Inaugural event speakers Dr. Will Recant and Alla Magas and General Campaign Co-Chairs Jeff Simon, and Sam Shapiro in front of one of the new exhibits that demonstrate Federation commitments. (See story on pages 4 and 5.)

(Center) Sarah DeRosa [left] and Marina Levy [right] show off their wine blessing poster at the MSJS kick-off held for students and their families at the JCC on Sept. 18.

(Right) Endowment Director Debbi Grinstein and Lion of Judah Florence Harshman enjoy a moment at the Lions’ dinner. (See story on page 14.)

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Hillary Clinton has temperament, experience and judgment to be commander-in-chief

By Stuart E. Eizenstat

WASHINGTON, D.C. (JTA) — I support Hillary Clinton for president because I have seen her work up close — as first lady, senator from New York and secretary of state. She has the temperament, experience and judgment to be commander-in-chief and our country’s representative to the world. And I know she has a deep commitment to the State of Israel and a special sensitivity to help Holocaust survivors.

During his first term, President Bill Clinton appointed me his special representative for Holocaust issues to provide belated justice for Holocaust victims and their families. With his and Hillary’s strong support, I helped recover $8 billion for slave and forced labor, unpaid insurance policies, Nazi-looted art, and property restitution and compensation.

As senator from New York and then as secretary of state, Hillary Clinton continued her intense efforts for Holocaust victims and survivors. In my service as special adviser to the secretary of state on Holocaust issues, she supported me when we advanced a number of new initiatives to help survivors.

Having worked across four U.S. administrations, I’ve seen firsthand that every president needs a temperament that can endure great pressure.

Hillary Clinton has it. Donald Trump does not.

With his dangerous combination of impulsiveness, erratic behavior and emotional outbursts when he is criticized, Trump would be a disaster in the Oval Office.

Trump even confuses our allies and foes. He has expressed admiration for Vladimir Putin’s leadership style; he is considering recognizing Russian control of Crimea, which it brutally invaded; and has suggested Russia conduct cyber espionage against his political opponent at a time when the U.S. government is increasingly concerned that Russian intelligence is seeking to interfere in our election.

Trump has also upset our NATO allies by putting conditions on our longstanding obligations to come to their defense if they are attacked. It is critical to American global leadership and influence that our allies know they can depend on us to honor our obligations. This was recognized recently by 50 former Republican officials who said Trump lacks the “character, values and experience” to be president, and “would put at risk our country’s national security and well-being.”

This election is not about partisanship, it’s about our values as a nation. Hillary Clinton believes that at a time of great challenge at home and abroad, our diversity is a great source of our country’s strength. That’s why she says we’re “stronger together.”

Trump, on the other hand, seeks to inflame one group against another. Given our own history, American Jews have a special concern with this approach — especially when it comes to his plans to round up and expel over 10 million immigrants and their children. And in a chilling echo of the immigration barriers that Jewish refugees found when they sought safety from Hitler’s clutches in World War II, Trump said he wants to bar all refugees who are Muslim from our shores.

One of the greatest contrasts between Trump and Clinton is over Israel and U.S.-Israel relations. The United States is Israel’s only real ally, and having the right person in the Oval Office is crucial to Israel’s security.

Trump has made no effort to study and learn from the peace process, and has only the most fleeting relationship with Israeli leadership. He has even said...

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The Youngstown Jewish Journal Monthly Magazine, a publication of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, strives to —

Provide a major tool of community communication for the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its affiliated agencies;

Present current local, national and world news of Jewish interest;

Offer timely commentary, interpretation, analysis and authentic background on events of the day for the purpose of encouraging the concern and response vital to our responsibilities as Americans and Jews;

Enrich the cultural interest of individuals and the community through articles, features, reviews and other material of both local and national Jewish content and interest;

Provide a communication tool to enable all members of the Jewish community to express their viewpoints on issues of Jewish importance and interest;

Demonstrate commitment to the progress and continuity of Jewish life in the U.S., especially our local area, Israel and around the world.

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Oct. 15 is the deadline for articles and ads for the Nov. 2016 issue.
This year’s Inaugural event was different. The star power did not come from a nationally known actor or writer. Instead, the audience in the DeY or Center heard from stars in the Jewish galaxy, whose efforts to restore Jewish lives and culture shine on the entire world.

“Fifteen years ago,” said Will Recant, assistant executive vice-president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the “luminary” at this year’s Inaugural Event, “I could have told you the story of Argentina’s Jews. On Dec. 31, 2001, when the banks closed for 10 months, 65,000 Jews fell below the poverty line. The Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was the needed lifeline to their Jewish community.”

Twenty-five years ago, an unprecedented airlift known as Operation Solomon transported over 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. JDC assisted in the negotiation and planning of the rescue mission, which capped the comprehensive health and welfare program that JDC had mounted in Addis Ababa over the preceding 12 months for those seeking to make aliyah.

Even now, JDC continues to support and help integrate Ethiopian Israelis into Israeli society. With dozens of nation-wide programs strengthening the lives of Ethiopian Israelis of all ages, JDC helps ensure advancements in early childhood education, employment, and national service.

Dr. Recant said, “Every year on May 26, Tziona — who was born on the flight from Ethiopia — calls me to say, ‘todah rabbah.'”

He continued, “Forty years ago, we were reading the names of the Russian refuseniks.”

“Sixty years ago, we knew Israel needed our help for the population that had been living in tents for three years.”

The JDC was founded 102 years ago to aid the some 59,000 Jews living in Palestine under Ottoman Turkish rule. By 1914, approximately 59,000 mostly European Jews were living in Palestine under Ottoman rule. They were dependent on sources outside Palestine for their income. The outbreak of World War I left the community isolated and destitute.

Henry Morgenthau, Sr., then the U.S. ambassador to Turkey, saw the misery, and soon after, he sent an urgent cable to New York-based Jewish philanthropist Jacob Schiff, requesting $50,000 for the to save the Jews of Palestine from starvation and death.

“That was the origin of the organization I work for,” Dr. Recant said.

Today, Dr. Recant is the senior staff person regarding JDC’s non-sectarian and disaster relief programs. He is also the desk director for Latin America and European community development.

He coordinates projects relating to the rescue, relief, and renewal of Jewish communities worldwide. At the Inaugural Event, he said, “We have to be prepared to rescue any Jew in the world — such as the 140,000 elder in 17 countries, half of whom are Holocaust Survivors, who need hot meals and medical care.”

All this is possible, because of Jewish community support.
The 2016 Inaugural Event, held for the first time at the DeYor Center, not only showcased Dr. Will Recant and Alla Magas (see story on preceding page) but also brought the personal appeals of local Jewish leaders, some of whose speeches are excerpted below.

**From Sam Shapiro:**

“It is my privilege and honor to welcome and address you as co-chair for the 2016 Inaugural Event. The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its agencies are the heart and soul of our community and it has done and continues to do amazing things.

The Inaugural Event committee put together this program and the Art Exhibition that is displayed in the foyer of the DeYor Center. Please, spend a few minutes looking at the exhibition [now displayed in the JCC Art Gallery].

Some of the exhibits focus on—

Lifelong Education: thanks to your continued support we have Akiva Academy where kids like my daughter receive Jewish education and through programs like the Florence Melton course, adults, including me, learn about ethics and history of Jewish living.

Israel: Our community has always gone to great lengths to show our dedication and support to Israel either through charitable contributions or mission trips that I was privileged to be a part of. It was a life changing experience for me.

Jewish culture: Federation sponsors many interesting programs in music, art exhibitions, theater, and lecture series bringing people together at the JCC. These are my favorite programs.

Human Service Agencies: such as Heritage Manor, Levy Gardens and Jewish Family Services have cared for my loved ones and friends over the years. Thanks to their professionalism and commitment to the highest quality of care countless people benefit from these programs.

**Irina Perlman**

Ms. Perlman, with her husband, Dr. Mark Perlman, were the co-chairs of the Inaugural Event. She introduced the film premiere of the “Soviet Jewish Archival Project, produced by Talia Hagler.

Ms. Perlman told her personal story, Soviet hostility toward Jews followed by the collapse of the communist regime and the dissolution of the Soviet Union in the late 1980s led to political repressions, religious persecutions, corruption, and the rise of anti-semitism. It led to millions of Russian Jews leaving to seek refuge elsewhere. I was one of them.

I was 29 years old with a small child and an aging mother. I didn’t speak the language and didn’t know the American culture. Russia was a closed society with very limited, controlled information about America and Israel. We came to Youngstown not knowing anybody fearing the future.

The next day many people came to our new home to meet us and offer assistance in anything we might need. They took us in. Almost immediately, the Youngstown Jewish community became my new family. The Federation provided housing, financial support, education for my daughter Kate at Akiva Academy, medical assistance to my mother for a few months until we were able to get a job and get back on our feet.

We received a warm welcome, help and support from the community and were able to turn our lives around and help others. There is nothing more rewarding.

This is my story, but there are so many just like mine. Unfortunately, there are still Jews around the world in need today, facing daily anti-semitism, fearing for their well-being and their lives. They are relying on our agency and campaign contributions that bring safety and Jewish identity into their lives.

It is a privilege to be able to stand up against injustice, to be charitable, to be a part of a greater whole. Our community is a part of a greater whole, able to do what is right locally and on the international level.

To show you what we can accomplish as a community, I want to introduce a new film entitled the "Soviet Jewry Archival Project," Produced by

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2016 Federation High Holiday Message

By Atty. Alan R. Kretzer
President

For the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation to plan for future demographic and societal changes requires the careful evaluation of “where we are,” “where we want to be,” and “how we get there.”

Since February, the Federation has been involved in a strategic planning process which we envision will identify community needs, desires, and priorities for two to ten years. Through our efforts with our many dedicated volunteers and professionals, we strive to be the catalyst for a renaissance of Jewish life in the regional Jewish Community. As part of this revival, we are pleased that a new group of approximately 35 young men and women are meeting monthly to discuss topics of Jewish interest. Our community and the Federation have a strong commitment in this Federation Fellows program with high hopes for future participation and leadership.

At our Inaugural Event on Sept. 8, we highlighted the work of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. We were joined by two JDC professionals and advocates. Alla Magas, director of the Active Jewish Teens Network in the Ukraine, and Dr. William Recant, assistant executive vice-president, for international development programs. Dr. Recant described the work of the JDC in 70 countries worldwide, where our contributions help to revitalize Jewish life, alleviate hunger and hardship and rescue Jews in danger.

To highlight some of the programs and services Federation offers the community, this year, we conducted a security assessment for all community temples and cemeteries, as well as the Federation’s facilities including the Center, Akiva, Heritage Manor, Levy Gardens, and JFS.

The goal of the analysis and subsequent security plan is to implement the best practices to ensure the safety of the entire Jewish community. In September, the Federation offered two High Holiday security training sessions for the Temples and Federation.

Next, our Federation supported missions to Israel for both teens and adults. Last summer, five area teens spent from three to four weeks in Israel, and for the first time, two teens from Youngstown joined 75 participants from the Central Regional Consortium of Partner2Gether (CP2G) on a Mega Teen Mission to Israel over the winter break. These teen experiences were offered at virtually no cost to participants.

This past spring, four adults from our community spent 12 days in Israel as part of CP2G’s 20th Anniversary Celebration. And we invite you to join our Federation in a CP2G Mission to Eastern Europe, May 7-17, 2017. Publicity for this Federation-subsidized mission will be out shortly. Call the Federation for additional information.

Through the Jewish Community Center, a wide variety of fitness-related activities exist to enhance quality of life with a range of levels. The Center offers many Jewish-oriented adult programs ranging from the Jewish Film Festival, trips to Cleveland and Pittsburgh, in addition to events focusing on music, art, and culture. Last month for the first time, the JCC sponsored its first trip to Jewish Chicago, following similar trips in the past to Jewish tours of New York, Washington and Philadelphia.

Our Child Development Center is undergoing a transformation in terms of quality and number of participants, with the addition of a fourth classroom in preschool, as well as two new pre-kindergarten classes. Our Camp JCC program served more children and generated more revenue than in recent years, highlighted by the amazing “Circus of the Kids” for a second year as one of its specialty camps.

This past summer we were pleased with the JCC’s new relationship with the Logan Swim Club, with the possibility of further collaboration in the future. The annual JCC Maccabi Games were held this year in Columbus, and we were happy to report that Youngstown joined once again with the Akron JCC for a joint delegation. Youngstown’s three representatives took part in swimming, volleyball, and soccer, and joined in with Jewish teens from around the world in various social action projects.

Our Shlichim, Jon and Shay Erez, have added much to Jewish programming and education as ambassadors of Israel at the JCC, Federation, synagogues, area schools, churches, and civic groups, in addition to their responsibilities at Akiva and MSJS.

The JCRC continues to closely monitor and respond to numerous inquiries regarding international issues and concerns for the Jewish community. Global anti-Semitism continues to rise at an alarming rate, and the “BDS” (boycotts, divestment, and sanctions) movement to delegitimize Israel continues to grow both internationally and domestically, particularly on college campuses.

The greater Middle East also continues to undergo some of the most transformative movements in the modern history of the region, most notably in countries where terrorists representing the Islamic State are seeking to replace existing governments and extremist entities that are enemies of Israel and the West.

Most recently, JCRC produced its third survivor video, this on the life of Henry Kinast, in addition to a traveling exhibit. Jesse McClain, JCRC’s Holocaust educational specialist, travels with the exhibit and video to schools, working with area teachers on implementing this curriculum in their classrooms.

Heritage Manor, Jewish Family Services and Levy Gardens continue to care about the elderly as well as people who have medical problems or special needs. Heritage Manor and Levy Gardens are open to everyone and offer respite, daycare and rehab services.

JFS continues to offer counseling, guardianships and has an ongoing program, “Our Gang,” which provides monthly and annual programs for developmentally disabled adults.

The Federation continues to seek new endowment funds to supplement its programs and services Federation-wide. Income from endowment funds are used for such programming as “Our Gang,” JCC transportation, nursing

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scholarships, and Israeli teachers at the Commission for Jewish Education, to name a few.

As is the case with most Federations in North America, some of our endowment funds enhance our annual campaign. The Thomas Family Endowment further enhances our collective Jewish experience. Grants allow the Federation to bring extraordinary programming such as speakers for the Inaugural Event and our Shlichim. More important, the TFE supports our partnership in Akko, Israel, and with Jews around the world, above and beyond the Federation’s allocation. The TFE has put the Federation on the map as an integral partner of many initiatives throughout the Mahoning and Shenango valleys.

Our annual campaign makes it possible for the Federation to provide for meeting the needs here in our regional Jewish Community, and throughout the world. In 2015, the campaign raised $1,345,240, which slightly exceeded the previous year.

Finally, the Mahoning Valley Historical Society has announced that A Jewish History of Youngstown and the Steel Valley will be released on May 22, 2017. The new book covers almost 180 years of local and regional Jewish history.

L’Shana Tovah! May the New Year be filled with peace, prosperity and good health.

Jewish Community Relations Council

By Scott Lewis, President

Israel and the world have faced many challenges throughout 5776. Almost daily, we read of more missiles in the hands of Hezbollah, more tunnels dug by terrorists in Gaza, more destabilizing activities by Iran, and more attacks by and inspired by ISIS and Al-Qaida throughout the region and in Europe.

As these threats continue to grow, so do the resources Israel needs to keep her citizens safe. Thus, the JCRC has joined with the national organized Jewish community in advocating for a continued strong U.S.-Israel relationship, culminating with the conclusion and signing of a historic new “Memorandum of Understanding” between the United States and its most important ally.

This MOU will increase American aid to $38 billion in security assistance to Israel through 2028, the largest U.S. aid package ever. The agreement solidifies America’s commitment to providing that essential support, allowing Israel to modernize its armed forces with the tools to defend itself, by itself.

And yet even with this strong U.S. support, the American and world Jewish communities continue to face increasingly difficult tests. Global anti-Semitism is rising at an alarming rate, putting Jews at new risks in their home cities and countries where they once were safe. And the BDS (boycotts, divestment, and sanctions) movement to delegitimize Israel and to promote anti-Semitism continues to grow both internationally and domestically, particularly on college campuses. Through such challenging times, the JCRC has continued to be a leader in Israel advocacy and in combating BDS through programming on these and other important issues.

The JCRC once again this year provided meaningful Yom Hashoah commemoration and education activities with the continuation of one of its biggest and most ambitious projects ever undertaken. The premiere of the Henry Kinast Holocaust educational film and exhibition was a tremendous success, attracting a record number of attendees.

The JCRC also worked with the Partnership with Israel program to bring a special Holocaust exhibit from Israel to area schools. Jesse McClain continued his work in the general community, reaching thousands of students with meaningful educational programming on the Holocaust and is now developing new curricular materials to further enhance our capacity to teach about the Shoah. And with the support of the Thomas Family Foundation, the JCRC has begun work with YSU to create a new website that will become a comprehensive research tool about all local Survivors.

During the heightened national election season, the JCRC engaged in various efforts in support of the Jewish perspective on many federal legislative measures, and also has kept a close watch on events unfolding in both Columbus and in Harrisburg to ensure that our regional Jewish communities’ interests are properly served.

The JCRC leadership meets regularly with public officials here and in Washington and Columbus and has hosted several community events with members of Congress and other office holders to develop and maintain close ties to the individuals and organizations in control of scarce, but needed, public dollars which flow to our Jewish agencies.

Once again, the JCRC made significant progress in promoting interfaith cooperation and engaged in numerous efforts to promote understanding and respect for all communities and faiths.

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High Holiday Greetings from the Jewish Community Center

By Harold Davis, President

L’shana Tovah! As we welcome the year 5777, the board and staff of the JCC want to express our sincerest wishes to all of you for a healthy, happy and prosperous year to come.

We remain dedicated to our mission of helping to develop and strengthen Jewish identity in our community while enriching Jewish life through excellent programming at a vibrant Center — serving with Jewish values a community of people between six weeks and 100+ years of age.

5776 saw the retirement of Sandy Kessler, after 11 years as executive director. Sandy left some big shoes to fill, but interim director Michael Rawl continues his efforts to make the “J” a positive and dynamic force unparalleled in the region.

As 5777 dawns, let’s take a moment to acknowledge the diversity of our community and recognize the strength it provides. The JCC is a unique space — a space where the Jewish community of Youngstown interfaces with the Youngstown community at large. It’s within these walls that we have the opportunity to introduce the world to our values, the values transcribed in the Torah, the concepts of mitzvot and tikun olam.

Our Shlichim Gon and Shai Erez conducted “Lunch and Learns” about Jewish traditions and about Israel as well as concept nights. They formed a young adult group, spoke about Israel in area churches, and taught at Akiva Academy.

Jewish teens from our area attended the JCCA Maccabi games in Columbus with teens from Akron, earning medals while sharing a marvelous Jewish experience with hundreds of other young people from around the world.

The PJ Library Program continues to be offered by the JCC staff, creating wonderful programs for kids (and their parents) from our entire area.

At the JCC, our broad mission manifests itself in some well known ways — our fitness center and pool and child care programs are obvious examples. But we carry out our mission in less known ways as well.

We are now providing free swim lessons to people on the autism spectrum through our PALS program.

Our tuition scholarship programs have allowed more than 80 people to use our facilities, join our camp, and attend our schools who would not have otherwise been able.

This summer, our members could swim outdoors at Logan Swim Club. The partnership with Logan has also brought new members to the JCC.

The P.A.L.S. Swim Safe $500 grant from the Thomas Family Foundation and United Way, provides swim safety skills to underprivileged youth.

And the JCC also partnered with E.J. Blott School in Liberty to give swim lessons to the entire 4th grade.

In the past year, our adult programming department conducted more than 400 senior outreach visits as well as hosting special events at the JCC, and taking groups to see plays in Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Just last week, Darlene Muller’s Darlene’s Destinations took a group of local residents for a splendid trip to Jewish

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and multicultural awareness. The JCRC kicked off new Jewish-Christian dialogue, was instrumental in the planning of the annual Youngstown area Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and the annual Nonviolence Week commemoration, and worked on numerous programs with other faith communities. An extremely well-attended symposium, featuring Bishop George Murry and area rabbis to examine Jewish-Catholic relations 50 years after Nostra Aetate, was a tremendous success.

And the JCRC continued its tradition of sponsoring our local annual High Holiday Food Drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

As we consider all these pressing issues, we pray for the continued safety and security of our community here, and for Israel to achieve peace. We will never let the world forget Am Yisrael Chai, and that we will fight for our survival.

On behalf of the JCRC, best wishes to each and every member of the Jewish community for a happy and healthy new year.

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The Genesis Prize Foundation and the Jewish Funders Network has launched “Breaking Barriers,” a matching grant program in honor of 2016 Genesis Prize Laureate Itzhak Perlman. The initiative will promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of Jewish communal life, echoing Mr. Perlman’s lifelong dedication to breaking barriers and creating a society fully inclusive for people of all abilities.

This is the second matching grant collaboration between the Genesis Prize Foundation and Jewish Funders Network, following the 2015 Avenues to Jewish Engagement for Intermarried Couples and their Families, in honor of the 2015 Genesis Prize Laureate Michael Douglas, which generated $3.3 million in new funds. These matching grant initiatives mobilize the philanthropic community to increase the number of funders and grant dollars supporting their respective causes.

Mr. Perlman has allowed for the funds to be used promote inclusion and breaking barriers in both North America and Israel. In Israel, an additional $500,000 will be dispersed through grants from Matan-United Way Israel. In North America a fund of $1 million was created with the additional generosity of philanthropist Roman Abramovich. This combined approach will generate over $3 million in new philanthropic investment through the matching grant initiative and the activity in Israel.

"I am honored to be part of ‘Breaking Barriers,” said Itzhak Perlman, “And to have the opportunity to encourage other funders to join this critical initiative so that each person, regardless of his or her abilities, will have the opportunity to maximize their potential and to participate as full members of the community. This is a great opportunity to open more doors and accept all who choose to enter.”

"Once again the Genesis Prize has

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New books at the JCC Library

A number of books have been recommended or donated to our library. Here is just a short list of some new offerings:

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
Orchestra of Exiles: The Story of Bronislaw Huberman, the Israeli Philharmonic and the One Thousand Jews HeSaved from Nazi Horrors by Josh Aronson & Denise George
Nine Essential Things I’ve Learned About Life by Rabbi Harold Kushner

JCC Library Book Club
The next meeting of the JCC Library Book Club will be on Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the library. The group will discuss Orchestra of Exiles by Josh Aronson and Denise George. One copy is available at the JCC library, and other copies can be obtained through the public libraries, SearchOhio, and also on Kindle.
This Rosh HaShanah, make a healthy New Year a reality for millions of Israelis.

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SAVING LIVES IN ISRAEL

Ohio Nonviolence Week 2016

Judge Jones to be honored

Judge Nathaniel R. Jones, a native son of Youngstown, will receive the Simeon Booker Courage Award on Wednesday evening, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., at the Ford Theater in the DeYor Performing Arts Center.

Investigative reporter, Jerry Mitchell, from the Clarion Ledger in Jackson, Mississippi, will be the keynote speaker for the evening.

The event has been coordinated by the Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past and the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation.

Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the box office at the DeYor Center.

In July, Judge Jones received the NAACP Spingarn Medal joining other honorees such as George Washington Carver, Thurgood Marshall and Martin Luther King Jr.

Judge Nathaniel R. Jones

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African American, Jewish relations: the Civil Rights Era and beyond

Dr. Patricia Cunningham, director, Social Change at The Ohio State University, will speak on Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The Lunch and Learn is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation.

A three-time graduate of The Ohio State University, Dr. Cunningham received her B.A. in Women’s Studies (with a minor in Black Studies); an M.A. in Higher Education and Student Affairs; and a doctoral degree in Cultural Foundations.

She oversees a number of community outreach programs, including the Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection, which involves projects in Columbus neighborhoods that have a high poverty rate, and the BuckeyeREACH program that connects students to mentors in youth prison facilities.

Dr. Cunningham says “this work has been the most challenging and yet the most rewarding to champion education for incarcerated youth and adults.

She also teaches interdisciplinary courses on the subjects of poverty, race, gender, civic engagement and leadership.

A free, light lunch will be provided at the event. An R.S.V.P. is required by Sept. 30, to NSentelik@JewishYoungstown.org or (330) 746-3250 x 108.

Luther King Jr.

Judge Jones has been an activist for equality since his youth. As a Youngstown teen in America’s Jim Crow era of the 1940s, he went to swim at whites — only pools knowing he’d be attacked for trying to violate the city’s segregation policies.

As a student at Youngstown College after World War II, he and a white friend demanded a meeting with the
Heritage Manor High Holiday services

Year 5777, High Holy Day Services at Heritage Manor will be observed in the Schwebel Chapel as follows:

Rosh Hashannah
Monday, Oct. 3, 9:30 a.m. (Promptly) — Les Apple/Jordan Cohen
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. (Promptly) — Jerry Haber/Jordan Cohen
(A kiddush will follow the above services)

Yom Kippur
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m. (Kol Nidre) — Dr. Mark Perlman
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m. (Promptly) — Les Apple/Jordan Cohen

Memorial (Yizkor) Services
10:15 a.m. — Les Apple/Jordan Cohen
Minha (Afternoon) Services
3:45 p.m. — Art Einzig
Sukkot
Monday, Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m. — Jerry Haber
Shemini Azaret, Yizkor, and Simchat Torah
Monday, Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret — Sam Kooperman
Monday, Oct. 24, (Yizkor), 10:15 a.m. — Sam Kooperman
(A Kiddush will follow the above services possibly in the Sukkah outside)

Greeting from Human Services

By Marc Rubin, President, Human Services Board

We look forward to the new year, 5777, with our residents, tenants, families, and community. We are seeing many changes in healthcare that affect the acute, sub-acute, and long-term care services that are offered the elderly in this country and particularly in Ohio. Some goals are set forth by the state to improve quality and increase the value of services which promote managed care products and community-based services.

We are very proud of the continuity of services that we offer our elderly under the umbrella of the Human Services Department that includes Heritage Manor, Levy Gardens, our Adult Daycare services, and Jewish Family Services. One need only make a phone call to any of these programs to receive care, services, and information about what we can do to make life more comfortable and secure for the elderly who need us.

Heritage Manor and Levy Gardens have been running at almost full capacity for the past year and demand for their programs continues to be brisk. We are the provider of choice when it comes to rehabilitation services, Veterans care, and government programs that the elderly qualify for in their time of need.

Levy Gardens bridges the gap between independent living and long-term care. The program is full of activities and socialization that brings together seniors who enjoy the notion of group living and some assistance.

On behalf of our residents, tenants, volunteers, staff, and Board, we want to extend to you and yours our warmest New Year’s greetings for the year 5777.

JCC Library book sale

The Judaica Library is now accepting books for its annual book sale, which will be held during the week of Dec. 5 to 9. Fiction and nonfiction books for adults, young adults, teens and children will be for sale.

Those who wish to donate gently read books that are in very good condition, may bring them to the JCC library by Dec. 2. Especially needed are for Jewish and secular fiction and nonfiction books for adults, teens, preteens, and especially children’s books. Encyclopedias, textbooks, or magazines are not accepted.

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, Dec. 4, to set up the books for the book sale. Because space is limited, people are needed to help carry boxes and arrange books to make the sale appealing.

Contact Mary Lou Henneman at the JCC library (330-746-3251, Ext. 126) or by email at englishfestival@yahoo.com for more details.
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The staff of Jewish Family Services has a combined professional experience of more than 100 years of providing counseling and assistance to those in need. Overcoming loss is a common theme in the many types of issues for which members of our community seek help.

As our community ages and its population declines, a frequent issue that arises is filling the void when people have lost access to their families, neighbors, or friends who helped address either daily issues or crises in their lives.

They may have lost a confidant — some one who understands them and their issues with whom they could search for a solution, or a compassionate non-judgmental listener who helped clarify conflicting issues for a positive decision, or someone who could offer advice in their best interest.

Jewish Family Services can offer this and much more. Our social workers have expertise in counseling for mental health and family issues. They know about community resources and entitlement programs. They are problem solvers. They are available to you or your family. They will either help or help find the person that can help.

Losses come in many forms and under many different circumstances. Commonly, our staff sees the loss of a spouse, the loss of health and well-being, the loss of employment and income, and the loss of independence. For some, change is difficult — the loss of what used be. For some, there are issues in accepting change. For others, it is the fear of making a needed change.

This past year, JFS has helped hundreds of people cope with loss and adjust to change. We may wish that you never suffer a loss, but we know that is not realistic. What we can offer though, is the services of JFS to ease the adjustment, to minimize the pain, and to accept the new reality. JFS is there to help individuals or their families. Many times, again due to our aging population, it is the caretaker who seeks the help, so that they can continue to provide assistance.

Within the Jewish population and the community at large, there is a growing need for our services — also in guardianship, powers of attorney, and advisers to trusts. These interventions help address the loss of control, the lost ability to make all necessary daily decisions, and the lost ability to manage personal or financial affairs.

When we count our blessings, be assured that having Jewish Family Services as an available support is one of the blessings we have.

We wish you the best, a Happy and Healthy New Year, and as we say, Have a good year...only for Simchas, but we can comfort you with the services of JFS which has always been here to help in “overcoming the loss.”

Jewish Family Services
When William Daroff, senior vice president for public policy and director of the Washington office of the Jewish Federations of North America, spoke to the local Lions of Judah at their annual dinner on Sept. 19, he explained how impressed he was with the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation whose facilities he had toured before his presentation.

After seeing Heritage Manor, Levy Gardens, Akiva, Jewish Family Service, and all the JCC facilities, he said, “This Jewish community certainly fights above its weight class.”

But he noted that no matter how strong a local Federation might be it takes the collective’s strengths, relationships, and power of all the federations working together to move the Jewish agenda forward.

As the chief lobbyist and principal spokesperson on public policy and international affairs for the 151 Jewish federations and more than 300 independent communities represented by JFNA, Mr. Daroff ensures that the voice of Jewish Federations is a prominent force in the nation’s capital.

The dinner, hosted by Jeanne and Ken Fibus of Liberty, brought together the Lions and their spouses to hear Mr. Daroff, discuss key domestic policy issues, principally on health and human services, such as Medicare and Medicaid, long-term care, and policies affecting older Americans. He said more than $6 billion in government funding supports operations in Jewish facilities such as Heritage Manor and Levy Gardens.

Mr. Daroff explained that there is a growing challenge to meet the needs of those on the autism spectrum and others with disabilities. “We are working to make sure our Jewish communities provide on-ramps for inclusion across the boards.” He added, “Youngstown is ahead of the curve in that regard.”

The Lions of Judah are women who have made a gift of $5,000 or more to the Annual Campaign. A Lion of Judah Endowment is a Lion who has created a perpetual Annual Campaign gift.
‘Federation Fellows’ stimulate leadership opportunities

In the past, small aging Jewish communities — like many in western Pennsylvania — disappeared as older members died and their children and grandchildren found new opportunities elsewhere.

But the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation has no intention of letting the locally Jewish community suffer the same fate; thus, the creation of the “Federation Fellows,” — a program that the Federation board hopes will bring a new vitality to the local Jewish community and develop leadership within a younger generation.

In the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, the Fellows have begun a dynamic year of events designed to develop and stimulate a new group of Jewish communal leaders.

Co-chairs Dr. Randy Goldberg, a music professor at Youngstown State University and director of the Dana School of Music, and Attorney Melissa Bateman see their roles as bringing passion and vitality to the effort.

Atty. Bateman says she became interested in the Federation and the Fellows program because "I wanted to have a greater understanding of all the Federation and its agencies do for us locally and abroad"

She added, “Specifically, as to the Fellows program, I was at a program for young adult Jewish women being led by our shlichim and someone mentioned in passing that we are the future of the Youngstown Jewish Community. “

Ms. Bateman said that started her thinking. Then later, “YAJF Executive Vice President Andy Lipkin and Program Coordinator Sarah Wilschek started talking about creating the Fellows program. It is such a good idea, I told them both I would like to be a part of it in any way I could. I jumped at the chance to be involved. “

When Dr. Goldberg was appointed to head the Dana School of Music last summer, he saw one of his important goals as helping to bring about the changes that the university and its faculty wanted to achieve in the future.

Similarly, he hopes that with the Federation Fellows he can similarly achieve the positive changes that will help the Jewish Community grow.

“So I asked myself,” Dr. Goldberg said, “as a relative newcomer, how can I help sustain a community that has been kept alive by those who grew up here?”

His answer was to bring his enthusiasm and creativity and possibly new ideas to bear on reaching our goals.

Although the Fellows range in age from 25 to 45, they share a number of similarities. For the most part they are families with young children, who are

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Clinton best choice for Israel (cont’d from p.4)

that he was “a neutral guy” when it came to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. At one point, Trump even suggested that Israel should repay the U.S. for the military aid it provided.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton has always been among Israel's strongest supporters. In the wake of the continued knife attacks on innocent Israelis, she publicly demanded that the Palestinian leadership stop inciting their people to violence, publicly condemn terrorism and end the pernicious practice of paying rewards to the families of terrorists.

She has strong relationships with leaders like Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, with whom she played a major role in negotiating the 2012 Gaza cease-fire, and supported vital U.S. assistance to Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system. Clinton has set out a concrete plan to take the U.S.-Israel relationship to “the next level.” And she called for the expeditious completion of a new 10-year defense memorandum of understanding to ensure that Israel maintains its qualitative defensive advantage; the memorandum was signed last week.

Her plan includes a pledge to work shoulder to shoulder with Israel to combat the rising terrorist threat in the region. Clinton has called for tougher sanctions on Iran for its support of terrorist groups like Hezbollah and Hamas, to curb its ballistic missile development, and to cut the flow of Iranian funds and arms to Israel's enemies. She has pledged to take swift action, including militarily if necessary, if Iran attempts to obtain a nuclear weapon. And Hillary will do everything in her power to combat the growing Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions effort to marginalize Israel.

Israel will have no better friend in the Oval Office than Hillary Clinton, and I enthusiastically support her.

During the Clinton administration, Stuart E. Eizenstat was the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, undersecretary of commerce and of state, deputy secretary of the Treasury, and special representative of the president on Holocaust issues. During the Carter administration, he was the president’s White House chief domestic policy adviser.

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Rosh Hashanah

CONGREGATION RODEF SHOLOM
May the New Year ahead be filled with blessing, prosperity and peace, for all of us and the whole House of Israel.
**In Memoriam**

**Phyllis Friedman (of Warren)**

Phyllis Friedman, 92, passed away on Sept. 12, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her father, George Kaiser of Battle Creek, Mich.; her mother, Rose Kaiser of Battle Creek; brother Maynard Kaiser of Battle Creek; and her sister, JoAnn (Kaiser) Semmelroth of Battle Creek.

Phyllis had no surviving brothers, sisters or grandchildren.

She is survived by husband Morris Friedman of Warren and son Steven A. Friedman of Vienna.

Phyllis Friedman was a proud member of the Lions of Judah, Rodef Sholom Synagogue and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, Squaw Creek Country Club, Bocaire Country Club in Boca Raton, Fla., and numerous other organizations. She was also involved with the USO during the World War II era, where she came to meet her eventual husband, Morris, who was serving with the U.S. Armed Forces.

Phyllis was an avid golfer who also enjoyed playing mahjong and cards.

She and her husband traveled extensively throughout the world and visited Israel on numerous occasions, where Phyllis also had extended family on her mother's side. She spent many wonderful hours of pleasure with her husband, Morrie and her son, Steven, whom she could never get enough of.

A lover of animals, her foundation was a contributor to the Animal Welfare League and she got great pleasure from her doggy, MeToo.

Phyllis was a very friendly, outgoing individual who was extremely well liked in the community. She bridged the many cultural and religious gaps of all people and had friends from a multitude of diverse backgrounds.

She will be missed by all those who knew her. Her passing marks the eclipse of another portion of a bygone and disappearing generation. She succumbed to a prolonged battle with dementia, Alzheimer's and finally cancer, all the time during which she was attended to with the most loving care of her husband, Morris, who will perhaps miss her as no other can after 71 years of a truly blessed marriage.

The family would also like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Ms. Lisa Barass and Mrs. Kim Scott for their most loving care and attention to Mrs. Friedman during her final months.

Services and interment were held in Columbus. Shiva will not be observed.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 110 E. 42nd St., 16th Floor, New York City, NY 10017, (800)-259-4636; or Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave., 7th Floor, New York City, NY 10001, (866)-232-8484

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**Norma H. Rothman**


Norma was born June 7, 1937, in Richmond, Va., a daughter of Joe and Hattie Sherman Hurowitz.

Raised in Richmond, she was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. In 1957, Mrs. Rothman relocated to Youngstown and later to Boardman. She worked as vice president for Quality Tea and Coffee for more than 30 years and retired from NEFF after working 10 years in customer service.

She was a member of Congregation Rodef Sholom in Youngstown and its Sisterhood and consolation com-

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Dorothy E. Cohn

BOARDMAN — Dorothy E. “Coopie” Cohn, 92, died Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Hospice of the Valley, Hospice House. She was born September 10, 1923 in Struthers, to the late, Stephen “Sam” and Julia Weiss Krause.

Dorothy graduated from Youngstown South on January 28, 1943 and was employed as a salesperson for JC Penney. She was a member of the Rodef Sholom and enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, playing bingo and going to the casino. She loved to walk on the beach and collect sea shells. Her famous quote was, “I had a good life and lived it the way I wanted.” The most important aspect of her life was her family and friends, she loved them deeply along with her dog, Bailey.

She leaves her two daughters, Gail Lynn Friedenberger and Marsha Rose Cohn both of Boardman; son, Joel (Michele) Cohn of Boardman; four grandchildren, Sarah L. (Erica Speer) Friedenberger, Joel (Jessica) Cohn, Melissa Cohn and Michael Cohn; two great-grandchildren, Katalina Cohn and Savannah Cohn; several nieces and nephews; several great nieces and great nephews and her sister-in-law, Estelle (the late Paul) Brouchkie.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Cohn on January 15, 1980; her sisters, Irene Ragosin, Pearl Krause, Ruth Schwartz and Florence Weller, father-in-law, Aaron Cohn, mother-in-law, Goldie Goldberg Cohn, sisters-in-law, Beatrice (Moon) Marinelli, Pearl (Walter) Mont, Rhea (Joe) Sturgeon and Dorothy (Maury) Sheffler.

Services were held at the Davis-Becker Funeral Home., with Jerry Haber officiating. Entombment followed in the Rodef Sholom Cemetery in Tod Homestead Cemetery.

The family would like to send a special thank you to family and friends for all of the thoughts and prayers and to her care givers for their compassion and the wonderful care given to Dorothy during this difficult time.

The family ask that donations sent to Hospice of the Valley, Hospice House, 9803 Sharrott Rd. Poland, OH 44514.

Susan Belinky Michal

Susan Belinky Michal, 67, of Harrisville, N.H., died Sept. 5 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer. Susan was born to Dr. Nathan Belinky and Mrs. Ruth (Berkowitz) Belinky on January 31, 1949 in Youngstown. She was the eldest of four children.

Susan was preceded in death by her father, mother and brother, David. She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughter, Stacy; step-sons Aaron and Corey; brothers, Mark and Bruce; sisters-in-law Cynthia, Monica and Debra and nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends.

Following her graduation from The Ohio State University, Susan taught elementary school in Columbus before moving to New York City to pursue a singing career. She was an accomplished classical pianist and attended the Mannes School of Music, a music conservatory in New York City.

After moving to Boston, Susan worked with and supported the director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Program in Science and Technology for International Security on nuclear proliferation policy.

In 1983 she married Charles J. Michal in Harrisville. Her passion for youth education and music led her to accept a position as the music director at the Dublin School, which she held until her mother’s death.

Until this year Susan worked as the senior branch office administrator for the financial services firm Edward Jones, where she received the firm’s Jim McKenzie Award for exceptional achievement.

A private memorial was held by family. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Susan B. Michal to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift.

Norma H. Rothman (continued from preceding page)

mittee. She was also a former board member of the Florence Crittenden Home.

In her free time, she enjoyed playing mah-jongg with her many friends and spending time with her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

Norma is survived by her son, Stuart (Kathleen) Rothman of Boardman; two daughters, Ellyn (David) Roberts of North Canton and Ruth Rothman of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister Rita Hartman of Sardis, Ga.; brother Melvin (Beverly) Hurowitz of Bradenton, Fla.; and five grandchildren, Jeremy Rothman, Allie (Anthony) Jania, Hannah Roberts, Jamie Roberts and Jack Tully.

In addition to her parents, Norma was preceded in death by her brother, Bernard Hurowitz.

A graveside service was held at the Sir Moses Montefiore Cemetery in Richmond.

A local memorial service was held at Rodef Sholom.

The family suggests that memorial tributes take the form of contributions in Mrs. Rothman’s name to Hospice House, 9803 Sharrott Road, Poland, OH 44514; or to Rodef Sholom, 1119 Elm St., Youngstown, OH 44505.

Arrangements were handled by the Davis-Becker Funeral Home.

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the honor of celebrating the achievements of an individual who, through his passion and dedication to Jewish values, desires to improve the lives of others,” said Stan Polovets, co-founder and Chairman of the Genesis Prize Foundation. “The Genesis Prize is proud that its 2016 Laureate has highlighted a timely and critical issue, which with increased attention will strengthen the Jewish community and all of society.”

The announcement of his Genesis Prize award comes on the heels of Itzhak Perlman’s receipt of the Presidential Medal of Freedom on November 25. President Obama’s announcement noted that Perlman has been the soloist for the musical score in Schindler’s List, which subsequently won an Academy Award for Best Original Score. Two other US presidents – Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton – have previously recognized Perlman, a Warner Music artist, by awarding him the Medal of Liberty and the National Medal of Arts in 1986 and 2000, respectively.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said: “I congratulate Itzhak Perlman on being selected as the 2016 Genesis Prize Laureate and on being named a recipient of the United States Presidential Medal of Freedom. I am proud that such prestigious awards have been bestowed on a citizen of Israel.

Previous Genesis Prize winners former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s used his $1 million prize to create the Genesis Generation Challenge, a competition to fund ideas from young adults that seek to better the world. Over 100 teams from 12 countries participated in the competition, with winners awarded funding to undertake projects ranging from seeking a cure for ALS to alleviating poverty in Africa, and actor, director Michael Douglas directed his $1 million award – along with an additional $1 million provided by other philanthropists – to initiatives focused on inclusiveness of intermarried families in Jewish life (http://www.genesisprize.org/laureate-initiatives/welcoming-intermarried-families.html).

“JFN is thrilled to continue bringing inclusion of people with disabilities to the forefront of the Jewish philanthropic agenda,” said Andrés Spokoiny, president & CEO of JFN. “Jews of all abilities are the community’s constituents. Proactive inclusion of people with disabilities has to be incorporated into the planning and execution of everything we do. This matching grant initiative will move us further in that direction.”

Grants in the U.S. or Canada of $25,000 to $75,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. An organization whose primary mission is to serve people with disabilities may receive grants for general operating support. Organizations with a broader mission may receive project support. Priority will be given to organizations that seek to create lasting, systemic change. All information about the matching grants fund, including eligibility criteria, the submission process, and the application itself, is available on the matching grant website: breaking-barriers-match.org.

About the Genesis Prize Foundation

The Genesis Prize seeks to recognize individuals who have attained excellence and international renown in their chosen professional fields, and who inspire others through their engagement and dedication to the Jewish community and/or the State of Israel. The Prize, in the amount of $1 million—endowed by the Genesis Prize Foundation and awarded annually by the Prime Minister of Israel—was established by a unique partnership among the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel, Genesis Prize Foundation, and the Office of the Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

About Jewish Funders Network

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JAKARTA, Indonesia, Last week, “WishMakers,” a powerful film about the special needs adults who help make wine in Israel’s Jezreel Valley, was award-

The film, produced by Cheryl Halp-
ern of HQ-Creative LLC and co-pro-
duced by Elena Neuman Lefkowitz, focuses on the Tulip winery, which employs special needs adults and gives them a strong sense of self-worth, purpose and joy. A portion of the proceeds from sales of the Tulip’s WishMaker Blend supports terminally ill children through the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

“We are so gratified by the response to this extraordinary story,” said Ms. Halpern. “We are also proud that this film, shot entirely in Israel, is being fea-
tured and celebrated in Indonesia, the world’s largest Muslim nation.

Ms. Halpern says, “WishMakers began from a visit to a liquor store in Jerusalem in order to buy a bottle of wine to bring as a gift to a friend. The owner of the store, Avi Ben, suggested that I purchase the Black Tulip wine — which I did.”

She adds, “After enjoying the wine with my friends I returned to the store to buy several more bottles to share with others. The owner of the store then told me that there was a unique history to the Tulip winery which he continued to share.”

She explains, “I was intrigued and asked if he could connect me with the founder of the winery? Then and there he called Ro’i with whom I spoke and made a date to visit the winery. The rest is in the documentary.” (Learn more about the winery on page 35.)

“WishMakers” will be screened by the Awareness Festival in Los Angeles on Oct. 9 and is a selection for the Women Only Entertainment Film Festival. It has also been accepted for IndieFEST, an international film awards competition.

Ms. Halpern was born in New Ha-
ven, CT. She says that her father was a
congregational rabbi and our home was open to people from all walks of life. “I was raised in a ‘storytelling’ environ-
ment. When I went to Barnard College in New York City I became involved with WKCR-FM and had a weekly ra-
dio program.”

Years later, she was appointed by President Bush to serve as a director of the Board for International Broad-
casting. Afterwards, President Clinton ap-
pointed her to serve as a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

During the administration of Presi-
dent George W. Bush she was appointed to serve on the board of the Corpora-
tion for Public Broadcasting that she subsequently chaired.

Now she is a partner at HQ Creative LLC, a multifaceted digital production company. Halpern is also the producer of “Two Zions; The Living Legacy of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon,”

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Celebrations

Joel Oresky and Xenia Guarachi Fanola

On Sunday, Sept. 18, Joel David Oresky, son of Rabbi Saul and Phyllis Oresky of Boardman, Ohio and Xenia Guarachi Fanola, daughter of Fernando and Carminia Guarachi Fanola of La Paz, Bolivia, celebrated their marriage in Olney, MD. Joel is a materials management director at Advanced Technology Services in Beltsville, MD, and Xenia is a preschool teacher at The Goddard School in Silver Spring, MD. Joel also is a wrestling announcer at various venues, and Xenia is very talented in creating art, which she uses in her profession and for their enjoyment. They live in Silver Spring, MD.

Mazel Tov to the newlyweds. May they enjoy long and happy lives together.

Samantha Kessler and Ben Siegel
Sept. 4 at the Avalon Golf And Country Club in Warren, OH

Mazel Tov to the newlyweds. May they enjoy long and happy lives together.

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Visit us at www.ohevtszedek.org
Allison Davis and Ian Lanzillotti

Allison Davis, the daughter of Murray and Linda Davis, and Ian Lanzillotti, the son of Brenda Archer and Tom Lanzillotti, were married on August 27. Rabbi Saul Oresky officiated at the wedding which was held at the B&O Station in Youngstown.

Ms. Davis is granddaughter of Rhoda and Bill Davis (of blessed memory) and Betty and Mike Pitini (of blessed memory), and the grandson of Cal and Betty Callahan and Jack and Rose Lanzillotti (all of blessed memory).

We newlyweds were especially honored to have Grandma Rhoda at the wedding as well as many friends and family from Israel, Canada, Florida, and California, as well as those from the Youngstown area.

Allison holds an MFA in Creative Writing from The Ohio State University, and Ian holds a Ph.D. in History from The Ohio State University. Ian is a history professor at Tennessee Wesleyan College where Allison is a lecturer in the English department. Allison is a widely regarded poet one of whose poems appears in Best American Poetry 2016.

Next summer, the couple hopes to travel in Europe for a belated wedding trip.

wishing you a sweet new year. shanah tovah.

from Tri-County Hadassah
L’Shana Tovah from Temple El Emeth. High Holidays will begin Sunday evening, Oct. 2 with a beautiful musical Erev Rosh Hashanah service at 6:15 p.m. Cantor Summer Greenwald-Gonella will be accompanied by musicians Dr. Randy Goldberg, Daniel Shapira and Joseph Kromholz. A traditional holiday congregational dinner will immediately follow the service, compete with an “appletini bar.”

Children’s Rosh Hashanah programs will take place both mornings of Rosh Hashanah, Oct. 3 and 4 from 10:45 a.m. until noon in the Board Room. There will be a special Rosh Hashanah “Seder” as well as crafts, snacks and games for children ages 5 through 11. Gon and Shai, our shlichim, have planned activities with the children the second morning of Rosh Hashanah.

High Holiday baby-sitting will once again be available in the synagogue’s fully toy-stocked baby-sitting room, the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah, and on Yom Kippur. Fees are $6 for the first child and $3 for each additional child per family, per day. For planning purposes, paid reservations are appreciated so we can plan accordingly.

Shabbat Shuva, the Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be Saturday, Oct. 8. A Kiddush luncheon will follow services that morning.

The Erev Yom Kippur Congregation-al dinner will be held Tuesday evening, Oct. 11. Minyan is at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. The Kol Nidre service begins promptly at 6:45 p.m. Paid reservations for the dinner are due into the office by Friday, Sept. 30.

A children’s program will be held on Yom Kippur morning from 10:45 a.m. until the end of the Yizkor service and will take place in the Board Room.

In addition, parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to the bima at the close of Yom Kippur services for the "Blessing of the Children" at 7:25 p.m. A light break-the-fast will be held in the social hall at the close of Yom Kippur services.

A Sukkah decorating party and pizza lunch will be held on Sunday morning, Oct. 16 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All ages are invited to decorate and join in the fun! The holiday begins Sunday at sundown, and services will be held Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Schonberger will host his annual Sukkot luncheon at the Synagogue on Saturday, Oct. 22, following services that day. October birthdays will also be celebrated. R.S.V.P. to the Temple for lunch by Oct. 20.

Simchat Torah
Klezmer musicians Steven Greenman and Walt Mahovlich will be on hand to provide music for the evening. There will be prizes for the children during the Torah parade, and refreshments will be provided by Sisterhood. During the evening, we will honor our Chatan Torah, Jeff and Debbi Grinstein, and Chatan Breisheit, Lee and Bonnie Burdman.

Shmoozing with Shmulik
Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 am in the Chapel
Join Sam Kooperman and friends for some fun in Yiddish.

Daily Minyans
5:45 p.m. every afternoon including Saturday.
Please consult the High Holiday schedule (on page 27) as there may be different Minyan times for the holidays.

We are a modern, vibrant, egalitarian congregation celebrating our Jewish Heritage with every generation. We welcome you to study, pray and share the beauty of Jewish life with us.

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High Holiday Greetings from El Emeth’s Co-Presidents

Dear Congregants of Temple El Emeth and the Youngstown Jewish community:

We have embarked on the journey as co-presidents of Temple El Emeth. As anyone who has served, being president of any organization is both challenging and rewarding. At TEE, the rewards far outweigh the challenges because of the dedication of our Rabbi, program director, office staff, board of directors, Sisterhood, and general membership.

As we approach the holidays and a time for forgiveness, we hope that we have not slighted or offended anyone along the way. If we have, we ask for forgiveness.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Temple El Emeth, we (including Alyssa and Meryl) wish all of you a Happy healthy L’Shanah Tovah.

B’Shalom,
Harriet and Neil Schor

Fondly remembering the holidays

By Mary Lou Finesilver

We are all looking forward to the High Holidays this year. It is the first time in about 30 years that my son, Marshall, daughter-in-law Candy Cutler, and my granddaughter Katie will be joining our table. I am thrilled to have them with us.

Since they moved here from Dedham, MA, we have spent a lot of time together and it is wonderful. All five of us went to the Canfield Fair and had a great time. We were sorry that my granddaughter Katie wasn’t with us, but then her teaching responsibilities and living in Hawaii make it a little difficult for visiting often. But there is a large possibility she will be able to join us for Yom Kippur this year. I hope so.

I’ve been trying to remember some of the holidays when I was a kid in Johnstown, PA. I know there were always dinners at our house, but they all kind of run together. My mother, Esther Bonow, had a large family and she generally did the cooking for everyone. Those living in Johnstown then were, of course, included for all the holidays.

I remember going to the Shul that was across the street from the train station, and when I was younger, sitting in the balcony with all the women and watching the men davening downstairs. Eventually, that all changed, and by the time we left Johnstown when I was 13, the services were in the main sanctuary and men and women sat together. Now that was very progressive for those days.

I don’t remember much about the holidays in Weirton, W.Va., although I’m sure we must have attended services. When I was living in New York City with my sister, we once tried to go to a shul in the city, but were turned away because we didn’t have a ticket and they cost a lot of money.

Then I moved to Youngstown with my mom and dad, joined Ohev Tzedek, and went with them to services. Mom did the cooking, then too, for the holidays, but unless my Uncle Chick and Aunt Sylvia came to visit, it would just be Mom, Dad Rayso, and me until Alvin came along. Then we were five.

Once Al and I were married, we tried to have the holiday dinners at our house with both sides of the family. At Passover, we would share with my sister-in-law, Joy Malkoff. She would have dinner one night and I would have the second night. Now that I think back, I wonder how my mother felt about not having the holiday dinners. She never said, but I think I would be a little sad not to host our family and friends in my home for the holidays. I suppose we were a little selfish, but then maybe Esther and Ida Finesilver were relieved not to have all the cooking and cleaning to do. I hope so.

I look forward to the holidays at El Emeth. This congregation has become something of an extended family over the years. I enjoy the preparations for the dinners at our house and I enjoy the service at Temple. I love being with my family and this year there will be more of us to worship together.

From my house to your house, I wish all of you L’shanah tovah tikatevu — "May you be inscribed for a good year."

El Emeth news (cont’d from prior page)
in October.
Saturday morning services
9:30 a.m.
Friday morning Minyan 7 a.m.

For further information about El Emeth activities, call the Temple’s office at (330) 759-1429.

El Emeth Sisterhood Update

In October, Sisterhood is going to be doing what you all are doing. Going to Shul starting with Selichot on Sept. 22 then celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with family and friends. L’shanah Tova. May you all have a good year.

November dates you should put on your calendar.

Sisterhood will meet on Nov. 8, with genealogist Betty Franklin, providing the program.

Get out your history folks. Lunch — $12 for members. The board meeting will be at 10:45 with lunch at noon. Please respond by Nov. 4.

On Election Day, Nov. 8 a bake sale fund-raiser will take place at the Liberty Township Administration Building, beginning at 6:30 a.m. continuing until we sold out. So folks, get out your baking shoes and start getting ready. Funds Vice President Nancy Wagner is also looking for volunteers to work and donations and/or gift cards to help purchase drinks, coffee and noshes to sell beside the wonderful home-baked pastries.

Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on Veterans Day, Friday Nov. 11. Plans call for a very musical service with a special visit from the Ohio State Meshugganuts. This should be a wonderful, inspiring service

El Emeth Sisterhood Update

October 2016

The Jewish Journal Monthly Magazine 23
The holiest place for Jewish people to pray has changed many times over the last century. Israeli Shlichim Gon and Shay Erez will talk about the history of Jerusalem and the complexity of the Western Wall.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

The event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be served. An R.S.V.P. is required.

Although the deadline has passed, it may still be possible to attend. Contact: Gon Erez, 330.746.3250 ext. 159 | Gerez@jewishyoungstown.org

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Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Rosh Hashanah 5777

Tim Ryan

Thank you for your continued support!

Paid for by Tim Ryan for Congress

Israeli performer brings music to the JCC

Performing Gon Halevi will perform the music of his recently released recording in concert at the Jewish Community Center on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 6:30-8 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Wine and refreshments will be served. An R.S.V.P. is required. Reservations made by Nov. 3 for no charge. The cost will be $5 at the door.

Gon’s “Great Israeli American Songbook” is a collection of new arrangements of beloved popular songs from America and Israel, from Arik Einstein to Paul Simon. After an outstanding debut at Congregation B’nai Torah (Boca Raton, FL) early this year, the concert has been performed in numerous venues across the US and abroad. Gon has received marvelous reviews and standing ovations from audiences in Aruba, Bulgaria and the acclaimed NYC venue Joe’s Pub.

On his own website, Gon writes, “I was born in Ra’anana, which is a small town, not far from Tel-Aviv, Israel. I started playing piano at the age of 6; not because I liked the instrument or music, but because my brother was taking piano lessons and I was jealous. He quit after two years and I got stuck with it for life.

“I remember never doing what I was told to do in those lessons. I hated reading music, and learning the overly long

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by Gon Erez

There is something so great about new beginnings; the high hopes, the feeling that we are unstoppable, that everything is possible for us, and we can just start fresh.

There is also something very untrue about new beginnings. The belief that everything will change because when we declare that it's time to change we are deluding ourselves. Can a specific date or occasion decide whether I will make a change or not?

Every time before Rosh Hashanah, I find myself writing down all the things I want to achieve, all the things I want to change. And even though I think it is important to write new goals, I have to ask myself — Why should the beginning of a new year be the motivation for “A New Me”? I find myself focusing more on what is wrong and not good enough, instead of remembering all of the wonderful things I have?

Harvey Mackay, a best selling author and grandson of Russian Jewish immigrants wrote —

“Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don’t, And believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it’d be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.”

I believe nothing good comes out of negativity. I believe that kindness attracts goodness. I believe that before making any change, we have to first embrace the life we have. To be thankful for everything we’ve experienced because it made us who we are today. To appreciate everything we overcame, every achievement, every moment we were brave. Accept your life, the good and the bad, and happiness will find its way to you.

With the spirit of a new year coming, I’d like to share with you my resolution for 5777.

Instead of focusing on new goals, I want to emphasize one important objective I’ve achieved since we got here that is very meaningful to me.

I always knew that moving here would be a difficult time for us. As a 30-year-old who had never lived outside Israel, we had to get adjusted to a new place, completely different from everything we had ever known, and with our loved ones being thousands of miles away.

Adding the American culture to that made everything even more complicated.

But when we look at the past year, with all the difficulties and the struggles, we can feel only accomplishment and satisfaction.

I now truly believe that every challenge I experience in my life is a blessing. I look at it as a possibility to get stronger, wiser, and to grow as a person. I hope I will remember this lesson during the hardest times, and won’t let those challenges break me.

I wish you all a great New Year- Shanah Tova.

We’re waiting to see you at our upcoming events!
Celebrate!

Emily Collins and Lance Blau

Emily Collins and Lance Blau have become engaged.
The daughter of Sam and Andrea Collins and son of Marc and Rhonda Blau will be married on May 6, 2017 at The Houstonian Hotel in Houston, TX. Officiant will be Rabbi Steven Gross of the Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism.

Both Ms. Collins and Dr. Blau are originally from Houston. They both graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, and Dr. Blau went to medical school at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

Ms. Collins has served as youth and family program coordinator and camp director at the JCC for the past two years. The groom-to-be is a surgical resident.

Shari Della Penna

Just perfect for Shabbat — Shari’s ribbon-winning challah. Her beautiful loaf was entered into the highly competitive “other breads” category at the Canfield Fair.

Ms. Della Penna, a retired children’s librarian, serves on the Ohev Tzedek board of directors, among other activities, and loves spending time with her grandchildren.

Scott Zoldan

At the annual meeting of The Youngstown Symphony Society, Scott Zoldan was elected to a three-year term on the board. Mr. Zoldan, first vice president of The Waypoint Group of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, is also a member of the board of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society.

Jewish directors, actors, and writers, earn Emmys

Susanne Bier took top spot as director of “The Night Manager.”

“Transparent,” the comedy series about a Jewish family whose father comes out as transgender, won Emmy Awards for director Jill Soloway and lead actor Jeffrey Tambor.

Other Jewish winners included the Australian actor Ben Mendelsohn, the descendent of an old Prussian Jewish family on his father’s side, who garnered the prize for supporting actor in a drama for his role in “Bloodlines.”

Hank Azaria won for guest actor in the drama series “Ray Donovan.”

David Benioff and Daniel B. Weiss were honored for outstanding writing for the “Game of Thrones” episode “Battle of the Bastards.”

Dr. Randall Goldberg

Congratulations to Dr. Randy Goldberg on being named director of the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University. In addition to teaching courses on music history, Dr. Goldberg also directs the Youngstown State University Early Music Ensemble and the Dana String Band and serves as Vice President of the Allegheny Chapter of the American Musicological Society.

The Jewish Journal welcomes news of your celebrations. Please email details in a Microsoft Word attachment to journal@jewishyoungstown.org. Be sure to include all family names, location and date of the happy event, officiant (as appropriate), education, and work details (again, as appropriate).

For graduations, please include the name of the high school/college/university from which the student graduated, degree, honors (as appropriate), and future plans.

Photographs cannot be embedded in the Word document but must be sent as separate high-resolution jpegs. Unfortunately, most photos taken with mobile phones or from Facebook do not reproduce well in printed publications. For B’nei Mitzvot, the child’s school activities and mitzvah project are also news worthy.

Your good news is welcome whenever and wherever your simchas take place.
movements wasn’t my dream (being a chubby 10 year old who cared mostly about sweets). While being scolded by temporary Russian piano teachers, I found my own world while trying to teach my fingers how to express my mind through the piano. At some point, I decided to start singing and became, basically, a choir girl.

“I continued singing and making music until I was accepted to the theater department at the Thelma Yellin High School of the Arts in Tel-Aviv. After graduating I worked in theater, while also developing a few musical projects (click here for more info). I got accepted to Mannes School of Music in Manhattan (and still have one more year to go) and while trying to figure out how to speak English, I became familiar with the world of opera. Sometimes I wake up knowing why I’m studying for this degree and sometimes I am not so sure. However, when I listen to my songs, I must admit that the genre of classical music has helped me tremendously to know how good, well written music should sound like while I do the exact opposite.

“And so it happened that I’ve lived in this amazing, insane city for the past three years. I enjoy the awesome opportunity of making art with wonderful people, traveling around the world, and spreading my music. I live in a cozy apartment in Harlem that I barely see. Between classes, homework, rehearsals and shows, after long crazy days (Manhattan, after all...), I take a cup of hot chocolate, sit by the open window in my living room, and hope that something about this street light will inspire me enough to create a new song.”

For further information about the concert, contact Gon Erez at 330 746-3250, ext 150 or via email to gerez@jewishyoungstown.org
**ADULT PROGRAMMING**

For more information, contact: Darlene Muller 330-746-3250 Ext. 106 or Dmuller@jccyoungstown.org.

**Darlene's Destinations**

**FUN HOME**

The winner of five 2015 Tony Awards® including Best Musical, “Fun Home” is based on Alison Bechdel’s best-selling graphic memoir. She wrote the memoir as a student at Oberlin College. This groundbreaking production introduces us to Alison at three different ages, revealing memories of her uniquely dysfunctional family that connect with her in surprising new ways. Price includes orchestra seat, transportation and tip for bus driver. Dinner on your own.

**Date:** Sunday, Oct. 16
**Leave JCC:** 11:00 a.m.
**Return:** 7:00 p.m.
**$75/Member $85/Non Member**

**Finding Neverland**

This new Broadway musical tells the fascinating story of how Peter became Pan. Based on the Academy Award®-winning film of the same name, it has been brought to extraordinary life by the team behind Shakespeare in Love, Chicago and Pippin. Packed with mesmerizing visuals, irresistible songs and plenty of laughs, “Finding Neverland” is a timeless story about the power of imagination and spectacular proof that you never really have to grow up. Price includes orchestra seat, transportation and tip for the bus driver. Dinner on your own.

**Date:** Sunday, Nov. 20
**Leave JCC:** 11 a.m.
**Return:** 7:30 p.m.
**$75/Member $85/Non Member**

**Sip and Paint**

“**You are a sip away from a Masterpiece!”**
Once you walk in the door the party will begin. An easel, paint, canvas, aprons, snacks, wine and an instructor will be provided. No experience is required. Our local experienced and enthusiastic artist will give easy step-by-step instructions for everyone to follow. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind piece of art ready to display. Price includes art supplies, wine, cheese and snacks.

**Date:** Thursday, Nov. 17
**Time:** 5:30-8:00 p.m.
**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room
**$30/Member $35/Non Member**

**J Cafe**

Lou Zona has been the executive director of The Butler Institute since 1981. He has overseen dramatic expansions to the Butler’s physical plant including two branch museums and adding many significant works of art to the collection. Under his stewardship, the Butler became accredited by the American Association of Museums and published the first scholarly catalogue of the Butler collection. Price includes lecture and lunch.

**Date:** Thursday, Nov. 17
**Time:** Noon-1:30 p.m.
**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room
**$8/Member $10/Non Member
**$12 after Nov. 14

**Classes**

**Mah Jongg**

Don’t miss the opportunity to learn this great game for all generations. We are so fortunate to have Shirley Arnold, who has been playing and teaching for numerous years as our instructor. Each participant must have a current 2016 Mah Jongg card. Cards may be purchased at the JCC Bursar office for $9.

**Date:** Mondays:
**Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Dec. 5
**Time:** 9:30-11 a.m.
**Location:** Adult Lounge
**$45/Member $55/Non Member

**PJ Library**

This is a Jewish engagement program implemented on a local level throughout North America. Through the program, we mail free, high quality Jewish children’s literature and music to families every month.

**Build and Play Lego® Program**

Join us as we have fun building LEGO sets together in small groups!

**Date:** Nov. 8, 9, 10
**Time:** 4:00-5:30 p.m.
**Location:** JCC
**$20/Member $25/Non Member
**Maximum Participants: 20

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Learn hip-hop technique and choreography to your favorite songs. All skill levels welcome!

Featuring Ohio’s Top Female Hip-Hop Dancer Billie Anzevino

**Who:** Children 6-13 years old
**When:** Thursdays (10/27, 11/3 and 11/10)
**Time:** 3:30-4:30 p.m.
**Where:** JCC
**Price:** $20 member/$15 non-member

**Lunch & Learn**

**Israel-A Startup Nation**

Eran Arden, Co-founder and CEO of Israeli based startup-TIMOCCO will discuss Israel’s high-tech industry. The country has the highest number of entrepreneurship per capita, second only to the Silicon Valley and is home to global research and development centers such as Google, Apple and IBM.

**Date:** Thursday, Oct. 27
**Time:** 6:00-Dinner | 6:30-Lecture

**YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

For more on Youth Programming, contact Emily Collins 330-746-3250 Ext. 152 or Ecollins@jccyoungstown.org

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**Time:** 6:00-Dinner | 6:30-Lecture
For more information on Fitness and Personal Training, contact Keith Harry 330-746-3250 ext. 182 or kharry@jccyoungstown.org.

**Personal Training for Cancer Survivors**
The JCC Fitness Center is proud to offer a unique personal training option for our female “Cancer Victors and Survivors”. Our nationally certified training staff will design and implement personal training programs specific to the individual client’s wants and needs. Training will include strengthening of affected anatomical areas through a variety of resistance and movement exercises. We can’t wait to hear from you.

Sheila Cornell is one of the JCC’s nationally certified Personal Trainers offering Personal Training for cancer survivors. Sheila has been a Group Exercise Instructor for 9 years and a Personal Trainer for 4 years. She also serves at the JCC Group Exercise Team Leader. Fitness is a life-long passion and a calling for Sheila. Nothing makes her happier than helping people reach their personal fitness goals.

330-746-3250 ext. 184 or groupx@jewishyoungstown.org

For more information on Group Fitness, contact Shelia Cornell, groupx@jccyoungstown.org or 330-746-3250 ext. 184

**Group Exercise Classes of the month**

**Fit Kids**
This youth fitness class is specially designed to allow your child to channel their high level of energy into fun fitness activities. Each week we will take part in a different activity, from Drums Alive® to sports geared games, to Yoga. We’ll combine fitness and fun to get your little one moving!

**Date:** Tues/Thurs  
**Time:** 3:30-4:25 p.m.

**Cardio Line Dancing**
This non-stop line dancing class will touch on the latest dances and the classics. You’ll have so much fun you won’t even realize you’re getting a great workout. No experience necessary.

**Date:** Mon/Wed  
**Time:** 4:30-5:25 p.m.
Those who suffer from painful bowel diseases have greater reasons to hope for better treatment and perhaps, even a cure.

**Foundation prize**

Last week, the Bruce and Cynthia Sherman Charitable Foundation, based in Naples, FL, announced the 2016 recipients of the inaugural Sherman Prize for Excellence in Crohn’s and Colitis.

The Shermans, who are Jewish, wanted to address these particular diseases because of their increased prevalence in those of Ashkenazi descent.

Eva Szigethy, MD, PhD, co-director of the UPMC Total Care-IBD Program and associate professor of psychiatry, medicine and pediatrics in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and James D. Lewis, MD, MSCE, a professor of medicine and epidemiology and associate director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, will each be awarded a $100,000 Sherman Prize for their unique contributions to improving health outcomes for people with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis.

Lea Ann Chen, MD, an assistant professor of medicine at the New York University School of Medicine, and an attending physician at NYC Health + Hospitals/ Bellevue, will be awarded the $25,000 Sherman Emerging Leader Prize for her achievements as a physician-scientist with a focus on underserved communities.

**History**

Dr. Burrill Crohn, a Jewish-American gastroenterologist made the first major advance, with colleagues Dr. Leon Ginzburg and Dr. Gordon D. Oppenheimer, to identify the disease that now bears his name, in a paper published in 1932.

Although the description of Crohn’s disease is considered his signature accomplishment, Crohn had a long career both as a physician, and as a researcher who contributed to modern understanding of many gastrointestinal conditions.

Later, Prof. Inga Peter, a geneticist at Mount Sinai, led an international research team to search for unique genetic risk factors in Ashkenazi Jews.

The Sherman Prize is the first prize of its kind to honor exceptional and pioneering achievements in Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, recognizing outstanding contributions by health care professionals, medical researchers, public health advocates, and educators who are advancing patient care, medical research, and public service in the field of inflammatory bowel disease.

“I am proud to recognize and honor the first-ever Sherman Prize recipients, who are true visionaries in advancing the care of people with Crohn’s and colitis,” said Bruce Sherman, the founder of the annual prize.

“Through their work developing innovative psychosocial care models, advancing the understanding of IBD and its treatment, and providing superior care to underserved patients, Drs. Szigethy, Lewis, and Chen are at the vanguard of improving health outcomes for people with IBD. As a parent of children with Crohn’s, I’m thankful for the relentless dedication of these Sherman Prize recipients and excited to provide funding to help them advance their important research and care initiatives.”

**New discoveries**

And just within the past week, researchers at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, identified a fungus that works with two types of bacteria to cause symptoms of Crohn’s disease, according to a new study.

A UPI report said the study is the first to find a fungus that plays a role in development of the disease, and the discovery may lead to new ways of treating Crohn’s, according to researchers involved with the study.

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Ohio FIDF supporters join IDF Lone Soldiers for ‘Fun Day’ in Israel

SHEFAYIM, Israel – More than 5,000 “Lone Soldiers” – Israel Defense Forces soldiers with no immediate family in Israel – gathered at Israel’s largest waterpark, just outside of Tel Aviv, for a day of rest and recreation two weeks ago. The “Fun Day” was hosted by Friends of the Israel Defense Forces in partnership with the IDF and Yachad Le’man Ha’chayal (The Association for the Well-being of Israel’s Soldiers and The LIBI Fund).

There are some 6,400 Lone Soldiers from 80 countries serving in the IDF today, and about 880 of them are American. FIDF cares for all Lone Soldiers serving in the IDF through the Lone Soldiers Program, which supports them financially, socially, and emotionally during and after their challenging military service. FIDF also sponsors flights for Lone Soldiers to visit their families and friends in their countries of origin.

The FIDF “Fun Day” at the Shefayim Water Park just north of Tel Aviv benefited Lone Soldiers from all IDF units.

In addition to the park’s many attractions, the “Fun Day” featured a pool party with leading Israeli DJ Eran Barnea, gift care packages, an all-day smorgasbord of barbecue and desserts, and special programming by Israeli radio personality Didi Harari and singers Static and Ben El Tavori.

The Lone Soldiers also received essential information about life after their military service, including about the FIDF IMPACT! Scholarship Program, which grants college scholarships to Israeli combat veterans of modest means.

In addition to the more than 5,000 Lone Soldiers, IDF unit commanders, high-ranking officers, and FIDF supporters, including Ohio locals, also planned to attend the festivities to meet and personally thank these brave men and women in uniform for serving despite numerous challenges.

About Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF):

FIDF was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors as a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization with the mission of offering educational, cultural, recreational, and social programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and Jews worldwide. Today, FIDF has more than 150,000 loyal supporters, and 16 regional offices throughout the U.S. and Panama. FIDF proudly supports IDF soldiers, families of fallen soldiers, and wounded veterans through a variety of innovative programs that reinforce the vital bond between the communities in the United States, the soldiers of the IDF, and the State of Israel. For more information, please visit: www.fidf.org.

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In addition to the 5,500 Lone Soldiers, some 1,000 IDF social welfare non-commissioned officers also joined the fun at the Shefayim Water Park.
A look back in time

By Rabbi Moshe Greebel

What exactly took place in Bais HaMikdash (Temple) times is something with which we are regrettably unfamiliar due to almost two millennia of being without a Bais HaMikdash. Yet, because of the rich literature bestowed upon us by our Rabbanim of blessed memory, we are able to glance back in time and uncover what Henceforth was unknown to us.

In this light, let us consider the Mitzvah of Shofar on Rosh Hashanah. One Passuk (verse) states: “Speak to the B’ni Yisroel saying, ‘In the seventh month Tishrei, you shall have a Shabbos, a remembering of the T’ruah, “ while another verse says, “It is a day of the T’ruah for you.” (Bemidbar 10:2)

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A look back in time

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Another Passuk states, “And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have an holy gathering; you shall do no labor; it is a day of the T’ruah for you.” (Bemidbar 29:1.)

The Gemarah in Rosh HaShanah 29b has this to say: “Rabbi Levi Bar Lachma said, ‘One verse says, “Shall you have a Shabbos, a remembering of the T’ruah,” while another verse says, “It is a day of the T’ruah for you.”’ [Yet], there is no contradiction, as one refers to a festival (Rosh HaShanah) which falls on Shabbos and the other to a festival which falls on a weekday.

In essence, the Torah tells us that when Rosh HaShanah falls on Shabbos, outside the confines of a Bais HaMikdash, the T’ruah note is not sounded. “It is only remembered.”

Developing this theme further, we find the following Mitzvah: Make two bugles of silver, of a whole piece shall you make them; that you may use them for calling the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.” (Bemidbar 10:2)

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High Holiday Schedule 5777

Rabbi Mordechai Rindenow plans to join us on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. He is saying Kaddish for the loss of his son, Shlomo Zalman, whom many knew from his travels to visit us with his family.

Erev Rosh HaShanah
Sunday, Oct. 2
Candles — 7:17 p.m.
Mincha — 7:15 p.m.
Ma’ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah First Day
Monday, Oct. 3
Shacharis — 9 a.m.
Sermon/Shofar — 11 a.m.
Mincha — 6:30 p.m. (followed by Tashlich)
Candles — not earlier than 8:19 p.m.
Ma’ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah Second Day
Tuesday, Oct. 4
Shacharis — 9 a.m.
Sermon/Shofar — 11 a.m.
Mincha — 7:15 p.m.
Ma’ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Shabbos Shuva
Saturday, Oct. 8
Shacharis — 9 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur
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Yom Kippur
Wednesday, Oct. 12
Shacharis — 9 a.m.
Sermon — 11 a.m.
Yizkor — 11:30 a.m.
Mussaf — 12 noon
Break — 3 p.m.
Mincha — 6:03 p.m.
N’Ilah — 7:03 p.m.
Shofar/Ma’ariv — 8:03 p.m.
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(JTA) What is Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator and star of the hip-hop musical “Hamilton,” up to now that he has left the insanely successful production? Could he be writing another biographical smash hit?

The answer may be surprising. In the short term, at least, he’s partnering up with a New York Jewish institution: Yeshiva University.

In addition to starring in a show that earned a record-setting 16 Tony nominations, Miranda can now also add Y.U.’s latest fundraising video to his resume. He narrates and appears in a video focused on the school’s 2016 Day of Giving slated for Sept. 20 and 21.

“Yeshiva University is a radiating force that is shaping our world,” Miranda says over footage of famous Jews, like Joe Lieberman and Alan Dershowitz, who have connections to the school.

But Miranda, who is Puerto Rican and not Jewish, has connections to the school, too. He grew up in Washington Heights — where the main Y.U. campus is located, and which served as the setting for his first hit, “In the Heights” — and his mother is an assistant professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (which was, until earlier this year, part of Y.U.). Miranda has given guest lectures there and was given an honorary doctorate from the school in 2009, when he was 29 — making him the youngest ever to receive that honor from the university.

Of course, growing up in Washington Heights left him with plenty of Jewish connections outside Y.U. He has previously said that all of his elementary school friends were Jewish and that he paid his rent before making it big by performing at bar mitzvahs. Then there’s his love for “Fiddler on the Roof,” which he has said heavily influenced “In the Heights.” He even surprised his wife at their wedding by singing “To Life (L’Chaim),” an upbeat tune from “Fiddler.”

“That’s what will be my real legacy,” Miranda said of his wedding stunt last year on CBS Sunday Morning. “It’s one of the things I’m proudest of in my life.”

So you never know, here’s to hoping his next musical is based on famous Jews.
by Deborah Raub / JNS.org

Since he was a kid growing up in the town of Kiryat Tivan, Roy Itzhaki would regularly see them in the street, on their way to work, in coffee houses, as free as anyone else in the village to live their lives.

Though they live with a range of intellectual disabilities, these residents of the nearby residential center at Kfar Tikvah were as much a part of the community as the statue of war hero Alexander Zaid in the center of town.

So, about a decade ago, it seemed completely natural to Itzhaki to invite them to join him in a bold venture he was launching. That's when the 25-year-old IDF officer, fresh out of uniform, did something many considered crazy: he opened a winery.

Itzhaki recalls the well-meaning industry expert's warning back then. "You seem like a nice young man so I'm going to give you some free advice. Don't go into the wine business. Your chances for success are nil."

"He was right in many ways," an older (35) and wiser Itzhaki says with a laugh, twirling the stem of a wine glass—filled with water. "It's a bruising business: high pressure, high stakes and nearly impossible to break into. On paper our chances were nil."

But having grown up in a family crazy about wine, and living in a part of Israel where wine grapes grow in abundance, Itzhaki forged on. First, he rented out grape arbors in both the Galilee and the Judean Hills, then his father the civil engineer led the renovation of an old cow shed into a tasting and sales room, and finally his mother suggested the name Tulip. The first year's yield: 7,000 bottles.

From the very start, the disabled workers were part of the fledgling winery's team. Their home was the deserted kibbutz of Gvao't Zaid, which had been transformed into a residential center for those with mental disabilities. It got its start in 1964 when Dr. Zigfrid Hirsch, a British philanthropist and Holocaust survivor, began finding mentally disabled people from across Israel, determined to give them the chance for a life of maximum normalcy and productivity. The result was Kfar Tikvah, Hebrew for "Village of Hope."

Today some 200 people with disabilities live in the village, and 30 of them work at Tulip. Itzhaki says he knew it was the right thing to do employ them, but he admits his workforce took some getting used to.

"I kept asking myself, 'What can I ex-

Wishmakers’ film (continued from page 19)

which tells the intertwined story of the Ethiopian and Jewish peoples. A documentary, "Two Zions" delivers a modern message of peace and shared humanity.

"Two Zions" premiered in Cannes and won AFI Peace Initiative Award for Best Historical Documentary. An excerpt from Two Zions is a permanent feature within the African exhibit hall at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The film has also been accepted for screenings at Kingdomwood Christian Film Festival in Atlanta and in Toronto at the Commfest (Global) Community Film Festival and Canadian Diversity Film Festival.
Congregation Ohev Tzedek
Dinner in the Sukkah

Monday evening, October 17
Dinner – 6 pm
Maariv Service/Psalm-Songs for Sukkot – 7:15 pm

Join your friends for a delicious vegetarian/dairy meal in our Sukkah, catered by the Temple Kitchen Committee.

International Vegetarian Sukkot Menu

- American Bisque of Butternut Squash with Apple
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- Sambusek (Middle Eastern Spinach-Cheese Pastries)
- Sour Cherry Strudel
- Kheer (Indian Coconut Creamed Rice Pudding)

To provide an accurate count for shopping and setup, please fill out this form and return with payment to Congregation Ohev Tzedek, 5245 Glenwood Ave., Boardman, OH 44512.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, October 7.

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Total Number: _____________

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Hineni!
By Rabbi Saul Oresky
Ohev Tzedek – Shaarei Torah

Those of us who grew up attending Hebrew school might remember responding to roll call with the Hebrew word “ḥañ - poh” or even “ḥañ - hinei,” both meaning “here.” Either word sufficed to indicate to the teacher our presence (if not our attention).

We don’t call roll for services on the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, so while attendance is better on those holidays than during the rest of the year, congregants needn’t verbally verify their presence.

We have a more important word to

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## Ohev Tzedek High Holiday Schedule

### Rosh Hashanah
- **Oct. 2** 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah
- **Erev Rosh Hashanah**
  - Let us join together as a community to usher in the new year.
- **Oct. 3** 8:30 a.m.
  - First Day of Rosh Hashanah
  - Junior Congregation 11 a.m.
  - led by Leigh Zircher.
  - Join us in decorating Ohev Tzedek's sukkah.
- **Oct. 11** 6:30 p.m.
  - Kol Nidre
  - The first service of Yom Kippur.
  - Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m.
  - Yom Kippur
  - Junior Congregation 11 a.m.
  - Sermon and Yizkor 12 noon
  - Minchah with reading of Jonah and discussion 5:30 p.m.

### Shabbat Shuvah
- **Oct. 8** 9:45 a.m.
  - Start the new year right by attending the first Shabbat service of the year.
  - Shabbat Shuvah is, after all, the Sabbath of Return!

### Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot
- **Oct. 15** 6:30 p.m.
  - Kol Nidre
  - The first service of Yom Kippur.
- **Oct. 22, 9:45 a.m.**
  - Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot

### Sukkot
- **First Day** 9:45 a.m.
  - Kiddush and lunch in the sukkah (weather permitting).

### Psalms for Sukkot
- **6:30 p.m.**
  - Neilah
  - Havdalah and shofar ~7:45 p.m.
  - Break fast immediately following shofar
- **Oct. 16** 10 a.m.
  - Sukkah Decorating/Erev Sukkot
  - Join us in decorating our sukkah for the holiday!
  - Vegetarian dinner in the sukkah 6 p.m.
  - Maariv service 7:15 p.m.
  - Followed by a jam session/sing-along.
  - Bring instruments, song sheets, and your voice! R.S.V.P. to office by Oct. 15.

### Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah
- **Oct. 17**
  - Sukkot
  - First Day 9:45 am
  - Kiddush and lunch in the sukkah (weather permitting).

### Ohev Tzedek news

#### Torah study for Christians
- Rabbi Oresky and Father Balasko will continue to lead their monthly Torah Studies for Christians program Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the Ohev Tzedek sukkah from 1-2:30 pm. This month’s topics will be Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

#### Services
- **Morning Minyan**
  - Thursdays at 7:30 am.
- **Shabbat services**
  - Saturdays at 9:45 am.

#### Adult Education
- Please contact the Ohev Tzedek office if you are interested in these classes or to suggest ones that you would like to see.

#### Psalms
- The short summer class in the psalms – Sefer Tehilim – is drawing to a close. Study will culminate with a night in the Ohev Tzedek sukkah (weather-permitting) on Oct. 17. All are invited to attend.

#### Mussar
- The study of middot (positive personality traits and characteristics) and the practice of perfecting them is an excellent way to enter the new year and to improve our relationships. We will meet one weekday after noon weekly to discuss and to find ways of bringing these important values and traits into our lives. Please let the Temple office know what afternoon best fits your schedule. However, we are leaning towards Mondays at 1 p.m., beginning Nov. 7.

#### Star Shlep – An Exploration of Short Jewish Science Fiction and Fantasy
- Using Jewish science fiction/fantasy short stories as the starship, we will explore the farthest reaches of the galaxy of issues of Jewish identity, survival, and development.

#### Texts
- Wandering Stars and More Wandering Stars (both edited by Jack Dann); People of the Book: A Decade of Jewish Science Fiction & Fantasy (edited by Swirsky and Wallace); and other sources. This class will meet Thursday nights at 7 p.m. beginning Oct. 27.
L’Shana Tova Tikatevevu

By Francie Yarwood and Neil Yutkin
Co-Presidents, Congregation Ohev Tzedek

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, the Days of Awe, and Yom Kippur, we at Ohev Tzedek would like to wish the entire community this traditional greeting as above, or in English, “May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.”

This is not just a wish but also a prayer that America needs. We are in the midst of increasingly perilous times facing not just our nation, but also the world in general.

The world seems to be moving from one trouble spot to another with numerous wars that just seem to keep popping up.

In America, we are experiencing, after years of stagnant growth and growing disunity, the most divisive election in our current history, the results of which will probably lead to more disunity and stagnation, no matter who wins.

And in the Mahoning River Valley, the Jewish population continues to age and dwindle.

This time of the year is for reflection and change and looking at the past, repenting, and moving toward the future. We need to reflect on our past and not repeat the same transgressions but step into the light and move forward if we are to have a future worth experiencing, not just for us, but also for our children and grandchildren.

This is not impossible, as some in the community might believe, but it certainly will be if we continue to do nothing but acknowledge the current situation and bemoan our inability to change.

At Ohev Tzedek, we are looking forward to a future that envisions a more active community. We are making changes in our physical structure to prepare ourselves for that day, and over the next year, God willing, will continue to do so in the hopes that the community in general will start moving toward efforts to attract new and younger Jews to move to this community.

If you agree with this sentiment, please talk to the community leaders about ideas that you have to change the current stagnation into actions that will again bring our Jewish Community to the level it once was.

Then we will still be here in Youngstown when the Mashiach arrives.

Until then, L’Shana Tova Tikatevevu.
Rabbi Oresky's High Holiday message
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say as we begin the new year, whether or not we say it aloud: “הנני - hineni - I am here.”

While this phrase might not seem radically different than the simpler forms cited earlier, this word has a world of rich meaning in the Torah. Abraham says it when G-d calls out to him after having prevented him from slaughtering his son during akeidat Yitzhak (the binding of Isaac).

Esau says it to his father Isaac whole-heartedly, Jacob says it to an angel in a dream early in his life, deceitfully to his father Isaac, and then to G-d in a night vision much later in life, and Joseph says it to Jacob on the fateful day when he was sent to seek out his brothers.

At the Burning Bush, Moses responds to G-d with that phrase at that first, momentous encounter. The prophet-chiefain Samuel responds with the word hineni to what he thought was the call of his master Eli although it was the call to G-d’s service. Likewise, Isaiah responds to the call to G-d’s service with the same word.

To say “hineni,” then, is to respond to the call with readiness — alert, alive, and prepared to serve.

How will we do more than show up this year — how will we turn our “poh” into a “hineni”? Simply attending is not enough; we are bidden in the V’ahavta, the first paragraph following the Shema, to love G-d with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might. Deuteronomy reminds us to not show up before the Lord empty-handed. We don’t earn participation ribbons in Judaism; neither is Judaism a spectator sport.

When the cantor begins the repeti-

tion of the Musaf Amidah on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, he/she chants the prayer named Hineni, singing plaintively Hineni he-ani mimahs... “Here am I, poor in deeds...,” going on to humbly implore G-d’s help in bringing forward the prayers of G-d’s holy congregation, while requesting G-d’s mercy be upon the people.

We can hardly find a better role model for our work in the world than that presented by this prayer. If we approach the tasks that we know we must perform for our communities with passion and humility, asking for help whenever needed, and being grateful for the assistance that we receive, then we can join fully in G-d’s service in this world. If we vow to improve ourselves and correct our faults, and then actually follow through, we demonstrate G-d’s strength to all around us.

This year, let us all do more than merely show up — let us join in with our time, our labor, our resources, and our creativity throughout the holiday season, from the first Barekhu (call to worship) on erev Rosh Hashanah to the last Adon Olam of Simchat Torah. Let us allow that “High Holidays high” to extend throughout the year; let us let it drive our every action and truly enliven our lives.

And let us all be able to say “hineni” and really mean it.

Phyllis and our family join me in wishing you all a year of happiness, health, success, and of bringing our full presence into our encounter with the Holy Presence. L’shana tovah tikatevu v’tichatemu – may you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Oscars 2017: In a first, Israel selects all Arabic film as its foreign language entry

“Sand Storm” won six Ophir Awards — Israel’s equivalent of the Oscars given out by the Israeli Academy of Film and Television — on Thursday, including for best film. The winner of the best film award is entered as Israel’s submission for the foreign film award at the next year’s Oscars.

A family drama set in the Bedouin community — a largely poor and often marginalized subset of the Israeli population — “Sand Storm” is the feature debut for Elite Zexer, a Jewish Israeli. At this year’s Sundance Film Festival, it won the Grand Jury Prize in the World Cinema Dramatic section.

“Sand Storm” was to have been released in the United States last week, starting at New York City’s Film Forum. Israeli films have been nominated for the best foreign film Oscar 10 times but have never won the award.

A Variety review said, “Written and directed by a Jewish Israeli woman, Elite Zexer, and made with a Jewish-Arab crew, the film boasts alluring desert visuals, muscular acting and intricate psychology.”

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Lacking status in Israel, Jews in Uganda see new synagogue as ‘our Jerusalem’

By Josefin Dolsten

(JTA) When there was no more space in the synagogue in Nabagoye, Uganda, congregants would go outside, gathering under trees. But the branches weren’t enough to shield them from the rain during the East African country’s wet seasons, which last about half the year.

A new 7,000-square-foot synagogue center set to open soon will solve that problem — yet there is also something larger at stake.

For the Jews of Uganda, most of whom converted under Conservative rabbis and thus are not recognized as Jewish by Israel’s Orthodox Chief Rabbinate, the community center serves as a way to cement their presence in the country.

“This is a place that gathers our people together — it is our Jerusalem,” the community’s leader, Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, told JTA from Kampala, where he serves as a member of the country’s parliament during the week.

Even though many Ugandan Jews struggle with poverty and the Jewish Agency recently recognized the community as Jewish, making immigration to Israel a possibility under the Law of Return (which does not require approval by the Rabbinate), Sizomu says they are not looking to leave their country.

“For people who want to move to Israel, they can do so individually,” he said. “But as a community, we are used to being together here as a country.”

The Abayudaya community, which numbers approximately 2,000 and is native to Uganda, traces its roots to the early 20th century, when a former leader read the Bible and embraced Judaism.

Diane Tobin, executive director of the nonprofit Be’ chol Lashon, which worked with the community to build the synagogue, echoed that the project was about strengthening the community’s status in Uganda.

“It was important to establish that these are Jews who are not seeking to make aliyah to Israel — that’s not the main purpose,” Tobin, who has worked with the community since 2002, told JTA. “They want to be recognized as Jews for their own sake, and building infrastructure demonstrates that they are committed to being there in Uganda.”

The Abayudaya, which means “people of Judah” in the local language, have dealt with their share of hardship and persecution — such as when dictator Idi Amin banned the practice of Judaism in the 1970s — but today the situation is better. In February, Sizomu won a hotly contested seat for the Ugandan parliament, becoming the first Jewish lawmaker to serve in the body.

The new center will help to further improve ties with Muslim and Christian neighbors by making its services available to Ugandans of all religions, organizers said.

The complex includes a child care center and a food storage facility, neither of which is widely available in Uganda. Both will be available for use for a fee by residents of any religion and could benefit as many as 10,000 people, Sizomu estimated.

“The challenges we have do not discriminate, and we think that living together in harmony is part of this tradition — it is what we call ‘tikkun olam,’” Sizomu said, using the Hebrew phrase meaning to “repair the world,” a Jewish call to social action.

“It fosters good will,” Tobin said of the complex, recalling how Abayudaya ties improved with their Muslim and Christian neighbors after the Jewish community opened up wells that Be’ chol Lashon helped to build.

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

By Andrew Tobin

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

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

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

The Olympics gave Israelis reason to hope.

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

Their fellow citizens rejoiced: Waving flags and singing patriotic songs, hundreds thronged Ben Gurion Airport to give Yarden Gerbi and Or Sasson a hero’s welcome. The athletes were showered with flowers and hugs, and were immortalized by countless selfies.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later met with the judo team.

The Olympics have special meaning in Israel, where everyone remembers the 1972 Munich massacre of 11 athletes and coaches by Palestinian terrorists. The Rio games kicked off with Lebanese athletes refusing to share a bus to the opening ceremony with the Israeli delegation. And days before Sasson won his medal, a defeated Egyptian adversary pointedly refused to shake his hand. Israelis booed along with the crowd at the stadium.

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

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

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

Ugandan Jews (continued from previous page)

“The Muslim well used to be closed, and because the Jewish well is open to everyone, the other well opened up as well,” she said.

Be’ chol Lashon, whose mission is to promote racial and ethnic inclusiveness in the Jewish community, worked with Jews in Uganda to raise funds for the building, find an architect and draw up a plan, as well as monitor the progress on the ground. The group raised $300,000, with a California couple, Sue and Ralph Stern, donating about half the money.

Tobin said the new center is “going to make the community more visible.”

“The politics of religion are very specific [in Uganda], there are so many churches and mosques everywhere — that’s part of the motivation to have a wonderful building [for Jews],” she said.

Indeed, the synagogue will be a Jerusalem of sorts for the community, which is scattered among villages in the country’s eastern region. Members follow a biblical commandment to make pilgrimage to the ancient Temple in Jerusalem during the holidays of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot — but they gather in Nabagoye rather than Israel.
Weighing in on the High Holidays

By Rabbi Franklin Muller
Congregation Rodef Sholom

For the first time in many years, I managed to lose some weight this summer. Twenty pounds to be exact. I'm not quite sure how I did it, but I'm very glad I did.

I not only look and feel better but am proud of myself for having the discipline to accomplish my goal. The trick, of course, is to keep the weight off, especially with colder weather and all those holiday parties and get-togethers that usually pack on the pounds towards the end of the year. When I get on the scale come New Year's Day on January 1st, I hope I'm not too upset with myself.

Our Jewish New Year's Day is nearly upon us, and while most of us are careful about what we eat and try our best to keep the extra pounds off from all those holiday feasts, our religion is more concerned with how we measure up on a different kind of scale. The opening verse from the Book of Psalms gives us a clue. “Happy is the person who has not walked in the council of the wicked, nor stood in the path of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful” (Psalm 1:1).

Our tradition measures a worthwhile life on the scales of honesty, integrity, compassion, and character. A life of goodness, of firmness in one's convictions, and a devotion to the teachings of God — that's what really counts on the Jewish calorimeter.

On Rosh Hashanah and especially on Yom Kippur, we weigh our past deeds. We read from the Torah on Yom Kippur afternoon a section from the Book of Leviticus which includes the following verse: “You shall not act unjustly in judgment: in the measurement of weight and in liquid measure, you shall have honest scales; I am Adonai your God” (Lev. 19:35-6).

Dealing dishonestly with weights and measures in the market place was a serious offense for our ancestors. However, to believe that the Torah is telling us to be honest only in the business world would be to miss the subtle brilliance of that holy scroll. This admonition from the Torah is about honesty in all of our relationships.

Rabbinic legend has it that there is a scale in heaven for each of us, a scale on which our deeds both good and bad are weighed. Sure, it's just a legend, but nevertheless I think it contains an important lesson for each of us, particularly at this season of the year when we are examining our actions, conduct, and speech over the past twelve months.

The great 12th-century Jewish philosopher Maimonides said, “Each person should feel as if all the deeds of all the people in the world are being weighed on the scales of the heavenly tribunal. He or she should feel as if all the deeds of all humanity are in perfect balance, and that the next deed that he or she does will tip the scales for the entire world one way or the other.”

You may not actually believe that any one person has that kind of power or influence to affect the world so profoundly, but if we remember that every good deed or kindly act we perform to help others can have a ripple effect, like a pebble thrown into a lake, then the teaching of Maimonides rings true. We each do have the capacity to influence the course on which our world is set.
Celebrating new beginnings

Arthur Greenbaum, M.D.
President of Rodef Sholom

As we again approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, my focus is on new beginnings and ways of recreating my life. While the religious view typically describes a period of spiritual cleansing, I believe that although this is important, we typically understate the importance of Rosh Hashanah as the holiday of re-birth and new beginnings, a time to examine where we have been and to plan a course of action for the year, with a purpose of accomplishing things that we may have perhaps ignored, or may not have had the time to enjoy.

Early in life, career objectives need refinement and sometimes change. As we grow older, the quality of our relationships is an important focus. For some of us, travel plans and vacation ideas are motivating. For others it can be an idea for writing a book.

With that being said, our family wishes you good health, happiness, peace and prosperity, today and all through the year.

L’shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Muller (continued from previous page)

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2016 High Holy Day Schedule
Congregation Rodef Sholom
Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, Oct. 2
Holiday Dinner 6 p.m.
Evening Service 8 p.m.
Reception 9:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 3
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary
Children’s Service 10 a.m.
Tamarkin Chapel
Tashlich Service at Crandall Park — 12:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur
Tuesday, Oct. 11
Holiday Dinner 6 p.m.
Kol Nidre Service 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12
Morning Service 10 a.m.
Study Session 12:30 p.m.
Children’s Service 10 a.m.
Tamarkin Chapel
Afternoon, Yizkor & Ne’ilah Services 3 p.m.
Havdalah and Conclusion 5:45 p.m.
Break-fast 6 p.m.

Babysitting will be available at the morning services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Those who need babysitting, should call the Temple office at (330) 744-5001 to make reservations.

Alexandra Fox
to serve as Rodef’s
High Holiday cantor

Alexandra Fox, a fourth year cantorial student at The Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York will be joining Congregation Rodef Sholom for the High Holy Days and leading services with Rabbi Muller.

When the search committee first met Ms. Fox by Skype last February, they were impressed with her sincerity, vivaciousness, love of music and Judaism and her well-trained soprano voice.

She visited Youngstown in May and met with pianist Kathy Miller and Rabbi Muller to review Rodef’s traditional High Holy Day music and some contemporary music designed for the new Mishkan HaNefesh prayer book.

Ms. Fox is originally from Michigan and has a Bachelor of Science in music history from Hofstra University in New York. She performed extensively at Hofstra including participation in the Chorale, Hillel Chai Notes, the Collegium Musicum, and the Chamber Singers. She also performed in the Debbie Friedman Memorial Tribute concert in 2014. She has completed her second and third year practica at HUC.

Ms. Fox interned at Brandeis University. She was a music specialist and assistant song leader and director of the Hebrew program and prayer at URJ Goldman Union Camp Institute, in Indianapolis. She is a B’nai Mitzvah tutor and was the student cantor at Temple Emanuel in Roanoke, VA, from 2014-2016, where Rabbi Muller served as rabbi before coming to Youngstown.

Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year!
Women of Reform Judaism take position on health care

Prior to the creation of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965, health care in the U.S. was primarily a function of the private sector and charities. Today Medicare provides health care to 45 million elderly Americans and Medicaid covers 58 million low-income people. Health care for children was expanded in 1997 with the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providing federal funds to help states insure low-income children who are ineligible for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance.

Most recently, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the ACA or “ObamaCare”) became law in 2010, requiring most Americans to obtain health insurance, expanding Medicaid, and creating private health care exchanges for individuals to purchase health insurance. The ACA also requires insurers to cover preexisting conditions, contraception, and mental health services. In recent years the contraception coverage provision has faced numerous challenges; WRJ and others in the Reform Movement have joined briefs in support of access to contraception.

Although 20 million Americans are newly insured because of the Affordable Care Act, about 11 per cent of the adults in the U.S. remain uninsured. These uninsured individuals face significant medical and financial risks. Uninsured cancer patients are twice as likely as insured patients to die within five years. Those without insurance are more likely to develop a disability and face health complications due to lack of preventative care. Over half of those who filed for bankruptcy in 2012 cited health care bills as a primary reason.

Reform Movement Policy

Rooted in Jewish text and tradition, the Reform Movement has participated in the national conversation on health care since the 1960s. Several principles underlie our support of universal health care coverage, including Judaism’s teaching that the preservation of human life supersedes almost all other considerations. Not only are physicians obligated to heal, but patients also have an obligation to obtain health care. Based on the passage in the Talmud, “Whoever is in pain, lead him to the physician,” (Baba Kamma 46B), the rabbis concluded that Jews should live in cities where doctors live in order to have access to health care.

According to Jewish tradition, providing health care is a societal obligation; it is listed by Maimonides as among the 10 most important communal services to be offered by a city to its residents. (Mishneh Torah, Sefer Hamaadah IV:23). Historically, self-governing Jewish communities put these principles into effect, ensuring that citizens had access to health care. Doctors were required to reduce their rates for poor patients and if necessary communal subsidies were established (Shulchan Aruch, Yoreh Deah 249:16; Responsa...
Our beloved Congregation Rodef Sholom Sisterhood is strong as ever and we are a “true reality.” Rodef Sholom Sisterhood and El Emeth Sisterhood had a joint Card Party held on Thursday, Sept. 1 at Congregation Rodef Sholom. What a wonderful way for our Sisterhoods to spend time together. It was a day filled with cards, friendship, and food. This is always a beautiful connection!

Todah Rabbah

Many thanks to all for taking the time to help with the 12th annual Card Party, and making this event a huge success. Kudos to our Kandy Rawl for a scrumptious lunch, which also included the savory mushroom barley soup. Rabbi, thank you for always having the time for our Sisterhood events.

We were so appreciative of the help from Lenore Ackerman and Phyllis Perlman who represented El Emeth Sisterhood. The sisters from our Rodef Sholom Sisterhood who answered the call were Claudia Axelson, Nancy Burnett, Renee Fowler, Yetta Gluck, Bonnie Lehman, Lisa Levy, Sandy Mallen, Wendy Miller, Darlene Muller, Marilyn Oyer, and Kandy Rawl.

High Holidays 5777

Summer is winding down, our children have returned to school, and the High Holidays are quickly approaching. Setting intentions, seeking time for reflection and renewal is our focus for the High Holidays. We are preparing our minds and hearts for the New Year. Today as we get ready to usher in the High Holidays, all the rituals of these beautiful holidays are to break us out of our old patterns, shake us up and let us seek a different perspective. This allows us to imagine a year ahead that can be different from the year that was.

For many of us who love to cook, this is a great time to try once again family favorites and also try new recipes. In the coming New Year 5777, our Sisterhood can together increase our strength and always be “Stronger Together.”

I want to wish everyone – L’Shanah Tova, A Happy New Year.

This is a time for joy, a time for new beginnings, celebrations and counting our blessings. Wishing everyone a sweet and good year!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next event.

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Charter for Compassion International. This follows 13 years as director of the Department of Religion at the historic Chautauqua Institution. Before coming to Chautauqua, Rev. Campbell, a distinguished life-long ecumenist, served as the first ordained woman appointed as general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Prior to her time at the NCCC USA, Rev. Campbell Brown served as director of the U.S. Office of the World Council of Churches. During her time as general secretary, Rev. Campbell, together with Paul Gorman, Carl Sagan, Dean James Morton, and Albert Gore, founded what is today the National Religious Partnership on the Environment, and continues to serve as chair of the board.

Rev. Campbell is a devoted activist for peace and social justice, believing that citizens in a democracy must act on their consciences. This commitment was crafted during her life-changing work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was deepened in the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu referred to her as “a woman of courage and compassion.” He pointed out that Rev. Campbell was the only woman in the clergy procession of more than 200 for his installation as Archbishop of South Africa, commenting, “Her voice helped to bring an end to the evil of apartheid.”

The Rev. Dr. Campbell was recently awarded the 2016 Wilbur Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Religious News Service. She also serves as chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women, providing leadership to GPIW’s important work with women throughout the world. She served as chair of the Global Health Council and was a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Councils on both Faith and Values. She is the recipient of 14 honorary degrees and, in 2010, was awarded the Walter Cronkite Faith and Freedom Award.

Rev. Campbell is author of Living Into Hope: A Call to Spiritual Action for Such a Time as This, and Prayers From Chautauqua, a collection of her prayers published in 2013. She is the mother of three grown children and grandmother to eight.

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Additionally, I have met many remarkable Americans who possess a deep passion for our country. The stories I have heard over the course of Mr. Trump’s campaign have reinforced my gratitude for the abundant blessings of American liberty. We should never forget how fortunate we are to live in the United States – a country of great freedom, tolerance and respect for all its people. How blessed we are to be able to live and raise our children in a country where we are free to live as Jews, practice our religion to its fullest and contribute to the betterment of the broader society at large, hand in hand with all of the great citizens of this blessed country.

Yet in our own country, too, we can dream bigger. We can, during this time of introspection, hope, pray and work toward a brighter tomorrow. We can build a future where all Americans are offered the tools and opportunities to succeed in life. We can resolve in ourselves to elect a president who refuses to accept the status quo, a president who dreams big and has the talent and skills to make those dreams a reality. A president who agrees that the security of our nation and the security of Israel are matters of the utmost importance.

As the High Holidays draw near, stirring hearts and minds toward meaningful, positive change, so, too, does a presidential election offering Jews and non-Jews alike the chance to shape the future of our nation in a manner consistent with our highest values and aspirations. Democracy, not unlike Judaism, places the responsibility for improving the world squarely on the individual. We do so through the concrete actions we take, lending substance to those ideals.

May Hashem bless all of us with a year of good health, happiness, peace and tranquility. May this be the year where mankind merits the fulfillment of the prophesy “Nation shall not lift sword against another nation, nor shall they learn war anymore.”

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Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year
Home-bound Jewish seniors to benefit from fitness grant to JCC

Keith Harry, the fitness team leader and lead personal trainer at the Jewish Community Center, emphatically states, “Those of us who have had cancer are not survivors, we’re victors.”

And that’s the philosophy he brings to a new grant-funded program designed to bring personal training to senior citizens in the area who have felt unable to leave their homes.

Mr. Harry explained that when Interim JCC Director Mike Rawl came to tell me there was grant money available, “I knew I could build confidence in people who have been saying, ‘I can’t, I can’t, I can’t.’” He said that his reward is “working with a person and suddenly seeing the gleam in their eye that says they know ‘I can.’”

Mr. Harry said he and a team of three women trainers, sat down with Darlene Muller, the JCC’s adult program/outreach/volunteer director to discuss the benefits that could be offered to those they hoped to work with.

“When we go to their homes for the 10 half-hour sessions in the program,” Mr. Harry said, “We take a complete exercise kit — light dumbbells, stretch bands, weighted balls, and therabands.”

While he knows that some participants feel they can’t move a lot, he said, “We understand that we’re not only engaging them physically but also socially and mentally.”

About cancer, he said, “You have a stronger life after than you had before.” That’s why, he explained, speaking from his personal experience, “I refuse to let people be beaten by something you can’t even see.”

After the home sessions, Mr. Harry hopes that the women and men he and the other trainers work with will come to the Center to continue their journey to fitness and health.

The Center is also expanding its Silver Sneakers program.

For Mr. Harry, helping others achieve fitness is his passion.

JCC greeting (cont’d from p. 8)

Chicago.

We have also instituted a new fitness scholarship programs for Jewish seniors. (See adjacent story)

This past summer, the JCC conducted the largest camp yet (and most financially successful). Children enjoyed Circus camp, baking challah, arts and crafts, balloon games, day trips, and a variety of sports, to name just a small portion of the very full camp programs.

Youth activities continue throughout the year, with more after-school programming. Soon we’ll be starting a teen entrepreneur program.

Our highly regarded Child Development Center has added a new infant-toddler program to enhance the pre-school, prekindergarten, and after school care we have been offering.

The next time you’re at the Center, you’ll also be able to see the renovations and upgrades we’ve been able to achieve.

We look forward to seeing you at the center in the new year.

Keith Harry, fitness team leader and lead personal trainer at the JCC works with staff member Darrius Taylor, who, Mr. Harry says, “talks to our members and makes them feel welcome and comfortable.”

Best Wishes to the Entire Jewish Community at this Holiday Season!

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May You Celebrate A Happy New Year

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Tulip Winery (continued from p. 35)

pect of them?” he says. “How can I communicate with them? But within a day or two, I fell in love with these people.”

Tulip worker Nathan Can'ani listens with rapt attention to his boss during the telling of this story, which is in fact his story too, and every so often he interrupts the flow.

“I like to put the bottles on the machine,” he says with a wide grin. “I like that job.” Now 66, Mr. Can’ani has been with the winery full-time since its early days in 2003.

Mr. Itzhaki says employees like Nathan Can‘ani continue to amaze by dutifully performing “the repetitive work that would drive us crazy with its monotony—after two hours of it I would want to kill myself.”

“But eight hours later they’re still so happy, still interested in every detail of the job and still doing excellent work,” Itzhaki says.

It was in 2006 that Roy Itzhaki first approached the rabbinate.

“I could see that the only way to grow in this market is to be kosher,” he says. “That’s what the better hotels and restaurants across Israel require and it opens up the lucrative kosher export market, too.”

Another potential jump in sales comes on Rosh Hashanah and Pesach, when Israeli employers traditionally give their employees a bottle of kosher wine, says Itzhaki.

Yet Mr. Itzhaki’s employment of the disabled presented a significant roadblock to going kosher. Jewish law requires that every person who touches wine in any stage of its production must be observant of mitzvot—but Itzhaki’s disabled employees were not.

When one kosher expert toured the plant on bottling day, he quickly sized up the situation.

“He told me our wine could be kosher, but first I would have to let them all go and hire new workers in their place,” Mr. Itzhaki recalls. “I told him, ‘I’m sorry. Here’s the door. I am not firing these people.’”

Each rabbi Roy Itzhaki consulted would lay out the same requirement. But he was determined to obtain kosher certification. Four years and more than 20 rabbinic consultations later, he finally succeeded.

After Rabbi Aharon Chaskal came to the winery, inspired by what he saw there, he arranged for Itzhaki to meet Rabbi Shmuel Vozner—a widely respected halakhic authority in the haredi world, known as a hardliner on many issues facing the modern Jewish world.

Rabbi Vozner listened carefully to Mr. Itzhaki and said something that none of his 20 predecessors had: “There is a conflict between the mitzvah of halakha and the mitzvah of employing these people. It is such an important mitzvah that you are doing with these people, let’s find a way.”

Rabbi Chaskal returned to Kiryat Tivon to review every single task of wine production. The news was good. Roughly three-quarters of the tasks could be done by the employees with disabilities, while the remaining quarter, which required direct contact with grape or wine, could be done by others. The winery was declared ready for koshering, and no disabled employees were let go. In 2010, the first bottle of kosher Tulip wine rolled off the conveyor belt.

As afternoon turns to evening at Tulip, goats bleat and peacocks shriek on the farm across the way. The grapes quietly soaking up the golden rays of Israeli sunshine are fated to become Tulip’s 2013 vintage. Years after Mr. Itzhaki took risks for something he believed in, his company is primed to expand its North American distribution to markets beyond New York, and Tulip wines are pulling down impressive scores with the industry’s toughest judges. In fact, in his “Guide to Israeli Wines,” the late Daniel Rogov used adjectives like “exceptional” and “sumptuous” and wrote that one variety of Tulip wine “almost gives you the feeling that you could eat it with a spoon rather than from a wine glass.”

“When we have Tulip wine on our Shabbos table we’re performing three mitzvot, at least,” says customer Anne Sendor of Sharon, Mass. “We’re blessing the wine on Shabbos; we’re drinking wine from, as we say in the Birkat HaMa- zon, ‘the good land He gave you,’ which further ties us to the land. And we’re also supporting what they’re doing, giving work to the special people who work there. Plus it’s just delicious wine.”
Federation Fellows  
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especially concerned with Jewish education, a commitment to tzedakah, and a desire to maintain Jewish traditions.

At the end of its first year, the group plans to complete a capstone project, that they can take “ownership” of, something special that will benefit the community in keeping with their concerns for young families.

The Fellows will visit all the Federation agencies to learn what they do and how they work. Both Ms. Bateman and Dr. Goldberg agree that the Fellows need a greater understanding of everything the Federation or any other agency does or could offer to our community.

Dr. Goldberg said that he may be a co-chair, but he’s just another student like everybody else in learning the extent of the Federation’s work.

Both co-chairs want to form good relationships with the other Fellows. Ms. Bateman said she hopes that the Fellows become involved in helping shape the future of our community. “I hope that five years from now this group of Fellows is still involved with the Federation and that we have inspired others, whether young or old, to also be actively involved in our community.”

She said, “By our core group becoming more involved and actively trying to make difference, I think we will attract other young families. We just need to keep getting the word out.”

Federation Program Coordinator Sarah Wilschek who provides staff support for the Fellows, said after the first event, a reaction from some of the members was, “We didn’t know there were so many of us.”

Another participant said, “I absolutely enjoyed the program. It feels like being a part of a team.”

Ms. Wilschek explained that “for the first time, Federation programming will be engaging entire families — not just the Jewish members.” And with that family emphasis, to allow all parents to attend events, baby-sitting is being provided for young children, and the little ones are enjoying kid-friendly meals while their moms and dads are eating — and working — with the other adults.

Alla Magas (cont’d from p. 4)  
Alla served as head of the Jewish Youth Association, a JDC program that provides Jewish education, leadership development and volunteer opportunities to youth in Ukraine. Alla was awarded the David Bitker Unsung Hero International Advisor of the Year Award. Today, Alla Magas heads the Active Jewish Teens Network in the FSU, which oversees 53 cities and over 2,600 participants.

In the coming months, she hopes to create an AJT international counselors school, to travel to other cities to exchange experiences and implement joint projects, to create a system of AJT self-government which includes the opportunity to become an AJT president, implement their own policy, create their own parliament and represent AJT movement at the World Teens Conference in the USA.

Ms. Magas says, “This is just the beginning of the unity of Jewish youth — the future elite of Jewish organizations in the Russian-speaking countries.”

Inaugural event speakers  
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Mahoning Valley Productions, and coordinated by a small local committee, the film introduces the stories of local families that came from the former Soviet Union, and professionals and volunteers with their unique perspective and reasons for getting involved.

Jeff Simon

“I would now like to wrap tonight’s program up by saying a few words about our Federation and the Campaign.

The way I see it, the reason I’m here tonight, my primary purpose, is to raise as much money for the Campaign and the Fed as I possibly can.

The Annual Campaign is the “bread and butter” that helps enable our local agencies operate, as well as funds critical programs and services in Israel and in 70 countries worldwide.

You may be thinking, ‘but Jeff, isn’t this an uncomfortable responsibility that you’ve been tasked with? Don’t you hate having to get up in front of people and ask them for money year after year?’

My answers are no and no, and I’ll tell you why. I have a friend in sales and I once asked him how he feels about his job. He told me that as long as he genuinely believes in his product, that all he has to do is be honest with his customers and show them the benefits and quality of his product. If he can do this, then closing the sale comes very easily and natural for him.

In the case of the Federation, I can relate, because obviously, I deeply believe in the Fed and what they do. I believe in their mission. I wouldn’t be up here if I didn’t. This is not a paid position, so why would I volunteer to stand in front of my Jewish community friends and praise an organization I didn’t believe it. I simply wouldn’t.

I have been standing before you for the last five or six years, trying to convey to you in fresh and creative ways why you should generously support our annual campaign — and I have to be honest, every year it becomes a little more challenging to cover new ground.

So this year, I’m going to keep it simple: I am going to distill my speech down to focus on two primary goals that I have for this year’s campaign.
First, I want every Jewish person in our community who has never contributed to the campaign to get involved this year and make donation.

Secondly, I would like for every person who has contributed in the past to please give a meaningful increase to the Campaign.

That’s it. Those are my expectations. I don’t feel they are unreasonable or overly grandiose. Actually, I think we have a fairly good chance of making this come to fruition, or at least getting very close. I feel this way because I know the people in this room and in our community. I know if your generosity and compassion, I know how you feel about helping fellow Jews.

I take this role and this responsibility to heart. I’m talking about our Jewish Federation of Youngstown Ohio.

I’m talking about a donation to an organization that helps Jews in our community and around the world.

We are making profound and positive differences in our community and throughout the world, and that is something we should all take very seriously and feel very good about.

**Ukrainian talent finds a home here**

In Sam Shapiro’s introduction, he told the story of the young violinist who preceded the speakers on the DeYor stage.

He said, Deema [short for Dmitro] is another fine example of what our local Jewish community has to offer.

Deema is from the Ukraine and moved to Youngstown to pursue his Ph.D. in violin at YSU. He is 24 years old and has lived a fascinating life. He started playing violin at age 6 and has won international music competitions. In addition to violin, he plays the piano professionally.

Deema left the Ukraine as a result of the war and unrest there. Upon completing his master’s degree, he was being recruited for mandatory army service and was to fight the Russians at Ukraine’s border.

However, Deema considers many of the Russian people to be his fellow countrymen and was truly conflicted about fighting this battle. Deema relied on some family connections to the Youngstown area, and as a result, the opportunity for him to study here.

**Nonviolence Week**

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campus president, Howard Jones, over the exclusion of black students from some student activities. They discovered the practice by comparing each other’s activity tickets: There were more events for the white friend.

Caught a bit off guard, the president promised the matter would be addressed. The following fall, the student activities tickets were equal for black and white students.

At the height of South African apartheid segregation in the 1980s, Jones was part of an international team trying to ensure fair criminal proceedings for blacks being tried for treason and terrorism in the segregated country.

While there, he met four grieving widows at a cemetery. They could not believe the black man before them was a judge. They asked what he could do about their husbands’ deaths.

He said he could do nothing for them legally. Instead, he told them a story; it was the story of America – slavery, the Civil War, freedom, segregation, protests, court fights, etc. He closed it with this promise to them:

“You, too, will have your freedom. I can't tell you when. But as it happened in America, it will happen here.”

Such life moments are captured in Jones’ autobiography, “Answering The Call,” released this spring.

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is a supporter of Nonviolence week in the state of Ohio and is active in planning, implementing and furthering conversations regarding Nonviolence and Nonviolence week.

Other sponsors are Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past, Youngstown City Schools, City of Youngstown, Youngstown State University, and CIRV.
Crohn’s disease (continued from page 30)

“We already know that bacteria, in addition to genetic and dietary factors, play a major role in causing Crohn’s disease,” Dr. Mahmoud Ghannoum, a professor and director of the Center for Medical Mycology at Case Western Reserve University and lead author of the study, said in a press release. “Essentially, patients with Crohn’s have abnormal immune responses to these bacteria, which inhabit the intestines of all people. While most researchers focus their investigations on these bacteria, few have examined the role of fungi, which are also present in everyone’s intestines.”

Researchers estimate that more than half a million people in the United States have Crohn’s disease. Studies show that, over time, Crohn’s disease has become more common in the United States and other parts of the world. Experts do not know the reason for this increase.

The Mayo Clinic, ranked first for gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery by U.S. News & World Report, describes Crohn’s disease as an inflammatory bowel disease, that causes inflammation of the digestive tract’s lining. This can lead to abdominal pain, severe diarrhea, fatigue, weight loss and malnutrition. Inflammation caused by Crohn’s disease can involve different areas of the digestive tract in different people.

The inflammation caused by Crohn’s disease often spreads deep into the layers of affected bowel tissue. Crohn’s disease can be both painful and debilitating, and sometimes may lead to life-threatening complications.

While there’s no known cure for Crohn’s disease, therapies can greatly reduce its signs and symptoms and even bring about long-term remission. With treatment, many people with Crohn’s disease are able to function well.

More information can be found at the Clinic’s website http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/crohns-disease/basics/definition/con-20032061
WRJ on health care (Continued from page)

Ramat Rahel, Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg (sections 24-25).

Applying these principles, WRJ and URJ have a long history of supporting the expansion of health care to all Americans. In 1991 WRJ (then NFTS) passed a resolution on Universal Access to Health Care calling for legislation that, “Provides universal access to health care, including all aspects of reproductive health care, regardless of age, gender, economic status, health history or current medical condition, with funding made available either through a federal government health care program or in combination with strategies for employers to provide health insurance for their employees.” Related WRJ resolutions include: Paid Family and Medical Leave (2015), Economic Priorities (2009), Health Issues (1999), Women’s Health Care (1991), Medical Research and Clinical Practice (1995), and Welfare Reform (1995). In addition to these and other WRJ resolutions, the URJ has its own lengthy list of related resolutions dating back to 1963.

What’s at stake in the current elections?

There is continuing debate around the ACA ("ObamaCare") and candidates are running on platforms that support or oppose this legislation. Some would expand the ACA to include a public option (such as opening up Medicare or offering a public option to compete with private insurance), while others would dismantle the ACA altogether.

The judiciary is key to this debate as courts have been called upon to interpret the permissible scope of the ACA, making the appointment of Supreme Court justices and lower court judges particularly important on this issue. In particular, the provision on mandatory contraceptive coverage has been challenged several times, with the most recent Supreme Court case resulting in a 4-4 split on the Court, leaving in place inconsistent rulings among the various judicial districts.

The expansion of Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) varies from state to state. The ACA provides states 90% of the funding necessary to expand Medicaid to families who do not currently qualify but cannot afford private insurance. Despite this significant financial benefit, 18 states have refused to expand the program, leaving millions of Americans without health insurance. The election of governors and state legislators will impact which states opt for this expansion going forward.

Among the most current issues in the health care arena is debate around paid sick leave, which is supported by the Reform Movement. The Healthy Families Act (H.R. 932/S. 497) would provide a week of paid sick time and The FAMILY (Family and Medical Insurance Leave) Act (H.R. 1439/S. 786) would provide 12 weeks of partial (66 percent) paid leave to all workers annually. Unfortunately, there is no bipartisan support for these efforts at the present time. Nonetheless, paid sick leave is gaining traction at the state and local level in a number of places.

Whether or not elected officials will expand or dismantle health care provisions at the state or federal level remains to be seen. Indeed, the stakes are high and your vote will make a difference on this important issue. Find out the candidates’ views. Think about what’s important to you and what you believe. And then vote wisely.

WRJ on health care

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Spain naturalizes 220 Sephardim, including Jerusalem’s chief rabbi

(JTA) — The Sephardic chief rabbi of Jerusalem, Shlomo Amar, was among the latest group of recipients of Spanish nationality under that country’s law of return for descendants of Sephardic Jews.

The Spanish nationality was conferred on Amar last Friday, according to the EFE news agency, along with 219 others. They were made Spanish nationals by a decree as per legislation that passed last year, under which descendants of Sephardic Jews with proven ties to Spain may naturalize as Spanish citizens. Over 4,300 have been awarded Spanish nationality under the law.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews fled Spain after 1492, when the Catholic Church and the country’s royal house instituted a campaign of persecution, forced conversion to Christianity and dispossession against Jews known as the Spanish Inquisition.

Spanish officials said they enacted a Sephardic law of return to correct that historical wrong. The legislation in Spain followed the 2013 passing of a Sephardic law of return in Portugal, where the inquisition began in 1536.

Portugal’s law for naturalization of the descendants of Sephardic Jews is less strict than Spain’s, which requires applicants demonstrate knowledge of Spanish culture and language. The Portuguese law makes no such requirements.

The legislation occurred at a time of economic crisis in Spain and Portugal, where unemployment is more than double the European median and in some parts as high as 40 percent among young workers under 25.

Both countries have invested millions of dollars in attracting tourists to their Jewish heritage sites and, separately, have also offered residency and eventual citizenship to affluent investors in so-called golden visa programs.

Both Spain and Portugal are members of the European Union and their citizens may settle and work in any of the bloc’s 28 member states.

Many of the Jews who fled Spain and Portugal as refugees settled in North Africa, including the ancestors of Amar, a former Sephardic chief rabbi of Israel who was born in Casablanca, Morocco.

In a statement, Rabbi Amar’s office said the Spanish government conferred honorary citizenship on him in recognition of his work on behalf of the descendants of the Jews expelled from Spain at the time of the Spanish Inquisition, adding that he had not requested Spanish citizenship.

Formerly, Rabbi Amar served as the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel and the Rishon LeZion from 2003 to 2013.

The staff of the Jewish Journal extends its greetings for a happy and healthy New Year and expresses its appreciation to our readers, advertisers, and contributors for their continuing support.
Feel-good stories from Israel (continued from page 41)

Tokyo in 2020.

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

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

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

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

Looking east, Gold has said Israel is building new relations with Asia. Last year, Israeli exports to Asia surpassed those to the U.S. for the first time. And Chinese investment in Israeli companies and venture capital funds reached record highs. Spurred by the civil war in Syria, Netanyahu and Vladimir Putin are in regular contact, and the Russian president may be plotting an Israeli-Palestinian peace push of his own. Who isn’t?

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

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

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

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

On a seemingly related note, haredi birth rates have fallen. A surge in the relative size of haredi preschool enrollment during the first decade of the millennium provoked much handwringing about the growing economic and social burden. But the trend has quietly reversed, with haredi schools accounting for less than 23 percent of preschoolers in 2015, down from more than 25 percent in 2008, according to the Taub Center for Policy Studies in Israel.

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

More women than ever were making Israel’s laws. The 28 women elected to Israel’s parliament in 2015 set a record. Since then, political reshuffling has seen the number move a little higher.

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

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

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

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

The government backed adding Sunday to the Israeli weekend.

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

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

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

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

But c’mon: Sunday Funday!
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