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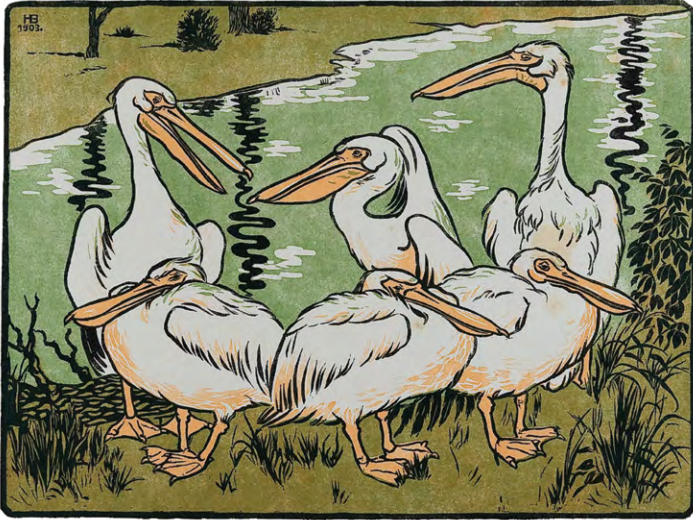
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Honoring "NEVER AGAIN"

The focus of this issue of *Shalom Greensboro* is Holocaust Education, but I am writing this on the thirtieth day of Russia's unprovoked war in Ukraine. It is already drawing charges of war crimes on the part of Russia, including the use of cluster bombs and targeting of civilian homes and shelters. There are nearly 4 million refugees who have fled the fighting, mostly to neighboring countries such as Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Moldova, with which our Federation has had a long relationship. There are also an estimated 6.5 million people who have been internally displaced. As a result, roughly a quarter of the Ukrainian population has been displaced in just one month. Virtually all are women, children, and the elderly as younger men stay and defend their country.

We often hear the slogan "never again," and now is the time to honor it. I am proud that, so far, the Greensboro community has raised more than double its "fair share" of funds as requested by Jewish Federations of North America. JFNA and its many partners on the ground in Ukraine are doing incredible work to support refugees both within the country and beyond its borders. That includes helping get those to Israel who want to go, but also assisting those who want to remain – or hopefully soon return – to Ukraine as well. The aid is not only limited to Ukrainian Jews. The Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee are working in partnership with many other international and local aid agencies to assure assistance to all in need. Indeed, our own Rabbi Eli Sneiderman was able to help coordinate bringing in supplies and food on a pre-planned trip to Poland.

Though nineteenth and twentieth century European history is checkered, it is at least heartening to see many countries that previously closed their doors to refugees – and certainly those during World War II – are now providing support for Ukraine and its refugees, including Jews. Perhaps the nearly universal international support for Ukraine and condemnation of Russia signal that, one day soon, we may see "never again" recognized as a universal value.

Tom Cone, President
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ON MY MIND: Holocaust Education Paves the Way for More Open Dialogue

By Marilyn Forman Chandler, *Executive Director, Greensboro Jewish Federation*



Marilyn Forman Chandler

As a young girl, I was keenly aware that some things were not to be discussed. I remember hearing snippets of stories and seeing old photos of our relatives who never came to America, though the details were never spoken loud enough for my young ears to hear.

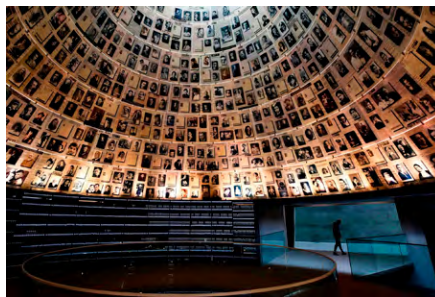
As I grew older, I learned of aunts, uncles and cousins who were killed in the Holocaust. Every time I visit Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem, I search for their names. I look long and hard at photos of Jews who are about to be shot or are in line on the way to a gas chamber. I ask myself, "Do they look familiar? Could they have been my relatives? Why them?"

During a mission to Israel, a past president of the Federation found information about his family members in the records that Yad Vashem had obtained because the Nazis kept such meticulous documents. He was inconsolable, knowing his parents did everything they could to bring his family members out to safety, and yet, they were among those lost forever.

In 1998, our Federation sponsored a study mission to Ukraine. My grandparents had all emigrated to the U.S. from that region in the early 1900's. We visited Jewish schools, shuls and Hillels which had come to life after the Holocaust. We also made a pilgrimage to the Babi Yar ravine where, in 1941, thousands of Jews were massacred or buried alive in a mass grave on the outskirts of Kiev. At the time of this mission, there was no grave marker or monument nearby; it was originally placed miles away and it took years to mark that space. More recently, the Russian military bombed Babi Yar in the current war going on in Ukraine. I have been thinking a lot about that trip and about how blessed my family is, to have had grandparents with foresight to have fled for the golden medina. It is crucial for us, the lucky ones, to do all we can to assist those who chose to stay or those who didn't have a choice.

Our Federation has worked diligently to keep the flame alive of Holocaust education. Because of our campaign donors, we are telling the story of the Holocaust by funding educational experiences for teachers, adults and students. We support domestic and overseas trips such as the March of the Living and sustain the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust's efforts to educate teachers and equip them with tools to teach their students. In addition, the Gizella Abramson Holocaust Education Act, which mandates the teaching of the Holocaust in North Carolina's public schools, was passed in November 2021. And right here in Greensboro, we will continue to support funding for the downtown monument, "She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots" which includes an educational curriculum that will allow our community and beyond to become witnesses of the Holocaust, themselves.

“Our Federation has worked diligently to keep the flame alive of Holocaust education.”



The Hall of Names, bearing names and pictures of Jewish Holocaust victims, at Yad Vashem – The Holocaust History Museum in Jerusalem. *Getty Images*



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On The Campaign Trail: Experiences that Last a Lifetime

By Elizabeth Strasser, 2022 Campaign Co-Chair



Elizabeth Strasser



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Hello, from the Campaign Trail! Ron Yardenay and I have enjoyed getting to know our community better through this year-long campaign process. Our community's passion for Jewish life and continued support of the Federation is truly inspiring! We could not be successful without all of you.

This issue of the magazine sheds light on Holocaust education and awareness. The Greensboro Jewish Federation believes that teaching and learning about the Holocaust helps develop awareness, not only of how hate and violence can take hold, but also of the power of resistance, resilience and solidarity.

Growing up, I learned the basic facts of the Holocaust in school. Years later, my eyes were opened wider after having the privilege of attending missions to Israel and Germany with the Greensboro Jewish Federation. It is the experiences on these missions that sparked my passion for deeper involvement with the Federation, including co-chairing this year's Annual Campaign.

During our Israel mission, we visited Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Having three children of my own, I will never forget the emotions I felt in the final room that pays tribute to the children of the Holocaust, imagining the fear that these families experienced. This trip was life-changing and broadened my understanding of the tragedies that the Jewish people endured during the Holocaust.

On the mission to Berlin, Germany we visited the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. The memorial is outdoors, and consists of

2,711 concrete blocks which can be passed through from all sides. The columns are varied heights and sizes and can cause you to be disoriented. This was a completely different experience than a traditional museum, and allowed me to reflect on the Holocaust in a unique way.

“We must continue to educate the world on the Holocaust, so history never repeats itself.”

Both of these missions were educational opportunities that will remain with me forever. We must continue to educate the world on the Holocaust so that history never repeats itself.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation receives funding for Holocaust education and awareness programs through generous donors, like you, who give to our Annual Campaign. Examples of these programs include the March of the Living for students and the Holocaust & Jewish Resistance Teacher Training Program for teachers living in NC. Additionally, Jewish Family Services provides support to Holocaust survivors living in our community.

Without your support, these programs and so many others would not be possible. If you have not already, please make a gift to the 2022 Annual Campaign. Every donation counts, and nothing is too big or too small! Each dollar furthers our goal toward strengthening and empowering the Jewish people. **Together, we are Here For Good!**

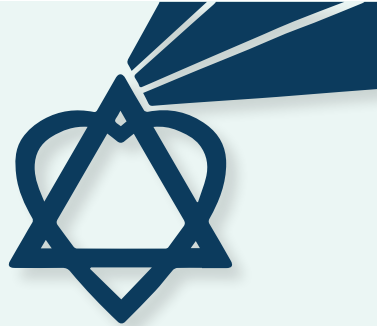
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Please sign up at jfsgreensboro.org to join us for Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 22.

MITZVAH DAY PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Baking Cookies
- Operation Bedroll
- Backpack Beginnings
- Out of the Garden
- David D. Frazier Food Pantry
- Crafts for Seniors
- Painting at the Sanctuary House
- Saving the Irises at Abbotswood



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JFS PARTNERS WITH KAVOD SHEF: Providing Emergency Aid to Holocaust Survivors



“It had to be meaningful and it needed to make an impact.” When Erin and Keith Rosen decided to make a contribution to Jewish Family Services (JFS) beyond their usual donation, these were their requirements.

Sadly, in the last two years, three of their parents had passed away. They wanted their gift to honor the memory of their parents while helping the older population in the community but didn’t know which route to take. They asked Marilyn Chandler, Executive Director at the Greensboro Jewish Federation, for advice. Marilyn then suggested they meet with Betsy Gamburg, Director at JFS, who recommended Kavod SHEF.

In Hebrew, *Kavod* means honor and respect. SHEF stands for Survivors of the Holocaust Emergency Fund. There are 80,000 Holocaust survivors in the United States. 30,000 of them live in or near poverty. Kavod SHEF helps survivors by covering bills like medical or dental, utility payments, home repair or even groceries.

The Rosens’ contribution is matched 100% by the Seed the Dream Foundation. Partnering with more than 20 foundations and philanthropists, this foundation matches all funds raised by local communities enabling Kavod SHEF to address ongoing needs. The Rosens’ gift stays in the local community and is being put to great use, serving approximately 30 survivors.

Kavod, the larger umbrella organization, was founded by John and Amy Pregulman in 2015. John had been asked by the Illinois Holocaust Museum to photograph Holocaust survivors. It was on one particular visit that he had an encounter that changed his and Amy’s lives. The survivor he was photographing offered him a drink but when she opened her refrigerator, it was bare. She apologized and said that her air conditioner had broken and she did not have money to buy food after fixing the unit. The idea for Kavod was born. Amy Pregulman says, “It’s part of our responsibility as human beings to take care of our elders. I can think of no greater honor.”

When Kavod partnered with Seed the Dream Foundation they created Kavod SHEF which became integral during the pandemic. Kavod SHEF has seen a large uptick in requests since COVID-19 began. Survivors have requested PPE (personal protective equipment), kosher food deliveries, transportation and mental health services. Isolation has been especially difficult for some Holocaust survivors. Like Jewish Family Services, Kavod provided services to survivors through social distanced visits, phone calls and Zoom time.

The Rosens’ gift has fulfilled their wishes of being meaningful and impactful. It will continue to assist Holocaust survivors with dignity and purpose.

If you know a Holocaust survivor who needs emergency assistance please contact Diana Torres at JFS at (336) 852-4829 ext. 223. If you are interested in Kavod SHEF contact Betsy Gamburg at JFS (336) 852-4829 ext. 225.

“There are 80,000 Holocaust survivors in the United States. 30,000 of them live at or near poverty.”

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Something Beautiful Happened, by Yvette Manassis Corporan

Seventy years after her grandmother helped hide a Jewish family on a Greek island during World War II, a woman sets out to track down their descendants--and discovers a new way to understand tragedy, forgiveness, and the power of kindness



Among the Living, by Jonathan Rabb

A moving novel about a Holocaust survivor's unconventional journey back to a new normal in 1940s Savannah, Georgia. In late summer 1947, thirty-one-year-old Yitzhak Goldah, a camp survivor, arrives in Savannah to live with his only remaining relatives. They are Abe and Pearl Jesler, older, childless, and an integral

part of the thriving Jewish community that has been in Georgia since the founding of the colony. There, Yitzhak discovers a fractured world, where Reform and Conservative Jews live separate lives — distinctions that are meaningless to him given what he has been through.

Visit JFSGreensboro.org to browse the vast collection available at the Greensboro Jewish Library. For questions, please email library@shalomgreensboro.org, or call JFS at (336) 852-4829.

PROJECT EM: Empowering and Employing our Community



Nineteen Jewish Family Services and Jewish Vocational Services from around the country are offering job seekers interactive workshops, technical skills training, financial literacy sessions, resume writing assistance, personalized career coaching and job listings.

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Please visit www.jfsgreensboro.org to get more information or contact Betsy Gamburg at bgamburg@shalomgreensboro.org or (336) 852-4829, ext. 225.

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Lee Holder, Council Member and Michael Abramson, Chairman of the Council review a donation of educational materials from the Greensboro Jewish Federation.

NC COUNCIL ON THE HOLOCAUST Shares Resources and Stories



The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, established in 1981, provides workshops and educational resources across the state for classrooms, libraries, and communities.

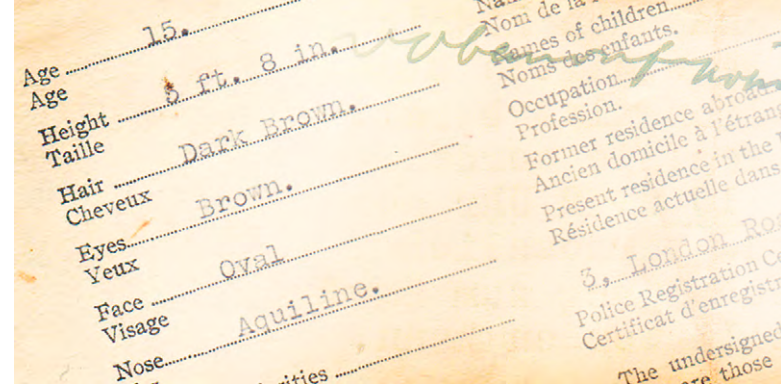
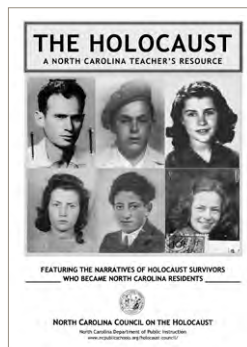
Many of those resources are available to the public, such as *The Holocaust: A North Carolina Teacher's Resource Featuring the Narratives of Holocaust Survivors Who Became North Carolina Residents*. The guide provides first-person accounts from 21 survivors, eight of whom were local to Greensboro.

In November 2021, The Council celebrated the approval of the **Gizella Abramson Holocaust Education Act**, mandating the teaching of the Holocaust in North Carolina's public schools. One council member and member of the Greensboro Jewish community, Steve Mostofsky, was especially pleased.

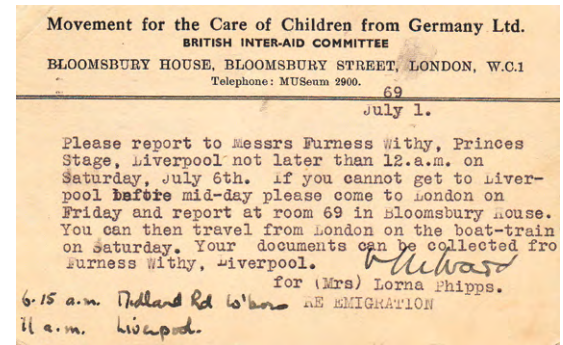
"We should be very proud that not only has North Carolina joined 22 other states that require Holocaust education as part of secondary school education, we are one of only nine that provides some public funding."

The Greensboro Jewish Federation believes teaching and learning about the Holocaust inspires critical thinking, societal awareness, and personal growth. Recently, the Federation made a generous donation of Holocaust educational materials to the Gizella Abramson Holocaust & Civil Rights Resource Center in Kinston, NC.

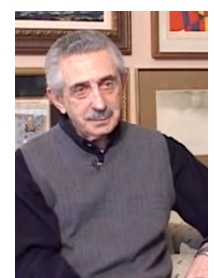
To learn more about Holocaust education, resources, and to access the Teacher's Guide full of powerful stories of survival, visit the Holocaust Education page at shalomgreensboro.org.



Instructions from the Kindertransport office in London for Jack's travel to Liverpool to board a ship for the United States



Jack's Student Identification, taken with him to school in Vienna in the 1930s



Jack during his 2006 interview in Greensboro with Dr. Marcia Horn

In lieu of a passport, this travel document was issued in 1940 to Jack as a non-citizen, residing in England.

remembering JACK HOFFMANN

Holocaust Survivor and Educator

BY JENNY KAISER



Imagine being 14 years old, kicked out of school and sent away, not knowing if you would ever see your family again.

Jack Hoffmann, z"l was 14 years old when he boarded a Kindertransport train, leaving his parents and sister behind.

Kindertransport, German for "children's transport," was an organized rescue effort of children living in Nazi controlled territory that took place for nine months before the Second World War. Ultimately, the effort saved approximately 10,000 children under the age of 17.

In 2006, Jack discussed his journey on the Kindertransport with Dr. Marcia Horn, a literary professor documenting survivors, liberators, and children of survivors. During the interview he detailed how he hid with others on a train through Nazi Occupied lands until reaching Holland. From there, they took a ferry to the coast of England and a train to Liverpool.

"I was told I was eligible for the Kindertransport. I had never heard about it before and neither did my family... I was told to be ready in a week. My mother wanted to keep the family together, but my father said, 'Look, he'll be safer.' We then went to the train station. It was a rather teary scene, difficult for a kid my age. We were sealed as we went through Germany to Holland. They fed us, but the main thing is, people smiled at us. That was something we weren't really used to," Jack shared.

His journey led him to a cultural camp, a nursery, and a hostel. He worked at a tannery and ran away from several homes until he was placed in the private home of Mrs. Dugan in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire in England.

"She was a retired nurse and she took good care of us," remembered Jack. His widow, Nancy Hoffmann, recalled that Mrs. Dugan told him that if his parents didn't make it out of Austria, she would adopt him. Fortunately, about a year later, Jack's father sent for him to come to America.

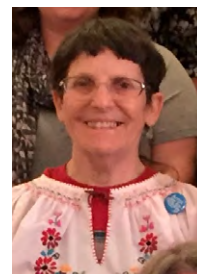
Nancy detailed his passage to the States with a bit of humor, "He had to take a Polish Coastal vessel as part of a convoy to America. The vessel was so slow and the convoy left them within 48 hours." But Jack wasn't scared. He used to laugh and say, "No self respecting Uboat captain would waste a torpedo on such a dreadful boat."

Once in America, Jack was able to put the horrors behind him and finish high school before being drafted to fight in the Pacific. After the war ended, he started a

successful career in business and met Nancy in Florida. "Jack didn't speak about his Holocaust experiences until after he retired," said Nancy.

It was only when Jack retired that he began researching the history of World War II, eventually earning a Masters Degree in German and Austrian History. "If Jack had to do it all over again he would have been an academic instead of going into business," said Nancy.

Teaching North Carolina students about WWII history and telling his story became Jack's passion. He joined the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust and helped design photo panels depicting the Kindertransport. Jack understood that discussing the Holocaust with students in terms they could comprehend was critical. When he was speaking to students, his goal was for them to imagine themselves in his shoes. He wanted them to understand that he was their age when he boarded that train.



Dr. Marcia Horn

Through her interviews with survivors, Dr. Horn saw how the Holocaust impacted all facets of education. She began teaching a Holocaust Literature class and asked Jack and other survivors to share their stories. She said, "I believe especially in the importance of reaching children when their minds are open."

Jack's experience with antisemitism had a profound impact on him. Nancy recalled that "he had great sympathy for anyone dealing with antagonism toward any specific group." Jack was quick to stand up in support of the people of Darfur or other groups facing hatred and persecution.

Dr. Horn agreed, "Speaking up against injustice was central to Jack's beliefs."

The last years of Jack's life were devoted to teaching others about the dangers of hate by speaking to civic groups, students, and at Holocaust commemorative events. Jack Hoffmann concluded his journey when he passed away on July 30, 2015.

Nancy said, "Living in Greensboro and being part of the Greensboro Jewish Community were some of the best years of his life."

“Teaching North Carolina students about WWII history and telling his story became his passion.”



TWO FUNDS, ONE MISSION: Jewish Foundation Funds Inspire North Carolina Educators



Shelly Weiner

Shelly Weiner, Holocaust survivor and community activist, became an advocate for Holocaust education after her daughter informed her that her middle school history book contained only one paragraph on the Holocaust. After speaking to her daughter's class to share her experience hiding from Nazis, Shelly realized there was much more work to do.

There would not be a Holocaust program in North Carolina without Shelly's involvement. In addition to being a founding member of the state's Council on the Holocaust in the 1980s, she was an active member of the Federation's Russian resettlement efforts in the 1990s. She also spearheaded the sister-city partnership with Beltsy, Moldova in the early 2000s. Moreover, Shelly and her husband Frank, z"l, realized the need for Holocaust education in the state and, in 2000, established **The Frank and Shelly Weiner Holocaust Education Teacher Training Endowment of NCCAT**, (North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching) held at the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro.

"We can relate to the Jewish Foundation. We know the people who invest the money, and we feel very comfortable with that," Shelly said. With the funds invested through the Jewish Foundation, North Carolina teachers receive Holocaust education training including travel to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Over the years, Shelly has inspired thousands of people to learn more about the Holocaust. "It's not an easy subject to teach, but it doesn't have to be taught in a graphic way. You have to include the horrors that happened, but there is so much more that young people can learn. It's not just looking at pictures of concentration camps. It is standing up for what you believe in. That is what Holocaust education is."

Even after all her accomplishments, Shelly is not slowing down any time soon. Almost weekly, she travels throughout the Southeast telling her story to students. Additionally, she serves on the board of Women of the Shoah which is responsible for North Carolina's first and only women's

Holocaust monument: *She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots*. This monument is dedicated to her mother and aunt, Eva Weiner and Sofia Guralink, for whom she credits her survival during the war.



The film *Night and Fog*, a 1950's documentary that unveils the reality of concentration camps in Poland and the unspeakable crimes of the Nazis, was especially upsetting to **Erica Weissburg** when she saw it as a young child since her father was a Holocaust survivor. Although she had heard stories from him growing up, seeing it on screen made the horrific history come to life. After attending an event at Beth David Synagogue where teachers recounted the impact of trips to Poland and their subsequent inclusion of Holocaust education in their curricula, Erica made it a goal to create a fund that would further this mission.

In late 2021, with the involvement of her family, she opened a fund in her father's name, **The Mark W. Lancberg Holocaust Education Scholarship Fund for North Carolina Educators** at the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro. Establishing the fund was important to her family. "I wanted my sons to be involved. It was a segue into philanthropy for them as well," said Erica. "The Jewish Foundation of Greensboro is a natural home for this. A fund about this subject matter belongs there."



Mark W. Lancberg

The fund will provide sponsorship for a teacher to travel on Rabbi Fred Guttman's trip to Poland planned for 2023. Erica believes, "It's more important now than ever with all that's going on in the world. I'm sure there are towns in North Carolina where they've never met a Jewish person. They've never heard about the Holocaust in the way that we have. Understanding and exposure to the subject matter is critical."

When asked about what she thought her father might say if he were here, Erica said: "I think he'd be proud. He'd be happy to know that all the stories he told us, and were so hard for us to hear, have mattered. And, we shared them with our kids. Hopefully others will learn about what happened as well."



Elaine Abrams, Erica Weissburg, Pamela Haber and Peggy Bernstein with the clay sculpture in process of *She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots*



Linda Sloan and Susan Robinson



Corky Segal-Waxman



Joyce Shuman and Gail LeBauer



Victoria Milstein and Tammi Thurm

FEDERATION Women Honoring Women



During a 1983 national UJA/Federation Women's Mission to Prague and Israel, a small group of local women pledged \$5,000 each, thus spearheading the Greensboro Jewish Federation's involvement in the national Federation Lion of Judah sisterhood.

On March 31, women-philanthropists gathered at VCM Studio in downtown Greensboro to honor Debby Miller, Joan LeBauer, Joslin LeBauer, Sara Lee Saperstein, Corky Segal-Waxman, and Roberta Levin as founding Lions, and Debby, Joslin and Corky shared their stories.

The guests, who give each year to the Annual Campaign at the Pomegranate, Lion of Judah, or Lion of Judah Endowment levels, learned about the monument, *She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots*, currently being sculpted by Victoria Milstein. Everyone was encouraged to wear their favorite boots as part of the educational experience that this project hopes to convey.

Erica Weissburg, Federation's Vice President of Philanthropy, stated, "Greensboro has been blessed with an active Women's Philanthropy division, which has educated and energized many women over the years to become more involved with the Federation and the Greensboro Jewish community." Today, the Greensboro Jewish Federation is proud to have 75 Lions of Judah. Of those Lions, 29 have set up a Lion of Judah Endowment, so that their gift will live on in perpetuity.

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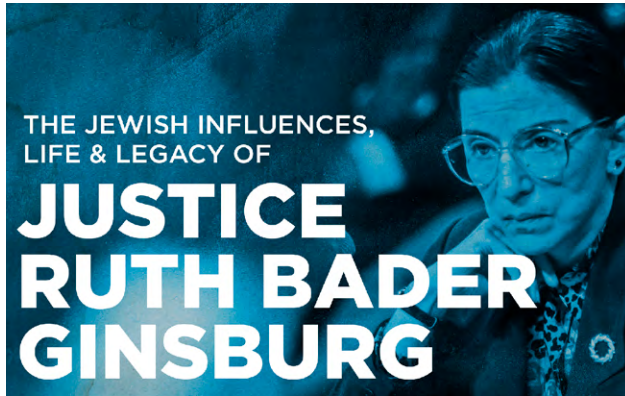
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CARDOZO SOCIETY

Several local law professionals from the Cardozo Society and the Jewish Foundation Committee of Professional Advisors (COPA) attended a nationwide virtual symposium on April 5 entitled *The Jewish Influences, Life & Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*.

The 90-minute panel symposium united scholars, biographers, and personal acquaintances of Justice Ginsburg to discuss both intellectual and personal insights into one of the greatest Jewish jurists in American history. Attendees discovered how Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was motivated by Judaism's concern for justice and how it translated to her jurisprudence, and a caring for minority rights.

The Ruth Bader Ginsburg symposium was the first nationwide learning opportunity open to all organizations of Jewish attorneys, and will act as a catalyst for Jewish lawyer associations to continue to learn about each other, network and ideally collaborate on future projects.

For more information on the Cardozo Society or other affinity groups, visit shalomgreensboro.org or contact the Greensboro Jewish Federation at (336) 852-5433.



Above: Musya Minkowitz
Left: Ethan Gray and Tristan Wurzburger

PJ Library Pre-Purim Party



PJ Library families spent a sunny afternoon alongside Chabad Greensboro, Beth David Synagogue, B'nai Shalom Day School and Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Engagement Center as each group led fun activities to prepare for Purim. With almost 50 kids in attendance, fantastic costumes were spotted including Mr. Incredible, Captain America, baby Chewbacca, Princess Leah, Queen Esther and Baby Shark.



Chevi Plotkin



Miles Jackson

Participants decorated paper crowns, rain stick groggers, Play-Doh hamantaschen, costume eye masks, and castles. The Pre-Purim party was a joyful way to celebrate the holiday early and build connections between families, complete with Purim themed PJ Library books and Mad Libs to take home.

One of the goals of PJ Library in Greensboro is to provide low barrier engagement opportunities for families to socialize no matter where they are on their Jewish journey. To learn more about registering for free PJ Library books, 'like' the PJ Library Greensboro page on Facebook.



P2G kicks off on a Sunday evening in March, with dinner at the home of Tom and Rene Cone with Greensboro Mayor Nancy Vaughan.

Greensboro Jewish Federation Hosts PARTNERSHIP2GETHER: HOW TO BUILD A COMMUNITY



One of the important facets of a community is creating bonds between people. But, there needs to be a processed plan to create a network. Otherwise the possibilities are too overwhelming. The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) has found that the best way to connect Americans with Israelis is to create partner cities. Greensboro is part of a partner consortium that connects a region in Israel with smaller Jewish communities in the Southeast. With P2G, the organizational responsibilities are split amongst all the partners.

P2G connects the Hadera region in Israel with these ten Jewish communities: Greensboro, Charleston, Charlotte, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Lee and Charlotte County Florida, Gulfcoast Florida, Richmond, and Nashville.

Some of the programs and offerings of the partnership include: arranging private tours when community members visit Israel to see federation contributions at work, connecting with teachers, teens, schools, young leadership, professionals, and artists, and virtual programs such as one-on-one tutoring connections and a women's speaker series.

Each year, in addition to regular virtual meetings, the P2G consortium holds a few in-person gatherings at one of the communities in the partnership. This year was Greensboro's turn to host. 24 members of this group came from 11 different Jewish communities to meet in person and collaborate on programming and budgeting for next year.

"P2G has found a way to make global impact personal, which we should all be striving for right now. This is exactly where we need to be!" commented Raffi Simel, Incoming Vice President of Israel and Overseas.

The meetings took place under a tent in the Federation's parking lot. Additionally, P2G guests toured VCM Studio which houses the *She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots* Holocaust memorial sculpture. They broke bread at a variety of Greensboro locations: the home of Tom and Rene Cone, 1618 Midtown, Osteria, and in front of food trucks that visited the meeting place.

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John Cohen and Rabbi Eli Sneiderman welcome P2G guests to Greensboro.



Dorit Zini (Israel) and Laura Hausman receive a sweet treat from the Ice Queen food truck.



Shimrit Orgal (Israel) and Becca Greenspan Stein (Florida Gulfcoast) lead a Roundtable discussion during the joint meeting.



Caren Appel and Raffi Simel enjoy meeting members in the partnership.

COMMUNITY

B'NAI SHALOM STUDENTS Build Resiliency through Studying the Past



At B'nai Shalom Day School, students develop an understanding of Jewish history and their place within its larger narrative. The school's Rabbi in Residence, Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon said, "B'nai is a place that cares about the whole child and needs to build children that know history, know their history, and know what that history has to do with them and their lives today." This history tells the story of triumph, but also tragedy. By studying this history and the Holocaust in particular, however, students develop a sense of resiliency, rooted in their understanding of the past.



Eighth-grader Finn Strasser at B'nai Shalom Day School

Serving students from infancy through eighth grade, B'nai Shalom teachers think about the developmental needs of their students when approaching the teaching of our past. The school's younger students develop an awareness that throughout Jewish history and tradition there are both sad and happy times. They learn the importance of being an upstander, speaking up in moments of injustice, and caring for others.

In eighth grade, students participate in an extended unit on the Holocaust. Their curriculum is based on the work of Facing History and Ourselves, a nonprofit that works with educators and young people to connect the past to the present. This type of learning challenges students to think about who they are, their obligation to others, and their place in this dark period of Jewish history.

Eighth-grade student Finn Strasser said, "The Holocaust was a huge thing in Jewish history, going back one or two generations. Everyone has a family member that suffered from it. We just can't forget about the Holocaust because there's a chance it could happen again if we do." B'nai Shalom students understand that this part of the past compels them to stand up against injustices in our present.



In March 2022, JTriad members celebrated Purim together with a costume party.

JTRIAD SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS to Reignite In-person Events



For almost a decade, young Jewish professionals living in the Triad area have made connections and built relationships through JTriad. Leadership opportunities are central to the group's mission, and service on the volunteer board helps young professionals develop skills and make a difference in the local Jewish community.

As the pandemic wanes, JTriad is focused on creating new and exciting opportunities for in-person gatherings and activities that spark a strong sense of community among members, from Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations to sporting events, camping trips, and casual social hours, or networking events with professional staff at the Greensboro Jewish Federation and local synagogues. In addition, JTriad members receive a special discount for certain Federation events.

Board applications are currently open for community-oriented young professionals who are seeking a rewarding opportunity to lead. JTriad Board members serve for a two year term, and make a measurable impact on the Triad Jewish community. Board members meet once a month to brainstorm volunteer and outreach opportunities, events, and ways to enhance the experience of Jewish young professionals in the area. Examples of positions are Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Chair, Events Chair, in addition to board members at large.

JTriad is graciously supported by Beth David Synagogue, the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Temple Emanuel of Greensboro, and Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, and led by a small committee of dedicated community leaders. If you are a Jewish young professional in the Triad, or know of someone, sign up for our email list at JTriad.com or join the Facebook group called JTriad: Jewish Young Professionals Group. For more information about serving on the board, email Jtriad336@gmail.com.

BETH DAVID Introduces a New Speaker Series on Shabbat



What do these events look like? How can organizations rebuild?

Randall Kaplan and Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon saw this transitional moment as an opportunity. "This is a great time to create a project to inspire people in terms of Judaism, spirit, and bringing others together to create community," said Randall Kaplan.

This idea led Kaplan to create The Tobee and Leonard Kaplan, z"l, Institute for Jewish Connection in memory of his parents. The program will bring thought-provoking speakers to Beth David on Shabbat. "Great speakers and scholars speak to the application of Judaism and Jewish life. It's only inspirational if it's educational," Kaplan added.

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon sees that people need the healing of learning, celebration, and connectedness that these *Shabbatot* will offer. "Being with your community is some of the best medicine for what ails all of us right now," said Rabbi Ben-Gideon. "Every Shabbat is a gift that can help us heal, and the TLK institute offers us all the opportunity to learn from and share Shabbat with nationally recognized scholars."

During a TLK Shabbat morning, a nationally recognized guest will speak during the service. Then, the congregation will be invited to a celebratory congregational *kiddush* lunch. Kaplan hopes each of these *Shabbatot* will feel like a *simcha* for the entire community.

"Nothing is more fulfilling than hearing someone talk about things that give meaning to our lives," added Kaplan. He hopes each Shabbat will bring the same feelings as *B'nai Mitzvah* and other *simchas*.

The first TLK Institute for Jewish Connection Shabbat is Saturday, May 14. The guest will be Sarah Hurwitz, former head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama and also a speechwriter for President Barack Obama. She is the author of *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life — In Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)* and has rediscovered her Judaism, finding timely insights and spiritual connection.

Kaplan is honored to be able to initiate the program and feels his parents would approve: "The most important thing to them was the community of the Jewish people. Anything that strengthens us individually, and as a community, they would have wholeheartedly supported."



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TLK Institute for Jewish Connection gives our community an opportunity for learning, inspiration, and connectedness.

It honors the legacy of
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COMMUNITY

G-FLI: Leadership Course Focuses on the History of Israel



Young Jewish leaders in G-FLI continue to learn about themselves and the Jewish world around them. Session 8, entitled *Israel: A Deep Dive into a Complex Nation* brought in Dr. Eli Sperling, a Postdoctoral Associate at Duke University in the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

"Hebrew is the culture that came before Israel existed," explained Sperling during his presentation.

In this session, Sperling covered topics such as Zionism, the evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Israeli politics, history of the land of Israel prior to 1948, and the current Israeli climate.

In addition to learning about Israel, participants have been paired with mentors in the local Jewish community. Members of G-FLI also met one-on-one with a coach affiliated with the Center for Creative Leadership. They will start their own leadership projects in September. "I appreciate the opportunity to connect with people who care about similar things that I do," said Libby Fisher when asked about being in G-FLI.

G-FLI is an 18-month leadership course designed to help emerging leaders identify and develop their leadership styles. To sponsor a G-FLI session, contact Maya Gurfinkel at mgurfinkel@shalomgreensboro.org.



Cohort 3 members, Jeremy Reiskind (left) and Libby Fisher (right), enjoy Session 8 on Israel.



Valentina Giraldo and Genay Peavey gain confidence and perspective in G-FLI.

TEMPLE EMANUEL: Teachers Travel to Poland for Holocaust Education



A newly developed Holocaust Education program for teachers pairs Temple Emanuel's Emeritus Rabbi Fred Guttman, with educator Lee Holder, and the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust. Rabbi Guttman is the Regional Director of the International March of the Living program. Lee Holder is a social studies teacher at North Lenoir High School in La Grange, NC. The program was created in response to national and state legislature bills focusing on the Holocaust and other genocides as part of the standard course of study.

"Frankly," says Guttman, "during my lengthy career of 46 years in the rabbinate, I have never been as excited about a game-changing project as I am about this."

The program travels with teachers to Poland for an intensive week of study. Participants will visit the concentration/death camps

of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, and Majdanek. They will see and learn about the various sites in Warsaw, Krakow, and Lublin. In addition, they will visit the small village of Tichochin and the mass grave near the town wherein on two days in 1941, the city's 3,000 Jews were murdered. Finally, there will be a special half-day teacher's educational seminar at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw located on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto.

The goal of the program is for teachers to return with significant knowledge in the field of Holocaust and genocide education. This knowledge will not only be of a cognitive and informational nature, but will also include suggestions for curriculum design and teaching methodology. It is the hope that participating teachers will become curriculum resources and trainers for other teachers throughout the state. At present, 37 teachers representing 20 school districts have expressed interest.

The Gizella Abramson Holocaust Education Act calls the education of the Holocaust essential, and it defines antisemitism. Implementing curriculum on a broad scale is a monumental task and one which the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust is urgently addressing. Scheduled for 2023, the one-week educational seminar in Poland, led by Guttman, will help the Council and the NC Department of Instruction to achieve its goal of broad-based Holocaust and genocide education in a most significant manner.

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Holocaust Survivor's Dedication Inspires CHABAD Greensboro Rabbi



Among his many rabbinic duties, Rabbi Yosef Plotkin of Greensboro especially relishes the opportunity to supervise local establishments to ensure that their products are kosher, representing the OK, OU, and Kof-K agencies.



Rabbi Yitzchak Hendel inspecting Shmurah Matzah

Plotkin says that he draws inspiration from his grandfather, Rabbi Yitzchak Hendel, who was a Holocaust survivor. "My grandfather who passed away in 2007 at the age of 90, loved to discuss kosher with us kids," says Plotkin, who directs Chabad of Greensboro. "The laws and the practical application was what he lived, sacrificed and breathed all his life."

"He had an understanding for machinery, and how factories operated. That allowed him to make sure that factories, under his supervision, were kosher according to the highest standards."

When the Nazis overran Warsaw, newly-ordained and beloved *yeshiva* teacher, Rabbi Hendel was in his 20s. He said goodbye to his parents and siblings, all of whom perished in the Holocaust, and joined a group of fellow *yeshivah* students who crossed the border into Lithuania. From there, they took the Trans-Siberian railway across the Soviet Union before arriving in Japan granted by Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat known for helping thousands of Jews leave Europe by issuing travel visas. In time, along with fellow Jewish refugees, they were expelled from Japan and forced to live in Shanghai, China.

Throughout their journey, as their stomachs grumbled and they watched their friends become ill from starvation, the group remained devoted to keeping kosher.

In 1942, Hendel and eight of his peers were granted permission to enter Canada. After docking in San Francisco, they took a train to Montreal, under strict guard to prevent them from remaining in the U.S.

In several cities, lavish receptions were prepared in their honor by the local Jewish communities. As in the Far East, Hendel and his group refused to touch the food unless they were certain it was kosher.

In one instance, after politely declining to partake, they were vindicated when the daughter of the local rabbi came running in with a message from her father: "Don't eat the food, it was not made under my supervision, and it's not kosher!"

In Montreal, Hendel started a family and became involved in kosher supervision, leading the MK agency, under the Montreal rabbinate, where he was eventually appointed chief rabbi.



GJF GLOBAL EMERGENCY FUND: Powering Life-Changing Moments

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- Tree of Life (Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh)
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- Border Crisis Immigrant Aid/Relief (HIAS and Faith Action Network)
- Collapse of Champlain Towers (Greater Miami Jewish Federation)
- Earthquake Disaster in Haiti (JDC)
- Hurricane Ida in Louisiana (JFNA)
- Local Afghan Refugee Resettlement (Jewish Family Services)
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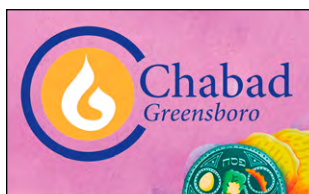
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