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PJ Library's Hakarat Hatov: Goodness & Gratitude



PJ Library's Hakarat Hatov: Goodness & Gratitude family event, held at Temple B'nai Israel this past November, was a smashing success!

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The Grand Opening of the New Hampshire Jewish Museum

Tuesday, November 15 saw the official opening ceremony of the New Hampshire Jewish Museum (NHJM), located in the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's office at 273 South River Road, Bedford. The Museum's mission is to collect, preserve and display the Jewish history of our state, thereby telling the long overdue story of the Jews in New Hampshire. Jews first arrived in New Hampshire in 1693 and they have been part of the state's fabric ever since, contributing to NH's medicine, politics, education, the arts, entertainment, industry, and innovation. It's only time that there was a single place to celebrate this important history.

The opening of the museum—funded in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation—began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Sol Rockenmacher, followed by an invocation by Rabbi



Robin Nafshi of Temple Beth Jacob in Concord. Next, Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig spoke about Dr. Bronstein and the Manchester Jewish community. JFNH director Allyson Guertin thanked everyone for attending, and the head of NHJM, Stephen Soreff, reviewed the Museum's mission and purpose.




The NHJM opened with its first exhibit, which celebrates the life and times of Dr. Benjamin Bronstein, presented by Mel Spierer. Dr. Bronstein was a Jewish Manchester physician who died when his destroyer was torpedoed by a Nazi submarine in 1942. The

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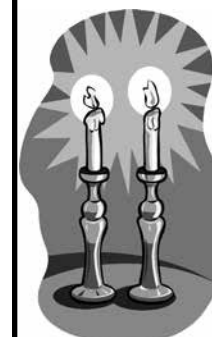
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February 3	4:43 PM
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The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Stands Up and Speaks Out Against Antisemitism

It is no secret that antisemitism is on the rise, and sadly, it's no different in New Hampshire. With that in mind, JFNH — as a statewide organization that dedicates our work to representing all of Jewish New Hampshire—plays a pivotal role in our community. So, what does standing up and speaking out about antisemitism look like, as part of the Federation's work?

Here is a rundown of what we do:

Did you know JFNH has an active Antisemitism and Diversity Committee? They meet monthly to discuss topics ranging from offering different programs to the community, to outreach to community leaders. Are you interested in volunteering for this committee? They are always looking for new members to join them.

This past July, a JFNH Board Member and I were trained by the ADL to run a program called Words to Action. This

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JFNH
Director



program is designed for high school and college students and offers tools to strengthen student capacity and build confidence to address antisemitism. We hope to start offering this program to teens in NH within the year.

In August, our Board Chair Ken Litvack and I met with representatives from NH's US Attorney's Office, Attorney General's Office, the Dept. of Justice, and the FBI to discuss antisemitism in NH. In September, we hosted a roundtable discussion so synagogue leaders could join in the conversation. This month, JFNH will sit

on the panel of a Hate Crimes Forum which will be open to the public and will also include NH's US Attorney's Office, Attorney General's Office, and the FBI, as well as a NH Human Rights Commission, Manchester Chapter of NAACP, NH Council of Churches, and Iqra Islamic Center of Greater Concord.

A JFNH board member sits on both the committee working on the curriculum for Holocaust Education in NH and on the Governor's Diversity and Inclusion Council, helping to develop a guide for dealing with hate incidents in schools that can be disseminated throughout the school system. Last year, we created a video for International Holocaust Remembrance Day that was distributed to all NH school districts, as well as to our community through an e-blast and our website.

The JFNH office often takes in calls reporting antisemitism in the public schools,

and reaches out each time to offer resources and support to the school leadership.

I am proud of the relationship that the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire has built with ADL New England over the last few years. It is so comforting to know they are just a phone call away and will always answer when we have questions or need guidance and support.

For an organization trying to meet the needs of an entire state, with a skeleton staff — JFNH employs just three part-time staff, and me as the only full-time employee—we rely very heavily on our hardworking, dedicated volunteers who devote their skills and hours of their time to important work like this.

Antisemitism is a top priority at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and when you give to JFNH, you are helping us stand up and speak out about antisemitism in New Hampshire. Thank you!

A Snowy Summer Camp Reminiscence

Summer Camp. It's mid-January and snowing out, and somehow, now is when I'm supposed to be thinking through what to do with my kids for June through August. This is the first year that I have two kids on the school schedule. I'm definitely missing all-year daycare.

I grew up in Burlington, VT, going to Camp Gan Israel at the local Chabad every summer until I was thirteen. I loved the camp. I was one of very few Jewish kids at my public school, but at camp I was surrounded by Jews. The camp brought in religious Jewish counselors from other states, and I was fascinated by those girls — they were so knowledgeable and comfortable in their Judaism.

When I was 14, I went to my first sleep-away camp: Habonim Dror's Camp Na'aleh (now closed). This camp was a stark contrast to Camp Gan Israel; Habonim Dror camps are non-religious, with an emphasis on Zionism and Socialism. I sponged it all up. I read everything I could on labor Zionism. I was obsessed with *Builders and Dreamers* by J.J. Goldberg, an historical account of the evolution of the movement and its goals. The counselors were my role models, and I formed strong friendships with my bunkmates. I especially loved the Shabbat traditions — dressing in white and walking down to the lake to welcome the Sabbath before a big communal meal, closing out Shabbat with Havdalah and kumzitz

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JFNH
Program
Coordinator



(sing-along) by the bonfire. Our camp held "Medurah and Musical" every week, which was something between a talent show and open mic. I learned all the traditional Israeli folk dances and knew every word to "Union Maid." We staged our own protests — once campaigning hard to "save the rugs" as if carpets were an endangered species — all to teach us how powerful people can be when they work together. We watched the movie "Wag the Dog" and raged against the influence of the media and propaganda. And of course, there were camp pranks, terrible food, poison ivy, snapping turtles, fire ants, ghosts, relationship drama, and everything else that goes along with summer camp.

My husband and I are one of *those* couples. We met in Israel on Habonim Dror's "Machaneh Bonim B'Israel" trip in 1999, and then attended and worked at Na'aleh together for the next few years. We reconnected in 2009 at a reunion of our camp friends.

In so many ways, the values that I learned at both Camp Gan Israel and in

Habonim Dror have shaped my family life and the way that I parent. We subscribe to the socialist belief that people should give what they can and take what they need — and this continues to influence our decisions when it comes to charitable giving. And there are smaller ways that camp still finds its way into our lives. For instance, Joshua wakes up the kids most mornings as he did his campers: with a loud rendition of "Monday, Monday" or "Rise and Shine." We put them to bed each night to the first verse of "Laila Laila Haruach Goveret," just as we sang every night at camp.

Last summer, we sent our kids to Vermont to live with their grandparents for two weeks. Kira attended a theater camp while Cayden attended Camp Gan Israel — the same camp I attended, now run by the next generation. He LOVED it, and has been begging to go back (and personally, I adored "Grandparents Camp," and the freedom to not parent my children for two weeks, so I'm completely on board with this repeating every summer if possible).

Kira is eager for her first sleepaway experience, so the research begins. I'm hoping to find the right fit for my daughter with a one or two-week trial session. I'm so excited to live in a state that has FOUR Jewish summer camps and easy access to more camps in Maine and

Massachusetts. My family has also really enjoyed reading the "Letters from Camp" that JFNH campership recipients have been publishing in *The Reporter* each issue.

Right now, I'm bookmarking all the registration dates and busily color-coding my calendar for which kid is enrolled where and when, while staring out my window at the snow and sipping hot tea.

At least I can turn to PJ Library for phenomenal books to get the kids in the summer camp mood. We LOVE *No Baths At Camp* by Tamar Fox, and *Picnic at Camp Shalom* by Jacqueline Jules. For slightly older kids look for *Sami's Sleepaway Summer* by Jenny Meyerhoff. The PJ Library website (www.pjlibrary.org) has a list of 10 books about Summer Camp that includes suggested reading for parents, and a blog post covering the eight items you need to pack for summer camp. PJ Our Way (www.pjourway.org) has similar posts for older kids too, and great chapter books like *Shabbat Sabotage* by Emma Carlson Berne.

Honestly, I'm a bit envious of my children. I miss summer camp. Days were long and busy but filled with so much fun. One of these days, I might need to investigate Family Camp or other ways to bring the camp spirit back into my adult life.

In the meantime, it's back to my hot tea, blankets, and watching the snow.

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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Friday, February 3

First Friday Tot Shabbat

4:30PM – 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 aged 5 and under; all are welcome. Kindly register on the temple's website calendar. <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/calendar>

New Immigrant and Asylum Seeker Shabbat Service

6:00PM – 8:00PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth and via Zoom
Please Join Temple Israel Portsmouth for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service sponsored by the Tikkun 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. About our guest speakers: Maggie Fogarty, NH Program Director of the American Friends Service Committee, and a leader of Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (SISC), will talk about immigrants who have resettled in our area. Sudie Blanchard and Charlotte Ramsey, Team Seacoast leaders, will share the rewarding (and continuing!) experience of resettling the Khyber family, who moved to Portsmouth after escaping the Taliban in Afghanistan. Adding to the ongoing crisis for those fleeing danger in their home countries, people seeking asylum are turned away at borders around the world. This Shabbat service is an opportunity for our Jewish community, along with congregations, organizations and individuals, to demonstrate our shared support for immigrants and asylum seekers around the world. 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://templeisrael.shulcloud.com/event/refugee-shabbat-service.html>

Betenu Tu B'Shevat Seder

6:00PM – 8:00PM, Betenu and Via Zoom
Tu B'Shevat Seder led by Rabbinical Intern Naomi Gurt Lind. This will be a hybrid event that can be attended in person or joined with Zoom. Seder bags containing fruits and juice for seder are available for purchase through January 22nd and can be picked up at Betenu on January 29th. Contact the Betenu office for more information. 6038861633, office@betenu.org or <http://Betenu.org>

Friday Shabbat Family Service

6:00PM – 6:55PM, TAY, Manchester, NH

Family Shabbat with February Birthday Blessings. Please contact Karen Rothenberg at office@taynh.org to register or with questions.

Saturday, February 4

Tu B'Shevat Adult Education Program

12:00PM – 1:00PM, Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia and via Zoom
Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the holiday of the trees, at an adult education "Lunch and Learn" at TBI and on Zoom. Rabbi Jan Katz will host a tasting of the foods that are traditional of Tu B'Shevat and indigenous to Israel. TBI member and volunteer from the Speaking for Wildlife Program, Judy Crosley will present "The Nature of New Hampshire: Natural Communities of the Granite State." The presentation will include a visual tour of New Hampshire's natural beauty through the lens of Natural Heritage Bureau ecologists and photographers Ben Kimball and Dan Sperduto. The Speaking for Wildlife Project is a volunteer effort of UNH Cooperative Extension, the NH Coverts Project and NH Fish & Game, with support from the NH Charitable Foundation and the Davis Environmental Foundation. BYO – Lunch. Registration required. <https://tbinh.org/event/adult-education-celebrate-tu-bshevat-2/>

Saturday, February 4

Havdalah Service Dinner

6:00PM – 8:00PM, Temple Israel Manchester
Join us in a celebration to mark the end of Shabbat. An RSVP is required by noon February 3 for this family friendly event marking the end of Shabbat. Contact Christine Dame 603-622-6171 <http://www.templeisraelmht.org>

Sunday, February 5

Etz Hayim Synagogue Tu B'Shevat Children's Activity and Seder

4:00PM – 6:00PM, Etz Hayim, Derry
Etz Hayim Synagogue invites children to participate in a Parsley Planter Painting Project. All are invited to a Tu B'Shevat seder presentation of "The Lor'Etz of Derry" - a melodramatic Seder, based on Dr. Suess' *The Lorax*, celebrating Tu B'Shevat—The New Year of Trees. The children's activity begins at 4:00PM. They will paint flowerpots and plant parsley and radish seeds to grow in time for Passover. At 4:45PM Rabbi Levy and Amy Dattner-Levy will lead us in a Tu B'Shevat Seder, highlighted by a variety of fruits and hearing the lessons taught in *The Lorax*. The event is free and open to all, however, RSVP's are required by January 29: Children's activity – RSVP to Jay Madnick at jay@madnick.info. Seder – RSVP to Rabbi@stzhayim.org. We ask that you also sign up to bring a fruit to share at or go to www.etzhayim.org for the sign up link

Community Tu BiSh'vat Climate Action Seder

3:00PM – 5:00PM Temple Israel Portsmouth
Climate change is big. You can be bigger. Tu BiSh'vat is the Jewish "new year for trees," a time for us to reflect on all the ways nature provides for us every day. Celebrate with your community at Temple Israel, Portsmouth, by trying some delicious fruit and fun STEAM activities, including edible greenhouse gases, plastic bottle gardens, and CO2 balloons. With special musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt. This event is free and open to the public. Register at <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/community-tu-bishvat-seder.html>

Thursday, February 9

Lunch N'Learn Tefilah Class

12:15PM – 1:15PM, Temple Israel Portsmouth and via Zoom

For many of us, our education about Jewish prayer ended when we graduated from Hebrew School. This 6-session class, led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, will provide deeper understanding of the basic components, structure, and rhythms of our services including the roles of both the prayer leader and the congregation. We will explore why our services were established in the form we have inherited and the spiritual significance which underlies the many prayers we recite. This class will be useful for anyone who wants to deepen their prayer experience and/or learn how to lead a service. Come learn!

This class will meet in the Temple Israel, Portsmouth Chapel and remotely using the regular Zoom link for services. It is free and open to all. You may also register for the class via the website calendar to receive the Zoom link. <https://bit.ly/TIPTefilah>

Class dates: February 9, 16, 23. No class March 2. Class resumes March 9, 16, and 23.

Seniors Forever Young Bingo and Pizza

1:00PM – 2:30PM, Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Office, Bedford

Cost \$5/person

Come try your luck! We'll play a few rounds of traditional Bingo just for fun and enjoy a lunch of pizza and salad.

In person event only. Registration required. Please call JFNH Office 603-627-7679.

The Future of Work and Play Revisited

7:00PM – 9:00PM, Etz Hayim, Derry
Wayne Kurtzman is a market intelligence analyst, an adjunct educator, and the Research Director at IDC. He presented this talk in February 2020. Now he will show how technology has changed and continue to change, effectively changing how we communicate, learn, work, and play. This will affect how we create better (or at least new) consumer and employee experiences, altering the way companies and organizations hire, and how customers select what and where they buy. Special attention will be paid to how we are getting from today to the emerging economy, and actions you can take to stay informed and happy across the journey. This Program is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. For more information, please contact Steve Soreff, MD at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120

Friday, February 10

Family Shabbat and Dinner with Visiting Scholar Rabbi Edward Boraz

6:00PM – 8:00PM, Temple Israel Manchester
Join Rabbi Boraz in welcoming the Shabbat and dinner.

RSVP by noon on February 3. Please use the link on the events page of our website. Email office@templeisraelmht.org or call 603-622-6171

Saturday, February 11

PJ Library Tot Shabbat Hop

10:00AM – 11:00AM, Temple Israel, Manchester
PJ Library's iBaby 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. <https://bit.ly/TotShabbatFeb23>

Sunday, February 12

Betenu Adult Education

1:30PM – 3:00PM Congregation Betenu - Hybrid event

Adult Education led by Rabbinical Intern Naomi Gurt Lind.

What are we saying when we are Praying: Our Liturgical tradition is rich and varied with thousands of words devoted to praising, asking, thanking and more. In this session, we look at some of the whys and how's of Jewish prayer, with examples from various prayer books (including but not limited to those from the Reform tradition) as well as Rabbinic Literature dealing with prayer as a practice. First of a series. If you wish to attend via Zoom, please contact Betenu for the link. 603-886-1633. Office@betenu.org or <http://betenu.org>

COVID 19 vaccination verification will be required for non-members or members who have not yet provided this information.

Thursday, February 16

Baby Playgroup at Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

10:00AM – 11:00AM Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Office, Bedford
Meet other families with young children and grow your community! Be part of our monthly playgroup! Open to families with children 0-5. Please register at <https://bit.ly/JFNHbaby>

Friday, February 17

VT/NH Scout Shabbat 2023

7PM Temple Emanu-El Haverhill, MA
Once again, Temple Emanu-El in Haverhill, Massachusetts has offered to host Scout Shabbat. This Scout Shabbat service will be both in person and via Zoom allowing Scouts to participate remotely if desired. Scout Shabbat offers an opportunity for Scouts to show their duty to God, an integral part of the Scout Oath/Promise, and allows worshipers to honor Scouts and Scout leaders in the community for their achievements and service. This is done as part of the standard Jewish Friday Night Service. In previous years, over 100 Scouts from the area participated in the event. The event is open to all Scouts and their families, regardless of religious affiliation. In past years, we've had Scouts from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont! Please visit The National Jewish Committee on Scouting's web site at <http://www.jewishscouting.org/> or the National Jewish committee on Girl Scouting's website at <http://www.njcg.org/> There is no charge for this event and all Scouts who attend will receive a commemorative patch. Temple Emanu-El Haverhill, MA 978-373-3861 <http://www.templemanu-el.org>

Saturday, February 18

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 a social and play time. Contact Temple center 603-883-8184 or office@tbanashua.org

Family Havdalah, Laser Tag Ice Cream Social

6:00PM – 8:00PM, Hosted by Temple Israel Portsmouth in Somersworth
Cost \$15/player

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Take aim... at joining a few dozen of your closest friends for a night of laser tag fun! Shabbat may be over, but the fun is just beginning for this season's final Havdalah program. Let's send it off with a "pew, pew!"

Open to the community, invite your friends! Appropriate for ages 5 and up. The venue address in Somersworth, NH will be provided upon registration.

Registration required by February 11th via the Temple Israel Portsmouth website calendar. <https://bit.ly/TIPlasertag>

Advocating for Disability Awareness

7:00PM – 8:00PM, via Zoom

TBI will present a program to highlight the month of February as Jewish Disability Advocacy Month "A month of Education, solidarity-building, and empowerment in support of people with disabilities" as defined by the Jewish Federations of North America. Guest presenters Lauren Lieberman, PhD will inspire all with her achievements on behalf of those who rely on her voice and actions in advocating for disability awareness. Dr. Lieberman will share the mission, successes, and challenges of Camp Abilities, a one-week educational sports camp for children and teens who are blind, visually impaired, and deafblind. Lauren Lieberman is a Distinguished Service Professor of Physical Education and Sport Studies at the State University New York Brockport.

Registration required for Zoom link. Contact Rabbi Jan Katz rabbij@tbinh.org <http://www.tbinh.org>

Sunday, February 19

Shavua Tov Storytime

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 be 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.

<https://bit.ly/JFNHShavuaTov>

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire presents: A Taste of Israel

2:00PM – 4:00PM JFNH Office

Museum

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Navy commissioned a destroyer escort for him called the U.S.S. Bronstein, and today, there is also a Bronstein Park in Manchester honoring his legacy. With this recognition of Dr. Bronstein, and the opening itself being so close to Veteran's Day, the event also made a point to honor all the New Hampshire Jewish veterans, past and present, who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Currently, the NHJM is compiling a list of all Jewish New Hampshire veterans.

Cost \$18/person

Come together to schmooze while enjoying delicious foods of Israel. View a slideshow of JFNH-supported Israel programs and hear from some of our grant recipients!

Please register at <https://bit.ly/JFNHtasteofisrael>. Sponsored by JFNH's Israel Engagement and Education Committee Spotlight on Israel.

Pens are Stronger than Swords Tu B'Shvat

6:00PM – 7:00PM, Zoom

Pens are Stronger than Swords: A youth led Jewish climate action group. Meetings are from 6p to 7p on every third Sunday of the month Sunday 2/19 Tubshvat; Join the VT teen state-wide online Tubshvat Seder focused on climate activism and environmental action.

Use this link to join this Sunday at 6PM <https://meet.google.com/nfq-ayzw-rtr> Please RSVP so we know to wait for you or to get mor information shirahertzberg18@gmail.com. If you can't access the call on Sunday text Melanie at 802-503-9774

Thursday, February 23

How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public Television

7:00PM – 9:00PM, Etz Hayim, Derry

Join Ra'anan de Hass, JFNH Israeli Shaliach. Learn about the history of Israeli public broadcasting and its eventual downfall, rebirth, and effect on other networks.

This program 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 or 603-895-6120.

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Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board Spotlight: Board Member of the Month

Meet Mara Friedman from Hollis, New Hampshire.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I am originally from Massachusetts and have lived in New Hampshire for 24 years, which is hard to believe! After living in Washington, DC, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, we moved here when our oldest son was three years old. One of the first things we did when we got here was enroll him in preschool at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, where we found an instant connection and are still members today. I work at VLACS, the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School in NH, and enjoy traveling, read-



ing, and most of all, spending time with family and friends. Our three children have grown up in New Hampshire, and we think it is a great place to raise a family and to live. We love exploring all over New England in all four seasons, and think it offers the best of all worlds!

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

New Hampshire has been my home for so long, and I love the idea of connecting with other Jewish people across the whole state. We are small in number, but a

mighty force when we combine our efforts.

What committee(s) do you currently volunteer with?

I am currently a member of the publications committee, and as I'm still new, I am still exploring all the wonderful ways to be involved. Right now, I am working with a few other Federation members to plan some gatherings for women to engage and connect. We just hosted our first event, Not Your Bubbe's Brunch, on January 29.

What do you love most about JFNH?

The opportunity to be involved at all levels in so many interesting and important initiatives – education, Israel affairs, film, antisemitism awareness, and diverse programming that reaches people of all ages, in all stages of life, throughout the entire state.

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273 South River Road,
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Time: 2:00 PM

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Dinah Berch | 603-627-7679 ext 1002 | dinah.berch@jewishnh.org

PJ YOUR Way PIZZATASCHEN and Lego Graggers

Come celebrate Purim in style - with make-your-own Lego Graggers and Pizzataschen! Costumes encouraged. All pizzataschen ingredients and Lego supplies will be provided.

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Your Federation at Work

PJ Library's Hakarat Hatov: Goodness & Gratitude family event

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My Jewish Journey

Shalom everybody, and welcome to 2023! I cannot believe it is already February. This second year is really flying by. I know it's too early to start summing up my time here, but I want to share with you something I got from my experience here that will stay with me forever.

As most of you already know I consider myself very secular. I don't keep kosher and there are no limitations I put upon myself on Shabbat. To be completely honest, my first (and second) time in synagogue for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were here in New Hampshire.

In this article I'd like to take you on a journey through my Jewish identity and how being here helped shape it.

Growing up in Israel, with an obvious Jewish majority, it was hard to "avoid" being Jewish. In hindsight I realize that my family was quite unique when it came to Jewish tradition (I now realize it was heavily based on my mom's upbringing in Canada). We would almost always come together for Friday night dinner and kiddush over the bread and wine, but right after that eat a non-kosher meal. We would read the Haggadah for Passover, but could easily have chametz in the Seder. In the 4th grade, I wanted to join a youth group, and after a few months of "window shopping" my mom sent me to NOAM (Noar Masorty = Masorty youth), a conservative youth group that had its weekly meetings in a synagogue. For the next six years, I grew up with a new kind of Judaism. I learned all the prayers and songs, but it never felt forced. I eventually grew into being a counselor and worked at the summer camp, leading younger campers in prayer. This is the same synagogue where I had my bar mitzvah, and my friends were in shock when both my parents were able to sit together and hear my parasha – even secular Jews in Israel go to an orthodox synagogue for their bar mitzvahs, since that's the dominant branch, and so most people (by default) do it. Later, as I was finishing up with



Ra'anan de Haas
JFNH Shaliach



high school and going into the Navy, my connection to Judaism became nonexistent, and with the political situation in Israel, I even grew a reluctance to participate in anything religious.

Fast-forward to last year, when I came here, feeling very much like a fish out of water, going to services. Even though I still knew most of the prayers, the last time I had stepped into a synagogue was my brother's bar mitzvah over 10 years ago. At first, I motivated myself by saying that it's "part of my job and have to go," but after a few months here, I rediscovered the beauty of community. Going to family services, where the kids take a big part or just having a member with a guitar or piano, brought me back to the time in life when I loved going to services—since, to me, it represented more than just a religious experience.

To sum up this long story, I just want to thank you all for unknowingly helping me shape my own Jewish identity, and I know that my future kids will benefit from the journey I have gone through here.

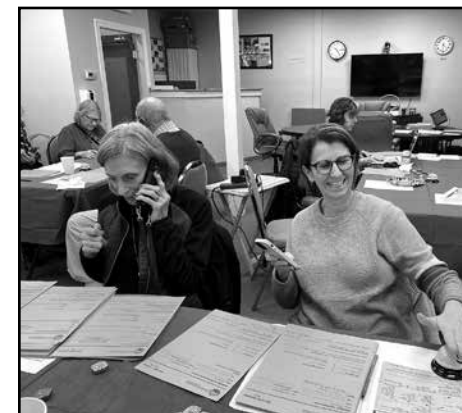
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PJ Library Family of the Month: The Breyters

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



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

Meet The Breyter Family, our PJ Library – New Hampshire Family of the Month

Tell us a little bit about your family:

We are an interfaith family from NY: Kristin, Vlad, Livvy and Daniel. Kristin and Vlad met in high school. Kristin is from Queens and was a teacher (she still teaches here and there at the collegiate level), but now mostly focuses on the family. Vlad works remotely in finance and has been at his current company for over a decade. In 2019 we took over a local daycare center in NY and have been managing that remotely, with an amazing on-site director since we moved to NH at the end of 2020. Livvy (8) is excelling in 3rd grade and is an avid reader, figure skater, and martial artist. Daniel (6) also skates and does martial arts, but his passion lies more in science experiments and performance—he has performed many times already through the Bedford Youth Performance Company where he goes to kindergarten. In NY we were active in our kids' nursery school, which was run

by our local synagogue. There were so many events to celebrate Jewish holidays, and of course, Tot Shabbat. We were sad to leave our community there, but with COVID measures, nothing was happening, so we chose to go somewhere we could enjoy nature more. Moving to NH gave us the beautiful outdoors and we have loved that—skiing, skating, swimming at our local lake, and hiking the trails around town—but we have missed our Jewish community, and we are so happy to have in-person PJ Library events again!

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

We have been a part of the PJ Library program since the kids were born! We went to a weekly play session hosted by the local synagogue, where we learned about the book program. We then got our monthly books and attended ALL the events! Vlad grew up in Russia as a child and was not permitted to observe or practice Judaism. However, having grown up in Queens NY, Kristin—despite growing up as a Catholic—was regularly a part of her friends' Jewish traditions! Singing the prayers as they lit the candles during Hanukkah and sitting at the kids' side of the table during the Passover seder, Kristin grew up appreciating Jewish tradition in a way that Vlad wasn't able. As a family we made it a priority to not only celebrate, but also to learn more about Jewish faith and tradition.

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

PJ Library books are some of our FAVORITES! I think I could recite all the words to *Something from Nothing* and *Bone Button Borscht*. PJ Library books and events make Jewish tradition, issues,



and faith accessible, which, as an interfaith family, has been invaluable.

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

Why?

I love how welcoming the community is! So much love!

What are your children's favorite PJ books

Bone button Borscht, Something from Nothing, and Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup.

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

Tot Shabbat! They love ending the week and looking forward to the next, lighting the candles and singing the prayers. Doesn't hurt that there's always a little something sweet, or delicious challah.

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

That it's free and FUN!

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

My kids learning the prayer songs and hearing their little voices... ah, it's the cutest!



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!

Stories, Singing, and Blessings followed by a Kiddie Kiddush



Saturday, February 11th, 2023
10AM
Temple Israel, Manchester

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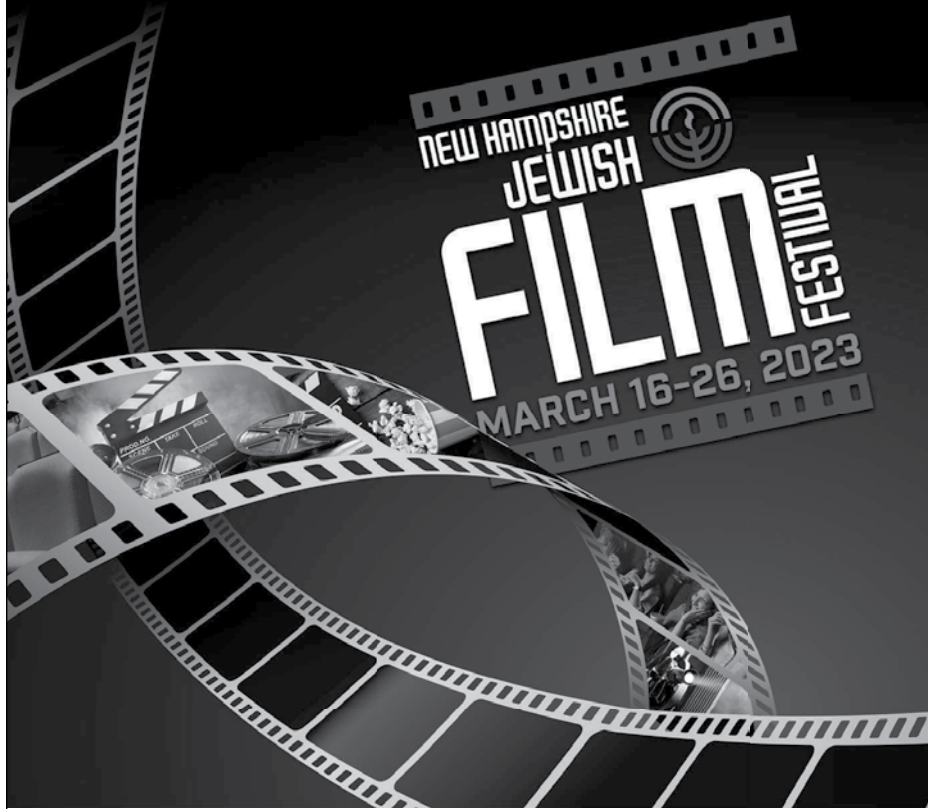



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Your Federation at Work

Why I Give

By Mike Miller

We began donating to the Manchester Jewish Community Center, the predecessor of the JFNH, shortly after moving to NH in 1978. At the time, it was a very active organization with many social activities and a highly regarded preschool. That said, the center's focus on the Manchester Jewish community was regarded as an unfortunate limitation and a decision was made to try to make it more inclusive of the entire NH Jewish community, changing its name to the JFNH in the process. Over time, the newer organization seemed to be producing fewer interesting programs and we lost interest and stopped donating. Although I was aware of the changes, and disappointed by them, work was keeping me busy enough that I didn't think much about what had happened.

On our first trip to Krakow, Poland, around 2008, we met Jonathan Ornstein, the director of the then fairly new Jewish Community Center of Krakow. There were only about 125 Jews living in Krakow, Poland at that time, far below its prewar population, but the Krakow JCC was very active. We were invited to Shabbat dinner there. We met some of the members, and learned more of its history and activities.

Upon our return to NH, I decided it was time to find out why the small Krakow Poland community was so much more alive than the much larger NH

community. A few months later I was able to attend the JFNH annual meeting for the first time. I found I wasn't the only one disappointed with the lack of programs, but didn't hear anything to suggest interest in change. The management at that time felt that the Federation's only role should be collecting donations and distributing them to NH Jewish organizations that were interested in developing appropriate programs. But a couple of years later, the Board decided on a new direction for the Federation, including hiring a new director, Melanie MacDonald, with the intention of developing educational and entertaining programs focusing on Jewish topics. The process was complicated by the unfortunate decision of the previous management to sell the building owned by the Federation. This necessitated a move—initially to a small Manchester office, and then to the current more appropriate facility in Bedford.

One of the few continuing programs of the reorganized Federation was the Jewish Film Festival. This proved to be very popular, and initially attracted our attention to the changes at the new Federation. Several years later, Noam Wolf arrived as the first Shlichah, reestablishing our connection with Israel. We saw the new Federation come alive with new and/or expanded programming. The Federation's preschool program and the PJ Library connected many young children to their Jewish heritage. Camper scholarships were way up last summer. The Israel Education Engagement committee brought educational films and virtual tours of Israel and Israel's college campuses to New Hampshire. The committee reestablished the connection with our sister city Hof Ha Carmel and a new pioneer community Halutza. The Momentum program connected young mothers with their Israeli counterparts. Antisemitism and the Holocaust committees have been very active and also supportive of young teen programs in education and dealing with these difficult subjects. Seniors Forever Young has had a steady diet of social and adventuresome programs. Finally, Jewish social services has compassionately reached out to the whole Jewish community in New Hampshire, and has made a big difference in peoples' lives—especially during the pandemic.

All these activities helped restore our interest in supporting the JFNH, and that is why we are now happy to donate, once again. Hopefully, others will see them as worthy of support, as well.



In December, JFNH Board Member Tracy Richmond and community member Jody Kipnis represented New Hampshire at the Jewish Federations of North America Lions of Judah Conference in Arizona!

A Few Updates from the Antisemitism and Diversity Committee

By Dina Michael Chaitowitz

1. We are excited to announce that on May 18, 2023, at 7:30 pm, we will be holding a Zoom event to discuss “Talking With Children About Antisemitism.” Parents, grandparents, and educators are invited to join us for this important event. The discussion will be led by Dr. Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath. Dr. Vinokor-Meinrath is an alumna of the University of Pittsburgh (BA), the Jewish Theological Seminary (MA), Gratz College (EdD), and the Pardes Experiential Educators Program. She is the author of *#antisemitism: Coming of Age During the Resurgence of Hate*; is the Senior Director of Knowledge, Ideas, and Learning at the Jewish Education Project; teaches at Gratz College; and is an expert on Jewish teens, Generation Z, and questions of Jewish identity. Dr. Vinokor-Meinrath will offer suggestions and answer questions about how to talk to children about antisemitism. The program is co-spon-


sored by The Lappin Foundation, a Massachusetts non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance Jewish identity across generations. Additional resources will be provided in connection with the event. The program is free, and everyone is welcome. Stay tuned for information about pre-registration.

2. The Federation recently sent a reminder to the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education about upcoming Jewish holidays and asked him to circulate the reminder and calendar of upcoming holidays to all school administrative units. The letter and calendar are reprinted here. Concerned parents should feel free to use these materials when speaking to school officials.

3. The Anti-Defamation League of New England recently sent our committee 20 copies each of Bari Weiss’s *How to Fight Antisemitism* and Deborah E. Lipstadt’s *Antisemitism: Here and Now*. We would like to read the books together and hold group discussions. If you are in-

terested in participating in such a book club, and maybe hosting a small group discussion in your home, please contact

committee chairperson, Dina Michael Chaitowitz at dmichaelchaitowitz@gmail.com.



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Mr. Frank Edelblut
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State of New Hampshire Department of Education
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Dear Commissioner Edelblut,

As school districts look to the spring semester and begin to create their calendars for the next academic year, we write to remind you of the dates of important Jewish Holidays that was shared with you this summer. Enclosed is a four-year calendar.

We ask that you share this letter and the calendar with all school administrative units.

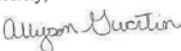
It is our hope that schools will avoid these dates as they plan exams, assemblies, auditions, field trips, sporting events, school dances, and graduations. We deeply appreciate their sensitivity in avoiding conflicts as they schedule events and activities for students, faculty, and any other district staff who would be adversely impacted.

Abstaining from school, work and secular activities is a critical part of the observance of some of the Jewish holidays. This is especially the case for Passover (beginning on sundown April 5 and ending on sundown April 13, 2023) – particularly the first two days of Passover, and the “High Holidays” of Rosh Hashanah (beginning sundown on September 15 and ending sundown on September 17, 2023), and Yom Kippur (beginning sundown on September 24, 2023 and ending sundown on September 25, 2023).


Although the Jewish day begins and ends at sunset, many people need to be absent from school or work the entire day on which the holiday begins. As an example, the first night of Passover begins with a seder, a complex ritual meal that involves the re-telling of the exodus through stories and song and the consumption of ritual foods. Many people travel great distances to share this significant event with family members. There is another seder on the second night of Passover.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and consideration of these important dates and those set out on the enclosed calendar.

We hope that schools would look to the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire as a resource if they have questions when scheduling important events or addressing potential conflicts in the SAU calendar.

Sincerely,

Allyson Guertin
Director
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Four-Year Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays

This calendar has been prepared to assist you in scheduling business, school, or community events. For schools, this includes scheduling with an equity lens regarding major assignments, examinations, assemblies, field trips and graduations, as well as school-related programs for parents.

An asterisk (*) denotes the Jewish High Holy Days and major Biblical festivals in observance of which labor is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from both work and school.

Please note that Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening the day before listed on calendars for the holiday.

So as not to penalize students or workers for their religious observance, we ask that scheduling of events, tests, preparation for exams, assignments, assemblies, sports events, etc. on Jewish holidays, be avoided, or if such dates cannot be avoided, that consideration be given to the affected Jewish persons for reasonable opportunity for makeups.

HOLIDAY	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Rosh Hashanah* (New Year)	Sept. 26-27 Mon-Tue	Sept. 16-17 Sat-Sun	Oct. 3-4 Thur-Fri	Sept. 23-24 Tue-Wed
Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement)	Oct. 5 Wed	Sept. 25 Mon	Oct. 12 Sat	Oct. 2 Thur
Sukkot* (Feast of Tabernacles)	Oct. 10-11 Mon-Tue	Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Sat-Sun	Oct. 17-18 Thur-Fri	Oct. 7-8 Tues - Wed
Shemini Atzeret* (Eighth Day of Sukkot)	Oct. 17 Mon	Oct. 7 Sat	Oct. 24 Thur	Oct. 14 Wed
Simchat Torah* (Rejoicing of the Law)	Oct. 18 Tue	Oct. 8 Sun	Oct. 25 Fri	Oct. 15 Wed
Chanukah	Dec. 19-26 Mon-Mon	Dec. 8-15 Fri-Fri	Dec. 26-Jan. 2 Thur-Thur	Dec. 15-22 Mon-Mon
Passover*	Apr. 6-7 Thur-Fri	Apr. 23-24 Tue-Wed	Apr. 13-14 Sun-Mon	Apr. 2-3 Thur - Fri
Shavuot*	May 26-27 Fri-Sat	Jun. 12-13 Wed-Thur	Jun. 2-3 Mon-Tue	May 22-23 Fri-Sat

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Jewish Holiday Descriptions

Rosh Hashanah - The Jewish New Year’s Festival, considered the birthday of the world in rabbinical literature. This is the day on which all of humankind is judged.

Yom Kippur - The Jewish Day of Atonement. This is the most solemn day of the Jewish year devoted to prayer and fasting.

Sukkot - An eight-day Jewish festival of thanksgiving, harvest and remembrance of Jews wandering in the desert after Exodus from Egypt.

Shemini Atzeret - Final day of Sukkot, the 8th day of assembly; the day after the 7th day of Sukkot, Sukkot is essentially a celebration for all mankind while Shemini Atzeret is an extra celebration in which the Creator invites the Jewish people to stay for a more intimate celebration.

Simchat Torah - Reading of the Torah is complete and begun anew in the synagogue.


Chanukah - An eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the second Temple by the Maccabees and their victory over the Seleucid Empire in 165 B.C.E.

Passover - An eight-day Jewish festival marking deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

Shavuot - Jewish festival commemorating the giving of the Torah (Law) on Mount Sinai.

Tu Bish'vat, Earth Day, and the False Messiah

One of my all-time favorite characters in Jewish history was a man named Shabtai Tzvi. He was born in 1626, allegedly on the 9th day of Av (aka Tisha B'Av, the day we commemorate the destruction of both Temples and many other Jewish tragedies) in Smyrna, which is now Izmir, Turkey. He received

Rabbi in the House	
	Rabbi Robin Nafshi Temple Beth Jacob in Concord

a thorough Jewish education and was intrigued by Jewish mysticism; in his late teens he began studying Kabbalah. At the same time, Tzvi began exhibiting behaviors that today would probably have him diagnosed with bipolar disorder. My Jewish Learning's site states, "He understood his condition in religious

terms, experiencing his manic phases as moments of 'illumination' and his times of depression as periods of 'fall,' when God's face was hidden from him. When 'illuminated' he felt compelled to contravene Jewish law, perform bizarre rituals, and publicly pronounce the proscribed name of God."

In 1648, Tzvi declared himself to be the Jewish messiah. The local people weren't fazed, as they were used to his eccentricities. The Rabbinic leadership, however, expelled him from his hometown, and eventually from Turkey. He wandered for many years, mostly in Israel and Egypt. He kept relatively quiet about his messianic thoughts until he met Nathan of Gaza, a self-appointed prophet (Jewish tradition teaches that prophecy ended in the Hebrew Bible with Malachi).

Tzvi turned to Nathan for help with his feelings of being the messiah. He asked for healing. Instead, Nathan said to him, "You *are* the messiah. I saw it in a dream on Shavuot!" Still, Tzvi remained quiet about his messianic feelings. But Nathan declared it to the Jewish diaspora, and initiated a movement of fasting, repenting, and other acts to prepare for the end of time. He also stated that Tzvi would return to Turkey, take the sultan's crown, and the sultan would become his servant.

Tzvi resumed his bizarre behaviors in Turkey while a messianic fervor swept across Europe. But, in 1666, he was arrested in Constantinople. While in prison, he replaced the fast of Tisha B'Av with his own birthday celebration and began to sign his letters "I am the Eternal your God Shabtai Tzvi." He was brought before the sultan. He was given the choice to die a martyr's death (which is good if you are the messiah) or to convert to Islam. He chose the latter. The Jewish community was devastated, and he was known as the false messiah.

For many decades following his conversion, anyone who mentioned Tzvi or practiced any of his rituals were denounced as "Shabatians." People thus went quiet.

In the 1970s, Jews began looking for something uniquely Jewish which they could use to celebrate Earth Day. They discovered the Tu Bish'vat seder. While attributed to Rabbi Isaac Luria, a 16th century Kabbalistic master, many believe it to have been the creation of Shabtai Tzvi, which would tell us why it had been lost for so long. Today it is celebrated with no mention of its origins. Happy *Tu Bish'vat!*



Shavua Tov Story Time

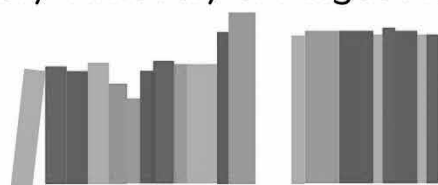
A program for families with children ages 2-5

Join us for a 20-minute interactive story time on Zoom one Sunday each month from 8:30am to 9:00am. 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. Scan QR code to register or go to <https://forms.gle/9qdWUVrPTG4Hivzx9>.

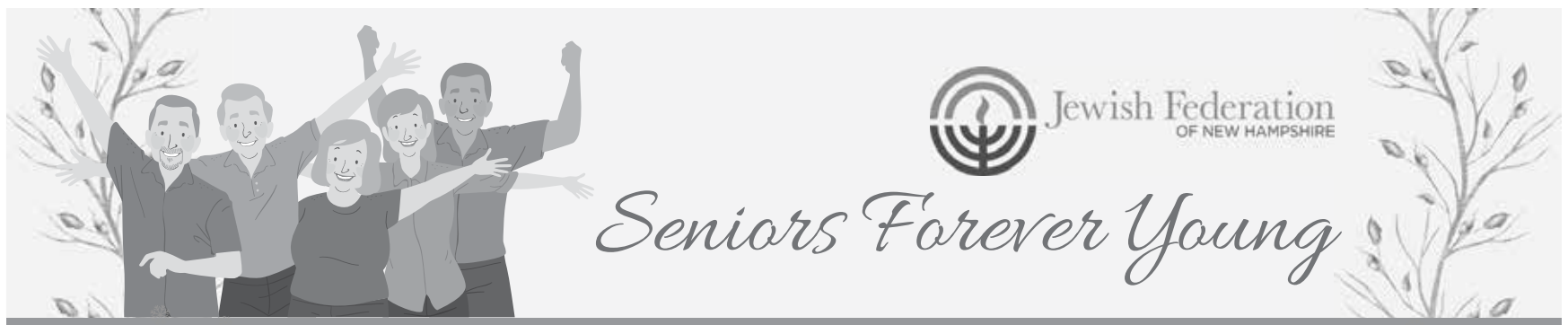


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October 9 Theme: Sukkot	March 12 Theme: Passover
November 20 Theme: Shabbat	April 16 Theme: Israel
December 18 Theme: Chanukah	May 21 Theme: Shavuot
January 8 Theme: Mitzvot	June 18 Theme: Family

No Shavua Tov Story Time July or August for Summer Vacation



Visit <https://jewishnh.org/community-calendar> to register or email alane.sabel@jewishnh.org with questions



Winter 2023 Calendar

January 26th: Lunch & Learn

"Ways to Maximize Your Health" with Dr. Karl Singer, noted family physician and geriatrician. Bagel lunch provided.
12PM JFNH Community Room - 273 S. River Rd #5, Bedford
\$8/person | Registration required | Zoom Link Available Upon Request



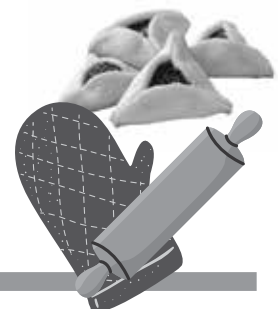
February 9th: Bingo & Pizza

Come try your luck! We'll play a few rounds of traditional Bingo just for fun and enjoy a lunch of pizza & salad.
1PM JFNH Community Room - 273 S. River Rd #5, Bedford
\$5/person | Registration required | In-person Only



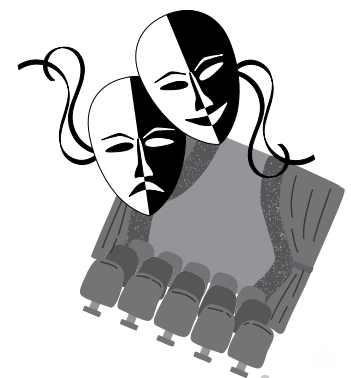
March 2nd: Bake Hamantaschen with Chanchie

Join us at Chabad of New Hampshire in Manchester to bake your own Hamantaschen! All supplies provided.
Watch for more details coming soon!



March 12: Little Women at the Palace Theatre

Join us for a production of "Little Women: The Broadway Musical".
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Transportation Not Provided |
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To register for any of these events please call 603-627-7679 to pay by credit card or mail payment to:

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By Tammy Roberge, Early Learning Center Director

For the week beginning Monday, July 17, 2023, Temple Israel Portsmouth's Early Learning Center will offer a summer camp program featuring a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities. Day camp hours are 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through

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JFNH Camper Incentive Grants: Summer Camp 2023

Thanks to our generous donors, JFNH was able to fund Camper Incentive Grants for 16 New Hampshire youth to have an incredible first-time experience at a not-for-profit Jewish summer camp. Our campers ranged from grade 3 to grade 8, came from nine different NH towns, and chose six different camps! Many have shared their experiences in *The Reporter*.

The Jewish Federation of NH believes that every child should experience the magic of Jewish summer camp. Camp is where kids discover who they really are, make lasting friendships, and gain skills they can use for their entire lives. Jewish camp isn't just filled with Jewish campers. It is mission driven, weaving together Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp, helping campers connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. It also happens to be a whole lot of fun.

JFNH Incentive Grants

JFNH is proud to offer financial assistance for a Jewish overnight summer camp experience in the form of incentive grants of up to \$1,000, for children attending not-for-profit Jewish overnight camp for the

first time. The application process is done through the Foundation for Jewish Camp. These grants are not needs based. A limited number of grants will be offered on a rolling basis as long as funds are available. Explore Jewish summer camps and apply early at www.onehappycamper.org.

These grants are funded almost exclusively through the JFNH Annual Campaign. Your contribution to the JFNH Annual Campaign makes possible this opportunity for a life-changing experience for our NH children.

Annabelle and Arnold Cohen Camp Grants

To honor the lifetime contribution of Annabelle and Arnold Cohen to the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, the Eli and Bessie Cohen Camps offer special grants to income-eligible New Hampshire families at all three of their camps: Tevya, TelNoar, and Pembroke. Check them out at www.cohencamps.org. For more information and to apply for a grant, contact: Nancy Frankel (corkysmagic@gmail.com).

Quotes from Past Campers

"I learned that Camp Tevya was not only a place to learn and experience new

things, but also a place where you could relate to others about Jewish experiences. Living in New Hampshire, where there isn't a large population of Jews, it was hard to find people that could relate to services, holidays, antisemitism, and bar/bat mitzvahs. Even though my first year at camp was after my bat mitzvah, campers still shared with me the way they felt about becoming a young Jewish adult. With my new Jewish friends, I felt normal and like I

wasn't different anymore. At Camp Tevya, I was accepted and understood."

- Lauren Buff (grade 8)

"This year I was lucky to go to Camp Young Judea. I had a good two weeks away from home. I was having too much fun making friends and learning about Judaism to be missing home. My favorite activities were performing arts, canoeing, kayaking, and music."

- Stella Verbun (grade 6)



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We hope you're ready for a jam-packed _____ full of _____, singing
SEASON ACTIVITY
_____ songs, and making _____ friendships that will last a lifetime.
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE

To be sure you're fully prepared for camp, here are some essential items to pack in your bag. Don't worry, we have an onsite store with _____, _____, _____ supplies, and much more.
PLURAL NOUN TYPE OF TOILETRY ACTIVITY

Packing List:

Two bottles of _____
LIQUID

SPF _____ sunscreen
NUMBER

Five pairs of _____
ITEM OF CLOTHING
_____ shirts
NUMBER

Five pairs of _____
DIFFERENT ITEM OF CLOTHING
_____ to sleep in
TYPE OF CLOTHING

Towel for _____
SPORT

Extra _____ for writing letters home
PLURAL NOUN

_____ for _____
PLURAL NOUN ACTIVITY

_____ sanitizer
BODY PART

Shampoo and _____
NOUN

_____ for sharing
PLURAL NOUN

Sheets and _____
NOUN

**Please remember to wear _____ attire while at camp. Be sure to avoid any _____
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE

_____ or clothing with _____ messages while at camp.
ADJECTIVE TYPE OF CLOTHING ADJECTIVE

Please do NOT bring your _____ or _____ or any other pet to camp on opening or closing days. We do have camp _____ on the property.
ANIMAL ANIMAL ANIMALS

Can't wait to _____ you later this year!
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 On Facebook, visit JFNH and NH Jewish Film Festival for the latest on the NH Jewish Film Festival.



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Welcome to the 2023 New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival!

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH), we are honored to welcome you to the 15th annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival—presented this year as a multi-access experience, featuring both in-theater and virtual screenings of films from around the globe. We are exceedingly proud to present a premier lineup of 11 outstanding and diverse feature-length films and a 5-film shorts program that will excite, enlighten, and provoke you, our audience.

Please join us in extending our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our Sponsors, Friends of the Festival, Festival Committee volunteers, the JFNH Board, Director Allyson Guertin, and the entire JFNH staff. Our Festival would not be possible without your continued support. This year's Festival is sponsored in part by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

From March 16 to March 26 viewers can attend 6 in-theater screenings, as well as virtually stream 5 separate at-home film programs. Conversations and interviews with filmmakers, documentary subjects, and local speakers will accompany some of the programs and will be available throughout the Festival. Following the Festival, we are offering Bonus Weeks from March 27 to April 16, during which 4 of the in-theater films will be available to stream virtually for those who were unable to attend in person. Additionally, we are partnering with PJ Library to offer a special free film event at JFNH for children 8 years and younger on Sunday, March 19.

Join your New Hampshire Jewish community at the movies, and together, let us share the power of film.

See you at the movies!

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America

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Sunday March 26,
1:00 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Virtual Screening: Monday, March
27 – Sunday, April 16

Director: Ofir Raul Graizer
Drama, 2022, Israel
127 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles
Adult content

Having reinvented himself in the USA, swimming coach Eli reluctantly returns to Israel following his father's death. His decision to reconnect with a childhood friend and his fiancée sets in motion a chain of events that will change their lives forever. As beautiful, delicate and colorful as the various flowers that often fill the screen, *America* is a remarkable and heartrending exploration of human emotions and relationships.

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Barren

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Mordechai Vardi
Drama, 2022, Israel
108 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles
Adult content

Feigi and Naftali are a young, childless, ultraorthodox couple living with Naftali's parents. During a holiday, Naftali travels to Ukraine to pray for a child at Rabbi Nachman's grave. During his absence, a guest is invited to stay for the holiday with the family, introducing himself as Rabbi Eliyahu, the barren healer. Using Feigi's trust and desire for a child, he convinces her to undergo barren treatment. When Naftali returns, the couple face a difficult crisis, which raises fundamental questions about faith and trust.



Dedication

New England Premiere

In-Theater Only:
Sunday, March 26, 3:30 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Post-film discussion with director
Roger Peltzman, followed by
Festival Wrap Party

Director: Roger Peltzman
Drama, 2022, USA
67 minutes
English

Roger Peltzman transforms his one-man play into a deeply poetic, musical, and cinematic journey. Peltzman's family fled Berlin for Brussels in 1933, and this story centers on his uncle Norbert, the finest pianist in Belgium, until he was murdered in Auschwitz at 21 years old. A singular tale from the Shoah that is at once extraordinary and relatable, *Dedication* also comes to terms with second-generation survivor trauma and the role of music in helping to manage wounds that will never fully heal.

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Farewell, Mr. Haffmann

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Sunday, March 19,
2:00 PM
3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH
The Showroom, Keene, NH

Virtual Screening: Monday,
March 27 – Sunday, April 16

Director: Fred Cavayé
Drama, 2022, France, Belgium
116 minutes
French with English subtitles
Adult content

Occupied Paris, 1941: All members of the Jewish community are instructed to identify themselves to authorities. Jeweler Joseph Haffmann (Daniel Auteuil), fearing the worst, arranges for his family to flee the city and offers his employee François Mercier (Gilles Lellouche) the chance to take over his store until the conflict subsides. But his own attempts to escape are thwarted, and Haffmann is forced to seek his assistant's protection. As the assistant and his wife move into the Haffmann home, the agreement turns into a Faustian bargain, one that will forever change the fate of all.

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Israel Swings for Gold

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Tuesday, March 21,
7:00 PM

SNHU, Mara Auditorium
Hooksett, NH

Virtual Screening: Monday,
March 27 – Sunday, April 16

Directors: Seth Kramer, Daniel A. Miller,
and Jeremy Newberger
Documentary, 2022, USA
77 minutes, English
Adult Language

In 2021, Israel's baseball team competed in the Olympics for the first time. With no media allowed in Tokyo's Olympic Village, the players record their own experiences. Mostly newly minted Israelis, they log unexpected battles against antisemitism and anti-Zionism. Victory for Israel comes on the playing field, even if not on the podium. *Israel Swings for Gold* follows the 2018 hit *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel*, about Israel's Cinderella run at the 2017 World Baseball Classic.



Karaoke

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Note: Due to geo-blocking, this film will only be accessible for viewers located within NH, VT, MA, ME, or FL

Director: Moshe Rosenthal
Comedy/Drama, 2022, Israel
100 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles
Adult content

An offbeat journey that delights and surprises, *Karaoke* follows Tova (Rita Shukrun) and Meir (Sasson Gabay), an aging couple with 46 years of marriage and two grown daughters. They live a comfortable life, with Meir on sabbatical from his academic professorship and Tova running a boutique, until their neighbor, Itzik (Lior Ashkenazy), invites them to his penthouse for karaoke nights. Tova and Meir fall hard for Itzik's energetic lifestyle and enter into a competition with their other neighbors and eventually one another, trying to win Itzik's attention.



The Levys of Monticello

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Virtual post film discussion with
filmmaker Steven Pressman on
Wednesday, March 22

Director: Steven Pressman
Documentary, 2022, USA
71 minutes
English

When Thomas Jefferson died in 1826, he left behind a mountain of personal debt, which forced his heirs to sell his beloved Monticello home and all of its possessions. This film tells the little-known story of the Levy family, which owned and carefully preserved Monticello for nearly a century, far longer than Jefferson or his descendants. The remarkable story of the Levy family also intersects with the rise of antisemitism that runs throughout the course of American history.



The Man in the Basement

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Thursday, March 23
7:00 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Virtual Screening: Monday,
March 27 – Sunday, April 16

Director: Philippe Le Guay
Thriller, 2021, France
114 minutes
French with English subtitles
Adult content

A Jewish couple sells their Parisian flat's unused cellar to a former history teacher (François Cluzet), but when the stranger takes up residence, his secret life as an antisemitic conspiracy theorist emerges. As the couple struggles to rescind the sale, the buyer befriends their naïve teenage daughter.

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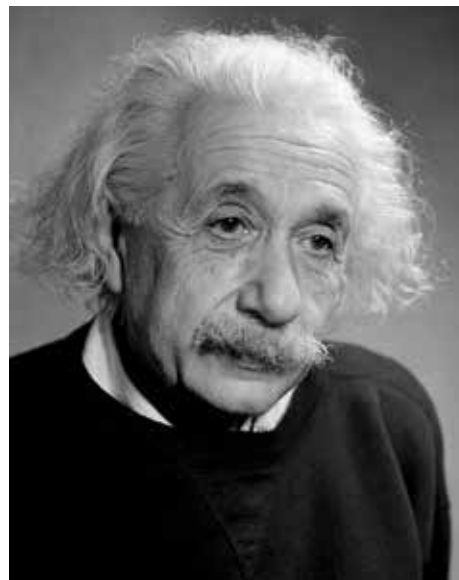
Our (Almost Completely True) Story

New England Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Don Scardino
Romantic Comedy/Drama, 2021, USA
92 minutes
English

Life in Hollywood has lost its luster for timeless actress Mariette Hartley. Although her reputation precedes her from the peak of her acting career decades prior, meaningful work—and a decent date—are hard to find. Then Mariette meets Jerry Sroka, a Jewish forever-comic who’s also been wading through L.A.’s insufferable dating scene. Jerry immediately falls for her elegance and exceptionally dry humor, and Mariette reluctantly caves to Jerry’s goofy impressions and genuine kindness. But as things get more serious and unexpected challenges arise, Mariette wonders if it may be too late for love. This film shares the hilarious, vulnerable realities for aging actors and their search for love.



Out of Exile: The Photography of Fred Stein

NH Premiere

In-Theater Only:
Thursday, March 16
7:00 PM

Post-film discussion with
director Peter Stein followed by
Opening Night Dessert Reception
The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Directors: Peter Stein, Dawn Freer
Documentary, 2021, USA
86 minutes
English

Fleeing the Nazi threat in Germany, Fred Stein arrives in 1930s Paris, destitute, and finds that he can support himself through photography. Thus, thousands of brilliant photographs are born. But he’s soon fleeing for his life again. After a harrowing escape, he reaches New York, and another treasure trove of photographs flows from his camera. After his life is cut short by an accident of fate, his work, including penetrating portraits of some of the most important figures of the mid-20th century, is forgotten until his son decides he must bring it to the attention of the art world.

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PJ Library Goes to the Movies Special Free Event Shaboom!

In-Person:
Sunday, March 19, 2:00–4:00 PM
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Reckonings

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Roberta Grossman
Documentary, 2022, USA
74 minutes
English

They met in secret to negotiate the unthinkable: compensation for the survivors of the largest mass genocide in history. Survivors were in urgent need of help, but how could reparations be determined for the unprecedented destruction and suffering of a people? *Reckonings* explores this untold true story set in the aftermath of the Holocaust. Award-winning filmmaker Roberta Grossman tells the story of the tense negotiations between Jewish and German leaders, who forged ahead under a constant threat of violence, knowing it would never be enough but hoping it could at least be an acknowledgment and a step toward healing.

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A Kaddish for Selim

New England Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:

Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Jane Wells
Documentary, 2022, USA
15 minutes
English

On the eve of WWI, a young British Jew has to change his name in order to join the army to fight and die for King and Empire. Assembled from recently discovered family photographs and a handful of letters, this short film tells the story of a child of immigrants who died for their adopted country.



Give It Back

Virtual Screening Only:

Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Ruchama Erenhalt
Drama, 2019, Israel
15 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles

Olivia, a 12-year-old immigrant from New York, is trying to find her place in the new world she just landed in, Israeli society. Instantly she connects with Alem, an Ethiopian boy who sits next to her in class. It doesn't take long for her to realize that their friendship is social suicide. This is a story about alienation, friendship, and home.



Ismail's Dilemma

New England Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:

Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Dhimitër Ismailaj-Valona
Drama, 2020, Albania
30 minutes
Albanian, German,
Hebrew with English subtitles

In Nazi occupied Albania, Ismail, a poor peasant, is torn between fear for his own safety and that of his family and upholding Besa—the national code of honor, which includes protecting your guests at any cost. As the Nazis close in on his remote hilltop village, Ismail must decide whom he will put first: himself and his family or the two Jewish men he has been protecting from death. Based on true events.



Pops

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:

Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Lewis Rose
Comedy, 2021, UK, France
20 minutes
English

How would you react if your father's last wish was a little bit out there? For siblings Roz and Elli, it becomes a battleground for who will determine their pop's final journey. *Pops* is a Jewish comedy-drama about family, religion, and how we choose to honor a life well lived.



Space Torah

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:

Thursday, March 16 –
Sunday, April 16

Director: Rob Cooper
Documentary, 2020, USA
25 minutes
English

Space travel, Jewish world values, and Yiddishkeit conjoin in this visual stunner that relates the uniquely inspiring life and out-of-this-world journey of Jewish-American astronaut Dr. Jeff Hoffman. On his five space missions, he chose to bring numerous Jewish objects, such as mezuzot, dreidels, and atarot from his sons' tallitot into space. The most notable item was a small Torah scroll that he took on his last mission.

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2023 FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

In-Theater Events

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 PM *Out Of Exile: The Photography of Fred Stein*

Post Film Discussion

with Filmmaker Peter Stein

The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Sunday, March 19, 2:00 PM *Farewell, Mr. Haffmann*

3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH

The Showroom, Keene, NH

Sunday, March 19, 2:00 PM PJ Library Drive In Movie *Shaboom*

FREE EVENT

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire,
Bedford, NH

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 PM *Israel Swings for Gold*

SNHU, Webster Hall, Mara Auditorium

Hooksett, NH

Thursday, March 23, 7:00 PM *Man in the Basement*

Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, March 26, 1:00 PM *America*

Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, March 26, 3:30 PM Wrap Party *Dedication*

Post Film Discussion

with Roger Peltzman

Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Virtual Screenings

Thursday, March 16 – Sunday, April 16

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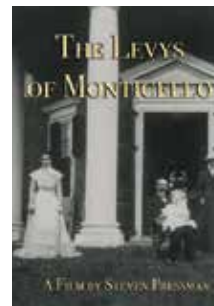
Virtual Post-Film Discussions

Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 PM

Levys of Monticello

Zoom Discussion with filmmaker

Steve Pressman



Virtual Screenings Bonus Weeks

Monday, March 27 – Sunday, April 16

The following films that were shown
in theaters will be available virtually.

America

Farewell, Mr. Haffmann

Israel Swings for Gold

Man in the Basement

After film is unlocked, you have
48 hours to screen.



In the Community



Hanukkah festivities at Temple Israel Portsmouth. Photo credit: Ron Sher, Fran Berman.

Hanukkah at Temple Israel Portsmouth: Lots and Lots of Latkes!

By Erik Martin, Family Programming Coordinator

Hanukkah celebrations this year at Temple Israel, Portsmouth, featured events for young and old, indoors and out, including musical story times and a community dinner and movie. Lay leaders presided over several outdoor candle-lightings in the “Hands of Hope” menorah created by sculptor Sumner Winebaum Z”l, followed by sing-alongs in the Shmoozatorium. Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman also welcomed clergy from the Portsmouth Ministerium and members of their congregations at a special inter-faith candle-lighting. The teen group came out in full force to show their holi-

day spirit, creating one-of-a-kind gifts at Board & Brush of Portsmouth. Early Learning Center students delighted their families by sharing the songs and dances they had practiced in class, along with sufganiyot they had helped make, guided by Laura Sher in the temple kitchen.

Temple Israel’s sixth and seventh grade Hebrew School classes shared some holiday love with animal friends. These pre-b’nei mitzvah students organized a bake sale to raise funds for their class mitzvah project, supporting the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Thanks to their initiative—and their families’ baking skills—over \$250 was raised for this worthy cause!

A highlight of the week was the commu-

nity Hanukkah party. Over eighty people came to celebrate the festival of lights and of course eat many, many, many latkes! A constellation of volunteers supported this joyful gathering, including the intrepid Brotherhood latke fryers in the kitchen,

craft table facilitators, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, and musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt. Congregant and resident photographer Ron Sher was on hand to capture the special moments. You might say everyone had “latke” good times!



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Etz Hayim Synagogue Hosts: *My Son the Waiter, a Jewish Tragedy*

Thanks in part to a generous donation by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, Etz Hayim Synagogue is able to bring to Derry, NH Brad Zimmerman and his hilarious and inspiring story about the grit and passion it takes to “make it” as an artist and the sweet rewards that come from never giving up. Brad has received many accolades, including:

“DELICIOUS! DISTINCTLY ORIGINAL... POWERFULLY POIGNANT. GREAT COMEDY!”
– *The New York Times*

“A MUST SEE. IT’S HYSTERICAL, HEARTFELT, TIMELY AND POIGNANT. I CRIED, I LAUGHED, I FORGOT WHERE I PARKED.” – *Brad Garrett (Everybody Loves Raymond)*

“I’VE HAD THREE GREAT

OPENING ACTS IN MY LIFE-TIME: BILLY CRYSTAL, GARRY SHANDLING, AND BRAD ZIMMERMAN.” – *Joan Rivers*

“YOU’LL LAUGH YOUR TUCHAS OFF!” – *Huffington Post*.

Our Opening Act will be *Off Our Rockers*, a group of seniors from Londonderry, NH who entertain folks in Senior Centers and 55+ communities. Doors open at 6:00 PM (*Havdallah 6:00-6:15*). Show begins at 7:00 PM. Ticket prices are \$30/pp Etz Hayim Synagogue members; \$35/pp Friends of Etz Hayim. General Seating. Location: Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Pay by check, or visit www.etzhayim.org/my-son-the-waiter to pay by credit card or PayPal (incl \$2 processing fee).

ETZ Hayim Synagogue to hold Tu B’Shevat children’s activity and seder

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, Etz Hayim Synagogue invites children to participate in a Parsley Planter Painting Project. All are then invited to a Tu B’Shevat Seder presentation of “*The LorEtz of Derry*” – a melodramatic seder based on Dr. Seuss’ *The Lorax*, celebrating Tu B’Shevat, the New Year of Trees. The children’s activity begins at 4:00 PM. They will paint flowerpots and plant parsley and radish seeds to grow in time for Passover. At 4:45 PM, Rabbi Levy and Amy Dattner-Levy will lead

us in a Tu B’Shevat Seder, highlighted by a variety of fruits and hearing the lessons taught in *The Lorax*. The event is free and open to all, however, RSVPs are required by January 29: Children’s activity - RSVP to Jay Madnick at jay@madnick.info. Seder – RSVP to Rabbi@etzhayim.org. We ask that you also sign up to bring a fruit to share at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4baf2ea13-tubshevat/6663053#/> or go to www.etzhayim.org for the sign up link.

Get Ready for Two Hot Topics at Etz Hayim in February 2023

By Steve Soreff, MD

On Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM, Etz Hayim will present “The Future of Work and Play Revisited,” hosted by Wayne Kurtzman. Kurtzman is a market intelligence analyst, an adjunct educator, and the research director at IDC. He presented the first edition of this talk in February 2020. Now, he will show how technology has changed and continues to change, effectively changing how we communicate, learn, work and play. This will impact how we create better (or at least new) consumer and employee experiences, altering the way companies and orga-



Wayne Kurtzman



Ra'anan de Haas

nizations hire, and how customers select what and where they buy. Special attention will be paid to how we are getting from today to the emerging economy, and actions you can take to stay informed and happy across the journey.

Later that month, on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM, please attend “How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public TV,” presented by Ra’anan de Haas, our Israeli Shaliach. Learn about the history of Israeli public broadcasting and its eventual downfall, rebirth, and effect on other networks.

Both talks are in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry, NH, with no charge (though donations to Adult Education Fund are encouraged). They are 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 or 603-895-6120.



Members of Etz Hayim Synagogue participate in the lighting of the first LED candle on the Chanukiah created by member Jay Madnick and sons.



Two of our Hebrew school children, and other families, work on their chanukiot.



The Freilich (foreground) and Plater (rear) families paste crepe paper to plastic cups to create their Tea Light Chanukiot.



Jack Mandel proudly shows off his completed Chanukiah.

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In the Community

The Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood Celebrates Chanukah

By Mark Granoff, TAY Brotherhood President

First and foremost, let me wish everyone a happy and healthy 2023! Last year certainly came and went in a flash. Our TAY Brotherhood finished 2022 with a busy December, having 3 very successful events centered around Chanukah 5783. First was our TAY Chanukah Candle Drive, always one of our top fundraisers. This year was no exception, with donations totaling just over \$3,000! Thanks to Ed Schoen, our event chair, to all who volunteered to make deliveries around the greater Manchester area, and most importantly, to all who participated and supported the candle drive with donations and orders.



Mark Granoff

This year also marked the return of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood sponsored



TAY Brothers Mark Granoff and Steve Short prepare to serve the latkes! Photo credit: D. Rosenzweig

Chanukah Party on December 18th for the TAY Hebrew School. It was a fun event with about 40 attendees comprised of students, parents, and siblings. All enjoyed a magic show by Kugel the Klown (aka Nancy Frankel) and a Synagogue treasure hunt with Rabbi Beth and School Director Stacy Garnick. Chanukah gelt bags were donated by Sisterhood



Students and families line up for hot latkes and fixings! Photo credit: D. Rosenzweig

and all were treated to fresh grilled latkes by the TAY Brotherhood Kitchen Krew! Thanks to all for helping bring a true sense of community, festive Chanukah joy and normalcy to the TAY Social Hall.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find an article by Sol Rockenmacher, summarizing the TAY Brotherhood and Sisterhood-sponsored Christmas Mitzvah Pro-



Kugel the Klown entertaining the students! Photo credit: D. Rosenzweig

gram, a truly kind and generous act of community support for our Christian friends and neighbors. This long-standing **TAY Brotherhood** continued on page 29



TAY Brotherhood is pleased to announce:

"Deli Night-To Go!" – Take 2

Back by popular demand! A curbside Deli pickup event (delivery on request)!

Each meal includes:

- Pastrami or Corned Beef Deli Meat
- Rye bread
- Cole slaw
- Potato salad
- Pickle
- Black and White cookies

When: Sunday March 19th 12-2pm

Where: Pick up at Temple Adath Yeshurun
152 Prospect Street, Manchester

Also, added fun is a 50/50 raffle & other prizes!

Please join us for good eats and fun. Proceeds will help TAY Brotherhood support your community and programming!

How to Order: go to the TAY website, taynh.org or the TAY Weekly Update for our order form, print out and return with your check by Feb. 19th payable to:

TAY Brotherhood
Return completed form to:
Ed Schoen, TREASURER
18 Chadwick Circle, Windham, NH 03087



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Thank you for your support!



TAY Brotherhood Presents
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Once again, your TAY Brotherhood is preparing a delicious "Deli Night-To Go!" curbside pickup event (or on special request- delivery)!

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Pick up: Temple Adath Yeshurun
152 Prospect Street, Manchester

Ordering options:

	Please specify which meat you want with v		Cost	Totals
	Pastrami	Corned Beef		
1/4 lb meal			\$38.00	
Additional 1/4 lb meals			\$30.00	
1/3 lb MEGAmeal			\$44.00	
Additional 1/3 lb MEGAmeal			\$40.00	
Ala Carte Items:				
1 lb Deli			\$26.00	
1/2 lb Deli			\$16.00	
1/4 lb Deli			\$12.00	
	Please specify which extra Side with a v		Cost	Totals
	Elaine Penchansky's Cole Slaw	Jet Goldberg's Potato Salad		
16 oz. sides			\$5.00	
8 oz. sides			\$4.00	
50/50 Raffle tickets				
one ticket			\$5.00	
5 tickets			\$20.00	
Grand total order				

Each meal includes:

- Deli Meat
- Rye bread
- Cole slaw
- Potato salad
- Pickle
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Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia Adult Education Series: Awareness and Acceptance in 2023 — Our Ethical Responsibility to Each Other and the World

Last month at Temple B'nai Israel, an Adult Education program was held in conjunction with the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Rabbi Alan Katz, rabbi emeritus of Temple Sinai, Rochester, NY, shared his personal experiences and memories from two powerful journeys through the South. In 2015 when the Union for Reform Judaism partnered with the NAACP in "America's Journey for Justice" march from Selma, Alabama to Washington, D.C., Rabbi Katz was one of many rabbis who took turns carrying a sacred Torah as they walked the 800-plus mile journey. The 40-day march through the South was a way to highlight racial injustice and police killings across the country. Then in January 2019, Rabbi Katz was joined by his wife, Rabbi Jan Katz, on a nine-day, 3000-mile car trip to all the civil rights museums and memorials in Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. "It was a raw and transformative experience," according to Rabbi Jan. This Adult Education session was the first of four planned topics to ad-

dress our ethical responsibility to value all persons, regardless of skin color, ability, or sexual orientation, and to take care of our environment. The community is invited to attend any of the TBI Adult Education sessions. To register, please visit the temple website.

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the holiday of the trees, at an adult education "Lunch & Learn" on Saturday, February 4th at TBI and on Zoom. Rabbi Jan Katz will host a tasting of the foods that are traditional of Tu B'Shevat and indigenous to Israel. TBI member and volunteer from the Speaking for Wildlife Program, Judy Crosley, will present "The Nature of New Hampshire: Natural Communities of the Granite State." The presentation will include a visual tour of New Hampshire's natural beauty through the lens of Natural Heritage Bureau ecologists and photographers Ben Kimball and Dan Sperduto. The Speaking for Wildlife Project is a volunteer effort of UNH Cooperative Extension, the NH Coverts Project and NH Fish & Game, with sup-

port from the NH Charitable Foundation and the Davis Environmental Foundation. BYO-Lunch.

February is **Jewish Disability Advocacy Month**, "a month of education, solidarity" *Adult Education continued on page 30*



BHC member Melissa Potter, and St. Johnsbury Academy Headmaster Dr. Sharon Howell, come together to light the first night menorah candle in front of Bethlehem City Hall.



Dr. Sharon Howell, Headmaster of the St. Johnsbury Academy, and Melissa Potter, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation member, light the annual Chanukah menorah in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. BHC president David Goldstone leads the service.

The History of Jewish Ceremonial Objects with Frann Addison at Temple Beth Abraham: Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 am

For some, Jewish ceremonial objects are an essential part of life's rituals, while others simply like displaying items like a mezuzah, a menorah, or a spice box for its aesthetic beauty. Renowned Judaica artist and metalsmith Frann Addison will explain the cultural history behind some of



Frann Addison

these ritual objects and how they evolved in different countries. Her 50-minute presentation with photographs will help you connect to a rich Jewish heritage where rituals are celebrated around family and the home.

This event will take place at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua on Sunday, March 12. A light brunch will precede the presentation. For more information and to register for the event, please visit TBANashua.org and go to the "events" page.

About Boston-based artist Frann Addison

In 1977, as a graduate student at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Frann began creating Jewish ritual objects. She fabricates her unique Judaica in pewter, brass, and copper, often combining unique elements. Her work has been featured in 11 books, The NY Times, The Boston Globe, calendars, and greeting cards. She was a 2015 NICHE Award Finalist, a 2016 NICHE Award Winner, and was

the 2018 "Handmade Business Magazine" runner up for their Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Frann's work is in the collection of the Museum of Jewish History in Philadelphia, the Bernard Museum of Judaica of Temple Emanu-El, NY, the Mizel Museum in Denver, and the Oregon Jewish Museum in Portland. She holds a BA in Art History from Skidmore College and an MFA in metalsmithing from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan.

TAY Brotherhood

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ing act of goodwill is something we can all be proud of. Thank you to Sol and Linda, and to all the volunteers that make this event happen.

Next up, Brotherhood is making plans for a return of our Purim Festival on March 12th. Details are in the works, so please stay tuned. Also, back by popular demand is the TAY Brotherhood's "Deli Night - to Go" event. Being mindful of

the winter health concerns of Flu, Covid and RSV, we feel it best to repeat our "to Go" event format from last year to keep everyone as safe as possible, while still offering great deli, a 50/50 raffle and other fun drawing prizes. Please see the informational flyer and order form included in this edition of The Reporter and join us for this tasty and fun event March 19th, with pickup at TAY, 152 Prospect Street, Manchester between 12pm and 2pm.

To order your Deli meal, please print out the order form and submit your orders

by Feb. 19th to our Treasurer Ed Schoen. You can also find the order form on the taynh.org website homepage and in our weekly updates from the TAY Office. If you have any questions, please contact our event Chair Dave Penchansky at dopen@comcast.net or TAY Brotherhood President Mark Granoff at memkgranoff@comcast.net. Our next Brotherhood monthly meeting will be via Zoom, on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Note: Zoom Meeting number and password will come via e-mail invitations as usual!

As a reminder, our remaining monthly meeting schedule in 2023 follows:

Brotherhood Meetings

February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6 (Annual Meeting/BBQ)

We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved with our TAY Brotherhood. Please contact me (memkgranoff@comcast.net) if you would like to help and volunteer at one of our upcoming events. To all our existing program leaders and volunteers, a sincere thank you for all you do!

Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

Signal Fires

Signal Fires, the latest novel by author Dani Shapiro, is a small book that packs a big impact. At the core of this story is the notion that a person spends their life walking down a road with twists and turns along the way—you never can see too far ahead, where each decision at an intersection



might take you, and how it changes the rest of your life, as well as the lives of those connected to you.

Following two families that live on Division Street in a small New York suburb, the book jumps between the present and the past. It starts in 1970, as a happy young couple enters their first home with two young children, full of happiness and hope about the future. Dr. Ben Wilf and his wife bring up their daughter, Sarah and son, Theo in this small town. That all changes in 1985, following a tragic car accident, the circumstances of which become a dark secret, never to be spoken about. Flash-

forward to New Year's Eve 2000—Y2K—to another new, young family on Division Street, with dreams of their future.

In the book, Dr. Wilf comments that he feels we live our lives in loops. We carry our past within us, like a series of Russian nesting dolls. Who we have been, and our actions, are always there inside of us. The narrative moves to 2020, amid the global pandemic, as the characters are all adults. We learn that the experiences of these families are connected and how the relationships have all evolved over time and connected them further to one another. Shapiro balances loss with love, and offers hope with grief. This is a beautifully written novel that captures the reader and does not let go. It leaves you thinking about your life, and the different actions and decisions that have brought you to where you are, and made you who you are today. The history of

those who came before you intertwines with the strangers you have yet to meet.

Dani Shapiro is the author of eleven books, and the host and creator of the hit podcast *Family Secrets*. Her most recent novel, *Signal Fires*, was named a best book of 2022 by *Time Magazine* and *The Washington Post*, and is a national best-seller. Her most recent memoir, *Inheri-*

tance, was an instant New York Times bestseller, and named a best book of 2019 by *Elle*, *Vanity Fair*, *Wired*, and *Real Simple*. Dani's work has been published in 14 languages and she's currently developing *Signal Fires* for its television adaptation. Dani's book on the process and craft of writing, *Still Writing*, is being re-issued for its 10th anniversary in 2023.

Cookbook Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

New European Baking

Winter is the perfect time for baking: there's never a nicer way to stay warm than staying indoors and heating up the oven. As the weather gets cold and snowy this year, you can enjoy baking a variety of breads and pastries with the wonderful new cookbook *New European Baking*, a collection of 99 recipes for breads, brioches and pastries.



Lauri Kratochvila, a boulangerie trained baker, has brought together 11 European bakers who share recipes from their respective cultural backgrounds, combined with new culinary traditions. Kratochvila has her own bakery and bagel shop in Berlin, Germany where she uses Old World traditional baking techniques and 21st century flavors. With beautifully photographed finished products of challah, bagels and rugelach, the

detailed instructions of how to reproduce these delicacies are laid out. This cookbook takes the home baker through the foundations for baking, such as learning how to create a sourdough starter, and instructions for its use in bagels and bread. Then there are recipes for challah dough, brioche

dough and milk dough. Each of these doughs are used in different capacities. Created with all levels of bakers in mind, this book is a sophisticated but accessible guide for home bakers.

Then there are the pastry recipes, with photographs to make your mouth water — recipes for halva flan, tahini tarte au chocolat, and a classic, mandelbroyt. Also, recipes like toasted sesame and date challah and Baltic rye bread combine the classic traditional recipes with contemporary twists.

Adult Education

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ty-building, and empowerment in support of people with disabilities" as defined by the Jewish Federations of North America. On Saturday, February 18th at 7:00 pm on Zoom Temple B'nai Israel has invited guest presenter Lauren Lieberman, Ph.D. to inspire us with her achievements on behalf of those who rely on her voice and actions in advocating for disability awareness. Dr. Lieberman will share the development and work of the Synagogue Disability and Inclusion Committee, and its achievements, as well as the mission, successes, and challenges of Camp Abilities, a one-week educational sports camp for children and teens who are blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind. Lauren Lieberman is a Distin-

guished Service Professor of Physical Education & Sport Studies at the State University New York Brockport. Her latest publication, "The Camp Abilities Story" was just released and is available to order on the Suny Press website.

On Saturday, March 4th, immediately following the Shabbat morning service at TBI (10:30am to 12:00pm) the community is invited to attend a "Lunch & Learn" session featuring the music and mission of folk-pop artist Kimayo. Enjoy a special presentation, concert and open discussion through storytelling and live music. Kimayo's songs, humor and transparency flow together forming a beautiful and sacred experience to inspire hope, restoration, and unity between LGBTQIA+ folks and faith communities. Lunch will be provided by Annie's Catering of Lacomia. Suggested donation \$18 per person.



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Film Review

Reviewed by Zach Camenker, NH JFF Steering Committee Member

The Fabelmans

Some people flock to certain films and TV series based on their stars. Others get drawn in by a synopsis of the plot. Many also look at the genre or setting.

While I consider myself someone who examines all three of those features, I also flock toward films made by certain directors. My favorite of all-time is Hitchcock. I also have an affinity for anything with Billy Wilder's name attached to it. Among the living, it's hard to beat a good Scorsese picture. In recent years, I've come to love Guillermo del Toro. But above all the ones who are still working, anything with the name Steven Spielberg attached to it is a sure way to grab my attention!

Spielberg's latest film is likely his most personal—a "swan song" if you will. Based on his own childhood and upbringing, *The Fabelmans* traces a young boy and his family through the years. Immediately paying homage to film, it is a sure winner for any of you lovers of "movies about movies" or those, like me, with a knack for film history.

Steven Spielberg inserts himself through protagonist Sammy Fabelman, who falls in love with the moving image

the night his parents take him to see the 1952 flick *The Greatest Showman on Earth*, which Spielberg himself has said ignited his passion for cinema. A coming-of-age story, family history, and love letter to the movies all in one, *The Fabelmans* is a good film for the whole family. It blends comic moments with deeply personal and heartbreaking ones, all the while mixing in themes of growing up, love, loss, triumph, and struggle.

Anchoring the film are its two stars, Gabriel LaBelle, who plays Sammy, and Michelle Williams, who plays his mother Mitzi. While Michelle Williams has proven herself time and again as one of the most talented and versatile actresses of the 21st century, it is young Gabriel LaBelle who shines equally here. His transcendence into the intricate young Sammy would make it seem that he has been acting for decades. It's certainly easy to see pieces of Spielberg in Sammy, but LaBelle also makes the character his own, drawing you into the storyline even more. Williams plays Mitzi perfectly, embodying so many aspects of the mid-20th century housewife and mother while also embedding audacious elements into the mix. Her character is extremely compli-



cated, something that is not lost at any point in the story. It may be best to describe her role as "tragicomic" since it brushes at the heartbreaking and funny sides of the film, perhaps more than any other character.

The *Fabelmans* are a Jewish family whose traditions, heritage, and struggles are chronicled throughout the film in several capacities. They light their menorah for Hanukkah, tell stories of family lore, and encounter their own share of anti-semitism. Spielberg and his co-writer Tony Kushner embed these nicely into the script, allowing it to be a part of the plot in a well-balanced manner.

Alongside LaBelle and Williams, the cast includes Paul Dano as Sammy's father Burt, Seth Rogen as his "uncle" Bennie, and small but memorable appearances by the legendary performers Judd Hirsch and Jeannie Berlin, among others. All of them, no matter how small the part, make up a dynamic ensemble that helps tell this semi-autobiographical tale of a young man chasing his dream to the backlots of Hollywood, hoping for triumph. Spielberg, as always, surrounds himself with some of the best in the business to round out his production. Aside from his actors and very talented co-writ-

er, cinematographer Janusz Kaminski, editors Michael Kahn and Sarah Brosnan, and indomitable composer John Williams once again accompany him for this journey and the fruits of their labors are palpable. Williams, nearing 91, is especially impressive as his composing remains unmatched.

If anything, the film runs a tad long, like far too many titles these days. While Spielberg often has lengthy running times and his films rarely lose steam, *The Fabelmans* may have benefited from some minor tweaks, cuts, or realignments, but not enough to detract from one's enjoyment of the piece. And truthfully, as much as this feels like a "swan song"—and keep in mind, Spielberg is now 76—I doubt he will slow down or stop making movies. Like many of the greats of the past and present, he certainly seems to have it in him to keep putting out good ones as long as he can. Although I still hold a slight grudge that he didn't answer my fan mail after I first saw *ET* over 20 years ago, I applaud him for a diverse canon of works that puts him in the same camp as legends like Hitchcock and Wilder and even sets him apart, in my book, from his contemporary and friend, Martin Scorsese.

See the latest fruits of Spielberg's labor as soon as you can! I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

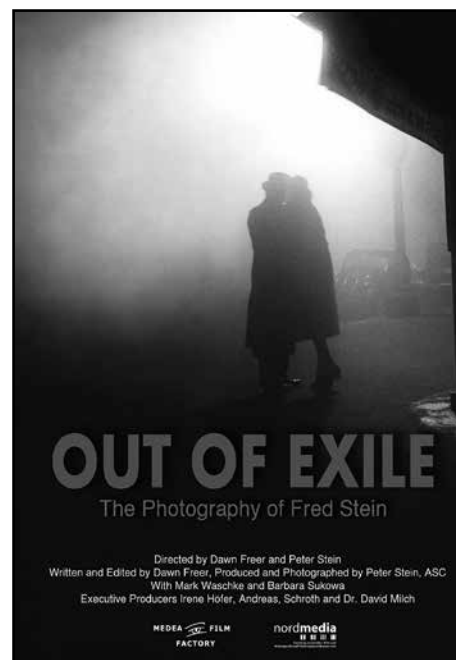


Opening and Closing Night Events of the 15th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival

By Zach Camenker, NH JFF Steering Committee Member

The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival will return on Thursday, March 16 for its 15th year of providing the best films in Jewish and Israeli cinema for Granite Staters. Our brochure is attached in this edition of *The Reporter* and contains information about all our films and events. More details will be included in the March edition of *The Reporter*, but in the meantime, we are excited to announce our opening and closing night films.

On Thursday, March 16 at 7 PM at The Rex Theatre in Manchester, we will screen the film *Out of Exile: The Photog-*



Peter Stein

raphy of Fred Stein. A documentary feature, *Out of Exile* traces Fred Stein as he flees the Nazi threat in Germany in the 1930s. Upon his arrival in Paris, Stein begins to support himself through destitution

with photography. Eventually, he reaches New York due to further turmoil in Europe where he immerses himself in more work with his camera.

The film examines how his prolific work became largely forgotten following his untimely death, as well as his son's efforts to bring Stein's photography to the attention of the art world. Selected at both the Hartford and Miami Jewish Film Festivals, as well as the Paris International Film Festival, *Out of Exile* was

awarded Best Documentary Feature by the Prague, Istanbul, and Argenteuil International Film Festivals in 2021. The screening at The Rex will be accompanied by a post-film discussion with director Peter Stein and a dessert reception. We hope you will consider joining us as we kick off the Festival on March 16!

To close our Festival, another documentary feature will be screened at Red River Theatres in Concord on Sunday, March 26 at 3:30 PM. The film, *Dedication*, makes its New England premiere and will be followed by a post-film discussion with its director/star Roger Peltzman, as well as a Festival Wrap Party. *Dedication* is Peltzman's transformation of his one-man play that traces his family's escape from Berlin to Brussels in 1933. A poetic and musical journey taken

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from the stage to the screen, Peltzman anchors the story around his uncle Norbert, a renowned pianist who was eventually murdered at Auschwitz at age 21. Despite a running time of just 67 minutes, the film focuses intently not just on Norbert's story, but also the role that trauma plays among the generations of families with similar stories. Peltzman's relatability and focus on the world of music as a way to heal what's broken will surely resonate with audiences, who will get the chance to see him speak following the screening and before our final reception.

Tickets for our Festival go on sale February 1. Tickets are \$12 per person for in-theater films and \$12 per household for virtual screenings. More details will be forthcoming next month and through ad-



Roger Peltzman



vertisements about other titles, locations of screenings, and in-theater/virtual options. In the meantime, we hope you will consider joining us for one of these events and receptions, made even more exciting by the chance to meet some of the filmmakers!



Judah Lopkin plays the bucket drums for strangers to support the food bank, Feeding America.

Drummer Judah Lopkin Rocks Out in Downtown NH for Charity

By Gabriel Malka

16-year-old Judah Lopkin is not your average drummer. Last Sunday, Lopkin took to the crowded downtown streets of New Hampshire to perform the bucket drums with the goal of raising money for the food rescue organization Feeding America. The bucket drums, as he defines it, is a style of percussion that involves drumming on plastic buckets and other objects to create beats and rhythms.

So why does a high school junior decide to do this? As Lopkin explains, "I wanted to combine my passion for drumming with charity in a fun way, and the idea of playing the bucket drums downtown took off from there." Lopkin adds that choosing Feeding America as the non-profit to raise money for was a no-brainer. "Feeding America is an organization that provides meals for the over 40 million people living at, or below the poverty line, who can't afford their next meal. Food insecurity is part of a massive challenge of course, and I wanted to help out as much as possible."

Lopkin also notes because the audiences watching him are so diverse, it was important to him that everyone walking by would be able to understand the cause. "Feeding America is something anyone on the street can recognize and appreciate."



A boy donates money to Feeding America.

After formulating the plan, Lopkin began training to play for strangers in the city, although the method was a little different than the typical approach to practicing an instrument. "When you're performing in a concert, the expectation is that everyone watching bought a ticket and traveled out to see you play," Lopkin says. "But when you're playing on the street, people just happen by with no expectations. I wanted to prepare enough

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Kati Preston Goes to Prison – Part II: An Interview with Warden Edmark

By Dina Michael Chaitowitz

Editor's note: A draft version of this article was inadvertently printed in last month's Reporter. Please read this final version, which includes remarks by Warden Edmark. Thank you.

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. Approximately 50 residents attended her presentation voluntarily.

After Ms. Preston recounted the harrowing experiences of her youth, including the extermination in Auschwitz of her entire Jewish family of 28 members, one resident asked her if she could forgive the events of the past. Ms. Preston delivered her inspirational message of hope and renewal that “whatever happens in the past, everything can change by what we do tomorrow.” Ms. Preston feels that many residents were nodding in agreement. She reported that, on their way out, one resident commented, “Lady, just one thing. G-d bless you.”

Ms. Preston hopes that her story challenged the residents to do what they can to stop racism, antisemitism, and other forms of intolerance in their environ-



ment. According to Warden Michelle Edmark, Ms. Preston’s “presentation was moving for staff and residents alike,” and “the residents were engaged.” Warden Edmark explains that some of the residents may struggle now, or may have struggled in the past, with intolerance and lack of acceptance. She thinks that Ms. Preston’s presentation “educated and brought awareness” to the group and challenged their “preconceived notions about hate, love, forgiveness, and strength.”

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.”

Many thanks to Kati for making education her life’s mission, and to the Governor and Warden Edmark for providing invaluable and enriching opportunities to our communities.

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so that maybe someone would stop by, listen for a bit, and drop some change in the bucket for Feeding America. I practiced for months, putting together different beats and working to improve my hand speed and stamina.”

When the day of playing for strangers in public finally arrived, he says, he was ready. “With butterflies in my stomach, I set up my buckets, and began playing my set. After a couple of minutes, people began watching, dancing, taking videos, and even donating money to Feeding America!”

One element of Lopkin’s performances that he is especially proud of is that he has done them wearing a kippah. “In light of the recent rise in antisemitism, I felt it was special to go out there while displaying my Jewish pride. It was really cold and windy outside but I made sure to be wearing the kippah the whole time.”

Lopkin captured the experience in a video for his followers on YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram, @thedrumcell. According to Lopkin, he has been making music and drum tutorials for social media since middle school, but even with years of experience, creating content hasn’t been easy. “I spend hours every day—writing, filming, and editing my

drum videos—but my account stayed stagnant at 11.9k followers for 17 months in a row. I liked making them though, so I spent all of last summer figuring out how to make the videos as good as possible, and with some research and a bit of luck, the views and followers started to pick up. I was fortunate enough to even get a sponsorship.”

So, what’s next? In his words, “This experience was incredible. It was amazing seeing strangers help raise money for such a paramount cause. My goal is to continue these performances and make entertaining videos out of them to further help feed people in need. If I can help out at all, I see that as a win.”

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Gemilut Hasadim 2022: TAY Brotherhood Christmas Mitzvah Program Continues

By Sol Rockenmacher

The Jewish Almanac notes: “In Jewish tradition, gemilut hasadim are a category of mitzvot (good deeds) that obligate the individual to act in certain ways on certain occasions as a mark of basic human decency and respect towards others, living or dead, rich or poor, using one’s time, effort, and money whenever necessary.” They are deeds of lovingkindness involving “a degree of gentleness, extreme care, affection, tenderness- a summoning of all the human resources of sympathy for the benefit of others.” The Temple Adath Yeshurun Christmas Mitzvah Program, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, organized by the TAY Brotherhood, has been in existence now for well over 35 years. It is a fine example of how members of our Manchester Jewish community have been giving back to their non-Jewish community, with enthusiasm, feeling and caring. In past years this has included helping to prepare and serve meals at New Horizons Soup Kitchen, covering the information desks at Catholic Medical Center and Elliot Hospital, delivering Meals on Wheels in Manchester and Bedford, helping with the bingo game at the Veterans Administration Hospital, and delivering luncheon food platters to the police and fire stations in Manchester and Bedford.

Then, two years ago, along came COVID 19 ... and the only surviving traditional mitzvah event in 2020 was the de-

livery of luncheon platters on Christmas Day to the Manchester and Bedford police and fire stations. Last year, while we were still dealing with the “tsouris” of COVID, we planned on once again doing the luncheon platter deliveries. And we were asked by the two Manchester hospitals to once again cover the information desks on Christmas Eve and Day (there are strict mask-wearing guidelines and the presence of plastic desk barriers at both institutions). We agreed to their requests. The Christmas Eve information desk coverages went well, but then a significant problem arose on Christmas Day ... freezing rain and icy roads. Many of the information desk volunteers could not make it in and both the Elliot and Catholic Medical Center administrations understood. We also moved the luncheon delivery platters from Christmas Day to the next day and the police and fire stations were in total agreement. The mantra was “safety first”.

This year there were, thankfully, no bad weather conditions. We once again delivered luncheon platters to the Manchester and Bedford Police and Fire Stations on Christmas Day and covered the information desk at Elliot Hospital on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Catholic Medical Center had decided to have their regular staff members cover their information desk this year. We are so grateful for all who stepped up to volunteer to help out with this year’s event.

Our Brotherhood banner in the TAY

social hall says: “Service, Community, Fellowship,” and our Sisterhood banner there says: “Friendship, Enrichment, Community, Heart.”

“Community” is a key component of the missions of both groups. As is stated in our Brotherhood Constitution: “The purpose of the Brotherhood shall be to act as an arm of the congregation to further the purposes and objectives of the Congregation, to perform worthwhile acts of service to our Temple and our commu-

nity, and to develop and build friendship and fellowship among its members.”

Also: “Any male affiliated with the Jewish community, whether or not through membership with a temple, through marriage or conversion who shall join the Brotherhood and subscribe to the Constitution thereof, shall be entitled to full membership.” If you have any questions please contact Mark Granoff at memkgranoff@comcast.net. Be safe and be well.



Nicole, Alix, Simon and Eric of team Ratifnoff-Leapley get ready to make their deliveries.



Rachel Schor and daughter Ariana Bell prepare for their 13th year of luncheon platter deliveries.



Eleanor and Alan Rudnick cover the Elliot Hospital Information desk on Christmas Eve.

Guide Dogs at Temple Beth Abraham

By Jeffrey Masors
(jmasors@gmail.com)

Earlier this year, my wife Chur and I applied to raise a puppy for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. We did this after Chur attended a Guiding Eyes presentation at a Southern NH Jewish Men's Club breakfast. After an application process that included classes, an interview, and home visit, we were accepted. Our puppy was born on April 2, 2018—a female black Labrador retriever named Wiffle. She arrived at our home on June 16. We expect to raise her for about 14 months. She will then return to Guiding Eyes for evaluation and formal guide dog training. At the end of her formal guide dog training, Wiffle will be matched with a handler who is blind or visually impaired.

Our responsibilities as a puppy raiser include teaching her basic commands and socializing her to the world. Since both Chur and I spend time at Temple Beth Abraham, we wanted to know its policy concerning service animals. It turned out there was no official policy. Further, as a religious institution, our synagogue is exempt from both federal and state law regarding service animals. Federal law (the Americans with Disabilities Act - ADA) essentially allows trained service animals anywhere the public is allowed. New Hampshire state law, like most states, extends that requirement to service animals in training. Both laws define a service animal as a dog that is trained to do work for a person with a disability (it is important to note that neither law applies to what are called emotional support animals). Consequently, I asked the Board of Directors to consider adopting a service animal policy. As it happens, other religious institutions have

encountered this issue and have adopted a policy that complies with both federal and state law regarding service animals. After some discussion, the Board approved the following policy:

Temple Beth Abraham will comply with both federal (ADA) and New Hampshire law regarding service animal access as if Temple Beth Abraham is a public accommodation/facility, with the exception that no animal will be allowed in the kitchens.

The kitchen exception was added because while our kitchens are public areas, the board felt that no animals should be allowed where food is being prepared. I thank Mike Harris and Bill Barry for helping me research this area, and the TBA Board of Directors for adopting this policy.

So far, Wiffle's socialization has included visiting various public places including parades, farmers markets, grocery stores, malls, touring downtown Manchester, Nashua, and Portsmouth, and the Sandwich Fair. She has attended some TBA events including one Friday night BBQ & Barucha (she didn't stay for services), BABKA and Lifelong Learning events, and helped Chur staff both the Giftshop and Rummage Sale. By all accounts, Wiffle was well-behaved and enjoyed by those who saw her. We will continue to build on her reservoir of life experiences. In time, we would like to expose Wiffle to other activities at the synagogue, even Sabbath services.

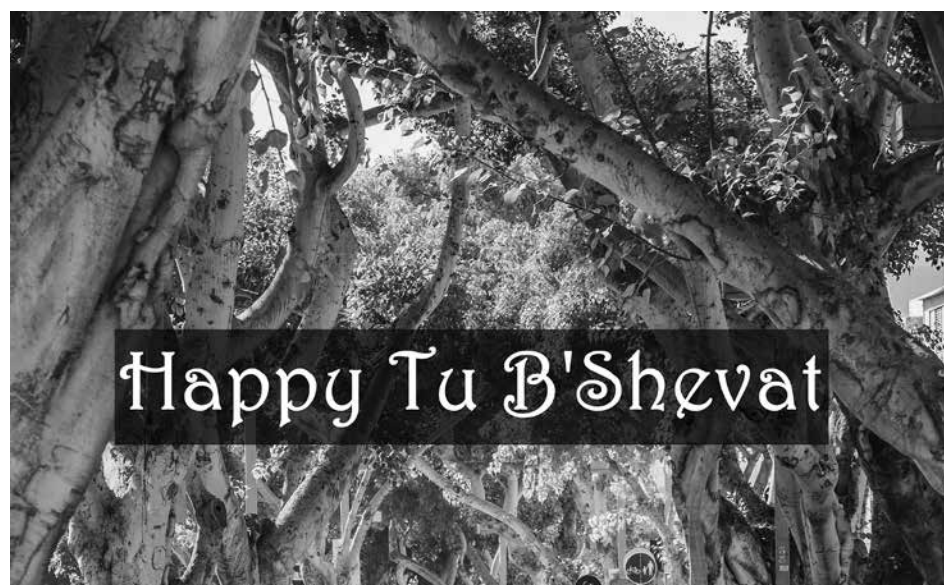
Taking Wiffle, a puppy in training to become a guide dog, to these activities serves various purposes. The overall purpose is safety—her own, as well as that of her future blind (or visually impaired) handler. Acclimating her to various environments, sounds, and sights means that in the fu-

ture she won't be surprised and can remain calm in similar situations as a working guide dog. Another purpose is to train her how to behave in public. Ideally, a guide dog should not react to the public, and the public should not react to a guide dog. Think of the dog as a piece of furniture. You don't greet or play with furniture (well, most people don't). Ideally, that's how everyone should behave toward Wiffle: ignore her. During these activities, she wears a blue Guiding Eyes training vest. The vest says she is "working" (working at learning her future job). This is when it is most important that she be ignored so she can concentrate on learning. Please ignore her. She will not be offended. At times, we may stand apart from everyone to give Wiffle some space—we're not being rude or unfriendly, we're just trying not to overwhelm Wiffle. This doesn't mean you shouldn't approach us.

We realize you may have questions,

concerns, or even objections to a dog's presence at TBA. Please, talk to us. We frequently attend TBA services and activities. We are quite willing to talk about Wiffle, puppy raising, Guiding Eyes, and more. If you have concerns, we want to try to accommodate them. Below are some websites you may find of interest if you would like further information:

- Guiding Eyes for the Blind - <https://www.guidingeyes.org/>
- Q&A on service dogs at a religious institution - <https://www.equalaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/WHEN-A-SERVICE-DOG-COMES-TO-CHURCH-USA.pdf>
- ADA explanation of service animals - https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm
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Jewish Journeys

Letters from Camp

By Lucas and Natalie Mason

We want to thank the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire for giving us the

One Happy Camper grant, so we could attend Tevya. Camp Tevya was an important camp for us to attend, as our cousins are also campers there. Tevya

provided a great Jewish learning experience, allowing us to gain knowledge about the Jewish community, prayers, and learning Hebrew.



From Lucas:

At Camp Tevya, there are core activities and electives. My electives were Archery, Tennis, Sailing, and Woodworking. The counselors were great and help me get stronger in every activity, also bringing me closer with my peers. Lastly is the Tevya spirit, the other campers, and especially the campers in my bunk. It was great making new friends, even coming to camp a few years later than others. The counselors were great leaders and fun.

From Natalie:

Camp Tevya is special to me because most of my cousins go there, and it was my first sleepaway camp. My experience there was amazing! I met lots of new friends and the night activities were so fun. They have lots of different electives there like waterfront electives and so much more. My electives were paddleboarding, photography, and performing arts. This year's banquet in the first section was Walt Disney. There was so much color and character paintings everywhere. On the 4th of July, we all gathered on the sand and watched the fireworks. Since I was in the youngest age for the girls, we got to have a prince. A prince is one of the boy counselors who we pick to hang out with. One day we gave him a serious makeover and he looked so funny! Every Friday night we did Shabbat, and we sang songs and danced. For dinner those nights we always had Challah and soup. This is why I love Camp Tevya.

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Hadassah Celebrates its 100 Convention

By Michele Bank

Membership in Hadassah Professional Councils is a free add-on benefit for members of specific professions: attorneys and judges; nurses and allied health professionals; physicians; and now, at last, educators.

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ed, email educatorsCouncil@hadassah.org. Annual Hadassah membership is only \$36 and \$250 for a lifetime membership. You can also give the gift of Hadassah to someone that you care about. Help them feel the 'Power of Women Who DO.' To join, go to Hadassah.org.

In November, several hundred Hadassah members and Associates from across the US gathered together in Jerusalem for Hadassah's 100th Convention – Together in Israel: Our Pride. Our Purpose. In addition to being Hadassah's 100th national meeting, it was the group's first national gathering in Israel in more than a decade.

"Hadassah will continue to be a critical force in building an Israel that we are all proud of," President Herzog said in a recorded message at the convention's opening program, which took place at the Jerusalem Theater. The event was a tribute to Hadassah's historic commitment to its two hospitals in Jerusalem, Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem and Hadassah Hospital Mt. Scopus, and to Hadassah's Youth Aliyah villages for at-risk teens.

"Healthcare in Israel wouldn't be what it is without Hadassah," said Ministry of

Health Director-General Ash at the Henrietta Szold Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing during the dedication of the new Learning Center at the Goldwurm Auditorium, for which Hadassah and its Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Council raised funds.

Interspersed among the big events and convention sessions were myriad activities focusing on Hadassah and its work, including visits to the youth villages and a behind-the-scenes briefing at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem about the hospital's latest clinical research, the status of a capital project that will bring the combined capacity of Hadassah's two hospitals to almost 2,000 and the curriculum of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

Said Hadassah National President Rhoda Smolow, "It was thrilling to be with the women of drive and vision who bring Hadassah's mission to life every

day—who support the outstanding work of our hospitals and youth villages in Israel, speak out against antisemitism, relentlessly trumpet their love for Israel and stare down those who question its right to exist, and fight for reproductive choice and other essential healthcare rights for women in the US."

For CEO Naomi Adler, who recently completed her first year at Hadassah and was attending her first Hadassah convention, the week was a revelation. "That Hadassah women are a formidable group is no secret. But to feel the energy in the room every time they came together and to hear the intense pride in their voices about what this organization has accomplished in the last 110 years, in Israel and in the United States, was a unique experience and one I feel privileged to have had."

For additional information about Hadassah or to donate, please contact michele.bank@gmail.com.

Israel: Did You Know?

By Richard England

Israel's Negev Desert is one of the driest and hottest spots on the planet. Despite this harsh climate, Israeli farmers are now producing high-quality wines from vineyards dotting the Negev's landscape.

The first winery began fifteen years ago as an experiment led by Zvi Remek, a member of the Sde Boker kibbutz who studied agronomy in California before

returning to his Israeli home. There are now more than thirty vineyards in the Negev, and their grapes produce wine that is fruity, light on tannins, and easy to drink. Drip irrigation methods water the vines, and temperature extremes between day and night produce distinctive wines that have been praised by critics. The ancient Nabateans produced wine in the Negev. Today, thanks to Israeli ingenuity winemaking has returned to the desert.

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In memory of Gary Singer. Gary and more generally the entire Singer Family have left a significant and wonderful legacy to the NH Jewish community and the general community at large. May his memory be a blessing. Mark and Chris Baer

In memory of Razi Yitzchak – Daniella Yitzchak

In memory of Myrna and David Kurtzman – Wayne and Genevieve Kurtzman

In memory of Gary Singer – Les and Sue Orenstein

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In Memory of my dear friend Judy Duffy – Ken Litvack

Film Festival

In honor of Pat Kalik and Ross Fishbein

Kushner-Tumen Family Children's Fund

Cindi Singer in memory of Gary Singer – Norm and Andrea Kushner

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Lee and Jeff Forgosh in honor of B'nai Mitzvot of Phoenix and Lilly – Norm and Andrea Kushner

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The Resnick Family in memory of Eileen Resnick – Norm and Andrea Kushner

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When submitting a Letter to the Editor, please include your name, town of residence, and contact information. Letters to the Editor must be under 300 words in length to be considered for publication. Send your letter by email to the reporter@jewishnh.org with "letter to the editor" in the subject line.

How to submit an obituary

The Reporter publishes obituaries for any member of the community, past or present, for a \$36 fee. Please send obituaries and one photo, if desired, as a separate jpg attachment to thereporter@jewishnh.org or to the office along with payment at: JFNH, 273 South River Road, Unit #5, Bedford, NH 03110.



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All tributes will be listed in The Reporter.

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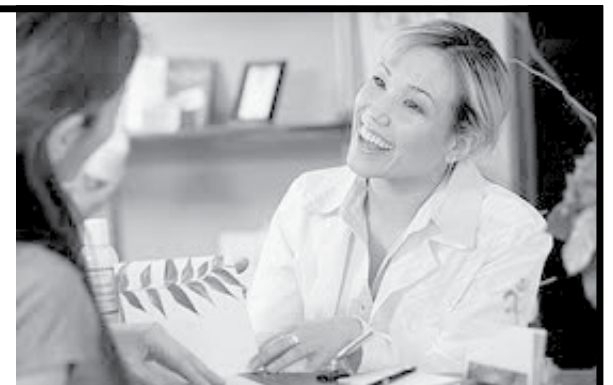
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Advance purchase for ALL screenings suggested:

- Online at <https://2023nhjff.eventive.org/welcome>
- Online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org
- By phone at 603-627-7679, Jewish Federation office, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-3 PM

*Additional tickets for in-theater screenings may be available at the door prior to the show.
**Tickets for virtual screenings are per household

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In-Theater Events

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 PM
Out Of Exile: The Photography of Fred Stein
Post Film Discussion
with Filmmaker Peter Stein
The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Sunday, March 19, 2:00 PM
Farewell, Mr. Haffmann
3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH
The Showroom, Keene, NH

Sunday, March 19, 2:00 PM
PJ Goes to the Movies
Shaboom
FREE EVENT
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Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 PM
Israel Swings for Gold
SNHU, Webster Hall, Mara Auditorium
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Thursday, March 23, 7:00 PM
Man in the Basement
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, March 26, 1:00 PM
America
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, March 26, 3:30 PM
Wrap Party
Dedication
Post Film Discussion
with Roger Peltzman
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Virtual Screenings

Thursday, March 16 – Sunday, April 16
All films will be available for 30 days.
After film is unlocked you have 48 hours to screen.

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Shorts Program

- **A Kaddish for Selim**
- **Give It Back**
- **Ismail's Dilemma**
- **Pops**
- **Space Torah**

Virtual Post-Film Discussions
Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 PM
Levys of Monticello
Zoom Discussion with filmmaker Steve Pressman



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