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Why India?

Memories of Mumbai

BY RACHEL DAYAN

There are times when those who think they are giving are really receiving and those who think they are receiving are really giving. This sums up how I felt coming home from the first Jewish Federations of North America mission to India.

On February 21, 107 members of the JFNA National Young Leadership Cabinet headed to Mumbai, India. Before the mission, many people asked me, "Why India?" "Are there really Jews in India?" I would explain that JFNA wouldn't take a mission to India if there weren't Jews there, and we were going to learn about and offer *chizuk* (strength) to India's Jewish community.

Our first introduction to Mumbai's Jewish community was meeting several Young Jewish Pioneers over dinner and Bollywood dancing. They discussed growing up Jewish in India, and how they work to maintain Jewish life in India despite being a tiny minority. Each time I think back to that evening, I am inspired by these young leaders' commitment to their faith and Jewish traditions.

We visited the Evelyn Peters JCC,

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JCC of Stamford Announces New CEO

The Jewish Community Center of Stamford has appointed Marshall Kurland as its new chief executive officer, effective Monday, July 24.



Marshall Kurland

Kurland comes to Stamford from the Sid Jacobson JCC, where he served as an associate executive director. His areas of expertise include camp management, early childhood education, youth and teen programs, aquatics and fitness. Recent projects involved the creation of the Parenting Center for new parents, and the Positive Healthy Living program, an experiential multi-pronged approach aimed at instilling healthy lifestyles in children and teens.

"We are very excited about the promise that Marshall's hiring brings to our JCC," said JCC of Stamford Board President Risa Raich. "He has the critical competencies needed to ensure the future relevancy and success of our JCC. And, fueled by his passion for our Jewish mission, he shares our vision for

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How the Six-Day War Changed American Jews

BY BEN SALES

NEW YORK (JTA) – On the morning of June 5, 1967, as Arab armies and Israel clashed following weeks of tension, Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg sat anxious amid his congregants at daily prayers – fearful that the Jewish people would face extinction for the second time in 25 years.

"One of the people said, 'They're going to wipe out Israel. What's going to be?'" recalled Greenberg, then the spiritual leader of a synagogue in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. "I said, 'They're not going to wipe out Israel, and if they do, there's going to be a sign up: The *shul* is closed.' Faith could not go on with an unmitigated catastrophe of that size happening again."

The fear felt by Greenberg pervaded the air in American Jewish communities that week. Two decades after the world learned the full extent of the Holocaust, Americans looked on from afar as Egypt and Syria threatened the young Jewish state.

Jonathan Sarna, then 12, remembers watching on TV as Israelis dug mass graves to prepare for potential slaughter. A teenage Yossi Klein Halevi remembers the broadcasts of mass rallies in Cairo calling for Israel's death. But many American Jews, haunted by their failure to act during the Holocaust, didn't just passively watch events unfold – they decided to mobilize. They raised tens of millions of dollars. They held rallies. They lobbied President Lyndon Johnson.

Within days, however, the fear turned to relief. The relief turned to pride when Israel won the war in six days, tripling its territory and taking control of Judaism's holiest sites.

The Six-Day War, as it quickly became known, intensified American Jews' love for Israel and imbued them with a new confidence to advocate for their

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A Growing Community of Young Jewish Families

A full wall mural, featuring a tree with all of the participants' hand prints, was created in the new Hevre Room at Temple Beth El by the parents and children participating in the program. The painting project took place on March 26 at a pizza program. The room is used for ShaBaBimBam, the under 5 program for Hevre@TBE. TBE's Rabbi Joshua Hammerman (standing on far left) leads several of the Hevre programs. See article on page 5. (Photo by Karen Mickley-Gomez)

Federation Message

JCRC Communal Security Meetings Lead to Action

By Lauren Steinberg



Lauren Steinberg, director of Jewish Community Relations Council

In the wake of Jewish Community Center bomb threats and upticks in antisemitism nationwide, ensuring appropriate security for Jewish communal institutions is a necessity. To address that need, the Jewish Community Relations Council, an arm of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, hosted Doron Horowitz, national security advisor for Secure Community Network for a series of events in Stamford and New Canaan on May 11.

Horowitz began his visit by meeting with representatives from local institutions, including Temple Sinai, the JCC, Chabad/Gan Yeladim of Stamford, Carmel Academy, Temple Beth El, Young Israel and Congregation Agudath Sholom. Attendees learned about the current threat landscape and discussed basic improvements they could make to their facilities. Securing facilities is like health insurance, Horowitz explained: you make the investment hoping not to need it, but are prepared in the event that you do. Horowitz further explained that the threat to Jewish institutions is not only the extreme, worst case scenario of a terrorist or antisemitic attack; while these are possible, institutions must also be prepared for the more probable threats such as sexual predators, disgruntled employees and violence resulting from mental health issues.

Horowitz also stressed the importance of working with law enforcement, an emphasis that was carried through in a meeting with police later in the day. New Canaan Police Chief Leon M. Krolikowski, Stamford Assistant Police Chief Jim Matheny and Stamford Police Captain Sue Bretthauer met with Horowitz and Federation staff to ensure open communication and cooperation. All three indicated their eagerness to work with the Jewish community, including by providing advice on how to secure institutions, conducting trainings, and assisting with emergency drills.

In the evening, Horowitz addressed the public on these same issues at the New Canaan Library. Taking charge of security, Horowitz explained, is an act of empowerment – and one for which everyone is responsible.



Doron Horowitz addressed community leaders at Temple Sinai library on the topic of "Securing our Jewish Institutions."

The JCRC has already begun following up with local Jewish institutions and the police to take the essential next steps to ensuring more secure Jewish institutions, and will remain in touch with Horowitz and SCN to ensure that we have the most up-to-date recommendations and threat assessments.

Funded by the Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, SCN works in partnership with law enforcement and local organizations to make sure Jewish communities are safe and prepared.

Lauren Steinberg is the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

June 30	8:12 pm
July 7	8:11 pm
July 14	8:08 pm
July 21	8:03 pm
July 28	7:56 pm
August 4	7:49 pm
August 11	7:40 pm
August 18	7:30 pm
August 25	7:20 pm
September 1	7:08 pm
September 8	6:57 pm

India

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the epicenter of Jewish life for Jews living in and around Mumbai, and heard about the services it offers: a Judaic library, camps for all ages, festival celebrations, Judaism and Hebrew classes, bar/bat mitzvah classes and young leadership engagement.

NYLC's theme this year has been "turning your passion into action." The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee supported programs in India are examples of this mantra.

The Gabriel Project Mumbai, founded by Jacob Sztokman, serves nutritious meals to vulnerable school children, engages women in the slums to work and recently opened the Shravan Health Center in the Kalwa slum.

Naya, which is run through GPM, empowers women living in the Kalwa slum through paper recycling.

Sundara was started by Erin Zaikis and employs women living in the slums to recycle used soap from hotels, which is then distributed to slum residents along with hygiene education.

Om Creations Trust was initiated by parents of young adults who have Down Syndrome and other cognitive limitations to provide differently-abled women, over age 20, a way to earn a living. Program participants are taught different art forms and paid a stipend for their creations, which are sold. One weekly project is baking and selling challah.

While visiting the JCC, we experienced the paper and soap recycling processes, heard from women who participate in the Naya and Sundara programs, and baked challah with the Om Creations Trust participants, all of which reaffirmed for me the importance of the work JFNA is doing in India and around the world.

We learned that the Jewish Agency for Israel provides training and resettlement services for Indian Jews, and also offers a Birthright trip to Israel.

On Friday night in Delhi, we heard from Israel's ambassador to India, Daniel Carmon, who noted that 2017 marks 25 years of diplomatic relations between Israel and India. Nissim Pingle, senior manager of the Evelyn Peters JCC in Mumbai, joined our group for Shabbat and arranged for several Jewish Youth Pioneers to join us. We were welcomed for Friday night services at the Judah Hyam Synagogue in Delhi.

On Saturday morning, Nissim, Rabbi Leon Morris (the NYLC scholar-in-residence for the mission) and the Jewish Youth Pioneers led the Shabbat prayers and Torah service with traditional Bene Israel melodies, intertwined with stories of growing up Jewish in India, and sharing Shabbat and holiday meals with non-Jewish neighbors and friends. After Shabbat ended, we learned about Malida Ceremonies, which celebrate happy occasions and are unique to the Bene Israel. We participated in a Malida Ceremony with our new Bene Israel friends, celebrating our new friendship and personal *smachot* (happy occasions). The Shabbat we shared in India was a once-in-a-lifetime experience I won't soon forget.

The participants in this mission collectively donated 750 pounds of books and supplies to be distributed through the Evelyn Peters JCC, and raised more than $34,000 for the Jewish Youth Pioneers Initiative and the GPM. These gifts feel small in comparison to the gift India's Jewish community gave us – the knowledge that the work we do for JFNA is changing lives and keeping Judaism alive worldwide, and the inspiration to continue that important work.

Now when people ask me, "Why India?" I explain that we went to India to learn about and connect with one of the oldest Jewish communities in the world. We went to see our JFNA global partner agencies providing critical support and humanitarian aid. We went to develop a better understanding of how Israel strengthens Jewish life across the Diaspora. And, we went to deepen our commitment to the JFNA values of *chesed* (compassion), *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *tzedakah* (justice/charity).

Rachel Dayan is immediate past president of Women's Philanthropy of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.



COMMUNITY NEWS

JCC Run/Walk Raises Funds for Inclusion Programs

By Nancy Schulman

Everyone is invited to take part in the Jewish Community Center's 10th Annual Give a Child a JumpStart 5K/10K Run/Walk on Labor Day, Monday, September 4. Rain or shine, participants of all ages will raise funds for JumpStart, the JCC's preschool program for young children with special needs, as well as other inclusion programs. The event has consistently received the support of The Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Charitable Foundation and Auslander Kasindorf Group/Keller Williams Realty, and is presented by The Center Women of the Stamford Jewish Community Center.

Proceeds from the Run/Walk will benefit JumpStart, a therapeutic early childhood classroom experience for 2-year-olds with special needs; Hand in Hand (Yad B'Yad), a division of Day Camps@The J, offering a summer experience for children with a variety of needs; R&R (Recreate & Relate), social groups that provide youths with a structured and safe environment to develop social skills and build relationships; Music, Movement and Yoga, which helps children of all ages relieve anxiety and improve concentration, mindfulness and self-control; ArtWorks by Arts for Healing, a program designed to help children of various ages and abilities express themselves through art; Music Mania, a music therapy program for young children; and Classic Cooking, a class for teens and young adults that teaches basic cooking skills and kitchen safety.

"Inclusion at the JCC means welcoming all, regardless of age, faith, ethnicity, need or ability," said Beth Baer, co-president of The Center Women. "This belief helps make us a strong and supportive community and upholds the Jewish values of welcoming guests, kindness, respect and communal responsibility. Individual differences are to be celebrated and can only further enrich the JCC community."

Run/Walk participants will leave from the JCC, 1035 Newfield Ave., for a family-friendly route in the Pepper Ridge section of Stamford. Those doing the 5K will complete the route one time; participants doing the 10K will complete it twice. Strollers are welcome and there will be water stations along the way. For the safety of all participants and to satisfy insurance requirements, no bikes, skates, scooters or animals are permitted.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 am, with the race starting at 9 am. The event is certified by USA Track and Field, and the run portion of the race is professionally timed. The fee to enter the Run/Walk, for those who register by Tuesday, August 1, is $30 per adult/$15 per child ages 6-18. For those who register after August 1, the cost is $36 per adult/$18 per child ages 6-18. Children 5 and under are free.

Online registration for the JCC Run/Walk is available at www.stamfordjcc.org, or call 203-322-7900 for more information. Families and local businesses can also support JumpStart and the inclusion programs at the JCC by becoming sponsors of the communitywide event. Information on sponsorship levels is available by contacting the JCC. In addition, registration and sponsorship forms are available on the website for download, and completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the JCC.

The JCC is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

Reading Partners Celebrates "Chai Point"

The Stamford Public School year has come to an end and Reading Partners has acknowledged the achievements of both the students and their Reading Partners volunteers. At each school and after-school program, a party was held at which each student was gifted a book and certificate signifying their progress and attendance in the program.

The 100 volunteers who read week after week were feted with their own party. In late May, the Reading Partners, Stamford public school administrators and program supporters enjoyed a breakfast program held at the Jewish Community Center to honor these volunteers. This year's celebration was a "Chai Point" as it was the 18th year the Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Reading Partners Program has been servicing the children in the public school community. Marlyn Agatstein, director of the program, highlighted the dedication of the volunteers and Stamford public school administrators who have partnered together to create long lasting success. Achievements this past year include bringing The New School at Strawberry Hill into the Reading Partners family, conducting a survey about student reading attitudes and joining a consortium of public school and non-profit programs to improve literacy outcomes in the city.

Brian Bianco, education director at Curtain Call, was a featured speaker at the breakfast. He spoke about the influence that theater and specifically writers have when they paint a picture with words. "He had the audience mesmerized as he read a segment from 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and emphasized how the text and silences in the text created a thrilling reading," said Susan Kolbrenner, newly installed team leader at Westover School.



At right: Team Leaders were all smiles at the Reading Partners breakfast honoring volunteers. Front row (l-r): Lois Dreyer, Wendy Fitzgerald, Barbara Rosenberg, Program Director Marlyn Agatstein, Susan Josephson and Susan Holzman. Back row (l-r): Leah Baker, Pam Hirschfeld, Ronny Kaplan, Lesley Sandison, Marjorie Stein, Ena Sarkar, Judy Stone, Caron Zampino and Penny Wolff.

Reading Partners is now recruiting for its newest cohort to begin in the fall. Reading Partners is looking for new volunteers. Anyone who loves to read, wants to encourage a young person to read and has one hour a week to give should contact Marlyn Agatstein at Readingpartners@ujf.org or 203-321-1373, ext. 115.

Reading Partners is sponsored by the UJF of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

Coat Drive for Kosher Food Pantry Clients

Cleaning out closets during the summer? Bring gently used, clean winter coats to Schoke Jewish Family Service for its Kosher Food Pantry clients. Schoke JFS is accepting coats and winter gear such as new hats, scarves, gloves and mittens at its office at 733 Summer St., Sixth Floor, Stamford. Donations of gift cards to retail stores such as Old Navy, Target, and Kohl's are appreciated.

Contact Rebekah Kanefsky, case management, at 203-921-4161 or at rkanefsky@ctjfs.org to arrange to drop off the clothing.

Deadlines for articles

The deadlines for the next three issues of *The New Jewish Voice* are:

Monday, July 24.....September
Monday, August 28 .....October
Monday, September 25.....November

Send *New Jewish Voice* article submissions to Sandy Golove at sandy@ujf.org marked "Stamford Voice" in the subject line. Expect an acknowledgement; please re-send if you do not receive one.

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Spring is Busting Out All Over

More than 100 women gathered at Temple Sinai on a stormy night in May to hear the story of Lisa Freedman Clark at the annual United Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy Spring Dinner. Freedman Clark spoke about her struggles with ovarian cancer and her husband's death in the World Trade Center Towers on 9/11. Throughout her story, which many called inspirational, she emphasized the help that Federation provided to her and her family throughout her ordeals. "Everyone present was moved by how open and relatable she was," said Tara Shapiro.

This year's dinner was chaired by three generations of the Jaffe-Berkowitz family: Sari Jaffe, Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz and her daughter, Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz. As part of the evening, Zoe led the teenaged girls attending in a mitzvah project, packaging end of year goody bags for the children who receive the 3 SQUARE food packages on a weekly basis.



Palmer's Market – Traci Shefcyk of Palmer's Market won "Best Use of Theme."

For the third year in a row, area florists submitted their designs to help enhance the décor and ambiance of event. During the dinner, guests had the opportunity to select their favorite centerpieces as part of a contest, which had three categories. The votes were counted, the winners notified and UJF has announced the winners of the contest.

Winners of the "Best Overall" centerpiece were Gary Z of Stamford and Whole Foods of Darien. In the "Centerpiece You Would Most Want at Your Party" category, Hedge by Christine Bloom and P Rogers & Co. Florists were selected. Flowers & Flowers and Palmer's Market of Darien won "Best Use of Theme."

"Congratulations to the florists who won, and a huge thank you to all who participated," said Jaffe-Berkowitz.



L-r: Women's Philanthropy Spring Dinner Chairs Sari Jaffe, her daughter Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz and granddaughter Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz.

For more information about United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, or to learn more about the Women's Philanthropy Division, contact Rebekah Raz at Rebekah@ujf.org or call 203-321-1373, ext. 102.



L-r: UJF President Ricky Arbron and Irma Paull



L-r: Sheila Romanowitz and Nancy Mimoun



L-r: Robin Fischel with her mother Ellen Weber, immediate UJF president



L-r: Beth Staple and Hayley Levine



Women's Philanthropy Spring Dinner speaker Lisa Freedman Clark



L-r: Leah Shemtov, co-director of Chabad of Stamford, and Risa Raich, Stamford JCC president



L-r: Sydney Eben, Jaye Kaplan, Sara Gatz, Ashley Shapiro, Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz and Rebecca Dayan



L-r: Tara Shapiro, Alex Bergman, Gianna Bergman and Robyn Winarsky



L-r: Barbara Brandt, Marsha Shendell, Judy Dalgin and her daughter Danielle Cohen



L-r: Marlene Gatz, Tara Shapiro, Dana Horowitz and Sharon Yudell



L-r: Alida Albert, Carol Brewer, Stephne Behrend and Sue Frieden



L-r: UJF Vice President Rebekah Raz, Anne Liebergall and Ellen Weber



L-r: Beverly Stein, Joan Klanfer, Betsey Blumberg and Arlene Rosen.



P Rogers & Co. Florists – "Centerpiece You Would Most Want at Your Party"



Whole Foods of Darien – "Overall Favorite"



Gary Z – "Overall Favorite"



Flowers & Flowers – "Best Use of Theme"



Hedge by Christine Bloom – "Centerpiece You Would Most Want at Your Party"

Hevre@TBE: A Growing Community of Young Jewish Families

By Stan Friedman

Twice a month at 11 am on Saturday morning, a gang of young families with children ages 5 and under gather together in the "clubhouse" at Temple Beth El in Stamford to enjoy Shabbat.

This 45-minute music and movement program, called ShaBaBimBam, features Music Together's Natasha Fenster and Steve Epstein, and allows young families to share Shabbat, often for the very first time. Afterwards, the gang joins the congregation for a *kiddush* lunch.

ShaBaBimBam, which started last October, is just one of the many programs that constitute Hevre@TBE, an initiative aimed at creating a warm and welcoming Jewish environment for both parent and child. (*Hevre* is a slang Hebrew term which translates as something between buddies, friends and the gang.) Hevre's programs are designed to foster and strengthen Jewish values and identity through family experiences both inside and outside the synagogue.

"And you don't have to be a member of TBE to participate," said Liat Kochavi, who was recently named TBE's young families program coordinator. "Everyone is welcome!" she added. "All we ask is that you bring a smile on your face, a desire to meet other people, and a love for Judaism when you attend events."

There are more than 30 young families in the Stamford area who are now part of the Hevre@TBE gang – from interfaith families, to same-sex parent families, to families where parents grew up Orthodox or with little religion in the home.

In addition to ShaBaBimBam, current Hevre programming includes Tot Kabbalat Shabbats, early Friday night BYO dinners led by Rabbi Joshua Hammerman and Cantor Magda Fishman; holiday celebrations, centering on the traditions of each holiday, including special foods and entertainment; parent-only activities, like movie night; and family activities, such as beach outings, potluck dinners, backyard Shabbats and more.

There's also K'tanim, a drop-off program run by TBE's Religious School that caters to 3-4 year olds. Children meet on Sunday mornings from September to May where they learn about Jewish holidays, Bible stories, blessings and values through play, movement, crafts and other projects. (See tbe.org/early-childhood for more information.)

To learn about upcoming Hevre events, "like" the Hevre@TBE page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HEVREatTBE. In most cases, no RSVPs are needed to attend an event.

The community is invited to join the growing Hevre@TBE community at Temple Beth El. Contact Liat Kochavi via e-mail at liat@tbe.org with any questions.

Whiskey Tasting Goes Down Smooth



On May 18, Gan Yeladim Early Childhood Center held a dad's whiskey tasting event attended by almost 25 Gan Yeladim fathers and other community members. The whiskey tasting was run by Roger Parson dressed in traditional kilt.

JWV Stamford Citizen of the Year Award



Since 1945, Fred Robbins Post 142 of the Jewish War Veterans, of Stamford, has sponsored Stamford's Citizen of the Year Award, honoring 74 men and women through the years for their community service and dedication to civic causes. This year's award was presented to Rick Redniss (at right), president of Redniss and Mead, one of the city's most recognized land use consulting firms and a Stamford native. In conjunction with the annual city of Stamford Citizen of the Year event, the Fred Robbins Post 142 also honors Stamford veterans and awards scholarships of up to $7,500 to graduating seniors who have provided outstanding community service. For information about the Fred Robbins Post #142 of JWV, contact Steve Fischer at stamfordjwv+steve@gmail.com.

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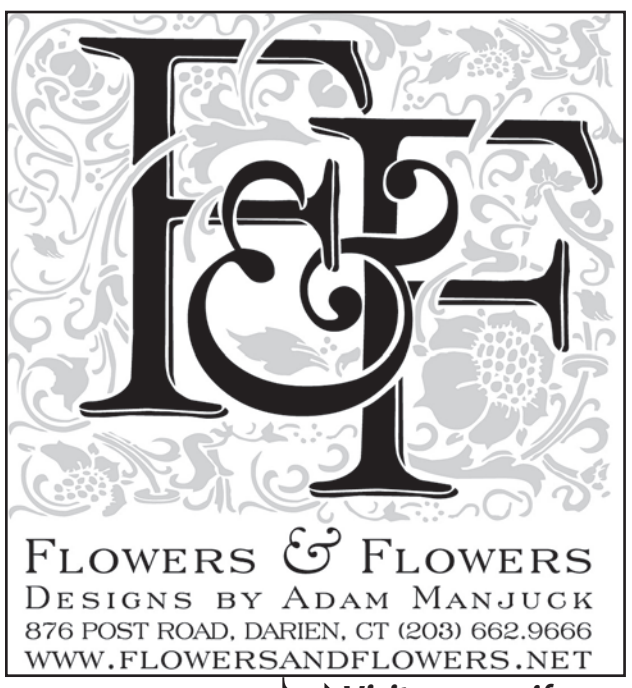
The JCC's Executive Search Committee was chaired by JCC First Vice President Joy Katz. Serving on the committee were board members Blake Bueckman, Stan Lee, Leslie Napach, Raich, and community members Jocelyn Avidan, Marsha Colten, Jon Malkin and Myrna Sessa.

"Marshall is passionate about the positive difference that JCCs make in the communities they serve," said Katz," and we are thrilled that he will bring his passions for innovation and Judaism to our JCC."

Kurland received his bachelor's degree in history from Binghamton University. He is a graduate of the Jewish Experiential Leadership Institute through JCC Association, and is a member of the American Camp Association. Prior to his career at the Sid Jacobson JCC, Kurland worked in finance for an actuarial and financial services firm.

Leon Shapiro, who currently serves as the interim CEO of the JCC of Stamford, will continue in that role until Kurland's arrival.

The Jewish Community Center of Stamford is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.





BITS AND PIECES

By Sandy Golove



To submit information to Bits and Pieces, call 203-912-9945, or e-mail me at sandy@ujf.org.

MAZEL TOV TO GROWING FAMILIES

Kate and Peretz Cik on the birth of a daughter, Ilana Shira Cik; grandparents are **Regina and Barry Cik, Barbara Frommer**, and **Cheryl and Henry Frommer**.

Chanie and Rabbi Jossi Kamman on the birth of a son, Levi Yitzchak Kamman.

Helena and Stormy Scott on the birth of a son, Oliver Charles Scott; grandparents are **Bracha and Jerry Silber**.

Tziporah Miriam and Shaya Speter on the birth of a daughter; grandparents are **Sandy and Moshe Speter**.

Shushannah and Ari Yasgur on the birth of a daughter, Naomi Ruth Yasgur.

MAZEL TOV

Diane and Rabbi Daniel Cohen on the engagement of their daughter, **Sara Malka Cohen**, to **Avi Petrushka**, son of **Sharon and Menachem Petrushka**; grandparents are **Meryl and Rabbi Herbert Cohen**.

Noa Eisenberg and Todd Sharinn on their marriage.

Amy Breslow Friedman and Richard Breslow on the engagement of their daughter, **Emily Breslow**, to **John Capodilupo**, son of **Mary Ann and John Capodliupo**.

Meryl and David Gordon on the engagement of their son, **Daniel Peretz Gordon**, to **Lea Riva Winter**, daughter of **Ellen Mackler and Michael Winter**; grandparents are **Yvette Gordon and Regina Greenwald**.

Linda B. Gornitsky, Schoke Jewish Family Service past president, is the recipient of the 2017 Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies Family Champion Award.

Susan and Art Greenwald on the marriage of their daughter, **Alison Deborah Greenwald**, to **David Japhe Ash**, son of **Peter and Meg Ash**, of Atlanta.

Karen Lander, managing director of Youth Bridge-NY, part of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, has been recognized as one of the *New York Jewish Week's* 2017 "36 under 36: Millenials Pushing Change Through Compassion." She is the daughter of Lieba and Steve Lander.

Aaron Liebeskind, son of **Indra and David Liebeskind**, won second place in the annual Amud Aish Memorial Museum and Kleinman Holocaust Education Center Student Visual Arts and Literacy Contest. More than 1,500 students participated in this national contest.

Susan and Len Mark on the engagement of their son, **Michael Isaac Mark**, to **Sarah Alexander Harris**, daughter of **Sharon and Cantor Scott Harris**, of Manchester, CT.

Eve Moskowitz, Schoke Jewish Family Service clinical service director, is the recipient of the 2017 Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies Family Champion Award.

Rose and Bruce Newman on the engagement of their son, **Zev Newman**, to **Becca Meiner**, daughter of **Michelle and Michael Meiner**, of Highland Park, NJ.

Miriam and Gideon Pell on the marriage of their son, **Rafi Pell**, to **Shira Ben Shushan**.

Shelley and Eddie Senker on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Emma Shavrick, daughter of **Sharon Franklin and David Shavrick**, has made the dean's list at Muhlenberg College.

Bi-Cultural Day School honorees: Shoshanna Dweck, Kamal Haron and Rachel Rothman.

Schoke Jewish Family Service honorees: the Beldotti family and Mark Frank.

Temple Beth El honorees: Lieba and Steve Lander.

Young Israel of Stamford honorees: Ari Israel, Gedalya Koehler, and Rabbi Eli and Naomi Kohl.

MAZEL TOV TO B'NAI MITZVAH

Sophie Blomberg, daughter of **Jill and Jeffrey Blomberg**.

Jason Busch, son of **Maria Levin and Greg Busch**.

Matan Coll, son of **Suzannah and Eytan Coll**.

Sarah Eisenstein, daughter of **Debbie and Jon Eisenstein**.

Lily Fanwick, daughter of **Michelle and Eric Fanwick**; grandmother is **Lee Fanwick**.

Mickey Flaum-Souksamlane, son of **Alison Flaum**.

Julia Giventer, daughter of **Catherine and Craig Giventer**.

Esther Malka Grooper, granddaughter of **Judy and Jeff Cahn**.

Naomi Hanna, daughter of **Kayla and Leon Hanna**.

Daniel Janush, grandson of **Alice and Jason Janush**.

Alexis Bea Leibowits, granddaughter of **Shirley Brazel Sklar and Bill Sklar**.

Samantha Mann-Segal, daughter of **Leeba Aminoff and Danny Mann-Segal**; grandparents are **Ruth and Mel Aminoff**, and **Freda Segal** of Melbourne Australia.

Rylie Walker, daughter of **Elyssa and John Walker**; grandparents are **Judie and Ray Birnbaum**.

CONDOLENCES

Henry Feuerstein on the loss of his father, Sidney Sumner Feuerstein.

Edward Jacobson on the loss of his mother, Florence Jacobson.

Carol Krim on the loss of her mother, Anna Seaver.

Dorothy Landress, Barbara Landress and Ilene Landress on the loss of her husband and their father, Robert Landress.

Ellen Luntz on the loss of her mother, Florence Klein.

Rolland Mandel on the loss of his mother, Dr. Elena Mandel.

Risa Pollack on the loss of her father, Oscar Sotsky.

Liz Rosenbaum on the loss of her father, Ira Bernstein.

Susan R. Schwartz and Keeva Crelan on the loss of her mother and her aunt, Freida E. Schwartz.

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Liora Ozarowski Receives Graduate Degree



Liora Ozarowski

Liora Ozarowski, a Judaic studies teacher at Bi-Cultural Day School, has received a graduate degree from the Azrieli Graduate School for Jewish Education and Administration of Yeshiva University. Ozarowski, who was a Legacy Heritage scholar at Stern College, is also currently working on her second master's degree in Jewish history at Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School. She lives in New York City's Washington Heights with her husband, Raphi, a rabbinical student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. Says Ozarowski: "I am focused on bringing innovative, thoughtful Jewish education to the classroom, and I'm excited to continue devoting myself to the Bi-Cultural community in the future."

Innovation Unlimited at Bi-Cultural



Innovation and ingenuity were on display at Bi-Cultural Day School on May 18 as the school hosted its first-ever MakerFaire – an ode to student creativity, showcasing 60-plus inventions by students in grades kindergarten through seven. Student inventions included a multi-lingual "talking" globe and an "allergy alert" vending machine that enlarges the ingredients on food packages. Also on hand were several exhibitors, including The Discovery Museum, LEGO Robotics, Rippowam Labs and others. Calling the MakerFaire "an amazing and unforgettable day," third-grade teacher Beth Fritz, who organized the event with middle school teacher Adrienne Robinson, promised "an even bigger event next year!" L-r: BCDS students Raffaella Rascov, Kayla Lindenbaum, Yael Hochman and Gavin Daniel suited up to test out some of the technology developed by ASML, manufacturers of photolithography machines used in the production of computer chips. (Photo by Inbar Barkai)

Local Day Schools Join Thousands At Israel Parade



More than 200 families and friends of Stamford's Bi-Cultural Day School, wearing bright red "I Love Israel" t-shirts, set out for New York City early on June 4 to join thousands of others as they sang and danced their way up Fifth Avenue as part of the annual Celebrate Israel Parade. "It was exhilarating to be a part of the largest and most outspoken demonstration of support for Israel in the world," said BCDS Head of School Jackie Herman.



Close to 200 Carmel Academy students, faculty, parents and alumni marched in New York City's Celebrate Israel Parade on June 4. This year, Carmel's parade theme was "Hand in Hand All Together With Israel at Carmel Academy." The school community celebrated its love for Israel and its spirit by marching hand in hand together, wearing parade-themed t-shirts and hats, carrying banners and waving flags.

An Evening with Schoke JFS



L-r: Liz Kitay, Meryl Japha, Mark and Joanna Frank, and Sandy Speter.



The Beldotti family, standing (l-r): Lisa, Mike Jr., Mike, Chris, Amy, Zack and Grace. Seated: James Beldotti. (Photos by Aviva Maller Photography)

On May 10, more than 250 people gathered at the Crowne Plaza Stamford Hotel for "An Evening with Schoke JFS." The 38th Annual Mitzvah Award was presented to the Beldotti family in recognition of their service to the Greater Stamford community. Mark Frank was honored with the 11th Annual Young Leadership Award. "An Evening with Schoke JFS" was co-chaired by Meryl Japha and Liz Kitay. Sandy Speter served as auction chair and Alan Kalter was the master of ceremonies.

"An Evening with Schoke JFS brought together supporters of our agency and admirers of our honorees from across the community. Steve Solomon's stand-up comedy ended the evening with big laughs," commented Jonathan Fass, COO of Schoke JFS.

A live auction along with a paddle-raise supported the agency's effort to provide Emergency Assistance funds for residents of Fairfield County. For additional contributions, contact Lisa Rich at Schoke JFS at 203-921-4161.

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L-r: Matt Greenberg, CEO of Schoke JFS, and Stamford Mayor David Martin

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TBE Annual BBQ and Barachu

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During the barbecue, held on the grounds of TBE, there will be activities for young children. Following the barbecue, a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service will begin at 7:30 pm on the lawn adjacent to the sanctuary. The service will be led by Rabbi Joshua Hammerman, Cantor Magda Fishman and musical guests. Installation of the Board of Trustees will also take place.

Reservations are encouraged, but not required. To reserve online, visit www.tinyurl.com/bbqtbe17 or call the temple office at 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

Helping Children Transition to Summer Camp

By Julie Lapin

Just in time for the summer camp season, Carmel Academy and Pragmatic Play, LLC, are offering an evidence-based, intensive pre-summer social skills program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

"The program will use hands-on activities to develop the important skills needed to negotiate the novel and fast-paced aspects of camp," said Pragmatic Play's Co-founder and Co-facilitator Marguerite Scarponetti. The sessions, open to the entire community, will run for two hours each day, June 26-30, at Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Ave., Greenwich.

Carmel Academy partnered with Pragmatic Play earlier this school year, offering afternoon social skills groups for children who have challenges with friendships, social anxiety, emotional regulation and perspective taking. In addition to direct skills instruction, Pragmatic Play incorporated opportunities to generalize skills not only in weekly after school sessions, but also in two facilitated weekend play dates.

"This pre-summer intensive is the perfect program to help children who are heading to camp and who have difficulty with transitions, struggle when participating in group or team activities, exhibit excessive shyness, or have trouble following instructions and problem solving," said Scarponetti, who is Carmel Academy's speech-language pathologist.

"The program will help children increase flexibility for transitions and new experiences, manage emotions during unstructured time, increase non-verbal communication and teamwork skills," she said. "Individualized carry-over recommendations will be provided to parents at the end of the week."

The sessions will be run by both Scarponetti and certified special education teacher Janet Wetherbee. The duo has a combined experience of more than 30 years working with children who have social and language-based delays.

"Pragmatic Play's curriculum draws on instructional methods from leaders in the field of social cognition, body awareness, emotional regulation and pragmatic language such as Jed Baker, Ph.D., Timothy P. Kowalski, S.L.P., Simon Baron-Cohen, P.D.P., Michelle Garcia-Winner, S.L.P., Jeanette McAfee, M.D., and Kirstina Ordetx, Ed.D.," said Wetherbee, co-founder of Pragmatic Play.

"Each child will have an intake assessment prior to starting the program to allow for the student to have specific skills targeted throughout the sessions; and the number of children within each group is limited to ensure that each child has maximum support," Wetherbee said.

For more information and to receive an application, contact pragmaticplayllc@gmail.com or call 914-656-2675.

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TBE's Cantor's Concert Wows Packed Audience



Above (l-r): Steven and Lieba Lander, honorees, were presented with a gift from Mia Weinstein, president of Temple Beth El. (Photos by Aviva Maller Photography)



At right: Cantor George Mordecai (a surprise guest) and Cantor Magda Fishman performed.



Nearly 500 people crowded into the sanctuary at Temple Beth El in Stamford to honor Steve and Lieba Lander and listen to a medley of songs, from Broadway show tunes to Jewish melodies, performed by the Divas on the Bima – four internationally known female cantors that include TBE's own Cantor Magda Fishman. The program also included a surprise guest, former TBE Cantor George Mordecai, now cantor at Temple Israel Center in White Plains, who sang a duet with Cantor Fishman.



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Bi-Cultural Day School Celebrates 61 "Blessed" Years

The ballroom of the Stamford Hilton was filled to capacity on May 21, to pay tribute to the past, present and future of Bi-Cultural Day School at the annual BCDS Celebration Dinner.

In keeping with the dinner's theme, "Blessed," the gala evening celebrated the school's numerous accomplishments over the course of its 61-year history and honored several community leaders including guest of honor Shoshana Dweck, the parent of three BCDS alumni and a resident of Armonk, NY; BCDS alumni Rachel Rothman, who received the BCDS Community Service Award; Stamford native Jenny Fuchs, a BCDS parent who received the school's Young Leadership Award; Bi-Cultural physical education teacher Coach Joe Nealon, who received the school's Jane Schoztic Memorial Award; and Rabbi Tzvi Bernstein of Stamford who received the BCDS Alumni Award.

"I am a better parent because of the lessons I learned from the gifted and caring teachers, administrators, parents and volunteers of BCDS. There is so much talent, so much love, so much respect – all fueled by Yiddishkeit and a drive for excellence," Dweck told those gathered as she accepted her award."

"We chose Bi-Cultural as our school for many reasons, including the deep Zionism that runs through its veins. What we found was so much more: a family and a community," she added.

The evening was also highlighted by the presentation of the inaugural Morton G. Scheraga President's Award to Kamal Haron. Presented to Haron by David Pitkoff, president of the BCDS Board of Trustees, the new award "recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the growth of Bi-Cultural Day School, the Stamford community and *klal Yisrael*," according to a school spokesman.



At the Celebration Dinner, BCDS President David Pitkoff presented Kamal Haron with the inaugural Morton G. Scheraga President's Award.

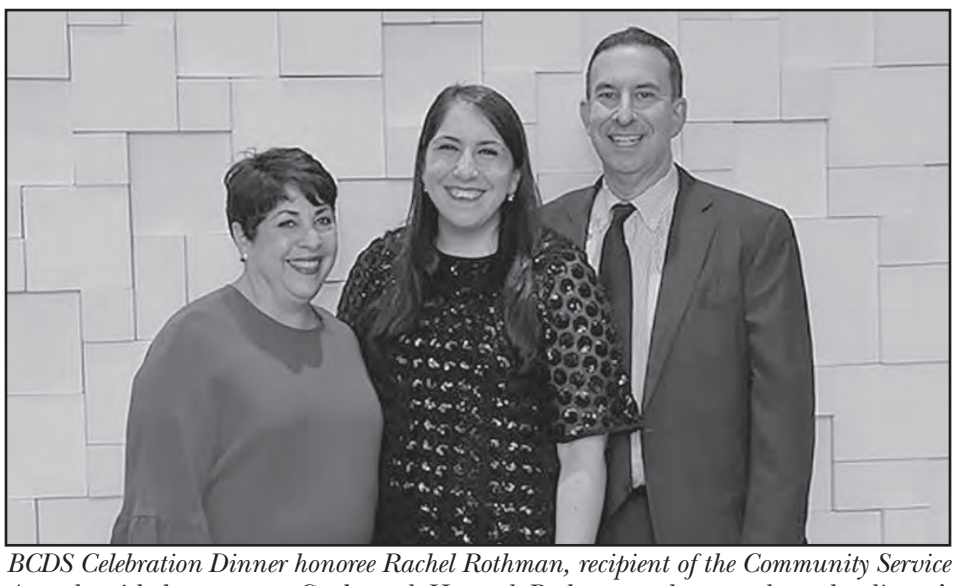
Among the evening's entertainment, dinner guests enjoyed a musical performance by the school's eighth-graders, who were newly returned from their month-long school-sponsored trip to Israel and were said to bring with them to the dinner the spirit of the Jewish state.

BCDS Head of School Jackie Herman called the evening "a spectacular success, thanks to our honorary chairs, Gayle and Howard Rothman; dinner chairs, Meg and Yoav Haron, and Dani and Avi Kwalwasser; dinner journal co-chairs, Cheryl Bader-Goldblum and Stephen Goldblum, Tara and Richard

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BCDS Celebration Dinner Guest of Honor Shoshanah Dweck (right) with her parents, Rabbi Stanley and Resa Davids, and her son, Gabriel Dweck. (Photos by Clive and Raema Salmon)



BCDS Celebration Dinner honoree Rachel Rothman, recipient of the Community Service Award, with her parents Gayle and Howard Rothman, who served as the dinner's honorary chairs.

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CHAPTER TWO


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Nine Bi-Cultural Students Take Home Literary Awards

Allison Yakubovich loves the way words sound when she reads them. And, given that the Bi-Cultural Day School sixth-grader recently was awarded first prize for fiction in the 32nd Annual Stamford Literary Competition, it's safe to assume she loves the way words sound when she writes them, too.

"I love the feeling I get when I read what I wrote," says Yakubovich, who was among nine budding Bi-Cultural writers who took home competition awards. "I like to speak with a lot of detail so I write with a lot of detail, too."

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ferguson Library, the competition recognizes excellence in the writing of fiction, non-fiction and poetry among students in grades three-12.

In addition to Yakubovich, other Bi-Cultural award winners were Jenna Cohen, Lilah Gordon, Shira Hecht, Yehudit Hochman, Jake Lipkin, Taylor Newman-White, Talia Reich, Abigail Thau and a student who chose to remain anonymous.

"We are so proud of the growth we've seen in Allison's writing," said her mother, Shana Yakubovich. "She has a strong vocabulary and a special way of pulling readers into her stories with descriptive words and humor. She's always been encouraged by her BCDS teachers to be creative and to develop her style and her voice."

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Veterans and Bi-Cultural Students Commemorate Memorial Day



At left: On May 26, Bi-Cultural Day School fifth-graders led the entire student body in a flag ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day. In paying tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of the United States, the students were joined by several local veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, including Steve Fischer (post commander, Jewish War Veterans Fred Robbins Post 142 of Stamford), Sherwin Baer (grandfather of Bi-Cultural students Richard, Georgia and Celia Baer), Donald Bernard (grandfather of Bi-Cultural students Benjamin and Olivia Herman), and Retired U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Fred Golove (grandfather of Bi-Cultural students Grant and Sammi Bradley). Golove, who is shown here with his grandchildren, spoke to the assembly about gratitude.

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Shapiro and Stephanie and Josh Bilenker; as well as to the entire Celebration Dinner and Journal Committee."

"It was an absolutely beautiful evening," said Rabbi Bernstein who, in addition to receiving the Alumni Award, serves as dean of BCDS. "The dinner chairs created a beautiful evening, bringing together the school parents, friends and family of the honorees, community leaders, faculty and administration in recognition of the critical role BCDS plays in the strength and continuity of our Greater Stamford Jewish community."

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Bi-Cultural Goes Bonkers for "Mitzvah Mania"



At right: Bi-Cultural Day School was caught up in a frenzy of community service recently, when students engaged in the school's very first "Mitzvah Mania." Preschoolers through eighth-graders fanned out across the community – freshening up a homeless shelter; enhancing the beauty of the Stamford Nature Center and Bartlett Arboretum; singing with seniors at the Atria and the Jewish Community Center; delivering homemade speech boards to disabled students; helping out at a local food bank; and more. "Working with our hands and our hearts to improve the lives of our neighbors is truly what tikkun olam *is all about," said Head of School Jackie Herman. Shown at right are BCDS sixth-graders Tamar Rosenfeld (left) and Allison Yakubovich planting flowers at the Stamford Nature Center as part of the school's "Mitzvah Mania" program.*

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Carmel Sixth-Graders Remember Israel's Fallen Soldiers

By Julie Lapin

Each year at Carmel Academy, the school's sixth-graders lead a Yom Hazikaron service in remembrance of Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

This year, Carmel's sixth-graders not only led the community in the ceremony, but also helped create a permanent memorial that they hope will leave an indelible imprint for generations to come.

Over the course of several months, the students met with Sara Aldouby to hear the story of her brother, Yisrael Shindler, a paratrooper killed in combat during the Yom Kippur War.

Aldouby is a Trumbull-based sculptor and mother of Dr. Tali Aldouby-Schuck, Carmel's director of Judaic studies. Her works are exhibited throughout the world and include "Wings of Peace," which stands on the shores of the Sea of Galilee in Israel. Through Aldouby, the students learned not just about the life and sacrifice of her brother, but also how the artist uses her talent to honor the memory of those who are no longer with us.

"In many ways Yom Hazikaron is so far removed from our students' lives in America," said Aldouby-Schuck, who sought a way to help make the students' connection to the fallen soldier they were memorializing feel personal, relevant and meaningful.

The sixth-graders met with Aldouby at one of her art exhibits, and sat with her as she recounted memories of Yisrael, a Holocaust survivor and one of the few ultra Orthodox paratroopers serving in the IDF at the time.

"She spoke of her memories, his life, family and legacy, and then they saw the memorial sculptures she creates. It was an opportunity for them to think about what it means for art to represent a value or a person – how art speaks in that way," said Aldouby-Schuck.

In the days leading up to Yom HaZikaron, Aldouby visited Carmel and led a workshop at which the students created their own clay memorial sculptures.

"She was able to give the students a multi-sensory experience. They learned the importance of memory, and about creating memory through their hands," Aldouby-Schuck said. "The students then helped Aldouby complete a memorial sculpture titled 'Eternal Flight,' created in memory of Yisrael Shindler and all of Israel's fallen soldiers. The sculpture was erected and dedicated by the sixth-graders in Carmel's Upper School Courtyard."

"I hope that when other students look at the sculpture that we made with Mrs. Aldouby, they learn how important it is to remember the soldiers who risked their lives to fight and protect Israel," said sixth-grader Elie Madof.

With the Aldouby family in attendance, the students led a Yom Hazikaron ceremony dedicated to Yisrael Shindler, telling his brave life story. Aldouby was invited by the students to light a candle in her brother's memory.

"I have been at many, many ceremonies before, but this was the most important and meaningful one yet," said sixth-grader Annie Mozer. "We worked hard to create a beautiful ceremony. It was a lot of work, but so important."

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Carmel Academy sixth-graders Evan Roth and Sam MacDonald helped complete the stone sculpture "Eternal Flight" in memory of fallen Israeli soldiers.



At right, l-r: Artist Sara Aldouby and Carmel Academy's Director of Judaic Studies Dr. Tali Aldouby-Schuck met with the school's sixth-graders at Aldouby's sculpture exhibit. Aldouby talked to students about her brother, Yisrael Shindler, who was killed in combat during the Yom Kippur War.



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Israeli Startups are Driving the Car Technology Revolution – Here's How

By Andrew Tobin

TEL AVIV (JTA) – Israeli startups were revving their engines ahead of the country's largest-ever "smart transportation" event. More than 200 local companies working in transportation technology were at the EcoMotion Conference in May at the Peres Center for Peace in Jaffa. The plan was to give auto industry giants a look under the hood of "Startup Nation."

"Companies from around the world want to see what's happening in Israel," said Lior Zeno-Zamasky, the executive director of EcoMotion, a networking group for transportation technology companies in Israel that is organizing the conference. "The idea is ultimately to make deals, and I can tell you we've had a lot of success stories in the past."



A simulation of cars using Autotalks' vehicle-to-vehicle communication system. (Screenshot from YouTube)

Israel in recent years has become an unlikely center for automotive innovation – it has no car manufacturing to speak of, and the country is notorious for its bad drivers. It started with the electric car company Better Place, which in spite of its high-profile bankruptcy in May 2013 is credited with putting Israel's automotive tech scene on the map. The next month, Google bought the Raanana-based mapping company Waze for $1 billion. And in March of this year, Intel agreed to acquire the self-driving car technology powerhouse Mobileye, located in Jerusalem, for a record $15 billion. BMW, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Uber, Volkswagen and Volvo have also invested in Israeli technology since 2016.

Now that they have the world's attention, Israeli entrepreneurs have shifted into overdrive. According to Zeno-Zamasky, at least 550 startups now work in the country's transportation technology industry. Here are some of the revolutionary things those attending the fifth annual EcoMotion conference are trying to make cars do.

◆ Run on electricity with little or no charging

The era of the electric vehicle has officially arrived. A couple million plug-in cars are now whirring along roads across the globe, consuming a third as much energy as their gasoline-powered counterparts. Pulling over to recharge them, however, is a buzzkill. So Israeli startups are working on ways to make the pit stops faster and less frequent – or even unnecessary.

Tel Aviv-based StoreDot claims to be developing an electric vehicle battery that can be recharged in five minutes – that's compared to the hours that are typically required today. The company says a single charge would run a car for about 300 miles – farther than almost any electric vehicle now on the market and nearly as much as a gasoline-powered car. StoreDot recently demonstrated proof of the concept on a single battery cell, and previously recharged a smartphone in 30 seconds.

Electroad thinks its can do away with plugs altogether. At its headquarters in Caesarea, the company has developed an under-the-pavement wireless technology that recharges electric vehicles while they drive. With "inductive charging," vehicles can carry lighter, less expensive batteries – and never have to stop to recharge. Israel's government is working with Electroad to build a half-mile public bus route in Tel Aviv using its technology. If the planned 2018 launch goes well, there are plans for more routes, starting with an 11-mile shuttle between the city of Eilat and the Ramon International Airport in the south.

◆ Navigate by "sight"

Mobileye provides most of the world's driver-assistance technology. That includes the sensors – mainly cameras, lidar lasers and radar – and computing power that cars need to "see" the road. And the company is working with Intel and others to roll out a test fleet of 40 self-driving vehicles later this year. But car vision is still far from 20/20, and some Israeli startups apparently think they can do better. Innoviz Technologies, located in Kfar Saba, and Vayavision, from Or Yehuda, are both developing their own lidar laser systems, which use light and radar to determine distance.

Meanwhile, Oryx Vision promises "nano antenna" sensors that perform 50 times better and cost much less than the technologies used by Mobileye. Last October, the Petach Tikvah-based startup raised $17 million in its first round of funding. If all goes well, it anticipates seeing its product on the road by 2020. By then, some analysts predict, there will be 10 million self-driving cars in operation.

The Mobileye group has set the following year, 2021, as the target for its technology to take the wheel.

◆ Talk to each other and the world

The cars of the future will communicate to avoid crashes and ease traffic jams. Experts predict some cars will have this ability within a year or two, and the technology will be commonplace in self-driving cars within a decade.

Headquartered in Kfar Netter, Autotalks is making chip sets that can link vehicles not just to each other, but also to infrastructure and people. The semiconductor company has collaborated with Audi on "smart antennae" and started selling to car equipment manufacturers. In March, it raised $30 million in funding, touting its chips' compliance with a rule proposed by the U.S. Department of Transportation in December that would mandate the use of vehicle-to-vehicle communication in new cars. The department estimated the rule could prevent more than half a million accidents and a thousand U.S. deaths every year.

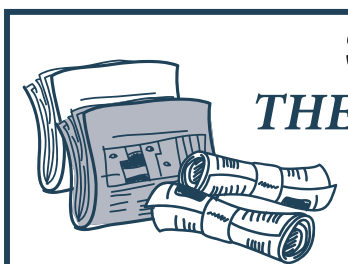
As cars become more connected, Herzliya-based otonomo wants to bring driver and passenger services – from apps to roadside help – via its cloud-based marketplace. It has deals with nine automakers, but as usual, consumers will pay with their data, which otonomo allows automakers to sell.

While Autotalks and otonomo provide their own security, Argus Cybersecurity designs systems to protect the electronics that control a vehicle's basic functions from hackers. The Tel Aviv company does this by analyzing the data that come in and out of a vehicle's communications systems, which is otherwise highly vulnerable. Argus CEO Ofer Ben-Noon came up with the idea while serving in Israel's elite 8200 intelligence unit.

For those attached to their regular old car, but fed up with driving it, IVO Driver Robot has a solution: a robot that can drive for you. So far, the robot has mostly driven a golf cart-style buggy around a parking lot at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, where it is being developed. But a new and improved version is in the works.







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Carl Reiner, 95, Dishes His Secrets to Longevity

By Curt Schleier

(JTA) – The first thing Carl Reiner does every morning is pick up the paper and read the obituary section to check if he's named there. "If I'm not, I'll have my breakfast," or so he says in the charming and appropriately titled HBO documentary "If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast."

Then the 95-year-old actor, writer and director, the creator of the "Dick Van Dyke Show" – "my greatest achievement," he tells JTA – goes to his computer to work on his latest project, a book. In fact, that's what he was doing when a reporter calls to talk about the film and their shared genesis in the Bronx (and not necessarily in that order).

Reiner, however, is not entirely in a reflective mood and dismisses the invitation to reminisce. "You know," he says, "I wrote three books about growing up in the Bronx.'

Instead, he quickly brings the conversation into the present. "It's funny you mention the [Loew's] Paradise [Theater on the Grand Concourse]. While we're talking, I'm working with a graphic designer," he says. "We're putting together a book of posters of movies that influenced me as I was growing up. Movies and TV moved me more than anything. Eddie Cantor. Jack Benny. Fibber McGee and Molly."

The book – tentatively titled "Carl Reiner Alive at 95 Recalling Movies He Loved" – is one of several recently published or in the works in his crowded pipeline. These include a newly released children's book, "You Say God Bless You for Sneezing and Farting," and the forthcoming memoir "Too Busy to Die."

Staying busy is one of the bromides offered in the the heartwarming HBO film Reiner hosts. The idea for "If You're Not in the Obit" percolated from an obituary Reiner read for actress Polly Bergen, who died in 2014 at age 84. "It scared the bejeebers out of me,' he says in the film.

The obit, Reiner goes on, stayed with him. "How come we got the extra years and we're thriving?' he wondered.

So at the suggestion of his nephew, the producer George Shapiro, Reiner set out to find what keeps some old people young. For example, he visits 102-year-old Ida Keeling, who does push-ups and jogs daily. She started running at 67 to overcome depression resulting from the drug-related murders of her two sons.

Among others appearing in the film are Patricia Morrison, 101, who starred in the original productions of "Kiss Me Kate" and "The King and I"; comic actress Betty White, 95; and fashion icon Iris Apfel, 94. "People ask me where I get my vitality," Apfel says, "and to tell you the truth, I don't have a clue."

A funny bone is one thing that almost all the people interviewed had in common. For example, the late Fyvush Finkel – who was 92 when he was interviewed in 2015 – says, "There's nothing more boring than a clean old man."

Kirk Douglas, 100, speaks about how his wife urged him to go on the road with a one-man show to show how he was recovering from a stroke. "What does an actor who can't talk wait for? Silent pictures to come back?" he asks.

They also shared a zest for life, a joie de vivre. Among those interviewed were 93-year-old Harriette Thompson, the oldest woman ever to finish a marathon, and Jim "Pee-Wee" Martin, who fought in D-Day and still parachutes today.

The film doesn't provide a definitive answer to living a long life. "I think it's partly your genes," Reiner says. "Also, it's your environment. Also, if you have a funny bone; if you grew up in a family with a sense of humor."

For Reiner, at least, religion or spirituality hasn't played much of a role in his longevity. He didn't attend Hebrew school growing up. "I got a bootleg bar mitzvah," he says. "An old Jew taught me just enough to sneak by."

Reiner's spirituality hasn't increased much with age – his belief in a higher power was a casualty of World War II. "Six million people died in the Holocaust and six million others yelling to God, 'Please stop this f***er,' and He didn't."



Mel Brooks, left, and Norman Lear, center, with Carl Reiner in "If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast." (Photo courtesy of HBO)

Reiner does, however, point to family and friendships as an important aspect of achieving old age, noting in the film, "The key to longevity is to interact with other people."

His support system includes multiple Emmy Award winner Norman Lear and longtime buddy Mel Brooks. If not reflective about the Bronx, Reiner is more than willing to talk about his 67-year friendship with Brooks. "Mel and I go back to 1950, the first day I came to the 'Show of Shows,'" he says, recalling the 90-minute variety show featuring Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca. "I was hired as an actor, to be a straight man for Sid. Mel was in the office. He wasn't on the [show's] writing staff yet. He was working for Sid, giving him jokes. I came in and didn't know who he was. But Mel was standing there doing a Jewish pirate, saying, 'You don't know how hard it is to set sail. It's $3.87 for a yard of sail cloth. I can't afford to pillage and plunder anymore.' So I just started interviewing him, and I just interviewed him for the next 10 years."

The pirate warped into the 2,000 Year Old Man – a routine they performed at parties and made a private recording "for our non-antisemitic friends," Reiner quips. "Cary Grant loved it and asked if he could have a dozen records. He was going to England and wanted it for his trip. You know they speak English there. When he got back he said, 'She loved it.' We asked, 'Who?' and he said, 'the Queen Mother,' he says. What an endorsement. The biggest shiksa in the world loved it."

Reiner and Brooks became inseparable buddies, an intense friendship that continues to this day. Reiner says that what helped cement their relationship was that their wives, Estelle Reiner and Anne Bancroft, got along. Bancroft, an Academy Award-winning actress, died in 2005, and Estelle Reiner passed away in 2008. "It was easy; it was a foursome," Reiner says. "Mel still comes over almost every night. We watched 'Captain Blood' yesterday."

Who decides what to watch? "We talk it over," he explains. "We'll see anything on that's worth a look. We also watch journalism – Rachel Maddow, who knows that Trump is a schmuck." (That's an opinion Reiner frequently shares about the president with his 169,000 followers on Twitter.)

Discovery of Hidden Text Prompts New Approach to Biblical Digs in Israel

By Adam Abrams

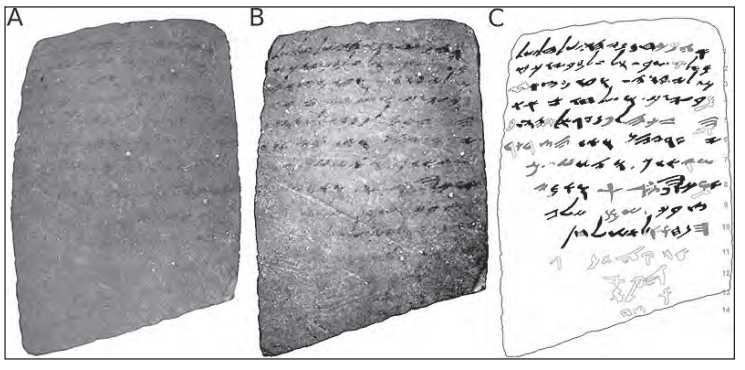
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The recent discovery of a previously invisible inscription on the back of an ancient pottery shard, that was on display at Jerusalem's Israel Museum for more than 50 years, has prompted Tel Aviv University researchers to consider what other hidden inscriptions may have been discarded during archaeological digs, before the availability of high-tech imaging.

The ancient shard was uncovered in poor condition at the desert fortress of Arad in 1965 and dates back to 600 B.C., before Judah's kingdom was destroyed by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar, adding to knowledge about the First Temple period in Israel. Arie Shaus, of Tel Aviv University's Department of Applied Mathematics, one of the principal researchers who studied the artifact, told JNS.org, "The front side of the shard was thoroughly studied, and it begins with some kind of standard letter opening, with one person blessing another using the name of God, 'Y-H-W-H.'"

Shaus explained this use of sacred language, although a "small detail," is "interesting and important" because it shows the Jewish religion and laws currently used by modern Jews "are a bit different to what was practiced back then." The fact that Jews living in Israel 2,600 years ago could "freely" write the full spelling of God's name differs from modern Jewish law forbidding the practice.

Researchers used high-tech multispectral imaging, unavailable 50 years ago, which revealed previously unseen markings on the backside of the shard. The imaging process adds additional filters, specifically to scan pottery shards, or pieces of stone with inscriptions called ostraca, and uses algorithms to produce an optimal image. After deciphering 50 characters on the back, researchers understood the previously hidden inscription was a continuation of the text on the front. The newly discovered text begins with a request for wine and a guarantee for assistance if the addressee has any of his own requests. "It seems that these guys drank quite a lot, or maybe the wine was used for antiseptic reasons," Shaus observed.



Images on the back of the ancient pottery shard were discovered by using multispectral imaging, revealing text dating from 600 B.C. (Photo courtesy of Tel Aviv University/PLOS.org)

The multispectral imaging also improved the reading of the front side, adding four new lines of text. According to Shaus, the message was addressed to a man called El-Yashiv, who was a quartermaster of the Arad fort. "He had some sort of large storage facility and people brought him wine, olive oil and flour, and he was corresponding with neighboring forts and armies around the fort," he explained.

A man named Hananyahu, who may have been a quartermaster in a neighboring fort in Be'er Sheva, wrote the inscription and "had quite a friendly correspondence" with El-Yashiv, Shaus said. "Sometimes with these texts, the opening will show that the person is subordinate or superior, but this one is quite friendly. So it seems like they are colleagues, or the same rank."

The new discovery is part of several large research projects currently underway in Israel to obtain imagery of all available ostraca. "We had this advanced camera, so we said why not?" he said. "It's not as if there are millions of inscriptions, like in Mesopotamia or in Egypt. Only a few hundred inscriptions exist in Israel. So it's doable."

While the main focus of the research is to enhance existing inscriptions, the idea to scan the back of the pottery shard in the Israel Museum was prompted when Tel Aviv University technician Michael Cordonsky suspected there may have been additional writing on the back. "We scanned the back and we were astounded with what we discovered. It looked terrific using this technique, and it had not been visible to anyone for 2,600 years," Shaus said. "It is incredible, and we were extremely excited to have discovered this kind of material, but it's also a bit tragic because now we think about all of the inscriptions that we may have lost," as during archaeological excavations, lots of pottery is found and later discarded.

As a result of the new discovery, researchers will approach how they handle pottery shards found during archaeological digs differently. "Maybe they should just image everything," Shaus said. "Using low-cost equipment like the camera used in this discovery would allow each excavation to buy or construct one… or at least create a filtering system whereby only samples of pottery, which could have been used for writing, are saved and scanned. Maybe we have lost more inscriptions than we have found, but didn't figure it out until now. It's tragic, but we are also optimistic, because now we have the technology to do this."

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interests at home and abroad. And the terror that consumed the community in the run-up to the war led to an increased emphasis on Holocaust remembrance.

The shift from terror to power experienced by the Jewish community in June 1967 set up Holocaust memory and support of Israel as the twin poles of American Jewish identity. At the same time, however, it sparked debates on territory, history, identity and occupation – issues that continue to consume American Jews 50 years later.

"There was an emotional trajectory that united Jewish people in a way I don't think we've ever seen since the revelation at Mount Sinai 3,500 years ago," said Klein Halevi, author of "Like Dreamers," a chronicle of Israel's Six-Day War generation. Growing up in Brooklyn, he recalled "moving from existential dread to relief when we realized that Israel had taken the offensive."

American Jews poured their money into supporting the embattled state – creating a precedent (and expectations) for Jewish philanthropy for decades to come, historians say. In the New York City area alone, the United Jewish Appeal raised more than $20 million during the week of the war, nearly $150 million in today's dollars.

Greenberg recalls a congregant taking out a second mortgage to donate $20,000 to Israel. In the New York suburb of Scarsdale, seven high school students raised $10,000 from their neighborhood on the war's second day.

"The unbelievable amounts of money that were collected before and during the war, nobody had ever seen anything like it," said Sarna, a professor of Jewish history at Brandeis University. "American Jews didn't want people to say we did nothing. There wasn't much they could do, but they knew they could give of their wealth."

Jews also took to the streets to support Israel. On June 8, the third day of the war, 50,000 Jews rallied outside the White House, already demanding that Israel be allowed to keep its battlefield gains. The day after the war, 20,000 Jews filled New York City's Madison Square Garden to cheer the victory.

While Jews had protested en masse before, the war showed Jewish leaders how powerful demonstrations could be, said Jack Wertheimer, a Jewish history professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The victory also gave American Jews an increased assertiveness to advocate for their own interests. Israel's victory energized the movement to free Soviet Jewry, which would go on to organize large rallies in Washington, DC, and protests at Soviet consulates, missions and cultural events across the country. "Israel has been very good for American Jewish leaders," Wertheimer said. "The emergence of Israel as a player on the international stage made it possible for American Jewish organizations to ratchet up their presence."

American Jews also became far more comfortable displaying their love for Israel, and Americans in general supported Israel in the war. Cold War calculations led the U.S.-Israel alliance to grow stronger, while among Jews, expressions of Israeli culture increased in America. The war led more American synagogues to adopt Israeli pronunciations of Hebrew, Wertheimer said, and to use Israeli melodies for prayers. Klein Halevi remembers his doctor decorating his waiting room with an enormous photo of Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

"It really intensified a sense of Israel being central," Sarna said. "American Jews love moments when their Americanness and their Jewishness reinforce one another. There's this sense that the Six-Day War is a victory for America and for the Jewish people."

Jews also began traveling more to Israel, which experienced a period of euphoria following the war. Immigration to the Jewish state rose steadily in the late 1960s and early '70s, and American Jews would later have a disproportionate presence in the settlement movement. While American Jews make up about 5 percent of Israelis overall, they comprise 15 percent of West Bank settlers, according to Oxford Professor Sara Yael Hirschhorn, author of the recent book "City on a Hilltop," about American Jews in the settlement movement.

"There was just this spontaneous need on the part of Jews around the world to physically connect to Israel because of this feeling that we almost lost Israel," said Klein Halevi, who has written about channeling his own Jewish fears and pride into the militant Jewish Defense League – a youthful flirtation with extremism he eventually left behind. An Israeli since 1982, he recalled the post-war euphoria spoken about in Israel, where "there was this feeling that Jewish history is over, and we won. Certainly the wars were over. The Arabs would never be foolish enough to attack us again."

Even amid the celebration, cracks of discord began to appear. Jewish leaders bristled at criticism from liberal Americans who had allied with Jews on domestic policy fights like civil rights. Criticism of Israel's military gains from some African-American leaders further weakened a once strong black-Jewish alliance that had begun fraying half a year earlier, when the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee expelled its white members. "In the liberal camp, there's a hostility directed at Israel" following the war, Wertheimer said. "American Jews looked upon these individuals as their allies, as their colleagues in some of the great battles. They could not begin to understand why, when it came to this matter, these allies turned on Israel."

Half a century after the victory, organized American Jewry wrestles with its legacy. Fund-raisers and activists lament that there isn't the same kind of unifying cause around which Jews can rally. Committed activists are split among a right wing that feels God delivered into Jewish hands a land that can never again be divided, and a left wing that sees the war and the decisions made in its aftermath as the start of what has become Israel's most intractable problem: control of millions of Arabs living on lands seized during the victory.

Five decades later, says Hirschhorn, the joy felt in 1967 has faded for many American Jews born long after the war. They don't remember the Six-Day War as a massacre averted or a near miraculous victory of David over Goliath. For Jews with memories of 1967, Hirschhorn said, feeling strong was an exhilarating experience. Now American Jews are still grappling with the meaning of Jewish power. "The pride they felt in that moment has changed for our generation, who look at it in a different way and have seen the outcome of the war," said Hirschhorn, who was born well after the war. "Now the question of our generation is, how do you manage Jewish power responsibly, whether that's in the state of Israel or outside of it?"

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BY JANE LEVENE

Focus on: Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz



Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz

Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz was born and raised in Stamford, where even at a very young age she was active in the local Jewish community. As a teenager, she was involved in BBYO and served as vice president of the Connecticut valley region as a senior in high school. After attending college and graduate schools in Pennsylvania, Texas and New Jersey, Devra and her husband, Parry Berkowitz, moved back to the Stamford area not only to be near family, but also to be in a community where she felt at home in every sense of the word. Devra works as an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart University teaching religion. She is very interested in interfaith dialogue and in finding commonalities between groups so we can learn to see each other as humans and not labels. She loves teaching her Catholic students about Judaism and Islam, and hopes that the more we learn about one another, the more likely we are to one day achieve peace. Devra and Parry are raising their two children, daughter, Zoë, who is 14 and attends the Jewish High School of Connecticut, and son, Andrew, who is 12 and attends Bi-Cultural Day School, to be active members of the Jewish community as well.

Here's why she cares…

Describe your current and past involvement with UJF and how long you have been involved.

I was one of the founding presidents of the Young Leadership Division, restarting the program with the director of Young Leadership at the time, Dana Horowitz, after it had been dormant for many years. I also served as a past campaign chair for the program. For seven years, I was a member of the National Young Leadership Cabinet, the premier leadership development program through Jewish Federations of North America, which culminated in my being chair of NYLC and overseeing JFNA programming for the 30-45 crowd. I had the opportunity to travel around the world on missions to Chile and Argentina, Budapest, Bucharest, Istanbul, Azerbaijan, Greece, St. Petersburg, Stockholm and Israel. I was on the Executive Committee of JFNA representing the voice of young adults in major decisions made by the American Jewish community. It was an unbelievable experience.

I am currently a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and, when I was asked to join the council, the interfaith component is what really pulled me in.

Have you been involved with other Jewish organizations?

I am a board member of Temple Beth El, of Friendship Circle and of the Jewish High School of Connecticut, and I'm a past board member of Bi-Cultural Day School.

Why is it important for you to give back in this way?

I feel very fortunate to have been born in a country where I am free to practice Judaism in whatever way works for me and to have the financial means to give back. I believe that with these privileges comes a responsibility to others who are not as fortunate. It is equally as important that I model for my children what it means to be part of a community and to stand up to serve when needed.

Children and young adults should understand the power of philanthropy. Much of my communal involvement has focused on thinking of strategies to educate people about *tzedakah* and to inspire them to give of themselves for the betterment of their community. I hope to inspire even my students at Sacred Heart to seek justice. We live in such an individualist world, so it was very fulfilling to be part of National Young Leadership Cabinet where I met and traveled the world with people around the United States and Canada who are deeply committed to that mission of responsibility to the collective.

Describe the UJF programs you are currently working on and how they benefit the local community as well as the greater Jewish community.

I recently chaired the Women's Philanthropy dinner with my mother, Sari Jaffe and my daughter, Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz. It was very meaningful for me to represent the generations of women in our community. In addition to helping organize the event, Zoe and her friends did a mitzvah project at the dinner, packing books and toiletries for children in need for 3SQUARE. 3SQUARE is a UJF program that ensures Stamford public school children in need have nutritious food to eat for the weekend by providing them with a bag of food each week.

In your opinion, why should others get involved in these programs? In UJF?

It's easy to get busy with kids and work, and therefore take for granted many aspects of our community infrastructure. We expect organizations to be there when we need them, but that means we need to support them every day. If we don't help out, who will?

YOUNG VOICES

A Letter from a Friendship Circle Volunteer

Dear Eli,

Sitting down to write this letter, reflecting on all the amazing times we have had together, I couldn't be happier to have had the chance to get to know you and build a friendship that I will cherish for the rest of my life. From day one, before I even met you, you already put a smile on my face when I received my name tag which read, "Eli is volunteering with Eli."



Eli Pinker (right) with his special friend, Eli [Last name held on request]. (Photo by Lila Feller)

I joined The Friendship Circle because I wanted to impact the lives of others, but I had no idea how impactful my friendship with you would be on my life. Your consistent upbeat attitude and positive outlook on life, no matter the hardships you face, astounds me to this day. Whenever I'm in hard spots, I always find myself thinking of you and how you would deal with the situation, and I will always cherish the inspiration you have given me to stay positive no matter what.

I can't even begin to describe how special your hugs and hair rubs mean to me each Sunday morning; I anticipate them all week. I am so fortunate to have had the chance to build a friendship with you. I always looked forward to laughing or hugging it out spontaneously with you in the middle of an activity, especially when we played dodgeball!

It's crazy how much we've learned about each other over the years. Like I know how to make your face light up by reminding you that we get to play with the ferrets, and you respond by jubilantly yelling "*Ferrets*!" into my ear to make sure I don't forget. I know that you dislike art (it's OK, I do, too!), but you know that if we get through it, I'll make sure to sneak you chocolate chips during cooking when the teacher isn't looking. And you know how much I love wasabi peas and you're always willing to share!

I'm going to miss you so much when I go to college and will visit when I come back home. I hope I've impacted your life at least a fraction as much as you've impacted mine because I cannot imagine the type of person I would be if I hadn't had the chance to become friends with you. And whoever takes my place next year is *so, so* lucky to have the chance to become friends with the sweetest, most caring and compassionate person I have ever met.

With love, your friend forever,
Eli Pinker

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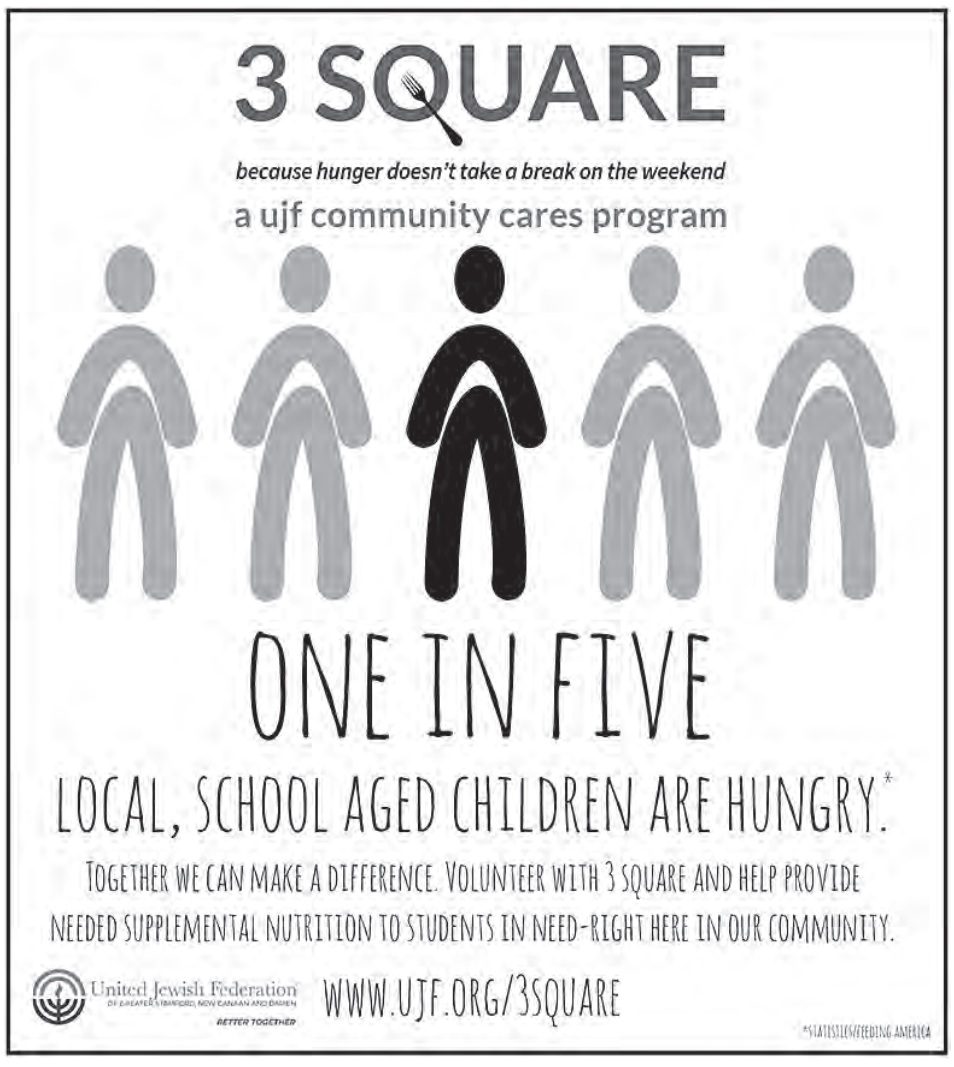
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Carmel Celebrates Yom Yerushalayim



Carmel Academy commemorated the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification with a day filled with learning and celebration. Students from Carmel Academy and SAR Academy's eighth grade students delved into researching the neighborhoods of Jerusalem and then designed advertisements. They also built ice cream art sculptures, representing landmarks and images of Jerusalem. The school hosted SAR as part of a multi-school initiative that brought together 1,000 students from throughout the region for a day of learning and celebration.



To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification, Carmel Academy students were treated to a day filled with learning and celebration. Students and faculty transformed the lower school by re-creating some of the city's most iconic images, including its walls and gates, the Chagall windows and Nachalat Shiva neighborhood, known for its umbrella installation. Shown are some of the decorated entrances to classrooms.

Carmel Seventh-Graders Experience Shavuot



Shavuot commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai to the Jewish people. Just as Moses climbed Mt. Sinai, Carmel Academy's seventh-graders experienced Shavuot by hiking up Turkey Mountain in Yorktown Heights. After the hike, the students learned Torah at the top of the mountain – learning different texts from several of their teachers. The texts were selected by each teacher with the goal of modeling for the students what it means to have a text that is so meaningful that it shapes who they are. Shown are a group of Carmel Academy seventh-graders taking a break from their hike at Turkey Mountain.

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