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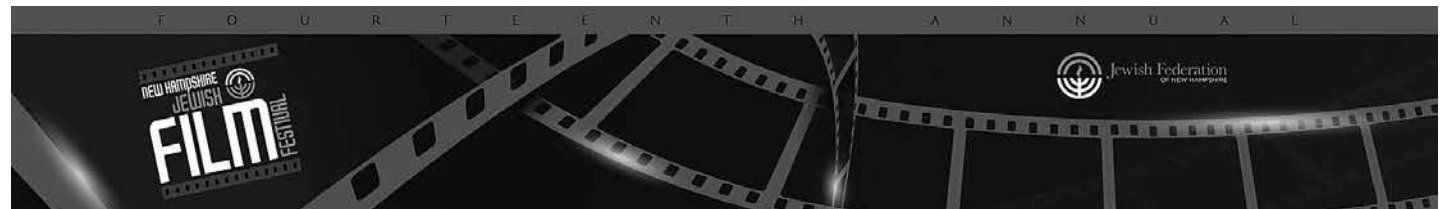
14th Annual NH Jewish Film Festival Recap... and Thank You!

By Zach Camenker, JFF Committee Member

For the first time in nearly three years, audiences were back in person for three days of the 14th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, which ran from March 31 to April 10.

Opening night at the Rex Theatre in Manchester was a huge success with many attendees buying tickets at the door to enjoy the new documentary *The Automat*. A story of the bygone era of the Horn and Hardart food service empire, attendees were able to hear from the film's director Lisa Hurwitz and collector Steve Stollman in a post-film Zoom discussion facilitated by Festival Steering Committee Member Barrie Paster.

Three other documentaries were screened virtually, including *Fiddler's Journey to the Big Screen*, which traces the Hollywood version of the hit Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Directed by Daniel Raim, whose film *Harold and Lillian* screened at our Festival in



Lisa Hurwitz

2017, *Fiddler's Journey to the Big Screen* features the film's producer/director Norman Jewison, along with Chaim Topol, John Williams, and other artists involved in the making of the movie.

Our other documentaries involved post-film discussions on Zoom. Audience members who watched *Apples and Or-*



Yoav Brill

anges, an Israeli piece about the history of the kibbutz, were able to hear from director Yoav Brill on Zoom while those who screened *Upheaval: The Journey of Menachem Begin*, a narrative about Israel's sixth Prime Minister, participated in a great discussion between director Jonathan Gruber and Dr. Richard England, a

Professor Emeritus at UNH and a member of the Federation's Israel Engagement and Education Committee.

As always, attendees of the Festival had access to some of the best documentaries, all making their New Hampshire premieres, about Jewish and Israeli life, a core part of the Film Festival's mission.

The Festival returned to long-time partner Red River Theatres on Thursday, April 7 for a screening of the German satire *The Un-Word*. A provocative film mixed with humor and serious themes, as well as a fabulous ensemble of actors, it was well-received by audience members and inspired by its writer/director's own upbringing as a Russian Jew in Berlin.

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Finding Our Way to Normal

As we are finding our way in this new way of normal life, it is so wonderful to see so much activity happening here at the Federation again. Finding a balance between in-person and virtual opportunities, it has been so nice to safely start to see faces again outside of computer screens.

Ra'anana, our Shaliach—in partnership with synagogues around the state and a team of volunteers—has created some amazing programs for the month of May, beginning with Yom Hashoah and ending in a fantastic Yom Ha'atzmaut outdoor community celebration. Over a two-week timeframe, there will be both in-person and virtual opportunities to remember, honor, and celebrate Israel. He continues his visits to Hebrew Schools

Allyson Guertin

**JFNH
Director**



around New Hampshire, has some amazing virtual and in-person adult programs, and just started a Jewish Professionals group for adults 25-45, kicking off the program with a successful happy hour event in April.

PJ Library just collaborated with five synagogues on a fantastic Passover Story Walk at a Manchester park. Shavua Tov Story Time


continues to bring families from around the state to join together for a monthly 20-minute Zoom story time and craft that is mailed to each registered child's home ahead of time. In May they will be celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut with a virtual pre-Shabbat program and visit from author Lisa Rose who will read *A Zombie Shabbat* to participants! And summer plans are already in the works to get our new PJ Library coordinator Dinah Berch on the road, offering some in-person programs around the state again!

Our New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival just wrapped up another successful year offering both in-person and virtual opportunities to view films, and has another binge-

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May 6	7:35 PM
May 13	7:42 PM
May 20	7:50 PM
May 27	7:56 PM
June 3	8:02 PM
June 10	8:06 PM
June 17	8:10 PM
June 24	8:11 PM

An Exploration of Israel Through PJ Library Books

By Dinah Berch, Program Coordinator
JFNH

Yom Ha'atzmaut begins on May 4th this year, and as we gear up for this celebration, I've been looking through the bookshelves in my office (it's still so fun to be able to say that!) for all the PJ Library books on Israel. Some are old friends; some are new and exciting. My kids have been receiving PJ Library books for almost eight years now, so we have quite the personal collection. The collection at my office is AMAZING. I could sit on my PJ Library chairs in my PJ Library shirt and socks and read for days.

It's not always easy to talk to children about Israel. It can feel charged, political, complicated. Fortunately, PJ Library is there to help. The QR code included in this article will bring you to PJ Library's article on "How to Talk to Kids About Israel" including reading lists broken down by age.



For young children like mine, the books focus on landmarks, colors, sounds, flavors, and the amusing

things that make Israel special and unique. Take the book *And a Cat from Carmel Market* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, which follows Bubbe as she shops in Tel Aviv for Shabbat, only to come home with a laughable assortment of stray cats. Or *Avi the Ambulance to the Rescue* by Claudia Carlson, which highlights the work of the Magen David Adom through a Thomas the Tank Engine-esque family of ambulances. This year, my daughter Kira finally mastered reading. She has a robust, active imagination that draws heavily from her late-night perusal. I remember my parents' reading me *And Shira Imagined* by Giora Carmi when I was about Kira's age, the black and white illustrations of the "real" contrasting with Shira's full-color imaginings. That resonates with Kira too, for whom distinctions between imagined and real are sometimes blurred. Imagining toys and dolls are with her as she explores the Red Sea, Caesarea, Masada—as Shira does—makes the experience that much more comfortable and memorable for children.

Sammy Spider is another character my children easily relate to, with the spider's curiosity getting him into one funny situation after another. *Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel*, by Sylvia A.

Rouss, is a journey through Israel following the five senses. Sammy wishes his mother could experience Israel with him as he smells the sea air of Tel Aviv, hears Israeli music, etc. With the fun illustration style of Katherine Janus Kahn, it's a beautiful introduction to the country. Diane Levin Rauchweger's *Dinosaur Goes to Israel* is similar, presenting Israel through simple rhyme schemes about a boy and his dinosaur touring the country. And of course, there's *Shalom Everybodyee! Grover's Adventures in Israel* by Tilda Balsley and Ellen Fischer, in which Israel is introduced through the lens of a beloved character from a familiar TV show. The book is told entirely in emails from Grover to his friends back at Sesame Street, and "photographs" of him along his trip – a fun concept that keeps the book feeling modern and funny, as if we're Grover's pen pals.

For very young children, I love *The Colors of Israel*, a book of photographs by Rachel Raz that teaches colors in English and Hebrew. I also love *Listen: Israel's All Around* by Jamie Kiffel-Alchek that uses simple repetition like "Rumble, bumble, zoom, zoom, zoom. Kibbutz tractors vroom, vroom, vroom."

For slightly older kids my current fa-

vorite is *Engineer Arielle and the Israel Independence Day Surprise* by Deborah Bodin Cohen – a lovely celebration of Israel from the perspective of a light rail train conductor traveling through Jerusalem from the Kotel (Western Wall) to Machane Yehuda market to the central bus station all while discussing how people will celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

Author Lisa Rose has published two of my favorite PJ Library books about Israel: *A Zombie Vacation* about a zombie who travels Israel in the hopes of getting her groove back and finally discovers the magic of the Dead Sea, and *Shmulik Paints the Town*, about a painter who is tasked with celebrating Israel by painting a mural. On Friday, May 13th, I'm excited to share that Lisa will be joining us on Zoom for our "Zombie Shabbat" program. After a short Shabbat service Lisa will read her book and then lead a STEM activity to teach us more about the Dead Sea – all while dressed as a Zombie. This family event is not to be missed! See our calendar on www.jewishnh.org to register for Zoom information. I hope that this month you find the perfect book that speaks to you as we celebrate the magic and wonder – and yes, all of the messy and complicated aspects, too – of the land of Israel.

The Countdown to My First Trip to Israel

By Susan Friedburg

I was raised in a Reform Jewish community in a Massachusetts town, with Hebrew school friends, religious holiday celebrations, and a couple of summers of overnight camp. Yet Israel was always "somewhere over there," not really a place that I dreamed of seeing or experiencing. Although I had more recently expected to visit Israel with my family someday, when I came across the MOMentum application, I could not pass up the opportunity to make this first visit without them.

I was invited to join the inaugural JFNH MOMentum Women's Journey to Israel over the summer of 2021. There had been no 2020 trip, due to COVID. When I was invited to join, we had only a few short months to prepare for our November 2021 trip. We were giddy with excitement to think of an international journey after 18 months in lockdown. Then, the trip was postponed again.

Fast forward to April 2022. We leave



in five weeks! I am giddy yet again, arranging meetups in Israel with Israeli friends of friends. Although I am a seasoned traveler, a list maker, and a strategic packer, I was surprised by the introspective thoughts that surfaced about this trip. For one, what do I need to do to prepare — emotionally and educationally? I know myself: I can't just sit and wait for the departure date to arrive. I'm a doer, but what exactly

do I do? How much do I read about the history of Israel? Do I learn Hebrew? Attend Zoom seminars? Watch every movie made about life in Israel? How many people do I talk to about their first experience walking into the terminal at Ben Gurion airport? One friend shared, "I felt like I was home as soon as I stepped off of the airplane." Will I too feel that way? What if I don't? My brother, who wasn't actively Jewish be-

fore his first visit to Israel, began lighting Hanukkah candles the first December afterward.

Finally, after jumping around with unanswered questions swirling in my brain, I forced myself to sit quietly and reflect. I've always wanted to be part of something larger than myself. How can this once-in-a-lifetime adventure move me in that direction? And that's when I realized that it's not about the preparation ...

It is about being open and receptive to all that I experience when I am actually there. I'll watch and listen, observe and ask questions. I'll feel what my fellow travelers experience, see, and feel during our 10-day journey. I will do my best to absorb what is around me without passing judgment, drawing conclusions, or trying to fit it all into a neat and tidy box.

This opportunity to experience Israel with my nine new Jewish friends from New Hampshire is truly a blessing. Thank you JFNH, Allyson, Tracy, and the MOMentum team.

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.

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Sunday, May 1

BHC Presents – Holocaust and Genocide: from Darkness to Light

2:00PM, Zoom

The Jewish Federation joins the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation's Holocaust Memorial Program: Holocaust and Genocide: from Darkness to Light including the music of pianist, Marjan Kiepora and Elizabeth Borowsky, Violinist Boris Traubas, poetry by Dr. Judith Felsen and Professor Marjorie Agosin and vocalist Noam Wolf.

Candles will be lit by members and honored guests in memory of the concentration camps as well as stories by children of survivors.

It is a moving tribute that keeps the light of memory and renewed hope alive. This event will be presented on Zoom and is open to the whole New Hampshire Jewish Community and their friends. Registration is required for zoom link.

Contact Ra'anane de Haas 603-851-5088 shaliach@jewishnh.org

The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton

2:00PM – 4:00PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

Free of charge and open to the general public. The life of Alexander Hamilton has captivated theater audiences the world over. But for all the attention thrust on this founding father, a key facet of his upbringing has escaped notice for centuries: he was probably a Jew. Join Professor Porwancher as he shares fresh evidence of Hamilton's Jewish identity and explores Hamilton's alliance with Jewry at the dawn of the American republic.

In the Jewish world of Alexander Hamilton, Andrew Porwancher debunks a string of myths about the origins of this founding father to arrive at a startling conclusion: Hamilton, in all likelihood, was born and raised Jewish. For more than two centuries, his youth in the Caribbean has remained shrouded in mystery. Hamilton himself wanted it that way, and most biographers have simply assumed he had a Christian boyhood. With a detective's persistence and a historian's rigor, Poewancher upends that assumption and revolutionizes our understanding of an American icon.

The radical reassessment of Hamilton's religious upbringing gives us a fresh perspective on both his adult years and the country he helped forge. Although he didn't identify as a Jew in America, Hamilton cultivated a relationship with the Jewish community that made him unique among the founders. As a lawyer, he advocated for Jewish citizens in court. As a financial visionary, he invigorated sectors of the economy that gave Jews. As an alumnus of Columbia, he made his alma mater more welcoming to Jewish people. And his efforts are all the more striking given the pernicious antisemitism of the era. In a new nation torn between democratic promises and discriminatory practices. Hamilton fought for a republic in which Jew and Gentile would stand as equals.

By setting Hamilton in the context of his Jewish world for the first time, this fascinating book challenges us to rethink the life and legend of America's most enigmatic founder.

Register at <https://tbanashua.shulcloud.cp/event/jewish-World-Alexander-Hamilton>

Sunday, May 1 – Sunday May 15

NH Jewish Film Festival Series Binge Fest Labyrinth of Peace

Virtual on Eventive Platform

Cost \$24.00 per Household. Link available for 15 days

1945, War is over. Switzerland, the neutral small country at the heart of Europe, was all but spared: Klara, her fiancé Johann and his brother Egon are looking bright-eyed into the future. While Klara tries to mend the wounds of the war by caring for young, displaced holocaust survivors, Johann, who works for her industrialist father, hopes to save and modernize in father-in-law's well-established, yet troubled textile company. Just home from military service, Egon takes his first steps in the Attorney General's office. His mission: to hunt down escaped Nazis. All three of the soon realize that the façade of peace is bought with the blood of the victims of war. Johann's professional ambitions bring him closer to those who committed unspeakable war crimes. Klara risks her marriage while growing ever closer to Herschel, one of the survivors, who are all met with distrust by locals. And Egon find himself caught in a system that willingly turns a blind eye towards Nazi criminals for the sake of profit. To register <https://nhjfflabyrinth.eventive.org/welcome>

Monday, May 2

Teen Program – Zikaron BaSalon – Memories in the Livingroom

7:00PM – 8:30PM, Bedford, NH (exact address will be shared after registration)

Zikaron BaSalon translates to "remembering in the living room" where a holocaust survivor or a descendent share their story in an intimate setting with a small group of people.

This program is meant for teenagers 13 – 18, parents are welcome to stay as well. The program will be led by holocaust survivor Kati Preston. Participants will have to be fully vaccinated and masks will be required when not eating or drinking. Space is limited. To register https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1610Tq_tRrCBt_9k6hBDcRfzQ4RcPgdYXvPRnQLYrCf25Tg/viewform

Tuesday, May 3

Recipe with a Memory – Portsmouth

6:00PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth

\$10/person

This program was founded in 2015 by a Shlichah in Minnesota. She wanted to find a way to bring Yom HaZikaron to her Jewish Community. In this program we will cook a loved dish of a fallen soldier and talk about his story.

This year we are going to be honoring Ronen Hayun, a fallen combat tank driver by making homemade pizza. **There will not be a gluten free option** ** The in-person events will follow the following Covid protocols:

Masks will be required when not eating or drinking, Social distancing will be in place.

To register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1YwZ9psWMMKQYSG6s7RtEeQvCLtm6rEkh20B98ywQnGryGHQ/viewform>

Tuesday, May 4

Recipe with a Memory – Laconia

6:00PM, Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia

\$10/person

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Thursday, May 5

The Israeli Who Saved the Jews in Syria

7:00PM – 8:00PM, Zoom

Presented by congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene, NH in partnership with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Lazeh – All Israel Are Responsible For One Another: How One Mossad Agent Helped Save The Jews of Syria.

A presentation on Zoom by retired Mossad agent Rabbi Yisrael "Suki" Serok.

Rabbi Yisrael "Suki" Serok is a Masoreti (Israeli Conservative) rabbi, former Jewish National Fund and Jewish Agency Director, and retired agent for Mossad, Israel's national intelligence agency. He also was the founder, president and CEO of a biotech start up in Israel. He will present the fascinating account of his role in Israel's little-known Operation Abraham to rescue the distressed Jews of Syria, an operation that exemplifies the value "Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Lazeh—All Israel Are Responsible For One Another."

An Honorary New Englander, Suki first visited our region as the United Synagogue Youth Shaliach for Temple Beth El in Portland, ME. He lives outside Jerusalem with his wife, Dr. Esther Serok, and internationally renowned teacher and researcher. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7121212121>

Saturday, May 7

Havdalah and Healing at Temple Adath

Yeshurun

7:00PM – 8:00PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun,

Manchester

Havdalah and Healing Service at Temple Adath

Yeshurun

Contact Karen Rothstein at 603-669-5650 or

office@taynh.org

Thursday, May 12

Seniors Forever Young Presents

"The History of Jewish New Hampshire"

11:00AM – 1:00PM, JFNH Office, Bedford

Cost \$8/person (non-refundable). No charge to

attend via Zoom. Please specify whether you will be attending by Zoom or in person when you register.

Join us for a Bagel Lunch and learn all about the history of Jewish New Hampshire with guest lecturer Steve Soreff.

To register please call the office at 603-627-7679, mail your registration to Jewish Federation of New Hampshire 273 South River Road, Suite 5, Bedford,

NH 03110; or email Dinah Berch at Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org

Friday, May 13

Temple Israel Portsmouth Happy Hour

5:45PM – 6:30PM Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Join us in the Temple Israel Portsmouth social hall for a festive gathering with potluck appetizers before the Kabbalat Shabbat service begins. Bring a dish to share – see below for potluck guidelines. All food brought to the event must be vegetarian, dairy or pareve. Pareve (neutral) refers to foods that are neither meat nor dairy. This includes all fruits, vegetables, grains, eggs, and fish with have fins and scales.

The event plan assumes Code Green for Rockingham County on the CDC County Risk Level guidelines. Questions? Please contact the temple office. Temple Israel Portsmouth 603-436-5301, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org

PJ Library Zombie Shabbat

6:00PM – 7:00PM, Zoom

Join us for a community Shabbat with guest author Lisa Rose! We'll begin with some fun Shabbat songs, and then Lisa will read her book "A Zombie Vacation". We'll end with an awesome stem activity to learn why things float in the Dead Sea!

This event is cosponsored by Temple Israel Portsmouth, Temple Berth Abraham, Nashua, and Kol Ha'amek (UVJC).

To register <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvGFSxd2hheAP96CfMYcQSIXoIQ24zVPA5i4RJCD2XsLPMRg/viewform>

Sunday, May 15

"History and the Kuznetsky's, a German Jewish Family during World War II"

9:30AM – 11:30AM, Zoom

"History and the Kuznetsky's, the life and Times of a German Jewish Family during World War II" will be the topic discussed by the SNHJMC Board Member Ron Bruckmanon Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 9:30AM, LIVE via Zoom presented by the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club. This is the story of a middle-class Jewish family from Berlin, their upheavals, and the decisions they made that literally kept them one step ahead of those that would destroy them. Utilizing both family and official correspondence, oral family recollections and historical research Ron will take us from living in wartime Europe to Milan, Italy, China and finally to New York.

This presentation is open to the public but advanced registration is required. Please register in advance by emailing breakfastsvp@snhjmc.org to confirm your registration.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Community Picnic

12:00PM – 5:00PM, Goffstown (exact address will be shared after registration)

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Join us for a fun, Family-friendly picnic and a variety of activities for all ages. Learn about Israel while playing with robots, Israeli board games, information booths, music, dance, crafts and more! Registration required.

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Friday, May 20

Tot Shabbat with Raba Kaya

5:00PM – 5:30PM Temple Israel, Portsmouth

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musical shabbat experience led by Rabba Kaya in the Social Hall! Geared for children ages 5 and under; all are welcome. Contact Heather Tomlinson 603-436-5301, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org

Sunday, May 22

Shavua Tov Storytime – Lag B'Omer

8:30AM – 9:00AM Zoom

A program designed for families with children ages 2-5

Join us for a 20-minute interactive story time on Zoom one Sunday each month. This month our theme is Lag B'Omer!

All participants will receive a craft in the mail ahead of time to use during the program.

The zoom link will be provided to registered families each Monday ahead of the program. To receive your craft in the mail please register by Sunday May 15th. Email alane.sabel@jewishnh.org with questions.

TAY Brotherhood Zoom Program:

The Edward M. Chase Legacy

10:00AM – 11:30AM, Zoom

Author Terry Nelson presents the life of the late Manchester Businessman Edward M. Chase, who Terry describes as an "incredible man". Mr. Chase came to Manchester in the 1880's and went on to own a furniture store and have many real estate holdings. He had a keen sense of social responsibility that led him to build houses for his workers, philanthropic efforts in his native Lithuania and funding of a Chase Peace Prize at Dartmouth and Harvard. Please contact Sol Rockenmacher at rockenmacher@comcast.net for the Zoom information.

Sunday, May 28

The Jersey Tenors in Concert

7:30PM – 9:30PM, Inter-Lakes High School Auditorium, Meredith
Cost \$40.00

We Care of Temple B'nai Israel presents the Jersey Tenors in concert to benefit the Interlake's Community Caregivers.
Contact Barbara Katz, barbarakbtinh@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, June 1 –

Thursday, June 30

The New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival

8:00AM – 12:00AM, Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia
Temple B'nai Israel invites the entire community to enjoy the delicacies of The New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival. Order online and pick up at TBI in Laconia. To order: <http://tbinh.org/2021-tbinh-new-hampshire-jewish-food-festival-online-ordering/>

Wednesday, June 1

Seniors Forever Young – Shavuot Luncheon

11:30AM – 1:30PM, Chabad Center for Jewish Living, Manchester
\$18/person (nonrefundable) – please pay by May 20
Seniors Forever Young invites you to join us for a Shavuot Dairy lunch including blintzes and cheesecake! We will provide a fun craft project in celebration of Shavuot as well.
To register please call 603-627-7679 to pay with credit card or mail payment to JFNH Attention: SFY 273 S. River Road #5 Bedford, NH 03110.

Saturday, June 4

G-d Shopping Shavout Program

7:15PM – 8:45PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
"G-d created people in G-d's own image. And we, being polite, returned the favor." -Henri Rousseau
What better way to celebrate Moses's Mt. Sinai experience with G-d, than by delivering into and crating your personal beliefs about G-d. Using the S-d Shopping program formulated by Rabbis Bill Dreskin and Mark Shapiro, and Cantor Ellen Dreskin, we will explore a variety of Jewish takes on G-d. Then, walking through a Theology Mall, we'll pick up a few ideas from each theologian (or not) to put together a list of characteristics we ascribe to G-d (or not).

What's that you say? You don't believe in G-d? Do you believe in shopping? Come to Etz Hayim Synagogue of Derry to discover a higher power you could believe in (or not) or at least, return the favor. Office@etzhayim.org 603-432-0004

Tikkun Leil Shavout

9:00PM – 10:30PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for an evening gathering to learn together and celebrate the beginning of the festival of Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. For more information, contact the temple office 603-436-5301 templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org

Friday, June 10

Temple Adath Yeshurun Sisterhood and Brotherhood Shabbat Service

7:00PM – 9:00PM, TAYm Manchester Sisterhood and Brotherhood lead us in prayer at Shabbat Services.
Contact 603-669-5650 or office@taynh.org

Sunday, June 12

Shavua Tov Storytime – Shavuot

8:30AM – 9:00AM Zoom

A program designed for families with children ages 2-5

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TAY Bagels and Biscuits 5K Fundraiser

9:00AM -12:00PM, Derryfield Park, Manchester
Temple Adath Yeshurun Bagels and Biscuits 5K Fundraiser will take place at Derryfield Park in Manchester.

Registration is either in advance by June 10th, or on race day beginning at 7:30AM. To register <https://runsignup.com/race/nh/manchester/bagelsandbiscuits5k>
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A New Trip to Israel: Change, Growth, and COVID

By Evelyn Miller

It was with great enthusiasm that my husband and I signed up for a week-long guided trip to Israel, shortly after the country reopened in March 2022. It had been several years since our last journey there, and we missed seeing our favorite spots and visiting friends.

It was a trip which brought many good experiences, which I will detail below, but I do want to share the more difficult aspects, as well, which primarily just had to do with timing. First off, the weather. Spring is a transition time here in the US, as it is in Israel, and while we have previously visited in March—just in time to see the exciting vistas of surfers and sailboats—this time the temperatures dipped dramatically, with heavy rain and half-inch hailstorms. This weather persisted, and as the week went on, so did the stormy skies, rain, and big winds. By the end of the week, we learned that we'd just experienced record-setting climates—in fact, it was the coldest weather week in Israel since 1910. Over a century—just imagine! Sure enough, the week after my departure, the temps rose up to the 60s-70s, and the skies were sunny. The second thing that impacted our trip was the Covid testing requirements, both to fly and to enter the country. I am hoping that in the future—having gone through these bureaucratic hoops—I'll be able to do this process free of anxiety. However, that was not the case this time. And on our return, while I tested negative and flew off to join our dog in New Hampshire, my husband tested positive (asymptomatic, thankfully) and had to remain for another week.

Now, to the good stuff!

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Wednesday, June 15

TI and TAY Joint Book Clubs discussion of "Ari's Spoon"

7:00PM – 8:30PM, Zoom

Author Dr. Doug Zipes, a world-renowned cardiologist who in his retirement had become a writer of some wonderful novels, will be leading the discussion of his latest book "Ari's Spoon". Stephen Singer summarizes the novel so very well:

"Absolutely spellbinding historical novel dealing with both the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and the contemporary antisemitism. Relevant, emotional and eye opening – highly recommended". Check our "Ari's Spoon" online to get the book or Kindle version. Contact Sol Rockenmacher at rockenmacher@comcast.net



When we first entered the Ben Gurion Air Terminal, we had to walk through a crowd of Israelis waving flags and singing. They were welcoming a large group of Ukrainian refugees. This was a very emotional thing to see.

Further into our travels, we visited our sister city, Halutza. We had a wonderful tour of this pioneering community and were amazed at the new growth we saw since visiting three years ago. Our group went on to another community, to view another Jewish National fund support project. We remained with Yedidya and his family to celebrate Purim. While in Halutza, Yedidya showed us a rehab project being done by Halutza teens. When first settling this area, the government sent in metal containers converted into crude housing units. The settlers used them for years while establishing their farming community and getting it on good economic footing, then they built themselves homes. The teens are now fixing these old units up to house and welcome the Ukrainian refugees into the Halutza community. A really beautiful teen project!

Another memorable visit was our time spent in Arad, a community in the Negev and Judean desert region close to the Dead Sea. This was Israel's first "planned" city. The site was chosen to develop the Negev, a site for mining and processing minerals, and tourism prospects. Settlement began in 1962. It had its ups and downs in development and economic growth. After 1971 the community started absorbing Jewish immigrants from Russia, English-speaking countries, and Latin America. The population grew steadily to 22,000 with 22 synagogues, many cluster neighborhoods, schools, parks, and swimming pools.

Two big events have made a huge impact on the city, and those are the new



mayor, and (of course) COVID. The new mayor is a Jewish Argentinian immigrant who made it big in the field of technology, but believed in Arad and chose to come back and run for mayor. Under his leadership, the community is engaged: Education has excelled, a music conservatory now thrives, and young techies are moving in for a quieter quality of life than the hustle-bustle of the coast. Cost of living is cheaper, and it's a nice place to raise a family, get good education, and experience a great variety of outdoor recreation.

As a final note, things are changing rapidly in Israel. Returning after over two years of being away, I was really struck by the change in the skyline of the suburbs around Jerusalem, and along the coastline between Tel Aviv and Haifa. There were big construction cranes everywhere, putting up high rise condominium units, big complexes of high-tech industries, a large sports coliseum, and more.



Tragedy and Hope

Shalom Everybody!

I hope everyone had a great Passover. I was able to drive up to Montreal and spend some time with my loved ones. My family from Israel flew in and seeing them all after over eight months was amazing! I'm so grateful that the world is opening up again, and that I have the privilege to have my family be able to visit me.

The theme for this month's issue of The Reporter is "Celebrate Israel" and before I go into that, let me give you a behind the scenes look on what writing this article was like.

For an article to be put into The Reporter I need to submit it by the 10th of each month. I'm writing this article on April 11th – and even though I know I'm late, it was hard to think about celebrations in the past few weeks, because I can't talk about celebration without

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acknowledging what's been going on in Israel over the past few weeks. During the months of March and April (and at this time of writing, it is only April 11th), 14 innocent Israelis were killed by terrorists. Let that sink in. In Be'er Sheva—where four were killed and two more injured—or in Bnei Brak—where



a terrorist murdered five and injured 10—the people there were just minding their own business. These attacks are targeted at civilians and don't discriminate. The ironic thing about the people who died is that they perfectly represent Israel: most were Jewish, one of them was Hassidic, but there was also a Druze, an Arab Israeli, and two Ukrainian nationals.

In the Israeli tradition of going from



sadness to celebration – From Yom HaZikaron directly to Yom Ha'Atzmaut, I will end this article with hope. I hope that when this article is published everything I wrote will seem like ancient history. I hope that in my lifetime I'll be able to say to my future grandkids "Did you know that we once fought with the Arabs?" I hope that the world can become a little more normal.

Amen.

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watch TV series, *Labyrinth of Peace*, being offered this month.

And finally, after a two year wait, 10 NH mothers are about to depart on a trip of a lifetime, together, to Israel later this month. The wait has been long, but it has given the group the opportunity to truly get to know each other. This trip is no longer just 10 NH mothers traveling together, but now, 10 NH mothers AND friends traveling together!

This is only a small handful of what the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire has been working on as we continue our mission to keep our community connected here in NH and beyond. Our dedicated staff, volunteers, and board members are all keeping you in mind with the decisions that are made. These programs and opportunities would not be possible without the support of each of you. Each gift you give to JFNH helps us to create a stronger, more connected New Hampshire. At the end of June, another fiscal year will come to a close, here at the JFNH. We've come a long way in the last several years, and I am excited to continue the work for our community. If you have not yet made a gift to JFNH this year, I ask you to consider one. A small amount can go a long way to ensuring a strong Jewish future for New Hampshire.

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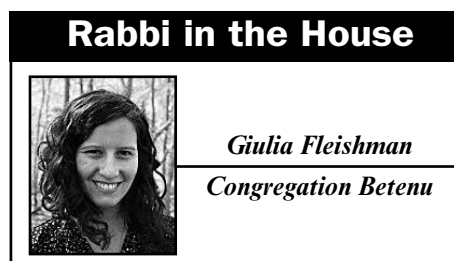
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The Dove

While we won't see Noah in the Torah for many months, he is on my mind these days. I'm thinking of the uncertainty of Noah's post-storm reality, when the rain had ceased but the world was still flooded. Like us today peering from behind our masks, hoping each day for an end to the pandemic, Noah gazes from his window, waiting for the waters to recede.

During this period of hesitation between a watery world and receptive dry land, Noah strategizes a way to help make the unknown more bearable. He sends out a dove to see if the land is dry, but finding no dry land, the dove returns. Noah waits seven days, then sends the dove out a second time. This time, the dove returns with an olive branch. Noah waits yet another seven days, sends the dove out a third time. Finally, it finds dry land and does not return.

The dove's first journey out and back is an evocative dance between it and Noah; a moving choreography. As the



Torah describes it, "[Noah] sent out the dove to see whether the waters had abated from the surface of the ground. But the dove found no resting place for its foot and it returned to him, to the ark, for the waters were over all the earth. And he reached out and took it and brought it back to him into the ark."

Noah sent the dove on a mission, to find earth, a place to rest. The dove flies about, the only bird in all the sky, seeking respite. But the dove fails its mission and must return to Noah. Noah then puts forth his hand and draws the dove in close. In the end, Noah's hand pro-

vides the landing pad, the place to rest. After failure, in lieu of dry land, the dove finds refuge in Noah's palm.

Biblical commentator Avivah Zornberg notices, "In the narrative of the dove, we find, for the first time, a self-awareness, a consciousness of expectation and disappointment." The dove is an embodiment of Noah's emotional state, an external manifestation of what is happening inside him. The dove's failure is Noah's disappointment.

When Noah sends out the dove, he sends out his hope. This gesture is all too familiar to us. Daily we send out our hope, hope for our full and vibrant lives to return, for sound political structures, for a day that doesn't feel so hard. And all too often, like the dove's return, our hopes remain unrealized.

It seems impossible to me to live without hope and disappointment. The question isn't how can we live so that we avoid the failures, but how can we receive and hold them when they return to us. For Noah, that failure is welcomed with an open hand and drawn in close. What does

it look like to make room for our disappointments and failures, our disenchantments, our frustrations? As ugly, painful, and challenging as they might be, is there a way to reach out our hands, draw them close and tend to these parts of ourselves? What would it look like to make ourselves into a refuge for our losses?

A friend recently pointed out that on the path toward success, any point along the way might look like failure. For Noah and the dove, their waiting is eventually rewarded—the waters subside, they find rest on dry land, they find home.

In our current world of upheaval, that comforting, dry ground of home might feel beyond our reach. But as our hopes keep having to return to us unfulfilled, we can learn from Noah how to reach for them, how to draw our travel-weary parts gently in toward ourselves. Like Noah and the dove we can allow our hands to hold us. In the midst of an unfinished journey toward a post-diluvian or post-pandemic world, as we seek safe passage in our own arks, we might find that refuge is its own blessing.

PJ Library Zombie Shabbat

Join us for a Community Shabbat with guest author Lisa Rose! We'll begin with some fun Shabbat songs, and then Lisa will read her book "A Zombie Vacation". We'll end with an awesome stem activity to learn why things float in the Dead Sea!

This event is part of our Israeli Celebration. See our website for more events in this series!
<https://jewishnh.org/israel-connection/celebrate-israel>

Via Zoom
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Seniors Forever Young Spring 2022 Calendar



May 12: Lunch & Learn - "Jewish History of NH"

Join us for a Lunch & Learn with a presentation by Steve Soreff.
Bagel lunch will be provided.

11AM JFNH Community Room - 273 S. River Rd #5, Bedford

\$8/person (non refundable) - pay by May 5



June 1: Shavuot Blintzes & Craft

Join us for a fun craft project and celebration of Shavuot!
Lunch will be provided.

11:30AM Chabad of New Hampshire - 1234 River Road Manchester

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Genetic Testing and Cancer Gene Screening: FAQ

By Marissa Baltus and
Dr. Stephanie Wolf-Rosenblum

In March, we wrote about the importance of genetic testing, in general, for those with any Jewish ancestry. Our April article discussed prenatal parental screening to promote having healthy babies. Both articles can be accessed online at *The NH Jewish Reporter* website. The goal of this month's article is to promote cancer gene screening in order to help prevent disease and save lives.

What is cancer gene screening, and why is it important?

Some cancers are more common and occur earlier in people with specific gene mutations. Knowing someone is at higher risk of developing cancer, their health-care team can recommend steps to take so these cancers can be detected early and potentially cured. For example, the American Cancer Society recommends people without any risk factors get their first mammography and colonoscopy during their 40s. However, those with a higher risk due to a known gene mutation are screened much earlier.

People with European Jewish (Ashkenazi) ancestry are much more likely to have certain cancer genes than in the general population. Those with only Mizrahi (Asian/African continent) or Sephardi (Spanish/Portuguese) heritage are at the same risk as the general population for these conditions.

What are the most common cancer genes in those with Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry?

One in 40 Ashkenazi women has inherited a **BRCA1 mutation or BRCA 2 mutation**. Women *and men* who have a single BRCA1 mutation or BRCA2 mutation

(inherited from *either* parent) are at an increased risk of **breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, and melanoma**. Men are also at increased risk of **prostate cancer**, and women are also at increased risk of **ovarian cancer**. And the increased risk is not small. For breast cancer, there is a 50-to-70% increased risk, and for ovarian cancer the risk rises 30-to-50%.

Another example is the **HNPCC** gene that causes colon cancer. This type is not associated with polyps, and it also works in an "autosomal dominant" fashion. This means that you only need to inherit the abnormal gene from *one* of your parents to be at higher risk. HNPCC is not only associated with a high risk of colon cancer but also can increase the risk for cancers of the uterus, ovary, stomach, small intestine, and rectum, among others.

Who should be screened?

Any person with Ashkenazi Jewish heritage who is age 21 or older should consider cancer gene screening. The reason for this is that there are no recommended treatments or screenings before this age.

In families where there has been an increased incidence of cancers, genetic screening may already have been done or recommended. However, many people remain unaware of their status, and it is important to know not only *if* testing has been done in the past, but *to what extent* that testing meets current standards; science has improved greatly. And any parent with these mutations has a 50% chance of passing this onto *each* child.

Some families with younger children may consider having both parents screened. This accomplishes two things: (1) If both parents have no genetic muta-

tions, then their children do not need screening, and (2) they will also have taken steps for maintaining their own health.

Where can I get cancer gene testing? Is it covered by insurance?

In many cases, health insurance plans will cover the costs of genetic testing when it is recommended by a person's doctor. Most of the time, it involves a simple blood test. However, health insurance providers have different policies about which tests are covered and which labs are approved for that testing. A person may wish to contact their insurance company before testing to ask about their policy.

There are certain commercially available genetic screening tests that people may take to learn more about their ancestry, and some even advertise their ability to tell you your risk of certain medical conditions, including cancers. It is not recommended that someone rely on this type of testing for inherited cancer gene screening.

What if I test positive for one of these genes?

Although it can be emotionally challenging to know that you carry one of these gene mutations, there are, fortunately, many strategies that can be used to reduce the risk that you will develop a cancer at all or to increase the chances that a cancer is found early enough to be cured. These include earlier and more frequent screening, the option of preventative surgeries and even medications that can be taken before the cancers get started.

Given all these considerations, equally as important as testing is a discussion with a trained health professional who can help with questions, concerns, and the fear of knowing versus not knowing. They can also address any concerns someone might have about their rights if they test positive for the cancer genes.

As always, we welcome your questions. B'Shalom.

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April Theme: Passover
Sunday, April 10th, 8:30am
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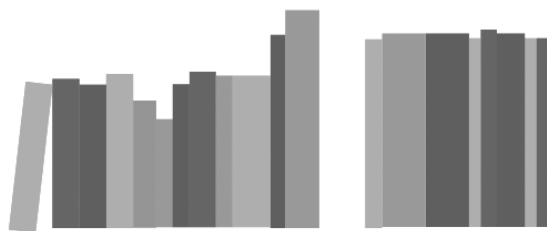
May Theme: Lag B'Omer
May 22nd, 8:30am
Register by May 15th for craft.



June Theme: Shavuot
Sunday, June 12th, 8:30am
Register by June 5th for craft.



Shavua Tov Story Time will be taking a break for the summer. See you in September!



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Purim Silliness at TIP

On March 16, Temple Israel of Portsmouth members and guests enjoyed a mini-carnival for children and a Megillah reading. Congregants participated in a community-wide *shalach manot* exchange. Eight congregants learned the trope for *Megillat Esther* and chanted the verses in Hebrew. After a raucous reading, teens led the congregation in a game of “Jewpardy” based on the story of Purim. The whole community participated in questions and answers. Some were silly, others serious, but all were taken in good fun.

The Tikkun Olam Committee sponsored a table where attendees created “welcome” cards for an Afghan family whose relocation to the United States is being supported by Team Seacoast, SISC (Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition). Cards and *shalach manot* bags, including hamantaschen and animal-themed masks, delivered by committee

chair Shelley Hartz, were a big hit with the children. Food donations were also collected to support neighbors in need.



A rowdy gathering in the sanctuary. Photo credit: Kerry Hansen



Making cards to welcome an Afghan family to the Seacoast. Photo credit: Erik Martin.



TIP Teens lead “Jewpardy” questions. Photo credit: Dinah Berch.

Living Jewishly in an Online World – May 10 at Temple Beth Jacob

Temple Beth Jacob invites all from the community to join us on May 10, 2022 for a Zoom webinar with Daniel Libenson, as a part of the TBJ Shapiro Lecture Series. Dan is the founder of Judaism Unbound, and will speak on Judaism and living Jewishly in an online world. Please contact Temple Beth Jacob (tbjconcord.org or 603-228-8581) to receive the Zoom link.

About Dan Libenson: He is the founder and executive director of Judaism Unbound. He is also the co-host of the Judaism Unbound podcast and The Oral Talmud videocast. Dan was Execu-

tive Director of the University of Chicago Hillel for six years and Director of New Initiatives at Harvard Hillel for three years. He is a 2009 AVI CHAI Fellow and has also received the Richard M. Joel Exemplar of Excellence award, Hillel International's highest professional honor. Dan attended Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He has published articles in *Ha'aretz*, *The New York Jewish Week*, *Zeek*, *eJewishPhilanthropy*, and elsewhere, and he is the translator of *The Orchard* by Israeli novelist Yochi Brandes and the translation editor of *The Secret Book of Kings* by the same author.

Etz Hayim Presents: Israeli Naval Operations by Ra'anana de Haas

By Stephen Soreff, MD

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7 PM, JFNH Shaliach Ra'anana De Haas will deliver a talk entitled Israeli Naval Operations at Etz Hayim Synagogue (1 ½ Hood Road, Derry, NH) in person, with masks optional. As De Haas says, “I will share with you four naval operations throughout Israeli history that are bold, strategic and pretty crazy.” He will do so from his background as an Israeli naval officer.

This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. This



Ra'anana De Haas, our Shaliach, when he was in the Israeli Navy.

program is open to the public at no charge. Donations to the synagogue to allow us to continue with these and other programs are welcomed. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Join in for a Collaborative TAY and Temple Israel Book Clubs Discussion of ‘Ari’s Spoon’ in June

Plan ahead to join in on this Zoom presentation on Wednesday evening June 15, 2022 at 7pm, with author Dr. Doug Zipes leading the discussion about his latest novel, *Ari's Spoon*. Both TAY and Temple Israel Book Clubbers are coming together for the program which will be hosted on the TAY Brotherhood Zoom site. Contact Sol Rockenmacher at rockenmacher@comcast.net for further information.

Stephen Singer's comments on the book summarizes the novel well: “Absolutely spellbinding historical novel dealing with both the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and contemporary anti-Semitism. Relevant, emotional and eye opening- Highly recommended.”

The author, Dr. Doug Zipes, is a na-

tionally 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 900 articles and 16 textbooks in the field of cardiology. While headed into retirement he thankfully 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.

Sol Rockenmacher will be introducing Doug at the Zoom session. They were schoolmates at Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Medical School and Harvard Medical School. Get a copy of *Ari's Spoon*, and then join us on June 15.

Etz Hayim Synagogue Celebrates Purim

The mitzvah of giving *mishloach manot* is derived from the Book of Esther, which enjoins the Jewish people to observe the days of Purim "as days of feasting and gladness, and sending portions of food to one another, and gifts to the poor."

Mishloach Manos Bags (MMB's) were prepared and delivered to Etz Hayim members. Pictured is the hamantaschen-baking and MMB-assembling crew. Along with home-baked hamantaschen, other goodies in the bag were selected because of their Jewish connections.

- Elite chocolate - Made in Israel
- Trail mix from nuts.com - Founded by a Polish-Jewish NJ immigrant
- Wissotzky tea - Invented by a Russian Jew, now manufactured in Galilee
- Kedem grape juice - An affiliate of Manischewitz
- Note cards by Amy Silverstein Galinko - Deb Silverstein's daughter



L-R: Laurie Medrek, Lisa Rothenberg, Deb Silverstein, Martha Tomanelli, Beth Hudson

A big thank you to these same ladies, as well as Rabbi Peter Levy and Amy Dattner-Levy, Andrea Meyer and Midge Goldberg for hand-delivering the MMB's. This was a joint effort of the Membership Committee and the FAB Sisterhood.

More Hamantaschen!

The Purim festivities continued. Laurie

baked another 280 hamantaschen to help raise and replenish funds for our Sisterhood, which has been a primary sponsor of your MMB's for the past two years. There were poppy, fig, apricot, raspberry, orange marmalade, and even some dipped in chocolate with sprinkles. They immediately sold out, with our primary customers being Rabbi and Amy, who purchased about 100 to distribute free to our Religious school kids and Purim Spiel attendees!

The Purim Spiel

The Not Quite Ready for Etz Hayim Players presented *Motza'ei Shabbat Live from Shushan, Persia* written, produced and directed by our very own, multi-talented Amy Dattner-Levy, assisted by our resident punster Steve Soreff, with technical support by Mike Schloss to seamlessly blend, not only our in-person and Zoom cast of characters, but our

audience as well. The Shushan-ites gathered for their 15th year reunion to catch us up on what they've been up to since last we saw them. Post-pleasantries, the moderator pummeled them with probing questions, leading to profound responses regarding the provocative choice they made earlier in the Megillah.

The cast included the following:

- Host - Samantha Zee Bee (*Amy Dattner-Levy*)
- Queen Vashti (*Renee Solomon*)
- King Ahasuerus (*Jay Madnick*)
- Esther (*Laurie Medrek*)
- Aunt Morti-chaya (*Shelby Falcouner*)
- G-d (*Bruce Wechsler*)
- 1 of the 2 Palace Guards (*Grumpy, one of the 7 Dwarfs*)
- Haman (*Steve Soreff*)

A wonderful time was had by all with a full house of in-person and Zoom attendees.

Shabbat on Pawtuckaway Lake: June 18th

By Steve Soreff, MD

Etz Hayim Synagogue will hold its 12th Shabbat service and kayaking on Pawtuckaway Lake at the lakeside home of Peggy Tucker and Steve Soreff, 32 Dolloff Dam Road, Nottingham Saturday June 18, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

Rabbi Peter Levy and Amy Dattner-



Levy will conduct a Shabbat service which will include an on-the-water meditation. All are welcome. Please, bring your own watercraft and a snack. There is also a limited number of kayaks and one canoe to borrow. RSVP to Steve Soreff 895-6120 email soreffs15@aol.com or call 603 895-6120 by Wednesday June 13 by 6 PM. If you are bringing your own vessel, please, come at 9 AM to get it in the water so we can start services at 9:30 AM.

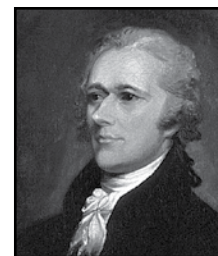
Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish? Find Out with Professor Andrew Porwancher at Temple Beth Abraham

Was Founding Father Alexander Hamilton born and raised as a Jew? Come to Temple Beth Abraham on Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 pm to hear the author of *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton* explain his startling conclusions.

Join Professor Andrew Porwancher as he shares fresh evidence of Hamilton's Jewish identity and explores Hamilton's alliance with Jewry at the dawn of the American republic. In *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton*, Andrew Porwancher debunks a string of myths about the origins of this founding father to arrive at a startling conclusion: Hamilton, in all likelihood, was born and raised Jewish. For more than two centuries, his youth in the Caribbean has remained shrouded in mystery. Hamilton himself wanted it that way, and most biographers have simply assumed he had a Christian boyhood. With a detective's persistence and a historian's rigor, Porwancher upends that assumption and revolutionizes our understanding of an American icon.

This radical reassessment of Hamilton's religious upbringing gives us a fresh perspective on both his adult years and the country he helped forge.

Although he didn't identify as a Jew in America, Hamilton cultivated a relationship with the Jewish community that made him unique among the founders. As a lawyer, he advocated for Jewish citizens in court. As a financial visionary, he invigorated sectors of the economy that gave Jews their greatest opportunities. As an alumnus of Columbia, he made his alma mater more welcoming to Jewish people. And his



Alexander Hamilton

efforts are all the more striking given the pernicious antisemitism of the era. In a new nation torn between democratic promises and discriminatory practices, Hamilton fought for a republic in which Jew and Gentile would stand as equals.

By setting Hamilton in the context of his Jewish world for the first time, this fascinating book challenges us to rethink the life and legend of America's most enigmatic founder.

Professor Andrew Porwancher is a winner of the Journal of the American Revolution Book Award. This program is brought to you by the Beth Abraham Programs Committee and is open to the public and free of charge. We are located at 4 Raymond Street in Nashua. To learn more and register, go to TBAnashua.org.

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Deli Night-to-Go Report from the Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood

By Mark Granoff, TAY Brotherhood President

As I sit down to write this article, we are enjoying the spoils of our TAY Brotherhood Deli Night To-Go event. It was first and foremost a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with our TAY Brothers in person, and in the



Mark Granoff, TAY Brotherhood President

kitchen, as we sliced and packed 50 orders of corned beef, pastrami, and all the fixings. A special thank you to all who sponsored this event, in particular Jet Goldberg for the amazing potato salad and to Elaine Penchansky for the equally amazing coleslaw. Thank you both! As you can see from this photo, The TAY Kitchen Krew is back in town!

What a fun event that raised funds for important community support, such as relief for Ukraine and our Hebrew School Purim parade. Thanks again to all who participated. Next year we plan to be back to our "world famous" Deli Night with live entertainment and in-person schmoozing!

As the light at the end of the Covid-19 tunnel brightens, we are hoping to bring back other in-person events in the coming months. Stay tuned for updates. On June 15th, a joint Temple Israel and TAY Book Club Zoom collaboration with author Dr. Doug Zipes, speaking about his new novel, *Ari's Spoon*, a Holocaust story. A 7 p.m. discussion on Zoom will follow. Thanks to Sol Rockenmacher, Ken Cohn, and Stephen Singer for setting up this event. Please join! Please RSVP for



Front Row L to R - Brothers David Rosenzweig, Dr. Alan Kaplan, Dick Lutsk, Bob Katchen. Back Row L to R - Brotherhood President Mark Granoff, Brothers Bill Siroty, Steve Short (master slicer), Dr. Sol Rockenmacher, MC Dave "Doc" Penchansky, Treasurer Ed Schoen, and Secretary Denis Paiste

both Zoom events with Sol at rockenmacher@comcast.net and he will forward Zoom details to you.

Looking at our world, these are incredibly troubling and dark times for humanity. I know I find some comfort in the bravery of Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, and from all those defending Ukraine. The stories of those helping the refugees resettle over all of Europe are truly heartwarming and suggest there is hope for humanity after all. Let us all pray for a free Ukraine and to an end to bloodshed and this senseless violence.

Lastly, if you have extra bedding and household items around your home, please consider helping with refugee relocation needs in Manchester. Currently the Brookside Church, in coordination with the International Institute of New England, is collecting items to help fur-



Bag preps in the TAY Social Hall.



Steve Short making it happen on the slicer.

nish homes and apartments for Afghan refugees. These are former colleagues and patriots that helped our US servicemen and servicewomen as well as the US State Department workers during the years of hope for this war-torn nation. This is an ongoing project. As soon as they get an apartment for one family, there is another in need right behind them. There are currently several families housed in various hotels while they await a more permanent place to live. Household items



Pickups at 152 Prospect Street!

(twin beds, linens, small appliances, etc.) are collected at the Brookside Church Thrift Store which is housed in a small out-building attached to the back of the main church building at 2013 Elm Street. Items can be dropped off Wednesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. till noon (when the shop is open). Prior to lugging large items, please email them at brookside-thriftshop@gmail.com, or call them at 603-218-2390. Calley Milne, a local Manchester realtor, is leading this effort. She is absolutely sent from Heaven, and I know it makes me feel good to support her efforts. Please join her in doing this important work.

Wishing all good health, a happy Passover, and a peaceful world for all of humanity.

The Edward M. Chase Legacy: Presented by Author Terry Nelson

Zoom on Sunday, May 22, 2022 @ 10am

On Sunday morning, May 22, TAY Brotherhood will be hosting a Zoom presentation by Dover author Terry Nelson on the late Manchester businessman Edward M. Chase. Through his membership in the Manchester Historical Association Terry became very interested in Chase, someone who Terry describes as an "incredible man."

Mr. Chase was a downtown Manchester merchant who had come to Manchester in the 1880s to begin a business which eventually became a furniture store. He also had many real estate holdings. He had a keen sense of social responsibility

and after World War I built houses that were sold to working people on favorable terms. Terry will tell us about this remarkable housing story, and also about Chase's philanthropic efforts in his native Lithuania which included helping refugees escape the Nazis. His legacy also includes the Chase Peace Prize at Dartmouth College and Harvard University, established to encourage careful reflection on the causes of war and the prospects for peace in the world.

This is a wonderful true story, that is definitely worth tuning in to. Don't miss it! For Zoom information please contact Sol Rockenmacher at rockenmacher@comcast.net.

Temple Beth Abraham to Host a Community Service Program on Financial Planning, Estate Plans, and Legacy Giving: May 22, 2022, 10 AM – Noon

Have you been thinking about creating a personal financial plan to achieve your long-term financial goals, but haven't gotten around to it yet? Perhaps you have a basic plan but have not yet considered the benefits of a will or trust to provide for your heirs. Or, perhaps you have a will or trust, but would like to learn more about planned giving to include your favorite charities as beneficiaries of your estate. If so, we cordially invite you to attend Temple Beth Abraham's upcoming

community service program: *Weaving the Threads: Financial Planning, Estate Plans, and Legacy Giving* on May 22, 2022, 10 AM – Noon. The event will take place under a tent on TBA's property. It will include a panel presentation by a financial planner, attorney and insurance professional followed by hosted roundtable discussions. TBA is pleased to provide this program free of charge and open to all. Please register on TBA's website: www.tbanashua.org.

The New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival: From Hot Dogs to Hamentaschen – a 25-Year Journey

The Early Years:

Back in 1997, Temple B'nai Israel (TBI), like all nonprofit organizations, was looking for a way to raise funds. At that time, many temple members were becoming empty nesters, some had relocated anticipating retirement, and many were just looking to find a way to scale down their personal belongings. The suggestion of a rummage sale seemed like an idea that would provide members with a way to donate their gently used items while providing a way for TBI to raise some much-needed funds – a “win-win.” Donations started pouring in. They were organized, priced, and plans were in place to set up on the front lawn of the temple on Court Street in Laconia. It was suggested adding a table to sell knockwurst, a super-sized hot dog, and a drink, to the hungry bargain shoppers. Maybe the aroma of cooking hot dogs would attract more shoppers and those who were on the hunt for unique finds and treasures might linger a little longer. The new fundraiser was a hit – hot dogs and bargains on the front lawn paved the way for a larger and more varied selection of traditional Jewish cuisine. Temple members who owned restaurants or who were seasoned balabustas (professional homemakers) in their own kitchens joined the team and so began the development of the Jewish Food Festival we know today – an annual event that caters to lovers of homemade Jewish Foods.

This most unique event in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire was drawing huge crowds for one day in the busy summer season mostly due to an extensive marketing plan that was developed by member Barbara Morgenstern, of blessed memory. Barbara made sure that the news of the Jewish Food Festival was spread all around New Hampshire and even to northern Massachusetts and Boston. TBI was fortunate to have a gifted young artist, Jared Aronson, of blessed memory, who created the first unique graphics. Carry bags, t-shirts and aprons were emblazoned with “I got ‘blintzed’ at the Jewish Food Festival” while the marketing materials spelled out “Dine Under the Tent” at the Jewish Food Festival, enticing everyone to the festivities.

As the crowds grew so did the menu of food items and the rummage sale went on to become The Nearly New Boutique,



which offered some pretty nifty items for sale over the years including dining room sets and even a sailboat. The food menu had expanded to include blintzes, stuffed cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, and a bakery table filled with all kinds of goodies. While the Nearly New Boutique remained on the front lawn, the festival itself was held in the side parking lot of the temple with a few tables and chairs for those who wanted to schmooze as they enjoyed their lunch.

By the early 2000s, the festival now required a larger team of volunteers to coordinate the planning, shopping, cooking, marketing, and finances so the temple fundraising committee would join forces with the Food Festival committee to help accommodate the ever-growing crowds each summer. More patrons meant more food had to be prepared. As the popularity of the Jewish Food Festival grew, the lines would begin forming at the front door by 10 am for the opening at 11 am. By noon, several items were already sold out leading to disappointment and discontent amongst the customers and especially members of TBI. The first and easiest solution was to take the orders over the phone and provide a pre-order system for members of the temple. This innovation was improved and expanded from year to year. What the festival committee could not have anticipated was just how important this innovation would become in the not-too-distant future – 2020.

The Transition Years:

From 2015 through 2020, The team began to look at ways to make the Food Festival an even better customer experience. In 2014 the “preorder” system was expanded from just temple members to all Food Festival patrons. Preorders guaranteed everyone would get their favorite items. As the demand for the pre-orders grew, it became difficult to manage, so an on-line ordering system was built by a team member. This made it far easier to track and distribute. At this



time, a credit card processing system was added to the festival.

The Lakes Region community had become enamored with the annual Jewish Food Festival but the difficulties of creating an outdoor restaurant, with serving and seating under a tent became overwhelming for the team. The decision was made to bring the serving areas into the temple social hall, leaving the parking lot open for tents and expanded seating. This kept the food closer to the temple kitchen and gave the festival team a way to accommodate the demand for customer seating. In fact, by 2019 the parking lot served as a 250-seat restaurant for four hours once a year. Food was served inside, and the final purchase was made through a Disney style queue with multiple checkout stations. Patrons progressed through the food stations, to the pay stations just outside the back door, to the outside eating area under two very large tents. Preorders grew exponentially with more people comfortable with the process and knowing they would not be disappointed by a sold-out item.

Then in 2020, the festival team—and the entire world—were thrown a curve: Covid-19. Food preparation always starts early in the year and products are frozen in one of the temple’s 11 freezers. 2020 was no exception, many items were already completed when the entire country was shut down. There would be no in-person Food Festival and no Nearly New Boutique, but a great deal of the food was already made. The team developed a curbside pick-up plan and



used its website that was built for preordering. Customers—so desperate for comfort foods—immediately adopted the change and all the product that was made sold out online. Much of the processes behind the scenes were manual, since there was little time for planning. Everything, surprisingly, went off without a hitch.

In 2021, Covid protocols were still in place and there was uncertainty about whether they would be lifted and more importantly whether people would come to a restaurant with 250 of their closest friends, even if it was outdoors. So, the decision was to use the temple’s website and have all the food preordered and picked up once again. This time, however, the team was ready and had learned much from the previous year’s Covid-affected plan. The menu was expanded to include the deli products and customer favorites that typically are made last minute that were dropped in 2020. Some of the processes were adjusted based on what was learned in 2020, but most of the order processing and picking was done with manual interfaces. The team knew it had the right formula when again the food sold out. It appeared that this format would be the future and some processes had to be automated as the sales volume grew.

Today:

The NH Jewish Food Festival in 2022 will continue to be online ordering and *Food Festival continued on page 17*

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club presents 'History and the Kuznetskys'

"History and the Kuznetskys, The Life and Times of a German Jewish Family during World War II" will be the topic discussed by SNHJMC Board Member Ron Bruckman on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 9:30 AM, live via Zoom, presented by the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club. This is the story of a middle-class



Jewish family from Berlin, their upheavals, and the decisions they made that literally kept them one step ahead of those that would destroy them. Utilizing both family and official correspondence, oral family recollections and historical research Ron will take us from living in wartime

Europe to Milan, Italy and Shanghai, China, and finally, to New York.

Every Holocaust story affords us the opportunity to remember and learn a lot. Each family's story is different, yet overlap, since they are all affected by the events surrounding them as well as their age, location, and many additional factors. To understand and appreciate Ron's mother's family experiences within its historical context more fully, and to get a good general background, the following readings are suggested:

- "The Italian Executioners: The Genocide of the Jews of Italy," Simon Levis Sullam, translated by Oona Smyth and Claudia Patane. Specifically, Chapter 7, pages 101 – 108. Hard and e-copies are available at The Nashua Public Library.
- "The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties That Helped

Create Modern China," Jonathan Kaufman. Specifically, Chapters 6 and 7, pages 145 – 198. This is a broader study of the western experience in China over a century. Ron's talk will mainly focus on European refugees during the wartime era. This book is available from Amazon in Kindle, paperback and hardcover formats.

Ron Bruckman grew up in Rockland County, NY and Hartford, CT. The son of two German Jewish Holocaust Survivors. Following graduation from The University of Connecticut with a BSE in Computer Science, Ron worked as an engineer for close to 40 years. Moving to the Nashua area 35 years ago, Ron has been a SNHJMC member for many years. Ron's keen interest in history, especially when it relates to his family's experiences, dates to 2017 when he

learned that a pendant belonging to one of his relatives was found by archaeologists working at the site of the Sobibór Extermination Camp in Eastern Poland. Ron shared that story of his father's side of the family with us at our meeting in April 2018.

Please join us as Ron now shares the story of his mother's side of his family during World War II, including how both of his family's stories overlapped, in person, on the voyage to the United States. Ron's presentation will be followed by an open question and answer session. The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is proud to sponsor Ron's presentation which will start off with "Schmooze Time" from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. This special presentation is open to the public but advance registration is required. Please register in advance by emailing breakfastsvp@snhjmc.org.

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pick-up with several process improvements and menu enhancements. Order pick-up scheduling that had been a manual task before, will now be automated on the website. This will make it easier for customers to choose their planned pick-up day and time. Behind the curtain, the team built an order picking module that will make the job of the order picker easier and more efficient.

The menu has been expanded to include Halvah from Israel, a variety of challahs, black and white cookies, and assorted breads from Blackers' Bakery in Brookline, MA, home-made Israeli salad, and improved recipes on several old favorites. More and improved food items and better systems and processes are on tap for 2022.

It's Always Been About the Food

Over the years there have been many changes to the Jewish Food Festival, but the consistent component is the focus on the food. Almost every item sold is made by TBI cooking teams in the temple kitchen. The recipes used were handed down from generation to generation. Each year, recipes are tweaked by various temple members as innovative ideas are brought in by new cooking team members whose grandmothers might have added a pinch of this or changed an ingredient. These innovative ideas get introduced to

the discussion during cooking sessions that take place around the temple's kitchen center island. The team is never satisfied with what they have done and is constantly striving to make the products better and the customer experience unmatched. They never lose sight, however, that it's about the food—and if the products are not unsurpassed, then they haven't done their job.

Ordering for the 25th year of the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival starts on June 1st and will continue through June 30th. As always, many of the items have limited quantities so order early at <http://www.tbinh.org>. Although there are no longer hot dogs on the menu, there is homemade hamantaschen available in three flavors.

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Etz Hayim Presents: Latkes, Lanyards, and Learning: The Story of New England Jewish Summer Camps

By Steve Soreff, MD

Free via Zoom June 12, 2022 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET. Hosted by the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center on Behalf of the New England Jewish History Collaborative.

Start your summer with a virtual visit to camp! Join the New England Jewish History Collaborative for a fascinating event exploring the story of Jewish summer camps in New England.

The program begins with a talk by Jonathan Krasner, PhD, of Brandeis University, examining the history and evolution of American Jewish camps in the 20th century, from the earliest "fresh air" camps for immigrant children to camps



emphasizing Jewish identity and ideology. A lively panel conversation among former campers, counselors, and camp directors will then discuss New England Jewish camps and their generational and regional impact on Jewish life and identity.

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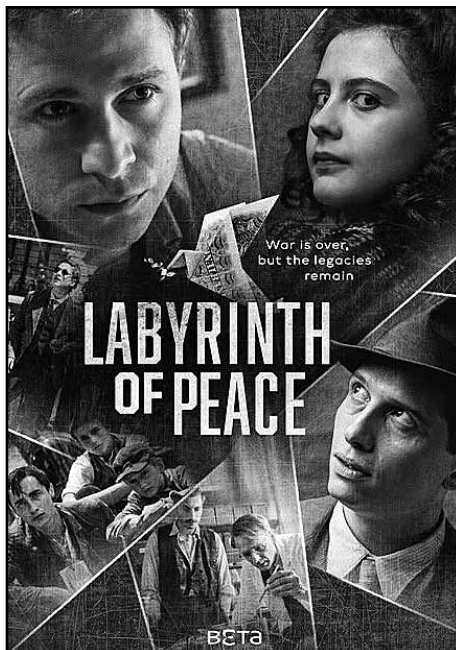
Arts & Entertainment

Film Festival *continued from page 1*

On Sunday, April 10, the closing day of the Festival at Red River, audiences were able to enjoy Edward Asner's final film role in *Tiger Within*, a piece about an aging Holocaust survivor's unlikely bond with an intolerant teenage girl trying to escape her scattered home life.

Following that screening, the Festival ended with a 50th Anniversary showing of Bob Fosse's award-winning classic *Cabaret*, starring Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey, who turned 90 the day after the screening, in Oscar-winning performances. The closing event was a huge success, and I was honored to facilitate a post-film discussion about the history of the film and its cast and crew, which I dive into in more depth with another article in this month's *Reporter*. For those who were unable to attend the in-person events, *The Automat*, *The Un-Word*, and *Tiger Within* were all available for two weeks following the Festival on our virtual platform Eventive. Additionally, we offered a short film program consisting of comedies and dramas, as well as four other feature films, *200 Meters*, *Greener Pastures*, *Neighbours*, and *Persian Lessons*, on Eventive for home audiences.

Our next NH Jewish Film Festival event starts on May 1. Tickets are on sale now for the virtual *Labyrinth of Peace* TV Series Binge Fest. This enthralling six-part dramatic miniseries — inspired by true yet little-known events — offers an intimate portrait of a family trying to move forward in “neutral” Switzerland after World War II finally ends. The TV



series link will be available for 15 days starting on May 1 until May 15. Purchase one ticket per household for all 6 episodes for \$24.00 on our website www.NHJewishFilmFestival.com.

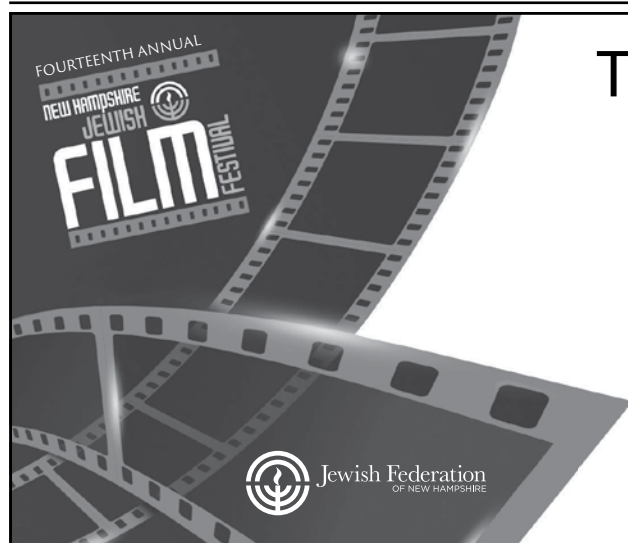
While our hybrid Festival was a big success, we look forward to welcoming audiences back in person for the 15th Annual 2023 NH Jewish Film Festival, March 16th – 26th. As always, we thank our Festival Committee, volunteers, sponsors and the NH State Council on the Arts for their continued support, generosity, and partnership. It would not be possible for the Jewish Federation to put on this major state-wide cultural event without everyone who volunteers their time. We look forward to seeing you at the movies next year!



The 2022 New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival came back to theaters!

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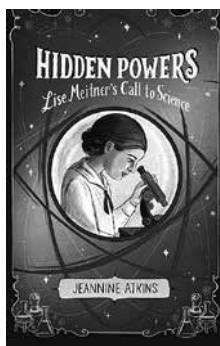
Reviewed by Merle Carrus

Hidden Powers: Lise Meitner's Call to Science by Jeannine Atkins

Young people—especially girls who are interested in science—will find a wonderful role model in Lise Meitner, but this is an interesting book for everyone. Simply written, it tells the story of a woman who played an important role in the development of atomic energy, and details her critically important contributions to science. Each chapter is written in a simple, poetic style, that makes it easy to understand the complicated science that Lise and her fellow laboratory partners discover. Lise's story proves to be amazing and inspiring.

Lise Meitner wanted to be a scientist from a very young age. She lived at a time

in history when women were not offered an education, though, and certainly not encouraged to attend university, get a doctorate, or become a professor. She overcame all these challenges and became the first woman physics professor at the University of Berlin. As she was working hard to try and discover a new element for the periodic table alongside her partner, Otto Hahn, they discovered nuclear fission. Life in Germany, though, was getting more and more dangerous for the Jewish citizens. The Nazis are



coming to power, and Lise was in danger as she continued to work in the lab—only to be dismissed from teaching because of being Jewish. She escaped to Sweden, though, and continued her work.

This book will encourage all young people to pursue their dreams with vigor and remain true to their beliefs and ideals.

This is story of Jewish persecution leading up to and including the Holocaust, but it is also a story of strength and perseverance in the face of danger. In this book, we learn about how Hitler's rise to

power affected Lise's life and career. We see the pressures she withstood as the Nazis tried to curtail her work. Her fellow scientists helped her, and they were also against the war and supported the Jewish people. In the end, while she is asked to come to America and assist in the creation of the atomic bomb, she refused—because she was, first and foremost, a humanitarian.

Jeannine Atkins is the author of several books for young readers about courageous women. Jeannine teaches writing for children and young adults at Simmons University. She lives in western Massachusetts. Visit her at JeannineAtkins.com.

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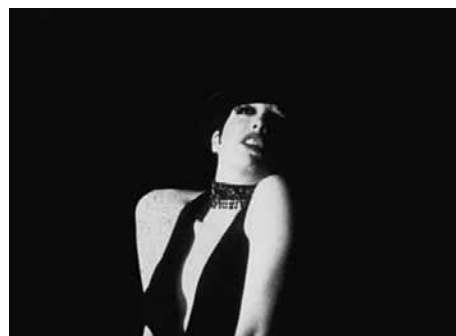
Reviewed by Zach Camenker, NH JFF Committee Member

Movie Review: Cabaret

Bob Fosse's 1972 classic *Cabaret* was the film of choice to close out the 14th New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival on Sunday, April 10 at Red River Theatres in Concord. Celebrating its 50th anniversary—and still, to date, the film with the most Oscars to not walk away with a Best Picture prize—*Cabaret* was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience, which welcomed the spirit of lively discussion that is at the core of an arthouse cinema like Red River. It was my distinct pleasure to facilitate the post-film discussion following the screening and to revisit the history behind the film as it reached its golden anniversary.

While those in attendance already heard me share my fun facts and other details, I will recap my thoughts briefly and then provide a short review. I will also clear up and correct a couple pieces that I did not have on hand in my notes.

When the film was made and put into the hands of Bob Fosse, an accomplished stage director and choreographer, it was never imagined that it would succeed as much as it did. A relative success on Broadway for just over two years, acclaimed New York theatre icon Harold Prince originally staged it. Fosse, an unlikely choice for the film version given his lack of expertise with cinema, ultimately made it the highly praised piece that it is today, albeit through a lot of challenges given his perfectionism. At the height of his own fame with five Tonys already in hand, Fosse walked



away with the Best Director Oscar for *Cabaret*, three Emmys for producing, directing, and choreographing *Liza with a Z* on television, and another two Tonys for *Pippin* by the end of 1973. As depicted in the fantastic FX biographical miniseries *Fosse/Verdon* in 2019, this did not make Fosse happy, but only driven further to reach perfection.

While Joel Grey originated the role of the Emcee on Broadway, Liza Minnelli's Sally Bowles was originated by Jill Haworth on stage. Minnelli's selection propelled her to win the Oscar for Best Actress and to soar to her own heights only a few years after her mother Judy Garland's tragic death.

Grey, who turned 90 the day after our screening and still works to this day, is one of only 11 actors to win a Tony and Oscar for playing the same role, among them José Ferrer for *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Anne Bancroft for *The Miracle Worker*, and most recently, Viola Davis for *Fences*. When he won Best Supporting Actor,

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White Mountain Jewish Film Festival Returns this Summer — Live!

By Dorothy and David Goldstone

This summer the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival returns to Bethlehem's historic Colonial Theatre to present five films portraying Jewish life around the world, including South America, Romania, Israel and the United States. The Film Festival, sponsored by the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation and cosponsored by the JFNH and Colonial Theatre, includes complimentary refreshments for ticket holders at a social hour held on the patio outside the theater. You can meet our guest speakers on the patio before they introduce the film, and then stay for the audience Q&A when the lights go up!

Here is this year's lineup of Films and guest speakers:



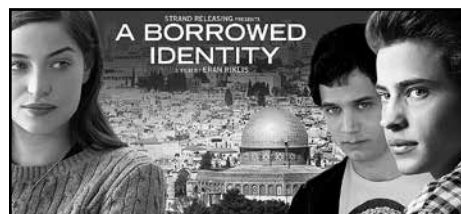
July 7, 2022 - *Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem*

In Israel, there is neither civil marriage nor civil divorce. Only rabbis can legitimate a marriage or its dissolution. But this dissolution is only possible with full consent from the husband, who in the end has more power than the judges. Viviane Amsalem (Ronit Elkabetz) has been applying for divorce for three years. But her husband Elisha (Simon Abkarian) will not agree. His cold intransigence, Viviane's determination to fight for her freedom, and the ambiguous role of the judges shape a procedure in which tragedy vies with absurdity, and everything is brought out for judgment, apart from the initial request

Guest Speaker: Norbert Goldfield

Norbert Goldfield MD is founder/ED of Healing Across the Divides and ED of a bipartisan venture Ask Nurses and Doc-

tors (or AND). His latest book is *Peace Building through Women's Health: Psychoanalytic, Sociopsychological, and Community Perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. He is a practicing internist.



July 21, 2022 - *Borrowed Identity*

Directed by one of Israel's most celebrated directors (Eran Riklis), *A Borrowed Identity* delves into the life of a smart Arab youth and two Israeli teens he befriends at an elite boarding school in Jerusalem. With war waging in the background, the three navigate the landscape as teenagers do, with only a partial nod to reality and attention to social norms. The film, a semi-autobiographical screenplay by Arab-Israeli journalist Sayed Kashua, offers a powerful perspective on coexistence in the Middle East.

Guest Speaker: Susan S. Lanser

Susan S. Lanser Professor Emerita of English, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Comparative Literature, Brandeis University & Shlomith Rimmon-Kenan collaborated on the essay: "Israeli-Palestinian narratives and the politics of form: reading Side by Side." As the first foray into a larger study of conflicting Israeli and Palestinian narratives through a narratological lens, this essay focuses on a single volume, *Side by Side: Parallel Histories of Israel-Palestine* (2012).



August 4, 2022 - *Tiger Within*

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 they walk 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 actor) 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.

Guest Speaker: Larry Hott

Larry Hott, Florentine Films/Hott Productions, has produced over twenty-five major documentaries for PBS and national broadcast. His awards include an Emmy, two Academy Award nominations, a George Foster Peabody Award, the duPont-Columbia Journalism Award, and 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 War of 1812*, *Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America*, *Rising Voices: The Revitalization of the Lakota Language*, and *The Warrior Tradition*. He is now producing and directing *The Niagara Movement: A Mighty Current of Protest* for national PBS broadcast next year.



August 18, 2022 - *Closer to the Moon*

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 attack on the powers-that-be in 1959 Romania. The twist is that when they are caught, the authorities force them to reenact events for a propaganda film, under the innocent eye of cameraman Harry Lloyd (charming). A strong ensemble embrace the absurdity with gusto. And writer/director Nae Caranfil's un-

likely, odd little film is quietly moving — all the more so because it is true.

Guest Speaker: Rick Winston

Rick Winston was the co-owner of Montpelier's Savoy Theater for 29 years, and he 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.

September 1, 2022 - *My German Friend*

The momentous sweep of post-war Argentinian history distilled into a tender love story.

It's the late 1950s, and in an affluent and quietly respectable part of Buenos Aires, young Sulamit Löwenstein strikes up a friendship with her next-door neighbor Friedrich over the whereabouts of her family dog. She's the daughter of German-Jewish immigrants to Argentina, he's the son of a senior SS officer. Both characters will struggle to escape their political inheritance over the next three decades and manage their growing passion and love.

Guest Speaker: Marjorie Agosin

Chilean-American writer Marjorie Agosin has gained notability for her outspokenness for women's rights in Chile. The Chilean government awarded her with the Gabriela Mistral Medal of Honor for Life Achievement in 2000. She is a recipient of the Belpré Medal in the United States, and has received the Letras de Oro, the Latino Literary Prize, and the Peabody Award, together with the United Nations Leadership Award in Human Rights.

Bethlehem has been known to have the purest pollen-free air in the nation and the Colonial Theatre, one of the oldest continuously operating movie theatres in the country has just installed a state of the art heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and air purifying system which will be running through all of our film events.

Movie Times for All Films:

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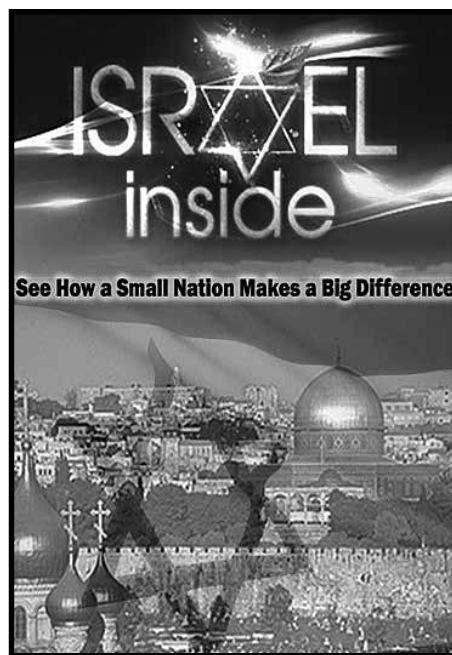
Visit Bethlehem this summer and include the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival in your plans! We look for to seeing you at the movies.

Etz Hayim presents the movie 'Israel Inside'

By Steve Soreff, MD

Israel Inside will be shown at Etz Hayim Synagogue on June 9, 2022, Thursday 7 PM. This documentary explores the positive characteristics of Israeli society from a humanistic, psychological, and emotional perspective. Despite daily challenges ranging from limited resources to security needs, Israeli creativity and inventiveness has helped make the world a better place. Israel has made significant advancements in the fields of science, environment, medicine and technology, and has shared these developments with the rest of the world.

The movie showing is free, open to the public and in person, with masks optional. Thanks to the Lappin Foundation for the use of this movie.



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he beat out Robert Duvall, James Caan, and Al Pacino for *The Godfather*, a feat that had never previously happened and has not occurred since.

The fact that *Cabaret* walked away with five more trophies than *The Godfather* surprises many, including me. While the latter is a far superior film stylistically, the former reminds us that the “artsy” style that was on the rise in the 70s pleased Academy voters a lot. *The Godfather* won Best Picture, Best Actor for Marlon Brando, and Best Adapted Screenplay that night while *Cabaret* won for Fosse, Minnelli, and Grey, as well as its sound, score, production design, cinematography, and editing. While other pieces like the 2014 film *Gravity* and the recent film *Dune* have come close with seven and six trophies respectively (Best Picture not included), eight trophies and no Best Picture prize is still the record.

Overall, the film still holds up in 2022. Its lavish style and superb performances make it shine in retrospect as does its focus on the ease and escapism that the cabaret setting provides amidst the rise of the Nazis in 1931 Germany. Of particular note to me and to other audience members on hand were the scenes in which bodies were littered on the streets with little to no reaction from others. The juxtaposition that these scenes of ease in the cabaret provide next to the

scenes of destruction are both fascinating and frightening.

Those who know Fosse’s style and his emphasis on using every muscle in one’s dancing will understand what I mean when I say that his focus was likely not on theme. Instead, I feel he left that up to the visual artists on the film and the vision they went with was, ultimately, a really dark one.

Aside from the dynamic performances by Minnelli and Grey, I was struck this time by just how good Michael York is as Brian Roberts, an Englishman who gets caught up in quite a love triangle. York is arguably the lead male of the bunch and while a bit overshadowed by Grey, he definitely exerts his chops and is a phenomenal scene partner with Minnelli. Despite the fact that many think of Sally and the Emcee first when they think of this film, they—in fact—have little to no interaction outside of the musical numbers.

It was a pleasure to be a part of this excellent screening and discussion, as well as to participate in this year’s New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, which screened some of our best titles yet. I look forward to providing readers with more film reviews as the year goes on and to previewing the 15th Jewish Film Festival when the time comes. See you at the movies!

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Temple B’nai Israel of Laconia: 'We Care' Continues the Mission

Summer is almost here, and you will want to kick-off the season on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 28, at the Inter-Lakes High School Auditorium in Meredith. The Jersey Tenors will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. and create an explosive musical experience performing iconic opera classics along with tributes to rock n’ roll industry greats such as Queen, Journey, and Elton John. As if that isn’t enough these four charming “wise guys” will pay homage to the songs of their New Jersey brethren, Bruce Springsteen, Frank Sinatra, and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, just to name a few. Be there when they raise the roof with their powerful voices, for one night only in the Lakes Region. Tickets are available on the TBI website <https://tbinh.org/product/jersey-tenors-in-concert/>, \$40 per person for general admission seating. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m.



We Care of Temple B’nai Israel has been lending a helping hand to Lakes Region non-profits since 2013. The Jersey Tenors concert will benefit Interlakes Community Caregivers, thus continuing We Care’s dedication to build bonds with partners in the community. Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, provides vital services and resources in the Lakes Region communities of Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Meredith, and Sandwich to people from different cultural and economic backgrounds, people of all ages and abilities, and to those who may be isolated and in need of companionship. Volunteers drive people in their own vehicles to local and long-distance medical facilities, help with grocery shopping, and running errands, all free of charge. It has been shown time and time again, that no matter what walk of life people come from, showing kindness and supporting their local communities to help others in

need has an incredible positive impact on their lives and the lives around them. To find out more visit their website, www.interlakescare.org, call 603-253-9275, or email to contact@interlakescares.org.

The We Care committee of Temple B’nai Israel organizes two concerts each year with the net proceeds benefitting two different local non-profit organizations. We Care has been a major contributor to the Lakes Region community with over \$120,000 raised for several different agencies. The events, scheduled in May and October, offer the selected nonprofit agency a ready-made fundraiser which includes the talent, the venue, logistics, ticket sales, and marketing and provides a spectacular night of entertainment for the community, while both the nonprofit and the event sponsors are in the spotlight. The entire net proceeds of each concert are returned to the selected beneficiary of the event. We Care thanks the following event sponsors of The Jersey Tenors concert: Miracle Farms Landscaping, Audi Nashua, and Interlakes Family Dental. These generous businesses, along with the advertisers in the TBI Lakes Region Business Directory make it possible for We Care and Temple B’nai Israel to continue the practice of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

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Jewish Journeys

A Letter to My New Grandson

By Ruth Kaplan

Dear Abe, welcome to the world! It's been two weeks. Your entry into our lives actually began about a day-and-a-half before your birth when your dad called us in the early morning to say that your mom's water had broken and they were in the hospital. That's when my anxious Jewish mother syndrome really began to kick in. Waiting for your arrival over the next 36 hours wasn't easy for me, nor for your Zaide-to-be. Although your dad gave us periodic updates, the wait was agonizing. After all, your mom is still my baby and I had no control over what she was going through. I knew it was really hard, but all I could do was pray for a speedy delivery and a healthy baby, namely you!

The news that you had emerged at 6:51 p.m. on Sunday night and that you were beautiful and perfect filled us with joy and elation. We couldn't wait to meet you, which happened the following day.

Before you were born, your mom decided that she did not wish to have a brit

milah, or bris, a ritual circumcision ceremony eight days after your arrival. Instead, you would be circumcised in the hospital a few days following your birth. Of course, as your newly minted Bubbe, I would have preferred a traditional bris at our home. But, to tell you the truth, COVID-19 would have put a damper on the whole affair, and I respected your mom's wishes. In any event, the important part was that you were to be entered into the holy covenant of father Abraham and the Jewish people by being circumcised.

Imagine my surprise when a few minutes before you were taken for your incision at the hospital, I got a phone call from your mom and dad asking me to offer a traditional blessing for you upon the occasion of your circumcision. You don't really know me yet, but I like to prepare for such special moments and think carefully about the message I wish to convey. But I had no such luxury. Instead, I quickly decided to chant over the phone the beautiful Debbie Friedman version of the Shehechyanu prayer, where we give thanks to the Creator for

renewing our lives, bestowing us with blessings and allowing us to celebrate sacred moments together.

After chanting this blessing, I blurted out some additional remarks in which I referenced my late father, who I said would have been so thrilled to welcome his new great-grandson but whose values and shining legacy nonetheless would be bequeathed to you. Speaking about my father always makes me weepy, and this was no exception, but in any event, I was soon cut off when your mom and dad needed to whisk you off for your procedure.

I'm sure it was not fun, but also feel certain you have already forgotten that momentary pain. Imagine my surprise when a day later your parents shared with us your beautiful and distinguished name of Abraham Zalman. Abraham was your Zaide's dad's name, and Zalman was my father's rather unusual middle name that became a part of his public persona: Sumner Zalman Kaplan. In revealing your name to us, your mom noted that our forefather Abraham was the first Hebrew male to be circumcised as a sign of the everlasting covenant between the Jewish people and God.

Don't worry, Abie, you'll have plenty of time to learn about your rich Jewish heritage, be it in religious school or otherwise. Your Zaide and I look forward to a more formal recognition of your beautiful name and legacy sometime this

spring at a baby-naming ceremony, but for me, I'll always remember the unexpected honor bestowed upon me of blessing you over the phone in your second day of life. It was an unconventional bris, with a spiritually fulfilling ritual of its own nonetheless.

May your life be filled with many more meaningful moments marked by both tradition and spontaneity. You're off to a great start!

All my love,
Bubbe

Ruth Kaplan is the past director of community relations at the Consulate General of Israel to New England. She is the former director of the CJP Boston-Haifa Connection and supervisor of the young Israeli ambassadors' program called "Shinshinim." Ruth has had careers in law and public education advocacy and is passionate about creating people-to-people connections among Israelis and Americans. Fluent in Hebrew, Ruth is also a perennial Yiddish and Spanish language learner. Among the most significant life experiences in the formation of her strong Jewish identity and connection to Israel were the seven glorious years Ruth spent in her youth as both a camper and counselor at Camp Tevya in Brookline, New Hampshire. The opinions expressed in her essay are her own.



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Israel: Did You Know?

By Richard England

Did you know that Yad LaKashish is a Jerusalem-based charity that provides employment and social services to the elderly poor, many of them immigrants to Israel from Russia, Ethiopia, and other



parts of the Diaspora? You can shop the wonderful craft goods produced by these elders at <https://www.lifeline.org.il/>.

SPOTLIGHT ON ISRAEL



Support the Humanitarian Work of Hadassah Through Amazon Smile

By Michele Bank

To coincide with Israel's Independence Day, *Hadassah Magazine* is holding a virtual discussion: Exploring 'Israeliana,' Iconic Israeli Metalware Souvenirs and Judaica. This event will be on Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM. It is free and open to all. *Hadassah Magazine* Executive Editor, Lisa Hostein, will host a leading collector and curators from the Israel Museum in Jerusalem for an exploration of 'Israeliana' — Israeli tchotchkes popular among tourists beginning in the early years of the state. In advance of the program, you can submit examples of exceptional vintage, pre-1975 Israeliana items – menorahs, souvenir plates, cigarette boxes, candlesticks, posters, postcards and more, by emailing photos and details to magazine@hadassah.org. During the event, the curator will analyze a few examples submitted by registrants.

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In international news, while devastating events continue to unfold in the Ukraine Crisis, more teams from HMO continue to travel to Hadassah Medical Clinic in Przemysl, Poland, near the country's border with Ukraine, treating thousands of patients. There is also now a new pediatric clinic in nearby Korcsoba to treats babies, children and teens. HMO personnel have received encouragement and acknowledgement of their role by the World Health Organization, Polish Red Cross and Ukrainian government.

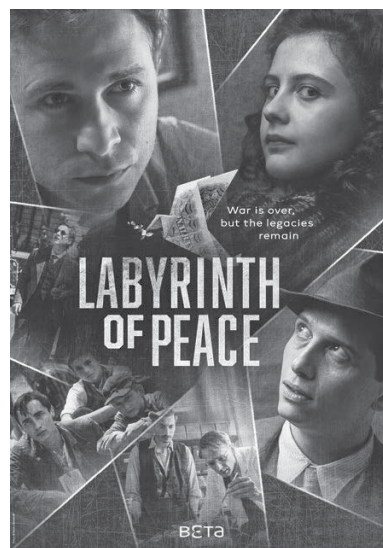
Hadassah has always provided humanitarian aid for natural disasters and COVID-19 pandemic. They were in the earthquakes in Haiti and Mexico, as well as in the Indonesian tsunami. In 2021, during the pandemic, they visited Argentina at the invitation of the government to help the fight against the coronavirus. Hadassah brings Israel's humanitarian will to the whole world. For additional information about Hadassah, please contact michele.bank@gmail.com.



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Recent Events

Ukraine War Refugees, Aid Workers to Celebrate Freedom Festival of Passover in Poland

Submitted by Joe Berkofsky

PRZEMSYL, Poland, April 8 – Dozens of refugees from the Ukraine war, along with aid workers, will attend a multi-faith Passover Seder dinner for some 200 people on April 12 in Przemysl to mark the Jewish holiday and celebrate the universal values of freedom, renewal and gratitude, in a special free event organized by NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief and partner aid groups.

NATAN, which has stationed doctors and social workers on the Polish-Ukraine border to aid refugees since the war started, is organizing the “Passover in Przemysl” and hosting it along with UJA Federation of New York, the JCC of Krakow and the Polish cultural group Folkowisko Association.

The ecumenical gathering will feature parts of the traditional annual Passover Seder, which celebrates the Jewish people’s escape from slavery in Egypt.

Along with 20 Reform Judaism rabbis visiting the area who will join the event, participants of all faiths will light candles, share wine and a vegetarian feast, and discuss Passover’s timeless story. This special Seder will also include olives, symbolizing the olive branch a dove brought to Noah as a sign the floods receded and humanity would be given a second chance.

“On Passover we remember the exodus from Egypt and we pray for all of you who have left Ukraine and for those who stayed behind,” said NATAN Chair Daniel Kahn. “The refugees may not be able to celebrate their holidays with loved ones at home, but they can join us in experiencing Passover and its stories of freedom from oppression. This year we celebrate together, here in Poland.”

About NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief:

NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief is an all-volunteer multi-faith Israeli humanitarian aid organization of doctors, nurses, dentists, social workers, and other healthcare experts who are trained to mobilize for human-made and natural disasters worldwide. For more than 18 years, NATAN teams have responded to global crises from earthquakes in Haiti to the Syrian civil war, collaborating strategically with NGOs and local communities.

JCPA Thanks the Senate for Confirming Deborah Lipstadt as the US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs congratulates Ambassador Dr. Deborah Lipstadt as the newly confirmed U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism. Ambassador Lipstadt has been a close friend and partner to our organization. She is extremely qualified for this position and is the right person at the right time to lead the U.S. government’s efforts to ensure the security of world Jewry.

Over the past year, JCPA has led efforts and advocacy to urge the Senate to move forward the nomination process for the Envoy position. Antisemitism



should not be a wedge issue for today’s polarized politics. We thank the Senate for bringing the vote to the floor and are thrilled that that she was confirmed unanimously.



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