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**Why I Give to JFNH**

By Roberta Gordenstein

Why do I give? That's a good question to ponder.

1. Because that's what I learned as a child. I remember being very young and going trick-or-treating for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. I remember the blue and white tzedakah boxes we filled with coins on Shabbat and brought to Sunday school every week to add to what the other students collected, to send to Israel to help the kibbutzim. I remember the Girl Scout oath, "to help others at all times."

2. Because as an adult I learned that things cost money. I joined a temple and became very involved. I learned it took a lot of money to pay the salaries for a rabbi and Hebrew school teacher, and to heat the building and keep the driveway plowed in order for the congregation to celebrate the holidays throughout the year. I volunteered every week in the smoky, noisy, bingo hall and started a nursery school to bring in additional funding for the temple and its programs.

3. Because I am now a member of the Federation Board of Directors and I realize that it takes even more money to run programs like the PJ Library that provides free Jewish-themed books to children, the shaliach program that brings a young Israeli to New Hampshire to teach all of us about contemporary Israel, the Momentum project that sends a cohort of young Jewish moms to Israel so they can experience it first-hand and share that with their children, grants for Jewish summer camps, the Senior programs that support older members of the community, the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival that brings the best of Jewish films from around the world to our state, and to pay the salaries of our fabulous staff.

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- Allocations to Hebrew Schools across the state
- Response to antisemitism
- Local, national and international giving

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**USCJ:** United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

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Holiday service times, locations TBA

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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



December 2	3:54 PM
December 9	3:53 PM
December 16	3:54 PM
December 23	3:57 PM
December 30	4:02 PM
January 6	4:08 PM
January 13	4:16 PM
January 20	4:24 PM
January 27	4:34 PM

## My Favorite Chanukah Things

Chanukah was my favorite Jewish holiday growing up. I particularly loved the music – our cantor had put together a family song sheet ranging from the classics “Oh Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel” and “Ma’oz Tzur” to “I am a latke” by Debbie Friedman and, my personal favorite, “Light One Candle” by Peter, Paul and Mary. My sister and I still insist on digging out the song sheets and singing – loudly – whenever we can get together.

It was not unusual for the local newspaper to ask to photograph my family’s celebrations. We weren’t the only Jews in town, but we were relatively observant and open about our traditions. And yet, every year, I had friends who peppered me with questions about why we don’t celebrate Christmas, or whether I believed in Santa or Hanukkah Harry, or why we didn’t at least decorate a Hanukkah Bush.

Now that I’m a parent – and a Jewish Professional – I don’t mind saying that I find Chanukah challenging and occasionally awkward. I haven’t cracked the code

Dinah Berch

JFNH  
Program  
Coordinator



Pool noodle menorah

for making this a meaningful holiday without building it up too far. The story of Chanukah is brutal, which presents a challenge when fighting and battles are rarely appropriate discussions with young children. We give our kids socks and small

gifts – and they also get gifts from family – placing the present-aspect front and center. My kids believe that Santa Claus exists (like the tooth fairy) – but that he doesn’t visit us because we’re Jewish.

My daughter’s favorite things about Chanukah are “eating chocolate gelt, lighting her menorah, eating latkes, and getting together with friends and family for a Chanukah party. And playing the Dreidel game and going to PJ Library events for Chanukah.” (No, I didn’t pay her to say that – she’s very well trained). My son’s favorites are “opening presents, eating gelt, and the part I like the most is when we be together with our family and all the hugs.” (Again, very well-trained spokespeople!). I’d also say he LOVES any funny dinosaur or robot Chanukah shirts I’ve managed to find at Target. My husband, not to be left out, said his favorite thing about Chanukah is making latkes. Once. With the kids. (After that our house smells like burning oil for at least the next eight nights). My personal favorite might be making a giant pool noodle menorah at my office, as seen in the picture accompanying this article. Hopefully, that’s going to be an annual thing.

This year, I’m setting my kids loose to show-and-tell their holidays to their classmates on their own. I’ll let the kids each choose a book or two to bring in and share with their teachers, a menorah they can safely pass around, dreidels to hand out to all their classmates, and maybe jelly donut muffins. (Here’s my recipe: <https://bit.ly/DinahsDonuts>) My son’s Kindergarten class might be a little old for *Happy Hanukkah, Curious George*, by H.A. Rey and Margret Rey – but they’re the perfect age to appreciate the puns in *The Eight Knights of Hanukkah* by Leslie Kimmelman. My daughter’s class LOVED *Meet the Latkes* by Alan Silberberg last year; I might add *The Parakeet Named Dreidel*, by Isaac Bashevis Singer this time. For PodCast

lovers I highly recommend “PJ Library Presents: Beyond the Bookcase – Jack Be Nimble, A Hanukkah Story”. My kids are so enamored by this podcast – which mashes up Jewish practices and traditions with characters from folklore – that they’ve memorized the theme song. Send help.

Traditional potato stamping crafts might be replaced in my house this year with edible menorahs. Marshmallow “candles” with Hershey kiss “flames” are a big hit, but I recently saw a photo of a stacked fruit loop menorah with jelly-bean candles that was pretty cool. Or you could use celery stuck on a log of zucchini with bits of carrot flames. **If you make an edible menorah post a picture to our Facebook Group JFNH Family Connection!**

PJ Library has a “Hanukkah Hub” at [www.pjlibrary.org/hanukkah](http://www.pjlibrary.org/hanukkah) complete with printouts for how to light the menorah and how to play dreidel, a “Hanukkah Screentime Guide” and even a full blogpost about “Sharing Hanukkah at School.” I love the way activities and books are divided up by age group – perfect for families like mine with kids of very different ages, abilities, and attention spans.

How will your family be celebrating Chanukah this year? Hopefully we’ll see you at an upcoming event! PJ Our Way kids (ages 9-12) are encouraged to come make your own candles with me in Bedford on December 8th or in North Hampton on the 11th. I’ll be at the Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center for a Mommy & Me Chanukah Story Time on Friday, December 16th. Or come say hi at the PJ Library table at the Menorah Lighting at the New Hampshire State House in Concord on December 18th. Seniors: don’t miss the SFY Chanukah Party on December 22th! Don’t forget to join our annual Chanukah Card Exchange for PJ Library – New Hampshire Families and Seniors! Happy Chanukah!

## Chanukah Recipes

### Baked Jelly Donut Muffins

#### Ingredients

##### Dough

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted (or non-dairy substitute)
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup skim milk or non-dairy alternative (vanilla soy milk works great!)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

##### Filling

Raspberry jam

##### Topping

- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. Grease or line 24 mini-muffin cups or 12 regular muffin cups
3. Make the dough: Mix sugar, margarine, and nutmeg in a large bowl.
4. Stir in the milk, then mix in the baking powder and flour until just combined.
5. Place a spoonful of filling in each cup, then a small scoop of jam, then another scoop of filling so that the prepared muffin cups are about 3/4 full.
6. Bake in the preheated oven until the tops are lightly golden and spring back when touched, 15 to 20 minutes for mini muffins, 20-30 for big.
7. While muffins are baking, place 1/4 cup of melted margarine in a bowl.
8. In a separate bowl, mix together 1/2 cup of sugar with the cinnamon.
9. Remove muffins from their cups, dip each muffin in the melted margarine, and roll in the sugar-cinnamon mixture.
10. Let cool and serve.



### Why I Give

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4. Because of a need to repay all that I received. My father died when I was three and my mom was a young widow with two little children. People gave to us in so many ways that I feel obligated to return the favor, even if I do not know the recipient (as we all know, the

highest form of charity).

5. Because I can. At this point in my life, I am able to give, and I am grateful for that.

6. And finally, because we read on the High Holidays that tzedakah, teshuva, and tefilla can avert the stern decree! So maybe I give just to hedge my bets!

What are your reasons for giving?

See what’s happening in the community at [www.jewishnh.org](http://www.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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## Thursday, December 1

### SFY Movie Day: "Keeping the Faith"

1:00PM – 3:00PM, JFNH Community Room  
Two friends, a priest and a rabbi fall in love with the same woman they knew in their youth, but the religious position of both men denies them romance. Starring Edward Norton, Ben Stiller, and Jenna Elfman. (2000).

No Cost / Popcorn will be provided / Registration required by November 29th

To register call the JFNH office at 603-627-7679 or email Dinah Berch at [Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org](mailto:Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org)

### For the Sake of Heaven: How Judaism teaches us to Disagree Constructively

7:00PM – 9:00PM via Zoom

Session 3 of the four-part Zoom series by Cantor Marc Stober of Temple Israel Manchester. Contact Marc Stober 623-6252-6171 [school@templeisraelmht.org](mailto:school@templeisraelmht.org) <http://templeisraelmht.org/>  
Sponsor: The Pardes Institute of Jerusalem

## Friday, December 2

### First Friday Tot Shabbat – December

4:30-5:30PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Temple Israel Portsmouth's "First Friday" kid-friendly musical Shabbat experience is led monthly by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, with special musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt. Geared for children ages 5 and under; all are welcome. Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. Kindly register on the temple's website calendar: <http://bit.ly/3UABxS3>

## Saturday, December 3

### L'Dor V'Dor: Upper Valley Tots Shabbat at Kilton Library

10:30am-11:30am, Kilton Library, 80 Main Street, Lebanon

Join us for Jewish stories, music, activities and refreshments. Special guests include PJ Library, grandparent readers, and YOU! Made possible by a generous grant from the Covenant Foundation and Jewish Communities of Vermont. Open to the Community. Email Melissa Herman at [school@uvjc.org](mailto:school@uvjc.org) with any questions.

Sponsor: Jewish Communities of Vermont, Covenant Foundation, PJ Library, Shir Shalom Vermont and Kol Ha'Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community

## Sunday, December 4

### Reflected Light: Your Grandmother, Mother, and You – Session 1 of 2

10:00AM-12:00PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Temple Israel Portsmouth congregant and published author Sandell Morse will lead a creative writing group, exploring our maternal inheritance through writing. Please join us in person in the Temple Israel

social hall for two Sunday morning sessions, on December 4 and December 11. Sandell Morse is the author of "The Spiral Shell." This memoir unfolds as a double journey, one outward in which Sandell uncovers long-silenced stories of courage and resistance in a village in southwest France, and one inward as she unexpectedly finds herself on a journey back to her own Jewish identity. Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. Register via the website calendar: <http://bit.ly/3g1XMRK>

## Thursday, December 8

### Supporting the Soul: A Chevra Kadisha Workshop

11:00AM-12:30PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Judaism is often lauded for its sensitive and helpful traditions surrounding mourning and care for the bereaved. Yet much less is commonly known about the sacred tasks of caring for the deceased between the time of death and burial. The Chevra Kadisha/Jewish Burial Society, a group of anonymous volunteers, is entrusted with these tasks. These particular traditions are rooted in Jewish teachings regarding the journey of the soul and the obligation of the living to respectfully care for the deceased.

Come learn about these sacred traditions and the Jewish understanding of the "soul journey" at a special workshop taught by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman in the Social Hall or via Zoom (Zoom link is included with registration confirmation email). Together we will study traditional texts that form the foundation for many of our practices and rituals regarding death. All are welcome.

Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. Register via the website calendar: <http://bit.ly/3g7QBrq>

### PJ Our Way DIY Candles Bedford

4:00PM – 5:30PM JFNH Community Room  
TWO OPPORTUNITIES!

Thursday, December 8th, 4-5:30pm – JFNH Office  
273 South River Road, Unit #5, Bedford, NH and  
Sunday, December 11th, 3-4:30pm – Private Home,  
North Hampton, NH (location shared upon  
registration).

PJ Our Way kids (ages 8-12): Join us for a fun afternoon of making our own Chanukah candles using recycled crayons! Games and snacks will also be provided.

Free program / Registration required. Contact Dinah Berch with questions [Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org](mailto:Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org)  
To register: <https://bit.ly/PJOurWayCandles>

### The Feminine Side of Chanukah – JWC

6:00PM – 8:00PM Seacoast Jewish Center, Durham  
Cost: Cover \$35 PP – Early bird Special \$25 – Students \$5 – Sponsor \$180

The Seacoast Jewish Women Circle invites you to The Feminine Side of Chanukah! Enjoy delicious Chanukah treats and paint a beautiful masterpiece ceramic Menorah to add to your Chanukah celebration! No previous artistic skills required! To register: <http://jewishseacoast.com/jwc>  
Seacoast Jewish Center 72-1 Main Street Durham, NH 03824

### Introduction to Jewish Genealogy using JewishGen and other resources

7:00PM – 9:00PM Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry  
Introduction to Jewish Genealogy using JewishGen and other resources presented by Isabel Danforth. She will demonstrate how to use JewishGen.org to get information about possible ancestors. She will

answer questions and will do a search for someone who is participating. If time allows, we can also share results from some DNA-matching websites. Contact Stephen M Soreff 603-895-6120 [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com)  
Sponsor: Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff.

### For the Sake of Heaven: How Judaism teaches us to Disagree Constructively

7:00PM – 9:00PM via Zoom

Final Zoom session led by Cantor Marc Stober of Temple Israel Manchester. Contact Marc Stober 603-622-6171 [school@templeisraelmht.org](mailto:school@templeisraelmht.org) <http://www.templeisraelmht.org>  
Sponsor: The Pardes Institute of Jerusalem

## Saturday, December 10

### Havdalah: Family S'mores & Nerf Night

5:00PM – 7:00PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Back by popular demand! What could be better than hot s'mores on a cold night and a Nerf battle royale to top it off?! Join us for Havdalah, roasting marshmallows, and Capture the Flag in person at Temple Israel, Portsmouth. Participants are expected to bring their own nerf guns. Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. Register via the website calendar to receive weather-related updates: <http://bit.ly/3Ew7PIh>

## Sunday, December 11

### Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's Super Sunday

10:00AM -4:00PM

Volunteers will be making calls to our Jewish community asking for support to our Annual Campaign. Your generous support helps Jewish Federation to provide: Programming including Film Festival, Momentum, PJ Library, Shlichut, and more; Social services to those in need around our state; Grants to send youth to Jewish overnight camp and Israel; Allocations to Hebrew Schools across the state; Response to antisemitism; Local, national and international giving. Answer the call! Donate now: <https://bit.ly/GIVetoJFNH>

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### Seacoast Chabad Home Depot Menorah Workshop

11:00AM – 1:00PM Seacoast Jewish Center, Durham  
Cost: \$10 per child – Hebrew School Students FREE  
Join us for our Menorah workshop, where you will build and decorate your very own Menorah at the Seacoast Jewish center 72-1 Main Street Durham, NH 03824. To register <http://jewishseacoast.com/homedepot>

### Temple Beth Abraham – Science and Religion, Starting at the Beginning

12:00PM – 2:00PM Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
What do we know about the beginning of the universe 13.8 billion years ago, and why does it matter to us – as a people and as Jews? What lessons can be learned (if any) from the light of the cosmic background, the light of the first stars, or for that matter from the lights of our Hannukah candles next week?

Astrophysicist Howard Smith researches, writes, and speaks about our expanding and evolving universe, its wonders and its mysteries like dark matter and dark energy, and about the ways in which modern science illuminates a spiritual message. He draws from Jewish sources from Torah to Einstein and from Jewish Perspectives from Kabbalists like Ibn Gabbai, Isaac Luria and Nahmanides to philosophers like Maimonides. He shows how modern, medieval, and ancient insights came together to enlighten and guide us. Science and religion share stories about the creation and evolution of the universe and the nature of humanity. In the Jewish spirit of discussion and debate, Dr. Smith will show us how a dialogue between two sheds light on ethics, free will and sanctity of life. Temple Beth Abraham 4 Raymond Street Nashua, NH. Contact Rebecca White 603-883-8184 <http://tbanashua.org>

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PJ Our Way kids (ages 8-12): Join us for a fun afternoon of making our own Chanukah candles using recycled crayons! Games and Snacks will also be provided.

Free program / Registration required. Contact Dinah Berch with questions [Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org](mailto:Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org)  
To register: <https://bit.ly/PJOurWayCandles>

## Monday, December 12

### Seacoast Chabad Student Pre-Chanukah Party

7:00PM – 9:00PM Seacoast Jewish Center, Durham  
Music – Latkes – Cocktails – Mocktails – And more...  
The Great LATKE Cook Off Teams will face off in the ultimate Chanukah cookoff. Join a team or make your own to create the best gourmet latke. (All supplies and ingredients will be provided).  
Students: Free, Sponsor: \$180. Register: <http://jewishseacoast.com/cocktail>

## Thursday, December 15

### Baby Playgroup at JFNH

10:00AM – 11:00AM JFNH Community Room  
Meet other families with young children and grow your community! Be a part of our monthly playgroup! Open to families with children 0 -5. Monthly on the third Thursday at 10AM. JFNH Office 273 South River Road, Unit #5 Bedford, NH. Contact Dinah at [Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org](mailto:Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org) or 603-627-7679 with questions. To register: <https://bit.ly/JFNHBabies>

## Friday, December 16

### The Seacoast Jewish Center Presents: Mommy & Me, Chanukah Edition

10:30AM – 11:30AM UNH and Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center, Durham

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The Seacoast Jewish Center presents; Mommy & Me, Chanukah Edition In collaboration with PJ Library. Join us for circle time, stories, songs, and a craft project. Snack will be provided. Masks not required. For more information or to RSVP call Rochy: 603-205-6597 or visit [jewishseacoast.com/mommyandme](http://jewishseacoast.com/mommyandme). To register: <http://bit.ly/3EycYjb>

## Hanukkah Tot Shabbat

3:30PM-4:30PM Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Please join us in Temple Israel Portsmouth's garden courtyard on the sixth night of Hanukkah to light candles in the "Hands of Hope" menorah created by sculptor Sumner Winebaum. Candle lighting will be led by Rabba Kaya as part of a special Hanukkah-themed Tot Shabbat program geared at young children and their families. All are welcome. In case of inclement weather, candle lighting will take place indoors, in the Shmoozatorium. Kindly register via the website calendar: <http://bit.ly/302IDgR>

## Saturday, December 17

### PJ Library Tot Shabbat Hop

10:00AM – 11:00AM Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
PJ Library's jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children 0-5 (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Bundle up and enjoy stories, singing and blessings followed by a Kiddie Kiddush. Registration is required. To register: <https://bit.ly/JFNHTotShabbatDec>

## Sunday, December 18

### Shavua Tov Storytime 2022-2023

8:30AM – 9:00AM via 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>. Please consider making a donation to PJ Library. Your gift of \$18 will help us continue to make this Shavua Tov Story Time a free program to our NH community and beyond! Visit <https://jewishnh.org/ways-to-give/donate-online-new> and make your gift to PJ Library. Thank you!

### Seacoast Chabad Frozen Chanukah on Ice

2:00PM – 4:00PM Strawberry Banke Museum  
Cost: \$5 PP / Skate Rental \$6  
Come join us for our Chanukah on Ice (FROZEN)! Skate to Jewish music – Lighting a giant menorah – The Dreidel man – Donuts and Chocolate gelt – Arts and Crafts – Hot coffee – Skate with Olaf – And more –  
At the Labrie Family Skate Strawberry Banke Museum 14 Hancock Street Portsmouth, NH 03801. Registration required <http://jewishseacoast.com/ice>

### Menorah Lighting at the State House 2022

3:30PM – 5:00PM Capital Building in Concord, NH  
Chabad Center for Jewish Living invites you to a Family Menorah Lighting in conjunction with PJ Library at the State House Plaza, Capital Building 107 North Main Street Concord NH.

### Etz Hayim Synagogue Chanukah Celebration

5:30PM-8:00PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry  
Etz Hayim Synagogue will be lighting its giant outdoor menorah in front of the temple on Sunday

night, December 18 at 5:30PM. The menorah was constructed by Jay Madnick for the community to gather round and sing prayers and Chanukah songs. All are welcome, so please join us in bringing light to our world. The menorah lighting will be followed by an indoor pot luck dinner (no meat please) and latke contest, and our gift shop will be open for last-minute purchases. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd, Derry. For more information, please visit our website at [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org) or contact our office at 603-432-0004.

## Monday, December 19

### Seacoast Chabad Car Menorah Parade

4:30PM – 6:30PM Leaving from Strawberry Banke  
Join us for the annual Car Menorah Parade in the Seacoast of NH. Leaving from Strawberry Banke Museum, Police Escort, drive a car and make history. Chanukah treats for each car, fun for the whole family. To RSVP: <http://jewishseacoast.com/parade>

## Wednesday, December 21

### Community Hanukkah Party

5:00PM-7:00PM Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for latkes, dreidels, music with special guests Lisa Lipkin and Jay Hitt, and a massive group candle lighting. Bring your favorite Hanukkiah and candles and welcome the start of Hanukkah as a community. Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. Register via the website calendar: <http://bit.ly/306zZN1>

### Seacoast Chabad Chanukah Adult Party

7:00PM – 9:00PM North Country Hard Cider in Dover  
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Chanukah Adult Party at the North Country hard Cide 38 Littleworth Road Dover, NH. Buffet, Latkes, Donuts, cider, music. Sponsorship Available. To register <http://jewishseacoast.com/adult>

## Thursday, December 22

### SFY Chanukah Party

12:00PM – 2:00PM JFNH Community Room  
Come join us for a CHANUKAH PARTY!!! We'll enjoy Latkes made by Chanchie, with a full toppings bar – Ketchup, sour cream, apple sauce, maple syrup and more. Come celebrate and have some fun! \$18.00/person. Please call the JFNH office at 603-627-7679 to register.

### Chanukah at the Mall and Gelt Drop

4:00PM – 6:00PM Mall at Fox Run Newington, NH  
Chanukah at the Mall and Gelt Drop at the Mall at Fox Run. 75 ft drop followed by a Chanukah Festival inside. Celebrate Chanukah together with donuts, Dreidels, gelt, and crafts. Register: <http://jewishseacoast.com/mall>

### Interfaith Candle Lighting

5:30PM-6:30PM Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth in the garden courtyard on the fifth night of Hanukkah to light candles in the "Hands of Hope" menorah created by sculptor Sumner Winebaum. Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman will lead an interfaith group in prayer and song. Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. Register via the website calendar: <http://bit.ly/3Tx7wkF>

## Friday, December 23

### Etz Hayim Synagogue Family Chanukah Shabbat

7:15PM – 9:15PM Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry  
Family Shabbat and Chanukah Celebration with

lighting of the candles for the 6th night. BYO menorah and candles. Contact [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) for more information.

## Saturday, December 24

### Hanukkah Asian Dinner and a Movie Night

5:30PM – 8:30PM Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for Havdalah in the social hall, followed by Hanukkah candle lighting, then a vegetarian Asian dinner and a movie! Preregistration required. Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. <http://bit.ly/3V8gFS1>

## Sunday, December 25

### Chinese Night and Can-Menorah Building

3:00PM – 5:00PM Seacoast Jewish Center  
Admission \$15 Adult, \$10 Child  
All are welcome! Chinese Night and Can-Menorah Building featuring: Chinese Buffet and building a Giant Can-Menorah. Donate cans or money to our Can-Menorah. All cans will be donated to the local food banks. Register: <http://jewishseacoast.com/canorah>

## Friday, January 6, 2023

### First Friday Tot Shabbat

4:30-5:30PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Temple Israel Portsmouth's "First Friday" kid-friendly musical Shabbat experience is led monthly by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, with special musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt. Geared for children age 5 and under; all are welcome. Contact Heather Tomlinson at [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org) with questions. Kindly register on the temple's website calendar: <http://bit.ly/302qrTr>

## Sunday, January 8, 2023

### Shavua Tov Story Time

8:30AM – 9:00AM via 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. Email [alane.sabel@jewishnh.org](mailto:alane.sabel@jewishnh.org) with questions. To register: <https://bit.ly/ShavuaTovStoryTime>.

## Thursday, January 19, 2023

### Baby Playgroup at JFNH

10:00AM – 11:00AM JFNH Community Room  
Every month on the 3rd Thursday until May 18, 2023  
Meet other families with young children and grow your community! Be part of our monthly playgroup! Open to families with children 0-5. Monthly on the third Thursday of the month. JFNH office 273 South River Road, Unit #5 Bedford, NH. Contact Dinah at [Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org](mailto:Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org) or 603-627-7679 with questions. To register: <https://bit.ly/JFNHBabies>

## Saturday, January 21, 2023

### Havdalah: Family Ice Cream & Bowling

5:30PM – 8:00PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Please join Temple Israel Portsmouth for an evening of family fun!  
Kindly register to receive event updates and alerts in case of inclement weather: <http://bit.ly/3g7TQPX>

## Friday, January 27, 2023

### International Holocaust Remembrance Day

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## As Election Season Winds Down, Let's Unify Around Chanukah

Shalom everybody!

My dedicated readers might have noticed that I didn't have an article in last month's Reporter. So, to my loyal fanbase who missed my updates, I'll recap what I've been up to over the past few months. I know it seems like a long time ago, but you last heard from me before the High Holidays. I was able to spend time with different congregations and join them in their unique way of celebrating. From the picturesque location of the Kol Ha'Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community's Rosh Hashanah family service to the adorable preschool Yom Kippur services at Temple Israel Portsmouth, I feel even more part of the New Hampshire community than ever. Last but not least, I spent Sukkot with the lovely community of Bethlehem. This is my second year going there for Sukkot and I'll be honest – my scheduled mid-October visits are VERY strategic.



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If October is the month of foliage and the changing of seasons, the month of November had a different kind of season – Election season. Both here and in Israel, millions of people voted to pick their representatives in a celebration of democracy. In general, Israelis outside of Israel can't vote, but since I'm a representative of Israel, I was able to cast my ballot. If you want to learn more



about how the Israeli elections work, you can read my August article. For those who haven't followed Israeli politics, this was our fifth general election in just over three years. Israel has been very polarized in the past few years and has been in a political deadlock (sounds familiar?). Neither side was able to form a strong, long-lasting government. It



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seems that this has come to an end. Former Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, can form a coalition that seems like it could last for a full term... only time will tell. Meanwhile, on this side of the globe, we've just gone through the midterms and it's clear the US is just as polarized as Israel is. In any case, I took advantage of the Election Day off from school and organized a tour of DEKA for NH kids – We had a blast learning about the cool innovations coming out of the company. And we even got to meet Dean Kamen!

This month we're going to celebrate Chanukah (my favorite holiday). What I like about it is that it's a holiday so deeply engrained in Israeli culture that it's not seen only as a religious holiday but as a cultural one. All over Israel, people come together as families to sing, exchange gifts and light candles. You will find no controversy with Chanukah – religious or

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## Update from the Holocaust Remembrance and Survivors Committee

By Dina Michael Chaitowitz

JFNH's Holocaust Survivors and Remembrance Committee has resumed meeting, after a brief summer break. We meet by Zoom, generally at the lunch hour, and would be thrilled if you would join us.

Some news:

At our last meeting, we met with Dr. Kate DeConinck, the new Director of the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Dr. DeConinck is a trained anthropologist of religion with expertise in religion and trauma in the wake of mass tragedies. She is excited to form partnerships with our committee and with the JFNH in general. Welcome, Dr. DeConinck.

The state's Holocaust and Genocide Education Commission made recommendations for incorporating New Hampshire's Holocaust and Genocide Education Act into the state's educational standards. Subsequently, in April 2022, the State Board of Education announced the approval of new Holocaust and genocide education rules for the State of New

Hampshire. Those rules may be found on the NH Board of Education's website ([https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/ed-306.49\\_2-adopt-holocaust-6\\_9\\_22.pdf](https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/ed-306.49_2-adopt-holocaust-6_9_22.pdf)). The standards are in effect now. The Commission's Best Practices Subcommittee is working with the Cohen Center to develop professional development programs and other resources for teachers. For information on these resources, please contact Tom White, the Coordinator of Educational Outreach for the Cohen Center. Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, Holocaust survivor Kathy ("Kati") Preston, and JFNH Board Member Dina Michael Chaitowitz serve on the Commission.

The subcommittee is currently discussing programming for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Genocide Awareness Month, and Yom HaShoah. If you would like to share your ideas and join our group, and we would be very pleased if you did, please contact Dina Michael Chaitowitz at [dmichaelchaitowitz@gmail.com](mailto:dmichaelchaitowitz@gmail.com).



October 20, 2022 Zoom meeting of the Holocaust Survivors and Remembrance Committee. Please join us!

### Let's Unify

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secular, left or right, Sephardic or Ashkenazi, everyone enjoys the holiday (maybe it's the latkes or the Sufganiyot).

Let's try and implement that part of

Chanukah year-round. We can argue about politics, disagree on policy, and even fight about our beliefs, but every once in a while, let's try and remember that we all have things that can bring us together as a people, a culture, a religion and a nation. Happy Chanukah!

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## Candles that Illuminate the Darkness

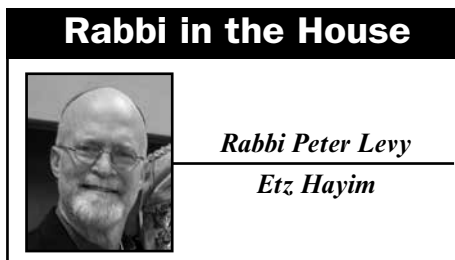
וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל-יֹסֵף חֲלוֹם הִלְמַתִּי וּפְתָר אֵין אֵתוֹ:  
וְאֲנִי שָׁמַעְתִּי עַל-יָדְךָ לֵאמֹר תִּשְׁמַעַתְּ חֲלוֹם לִפְתֹּר אֹתוֹ:

*And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it. Now I have heard it said of you that for you to hear a dream is to tell its meaning."*

וַיַּעַן יוֹסֵף אֶת-פַּרְעֹה לֵאמֹר בְּלִעְגֵי אֱלֹהִים יַעֲנֶה  
אֶת-שְׁלוֹם פַּרְעֹה:

*Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "Not I! God will see to Pharaoh's welfare." Gen 41:15-16*

The Torah portion for Hanukkah is Miketz. In the portion we read about the infamous interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams by Joseph. In the verses above, Joseph appropriately gives credit to God



for true understanding. We will read in June that God explains to Miriam and Aaron that most prophets receive communications from God in dreams and visions. Moses was the only one to speak with God face-to-face.

And so it is with us. We need to understand that God's revelations and manifestations are not always obvious to us. Just as Abraham needed to lift up his eyes to see what was already in front of him, we need to do the same. In this time

of year, the season of Hanukkah, we need to use these special lights to illuminate what is before us. Just as our ancestors rededicated the temple for the service of God, we also need to rededicate ourselves to that same service. We are not lighting the lights to illuminate a temple for sacrifices to God. We are lighting the lights to help us "see" what needs to be done to repair our torn and broken world.

Unbeknownst to the Maccabees was the fact that, in a little over 200 years, the temple they rededicated would be destroyed and the people sent into exile. One has to wonder that if they knew this, would they have done what they did? I hope the answer is yes.

הוּא הַיְהוָה אוֹמֵר, לֹא עָלֶיךָ הַמְלָאכָה לְגַמֵּר, וְלֹא  
אֶתָּה בְּךָ חוֹרֵין לְקַטֵּל מַמְנָה.

*He [Rabbi Tarfon] used to say: It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it; Avot 2:16*

So, as we approach this Hanukkah season, let us look within the dark recesses of ourselves and of the world around us. May the light of these candles illuminate those nooks and crannies as we rededicate ourselves to the sacred task of repairing the world under the dominion of God. The Maccabees had no way of knowing what would happen after their battle. But they fought on anyway. We also have no way of knowing what will happen tomorrow. But we, too, need to battle on.

I wish all the members of our community, whatever holidays you celebrate, a happy, healthy, and meaningful holiday season.

**TOT SHABBAT HOP!**

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## Launching BBYO in Southern New Hampshire

Submitted by BBYO of Southern New Hampshire

With a new year comes a new beginning, new friends, and new experiences. Now, we are introducing BBYO of Southern New Hampshire: After two years in the works, it all came together on October 14th, 2022. A group of Jewish teens from various Jewish observance levels came together to celebrate friendship, fraternity, sisterhood, siblinghood and the common thread that connected them all—their Judaism. They celebrated Sukkot with lulav and etrog while enjoying sushi under the stars in a local families' homemade Sukkah. That night, seeds were planted to sprout new energy, community, and opportunity for Jewish youths across New Hampshire.

BBYO is the largest non-denominational Jewish youth movement, bringing meaningful Jewish experiences to teens on an international scale. This organization fosters life-long friendships by creating a safe space for teens to explore their Jewish identity, meet peers far and wide of varying cultural and religious backgrounds, and step into exciting leadership opportunities. BBYO is a teen-led organization in which the teens plan and execute their own programs under the supervision of volunteer advisors and professional BBYO staff. Programming ranges all the way from recreation-based activities such as bowling and making s'mores around a bonfire, to more meaningful programming encouraging relatable exploration of topics such as social justice, mental health, and civil service.

The Southern New Hampshire chapter is in its early stages, seeking teens interested in holding a board position and leading the charge to plan future programs, to keep the momentum going. We are also seeking a 21+ volunteer advisor to oversee chapter operations. We are very fortunate to have a strong regional staff team to support us in this endeavor. We welcome any teens grades 8-12 currently located in New Hampshire who want to help grow this new chapter as they start to plan for next year! Please contact Aliya Cohen, Associate Regional Director, New England Region BBYO at [agottetehrercohen@bbyo.org](mailto:agottetehrercohen@bbyo.org) for more information.

This has all been made possible by the hard work of Sarit Tsor Ferreira, Director of Education & Engagement of Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, NH, Debbie Berger, proud parent of a New

Hampshire Jewish teen and host/leader of our launch event, Joshua Formaggio, New England Region BBYO Chapter Expansion Committee Chair, and Aliya Cohen, New England Region BBYO

Associate Regional Director. Thanks to all those involved, and we cannot wait to see our vision come to life to bring more Jewish teens more meaningful Jewish experiences!



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## TWO OPPORTUNITIES!

**Thursday, December 8**  
**4:00-5:30pm**  
**JFNH Office,**  
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**Bedford, NH**

**Sunday, December 11**  
**3:00-4:30pm**  
**North Hampton, NH -**  
**private home**  
Full address provided to registered guests.

Snack, supplies and games provided. This event is for kids aged 9-12.



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# In the Community



## Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia: A Solemn Observance of Kristallnacht

Members of Temple B'nai Israel and prominent civic and faith leaders of Laconia came together to commemorate Kristallnacht on Wednesday November 9, marking the 84th anniversary of the "Night of Broken Glass." Kristallnacht was a turning point in the history of the Third Reich, marking the shift from anti-semitic rhetoric and legislation to the violent, aggressive anti-Jewish measures that would culminate with the Holocaust. The event was well attended by members of the local community to unite in solidarity against the culture of antisemitism, racism, hatred, and intolerance that is still prevalent today.

The observance was coordinated by temple member Lois Kessin who grew up in Laconia and within the temple community. Outside the front door of the building, at the top of the steps, Lois called upon the dignitaries to speak to the historic event and its relevance today. Melody Funk, cantorial soloist of Temple B'nai Israel, opened the ceremony with the singing of Kol Ha'Olam Kulo, "*The whole entire world is a very narrow bridge and the main thing is to have no fear at all.*" Lois then introduced Ira Keltz, president of the synagogue, who recounted the events that led up to the rioting and the destruction that occurred to the Jewish communities across Germany. The riots were a reaction by the Third Reich to the assassination of a German foreign official who had been



shot two days earlier by a 17-year-old Polish Jew distraught over the deportation of his family from Germany. Over the next 48 hours, violent mobs destroyed hundreds of synagogues, burning or desecrating Jewish religious artifacts along the way. Acting on orders from Gestapo headquarters, police officers and firefighters did nothing to prevent the destruction. Approximately 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses, homes, and schools were plundered, and 91 Jews were murdered. An additional 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Nazi officials immediately claimed that the Jews



themselves were to blame for the riots, and a fine of one billion reichsmarks (about \$400 million at 1938 rates) was imposed on the German Jewish community.

Barbara Katz, a temple board member, followed Ira to read a message from Rabbi Jan Katz, who could not be in attendance that night. Rabbi Katz wrote, "For us today at this moment, the connection that looms large in our memory and in our heart is that of the Night of Broken Glass on November 9, 1938, when the large to infinitesimal, jagged, sharp, penetrating glass shards shattered the lifelines of Jewish existence – the stores, synagogues, and community service organizations. The Nazis and their sanctioned acts of brutality threatened to quash the spirit and freedom of the Jewish people. Despite the ensuing rotting away of civil and human rights and the eventual genocide of 6 million Jews, the Jewish people persisted."

The evening continued as the Mayor Andrew Hosmer spoke passionately about his regard for the Jewish community of Laconia. Mayor Hosmer asked where the people were to speak up for their neighbors in Germany in 1938. "Our community stands together and comes out for each other. We stand up to the face of evil." The mayor was followed by Carol Pierce of the Laconia Human Relations Committee who shared her own personal history as the direct descendant of German immigrants. As a young child, Carol was told by her mother not to tell anyone of her German heritage. As Carol grew up and learned more about the Holocaust she began to feel a personal responsibility for the atrocities of Nazi Germany and spent her life working towards

social justice for all. Roger Andrews from the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia spoke to the commitment of the Unitarian community to the Jewish community. Roger spoke to his personal connection to his German roots. "How could 'people like us' stand aside and allow the violence to happen around them? People must not be silent, they must act." Father Marc Drouin from Laconia's St. Andre Bessett Parish offered his homily that every person is worth dignity and respect and the last speaker, Judge Jim Carroll, made an impassioned plea as a retired judge of Laconia for the community to learn from the lessons of history. Judge Carroll paid tribute to the those families of Temple B'nai Israel who were builders and contributors to the city of Laconia; the families who were the retailers, healers, and insurers of justice. Judge Carroll quoted the famed witness to the Holocaust, Elie Wiesel who wrote, "It is true that not all the victims were Jews, but all the Jews were victims."

The evening was ended by Melody Funk singing the emotional Eli Eli (My God, My God), a poem by Hannah Senesh (1921-1944) that was set to music in 1945. The song is considered to be one of Israel's unofficial anthems and is the most-commonly played song on Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) in Israel. The Hungarian-born Zionist—who left Hungary in 1939 at the age of 18 to make her home in Israel—returned to Europe in 1943, at the height of World War II. She volunteered to go into Nazi-controlled areas in Europe to save Jewish lives. In 1944 she parachuted into Yugoslavia and eventually found her way back to Hungary, where she was discovered and executed by the Germans. She is known both for her heroism and her poetry.

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The rustle of the waters,  
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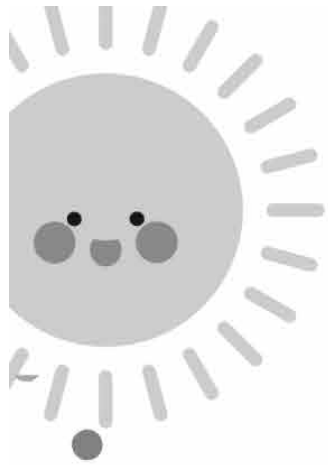
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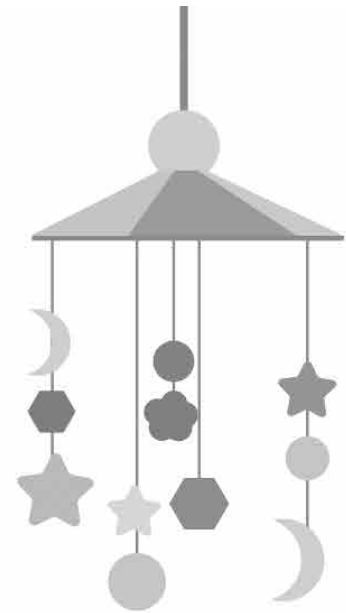
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## Etz Hayim Presents: Introduction to Jewish Genealogy using JewishGen and other resources – December 8

By Stephen Soreff, MD

Etz Hayim Synagogue's Hot Topics Program for December will be "Introduction to Jewish Genealogy using JewishGen and Other Resources," to be presented by Isabel Danforth. It is at Etz Hayim Synagogue on Thursday, December 8 at 7 PM. Danforth will demonstrate how to use JewishGen.org to get information about possible ancestors. She will answer questions and will do a search for someone who is participating. If time allows, we can also share results from some DNA-matching websites. The talk is in person, with masks optional, and via Zoom with a link provided by the Etz



Isabel Danforth

Hayim office office@etzhayim.org. It is free and open to the public.

This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. For more information, please contact: soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120

## Etz Hayim Celebrates First Night of Chanukah

Etz Hayim Synagogue will be lighting its giant outdoor menorah in front of the temple on Sunday night, December 18 at 5:30pm. The menorah was constructed by Jay Madnick for the community to gather round and sing prayers and Chanukah songs. All are welcome, so please join us in bringing light to our world. The menorah lighting will be followed by an indoor pot luck dinner (no meat please) and latke contest, and our gift shop will be open for last-minute purchases.

Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd, Derry. For more information, please visit our website at www.etzhayim.org or contact our office at 603-432-0004.

### THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BEGINS



Sunday evening was the first night of Hanukkah, an eight-day long Jewish holiday. More than 50 members of Temple Etz Hayim in Derry convened outside to light menorahs, sing songs, and eat jelly doughnuts. At center, from left, are Logan Brett, 11, Lisa Rothenberg and her son Alex Rothenberg, 12, lighting the first candle for the holiday, along with others who brought their own menorahs.



Martha Tomanelli of Londonderry hands out doughnuts.



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# In the Community

## Sounds in the Sanctuary Summer Concert Series Announces New Leadership

By Ed Clark

After nine successful seasons, Martin Kessel is stepping down as the Chair and Artistic Director of Bethlehem's Sounds in the Sanctuary Classical Music Programs sponsored by Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. Drawing audiences from New Hampshire and Vermont, this summer series has become one of the premiere venues for chamber music and jazz of the highest quality in New England. Plans are underway for the 2023 summer season which opens July 14, 2023 with a performance by pianist Bernard Rose and violinist Miki-Sophia Cloud.

Sounds in the Sanctuary's new Artistic Director is Anastasia L. Robinson who was among the artists who presented in the 2015 Sounds in the Sanctuary season. She holds a Masters of Music Degree from the New England Conservatory. As an accomplished soprano, she is equally at home with opera, oratorio, and art song.

The new Associate Director is Vermont-based Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation member Ed Clark. Clark, a graduate of Oxford University, is an art dealer and appraiser and the former Chair of the Massachusetts College of Art. He currently serves on the board of the Vermont Arts Council.

For further information about the Sounds in the Sanctuary 2023 season, please check the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation website: [bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://bethlehemsynagogue.org).



Anastasia L. Robinson



Ed Clark



Martin Kessel

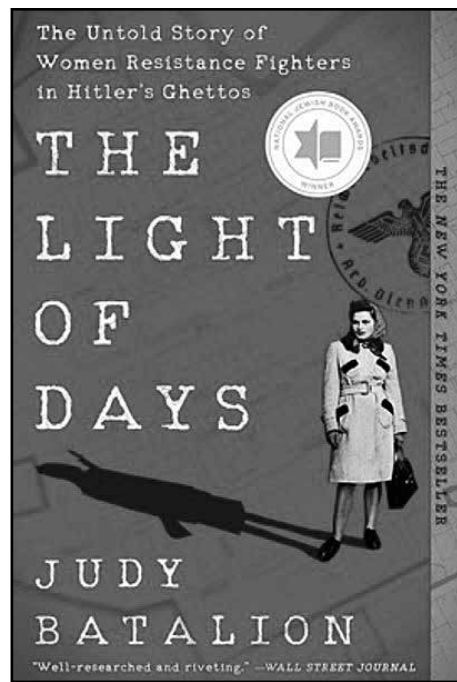
## Save the date—April 18, 2023 at 7pm: Yom HaShoah Event Featuring Judy Batalion

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 will be held on April 18, 2023 at Rivier University's Dion Center on Clement Street in Nashua at 7 pm. The event is free and open to the public.



It is made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at [www.nhhumanities.org](http://www.nhhumanities.org)



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What do we know about the beginning of the universe 13.8 billion years ago, and why does it matter to us — as people, and as Jews? What lessons can be learned (if any) from the light of the cosmic background, the light of the first stars, or for that matter from the lights of our Chanukah candles in the weeks ahead?



Astrophysicist Howard Smith researches, writes, and speaks about our expanding and evolving universe, its wonders and its mysteries like dark matter and dark energy, and about the ways in which modern science illuminates a spiritual message. He draws from Jewish sources from Torah to Einstein and from Jewish perspectives from Kabbalists like Ibn Gabbai, Isaac Luria and Nahmanides to philosophers like Maimonides. He shows how modern, medieval, and ancient insights come together to enlighten and guide us.

Science and religion share stories about the creation and evolution of the universe and the nature of humanity. In the Jewish spirit of discussion and debate, Dr. Smith will show us how a dialogue between the two sheds light on ethics, free will and the sanctity of life.

Dr. Howard Smith is a Senior Astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the past Chair of Astronomy at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, and is the author of *Let There Be Light: Modern Cosmology and Kabbalah, a new Conversation Between Science and Religion*. He is the recipient of excellence in teaching awards from Harvard.

Elementary-school-age and older chil-

dren and teens are encouraged to attend this talk. TBA will offer babysitting for those with younger children. This event

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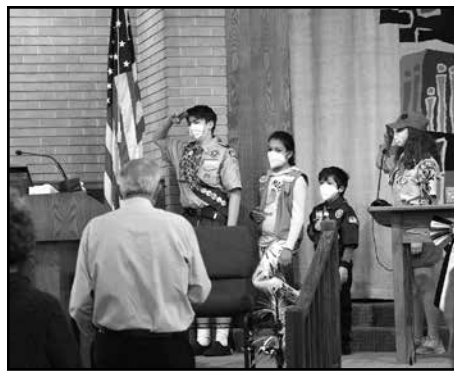
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## TAY Candidates Forum Continues a Tradition that Goes Back Many Years

For a long time, Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood has put on a Candidates Forum. Every two years, we pull in candidates for governor, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives. Unfortunately, COVID forced us to cancel the event two years ago. This year we decided that we would not do our usual breakfast format and decided to have a “hybrid” event, with the candidates in the temple along with in-person attendees, and also with a Zoom option for those who wanted to tune in. The function was held this year on Sunday, October 30. About 50 people were in the audience at TAY, and there were 30 Zoom accounts that checked it.

The program started at 9:30am with Moderator George Bruno welcoming everyone and outlining the building facilities and outlining the program. A team of Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country (thank you to Raelynn and Braydon Woodward and Cayson and Zoie Hall). Rabbi Beth Davidson then presented “A Prayer for Our Country.”



Then it was on to the participation of the candidates. Our format this year was different than in the past, wherein candi-



dates sat at the same table on either side of moderator George Bruno. This year there were individual time slots for each candidate. They gave an introductory statement, then answered questions from both the in-person and virtual audience, following up with closing comments.

Dr. Tom Sherman, candidate for governor, attended; his opponent, our present governor, Republican Chris Sununu, was not with us since he had an existing engagement with *Meet the Press*. Incumbent U.S. Senator Democrat Maggie Hassen and her Republican opponent General Don Bolduc were with us, as were rivals for the 1st Congressional District House of Representatives—Incumbent Democrat Chris Pappas, and his Republican opponent Karoline Leavitt. Robert Burns, Republican, running against incumbent Democrat Annie Kuster for the 2nd Congressional District seat, joined us in person. Jake

Berry delivered a statement from Congresswoman Kuster, who was not able to join us.

Despite some pre-program concerns about how things would unfold, the event turned out to be civil, respectful, and informative. We thank the candidates and their staffs for joining us in this example of democracy in action. Hats off to the TAY band of Brothers and Sisters that worked so hard putting this very special occasion together and carried it out with such energy and enthusiasm. It is said: “It takes a village,” and indeed there was teamwork at the highest level. Thank you to our “Village People:” George Bruno, Pat Kalik, David Penchansky, Mark Granoff, Linda Rockenmacher, Denis Paiste, Ed Schoen, Cliff Lopate, Mark Bilech, Priscilla Malcolm, Marty Warshaw, Jake Berry, Rabbi Beth, our Scouts, Missy Rosenberg, and Sol Rockenmacher.

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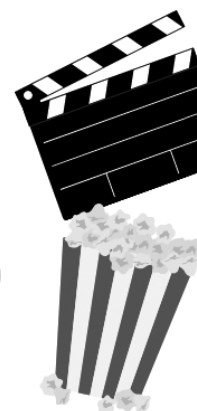


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## December 2022 Calendar

### December 1st: Movie Day! "Keeping the Faith"

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### December 22nd: SFY Chanukah Party!

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# In the Community

## Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia: The October We Care Concert Was a Great Success

The partnership between Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia, as part of their We Care concert series, and the Altrusa Club of Meredith, proved to be a perfect match. On October 29th, more than 300 concertgoers thoroughly enjoyed the unique sounds of "Introduction: The Chicago Experience" as they brought down the house with their high-powered tribute to the band Chicago. The extraordinary showmanship and musicianship of the band members was enhanced with a video presentation of life in the late 1960s and 70s that reflected the popular culture of the same generation that filled the auditorium that night.

The audience came not only to enjoy the music of Chicago and support Meredith Altrusa but also to support the ongoing mission of We Care to lend a helping hand to Lakes Region nonprofits. The net proceeds of \$24,567 exceeded expectations thanks to the many generous sponsorships and robust ticket sales. The proceeds check was presented by Stu Needleman and Barbara Katz of



the We Care Committee to MaryAnne Skawinski, President of Meredith Altrusa and member Marie Stephens. In expressing their appreciation, Altrusa said: "We Care is such a unique idea... and so generous of TBI. We know you are - as you should be - so very proud of



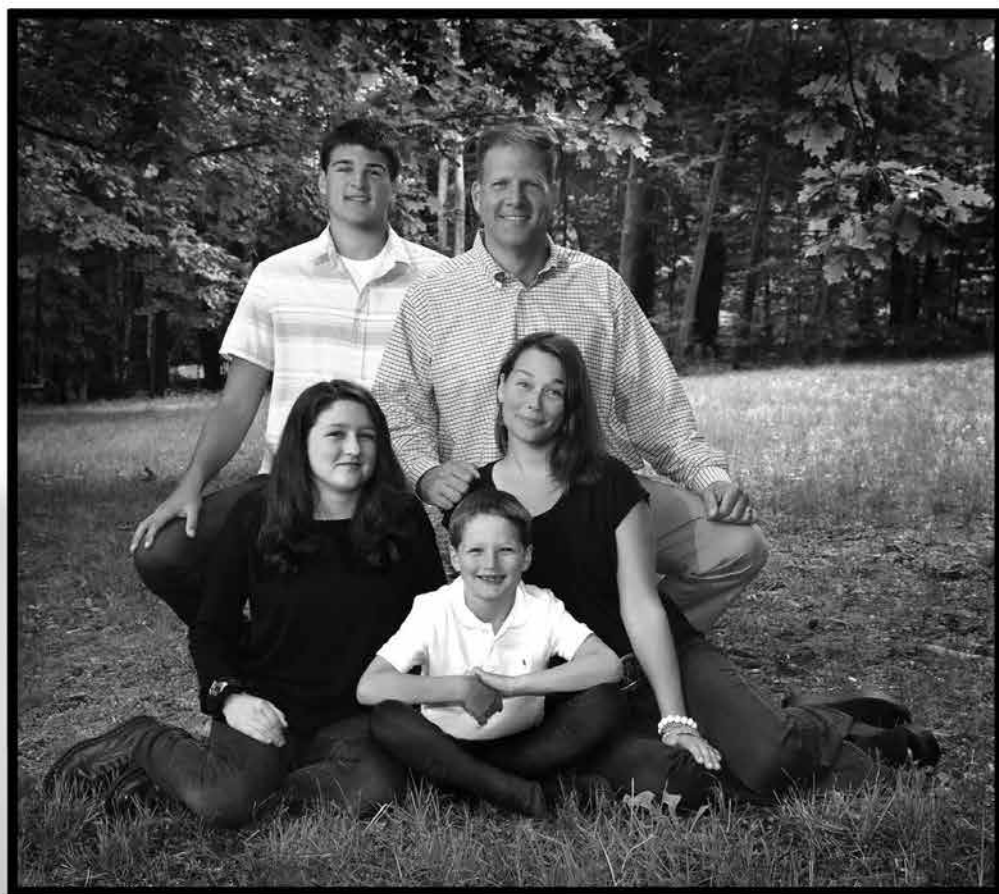
what you have accomplished these past nine years and how much you have given back to so many worthwhile groups who work very hard to stay alive!"

The We Care model has continued to evolve and improve since 2013 when the average profits were about \$1,500. More recently, those profits hit nearly \$17,000 for the event in May of this year, and more than \$24,000 for the October event. According to We Care Chair, Stu Needleman: "Pretty amazing results from such a small group of volunteers. As has been

our trademark since inception, we have constantly sought out better methods and more effective ways to increase our sales and profitability. We made significant strides in the We Care events for our nonprofit partners. This was the first year since 2019 that we were able to hold two events

and it felt good to be able to hold both Interlakes Community Caregivers and Altrusa of Meredith."

Plans are already underway for 2023, when We Care will celebrate 10 years of lending a helping hand to Lakes Region nonprofits. The events will take place on May 27, 2023, on Memorial Day weekend, and in the fall on October 28, 2023. The talent has been lined up and the next beneficiaries will be announced soon. Follow the developments on the temple's website, [www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org).



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## In the Community

### Etz Hayim Presents: A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into Yet Another Bar

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7pm, Reverend Ray Bonin and Rabbi Peter Levy will continue their popular series with “A Priest and Rabbi Walk into Yet Another Bar.” They will be discussing the core issues in their respective faiths. They walk the talk, demonstrating our Interfaith Campus. The talk will be in-person with masks optional.

This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue’s Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com) or 603-895-6120.



Left, Rabbi Peter Levy. Right, Reverend Ray Bonin.



Veterans Day flag placement at Manchester Hebrew Cemetery. The flag-placing team: Jonathan Baron, Barry Scotch, Sol Rockenmacher, Mark Bilech, Denis Paiste, Alan Kaplan, Bob Katchen, Linda Rockenmacher, Ed Schoen. Photographs by Denis Paiste.

# Happy Chanukah!

# In the Community

## Game Night at Etz Hayim Synagogue

By Laurie Medrek

A rejuvenated FAB Sisterhood and Men's Club held a joint kickoff event at Etz Hayim Synagogue on October 22 with a game night and a wonderful variety of snacks. It was the first social event these two groups have held since prior to the pandemic. About 20 people enjoyed Mah Jongg, Rummikub, Mexican Train, chess, cribbage, Yahtzee, Bananagrams, Trouble and more. This simple, relaxed evening represented something much greater – our sense of freedom and relief at resuming a sense of normalcy in our lives.

In years past, the women have enjoyed trips to Coolidge Corner, MFA, hiking at Beaver Brook, cookie swaps and movie nights, XC skiing at Mack's, Currier Museum, lakeside outings and kayaking at Big Island Pond, Palace Theater, Paint

Nights, Shabbat dinners and Snowshoe Yoga at Prescott Farm. The men have organized apple picking at Mack's, boating and water skiing at Big Island Pond, touring the NH Supreme Court, kayaking at Pawtuckaway, blacksmithing at Prospect Hill Forge, hiking at Musquash, movie nights, and Patriots games. In the works are our upcoming latke contest, bowling, Currier Museum and trips to Boston.

We are so grateful to emerge from two years of isolation and fear and begin to enjoy the sense of camaraderie these experiences bring. For more information about FAB Sisterhood and the Men's Club, contact FAB co-chairs Rhonda Madnick at [Rhonda.madnick@icloud.com](mailto:Rhonda.madnick@icloud.com) or Martha Tomanelli at [iammt@comcast.net](mailto:iammt@comcast.net), or Men's Club Chair Jay Madnick at [jay.madnick@icloud.com](mailto:jay.madnick@icloud.com).



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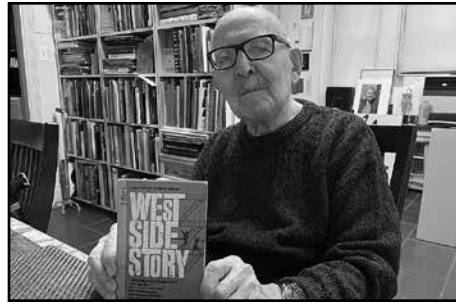
Reviewed by Zach Camenker, NH JFF Committee Member

### Movie Review: *By Design: The Joe Caroff Story* and TV Review: *The Patient*

I recently stumbled across a short documentary film that premiered on Turner Classic Movies (TCM) and was recommended to me by my parents. As one of TCM's goals is to shine a light on some of the "lesser known" names in Hollywood, the documentary short *By Design: The Joe Caroff Story* is a perfect look into an unknown name whose immense contribution behind the scenes in Hollywood cannot be denied.

The 50-minute film, which is now available on HBO Max, highlights the life of centenarian Joe Caroff, a graphic designer and artist whose personal touch went into the poster designs of many famous Hollywood movies. Titles like *West Side Story*, *Cabaret*, and the James Bond franchise owe their signature logos to Caroff, who finally gets the attention he deserves in this delightful piece, despite being known as a legend to many in the innermost circles of Hollywood. Born in August 1921 to Jewish parents who immigrated from Belarus, Caroff describes growing up in an Orthodox family in New Jersey. His post-high school journey took him to the Pratt Institute in New York, where he studied art until joining the Army. Along the way, he met a beautiful girl named Phyllis, with whom he has shared over 70 years of marriage.

The beauty of pieces like this is that you really get a close glimpse into someone's life, both personally and professionally. Caroff, who doesn't look a day over 80 but was nearing 101 at the time of filming, has an infectious personality and deep passion for what he does. His lively demeanor, in-



nate talent, and good humor all contribute to a greater understanding of his work, which has shaped the image of so many films in audiences' minds forever. By shining a light on a largely unknown giant, this "feel good" piece gives him the recognition he so clearly deserves all the while educating movie lovers about another layer that goes into the process of filmmaking. It reminded me of *Harold and Lillian*, a movie about a Hollywood couple whose iconic work behind the scenes was also influential and screened at the 2017 NH Jewish Film Festival.

On the television side of things, I want to take a moment to recommend the Hulu/FX series *The Patient*. A far heavier subject matter—one that you have to mentally prepare for—the suspenseful show follows therapist Alan Strauss, played by Steve Carell, who is being held prisoner in the basement of a serial killer, played by Domhnall Gleeson. A series that leaves you on the edge of your seat throughout, *The Patient* is unique compared to similar pieces.

Rather than focusing on the violence and action of the situation, it deeply explores the psychological side. A core part of the narrative deals with Judaism, through the character of Strauss. We learn near the beginning that his recently deceased wife was a cantor at a reform

synagogue, and that his son became Orthodox, much to the chagrin of his parents. Themes of the Jewish faith are worked intricately into the plot here, embedded appropriately and intriguingly throughout the ten episodes. Strauss' fractured relationship with his son is particularly central to the plot line. It paints a fascinating picture of the Orthodox lifestyle and observances while also highlighting the Strauss family's devotion to their own sect of Judaism through flashbacks and stories.

While Carell is excellent as Strauss, again demonstrating his chops for dramatic acting as he has done so many times on film and TV in the past 10 years, the real scene stealer is Domhnall Gleeson, who is Strauss' patient. His role is challenging and transformative, but he portrays the troubled character of Sam superbly.



Do not expect clear resolution or easy viewing if you watch *The Patient*. It raises a lot of questions and almost makes the viewer yearn for a follow-up. Personally, it would be fascinating to track Strauss' Orthodox son, Ezra, if there were a second season.

Stay tuned for more from me in the future, including details about our statewide Jewish Film Festival in March. Happy viewing, everyone!

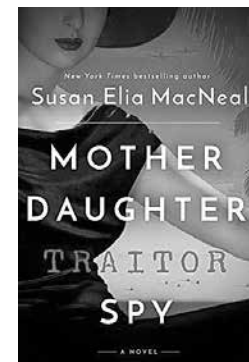
## Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

### *Mother, Daughter, Traitor, Spy*

Susan Elia MacNeal's first standalone novel, *Mother Daughter Traitor Spy*, is an unnerving story of life in the United States in 1940. This is not a mystery or horror novel, but a story that portrays real life as Hitler was taking over Europe—and of the German Americans who supported Hitler and his ideas, and were trying to influence American citizens to follow the German example of how a country should be run.

Basing the events of this historical novel on the real-life occurrences of an actual mother-daughter spy team from California during the 1940s, MacNeal writes of Veronica and her mother Violet, who leave New York and move across the country to Santa Monica, California. Being of German heritage, they are befriended by a group of German Americans as they are starting their new lives in this very unfamiliar environment. This group is sympathetic to Hitler and the Nazi party. Violet and Veronica find the beliefs of the Nazi German group abhorrent and feel strongly it's their patriotic duty to do what they can to stop their hateful activities. They also find a small contingent of likeminded friends, and engage



with them to help the effort to suppress the efforts of the Nazi sympathizers. The Nazi group, meanwhile, believes that all minorities are dangerous to American ideals and should be sent away or killed. They are feeding the public propaganda and want to put America first. They are against helping other countries and upholding democracy.

Veronica gets a job as a secretary to the leader of the Bund group in Santa Monica. She spies on their activities, reporting to a spymaster who is in contact with the FBI, helping them to gather the information they need to arrest the German propagandists. Her mother, Vi, looking to meet other women, make friends and keep busy, becomes a part of the local German social group. She is sewing and embroidering for them, listening to the propaganda speakers who come to their social events.

The real-life events which inspired this narrative happened so long ago, but many of the topics in the book are so similar to what is happening now in this very country that it still feels terrifyingly relevant. This is visible when Jonah says

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## Chanukah Land: A Book Recommendation

By Benay A. Birch

Do you need a Chanukah gift for the person who has everything? Maybe you are looking for a new book for your favorite reader? Or, why not gift yourself with Michael Davidow's latest book, *Chanukah Land*.

Known for writing *Gate City* (a finalist for New Hampshire's Book of the Year award), *The Book of Order*, and *The Hunter of Talyashevka* among others, this latest

work from Michael Davidow is a humorous story about a world in which Chanukah is celebrated by all. This is not because we're all Jewish, though. It's because the Greeks won their battle against the Maccabees, and history itself has turned upside down. Michael Davidow lives in Bedford, NH with his wife and son. He graduated from John Hopkins University and University of Michigan School of Law. Michael is currently a New Hampshire Public Defender. He also writes a column for InDepthNH.

## Did Kati Preston Go to Prison?

By Dina Michael Chaitowitz

I hope that title grabbed your attention. Yes, on September 30, 2022, Holocaust survivor Kathy (“Kati”) Preston, accompanied by Governor Sununu, went to the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord, New Hampshire, to share her story of survival and the need for acceptance of all people. Ms. Preston estimates that approximately 80 inmates attended her presentation program voluntarily.

After Ms. Preston shared her harrowing story, one inmate asked her if she could forgive the events of the past, including the extermination in Auschwitz of her entire Jewish family of 28 members. Ms. Preston delivered her inspirational message of hope and renewal that “whatever happens in the past, everything can



change by what we do tomorrow.” She challenged the inmates to do what they can to stop racism, antisemitism, and other forms of intolerance in their environment. Ms. Preston feels that many inmates



were nodding in agreement, and on their way out, one inmate commented, “Lady, just one thing. G-d bless you.”

This was Ms. Preston’s first prison visit, and she hopes she soon will be able to

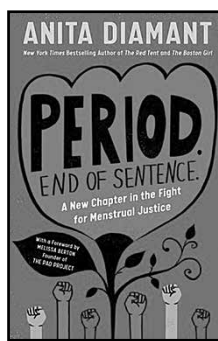
make a similar trip to the women’s prison in Concord. Ms. Preston and the Governor have been traveling around the state visiting middle and high schools and speaking to students about “bullying plus” since 2020. At a recent visit, Ms. Preston brought her young grandson, to illustrate the triumph of optimism over persecution and of love over hate.

Ms. Preston serves on the state’s Holocaust and Genocide Education Commission. The Commission was created with the passage of An Act Relative to Holocaust and Genocide Studies, which mandates such education in New Hampshire schools. She was instrumental in drafting the act and was present on July 23, 2020, when the Governor signed the act into law. At the time, the Governor referred to her as a “Granite State treasure.”

## TAY Sisterhood: The Pad Project Drive

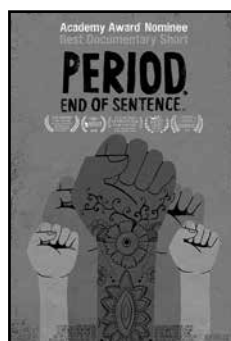
Some girls in our community do not have the basic necessity of menstrual products. Yes, girls sometimes end up staying out of school or using unsafe or unsanitary means of dealing with their periods. To address this basic human need, the Temple Adath Yeshurun Sisterhood is holding a Pad Project Drive in the greater Manchester Jewish community to make sure that local girls have adequate supplies of products to make it safely and comfortably through their menstrual cycles.

TAY Sisterhood is partnering with Catie’s Closet, which provides kids with



free access to clothing and toiletries in three Manchester schools – Gossler Elementary, Parkside Middle School and Memorial High School. A kickoff to the Pad Project

Drive was held in person and on Zoom on Tuesday, November 15th and included a discussion of *Period: End of Sentence* by acclaimed author Anita Dia-



mant and a special screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary *Period: End of Sentence*.

“Being an adolescent girl is tough enough on its own without having to worry about having hygienic and adequate supplies of menstrual products,” says Marilyn Cavanaugh, TAY Sisterhood’s Pad Project Drive leader.

Personal feminine hygiene products (menstrual pads of all kinds are preferred) can be dropped off at Temple Adath Yeshurun on Tuesdays from 9am-1pm or on Fridays from 2:30pm-6pm.

Those who cannot shop for the feminine hygiene products are welcome to send a check from now through December 31st in care of TAY Sisterhood, Attention: The Pad Project Drive, 152 Prospect St., Manchester, NH 03104. For more information, contact Gail Ellis at gailellis49@comcast.net or 603-303-3514.

## Jewish Journeys

### Letters From Camp

#### Benjamin Goldman, Grade 3:

This summer, I went to Camp Avoda for three and a half weeks. It was my first time going to a Jewish camp. I thought it was awesome. Color war and League were the best parts of camp. For color war, the Blue Demons and the White Armada competed in basketball, football, soccer, zooball, dead zone, volleyball, wiffleball, fishing, sand castle building, and arts and crafts. I was on Blue Demons,



and my team won by 22 points. League was when we played football, man-in-the-middle, soccer, and other sports against each other; the older boys played softball during League too.

Camp Avoda is a Jewish camp. That means there were blessings before and after meals. Also, we celebrated Shabbat at camp. On Shabbat, the Torah portions were told in a way that kids today could understand. We had Shabbat services too.

Thank you to all of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire for helping me go to Camp Avoda and giving me this chance to write about how much I loved it. I can’t wait to go back to camp next summer!

#### Zoe Nathan, Grade 4:

Camp Yavneh was a great memory for me. Every morning my bunk would wake up to Jewish songs. I made friends with the people in my bunk who were really nice. On Shabbat the whole camp would go to a service and then we all went down to the mess hall to have matzo ball soup and challah. Every day we would go down to the *agam* (lake) to have swim lessons with the swim teachers. On Saturday everyone in the camp had a little free time so we could hang out and relax. The camp had a lot of fun activities that we could do. For example, a few days before the camp ended the



camp had a color war called Maccabiah. We split the camp into two sides and did a bunch of contests. In the end, my side won! It was still super fun. I missed my parents, but my bunk mates helped me with that because they also missed their parents. Camp was fun and I think you should try it.



## Hadassah Walks for Women's Health

By Michele Bank

On Sunday, October 23, 2022, Hadassah Northeast hosted the Walk for Women's Health at three locations. The air was cool and spirits were high with the 175 walkers who participated. The Andres Institute of Art in Brookline, New Hampshire, was the nearest location for members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah to walk. The site is hilly, as it was a ski slope at one time. Very interesting sculptures are scattered over the hills and an active sculpture studio is on site. Snacks were provided, a cross-body bag was given, and many thanks were expressed to the groups who participated.

Funds were raised with the goal to expand awareness about the work Hadassah is doing in the United States and Israel to improve women's health, including breast cancer research, women's heart health, gender equity in medical research and infertility awareness. With the generosity of walkers, donors and volunteers, the walkathon's fundraising goal was surpassed, over \$30,000 was raised.

Hadassah also has an ongoing fundraising initiative that will cost you nothing extra.

If you purchase items from Amazon, you can select to participate in AmazonSmile, whereby Amazon will donate a percentage of your eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. To sign up, go to smile.amazon on your browser or go to the Amazon app on your mobile device. By choosing Hadassah as the charity to support, \$856.00 was raised by customers during the last quarter. In total, Amazon has donated over \$18,000 to Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America.

On Wednesday, December 7 at 7 PM, Lisa Hostein, Hadassah Magazine's Executive Editor will have a Zoom discussion, One Book, One Hadassah: Live with Jean Hanff Korelitz author of *The Latecomer*. Ms. Korelitz, the New York Times best-selling author of *The Plot* will discuss *The Latecomer*, a story about the dysfunctional family, the Oppenheimers, a wealthy New York Jewish family struggling under the weight of secrets. It explores betrayal and sexuality, religion and art, sibling bonds and rivalry, but most of all, it explores what makes a family—genes, birth, cohabitation, or love?

On Wednesday, January 19, 2023 at 7

PM on Zoom, you can watch/hear the Hadassah Magazine Discussion: Live with Zibby Owens, book maven, best-selling author and podcaster of the award-winning daily show, *Moms Don't Have Time to Read Books*.

With Chanukah so fast approaching, you can give a Hadassah membership to someone that you love for the holiday. It can be an annual or life member-

ship. It can be for a child or even a male who would be considered an Associate Member.

To register for the Zoom programs or to sign up someone with a gift membership, go to the Hadassah website. For additional information about Hadassah, contact [michele.bank@gmail.com](mailto:michele.bank@gmail.com).

### Book Review

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to Veronica, as they finish a mission to turn in some Nazi sympathizers, "I'm absolutely sick at all the ignorant things people are saying—in private and public. We cannot dismiss it because under that rage is fear—and below that, pain. Letting go of the rage means facing the pain and fear."

This is such a perfect explanation of how people are caught up in these movements and willing to listen to and agree with propaganda that makes them feel justified. So many times, history seems to imitate itself. And *Mother Daughter Traitor Spy* proves to be an interesting

and compelling book, showing us another side of history that was happening right here in the United States.

Susan Elia MacNeal is the author of *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *USA Today* bestselling Maggie Hope mystery series. *Mother Daughter Traitor Spy* is her first standalone novel. Susan graduated from Nardin Academy in Buffalo, New York, and also graduated cum laude and with honors in English Wellesley College. Her first job was as the assistant to novelist John Irving in Vermont. She is married and lives with her husband (a TV performer, writer, and director), Noel MacNeal, and their son, in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

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