



RABBI KUSHNER

From Canton Ohio to Kasungu Malawi

How a Conversation Turned into Clean Water for a Malawian Community

One day at Agudas Achim Congregation, Mr. Eric Kashdan had a conversation that would change lives thousands of miles away. While speaking with Cindee Rood, founder of Formidable Joy—an organization dedicated to bringing clean water to communities in Malawi—Eric was struck by a simple but powerful truth.

As the owner of K&K Plumbing, Eric remarked, “I make a living off water—maybe I can help people

who need water.” Inspired by this idea, he decided to sponsor the construction of a well in Malawi.

When Eric returned to the congregation, he shared his experience and the stark contrast between our everyday access to clean water and the harsh reality faced by many communities around the world. His words sparked something greater.

Soon, over 50 members of Agudas Achim joined the effort. Through their collective generosity, the funds were raised, and a well was constructed near Mphasi School in Kasungu, Malawi (Lat: -13.222064, Long: 33.551974).

A previously existing borehole nearby is no longer functional, making this well the sole water source

This project is a testament to the power of community, compassion, and how even a simple conversation can lead to profound change.

Waterborne diseases a thing of the past at Mphasi primary school.

Normally when it is rainy season, waterborne diseases are on the rise, especially in rural areas where portable water is nowhere to be found.

Mphasi primary school, located in Kasungu Rural was not an exception, but it is now close to four years without recording any cases related to waterborne diseases, thanks to Formidable Joy.

Speaking to Formidable Joy, the school’s headmistress, Maureen Mlowoka was all smiles as she shared her past experience before and after a borehole was drilled at the school.



Impact at a Glance

- 786 students currently enrolled at Mphasi School
- 60 surrounding households (~300 residents)
- One reliable borehole now serves the entire community
- Prior sources included open wells and a river—both unsafe
- Since the new well, no waterborne diseases have been reported

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Editor's note

At long last, the month of May finally chased away the gray skies and wintry chill that persisted stubbornly through April, bringing the world to life in vibrant colors. The month also brought a flurry of activity to Beit Ha'am.

We were delighted to welcome a delegation of Israeli guests May 9 through 11 in coordination with our P2G Western Galilee partnership. From the moment they arrived in Canton, Meital Beham, Shimon Buskila, and Golan Rosenberg exuded genuine warmth, candor, and an interest in our community. Rabbi David Komerofsky (Temple Israel) and Hazzan Bruce Braun (Shaaray Torah) graciously provided the trio with a platform during their respective services on May 9 and 10 to share their deeply personal experiences related to the Oct. 7 terror attack on Israel. The tragedy of that day profoundly affected each of them in different ways. Their powerful stories exemplified both the worst and the best of the human experience: sorrow and joy, adversity and perseverance, tragedy and triumph.

Meital and her family were evacuated from the home they share in Kibbutz Matzuva on October 8. They were told to pack enough supplies for 48 to 72 hours. As of this writing, they have yet to return home. She has served as Evacuee Community Manager on behalf of the Regional Council of Matte Asher at three separate communities for the majority of the war's duration.

Golan is the Director of the Matte Asher Community Center and a voice of all the communities affected by the war. Golan is also the P2G Community Engagement Co-Chair and is leading the successful program, "First Home in The Homeland," which absorbs Ukrainian and Russian immigrants and refugees in Kibbutz Yehiam and the larger community of the Matte Asher Regional Council.

Shimon's son, Jordon ("Jordy") Buskila was murdered at the NOVA party on October 7. Despite the pain and anguish of their loss, Shimon and his family have chosen to celebrate Jordy's life by creating a memorial garden in his name where members of their kibbutz can go to find peace and tranquility among the trees and flowers. The garden also features a special fire pit for making poyke, a favorite dish of Jordy's who was known for his "legendary" poyke recipe.



Golan Rosenberg, Meital Beham, Shimon Buskila (L To R) participated in a panel discussion during the Kiddush Luncheon On May 10 At Beit Ha'am.



P2G Israeli guests visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame

The Canton Federation is deeply grateful to everyone who made this visit a resounding success, including: P2G Committee co-chairs Bryan Hecht and Rita Schaner; host families John and Carisa Strauss (Golan); Adam and Laura Goldman (Meital); and Bryan and Marcie Hecht (Shimon); Rita Schaner, who organized the Pro Football Hall of Fame outing for the delegates; Mary Donna Rubin, who oversaw the May 10 kiddush; John Strauss, for hosting the "Singularity" art exhibit opening and reception; Bryan Hecht, who hosted a dinner featuring Jordon Buskila's Poyke recipe; and the community who attended the weekend's events and welcomed our guests with open arms.

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much" – Helen Keller.

The Canton Federation staff, board members, volunteers, and associated synagogue leaders continue working tirelessly to foster a thriving, vibrant, and culturally-enriching community in our corner of the world and beyond. Plans are already underway for

this year's Annual Meeting on September 18, which has been described to me as the Federation's own "State of the Union" address. The event will feature a keynote speaker and will be open to our community members.

In other news, this issue of Stark Jewish News features an article by Rabbi A.J. Kushner about something remarkable that the Agudas Achim congregation is doing help a community thousands of miles away.

Meanwhile, a committee led by Rita Schaner and Barb Ferne have been busy working on a project of their own which centers around a 19th Century Torah scroll ("The words that would not burn") on display at Beit

Ha'am.

Excitement is also building for the June 15 concert featuring Rami Feinstein and his Akron for Israel 6 band right here at Beit Ha'am. The group performed eight shows in nine days in Israel and also visited the Nova Festival site this Winter. Tickets are only \$10/ person, and dads get in FREE in honor of Father's day. (See our ad in this issue for ticket information).

We are also thrilled to announce "An Evening with Ted Deutch: Honoring the Life of Bob Friedman z"l" at Beit Ha'am on July 31 at 7:00 p.m. Deutch is the CEO of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). A former U.S. Representative for the State of Florida, Deutch was a founding co-chair of the House Bipartisan Task Force on Combatting Antisemitism." See our ad on Page 16 for more information.

Be sure to check out the adult summer programs organized by Leanne Lehn, Jewish Family Services (JFS) administrative assistant. These events and excursions are a terrific way to explore what Canton has to offer and make new friends along the way! (Psst: these programs are not just for seniors!)

JFS kicked off their annual Friends campaign in May, which helps provide crucial funding for a myriad of professional, caring, and confidential services to enhance and improve the quality of life for members of our community who need a helping hand. Your encouraging response to the campaign is yet another testament to the generosity of our remarkable community.

I am truly blessed to bear witness each day to all of you who give so generously of your time and talents, who leap into action to meet a need when others turn away, and who welcome the stranger as an old friend and willingly share one another's burdens.

May we never lose sight of the importance of community and the amazing things that we can accomplish together.

Jordan's legendary Poyke recipe that he loved to make whenever and for everyone. A recipe that will last forever

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Ingredients:

- 3.5 kg Asado meat (preferably boneless), cut into cubes in advance
- 4 onions cut into coarse slices
- 2-3 heads of garlic broken down into teeth
- 1/2 pack coriander (add 1/2 while cooking the vegetables and 1/2 with the rice)
- 1/2 pack of parsley (add 1/2 while cooking the vegetables and 1/2 with the rice)
- 6 carrots, cut into circles
- 1 glass of red wine
- 1 Kohlrabi
- 3 stalks of celery
- Green hot pepper, cut off the tip and add
- Depending on the desired spiciness
- 2-3 bay leaves
- 50 g Hawaii for soup
- 1/2 cup sweet chili
- 1.5 tablespoons salt
- black Pepper – as needed

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Preparation:

Use a hanging Poyke dispenser or place on top "whispering" coals

Start with 1/2 cup of olive oil for frying and searing the meat, and vegetables (onions first, then carrots and then all the rest)

Add boiling water almost to the height of the meat and vegetables, add the spices and cook on low heat for 3-4 hours. Then add 1 kilo of rice and keep the heat low, wait 10 minutes and stir the contents of the pot and wait until the rice is cooked (about half an hour)

On the rice stage, you are welcome to add cashews, Pine nuts and Raisins according to taste and love. Of course, the pot must be covered with a lid throughout the process

Enjoy Jordy's recipe and the flavor of life



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Time, Love, and Gratitude

There are several theologians that have helped me define my relationship to Judaism and to observe my religion. Standing out and above many others is Abraham Joshua Heschel, who wrote the seminal book on the Fourth Commandment, "The Sabbath". In it, Heschel wrote about how the Sabbath celebrates being over doing, loving over possessing, and acceptance over changing. The Sabbath as Heschel sees it is about gratitude, humility and relationship. The Sabbath is not about what drives capitalism, wealth creation or power accumulation, according to Heschel. The Sabbath is about time and not about objects.

Another observer and writer on Judaism whom I admire greatly and have cited here previously is Michal Bitton. She writes about this week's parsha (a double Torah portion), Behar-Bechukotai, and how it "introduces one of the most radical economic institutions in the Jewish tradition: Shemitta, the sabbatical year. Every seven years, farmers in the land of Israel were commanded to stop

working their land. Fields lay fallow. Fences came down. Possession was relinquished. Land became, quite literally, ownerless. This wasn't utopian fantasy—it was law. And its logic wasn't economic or political. It was theological: "The land is Mine; you are but strangers and residents with Me." (Leviticus 25:23) The land doesn't belong to the king, the people, or the state. It belongs to God. Like Shabbat, Shemitta is a ritualized rejection of the idea that the world belongs to us. It resets power. It resets wealth. It resets ownership. It's a theological declaration channeled into economic law: we are stewards, not sovereigns.

Similarly, this community and the spaces we inhabit belong to us all. It does not matter whether you are a Democrat, a Republican, an anarchist or a monarchist! We are all members in this space, and we share in the space. It belongs to all of us and no one person. I am grateful for this community, where I developed my love for Israel and my religious identity, and hopefully this community means something powerful for you as well. Our coming together as a community for

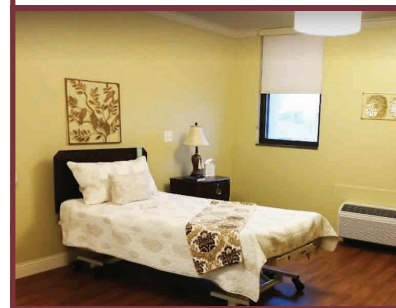
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Experience More Pleasure

Donating activates the pleasure centers in the brain. Donating money simply makes you feel better, which is something we can all benefit from.

Help Others In Need

We don't live in a perfect world, and there's never going to be a perfect time to give—but there are always people out there in need of help. The reality is that when you donate your money, you help others who need it.

Bring More Meaning To Your Life

When you donate money to charity, you create opportunities to meet new people who believe in the same causes that inspire you. That, and making a real impact on those causes, can infuse your everyday life with more meaning. If you've been stuck in a rut, whether personally or professionally, sometimes the simple act of donating cash can do the trick and reinvigorate your life.

Promote Generosity In Your Children

When your kids see you donating money, they're much more likely to adopt a giving mindset as they grow up.

Motivate Friends And Family

When you let your friends and family know of your charitable donations, they may find themselves more motivated to undertake their own efforts to give. It takes a village to help this community with life's pressures and problems. Encouraging individuals and families around you to donate is a very positive and tangible effect of your own giving.

Improve Life Satisfaction And Feel Happier

People who give more to others in both time and resources experience greater satisfaction in life than people who do not. While life satisfaction is one thing, general happiness is another. People who gave to others tend to have higher feelings of joy and contentment than individuals who did not give to others.

Improve Personal Money Management

If you donate to the Friends Campaign that can motivate you to be more attentive to your own finances in an effort to ensure you don't default or fall behind on your bills and donations. Anything that gets you to pay closer attention to your bank account is a good thing—especially when it helps those in need.

Improve Your Health

People who donate have overall health benefits such as resilience, lower blood pressure and reduced stress.

Give, If You Can't Volunteer

This might not necessarily be a positive effect of charitable giving, but if you're too busy to volunteer or otherwise donate your time, giving money is the perfect workaround. Never think that you can't improve someone's life or the world itself if your personal or professional schedule won't allow the time. Writing out a check is a simple way to show you're willing to help others in any way you can.

Please consider donating to the Friends Campaign. It is easy, go to www.jewishcanton.org click on Jewish Family Services-go to donate or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Hershey-Tompkins at 330- 445-2402.

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Rekindled Ruach: Campfires and Community

Recently, I was sent a video of a rabbi and his small congregation—just about ten people—celebrating Lag B’Omer, a joyful Jewish holiday that marks the end of a mourning period in the Omer and is traditionally celebrated with bonfires outside. It was a chilly, drizzly night in Illinois, and the group had gathered outside to kindle the flames despite the wind. Some wondered aloud if they should go back inside—maybe it was too wet, too cold, too windy to celebrate. But the rabbi asked that they stay. As the fire flickered and the weather worsened, they worried it might go out. But the opposite happened—the

stronger the wind blew, the more fiercely the flames danced. Rather than extinguish the fire, the elements made it burn brighter.

That image stuck with me—and it made me think of Jewish summer camp.

Camp is one of the places where we pass that fire from one generation to the next. It’s where our children learn that Judaism isn’t just something to preserve—it’s something to live, to feel, and to proudly carry forward. Even in uncertain times, that spark of Jewish identity is kept alive around campfires, in Hebrew songs, in shared traditions, and in bonds that last long after the summer ends. Like the bonfire in the wind, the experiences our kids have at camp don’t just survive—they grow stronger and more enduring.

Only 20% of American Jewish adults say they felt strongly connected to

Judaism growing up. But for those who attended Jewish summer camp, that number jumps to 55%. That’s more than double—just from a few summers of singing in the dining hall, celebrating Shabbat under the stars, and figuring out how to keep track of one pair of flip-flops for an entire month!

This summer, more kids from the Canton Jewish community are attending Jewish overnight camps than we’ve seen in years, thanks to generous scholarship support provided by the Canton Jewish Community Federation—made possible through the Eppy and Karelitz families, endowed funds, Temple Israel, and other committed community partners. These scholarships are doing more than sending kids to camp—they’re sending them into immersive experiences where Jewish identity becomes something joyfully lived.

At camp, Judaism becomes more than holidays and rituals. It becomes a part of everyday life—woven into hikes, cabin clean-up songs, ropes courses, Shabbat services by the lake, and heartfelt late-night conversations. Camp builds confidence, identity, friendships, and leadership. It connects our kids to something bigger: to Jewish peers from around the country, to traditions passed down for generations, and to a proud, living culture they can call their own.

In Canton, we work hard to keep our community close-knit and supportive. But there’s something powerful about giving our children the chance to see that being Jewish isn’t just local—it’s global. At camp, they meet Israeli counselors,

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BREAKFAST WITH RABBI KOMEROFSKY

August 6 | 9:30 AM at Beit Ha'am

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The Story Of The Jewish Torahs of Czechoslovakia



HAZZAN
BRUCE BRAUN

Author's note: Some of the following information comes from a book written by Joseph Pick in 2003 entitled "The Jews of Czechoslovakia, Historical Studies and Surveys."

In 1964, 19 years after German troops in Prague had surrendered, 1,564 Torah scrolls were transferred from Prague to London. These scrolls represented hundreds of Czechoslovakian Jewish communities that had been destroyed in the Holocaust.

The Czechoslovakian Torahs were part of a huge collection of Jewish ceremonial objects the Nazis were collecting at a museum in Prague that was intended to be the museum of an extinct people. Jews were forced to work there under the control of the Nazis. They sorted, classified, and catalogued the

treasures of their communities and stacked the scrolls until the scrolls reached the ceiling. Even before the Jewish workers completed their tasks, they were deported and all but two perished in the death camps. These Jewish curators were considered martyrs as they preserved Jewish ceremonial objects, some of which were hundreds of years old. Thankfully, their hope that these treasures would someday be returned to Jewish communities became a reality.

After World War II, the 1,564 Torah scrolls remained in the Prague Jewish Museum, which became known as the State Jewish Museum in Prague. It was managed by an agency called Artia, who were agents of the Czechoslovak government and were responsible for cultural properties. At some point the scrolls were moved to an unused Prague synagogue which had been repurposed as a warehouse. They were subsequently moved to the Michle Synagogue located in a Prague suburb. Due to insufficient resources, neither Artia nor the museum staff could properly preserve the Torah scrolls. Parchment scrolls require regular rolling to prevent deterioration, which was not possible given the conditions of over 1,500 scrolls in inadequate space. As a result, the scrolls experienced gradual degradation until 1963.

In 1963, Artia approached Eric Estorick, a well-known London art dealer. He was visiting Prague and met with representatives of Artia who asked him what could be done about the scrolls in the Michle Synagogue. The Artia representatives were hoping there might be an individual or organization in the West that would be interested in acquiring a very large number of Torah scrolls from the Czech Jewish communities that had perished in the war. Estorick agreed to help look for interested parties & he brought in Chimen Abramsky, a London historian and recognized authority on Hebraica and Judaica. Abramsky inspected the scrolls to determine their condition; specifically, which of the scrolls were ritually fit for use in synagogue services.

When Abramsky arrived in Prague, he saw that about 250 scrolls had no protective covering. Others were wrapped in tattered prayer shawls and clothing including a small belt from a child's coat. The scene apparently brought him to tears.

While in Prague, Abramsky spoke to Ralph Yablon, a member of London's Westminster Synagogue, and Yablon then discussed the Czech scrolls with his Rabbi, Harold Reinhart. The rabbi considered using the scrolls for a Holocaust

Scroll No. 144

CHRIS LANGE

A project is underway to preserve the history of a 19th century Czechoslovakian Torah scroll for future generations. The unassuming title ascribed to this sacred parchment on display at Canton's Beit Ha'am. "Scroll No. 144," bears somber witness to the unspeakable evils of the Holocaust. Etched into a plaque situated next to the Torah are "the words that would not burn" – embodying the remarkable spirit and resilience of the Jewish people and of Canton's Jewish community.

During the Yom Ha'Shoah (Holocaust) memorial service on April 24, 2025, Hazzan Bruce Braun shared the history of Scroll No. 144. He explained that it was amongst 1,500 Torahs and other ceremonial objects confiscated by the Nazis from hundreds of Jewish communities that perished during World War II. According to Hazzan Braun, "the intent of the Germans was to display the priceless objects in 'a museum of an extinct people.'" The Torah scrolls and other artifacts were recovered soon after German troops surrendered in Prague in 1943.

This modest Torah scroll has had a remarkable journey of its own. Hazzan Braun shared details of that journey from a warehouse in Prague to London's Westminster Synagogue to Shaaray Torah Synagogue in Canton, Ohio. How the scroll made its way to Canton is a fascinating story on its own. In 1981, Rabbi Nathan Jacobson of Canton wrote to the Memorial Scrolls Trust to request one of the recovered Torahs for Shaaray Torah Synagogue. That request was accompanied by a letter of support from Rita Schaner, then-president of Shaaray Torah's Sisterhood. The following year the Torah arrived in Canton and found its home at Beit Ha'am. (Read on page 7 of this issue of SJN to see Hazzan Braun's speech, reprinted in its entirety with his gracious approval).

The arrival of the scroll in Canton was met with the kind of fanfare one would expect for a celebrity or foreign dignitary, Schaner said, The Canton Repository covered the story, along with the dedication ceremony that followed at Shaaray Torah Synagogue, which is now part of Beit Ha'am.

Rita Schaner recalls the excitement surrounding the scroll's arrival in Canton: "The day it arrived, we met the Torah at the airport with some of the (Holocaust) survivors and the children in the Hebrew school," she said. "It really was a very poignant moment in our community, because we had never really honored survivors. At that point, in 1982, we had 35 people who were survivors (as well as) their children and grandchildren."

The ceremony was held on a Sunday afternoon complete with a cantata. Local and state representatives were also on hand for the event, including Ohio Sens. Howard Metzenbaum and John Glenn and Ohio Rep. Ralph Regula. Shaaray Torah's seating capacity was 432 people, and the crowd, Schaner said, was overflow.

"I have no idea how many people were there, but it was overwhelming support and very much a community event."

As time went by, for reasons unknown, the once-celebrated Torah was removed from its display, placed in a box, and locked away in a storage closet, where it remained for the better part of a decade – perhaps two, according to Schaner. The artifact was returned to a place of prominence when the synagogue underwent a renovation.

Today, Schaner and fellow Canton community member Barb Ferne are spearheading an effort to ensure that the story of Scroll No. 144 is not forgotten.

"I felt that there was more to it, that we could do more," Schaner said.

Although Ferne was initially unaware of the history of the scroll, she did not hesitate to accept the invitation to offer her help and support for the project.

"Our kids need to be more exposed to this living, breathing Torah. The 'words that would not burn,'" she said, quoting from a plaque placed next to Scroll No. 144 in its display case. That inscription was originally written by Claire Jacobson

Quittman, the wife of Rabbi Jacobson, and Shirley Jacobs Lovett, Schaner said, and remembering their words is yet another way to honor the memory of Canton's once thriving Jewish community.

The two women are in the process of creating a website that will offer a treasure trove of information about the Torah with a simple click, including an extensive amount of information available through the Westminster Synagogue in London.

"At some point, we would like to introduce the web page and the whole concept in greater detail during the high holy days," Schaner said.

A QR code is also in the works, which will eventually be placed next to the Torah display at Beit Ha'am. Visitors can simply scan the code with their phones to learn more about the artifact.

According to Schaner, the committee overseeing these efforts is "a large group [that is] representative of the whole community – Shaaray Torah, Temple Israel, Agudas Achim, and the Federation."

"We had one man's parents who had been in the Holocaust. They no longer live here, but they were active in the community, and they offered to finance what it cost to bring this up to date," Schaner continued. "We knew we had the money, we had the backing of the rabbis, and so we reached out to the community, and the response was really positive."

The project does not stop there. The committee is working with their contacts in Prague to facilitate future educational trips to the Czech Republic for those in the Canton community who are interested.

"We have all this information, we have the Torah, we can use it for education, and to reinforce the teaching of the Shoah and combatting anti-Semitism and Holocaust deniers," Schaner said. "We can use it for community enhancement, to honor the memory of the people, and we can also connect our community and people who are not in the Jewish community who are interested in going to Prague."

"The idea is to honor the past, honor the memory of the people, and to connect our community to the larger Torah restoration community in Northeast Ohio, the United States, and all over the world," she continued, adding: "There's no end to what we can do with it."



Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates!



Zachary Charlick

Son of Dayna & Dan Charlick
Graduating from Duke University with BSE in
Electrical & Computer Engineering and BS in
Computer Science



Cameron Hervey

Son of Paul and Janice Hervey
Graduating from Perry High School
Attending University of Georgia



Hayden Mahoney

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Graduating from GlenOak High School.
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events, for prayer, for fundraising and for our support for Israel is what binds us together and gives meaning to being in this space. We must carry on despite the threats around us, and if we needed any reminder, the shooting of a young couple in Washington D.C., about to become engaged during a trip to Israel, is a horrifying example. Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim, were bound to each other by their love and their passion for Peace as well as the US-Israel relationship. We need to carry on their mission, so that their lives are not a waste, as harsh a fate as they met. In our community, if we are to reach out and make Canton, Ohio a larger place than it sometimes may seem, we need to feel connected to our brothers and sisters, whether they live in Washington D.C. or Jerusalem.

As we just recently completed a visit from our Partnership2gether region, three speakers from the Western Galilee, Golan Rosenberg, Meital Beham and Shimon Buskila, all shared their experiences of what living in Israel has been like for them over the last year and a half. The last year and a half has been about time. For Meital, planning support for displaced lives, as families had to move away from a zone close to Lebanon for their own safety, as Israel imposed an evacuation zone on the region. Families that were used to several bedrooms and space for their children were suddenly cast into one and two bedroom hotel spaces that might have been tolerable for a weekend, but not for five hundred days. Possessions and routines were left behind, and all the families had was each

other and the ticking of time as well as the hope to return to their land. Meital organized social services and support from the State for dozens of displaced families. Shimon is a Father of a murdered son, whose life was taken while partaking in the Nova Music Festival on October 7. For Shimon, time has not healed but made him stronger through celebrating his son's life and being able to tell his story. During the weekend, we enjoyed a wonderful meal at the home of Drs. Bryan and Marcie Hecht honoring Yarden by preparing his favorite meal, a barbeque that has become popular in Israel called Poika. Shimon was also able to share more about his son Yarden at a gallery opening at Strauss Studios for the work of Kim Goldberg, an artist from Omaha, Nebraska. Fittingly, the artwork is not representational, leaving the viewer to project feelings onto the compositions. Golan and the others learned about American Jews' connection to Israel as well as our relationship to prayer and the synagogue by attending both Reform and Conservative sabbath services at Temple Israel and Shaaray Torah. Golan and the others live in an area rich in kibbutzim but not in observant Israeli Jews. Our experience here, where we come together in the synagogue is novel to them. There is very little "middle ground" in Israel between the Orthodox (Haredim) and the Secular. What we may have to offer, from our perspective in Canton, is a touch of how a Jewish community can come together in a space that celebrates time, love and gratitude as well as prayer.



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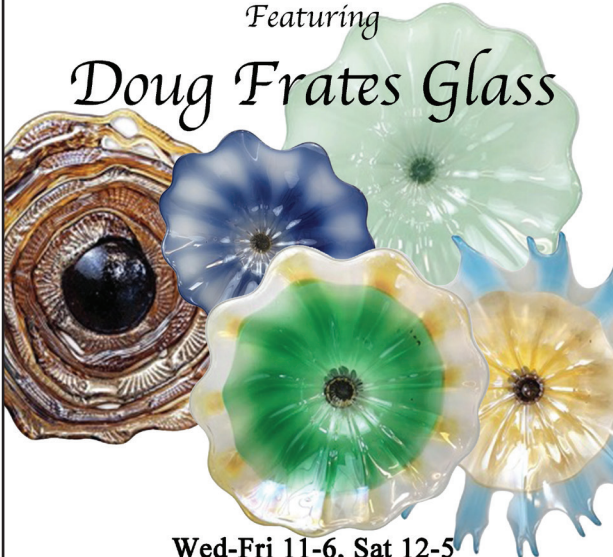


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CHADASH CONFIRMATION 2025



L to R: Rabbi John Spitzer, Noah Olenick, Eliana Adler, Batya Sherwin, Mason Olenick, Ivah Parker, Natan Sherwin, Rabbi David Komerofsky. Photo by Mariana Edelman Photography & Design

TEMPLE ISRAEL TEENS ENJOY LOCK-IN WITH AKRON FRIENDS

Temple Israel teenagers enjoyed another get-together with their Akron peers in May. The youth groupers shared an overnight lock-in at Temple Israel in Akron, chaperoned by Rabbi Komerofsky, Lauren Traxler and Zach Young. This is the genesis of what will become a joint youth group affiliated with NFTY- The Reform Jewish Youth Movement.



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memorial museum. Yablon ended up purchasing all 1,564 scrolls for the sum of 30,000 pounds. In December 1963, the Westminster Synagogue became the trustee of the collection, and arranged to transport them to London.

In February 1964, the scrolls were wrapped in transparent polyethylene plastic and began their journey to Westminster Synagogue. A Memorial Scrolls Committee was established to receive them and place them on the floors of three rooms that were in an annex building of the synagogue. Each scroll or fragment was numbered and placed into a corresponding compartment built for storing them. It took several months to sort and register all the scrolls, and members of the synagogue took charge of caring for the scrolls.

In the summer of 1964, the Memorial Scrolls Committee started the second step in the rehabilitation of the scrolls. They hired scribes to carefully inspect each scroll from beginning to end and to record their findings for each scroll—its history, place and date of origin, distinguishing features, as well as the condition of the rollers, the parchment, and the writing. On the basis of their condition, the scrolls were classified into five categories. In the top category were the Torahs in the “Best” condition, or those that were fit for use at synagogue services without needing too much refurbishment. They called the bottom category “Unusable”. All the other Torah scrolls fit into the middle three.

The last category included scrolls that had been torn through more than three lines of writing or where the Name of G-d was not legible. All the scrolls beyond salvage were earmarked for display as Holocaust memorials in England and elsewhere. One such scroll was lent to Westminster Abbey in 1966 as part of a special Judaic exhibit arranged by the Council of Christians and Jews to honor the Abbey’s nine hundredth anniversary. Afterwards, this scroll was installed permanently in the library of the Council of Christians and Jews in London. Other Torah scrolls have gone on to various institutions such as Leeds University, the University of York and York Cathedral in England, as well as places in the U.S., including Brandeis University, Northwestern University, & the University of Rochester.

Scrolls graded between “Best” and “Unusable” required more significant repairs before they could be utilized for reading during synagogue services. It became evident that a full-time scribe was necessary; however, the Westminster Synagogue struggled to find a qualified individual willing to dedicate their time exclusively to examining and repairing the Czech scrolls. Then in May 1967, David Brand, a scribe from Jerusalem, came to see if the Westminster Synagogue had any Torah scrolls that needed to be repaired. He had been traveling worldwide, repairing scrolls in synagogues.

A member of the synagogue recalled: “I shall never forget the expression of astonishment & awe on his face when he observed the annex rooms filled to the ceiling with Torah scrolls.”

Initially, David Brand, who came from a family of professional soferim, worked for the Westminster Synagogue on a temporary basis. Then after his wife and family came over from Israel to join him in London, he agreed to give all his time to the Torah scrolls from Czechoslovakia. In the end, he had dedicated 27 years to this sacred project of restoring many of the scrolls, and then he and his family returned to Jerusalem.

Upon their arrival in London, the scrolls got a significant amount of attention from Jewish and non-Jewish media outlets. Numerous visitors came to examine them. Holocaust survivors and former refugees from Central Europe were emotionally moved and wept upon seeing them.

At this point, many more organizations began learning about the Czech Torahs, and some began requesting to house a Torah scroll. A procedure was established by the Memorial Scrolls Committee. Applications had to be in writing, and the scrolls were loaned—not sold. Also, they had to be returned if the recipient organization ceased to exist. The recipients contributed to covering the expense of transporting the scroll. Out of the 1,564 scrolls, around 1,400 have been loaned globally.

Each scroll has a small brass plaque attached to its rollers inscribed with “Westminster Synagogue,” the Hebrew year 5725 (1964), the words, “Czech Memorial Scroll,” and the scroll’s number. A certificate accompanies each scroll, stating that it is one of the 1,564 scrolls confiscated by the Nazis, with the name of the town from which the scroll originated given in Hebrew and English.

Each Torah scroll has its own unique history. Some of the Czech Torahs brought to the U.S. were very old, including one now housed at Congregation Beth Israel in Charlottesville, Virginia. It was from the town of Lostice located in the Moravia region of what is now the Czech Republic and was determined to have been from the 18th century.

Another 18th century scroll that came from a synagogue in the town of Austerlitz, survived a famous battle in the town that was led by Napoleon in December 1805. It is now housed by The Philip M. Klutznick National Jewish Museum at Bnai Brith headquarters in Washington, D.C.

One of the oldest Czechs scrolls from Moravia, dating back to 1342, is now housed in the White House. It was given to President Jimmy Carter on November 2, 1977, after he spoke at a World Jewish Congress meeting in Washington, D.C. Nahum Goldmann presented the scroll, hoping it would symbolize prayers for justice and peace. President Carter accepted it, stating he would regard it daily as a symbol of human rights, decency, and love.

In January 1981, Rabbi Nathan Jacobson of Canton, Ohio sent a letter to the Memorial Scrolls Trust requesting a Torah on behalf of Shaaray Torah Synagogue. After more than a year, and with letters of support from Rita Schaner, who was the President of Shaaray Torah’s Sisterhood, Rabbi Jacobson’s request was granted.

In the early part of 1982, Rabbi Jacobson received the following information regarding the Memorial Scroll which Shaaray Torah would be acquiring. Scroll No. 144, which was written in 1850, and was severely damaged. It came from a synagogue in the city of Pardubice which is the capital city of the Pardubice Region of the Czech Republic and is about 56 miles east of Prague.

Pardubice currently has approximately 92,000 residents. It historically has been an industrial city. Jews were first mentioned to be residing in the city in the year 1492. By 1880, when the city’s synagogue was dedicated, the Jewish population was close to 400. The Nazis closed the synagogue in October 1942, and by the end of the year, all of the approximately 550 Jews of Pardubice had been taken to Theresienstadt.

When Rabbi Jacobson had learned that the Pardubice Torah was going to be loaned to Shaaray Torah, he knew there was a significant cost for transporting it. The Sisterhood took on the task of raising the funds that were needed. They also planned a celebration to honor its arrival, that took place on Sunday, March 21, 1982. Everyone there felt the import of having this sacred Memorial Scroll, #144, as a symbol of the survival of our people who had endured such unimaginable loss at the hands of the Nazis. It is an honor that it has been entrusted to us, and I am glad that we are taking this occasion to remember how meaningful it is for us to have this historic treasure in our midst. As Samara Hutman, the Director of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust said, “Like human survivors of the Holocaust, the scrolls represent all the people who came before them and all the people who come from them.”

As many of you know, I am one of the people that came from one of the survivors. My father, Lazer Braun, who lived in Ozarkov, Poland at the time of the Holocaust, was a survivor of Auschwitz. He lost almost his entire family, including his 6 siblings and their families. Only one teenage niece survived from the Braun family besides my father. When my mother, Bertha Braun, learned that we would be receiving the Memorial Scroll, she wrote a poem to reflect her feelings. She was a very religious person and was deeply affected by the horrific events of the Holocaust. I would like to end by reading my mother’s poem, which captures the mixture of sadness and joy people may feel when contemplating this reminder of the resilience of the Jewish people. It is entitled “The Holocaust Torah Speaks: She Tells Her Story.”

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Life Cycle Events

DEATHS

Dr. Richard Lehrer passed away on April 16, 2025. Richard was the husband of Dr. Debra Lehrer; father of Nate (Marci) Lehrer and Jon (fiancé Emma Hammelef) Lehrer.
Betty Freed passed away on April 29, 2025. She was the wife of Herbert Freed (z'l) and the mother of Nelson Freed.
Marlene Slesnick passed away on May 22, 2025. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; her son, Eddie; and her sister, Rosalie Cohen. She is survived by her son, Jeff (Terry Wilmink); her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; and her grandchildren.
Robert Mann passed away on May 25, 2025. He is survived by his children Ellen Mann and Jon and Vicki Mann and his grandchildren.
WEDDINGS
Bradley Tenenbaum and Alison Huffman were married on May 10, 2025, in Alexandria, Virginia. Bradley is the son of Mark and Judy Tenenbaum of Canton, Ohio. The newlyweds reside in Colorado.
BIRTHS
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In agreement with the head teacher, Elles Nsembe, a 55-year-old who draws water and does most of her laundry at the borehole, said lives have improved greatly in their community.
"Lives in our community have improved. We no longer experience waterborne diseases like before. We do not go to rivers to get water. All we have to do is come here before or after classes and the borehole is ours," Nsembe explained.
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share songs and stories that span continents, and discover that wherever they might go next, they're part of a people.

I'm excited to share that some of our young campers will be reporting back in the fall issue of the Stark Jewish News in a special feature we're calling Bunk Mitzvah Notes. Look out for reflections, photos, and personal stories about what camp meant to them—how it sparked new friendships, boosted their confidence, and helped them feel more connected to their Jewish identity. It's a glimpse into the joy, growth, and meaning they found this summer.

AND... for those of us who aged out of lanyards and bunk beds long ago, there's still a chance to have a "camp-like" experience of our own. This October, the Hatikvah Summit in Israel, organized by Partnership2Gether (P2G), offers a unique three-day immersive gathering for adults from the U.S., Israel, and Hungary. It's a chance to step away from the routine, reconnect with Jewish identity, and be part of a global Jewish community in a deeply meaningful way.

There'll be shared meals (with much better food than camp), time in nature, learning, laughter, and powerful conversations—think camp, but with real beds, better coffee, and likely more sunscreen. What makes it even more special is the opportunity to experience Israel not just as tourists, but through the eyes of our Israeli partners and friends—many of whom have visited us right here in Canton over the years, including the recent delegation in May! This Summit will be a chance to not only rekindle bonds of friendship but to rekindle the spark of Jewish joy that lives within all of us.

Programs like Jewish overnight camp and the Hatikvah Summit remind us that Judaism isn't just something we celebrate on holidays—it's something we live every day.

If you'd like to learn more about the Hatikvah Summit or other opportunities to rekindle that flame right here in Canton, I'd love to hear from you.

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Friday, June 6	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Friday, June 13	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Sunday, June 15	4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	Rami Feinstein/Akron for Israel 6 concert
Friday, June 20	5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Temple Board Meeting
	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Friday, June 27	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Sunday, June 29	12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	James Barnett 100th Birthday celebration

July

Friday, July 4		Administrative office closed for Independence Day
	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Friday, July 11	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Tuesday, July 15	7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Temple board meeting
Wednesday, July 16	9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Breakfast with Lisa Frankel, MA
Thursday, July 17	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Federation Board meeting
Friday, July 18	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Friday, July 25	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Thursday, July 31	7:00 P.M.	An Evening with Ted Deutch

August

Friday, August 1	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Wednesday, August 6	9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Breakfast with Rabbi Komerofsky
Friday, August 8	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Friday, August 15	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Tuesday, August 19	7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Temple Board meeting
Friday, August 22	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Friday, August 29	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
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Sunday, June 1

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11:00 am

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Erev Shavuot

Mincha 8:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:33 pm

Sunset 8:51 pm

Shavuot

Maariv 9:40 pm

All night study

Monday, June 2

First Day of Shavuot

Dawn 4:43 am

Shacharis 5:10 am

Sunrise 5:56 am

(Earliest Mincha) 2:02 pm

Plag Hamincha 7:19 pm

Mincha 8:30 pm

Sunset 8:51 pm

Light Yom Tov candles after 9:42 pm

Tuesday, June 3

No Mishnah class via Zoom

Cancelled

Second Day of Shavuot

Shacharis 9:30 am

The Book of Ruth (Ruth) 10:15 am

Yizkor 11:15 am

(Earliest Mincha) 2:02 pm

Mincha 8:30 pm

Sunset 8:52 pm

Yom Tov ends 9:43 pm

Maariv 9:50 pm

Havdalah 10:05 pm

Wednesday, June 4

Esrú Chag Shavuot

Thursday, June 5

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

Friday, June 6

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:36 pm

Sunset 8:54 pm

Saturday, June 7

Shabbos Parshas Nasso

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 am

Earliest Mincha 2:03 pm

Sunset 8:55 pm

Shabbos ends 9:46 pm

Maariv 9:55 pm

Havdalah 10:08 pm

Sunday, June 8

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

Tuesday, June 10

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, June 12

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

Friday, June 13

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:40 pm

Sunset 8:58 pm

Saturday, June 14

Shabbos Parshas Beha'aloscha

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 am

Earliest Mincha 2:04 pm

Shabbos ends 9:49 pm

Maariv 10:00 pm

Havdalah 10:11 pm

Sunday, June 15

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

Tuesday, June 17

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, June 19

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

Friday, June 20

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:42 pm

Sunset 9:00 pm

Saturday, June 21

Shabbos Parshas Sh'Lach

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 am

The Molad (new moon) for the

month of Tammuz: Wednesday

(June 25) 9:58 pm + 4 chalakim

Earliest Mincha 2:06 pm

Shabbos ends 9:52 pm

Maariv 10:00 pm

Havdalah 10:13 pm

Sunday, June 22

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

Tuesday, June 24

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, June 26

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

First Day Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Friday, June 27

Second Day Rosh Chodesh

Tammuz

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:43 pm

Sunset 9:01 pm

Saturday, June 28

Shabbos Parshas Korach

Shacharis, Hallel & Mussaf 9:45 am

Earliest Mincha 2:07 pm

Shabbos ends 9:52 pm

Maariv 10:00 pm

Havdalah 10:14 pm

Sunday, June 29

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

JULY

Tuesday, July 1

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, July 3

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:42 pm

Sunset 9:00 pm

Saturday, July 5

Shabbos Parshas Chukas

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 am

Earliest Mincha 2:08 pm

Shabbos ends 9:50 pm

Maariv 10:00 pm

Havdalah 10:12 pm

Sunday, July 6

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

Tuesday, July 8

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, July 10

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

Friday, July 11

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:39 pm

Sunset 8:57 pm

Saturday, July 12

Shabbos Parshas Balak

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 am

Earliest Mincha 2:09 pm

Shabbos ends 9:47 pm

Maariv 10:00 pm

Havdalah 10:10 pm

Sunday, July 13

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

THE SEVENTIETH OF TAMMUZ

(Day of Fasting 4:53 am – 9:46 pm)

Tuesday, July 15

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, July 17

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

Friday, July 18

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:35 pm

Sunset 8:53 pm

Saturday, July 19

Shabbos Parshas Pinchas

Shabbos Mevorchin Chodesh

Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 am

The Molad (new moon) for the

month of Av: Friday (July 25) 10:42

am + 5 chalakim

Earliest Mincha 2:09 pm

Shabbos ends 9:41 pm

Maariv 9:55 pm

Havdalah 10:05 pm

Sunday, July 20

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

Tuesday, July 22

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, July 24

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm

Friday, July 25

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 8:29 pm

Sunset 8:47 pm

Saturday, July 26

Shabbos Parshas Matos-Masei

Rosh Chodesh Av

Shabbos Chazak

Shacharis, Hallel & Mussaf 9:45 am

Earliest Mincha 2:08 pm

Shabbos ends 9:34 pm

Maariv 9:45 pm

Havdalah 9:58 pm

Sunday, July 27

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom

11:00 am

Tuesday, July 29

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 pm

Thursday, July 31

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30

pm



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Monday, June 2

Shavuot – 1st Day

Festival Morning Service 10:00

a.m. * featuring the reading of

the Ten Commandments

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, June 3

Shavuot – 2nd Day

Festival Services 10:00 a.m.*

Yizkor Prayers 11:15 a.m.*

Mincha Service 5:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 4

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Thursday, June 5

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.*

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Friday, June 6

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Candles 8:38 p.m.

Saturday, June 7

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-

Person; Live Stream; Zoom)

Monday, June 9

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.*

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, June 10

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 11

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Thursday, June 12

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.*

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Friday, June 13

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Candles 8:42 p.m.

Saturday, June 14

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-

Person; Live Stream; Zoom)

Sunday, June 15

No Services

Happy Father's Day

Monday, June 16

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.*

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, June 17

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 18</

Darrell Vanest's Roasted Vegetables

MARY DONNA RUBIN

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF COOKING ?

One definition I found was the following. COOKING is the practice, or skill, of preparing food by combining, mixing, heating, baking, or freezing them, whatever is the case.

Yes, cooking is all of these and more! Many of us use recipes to make that "special dish", a favorite meal, "Company's Coming" Meal, or the "Kids Are Coming" Meal. I also use recipes from my beloved mother's, (Barbara DiGiacomo), recipe box, which are my treasures, and from my beloved father-in-law, Robert Rubin's (Papa) recipes! (None of Papa's recipes were written down. All were from memory). I also learned from my beloved mother-in-law (Bella Rubin), and from my beloved aunts, nieces, and dear friends.

Basically, I LOVE TO COOK! I have been in the kitchen, cooking and baking, since I was three years old. I had my own set of baking utensils, a shared pastry board of my mother's, and a stool on which to stand to enable me to be able to reach the table. My mother baked every day. My greatest joy was to greet my father with a little pie that I had baked for him to eat for lunch the next day.

Baking is an adventure. You do NOT always have to follow the recipe! Be creative! Improvise! Take a chance! Experiment! That's the fun in cooking. When I was 19 years old, my "job" was to cook, prepare, design lunch for my dad who worked the afternoon shift, and also pack his work lunch for that day. This is when I really learned to cook! My father would always tell me to "put some garlic in this!" I prepared meals that I had watched my mother prepare, but added my own touch. This was truly one of the best summers of my life. I experimented, took chances, and really learned how to cook, in addition to spending "special" time with my dad, Mike DiGiacomo!

I learned from many, but Darrell Vanest was a true cook at heart. He had one dish that he created: his roasted vegetables. This dish was the highlight at some of the Kiddush luncheons that Darrell prepared.

So, since we are all reaping the wonders of summer in our vegetable gardens, I thought this roasted vegetable dish of Darrell's would be the best recipe to share with you. It honors summer, and, most importantly, it honors the memory of Darrell, whom we love and dearly miss.

Below is the basic recipe that we used. However, this dish can be made to please any palate. That's why it's fun and unique! YOU get to choose YOUR favorite vegetables that make this YOUR dish!!!

Roasted Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:

- Slice one of each of these: Green, yellow, red, orange peppers
- Slice one Red or Yellow Onion (or both, if you like them).
- Add one half bag of Broccoli Florets, or two bunches of Broccoli cut in pieces
- Asparagus Stalks (You choose how many you like)
- Spinach leaves (one half to three quarters of a large container)
- Brussels Sprouts (as many as you choose)
- 2 Garlic cloves, chopped

These are rough estimates, because you may like one vegetable more than you like another. That's GREAT! Go ahead and use more of whatever vegetables YOU like! **Darrell ALWAYS used yellow squash and zucchini when available. He sliced them. You can peel or leave peeling on, and slice the squash and zucchini.

1. Combine all of these in an aluminum pan.
2. Toss the vegetables in at least three-fourths of a cup of Olive Oil, (not Vegetable oil). Mix all vegetables until they are all coated with the oil. Add more oil if necessary.
3. If you choose, you may also add garlic powder to season more.
4. Cover pan with Aluminum Foil and bake the vegetables at 350 degrees for one hour, or until all vegetables are tender.
5. You may also spread vegetables on a baking tray and cover them with aluminum foil.
6. Bake these at 350 degrees for one hour, or until tender.
7. To serve, arrange vegetables on a serving tray. You can line the serving tray with leaf lettuce, or Aluminum Foil as an accent!
8. Last, but not least, please step back, look at, and admire the beautiful array of colors, shapes, and sizes that YOU have created in your wonderful roasted vegetable dish! Serve warm.

TIPS:

You may reheat these the next day. Use YOUR favorite vegetables.

I would NOT use eggplant. It has too much natural liquid, and will cause the Vegetable dish to become too soupy.

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