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My Only Passover Tradition: Not Having One

By Abby Seitz

(Alma via JTA) – My family doesn’t have a seder. I have zero memories of shoving my brother out of the way for the afikomen. I asked a lot of questions as a kid, but none of them were “Why is this night different than all the other nights?”

My Jewish upbringing was nonexistent. I never envied others who had a bat mitzvah or a giant family seder - I had no idea what I was missing. I first stumbled into a synagogue at 15, when I went with family friends for Rosh Hashanah services. I was totally moved by the traditions, the community and the liturgy.

But I lived an hour from the synagogue, so incorporating Jewish holidays and rituals into my life would have to wait until I was in college.

As soon as I arrived at college, I searched for the Jewish community I didn’t have as a child. I found a few - Hillel, a traditional Conservative synagogue and a post-denominational community led by a rabbi who, looking back on it, reminds me a lot of Rabbi Raquel from “Transparent.” All had communal services and celebrations throughout the Jewish calendar - until Passover. That was the holiday when everybody went home.

I panicked until one of my friends was kind enough to invite me home with her; I spent my first real Passover in Columbus, Ohio, with Monica and 30 of her family members. I was intimidated - I was in a room with dozens of people who had been breaking matzah together for years and I had never seen a seder plate in my life.

I pretended like I knew what I was doing, stumbling through the Haggadah and inaugurating my first Passover tradition: not having one.

The Haggadah says, “Anyone who is famished should come and eat, anyone who is in need should come and partake,” encouraging families to leave a seat or two open for those who don’t have plans or aren’t able to host their own seder.

Thanks to the hospitality and graciousness of strangers, I haven’t done the same thing for Passover twice. Every year, I find myself at a random table taking on new customs for the night.

At Monica's, I took part in their tradition of cooking fresh matzah buttercrunch hours before dinner started. I learned about incorporating veganism into the seder at Evan’s, where his family substituted an avocado for the egg on the seder plate.

Merav’s family each used their own Haggadah and sang the most beautiful tunes throughout the night. At a community seder we discussed feminism and modern-day slavery as we poured a special cup for Miriam and indulged in fair-trade chocolate.

This year, I will be embarking on a three-day Passover retreat that has promised me a weekend of matzah, meditation and a low-ropes course.

Not knowing where I’ll be for Passover can be stressful, and I always worry that I’m imposing by relying on others to host and feed me. However, as the great Drake once said, YOLO. I’m 21, still exploring my Jewish identity, and I don’t feel obligated to follow a single custom. By switching it up each year, I’ve had the opportunity to see the many ways one can be Jewish. Trying on different traditions gets me thinking about how I can host my own seders down the road and save a seat for another curious and college-aged gal looking to diversify her own Jewish practice.

For a lot of people, Passover is about family. While I wish my family came together every spring to feast and retell the story of the Exodus, making new friends and embracing new traditions each year is just as liberating.
New Zealand Jews ‘Sickened’ by Mosque Shootings That Killed 50

By Cnaan Lipshiz

(JTA) — Jewish groups from New Zealand and beyond expressed their horror at the slaying of at least 50 people at two mosques in Christchurch in March.

The New Zealand Jewish Council is “sickened and devastated” by the attacks, in which at least one armed individual killed dozens of people by shooting them at close distance with a semi-automatic rifle. Footage of the carnage, which the killer filmed and streamed live, shows victims huddling and moaning as the killer fires into the crowd.

“We offer our full assistance and support to the Muslim community and stand united with it against the scourge of terrorism and racism, which we must do all we can to banish from New Zealand,” Stephen Goodman, the president of The New Zealand Jewish Council told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Statements of support also came from the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand, the Rabbinical Council of Australia and New Zealand and other leading organizations in New Zealand.

World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder expressed “horror and revulsion” at the attacks in a statement.

Brenton Tarrant, a 28-year-old fitness trainer from Australia, was charged with murder in connection with the shootings. He had in the past described himself as a “regular white man, from a regular family.”

Two other men and one woman are also in custody.

Police also found multiple explosive devices in a car belonging to one of the suspects, the BBC reported.

The attack, which came around the time people were attending the mosques for Friday prayers, was the deadliest in the nation’s history.

U.S. politicians on Twitter drew comparisons between the mosque massacre and last October’s deadly shooting at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, where 11 people were killed by a gunman who had ranted against Jews and immigration.

“Charleston, Pittsburgh, and now Christchurch,” tweeted Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. “Everyone should have the right to worship without fear, and an attack on a place of worship is terrorism.

The Islamic Society of Greater Youngstown held a vigil to share messages of love, compassion, and solidarity with the loved ones of those killed or injured in the New Zealand attacks. Members of the local Jewish community stood with them united against hate. Richard Marlin, Federation president, spoke at the event.

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Rodef Sholom

A Second Exodus

Rabbi’s Message
Rabbi Franklin Muller
Congregation Rodef Sholom

This month we celebrate the grand feast and festival of Passover (first night Seder is Friday, April 19). The celebration of our freedom from slavery is the most widely observed holiday of the Jewish calendar year. Did you know that the Israelites’ escape from bondage in Egypt, which took place some 3 1/2 millennia ago, was not the only exodus of our people from that land? There was actually a second Jewish exodus from Egypt which took place within the last century.

I read about it recently in a very interesting article from the Wall Street Journal, entitled, “Preserving the Traces of Egypt’s Lost Jews,” by Lucette Lagnado. This second Jewish exodus began in 1948, the year of Israel’s creation as a modern state, when the Jews living in Egypt started departing in droves. In the first half of the 20th century, the country was home to some 80,000 Jews, who dwelled alongside Christians and Muslims in a flourishing, multicultural society. It was the “golden age,” when Cairo was a diverse, world-class city, which boasted grand cafés, cinemas and department stores, many of which were Jewish-owned.

That changed very quickly after David Ben-Gurion proclaimed Israel’s independence from British rule on May 14, 1948. There was much rage that many Egyptians felt over the establishment of the fledgling Jewish state, so much so that the Jews who had resided there for so long no longer felt safe living there. So, like their ancient ancestors, they packed up whatever belongings they could take with them and fled. After declaring that Egypt was for Arabs and not Jews, the government of Gamal Abdel Nasser introduced new edicts starting in 1948 that created extreme financial hardship for our people, which helped fuel their departure, along with darker fears of persecution. Today there are fewer than a dozen Jews living in Egypt, with only four in Cairo. To be sure, the anti-Semitism that Egyptian authorities allowed and perpetrated over decades is far from gone, but after years of hostility, estrangement and war, many Muslim citizens now want to reconnect with their country’s history of tolerance, acceptance and embracing of the Jews. Also, one of the last Jewish survivors is spearheading an effort to restore and preserve Jewish institutions throughout Cairo, including day schools, synagogues and the city’s only Jewish cemetery, which have suffered from extreme neglect and deterioration.

So all hope is not lost for the redemption of Jewish Cairo, if not in actual numbers of people returning to Egypt, at least in terms of embracing the Jewish past and no longer shunning it.

Darlene joins me in wishing all of you a very happy, a very zissen Pesach.

Rodef Sholom Events

April 6
9 a.m., Tot Shabbat

April 12
6 p.m., Simchat Shabbat Service and Family Dinner

April 19
6 p.m., First Night of Passover Congregational Dinner

April 26
10 a.m., Yizkor Memorial Service
6 p.m., Shabbat Service
El Emeth Sisterhood Bakes for Purim

El Emeth Sisterhood spent a morning baking more than 900 hamantashen for the community Purim event, the Purim carnival, and for use at the Synagogue. Pictured on the left is Paula Ferguson taking a tray of freshly baked hamantashen out of the oven. On the right is Phyllis Friedman (left) and Lori Mirkin cutting and filling hamantashen.

Temple El Emeth Events

April 2
Temple El Emeth Sisterhood Donor Luncheon - at the Synagogue. An open board meeting will begin at 10:45 a.m. Appetizers will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon beginning at noon. Daniel Shapiro will provide entertainment and Naomi Fine will be honored for her many years as catering chair of the Temple. To attend, you must be a $25 donor, including guests. Invitations have been sent to members’ homes and reservations are due in to the Synagogue office by March 28.

April 3
Jewish Christian Dialogue - at the Temple. Refreshments are served at 12:30 p.m. with the lecture beginning at 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Paul Anderson from Poland Presbyterian Church, who will speak on “How Presbyterians Approach Disbelief.”

April 4 and 5
The Liberty Food Pantry at Churchill United Methodist Church needs volunteers for the April food distribution. Setup is Thursday evening, April 4, from 7 to 8 p.m. and distribution takes place Friday morning, April 5, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. To volunteer, please call the El Emeth office at 330.759.1429 and we will pass you name on to the pantry chairs.

April 6
A Birthday Service and Kiddush Luncheon - Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m. with lunch following. We will celebrate April birthdays. Please call the office to RSVP.

April 20
El Emeth’s 11th Annual Second Seder is planned for Saturday evening, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Join your family and friends at a fun, interactive Seder followed by a traditional kosher for Passover catered dinner. Members and out-of-town guests are $25, associate and non-members are $35, children ages 7 to 12 are $15 and children under the age of 6 are free. Vegetarian meals are available upon request. Paid reservations are due in the Temple office by April 12 with no exceptions. Phone reservations cannot be accepted.

April 22
Shmoozing with Shmulik - at the Synagogue, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Join Sam Kooperman for some fun in Yiddish. Passover pastry will be served!

May 18
Sisterhood Shabbat - Saturday morning. Sisterhood members will lead the service and special guests will be Margie Miller, the national president of Women’s League; Fran Hildebrandt, the regional president; and Robin Lash, the program and education chair of the region. Sisterhood members who would like to have a part in the service are asked to call the Temple office.

Minyans are held daily at 5:45 p.m., including Saturday. Friday morning Minyan is held at 7 a.m. and Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Schonberger holds two classes on Shabbat. “The Prayer Book and Synagogue Skills” takes place following Shabbat morning services and “Psalm Day with Rabbi” following the 5:45 p.m. Minyan on Saturdays.
Happy Passover from

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CULTURAL ARTS

YSU Barbershop Chorus: “One Achord”

The JCC is happy to welcome back “One Achord”!
This 17-member acappella men’s chamber ensemble has been singing barbershop harmony since 2015. They have performed at a variety of local events and have also appeared on local TV stations WFMJ and WKBN.

Date: Thursday, April 11
Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Register by Monday, April 8
This event is free and light refreshments will be served.

SAVE THE DATE!

JCC of Youngstown
Dash and Splash
5k and Family Fun Run/Walk
Sunday, July 21, 2019

Happy Passover from

TEMPLE EL EMETH
Holocaust Education Important Part of Federation’s Work

A Message from Andy Lipkin
Federation Executive Vice-President

Holocaust education is a critical part of what the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation does. With reports like these, it’s easy to see why:

• A 2018 national study of Holocaust knowledge and awareness in the United States showed that 11 percent of U.S. adults and 22 percent of millennials haven’t heard or are not sure if they have heard of the Holocaust, and, while approximately six million Jews were exterminated in the Holocaust, nearly one-third of all Americans (31 percent) believe that two million Jews or fewer were killed during the Holocaust.

• A recent CNN poll in Europe revealed that about a third of the 7,000 European respondents across seven countries knew “just a little or nothing at all” about the Holocaust. In France, nearly 20 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 34 said they had never heard of the Holocaust.

• At the same time, anti-Semitic attacks are on the rise. The FBI reported a 37 percent spike in anti-Jewish hate crimes in 2017 compared to the previous year - the third year in a row that such attacks have increased.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Federation preserves the memory of the Holocaust each year through community programs and educational activities. These efforts are increasingly important.

There are a few programs coming up I want to be sure you know about.

Our Yom Hashoah events will happen in May. This year’s local theme is “Do Not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht,” in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the events, and as a reminder of the moral imperative to always speak out and take action against injustice and atrocities.

The 26th Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration event is set for Thursday, May 2 at noon in the rotunda of the Mahoning County Courthouse in Youngstown. The annual Shoah Memorial Ceremony will be held Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Michelle Best, an Austintown Middle School teacher, will speak at the May 2 event about the importance of introducing Holocaust-based themes and lessons in the classroom. Michelle is one of the teachers involved with the International Shared Reading Project. The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation partners with the Holocaust and Humanity Center in Cincinnati for this program that pairs schools in Ohio with schools in Israel. They read and discuss a work of literature related to the Holocaust via online discussion forums.

Also at the May 2 event, the winners of the JCRC’s annual student Holocaust writing and multimedia contest will be announced. There will also be the presentation of a proclamation by Youngstown Mayor Jamaal Tito Brown, as well as a memorial candlelighting ceremony to honor the six million who perished in the Holocaust.

The annual memorial ceremony on May 5 will feature Dr. Lauren Bairnsfather, director of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. A McKeesport, Pa. native, Bairnsfather’s career includes work at the photo archives office of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Spertus Museum in Chicago, and the Morton H. Meyerson Family Foundation in Dallas.

In addition, the program will include a presentation by Dr. Jacob Labendz, the Youngstown State University Clayman Assistant Professor of Judaic and Holocaust Studies. He will discuss an upcoming Slovak Holocaust exhibition sponsored by the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies. There will also be special musical presentations, a candlelighting ceremony, and participation by children and grandchildren of Survivors.

Also in May will be a presentation of Club Gelbe Stern. This musical, featuring Alexis Fishman, tells the story of Erika Stern, a fictional Jewish chanteuse living and performing in Berlin as the Nazis rise to power. “Club Gelbe Stern” is a cabaret within a one-act play, offering audiences a glimpse into what it may have been like for Jewish performers in the final days of the Weimar Republic.

These events are part of the Federation’s broader Holocaust education imperative. We have a Holocaust educational specialist on staff: Jesse McClain. He oversees the Schwartz Judaic and Holocaust Resource Center that houses the Federation’s extensive Holocaust educational resources.

Please be sure to attend the upcoming Holocaust-related programs. For more information, please contact Bonnie Deutsch Burdman at 330.746.3250 ext. 183.

Finally, as we approach the first Seder on April 19, I want to wish everyone a joyous Passover holiday.
Cynthia M. Deitle Keynote Speaker for Federation Annual Meeting

The 2019 Youngstown Area Jewish Federation annual meeting will be May 30 at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown. The keynote speaker will be Cynthia M. Deitle.

Deitle is the Matthew Shepard Foundation's programs and operations director. She oversees their hate crimes work, community outreach, and events. Prior to joining the Matthew Shepard Foundation in 2017, Cynthia was a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for more than 22 years, specializing in the fields of civil rights, community outreach, and victims’ assistance.

After entering on duty with the FBI in 1995, she spent ten years in the New York division. While there, Deitle served as the lead investigative agent for many high-profile police brutality investigations. Deitle also investigated a significant number of sensitive hate crimes cases. In 2007, Deitle assumed a supervisory special agent position in the Civil Rights Unit in FBI Headquarters. She was promoted to civil rights unit chief in 2008, where she was responsible for managing the FBI’s Hate Crimes, Color of Law, Human Trafficking, and Abortion Extremism Programs on a national level.

Deitle received her bachelor of arts degree from The Ohio State University and her juris doctor degree from New England Law Boston. She earned a master of laws degree in criminal law from New York University School of Law and a master of laws degree in constitutional law from the George Washington University National Law Center. She has also published several law review articles dealing with the right to bear arms in the Second Amendment and police officers' use of excessive force.

Date Set for Inaugural Event

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt to be Keynote Speaker

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt will be the keynote speaker at the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation's 2019 Inaugural Event. The event will be Sept. 19 at the DeYor Performing Arts Center.

Lipstadt has published and taught about the Holocaust for close to 40 years. She is probably most widely known for the libel lawsuit brought against her in 1996 by David Irving for having called him a Holocaust denier. The Daily Telegraph (London) described the trial as having "done for the new century what the Nuremberg tribunals or the Eichmann trial did for earlier generations." Her TED Talk about the trial has received close to 1.2 million views. The movie "Denial," starring Rachel Weisz and Tom Wilkinson, tells the story of this legal battle.

Lipstadt recently released her newest book, "AntiSemitism: Here and Now." Her previous book, "The Eichmann Trial," was described by the New York Times Book Review as “a hinge moment in Israel's history and in the world’s delayed awakening to the magnitude of the Holocaust.” Lipstadt was an historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and helped design the section of the museum dedicated to the American Response to the Holocaust. She has held presidential appointment to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council (appointed by Presidents Clinton and Obama) and was asked by President George W. Bush to represent the White House at the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

The 2019 Annual Campaign chairperson is Dr. Mark Perlman. The Inaugural Event host committee includes Terri and Steve Anderson, Laureen and Jerry Kinast, and Rochelle and Sam Miller.

Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, Dorot professor of Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, will be the Inaugural Event keynote speaker.
Leaders from Ohio’s Jewish Federations Advocate on Capitol Hill

Lay and professional leaders from Ohio’s Jewish Federations took to Capitol Hill March 13 to advocate for increased security funding for faith-based and cause-based nonprofits at high risk of terror attack.

“There’s no nice way to say this. A lot of violent people out there hate Jews and want to murder us,” said Howie Beigelman, executive director of Ohio Jewish Communities, the statewide government advocacy, public affairs, and community relations voice of Ohio’s eight Jewish federations.

“But we aren’t alone. Not in being targets, unfortunately. Many other religious or ethnic groups face similar violence and threats. And, thankfully, we aren’t alone in fighting back. Maybe for one of the first times in Jewish history, law enforcement and policymakers have our backs.”

The delegation met with both of Ohio’s U.S. senators, Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Rob Portman (R-OH). Appointments were also set with fourteen of the state’s sixteen Congressional offices.

Even small communities today face big city security challenges, said Rob Elston, security director for the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation.

“We need to be here, together with our larger communities, telling our story to the decision makers. We’re doing our best to protect people, and we need help in doing it,” said Elston.

The group as a whole was one that could express the grave need from every angle. Four professional security directors, two community CEOs, several agency or federation executives, and Jewish Community Relations Council directors could address the practical security gaps and the funding necessary as well as the impact on community life and on the ability to provide social services and philanthropic donations to those requiring help.

“Since the Pittsburgh attack and the arrest in Toledo our community members have been trying to do more to keep everyone safe. We can’t do it alone, especially if we are to meet our mission of helping those in need,” noted Cathy Gardner, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton.

“That’s why it was so important for our leadership to join the fly-in and why we found the meeting with our own member, Congressman Mike Turner, to be so critical and why it was so gratifying to hear his unqualified support.”

Based on very real, current safety priorities, the advocacy focused on the need to maintain and expand both FEMA nonprofit security grant programs, including the original Urban Area program but also the NSGP-S, created last year through the leadership of Portman, which provided $10 million overall to states ineligible for the original grant program. Through that, Ohio nonprofits at risk of terror attack received nearly $600,000 in needed grants for target hardening against attack.

The advocates also focused on the need for armed security personnel, either as school resource officers or special duty officers, for nonpublic preschool and K-12 schools. Security to guard houses of worship and schools is a top need of Joel Marcovitch, CEO of JewishColumbus, who appreciated the time all three Central Ohio representatives, Troy Balderson, Joyce Beatty, and Steve Stivers, gave the group. All that, along with the fact that it was a statewide mission, made the event particularly important to him. “It was each community supporting the other in their own advocacy,” he stated.

“The need for security personnel in Columbus isn’t different than the need in Toledo or Akron. That’s a big part of what made the day so valuable.”

It wasn’t just the Ohio federations and the Jewish communities across Ohio who joined for this advocacy. Agudath Israel’s Ohio director, Rabbi Yitz Frank, was with the group for part of the day.

Rabbi Frank thought it was especially important that a bipartisan slate of members and offices met with the group. “It was so encouraging to see both our U.S. senators and our congressional delegation take such interest in the safety of the Jewish community. Their support is deeply meaningful to Jewish communities in Ohio and beyond.”

On the national level, “JFNA, with its dedicated Washington action office led by William Daroff, and especially, their homeland security policy lead, Rob Goldberg, was instrumental in crafting our legislative advocacy,” added Beigelman.

Prior to the fly-in, Beigelman notes the Jewish community’s national security umbrella, SCN, was consulted. National Director & CEO Michael Masters and Deputy Director & COO Patrick Daly offered insight and expertise regarding working with DHS and on current security best practices for local law enforcement and nonprofit agencies.

Mark Dowd, the director of SAFE Cincinnati, also sits on a SCN committee looking at ways to leverage local needs and national expertise. “The right thing for us to do is to examine and address our local security needs in a way that also supports and boosts the similar needs of other Jewish communities across the country. We were very encouraged to hear that our Ohio Congressional representatives felt the same and offered their continued support for these collective efforts,” he remarked.

Beyond the immediate needs and legislative advocacy, the day was also an opportunity to update policymakers on innovative ideas and new directions in community safety, many of which require partnership with federal, state, and local law enforcement.

“No one can do this alone. We treasure our relationships with our local departments all the way up to the FBI and DHS,” remarked Jim Hartnett, director of community wide security at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. “Going forward, it will be those connections and collaborations that make the difference. We want our elected officials to understand this value add and the true potential for such partnerships.”

And everyone agreed that this week’s fly-in wasn’t an end, but the beginning of an increased and sustained advocacy on community safety.

“We will keep at this,” said Beigelman, “until everyone in every community is as safe as possible.”

Plant the Seed to Read Children’s Book Festival is April 27

The 13th annual “Plant the Seed to Read” Children’s Book Festival will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at Mill Creek MetroParks Fellows Riverside Gardens. This year’s event, “Reading’s My Superpower,” includes authors and illustrators, storytellers and readers, giveaways, and more.

Alpha Pig! from the PBS show “Super Why!” will be available for photos with children. Also participating will be Lindsay Ward, author/illustrator; Keith Allen, author/illustrator/paper engineer; Michael Perry, storyteller; Nancy K. Wallace, storyteller/author; Tim Hartman, storyteller/actor; and Jocelyn Dabney, storyteller/author. There will also be movement/music zumbini with Heather Kovac and the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County’s (PLYMC) mascot, Booker Bear, will make an appearance. The PLYMC Pop-Up Library will be at the event.

The “Plant the Seed to Read” Book Festival was started with an idea by Altrusa International of Youngstown, Ohio, Inc. The event was built in partnership with the local Altrusa, the PLYMC, Mill Creek MetroParks, and Western Reserve PBS. Admission to this family-friendly event is free. Sign Language interpreting is available. Stroller parking is available. However, due to limited space, strollers are not permitted in the Davis Center during the event.

Sponsors are the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Foundation, Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, The Schwebel Family Foundation, Altrusa International Foundation, Inc., Altrusa International Foundation of Youngstown Ohio, Poland Rotary, and The Vindicator.
Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Condemns Attacks on New Zealand Mosques

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is sickened and devastated by the terror attacks at two New Zealand mosques early this morning. We condemn the horrific and tragic shootings, and our hearts go out to the families of the victims and those who are injured. Our community stands with our Muslim brothers and sisters – here in the Valley, nationally, in New Zealand, and around the world. There is no place for hatred and violence in our world. Houses of worship should and must be safe spaces, no matter the faith and no matter the continent. Our hearts are broken. We will continue to work with all good people of conscience to fight hate in all its forms.

Rick Marlin
President

Andrew Lipkin
Executive Vice-President

Suzyn Schwebel-Epstein
Jewish Community Relations Council President

Bonnie Deutsch Burdman
Director of Community Relations/ Government Affairs

People attend a funeral ceremony in absentia for the victims of twin terror attacks on New Zealand mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 15. (Omer Urer/Anadolu Agency/Getty Images)
Trump: It’s Time to Recognize Israel’s Sovereignty Over the Golan Heights

By Ron Kampeas

Editor’s note: On March 25, President Donald Trump, during Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s visit to the White House, signed a proclamation formally recognizing the contested Golan Heights as part of the state of Israel.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Donald Trump said it was time to recognize Israel’s sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

"After 52 years it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel's Sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which is of critical strategic and security importance to the State of Israel and Regional Stability!" Trump said Thursday on Twitter.

The government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pressed for the recognition of the strategic plateau, which Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War. Republicans in Congress, led by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, have advanced legislation to recognize the Golan as belonging to Israel. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., earlier this month toured the Golan and said he would push for recognition.

Israel sees holding onto the Golan now as especially critical because of continued instability in Syria.

It’s not clear what action Trump would take, if any. In a tweet immediately following, Trump’s top Middle East negotiator called Trump's statement a “decision” “Another bold, courageous, and historic decision by @POTUS who understands Israel and its security needs,” Greenblatt said. Trump in 2017 recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, and last year moved the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem.

Trump’s tweet comes on the eve of Netanyahu’s visit to Washington and just over two weeks before Israel’s election. Trump has taken a number of steps to bolster Netanyahu ahead of the election.
JCRC Announces 2019 Holocaust Commemoration Events
Director of Pittsburgh Holocaust Center to Speak

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is announcing its annual Holocaust commemoration programs for this spring’s series of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance) holiday observances. The 26th Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration event is set for Thursday, May 2 at noon in the rotunda of the Mahoning County Courthouse, Youngstown. The annual Shoah Memorial Ceremony will be held Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Yom Hashoah is an internationally recognized day set aside for remembering all victims of the Holocaust and for reminding society of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign. This year’s local theme is “Do Not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht,” in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the events, and as a reminder of the moral imperative to always speak out and take action against injustice and atrocities.

The annual memorial ceremony on the 5th will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Lauren Bairnsfather, director of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. A McKeesport, Pa. native, Bairnsfather’s career includes work at the photo archives office of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Spertus Museum in Chicago, and the Morton H. Meyerson Family Foundation in Dallas. Prior to her appointment in Pittsburgh, Bairnsfather worked in the dean’s office at the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas, where she earned her undergraduate degree as well as her Ph.D. in history. She also earned a master’s degree in social sciences at the University of Chicago.

In the wake of recent horrific shootings at houses of worship in Pittsburgh and Christchurch, New Zealand, it is crucial that we continue to educate the public about the Holocaust until hatred and violence no longer exist.

In addition, the program will include a presentation by Dr. Jacob Labendz, the Youngstown State University Clayman Assistant Professor of Judaic and Holocaust Studies, on an upcoming Slovak Holocaust exhibition sponsored by the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, special musical presentations, a candlelighting ceremony, and participation by children and grandchildren of Survivors. Because there are few Survivors left in the community who are able to share their stories first hand, it is crucial that the second and third generations preserve their memories. As direct descendants of Survivors, these individuals share an obligation and profound commitment to honor their relatives, preserve their unique heritage and culture, and educate the community on Holocaust issues.

The Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration at the Courthouse will include remarks by Austintown Middle School teacher Michelle Best on the importance of introducing Holocaust- based themes and lessons in the classroom, the recognition of the winners of the JCRC’s student Holocaust writing and multimedia contest, the presentation of a proclamation by Youngstown Mayor Jamaal Tito Brown, as well as a memorial candlelighting ceremony to honor the six million who perished.

Both programs are free and open to the public. The Holocaust Commemoration and Education Task Force, a committee of the JCRC, is chaired by Rabbi Joseph Schonberger and Rochelle Miller, children of Holocaust Survivors, and is comprised of numerous children of Survivors and other interested volunteers from the community. For additional information, contact the JCRC at 330.746.3251.

Chametz for Hunger Passover Food Drive

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is holding Chametz for Hunger, a Passover food drive, from April 1 to April 18.

Community members, as they prepare their homes for Passover, are asked to donate non-perishable products or to make a financial contribution to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Every $1 donated provides five nutritious meals to local families. Mail monetary donations to the JCRC office at 505 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44504.

Food items may be dropped off at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, Akiva Academy, Temple El Emeth, Congregation Rodef Sholom, and Congregation Ohev Tzedek.

For more information, call the JCRC office at 330.746.3250.
Jewish Community Relations Council Plans Mitzvah Day for April 7

The social action committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation will host Mitzvah Day from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, April 7.

Included will be card making for first responders with children preschool through grade two, blanket making at Levy Gardens (meet at the Jewish Community Center) for grades three and above, hygiene product organization and packaging with Linda Palumbo at the JCC, and a canned goods/nonperishable sculpture contest with community partners.

The canned goods used for the sculpture contest will be donated to the Second Harvest Foodbank as a part of the Harvest for Hunger initiative. Donations are typically down this time of year and the funds raised and food collected help stock the shelves of the food bank during the summer months when children are home from school.

For more information, or to participate in the sculpture contest, contact Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, director of community relations/government affairs, at 330.746.3251 ext. 183 or bdburdman@jewishyoungstown.org.
Liz Rubino Studios
For more information on the studio offerings, contact Liz Rubino at 330.509.0891 or coaching@lizrubino.com.

Liz Rubino offers private sessions in voice, acting, drama therapy, junior voice, and junior acting. Voice lessons are conducted primarily online.

Voice Lessons:
Regular Lessons | 55 mins
Cost: $49/Member | $65/Non Member
Junior Lessons | 30 mins
Cost: $30/Member | $45/Non Member

To register call the Bursar’s office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

JCC School of Dance
For more information on the studio offerings, contact Eri Rab-Ptichkin at 330.333.2219 or jccschoolofdance@jewishyoungstown.org

Creative Movement Program
AGES 4-6
Creative Movement I (Ages 4-5)
This class explores beginning ballet and tap dance principles.
Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Creative Movement II (Ages 5-6)
This class continues to explore beginning ballet and tap principles to build balance, coordination, and confidence.
Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Mini Program
AGES 6-7
Mini Tap (Ages 6-7)
This class expands upon tap skills learned in the Creative Movement Program.
Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mini Ballet (Ages 6-7)
This class expands upon ballet skills learned in the Creative Movement Program.
Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Mini Acro/Jazz (Ages 6-7)
A class that teaches the beginning principles of jazz dance and tumbling in a safe and controlled environment.
Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Dance Curriculum Program
AGES 7-18
DC I: Tap (Ages 7-10)
Students learn the percussive dance style known as tap.
Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.

JCC School of Music
For more information and pricing visit jccyoungstown.org

Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 4:45-6:15 p.m.

DC I: Jazz (Ages 7-10)
This class teaches the art of classic jazz dancing.
Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

DC I: Ballet (Ages 7-10)
A class that emphasizes the basic principles of ballet and challenges students to remember patterns and choreography.
Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m

DC I/II: Acro (Ages 7-13)
This class introduces students to basic tumbling and acrobatic stretches and exercises.
Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

DC I/II: Beginner Baton (Ages 7-13)
This class introduces the art of baton twirling to beginner level students.
Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.

DC I/II: Intermediate Baton (Ages 7-13)
This class expands upon basic baton skills. Students will also learn more complex patterns and choreography.
Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

DC II: Tap (Ages 10-13)
A class for the experienced dance student to build upon basic principles and steps.
Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

DC II: Ballet (Ages 10-13)
A class that builds upon principles of ballet movements and body positions.
Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.

DC II: Jazz (Ages 10-13)
A class for dance student to continue learning the principles of classic jazz dancing.
Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

DC III: Baton (Ages 13-18)
A class designed for high school students with little baton knowledge looking to expand their skills for majorette teams or tryouts.
Session I: March 6 - April 3 | Wednesdays, 7:45-8:30 p.m.

DC III: Musical Theater Jazz (Ages 13-18)
A class created for high school students looking to gain an edge at theater auditions by improving their overall dance technique.
Session II: March 7 - April 4 | Thursdays, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Adult Dance Programs

Adult Ballet
A beginner class designed for adults to improve strength, posture, and balance.
Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Adult Tap
A beginner to intermediate class for adults to stay fit while learning how to create rhythms with their feet.
Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesday, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Adult Ballet II
An advanced beginner to intermediate level class introducing the basic principles of ballet.
Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Adult Tap II
An intermediate class for adults to explore the percussive dance style known as tap.
Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Spring Showcase
Our dance students showcase their talents in this end of session performance.
Date: Saturday, April 13
Time: 3:30 p.m.

For more information and pricing visit jccyoungstown.org
**EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

For more information on the Early Learning Center, contact Ben Katz, Director of Early Learning at 330.746.3250 ext. 119 or bkatz@jewishyoungstown.org.

**Ages 6 weeks - Pre-Kindergarten**

**New Infant & Toddler Private Swim Lessons**
Free one-on-one swim lessons with children six months to three years to encourage children to become comfortable in the water from a young age.

**New Enrichment Programming with Community Partners**
Students will engage in a wide variety of enrichment offerings in art, music, and science programs brought to us by SMARTS, YSU Dana School of Music, and OH WOW! Science Center.

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**FITNESS**

For more information on fitness programs, contact Shelia Cornell at 330.746.3250 ext. 182 or scornell@jewishyoungstown.org.

**Get fit fast with Personal Training at the JCC!**

Personal Training Benefits:
- personalized safe and effective fitness programs
- achievement of goals in a short time period
- improved muscle coordination, strength, endurance, and flexibility

To register call: 330.746.3250 ext. 182

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**Open Gym Youth Basketball**
Children ages five and up can join us for kid-friendly basketball time in our gym. Bring your own ball, or borrow one of ours.
**Date:** Fridays  
**Time:** 4:00–5:30 p.m.

**Open Play Basketball**
This time is reserved for basketball only. Shoot hoops with friends or join a pick-up game in our gym.
**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
**Time:** 7:30–9:00 p.m.
**Date:** Fridays  
**Time:** 5:30–7:00 p.m.

**Wallyball**
A fantastic way to get in shape and have fun! Play in our racquetball court. Equipment is provided.
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**Fridays:** 5:00–6:30 p.m.

**Racquetball**
A great way to make friends and stay in shape. Call or visit the JCC Welcome Desk to reserve your court. Equipment not provided.

**Ping-Pong**
Want to play ping-pong with your friends? The JCC ping-pong table is now in the lower level Multi-Purpose Room. Paddles and balls are provided.

**Pickleball**
Join us in the JCC gymnasium for a fun-filled game of pickleball. A cross between tennis, badminton and ping-pong, this fast-paced game is fun for players of all skill levels.
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**Mamanet**
Join other women in a modified version of volleyball. Mamanet promotes exercise, and is a great way to build community with other women. Free and open to all.
**Date:** Mondays  
**Time:** 5:30–7:00 p.m.
**Location:** Liberty Youth Recreation Center  
(The Old Liberty High School Gymnasium)  
317 Churchill Hubbard Road  
Youngstown, OH 44505

**New Pricing on Health Club Service!**
Take advantage of our new lower priced locker and towel rentals plus new massage offer!
**Long Locker:** $10/month  
**Lock & Towel Service:** $15/month  
**1 - 30 Minute Massage:** $15/month
**To add on any monthly service contact the Bursar’s Office:** 330.746.3250 ext. 195

**Reach Your Goals With InBody**
Are you at a standstill with your workouts, or looking for some help creating a fitness plan that achieves your personal goals? Then a personal trainer is right for you! No matter where you are in your fitness journey, our certified trainers will work with you one-on-one to build a program designed just for you! Each program uses our new InBody 570, a full body composition analysis to breakdown your body’s fat & lean mass composition, water retention, & more!
**First scan is FREE to all members!**
**Monthly Unlimited Scans:** $15/test (Also includes 15 minutes with Personal Trainer 1x/mo)
**Member:** $25/test | **Non Member:** $35/test

**Body Imaging**
How do you see yourself and feel about your body when you look in the mirror? Jill Miller, family advocate with Compass Family and Community Services and Akron Children’s Hospital will discuss body image concerns that affect us all.
**Date:** Friday, April 19  
**Time:** 12:00-1:00 p.m.
**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room
**Register by Wednesday, April 17 at jccyoungstown.org or by contacting the Bursar’s Office:** 330.746.3250 ext. 195

**Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (D.E.E.P.)**
We are partnering with the Mahoning County District Board of Health to present the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (D.E.E.P.). This six-week workshop is for individuals with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes as well as pre-diabetes. This course teaches how to self manage diabetes with small lifestyle changes.
**Date:** Mondays, April 1 – May 6  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
**Register by Friday, March 22 at jccyoungstown.org or by contacting the Bursar’s Office:** 330.746.3250 ext. 195

**Dance Cardio**
Dance your way into shape with a mix of Hip-Hop, Zumba, Salsa, top Pop, and more. Come join the dance party!
**Date:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 6:00 - 6:55 p.m.
For more information on Aquatics, contact Shawn Chrystal at 330.746.3250 ext. 112 or aquatics@jewishyoungstown.org.

To enroll in any of our group or private swim lessons call 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

**Group Lessons**

**You & Me Baby**
This is a monthly class where parents assist their children in the water. Children will learn how to float and improve their water skills. Recommended ages: 6-36 months. Swim pants or swim diapers are required.
**Date:** Saturdays
**Time:** 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
**Cost:** $30/Member | $40/Non Member

**Learn-To-Swim: Ages 3+**
Children will be placed into the appropriate level by the swim instructors.
**Level 1:** Basic swimming skills will be taught such as floating, blowing bubbles and the correct body positions for freestyle and backstroke.
**Level 2:** Children will learn arm motions for freestyle and backstroke as well as the correct breathing patterns for both strokes.
**Level 3:** Children will focus on breaststroke, butterfly, and diving while refining freestyle and backstroke techniques.
**Level 4:** Children will continue to refine the four swim strokes and diving.
**Date:** Wednesdays
**Time:** 4:30-5:00 p.m.
**Date:** Saturdays
**Time:** 8:55-9:25 a.m., 10:05-10:35 a.m
**Cost:** $30/Member | $40/Non Member

**Private Swim Lessons**
Swimmers of any age or level can benefit from private swim lessons. Learn to swim or improve your skills with one of our certified swim instructors. Private lessons are also great for triathletes.
**Four 30-minute lessons**
**Cost:** $82/Member | $110/Non Member

**Winter Swim Team**
We are part of the Splash Swim League.
**Practice**
**Monday - Thursday**
**Time:** 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
**Cost:** $75/Member | $150/Non Member
**Session 3:** March 25 - April 4
Akiva and ELC pick-up is available.

**Water Women**
This free class is designed for women with little or no swimming ability. Participants will learn the skills needed to feel safe in the water. This program is funded by Chemical Bank.
Lessons will be limited to 12 women per session.
**Date:** Saturdays
**Time:** 10:45-11:45 a.m.
**Session 3:** April 6 - May 11
Register online at jccyoungstown.org

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**SwimSafe 500**
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**Treasure Dive**
Kids will dive for sunken treasure and take home their loot! Light refreshments will be served.
**Date:** Friday, April 19
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
**Free/Member | $5/Non Member
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**Water In Motion**
Condition your cardiovascular system in this lighter version of water aerobics. The routines are designed to be low impact yet stimulating. This is a SilverSneakers® approved class.
**Date:** Monday & Wednesday
**Time:** 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

For more information on Youth & Family Programs, contact Emily Blau at 330.746.3250 ext. 152 or eblau@jewishyoungstown.org

**PJ Library: Kid’s Seder for Passover**
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JCC Israeli Scholar Series
Israeli scholars living in the U.S will speak about their fields of study. These programs are free and open to the public, a light lunch will be provided at each program. Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar's Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

Hummus Nation
You are invited to dip into hummus! Dr. Rafi Grosglik will discuss its history, social meaning of consumption and production in Israel, the shared culinary passion of this food by Jews and Arabs, and its representation of globalization and localization in Israel and the Arab world.

About the Speaker:
Dr. Rafi Grosglik is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Jewish Studies at UC Davis. He earned his PhD at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and was a recipient of the Jonathan Shapiro post-doctoral fellowship at Tel Aviv University. He was also a research fellow in the Department of Sociology at Brandeis University and has taught at Boston University and Tufts University.

Date: Thursday, April 4
Time: 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Register by Monday, April 1 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar's Office : 330.746.3250 ext. 195

YSU Barbershop Chorus: “One Achord”
The JCC is happy to welcome back “One Achord”!
This 17-member acappella men’s chamber ensemble has been singing barbershop harmony since 2015. They have performed at a variety of local events such as Carols and Cocoa/Dana Holiday Concert, and they have also appeared on local TV stations WFMJ and WKBN. These events are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

FEDERATION
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Social Action Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council
330.746.3250 ext. 123
Swilschek@jewishyoungstown.org

Churchill United Methodist Food Pantry
The CHUM Food Pantry aims to feed families in Liberty Township that are in need of extra assistance. Since first starting in 2016, the pantry now feeds over 70+ families. Volunteers will help distribute food and make guests feel welcome during their visit.

Dates: April 5 & May 3
Time: 9:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: 189 Churchill Rd, Youngstown, OH 44505

Diaper Packing with Making Kids Count
The Making Kids Count Diaper Bank Volunteers repack diapers in quantities of 25 diapers per size with saran wrap and labels. This ensures that more people are able to receive a pack of diapers and that the diapers are being distributed as more of an “emergency” supply. Volunteers wrap 10,000 diapers into 400 packs a month!

Dates: April 12 & May 10
Times: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: 7178 West Blvd, Ste E Youngstown, Ohio 44512
Multi-Purpose Room
Equipped with an overhead motorized projection theater screen, state-of-the-art audio/visual system, movable module stage, and commercial kitchen. Catering packages are available for up to 250 guests.

Adult Lounge
Accommodates 50 guests. An in-house kosher caterer is available.

Meeting Rooms
Our small conference room seats up to eight guests, while our boardroom seats 35 and is equipped with a built-in projector and screen.

Gymnasium
Our full size gymnasium is equipped with six regulation height basketball hoops, bleacher seating and a dividing curtain.

Cost: $50/hr

Pool Party
Enjoy time in our full size indoor heated pool and one hour in the party room.

Cost: $165/Members | $220/Non Member
$50/hr for additional time
15 people per lifeguard and $25/ additional lifeguard

Under the Sea Splish Splash Mermaid Bash
Experience swimming and storytelling with the JCC Mermaid in our pool and enjoy time in our party room.

Cost: $225/Members | $281/Non Member
Pricing includes: One hour in the pool and one hour in the party room

Game Time-Birthday Bash
Play basketball, volleyball, kickball, soccer, or wiffleball in our gymnasium then enjoy time in our party room.

Cost: $150/Member | $188/Non Member
Pricing includes: One hour in our gymnasium and one hour in our private party room.

$50/hr for additional time in the gymnasium

Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room
Create new memories and easily entertain your guests when you host your next birthday party, meeting, retreat, or educational seminar. This multi-purpose room is located on the ground floor and can accommodate up to 36 people. The open room feel offers multiple room configurations. In-house catering is available.

Cost: $50/hour Member | $63/hour Non Member

Current Exhibit:
Watercolor Showcase by the Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society
February 28 - April 4
This group of exhibition is comprised of watercolor painting by members of the Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society depicting a wide range of subjects.
Jewish Community Center Earns Two Awards

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown recently won two awards from the JCC Association of North America.

The JCC won the Zahav Outstanding Program Award for social responsibility for the Aquatic Accessibility program. This award honors exceptional institutional efforts, and holds them up as examples so all JCCs may learn from them.

In the Aquatic Accessibility program, the JCC played an instrumental role in employing Youngstown City School students, in opening the only public pool in the city of Youngstown, and creating an ongoing swimming program for the Youngstown City School District.

The JCC, the Red Cross, the City of Youngstown, and other leading organizations created a plan to address obstacles involved with the pool's opening, ultimately developing a swim education program followed by a Red Cross lifeguard training program. After six weeks of daily lessons, students who could not previously swim passed a swim exam and became lifeguards dually employed with the JCC and the City of Youngstown.

The residents of the Youngstown community have limited access to pools and quality swim lessons. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in children.

"The Jewish value of aquatic safety is ingrained in our heritage," said Michael Rawl, JCC director. "As an organization with the opportunity and ability to meet a need in the community, the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is proud to be able to fill the gap and educate our neighbors."

The JCC also won the Kol Hakavod Award for its Beyachad Initiative. The Kol Hakavod award celebrates outstanding programs and initiatives that have contributed to the success of individual JCCs and are sustainable and adaptable or replicable by other JCCs.

The Beyachad Initiative engaged youth and families in affordable and meaningful experiences while enhancing membership value and overall programming. The JCC eliminated barriers to membership by reducing costs and creating flexible membership types. The JCC also added value for families by creating additional services, including a School of Dance and School of Music, and acquired the Logan Swim and Tennis Club, an outdoor summer campus available to members for no additional fee. The JCC broke membership records and saw an increase in visitors to the building by 50 percent in the first year alone.

The JCC has a history of investment in the health and well-being of the Northside community. Using its core competencies in health and wellness, the JCC has routinely engaged the community in physical fitness, aquatics, youth, early childhood programming, and family activities.

"We have been an anchor of the Northside of Youngstown for more than 65 years," Rawl said. "We continue to adapt to serve the changing needs of our community with dynamic expressions of Jewish values."

The awards were presented at the JCCs of North America Professional Conference in February.

Community organizations interested in partnering with the JCC on innovative programming should contact Rawl at mrawl@jewishyoungstown.org or 330.746.3250 ext. 136.

Grand Opening of JCC’s Functional Fitness Space and Fitness Center Remodel

The grand opening of the Jewish Community Center’s Functional Fitness Space and the Fitness Center remodel, as well as the unveiling of the new cardio equipment and InBody 570 full body composition analysis scanner took place in March. The functional fitness space includes TRX equipment as well as kettlebells, a battle rope, and heavy boxing bag. All of the cardio equipment in the Fitness Center was recently replaced with state-of-the-art technology. The treadmills and upright bikes have Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities including the ability to watch Netflix and Hulu. Rowing machines were added. The InBody 570 Full Body Composition Scanner calculates fat mass, lean mass, and water composition. Structural changes were made in the fitness area to provide a more open concept for members.
Human Services

Jessica Howe New Director of Adult Day Services
By Elise Skolnick

Adult Day Services at Heritage Manor Rehabilitation and Retirement Community has a new director. Jessica Howe worked as a floor nurse at Heritage Manor for about a year, but took on the role of director of adult day services recently.

Her job will entail supervision of adult day services, meeting with participants and families for care plans, and setting goals for the participants. She will also organize outings and ensure they are in compliance with PASSPORT rules. Previously, the admissions and marketing director handled these responsibilities.

“More and more, state and federal funds are being directed to help individuals stay in their homes as long as possible,” said Cristal Vincent, CEO. “Therefore, I am anticipating more of a need for home and community-based services in the future. We pride ourselves in providing excellent care of the individuals we are entrusted to help, and having a dedicated adult day service director was needed to ensure the quality of the program continues. The addition of a dedicated director will not only allow us to accept more participants, it will also allow us to improve the program that is already in place. Jessica is a compassionate and thorough nurse so we were happy when she showed interest in the position. I have the utmost confidence in her abilities.”

Howe enjoys the responsibility of being in leadership roles. That, combined with her desire to make sure people are taken care of, made the director role a good fit.

The Adult Day Services program is designed to help seniors remain active, involved, and independent. They play games, exercise, participate in Heritage Manor activities such as painting, take field trips, and more.

“We just try to keep them active with not only their activities of daily living, but the things they enjoy doing,” Howe said. “Make sure that this is their home away from home. They can come enjoy themselves and interact.”

Adult Day Services operates Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Transportation and lunch are provided. She wants to increase enrollment and add activities.

“My goal is to have them come here and have fun,” she said. “I want them to really enjoy coming here.”

Howe and her husband, Michael, have two children: Aubrey, age 5, and Mason, age 3.

“My daughter’s in kindergarten,” she said. “And she is a spitfire of energy and sassy and so intelligent. And my son is all boy. Always getting into trouble, has no fear, climbing on everything, doing whatever he can to get in trouble.”

Jessica Howe took on a new role at Heritage Manor Rehabilitation and Retirement Community.

JFS Partners with YSU to Offer Free Memory Screenings

Jewish Family Services recently worked with the gerontology department of Youngstown State University to offer free memory screenings to the general public at the Jewish Community Center. “We’re proud to have coordinated [this] event in order to promote individual health and wellness,” said Ken Bielecki, JFS director.
Levy Gardens Assisted Living tenants and staff wore blue March 8 to show their support for General Motors employees. True Blue Friday was coordinated by the Drive It Home campaign that is bringing the community together to urge General Motors to support growing their investment at the Lordstown Complex.

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Holocaust Exhibit Will be on Display at Tyler History Center

“The Tragedy of Slovak Jews,” an exhibit on the Holocaust in Slovakia curated by the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be on display at the Tyler History Center from April 30 through May 31.

Dr. Rebekah Klein-Pejšová, an expert on Slovak-Jewish history from Purdue University, will present an inaugural lecture at the exhibit’s opening event on April 30. Doors will open for a reception at 5:30 p.m., and the lecture will begin at 6 p.m. There will be time to view the exhibit both before and after the talk. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Slovakia, under the leadership of leader Jozef Tiso, was the only country that paid Germany to deport its Jewish citizens. Slovak fascist forces gathered 58,000 Jews in ghettos and work camps, and the state passed anti-Jewish legislation. The government and its collaborators then transported Jews to the border and placed them into the hands of the Nazis, who murdered them in industrialized death camps. Additional Nazi-administered deportations and murders followed the Slovak Uprising of 1944. By the end of the war, the Nazis, Slovak fascists, and their collaborators had murdered between 60,000 and 70,000 of the 88,950 Jews who had lived in Slovakia in 1940, and an additional 30,000 Slovak Jews in Hungary and other territories. Many of those who survived did so by fleeing the country. The non-Jewish population responded in varied ways. Some aided their Jewish compatriots, while others profited from confiscated Jewish properties. Many did nothing at all. Only a few thousand Jews live in Slovakia today.

“As the Holocaust fades from memory into history, it’s important that we develop varied means for teaching its complex lessons to the next generations,” said Dr. Jacob Ari Labendz, director of the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies at Youngstown State University (CJHS). “Exhibits like ‘The Tragedy of Slovak Jews’ are fundamental to that endeavor, and I’m pleased to have thoughtful partners with whom to share this work.”

The primary sponsors of the exhibit are the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, the American Slovak Cultural Association of the Mahoning Valley, and the CJHS.

In preparation for the exhibit, the CJHS will screen “The Shop on Main Street” (Czechoslovakia, 1965) at 5 p.m. April 8 in the Knox Building, 110 W. Federal St. The film, which explores issues of inter-ethnic relations in Slovakia during the Holocaust, won the Oscar for best foreign-language film in 1966. Labendz will lead a discussion following the film, reflecting his research on Czechoslovak Holocaust cinema. This event is free and open to the public.

Akiva Academy Student Artwork to Be Displayed on WRTA Buses

The artwork of 17 Akiva Academy students was chosen to grace the sides of WRTA buses as part of a Power of the Arts project. Collages were created from the entries and will be displayed on three buses.

For this project, Power of the Arts teamed up with area organizations to sponsor a public art contest that will put images by local artists on WRTA buses during the months of April and May.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation sponsored two buses that will feature designs by Akiva students that reflect the Jewish ethical obligations of tikkan olam and tzedakah. Timbre, a non-profit organization devoted to supporting music and art education in local schools and communities, also sponsored a bus. Akiva student artwork will be featured on that bus, as well.

“We are pleased to be a part of this community project that brings together artists and organizations to showcase local talent,” said Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, Federation director of community relations/government affairs. “We are particularly excited about the quality of the Akiva students’ submissions. Their designs perfectly illustrate the Jewish ethical obligations of tikkan olam and tzedakah.”

Students with winning artwork are Fallon Blackshire, Jaylen Cade, O’Mari Garner, Fiona McCormick, Jensen McKelvey, Kamari McQueen, Taniya Phillips, Naomi Sargent, Selah Sargent, Cameron Silverman, Tomiyah Smith, My-Kayla Stewart, Trey Stewart, Sam Traficant, Mila Waskin, Mara Vargo, and Rhaleigh Zalac.

There will be a public reception at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at the main branch of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County.

Power of the Arts is an initiative dedicated to promoting and advocating for the visual, performing, folk, and media arts in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

Torah Study with Rev. George Balasko

Torah Study for Christians, with Rev. George Balasko, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. April 17 at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. The topic of this session will be “Do the Jews believe in the Resurrection?” It is co-sponsored by Jewish/Christian Studies and the B’nai B’rith Guardian of the Menorah. A free offering will be taken. Pre-registration is requested. To register, visit vmesc.org or call 330.964.8886.
Youngstown State University Students to Participate in Model Knesset

Fifteen students in Youngstown State University’s Israeli politics class will present a Model Knesset simulation of Israel’s parliamentary process from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 in the Stadium Club at Stambaugh Stadium on the YSU campus.

Co-sponsored by YSU’s Department of Politics and International Relations and the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, the simulation is the final project in Dr. Adam Fuller’s Israeli politics class, which is offered every two years at YSU. Each student in the class was assigned an Israeli political party to represent in a coalition-building exercise based on mock election results. The public is invited to watch the students present what they have learned about their parties. Fuller will give an overview of Israel’s election system and how coalitions there are formed.

“As luck would have it, this year’s Model Knesset actually coincides with the real Israeli elections, which will take place two days prior,” Fuller said. “It is the perfect opportunity for our students and the wider Youngstown community to learn about Israel’s political system, the issues of importance in this election, and how Israel’s system functions differently from the American model.”

Fuller also said that YSU is one of the few universities in North America that holds a Model Knesset simulation. Model UN, Model Congress, and Moot Court are popular programs all over the country, but a simulation of another country’s democratic process is a rare educational experience.

“The goal of the event is to educate about the deep political, social, ethnic, religious, and economic divisions in Israel and what their implications are in the formation of a legislative majority,” Fuller explained.

Fuller also added that he thinks the Model Knesset is the best way to teach and talk about Israel in the most balanced way possible.

“In this exercise, almost every opinion about Israel gets to be heard and represented,” he said. “All perspectives, both Jewish and Arab, religious and secular; mainstream and fringe, left, right, and center are included in the dialogue.”

Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, Youngstown Jewish Federation director of community relations/government affairs, is assisting in the event as co-judge. The event is free and open to the public. Middle Eastern food will be provided.

For more information, contact Fuller at 330.941.2731 or afuller@ysu.edu.

Akiva Academy Students Experience Sights and Sounds of Dinosaurs

Akiva Academy students were able to experience the sights and sounds of a dinosaur when Roxie came to visit. Roxie, a four-year-old Tyrannosaurus Rex replica, looks and sounds like a real dinosaur. She plays interactive games with students, showcasing her sense of smell.

“The students loved meeting Roxie,” said Amanda Hugli, Akiva teacher.

Handlers shared facts about dinosaurs during the show. The students were also able to see, touch, and smell a dinosaur egg. The 45-minute mobile dinosaur experience was provided by Imaginos Productions of Berea, Ohio.

Students at Akiva Academy enjoyed a visit from a not-quite living and breathing Tyrannosaurus Rex.
Purim

**MSJS Students Prepare for Purim**

MSJS students baked hamantashen, made graggers, and decorated Purim bags in preparation for Purim. Pictured from left to right are Blythe Hively, Thomas Rawl, and Tres Hively.

**Akiva Students Help Heritage Manor Residents Celebrate Purim**

Seventh and eighth grade Akiva students participated in a Megillah reading at Heritage Manor Rehabilitation and Retirement Community.

**Akiva Academy Celebrates Purim**

Akiva Academy celebrated Purim with a parade, a costume contest, games with prizes, and exchanging Purim baskets. Pictured from left to right are the winners of the costume contest: Fourth graders Jaylen and Jayden Cade came in second place dressed as a laundry basket and a washing machine, first grader Ajhon Taylor came in third place dressed as a cell phone, and kindergartener Spencer Soldan came in first place dressed as Elvis.

**El Emeth Sisterhood Holds Bake Sale**

(RIGHT) TEE Sisterhood held a bake sale at the Jewish Community Center Purim Carnival March 10. They sold their hamantashen and members' homemade baked goods. Pictured from left to right are Rochelle Miller, Doreen Spiegel, Chairwoman Nancy Wagner, and Terri Kaback.
Community-Wide Purim Celebration Held at Temple El Emeth

Rachel and Molly Kay having fun at the community Purim celebration. (Photo courtesy of Dr. William Gordon)

Edith Peskin and her daughter Debbie Witznitzer enjoyed the community Purim celebration at Temple El Emeth. (Photo courtesy of Dr. William Gordon)

Kobi Sigler read from the Megillah at the community Purim Celebration at Temple El Emeth. (Photo courtesy of Elyse Silverman)

Madeline Long participated in the community Purim celebration. She and her family are members of Congregation Rodef Sholom. (Photo courtesy of Lisa Long)
Shirley Kessler

Shirley Kessler, 96, died peacefully on Sunday March 10, at Heritage Manor. She was born in Coraopolis, Pa. on March 19, 1922, the daughter of Hyman and Bess Greenblatt.

Shirley attended the The Rayen School and Ohio University. Her college education was cut short by the death of her father, Hyman, in an automobile accident. In November of 1945, she married Morris Kessler, also of Youngstown, to whom she was happily married until his death in 2001.

Shirley was fully engaged during her life raising the six children she had with Morrie, actively working with the Ohev Tzedeck Synagogue Sisterhood and Hadassah, and serving as the confidant, adviser and conscience of both her very large extended family and many others in the community. She and Morrie loved to travel with their life-long dear friends, Mae and Morty Sands.

She also loved reading, golf, crossword puzzles (using her own rules), Jeopardy, and keeping up to date with her many friends across the country.

She was respected and cherished by all who knew her. She leaves two siblings, her sister, Florence Mirkin of Youngstown and her brother, Dr. Charles Greenblatt, and his wife, Joanne of Motza Ilit, Israel. She also leaves her six children, Hillel Kessler and his wife, Hana of Jerusalem, Israel, Jim Kessler and his wife, Sara Cohen of Shelburne Falls, Mass., Jack Kessler and his wife, Suzanne of Liberty, Robert Kessler and his wife, Donna Embarrato of East Hampton, N.Y., Sarah Kessler and her husband, David Heberlein of Trenton, N.J. and Joshua Kessler and his wife, Joanna Bober of New York City. In addition, she leaves her grandchildren, Asaf, Dan, Yuval, Lior, Rosa, Pippi, Pamela, Henry, Lucie, Liam, Eliza, Lily, Moses and Beatrice, and her great-grandchildren, Ayelet, Rotem, Boaz, Ori, Omer, Shachar, Nevo, Netta, Roco and Ramona.

May her memory be for a blessing.

A funeral service was held at Congregation Ohev Tzedek in Boardman. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Ohev Tzedeck Synagogue. Arrangements by the Shriver-Allison-Courtley-Weller-King Funeral Home in Youngstown.

Henry Kinast

Henry Kinast, 89, passed away March 9 in the comfort of his home and surrounded by those who loved him, in Youngstown.

Henry was born in 1929 in Lodz, Poland, to Abraham and Pearl Kinast. He was a Holocaust survivor who as a young boy defied the odds of slave labor and the concentration camps and proudly became the patriarch of a large family rooted in a family business.

After the war, Henry reunited with his father and brother, Milton. They relocated to Sweden, where he met and fell in love with Inga Jonsson of Malmo, Sweden. Together, Henry and Inga immigrated to the United States in 1954. Eventually they settled in Youngstown, where they raised their four children.

Henry worked his way up the ranks in machine and tool and die shops, and despite no formal education past the age of 10, founded what is now PSK Steel, one of the nation’s largest stocking inventories of specialized steel.

Henry was an avid golfer and played year-round, in Youngstown and Aventura, Fla., where he resided in the winter. Henry played piano beautifully – without ever having a formal lesson – and would often play with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren sitting by his side.

Years after Inga passed away, he married Gisela Kinast, of Worms, Germany, and together they enjoyed old films, ballroom dancing, traveling and a zest for life.

While a successful businessman, it was family that brought him the most joy. Often surrounded by his family, Henry would look around and say, “From just one survivor, we have all of this.” He will be deeply missed by those he leaves behind, but forever cherished as the man who gave a beautiful life to so many.

Henry is survived by his loving, caring wife, Gisela; his brother, Morris Kinast (Marcie); his daughter, Paula Malkoff, and her husband, Heath Malkoff (Justin Weisser); son Jerry, and his wife, Laureen Kinast, and their four daughters, Arica Sandler (Todd), Lindsey Shapiro (Craig), Katie and Brooke Hoff (Kyle); his daughter, Terri, and her husband, Steve Anderson, and their four children, Morgan, Ian (Hannah), Rachel Kay (Jeffrey) and Rex (Gabby); his daughter, Aliza, and her husband, Jeffrey Levy, and their five children, Zachary, Carly, Samantha, Ellie and Lily; and his adoring great-grandchildren, Miles and Emi Sandler, Isla and Beckett Shapiro, Ethan and Molly Kay, Varuka Weisser and Jack Anderson.

Calling hours and funeral service were at Temple El Emeth.

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Harold Leon Libby

Harold Leon Libby passed away on March 2, at his home in Sarasota, Fla.

Harold was born in Youngstown, to 1st generation immigrants, James Myer and Ida Mallek Libby. His parents emphasized the importance of learning and education as keys to a rewarding life.

He graduated from Ohio State University with degrees in law and accounting and practiced as a C.P.A. and a tax attorney. Harold possessed an acute business mind and began developing real estate for commercial use with his first small office building in the early 1960’s. He formed his own development company, H.L. Libby Corp. and succeeded over many years developing apartments, shopping centers, malls, office buildings and other properties.

Harold and his wife of over 50 years, Marcy Nachman Libby, raised three sons, Douglas, Robert and James Libby; all of whom received college and advanced degrees.

Rob and Jim learned the real estate business from their dad and have continued to build H.L. Libby Corp. throughout the Eastern United States.

Harold is survived by his sons, Douglas (Miani), Robert (Barbara) and Jim (Deborah); and eight grandchildren, Alexandra, Erica, Seth, Alysa, Eden, Jessica, Sarah and Rebecca.

Additionally, he is survived by his second wife and best friend of 17 years, Wanda Rayle Libby and her four sons Jeffrey (Renee), Larry (Deborah) Marc (Kimberly) and Scott (Laarni); 10 grandchildren Matthew (Kelley), Danielle, Cody (Cherice), Nicholas, Kevin (Autumn), Brandon, Kacey, Emma, Ryan and Jenna; and one great-grandchild, Zoe.

Harold became a pilot in the U.S. Air Force in World War II and later used these skills to fly himself from property to property for much of his life.

In Youngstown, he and his family were members of the Congregation Rodef Sholom and he contributed to many important causes including Hadassah and the Butler Art Museum there.

In Sarasota, Harold was a member of the Masons, the Longview Society, and the Sarasota Yacht Club.

He was a proud supporter of the arts in Sarasota, as well as Booker High School, where he and Wanda granted annual scholarships to deserving students seeking technical training.

Being an accomplished pilot and world traveler brought Harold great joy, but nothing compared to joy that he felt when spending time with his family and friends.

Education was paramount to Harold and he advised his grandchildren accordingly.

He beamed with pride with each of their accomplishments as many of them have earned advanced degrees.

The love, kindness, generosity and compassion he bestowed on us filled our world and will leave us with an immeasurable void.

Services were at the Toale Brothers Funeral Home in Sarasota, Fla. and followed by a luncheon reception at the Sarasota Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his honor to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and/or Booker High School Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Abraham Malkoff

It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. Abe Malkoff announces his passing on March 17.

Abe, son of Isadore and Tillie Malkoff was born on Nov. 14, 1919, in Youngstown.

After graduating from Youngstown East High School, he attended The Ohio State University where he obtained a bachelor of science degree, and then a doctor of dental surgery degree in 1943.

After graduating, he proudly served our country during World War II in the Army Air Corp/Air Combat Battalion, earning the rank of captain. He served in North Africa and Italy and was honorably discharged in 1946 after earning seven battle stars, an American Campaign medal and a World War II Victory medal.

After the war, he graduated from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, where he earned a degree in orthodontics. He returned to Youngstown to open an orthodontics practice where he treated patients for over 50 years. His practice was his passion, and nothing made him happier than seeing the beautiful smiles of his patients made possible by his skill and dedication to his work.

Abe was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He touched so many with his kindness, generosity, and legendary sense of humor. He was selfless, always prioritizing the needs of others. Not only did he create thousands of beautiful smiles in his practice, but he put smiles on countless more with his quick wit and joke telling. He was a joy to be around and enriched the lives of all that had the good fortune to know him.

He is survived by his children, Dan Malkoff (Tammy) of Columbus and Susie Malkoff Schwartz (Aaron) of Pittsburgh, and his grandchildren, Sarah and Jason Schwartz.

Abe was preceded in death by Norma, his loving wife of 61 years, who passed away on Sept. 14, 2018, and his brothers, Sol and Jack Malkoff.

Abe was a member of Temple Rodef Sholom, Corydon Palmer Dental Society, Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity, North American Begg Society of Orthodontics, and B’nai Brith; a longtime member of Squaw Creek Country Club (he was an avid golfer); and was a generous supporter of the United Jewish Federation and a variety of other charitable causes.

The funeral was at Shriver-Allison-Courtley-Weller-King Funeral Home. Burial was at Rodef Sholom Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Levy Gardens Assisted Living, 584 Granada Ave., Youngstown, OH 44505.

Arrangements were handled by the Shriver-Allison-Courtley-Weller-King Funeral Home in Youngstown.

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Donald E. Feindt

Donald E. Feindt, 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, March 19, 2019.

Donald was born on Feb. 4, 1929, son of Earle and Violet (Ditzler) Feindt in Los Angeles. At age 14, Donald and his father relocated to Forest Hills, N.Y. after the sudden death of his mother.

After graduating high school, Donald attended Columbia University until he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a communications specialist. Upon his return from the service, Donald married the love of his life, Patricia Barham. They just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in September with their entire family.

Donald is survived by his wife and his three children, John Feindt of Newtown, Pa., Vikki (Scott) Silvis of Dallas, and Missy (Richard) White of Mansfield, Texas; in addition to his seven beautiful grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. After retiring from Kitchen and Bath World in Canfield, Donald devoted the rest of his life to traveling the United States. He was an avid Cleveland sports fan and enjoyed puttering in his garden. He also loved to volunteer for numerous local organizations. He was a long time member of Congregation Ohev Tzedek where he held various leadership positions.

Services, officiated by Rabbi Franklin Muller, were at Congregation Ohev Tzedek. Donald was laid to rest on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at New Montefiore Cemetery in Pinelawn, Long Island, NY.

Arrangements were handled by the Shriver-Allison-Courtley-Weller-King Funeral Home.

Mac Schloss


Happy Passover
Kivunim Resource Development Director Shares Organization’s Work

By Nancy Burnett

Partnership2Gether chair; Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and Partnership2Gether Community Engagement co-chair; U.S.

Michal Nitzany, resource development director for Kivunim: New Directions for Special Needs Youth in Israel, recently visited the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown to share the organization’s work to empower young people with disabilities through innovative programs that emphasize capabilities and strengths. The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation helped fund their Music & Memory program.

Founded in 2003, Kivunim, meaning “directions” in Hebrew, is a non-profit organization for young people with disabilities. They provide services to individuals with physical disabilities, sensory disabilities, chronic illness disorders, brain injuries, hearing impairment, and high functioning young adults on the autism spectrum.

Eighteen percent of Israel’s population falls into a category of disabled. In 2004, Kivunim was founded in the Western Galilee, Israel, to provide new directions for that population. Serving adults with normal cognitive ability but otherwise disabling/limiting circumstances, Kivunim provides a new personal vision for the future through self-management skills and opportunities.

The Wings program serves individuals ages 18 to 30 by teaching individual and group life skills which enable them to become independent. This two-year, residential program teaches lessons of cooking, cleaning, budgeting, grocery purchasing, and transportation management through communal living experiences.

The Shop for Meaning store offers employment opportunities. Participants run a small shop where they learn marketing, sales, inventory management, and customer service skills.

There are also programs for the hearing and vision impaired ages 10 to 18. Workshops serve as on-going support systems after completion of the residential program.

Since its founding in 2004, the Kivunim programs have expanded to serve other cities in Israel and to Romania. There are over 150 graduates of the Wings program; 70 percent are now employed and over 20 percent have gone on to pursue further educational degrees.

Kivunim is one of the many programs receiving sponsorship from Partnership2Gether and the Thomases Foundation of Youngstown.

More Than $6.3 Million Raised for Victims of Pittsburgh Synagogue Attack

By Marcy Oster

(JTA) — Thousands of givers have opened their hearts to those affected by the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, donating more than $6.3 million to a fund for their benefit set up by the local Jewish federation.

The bulk of the money, nearly $4.4 million, from the Victims of Terror Fund will go to the families of the 11 worshippers killed and others injured in the Oct. 27 attack by a lone gunman at the Tree of Life complex during Shabbat services, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh said in a report. The report was written by an independent committee.

Some $500,000 was set aside for injured police officers, who also will benefit from other funds set up for them outside of the Jewish community.

The federation fund closed at the end of February with more than 8,500 donors — people, companies, and organizations — from across 48 states and at least eight countries.

The overall figure does not include more than $3 million in grants from 25 organizations and foundations in Pittsburgh and around the world that were earmarked by donors for communal recovery. Another $1.5 million outside the fund was earmarked for enhanced security for the Jewish community.

“No amount of money can compensate for the loss of a loved one’s life; no amount of money can fully compensate for a life that has been violently knocked off course and suddenly filled with unanticipated and daunting obstacles; and no amount of money can ever completely heal our hearts or our communities,” the report said.

Some of the larger donations in the fund were produced by fundraising efforts and collections organized by others, but it has been estimated that there were more than 50,000 individual donors who contributed directly and indirectly to the fund, according to the report.

In total, more than $5.3 million will be distributed as compassion payments to those most directly affected by the attack — the families of the slain worshippers, the two worshippers who were shot and injured in the attack, individuals trapped inside the building and some people who were outside the building but traumatized, and the injured police officers.

Another $650,000 will go to the three congregations that met in the building on the day of the attack, with $450,000 going to the Tree of Life* Or

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Local Woman Helps Protect Monarch Butterflies
By Elise Skolnick

Monarch butterflies are in trouble. Their numbers have been declining for the last 20 years. Climate change, pesticide use, and habitat loss are all possible reasons.

But one local woman is doing her part to help the distinctive orange and black butterflies.

Catherine Katz has been protecting monarch eggs and caterpillars for 25 years. It started one day when she noticed milkweed blooming outside her kitchen window. She wondered if there were any monarch caterpillars on it. Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves. Sure enough, there were three. But a couple of days later she noticed one was dead. A wasp had laid eggs on it. She brought the remaining two into her home and released them after they became butterflies.

The next year, she didn’t find caterpillars but did find monarch eggs. She also found ants and earwigs – monarch caterpillar predators. She took the eggs into the house and fashioned an incubator out of a cupcake liner and a damp paper towel. When the eggs hatched, she transferred the caterpillars to an aquarium and fed them milkweed leaves. Again she released the butterflies.

“I made it up as I went along,” she said.

Eventually, her house was filled with aquariums in the summer. She spent her mornings cutting up milkweed leaves for the small caterpillars, until they were big enough to chew up leaves on their own. The process took about a month.

“Some will do what they normally live, some will die,” she said. “But I think God did OK with butterflies. They’re pretty remarkable.”

At first, she released about two to three hundred monarch butterflies a year. Then some years there were no eggs or caterpillars. Monarchs, she said, lay about 400 eggs. Only about two survive to adulthood.

Last year, she released 75 butterflies – the most she’s had in 10 years.

“We have lost 90% of all our monarchs,” she said.

But anyone can help the monarchs, she said. Don’t remove them from plants when you see them, and don’t use insecticides, she advises.

“You can just let them do what they normally do,” she said. "Some will live, some will die."

Planting butterfly friendly flowers also helps. The butterflies only lay eggs on milkweed plants, but they like the nectar of most flowers. And you don’t have to spend a lot of money. Her first butterfly garden was started with $10 worth of seeds.

“You don’t have to have a big space at all,” she said. “But you cannot put out insecticides. That’s a big thing. Can’t put out herbicides. Can’t put out insecticides. And they’ll come.”

People can also plant milkweed, or let it grow when it pops up.

“I’m not a very religious person,” Katz said. “But I think God did OK with butterflies. They’re pretty remarkable.”

American Cancer Society Cattle Baron’s Ball Will Be April 6

The 13th annual American Cancer Society’s Cattle Baron’s Ball will be Saturday, April 6 at the Lake Club in Poland.

This year’s honorees, chairs, and special guests are Dr. Carl R. Peterson III, medical honoree; Christine Sawicki, cancer survivor honoree; Flor “Shorty” and Elba Navarro, honorary chairs; Brett Wilcox and Ava Timko, special guests, pediatric cancer survivors; and Carole Weimer and Annette Camacci, event chairs.

“We are very excited to be chairing the 13th annual American Cancer Society Cattle Baron’s Ball in our community, with Mercy Health as the event presenting sponsor. We are honored to have such a distinguished group of honorees and special guests committed to helping fight cancer. Dr. Carl Peterson serves the needs of individuals as the medical director of Mercy Health Radiation Oncology; Christine Sawicki, the survivor honoree, is an administrator with the Youngstown City Schools; Shorty and Elba Navarro have been supporters of the American Cancer Society’s Cattle Baron’s Ball for many years, and their philanthropy in our community is remarkable. And Ava and Brett, both aged 11, have been past honorees at the event, and they provide us with hope for the future,” said event co-chairs Weimer and Camacci.

The Cattle Baron’s Ball will offer attendees a western-themed denim and diamonds party featuring gourmet cuisine, dancing, musical entertainment, live and silent auctions, and much more. Attendees are encouraged to come adorned in their favorite country-western denim and diamond get-ups. Entertainment will be provided by Leanne Binder during the 6 to 7 p.m. cocktail hour, and then K Street Band will entertain the rest of the evening. Dana Balash from WFMJ will serve as master of ceremonies, and Paul Basinger will be the auctioneer for the evening’s live auction items.


Members of the Jewish community who serve on the committee include Carol Weimer (co-chair), Terri Anderson, Sherri Clayman, Phyllis Friedman, Lauren Kinast, Lisa Mirman, and Claudia Moss.

To purchase tickets, provide a sponsorship or auction items, please contact the American Cancer Society at 330.318.4107 or rikki.batson@cancer.org, or visit www.youngstowncattlebaronsball.org
Youngstown Boyz of South Florida Meet

The Youngstown Boyz of South Florida held their annual meeting recently. In a mock election, they voted President Donald Trump out of office. The majority picked New England to win the Super Bowl. They also installed two new members. Their next meeting will be Feb. 1, 2020. Seated, from left to right, are Tim Burnich, Jack Firestone, and Robert Rosenbaum. Standing, from left to right, are Morris Blondie Levy, Jeffrey Cohen, George McKelvey, Bruce Cohn, Joe Sniderman, Steve Birenbaum, Norman Spector, Jerold Kranitz, Bob Weinberg, and Rick Goldberg.

Benjamin Netanyahu’s Views on a Palestinian State, Explained

By Ben Sales

(JTA) — It wasn’t so long ago that most major Israeli politicians supported establishing a Palestinian state.

Now it’s not clear that any of them do, including the current prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu began his political career in the 1970s opposing a Palestinian state, an idea that once had been off the table but was gaining traction. Three decades later, in 2009, he gave a pivotal speech endorsing the idea in principle. In 2015, however, Netanyahu retreated from the idea on the eve of the last Israeli election.

Since then, he has made his position clearer: The prime minister opposes full Palestinian statehood, including Israeli withdrawal from any of the West Bank. In Netanyahu’s meetings with his ally President Donald Trump, both leaders have avoided committing to the idea of a two-state solution. Netanyahu’s right-wing partners are even more opposed to Palestinian statehood, instead pushing Israeli annexation of the West Bank settlements - perhaps with an “upgrade” of Palestinian autonomy with borders and military affairs still controlled by Israel.

Netanyahu’s rivals also haven’t come out in support of a Palestinian state. Blue and White, the centrist coalition running against Netanyahu in the upcoming April elections, has not endorsed the idea. One of Blue and White’s leaders is a longtime opponent of the two-state solution.

Here’s a short explanation of how the solution that was once taboo, then seemed inevitable, has faded from Israeli politics.

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the 22nd Arab state and the second Palestinian state at the expense of the only Jewish state.”

As Netanyahu shot up the ranks of Israel’s right-wing Likud party over the next 15 years, his position did not change: He saw a Palestinian state as an unacceptable danger to Israel’s security and territorial integrity.

“I fear for my home, for my land, I even fear for my son,” he said in a speech to supporters following the 1993 Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, which was meant to lead to permanent-status talks on the issues of borders, refugees and Jerusalem. “What is at issue here is the essence: The land of Israel is at issue, and we are all standing for the land of Israel.”

That changed in 2009. He returned to office that year and endorsed the idea of a Palestinian state under certain conditions. “[I]f we get a guarantee of demilitarization, and if the Palestinians recognize Israel as the Jewish state, we are ready to agree to a real peace agreement, a demilitarized Palestinian state side by side with the Jewish state,” he said in a landmark speech at Bar-Ilan University.

But actual negotiations toward a peace treaty went nowhere. A short round of talks in 2010 ended after a few weeks, and a longer nine-month negotiation in 2014 was just as fruitless.

Then came the kidnapping of three Israeli teens and the 2014 Gaza War. Since then, there have been no negotiations.

All along, Israeli West Bank settlements have expanded. Even during a 10-month settlement freeze in 2009, Netanyahu said, “You might think we’re going to dismantle the settlements, but you must understand that we’re going in the exact opposite direction.”

In 2015, Netanyahu was in a tough race to win another re-election. To rally his right-wing base one day before the election, he came out against a Palestinian state, again.

“Anyone who is going to establish a Palestinian state today and withdraw from territory is giving territory to radical Islam to attack the State of Israel,” he told the Israeli news site NRG. Asked whether that meant a Palestinian state wouldn’t be established on his watch, he replied, “Indeed.”

So what does he believe now? Netanyahu says he wants Palestinians to have autonomy, but not a fully independent state.

In October, well before the current election campaign, he said he wanted a Palestinian “state-minus, autonomy-plus, autonomy plus-plus.”

And that means?

“A potential solution is one in which the Palestinians have all the powers to govern themselves but none of the powers to threaten us,” he said at the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America. “Israel and Israel alone will be responsible for security.”

Netanyahu added: “It’s not just a question of hot pursuit. It’s also having the ability to be there all the time.”

That means Israel’s military will stay in the West Bank, where a Palestinian state has been envisioned. Netanyahu has also said he will not uproot any Israeli settlements. Palestinians have long demanded a full Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank as a condition of a peace treaty.

Many of Netanyahu’s allies on the right want to go further. Education Minister Naftali Bennett for at least six years has supported formal Israel annexation of all the settlements. Now plenty of politicians in Netanyahu’s own Likud party also support annexation, which would make the settlements - but not Palestinian cities - officially part of Israel.

So do Netanyahu’s opponents believe in Palestinian statehood?

That’s unclear. Benny Gantz, the main rival to Netanyahu in next month’s elections, wants a peace agreement with the Palestinians. But, like Netanyahu, he has stopped short of endorsing a Palestinian state.

The Blue and White platform, in fact, sounds a lot like Netanyahu: promoting economic development, strengthening the large settlement blocs and a “security border” in the Jordan River Valley, which is on the eastern edge of the West Bank. The platform says the party will stay open to an agreement in the future, but also rules out a unilateral withdrawal from the West Bank.

One of Blue and White’s senior politicians, former Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon, explicitly opposes Palestinian statehood.

Does that mean Israelis don’t want peace with the Palestinians anymore? Israelis as a whole still want peace. But they don’t believe it will happen anymore.

A majority of Israelis (57 percent) want negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, which has civil administrative and security responsibility in parts of the West Bank.

But only 23 percent believe those negotiations will go anywhere, according to a December survey by the Israel Democracy Institute, a think tank.

Support for the two-state solution has also fallen among both Israelis and Palestinians. As of last August, only 43 percent of both populations supports independent Palestinian and Israeli states existing side by side.

That’s “the lowest in almost two decades of joint Palestinian-Israeli survey research,” according to the groups that conducted the survey - Tel Aviv University and the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research.

So what should I expect after the Israeli election?

Israelis go to the polls on April 9. As of now, no one knows who will win. But no matter who the next Israeli prime minister is, he probably won’t come into office explicitly supporting a Palestinian state.

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L’Simcha Congregation for building reconstruction. Some $300,000 also has been set aside for memorializing and commemorating the tragedy, as well as an education effort.

“It is impossible to imagine that this community could move forward without honoring the individual victims, without memorializing this tragedy to help ensure that nothing like it ever is repeated, and without addressing the hateful, anti-Semitic roots of these killings through the power of education,” the report said.

The decisions on how to distribute the money came from an independent committee that consulted with leaders of the congregations, law firms providing pro bono assistance, and experts in distributions from victim funds. The committee met with the victims’ families and consulted directly with individuals involved in recoveries from the 2012 Aurora, Colorado, movie theater shooting and the 2015 massacre at the Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C.

The gunman, Robert Bowers, was armed with an AR-15 and three handguns and allegedly yelled, “I want to kill all Jews” during the attack. Federal prosecutors reportedly are seeking approval to pursue the death penalty. He has been indicted on more than 60 charges, including 13 for hate crimes.

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4 Hacks to Make Your Passover Seder More Fun

By Emily Arnoff Teck

(Kveller via JTA) – No joke: I love hosting the Passover seder. I love feeding people — I’m both Jewish and Southern, so this is deeply ingrained in me. I love educating people, and I love being Jewish, so the seder is a perfect opportunity to gather the ones I love for a meal - a meal during which they are actually open to me sharing all sorts of fun facts, songs, and stories.

If it were up to me, I’d fill every shared meal with readings and inspired discussions. That’s not realistic, of course. But during a Passover seder, at least, people are much more game. So I like to take full advantage of the opportunity and go above and beyond the typical readings and tunes that most people expect.

Yes, I’m a mom - but my toddler and baby weren’t my primary motivation for adding some sass to our seder. (Although one of my all-time favorite seder moments was last year, when our swaddled newborn, placed in a basket, formed a particularly memorable tablescape.) For years I’ve been motivated to find new and different ways to invite my seder guests to see the joy in Judaism that I see every day.

Everyone - kids and adults - loves to play, learn, and connect with one other. Passover is the perfect time for that. So here are a few of my seder hacks that I’d totally recommend if you’d like to ensure your festive meal is, in fact, festive.

Make-your-own haroset bar

Having your guests concoct their own haroset is so much fun. On a side table in our dining room, I set up an array of diced fruits, nuts, and a selection of honeys, wines, and juices. (Pro tip: Martinelli’s makes the best apple juice!) I put out cheap, reusable plastic shot glasses so guests can make multiple variations to find their favorite. Sometimes a few of the grown-ups make a concoction that much more closely resembles sangria than haroset, but hey, that’s part of the fun!

Digital Haggadah

Like many families today, I like to make my own Haggadah, or seder guide. But instead of making photocopies, I do it in Powerpoint. We usually drag a big-screen TV into the dining room - though this year we’ve upgraded: We invested in a small projector, so instead we’ll project the Haggadah on a wall. (This is for those who are willing to use electronics on a yom tov.)

I love doing this for several reasons. I can personalize the presentation, and I can make changes up to the last minute. I’ll assign readings by writing a person’s name, add images of the people who are attending (I can add even add photos from previous year’s seders, which is particularly fun since we have little kids who have grown a lot in the last year). It’s a multimedia presentation: We play a video about The Four Sons instead of reading that passage; we’ll sing along with the Maccabeats’ version of “Dayenu.” Plus, no one is ever on the wrong page, and everyone is looking up and around instead of down.

Storybook breaks

Though we follow the Haggadah, we frequently pause to share parts of the story using picture books. It doesn’t seem to matter that there are usually more adults than kids at my seder; everyone welcomes the change of pace. We like to say the Four Questions all together, reading from this awesome picture book that’s both in English and Hebrew, and we read “The Longest Night” to help us imagine the experiences of the enslaved people. We also have several copies of the “Dayenu” board book (thanks PJ Library!), so we have multiple people holding onto it as we sing it in English (just before we watch the video mentioned above).

Schtick it up

I love schtick. But what I don’t love are some of the more popular ways to work it into the seder. (Take those Ten Plagues finger puppets - the plagues weren’t cute, Seder Hacks continued on page 35

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So let's drop those, OK? There are myriad other ways for putting some pep into the seder. For example, we like to put the kids in laundry baskets - we give them a ride around the table when we talk about baby Moses in a basket (we do it while singing “Little Taste of Torah”).

We’ll use bubble machines and water sprayers when we talk about the parting of the Red Sea and, for babies, we will play afikomen peek-a-boo using scarves or cloth napkins. We use materials like kinetic sand and wax craft sticks, so everyone can craft little avatars of themselves, encouraging each guest to “imagine if you were a slave in Egypt.”

Trust me, with a little creativity (and not a ton of work!), you can have a lot of fun at your Passover seder. I hope your seder is meaningful, memorable, and enjoyable. Chag Sameach!
(Emily Aronoff Teck is a multi-tasking mom, musician and educator. “Miss” Emily visits Jewish communities to share celebrations and songs with young children and their grown-ups, and manages JewishLearningMatters.com. She earned her doctorate in education in 2018 at Gratz College.)

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Happy Passover!
A ‘Sesame Street’ Seder and 4 Other New Children’s Books for Passover

By Penny Schwartz

BOSTON (JTA) -- Four questions. Four cups of wine. Four types of children. At Passover, the number four figures prominently in the rituals of the seder, the ceremonial holiday meal that can be mesmerizing and mystifying.

Four new delightful and brightly illustrated books for young kids will enliven - and help explain - the popular eight-day spring holiday, which this year begins on Friday evening, April 19. One features kids' favorites from the long-running TV series “Sesame Street.” A fifth new title, set in ancient Jerusalem, is a perfect complement to the seder that ends with a tune sung to the phrase “Next year in Jerusalem.”

A Seder for Grover
Joni Kibort Sussman; illustrated by Tom Leigh Kar-Ben; ages 1-4

In this first of four planned “Sesame Street” board books from Kar-Ben, publisher and children's author Joni Kibort Sussman team with longtime “Sesame Street” and Muppet book illustrator Tom Leigh to offer little ones an entertaining introduction to the Passover rituals and traditions.

The youngest kids and their grownup readers will want to join Grover, Big Bird and their “Sesame Street” friends at Avigail’s Passover seder to eat matzah, read the Haggadah and ask the Four Questions. Cookie Monster can come along, too – but only if he eats special Passover cookies. Grover tells his friends it’s good to invite guests to the seder. Even Moishe Oofnik the grouchy is included.

Pippa’s Passover Plate
Vivian Kirkfield; illustrated by Jill Weber Holiday House; ages 4-8

In this lively, rhyming story, an adorable mouse named Pippa is preparing for the seder. She sets the table and stirs the chicken stew. But where’s the special shiny gold seder plate placed in the center of the table to display the ritual foods eaten at the ceremonial meal?

The kids will have fun as they follow Pippa in her search - from inside her house to the garden, fields and ponds outdoors. Along the way, the feisty Pippa asks for help from a cat, snake and wise owl, who are big and scary and make Pippa “cringe and quake.”

Author Vivian Kirkfield’s playful verse introduces kid to the seder rituals, while award-winning artist Jill Weber (“The Story of Passover”) puts readers in the scene with the cute gray and pink mouse. Her bright, large format illustrations are brightened with yellows and greens to match the springtime festival. The last page features Pippa’s Passover plate, which identifies all of the symbolic seder foods.

The Best Four Questions
Rachelle Burk; illustrated by

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**Shimri’s Big Idea: A Story of Ancient Jerusalem**

Elka Weber; illustrated by Inbal Gigi Bousidan
Apples & Honey Press; ages 4-8

In this gracefully told story, Elka Weber takes kids back in time to ancient Jerusalem, where a curious boy named Shimri is told he’s too young and small to help his older and bigger family members plow the fields and draw water from the faraway well. But His Grandma Eliora reassures him that “big ideas can come from small mouths,” and urges him to look closely and listen. Shimri learns that King Hezekiah is looking for ideas on how to bring water inside the city’s walls and wonders if the king will listen to a small boy's solution to the problem.

Weber’s timeless, folk-style tale will strike a chord for young readers who will share Shimri’s frustration. The warm desert tones of Inbal Gigi Bousidan’s illustrations evoke the landscape and lifestyle of ancient Jerusalem. An author’s note explains the fictional story is inspired by Hezekiah’s Tunnel, which was dug during the eighth century BCE, an engineering feat for its time.

**Matzah Belowstairs**

Susan Lynn Meyer; illustrated by Mette Engell
Kar-Ben; ages 4-8

In Susan Lynn Meyer’s humor-filled tale, two families share a home in Apartment 4B, where they are eager to celebrate Passover. Young Eli Winkler is welcoming his human family’s guests to their seder in their “Abovestairs” apartment. Under the Winklers’ floor is the young Miriam Mouse and her mouse family, who live “Belowstairs” and occasionally enter the Winkler apartment through a tiny round mouse hole.

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**New children’s books help explain Passover.**

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This Couple’s Goal is to Photograph Every Living Holocaust Survivor

By Lior Zaltzman

This article originally appeared on Kveller.

At first, it seems like John and Amy Israel Pregulman nailed the ideal “digital nomad” lifestyle. The very-much-in-love couple travels the country and the world side by side working for an organization they built together from the ground up.

"Every day we wake up and go, 'We can’t believe we’re getting to do this,'" Amy tells me from the passenger seat of the car as the couple is en route to Boulder, Colo., from their home in Denver.

But here’s the thing: The Pregulmans don’t have a tech startup, nor are their adventures spent scouring markets for handmade textiles or artisanal cheese. They’re not social media influencers. Instead, their project takes them to the homes of people who are often overlooked: Holocaust survivors.

KAVOD, the organization founded by the couple, has an impressive twofold mission. The first is to photograph every living Holocaust survivor before they die. The second: to help those survivors living in poverty with emergency assistance that helps them get food on the table and the medicine they need, among other things.

"It's very privileged work," says Amy, 49, the organization’s sole paid employee. "It's a privilege to meet them, it's a privilege to hear their stories and be a witness, and it's a privilege to be able to make a small impact in their lives. And work together to be able to do that - it's so unique."

John, 61, has photographed nearly 800 survivors, and KAVOD has helped more than 1,000 survivors with donations. As of February, the couple’s work has taken them to 37 cities, including Prague, Krakow, and Tokyo.

KAVOD is a Hebrew word that means "respect," and that value is deeply ingrained in everything the organization does, from how John takes the pictures to how they distribute their donations.

“You meet this incredible, positive, happy, accomplished people who overcame horrible experiences in most of their childhood or their teenage years, and in the beginning I would take the photos in black and white," John says. "And they would say to me, 'That really is kind of stark, and it makes us look sad, it doesn't portray us the way we want to look.'"

So John started taking the photos in color. Since he thought a large, professional camera would intimidate his subjects, he decided to use a simple Sony digital. He also opts to have his subjects comfortably sitting, illuminated by natural light.

KAVOD started five years ago when John, who is originally from Chattanooga, Tenn., was asked by a friend to photograph 65 survivors at the Holocaust museum in Skokie, Ill. For the former professional photographer, the connection with his subjects was immediate: He photographed 65 survivors in the span of three days. He decided to make this a passion project, going around the country and taking photos of survivors.

But the story of KAVOD is also, quite wonderfully, a love story. It was through this project that John and Amy met and fell in love.

One day, John was contacted by friends who lived in Memphis. Their father was a Holocaust survivor, and though he had never spoken about his experience to anyone, including his family, he wanted John to take his portrait.

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“All of the sudden, he opened up to his children about everything,” John says.

John’s friends were also friends with Amy and arranged for the pair to meet. And so, as John’s friends got the gift of learning their father’s story for the first time, he got the gift of meeting his bashert.

“We started KAVOD in November of 2015, we got married in September 2016,” John says. “So this has really been a wonderful thing to grow this organization, as we grow together as a couple.”

The couple have six children from previous relationships between them, who they say are very supportive of their parents’ work.

The charitable aspect of the organization was a natural outgrowth of the photo project.

“In the beginning, we would mostly go into people’s home to take their pictures,” John says.

“Nineteen days, after you take an elderly lady’s picture she wants to give you something to eat, like your grandmother would.”

One time, while visiting a survivor in Orlando, Fla., “When she took me to her refrigerator, there was nothing there really,” he says. “She said, ‘I had to fix my air conditioner, so I used my grocery money for that and I’m just doing without.’”

For John and Amy, the idea was unacceptable. They soon found out that one-third of Holocaust survivors are living in poverty, according to Blue Card. In fact, 61 percent of the 100,000 survivors in the United States live on less than $23,000 annually.

Many survivors get a monthly payment, from the Claims Conference or Social Security, but when they have an emergency expense, it blows their budget and they have nothing to fall back on. So they end up using the money they would normally use for medicine or food.

“And so we decided that for KAVOD, we wanted to give emergency, confidential aid to survivors who have a quick need,” John says.

They decided to disperse the money through gift cards to Target and other stores “because anyone could go into a grocery store with a gift card and no one would make them feel like they were different,” according to Amy.

There are only three things that John and Amy need to know before they send aid: what the situation is, whether the person is a survivor, and how much money they need. The organization’s board usually sends the money within three days.

“We understood that the process for getting funding and aid across the board was so complicated for them,” Amy says, “so we really wanted it to be simple.”

Though they may have streamlined the aid process, that doesn’t necessarily make it easier to bear witness to their subjects’ harrowing testimonials.

“There are days where it’s uplifting, you understand how important it is to bear,” Amy says, “and there are days when I go back to our hotel and I can’t move.”

“We read a lot,” John adds. “I’ve decided that the only books I’m reading these days are books about survivors we’ve met.”

Amy points out that John’s relationships with his subjects extend far beyond the photo shoot.
A New Book Sheds Light on Little-Known American Jewish Women Throughout History

By Josephin Dolsten

NEW YORK (JTA) — While looking at family photos, historian Pamela Nadell noticed how female relatives dressed differently with each generation. Her great-grandmother wore a high lace collar and covered her hair with a wig, like some Orthodox Jews. Her daughter’s go-to is a pair of skinny jeans.

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Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg - with those of women whose names are much lesser known.

Nadell, 67, doesn’t like to refer to the latter as “ordinary” but rather as “women whose lives were spread over smaller canvasses.”

“I don’t want to just talk about the famous,” she told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a phone interview in March. “That’s not really women’s history. Women’s history is understanding the breadth and trajectory of women’s lives writ large.”

In the book, readers learn about Rachel Lazarus, who moved to Wilmington, N.C., in 1821 after marrying a widower. Disappointed by the small Jewish community and in search of a congregation, she and her husband started praying in an Episcopal church. Lazarus ended up converting to Christianity on her deathbed, against her husband’s wishes. Her letters to the church. Lazarus ended up converting to Christianity on her deathbed, against her husband’s wishes. Her letters to the

Edgeworth offer a valuable portrait of Southern domestic life in the early 19th century. Among her “favorites” is Caroline Spiegel, a Quaker woman who converted to Judaism before marrying her husband Marcus. At the end of 1861, Marcus enlisted to fight for the Union Army in the Civil War and the two corresponded by letters. His letters survived while Caroline’s did not, so historians have mainly focused on his experience.

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Ultimately, she hopes the book will help increase awareness of the importance of studying Jewish women’s history.

“We talk about African-American women, we talk about Latinx women, we talk about Native American women,” she said. “We write about women of different social classes, we write about women from the South. I also think we need to recognize that America’s Jewish women have a distinctive history.”

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Some parallels concern internal community issues. Nadell shows that even in colonial times, Jewish families and congregations were worried about intermarriage.

A Jewish colonial-era woman named Abigail Franks wrote that she was “Soe Depresst that it was a pain ... to Speak or See Any one” after her daughter Phila married a non-Jewish man.

Two centuries later, Nadell writes, another Jewish woman, Sarah Pene, secretly married a Catholic man after her mother refused to accept him despite his offer to convert. Around that time there was increased consternation about the phenomenon, though rates of intermarriage were far lower than today. In 1939, Nadell writes, “a Chicago rabbi denounced a recent spate of intermarriages.”

Nadell says there’s been talk about Jews and intermarriage, especially involving Jewish women, since colonial days.

“I write about Abigail Levy Franks’ reactions to her daughter Phila’s intermarriage,” she said, “and I don’t think anyone having the conversation about intermarriage today knows anything about that.”

News You Can Use
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From Barbecue to Rodeo, Web Series Finds Connections Between Jewish and American Cultures

By Linda Buchwald

(JTA) — Bluegrass music, barbecue, rodeo, motorcycle clubs, fireworks: five things one doesn’t normally expect to intersect with Jewish culture.

But those are the topics explored in a five-part documentary web series by Oriel Danielson for the Israeli Broadcasting Corp., or Kan - the PBS of Israel.

“Jewish Country” tells the stories of Jews combining their heritage with Americana traditions in authentic ways. In one episode, we meet a motorcycle club called Chai Riders.

In the first one, Danielson stays up all night with RaBBi-Q, a Chabad rabbi and barbecue master who lived in Kansas at the time, as they smoke the meat in a parking lot.

“I found out that there is a whole scene of kosher barbecue,” Danielson said, “and there are festivals and there are hundreds of Jewish people in America who engage in this part of American culture in their own way.”

One episode follows Nefesh Mountain, a husband-and-wife folk duo who write songs with a spiritual...
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bent in English and Hebrew. Jonathan Hochman, the only Jewish bull rider in America, is the subject of his own episode.

“Obviously, you’ll find Jewish people who do anything, but I wanted to find not only Jewish people, but people who combine those things with their Jewish identity,” Danielson said. "It wouldn’t be enough to find a Jewish person who plays the banjo. You can find that. That wasn’t what I was looking for. But I wanted to explore the people who through this music that is very American and Western express their Jewish identity.”

The seeds of the idea came to Danielson after writing about the Jewish community of Fort Smith, Ark. It got him thinking about rural Jewish culture in America. He began looking for Jewish people in the U.S. engaged in Americana fields. Before the project, he thought of American Jews as situated in New York, Florida and California - not other places in the West, the South and the Midwest.

Seeing people of all backgrounds (Jewish and non-Jewish) show up for a Nefesh Mountain concert at an amphitheater in Memphis, Tenn., was moving for Danielson. Some had maybe never met a Jewish person - a common refrain from Americans he met during his travels. But he sees Nefesh Mountain and the other subjects of his series as breaking down barriers.

“They’re talking about these things that are not as easy to talk about in those parts of America,” he said, referring to how open the stars of the show are about their religion.

The series also depicts a road trip of two close friends. Danielson’s best friend, Lior Sperandeo, filmed the series, and the viewer can sometimes hear them conversing, which adds a light, fun touch to the episodes.

“We made a huge effort to make the series visually pleasing. It’s a documentary series, but it’s very cinematic,” Danielson said.

He said one of Kan’s priorities is to keep the connection between Israel and the Diaspora strong. The series is in English and Hebrew with English subtitles.

“I think this show will be interesting both for Israelis and Americans,” said Danielson. "And for Jewish people and non-Jewish people, honestly. When two cultures meet, it creates something new and interesting in my opinion.”

Danielson himself comes from two different cultures: His father is Swedish and his mother is Israeli. He was born in Sweden but raised in Israel.

He is a documentary filmmaker whose work includes the short “The Perfect Soda,” but this is the first documentary series that Danielson has produced from start to finish.

For now, “Jewish Country” is a five-episode series. Down the road, however, Danielson hopes to explore the younger generation of American Jews.

“I’m curious about more American pop culture and how young Jewish people in America who are not religious practice and keep their Jewish identity,” he said. "That’s the next step.”
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Recipes

Chicken Fricassee: A Jewish Classic

By Ronnie Fein

(The Nosher via JTA) – Some experts say that food isn’t love, but I disagree. The glorious memories I have of my mother’s chicken fricassee have everything to do with love. This dish of hers was beyond delicious; it showed she cared. We were brought up to believe that the wings were the best, most precious part of the chicken, and here was this wonderful meal that was basically all chicken wings. It couldn’t get better than that.

Except that my mother added meatballs, which my father loved, and potatoes, which we all thought was one of earth’s greatest treasures. Gizzards – a leftover add-on from the days when inexpensive filler foods stretched a meal for big families - sure, we ate them too, respecting tradition, loving their chewy goodness.

Chicken fricassee was one of the premier family foods of my childhood. I loved it. After I married and had children, I made it for my family. My kids hated it. What’s more, anytime I cooked braised chicken of any sort, they called it fricassee and made snarky remarks about it.

That’s basically what chicken fricassee is - braised chicken. Although, technically speaking, in a true fricassee there’s no pre-browning, but who really cares?

My mother made it old-fashioned, Ashkenazi Jewish style, with paprika, schmaltz and onions, but the method is simple, no matter what you include: Brown the ingredients, then simmer them slowly with liquid and seasonings.

The recipe is amazingly forgiving. You can avoid the centuries-old argument about whether braising is best done on the stovetop or in a slow oven – either will do. You can use wings, as my mom did, or other parts; leave out the meatballs or gizzards if you like; add vegetables such as potato, carrots, mushrooms and peas. My mother did all that, depending on what she had in the house.

You can also cook chicken fricassee in advance. I make a big batch on Sunday and break it into freezer portions. When I need a ready-meal, I’ve got one!

Fortunately for me, tastes often change over the years. My kids now like the dish, and the grandkids actually ask for it. So, chicken fricassee is back on the menu for my family! Just the way my mother made it (except for the schmaltz).

Ingredients:

- 16-20 ounces chopped beef, veal, turkey or a combination
- 1/2 cup matzah meal
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (or melted chicken fat)
- 12-15 chicken wings, cut into sections
- 1 pound chicken gizzards
- 3 medium onions, sliced
- 1 tablespoon paprika, approximately
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups water, approximately
- 4 medium all purpose potatoes, peeled and cut into small chunks, optional
- 4 carrots, cut into chunks, optional
- 10 ounces coarsely cut mushrooms, optional

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 F.

In a large bowl, combine the chopped meat, matzah meal and egg, and mix thoroughly. Shape the meat mixture into 1 ½-inch balls and place them on a large baking sheet. Bake the meatballs for 16-18 minutes, turning them occasionally, or until lightly browned on all sides. Remove the meatballs from the oven and set aside.

Reduce the oven heat to 300 F. Pour in 2 cups water. Either cover the casserole and bake the fricassee for 45 minutes OR turn the cooktop heat to low, cover the pan and cook on the stovetop for 45 minutes. Add the optional ingredients if desired, over the pan and cook an additional 50-60 minutes, or until the meats and vegetables are tender.

Check the pan occasionally and turn the ingredients gently if the ones on top seem dry. Check fluid levels and add more water if needed.

(Ronnie Fein is a freelance food and lifestyle writer. She has written for the food sections of daily newspapers and is the author of four cookbooks. She was also a contributing editor to “The New Cook’s Catalogue,” the 25th anniversary edition of the James Beard original.)
Passover Rainbow Cookie Recipe

By Shannon Sarna

(The Nosher via JTA) – I love rainbow cookies. Love. And they are a serious obsession for my entire family. So when I made this recipe Passover-friendly last year, it was a wonderful, delicious game-changer for our Passover celebrations. Simply replace the regular flour with 1/2 cup matzah cake meal and 1/2 cup almond flour (note: not almond meal).

To make this recipe non-dairy, simply replace the 1/2 cup butter with 1/2 cup nondairy shortening or margarine.

You will need three 8-by-8-inch square pans to make this recipe (you can buy disposable if you don’t want to invest in buying pans). I also strongly recommend using a food scale to measure the quantity of batter in each layer.

Ingredients:

For the cake:
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup white sugar
- 4 ounces almond paste, broken into little pieces or processed in food processor for 30 seconds
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup matzah cake meal
- 1/2 cup blanched almond flour (not almond meal)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher-for-Passover vanilla extract
- red and green food coloring (about 8 drops each)

For the chocolate glaze:
- 1 cup dark or semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon vegetable shortening or vegetable oil
- pinch salt

For the filling:
- raspberry jam

Special equipment: 3 square baking pans, offset spatula, food scale.

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease your pans. Add parchment paper to bottom of each pan. Grease again and add light dusting of matzah cake meal. Tap pan to remove any excess flour.
2. Using a hand mixer (or whisk attachment to stand mixer), mix eggs and sugar until thick and yellow. Add crumbled almond paste and combine.
3. Add melted butter (or margarine), matzah cake meal, almond flour, salt and vanilla.
4. Divide batter into 3 equal amounts. (Try using a food scale if eyeballing is too difficult.) Leave one plain. Add green food coloring to one batch of batter. Add red food coloring to the other batch of batter.
5. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until just set and no longer wet in the middle.
6. Allow to cool completely.
7. Place chocolate, shortening and pinch of salt in a glass bowl. Microwave for 30-second intervals until melted. Stir vigorously to ensure there are no clumps.
8. Place a piece of parchment paper on top of a platter or baking sheet. Add red cake layer to parchment paper. Spread thin layer of raspberry jam. Top with white layer. Add another thin layer of raspberry jam. Top with green cake.
9. Carefully spread half the melted chocolate on top. Place in refrigerator for 15-20 minutes or until completely hard.
10. Turn over and spread remaining chocolate on other side. Place back in refrigerator for 30 minutes or overnight.
11. Trim edges and slice into cookies.

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