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Annual meeting to be held June 22 at Berks Nature

By Amanda J. Hornberger

The community is invited for our annual meeting & picnic dinner on Wednesday, June 22 at the Rookery event space at Berks Nature!

Join us for dinner, nature themed activities and klezmer music! We will also be honoring William Franklin, who is retiring after eight years as President of Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks and Adi Shalev, our Israeli emissary for the past 3 years.

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with a kosher dinner buffet at 6 p.m. The business meeting and honoring of Bill and Adi starts at 6:30 p.m. Stay into the evening with klezmer dancing with a band from Brooklyn!

Cost to attend is \$5, and children 12 and under get in free. We want the entire community to attend, so if you need financial assistance, please call Jewish Family Service at 610-921-0624 to speak to Carole.

Reservations are required by Wednesday, June 15 to info@reading.org or 610-921-0624. Online registration is available on our website.

The Rookery, is a brand-new extension to the local conservancy's headquarters and education center. It includes a covered rooftop patio and indoor meeting area and our group will be using both spaces.

Berks Nature can be found next to



Our Annual Meeting is always a fun time. Last year we gathered at FirstEnergy Stadium, this year we'll be enjoying the beautiful event space at Berks Nature.

Alvernia's University's campus at 575 St. Bernadine St. Reading. The indoor-outdoor space will make our event special, no matter the weather!

Free parking is available at Berks Nature including handicapped dropoff at

the door. Special travel assistance and accommodations will be available for seniors; please call Carole Robinson to confirm details.

We hope community members of all ages will join us for this fun event!

Farewell to Bill, Andi and our Shlichah Adi

By Bob Caster
Federation Chairman

During my term as Chairman of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks I have intentionally avoided writing articles covering a multitude of subjects for two very basic reasons. Firstly, I do not like to do it, and secondly, I do it extremely poorly. With that being kept in mind by the reader, I reluctantly will proceed.

With a great deal of personal regret, I want to advise you that on July 31, William (Bill) Franklin will be retiring from his professional duties and responsibilities as President of the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks. That means Andi is also retiring from the many wonderful things she has done for the community. On behalf of the entire community and those whose lives have been impacted by the Franklins, I offer our sincere gratitude and best wishes for their future, wherever and whatever that may be.

Bill and Andi have many plans for their short-term and longer-term futures starting Aug. 1. I am sure each of you will be speaking to them during the immediate future to hear their plans.

As Chair I have enjoyed working with Bill

thoroughly. He is a true professional, a man of principles, intelligence, forthrightness, determination, mission, and a wonderful leader for the Jewish community internally and externally. During his eight years as President, he has diligently worked to accomplish the goals of the Federation as expressed in our Mission Statement:

"Creating a vibrant, healthy Jewish community by strengthening our connections, inspiring Jewish identity, providing for those in need, and promoting greater understanding."

Bill and Andi will be greatly missed! Please stay in touch with the community!

I am not finished with my bad news. I also need to inform you that our Shlichah, Adi Shalev, after spending three wonderful years with us at the Federation will be returning to Modi'in, Israel, her home, also this summer. As our 2021 Annual Report mentions, Adi has been providing a living connection to Israel by promoting Israeli experiences for both adults and children.

During her three-year Reading experience she has actively, professionally and with great success provided enjoyable, substantive programs

for our youth groups and young adult Jewish groups; provided tasty cooking classes; Judaism classes while obtaining multiple speakers for all ages; provided Hebrew classes; provided virtual programs on Israeli life and culture; pursued and developed interfaith outreach with our local colleges; helped run virtual PJ Library summer fun programs in 2020 during the dark days of COVID-19; reached out to many community members for coffee dates, Shabbat dinners, trips; served as a resource and taught lessons at RCOS and Chabad; and of course assisted as the inhouse technology adviser and Bill's personal technology repair assistant. In addition she has served the Lancaster Jewish community in a wide variety of ways"

The community is very grateful to Adi for all that she has taught us, her overwhelming continual interest to help on any issue, and the effectiveness and wonderful content of her programs. We wish her continued success in all future endeavors. Please do not be a stranger!

Finally, I invite you to attend the Federation's Annual Meeting on June 22 at Berks Nature.

Time to start thinking about the Annual Campaign

By Laurie Waxler
Development Director

Very soon, you'll be receiving a mailing from the Federation to renew your JCC membership, purchase the annual calendar and hopefully support *Shalom* — the wonderful paper you're reading right now. In an attempt to reduce the number of mailings you receive from us, we've packaged it all into one and hope we can count on your continued support.



By supporting the JCC, we can continue to provide a variety of programming opportunities for members of all ages. Being a member gets you discounted registration fees and a free annual calendar. Membership to the JCC runs from July 1-June 30, and you should be

receiving our Calendar of Events in August so you have an idea of all the programs we offer throughout the year.

Reading the *Shalom* is another great way to stay up-to-date. Each month we mail out 650 copies of *Shalom* to Jewish members in our community and to some who have moved out of town but still want to stay connected. It really is a lifeline to everyone in our community because it covers ALL programs including Federation, RCOS, KZ and Chabad, and there is truly something for everyone.

I used to think that by being a JCC member and sending a check for *Shalom*, I was supporting my Jewish community, but now that I've been with this organization for over a year, I've learned it's only the tip of the iceberg.

Your JCC membership tells us you want to participate in your community and for that we

are grateful. Your Annual Campaign gift tells us you want to give a gift that goes beyond you and your family and reaches those folks waiting in line at our Food Pantries, or the seniors living alone whose day we brighten with a phone call or a meal delivery. Your Annual Campaign gifts reach those in our community who may need help paying their electric bill or securing taxi tickets. It also reaches our youngest members at the Lakin Preschool who are just learning the value of tzedakah during their weekly Shabbat celebrations.

Annual Campaign gifts help everyone, and when that mailing comes in September, I hope you're already a JCC member who supports *Shalom* and you make the conscious choice to go one step further and show your support for our entire Jewish community.

Don't define people by their addiction

By Laurie Waxler

Our Maimonides Society, a group of Jewish health care professionals, gathered on Sunday, May 15, at the JCC to learn about addiction medicine. Lee Radosh, MD, started his career as a family practice doctor at Reading Hospital, overseeing the residency program, but decided to change his focus. He told the group that when he started talking about working in addiction medicine, friends and colleagues began to share their own stories. It was clear to him he was doing the right thing. He completed the Caron Treatments Centers Addiction Medicine Fellowship in 2019 and has been making a difference in people's lives ever since.

Lee's biggest message was that people should not be defined by their addiction. He described addiction as a chronic disease and compared it to diabetes or any other long-term diagnosis that can be treated successfully for a long and happy life. People with substance use disorders come in all walks of life. Lee said that during his time with Caron he has treated VPs, health care providers, Chasidim, pregnant women, student-athletes ... and the list went on and on. No one is immune, and 50% of those with addiction tendencies are found to have a genetic component, so it's not just about making a bad choice.

A more scientific definition of addiction is that the rational part of the brain is bypassed leaving patients with a feeling of "I can't stop." In the beginning, utilizing whatever their substance of choice is makes the user feel good, however, the more they use, the more addicted their bodies become. Unfortunately,



Local health care professionals at the May 15 Maimonides Society meeting. Back row from left: Andy Waxler, Jeff Sternlieb, Meir Mazuz, Neil Hoffman, Lee Radosh, Peter Schwartz. Front row, Manny Wittels, Jeff Driben

over time, they lose that feeling of "getting high" and just use the substance to feel normal. Addiction is a chronic disease that requires treatment. While some patients may experience periods of relapse and/or remission, their genetics combined with their environment leave them vulnerable. There are a variety of medications that can help and when used in combination with counseling (there are inpatient and outpatient options depending upon the case), these treatments can be very successful. One interesting fact is that people with food addictions are treated with the same medications.

The final topic of Lee's talk was how to address friends and family members we might suspect of substance abuse. If you're wondering

if your observation is an over-reaction, it's probably not. If you choose to approach the person, be kind and nonjudgmental and do it in a quiet and private setting. Talk about behaviors you've noticed and listen to what they have to say ... you might just save their life by caring and offering your support.

There was a great discussion among the attendees. They shared experiences of how addiction has impacted their specialties and noted how important it is to provide compassionate care despite the challenging complexity of this disease. If you are a Jewish health care professional and would like to join the next discussion, our next meeting will be held in the fall. If you're not on our mailing list, please contact me at LaurieW@jfreading.org.

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Total Raised for each:
Jewish Family Service: \$3,662
Meir Panim: \$1,166

• It's not too late to donate, simply visit our Federation website and click on the "Ways to Give" button.



From the President's Desk

Thank you for a wonderful eight years

By William D. Franklin
President

This will be my last *Shalom* article. Looking back over the past eight years, the two things I value the most are the wonderful friends Andi and I have made and my increased appreciation of the wonders of being Jewish.



My role as a leader of the Reading Jewish community has given me a greater sense of belonging to the worldwide

Jewish collective. My awe at the beauty of our Jewish texts, values, ethics, rituals, history, stories, and especially our Jewish humor and food has grown. I now have a deeper consciousness of our shared past — a covenant of history and our shared future — a covenant of destiny.

I learned more about the importance of Israel, to us as Jews, to the United States and to the world. As an example, our Declaration of Independence, which ensures “certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”, was sculpted from our Torah. We share the value of democracy and

share the need and the will to right social wrongs.

Daily, I was reminded that the core values and essence of Judaism is what will ultimately bring us together. Not in spite of our differences, but because of them, as only honest and open debate will bring us to truth. This is the first time in Jewish history that there is both a strong Jewish homeland and a strong Jewish Diaspora, primarily in America.

What has pained me is that I see American Jews walk away from each other and Israeli and American Jews walk away from each other. Natan Sharansky

and Gil Troy wrote- “We sometimes seem to be one people divided by one religion. And sometimes we seem to be one people divided by one state. But we must remain one people.” We must increase our efforts to prevent future generations of all Jews from walking away from each other.

These past years have taught me that the future of Judaism is dependent on us, not only rabbis, taking hold of the rich, challenging, surprising, and inspiring heritage that makes up our texts and traditions.

Thank you for a wonderful and meaningful eight years.

Survey raises concerns on Israel-Diaspora relations

American Jewish Committee

Surveys of U.S. and Israeli Jewish millennials show that Israel-Diaspora relations remain strong, but also indicate points of divergence regarding what role diaspora Jews should have in influencing Israeli policies, antisemitism in the U.S., and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The first-ever parallel surveys of Jews, ages 25-40, were conducted by YouGov in the U.S. and Geocartography in Israel.

“Gauging the views of millennials is critical to ensuring strong, enduring ties between the world’s two largest Jewish communities,” said Dana Steiner, Director of AJC ACCESS Global.

Significant majorities of American (72%) and Israeli (89%) Jewish millennials say it is important that the American Jewish community and Israel maintain close ties, with 48% of Americans and 46% of Israelis saying it is very important. 80% of millennial Israelis and 70% of millennial American Jews think a strong State of Israel is necessary for the survival of the Jewish people, and 81% of Americans and 70% of Israelis think a strong Jewish community outside of Israel is necessary. And 26% of American Jews, ages 25-40, say they feel a great deal of personal responsibility to help fellow Jews in Israel, 33% feel some, 23% feel not much, and 12% feel none.

Among Israeli millennials, 9% feel a great deal of responsibility to help fellow Jews in the U.S., 33% feel some responsibility, 30% feel not much, and 18% feel none.

Looking at how each community perceives Israeli care for Jews in the U.S., 18% of American and 11% of Israeli Jewish

millennials think Israelis care about U.S. Jews very much; 22% of Americans and 46% of Israelis care quite a lot; and 35% of Americans and 30% of Israelis care somewhat. In contrast, 17% of Americans and 4% of Israelis think Israelis do not care at all about U.S. Jews.

Regarding perceptions of how American Jews care about Israelis, 27% of American and 17% of Israeli millennials think U.S. Jews care very much about Israel; 34% of Americans and 50% of Israelis think they care quite a lot; 29% of Americans and 21% of Israelis think American Jews care somewhat; and 5% of Americans and 3% of Israelis say they do not care at all. 55% of U.S. Jewish millennials say being connected to Israel is important to their Jewish identity, while 44% do not. In addition, 54% of American Jewish millennials feel emotionally attached to Israel.

While the AJC surveys show two communities sharing much in common, disturbing trends are revealed::

- 28% of American millennials say anti-Israel climate on campuses or elsewhere has damaged relationships with friends, while 44% say it has not.
- 26% say it is OK, and 66% say it is not OK, to distance themselves from Israel to better fit in among friends.
- 23% reported that the anti-Israel climate on campus or elsewhere has forced them to hide their Jewish identity. 46% say it has not, and 11% say there is no anti-Israel climate in the U.S.
- 28% say the anti-Israel climate on campus and elsewhere has made them rethink their own commitment to

Israel and 54% say it has not.

- 55% of American and 22% of Israeli Jews, ages 25-40, say it is appropriate for American Jews to try to influence Israeli policy, while 36% of Americans and 69% of Israelis say it is not appropriate.

On which Israeli policies American Jews should try to influence,

- 50% of American and 50% of Israeli millennials chose relations with the U.S.
- 23% of American and 25% of Israeli millennials chose religious policy.
- 23% of American and 26% of Israeli millennials chose security.
- 20% of American and 17% of Israeli millennials chose relations with the Palestinians.
- 16% of American and 14% of Israeli millennials chose treatment of minorities and migrants.
- 10% of American and 28% of Israeli millennials chose economic policy.
- 11% of American and 10% of Israeli millennials chose environmental policy.

There also was divergence on the question of Israel considering the wellbeing of American Jews in making policy decisions. 22% of American and 7% of Israeli Jewish millennials said Israel very much should consider the wellbeing of American Jews, 24% of Americans and 26% of Israelis said quite a lot, 31% of Americans and 39% of Israelis said somewhat, and 13% of Americans and 20% of Israelis said not at all.

53% of American and 76% of Israeli Jewish millennials say the recent wave of antisemitic events in the U.S is the result

of demonizing campaigns against Israel and Jews, while 18% of Americans and 6% of Israelis say it is a natural result of Israel’s policies toward the Palestinians. 20% of Americans and 9% of Israelis say it is neither.

Only 9% of Israelis, ages 25-40, think American Jews experience very little antisemitism in their daily lives, while 10% say they experience it very much, 28% quite a lot and 46% somewhat.

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, 52% of American and 24% of Israeli Jewish millennials say a viable solution to the conflict is possible.

Among those who say a solution is possible:

- 52% of Israelis and 47% of American Jews favor two independent Israeli and Palestinian states living side by side.
- 23% of Americans and 5% of Israelis favor one binational state with a single government elected.
- 15% of Americans and 19% of Israelis favor Israeli annexation, leading to an extension of Israeli sovereignty in which Palestinians have a unique civil status and are represented by Palestinian municipal leaders.
- 3.5% of Americans and 6% of Israelis favor status quo management of the conflict.

The AJC survey of 1001 Israeli Jews, ages 25-40, was conducted by Geocartography in February. The AJC survey of 800 American Jews, ages 25-40, was conducted by YouGov in February and March.

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Our graduates



Sam Edward Lloyd Brown, son of Lisa and Robert Brown, is graduating from Exeter High School. He will attend Brandeis University, where he will be a member of the Quantitative Biology Research Community and study biology.



Abby Goldberg, daughter of Debbie and David Goldberg, graduated from Brown University, where she studied Computer Science. She will work as an Engineering Development Group Associate at MathWorks in Natick, Mass. She helped found Challah for Hunger, which donates proceeds from challah sales to hunger charities. Abby was co-captain of the Table Tennis Club and competed in the NCTTA National Table Tennis Championships.



Tristan Haas, son of Jill and Michael Haas, graduated from Dickinson College with a Bachelor of Arts in History with concentrations in environmental and American history. He was a Dickinson tour guide and a four-year member of the Fencing Club. Tristan was a founding member of the eSports club, serving as its vice president in senior year.



Kacie Horowitz, daughter of Elyse and Jeffrey Horowitz, graduated with honors from Monmouth University in May with a BA in Communication Media Studies and production and a minor in Film Studies. She will be attending the master's program at Monmouth in the fall.



Audra Nemirow, daughter of Geri and Mark Nemirow, graduated with highest honors from Hofstra University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film & Television Production. A student in Hofstra's Honors College, she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and served as features editor of the Hofstra *Chronicle*.



Zacchai Singer and Eli Singer, grandsons of Henry and Helene Singer, are graduating from the College Preparatory School in Oakland, Calif., this spring. In the fall they are both heading to Tufts University. Zacchai is enrolling in the five-year dual degree program in neuroscience and fine arts, with a focus on photography. Eli intends to major in engineering.



William Stein, son of Samantha and Scott Stein, is graduating from Twin Valley High School and Berks Career and Technology Center Technical Academy. Will is a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He also attends Reading Area Community College and is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechatronic Engineering Technology.



Emily Waxler, daughter of Andrew and Laurie Waxler, graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's degree in Computational Media with a Spanish minor. Emily will be living in Philadelphia and has accepted a position with QVC.

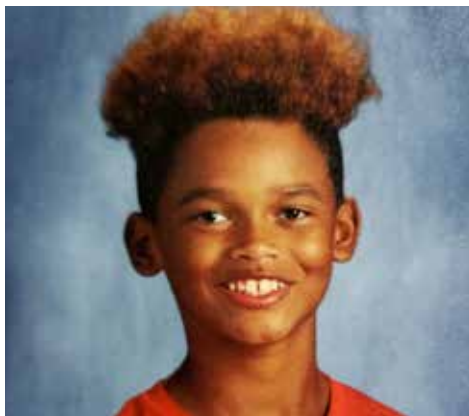


Bryce Weizer, son of Jeffrey and Ilene Weizer, graduated with a Master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Kean University. He received his Bachelor's degree from Drew University. Bryce resides in Madison, N.J., and will continue to coach tennis at Drew and teach tennis at Trump International in Bedminster, N.J., in his off time.



Chase Weizer, son of Jeffrey and Ilene Weizer, was accepted to Dickinson College four years ago. He studied Chinese, biochemistry and molecular biology with an emphasis on cancer research. In April Chase presented his research at a conference in New Orleans. He will be working at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, focusing on pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He plans to study toward a doctorate. After graduation Chase will celebrate his birthright in Israel before moving to Boston.

B'nai and B'not Mitzvot



Aidan Incledon, son of Amy Incledon and grandson of Sari and John, will have his Bar Mitzvah at RCOS on June 18. He is an eighth-grade student at Wilson Southern Middle School, plays percussion in the school band and played on the basketball and baseball teams. In addition, Aidan plays Legion baseball in the summer, is on an Evolution travel baseball team and enjoys tennis and biking.



Maya Kraft, daughter of Jason and Wendy Kraft, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on April 9. Maya is a seventh grader at Gov. Mifflin Middle School. She participates in musical groups including chorus, show choir, band and woodwind choir. Maya loves spending time with our pets and enjoys traveling with her family. For her Bat Mitzvah project she chose to assist pediatric cancer survivors. Maya spent two years growing out her hair and donated 10 inches of it to Children with Hair Loss. She also collected donations to purchase activity bags for patients at St. Jude Children's Hospital.



Esme Rachel Platt, daughter of Dr. Alec and Gretchen Platt, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 11 at Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom. Esme just finished seventh grade at Wyomissing Area Junior High School, where she plays volleyball and basketball. Esme collected donations with her mitzvah project "Challah for Ukraine," which helped World Central Kitchen feed Ukrainian refugees. The mitzvah project was a huge success through the support of the congregation at RCOS. Esme enjoys skiing, team sports and going to sleepaway camp in the summertime.

A salute to 'Miss Judy'

By Laurie Waxler

On May 13, Rabbi Brian Michelson of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom and Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks President Bill Franklin celebrated the amazing accomplishments of Judy Synnamon, aka our beloved "Miss Judy."

After 30+ years of teaching in our Jewish community, Judy has made the decision to spend time with her family and enjoy her retirement. Judy has served our Lakin Preschool since 1989, when she began as a preschool teacher. Approximately 10 years later she was promoted to Director and has been an excellent leader for our kids as well as her staff. For anyone reading this, my guess is that many of your children had the pleasure of having Miss Judy as a teacher and as Rabbi Michelson reminisced, you probably have a picture of your child in a turkey costume with all their classmates, I know I do!

Rabbi Michelson went on to say that Judy has touched the lives of so many who are part of our Jewish community, but also beyond as she welcomed non-Jewish students into the school as well. In recognition of her many years of service within the walls of RCOS, there will be a plaque placed outside Room #9 (Judy's room) acknowledging her incredible commitment to our kids for current and future generations to see.

Bill Franklin talked about the many changes over the years with the preschool — changing locations and changing ownership — but the one constant has always been Judy. She never missed a beat and made the Lakin preschool kids her top priority year after year. Bill presented her with a beautiful Tzedakah box with the Tree of Life on it because "righteous behavior" is one of the many values Judy has taught our children.

I am forever grateful to Judy for welcoming my kids, and me, into the Jewish community in 2001. New to the area and somewhat of a novice in Judaism, Judy gently explained the lunch ritual (no meat) and helped me



Rabbi Brian Michelson pays tribute to retiring longtime Lakin Preschool Director Judy Synnamon.

understand a little more about Jewish traditions and holidays. She had a gentle but firm manner with our kids and treated everyone equally. Our favorite day was Shabbat and she made it extra special when you were the Shabbat kid and got to have a Shabbat friend. I'm not sure if my kids remember that, but I sure do and those are the memories I'll cherish and what make Miss Judy so special in my heart.

I think I speak for all the preschool parents over the past 30+ years by saying, Thank You, Judy, for all that you've done and for making a difference in our children's lives! We wish you only the best in your retirement.

Judy was honored during the RCOS Teacher Appreciation Shabbat. Longtime Lakin Preschool teachers Beth Caster and Carole Robinson were recognized for their work, along with the teachers at the RCOS Religious School.



Beth Caster and Carole Robinson were honored for their service to the Lakin Preschool. Many thanks to these ladies for their dedication to our kids and so sorry we were unable to celebrate them during the pandemic.

Momentum group learns Israeli tips and tricks

By Amanda J. Hornberger

In May our Momentum group had two opportunities to get to know one another better. Most of the group was able to join the festivities on Yom Ha'atzmaut, and it was so much fun meeting each other's spouses and kids and enjoying time together. The Israeli food and music got us so excited for our trip, which is now less than two months away!

Later in the month our group met virtually with Adi, our Israeli emissary, to learn tips and tricks for our trip. For our icebreaker we shared our top three "must see" spots in Israel, and the Kotel was the overwhelming favorite. We even learned that you can walk on top of it and go for a special tour underneath it, so two more things were added to our "must do" list.

Adi gave us packing tips (LOTS of sunscreen and hats...no flipflops to the Dead Sea) and is preparing a list of great things to see and do near our hotels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem for our free time. And most importantly, she's helping give us a list of great places to eat!



Our group had a lot of great questions for Adi, and she taught us so much including Shekel vs. credit card, tipping, wearing white on Shabbat and so much more. We can't wait to explore the Yemenite quarter and Shuk Ha'Carmel in Tel Aviv and experience Shabbat in Jerusalem!

In June our group will meet once more before our trip, and we'll be busy packing for our trip. At Yom Ha'atzmaut many community members left notes and prayers at our Kotel and our Momentum group will bring them with us to our visit to the Kotel in July. We know we will carry with us your good wishes for a safe, fun and life-changing trip!

Look for our trip update in the summer edition of *Shalom*. Please follow along with our journey in Israel July 4-12 on the Federation's social media pages. You can find us on Facebook at Jewish Federation of Reading and on Instagram at jfedreadingberks.

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Honoring Israel with Adi



Big crowds came out for a pair of events paying tribute to Israel and organized by our Shlichah, Adi Shalev. On May 3 the community gathered at the JCC for a ceremony marking Yom HaZikaron, Israel's memorial day. And on May 5 there were festivities for the annual celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, outside Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom/Kesher Zion Synagogue in Wyomissing. That event featured Israeli food, crafts, games and more, offering fun for all ages.

Do you remember?

By Tootie Moyer

- We only had dishes and metal silverware, no paper plates or plastic ware.
- Your mother never used a recipe, a taste was all she needed.
- Bagels were crisp on the outside and soft inside.
- We had no showers or walk-in showers.
- Everyone's home had only one television set.
- We did not have throw-away diapers or baby wipes.
- Your parents hid money at home because they did not trust banks.
- Vacuums were sold door to door.
- We got all our news from the radio or newspapers.
- You had no idea that cigarettes were bad for you.
- Schools supplied all that a

- student needed, now parents must buy everything.
- Stores had shelves full of movie star magazines.
 - There was only one Boscov's on North Ninth Street
 - Girls and women only wore one-piece bathing suits.
 - Little girls never wore black.
 - All the drugstores had a soda fountain.
 - Restaurants did not have salad bars.
 - Chicken wings were just a part of the chicken — now millions are sold as hot wings.
 - Mrs. Rudnick from Rudnick's Deli would always give you a sample of the deli item you were buying.
 - A worker would always fill your gas tank with gas – no self-service.

- There was always a big celebration when a serviceman came home during World War II.
- "I love you" was meant you loved someone – now it is used for everything.
- Thanksgiving meant a great meal and we all listened to the radio for the Reading High and Pottsville football game.
- Shomrei Habrith Synagogue had many members.
- Do you remember these talented people: Mitzi Gaynor, Paulette Goddard, Veronica Lake, Ethel Merman, and Rosalind Russell?
- Singing along with Kay Kyser to his records.
- Does anyone remember these classmates from the 1941 Reading High yearbook; David Charnoff, Hilda Fishkin, Dora Grossman and Ted Rachlin?



Tootie Moyer celebrates with Friendship Circle.

In my 98 years this column is my greatest joy — after my kids. See you soon again, stay well and be happy.

Obituaries

Carolyn Vella of Blandon. Carolyn was a member of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom. She trained and worked as a registered nurse in Washington, D.C., while taking philosophy courses. Carolyn created the Helicon Group, a global

competitive intelligence, research, analysis and training firm. She also founded the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP) Women's Leadership Council. Before her retirement she was presented with SCIP's highest award, the Meritorious Award. She showed and bred Japanese Bobtail cats and won

numerous awards from the Cat Writers Association. Carolyn is survived by her husband, John McGonagle.

and Lucent. He enjoyed playing piano and guitar and attending classical concerts. Baruh was on the Reading Symphony Orchestra Board and co-creator of the RSO's diversity program. He is survived by his wife, Margo Thomas, four children, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two stepsons.

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Mazel tov to **Solange and Paul Mintz** on the wedding of their daughter Rebecca to Marty Nachman.

Mazel tov to **Karen and Myron Kabakoff** on the birth of their granddaughter Athena Jane Gable to their daughter Sarena and her husband, Max Gable.

Molly Nemirow, daughter of Geri and Mark Nemirow, works at the religious school at Temple Israel in Staten Island, N.Y., and assisted in Holocaust education efforts at Wagner College, where she is



Molly Nemirow at the Wagner College Holocaust Center.

active in Hillel. The college opened its Holocaust Center this spring.

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Flying high for Israel's Druze community

From online news sources

Seventy-five years ago, a Syrian Druze officer was one of the thousands of Syrian Arab Army forces that invaded the new State of Israel. But he then made a move that would affect him and future generations of his family: He switched sides and soon became an officer in the Israel Defense Forces. He raised his family on the ethos of serving and fighting for the country he once fought against — and now his grandson, Lt.-Col. "A." (whose full name cannot be published) has risen to be one of the highest-ranking Druze in the IDF. He became the first Druze to complete the prestigious Israel Air Force pilot's course in 2007.

While he said it was a "non-issue" for him to have completed the course, "I understood that it was a big deal for the community," he told the *Jerusalem Post*. Over the years, "A." has taken part in intensive active duty and flown during war and several operations. He served as commander of the Air Force's flight school before his current role as commander of the Fire Control Center in the Southern Command. The center is able to provide the full operational picture for pilots before they take off on their missions.

While he wasn't in his current role during Operation Guardian of the Walls last May, he says that there are a few thousand targets in the military's target bank — more than there was before the fighting began. The targets hit by Israel during the fighting ranged from rocket launchers and drones to research and development facilities for rocket production and manufacturing, homes of key Hamas commanders and senior terror commanders themselves, as well as Hamas's tunnel network. The military also struck Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and taking out dozens of military assets belonging to the terror

group. Following the fighting, the IDF admitted that there was an issue in finding and destroying the rocket caches in the Gaza Strip. Hamas and PIJ are believed to have a combined arsenal of 14,000 mortars and rockets, including many that can reach central Israel and beyond. "A" studied the fighting intensively in order to see what can be learned and implemented in the next war.

There has been heavy criticism leveled at Israel for its strikes in the Gaza Strip, with many saying that the Jewish state does not differentiate between civilian and military targets. The IDF maintains that it takes significant steps to prevent civilian casualties in its airstrikes and, according to "A.", "we do everything we can to prevent damage and death to civilians on the other side, despite the fact that they do not."

"A" is already thinking about his next role. This time he is looking at positions that will have a direct impact on the Druze and other minority communities. The Druze of northern Israel make up around 145,000 of Israel's 1.95 million Arab citizens. Members of the Druze community are drafted in large numbers into the IDF, and many serve in some of the military's most elite units. One role he is interested in is the Commander of the Population and Minorities in the IDF's Manpower Directorate. He's already established several military academies within the Druze community that push high school students to the Air Force, so serving in the directorate would allow him to have an even greater impact on his community.

Another position he can see himself excelling at would be the defense attaché to Washington.

With a long family history of service, a strong attachment to the country, and his experience in various roles in the military, "A." believes that he would have



a big impact should he serve as attaché. Though he is a trailblazer in his own right, he comes from a lineage of family members who have reached senior positions in the military and Israel Police. "A lot is because of my grandfather, but my family really likes

to excel," he said. He is originally from northern Israel and has lived on an airbase in southern Israel for close to two decades. And that is what makes his job all the more meaningful. "I am literally protecting my own home."

June ☆ Sivan-Tammuz



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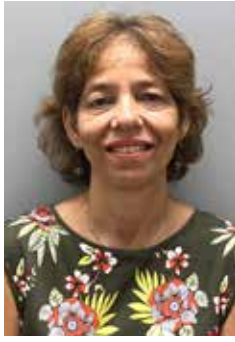
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June is Hunger Awareness Month

By Carole Robinson

Feeling hungry? Open your fridge, grab something from your pantry, or run out for a quick meal. It's easy enough to satisfy your hunger pangs, but not everyone in America is as fortunate as most of us. In 2019, more than 35 million people in the U.S. faced food insecurity. Food insecurity is the lack of financial resources to purchase enough food.



Hunger impacts both physical and mental health. It negatively affects the rate that children learn and grow, and accelerates aging in older adults. Food insecurity increases the risk of infectious disease, chronic disease, and anxiety and depression. The number of people dealing with food insecurity is expected to increase to as much as 50 million in 2022 due to the financial fallout from the pandemic, coupled with rising inflation and record high food price.

We are seeing an unprecedented need for food with the number of clients increasing dramatically since the beginning of the year, comparable to the need during the Great Depression, (according to Joel Berg, Executive Director of the NYC Coalition Against Hunger.) According to Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank, over 13% of the population of Berks County, including many school-aged children, live in poverty and face hunger issues. Their network of charitable food programs provides emergency food for over 100,000 people (at least once), annually, including more than 30,000 children and 20,000 seniors. Jewish Family Service is proud to be part of the Helping Harvest network, operating two monthly food pantries.

Our Olivet Pantry, located at the Pandora Unit, is held on the first Wednesday of each month and our Reading/Hampden Heights SDA Pantry is held on the second Tuesday of each month. Both pantries are drive-through and open from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The line of cars waiting for us when we arrive at 8:15 am to setup winds around the road, with the first cars arriving as early as 6:00 am. We provided food for a new high of 206 households at the Olivet Pantry in May, compared with the 154 families we served in February. At the SDA Pantry, we served 53 households



Volunteers work under the new canopy tent protected from the rain at the JFS Olivet Food Pantry on May 4

in January and more than twice that amount in May — a record of 116 households!

We helped feed 1,000 children, adults, and senior citizens by distributing more than 16,000 lbs. of food. This includes shelf-stable pantry boxes and pre-packaged produce, which we supplement by adding meats and produce to our online order from Helping Harvest. As part of the Healthy Pantry Initiative, we focus on providing nutritious foods to our clients. These are the foods that are most costly for families to purchase at grocery stores. At our most recent pantry, we bagged and handed out family packs of chicken thighs, boneless chicken breast, haddock fillets, ground beef, two types of cheese, mango chunks, and sweet peppers.

Many people believe that hunger only affects people who don't want to work or are looking for handouts. They complain about the expensive cars they see at food pantries. One client explained, "Just because I have a car, doesn't mean I have enough money for food. My husband just lost his job and our children need to eat." Our clients are struggling to make ends meet and most are appreciative of the food we distribute and the work we do. They tell me, "If it

wasn't for this food, we would be living on peanut butter." "You don't make me feel embarrassed to be here." "This food is a blessing to us."

JFS would not be able to help our neighbors in need without your support. We are very appreciative of everyone who contributed to our Passover Campaign to fight hunger. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase a 20 x 10 canopy tent to use as protection against inclement weather at our Olivet Pantry. What a tremendous difference it made at our last 2 pantries! We were able to stay relatively dry despite the torrential rain as we loaded vehicles with food.

A big thank you to our JFS Pantry volunteers. We couldn't do all the lifting, organizing, and packing food without you! Thank you to the May volunteers: Cindy Balchunas, Raymond Gehring, John Incledon, Pete Jacobson, Sid Lempiner, Margo Levin, Debra Montanino, Annette Peppard, Jenny Reilly, Mike Schein, Paul Schwartz, and Oleg Umanov. Working together, one volunteer at a time, we can tackle hunger and make a difference. In the words of Anne Frank, "How wonderful it is that no one has to wait, but can start right now to gradually change the world."

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“Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles,” Monday, June 27, 1 p.m.

This documentary chronicles the origin story behind one of Broadway's most beloved musicals, “Fiddler on the Roof” and its creation roots in early 1960s New York. It explores the unexpected richness of its themes as well as its long reach across time and cultures. (97 min.)



Springtime filled with JFS activities



Louise Zeidman (standing), Ingrid Soltysik, and Sylvia Wenger, left, were among the group of about 25 seniors at the JFS Passover Seder held on Thursday, April 21 at the JCC.



At left, volunteers pack up food to place in cars at the SDA food pantry. At right Adi Shalev delivers a presentation to Friendship Circle on May 5 "Israel Then and Now"

Friendship Circle June programs

Friendship Circle is held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1 p.m. at the JCC. An optional lunch is served, followed by an entertaining or educational program or holiday celebration.

Programs are free; optional lunch is \$7. Contact Carole at 610-921-0624 to make lunch reservations.



Thursday, June 2 - Don't Get Scammed

Don't be a victim! Come learn about common scans and how to avoid them. Presented by the Exeter Township Police Department.

Thursday, June 16 - Movie: "Making Trouble"

"Making Trouble" tells the story of six of the greatest female comic entertainers of the last century – Molly Picon, Franny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner, and Wendy Wasserman. Hosted by four of today's funniest women – Judy Gold, Jackie Hoffman, Cory Kahaney, and Jessica Kirson, it's the true saga of what it means to be Jewish, female and funny. (85 min.)



Help us support our hospitalized

By Carole Robinson and Sari Inledon

For many years, Jewish Family Service has been able to get the names of all Jewish hospital patients, both affiliated with congregations and non-affiliated from Reading Hospital and St. Joseph's. This allowed us to visit as many patients

and families as possible and provide social service and friendly supportive visits. Fortunately, we continue to receive daily emails from Reading Hospital of all Jewish patients, unless they request that their names not be shared.

Unfortunately, after the merger of Penn State Health and St. Joseph's Hospital,

this information is no longer available from them. Despite several conversations with St. Joseph executives, they claim HIPAA and security concerns prevent them from proactively sharing this information. In addition, because so many Jewish patients are unaffiliated, the information is not made available to our rabbis.

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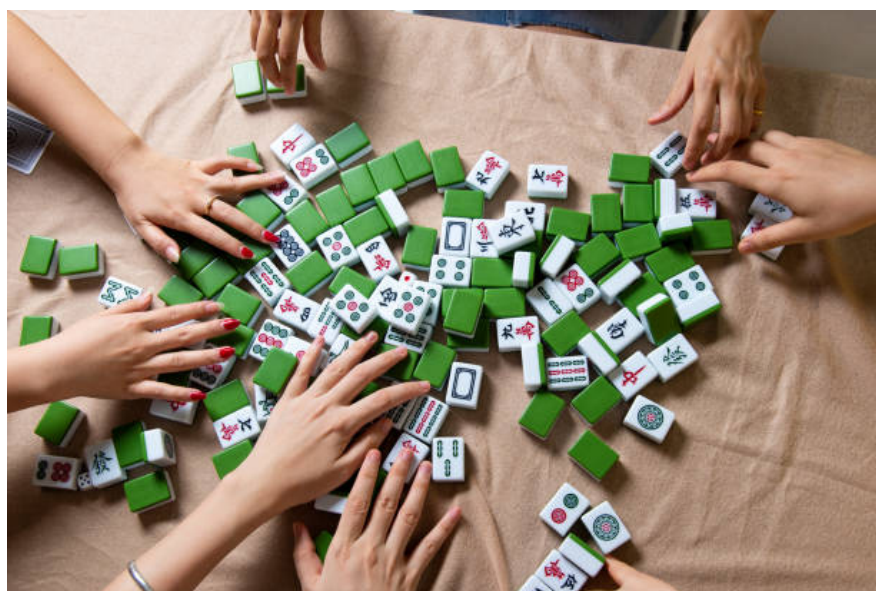


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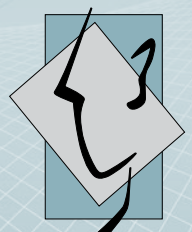
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Israel Book Club: 'Sledgehammer' by David Friedman

By Moisey Schneider
and Andi Franklin

David Friedman served as the U.S. Ambassador to Israel from 2017 to 2021. Under his leadership the United States made unprecedented diplomatic advances. It moved the American embassy to Jerusalem, it recognized Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, and it brokered the historic Abraham Accords Peace agreement. For this, Friedman was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and

received the National Security Medal.

When Friedman took office, the Middle East was seen as a place of intractable conflict. When he left, it was blossoming with peace between Jews and Arabs. In his book he tells the inside story of how the Middle East was changed for the better.

From the beginning, President Donald Trump recognized that the ties of the Jewish people to Jerusalem and this holy land are ancient and eternal. Therefore, he had the U.S. officially recognize Jerusalem as

Israel's capital. Additionally, the president understood the increasing Iranian threat to Middle East and world peace, so he decertified the Iran nuclear deal. This put the U.S. in a position to hold Iran accountable for its regional support of terrorists, for its efforts to destabilize Yemen, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, and for its stockpiling of dangerous missiles.

The process of moving our embassy to Jerusalem was fascinating to read. Everyone thought it was risky only because it had always been thought to be risky, but no one could identify any specific threat resulting from the move. The world thought that the Middle East would erupt in violence — it didn't. The world thought the Temple Mount would explode — it didn't.

Friedman exceeded the embassy's opening with speeches by American and Israeli leaders, as well as Jewish and Christian clergy. The program included a musical interlude by a singer whose parents had escaped from Ethiopia. He wrote: "I felt truly blessed and humbled that God had chosen me for this place and time. After 25 years, the Jerusalem Embassy Act, recognized Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital ... Jerusalem would never be divided again."

Friedman was consumed by the need

to recognize Israeli sovereignty of the Golan Heights. He showed U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo and President Trump that the Golan Heights area was of critical, strategic and security importance to Israel. Friedman also showed how and why it was necessary for regional stability. Last, he showed that Israeli sovereignty was consistent with previous treaties and international law.

Presidential adviser Jared Kushner and Friedman worked many months with American, Arab, and Israeli leaders in the development of their Vision for Peace plan.

Long before the plan was published it was predicted to be far too skewed in favor of Israel. When it was published, the Palestinians refused to even to read it. People on the far left opposed the plan because they thought it would kill the two-state solution. People on the far right opposed it because they believed it would create a Palestinian state.

Actually, the plan was constructed with a maximalist view toward the Palestinians. It offered the maximum amount of Palestinian territorial expansion and a \$5 billion seed capital package of capital investment to jump start the Palestinian economy. It also proposed a government structure that could lead to Palestinian statehood.

Saudi Arabia and Morocco endorsed the plan for peace, noting that the plan converged with many of their own principles and how the treatment of Jerusalem property provided for freedom of worship of all three monotheistic faiths. In addition, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt, Qatar, United Kingdom, Austria, Australia, India, France, Italy, Brazil, Columbia, Poland, Paraguay, Denmark, Chile, Czech Republic, Japan, Hungary, South Korea, Macedonia, and Kosovo all expressed support.

Unfortunately, it was never adopted by the Palestinians. However, it set the stage for the groundbreaking Abraham Accords. General Miguel Correa came up with the name for the plan and at the introductory press briefing Friedman explained: "Abraham, as many of you know, was the father of three great faiths ... No person better symbolizes the potential for unity among these great faiths than Abraham." The reaction was overwhelmingly positive. Almost immediately things started to change. Kosovo, a Muslim nation, normalized with Israel and moved its embassy to Jerusalem. Friedman noted that Israel's treaty with Jordan took 26 years to come to fruition, while it took only 29 days for the UAE and Bahrain to sign this historic accord. Normalization with Sudan and Morocco soon followed. The Saudi's are on a path to normalization, allowing Israeli overflights. The advancement of peace and co-existence between Israel and its neighbors is just beginning.

The last thing Friedman did was to expose the U.S. State Department's activities. Secretly, under the State Department's control, the U.S. boycotted research and development projects conducted in Judea and Samaria. This had continued despite the official American bipartisan government stand against the movement to boycott, divest and sanction Israel. He threatened to expose and publicly embarrass State Department officials who controlled that boycott. The U.S. no longer boycotts academic and research institutions in Judea and Samaria, and now that research benefits the world.

American and Israeli leaders praised Friedman for strengthening the deep ties between Israel and the U.S., for correcting the global diplomatic injustices that were created over the years regarding Israel, and for recognizing Jerusalem. There are many other things, some of which have yet to be told.

The *New York Times* profiled Friedman's four years in office and said, "David Friedman will complete his tour of duty in Israel having etched his name in history as one of America's most influential envoys."

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This June's Noontime Knowledge is brought to you by both halves of the Triptych Federation— artist and art historian. Laura Scott Steiger, international muralist and local artist, will provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse of how these murals are conceived, executed, and maintained. Sara Howells will then discuss how murals evolved from an advertising medium to their current function of community beautification, empowerment, and inspiration.

This curated tour of our local murals will include a custom map, created especially for this talk so that these pieces can be enjoyed *in situ* and for many more years to come.

Noontime Knowledge, designed to educate on a variety of topics, will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at noon. Everyone is invited to attend at no cost to participants. Please make a reservation if you would like to attend by calling Carole at 610-921-0624 or email CaroleR@jfreeding.org

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At left, our JCC Find Your Voice creators had their final session with PJ Library author Erica Perl during our Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities on May 5. These tweens shared their writings and drawings as a group and bonded throughout the year. Special thanks to Exeter Community Library and PJ Library for sponsoring Find Your Voice this year. At top right, Autumn LaPrince, Rebecca LaPrince, Aubrey LaPrince and Ava Best with PJ Library author Melissa Stoller at Exeter Community Library in April. Below, Adi Shalev, right, gathers with members of the JCC Youth Group for their final activity together.

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