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5776: A review of the major events in the Jewish world

BY BEN HARRIS
(Part one of two)

JTA – A stabbing and car-ramming epidemic in Israel that some called a third intifada was among the most dominant Jewish stories of the past year. But 5776 was also notable for the release of spy Jonathan Pollard after 30 years in prison, the communal fallout from the Iran nuclear deal, a historic (and unfinished) agreement on egalitarian worship at the Western Wall and continuing clashes between pro-Israel students and the BDS movement on college campuses.

Below is a timeline of the Jewish year's major events – the good, the bad and, in the case of the deaths of some Jewish giants, the very sad.



Jonathan Pollard released after 30 years in prison

September 2015

• Some 53 major American Jewish groups issue a call for unity and recommitment to American and Israeli security following the Sept. 17 deadline for Congress to reject the Iran nuclear deal. Overall, 19 of 28 Jewish members of Congress support the deal, which is vigorously opposed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

• The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College reverses a longstanding ban on accepting rabbinical students with non-Jewish partners. The move proves to be controversial,

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Rosh Hashanah greeting card, Germany, early 20th century, Collection of Yeshiva University Museum

5 feel-good stories from Israel that will echo into the Jewish New Year

BY ANDREW TOBIN

TEL AVIV (JTA) – The Jewish state has nearly made it through another Jewish year and, as always, there was plenty to *kvetch* about in 5776.

But Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time to take stock and celebrate.

Before the shofar blowing begins, here are five Israeli stories from the past year worth trumpeting. Expect them to echo into 5777 and beyond.

The Olympics gave Israelis reason to hope.

For Israel, the margin between Olympic disappointment and glory can be a single medal. The country came up empty in 2012, but two Israeli judokas grappled and leg-swept their way to bronze at the Rio games in August.

Their fellow citizens rejoiced: Waving flags and singing patriotic songs, hundreds thronged Ben Gurion Airport to give Yarden Gerbi and Or Sasson a hero's welcome. The athletes were showered with flowers and hugs, and were immortalized in countless selfies. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later met with the judo team.

The Olympics have special meaning in Israel, where everyone remembers the 1972 Munich massacre of 11 athletes and coaches by Palestinian

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REMEMBER THE PAST

From the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

New Year's greetings, from then to now

BY GERALDINE S. FOSTER

The month of *Elul* is here, the time for reflection, penitence, and asking forgiveness of those we may have wronged. We greet people we meet with wishes for a good year. To family and friends near and far, we send greetings.

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THIS ISSUE'S QUOTABLE QUOTE

"I challenge everyone to make a list of all the good you did this year even if it's something you only did one time..."

Signs of the times

Ceremony marks signing of Holocaust-Genocide ed bill

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's board room came alive Sept. 8 during a special news conference to celebrate the signing of the Holocaust-Genocide bill. The program featured Governor Gina Raimondo, who spoke on the merits of the bill and ceremonially signed it into law. Primary sponsors Sen. Gayle Goldin and Rep. Katherine Kazarian spoke about the bill along with other advocates for the legislation. With its passage by the General Assembly, and formal signing in June, middle and high school students now will be required to study the Holocaust and genocides.

For the more than 60 people attending the ceremony, there was much positive energy in the room. There was a sense of deep pride as the bill was recognized as an important achievement. During the ceremony, Herb Stern, past president of the former Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and the chair of the Holocaust Memorial Committee, was recognized for his role in the creation of the memorial, which is located in downtown Providence.



Governor Gina Raimondo signs the bill.

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Students will formally begin to study the Holocaust and other genocides in the 2017-2018 school year. In the meantime, members of the community will be working with the R.I. Department of Education to develop programs and curriculum.

– Marty Cooper, Community Relations director for the Jewish Alliance of Greater R.I.



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Rabbi Rachel Zerin and Hillary Schulman at Paint Night.



At Paint Night (left to right): Rachael Green, Yaniv Havusha and Ryan Forman.

(401)j Shabbaton brings young Jewish adults together for bonding, prayer and fun

BY HILLARY SCHULMAN

About 30 of Rhode Island's future Jewish leaders gathered at Camp JORI, in Wakefield, during the last weekend of August to celebrate their Judaism with prayer, friendship, and various participant-led sessions at (401)j's second annual Shabbaton.

The weekend began with a meet-and-greet hour, where participants in the Jewish collaborative were able to grab a drink, hang with old friends, and make new ones. Shabbat candle-lighting followed and then the participants walked down to the waterfront for a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service, led by Adam Cable, and a *ma'ariv* service, led by Sam Zerin. After services, they gathered in the dining hall for a fabulous community Shabbat dinner.

Saturday's activities were a mix of meaningful sessions, prayer and camp activities such as swimming and a ropes course. Saturday morning's service was expertly led by Elisheva Stark and was followed by an insightful Torah discussion with Rabbi Rachel Zerin. (401)j Chair Dan Cohen closed out the service.

In the afternoon, participant Lex Rofes led a *nigun*, or a song without words, singing session, during which he taught different *nigunim* and encouraged others to teach as well. Each *nigun* had a backstory, and the session ended with all participants joyfully singing on their way to dinner.

After dinner, participants enjoyed some free time and then met at the fire pit for *havdalah*, led by Pastrami on RI, (401)j's a capella group. Next was s'mores and campfire songs. Later in the evening, the young adults joined The Proud Painter for a wine and art session, where they painted a scene of the ocean and the beach.

Participants say the weekend created strong bonds between the young Jewish adults.



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On Sunday morning (left to right): Adam Cable, Aaron Guttin, Liz Maynard, Deanna Raphael and Elisheva Stark.

"While I had been to some (401)j events before, this Shabbaton really helped me feel less like a visitor to (401)j and more like I'm really a part of it myself," Rofes said.

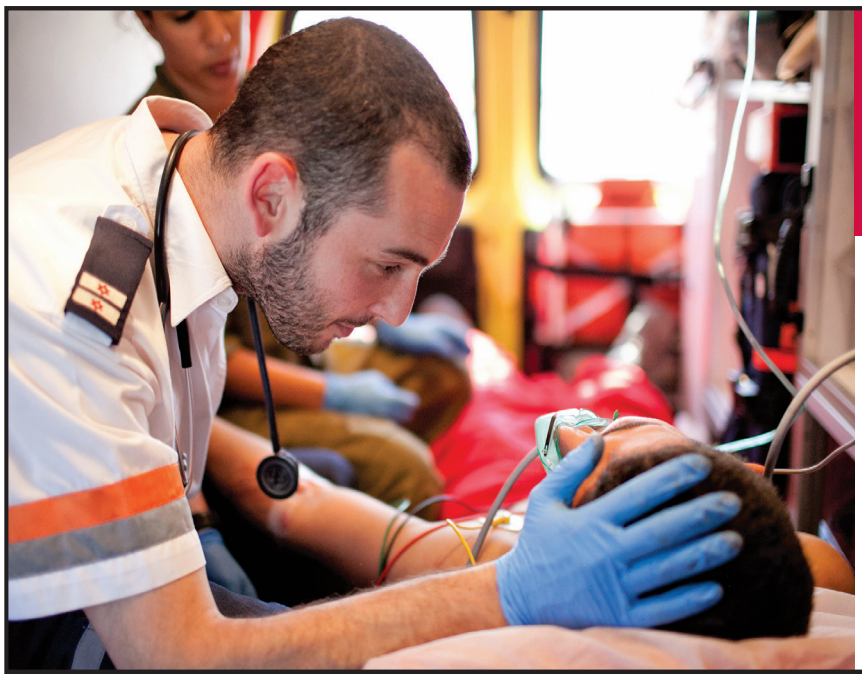
"[It] was a great chance to relax a little bit with some friendly folks," he continued. "Some I had never met before, others I had met once or twice, and only a couple had I really known in a real sense before this event. But I left the event feeling like I had gained a number of genuine friends from this experience."

Yaniv Havusha agreed.

"I thought the Shabbaton was great," he said. "It was a nice, non-intimidating way to meet other Jewish young professionals in the area and engage in some fun activities. I found the weekend had the perfect mix of everything, allowing for everyone to experience the Shabbaton and Shabbat in their own way which was meaningful to them."

(401)j is a statewide collaboration open to Jewish adults in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s. For more information, contact Michelle Cicchitelli at mcicchitelli@jewishallianceri.org.

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SAVING LIVES IN ISRAEL

Award-winning author to speak at Temple Habonim

BY ARIEL BROTHMAN

It took author Glenn Kurtz four years to track down the seven people seen in some 16 mm footage his grandfather shot in 1938 in Poland. Recorded in a small, predominantly Jewish community before its destruction during the Holocaust, the film was originally shot as a travel souvenir. That footage, which now serves as an archival view of the community, took Kurtz on a transcontinental journey to piece together the history of the community, and resulted in his award-winning book, "Three Minutes in Poland: Discovering A Lost World in a 1938 Family Film."

In the book, Kurtz tells of his meetings and ultimately paints a picture of life in a pre-World War II town. It's received national recognition on a number of levels. The Boston Globe, The New Yorker and National Public Radio all recognized his book on their lists of Best Books of 2014; and it received critical acclaim from the late Elie Wiesel.

When Temple Habonim's Rabbi Andrew Klein heard Kurtz speak in a breakout group at a Union for Reform Judaism conference, he says the "presentation was just fascinating."



Glenn Kurtz

"We were just blown away by his story … it was so touching, the way he brought people together. He brought survivors together, he brought people who saw their entire village being decimated … he was able to give life to those people in this film who were murdered," he says.

When Klein returned to Barrington after the conference, he learned that one of his congregants had just read Kurtz's book. Sparked by the experience of Kurtz's presentation, the idea surfaced to have Kurtz present as part of the temple's *selichot* service.

"For our *selichot* service, we always have a social and a program. Sometimes we show a film or have a concert," explains Klein. "So this year, we're having Glenn for that program … it's such a good presentation and that added level of it being for the purpose of *selichot* – it's just a great way to get ready for the holidays."

Kurtz will speak for about an hour, and participate in a book signing.

Non-congregants are invited to this free program, and Klein believes that this is an opportunity for Jews throughout the region to come together and connect on common history.

"I think there are a lot of people who feel really passionate about the Holocaust, and who would really enjoy and get a lot out of the presentation," says Klein.

"It's just a great story, and he's a great presenter."

Kurtz will speak at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington, on Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

ARIEL BROTHMAN is a freelance writer who lives in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

Republican Jewish Coalition campaigns in 3 swing states

WASHINGTON (JTA) – The Republican Jewish Coalition said it reached 25,000 people on a day of campaigning in Jewish neighborhoods in swing states where incumbent Republican senators are at risk.

About 200 RJC volunteers sporting "RJC Victory Team" T-shirts spread out Sept. 11 to go door to door in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Cleveland and in Broward County in South Florida.

Incumbents Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, Marco Rubio of Florida and Rob Portman of Ohio are in tough races in a year in which the polarizing Republican nominee, Donald Trump, is expected to adversely affect the Republicans' downticket.

Leaflets distributed by the volunteers contrasted Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's role in shaping the deal exchanging Iran's nuclear rollback for sanctions relief with the senators, who all voted against the deal and were vocal in opposing it.

An RJC official said the group has now reached 350,000 people through direct voter contact.

"Our first day of action was just the start of our fall effort, and we are excited to build on all of our work so far," said Fred Brown, an RJC spokesman. "Our volunteers and staff will continue speaking to voters every day until the election."

US House approves resolution honoring Elie Wiesel

WASHINGTON (JTA) – The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved a resolution honoring the life and work of Elie Wiesel.

The resolution approved by voice vote on Sept. 12 "reaffirms Elie Wiesel's efforts to preserve the memory of those who perished and prevent the recurrence of another Holocaust, to combat hate and intolerance in any manifestation, and to never forget and also learn from the lessons of history."

Three members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council — Reps. Steve Israel, D-N.Y.; Patrick Meehan, D-Pa., and Ted Deutch, D-Fla. — introduced the resolution.

Wiesel, the Holocaust memoirist and 1987 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, died July 2.



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Brown doctoral candidate launches career-mentoring startup

BY ARIEL BROTHMAN

Lindsay Kuhn has a passion for learning, and for doing, and it shows in her latest project.

Thanks to a grant from the National Science Foundation, a little help from Brown University's startup accelerator program, and a team Kuhn put together to help with her startup's website, Inventing Heron came to fruition this past March.

Inventing Heron (http://inventingheron.com) aims to motivate students who don't believe they can excel in science and math, or who just need a little extra motivation to learn in general, Kuhn says.

"I just think it's accessible to everyone," she says of the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering, and math. "You just have to be interested enough to learn."

Kuhn, who attends services at Congregation Beth Sholom, in Providence, has an unquenchable thirst for learning. After high school, she enrolled in a joint degree program at Columbia University that resulted in a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia and a bachelor of arts in English from Columbia's sister school, Barnard College.

After college, and a move to California, Kuhn spent a year writing for both E Entertainment and the Malibu Times. She then turned to the other half of her degree and worked for six years for Boeing, where she monitored satellites, as well as designing them.



Lindsay Kuhn

"I think people are scared off by reasons that have nothing to do with their abilities. I really think to be good in math and science, it just takes patience and hard work."

In 2010, Kuhn moved back east to work on a doctorate in material sciences at Brown. While she enjoyed mechanical engineering, she says she "wanted to do something she felt more of a personal connection to."

As part of her doctoral program, she taught seventh-grade science at Nathan Bishop Middle School, in Providence, where she found that a lot of the students could have used a little extra motivation. This in turn served as her motivation for starting Inventing Heron – to help motivate students.

"I think people are scared off by reasons that have nothing to do with their abilities. I really think to be good in math and science, it just takes patience and hard work," she says.

Inventing Heron, Kuhn explains, aims to serve as a kind of link between career mentors and young adults – "more human than LinkedIn" – and will soon allow employers to look for the young users, who are called "herons."

Currently, Inventing Heron is targeting high school students and up, and is piloting a student-led career fair at North Smithfield High School. To prepare for this, students will study different careers through Inventing Heron and then present information about their fields of study to other students at the fair. The curriculum leading up to the fair is 12 weeks long and takes place during the students' advisory periods.

Kuhn is also meeting with local and state employees, including people from the mayor of Providence's office and the Rhode Island governor's office, to further develop the program. Working with the former to engage employers and mentors in Inventing Heron, and the latter to develop outreach programs to prepare Rhode Island's students for the real world, the ultimate goal is to inspire students to "take school more seriously."

"If you could nurture their career aspirations and tell them why they're learning certain things, it could help to motivate them," says Kuhn.

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Synagogues gear up for the High Holy Days

BY ARIEL BROTHMAN

September is now upon us, and summer's end is in sight. You know what this means: the High Holy Days are coming!

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island is partnering with synagogues throughout Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts to provide eligible families with tickets to High Holy Day services. Eligible individuals must not be a member of a participating synagogue and cannot have been a member of a synagogue they wish to attend for the past two years.

The program is free and the deadline to contact the Jewish Alliance for tickets is Sept. 27. Call 401-421-4111, ext. 411.

The Jewish Voice does not list information regarding specific services and schedules. Below is a list of all the groups known to us, with contact information. Some are participating in the High Holy Day initiative.

For information on service schedules, contact the synagogues directly.

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New Ken Burns film spotlights little-known Holocaust rescuers

BY BEN SALES

JTA – In 1940, as he was being transported to safety in the lower deck of a ship, the Jewish author Lion Feuchtwanger asked Waitstill Sharp why the American Unitarian minister had bothered to rescue him from the Nazis.

Sharp and his wife, Martha, had spent much of the previous two years smuggling Jews out of Nazi-controlled territory. Saving people from persecution, the clergyman told Feuchtwanger, was what any able person should do.

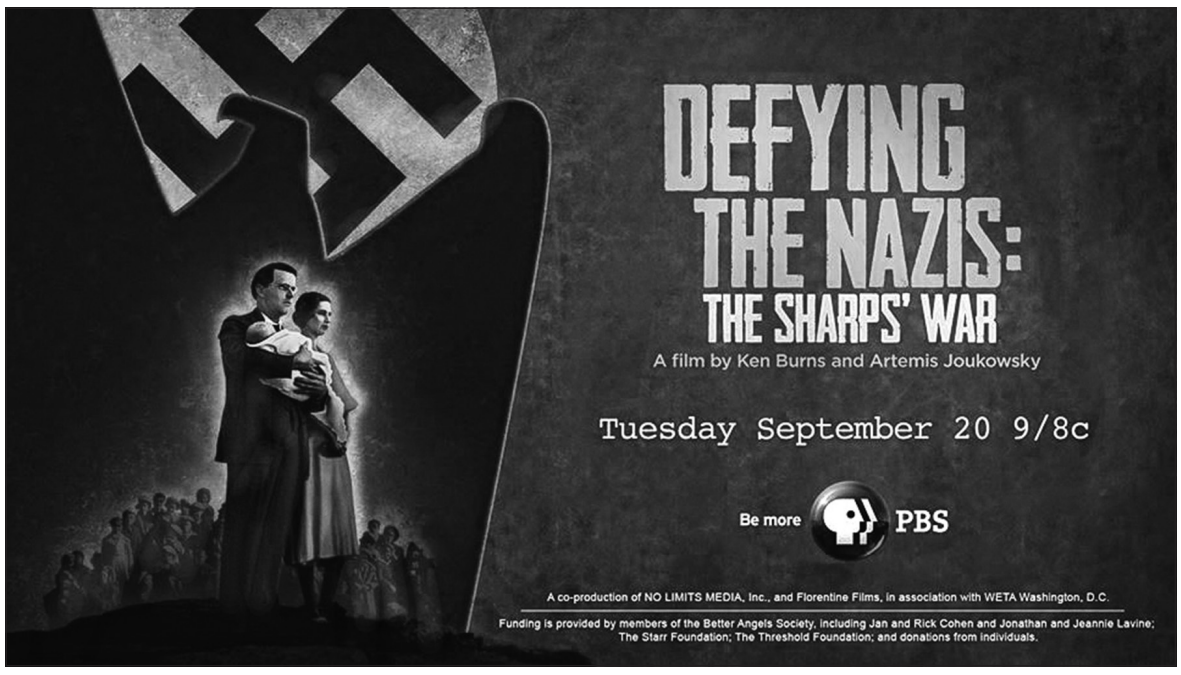
"I think something frightful, in addition to what has befallen Europe, is going to befall now," Sharp later recalled saying. "I'm not a saint. I'm just as capable of the sins of human nature as anyone else. But I believe that the will of God is to be interpreted by the liberty of the human spirit."

It's an intimate moment in "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War," a documentary co-directed by the renowned filmmaker Ken Burns that takes a highly personal look at the American Christian couple who left a quiet life in New England, traveled to Nazi-occupied Europe and smuggled hundreds of Jews to safety.

The movie, which relies on written recollections of the Sharps (Waitstill is voiced by Tom Hanks), archival footage, and interviews with survivors and historians, premieres Sept. 20 on PBS (including WGBH in Boston). Rhode Island PBS will run the movie on Sept. 27.

"Defying the Nazis" is a change of pace for Burns, a director best known for sweeping documentaries on broad topics – see: "Civil War," "Jazz" or "Baseball." But when confronting the Holocaust's enormity, Burns said the best approach was to focus on narrow, resonant stories like that of the Sharps rather than statistics that can mask the pain of mass atrocity.

"The number 6 million has become rather opaque," Burns told JTA by phone from his office in New Hampshire. "We just say it, and it lacks dimension and specificity. Here you have a story of two people who saved a few hundred people on the edges of that Holocaust."



However, the final frame of "Defying the Nazis" dedicates the film to all the Holocaust victims who were not saved.

"If the finale does anything, it reminds us that those 6 million are an amputated limb whose lives we still miss, and who ought to itch and bother us as long as we are human beings," Burns said.

The film traces the story of the Sharps, who were living in Wellesley, Massachusetts, when the American Unitarian Association asked them to travel to Czechoslovakia in 1939, and France in 1940, to help people persecuted by the Nazis. The couple provided relief to embattled groups, raised money for refugee aid and smuggled Nazi targets, including children, out of the country. They are two of the five Americans who have been inducted by Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust museum, as Righteous Among the Nations.

Burns became connected to the film through his co-director, Artemis Joukowsky, the Sharps' grandson and a fellow alumnus of Hampshire College. Joukowsky first showed the film to Burns five years ago, and Burns steadily became more involved, beginning as an informal adviser and ending as a co-director.

Burns compared his evolving role in the film to dialing up the heat slowly on a frog in a saucepan. "But this is a good kind of boil," he added.

"It's just firing on all cylinders," he said of the movie. "You have a comfortable middle-class Unitarian minister and his wife [who] live in Wellesley, Mass. The most dramatic thing that happens is what he says on Sunday. They leave their small children behind, go to Prague on the eve of World War II. She's dodging various Gestapo agents at night; he's going to European capitals to launder money."

In the film, much of the Sharps' story is told through the memories of the now-adult children the couple rescued. Burns said the childhood memories created the personal recollection necessary to capture the narrative's emotional atmosphere.

"Children make unusually accurate witnesses," he said. "You really remember when your parents are happy, and you really, really remember when your parents are anxious and sad."

The movie adds another personal touch as it turns away from the Sharps' rescue work and documents the rising tensions in the couple's marriage after they return to the States. It's bookended by an excerpt of a letter from Waitstill to Martha hoping to grow closer to her again.

"There was a fear of the messiness of this story," Burns said, noting that he was undeterred. "The longing for the other sets in motion that this is about two people in a complicated relationship, as well as about the large topics that are involved here."

Burns said he isn't done with Holocaust documentation. He's in the early stages of planning a movie about the U.S. role in preventing the Holocaust – a topic he says most people don't fully understand. And though his first allegiance in "Defying the Nazis" was to telling an accurate story, he hopes viewers come away with a drive to do more for today's refugees.

"We are right now in a refugee crisis in the world that is dwarfed only by the second World War," he said. "This is a story, ultimately, about sacrifice and its costs.

"These people endangered their lives to save other human beings. They presumed everyone else would do it. What a wonderful presumption. It's not true, but I hope it does galvanize others."

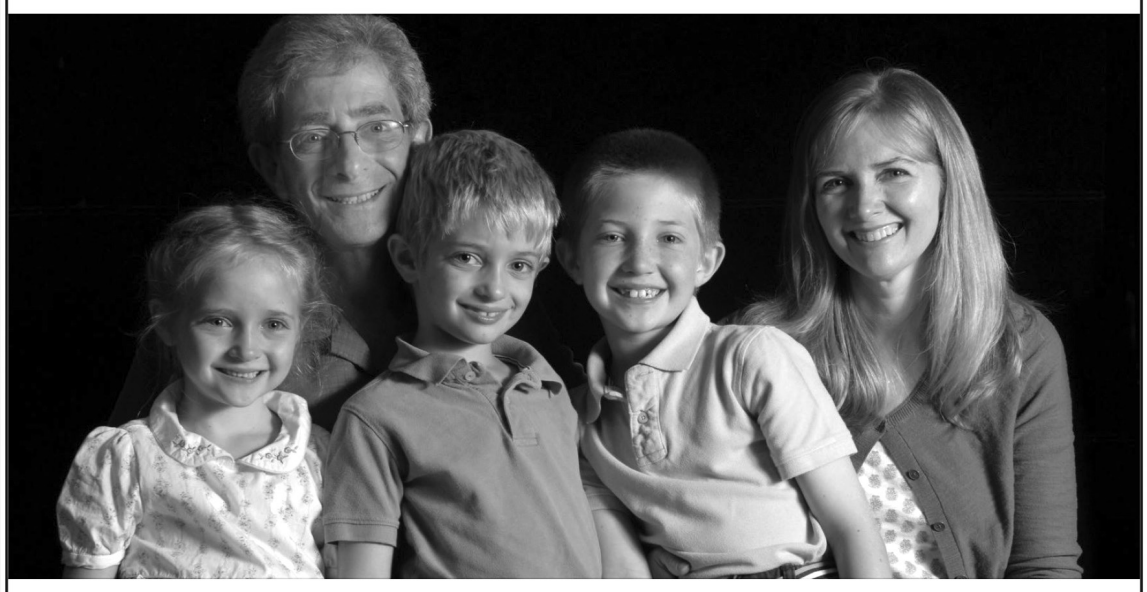
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Hope for a happy year



EDITOR

FRAN OSTENDORF

This is the season of new beginnings. Before you know it, the year will change and it will be 5777. The days leading up to that change are a time to do a little reflecting on life.

I recently heard a rabbi call this time period the season of hope. He challenged his congregation to commit to being hopeful. This message made a lot of sense to me. We could all use a little more hope.

And isn't that part of what a new beginning is all about? Hope helps us survive: Hope for better times or for a better future. Hope you will learn to live your life in a better way. Hope that you can treat others more kindly. Hope that you can take a step back and appreciate what you have.

It's always kind of exciting to look at a fresh year and think of the possibilities. (And we get to do it twice each year! Doesn't that already make you feel better?)

I hope for all the best for you and your family and for our community here in Rhode Island.

Meanwhile, this issue of The Voice is always one of our biggest of the year. You'll find what we think is interesting content related to Rosh Hashanah as well as part one of our annual roundup of events from the past year, courtesy of the JTA. There's also a robust food section with lots of ideas for your holiday table.

But what makes this paper so large is the ads. This is the issue where many of our advertisers and others in the community run their annual holiday greeting ads. To all of our advertisers, we say a big "Thank you!" for your continued support. Without our advertisers' commitment to our community, you wouldn't have the benefit of reading your biweekly copy of The Voice.

We also want to say thank you to our advertising manager, Tricia Stearly, for gathering together so many of these ads. She and advertising representative Karen Borger have always done a great job of getting the word out to the business community about the value of advertising in The Voice.

Tricia has many years of experience in the newspaper and advertising business. And with this issue, we say goodbye as she takes her sales experience to other opportunities in the area. We will all miss her, and we wish her well.

As we look toward the new year, we hope you will continue to support our advertisers, that you thank them for their support of the Jewish community and tell them you saw their ad in The Voice.

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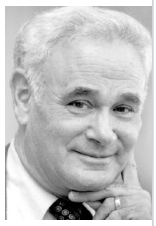
Please note:

On page 25 of the Sept. 3 Jewish Voice, we ran a photo of a car adjacent to a photo of a no parking sign. In the layout, these photos overlapped. These two photos were taken at separate times and in separate cities as the captions indicated. The car was not parked in a no-parking zone. In fact, it was parked at an event in Little Compton, not Tiverton as reported. We are sorry for the confusion this has caused.

Traditions?

We love to feature our readers and their stories in The Voice. Upcoming issues will focus on the High Holy Days and B'nai Mitzvah. What are your memories of these special days? What are your family traditions? Send us your stories. Post your photos to our website. You just might be featured in a future issue of The Jewish Voice. Email to editor@jewishallianceri.org. Post to jvhri.org. Send by traditional mail to Editor, The Jewish Voice, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Affirming our black-Jewish alliance



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

"[T]here is no doubt that the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' resonates with Jewish beliefs and history. Jews hear the words not as divisive but as a call to moral action." So writes my colleague, Jeffrey W. Goldwasser, rabbi of Temple Sinai in Cranston, in the very first paragraph of his column, "Black lives matter to Jews," in the Aug. 5 issue of The Jewish Voice.

Goldwasser supports his view by pointing to powerful voices within our biblical and rabbinic traditions: All of us, men and women, black and white, are created *b'tselem Elohim*, in the image of God. Every year at our Passover Seders, we Jews personally re-experience the slavery in Egypt; and every Yom Kippur, the prophet Isaiah urges us "to break the bonds of injustice and remove the heavy yoke; to let the oppressed go free and release all who are enslaved." (Is. 58:6)

Goldwasser further argues that our historical experience as an oppressed minority ought to make us especially sensitive to the experience of black Americans: "We know from our history – and many of us from our personal lives – what it feels like in our bones to be treated as 'other.' "

Even as Goldwasser's passionate affirmation of our black-Jewish alliance was being prepared for publication, a number of groups associated with the Black Lives Matter movement, under the auspices of the Movement for Black Lives, made public a platform titled "A Vision for Black Lives: Policy Demands for Black Power, Freedom & Justice." Within this massive document are a few sections that have inflamed even the most ardent Jewish supporters of Black Lives Matter because of extreme anti-Israel bias.

The single most offensive paragraph reads in part: "The U.S. justifies and advances the global war on terror via its alliance with Israel and is complicit in the genocide taking place against the Palestinians ... Israel is an apartheid state with over 50 laws on the books that sanction discrimination against the Palestinian people."

While the American Jewish community is divided in its approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, representatives of our major Jewish organizations are speaking with one voice in their condemnation of the platform's use of the word "genocide" to describe Israeli treatment of Palestinians. I consider the use of the word "genocide" in this context as a gross and grotesque distortion. We Jews, burdened by the memory of the Holocaust, know the meaning of true genocide.

While many Jewish leaders have expressed outrage or even a sense of betrayal at the anti-Israel bias in the platform produced by the Movement for Black Lives, these same men and women acknowledge that the Jewish and black communities must continue to work together in the pursuit of racial and economic justice for all Americans.

In the online edition of the Aug. 19 The Jewish Voice, Goldwasser expresses this combination of profound disappointment and an overriding need to continue to work together: "I take great offense at the anti-Semitic accusation of genocide against the State of Israel and denounce those, in the BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanctions) movement, who seek to vilify Israel with one-sided attacks." Nevertheless, in the very next sentence, Goldwasser writes: "My letter in support of black lives is a call for Jews to respond to the imperatives of our tradition to stand up for individuals whose lives are threatened. I am grateful that, here in Rhode Island, the relationship between the Jewish community and the African-American community has been strong and growing stronger."

A bit of perspective is in order. According to the Anti-Defamation League, the platform of the Movement for Black Lives is more than 40,000 words. In its online version, the platform refers the interested reader to an abundance of related model programs and relevant articles supporting its six major demands: End the War on Black People, Reparations, Invest/Divest, Economic Justice, Community Control, Political Power.

The platform is bursting with fresh approaches to seemingly intractable problems; some of the proposed solutions might work while others will be tried and found wanting. The point is that the platform, whatever its flaws, is an ambitious, comprehensive, and – for the most part – constructive document; it gives a voice to important segments of the black community, even as other segments, such as the NAACP, have chosen as of now not to lend support. While the anti-Israel rhetoric in the platform is misguided, painful, infuriating to many of us in the Jewish community, we must not dismiss the document as a whole because of those relatively few statements that we find so distasteful.

One Friday evening in January of 1996, Casby Harrison, then a prominent young lawyer here in Rhode Island, came to Temple Habonim in Barrington to speak to the community about his participation as a black man in the Million Man March the previous October.

It was not surprising that a couple of congregants badgered Harrison for participating in an event that was organized by Louis Farrakhan, who was at the time considered to be an unrepentant anti-Semite. With remarkable patience and a wry sense of humor, Harrison explained to us why he chose to join the march despite Farrakhan's involvement. But the heckling persisted. Finally, Harrison's wife, Mary Silvia Harrison, rose up from her seat, faced the congregation, tears of frustration staining her cheeks, and stated with firm dignity: "THE MILLION MAN MARCH IS NOT ABOUT YOU JEWS!"

It seems to me that as we Jews continue to work with the black community in our mutual quest for racial and economic justice for all Americans, we must remind ourselves that – whatever its flaws, whatever its virtues – the platform of the Movement for Black Lives is not about us Jews.

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Millennials want to serve. Jewish tradition tells them how.

BY DAVID EISNER

JTA – When lowering my shoulder, planting my feet and pushing hard to make something happen, I love to reflect on the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s exhortation to act with "the fierce urgency of now."

My feelings in those moments are usually not very MLK-like – self-righteousness, self-satisfaction and just a touch of self-pity make me feel both impatient and smug. In the last month, "the fierce urgency of now" has challenged me in a new way, as I struggle to process the violence, oppression, hatred and cynicism that is dominating our national news and politics and spilling into our communities. The sense of urgency and the desire to act right now collides with two simple questions: What should I do? What can I do?

From conversations with friends and colleagues at other Jewish and secular organizations, especially those engaged in volunteering and service, I know I'm not alone either in feeling a sense of urgency or in asking these questions. At Repair the World, we approach this challenge by focusing on our simplest premise: Jewish life and Jewish values offer not just the inspiration and imperative to heal what's broken in our world, but also give us guidance about how to do it.

Here are four foundational lessons, grounded in Jewish principles, which have been tested and verified by Repair the World and others as best practices for service engagement – that is, inspiring individuals and organizations, especially millennials, to serve their communities, society and the world. Whether their intention is to pack and deliver food boxes to the needy or teach inner-city girls how to write computer code, these practices provide bedrock stability from which they – we – can lean into the challenging issues of our times.

Use your hands, head and heart. The secular service world teaches that transformative service requires three elements: hands-on volunteering, contextual education and personal reflection. These elements echo the beginning of *Pirke Avot*, the Jewish wisdom collection also known as Ethics of Our Ancestors: "The world rests on three pillars: Torah [study/education]; service of God [spiritual reflection]; and deeds of kindness." (1:2) These pillars bring balance and therefore strength to the most difficult kind of work; these are the tools that enable Jewish young adults to stay resolved and grow when they confront deeply troubling issues in local communities.

Be real, even (especially) when it's uncomfortable. Authenticity and discomfort win over spin and polish every time. The most essential way to perform authentic service is also the most difficult thing to do: addressing the actual, self-expressed needs of the community that you are serving. *Pirke Avot* suggests there are 48 ways to learn, which include "a listening ear," "deliberation in study," "asking and answering," "listening and illuminating" and "learning in order to teach." (6:6) If we don't listen to those we intend to serve, we contribute to injustice for others.

Be an ally, not a superhero. Jewish young adults feel most gratified and empowered when they are able to build meaningful relationships both with people like them and with people unlike them who experience oppression in a more personal way. This is probably what Ben Zoma, quoted in *Pirke Avot*, meant in saying, "Who is wise? One who learns from every person." (4:1) Peer-to-peer engagement is a critical first step in building close bonds and new community through powerful shared experiences.

Temper urgency with curiosity. It's easy to be lost in the urgent need to act, especially when human lives (or souls) are on the line. We make a terrible error, however, when we become too emotionally invested in the action. When an organization says it doesn't have the time, energy or money to learn more about the hypotheses underlying its model, it is a sign of too much emotional investment. Again, *Pirke Avot*: "If there is no Torah study, there is no '*derech eretz*'; if there is no *derech eretz*, there is no Torah." That is, "If there is no applied knowledge, there is no analytical knowledge. If there is no analytical knowledge, there is no applied knowledge." (3:2) From the entrepreneurial revolution of the last two decades we know whoever learns the fastest has the highest likelihood of success. This is no less true in the nonprofit sector.

These Jewish values not only make service more meaningful and more effective, but they make it more likely that more young Jews will engage seriously with the programs and be part of a community around them.

Many organizations and communities that are doing this important work joined in the inaugural "Service Matters: A Summit on Jewish Service" in New York on Sept. 15. With Repair the World serving as convener, a diverse group of professionals, social entrepreneurs, current and prospective funders, Jewish educators and others will explore ways of working to engage people – especially Jewish millennials – in meaningful service through a Jewish lens.

The summit will be an opportunity to elevate meaningful service in Jewish life, strengthen the bond between Jewish values and engaging young Jews, and wrestling with our responses as Jews and human beings to the issues of our time. Together, with urgency, we can bring the change, be the change, that all of us wish to see.

DAVID EISNER is CEO of Repair the World.

New $3 million initiative for Jewish disabled honors Itzhak Perlman

JTA – The Genesis Prize Foundation and the Jewish Funders Network have launched a $3 million matching grant program to fund an initiative to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in Jewish life.

The Breaking Barriers program launched Sept. 12 in honor of 2016 Genesis Prize laureate Itzhak Perlman will promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of Jewish communal life. It echoes Perlman's lifelong dedication to educating society about doing more to enable people with disabilities to use their strengths and realize their potential.

The funds for the program will be distributed in North America and Israel, according to the Genesis Prize Foundation and the Jewish Funders Network.

Perlman, 70, an acclaimed violinist, educator and advocate for individuals with disabilities, was diagnosed with polio at age 4 and uses a motorized cart.

When he was awarded the Genesis Prize in Jerusalem in June, Perlman pledged to use the $1 million award to benefit programs for people with disabilities. The so-called Jewish Nobel Prize is awarded to individuals who have achieved professional success, made a significant contribution to humanity, and inspired others through their engagement and dedication to the Jewish community and the State of Israel.

It is the second matching grant collaboration between the Genesis Prize Foundation and Jewish Funders Network. The 2015 "Avenues to Jewish Engagement for Intermarried Couples and their Families" program was established last year in honor of the 2015 Genesis Prize laureate, Michael Douglas, and generated $3.3 million in new funds.

Perlman said he was "honored" to be part of Breaking Barriers.

"And to have the opportunity to encourage other funders to join this critical initiative so that each person, regardless of his or her abilities, will have the opportunity to maximize their potential and to participate as full members of the community," he said in a statement. "This is a great opportunity to open more doors and accept all who choose to enter."

In November, Perlman received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. He has won 16 Grammys.

The Genesis Prize is endowed by the Genesis Philanthropy Group, which endeavors to build Jewish identity among Russian-speaking Jews worldwide. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was the first winner, in 2014.

LETTERS

Re: It's indisputable (Sept. 2)

I have to respond to Jeff Ballabon and Bruce Abramson's piece in the Sept. 2 Voice.

Their most glaring error is calling support for the Likud government's extremist policies as being "pro-Israel."

I don't believe that supporting right-wing extremists in Israel is more "pro-Israel" than supporting right-wing extremists in this country is "pro-American."

It is a fact that Israel has turned into a rogue apartheid state. Likud's policy toward the Arabs is reminiscent of the former South African policy toward its black citizens. Supporting Netanyahu and his land-grabbing rejectionist policies is clearly not in the long-term interests of Israel.

It's especially bizarre for Ballabon and Abramson to refer to Israel as "a pluralistic liberal democracy" when millions of Arabs have been under Israeli occupation for almost 50 years and have absolutely no say in how they are governed.

Real friends of Israel support a fair peace with the Arabs. Those who blindly follow the Likud line are leading Israel into a catastrophe. And how can Jews, of all people, support official racism and oppression?

David Steinberg
Cranston

Re: Letter (Sept. 2)

In three hundred words or less Ron Stuart seems confused about my aims, those of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence (RICAGV), Moms Demand Action and other grassroots organizations in the state when it comes to promoting gun safety and reducing gun violence. Some of his complaints relate to situations not applicable to Rhode Island.

At no time have I or RICAGV or Moms ever advocated for the abrogation of the Second Amendment. The 95 organizations making up RICAGV and the many Moms volunteers have asked the legislature to pass several laws designed to make all of us safer going about our everyday lives. No one piece of legislation is a cure-all or solution to all gun-related deaths or injuries whether by homicide, suicide or accident. Each may be a link in a chain.

Up until the last two or three years the NRA, its local affiliate, the Rhode Island 2nd Amendment Coalition and the local gun industry have had the "lobbying" game to themselves, influencing legislators by infusions of campaign cash and getting their voters to the polls. Now, that they have competition Mr. Stuart is crying foul.

While he would be hard pressed to "prove" that gun-free zones are not effective, his reliance on mass shootings such as Aurora is misplaced since of the 32,000 plus firearms deaths each year about 60 percent are suicides, a small number are accidents and the rest homicides. You have many more chances of getting killed in a car accident than you do in a plane crash.

No constitutional right is absolute. Mr. Stuart is free to buy firearms, hunt, shoot or arm himself for the coming zombie apocalypse if he chooses as long as he does it in a lawful manner.

David Leach
Providence

Ongoing

Alliance Kosher Senior Café. Kosher lunch and program every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Noon lunch; 1 p.m. program. $3 lunch donation from individuals 60+ or under 60 with disabilities. Neal or Elaine, 401-338-3189.

West Bay Kosher Senior Café. Kosher lunch and program every weekday. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. 11:15 a.m. program; noon lunch. $3 lunch donation from individuals 60+ or under 60 with disabilities. Steve, 401-743-0009.

Through October 27

Three Artists. Gallery at Temple Habonim. More than 30 works by three artists working in very different media. Each is a master of the complex, yet the message is in the understatement. 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington. Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. Information, 401-245-6536 or email to gallery@templehabonim.org.

Friday | September 16

Temple Beth-El K'Tantan Shabbat and Dinner. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. A worship service and Shabbat dinner especially designed for families with very young children. Songs, games and crafts to learn all about Shabbat. For more information, contact temple-beth-el.org or 401-331-6070.

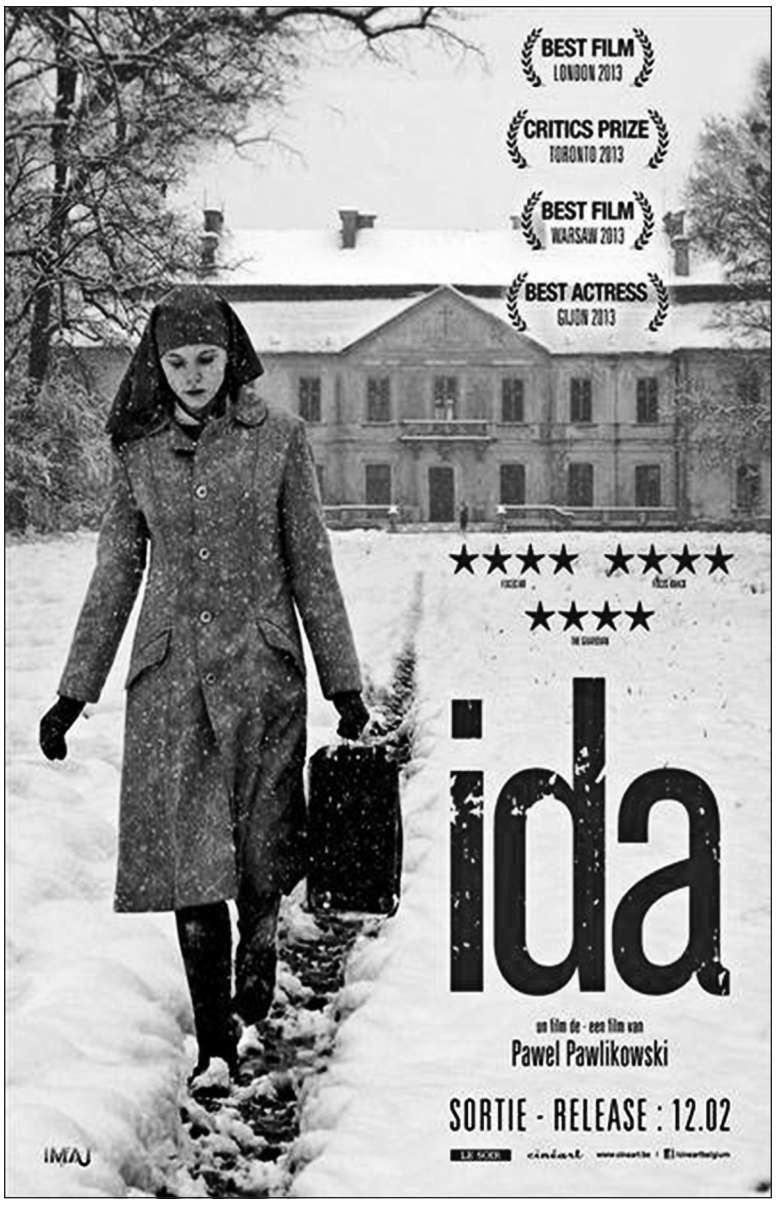
Temple Sinai New Member Shabbat. 7:30 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Temple Sinai congregants will enjoy a special service as part of an "open house" for new members. Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser and Cantor Deborah Johnson will bless the new board of trustees. Prospective members who join after Aug. 1 can delay paying dues until Jan. 1, 2017, and still receive tickets for the High Holy Days. They will have to pay tuition for their children who attend the religious school. There will be a special Oneg Shabbat following services during which new members can meet the rabbi, cantor and members of the board of trustees. For more information, contact Ann Messier at a.messier@cox.net or 401-225-2661.

Saturday | September 17

Teen & Tween Cake Wars. 6-8 p.m. Dwares JCC. Roll up your sleeves and get ready for this fun and competitive cake-decorating event. Work in teams to create the best cake design to be scored by a panel of guest judges. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Cost: $5 with 2 non-perishable Kosher food items or $8. Includes: culinary activities, snacks and drinks. Food items will be donated to The Louis & Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry. Tweens and teens will learn how they can have a greater impact locally by donating food and advocating for those living in poverty. Sponsored by Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, Dwares JCC, BBYO New England Region and BBYO Connect. Contact Seth at sfinkle@jewishallianceri.org or Samantha at swalsh@BBYO.org for more information.

Temple Torat Yisrael Presents...Stand Up Comedy Night. 8 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. This event features Steve Donovan with Amy Pontes and Corey Manning. One great night; three great comics! Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Price: Ticket alone $20 | Ticket plus two beverages $30. For more information or to RSVP, call Temple Torat Yisrael at 401-885-6600.

Agudas Achim's The Parlor Cinema Second Season Kick-Off. 7-9 p.m. Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 N. Main St. Attleboro, Mass. Screening the Polish film "Ida," which won the 2015 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, set in Poland in 1962. Orphaned as an infant when the Nazis occupied Poland, Ida is on the verge of taking vows as a Catholic nun. She meets her aunt, her only surviving relative and a former Communist state prosecutor, who reveals that her parents were Jewish. They embark on a road trip to the Polish countryside to learn the fate of their family. The German occupation of Poland and Stalinism remains unspoken, but they permeate the atmosphere. It has been called an "eerily beautiful road movie." Suggested donation: $5 per person/$10 per family. For more information, contact Jessica Kopecky at office@agudasma.org or 508-222-2243.



Agudas Achim is screening "Ida" on Sept. 17.

Sunday | September 18

Jewish Alliance Super Sunday. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dwares JCC. A super-sized day of philanthropy and fun. Join friends and family at Super Sunday, a chance to raise money to support, inspire and care for Jewish Rhode Island and beyond. For more information or to volunteer, contact Michele Gallagher at 401-421-4111, ext. 165, or mgallagher@jewishallianceri.org.

Torat Yisrael Men's Club Breakfast with Guest Democratic and Republican Speakers. 9-11 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Guest speakers Joseph Paolino and Richard Weiner, Democrats, and Rebecca Schiff and David Talan, Republicans. Come for breakfast at 9 a.m. or come at 9:30 a.m. to listen to the speakers. Cost for breakfast: $10 per person. For more information, contact Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Project Shoresh Partners in Torah Night. 7:45-8:45 p.m. Center for Jewish Studies, 671 East Ave., Pawtucket. A free, lively, informal, partner-based study group, where you study your choice of texts together, English or Hebrew, ancient or modern, with on-site facilitators available to answer questions – and ask them, too. Let us know if you want to be a "study-buddy." There's a lively, positive energy in the room. For more information, contact Noach Karp at rnoachkarp@gmail.com or 401-429-8244.

Tuesday | September 20

Civic Debate Event with Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman and Rev. Mark Sutherland. 7-9 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Join with Temple Beth-El and St. Martin's Episcopal Church to discuss and debate prophetic tradition as it reflects on our current political dialogue. The speakers will discuss "What do we believe, and how does this shape the way we feel about the current tone of civic debate in America?" For more information, contact Judy Moseley at jmoseley@temple-beth-el.org or 401-331-6070.

Yoga at Temple Torat Yisrael. 6-7 p.m. 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Beginner and intermediate levels led by instructor Jeannine Margolis. Pre-registration for 3 sessions paid in advance is $30. For payment at the door, each session is $12. Open to all. Bring your own mat. For more information or to pre-register, contact Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Friday | September 23

PJ Library Story Time: Rosh Hashanah. 10-11 a.m. Dwares JCC. Hear stories, play games and make new friends. We will read various PJ Library books and sing songs about different Jewish holidays or various themes throughout the year. Children will also be able to make a craft. All children ages 5 and under are welcome. No cost. For more information, contact Ruth Horton at rhorton@jewishallianceri.org.

Saturday | September 24

2016 National Israeli-American Conference. 8 p.m.-midnight. Marriot Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. An inspired, engaging three-day journey that delves into the most critical issues facing the Israeli-American and Jewish communities. Participants examine questions surrounding Israeli and Jewish identity and hear from world-renowned experts about the most pressing issues in global affairs. They explore cutting-edge educational opportunities for children; network with innovators at the center of politics, culture and business; and work to cultivate the leadership and growth of the Israeli-American community. For more information, please contact Shely Medved at registration@israeliamerican.org.

Kids' Night Out. 5-10 p.m. Dwares JCC. Kids' Night Out is a chance for children to spend the evening with their friends in a fun and safe environment...and a great opportunity for parents to have a night out "kid free!" Kids' Night Out runs once a month on Saturday evenings. Each month children will be entertained with a variety of themed activities including sports, crafts, swimming and more. A pizza dinner and snacks are served, and the evening ends with a movie. Price: $35 | Members: $25 | Siblings: $15. For more information or to register, contact Shannon Kochanek at 401-421-4111, ext. 147.

Sunday | September 25

Apples & Honey. 4 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Join us for apples and honey as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, meet our honey-bearing bees, plant a tree, sing and dance. All families are welcome. For more information, contact Ruth Horton at rhorton@jewishallianceri.org. or 401-421-4111 ext. 117. Sponsored by PJ Library, Temple Torat Yisrael and Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.

Project Shoresh Annual Celebration Reception. 7-9 p.m. Glenn and Darcy Weiner Center, Brown-RISD Hillel, 80 Brown St., Providence. Project Shoresh of R.I. sponsors a celebration reception recognizing the "Heroes of Partners in Torah Night." There will be a special inspiring and entertaining presenter as well as amazing food. Come and enjoy an evening of inspiration and unity as we usher in the New Year. For more information, contact Noach Karp at rnoachkarp@gmail.com or 401-429-8244.

Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Fall Meeting and Goldowsky Lecture. 2-4 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. U.S. District Court Judge John J. McConnell Jr. will speak on the recent, historic court case regarding control of the Touro Synagogue building and religious items. Judge McConnell presided over the case. Free and open to the public with light refreshments following the speaker. For more information, contact Joshua Jasper at 401-331-1360.

Tuesday | September 27

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Wednesday | September 28

Project Shoresh Simanim. 7:30 p.m. Private home on East Side of Providence. Create and taste some of the symbolic foods of Rosh Hashanah with Miriam Karp. A relaxing evening of cooking and learning for women. $5 or free if you bring a friend. For questions or to RSVP, contact Noach Karp at rnoachkarp@gmail.com or call 401-429-8244.

Sunday | October 2

Project Shoresh Partners in Torah Night. 7:45-8:45 p.m. Center for Jewish Studies, 671 East Avenue, Pawtucket. Join us for a free, lively, informal, partner-based study group, where you study your choice of texts together, English or Hebrew, ancient or modern, with on-site facilitators available to answer questions – and ask them, too. Let us know if you want to be a "study-buddy." There's a lively, positive energy in the room. For more information, contact Noach Karp at rnoachkarp@gmail.com or 401-429-8244.

Wednesday | October 5

Teen Israel Arts Contest Submission Deadline. Dwares JCC. Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to submit an essay, video, piece of art, dance routine, music, etc. responding to the prompt: "I love Israel because...." Top prize: two free airfare tickets from Boston to Tel Aviv courtesy of EL AL Israel Airlines. Award presentation and exhibition on Dec. 13. For guidelines and more information, contact Jana Brenman at 401-421-4111, ext. 181, or jbrenman@jewishallianceri.org.

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Turn help into hope



RABBI MARC MANDEL

I would like to do a survey of The Voice readers. Pause for a moment, clear your minds, and think about the following question: What is the most powerful moment for you during the prayers of the High Holy Days? Perhaps you have the same answer that I have? For me, the most powerful moment of the High Holy Day prayers, is, when the cantor recites these three words out loud, "*U'teshuva, U'tefila, U'tzedakah*." Repentance, prayer and charity are probably the three most important words of the Days of Awe. They are the themes that are emphasized in all of our High Holy Day prayers. But they are also articulated in the Torah, and in this week's Torah reading, *Ki Teze*.

In fact the mitzvah of *tzedakah*, is mentioned throughout this week's *parashah*. To understand the mitzvah of *tzedakah* is to experience the emotion of communal identity.

It is therefore no accident that the Jewish Alliance has spearheaded its Access Jewish Rhode Island program. Too often, charity fosters permanent helplessness and dependency. The Access Jewish Rhode Island program appreciates this problem and aims to get people back on their feet as quickly as possible. Access Jewish Rhode Island helps people cope with their challenges through their own efforts, and helps them maintain their dignity and independence. Access Jewish Rhode Island is turning help into hope, which is the highest form of *tzedakah*.

Maimonides writes that he never saw or heard of a city in which there lived 10 Jews and that did not have a charity fund. We are very fortunate to live in a community where our leading Jewish organization is in tune with the values and ideals set forth in our holy books and prayers.

As we approach the new year, may we all be inscribed in the book of good life, and may we all work together to publicize the great work that Access Jewish Rhode Island is accomplishing every day.

RABBI MARC MANDEL is the rabbi at Touro Synagogue in Newport.

Judge to speak on recent Touro case at fall RIJHA meeting

BY JOSHUA JASPER

U.S. District Court Judge John J. McConnell Jr. will be the guest speaker Sept. 25 at the fall meeting of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, The meeting begins at 2 p.m. at Congregation Beth Sholom in Providence. It is free and open to the public. A social hour, with light refreshments, follows the speaker. The meeting is part of the annual Bonnie and Seebert Goldowsky Lecture series.

McConnell will discuss the recent, historic court case in Providence between Congregation Jeshuat Israel of Newport and Congregation Shearith Israel of New York City. The court case dealt with ownership of the historic Touro Synagogue building as well as ownership of religious items. McConnell presided over the case. To read the full 106-page decision, go to: rid.uscourts.gov/menu/judges/opinions/mcconnell/05162016_12CV0822M_CONGREGATION_JESHUAT_ISRAEL_v_CONGREGATION_SHEARITH_ISRAEL_P.pdf.

For more information about the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and its fall meeting, please contact Joshua Jasper at 401-331-1360 or info@rijha.org. The office and library, with its extensive archival collections on local Rhode Island Jewish history, is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

JOSHUA JASPER is the librarian/archivist of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

10 signs you're an 'older' Jewish mom

BY YVETTE ALT MILLER

(Kveller via JTA) – The average age of childbearing in the United States is 26. For Jews, it's a few years higher. Some of us Jewish moms, however, had our children significantly later than that. Here are 10 things that only "older" Jewish moms will recognize.

1. There's an even chance your child sports an old-fashioned Jewish name like Ada, Jack, Abe or Lily.

Being older means there's less chance all of our grandparents are alive (never mind great-grandparents), making it much more likely you chose a name that sounds like it came out of the Lower East Side instead of a modern baby-name book.

2. In Mommy and Me classes, you *schmooze* with the grandmothers as much as the other moms.

And *kvetch* together about the havoc that sitting on the floor wreaks on your back….

3. When it comes time to choose Bar and Bat Mitzvah invitations, you go for paper over e-vites.

For some of us "older" moms, it just doesn't seem formal unless it's mailed in a bonded envelope.

4. You love the vintage toy selection from Fisher-Price.

You don't buy old-fashioned toy record players and jack-in-the-boxes to be ironic; you remember playing with them when you were a kid.

5. You still send out Rosh Hashanah cards with pictures of your kids inside.

Printed on paper. With a stamp and everything.

6. When your daughter goes to an '80s theme party, you lend her plastic bangles you still have tucked away in a drawer somewhere.

And show her the correct way to wear leg warmers, too.

7. You still haven't quite recovered from seeing the words "geriatric pregnancy" written in your medical chart.

Used to denote any mom-to-be over 35, the term "geriatric" is startling ever greater numbers of us older moms each year.

8. Sometimes you take a nap at naptime, too.

OK, maybe more than sometimes….

9. You order your child's class pictures each year – and still print out pictures.

At times, your kids roll their eyes when you say there's nothing like a real photo you can hold.

10. You wish you had the energy you did 20 years ago to keep up with your toddler.

Sometimes you mourn a little that you didn't "settle down" earlier. Then you look at your child's smile, feel a little flutter in your heart, and think that if things had worked out differently when you were young, you wouldn't have this exact same wonderful, enchanting child. And suddenly, you think you wouldn't change a thing.

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CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE

5776-5777 (2016–2017) Providence, Rhode Island

September, 2016		October, 2016			November, 2016	
2	6:58	2	Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:06	4	5:17
9	6:46	3	Rosh Hashanah	7:09	11	4:09
16	6:33	7		5:57	18	4:03
23	6:21	11	Yom Kippur	5:51	25	3:59
30	6:09	14		5:46		
		16	Erev Sukkot	5:43		
		17	Sukkot	6:49		
		21		5:35		
		23	Shemini Atzeret	5:32		
		24	Simcha Torah	6:38		

Daylight saving time ends Nov. 6. 2016

December, 2016		January, 2017		February, 2017	
1	3:56	6	4:11	3	4:45
9	3:56	13	4:19	10	4:54
16	3:57	20	4:27	17	5:03
23	4:00	27	4:36	24	5:11
30	4:05				

Daylight saving time resumes March 12, 2017

March, 2017		April, 2017			May, 2017	
3	5:20	7		6:59	5	7:30
10	5:28	10	Erev Passover	7:03	12	7:37
17	6:36	11	1st day of Pesach	8:04	19	7:44
24	6:44	14		7:07	26	7:52
31	6:51	16		7:09	30	Shavu'ot 7:54
		17	7th day of Pesach	8:18	31	Shavu'ot 9:09
		18	8th day of Pesach	8:13		
		21		7:14		
		28		7:22		

June, 2016		July, 2016		August, 2016	
2	7:56	7	8:04	4	7:41
9	8:01	14	8:00	11	7:32
16	8:04	21	7:55	18	7:23
23	8:06	28	7:49	25	7:12
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leading seven rabbis and one Florida synagogue to quit the movement in January in response.

• The Palestinian flag is raised at U.N. headquarters in New York for the first time. The move follows a 119-8 vote of the General Assembly on Sept. 10 to allow the flag at the headquarters. Israel and the United States are among the dissenters, along with Canada and Australia.

October 2015

• The Jewish Council for Public Affairs calls on Jewish groups to lobby for official American recognition of the Armenian genocide. Though most historians say the killing or deportation of 1.5 million Armenians by Turkish forces during World War I constitutes a genocide, many American Jewish groups – including the Anti-Defamation League and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee – had previously declined to do so for fear of harming Israel's alliance with Turkey. In May, the ADL's new chief, Jonathan Greenblatt, writes in a blog post that the massacre of Armenians was "unequivocally genocide."

• An Israeli couple is killed in the West Bank while driving with four of their six children. Eitam and Naama Henkin, both in their 30s, are killed while returning to their home settlement of Neria. Their children are unharmed. In June, four Palestinians are sentenced to life in prison for the killings.

• Pope Francis meets Jewish leaders in Rome to mark the 50th anniversary of the *Nostra Aetate*, the landmark declaration that rejected collective Jewish guilt for the killing of Christ and paved the way for improved Jewish-Catholic relations. In the meeting in St. Peter's Square, Francis declares: "Yes to the rediscovery of the Jewish roots of Christianity. No to anti-Semitism."

• Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu draws fire for claiming the mufti of Jerusalem gave Hitler the idea to exterminate the Jews at a 1941 meeting. "Hitler didn't want to exterminate the Jews at the time; he wanted to expel the Jews. And Haj Amin al-Husseini went to Hitler and said, 'If you expel them, they'll all come here,'" Netanyahu said. Amid an outcry, Netanyahu modifies his statement, emphasizing that Hitler bore responsibility for the Holocaust.

• Palestinian rioters set fire to Joseph's Tomb, a Jewish holy site in the West Bank, amid continuing Israeli-Palestinian unrest. The violence began in September following an Israeli raid on the Temple Mount that uncovered a cache of weapons, which led to clashes that spread to the West Bank.

• Portuguese officials approve the naturalization of a Panamanian descendant of Sephardic Jews, the first individual to receive Portuguese citizenship under a 2013 law that entitled such individuals to repatriation. Days earlier, Spain approved the granting of citizenship to 4,302 descendants of Spanish Jews exiled during the Spanish Inquisition under a similar law.

November 2015

• Jonathan Pollard, the former American Naval intelligence analyst convicted of spying for Israel, is freed from federal prison after 30 years. Under the terms of his parole, Pollard is prohibited from traveling to Israel, though he offers to renounce his American citizenship in order to live there.

• New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver is found guilty of corruption. An Orthodox Jew who wielded vast power as one of the New York state government's proverbial "three men in a room," Silver was convicted of using his position to win millions through various kickback schemes and no-show jobs. In May, Silver is sentenced to 12 years in jail.

• Two Jewish teens are found guilty of the murder of Mohammad Abu Khdeir, a Palestinian teenager who was abducted and burned to death in the Jerusalem Forest in 2014. The teens are not identified because they were minors at the time of the crime.

• American yeshiva student Ezra Schwartz, 18, is killed in a shooting in the West Bank. Schwartz, of Sharon, Massachusetts, is memorialized by the New England Patriots, his favorite team, with a moment of silence prior to their Nov. 23 game against the Buffalo Bills.

• F. Glenn Miller Jr., the white supremacist found guilty of killing three people at two suburban Kansas City Jewish



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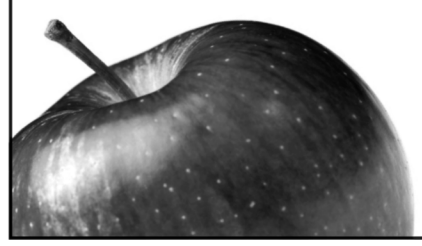
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institutions, is sentenced to death. Miller was convicted of capital murder in September.

• The European Union approves guidelines for the labeling of products from West Bank settlements. Under the guidelines, goods produced in the West Bank, eastern Jerusalem or the Golan Heights must be labeled. Israel's Foreign Ministry condemns the move.

• The Anti-Defamation League reports a 30 percent jump in anti-Israel activity on American college campuses. According to the report, over 150 "explicitly anti-Israel programs" have either taken place or are scheduled to take place on American campuses, an increase from 105 the year before.

• The Rabbinical Council of America adopts a policy prohibiting the ordination or hiring of women rabbis. The policy, the result of a vote of the main Orthodox rabbinical group's membership, proscribes the usage of any title implying rabbinic status, specifically naming "maharat" – an acronym meaning "female spiritual, legal and Torah leader" used by Yeshivat Maharat, a New York school ordaining Orthodox women as clergy.

• Six men are sentenced for their roles in a plot to violently coerce a man to grant his wife a religious divorce; most are given prison terms. In December, two rabbis involved in the scheme are sentenced to jail time, including 70-year-old Mendel Epstein, who receives a 10-year term. In all, 10 people, three of them rabbis, are convicted for their roles in kidnapping and torturing recalcitrant husbands for a fee.

December 2015

• Israel arrests several suspects in connection with a July firebombing in the West Bank town of Duma that killed three members of a Palestinian family, including an 18-month-old baby. The suspects later allege they were tortured by the Israeli security agency Shin Bet, which denies the claim. Weeks later, video emerges showing



Violinist Itzhak Perlman is named the third recipient of the Genesis Prize.

friends of the suspects celebrating the killings at a wedding in Jerusalem, drawing condemnation from across the political spectrum.

• The United Nations recognizes Yom Kippur as an official holiday. Starting in 2016, no official meetings will take place on the Jewish Day of Atonement at the international body's New York headquarters, and Jewish employees there will be able to miss work without using vacation hours. Other religious holidays that enjoy the same status are Christmas, Good Friday, Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha.

• An Orthodox gay conversion group is ordered by a New Jersey court to cease operations. Jews Offering New Alternatives for Healing, or JONAH, must cease operations within 30 days, the state Superior Court rules. In a lawsuit filed in 2012, the group, which claims to be able to eliminate homosexual urges, was found to be in violation of New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act.

• Violinist Itzhak Perlman is named the third recipient of the Genesis Prize. The annual $1 million prize, dubbed the "Jewish Nobel," is funded by a group of Russian philanthropists to honor individuals who have achieved international renown in their professional fields and serve as role models through their commitment to Jewish values.

• Brazil refuses to confirm Dani Dayan, a former West Bank settler leader, as Israeli ambassador to the country because of his support for the settlements. Following a months-long standoff, Dayan, a native of Argentina, is reassigned as consul general in New York.

• Samuel "Sandy" Berger, who served as President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, dies at 70, succumbing to cancer. Berger was a prominent player at the 2000 Camp David summit.

January 2016

• In response to unspecified complaints that products produced in the West Bank are mislabeled as originating in Israel, the U.S. customs agency reiterates its policy that any goods originating in the West Bank or Gaza Strip be labeled as such.

• After decades of squabbling, the Israeli government approves a compromise to expand the non-Orthodox Jewish prayer section of the Western Wall. Under terms of the deal, the size of the non-Orthodox section of the Western Wall will double to nearly 10,000 square feet and both areas will be accessible by a single entrance.

• The Brown University chapter of the historically Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi separates from the international organization over biases against non-Jewish members as well as its handling of sexual assault. In an op-ed in the Brown student newspaper, chapter president Ben Owens says the group objected to the "demeaning way that some representatives of AEPi National treated our non-Jewish brothers."

• The Cleveland Cavaliers fire Israeli-American head coach David Blatt, who led the team to the NBA Finals in 2015. Blatt releases a statement saying he was "grateful" for the chance to serve as coach. Led by LeBron James, the Cavaliers go on to win their first NBA championship under Blatt's successor, Tyronn Lue.

Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, an influential thinker in Reform Judaism, dies at 91. A longtime faculty member at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Borowitz was the author of 19 books and hundreds of articles on Jewish thought.

• The Mount Freedom Jewish Center in New Jersey announces it has hired a woman using the title "rabbi." Lila Kagedan, a graduate of New York's Yeshivat Maharat, was ordained in June as an Orthodox clergywoman. The school permits graduates to choose their title; Kagedan is the first to choose rabbi.

• Hundreds of protesters at a gay conference in Chicago, charging "pinkwashing" of Israeli misdeeds, disrupt a reception for Israeli LGBT activists, forcing the event to shut down. The disruption is strongly condemned days later by several leading gay activists, including former Rep. Barney Frank and Edie Windsor, the plaintiff in the Supreme Court case that led to the legalization of gay marriage.

February 2016

• Sen. Bernie Sanders wins the New Hampshire primary, becoming the first Jewish candidate in American history to win a presidential primary. The Vermont Independent, seeking the Democratic nomination, handily defeats former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, commanding 60 percent of the vote to Clinton's 38 percent.

• The Hungarian Holocaust drama "Son of Saul" wins an Oscar for best foreign language film. Other Jewish winners at the 2016 Academy Awards are "Amy," the documentary about the late Jewish singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse, and Michael Sugar, who wins for best picture as co-producer of "Spotlight," the story of the Boston Globe investigative team led by Jewish editor Marty Baron that exposed sex scandals in the Catholic Church.

• The Canadian Parliament formally condemns the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, saying it "promotes the demonization and delegitimization of the State of Israel." Passed by a vote of 229-51, the motion was introduced by the opposition Conservative Party but won support from the ruling Liberal Party as well.

• The Jewish Theological Seminary announces the sale of $96 million worth of real estate assets and its intention to use the funds to upgrade its New York facility. The seminary, considered the flagship institution of the Conservative movement, says it intends to build a state-of-the-art library, auditorium and conference facilities, and a new 150-bed residence hall on its main campus.

• Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump disavows the support of David Duke after earlier claiming he knew nothing about the former Ku Klux Klan leader's views. In response, the Anti-Defamation League announces it will be providing all presidential candidates with information about hate groups so they can better determine which endorsements to accept and reject.

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Board members meeting has a unique twist

BY JEWISH ALLIANCE STAFF

The Jewish Alliance board of directors began the year with aunique meeting hosted by new board chair Mitzi Berkelhammer on Sept. 8. By the end of the evening, the group had raised $181,000 to kickstart the Alliance Annual Campaign. More important, the directors had increased their gifts by 7 percent to date in order to ensure the vitality of the critical programs and services supported by the campaign.

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Alan and Marianne Litwin spoke to the board about their recent experience on the Jewish Alliance mission to Budapest and Berlin. They explained how they were able to see, firsthand, the important programs funded overseas.

Neal Drobnis and Patty Harwood from Jewish Family Service, also spoke about the Kosher Nutrition Program, including the Senior Cafe and Meals on Wheels, which is almost solely funded by the Jewish Alliance. They emphasized how much joy and meaning the weekly meals bring to participants, many of whom are homebound.

The seniors come together to celebrate holidays, birthdays and memories during the meals, creating a very special sense of community. Both presentations illustrated how lives are impacted both locally and abroad by donations to the Jewish Alliance, which raises about $3.2 million every year for the Annual Campaign.

After the presentations, the board members paired up and solicited each other by sharing their own Jewish experiences. Susan Froehlich and Jamie Pious, co-chairs of the annual campaign, remarked that "the board stepped up to the plate tonight, setting an example and accelerating the campaign by kicking it off with a bang."

Rabbi Joshua Elkin, special guest speaker, concluded the meeting by noting that the atmosphere of the evening was innovative and inspirational. He was impressed to witness leadership tell their stories and show their passion. Board member Rob Sherwin remarked that the event made him "proud to be part of the Jewish Alliance family".

For more information about the campaign or to make a donation, please contact Trine Lustig, vice president of philanthropy at 401-421-4111, ext. 223, or tlustig@jewishalliancceri.org.



Jeffrey Savit, president and CEO of the Alliance, left, with guest speaker Rabbi Joshua Elkin executive and leadership coach, and Richard Glucksman, Community Relations Council chair.



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We need to stop overcooking for the holidays

BY KENDEN ALFOND



(Kveller via JTA) – As a young woman at Jewish holiday tables, I never felt comfortable with being the "woman in charge" of cooking. I associated that role with overcooking (too much food at the table) and pushing people to eat more food, even after they were full.

Yet when I got older and started cooking for the Jewish holidays for my husband and daughter, I found myself replicating those same patterns I had witnessed as a young girl: obsessively reviewing food lists in my head and worrying about there being enough food on the table. I would always make too much food, mainly because I was afraid there was not going to be enough. So there would be two salad dressings instead of one, cake and cookies, potatoes and rice, and then of course there was always bread.

I spent last Rosh Hashanah as a guest at the Chabad in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, so I skipped cooking altogether. While at their table munching on Kosher pickles (shipped from Israel, no less!), I had a realization – the kind that comes when you're an adult and self-aware. The realization was that the way I had been cooking (and feeling), was not really me. It was as if I had had a lapse of connection with myself and had unconsciously taken on the role of the overcooking Jewish woman that I had resisted for so long.

It could have been a compilation of family heritage and plain poor judgment, but regardless, it was a role I had watched so many other women in my family do with sadness. At that moment, I decided I would make an effort to stop creating this type of food atmosphere for myself and others, and consciously move in a more modern, realistic direction.

As I started paying more attention to this phenomenon, I discovered that I'm not the only one who has experienced this pattern of overcooking for holidays. Before I started my business, Jewish Food Hero, I did an informal telephone interview with 15 Jewish women to learn more about their experience with cooking for the holidays.

The majority had the same answer to the question "What keeps you up at night about the Jewish holidays?" It was: "The food, having enough food."

When I think about the generations of women worrying about food, it's clear that at certain historical moments, this worry was warranted. If you asked any of our mothers and grandmothers, they would tell us that is it better to make too much food than too little. But this is simply not true anymore.

For our generation, most of us are fortunate not to experience food shortages, and so the worry should instead be about filling our bodies (and trash cans) with too much food. We now know the incredible damage that chronic overeating has on our bodies and society. Most importantly to me, making too much food is not something I want to teach my daughter and the next generation.

Even though I'm aware of the problem, I have to actively watch to make sure I don't follow through on the impulse to overfeed as an expression of care and love – an impulse that is deeply ingrained in me (and many of you, I'm sure). I remind myself there are many, many ways that we can express love and care. And adults and children know if they feel hunger in their own bodies, they can ask for more food using their own voices.

So now when I feel the familiar worry about having enough food on the holiday table, I pause and observe. I've also created certain strategies when I'm in the planning and preparation phase of cooking for a meal that support my intention not to overcook.

They include:

1. Planning my meal around a starch, so if there is extra I set it aside to use in the next day's meal.
2. Making fewer dishes; three to five at any meal is plenty.
3. Keeping extra fruit on hand for those with a sweet tooth (as opposed to 10 different kinds of cake).
4. Serving water to everyone before the meal to hydrate them and allow them to start the meal without being hungry.

When I cook for people, I think about their well-being and how I want them to feel before, during and after the meal. I want my guests to feel relaxed and nourished by the food and atmosphere. I want them to feel peaceful in their bodies. I want to generate positive holiday memories for my daughter, not ones full of stomach aches.

Rather than using food as a way to express love and control, let's relax and allow ourselves to express and generate our desired feelings in positive ways.

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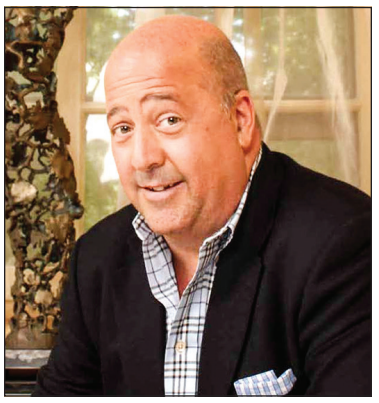
BY BETH KISSILEFF

JTA – Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, gives Jews a sense of change and new beginnings. One of the ways to signal this renewal and optimism is to engage our senses: We listen to the shofar, the clarion call of the season, and we eat symbolic foods, such as round challah (representing the cyclical nature of life), and enjoy the sweetness of apples dipped in honey.

Beyond those basics, what are the foods that make Rosh Hashanah special? JTA queried a number of high-profile Jewish chefs about which dishes and recipes are a must on their holiday tables.

Many of the dishes the chefs shared with us are family recipes, passed down from mothers and grandmothers, building bridges to future generations. Others offer a fresh twist on their *mishpucha's* must-haves.

Whether you're looking to add some sugar or some spice to your Rosh Hashanah meal, read on for some fresh twists on Jewish classics from some well-known chefs: Andrew Zimmern, Joan Nathan, Jeffrey Yoskowitz, Alon Shaya, Rabbi Hanoch Hecht, and Lior Lev Sercarz.



Andrew Zimmern

ANDREW ZIMMERN is a chef, writer and creator/host of the Travel Channel's "Bizarre Foods" franchise. The dish that defines the TV host's Rosh Hashanah table is his grandmother's chopped liver.

"Nothing signals the turn of the season more than our Rosh Hashanah family meals," Zimmern told JTA. "I make my grandmother's recipes at our seder and then I don't cook any of them again until Rosh Hashanah. The demolition of my first batch of Henriette's chopped liver is all of my own doing, usually alone in the kitchen, and then I have to make a second batch for everyone else. Food is culture. And we all live on through it."

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Henriette's Chopped Liver

2 large eggs
Ice
2 tablespoons pareve margarine
1/2 cup rendered chicken fat (schmaltz)*
1 onion, finely chopped
2 pounds chicken livers, trimmed
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
Matzah, for serving

In a small saucepan, cover the eggs with cold water and bring to a boil; cook over moderate heat for 10 minutes. Drain the eggs and immediately fill the pan with cold water. Add ice and let the eggs stand until chilled. Drain the eggs, peel and coarsely chop.

In a very large skillet, melt the margarine in 1/4 cup of the chicken fat. Add the onion and cook over moderately low heat, stirring occasionally, until softened and just starting to brown, about 10 minutes. Season the livers with salt and pepper and add them to the skillet. Cook over moderately high heat, turning occasionally, until barely pink inside, about 8 minutes.

Scrape the mixture into the bowl of a food processor and let cool slightly. Add the chopped eggs and pulse until the livers are finely chopped but not completely smooth. Add the parsley and the remaining 1/4 cup of chicken fat and pulse to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

Transfer the chopped liver to a bowl. Press plastic wrap onto the surface and refrigerate until chilled, about 45 minutes. (The chopped liver can also be refrigerated overnight.) Serve with the matzah.

* Rendered chicken fat (schmaltz) is available in the refrigerated section of most supermarkets.

JOAN NATHAN is the author of 10 cookbooks, including "Jewish Cooking in America."

For Nathan, it's all about the chicken soup. This recipe is courtesy of her 103-year-old mother, Pearl. Nathan explains the recipe is a bit of a mashup of various cultures: "She loves getting chicken specials, and [she] also loves dark meat, so she adapted the recipe to what she likes to eat," Nathan said.

"Because she lives in Rhode Island and escarole is a very Italian vegetable [Rhode Island has a large Italian-American population]," escarole is in the recipe.

"Her matzo balls, coming from my father's German tradition, are deliciously al dente," Nathan added.

Pearl Nathan's Chicken Soup with Matzah Balls

(From "The New American Cooking," reprinted with permission from Knopf)



Joan Nathan

For the soup

6 whole chicken legs
20 cups water
2 celery stalks sliced into 2-inch chunks
2 whole carrots cut into 2-inch chunks
1 large onion peeled and quartered
1 parsnip cut into 2-inch chunks
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
8 ounces escarole

For the matzah balls

3 tablespoons chicken fat or vegetable oil
6 large eggs, well beaten
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 3/4 cups matzah meal
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
12 cups water

To make the soup

Put the water in a soup pot, add the chicken legs and bring the water to a boil. Simmer slowly for 2 hours, uncovered, skimming off the fat and foam as they rise to the top of the soup.

After 2 hours, add the celery, carrots, onion, parsnip, dill and parsley. Continue cooking slowly, uncovered, for another hour.

Set a strainer over a large bowl and strain the soup. Season it to taste with salt and pepper. Refrigerate the soup, covered, overnight.

The next day, peel off the layer of fat that has formed on the soup's surface. Bring the soup to a boil in a large pot (or freeze it for another day). Before serving, swirl in the escarole and add the matzah balls, cooking for a few minutes.

To make the matzah balls

In a medium bowl, mix the chicken fat or vegetable oil with the eggs, salt, nutmeg, matzah meal and parsley. Refrigerate for a few hours or overnight.

Bring the water to a boil in a large pot. Take the matzah mix out of the refrigerator and, after dipping your hands into a bowl of cold water, gently form balls the size of large walnuts. Add salt to the water and drop in the balls. Simmer slowly, covered, for about 20 minutes, remove from water with a slotted spoon and add to the soup.



Jeffrey Yoskowitz

JEFFREY YOSKOWITZ is co-founder, with Liz Alpern, of the Gefilteria, and co-author of the forthcoming cookbook "The Gefilte Manifesto."

"Homemade gefilte fish became such a staple for me at the Rosh Hashanah table that when my grandmother stopped cooking and the local deli closed, I began preparing the holiday delicacy for my family," Yoskowitz said. "It wasn't a holiday without the good stuff, as far as I was concerned, plus making it myself was very empowering.

"Since my family's roots are Polish, mine is a [lightly] sweetened gefilte fish, which is fitting for the New Year celebrations, when we're so fixated on sweetness."

Jeffrey Yoskowitz's Herbed Gefilte Fish

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1 small onion, coarsely chopped
12 ounces whitefish fillet, skin removed, flesh coarsely chopped
1 1/4 tablespoons vegetable or grapeseed oil
1 large egg
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh watercress (or spinach)
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh dill
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
1 tablespoon sugar
Horseradish relish, store bought or homemade, for serving

Method

If there are any bones in your fillets, remove the larger ones by hand, but don't fret about the smaller ones since they'll be pulverized in the food processor. You can buy your fish pre-ground from a fishmonger (usually a Jewish fishmonger) to ensure all the bones are removed, but try to cook your fish that day since ground fish loses its freshness faster.

Place the onion in the bowl of a large food processor and process until finely ground and mostly liquefied. Add the fish to the food processor along with the rest of the ingredients, except the horseradish. Pulse in the food processor until the mixture is light-colored and evenly textured throughout.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8-by-3-inch loaf pan with parchment paper and fill the pan with the fish mixture. Smooth out with a spatula.

Place the loaf pan on a baking sheet on the middle rack of the oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes. The terrine is finished when the corners and ends begin to brown. The loaf will give off some liquid. Cool to room temperature before removing from the pan and slicing. Serve with horseradish relish.

ALON SHAYA is executive chef and partner at the New Orleans restaurants Domenica, Pizza Domenica and Shaya, and was named best chef in the South by the James Beard Foundation.

For Shaya, challah is central to the Rosh Hashanah festivities.

"I love keeping our traditions alive," he said. "Challah is such a key part of the celebration – both as a symbol of the year's cycle, and because it›s just so delicious."

Alon Shaya's Challah

Yield: 12 seven-ounce rolls

1/8 cup instant yeast
1 teaspoon sugar
2 cups warm water
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons salt
1 cup extra virgin olive oil
4 eggs
9 cups bread flour
Sea salt or sesame seeds to garnish
Egg wash (2 eggs, 1 yolk,3 tablespoons water)

Method



Alon Shaya

In mixing bowl, whisk together yeast, a teaspoon sugar and warm water. Let rest or "bloom" until the mixture appears foamy (about 5 minutes).

Once foamy, add 1 cup sugar, salt, extra virgin olive oil, eggs, and flour to the bowl.

With an electric mixer's dough hook attachment, mix on low for 4 minutes. Scrape the bowl, increase the speed to medium and continue to mix until the dough comes together, is smooth and pulls away from the bowl (approximately another 4 minutes).

Place the dough in a large greased bowl. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and proof until doubled (about 2 hours).

Once the dough is proofed, divide into 12 pieces. Set pieces aside; cover with plastic wrap to avoid the dough drying and cracking.

To shape the dough, take one 7-ounce piece, roll into a rectangle about 6 inches by 4 inches, fold in the left and right sides by a half-inch and roll up the dough from top to bottom. Seal the dough by pressing the seams with the base of your palm. From here, begin to roll the dough back and forth with your hands, creating an even rope that is 14 inches long. Spiral the dough tightly, forming a coil. Tuck the end of the coil underneath the roll to ensure the roll does not unravel.

Place the shaped rolls on a sheet tray. Cover with plastic wrap and let double in size, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Preheat oven to 325 F.

*Egg wash each roll and sprinkle with sea salt or sesame seeds. Bake for 10 minutes. Rotate pan and continue to bake until golden brown, 5 to 10 minutes.

*For the egg wash, whisk all ingredients together in a small bowl until smooth and well combined. Store in fridge until ready to use.

RABBI HANOCH HECHT,



Rabbi Hanoch Hecht

a competitor on "Chopped," is a Chabad rabbi in Rhinebeck, New York. Hecht chose to share his tzimmes, a traditional sweet stew made with carrots, explaining that carrots are called "merren" in Yiddish, which also means "increase."

"The very fact that its name connotes 'increase' makes it auspicious to eat carrots during the New Year, as it represents an increase in good things for the coming year," he said.

Rabbi Hanoch Hecht's Dessert Tzimmes

1 bunch rainbow carrots
Simple syrup
Fresh figs
Margarine
Brown sugar

Method

Peel carrots and boil in simple syrup until tender. Slice figs in half and caramelize in a pan 4 minutes on medium heat. Once tender, add the carrots to the figs. Add butter and sprinkle a teaspoon of brown sugar. Candy the carrots for about 4 minutes and you are ready to serve.

LIOR LEV SERCARZ is the owner of La Boite, an upscale spice shop in New York, and the author of "The Art of Blending" and the forthcoming "The Spice



Lior Lev Sercarz

Companion."

"Rosh Hashanah has always been about family for me, and this honey cake is my take on a favorite food from my childhood from around this time [of year]," said Sercarz, who grew up on a kibbutz in Israel. "I add spices, like I do in all of my cooking, use silan [date honey or syrup] to modernize the recipe and reflect the season, and olive oil to connect my family here in New York City to my father's groves back home in the Galilee."

Lior Lev Sercarz's Spiced Honey Cake

2 extra large eggs
3/4 cup light brown sugar
2 cups all purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon Reims N.39 or 1 1/2 teaspoons each ground ginger and nutmeg
1 tablespoon whole anise seed
1/2 cup pomegranate juice
1/2 cup olive oil
1 cup silan [date honey], divided (3/4 cup and 1/4 cup)
Juice of 1 orange plus zest
2 tablespoons sesame seeds

Method

Cream the eggs and sugar together in a large bowl or in a stand mixer with a paddle attachment. Beat for 3 to 4 minutes or until noticeably lighter in color and texture.

Mix together all dry ingredients (except sesame seed) in a bowl and preheat oven to 350 F.

Add the pomegranate juice, olive oil, 3/4 cup silan, orange juice and zest to the eggs and sugar; stir well to combine.

Gently incorporate the dry ingredients, mixing until it just comes together - a few lumps are OK.

Pour into 2 greased or lined 8-inch loaf pans and bake for 30-40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Remove to a rack to cool and brush the tops with the reserved silan; sprinkle sesame seeds on top.

BETH KISSILEFF is the **editor** of the anthology "Reading Genesis" and the author of the new novel "Questioning Return."

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At last: The easiest Rosh Hashanah dinner ever

BY SHANNON SARNA

(JTA) – Some people take great pride and pleasure in planning their Rosh Hashanah menus for weeks or months in advance, chugging away at kugels and cakes and soup to put in the freezer. I know my grandmother and Aunt Ruth both did their High Holy Days cooking all summer so they would be "ready."

But not everyone cooks for 20 people or enjoys the toil and preparation of holiday cooking for weeks on end. And for those people, this simple menu is for you.

Traditional Jewish New Year flavors of apple and pomegranate can show up in unexpected places – like sangria, which is a perfect, easy choice for entertaining, since you can make a large batch and chill until ready to serve. And even a simple roast chicken becomes special for the holiday with an apricot mustard makeover and crispy roast potatoes.

You can keep your preparations and flavors simple while serving up a sweet, delicious and deceptively impressive spread for family and friends.

Apple Pomegranate Sangria

Sangria is the perfect drink to serve for Rosh Hashanah – it's supposed to be sweet and is perfect paired with two traditional flavors of the holiday. You can use whatever wine you have lying around, or change things up with red wine if you prefer.

Ingredients

1 bottle white wine such as sauvignon blanc or pinot grigio (or moscato if you like very sweet wine)
1 cup pomegranate juice
4 ounces vodka (optional)
1 lemon, sliced
1 apple, cored and sliced
1 1/2 cups ginger ale or club soda
Pomegranate seeds (optional)

Directions

Place sliced apple and lemons in a sealable container. Add 1/2 cup pomegranate juice, 1/2 cup wine and vodka (optional). Allow to sit overnight in the refrigerator.

When ready to serve, place fruit and liquid in a large carafe. Add remaining wine and pomegranate juice. Top with ginger ale or club soda to your liking. Serve chilled or with ice.

Optional: For an extra special presentation, make pomegranate seed ice cubes by adding a few seeds into each section of an ice cube tray. Fill with water or pomegranate juice and freeze overnight. When ready to serve, add 1 or 2 ice cubes in each guest's glass, or all the ice cubes to the carafe of sangria.



Sheet Pan Apricot Dijon Chicken with Brussels Sprouts and Potatoes

Sheet pan dinners are all the rage this year and with good reason: Throw all your ingredients on one large sheet pan and then pop it in the oven. Your cleanup is reduced without sacrificing any deliciousness. This recipe can easily be doubled to feed a larger crowd.

Ingredients

1 whole chicken
1 pound small red or Yukon gold potatoes, halved
1 pint Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
1/4 cup apricot jam
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon brown sugar
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons orange juice
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
6 garlic cloves

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Cut chicken along the backside, removing spine. Flatten and lay on top of sheet pan.

In a small bowl, mix together apricot jam, mustard, brown sugar, olive oil, orange juice, salt and pepper.

Spread around three-quarters of the seasoning mixture on top of and under the skin of the chicken; reserve one quarter.

Spread potatoes on one side of the pan, Brussels sprouts on the other. Drizzle potatoes and Brussels sprouts with olive oil, salt and pepper. Add whole, unpeeled garlic cloves to the tray, alongside the potatoes and Brussels sprouts.

After 30 minutes, check on Brussels sprouts and, if caramelized to your liking, remove and set aside. Toss potatoes to ensure even cooking and place back into oven for another 25-30 minutes.

Remove from oven and spread remaining seasoning on top of chicken. Cut chicken into quarters and serve immediately.

Puff Pastry Baked Apples

Growing up, baked apples were a tradition in my house. This dessert looks impressive but is actually easy to execute. Serve with sorbet, vanilla ice cream or whipped cream for an extra sweet start to the new year.

Ingredients

2 sheets puff pastry
4 Gala apples
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ginger
Pinch fresh nutmeg
Pinch fresh ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup raisins
1 egg, beaten
Sanding sugar (optional)

Directions

Take puff pastry out of freezer and allow to sit at room temperature 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

In a medium bowl, mix together margarine (or butter), brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, clove and salt. Add in raisins and mix.

Peel and core each apple, leaving apple intact but with a cavity for stuffing. Stuff sugar-margarine mixture inside each apple.

Cut each sheet of puff pastry in 2 pieces (there should be 4 pieces in total). With a rolling pin, roll each rectangle piece gently, stretching puff pastry so it is slightly larger.

Sit each stuffed apple in middle of puff pastry. Fold puff pastry up and over apple until completely covered, trimming excess pieces. (Optional: Using extra puff pastry, carve decorative small leaves to place on top.)

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Elul is also the month when shofars and doves, apples and honey, dancing candles and round challot begin to pour into our email inboxes. Many websites offer us free e-cards to help us keep in touch! But there are always some people who eschew e-cards in favor of a personal message – usually written in an email. Whether a card or personal message, using the internet is so much easier than taking pen in hand, and less expensive than buying postage stamps to send Rosh Hashanah messages via "snail mail."

But, to be honest, I miss the greeting cards that once filled our mailbox. We would keep the cards on a sideboard, and later they became part of the decorations in our sukkah. Of course, it always rains during Sukkot, so we were unable to save the cards for posterity – or for the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association's archives.

Exchanging written *shanah tovah* greetings is a centuries-old tradition. The 14th-century spiritual leader of German Jews, Rabbi Jacob ben Moses Moellin (Maharil), in his "Book of Customs," advocated sending *shanah tovah* greetings in all written correspondence during *Elul*. Four centuries later, Eastern European Jews began to embrace this practice.

The Industrial Revolution made printing a less laborious, less expensive process. Along with the advances in printing, the introduction of the postage stamp in 1840 and the subsequent lowering of postage rates, made sending greeting cards available to more people.

Another development, in the U.S., was an act of Congress allowing privately printed cards to be sent through the mail at lower postage rates. Farsighted Jewish businessmen saw the possibilities in these developments and began printing and selling cards with *shanah tovah* greetings, as well as cards with Jewish symbols or themes.

One entrepreneur, Hymen Lipman, purchased the rights to the first copyrighted postcard. Lipman's Postal Cards had decorated borders with space for a message on one side and the address on the reverse side.

Other Jewish printers also began producing commercial cards specifically for Rosh Hashanah.

Later changes by the U.S. Postal Service made it possible for cards printed by private companies to be mailed to foreign countries. Another change produced the picture postcard, with a divided space on the reverse side, half for a message, half for the address. In the introductory text to the catalog of the Jewish Theological Seminary exhibition of early postcards, curated by Sharon Lieberman-Mintz and Erika Deitsch, Shalom Sabar wrote:

"The popularity of these picture postcards increased steadily from 1898 to 1918, a period known as 'The Golden Age of the Postcard.' ... European and American Jews participated fully in The Postcard Craze. The earliest and largest number of Jewish postcards were created for Rosh Hashanah greetings."



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Many of the early postcards also featured photos of synagogues from around the world. Sabar stated, "As many of the European synagogues were destroyed during the Holocaust, postcards are often the only known visual record of these majestic buildings."

The invention of the Kodak postcard camera gave further impetus to The Postcard Craze. The cards could now feature photos of family members and messages for relatives in the U.S. or foreign countries.

The photo cards continued to be a popular means of communication until the Holocaust and war decimated European Jewish communities.

Another product of the Industrial Revolution and the advent of inexpensive color printing was the "scrap," according to Bonni-Dara Michaels, curator of Acquisitions at Yeshiva University's museum. The technique, developed in 1837, she explained in an email, "involved surface printing and embossing to create a sculptured image, and a form to cut away excess paper. This left each relief attached to the others by thin tabs." They were used to decorate albums, furniture, and stories for children. Others were assembled to make greeting cards.

"The earliest extant Jewish themed scraps," Michaels stated, "date to 1903-1912. They were published by Hebrew Publishing Co. of New York, founded by Joseph Werblowsky in 1883. Most of the actual printing was done in Germany."

Jewish scraps included symbols for holidays and Zionist motifs, which could be assembled to create greeting cards. Others illustrated Bible stories for children, at a time when children's

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books were few and generally without color pictures.

During this time, the first decade of the 20th century, Werblowsky also imported unusual holiday cards from Germany. They were three-dimensional pop-up cards, and were meant to be displayed. The motifs, Michaels wrote, included weddings, New Year's cards, and greetings for other Jewish holidays. Many of these cards will be displayed at the Yeshiva University Museum, in New York City, Sept. 19 to Oct. 4.

Folded New Year's cards were also popular for Jewish greetings late in the 19th century and into the 20th. Hallmark introduced its first Rosh Hashanah cards in 1924. Rhode Island's own Paramount Card Co., owned by the Markoff family, produced a full line of Jewish holiday cards, according to Gloria Markoff Winston.

After World War II, the popularity of sending *shanah tovah* cards grew. Selling boxes of cards, 10 to a box, became a favored fund-raising tool for many organizations – and it still is.

Now the internet provides another way of sending written greetings.

Though the RIJHA archives have many hidden treasures, Rosh Hashanah cards are not among them.

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A happy and healthy New Year to all. May it be a year that brings us peace.

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6 new children's books for the Jewish New Year

BY PENNY SCHWARTZ

JTA – Get ready: 5777 is arriving soon. And a new Jewish year means a fresh crop of top-notch Jewish books for kids.

This year, not one but two new Rosh Hashanah books are penned by Eric A. Kimmel, the master storyteller whose popular award-winning children's classics include "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins" and "Simon and the Bear." His latest entries, "Little Red Rosie" and "Gabriel's Horn," are among the new crop of lively and engaging Jewish children's books for the High Holy Days that reflect the wide range of today's American Jewish families.

Typically, most of the ink is devoted to Rosh Hashanah, which begins this year on the evening of Oct. 2. But there are fresh reads about many of the forthcoming holidays – one book, "Maya Prays for Rain," is a charming story about the little-known holiday *Shemini Atzeret* that comes at the end of *Sukkot*.

Want to make the new year extra sweet for a little one in your life? Check out the six books below.

Rosh Hashanah is Coming!, *by Tracy Newman; illustrated by Viviana Garofoli (Kar-Ben, ages 1-4).*

Families can usher in the Jewish New Year with this colorful toddler board book, the fifth in the Kar-Ben board book series on Jewish holidays by Tracy Newman and Vivian Garofoli (including "Shabbat is Coming!" and "Passover is Coming!"). Young kids braid a round challah, blow the shofar, set out apples and honey, and enjoy a juicy pomegranate as they get ready to celebrate the new year.



Little Red Rosie: A Rosh Hashanah Story, *by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Monica Gutierrez (Apples & Honey Press, ages 3-7).*

A confident young girl enlists the help of her numerous feathered friends to bake challah for the neighborhood Rosh Hashanah dinner. With an illustrated recipe in hand, Rosie gently leads a parrot, toucan and hornbill as they measure flour, add eggs, knead the dough and braid it into loaves. In one of Gutierrez's illustrations – sure to tickle young ones – poppy seeds fly through the air and land all over the kitchen table and floor.

"Who will help me clean the kitchen?" Rosie asks.

They all pitch in, and Rosie saves the day when she prevents the hornbill from toppling a teetering tower of dirty dishes. When the lovely loaves are baked, Rosie and her friends recite the blessing over the challah, and the neighbors who gather around the festive table all enjoy the bread.

Maya Prays for Rain, *by Susan Tarcov; illustrated by Ana Ochoa (Kar-Ben, ages 4-9).*

It's a warm fall day, and a spunky young girl greets her neighbors in her multicultural town. It seems like everyone is taking advantage of the sunny, dry weather by partaking in all kinds of outdoor activities. But when Maya learns that the evening's synagogue service for the Jewish holiday of *Shemini Atzeret* includes a prayer for rain, she warns her neighbors to cancel their plans. Much to Maya's relief, however, she learns from her rabbi that the prayer is for Israel, where the rainy season is needed for crops and trees. "Amen," she pronounces at the end of the prayer.

The back page includes an explanation of the lesser-known holiday that comes at the end of the *Sukkot* celebration.

Gabriel's Horn, *by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Maria Surducan (Kar-Ben, ages 4-9).*

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, a young African-American soldier knocks on the door of the apartment where a young boy, Gabriel, lives with his parents, who are struggling to hang on to their small antiques shop. The solider explains he is going overseas and has no one to care for his special horn that once belonged to his grandpa, a musician, and brings good luck. Gabriel convinces his reluctant mom they can care for the horn. The name on the soldier's uniform says Tishbi – the birthplace of the prophet Elijah, who is said to appear mysteriously on Earth, often disguised as a beggar who leaves behind him blessings of good fortune or health.

The theme of *tzedakah* – the Jewish obligation for charitable giving – shines through Kimmel's heartwarming tale as Gabriel's family selflessly shares its sudden good fortune through acts of kindness and generosity. Page after page, kids will wonder along with Gabriel if their newfound luck is related to the soldier and his tarnished, mysterious horn.

In a phone conversation from his home in Portland, Oregon, Kimmel told JTA that this book is a modern version of an old folktale based on a biblical Midrash. (A well-known version, "The Seven Years," was penned by I.L. Peretz.) Kimmel first retold the tale in his award-winning 1991 children's book "Days of Awe," and with "Gabriel's Horn" he revisits and contemporizes the story.

Kimmel said he continues to return to folk traditions because he sees them as the roots of so many stories.

"I really don't think kids today know them well, and often their parents and teachers don't know them, either," he said. "They are so powerful."

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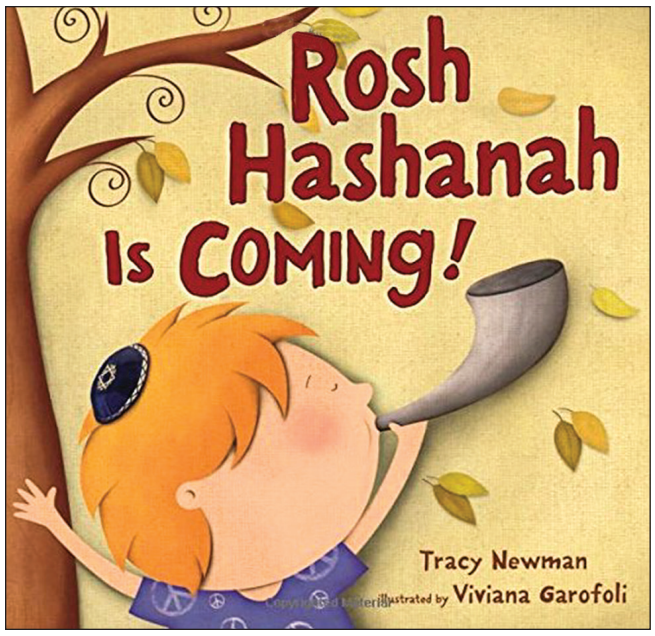
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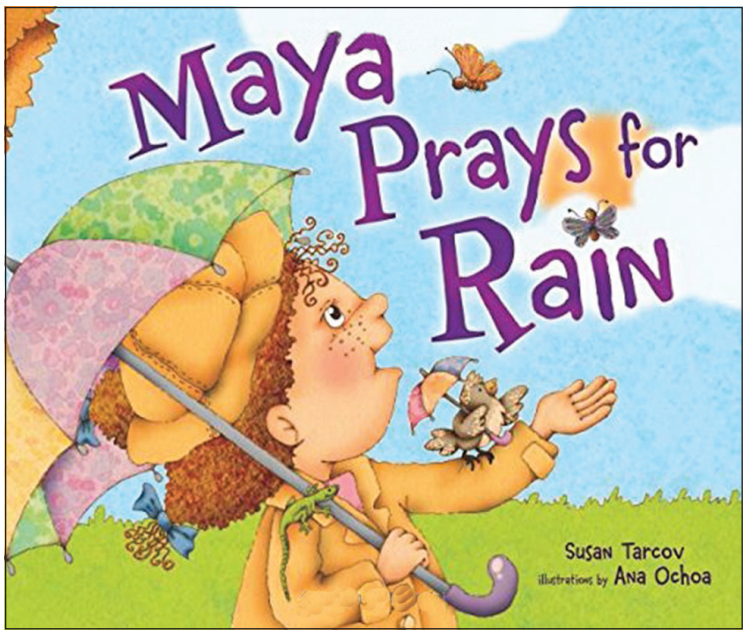
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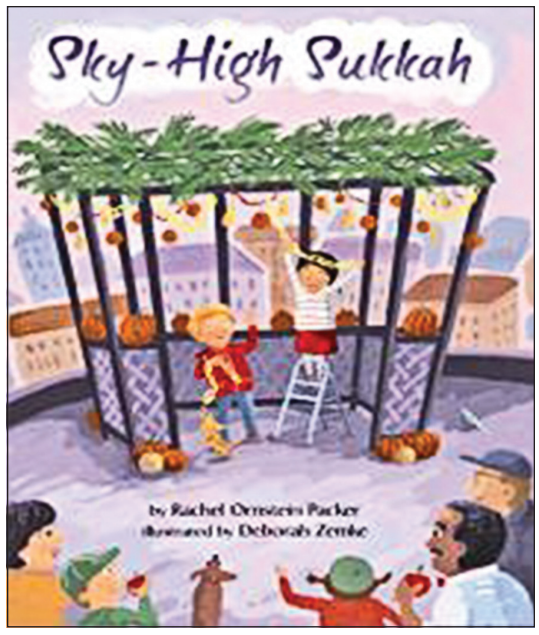
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Sky-High Sukkah, ***by Rachel Ornstein Packer****; illustrated by Deborah Zemke (Apples & Honey Press, ages 3-8).*

Poor Leah and Ari. The two friends dream of having a *sukkah* of their own – but living in the city poses too many obstacles, their parents tell them.

The kids reveal their sad predicament to Al, the neighborhood grocer, and explain that during the seven-day holiday, Jewish families build a hut that they decorate with fruits like the ones Al sells. But will Leah and Ari's dreams be answered when Ari's picture of a "Sky-High *Sukkah*" wins a Hebrew school drawing contest for a free *sukkah*?

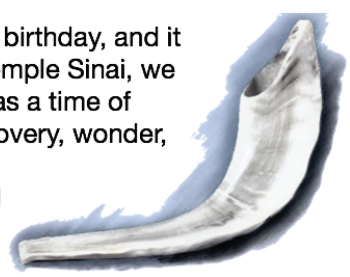
This is an endearing story that concludes happily as Leah and Ari discover that building community is just as rewarding as building a *sukkah*. Zemke's lively illustrations capture the bustling urban neighborhood and bring to life the harvest holiday with bright reds, greens, purples and oranges.

How It's Made: Torah Scroll, *by Allison Ofanansky; photographs by Eliyahu Alpern (Apples & Honey Press, ages 3-8).*

What's a Torah scroll and how is it made? This fascinating photo essay is perfect for *Simchat Torah*, the holiday that marks the end of the cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle, giving kids and grown-ups a behind-the-scenes look at what is involved in this ancient Jewish tradition. The author and photographer break down the many people, steps and materials involved, from hand-stretched parchment, special inks, and feather and reed pens to the meticulous rules for the calligraphy. The photo-filled pages reveal intriguing facts (for example, there are 304,805 letters in a Torah scroll), DIY projects (ink making), and open-ended questions for further thought (for one, how do you fix mistakes?).

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Why the new year is a time for saying 'thank you' to interfaith families

BY MELINDA MERSACK

CLEVELAND (JTA) – Thank you: two simple words with tremendous meaning. Thank you for being part of our community. Thank you for raising your children with us. Thank you for being with us.

Many of us are seeking meaning in our lives and wish to be valued for the contributions we make and the people we are. While the Jewish community has traditionally struggled with welcoming interfaith families, the High Holy Days present the perfect opportunity for us to put our values into action and express our gratitude to interfaith families for the investments they make in the Jewish future.

Interfaith families are a growing part of our community. Many are seeking meaning in a Jewish context. Many are exposing their children to Jewish customs and rituals, and are doing their part to transmit Jewish values and traditions to their children. Many are active members of our congregations. For a family that chooses us and asks only to be accepted in return, why shouldn't we extend that acceptance?

The High Holy Days beckon us to examine ourselves. This is our annual accounting to determine if we have lived up to our potential. We engage in *teshuvah* (repentance), *tefillah* (prayer) and *tzedakah* (acts of justice and giving) as a way to keep us on the right path to being our best selves and contribute to making our society and the world a better place. These themes translate to how we may specifically welcome interfaith families during this new year.

> **"... may our hearts be big enough to embrace all God's children, ... and may we be humble enough to tell them, thank you."**

Teshuvah: An opportunity to open our hearts and our doors widely to truly welcome all families who wish to be part of our communities. Too often I hear stories of how people have felt rejected and denied a place within a Jewish community because they fell in love with someone who isn't Jewish. *Teshuvah* is a way for us to mend our past communal mistakes. Welcome those who wish to be welcomed and support them on their personal journeys as they explore Judaism in their own way.

Tefillah: The chance to acknowledge with blessings that every member of a Jewish family is valued. Many rabbis invite those members of our community who aren't Jewish and are a link in the chain of transmission of Jewish values and traditions to their children to rise and receive a blessing to honor their commitment to Jewish life and heritage. This has a profound impact and speaks volumes about the type of community we are and can reinforce why someone would choose to be affiliated with us.

Tzedakah: Working for justice in our world is a Jewish priority that is shared with people of many faiths. As we strive to help those who are vulnerable in our communities by performing acts of *tzedakah*, why not actively seek to engage every member of our community, Jewish or not? A personal invitation says with sincerity that the person who isn't Jewish is respected. It says to their Jewish partner that we value both his or her participation in and contributions to our community.

Thousands of families will come together in observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. What better time for synagogues and communities to reflect their intent to be welcoming and inclusive by publicly acknowledging and thanking the members of interfaith families who join them?

"*Al chet shechatanu l'fanecha*," for the sin we have committed against You: As we recite these words asking forgiveness for our transgressions of the past year, may we also be mindful of how we have missed the mark by alienating interfaith families. As we seek to begin anew, may our hearts be big enough to embrace all God's children, recognizing their contributions to our communities and our world, and may we be humble enough to tell them "thank you."

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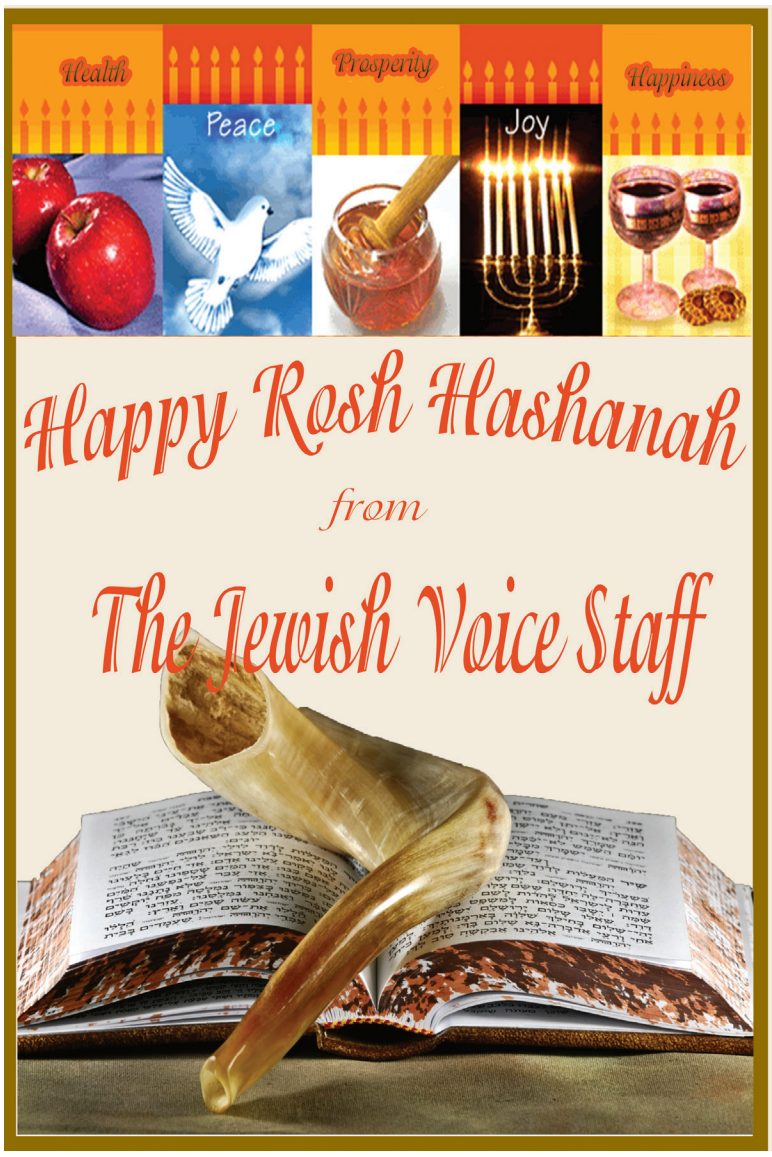
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It's the season of honey

BY STEPHANIE ROSS

We use it in our cooking, as a sweetener and we can find it in our beauty supplies. We even use it as a nickname. Honey even has been used for treating diseases and other medical conditions such as wounds and burns.

This sweet nectar we have come to know and love has been with us for at least 8,000 years, according to a cave painting in Spain. Honey is made by bees (bumblebees, honeybees, honey wasps) by foraging nectar from flowers.

"It can be an extremely complicated or a very simple process," said Jeff Mello, owner of Aquidneck Honey in Tiverton. "Our products are raw, meaning no treatments, no feeding the bees sugar water and straight from the hive. We go back to how bees used to live before man."

Mello noted that the amount of honey produced ultimately depends on the weather.

"We put out bee boxes and capture wild bees," Mello said. "With a little rain and an area where there's a good amount of flora, the bees will make a good amount of honey."

The flora, or plants bees use for food, can even affect the flavor and coloring of honey. This allows for a wide variety of honeys.

At Carlisle Honey in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, they produce six different types of honey, all in raw form. The flavors depend on the season and the plants blooming that season.

At Aquidneck Honey, they add whole sprigs to infuse honey with flavor from ingredients such as cinnamon, peppers and thyme.



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Local bees hard at work.

With such a wide variety of honey, how do you know what to look out for?

"Know your beekeeper," Mello said. "Visit them and see their operation and how it's done."

The beekeeping community is a close-knit one, and members continue to spread the word on saving the bees.

"A lot of my pollination happens on private property, since I don't have enough property myself," Mello said. "I team up with people who write me and offer to see their land. In the end, everyone benefits from it. The more bees, the better our food supply."

With the bee population declining at an alarming rate, SaveTheBees.org recommends avoiding the use of pesticides and encourages planting native plants in your garden or in outdoor pots.

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Rosh Hashanah: A time to remake ourselves



PATRICIA RASKIN

In the article "ABC's of Rosh Hashanah," found on Aish.com, Rabbi Shraga Simmons writes, "A key component of Rosh Hashanah preparation is to ask forgiveness from anyone we may have wronged during the previous year. To the greatest extent possible, we want to begin the year with a clean slate – and without anyone harboring a grudge against us. Similarly, we should be quick to forgive those who have wronged us."

We all have a "shadow side." As we have the sun and moon, light and dark, darkness is in all of us. We do not like to look at our own flaws, weaknesses, survival instincts, and deep-seated fears. Yet we all have them. We have been taught since childhood to cover them, hide them and project the opposite at all costs. There is a good reason for this. Looking at our dark side isn't very pretty or nice. Yet when we do, things change. We become honest with ourselves and we stop fighting what we fear. We also become much more compassionate toward others.

In my book "Pathfinding," I write, "All of us have cuts, scrapes, blemishes and scars. Some of us have health challenges, others have serious life-threatening health difficulties. People have physical, mental and emotional impairments. We all have faults, inadequacies, weaknesses, shortcomings, vulnerabilities and Achilles' heels. Despite all of our imperfections, we find ourselves surprisingly alike."

To continue from "Pathfinding": "When we wander from our path – we need to ask ourselves questions like: What cues did we overlook or misinterpret? What assumptions, expectations and attitudes derailed us? What lessons can we learn now that will keep us squarely on the path? How can we use a particular experience to rewrite the ending to the next similar experience? How can we use our imperfections to perfect our lives? Another way we can evaluate this is to make a list of the following: old attitudes replaced with new ones, strengths that have compensated weaknesses, how we 'rewrote the ending' of a 'mistake' we made, a challenge we overcame because our inner strength and God guided us."

I think that this is what Rosh Hashanah does for me. It gives me a time and place to concentrate on forgiveness, to let go of resentments and grudges, to look at myself fairly and squarely, "naked" but willing to look past the flaws to the inner beauty and love that we all have before God.

There are prayers unique to Rosh Hashanah in the special prayer book the *machzor*, including the *Amidah* and *Kiddush* for Rosh Hashanah, and the supplication *Avinu Malkeinu*.

There is also a wonderful ancient Hawaiian prayer of forgiveness, called *Ho'oponopono*. The four phrases of *Ho'oponopono* are used as a prayer, or declaration, of: "I am sorry." "Please forgive me." "Thank you." "I love you." It is a powerful forgiveness prayer and repetition.

Forgiveness can bring us a fresh start and more love in our hearts and lives. As Mahatma Gandhi wrote, "As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world … as in being able to remake ourselves."

L'shanah tovah. Happy New Year!

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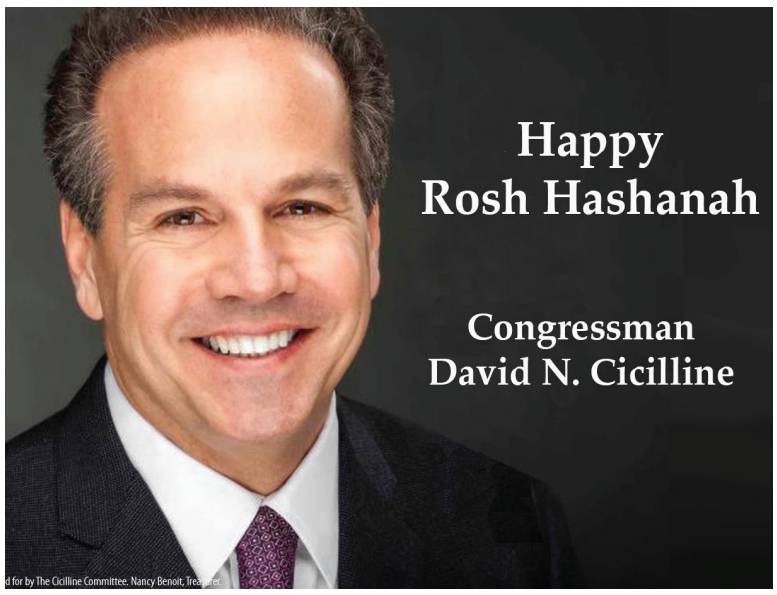


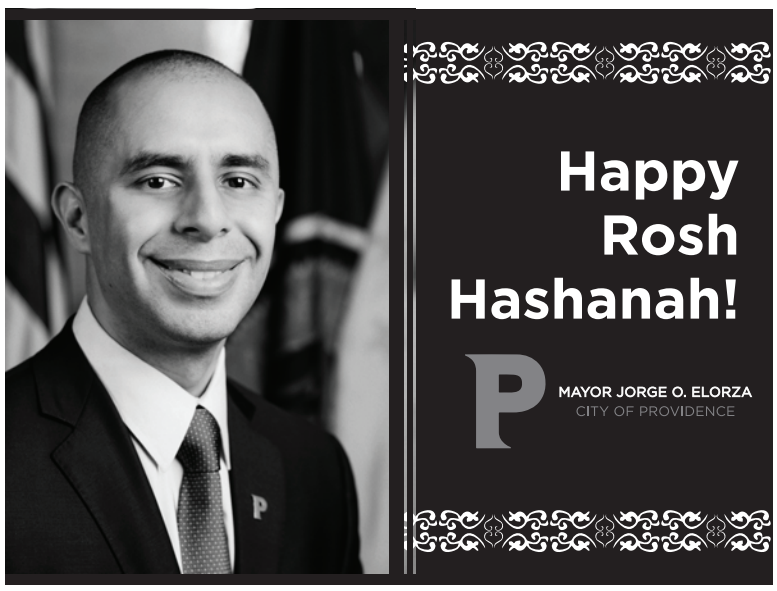
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terrorists. The Rio games kicked off with Lebanese athletes refusing to share a bus to the opening ceremony with the Israeli delegation. And days before Sasson won his medal, a defeated Egyptian adversary pointedly refused to shake his hand. Israelis booed along with the crowd at the stadium.

Israel's new medals brought the country's total to nine since 1952.

Hoped-for windsurfing and rhythmic gymnastics successes proved elusive – and, as usual, some Israelis bemoaned inadequate national investment in the Olympics.

Yet there were reasons to be buoyant. Seven Israelis made it to the finals in Rio, and the country competed in 17 sports, up from 10 in London, including three newer ones: golf, triathlon and mountain biking. Israel Olympic Committee CEO Gili Lustig has promised to do "some thinking" about improving Israel's showing at Tokyo in 2020.

Israel made new friends in a hostile world.

As the Olympics reminded Israelis, their country is unlikely to win any international popularity contests. But in the past year, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government managed to find some new friends and potential allies.

Israel and Turkey officially reconciled recently following a six-year falling-out over the Mavi Marmara affair. While the deal, signed in June, may not make the countries BFFs again, it should help them cooperate amid the chaos of the Middle East. Exporting Israel's natural gas bounty and rebuilding the Gaza Strip are potential joint projects.

Meanwhile, the shared threats of Islamic extremism and Iran have brought Israel closer to the region's Sunni Muslim states, even if those states are loath to admit it. Weeks after a telling handshake with Israel's Foreign Ministry director-general, Dore Gold, Saudi government adviser Anwar Eshki publicly led a Saudi delegation to Jerusalem. And Gold flew to Cairo to reopen the Israeli Embassy there – four years after protesters stormed the building and forced its closure.

In an update of former Prime Minister Golda Meir's Africa policy, Netanyahu toured the continent for four days in July. Offering Israeli high-tech and security know-how and seeking diplomatic support, he was received in country after country like the leader of a world power.

Looking east, Gold has said Israel is building new relations with Asia, and Chinese investment in Israeli companies and venture capital funds has reached record highs. Spurred by the civil war in Syria, Netanyahu and Vladimir Putin are in regular contact, and the Russian president may be plotting an Israeli-Palestinian peace push of his own. Who isn't?

Haredi Orthodox men in Israel rolled up their sleeves.

A majority of haredi Orthodox men in Israel have jobs. That may not seem worth blowing the shofar about, but it's a first. Since officials started keeping track, most of the demographic has been out of work.

In 2015, the workforce participation rate for haredi men was 52 percent, part of a 12-year rise since the figure was 36 percent in 2003, Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics reported in February. Haredi men in Israel have long preferred Torah study to work or army service, living off yeshiva stipends, state benefits and perhaps their wives' salaries.

Haredi women are even better represented in the workforce at a rate of 73 percent, according to the government – more or less the same as among secular Israeli women. Israel's overall workforce participation rate is 80 percent.

Many observers see a larger trend of haredi society opening up to the outside world due in part to public and private investment – despite successful haredi reversal of political reforms aimed at integrating the community. Today, an estimated 11,000 haredi Jews are studying at institutes of higher education, 5,000 are in the army and most are said to have internet access.

On a seemingly related note, haredi birth rates have fallen. A surge in the relative size of haredi preschool enrollment during the first decade of the millennium provoked much handwringing about the growing economic and social burden. But the trend has quietly reversed, with hare-

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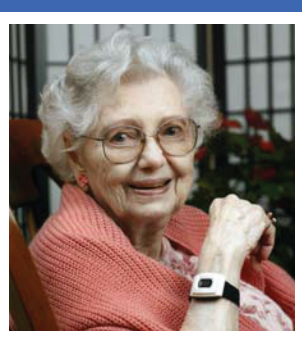
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di schools accounting for less than 23 percent of preschoolers in 2015, down from more than 25 percent in 2008, according to the Taub Center for Policy Studies in Israel.

The share of preschoolers in Arab-Israeli schools has fallen even further. But the government has some work to do to reach its goal of putting more Arab women to work.

More women than ever were making Israel's laws.

The 28 women elected to Israel's parliament in 2015 set a record. Since then, political reshuffling has seen the number move a little higher.

When Avigdor Liberman became defense minister in June, his Knesset seat went to Yulia Malinovsky, a member of his hawkish Yisrael Beiteinu party – sending the number of female lawmakers to 33. That's right, more than a quarter of the 120 legislative seats are now occupied by women.

These lawmakers span the political spectrum. From left to right, there is the anti-Zionist firebrand Haneen Zoabi of the Arab Joint List; peacenik Zehava Galon, the chairwoman of Meretz, and self-described "religious right-winger" Tzipi Hotovely of the ruling Likud. Notably absent are any haredi Orthodox women, whose parties prohibit them from running.

Four of the 21 government ministers are also women: Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked of Jewish Home; Culture and Sport Minister Miri Regev and Minister for Social Equality Gila Gamliel, both of Likud, and Immigrant Absorption Minister Sofa Landver of Yisrael Beiteinu.

Despite the ideological diversity, the women lawmakers sometimes come together to tackle issues related to women, including in the Knesset's Committee on the Status of Women and Gender Equality. Given lawmakers' personal experience, sexual harassment may well be on the agenda when the Knesset starts its winter session in October.

The government backed adding Sunday to the Israeli weekend.

It's not often that something happens with the potential to redefine how an entire country understands the relationship between time and space.

But that something happened in Israel in June, when ministers approved a bill that would give Israelis six three-day weekends a year starting in 2017 as a step toward making Sunday a day off. The legislation is to be reworked in committee before going to the full Knesset for voting.

Israeli weekends now run from Friday afternoon through Saturday to accommodate the Jewish Sabbath and Muslim Friday prayers. Many Israelis don't work on Friday. But for religiously observant Jews, Shabbat rules prevent them from driving or visiting most entertainment venues from Friday night until Saturday night, allowing precious little time for fun.

Economists are divided on the merits of adding Sunday to the weekend. Supporters argue the plan would boost the economy by syncing Israel with the rest of the world and promoting consumption by a wider swath of Israeli society. Opponents worry it would reduce productivity, with observant Jews and Muslims getting less done on Fridays, and everyone potentially struggling through longer days to compensate for the long weekend.

But c'mon: Sunday Funday!

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- Gina Raimondo



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This Rosh Hashanah, I challenge you to focus on the positives

BY NINA BADZIN

(Kveller via JTA) – Two essential parts of preparing for Rosh Hashanah, our clean slate for the year, are+ asking forgiveness from anyone we wronged and making a list (mental or written) of the ways we fell short since the last time we heard the shofar.

Ideally, that hard work of going to friends, family and anyone else deserving of our forgiveness happens in the weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah. By the time Yom Kippur rolls around 10 days later, we should be ready to confess our mistakes as a community, having already considered our personal paths to *teshuvah*, repentance, and how we will do better this year.

I find the exercise of writing down all my regrets before Rosh Hashanah rather easy. If, like me, you're the kind of person with a high capacity for guilt, you probably find that task easy, too, since we already felt badly about it during the year. I regret contributing to any gossip. I regret listening to any gossip. I regret not helping individuals or organizations more. I regret not calling more. I regret not answering the phone. I regret resorting to texts and emails. I regret the rudeness of looking at my phone in the middle of a conversation. I regret all the times I rolled my eyes. I regret any time I spoke more than I listened, both in person and online.

I find that my kids, perhaps through nature and nurture, also have no problem (OK, after some prodding) coming up with people deserving of apologies and ways they could have behaved better during the year. Surprisingly, the more challenging task for all of us is remembering the times we could have made the wrong choice but didn't.

In Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's book "A Code of Jewish Ethics Volume I: You Shall Be Holy," he suggests that in addition to focusing on our transgressions before Rosh Hashanah, we also make a list of the good we did this year. He provides a sample prayer modeled after the *Al Het* ("For the sin I committed by …") recited on Yom Kippur. Instead of "For the sin I committed," he starts each line with "For the mitzvah we (or I) performed." He ends the prayer with these encouraging words: "All these things, God, please remember and inspire us to do more acts like these in the year ahead."

I find the "For the mitzvah I performed" exercise difficult because it feels like a brag sheet and encouraging our kids to similarly "brag" can be confusing for them, too. But the power of focusing on both the mistakes and the positive actions we performed this year is about as powerful as a Rosh Hashanah preparation that you can get.

By considering all the good I did in a year, I am reminded of my capacity to make the right choices, and it provides hope that I can do even more good in the year ahead. Perhaps one day the "mitzvah list" will look longer than the regret list, but I don't believe God expects perfection. Think about the wisdom of the fact that the one major mitzvah (commandment, not "good deed") for Rosh Hashanah is to hear the shofar. The shofar is our spiritual wake-up call. It would not be required every year if we were expected to have lived flawlessly.

I challenge everyone to make a list of all the good you did this year, even if it's something you only did one time and fell short every other time the situation presented itself. That is the point of this prayer, to remind us that if we were able to avoid, for example, contributing to gossip during one conversation, then we have the capacity to make that same good choice again. I'll give you a few sample ideas. Remember, even if I only made the right choice once, it counts!

For the mitzvah I performed by happily donating money to a friend's race.

For the mitzvah I performed by consciously focusing on someone's positive traits even when I was angry, or at least not exaggerating the incident that made me mad.

For the mitzvah I performed by not passing on information that was not mine to share.

For the mitzvah I performed by admitting to my spouse or my children that I was wrong.

For the mitzvah I performed by graciously hosting friends for Shabbat.

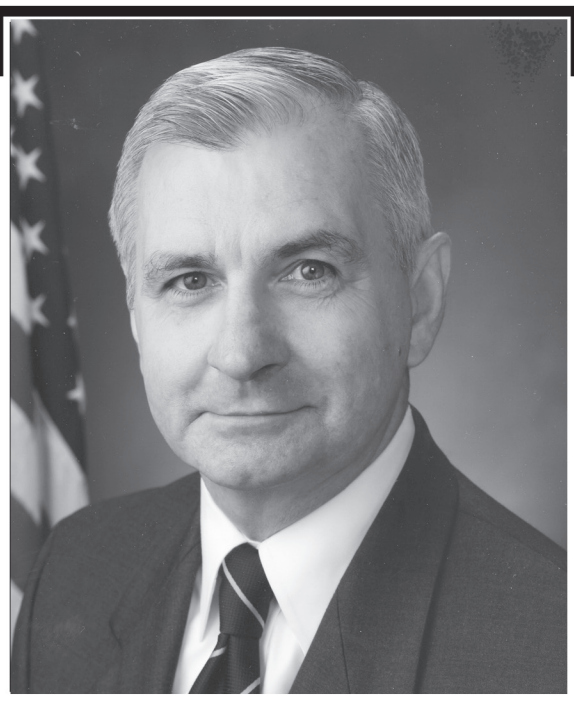
For the mitzvah I performed by introducing friends to each other and introducing professional contacts to each other rather than hoarding the people in my life.

For the mitzvah I performed by remembering not to "reply all," thereby avoiding wasting everyone's time.

For the mitzvah I performed by donating my time even when I would rather be watching something on Netflix.

To repeat Rabbi Telushkin's concluding line, "For all these things, God, please remember and inspire us to do more acts like these in the year ahead."

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Adults have also benefited from his training. He has trained five separate groups of five to eight people in adult B'nai Mitzvah classes. His sixth adult B'nai Mitzvah class will begin in November. Schudrich teaches in Tifereth Israel's Bernard Ziskind School of Judaism and has taught many adult education classes.

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Here's how to turn 'epic fails' into fresh starts

BY ELANA ZELONY

RICHARDSON, Texas (JTA) – Urbandictionary.com is an open-source site where the average citizen contributes definitions to new and old words and slang. As the High Holy Days approach, I've been contemplating the phrase "epic fail." According to one entry on Urbandictionary.com, epic fail means "complete and total failure when success should have been reasonably easy to attain."

"Epic fail" defines most of the sins I contemplate during the High Holy Days. I should have been able to succeed, but I didn't because I'm human and I have weaknesses. I spend the period that begins with the Hebrew month of *Elul* and culminates with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur thinking of the many times when I easily could have been more kind, patient and optimistic.

It's not that I'm incapable of those behaviors; I have a normal psyche and can be a good person. However, as a human I failed to be my best self during the past year on numerous occasions.

I know I'm not alone in my epic fail. Look at the stories we're told about the Jewish people in the Torah.

The epic fail of the Jewish people was worshipping the Golden Calf, and the epic fail of Moses was smashing the Ten Commandments carved with God's own finger. All the people had to do was wait until Moses returned with God's law, but they panicked during their leader's absence and sought security in a golden image. All Moses had to do was reprimand the people. Instead he flies into a rage and smashes the holy tablets. They were capable of doing better.

Here's the good news. *Elul*, the month leading up to the High Holy Days, is one of contemplation. According to the midrash, on the first day of *Elul* Moses began carving a second set of tablets with his own hands. Carving the second set of tablets is about starting over again after failure.

The High Holy Days cycle demands that we examine the ways we have failed, but it also gives us the strength to start anew. On the first of *Elul* (Sept. 4 this year), we begin re-carving our own smashed tablets. It's hard work to hew meaning out of stone, but the effort leads to renewed relationship and hope for the future.

Some choose to gather in small groups before the holidays, using the time to spiritually prepare. Find out if your local synagogues offer *Elul* classes. If a class isn't possible, check out websites to help with your preparation for the High Holy Days during *Elul*, including Jewels of *Elul* and Ritual Well.

On Rosh Hashanah, if I see the blisters on my friends and family's hands, I'll point to my own. We'll nod knowingly and smile at one another. We'll affirm the hard work that went into re-carving ourselves. Together, we'll celebrate the new year as an opportunity to start over again.

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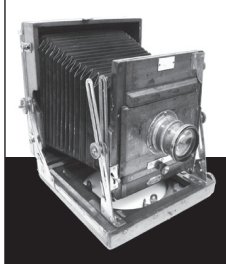
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Krakow march recalls centuries-old Jewish presence

WARSAW, Poland (JTA) Hundreds marched through the streets of Krakow to commemorate the centuries-old Jewish presence in the city in an event organized by local Christian organizations.

Marchers waved Polish and Israeli flags at the "memory march" held Sept. 11. Among those on hand was the Krakow bishop, Grzegorz Rys.

The aim of the march was reconciliation between Poles and Jews, and to stand in opposition to anti-Semitism.

"Many of my colleagues from other countries would like to be in my place," Anna Azari, Israel's ambassador to Poland, said at the event. "They also have marches, but anti-Semitic ones."

Zdzislaw Mach, a professor at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, said at the start of the march: "There is no Krakow without its minorities, there is no Krakow without Jews. There is also no Jagiellonian University without Jews."

The honorary patron of the event was the mayor of Krakow, Jacek Majchrowski.

More than 60,000 Jews lived in Kralow before World War II, most in the Kazimierz district, where today there are seven synagogues that survived the war. The ghetto existed in Krakow from 1941 until 1943.

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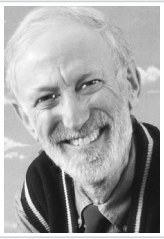
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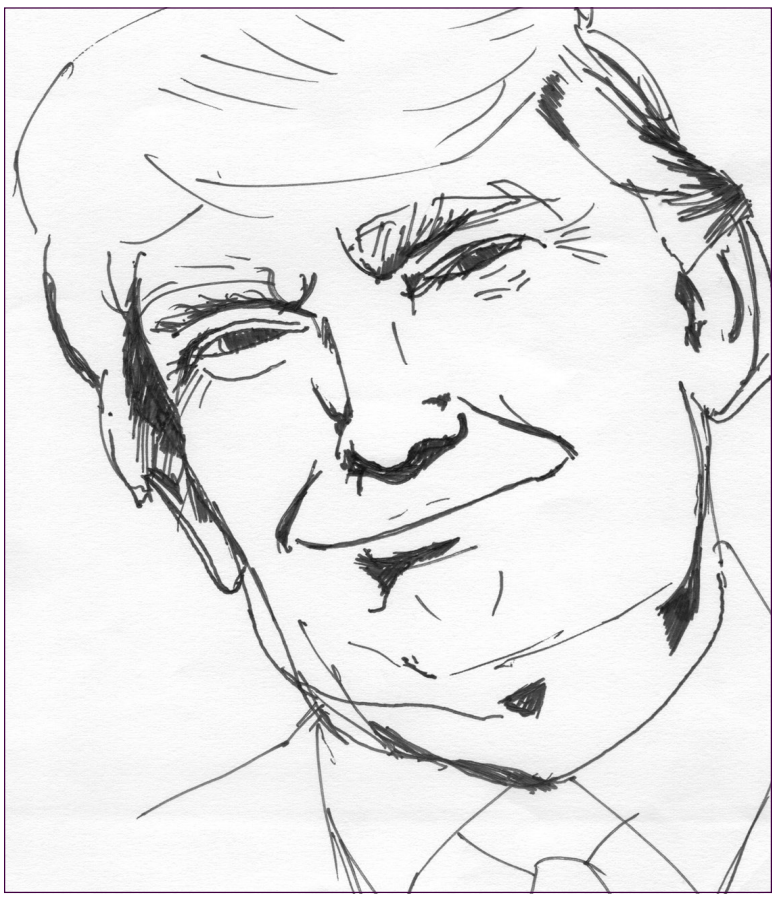
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MIKE FINK

In my boyhood, we had summer retreats that came with books, which I kept. I even found some in our current house in South County, which I may peruse.

There's a Winston Dictionary, published in 1940, that I still use regularly, and a "What's in a Name" paperback I refer to when I study someone's family name and given name. This is a long introduction to my comments on the man in the sketch accompanying this column, which was drawn by Brendan Gallogly, an East Side neighbor and former classmate of my son. Gallogly's paternal clan are loyal and enthusiastic Democrats, but my last-born doesn't mind my perhaps perverse love of the spirit of contradiction ... so here is my analysis of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

A "trump," according to that dictionary I grew up with, means "an admirable fellow, a person always to be depended upon." And "Donald," in my first-name guide, means "world mighty," and "world ruler." Loreina Rule, the editor of "What's in a Name," cites the reassuring father figure in the old MGM movies featuring contented clans: Donald Crisp (remember him?), the very model of the popular parental personality.



Now, from a Jewish viewpoint, your name, as longtime Temple Beth-El Rabbi William Braude used to say, contains meaning, destiny, symbolic value. I know, I know, the press and the populace have decided otherwise about the character of the celebrity illustrated here.

But I bring up the illustrious meaning of his names for two, or more, reasons. One is, his address to AIPAC, in which he forcefully defended the state of Israel and repudiated its, her, our, foes and threatening enemies. The other is, here in Rhode Island, which is so overwhelmingly on the other side of the choice between donkeys and elephants, I am daring to say something positive about her rival.

In 1948, I was in junior high school, and I wrote a column in the Bishop Bugle about Harry Truman. I had taken a trolley downtown to see this president. It was the year of the rebirth of the state of Israel, and the Democratic president had received Chaim Weizmann in the Oval Office and signed and sealed U.S. support for the Jewish nation.

"You were put into your mother's womb for that autograph," his guest told Truman.

Like my peers and elders, I was therefore a loyal, liberal Democrat throughout my boyhood. The right wing had been isolationist, protective of bigots and racists.

But politics, like personal evolution, has its twists and turns. Now, perhaps strangely, anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism come from the liberal left, while belief in the noble nature of Zion stems from the radical right!

Of course, I have more than one issue upon which I will base my vote. The other would be my friends, the free and noble creatures of the wilderness. No, I'm not being facetious here. And, after all, it was a Republican, Teddy Roosevelt, who stressed the importance of the environment, the value of protected wilderness parks.

As an English teacher, I found the trite and clichéd rhetoric of both national conventions pretentious and platitudinous. At the very least, Donald Trump had a certain flair. His amiable association with Russia resembled, for me, FDR's patience with Stalin!

My best professor at Yale was the scholar and poet Cleanth Brooks. He would analyze a difficult poem, in search of ironies, ambiguities, the virtues of verse. He would drawl in his Southern accent, "On the other hand ..." and I would write that down and use it for my own purposes on my penny postcards to friends. I guess that's the basic reason I am offering my take on the controversial figure named Donald Trump.

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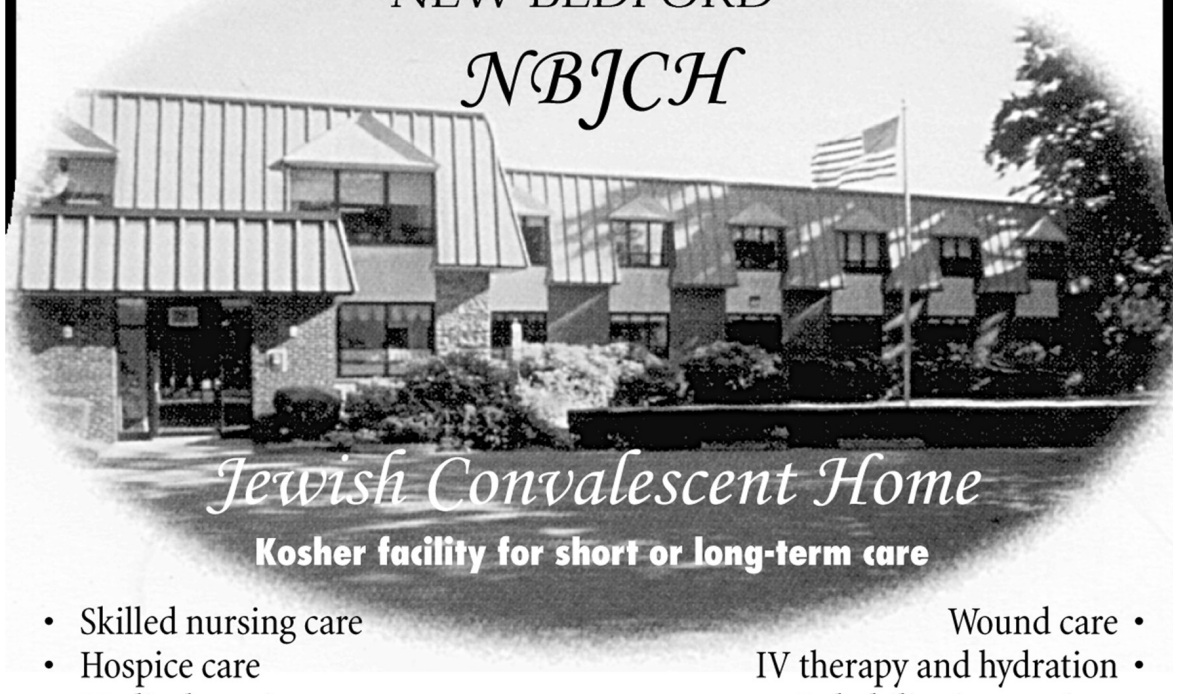
Cranston Seniors schedule activities

Cranston Senior Guild's next meeting is Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at Tamarisk Assisted Living, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. J. Ferguson, aka BIG J. Slick, will entertain with music and songs. There will be a short meeting, refreshments and a raffle. All men and women age 55 years plus are welcome to join. Cranston residency is not required.

A bus trip to Foxwoods is Nov. 9. The cost is $23 per person and includes bus, buffet or $10 food coupon to any restaurant at the casino, and $10 bonus slot play.

The bus makes two pickups, 9 a.m. at the Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, and 9:15 a.m. at the R.I. Mall near Sears Auto Center. The bus departs Foxwoods at 3:15 p.m. Payment must be received by Oct. 25. For more information call Sunny at 401-785-0748.

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Shirley Factoroff, 95

WARWICK, R.I. – Shirley Factoroff died Sept. 5 at Brentwood Nursing Home surrounded by her family. She was the wife of the late Allick Factoroff. Born and raised in Bristol, a daughter of the late David and Dora (Rubchinsky) Myerson, she was a lifelong resident of Warwick.

She was a payroll clerk for the City of Warwick for 25 years, retiring in 1980. After retirement, she worked at Toys "R" Us in Warwick for 15 years. She was active in the Warwick Senior Group and loved playing Bingo. She was an avid volunteer in the Warwick community.

Devoted mother of Nancy DeCosta and her husband, Frank Jr., of Warwick. Sister of the late Miriam Hoffman and Betty Gollub. Grandmother of Mathew, Sara and Frank III. Great-grandmother of Zachary, Nicholas, Kiley, Connor, Cameron and Sydney. Aunt to several nieces and nephews.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Hope, Hospice & Palliative Care, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, R.I. 02904.

Willy Falk, 88

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Willy Falk died Sept. 1. He was the husband of Violette (Barouk) Falk. Born in Cairo, Egypt, the son of the late Ferdinand and Helen (Gershon) Falk, he had been a resident of Rhode Island for 50 years.

A graduate of Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and the Paris Medical School, he completed his residency at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Jacobi Hospital. He was a pathologist at the former Union Hospital in Fall River and for many years at Women & Infants Hospital in Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Dr. Lisa Falk of Boca Raton, Fla.; his grandchildren Alexa and Samantha; and his cousins Pearly Levine, Jenny Cyker and Viviane Goldstein of Palm Beach, Fla. He was the brother of the late Viviane Lagnado and Rosie Falk.

Contributions in his memory may be made to The Miriam Hospital, 164 Summit Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Neil Marc Greenfeld, 58

KEY WEST, FLA. – Neil Marc Greenfeld of Key West, Fla., and Cranston died Sept. 2 after a vehicle accident in Key West.



Born March 1, 1958, to the late Harold and Sylvia (Kadsivitz) Greenfeld, Neil graduated from Cranston High East and then learned the building trade from his father. He is survived by many who loved him dearly: his sister Cheryl (Greenfeld) Teverow (Jim Krupanski); adored nieces Erica (Teverow) Osattin (Eric) and Jill Teverow; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and "surrogate daughters"; his Monday night card group; his close friend and neighbor; the Blue Knights Motorcycle Group, where he was a proud member; many dear friends from high school; and the friends he made in the last five years while pursuing his true passion of living on his boat in Key West.

He also loved having a great-nephew. Neil had the ability to remain good friends with everyone whom his life touched. Always a smile on his face, he enjoyed his life fully. After a number of good friends died young, Neil's motto became Live4Today, and he truly did.

Donations in his memory may be made to any of the following: The Blue Knights Charity Fund, The Sylvia and Harold Greenfeld Family Fund at the Jewish Federation Foundation, and the Harold Greenfeld Memorial Fund-URI Foundation.

Raisa Kerdman, 97

NORTH PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Raisa Kerdman died July 28. Born in Ukraine, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Faina (Lozovaya) Kerdman. She immigrated to the United States in 1991. She was an ophthalmologist and a professor at the medical school in Ukraine for 50 years. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El.



She is survived by her nieces, Faina Yerukhimovich and her husband Boris, and Ludmila Luskin and her husband Vitaly; three grand nephews and six great-grand nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Eugene and Leah.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Emanu-El.

Sadie Muffs, 98

WARWICK, R.I. – Sadie Muffs died Sept. 8 at Kent Hospital. She was the wife of the late Raymond Muffs. Born in Putnam, Conn., a daughter of the late Isadore and Gertrude (Zultowsky) Spiegalman, she had lived in Warwick for six years, previously living in Providence.

She attended nursing school in New York City. She was an active member of the former Temple Beth David, as a member of its Sisterhood, Motherhood, and School Board. She was also a life member of Hadassah.

She was the mother of Dr. Michael Muffs and his wife, Lauren, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and the late Iris Muffs Goldfinger and her husband, Michael, of Rockville, Md. Sister of Sally Carver of Warwick and the late David Spiegalman. Grandmother of Amy, Larry, Sheryl and Marilyn. Cherished great-grandmother of Rachel, Hava, Ezra and Anderson.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, Mass., 02284.

Stanley A. Revzin, 92

CANTON, MASS. – Stanley A. Revzin died Sept. 2. He was the husband of Marcia (Korsun) Revzin. He was born in New York City, the son of the late Boris and Fannie (Ellinoff) Revzin.



He served in the Army during WWII as a first lieutenant, and received a Bronze Star Medal. He was the founder and president of Bristol Electronics, Inc., in New Bedford. He was a past master of the Wamsutta Masonic Lodge and Shriners. He was a past commander of the New Bedford Jewish War Veterans, and a board member of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons Bruce Revzin and his wife Robin of Needham, Mass., and Marc Revzin and his friend Karen of Brookline, Mass.; and grandchildren Aaron and Rebecca. He was the brother of the late Meyer and Alfred Revzin and brother-in-law of Donald Korsun.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home or the charity of your choice.

ASK THE DIRECTOR

BY MICHAEL D. SMITH F.D./R.E.
Shalom Memorial Chapel

Today's question is one that is most frequently asked by children: Will mom or dad die, or will I die, too?

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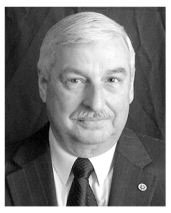
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Keeping connected through Connected Living

BY ANGELA HEBERT

This year's National Assisted Living Week runs from Sept. 11-17, and the theme is "Keep Connected." It's a fitting choice, as helping seniors forge new connections and maintain those that already exist is a crucial element of high-quality senior care. Providers across the country are investing in programs that encourage residents to stay connected, making for happier and healthier seniors.

The theme recognizes the increasing opportunity to use technology to better the lives of seniors and the pivotal role it can play in keeping them connected. Not only do tools like Skype and Facebook make it easier than ever for seniors to maintain connections with friends and family members, apps and programs can be used to connect residents with their memories and with one another through shared experience.

One such tool is Connected Living, a national company based in Massachusetts that offers a range of technology-based solutions to promote social connection. These provide one point of entry for seniors to share photos, see events in their locale, communicate with one another and more. For several years, the Wingate community has partnered with Connected Living to offer residents a web-based communication platform, as well as a range of interactive programs that use technology to reinvigorate seniors' lived experiences.

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Multimedia discussion groups led by one of their ambassadors provide an avenue for residents to learn about the technology they're using to connect with family members and friends, as well as a way to engage with their community. The groups link participants, allowing them to forge bonds with one another out of shared memories and passions. But they also empower residents to rediscover their own memories and to connect with the past.

When we think of connection, we often think of the relationships we have with one another, and there's no doubt these are important. But maintaining a relationship with ourselves is what makes programs like these invaluable. Stimulating memory recall helps reinforce our sense of self and improve cognitive function by strengthening neural pathways.

For example, we recently hosted presentations on the Golden Age of Radio and the smash hit musical "Oklahoma!" Our residents relished the connections they made, because hearing a refrain from "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" may remind them of the first time they saw "Oklahoma!" in a theater. To hear an old-style radio show evokes the joy they felt listening to the radio with their family after dinner, or helps them to remember their favorite show.

We're proud to observe National Assisted Living Week and to help our residents 'keep connected' – with their friends, their families, their communities and, perhaps above all else, with themselves.

ANGELA HEBERT is the campus administrator at Wingate Residences on Blackstone Boulevard.

Maud Mandel explains Muslim-Jewish conflict in France

Brown dean speaks at LLC brown bag lunch

Dr. Maud Mandel, dean of the college and professor of history and Judaic studies at Brown University, will speak on "Understanding the Muslim-Jewish Conflict in France: A Historical Overview" for the Lifelong Learning Collaborative brown bag lunch on Sept. 29 from noon to 1 p.m.

Mandel's talk will center on the conflict that has long shadowed Muslim-Jewish relations in France. Although anti-Semitic violence began capturing international attention in 2000, Muslim-Jewish tensions were, in fact, the subject of commentary much earlier in the century, when a diverse range of social actors, including international Jewish representatives, anti-Zionist Algerian nationalists, French police and Jewish and Muslim student activists, began to fear that Middle Eastern conflict was coming to France.

She will argue, however, that focusing solely on the Middle East in an effort to understand Muslim-Jewish politics in France misses key aspects of the story. While global developments created fault lines around which activists began to mobilize, the nature of that mobilization, the political rhetoric employed and the success – or lack thereof – of their appeal emerged from French political transformations. Furthermore, as a reductionist-charged narrative of polarization took hold, it often obscured a more complex inter-ethnic reality.

Mandel is the author of "In the Aftermath of Genocide: Armenians and Jews in Twentieth Century France" (Duke University Press, 2003) and "Muslims and Jews in France: History of Conflict" (Princeton University Press, 2014) and co-editor, with Ethan Katz and Lisa Leff, of the forthcoming "Colonialism and the Jews" (Indiana University Press, 2017). She has been awarded fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies and the American Philosophical Society. Her most recent article "Simone Weil: A Jewish Thinker?" will be published in the volume "Thinking Jewish Modernity" (Princeton University Press 2016).

The program takes place at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Registration is not required and admission is free. Participants are asked to observe Jewish dietary laws if bringing a lunch.


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Be aware: Top scams in August

BY THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

THE Better Business Bureau (BBB) has compiled the top scams affecting Eastern Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont in August. BBB's Scam Tracker reported an abundance of tax/debt collection and tech support scams circulating the service area.

Last month in Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the most prevalent scam was debt/tax collection.

Consumers reported receiving calls from scammers claiming to be the U.S. Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service and the legal department of the IRS.

One consumer reported that he was told that if he didn't contact the scammer, then he would be taken to court for a federal offense. Another consumer reported "that the IRS has named [them] in a criminal lawsuit and provided the case number."

In many reports, scammers claiming to be collecting taxes threaten lawsuits, arrests and jail time if immediate payment is not received. BBB advises consumers to never wire money or send prepaid debit cards to scammers claiming to be from the IRS. Call the IRS at 800-366-4484 to determine if the caller is legitimate.

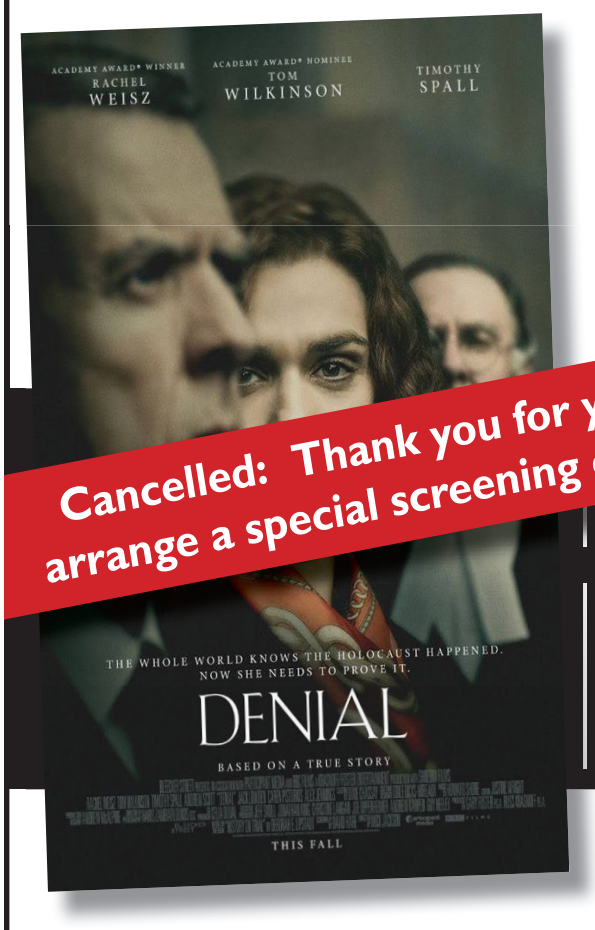
Last month in Maine and Vermont, the most prevalent scam was tech support. Consumers reported receiving calls from scammers claiming to be from Microsoft, Dell Tech Support, and computer security businesses.

One consumer reported that the scammer told him that his computer was interfering with the modems at Microsoft and needed to be cleaned out. Then, the scammer requested access to the consumer's computer. Another consumer reported that the caller said "my computer is sending 'alerts' and wants to remote into [the] computer to fix the security problem."

BBB urges consumers who receive unsolicited calls from someone offering help with computer issues to hang up the phone and do not give remote access. Consumers should be sure their anti-virus protection is up-to-date.

BBB's Scam Tracker is free for consumers and businesses. Stay up-to-date on the latest scams in your area by visiting bbb.org/scamtracker/boston.

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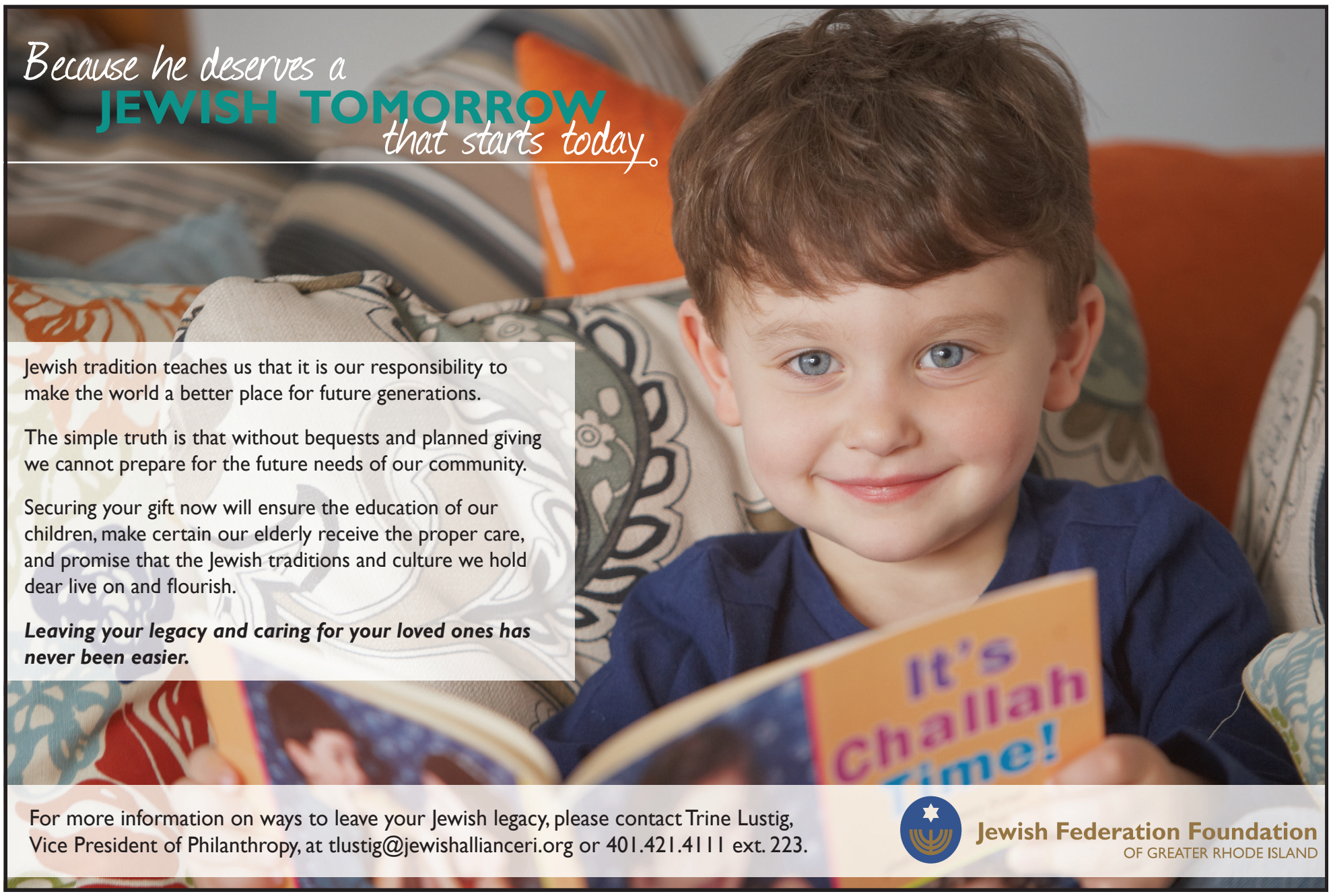
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Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser with Paul Medici and Christine Tate.

Congregants hear about the human cost of raising bus fares

BY EMILY JONES

CRANSTON – Speaking at Shabbat services at Temple Sinai, Christine Tate worried aloud: "I hardly make it through the month and now they want us to start paying for the bus. I'm not going to be able to do so."

The Sept. 9 service at the Cranston temple featured two special guests: Paul Medici and Christine Tate, citizen-activists and part of the social service group the R.I. Organizing Project. They oppose ending no-fare bus passes for low-income senior citizens and people with disabilities.

About 14,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities rely on the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's Senior/Disabled No-Fare Bus Pass for basic transportation. The RIPTA program was set to end this past July, replaced with fares of $1 a ride and 50 cents per transfer, but a loud public outcry managed to stave off the increase.

The no-fare bus pass was extended for an additional six months, through December, with $900,000 included in the state budget to cover the cost. However, beginning in January, the fare is scheduled to increase to 50 cents a ride and 25 cents for a transfer.

Temple Sinai's Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser serves on the steering committee for the Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. He has long been a champion of the no-fare bus pass. Goldwasser was one of the many people to speak out last fall at public hearings on the fare hike held across the state.

While $1 or 50 cents may not seem like a lot of money, Goldwasser said many riders make multiple trips every day, so the cost adds up quickly.

While introducing Medici and Tate, Goldwasser reminded his congregation of the many seniors who gather for the Kosher Senior Cafe lunch program at the synagogue Monday through Friday.

"Many come to find connections and break the isolation that some seniors sometimes feel in their communities. Others come because they're hungry and need the meal," Goldwasser told the congregation. Whether for social connections, food, or both, affordable transportation is vital for low-income seniors and people with disabilities, he said.

Paul told the congregants a bit of his story: "I worked and drove most of my life until I got sick. Now, the pass allows me to volunteer three days per week as well as pick up medicines at the pharmacy, see family and friends, and remain an active member of society.

"If I were charged to ride the bus on my limited income, I could do almost none of these things."

Tate, who is 63, said she worked from age 14 to age 59. She was a nurse for 30 years, before getting injured, requiring two back surgeries and a hip replacement. After this, she went into cooking for nine years, but eventually her doctor said she was unable to work at all. For the past four years, she's relied on a very limited income from Social Security Disability Insurance.

Tate worries that if she loses the no-fare bus pass and has to stay at home, she's at risk of depression. She said, "If we have to pay for the buses, I will not be able to go to the market. I have food stamps, but no money for the bus, so I will have to go to the corner store, where prices are higher and the food stamps will go faster – that means more hunger because the food stamps will not last as long."

Goldwasser urged the 30 to 40 congregants gathered for Shabbat to do more than just listen and then go about their business.

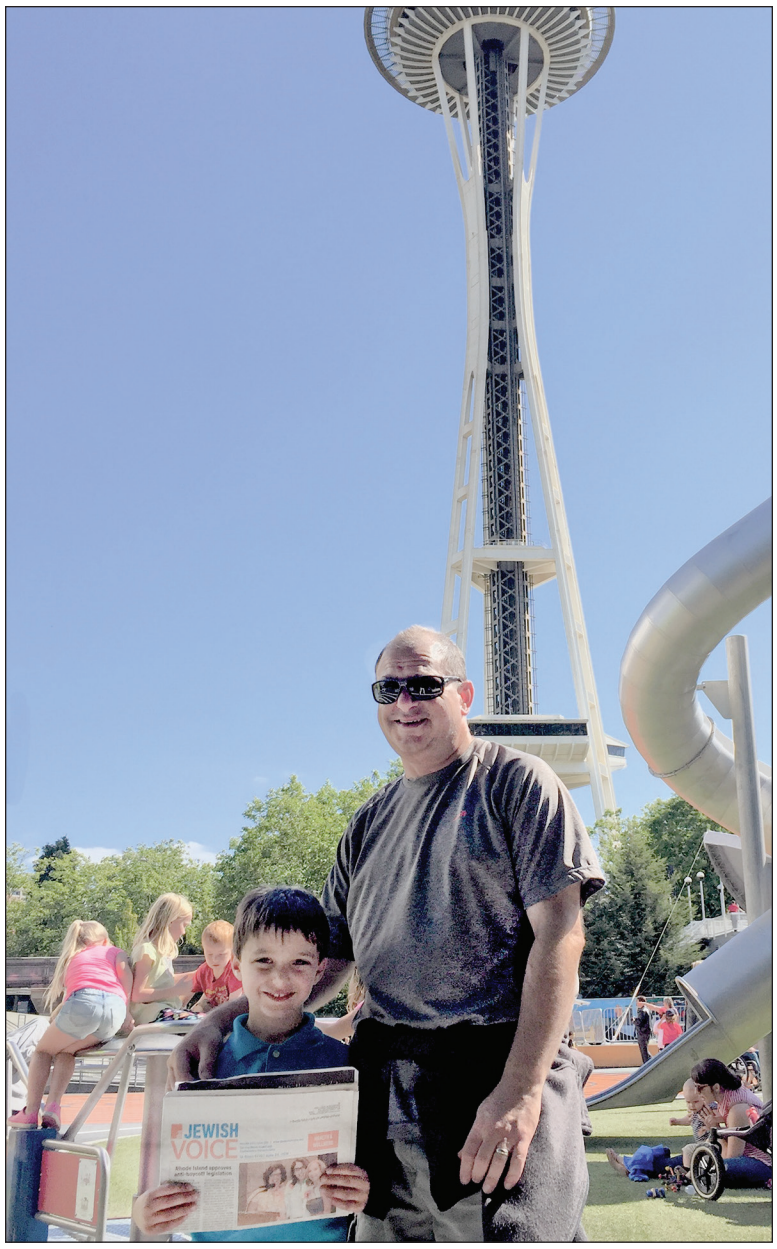
"It's not just about these two wonderful speakers," he said, "it's about working for *tzedakah*, for justice, for becoming the kind of state that we want to be."

EMILY JONES is interfaith coordinator at the R.I. Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty.

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WE ARE READ IN SEATTLE – Ryan Golditch of Cranston with his father, Jason Golditch (Mom, Lynda, was taking the picture), in front of the Seattle Space Needle in Washington this summer.



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Summer sojourn

The 14 women from Providence who went on the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project Momentum trip to Israel July 11-19 take a moment for a photo in front of the Aish building in Jerusalem. They spent eight days meeting women from around the country and learning about different ways to bring Judaism into their homes and families.

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CONGRATULATIONS – Paula and Marty Waldman, of Providence, renewed their wedding vows for the third time on June 18, at the Marriott Hotel. Guests from Florida, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts attended the celebration. The Waldmans have four children and four grandchildren. Marty retired on Aug. 12 from Benny's after 57 years of service.



CONGRATULATIONS – Michelle Cassandra Golden was chosen "Alumni of the Month" for September by Hofstra University. A 2011 graduate with a B.A. in broadcast journalism, Golden started her career in Albany, New York, as a communications specialist for a statewide anti-hunger organization called Hunger Solutions of New York. There, she spent three years working in public relations, marketing and social media.

In 2014 she joined the New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs, as a media specialist. In 2015 she was promoted to deputy director of the Medicaid redesign team project management office. In this role, she is responsible for the oversight and project management of over 350 initiatives relating to the redesign of New York's Medicaid program.

Golden is the daughter of Robyn Hohenemser-Golden and Jeffrey Golden of Cranston and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Hohenemser of Providence.

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MAZAL TOV – Livia Adler-Maranhao celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Sept. 4 at Temple Beth David in Narragansett. Livia is the daughter of Jason Maranhao and Dori Adler and sister to Brayden. Her grandfather, Rabbi Ethan Adler, officiated at the service. Livia is the granddaughter of Ethan and Lorrie Adler, the late Wendy Adler and Ronald and Jean Maranhao. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Edward and Gertrude Adler and the late Samuel and Lillian Osterman.

Livia's Bat Mitzvah *tzedakah* project was called "Liv For A CAWS." She raised more than $700 by selling dog treats and saving money for a year. She donated the money to CAWS – Companion Animal Welfare Society – to pay for a dog surgery and purchase much needed clinic supplies. She graduated from The Cohen Religious School at Temple Torat Yisrael and was the recipient of the Wendy B. Adler award.



WE ARE READ IN AMSTERDAM – Arlene and Ed Bochner of Warwick visited Amsterdam in April. The Anne Frank house was one of the highlights of their trip. They then continued on a river cruise along the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland.

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