

Day Against Hate

PAUL HERVEY

The Federation once again played host recently to 75 students from three local high schools (Massillon, Louisville, and Perry) for our (now annual) Day Against Hate program.

This program was started as a supplement to our annual Yom Ha'Shoah service. From my viewpoint, a lot of the world's problems come from hate – hate of the unknown; hate of the different; hate of other's success. I think that describes very well why Jews were subjected to restrictions and pogroms over the centuries in Europe as well as why groups continue to oppose each other in the present day – whether the conflict is ethnic, cultural, political, or economic.

To that end, the first order of business was to make the students sit with strangers from other districts and get over their "hate" of the unknown. Black and white; urban and rural, they worked together and hopefully made new acquaintances. Some of them (Louisville) had recently received Holocaust education in school, but even they did not understand some of the complexities and background to the situation.

With the assistance of Julie Zorn, we teamed up with the Anti-Defamation League and the Maltz Museum to provide wonderful programming to a rotating group of Stark County high schools. Many of us have personal stories of what our own families went through in Europe and the teenagers heard briefly about that. However, the programming then focused on the hate they see in their society and how they want to stop it. Everyone involved enjoys seeing these students express themselves and their own opinions about what they want to do to make the world a better place.

I cannot think of a better way to honor those who perished in the Holocaust than to let them know that we still tell their stories and want future generations to learn from the past.



Everyone is related to someone from Canton. Past President Paul Hervey was joined at the Day Against Hate program by Catherine Holloway from the Anti-Defamation League. Catherine is the daughter of Lori(z"l) and Neal(z"l) Libster and Jim Barnett.



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The Tourists

Once I sat on the steps by a gate at David's Tower, I placed my two heavy baskets at my side. A group of tourists was standing around their guide and I became their target marker. "You see that man with the baskets? Just right of his head there's an arch from the Roman period. Just right of his head." "But he's moving, he's moving!"

I said to myself: redemption will come only if their guide tells them, "You see that arch from the Roman period? It's not important: but next to it, left and down a bit, there sits a man who's bought fruit and vegetables for his family."

—Yehuda Amichai

The Jewish community of Stark County mourns the loss of

Robert I Friedman

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A righteous man

May his memory be a blessing.

Canton Jewish Community Federation President
 1975-1976, 2000-2001



JOHN STRAUSS
CJCF President

Our Connection to Israel

As May turns to June, we have observed in Canton during May, Israel's 76th birthday and also the solemn holidays of Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron. Hopefully you have been able to experience the joy of the Dayan Family's music from Israel and our Partnership, as well as the meaningful ceremony of remembering the Shoah at Beit Ha'am. We have

coordinated with local schools and the Hervey Family Foundation for an ADL program confronting hate. Many of you were also present for the Federation sponsored Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on the last day of Chadash's religious school, where a delicious and kosher lunch was served along with a photo booth, a henna artisan, artisan vendor tables and a video from our Partnership. The Federation has promised more programming and we have delivered! If you want to continue to see more you can "vote with your feet", by coming to Beit Ha'am for events and vote with your wallet by supporting our annual campaign.

I have learned a great deal about our religion over the years, and part of my education has been seeing how the holidays are experienced in Israel which has changed my feelings about how they are celebrated here. It never made sense for me to experience for example, the Jewish New Year of Rosh Hashana in America just as we were heading into Fall and Winter and the leaves were dropping, all the grass was turning brown and the world seemed to be going to bed. Then I realized in visiting Israel that the situation was quite different. In Israel, not a drop of rain falls most years between Passover and Rosh HaShana. The rainy season begins at Yom Kippur, and the earth there comes to life. The ground cover changes from brown to green. It rains most years during the Winter only.

The holiday celebrates this renewal of the earth and crops, as well as the turning of the Torah scroll to the end culminating in Simchat Torah at the end of Sukkot. Suddenly, the Holiday makes perfect sense. A New Year and a New beginning.

May is the Month of the "Yoms". Yom Ha'atzmaut, Yom HaZikaron, Yom HaShoah as well as this year Lag B'Omer. June has a sole Holiday this year: Shavuot. The seven weeks that follow Pesach culminates in this date commemorating giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. In Israel, Shavuot is also an agricultural holiday. Like many Holidays, there are ancient agricultural holidays that have melded into the religious holidays that we celebrate today. Counting the omer, or the barley harvest, which begins after the second night of Pesach is such a dual holiday observation. But Pesach itself falls on a little known holiday: the Festival of unleavened bread which may have been also celebrated by the long lost Canaanites. This was a Spring harvest festival in the Middle East connected to wheat growing. Shavuot is celebrated secularly by eating dairy products, such as blintzes, ice cream and cheeses. This harvest time is at the end of the main growing season, thus the harvest festival. We are just planting at this time of the year, but in Israel, it is time to see how the crops have produced. Today, in Israel, with drip irrigation technology, developed in Israel, there is a growing season during the heat of the rest of the year. Produce is grown and shipped to Europe and all over the World during the entire year thanks to this technology and the water that comes from the mountains in the North of the Country and travels down the Jordan River.

Our Holidays are linked to the agricultural seasons, as determined in Israel.

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Federation Board Members Nominated

The Canton Jewish Community Federation has nominated the following Board members: Lori Magill and Eileen Saltarelli for their first terms, Alex Fridman and John Strauss for their second term, and Mike Alperin for his third term

The slate will be voted in at the next Federation Meeting, **Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m., at Beit Ha'am**. The nominating committee was chaired by Paul Hervey and consisted Tom Porter, Barb Ferne, Kathy Arkow and Joan Ortman. *Any additional nominations may be submitted to the Federation office in writing, signed by at least twenty-five (25) members of the Federation, no fewer than twenty (20) days prior to the annual election date. If such additional name or names are submitted, a ballot of the nominees for membership to the Board of Trustees shall be mailed to each member, no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the annual election*

date. These ballots shall be returned to the Federation office by mail or in person on or prior to the annual election date and those five (5) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared members of the Board. In the event that no additional nominations have been properly made within the prescribed period, the President shall call upon the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee to present the five names nominated as candidates for the Board of Trustees at the next meeting of the Federation; and shall call upon the Secretary of the Federation to cast a unanimous ballot electing these candidates to the Board of Trustees. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination by the Nominating Committee. No member shall serve more than three (3) three year terms with the exception of the President and Vice President and Immediate Past President.

Tragedy or Triumph



RABBI DAVID
KOMEROFSKY

In September 2001 I was a young rabbi, just two years out of school, but still at the rabbinical school as an administrator. I was also a young parent, with two toddlers turning our house upside down and helping me to learn what life is really all about. On September 11, I watched with the rest of the world as tragedy unfolded. My wife was on a plane from Cincinnati to New York that morning, my boss was out of town, and I had a lot to do. It was right before the High Holy Days, and I was responsible for sending students to their pulpits. Besides the logistics (there was no air travel for several days) I was at a loss for what message to share to inspire them to help others find meaning and comfort. Once the

immediate crisis faded, I was left wondering – what is an appropriate Jewish response to this? My answer was to look backward to other catastrophes; I focused on the destruction of Jerusalem in the first century of the Common Era and two distinct reactions – Masada and Yavneh. Masada was the retreat of the zealots to Herod's desert fortress, refusing to yield to Roman rule. Masada ended in death for its Jews. Yavneh was the response of the sages, and birthed rabbinic Judaism that gave us the Mishnah and the Gemara, the Talmud that continues to inform Jewish life to this day. Masada or Yavneh, tragedy or triumph.

I think of these responses often. And they are just as relevant today as they were in 2001, and as they were in the second century. What path do we choose, physical violence or spiritual victory? How do we process and recover from a collective trauma in a distinctively Jewish way? Our calling as the Children of Israel is to be distinct and to live with a sense that we are called to something holy and elevated. We are, whenever possible, to choose Yavneh over Masada.

This is especially difficult when we face crises that challenge our very existence. As the Jewish world commemorated Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and as parts of the rest of the world demonize Jews and the Jewish state, we face another choice. What defines us as a people, our trauma or our texts, our crises or our covenant?

Noted Orthodox scholar and philosopher Rabbi David Hartman (1931-2013) in his 1982 essay "Auschwitz or Sinai" wrote:

One of the fundamental issues facing the new spirit of maturity in Israel is: Should Auschwitz or Sinai be the orienting category shaping our understanding of the rebirth of the State of Israel?...

Israel is not only a response to modern antisemitism but is above all a modern expression of the eternal Sinai covenant that has shaped Jewish consciousness throughout the millennia. It was not Hitler who brought us back to Zion, but rather belief in the eternal validity of the Sinai covenant.... It is dangerous to our growth as a healthy people if the memory of Auschwitz becomes a substitute for Sinai.

The model of Sinai awakens the Jewish people to the awesome responsibility of becoming a holy people. At Sinai, we discover the absolute demand of

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Lessons people learn far too late in life.

This is our last article for this series. Small intentional choices made over a period of time decide what your future will look like. Life lessons are full of wisdom because they are learned the hard way. Different phases of life teach us different lessons.

Between B(birth) and D(death), there is C(a choice), we always do have a choice in life. You can choose to decide what is going to be your next step in creating the life you want. Utilizing this underrated power of choice every time you make a decision can help you reach one step closer to your ideal life.

If possible, it's best to learn these things sooner rather than later.

Be present in the moment

Far too many people forget to be present in the moment. They go through life so zoned out that they forget to "stop and smell the roses". Have you ever driven somewhere in your car, and then thought, "how did I get here?" Remember to appreciate nature all around you. By observing the world around you with this youthful curiosity, you will find yourself becoming more present.

Don't be afraid to ask for help

A lot of people are afraid to ask for help because they don't want to appear weak. Or maybe they want to have the pride of knowing that they accomplished something all on their own. Unfortunately, if you're too stubborn to ask for help, this can sometimes hold you back from succeeding. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you really need it. People can go farther in life when they help each other.

Say what you mean to say

People hold back from opening up about their true emotions because they are afraid of the negative repercussions. Sure, you might say something foolish and feel like an idiot. But at least you were honest with your feelings. Holding back from saying what you really mean to say is often why people lose the ones they love. You never know if the other person feels the same way you do. And if they don't, at least you know the truth, and you can move on knowing that you gave it your best shot.

Remember to enjoy life

This piece of advice sounds very simple, but most of us truly need to be reminded to enjoy our lives. As we get older, we are expected to be very serious and professional. Suddenly, we have tons of responsibility weighing down on us. Even if you have a lot to worry about, it is still important to enjoy life to the fullest. If you have not taken a break in a long time, go on a vacation. Or at the very least, go somewhere fun in your local area. Life is meant to be so much more than work.

A lifetime is not really that long

Last, and certainly not least, is that life is unfortunately not as long as we think it is. When you consider that we sleep at least eight hours per night, we are at work eight hours a day, and you may also be commuting, this leaves very little time to actually be our true selves. As we get older, time seems to go by much faster. Take enough time to go on vacation. You might find that when you come back, you will be refreshed and able to work twice as hard as you did before. You can die at any age, so count your blessings while you can. Remember to hold on to your precious moments and never take life for granted. Go after your dreams and live without regret.

It's never too late to become what you wanted to be or might have been if you start now.

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This connection is also what ties Israelis to ha'aretz – the land. One of the reasons for travelling to Israel is to experience this connection firsthand.

Israel continues to grow in both Jews, Arabs, other peoples, as well as produce. At this time, it is interesting to note these markers, according to Israel's Bureau of Statistics, which released the following updated information as it does every year on the country's Independence Day:

- The population of Israel is now 9.900 million:
 - 7.427 million Jews (73.2%)
 - 2.089 million Arabs (21.1%)
 - 564,000 others (5.7%)
- Since last year's Independence Day, Israel's population has grown by 189,000 (an increase of 1.9%). During this period, some 196,000 babies were born, about 37,000 immigrants arrived, and around 60,000 people died.
- At the time of the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the population of Israel was 806,000. It has increased by a factor of more than 12 since then.
- Since the State's founding, over 3.4 million immigrants have arrived in Israel. Around 1.6 million (47.1%) of these people arrived since 1990.
- According to the current rate of growth, by the next Independence Day, the population of Israel is expected to number more than 10 million.
- At the end of 2022, about 45% of the world's total Jewish population lived in Israel. About 80% of the Jews in Israel are now Israeli-born (sabras).

I hope that if you have never travelled to Israel, some day you will be able to make the trip. In the meantime, please connect through our Federation, through the synagogues and through interacting with our Partnership Together, our connection to the country.

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60 Jewish Groups, From Left To Right, Back Bill Creating National Coordinator To Fight Antisemitism

Ron Kampeas



WASHINGTON (JTA) — More than 60 Jewish organizations across the political spectrum are lining up behind a bill that would establish a coordinator of government efforts to fight antisemitism.

The joint effort is an expression of American Jewish political solidarity not seen in years. Groups that signed a letter supporting the bill range from J Street on the left to the Zionist Organization of America on the right. The signatories include organizations whose leaders rarely share the same stage and who have accused each other at times of enabling antisemitism. They include Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative, Modern Orthodox and haredi Orthodox groups.

The letter, sent Wednesday to House Speaker Mike Johnson and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, acknowledged the ideological range of the signatories and said they “are united in our deep concern over the exponentially rising incidents of antisemitism in this country.”

It quoted statistics from the Anti-Defamation League and American Jewish Committee documenting a sharp spike in antisemitism, and Jewish concern about it, since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war on Oct. 7.

“As you know, our community is currently facing a historic crisis of antisemitism not seen in a generation,” the letter said. “This historic rise in antisemitism is being directly felt by Jews around the country.”

The letter was spearheaded by the Jewish Council for Public Affairs along with the ADL, the Reform Movement’s Religious Action Center, the AJC and the National Council of Jewish Women. Such wall-to-wall Jewish comity has not been expressed since at least the George W. Bush administration.

The bill, called the Countering Antisemitism Act, is sponsored by North Carolina Rep. Kathy Manning and has bipartisan support. It would create a national coor-

ordinator to oversee the implementation of the Biden administration’s strategy to combat antisemitism. The coordinator would also receive an annual assessment of violent antisemitism across the country from law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

The position would complement the State Department’s antisemitism envoy, currently Deborah Lipstadt, who focuses on monitoring and combating anti-Jewish bigotry abroad.

The bill would also designate an official in the Department of Education to monitor antisemitism on campus. The letter from the Jewish groups also said the bill would “promote Holocaust education, help us understand the threat of antisemitic violent extremism, as well as the spread of antisemitism online, and celebrate Jewish life by designating Jewish American Heritage Month in law, and more.”

Many of the groups joined a mass rally in Washington, D.C., last November supporting Israel following Hamas’ Oct. 7 attack and the ensuing war in Gaza. But even there, there were divisions among the groups over slogans and speakers.

Manning, a Jewish Democrat who once chaired the Jewish Federations of North America and who is retiring from Congress, has expressed frustration that the House’s Republican leadership has yet to advance the bill despite the broad support it has drawn. Speaking this week to the Jewish Democratic Council of America, she said Republicans appeared to be more interested in theater than in passing laws.

She referred to the high-profile Republican-led hearings where members of Congress have grilled the presidents of elite schools about campus antisemitism — questioning that led to the resignations of two Ivy League university presidents.

She singled out for ridicule the committee’s Republican chairwoman, her fellow North Carolinian Virginia Foxx, and New York’s Elise Stefanik, who has taken a lead

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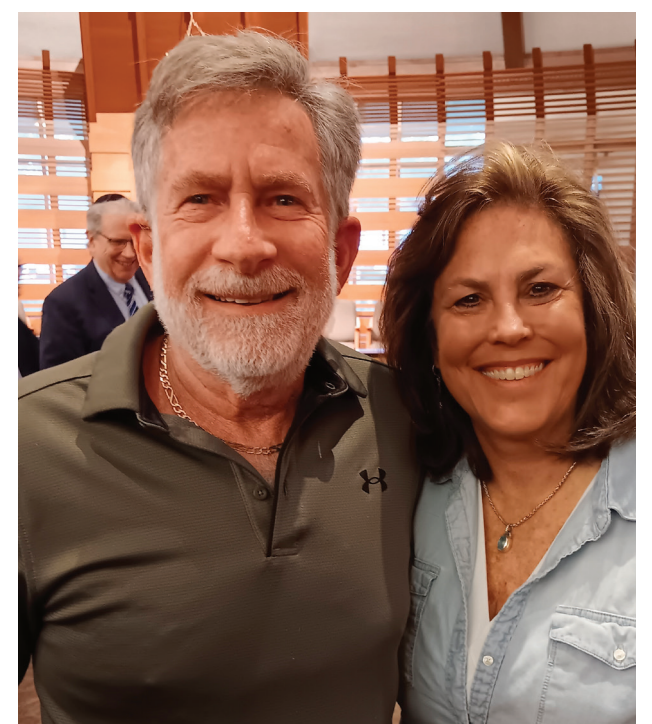
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Yom Ha'Shoah Commemoration

In a beautiful display of togetherness, the Canton community united on May 1 to commemorate Yom Ha'Shoah, weaving threads of resilience and solidarity. Pianist Daniel Dunn set the tone with an original piece, his melodies carrying us into a space of reflection.

Dr. Marvin Boren's moving account of his parents' survival shone brightly amidst our reflections, a testament to hope amid darkness.

Guided and organized by Rabbi David Komerofsky, the service blended heartfelt poetry and essays shared by our own, accompanied by prayers led by Rabbi Kushner and Hazzan Braun, fostering a poignant atmosphere of remembrance. Reverend Michael Wallace's rendition of Psalm 23, gently accompanied by Heather Cooper's piano, brought a sense of peace to our hearts. We extend heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to this touching program and to everyone who joined us in honoring the memory of Holocaust victims.



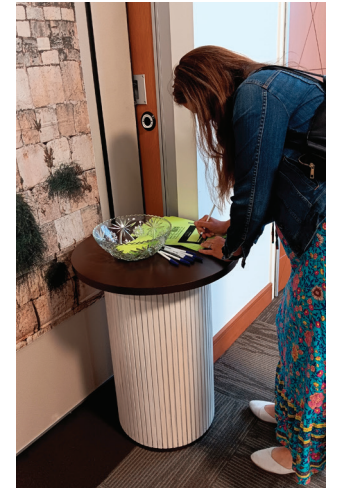
Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration and Chadash End of Year Celebration

On a bright Sunday, May 5th, our community congregated at Beit Ha'am for a spirited Yom Ha'atzmaut gathering with our Chadash families. The festivities began with a solemn two-minute siren, a poignant tribute to Yom HaZikaron and the fallen soldiers and citizens of Israel.

We then delighted in the offerings of Israeli cuisine from Kantina Catering, accompanied by the uplifting beats of Israeli music. Even our friends from P2G in the Matte Asher region shared in the celebration, extending warm wishes through a video message for our community.

The afternoon was filled with enjoyable activities, including a photo booth for light-hearted moments, captivating henna artistry, and a symbolic Kotel for the expression of prayers. Local artists and vendors added to the ambiance, alongside a unique Dead Sea Salt booth.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all who attended and contributed, transforming this day into a memorable occasion celebrating our collective love for Israel.



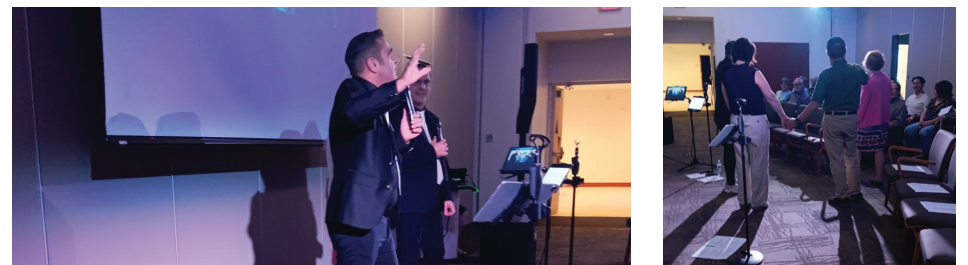


Dayan Family Concert

The Dayan Family, hailing from Akko, Israel, delivered an exhilarating concert at Beit Ha'am on Thursday, May 23. The celebratory Yom Ha'atzmaut event, generously sponsored by the Canton Jewish Community Federation in collaboration with Partnership2Gether (P2G), was a resounding success.

Moshe, Shuli, and Avi Dayan captivated the audience with their dynamic performance, songs in Hebrew, English and Yiddish and seamlessly blending music and dance. Their infectious energy provided a delightful conclusion to the first half of our 2024 programming.

Check the Canton Federation website for the upload of this memorable concert. It's an experience you won't want to miss!



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Edward Jones financial advisor Adam Olenick of Jackson Township was named among the 2024 Best-in-State Wealth Advisors by Forbes and SHOOK® Research.

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Quick and Easy Dessert Recipes

Sarit Alkadaa

Growing up as a child, I would rejoice at the sight of my mother hovering over the mass clutter that has become of my kitchen table, completely occupied and distracted by the ingredients splayed out in front of her. The smell of her delicious baking would leave my mouth watering and my mind racing. Somehow, my enchanted mother was always able to whip up her magical powers and formulate various recipes that were both time effective and delicious. If you are struggling to bake last-minute professional pastries to serve guests and friends, here are a few scrumptious recipes for you!

MINI CHOCOLATE CHIP/CASHEW MUFFINS:

Ingredients:

- 5 Eggs
- 1 Cup of Sugar
- 1 Tablespoon of Vanilla Sugar
- 2 Sticks of Margarine
- 1 Cup of Cake Milk
- 3 Tablespoons of Potato Starch

Directions:

1. Mix five eggs with one cup of sugar.
2. Add in one tablespoon of vanilla sugar, two sticks of room temperature margarine, one cup of cake milk, and three tablespoons of potato starch.
3. Split the batter into 30 mini muffin holders.
4. Add a topping of your choice and place it in the oven for 20 minutes under 350 degrees.

When the muffins are ready, let them cool down a little, and enjoy moist and tasty treats that go great with your tea!

CHOCOLATE SWIRL COOKIE SQUARES:

Ingredients:

- 5 Eggs
- ¾ Cups of Sugar
- 1 Tablespoon of Vanilla Sugar
- ¾ Cups of Cotton Oil
- ¾ Cups of Cake Mil
- 3 Tablespoons of Potato Starch

Directions:

1. Mix five eggs with ¾ cups of sugar.
2. Add in one tablespoon of vanilla sugar, ¾ cups of cotton oil, ¾ cups of cake milk, and three tablespoons of potato starch.
3. Spread the batter on a foil tray and place it in the oven for 20 minutes under 350 degrees.
4. Once the 20 minutes pass, cut the cookies into squares, and put it back in the oven at a low temperature to receive a finished crunchy texture. You will find yourself munching on these cookies all day long!

COCONUT COOKIES:

Ingredients:

- 3 Egg Whites
- ½ Cup of Sugar
- 3 Cups of Ground Coconut

Directions:

1. Mix three egg whites thoroughly until a fluffy texture is reached.
2. Continue by adding a half cup of sugar and three cups of ground coconut.
3. Separate the batter into small circles on a foil tray.
4. Place the tray in the oven for 20 minutes under 350 degrees.
5. When the time is up, remove the cookies from the tray and delve into the deliciousness of this quick tropical dessert!

I can ensure you that these desserts will serve you justice! Whether you want to serve guests or experiment with your friends, these quick and easy recipes are perfect for any occasion.

Sarit Alkadaa is a senior at Yeshivah of Flatbush. She is a Staff Writer for Fresh Ink for Teens.

Fresh Ink for Teens is an online magazine written by, and for, Jewish students from high schools around the world.

Introduction to Judaism Fall 2024



Temple Israel (Canton, Ohio) is offering in-person/Zoom Introduction to Judaism class beginning Sunday, August 18, 2024. The class will meet eight 8 Sundays from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Taught by Rabbi David Komerofsky, this course introduces the basics of Jewish thought and practice. Interfaith couples, non-Jews considering conversion, and Jews looking for adult-level basics will find it meaningful. A mix of study, discussion and practical experiences, the course is designed for those interested in exploring a Jewish life. Topics include Jewish holidays, life-cycle events, theology, prayer, Israel, and history.

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More information is available at www.templeisraelcanton.org/intro.

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God; we discover who we are by what we do. Sinai calls us to action, to moral awakening, to living constantly with challenges of building a moral and just society which mirrors the kingdom of God in history.

Sinai creates humility and openness to the demands of self-transcendence.

In this respect, it is the antithesis of the moral narcissism that can result from suffering and from viewing oneself as a victim...

Sinai requires that the Jew believe in the possibility of integrating the moral seriousness of the prophet with the realism and political judgment of the statesman. Politics and morality were united when Israel was born as a nation at Sinai. Sinai prohibits the Jewish people from ever abandoning the effort of creating a shared moral language with the nations of the world.

The rebirth of Israel can be viewed as a return to the fullness of the Sinai covenant—to Judaism as a way of life. The moral and spiritual aspirations of the Jewish tradition were not meant to be realized in Sabbath sermons or by messianic dreamers who wait passively on the margins of society for redemption to break miraculously into history. Torah study is not a substitute for actual life, nor are prayer and the synagogue escapes from the ambiguities and complexities of political life.

The Jewish world will have to learn that the synagogue is no longer the exclusive defining framework for Jewish communal life. Moral seriousness and political maturity and wisdom must come to our nation if we are to be judged by the way we struggle to integrate the Sinai covenant with the complexities of political realities...

Hartman's wisdom from 1982 is just as important today as it was when he wrote "Auschwitz or Sinai." What defines us? What guides us? What brings the Children of Israel to the Land of Israel and what covenant do we actively renew everywhere that we live?

Masada and Auschwitz are parts of our story; they are not the complete history of the Jewish people. We are a people that endures because of a covenant made at Sinai, renewed at Yavneh, and kept relevant throughout our wanderings. We must be more than what others have done or will do to us. We are too resilient to be defined by anyone or anything other than what binds us together with our Creator as a people with a unique destiny among the nations.

					
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in the questioning. Manning called those congresswomen "mean girls" and compared the hearings to reality TV.

"I want to talk to you about the value of education, which we all know has been a key value for the Jewish community," Manning said. "I sit on the Education and Workforce Committee. For those of you who have not been paying attention, that committee has become something akin to the reality show 'Survivor'. We have had contestants from a variety of universities trying to hold on to their jobs, while defending themselves against the most unlikely gladiators against antisemitism: mean girls Virginia Foxx and Elise Stefanik."

Jewish groups have praised Stefanik for her tough questions of academic leaders but have also noted her past embrace of anti-immigrant rhetoric that echoes an antisemitic conspiracy theory.

The House this month passed a separate bill, the Antisemitism Awareness Act, that would define antisemitism for the purpose of applying it in civil rights cases brought against educational institutions.

That bill, however, received a surprising amount of opposition in the House and is facing resistance in the Senate, insiders say. The prospects of a Senate defeat may help spur backing for Manning's bill, especially given the overwhelming Jewish support evident in the letter.

At the heart of the fighting over the Antisemitism Awareness Act, on the left and the right, is how it hews to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's widely adopted yet controversial definition of antisemitism. Progressive Democrats who opposed the bill say the IHRA definition could chill and limit legitimate criticism of Israel. Conservatives on the right who endorse the charge that Jews killed Jesus — which has been disavowed by several large Christian denominations — say it renders that claim antisemitic.

Manning's bill finesses those divisions by politely nodding to the IHRA definition as useful — and then citing as its basis a far more concise and uncontroversial definition of antisemitism that appeared in a 2020 Holocaust education law.

Yet another bill, which would apply IHRA as a definition across a number of agencies, not just the education department, has only Republican backing and is seen as dead in the water.

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Wednesday, June 5 5:30 PM LLC Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 11 5:45 PM TI Men's Study Group

Wednesday, June 12 Shavout Admin offices closed

Thursday, June 13 Shavout Admin offices closed

Sunday, June 23 TI Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 25 5:45 PM TI Men's Study Group

Wednesday, July 3 5:30 PM LLC Board Meeting

Thursday, July 4 Independence Day Admin offices closed

Tuesday, July 9 5:45 PM TI Men's Study Group

Tuesday, July 23 5:45 PM TI Men's Study Group

Wednesday, July 31 3:15 PM Jane Altman Zoldan Blood Drive

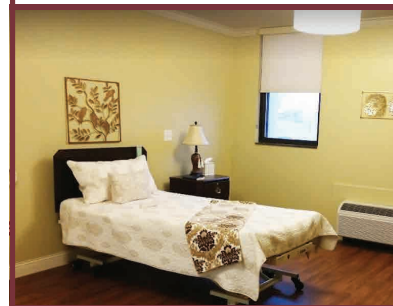
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Saturday, June 1

The Thirty-ninth Day of the Omer
Shabbos Parshas Bechukosai
Shabbos Chazak
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:01 p.m.
Sunset 8:51 p.m.
Shabbos ends 9:41 p.m.
Maariv 9:50 p.m.
Havdalah 10:04 p.m.

Sunday, June 2

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
11:00 a.m.
The Fortieth Day of the Omer

Monday, June 3

The Forty-first Day of the Omer

Tuesday, June 4

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.
The Forty-second Day of the Omer

Wednesday, June 5

The Forty-third Day of the Omer

Thursday, June 6

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.
The Forty-fourth Day of the Omer

Friday, June 7

The Forty-fifth Day of the Omer
Rosh Chodesh Sivan
Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:37 p.m.
Sunset 8:55 p.m.
Count the Forty-sixth Day of the Omer
after 9:47 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

The Forty-sixth Day of the Omer

Shabbos Parshas Bamidbar
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:03 p.m.
Sunset 8:55 p.m.
Shabbos ends 9:47 p.m.
Maariv 9:55 p.m.
Havdalah 10:08 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
11:00 a.m.
The Forty-seventh Day of the Omer

Monday, June 10

The Forty-eighth Day of the Omer

Tuesday, June 11

Mishnah class via Zoom Canceled
The Forty-ninth Day of the Omer

Wednesday, June 12

Erev Shavuot
Mincha 8:40 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:39 p.m.
Sunset 8:57 p.m.
Shavuot

Thursday, June 13

Maariv 9:50 p.m.
All night study.

Friday, June 14

First Day of Shavuot
Dawn 4:41 a.m.
Shacharis 5:20 a.m.
Sunrise 5:54 a.m.
(Earliest Mincha) 2:04 p.m.
Plag Hamincha 7:23 p.m.
Mincha 8:35 p.m.
Sunset 8:57 p.m.

Light Yom Tov candles after 9:49 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

No Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom
Canceled
Second day of Shavuot
Shacharis 9:30 a.m.
The Book of Rus (Ruth) 10:15 a.m.
Yizkor 11:15 a.m.
(Earliest Mincha) 2:04 p.m.
Mincha 8:35 p.m.
Sunset 8:58 p.m.
Yom Tov ends 9:49 p.m.
Maariv 9:55 p.m.
Havdalah 10:11 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Esrú Chag Shavuot
Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:40 p.m.
Sunset 8:58 p.m.

Saturday, June 15

Shabbos Parshas Nasso
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:04 p.m.
Sunset 8:58 p.m.
Shabbos ends 9:50 p.m.
Maariv 9:55 p.m.
Havdalah 10:11 p.m.

Sunday, June 16

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
Canceled

Tuesday, June 18

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 20

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom Canceled

Friday, June 21

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:42 p.m.

Sunset 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

Shabbos Parshas Beha'alosha
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:06 p.m.
Shacharis 9:30 a.m.
Maariv 10:00 p.m.
Havdalah 10:13 p.m.

Sunday, June 23

No Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
Canceled

Tuesday, June 25

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 28

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:43 p.m.
Sunset 9:01 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Shabbos Parshas Sh'Lach
Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:07 p.m.
Shabbos ends 9:52 p.m.
Maariv 9:55 p.m.
Havdalah 10:13 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 2

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom Canceled

Friday, July 5

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.

Candle lighting 8:41 p.m.

Sunset 8:59 p.m.

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Saturday, July 6

First Day Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Shabbos Parshas Korach
Shacharis, Hallel, & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:08 p.m.
Shabbos ends 9:50 p.m.
Maariv 10:00 p.m.
Havdalah 10:12 p.m.

Sunday, July 7

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
11:00 a.m.

Second Day Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Tuesday, July 9

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 11

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 12

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.

Candle lighting 8:39 p.m.

Sunset 8:57 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

Shabbos Parshas Chukas

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.

Earliest Mincha 2:09 p.m.

Shabbos ends 9:46 p.m.

Maariv 9:55 p.m.

Havdalah 10:09 p.m.

Sunday, July 14

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 16

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 18

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 19

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.

Candle lighting 8:34 p.m.

Sunset 8:52 p.m.

Saturday, July 20

Shabbos Parshas Balak

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.

Earliest Mincha 2:07 p.m.

Shabbos ends 9:40 p.m.

Maariv 9:50 p.m.

Havdalah 10:04 p.m.

Sunday, July 21

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Mishnah class via Zoom Canceled

THE SEVENTIETH OF TAMMUZ (Day

of Fasting) 4:59 a.m. – 9:37 p.m.

Thursday, July 25

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 26

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 p.m.

Candle lighting 8:28 p.m.

Sunset 8:46 p.m.

Saturday, July 27

Shabbos Parshas Pinchas

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.

Earliest Mincha 2:08 p.m.

Shabbos ends 9:33 p.m.

Maariv 9:45 p.m.

Havdalah 9:58 p.m.

Sunday, July 28

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom
11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 30

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.



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Monday, June 3

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 4

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 5

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, June 6

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, June 7

Services 5:30 p.m.
Candles 8:39 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person,
Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, June 10

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 11

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Erev Shavuot

Wednesday, June 12

Shavuot – 1st Day
Festival Service 10:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, June 13

Shavuot – 2nd Day
Festival Service 10:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Yizkor Service 11:15 a.m.
Mincha Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, June 14

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 8:43 p.m.

Saturday, June 15

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person,
Live Stream or Zoom)
Kiddush Luncheon following sponsored
by Meade & Marge Perlman in honor of
their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 16

Happy Father's Day
No Services

Monday, June 17

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 18

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 19

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, June 20

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, June 21

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person,
Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, June 24

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 25

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 26

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, June 27

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)

Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, June 28

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person;
Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, July 1

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 2

Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 3

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, July 4

Happy 4th of July
No Services

Friday, July 5

Services 5:30 p.m.
Candles 8:44 p.m.

Saturday, July 6

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person,
Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, July 8

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 9

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 10

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, July 11

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, July 12

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 8:42 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person,
Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, July 15

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 16

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 17

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, July 18

Morning Services 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, July 19

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 8:38 p.m.

Saturday, July 20

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person,
Live Stream or Zoom)

The death of Brooklyn Dodger great Carl Erskine closes a chapter in Jewish history

Andrew Silow-Carroll



(New York Jewish Week) — My son is in town from California for Passover, and on Tuesday night he treated the rest of the family to a Mets game.

Before the first pitch, the Mets had a moment of silence for the pitcher Carl Erskine, who died that day at age 97. Erskine was a star of the storied Brooklyn Dodgers teams of the late 1940s and '50s, when they won the National League pennant five times and the 1955 World Series.

Erskine was also the last surviving Dodger to have been profiled in Roger Kahn's classic 1972 book "The Boys of Summer," a celebration of a team that included Jackie Robinson — the first player to break the major leagues' shameful color line — and future Hall of Famers Roy Campanella, Duke Snider and Pee Wee Reese. (Sandy Koufax was a rookie on the 1955 team, but only came into his own after the team moved to Los Angeles in 1957.)

Erskine's death seemed to close a storied chapter in New York and, dare I say it, Jewish history. The Dodgers ruled the National League when the Jews ruled — or at least left an indelible cultural stamp on — Brooklyn. In 1950, one out of four Brooklynites — 561,000 — was Jewish. And often the fate of the team — scrappy strivers who rose from adversity — seemed to mirror the fate of the Jews themselves.

"Arguably, no baseball team ever forged a closer relationship with Jewish fans than did the Dodgers during their Brooklyn years," Bill Simon, co-editor of "The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture," wrote in 2022. "In other New York City boroughs, the Yankees and Giants had their Jewish adherents, as did Major League Baseball teams in other cities, but in Brooklyn the Dodgers drilled deep into the social fabric."

Kahn captures that connection in his book, which includes his own memories of growing up Jewish in Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza section, the son of two teachers. Even mediocre Dodgers teams provided a distraction from conversations about "the Nazi-Soviet treaty, nervousness about the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere and horror at Hitler's pogroms."

Philip Roth celebrated the team in "Portnoy's Complaint," when his Jewish protagonist fantasizes about playing center field for the Dodgers, "standing without a care in the world in the sunshine, like my king of kings, the Lord my God, The Duke Himself (Snider, Doctor, the name may come up again), standing there as loose and as easy, as happy as I will ever be, just waiting by myself under a high fly ball..."

Kahn describes an era in Brooklyn that began after World War II, when what had been a "heterogenous, dominantly middle-class community, with remarkable schools, good libraries and ... major league baseball" was about to be riven by racial tension in the streets and white flight to the suburbs.

But with Robinson, Jews saw an avatar for their own acceptance in white society.

"It really delighted people, particularly Jewish Americans, that Jackie Robinson was on this team," the novelist and historian Kevin Baker, author of the new book "The New York Game: Baseball and the Rise of a New City," told me Thursday. "It seemed like another affirmation that this was going to be a fairer country, a

country where they could get a fair shake."

I reached Baker at Citi Field, the Mets' home in Queens, shortly before an afternoon game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. In his book, the first of a projected two volumes, he punctures the myth that baseball is a "pastoral" game born in rural America, and writes that its real roots are in the streets of New York.

And as a city game, baseball reflected the ethnic diversity of those streets. "Starting in the 1930s, ethnic America, and particularly Jewish and Catholic America, were recognized as full Americans in politics, in the movies, in sports," said Baker. "And Brooklyn was always kind of a cliché of that."

That recognition didn't extend to African Americans, but in the pre-Civil Rights era, Brooklynites could nonetheless imagine, thanks to Robinson, a more tolerant future. While players, umpires and journalists elsewhere were still viciously racist, Kahn writes, the Dodgers "stood together in purpose and for the most part in camaraderie... That spirit leaped from the field into the surrounding two-tiered grandstand. A man felt it; it became part of him, quite painlessly."

One of those men was Erskine, a devout Christian from Indiana, who years after he retired wrote a book, "What I Learned From Jackie Robinson." "Jackie made people look beyond race, inside their own souls, inside the depths that made them human, and see the light," he wrote. Erskine, whose youngest son was born with Down syndrome, also credited Robinson with helping change perceptions about people with disabilities.

Erskine never played for the Mets, but the team has always seen itself as the spiritual heirs to the Dodgers: the working-class foils to the blue blood Yankees (even as, Baker pointed out, the Yankees tended to recruit more players of color than the Mets starting in the 1970s). Citi Field even took its design cues from Ebbets Field, the old Flatbush home of the Dodgers.

I've tried to explain this to my son, who wonders why Citi Field's main entrance is named for Robinson when he never wore a Mets uniform (as far as I am concerned, every Major League stadium should have a Jackie Robinson Rotunda). I also explain how my mother, born and raised in Queens, was a die-hard Dodgers fan until they decamped to California, and embraced the Mets when they played their first dismal season in 1962. I'll never forget her joy when the Mets sealed their first World Series in 1969.

I was shocked to realize that Kahn, who was 92 when he died in 2020, interviewed the Dodger greats less than 20 years after they retired, when they were only in their late 40s and early 50s. The book looks back on their era as if from a different century, not just two decades. But so much had changed that it might as well have been another century: Martin Luther King was dead. The Vietnam War was raging. Brooklyn's "Jewish" neighborhoods were less so (this was years before gentrification, the mass immigration of Soviet Jews and the explosive growth of the haredi Orthodox community).

As a result, Kahn's book is not only nostalgic, but elegiac. In writing about an aging baseball player, he might as well have been writing about a way of life: "As his major league career is ending, all things will end. However high he sprang, he was always earthbound. Mortality embraces him. The golden age has passed as in a moment. So will all things. So will all moments. Memento Mori."

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