, by definition, antisemitic.

Why is this threatening?

The website itself is threatening, calling for the dismantling and disruption of the Boston Jewish community as follows: “Our goal in pursuing this collective mapping was to reveal the local entities and networks that enact devastation, so we can dismantle them. Every entity has an address, every network can be disrupted.”

How can Jewish community organizations and members protect their safety and security?

Review your communal security preparedness – contact CJP’s Communal Security Initiative which provides professional security advice and support to meet the needs of the Jewish community as it is forced to contend with increased antisemitic threats and attacks.

Report antisemitic incidents to ADL.

Call 911 or contact your local police department if you fear for your safety or the safety of others.

How can I join in the fight against antisemitism?

Join our community in denouncing these efforts to blame and scapegoat Jews in America for the alleged actions of the State of Israel and other societal problems.

Join with the Boston Jewish community by standing together and continuing our work building bridges, support our allies and each other, and confront antisemitism where we see it and when we experience it.

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For more information: Robert Trestan, the New England Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, wrote the following op-ed that was originally printed in *The Boston Globe*.

BDS-Promoted Mapping Project is Antisemitic and Must be Condemned

By Robert Trestan

The targeting of Jewish organizations and individuals harks back to the virulent conspiracy theories of the The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. We are living through a time where antisemitism is

resurging in ways we haven’t seen in years and where calls to demonize and shun particular communities are undermining democratic principles and institutions.

Having said this, one didn’t expect to see anything as vile and sinister as the Mapping Project, endorsed by the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) Boston movement, which has surfaced in recent days. This project presents a map and includes names of many individuals and institutions integral to the Jewish community and identifies the institutions over which they supposedly have corrupt influence. It calls to “dismantle” them and names employees and lists addresses. It directs readers on its homepage: “Every entity has an address, every network can be disrupted.” This is reminiscent of the worst kind of targeting and isolation of the Jewish people. It is a form of intimidation deeply rooted in antisemitic tropes.

This call to action against an entire community is unacceptable and dangerous. It is an affront not just to the targeted Jewish community but to all who hold dear our democratic values. It plays into the notion that Jews act in conspiratorial ways, that Jews have excessive poisonous power, and that Jews therefore are legitimate targets.

This kind of conspiracy theory has a long history and culminated in the early part of the 20th century in the most insidious antisemitic document ever concocted, The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion. The claim there, a complete fantasy, was that Jewish leaders had gathered and planned a takeover of the world. The Protocols were allegedly the “discovery” of these secret plans.

Like many recent manifestations of current antisemitism, the mapping project is framed in terms of condemnation of Israel, intertwined with age-old antisemitic tropes of Jewish power and conspiratorial behaviors. To be sure, one can legitimately critique the political stances of any organization. But to do so with this kind of bigoted language — while calling for the “dismantling” of an entire community — is dangerous. This kind of heated blame-the-victim rhetoric has led to violent assaults on American Jews in this country. One need look no further than a number of the May 2021 anti-Israel protests in the United States, during a period of military conflict between Israel and Hamas, where hateful rhetoric against Jews motivated some to carry out violent assaults. Attacks against Jews nearly doubled during that period, contributing to a major

spike in 2021 that drove US incidents to an all-time high.

The mapping project sees Jews as a cabal rather than as American citizens exercising their legitimate rights in supporting a democratic ally of the United States. The Jewish community, like others in American society, is diverse and reflects a variety of views on many subjects, including Israel, though support for the Jewish state overwhelmingly cuts across ideological lines. Hardly a cabal! The project is about the purported sinister ability of these all-powerful Jews to influence and control political figures in order to achieve their nefarious goals. Support for Israel’s legitimacy as a democratic Jewish state is a tenet of much of Boston’s Jewish community, but it’s understood that American support for Israel rests on the shared values and interests of Israel and the United States. The project incentivizes others to take action against these corrupt and evil forces. At a time when antisemitism has new adherents in America, this project comes at the worst possible moment.

This is also part of a larger effort by anti-Zionist groups who increasingly call for the ostracization of Zionists and Zionist organizations. It has included the expulsion of a Jewish member of a sexual assault support group at the State University of New York for a post in support of Israel; a student-led petition at Tufts University asking fellow students to boycott campus Zionist and pro-Israel programs; and the Washington, D.C., chapter of an environmental justice group refusing to participate in an event because of the inclusion of Zionist groups.

Whatever one’s views on Israeli policy and actions — and we recognize that opinions vary widely — this should be an occasion for all to stand up against this kind of intimidation and targeting. In the 1920s, industrialist Henry Ford used his newspaper, *The Dearborn Independent*, to disseminate the Protocols and its antisemitic conspiracy notions to the American people. We have come a long way in this country since those days. Jews have been able to live good lives as Americans because of the good work of so many. Let’s not regress to those sad times in our history.

JFNH’s Antisemitism and Diversity Committee welcomes new members to help combat rising antisemitism in New England. Please contact committee chair Dina Michael Chaitowitz at dmichaelchaitowitz@gmail.com.

Recent Events

Joan and Howard Brodsky Honored with the Lifetime of Service Award from City Year NH

Manchester, N.H. (June 16, 2022) – In recognition of their long-lasting and significant contributions to those in New Hampshire and across the world, Howard and Joan Brodsky were honored by City Year New Hampshire with a Lifetime of Service Award. The award was presented during the Cocktails and Celebrations event at the Currier Museum of Art in early June.

“Howard and Joan Brodsky are role models to those who want to serve, those who care about children’s opportunities and equity and are committed to building stronger communities. They have dedicated their lives and careers to being value-driven and have vastly improved the lives of thousands across our state and the world,” said Pawn Nitichan, executive director of City Year New Hampshire.

Howard Brodsky is a world leader of cooperatives and a prolific American entrepreneur. He is the Co-Founder, Chairman, and Co-CEO of CCA Global Part-

ners, the second largest privately held company in New Hampshire, and one of the largest cooperatives in the United States. CCA is a purpose-driven company with more than 4,000 member locations, 30,000 childcare centers, and almost 1 million family businesses that directly benefit from CCA Global’s 14 different businesses. Over its history, CCA Global has shared over \$1 billion in profits back to its members. A published author, Howard Brodsky is in the Cooperative Hall of Fame, Entrepreneur Hall of Fame, was awarded the Global Leadership Award by the World Affairs Council, New Hampshire Business Leader of the Year, and was the first American to win the International Rochdale Award. In 2020, he was named the Business Leader of the Decade in New Hampshire.

Joan Brodsky is a dedicated champion of children, the arts, and health and wellness in New Hampshire, serving as Vice Chair of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New



Hampshire and Vice Chair of Canterbury Shaker Village. In both roles, her drive and collaborative approach have contributed tremendously to the preservation of the Granite State’s history and

preservation of its future. She has a 40-year background in the arts, dance, and creative movement and is the founder of the New Hampshire Dance Collaborative, a nonprofit that provides interdisciplinary dance events across the state and offers well-paid opportunities for performing artists.

“Joan and I strongly believe that service is a critical calling and a lifelong responsibility. Our goal in giving back is simple – we want to create opportunity for others, level the playing fields and open doors for them. This can happen through the arts, education, mentoring, nonprofit work, and the co-op work that helped thousands of family businesses realize their dreams,” said Howard Brodsky. “City Year has always embraced this vision, which is why it is such an honor to be recognized by an organization that has made a positive lifetime impact on those who serve and are served. Joan and I are grateful to them.”

Etz Hayim Synagogue Announces its 2022-2023 (5783) Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff Schedule

For Etz Hayim’s upcoming Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff schedule, all programs will be in person and will be on Thursday nights starting at 7 PM. The programs are open to the public at no charge. Donations to the synagogue, to allow us to continue with these and other programs, are welcome.

Here’s what we have coming up:

- In 2022, **September 8.** *Climate Change and Your Health: Why it Matters!* The speaker Dr. Deborah Gerson is a pathologist practicing at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester where she has seen the health effects of global warming in her practice with the increase in tick-borne diseases such as babesiosis and Lyme disease. She practiced pathology for several years in Florida where she learned first-hand the health dangers caused by hurricanes and extreme heat.
- **November 10.** *COVID-19: Data and Research from Israel and Around the World.* The speaker, David Riese, will present research regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and the different countermeasures that have taken place around the world.
- **December 8.** *Introduction to Jewish Genealogy using JewishGen and other*

resources. Isabel Danforth will demonstrate how to use JewishGen.org to get information about possible ancestors. She will answer questions and will do a search for someone who is participating. If time allows, we can also share results from some DNA matching websites.

- In the winter of 2023, **January 12.** *A Priest and Rabbi Walk into Yet Another Bar.* The Reverend Ray Bonin and Rabbi Peter Levy continue this popular series, by discussing the core issues in their respective faiths. They walk the talk demonstrating our Interfaith Campus.
- **February 9.** *The Future of Work and Play Revisited.* Wayne Kurtzman market intelligence analyst, an adjunct educator, and the Research Director, IDC. He presented this talk in February 2020. Now he will show how technology has changed and continue to change, effectively changing how we communicate, learn, work and play. This will affect how we create better (or at least new) consumer and employee experiences, altering the way companies and organizations hire, and how customers select what and where they buy. Special attention will be paid to how we are getting from today to

the emerging economy, and actions you can take to stay informed and happy across the journey.

- **March 9.** *Purity, Eugenics, and Lethal Medicine.* Thomas White, MA Coordinator of Educational Outreach for the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will explore the origin and context of eugenic thinking beginning with Francis Galton and ending in Nazi Germany. We will explore the role that white supremacy, elitism, and misogyny played in the eugenics movement. Specific attention will focus on Charles Davenport and Harry Laughlin’s Eugenics Records Office in Cold Springs Harbor, NY. We will explore how racism and anti-immigrant sentiment fused with the eugenics movement in *Buck v. Bell* and the 1921 and 1924 immigration acts. We will examine how Hitler and the Nazis utilized American race law and eugenics precedents in the implementation of their “racial hygiene” policies; including race law, marriage law, forced sterilization, the Nuremberg Laws, children’s euthanasia, the T4 Euthanasia program, and the Holocaust.
- In the Spring of 2023, **April 13** *Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story*, the

movie narrated by Dustin Hoffman. Just in time for the opening of the baseball season and our eternal hopes for the Boston Red Sox. It shows the stories of Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax. And, it includes our beloved Kevin Youkilis. Be there for the pitch!

- **May 11.** *The Challenges of Jewish Education.* Megan Hogan, head of the Etz Hayim Hebrew School discusses the many challenges and opportunities in providing a Jewish education to our youngsters. They range from the many activities our students are involved with to the expansion of Jewish topics.
- **June 8.** *The Jewish Cemetery in the United States: A Path Toward Americanization.* . Rabbi Joshua L. Segal of Congregation Betenu, Amherst, NH, and author of *A Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery: A Spiritual Journey to the Past, Present, and Future*, will speak about the evolution of cemetery history in the American Jewish community has been driven by two forces: changes in cemetery and burial practices in America, and the gradual acculturation of American Jews. These forces have exerted more influence than have either Jewish customs (min-hag)

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or Jewish law (halakhah). The first Jewish cemeteries in America followed a pattern of evolution similar to that in non-Jewish cemeteries. Backyard buri-

als were replaced by colonial cemeteries which in turn were replaced by rural cemeteries and park cemeteries.

For more information on any of these events, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120

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