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JFNH Needs Your Support More than Ever

By Tracy Richmond

As part of my job as JFNH Campaign Co-Chair, I must make a lot of phone calls. I get the opportunity to speak with people across our great state about the amazing work of JFNH. I get to highlight what I think is most important—like Israel education, fighting antisemitism, or engaging our seniors. I also get to work with my peers to plan events for our community, and to support the building of Jewish relationships across the entire state. This year we have had a ladies' night at Pressed Cafe in Bedford, a men's night at a private home in Bedford with whisky tasting and great conversation, and most recently, another ladies' event at the



Currier Museum in Manchester.

But as you might imagine, these are not the same things that matter to everyone I speak with. Our state is large and our needs are larger. We run a tight ship, with only one full-time employee, while covering a huge geography. So, when people say to me that they are not supporting JFNH this year, I am always shocked. Literally shocked. Someone might say, "We donated to our temple," or they might say, "I don't support Federation because they sold the building" or because they "closed the preschool" or any other number of reasons. But my thought is always, well, what happens when there is antisemitic graffiti sprayed on the walls of Jewish businesses? Who talks to the FBI or the press? Who handles the hate crimes? What happens when there is a crisis in Israel? Who supports the community? Who teaches our preschool chil-


dren and Hebrew school children about Israel? Who makes sure our seniors are safe, and who takes care of our cemeteries after? JFNH does. That is what we do.

JFNH will never be all things to all people, and we will never replace the synagogues and rabbis in New Hampshire. Our role is to support and educate our entire state and to be quite honest, we can't do it without 100% support from the Jewish community in our state. We are just too small to lose even one donor. We have donors that donate \$18/year and families that donate over \$25,000. There is room for everyone, and we appreciate each and every dollar that arrives at our office.

If you have not made your gift yet this year, please reach out and let's chat about what is important to you and your family, and see where JFNH fits! Every gift matters, including yours!

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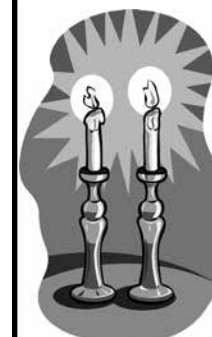
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



April 7	7:01 PM
April 14	7:09 PM
April 21	7:17 PM
April 28	7:25 PM

Teach the Children

This year, I've been thinking about the role of storytelling and Passover's emphasis on education. While many (maybe even most) Jewish holidays revolve around stories, Passover specifically admonishes parents to teach the story of the Exodus to our children. Haggadah means "telling." We parents are elevated to storytellers, story keepers, with a responsibility to educate the next generation. In Exodus 13:14, Moses says (paraphrased), when your kids ask what's going on, what this is all about, tell them the story of how God brought us out of Egypt. This is more than just a repeated trope – it's a mandate to the people of Israel to value education and stories.

This is one of my personal favorite things about Judaism – the focus on education, on speaking but also listening, asking questions, debating, talking it through, even with children. (And if you've met me, I talk a lot – and my children ask gazillions of questions.)

The story of Passover is not easy or comfortable. We're supposed to speak as if we ourselves were slaves, feeling the whip of our taskmasters. We talk about the plagues and imagine the fear that comes with darkness, with blood, with swarms of insects, with sickness and suffering. We talk about crossing the Red Sea with the Egyptians chasing after us. We focus on the good: our perseverance, our survival. We celebrate freedom while also sitting with the many forms of slavery; with how much work is still needed before everyone in the world is free. These are tough concepts for children, and subjects that we as parents may shy away from. But the Passover Seder is designed for just this: a proscribed order of steps established to help us parents deliver a story about slavery and freedom through ritual, food, and song.

Sometimes kids have the best ideas for engaging with the Passover story. I have vivid memories of orchestrating a Passover skit with my cousins one year. **Will your children be contributing to your Seder? Maybe by putting on a Passover play? A puppet show? Writing a song? Making a video? Share on our Facebook page @ PJLibraryNH or in the JFNH Family Connection Facebook group!**

In the PJ Library Haggadah, *In Every Generation*, the four children (one wise, one rebellious, one simple and one quiet or perhaps young) are introduced right after the youngest child asks "The Four Questions" and just before the Seder leader launches into "Maggid", the telling of the Passover story. I always

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**JFNH
Program
Coordinator**



found this section of the Seder awkward and dissonant, but now I'm wondering if the four children are included in the Seder and at this specific point very intentionally. They serve as a reminder to the adults of our audience and encourage us to consider that not all children learn the same way. We have a responsibility as parents to tell the Passover story in a meaningful way for **all** our children.

For inspiration, tips and tricks visit PJ Library's Passover Hub at pjlibrary.org/Passover. Download the Haggadah for free (or a fifteen-minute version), listen to the story as a podcast for kids, try the Mad Libs (great to do with relatives over Zoom!), find cheat sheets and Seder checklists, and download games to play at your Seder.

One of my favorite PJ Library Passover books, *Meet the Matza* by Alan Silberberg, begins with a child "Alfie Koman" sharing the story of Passover with his school class. **Join us on April 2nd in Manchester for our Passover Story Walk and learn all about Alfie Koman! Watch your email for more information.** Alfie struggles to tell his story as a bully tries to take the story away from him and make it more interesting. I love the messages in this book: bravery, standing up to bullies, and taking control of your own story. I try to teach my children not just the stories and meaning behind each Jewish holiday, but also how to proudly tell these stories and share their traditions with their classmates. Practice often takes the form of theatrical productions while getting ready for bed.

My children are preparing for Passover in their own ways, learning the Ma Nishtana and reading our favorite Passover books: *The Carp in the Bathub* by Barbara Cohen, *The Mouse in the Matza Factory* by Francine Medoff, *Nachshon Who Was Afraid to Swim* by Deborah Bodin Cohen, *The Passover Cowboy* by Barbara Diamond Goldin, and *Too Many Cooks: A Passover Parable* by Edie Stoltz Zolkower. We have not yet started cleaning. If only one of my children was Izzy the Whiz and could make me a Passover McClean robot!

May your Passover celebrations be stress-free and full of fun and stories. Happy Passover and Chag Pesach Sameach!

JFNH Response to Recent Acts of Hate in NH

Early Tuesday morning, Temple Israel and 13 other Portsmouth businesses were the victims of graffiti, including swastikas spray-painted on the synagogue.

Over the last year, there has been an increase in antisemitic incidents, both in-person and online, right here in our state. According to the ADL, 2021 was the highest year on record for documented reports of harassment, vandalism, and violence against Jews.

Tuesday's incident not only included acts of hate against the Jewish community but against the Black and LGBTQ+ communities as well. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH) stands in solidarity with all those impacted by this hate.

Antisemitism has a long and ugly history in the world, in this country, and more recently in our state. Although we are saddened and angered that certain

groups feel the need to express their hatred in such a public way, we must continue to stand steadfastly against antisemitism and against all other forms of racism, discrimination, and intolerance. We must speak up and act together to ensure that hate against Jews and against any group will not be tolerated in New Hampshire. Silence is not an option. Together we can lead the way towards a state that is free from all forms of hate and where people, whatever their background, feel safe.

L'Shalom,
Allyson Guertin, Director
Ken Litvack, Chair

If you have any concerns about antisemitism personally or in your community, please reach out to JFNH for support.

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Six Million Steps

This year, Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is partnering with Manchester synagogues to participate in "Six Million Steps", a national program supported by the Israeli American Council to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and raise awareness of global antisemitism. (www.6msteps.org/)

Walk with us to help achieve the goal of 6 million collective steps as a community, followed by a hybrid lecture on "Images of Contemporary Holocaust Representation", by Dr. Carol Salus, Professor Emerita, Kent State University

Sunday, April 16th, 4:30pm
Temple Israel to Temple Adath Yeshurun.

Scan QR Code to register or visit <https://bit.ly/NH6milsteps>
Looking for other ways to participate?
View our website: www.jewishnh.org/YomHaShoah

Security will be provided throughout the walk and program.

More information: ☎ 603 627 7679 ✉ shaliach@jewishnh.org

Statewide Calendar of Events

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

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Saturday, April 2

Life, Ladies, and Laughter presents: Fun Ways to Spring into Summer Mode

11:30AM – 1:00PM, JFNH Community Room, Bedford
Cost \$18/pp.

As the sun's rays grow stronger and the days become warmer in New Hampshire, we invite you to an event that offers fun, forward-looking ways to rejuvenate yourself! Join us for a light brunch and mingling – with new and old friends from around the state – followed by two exciting, interactive presentations.

Inflammation & Aging: Healthy Eating for Busy Lifestyles

Dietitian Julie Izsak, Med, RD, LDN

Stretching & Strengthening for a Healthier You

Fitness Expert Izzie Lieberman, Registered Yoga Teacher (200-hr), AFFA, Power Pilates, Barre Training
Come enjoy this opportunity to build lasting relationships in a safe, warm, inviting environment. Registration required by Monday, March 27
Register at <https://givebutter.com/LLLNoShandLearn>

Email Allyson Guertin at allyson.guertin@jewishnh.org with questions.

Meet the Matzah: a Passover Story Walk & Community Event

2:00PM – 4:00PM Public Park in Manchester, NH
New Hampshire synagogues and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire invite you to bundle up and enjoy the fresh air as you follow Alfie Koman's story of Passover on a story walk!

Then join us at the end of the trail for fun activities:

*Build your own pyramid or amusement park ride using packing peanuts

*Create a self-portrait Chametz "Foodle Doodle" and add it to our Class Photo

*Find your inner "Mighty Moses" at our superhero table

*Add your own worst plagues to our Plague Display
And more!

*Public location in Manchester, NH *Security provided *Registration required. This program is free. Location will be emailed with your registration.
<https://bit.ly/StoryWalkNH>

Thursday, April 5

Seacoast Chabad Community Passover Seder

7:00PM - Seacoast Jewish Center, Durham
Join us for a Community Passover Seder! Relive the exodus, discover the eternal meaning of the Hagaddah, and enjoy a community Seder complete with hand-baked Matzah, wine, and a wonderful dinner spiced with unique traditional customs.
Adults: \$60 | Children: \$30 | Students: Free. RSVP: JewishSeacoast.com/Seder

Thursday, April 6

Temple Beth Abraham Passover Community Seder

5:30PM – 8:00PM Temple Beth Abraham
Cost \$30 pp.

Join Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua for our Second Night Passover Seder! Open to all! Registration required. Adult members \$30, Adult nonmembers \$36, Children (6-12) member Family \$15, Children (6-12) nonmember family \$20, Children 5 and under are free. Sponsor a bottle of wine: \$10. Please do reach out to us, however, if cost is a barrier! Please register at <https://tbanashua.shulcloud.com/event/passover-community-seder-2023.html>

Temple Israel Community Passover Seder

6:00PM – 8:00PM Temple Israel Portsmouth
Cost \$45 pp.

Join with the Temple Israel Portsmouth community for a meaningful Second Night Seder as we journey from slavery to freedom in the company of friends, with traditional seder foods and wine. Please register at <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/event/community-passover-seder2.html>

Etz Hayim Community Seder

6:00PM – 8:00PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry
Cost \$44/pp.

Second night Passover Community Seder including a kosher meal, meaningful, musical, and interactive Seder led by Rabbi Levy and Amy Dattner-Levy. Reserve your seat at the Seder table by March 26. A Kosher meal catered by Levine's Kosher Market will be served including roast chicken, kugel, carrot tzimmes, chicken soup with matzoh balls, gefilte fish, matzoh and all the trimmings. Cost is \$44 for adult members, \$49 for non-members, and \$29 for children under 10. Mail your check to Etz Hayim Synagogue or PayPal at www.etzhayim.org/pray/second-seder by 3/26/23.

Temple Adath Yeshurun Sisterhood Second Night Seder

6:30PM – 9:00PM Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Adults \$40.00/Children under 12 \$12.00

Please join us for a catered family style Seder Meal. Reservations required by March 24. Please contact Elaine Silberberg at the temple office 603-669-5650 or brstamps@aol.com

Tuesday, April 11

Baby Playgroup at JFNH

10:00AM – 11:00AM, JFNH Community Room, Bedford

Join us on Tuesday, April 11th at 10:00am for a special Passover-themed baby playgroup! We'll play a game of "find the afikomen", enjoy a Passover sensory bin, stuff your own seder pillows and more! Meet other families with young children and grow your community! Open to families with children 0-5. Snacks provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/PassoverBaby>

Saturday, April 13

Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story, The Film

7:00PM – Etz Hayim, Derry
With the cry of "Play ball!" across the United States, what better way to observe the national pastime than to come to Etz Hayim to watch the movie, Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story, narrated by Dustin Hoffman at 7 PM Thursday, April 13, 2023. Just in time for the opening of the baseball season and our eternal hopes for the Boston Red Sox, it shows the stories of Hank

Greenberg and Sandy Koufax. And, it includes our beloved Kevin Youkilis. Be there for the first pitch and first inning. And, yes, there will be peanuts and Cracker Jacks. Sponsor: Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program

Saturday, April 14

Confronting Genocide & Antisemitism: U.S. Prevention Efforts

6:00PM – Mara Auditorium, SNHU, Manchester
You're invited to the T. William & Patricia Ayers Global Tipping Points Series, presented by the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire. Speaker: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Colleen Crenwelge of the U.S. Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations. Discussion moderated by Katrina Lantos Swett, President of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice. Across the globe, warning signs of genocide and anti-semitism on the rise prompt world leaders to work towards disentangling these conflicts and helping deescalate these challenges within communities. The United States Department of State works across the world to help global communities resolve conflicts and provide stabilization operations, coordinated through the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations. Join NH Fulbright Association and the World Affairs Council of NH, with Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Colleen Crenwelge of the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, for a discussion on the work that the United States is doing to tackle these issues. REGISTER: <https://wacnh.org/event-5160510>

Saturday, April 15

PJ Library Tot Shabbat Hop Temple Adath Yeshurun

10:00AM – 11:00AM

PJ Library's jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children 0-5 (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Stories, Singing, and Blessings followed by a Kiddie Kiddush. Registration required. Please register at <https://bit.ly/TotShabbatHopTAY>

Sunday, April 16

Shavua Tov Storytime

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 on Sunday each month. Each month will have a different theme! 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 a week in advance of each program. To register <https://bit.ly/ShavuaTovStoryTime>

The 22-State Solution: The End of the Arab-Israeli Conflict?

11:00AM – 12:30PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth
An Historical Overview of the Arab-Israeli Conflict Leading up to the Abraham Accords. Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for a presentation sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee, as part of the temple's observation of Yom Ha'atzmaut the 75th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel. Guest speaker Dr. Fredrik Meiton is a UNH Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts. Bagel brunch starts at 11:00AM, with the presentation from 11:30 – 12:30. Contact Heather Tomlinson 603-436-5301, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org

"A Child's View of the Holocaust" Dance Performance at Temple Beth Abraham

12:00PM – Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
A touring group of highly trained New England Dance Ensemble (NEDE.org) members ranging in age from 6-18 present a 40-minute production of "A Child's View of the Holocaust" in the Temple Beth Abraham social hall. A light lunch at noon will precede the performance. Artistic Director Barbara Mullen choreographed the original drama ballet in 1990. The production recognizes the atrocities that occurred towards Jews at the hands of the Nazi party in Germany between 1939 and 1945. The ballet will be followed with a special Q&A with Barbara Mullen and the cast. The event is free and open to the public, although donations are welcome. Register: <https://tbanashua.shulcloud.com/event/a-childs-view-of-the-holocaust-dance-performance.html>

Yom HaShoah "6 Million Steps" Statewide Program

4:30PM – 6:30PM, Temple Israel to Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester
This year, Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is partnering with Manchester synagogues to participate in "Six Million Steps", a national program supported by the Israeli American Council to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and raise awareness of global antisemitism (www.6msteps.org/). Walk with us to help achieve the goal of 6 million collective steps as a community, followed by a hybrid lecture on "Images of Contemporary Holocaust representation", by Dr. Carol Salus, Professor Emerita, Kent State University. Please register at <https://bit.ly/NH6milsteps>

Yom Hashoah Program at Etz Hayim

7:00PM – 9:00PM In person and Zoom
Milt Zweig will be leading a presentation on the impact of the Holocaust on his family and delve into aspects of history, antisemitism, the Holocaust and genealogy. Milt, a member of Etz Hayim, will also display some artifacts and photographs not previously seen. Adults and children over age 12 are welcome. You may email office@etzhayim.org for an optional Zoom link.

Parenting Through Jewish Lens

8:00PM – 9:30PM, Zoom every month on the 3rd Sunday until June 11, 2023
Cost \$72/PP

Join a group of fellow parents of newborns through nine-year olds in New Hampshire to explore Jewish values that can enrich your family!

Topics of discussion include:

Simcha! Towards Joyful Parenting

Integrating Meaningful Rituals

Shalom! Peace in Our Homes

Shabbat: A Time to Reconnect and Recharge
Facilitated by Temple Beth Abraham member and child development specialist and parent coach, Stefanie Paige Wieder, M.S.Ed.

A four-part Zoom session on the following Sundays - March 19, April 16, May 21, and June 11.

Register at <https://tbanashua.shulcloud.com/event/PTJL-SP-23>

Monday, April 17

Yom HaShoa service

7:00PM – 8:00PM, Zoom

JFNH in conjunction with the Holocaust Survivor Remembrance Committee is partnering with Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry for a Yom HaShoa service. Join us on the eve of Yom HaShoa for a community service including original poems by

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Judy Felsen, Kaddish and the memorial sirens in Israel. Please register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/820kdeusrTkVgDLh82tWjooityrVr6jEkp3X>

Tuesday, April 18

Yom HaShoah Event Featuring Author Judy Batalion

7:00PM – 9:00PM, Rivier University, Dion Reception Room, Nashua

Temple Beth Abraham and Rivier University invite the public to hear New York Times Bestselling author Judy Batalion discuss her book "The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos."

The event is made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org The event is free and open to all! It will take place at Rivier University Dion Center Reception Room 420 South Main Street Nashua.

Yom Hashoah LIBERATORS. American Servicemen Confront Holocaust

7:00PM – 8:00PM Temple Israel Portsmouth
Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for a special Yom Hashoah observance. Guest speaker Dr. Louis Levine offers a perspective on the Shoah that is rarely addressed. It focuses on the relatively small group of Americans who initially encountered the special hell of the Nazi camps in the last weeks of the war in Europe – what they saw, how they

reacted, how they processed it.

Dr. Levine draws primarily on interviews with GIs recorded for the award winning exhibition "Ours to Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War" which he produced at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, and which went on to travel to Baltimore, New Orleans, and Skokie, Illinois.

This program will take place in the sanctuary and will also be available via Zoom, using the regular link for services. Register via the temple website calendar to help us plan for refreshments or to receive the Zoom link.

Thursday, April 20

SFY: Lunch at Windows on West Street

11:00AM – 12:30PM, Milford High School, Milford
Cost \$5/pp.

Join us for lunch at a student run restaurant at Milford High School, 100 West Street, Milford, NH. Transportation not provided. Registration requested by April 6th. Menu: <https://mhs.milfordk12.org/apps/pages/WOWS>

Friday, April 21

Sephardic Shabbat Unplugged at Temple Beth Abraham

5:30PM – Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
Congregation Ahavat Olam of North Andover, MA joins us for a "Sephardic Shabbat Unplugged – A Journey into the Music of the Sephardic Tradition." The evening will begin with Jewish ethnic foods from Sephardic traditions. Shabbat services will feature the Ahavat Olam ensemble led by founding

Rabbi/Cantor Idan Irelander. Free and open to all. Register: <https://tbanashua.shulcloud.com/event/sephardic-shabbat-evening.html>

Manchester Chapter of Hadassah Shabbat Service at TAY

7:00PM – 9:00PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Rabbi Beth Davidson of Temple Adath Yeshurun will lead a Hadassah Shabbat Service celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. Members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah will participate in the service and host an Oneg. Members are welcome to volunteer to partake in the service or bake for the Oneg. The community is welcome to attend the service. Contact Gail Ellis gailellis49@comcast.net

Saturday, April 22

TBA Young Family Shabbat

10:00AM – 11:00AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

Join families with children ages 0-6 in a short

Shabbat morning service followed by social and play time. Contact Temple Center 603-883-8184, office@tbanashua.org

Friday, April 28

New Immigrant and Asylum Seeker Shabbat Service

6:30PM – Temple Israel, Portsmouth
Please join Temple Israel, Portsmouth, for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service sponsored by the Tikun Olam Committee, followed by an oneg Shabbat. Guest speakers who work closely with new immigrants in Portsmouth, and special musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt, will join Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman for this special service. This event will be held in person in the sanctuary and also available via Zoom, using the regular link for services. You can register to receive the Zoom link and help us plan for refreshments! Sign up via the website calendar at <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/event/new-immigrant-shabbat-service.html>



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What I Miss from Israel

Shalom everybody! As I get through the process of writing my last few *Reporter* articles, it gets harder and harder to think about topics. On the one hand, it's too early to start summarizing my time here, and on the other hand, I feel that I covered a lot of the things I would classically write about in my first year here. Starting to think about my trip back home, I've come to realize how much I miss in Israel. In addition to the obvious family and friends there are a few places I've only realized how much I missed after being away from them for two years. These are the top five:

1. Palmachim beach:

This was the closest beach to where I grew up—a place where we would go as a family when I was younger, and also the beach my friends and I would go to frequently. I can't count the amount of nights I spent there with a bonfire, guitar (not me play-

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ing) and good company. In recent years the municipality started to charge for parking, but as a true local, I was always able to avoid that.

2. Old City Ramle:

In high school, my friends and I used to go to Old City Ramle for the best Hummus in Israel (and I'll fight whoever disagrees with me). It's in a hole-in-a-wall place, down a small ally and



has the best hummus you can ask for. After graduating, Samir's became a meeting point for all of us and a typical group text on Thursday night would be "Let's meet at the beach at 10 tomorrow and go from there to Samir". It got to a point that the owner knew us and when I went back to Israel this past summer, he questioned my absence.

3. The "lower city" in Haifa:

Haifa has a unique place in my heart. I didn't grow up in the area and don't think I spent a lot of time there as a

kid, but at the age of about 10, I inherited my dad's fandom for the Maccabi Haifa Football (Soccer) Club. I still remember the first game he took me to (we won 3:0!). I try going to a few games a year, usually with my brother, to show my support. In my service in the Navy, I was stationed in Haifa for about 2 years and that time really deepened my love for the city.

4. The drive to Eilat:

In my honest opinion, Eilat is kind of overrated. It's a VERY touristy town in the southern tip of Israel: it's very expensive and crowded. We would rarely go there as a family, and I was there a few more times in high school with friend but never really cared for it. As part of my army training, I spent about a month there in the Navy base which made me appreciate it a bit more. But, as you can see from the title of this point my favorite part isn't the city itself, but the drive down there is amazing—because you get to drive through the beautiful Israeli desert. When I was working for FIRST, I would go 3-4 times a year to visit the high school there and it was always a special trip for me.

5. Machneyuda Market in Jerusalem:

This is more of a classic place. It's on the itinerary of every tour going to Israel and is almost always packed. Nevertheless, it's such a fun place to be in both during the day—as a food and spice market—and at night, when it becomes a loud, vibrant scene with bars and restaurant popping up where just a few hours earlier people were bargaining over produce. This past summer, I didn't have time to go up to Jerusalem, but I know it's very high on my to-do-list when going back this summer.

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Yom HaShoah Services

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Join us on the eve of Yom HaShoah for a community service including original poems by Judy Felsen, Kaddish and the memorial sirens in Israel.

Monday, April 17th

7:00pm

via Zoom

Register for Zoom Link by scanning QR code:



Contact JFNH Shaliach Ra'anana deHaas at shaliach@jewishnh.org or 603-627-7679 with questions.

A Taste of Israel

By Evelyn Miller

Although this winter has been milder than usual, winter can still be a gloomy time, and the Israel Education and Engagement committee was looking for ways to liven things up, especially after all that time in lockdown. Ideas were mulled over. Concepts were pitched. Finally, somewhere between discussions of a lecture series and a winter get-together at Hampton Beach, we decided to have an old-fashioned social event in our cozy Jewish Federation building, with an Israeli theme of food, pictures, and background Israeli music.

The Federation space is very nice, for sure. But immediately, we had to ask—was it schmoozy enough for the event? To me, a schmoozy space allows for moving around, socializing, and really enjoying each other's conversations—and yes, we could make the space perfect for this event. So with that in mind, we eliminated big pieces of furniture, set up clusters of a few comfy chairs and small coffee tables, a larger table for a big gang to sit at, and three new bar “stand up” tables in the center of the room. And to truly be an Israeli-style experience, we knew we had to focus on food—and lots of it! Great homemade falafel and pita were the centerpiece of the table with homemade hummus, many, many Israeli salads, Israeli dips and spreads, Israeli pickles, and olives. The beverage was lemonade, with lots of fresh mint in it. The dessert table had a huge mound of fresh grapes, enormous Israeli dates, lots of chocolate babka, and both plain and pistachio halva. This was truly an Israeli feast! The food was so good that after many requests for recipes, we decided to send salad and falafel recipes out to all the guests.

To set the final Israeli mood, pictures were projected on a screen showing inviting sights from Israel, joyous and memorable moments from our Momentum moms trip to Israel, and glimpses of everyday Israelis at work and play (No scenes from Fauda were included!).

The crowd came early. They left late. They came from the seacoast, southern New Hampshire, and central New Hampshire. We had Momentum Moms and spouses from our first sponsored trip to Israel as well as five Momentum Moms and spouses scheduled for this spring trip to Israel. We had new transplant arrivals from out of state and bona fide New Hampshire established residents attend. Our in-house live Israeli, Ra'anah De-



haas, was there with his homemade hummus. It was a great group of people.

I would comment on the background Israeli music... but truth be told, the constant happy chatter of the attendees drowned the music out, for me. For several hours, this New Hampshire Jewish crowd was transported to sunny Israel to enjoy the food and atmosphere of that very special Mediterranean country. One thing is for sure: our Taste of Israel social certainly livened up everybody's winter!



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Your Federation at Work



Momentum 2023 moms met for a fun, competitive morning bowling as they got to know each other better ahead of their April trip.



The staff of JFNH celebrate Purim.



Seniors Forever Young went to see Little Women at the Palace Theatre together – it was fantastic!



TOT SHABBAT HOP!

PJ Library's jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children 0-5 (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Each month at a different location!

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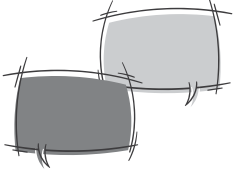
Thursday, May 18, 2023
7:30 p.m. ET on Zoom

Dr. Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath, author of *#antisemitism: Coming of Age During the Resurgence of Hate*, will offer suggestions and answer questions about how to talk to children and teens about antisemitism. Additional resources will be provided.

The program is free, and everyone is welcome.

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Israel Momentum poem

A group of women, with children at home,
Set out for a trip, to Israel they would go.
They came from all different walks of life
But their shared love for travel brought them to unite.

The first mom was adventurous and bold
With a spirit that couldn't be controlled.
She dreamed of wandering the ancient streets,
Of Jerusalem and tasting new treats.

The second mom was a history buff
Who knew all about Israel's past and stuff.
She longed to explore the ruins and sites
And gain a deeper understanding of its plights.

A few of the moms were foodies at heart
With a palate that never wanted to part.
They wanted to indulge in the flavors and spice
Of falafel, hummus, and all things nice.

And yet other moms were spiritual seekers
With hearts that were always eager.
To visit the holy places and feel the peace
That only Israel's sacredness could release.

As they planned, they shared their hopes and fears
And bonded over the excitement of the trip nears.
They laughed, they planned, and they grew
Into a group of moms, now a tight crew.

They journeyed across the land with glee
From the mountains to the sea.
They marveled at the sights and sounds
Of Israel's beauty that abounds.

In the end, they returned home with tales
Of adventure, friendship, and respect that prevailed.
A group of moms, who didn't know each other before
Had created a bond that would last forevermore.

The Momentum 2023 moms worked together on a group poem as they prepare for their trip of a lifetime to Israel in April.

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April
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April Theme: Israel

Sunday, April 16th, 8:30am

Register by April 9th for craft.



May
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May Theme: Shavuot

Sunday, May 21st, 8:30am

Register by May 14th for craft.



June
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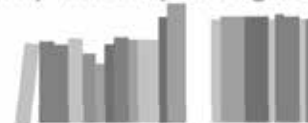
June Theme: Family

Sunday, June 18th, 8:30am

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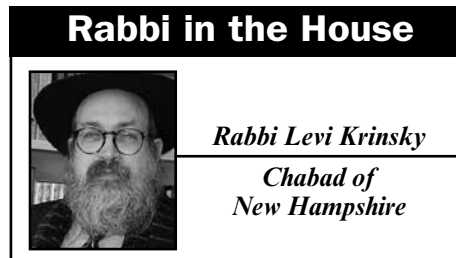
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You Call This Freedom?

The Torah refers to the upcoming holiday of Passover in different ways. *Chag HaPesach* — the Holiday of Pesach. *Chag Hamatzot*—the Holiday of Matzot. *Chag Ha'aviv* — Holiday of the Spring. *Zman Cheiruseinu* — the Time of our Freedom. "Let my people go so, that they may serve Me," was the Divine call transmitted by Moses to Pharaoh. Now, if the purpose of leaving Egypt and Pharaoh's whip was to be able to serve G-d, where is the freedom? We are still slaves, only now we are servants of the Almighty!

Indeed, countless individuals continue to question the merits of religion in general. Who wants to submit to the rigors of religion when we can be free spirits? Religion, they argue, stifles the imagination, stunts our creative style, forever shouts instructions, and lays down the law. *Thou Shalt do this and Thou Shalt better not do that, or else!* Do's and don'ts, rules and regulations are the hallmark of every belief system; but why



conform to any system at all? Why not just be "me?" Many Jews argue similarly. Mitzvahs cramp my style. Keeping kosher is a serious inconvenience. Shabbat really gets in the way of my weekend. And Passover has got to be the biggest headache of the year.

Long ago, the sages of the Talmud said it was actually the other way around: ***There is no one as free as he who is occupied with the study of Torah. (Hagaddah)***

But how can this possibly be true? Torah is filled with rules of law, ethics and even expectations and exhortations that we take the high road and behave beyond

the call of duty. How could they say that Torah makes us free? Surely it is inhibiting rather than liberating? I recently heard a beautiful parable that clearly explains this: A man related that he has a friend who was a famous yachtsman, an accomplished navigator of the high seas. A lesson he once gave him in sailing would provide the answer to the question. The yachtsman taught that if you want to enjoy the freedom of the high seas, you must first become a slave to the compass.

A young novice might challenge the experienced professional's advice. But why should I follow that little gadget? Why can't I go where I please? It's my yacht! But every intelligent person understands that without the navigational fix provided by the compass we will flounder and sail in circles. Only by following the lead of the compass will the wind catch our sails so we can experience the exhilaration of the high seas.

The Torah is the compass of life. It provides our navigational fix so we know where to go and how to get there. Without the Torah's guidance and direction, we would be lost in the often-stormy

seas of confusion. Without a spiritual guidance system, we flounder about, wandering aimlessly through life. Just look at our kids when they're on vacation from school and are "free" from the structure of the educational system. Unless they have a program of some kind to keep them busy – they become very frustrated in their "freedom."

Within the Torah lifestyle there is still ample room for spontaneity and freedom of expression. We are all unique individuals with our own predilections, dispositions, likes, dislikes, hobbies, interests, and life experiences. We all have bad days, good days, and in-between days. Some of us are shy, some are boisterous. Some are diligent and others are daydreamers. Some are leaders and some are followers. We are all regular human beings trying our best to serve G-d in the world He created for us all. We can be committed to the compass and still be free spirits. Indeed, there are none as free as they who are occupied with study of Torah and observance of Mitzvot on a daily basis.

As we conclude the Hagaddah, Next year in Jerusalem! Chag Sameach!

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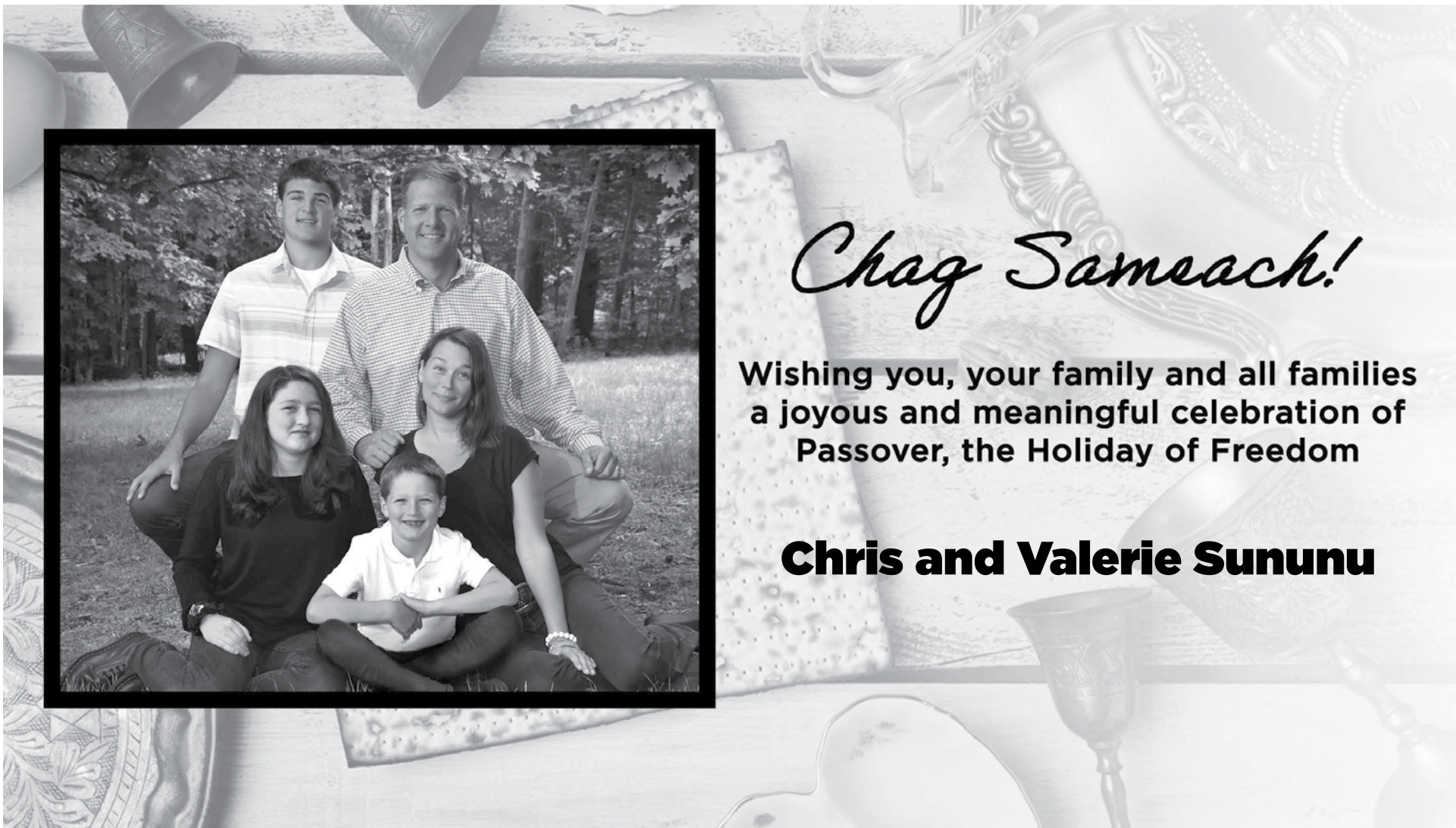
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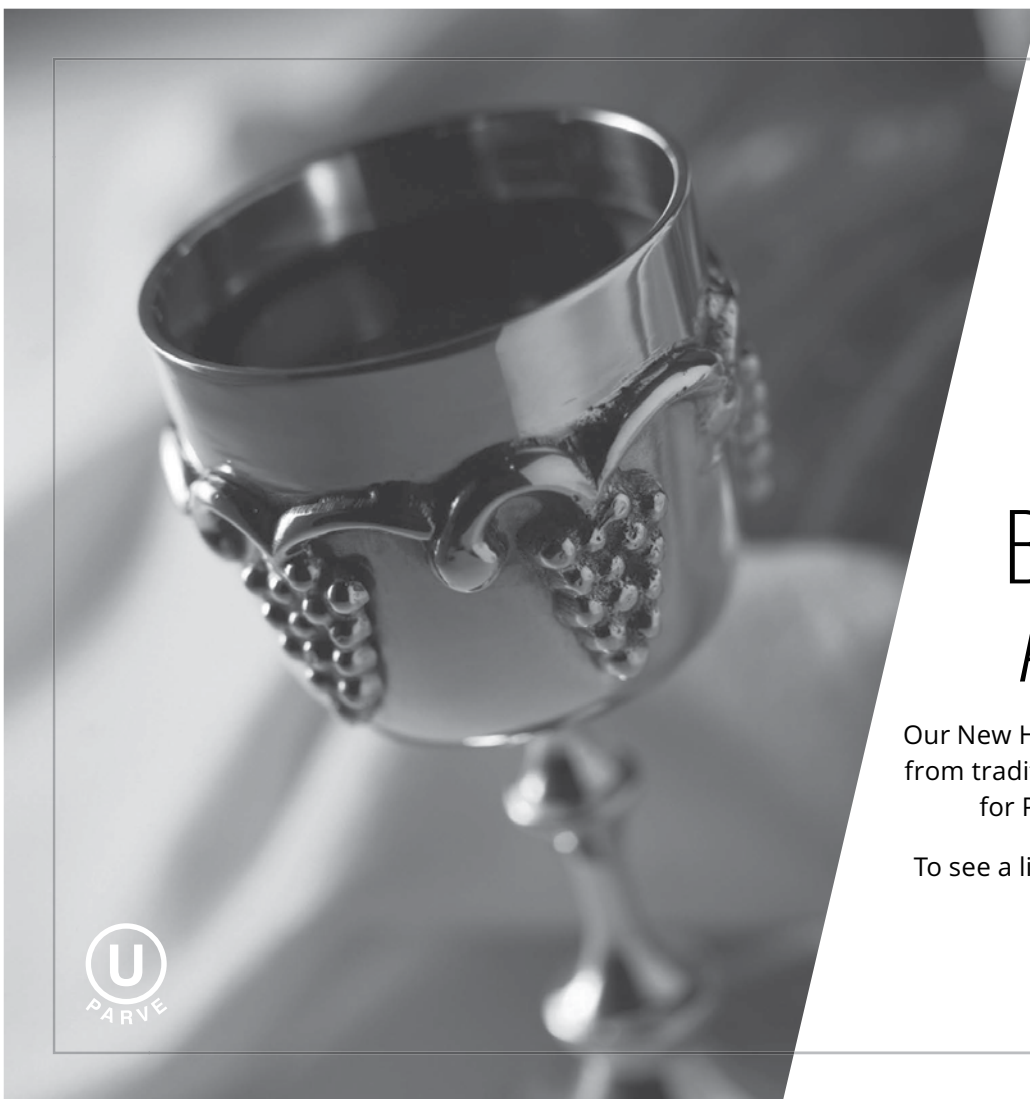
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VEGETABLE
_____ pound celery _____
NUMBER VERB, PAST TENSE
1 _____, sliced and cleaned
UNUSUAL PLANT
1 bunch fresh _____ chopped
NOUN
1 bunch fresh _____
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2 _____ leaves
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10 whole _____
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_____ tablespoons _____ oil
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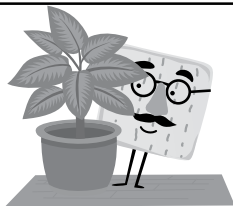
Ball Ingredients:

_____ NOUN FROM TITLE
2 large _____
PLURAL NOUN
_____ tablespoons light _____ oil
NUMBER NOUN
1 _____ water
UNIT OF MEASURE ADJECTIVE
1/2 cup _____ meal
NOUN FROM TITLE
1/2 teaspoon baking _____
NOUN
_____ teaspoons salt
NUMBER
_____ teaspoon _____ powder
FRACTION FLAVOR
1/8 teaspoon onion _____
NOUN
1/2 tbsp chopped fresh _____
NOUN

Instructions:

In a _____ bottom pot, sauté the vegetables for your soup base. Add the rest of the ingredients and turn the heat up to high. Add _____ cups of water and add the rest of the _____. Cover, turn down the heat and let _____ for _____ hours before adding the _____ balls.
ADJECTIVE NUMBER PLURAL NOUN
To make your _____ balls: _____ your wet ingredients in a small mixing _____.
NOUN FROM TITLE VERB NOUN
and then pop in the _____ for _____ minutes. Then add your _____ ingredients. Use a _____ to thoroughly mix. Make sure there are no _____. Using a _____ scoop out the dough and form _____. Bake in the oven at _____ degrees for _____ minutes.
SOMETHING IN THE KITCHEN NUMBER ADJECTIVE KITCHEN UTENSIL PLURAL NOUN KITCHEN UTENSIL SHAPES NUMBER
Add to your finished soup base right before serving. Garnish with a little bit of chopped _____.
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The Long-Hidden Afikomen

Way back in _____, _____ hid the afikomen so well that no one has ever found it. Technically, that year's family seder never ended. Over the years, all of the cousins have looked for it, but no one has come close to recovering it. Bubbe _____ even hired a _____ investigator to look into things, but there was no sign of that _____ matzah.
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In collaboration, Temple Beth Abraham and Rivier University welcome Judy Batalion, author of *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos*. The event will be held at Rivier University on Tuesday, April 18, at the Dion Center at 7 p.m. Batalion's book, *The Light of Days*, tells the story of Jewish women who risked their lives as couriers, smuggling

weapons between locked ghettos, assassinating Nazis, forging documents, and rescuing Jews. Many of these women, still in their teens, were part of organized youth movements that promoted collectivism, socialism, intellectualism, and peace. When the war broke out, these movements transformed into underground militias in the ghettos.

Batalion has worked as a university lec-

turer, stand-up comic, MC, moderator, storyteller, actor, Yiddish street performer, and talking head for TV, radio, and podcasts. She is the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, and the author of *White Walls: A Memoir About Motherhood, Daughterhood, and the Mess In Between*.

In addition to Batalion's presentation and a question-and-answer session, a candle-lighting ceremony will be held memo-

rializing Holocaust victims. Temple Beth Abraham's Zimria Choir will perform with the Nashua Community Interfaith Choir at this observance. This project is made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Additional information is available at www.nhhumanities.org. The event is free and open to the public.

Yom HaShoah Program at Etz Hayim

Milt Zweig will be leading a presentation on the impact of the Holocaust on his family, and delve into aspects of history, antisemitism, the Holocaust and genealogy. Milt, a member of Etz Hayim, will also display some artifacts and photographs not previously seen. Adults and children over age 12 are welcome.

The program will be on Sunday, April 16 starting at 7PM at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd, Derry. You may



email office@etzhayim.org for an optional Zoom link.

Sephardic Shabbat at Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua: Friday, April 21, 2023

On Friday evening, April 21, Congregation Ahavat Olam of North Andover, MA will join Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, NH for "Sephardic Shabbat Unplugged – A Journey into the Music of the Sephardic Tradition." The evening will begin in Temple Beth Abraham's social hall with Jewish ethnic foods from Sephardic traditions. Shabbat services will feature the Ahavat Olam ensemble led by founding Rabbi/Cantor Idan Irelander.

The "Sephardic Shabbat Unplugged" is part of Rabbi Idan's Shabbat Olam series, "Shabbat Around the World." The program reflects the distinctive musical traditions of diverse Sephardic Jewish communities from Spain, Portugal, Africa and the Middle East. Rabbi Idan's Sephardic ensemble is comprised of professional musicians from Arab countries, the Americas and Israel and his compositions include original arrangements for familiar prayers and songs, such as Sh'ma, Shalom Aleichem, and L'cha Dodi.

Rabbi Idan Irelander started his musical journey in Israel when he was 15 years old. He performed with well-known musical groups and arranged several albums for Israeli musicians. He left Israel in 1997 after receiving a Berklee College of Music B.E.S.T. scholarship to major in composition and film scoring. After completing his studies in Boston with high honors, Idan received the



Berklee College of Music Award for Composition Excellence and the Berklee College of Music Award for Achievement in Film Scoring.

The seedlings of this celebration of Sephardic traditions were initially conceived by Z"L Ben Freedman, an active member of Temple Beth Abraham, where for 35 years, Ben held many leadership positions. The program was delayed three years because of COVID-19. Sadly, Ben passed away on June 20, 2020. On Friday, April 21, 2023, congregants will honor Ben's love for the community, his passion for cooking traditional meals from around the world, his warmth and good humor.

More details, including start time, registration and cost can be found at tbanashua.org under the "events" section.

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Temple Beth Abraham hosts “A Child’s View of the Holocaust” dance performance: Sunday April 16

A touring group of highly trained New England Dance Ensemble (NEDE.org) members ranging in age from 6-18 present a 40-minute production of “A Child’s View of the Holocaust” in the Temple Beth Abraham social hall on Sunday, April 16 at 1 pm. A light lunch at noon will precede the performance.

Artistic Director Barbara Mullen choreographed the original drama ballet in 1990. The production recognizes the atrocities that occurred towards Jews at the hands of the Nazi party in Germany between 1939 and 1945. The ballet will be followed with a special Q&A with Barbara Mullen and the cast.

Nothing can erase the tragedy of a systematic attempt to exterminate a race, but showing respect for the survivors and

regard for the human spirit imparts valuable lessons. Holocaust survivor Paul Oppenheimer believes memories of Auschwitz and the Holocaust belong in the schools, noting, “It should not be taught as a history lesson but as a lesson in history; it should never happen again.”

While illuminating historical events, the production may also be applied to contemporary issues including bullying and prejudice. In 2011, “A Child’s View of the Holocaust” was awarded the prestigious Charles A. Hildebrandt Award from the Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies at Keene State College. The event is free and open to the public, although donations are welcome. More details can be found at tbanashua.org under the “events” section.

Dr. Louis Levine comes to Portsmouth for Yom Hashoah

Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for a special Yom Hashoah observance.

Guest speaker Dr. Louis Levine offers a perspective on the Shoah that is rarely addressed. It focuses on the relatively small group of Americans who initially encountered the special hell of the Nazi camps in the last weeks of the war in Europe – what they saw, how they reacted, how they processed it. Dr. Levine draws primarily on interviews with GIs recorded for the award-winning



exhibition *Ours To Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War* which he produced at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, and which went on to travel to Baltimore, New Orleans and Skokie, Illinois.

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Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for a presentation sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee, as part of the temple's observation of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel. Guest speaker Dr. Fredrik Meiton is a UNH Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts. Bagel brunch starts at 11:00 am, with the presentation from 11:30 - 12:30.



historian of the modern Middle East. He studies the intersection of politics, science and the environment, especially in the context of colonial development. He teaches courses at UNH in global and Middle Eastern history, often with a focus on science, technology, energy and the environment. Professor Meiton has a B.A. in history from Lund University, an M.Phil. in Middle East studies from St Antony's College, Oxford, and a Ph.D. from New York University.

Passover at Temple Israel Portsmouth

Please join us in the social hall for a Second Night Community Seder on Thursday, April 6. We look forward to a meaningful evening led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, with musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt, as we journey from slavery to freedom in the company of friends, with traditional seder foods and wine. We will use the Haggadah *The Promise of the Land* by Rabbi Ellen Bernstein. Suggested donation: \$45 adult non-members, \$10/child, free for children under 5. Please contact the temple office

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A Temple Israel congregant is also helping match Seacoast families and guests for at-home First Night Seders. If you are planning a seder on Wednesday, April 5, and have room at your table for a few more, let us know and we will share that information with people in our community looking for an in-home seder. Likewise, if you are looking for a seder to attend, please contact the Temple Israel office!



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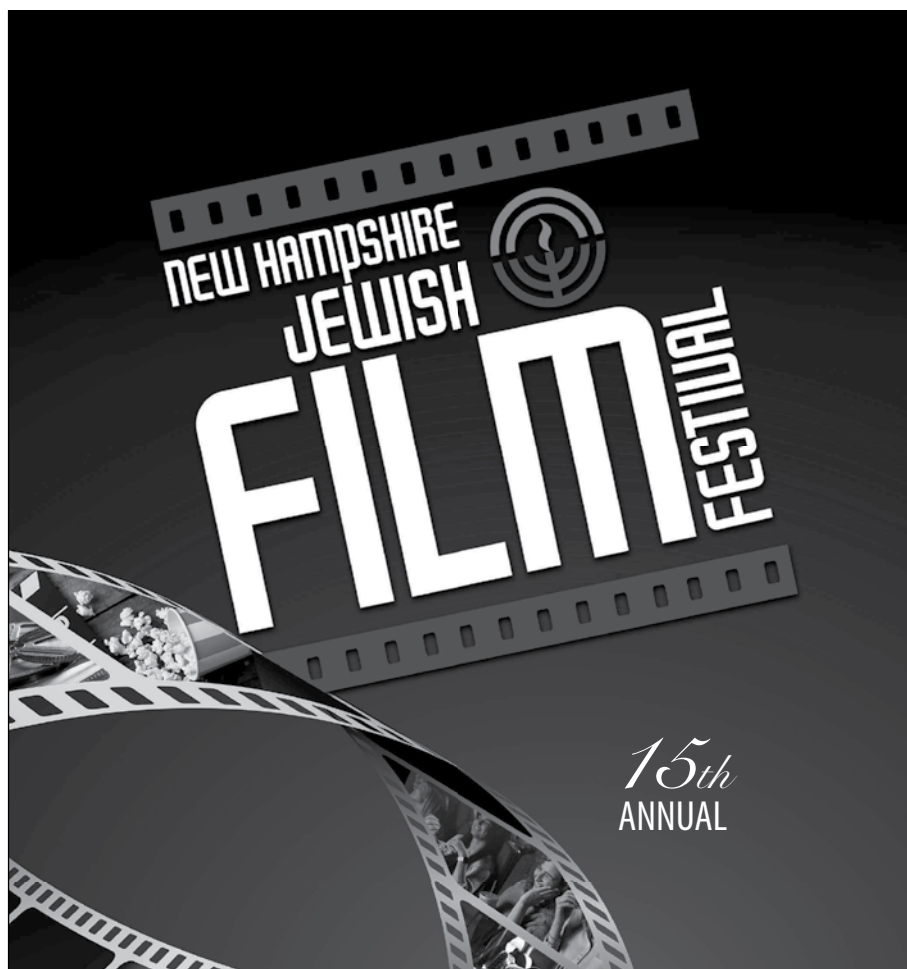


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Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

The Matchmaker's Gift

The Matchmaker's Gift, written by Lynda Cohen Loigman, definitely fits the criteria for the historical fiction genre, but because you are reading about matchmaking and love, it reads like a rom-com. Using the dual timeline approach, Loigman follows Sara Glikman as she comes from Europe to the Lower East Side of New York. Arriving with her family in New York City as a young girl, Sara has already shown her matchmaking abilities on the boat trip to the United States, creating a shidduch for her older sister. As she grows up, she finds creative ways to bring together the couples she knows will love each other and stay married forever. This causes problems in the neighborhood as it takes away business from the Shadchanim. These older men try to stop her, but Sara is a strong young woman and stands up to them.



voice lawyer to help women going through divorce not have the same experience her mother had. Abby inherits the faded volumes of her grandmother's handwritten journals detailing the matches she brought together. Now, as she reads through the accounts of the marriages her grandmother recorded over her lifetime, Abby begins to question whether instead of helping couples end their marriages, she should be helping couples find true love. Based on historical facts about the Jewish lifestyle on the Lower East Side of New York, the livelihood of the Shadchanim, and a few newspaper accounts of real arranged marriages, Loigman has created a delightful plot that pulls the reader in and keeps you entertained throughout the entire narrative past to present day.

In the alternating plotline, we meet Sara's granddaughter, Abby, as she is trying to work out her feelings of loss after Sara dies, and she is also having trouble with her conscience as she works as a divorce lawyer to some very prestigious clients. Abby starts reading the journals her grandmother left her. Abby and her sister grew up with their grandmother and Beverly, their mother. Abby, especially as a child, felt the sting of her parents' ugly divorce. She became a di-

Lynda Cohen Loigman grew up in Longmeadow, MA. She received a B.A. in English and American Literature from Harvard College and a J.D. from Columbia Law School. Her debut novel, *Two-Family House*, was a USA Today bestseller and a nominee for the Goodreads 2016 Choice Awards in Historical Fiction. Her second novel, *The Wartime Sisters*, was selected as a Woman's World Book Club pick and a Best Book of 2019 by Real Simple Magazine. *The Matchmaker's Gift* is her third novel.



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Film Review

Reviewed by Zach Camenker, NH JFF Steering Committee Member

The Jewish Film Festival: Virtual titles, a review, and the Festival continues!

If you had the chance to attend any of our in-theater events for the wonderful 2023 New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, then you were certainly in for a treat. If you missed any of them and are hoping to watch at home, you still have time to catch some of the titles that we screened in person!

Until Sunday, April 16, the films *America*, *Farewell Mr. Haffmann*, *Israel Swings for Gold*, and *The Man in the Basement* will be available on our virtual platform Eventive. These films screened in Concord, Keene, Hooksett, Manchester, and Portsmouth during the in-theater portion of our Festival and were met with wide acclaim from audiences.

America is an Israeli drama, while *Farewell Mr. Haffmann* and *The Man in the Basement* show French Jewish life in two distinctly different eras: the brink of World War II and modern day. *Israel Swings for Gold* is a documentary follow-up to the 2018 film *Heading Home*. It tracks the Israeli baseball team as they compete at the Tokyo Olympics. In addition to this selection from our in-theater screenings, the films *Barren*, *Karaoke*, *The Levys of Monticello*, *Our (Almost Completely True) Love Story*, and *Reckonings*, as well as our short films program, remain available for ticket purchase and screening virtually until the 16th. These films span continents and genres, telling uniquely Jewish stories of love, relationships, history, and healing.

We continue to tally the votes for this year's "Best of the Fest" Award for the feature film favorite, and will announce the results in this paper's next issue. This year, my vote is for *The Man in the Basement*. Though our lineup has some excellent titles across the board and *America* came in as a close second for me, *The Man in the Basement* is perhaps one of the most powerful that we've screened in my four years volunteering with the Festival.

The story of a Jewish couple in Paris whose unused cellar is sold to a former history teacher, the film is a modern reminder of the hate that exists globally



and the fact that we can never forget our past. Throughout the film, we get to know Hélène and Simon quite well. They navigate the ups and downs of daily life like any other long-term couple, but none quite like the one they encounter with Jacques, the former teacher who takes up residence in their basement. Upon learning of his life as an antisemitic conspiracy theorist and Holocaust denier, they are confronted with a deeply personal battle of how to rescind the sale and to keep their naive teenage daughter away from the drama.

At the center of the piece are three outstanding performances by Academy Award nominee Bérénice Bejo (Hélène), Jérémie Renier (Simon), and François Cluzet (Jacques). In each of their roles, you will find a truly deep character arc that confronts the conflict head-on, ultimately in different ways. It is hard not to empathize with Hélène and Simon as they face an unbelievable ordeal while

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Jacques remains numb to just how filled with hate and intolerance he is. Of particular interest is Jacques' facial expressions, which do not change when others try to educate him on the truth or engage in discussion.

A truly ensemble piece, the other actors come together to round out a remarkably good cast. Members of Hélène and Simon's family, as well as neighbors in the apartment building and their greater community who try to rally behind them, make up the rest of the ensemble with character arcs that are deep and personal as well.

At a time when antisemitism contin-

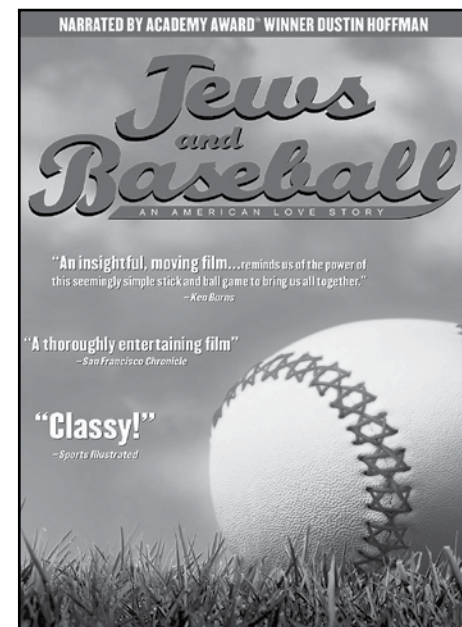
ues to increase, including in our own state, and conspiracy theories, denial, and intolerance of the Holocaust and past genocide plague far too many people, this may be one of the most important films you will see all year. It is a reminder of the importance of Holocaust and genocide education throughout the world, as well as communities coming together in times of hardship. Above all, it reminds us to never forget our past.

I hope you get as much out of the film as I did and will consider watching it, as well as the other virtual titles before we close out our season on April 16 and start to prepare for 2024!

Etz Hayim Presents: Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story

With the cry of "Play ball!" across the United States, what better way to observe the national pastime than to come to Etz Hayim to watch the movie, *Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story*, narrated by Dustin Hoffman at 7 PM Thursday, April 13, 2023. Just in time for the opening of the baseball season and our eternal hopes for the Boston Red Sox, it shows the stories of Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax – and it includes our beloved Kevin Youkilis. Be there for the first pitch and first inning. And, yes, there will be peanuts and Cracker Jacks.

The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH 03038. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.



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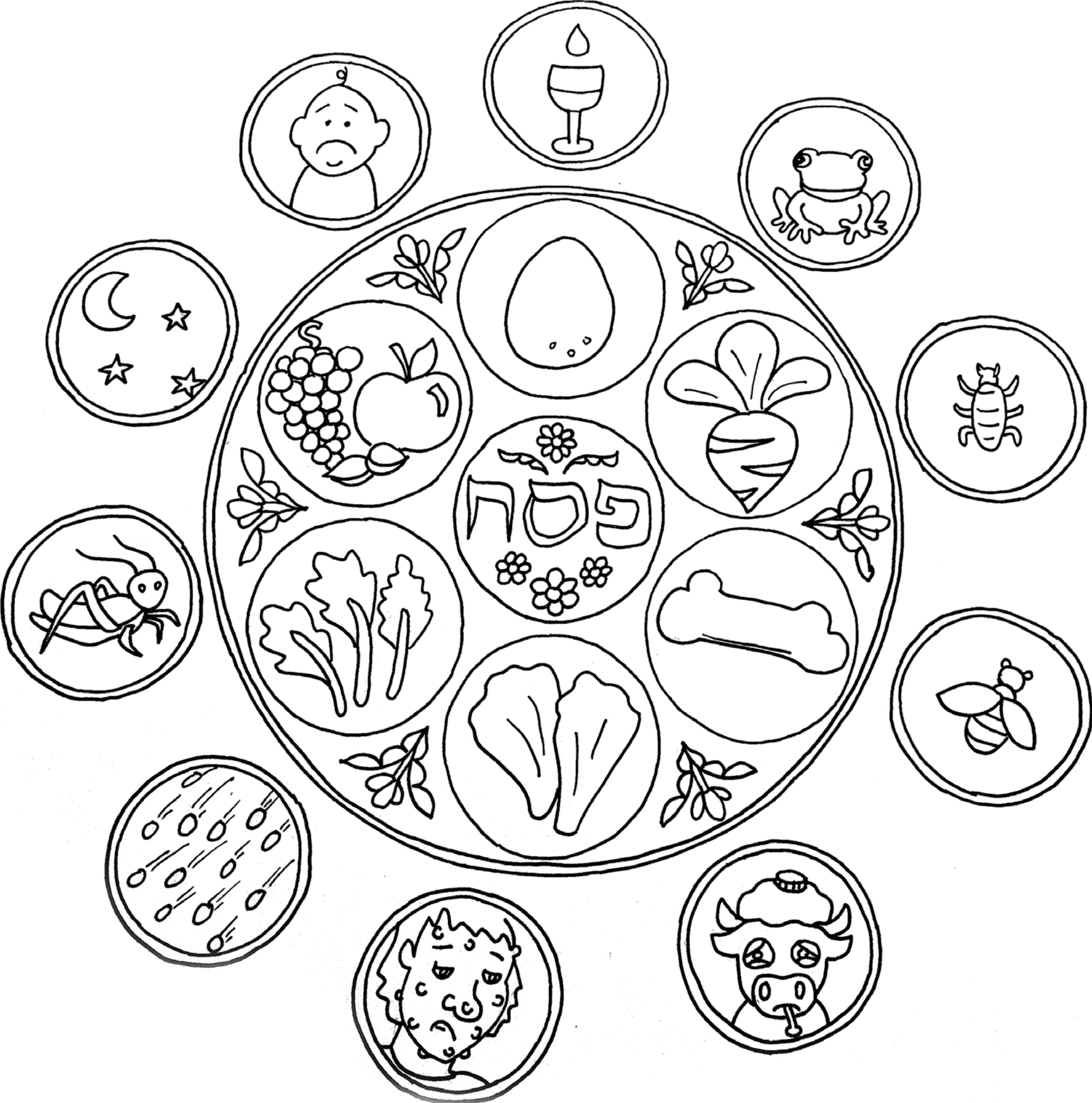
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We Care of Temple B'nai Israel proudly presents Michelle Brooks-Thompson, national award-winning independent recording artist and performer, on Saturday evening, May 27th performing to benefit Camp Resilience of Gilford, a specialized program for veterans and first responders and a fitting tribute for Memorial Day weekend in the Lakes Region. The show will take place at the Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium, 1 Laker Lane in Meredith at 7:30 pm. Doors will open at 7:00 pm for general admission seating. Tickets and more information can be found online.



Michelle Brooks-Thompson will appear for the first time in the Lakes Region. Michelle is known for her appearance as a finalist on the hit NBC TV show, *The Voice*. Since competing on *The Voice*, Michelle's versatile and phenomenal singing ability has privileged her to grace a multitude of diverse musical platforms across the country. She is known as a dynamic powerhouse vocalist and she will perform the music of iconic female voices including Aretha, Celine, Tina, as well as paying tribute to America with her own stirring rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner, complete with an honor guard. Michelle will perform with her live band and back-up singers on May 27th which promises to be a dynamic



show. Don't miss the Michelle Brooks-Thompson phenomenon.

We Care has been bringing the best and brightest talent to the Lakes Region for the last 10 years while "lending a helping hand" and raising more than \$150,000 for valuable nonprofit organizations, like Camp Resilience. The mission of Camp Resilience is to "help those who served bounce back and improve in mind, body, and spirit" by organizing and providing free 2- and 3-day retreats "designed to help service members, veterans, first responders and their loved ones

recover and maintain their physical, psychological, and emotional well-being. The retreats combine peer-to-peer counseling, life skills workshops, and outdoor experiential learning. Camp Resilience strives to provide attendees with the tools to develop self-improvement goals and sustained ties to their community. The retreats stress the importance of camaraderie and wellness in fostering resilience." For more information about Camp Resilience visit their website.

We Care and Camp Resilience are also offering the opportunity to "lend your helping hand" to make it possible for veterans and first responders to receive complimentary tickets to see Michelle Brooks-Thompson. When tickets are purchased and donated, they will be distributed to those who have served and those who continue to serve to be honored guests at the show. Ticket donors will be recognized in the concert program. To purchase and donate go to: <https://tbinh.org/ticket-donation/>

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How my son became a two-time Jeopardy alum

By Tracy Richmond

It doesn't quite seem possible that at 19 years old, my son, Caleb, has already achieved his lifelong dream—not once but twice! But that is exactly what has happened for him.

Ever since I can remember, Caleb has had a passion for knowledge. He was studying maps of the world before kindergarten. His first gift from the “tooth fairy” wasn't money, it was a book of cultures from around the world! Seriously, at five years old. That passion never waned, and it turned into an intense love of reading and learning.

Towards the end of his freshman year in high school, Caleb announced that he had to go upstairs to his room because it was time for the Jeopardy online test for an upcoming high school tournament. That online test must have gone quite well, because a few months later we received an email that he was invited to audition for the show. *What?!* A real live audition for *Jeopardy*? Just so this article doesn't become a novel, I will jump to the part where it happened. Caleb was selected to participate in the high school tournament, which filmed in August 2018, right before his sophomore year in high school.

During his first tournament Caleb did



Caleb with host Alex Trebek in 2019

quite well. He was the youngest semifinalist and won \$10,000. But what most people don't know is the most important thing about his experience was the relationships he made with the other contestants. Here was a group of 15 kids from across the country that were just like him. They all loved learning and thought it was cool to be smart. They spent these few days together filming, but through social media, FaceTime and lots of other forms of communication, they stayed incredibly close. *Jeopardy* also filmed a second high school tournament later that



Caleb with current host Mayim Bialik

year and another group of 15 students joined in on the communication. Initially the two groups did not meet in person: they formed bonds electronically and spent countless hours chatting and supporting each other. As the older contestants applied to college, they shared these experiences with the younger students. Caleb flew to Michigan to attend the graduation party of one of his *Jeopardy* friends. When families traveled, we arranged meet-ups. We saw kids when they toured Boston. And this went on for *four* years of bonding— never expecting to

ever return to the *Jeopardy* stage.

Then, in October of 2022, the 30 students from the two tournaments all received an email asking them if they would be interested in a reunion tournament. As you might imagine, their group chats and phone calls went crazy. Parents were called and the excitement started to grow. We were all asked to keep it confidential until about January of this year when it was announced by Sony Studios. They flew all the students back to Los Angeles, for five days of publicity and filming at the end of January. The High School Reunion tournament began airing on national TV on February 20th.

If you ask any of the contestants, they will tell you the best part of the whole experience, this time around, was being together. They were all adults now—staying in their own rooms, no parents chaperoning (but we were mostly all there). They spent five days basically having a high school reunion. They were all winners, because of these lifelong relationships. And as parents what more could we ask for? The parents are bonded, the kids are bonded and during all of this, they achieved the unimaginable—twice becoming contestants on *Jeopardy*.

And once again, Caleb made it to the semifinals, still one of the youngest contestants there.

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Join us for lunch at a student-run restaurant! Located at Milford High School, Windows on West Street is a student-operated restaurant that serves as the real-life course for students and an opportunity for community members to enjoy a warm delectable meal. The restaurant features entrees, soups, sandwiches, pastries and freshly baked goods, and the menu varies on a weekly basis.

Meet at Milford High School, 100 West Street, Milford, NH. Transportation not provided. \$5/person | Registration requested by April 6th.

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Hadassah & Israel Together at 75

By Michele Bank

Members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah are working on the next annual Membership/Ad book. This is their

biggest fundraiser of the year, raising valuable money to help fund all of Hadassah's commitments in the United States and Israel. There is still a little time for you to participate. Please sup-

port Hadassah with a personal or business ad. "Jewels" are only \$10 each for listing your loved one, "Tag Lines" are \$25 for sponsoring a page, "Memorials" and "Greetings" are \$10 and \$18 respec-

tively. Please contact michele.bank@gmail.com for additional information.

This year, Hadassah is celebrating 111 years of its founding by Henrietta Szold. Meir Shfeyah Youth Village is 100, and Israel is also celebrating 75 years of its independence (Yom Ha'atzmaut) as a Jewish State. Hadassah had/has a unique relationship with Israel past, present, and future.

Hadassah is excited to join Zionists all over the world for this yearlong celebration of Israel, Zionism and Judaism. As ever, we remain passionate about supporting Israel. Hadassah has played an integral role in every stage of Israel's evolution, from pre-state to a fledgling nation to the startup nation, from planting hundreds of thousands of trees to bringing healthcare and innovation to its people. Manchester Chapter members are proud to be a part of the celebration of Israel's 75 years of statehood. The relationship between Hadassah and Israel goes back more than a century. This year, on Friday, April 21 at 7 PM, Rabbi Beth Davidson will lead Manchester Chapter members in a Hadassah Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Service at Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect Street, Manchester. Chapter members will participate in the service and host the Oneg that follows. If you wish to participate in the service or bake for the Oneg, please contact Gail Ellis at gailellis49@comcast.net. Chapter members invite and welcome the community to join them in this celebration.

On Sunday, October 22, Manchester Chapter members will join other chapters in the second annual walkathon. This year they will be walking around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir in Brookline, MA. This event is in the early planning stages, more information to follow when available.

Newsweek named Jerusalem's Hadassah Medical Organization a world leader in oncology, Israel's only hospital to receive that honor. For the fifth year in a row, Newsweek's annual rankings also placed Hadassah among world's top hospitals in cardiology and smart technology. Said Rhoda Smolow, National President of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, which provides critical financial support to the medical center, "Hadassah has always stood for the best in medical care. We are proud to receive this recognition of the outstanding work our hospitals do."

For additional information about Hadassah, the ad book, Shabbat Service, or walkathon, please contact michele.bank@gmail.com.

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Recent Events

Educator Wins Award for Dedication to Holocaust Education: Honored by New England Friends of March of the Living

By Stan Hurwitz

BOSTON, MASS. - Jane Taubenfeld Cohen of Sharon (Mass.), lifelong Jewish educator and a daughter of a Holocaust survivor, was honored recently by the Board of Directors of the New England Friends of March of the Living with the Third Annual Stephan Ross "Excellence in Holocaust Education Award." The award is named for Holocaust survivor Ross who settled in Boston after World War II, spoke to countless groups about his life and the roots of prejudice, and was a founder of the New England Holocaust Memorial at Faneuil Hall.

Thanking those in attendance, Taubenfeld Cohen said, "Every time we can perpetuate the message, we are doing good, and we are gaining support." In the

award presentation, Michael Ross, Stephan Ross's son, an attorney and former Boston City Councilor, said, "Thank you, Jane, for being a pillar in our community when pillars are needed more than ever... For me, it is through direct experience that I can speak to your effective moral leadership... On behalf of our family and the community, thank you for all you have done. Onward!"

In his remarks, NEF MOTL Chair Irv Kempner thanked Taubenfeld Cohen and husband David Cohen for their "enthusiastic participation in the adult portion of the 2019 March of the Living heritage trip to Poland and Israel... That trip transformed you into vital supporters and witnesses of our organization's efforts to give this life-changing experience to more New England teens." In De-



(Photo, left to right: Honoree Jane Taubenfeld Cohen, Stephan Ross's grandson Joe, daughter Julie Ross, and Irv Kempner, Chair, New England Friends of March of the Living)

cember, NEF MOTL's virtual event "Voices from the Past, Lessons for the Future" honored Taubenfeld Cohen, and

drew an audience of some 350.

Each year, the international March of the Living brings thousands of 11th and 12th grade Jewish teens from around the world to Poland and Israel. The sold out 2023 NEF MOTL trip runs April 16 -May 6th. Recruitment for 2024 is underway. Kempner notes, "Increased support means NEF MOTL can continue to provide significant subsidies to every qualified Massachusetts high schooler who wishes to participate. **We pledge that no student will be left behind due to finances.**" In addition to MOTL scholarships, many participants have received additional support from temples and other organizations. For more about NEF MOTL and to donate to the Scholarship Fund, visit <http://motlnewengland.org/> The group is a 401c3 tax-exempt charity.

Temple Israel Portsmouth Responds to Recent Events in Portsmouth

Dear friends,

On February 21, we discovered two instances of antisemitic graffiti on our temple building and in our parking lot. We are aware that there were at least 10 other instances of similar graffiti appearing on businesses in downtown Portsmouth that same night. Many of these business owners were Jewish, Black, or expressive of inclusive values. We are working with the Portsmouth Police Department to identify the perpetrator(s).

We take the safety and security of our community seriously and will continue to run our services and programs as planned, although with increased vigilance. Please pay attention to any suspicious behavior

in and around your neighborhood. If you have any information about similar incidents, please report them to the police.

This increase in white nationalist activity is unfortunately not limited to Portsmouth. CNN recently aired a special on the matter: "Rising Hate - Antisemitism in America." Meanwhile, members of the greater Portsmouth community, outraged by this vandalism, are also mobilizing in mutual support. As we learn more about these efforts, we will share the information. May we continue to build a loving community.

- Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman
- Robert Zimman, President

Israel: Did You Know?

By Richard England

We'll bet when you visit Israel's Negev region, one of the last things you'd expect are greenhouses with row upon row of thriving, seven-foot-tall modified tobacco. These tobacco leaves, grown near the Halutza Communities a half-mile from the Egyptian border, are processed into hydrogel for printing human tissues and organs, including lungs and kidneys. The leaves are picked and sent to a processing facility in northern Israel, where they're crushed and liquidated.

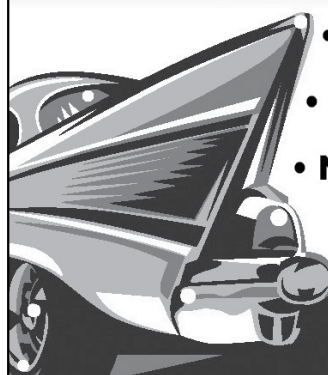
35 tons of leaves make seven liters of highly purified recombinant collagen. This material is then turned into a hydrogel for 3D bioprinting of tissues and or-



gans, including lungs and kidneys. There's far less chance of rejection or infection from this form of collagen than from that extracted from animals or human cadavers.

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