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Eitan Lavi

Message from the President

community had differing views on Jewish education and differing opinions on how the Federation should engage with the El Paso Jewish Academy in which we had a contractual agreement. Selecting a suitable approach at various stages was heavily considered and debated at every step. We also went through changes in our professional leadership and staff. Proceeding through these difficulties was challenging. However, I am pleased that we have settled the dispute with the EPJA satisfactorily and we can proudly continue to serve our community.

When I started the journey of becoming the president of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso my goals were simple. I aimed for appreciable improvements to the functions and daily operations of the Federation. As an El Paso Jewish community member for over a quarter of a century, who grew up in Israel, I was proud of this opportunity. I was delighted that I could take part in shaping our community while helping our people in Israel and around the world. Initially, it appeared that the challenges were reasonably straightforward. It also seemed that we had the tools, volunteers, and the professional staff to take on opportunities and address the obstacles.

We were prepared to propel the Federation and the El Paso Jewish community forward.

However, as I reflect on the past two years, these years evolved quite differently than anticipated. Our

Just last month, in April, we had two outstanding programs. Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Good Deeds Day. A record 400 people joined at Temple Mount Sinai to celebrate seventy years of Israeli independence. Kudos to Bonny and Scott Stevens who worked tirelessly in organizing the fun activities and preparing the Israeli food. About 180 community members from the Las Cruces and El Paso area, under the leadership of the JCRC chair, David Kern, joined forces in participating in the international program called "Good Deeds Day." Please read more about these events in this publication. These two events in April are only part of how the Federation is engaging in advancing our mission.

Two calling sessions in May with volunteers across different organization

raised over \$80,000 in gifts as part of the 2018 campaign. With the professional approach and positive attitude of the Campaign chairs, Janet Wechter and Leslie Beckoff, and the Campaign Director, Sue Bendalin, we are on the way to having a fifth consecutive year with an increase to the Campaign.

The most important lesson I observed during my tenure at the Federation is also relevant to all nonprofits. We obtain our strength by engaging volunteers. The volunteers make the Federation a community organization. Through volunteerism, we were able to have an outstanding film festival, chaired by Brenda Ehrlich; the Shabbos project, chaired by Dani Hamicha; JCRC events and public statements led by David Kern; youth coordinating headed by Robin Krasne; and the Jewish Education Council represented by Kristin Kimmelman and Ilisa Cappell. Wendy Lanski and Ophra Leyser-Whalen led our vital Granting Committee, and Leslie Beckoff oversaw the Bea Weisz scholarship distribution. I am grateful to all the board members and volunteers who shared their time and knowledge to enhance our community.

As I am about to pass the leadership of the Federation to Janet Wechter on June 6th, I have full confidence that she will advance the Federation proactively and engagingly. Janet is already making a positive impact in promoting participation, leadership training, and organization. I am looking forward to

working with Janet as she becomes the next president of the Federation.

Even though volunteers are crucial, most of it would not be possible without the professional and dedicated operations of our staff. Shirley Leonhardt is taking great care of our finances while making it more transparent to non-accountants. The financial audits are excellent and the 990 form for this year is done. Sue Bendalin has taken on many additional responsibilities while still running a great campaign. Our office assistant, Said Buhaya, is giving welcome support for the staff, volunteers, Shalom-Shuttle and other callers. Thank you for Cindy Graff-Cohen for producing a professional newspaper, Alison Westermann for running PJ Library, and Sylvia Cohen for running Café Europa.

Finally, I especially appreciate two people who continuously support me and provided inspiration. My father in law, Tibor Schaechner, who is a Holocaust survivor, showed me a positive attitude towards Jewish engagement and my wife, Audrey, who was always there and helped me through challenges.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting on Wednesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Randy and Janet Wechter's house at 804 Don Quixote Court.

*Todah Rabah for the opportunity to serve,
Eitan Lavi, President
Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso*



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Wednesday, June 6, 2018
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The Rebbe's Yahrzeit

On Shabbat, June 16, I will be in New York to observe of the Rebbe's 24th yahrzeit at the Ohel in Queens.

Many question the need for a Tzaddik (saintly person) to pray and to intercede by G-d on their behalf. The question is deeper when after the passing of the Tzaddik, we visit his resting place to pray and submit petitions for blessing. About the Rebbe in particular, many wonder

why he was not interred in Israel, unlike so many great Jewish leaders and sages throughout history.

Several weeks ago a young truck driver celebrated Shabbat at Chabad. He would usually park his truck in middle of nowhere and spend Shabbat alone until a friend told him there is Chabad in El Paso. He was shocked to discover that along his route from

Florida to California there were several dozen Chabad centers even in remote areas and he never needs to spend Shabbat alone.

The driving force behind these miraculous outposts of Jewish joy is the Rebbe. In his firm belief that every Jew truly desires a deeper connection with Judaism, the Rebbe empowered his disciples to sacrifice all to deliver Judaism with a smile to every frontier no matter how remote. It should be available to everyone.

At Sinai we received the Torah from G-d through Moses. He was the first tzaddik to serve as a translucent conduit between G-d and the people. More than a teacher, he successfully served as their staunchest advocate even when they were in the most troubling circumstances religiously and spiritually.

This crucial role was filled by our great leaders in every generation. In our times, the Rebbe inspired an unprecedented renaissance of Jewish observance and education. But more importantly, was our staunchest advocate. Daily he received thousands of petitions for prayer and blessing and patiently addressed each one. Every Sunday an endless line of humanity would stream to his door to receive blessing, encouragement and a dollar to be given to charity.

This reality continues today as well. The diverse crowd that can be found at the Ohel at any hour of the day or night bears testimony to the fact that we are keenly aware that the Rebbe continues to inspire our path forward and serves as



Rabbi Yisrael Greenberg

our tireless advocate on high.

This is why the Rebbe chose to be interred in the Diaspora. Maritime law dictates that the captain of a ship leaves last. As Am Yisrael continues to ride the stormy seas of exile, the Rebbe continues to serve as our captain and cannot afford the luxury of burial in the Holy Land.

Therefore, in observance of the Rebbe's yahrzeit I will be at the Ohel to pray on behalf of the El Paso Jewish community. I will report on Chabad's accomplishments over the last 32 years and request a special blessing that we succeed in growing our capacity to serve every Jew in the region.

It will be a pleasure and honor for me to deliver petitions of blessing on your behalf or to mention your name in my personal petition. Please email chabad@chabadelpaso.com to be mentioned in prayer on this auspicious day at such a holy place.

*Rabbi Yisrael Greenberg
Chabad Lubavitch*



Chabad Lubavitch invites community on June 10

On Sunday, June 10, Chabad Lubavitch will hold a very special service and program, "The Rebbe's Message for Humanity: Morning of Learning and Inspiration in Connection with Gimmel Tamuz, The Rebbe's 24th Yahrzeit." The event includes a showing of "A Moment to Save the World," a video summary of the Rebbe's approach to education, ethics, morals and the impact of every individual, and "Agents of Good," an in-depth study on the Torah mandate for every human being to be a catalyst of positive change in the world.

The Shacharit service is at 9:00 a.m., with breakfast and study beginning at 9:45 a.m. Admission is free; co-sponsorship opportunities are \$100. For more information or to RSVP, contact Chabad Lubavitch at chabad@chabadelpaso.com or 584-8218



On May 6, Rabbi Larry Karol of Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, offered a blessing to his daughter-in-law, Juliana Schnur Karol, immediately after her ordination as a rabbi during the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion ordination service held at Congregation Emanu-El in New York City. At the right in this photo is Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism. Juliana was one of Rabbi Jacobs' congregants at Westchester Reform Temple and served as his assistant at the URJ in 2012-2013. Rabbi Juliana, who is married to Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol's son Adam and is the mother of their grandson Joshua, will be serving as assistant rabbi at Congregation Rodelph Sholom in New York City.

CALLING ALL PERFORMING ARTISTS!

We're looking for performing artists of all kinds (dance, drama, poetry, singers, bands, etc) to join us for Yom HaShir - a half-day music festival on Sunday, October 7.

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Camp Kadima receives donation from Packer fans

The Jewish Federation's Camp Kadima received an unusual donation this year from the "Sun City Cheeseheads," the Green Bay Packer Fan Club of El Paso. One of El Paso's all-time favorite professional football players, Aaron Jones of the Packers, singled out the camp for special-needs children and adults to receive the donation. Jones played football at UTEP and Burgess High School before going pro. The running back, a fifth-round draft pick in 2017, won the NFL's "Rookie of the Week" honors twice last fall playing for the Packers.

A letter to the Jewish Federation from the Sun City Cheeseheads outlined the rest of the story. "Mr. Jones is humble and committed to give back to his hometown and many of our members feel the same way. As a club we took it upon ourselves to

adopt his mindset and give back to the community."

To help raise funds, Jones sent the club a signed Green Bay Packers #33 jersey which brought in \$900 in a club raffle. "We agreed that half the proceeds would go to the organization of his choice and he chose Camp Kadima," the letter continued. "We know that your organization has served the El Paso area for over 30 years and we hope that these funds will help provide you with the resources you need to continue serving the community. Thank you for all you do."

The Federation and Camp Kadima staff were honored by the gift and will use the \$450 wisely this season, in honor of Aaron Jones.

*Cindy Graff Cohen
Editor, The Jewish Voice*



Camp Kadima opens 31st season



On Monday, June 18, the Jewish Federation's Camp Kadima Summer Camp launches its 31st annual session at Congregation B'nai Zion with a busy schedule of activities, field trips and special guests. The unique special needs camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for three weeks, ending July 6. Enrollment is limited to 30 campers to ensure special attention and fun for everyone.

Director Kelley Scott and administrators Robin Gold and Tom Murphy return for another year of busy days filled with sports activities, swimming, vocational and motor skill

practice, golf, bowling, therapeutic horsemanship, sign language classes, karaoke and pizza parties, dancing, singing and more.

To register, email campkadimaofelpaso@gmail.com or call the Jewish Federation at 915-842-9556 for more information. Registration is \$375 for all three weeks or \$150 per week. Camp Kadima is made possible through the generosity of individuals, agencies, and organizations.

*Cindy Graff Cohen
Editor, The Jewish Voice*

PJ Library training opportunity

Thanks to the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, I was able to attend the PJ Library conference in early May in Springfield, Massachusetts. I joined over 90 of my colleagues from around the country, plus Australia, Canada, Scotland, Latin America, Russia and Israel, too!

As is often the case with conferences, I found myself wanting to attend every workshop but since I haven't mastered the art of cloning myself (yet!), I focused on topics like "Programming for Small Communities" and "How to Inspire Your Parent Volunteers." I look forward to putting all of this new

information into practice soon.

Please come by our newly launched Facebook page to check out a video I recorded with Jewish music superstars Rick Recht and Shira Kline: www.facebook.com/pjlibraryelpaso If you have any questions about the conference, getting a PJ Library subscription, joining the Parent Committee, or anything else about this incredible program, feel free to email pjlibrary@jfedelpaso.org and I will get back to you shortly. Have a great summer!

*Allison Westermann
PJ Library Coordinator*



Allison Westermann with colleague Jenn Meyers of Virginia Beach at the PJ Library conference



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Annual Meeting honors volunteers and brings outstanding speakers

The 81st annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of El Paso and Las Cruces promises to be a very special gathering as the community thanks the past year's volunteers and outgoing board members and welcomes the new board and newcomers to our area. The meeting also promises to be a fun social evening as guests enjoy relaxing and visiting with old and new friends in the home and gardens of Janet Wechter, incoming Federation president, and Randy Wechter, a past president of our Federation.

Three special guests -- coming in from Dallas, San Antonio, and Latvia -- will inspire us as we learn about how Federation funds help Jews around the world and how we can make a difference through our own support. Another annual meeting highlight will be recognition and awards for volunteers and a big thank you to outgoing Federation president, Eitan Lavi, and departing board members for their important service to the Greater El Paso Jewish Community.

The new board will be installed, including the 2018-19 board officers: Janet Kent Wechter, president; Scott Stevens, vice president; Ophra Leyser-Whalen, secretary; Hal Ettinger, treasurer; Leslie Beckoff, campaign chair, and Eitan Lavi, immediate past president.

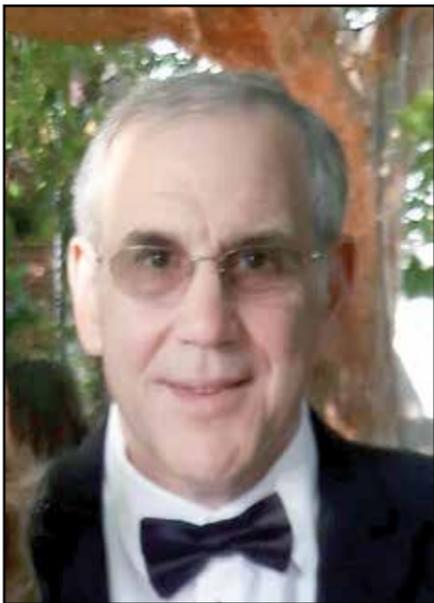
This year's Bernard & Florence Schoichet Young Leadership Award will be presented to Ophra Leyser-Whalen with Community Volunteer of the Year Awards going to Mario Aranda, Corrie Barde, Lori Gaman,

Macy Gluck, Allen Goodman, Terry Goodman, Joyce Gronich, Patty Hutman, David Leffman, Nancy Shiloff, Stuart Shiloff, Bonny Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bill Stiller, and Dave Zeemont.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy an evening under the stars, hear important announcements and congratulate the new board and award recipients on Wednesday, June 6!

*Cindy Graff Cohen
Editor, The Jewish Voice*

Annual Meeting Speakers: Distinguished and inspiring



Howard S. Feinberg is a life-long Zionist who credits his immigrant grandparents and his parents as catalysts for his deep love of Israel and his desire to help meet the needs of Jews around the world. As a senior development officer with World ORT since 2012, Feinberg works toward strengthening Jewish communities and encouraging engagement in enriching Jewish life experiences while raising funds to support programs in 37 countries each year. He is a former president of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, where he now lives, and has 40 years of Jewish organizational leadership experience with expertise in organizational development, fundraising, and strategic planning.

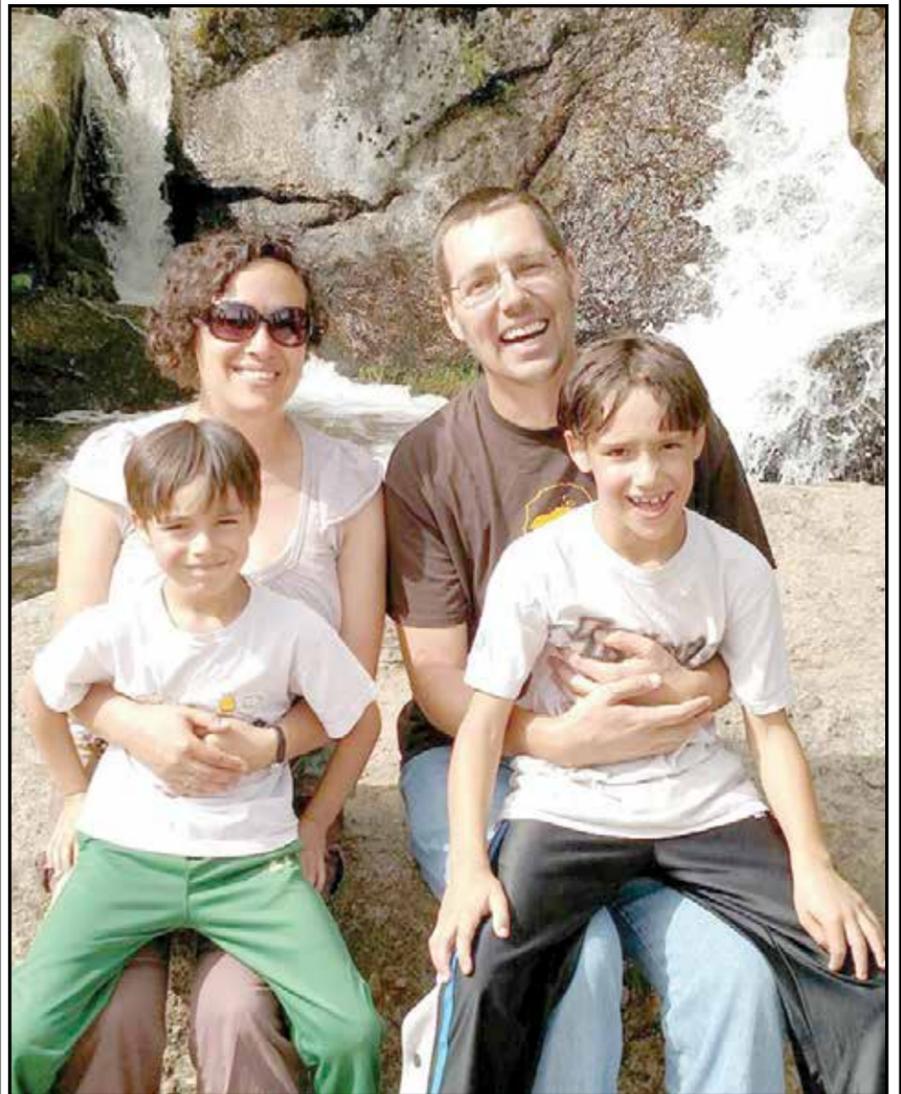


Inna Lapidus-Kinbere grew up in Estonia in a family with a strong Jewish identity, attending Sunday school and summer camps, and graduating from the city's Jewish high school. It was during her university years that she was introduced to JDC's mission to rejuvenate Jewish life in the Baltics, when she participated in JDC training and leadership development programs, first as a Jewish youth leader and later as a program coordinator. Today, she introduces families, teens, and children to Jewish history, culture, and tradition as director of the Jewish Community Center in Riga, Latvia, which is supported by JDC.



Michael Novick has served as Executive Director for Strategic Development of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) for the past 18 years. His primary responsibilities include developing strategic partnerships between JDC and US Jewish communities, as well as donor directed giving opportunities. Michael is also serving as JDC's consultant to communities worldwide in the areas of donor development and strategic planning. Before joining JDC, he served as executive vice president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle; he now is active in the Jewish community in Dallas.

Young Leadership Award 2018: Ophra Leyser-Whalen



Ophra Leyser-Whalen and son Eytan Whalen with husband Daniel Carey-Whalen and son Oren Whalen on vacation in Colorado

Ophra Leyser-Whalen's parents immigrated from Israel to the Midwest, soon settling into the Chicago area, where Ophra grew up. Finding a love for sociology and its social justice orientation, Ophra couldn't stop engaging—she obtained a BA, MA, and PhD in sociology and is now an Assistant Professor of Sociology at UTEP. Ophra has been active

in many community organizations over the years and sees her views on community service, social justice, and compassion complementing a Jewish identity. Currently Ophra is active in El Jardín Birth and Family Resource Center, West Fund, and the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, where she has served on the board and chairs the granting allocations committee.

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Good Deeds Day 2018 draws 180 participants

Launched eleven years ago as a nationwide mitzvah day in Israel with 7,000 volunteers working on 130 service projects around the country, Good Deeds Day (GDD) has grown exponentially. Today it is an international event engaging millions in important local service projects: in 2017 2.5 million volunteers worked on 20,000 projects in 93 countries.

Since the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso organized our first local GDD in 2016, our program has also grown

quickly. By 2017 we had 60 volunteers working on four social action projects: Habitat for Humanity, Jardin de Milagros, Frontera Land Alliance and Villa Maria. On Sunday, April 29, 2018, the JCRC exceeded its expectations by tripling our GDD participation level to 180 volunteers, doubling our projects from four to eight, and expanding to include our friends at Temple Beth El in Las Cruces. Here's a quick overview of the 2018 Good Deeds Day projects. The JCRC extends special thanks to all of the project coordinators

and participants in GDD 2018 for their profoundly meaningful contributions to the welfare of the El Paso and Las Cruces communities. This project could not have been such a success without each and every one of you! Please mark April 7 on your

calendars now for Good Deeds Day 2019!

*David L. Kern
Chair, Jewish Community Relations Council
(JCRC)*

Annunciation House - Project Coordinator Neal Rosendorf

Four volunteers collected and purchased men's, women's and children's walking shoes, sneakers, flip-flops, socks, and underwear which they donated and delivered with some fresh fruit to Annunciation House in El Paso for migrant, homeless and other economically vulnerable peoples of the border.



Children's Project - Coordinator Iran Brown

Sixty volunteers, including more than 30 children, participated in a variety of activities at Temple Mount Sinai. The children learned more about four important nonprofit organizations when representatives from Kelly Memorial Food Pantry, Rainbow Room, the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence, and the



Reynolds Home presented information about their services for low-income families and individuals. The children also organized and prepared special donations for each organization: 50 birthday bags for Kelly Memorial Food Pantry; 50 hygiene baskets for Rainbow Room; 50 backpacks with school supplies for the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence; and many bags of clothing, donated by Temple Mount Sinai members, for the Reynolds Home.

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Diaper Drive - Project Coordinators Iran Brown and David Novick

Fifty participants purchased and donated adult diapers to AmeriCorps Vista Project Amistad as the price of admission to a night of improvisational comedy at Temple Mount Sinai. The Jesters League of America, a talented local improv group coordinated by David Novick, donated their time for this good cause. The diapers will be distributed via Project Amistad to low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities who live on a fixed income.



Villa Maria - Coordinators Beth Kurland and Debra Cohen

Six volunteers cooked and shared a meal with women living at the Villa Maria homeless shelter.



Hospice El Paso - Project Coordinator Audrey Lavi

Eight volunteers met at the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso office and sewed and assembled special pillows for donation to Hospice El Paso, a locally owned nonprofit organization supporting people in failing health and their families.



Jardin de Milagros - Project Coordinator David Kern

Twenty-six volunteers harvested organically grown lettuce, kale and carrots at Jardin de Milagros in Anthony, New Mexico, for donation to the Kelly Memorial Food Pantry and other food banks that feed the hungry in El Paso.



Keystone Heritage Park - Project Coordinator Tommy Goldfarb

Ten volunteers worked at Keystone Park off Doniphan Road in El Paso to clean up and beautify an archeological site, wildlife refuge, wetlands, and botanical garden.



Mesilla Valley Hospice - Project Coordinator Ned Rubin

Sixteen volunteers worked at Mesilla Valley Hospice in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to beautify the grounds of La Posada, Dona Ana County's only non-profit community hospice house.



EDUCATION

As one school year ends and a new season begins, The Jewish Voice presents this section on Jewish education with a calendar of summer educational offerings, a review of our local Jewish educational organizations, an update on our community's newest educational resource – the J Center for Early Learning – and, lastly, a look at how Jewish educational opportunities can benefit El Paso's children, through the eyes of a new high school graduate whose Jewish learning began at the JCC pre-school 16 years ago.

Many thanks to Kristin Kimmelman, chair of the Federation's new Jewish Education Council and secretary of the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, for her leadership in promoting local Jewish education opportunities and entities. The goals of the Jewish Education Council include increasing community

engagement with our educational resources and providing networking opportunities to foster understanding and possible future collaborative activities. The committee also set the goal of highlighting Jewish education opportunities in both The Jewish Voice and on our Jewish Federation's website. Special thanks go to Kristin and her committee, which includes Patty Hutman (CBZ), Jacob Barde and Linda Corral (EPJA), Ilisa Cappell (Federation), Stuart Shiloff (J Center), Iran Brown (Temple), and Ezra Cappell (UTEP-IAJSP), for compiling the summer activities calendar and overview of organizations in this special Jewish Education pullout section.

*Cindy Graff Cohen
Editor, The Jewish Voice*

Summer 2018 Educational Opportunities El Paso and Las Cruces Jewish Community

Pre-School	June 4 – July 27 Camp Shamayim (ages 1-11) <i>The J Center for Early Learning (at Temple Mount Sinai)</i>	July 30 – Aug 10 Camp Gan Israel (ages 2-12) <i>Chabad Lubavitch</i>				
	Elementary	June 4 – July 27 Camp Shamayim (ages 1-11) <i>The J Center for Early Learning</i>	July 30 – Aug 10 Camp Gan Israel (ages 2-12) <i>Chabad Lubavitch</i>	June 5 – 28 August TBA Tuesdays and Thursdays Talmud Torah <i>Temple Mount Sinai</i>	July 9 – 13 Summer Camp: Acceptance and heroes of Holocaust <i>El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center</i>	August TBA Wednesdays and Sundays Religious School <i>Temple Beth-El</i>
Teenagers	Ongoing Sunday Morning "Rapping with the Rabbi" <i>Congregation B'nai Zion</i>	Ongoing Youth Advisory Council <i>El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center</i>				
Adults	Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. Talmud Study <i>Congregation B'nai Zion</i>	Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. Torah Study <i>Temple Beth-El</i>	Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. Torah Study <i>Congregation B'nai Zion</i>	Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Torah Study <i>Temple Mount Sinai</i>	Sundays, 9:00 a.m. Talmud Study <i>Temple Beth-El</i>	Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Israeli dance classes <i>Congregation B'nai Zion</i>



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Highlights from the year:

- This year Chabad launched two new weekly Torah classes: Tanya, study of foundations of Chabad Chassidic philosophy, Sundays, 8:00 a.m., and "Stories from the Talmud," Tuesdays 2:00 p.m., Monte Vista
- Children's education: The popular Camp Gan Israel experience successfully replicated during winter and spring
- Chabad Musical: Evening of song and inspiration through Chassidic melodies, accompanied by a film and live quartet performance
- Shabbat Across El Paso: Every household received a Shabbat DIY guide, dozens of Shabbat kits were sold, and a beautiful Shabbat dinner accompanied by Cantor Samuels of New York
- Mitzvot: Dozens of Mezuzot were mounted on doors, many wrapped Tefillin, kitchens were koshered and holiday awareness programs impacted hundreds of local families



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Rabbi Stephen A. Leon

Debra Pazos, Executive Director

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Highlights from the year:

- Talmud Torah students studied the

Hebrew language, celebrated Jewish holidays, studied Torah, and learned recitation of prayers during its two classes weekly for children ages 4 to 13

- "Rapping with the Rabbi" continued Jewish learning for post-Bar and Bat Mitzvah students culminating in a confirmation ceremony
- BZUSY (local chapter of the United Synagogue Youth Group) held local events as well as attended regional and national conferences with educational themes
- "Tea and Torah" Talmud class and Torah study provided weekly adult education
- CBZ Sisterhood hosted the Fall 2017 review of Rabbi Leon's book and a May 2018 film (In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem) and discussion led by Dr. Ezra Cappell



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Elizabeth Montes, Head of School

Highlights from the year:

- Our students participated in community-wide events such as delivering Misloach Manot bags, providing food, clothing and toys to the needy, and spreading good cheer
- Our student choir sang for 400 people at the Ft. Bliss Israel Holocaust Memorial Day
- We appreciate all our rabbis: Rabbi Leon who studies Torah with the students every week, Rabbi Levi who gives talks to the students for the holidays, and Rabbi Zeidman who has contributed his time and books to our school. The EPJA feels more like a family than a school.



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Lori Shepherd, Executive Director

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Highlights from the year:

- Power of Protest: Creative Activism Youth Workshop (May) – empowering young people to speak out about issues that matter to them
- Yom HaShoah Commemoration (April) – Holocaust Days of Remembrance Commemoration
- Speak Out: "Racism: Perception & Reality" (March) – discussion on race relations, local challenges, perceptions, and realities.
- Community Encounters (February & November) – dinner and dialogue on stereotypes & other issues that affect our community
- Speak Out: "Rebirth: A Discussion on Immigration" (September) – discussion on immigration in El Paso, past and present



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Belinda Saylor, Director of Operations

Highlights from the year:

- In its first year, this new program was welcomed with great enthusiasm and significant growth
- Two new classes opened during school year for two-year-olds and three-year-olds as enrollment grew from 40 to 55 children
- The J is also restoring, and running, Camp Shamayim as a two-month program for the entirety of June and July 2018
- Registration for next year exceeded expectations, with few spaces left by the end of May, requiring additional classes to open for this fall



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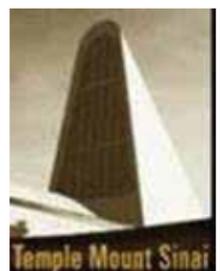
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Rabbi Larry Karol

Highlights from the year:

- 20 students from kindergarten through seventh grade took part in religious school
- Six Bar/Bat Mitzvah services/celebrations were held from July 2017 through June 2018
- Students took part in sending Rosh Hashanah greetings to members, decorating the Sukkah decorating, baking challah, making "goodie bags" to hand out at the December 25 breakfast served by Temple members at Camp Hope, a local "tent city" for homeless residents, and other service projects
- Fourth-fifth grade class prepared religious school newsletter for the congregation
- Students created six-word prayers (as directed by our scholar-in-residence Alden Solovy) that were read at our Family Shabbat service on May 18.



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Rabbi Ben Zeidman

Iran Brown, Director of Congregational Learning and Engagement

Highlights from the year:

- The Temple's Floyd S. Fierman Religious School year began with an Open House at the Braden About Memorial Park in August and ended with an award ceremony acknowledging all of our students on the last morning
- A special thanks to all of the staff and teachers for their commitment and to the Madrichim (teacher assistants) for their leadership and being a positive role model for our students throughout the year. The support and participation of parents and students was important as well.

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EDUCATION

The J's incredible first year

The J Center for Early Learning has closed the books on its first school year and is happy to report that it was a very successful beginning. The year started with five classes and 40 students and ended with seven classes and 55 students. Even more are already enrolled for next year!

As I write this article, I am listening to the sounds of children running and playing on the grass in the courtyard. I see children proudly pointing out the

artwork they created and others busily building a block tower. Teachers are actively engaged in conversations with their students, sharing observations, thoughts, and ideas. Despite the inherent chaos that comes with young children, there is a peacefulness here, a sense of feeling at home in a space.

Looking back since last summer, it's hard to believe how far the school has come. On the physical side, we constructed new classrooms and an office,



Children learn by doing at the J Center for Early Learning

added sinks and toilets, outfitted all the classrooms with beautiful furniture and toys, installed playground equipment, updated the fire system, and built a new garden. All of this is necessary, but not sufficient, to create an amazing school. The heart and soul of our program are our children, teachers, and families.

The proudest moments for us are when we can bring others into the space to see for themselves the great work being done here. Whether we are inviting the community to a Hanukkah program, treating the moms to a Mother's Day tea, or including our teddy bears in a picnic, our children shine.

We have heard around the community that adults were impressed with our children's poise, breadth of knowledge, and ability to communicate. This is no accident. Every day, our students have

opportunities to challenge themselves, express creativity, and demonstrate independence. They are given real materials and real-world context to guide their learning experiences. Most of all, our teachers show children respect as individuals and set high expectations to help them grow.

Here at the J, we are so proud of what we have accomplished together this first year. Thank you to all those who have supported us in many different ways, and to Temple Mount Sinai for enabling us to use their beautiful space. Thank you to the parents who have entrusted us with their most precious gifts. Thank you to the children who have turned our classrooms into a school filled with life and learning. We have so much to be grateful for.

*Caren Szanton
J Center for Early Learning*



Learning to read and looking at books is fun at the J Center

Religious education at Congregation B'nai Zion

Congregation B'nai Zion honored the confirmation class, the Talmud Torah Class, and this year's Hebrew High School (El Paso Jewish Academy) graduate, Isaac Samuel Weislow, at a

special reception and ceremony in May. The confirmands included Kimberly Nicole Brown, Conner Michael Fraker, Drew Frank, Jamie Paul Frank, Elijah-James Hagins, and Noah Jacob Hagins.



The confirmation class at Congregation B'nai Zion, including Noah Jacob Hagins, Drew Micah Frank, Conner Michael Fracker, Jamie Paul Frank, and Elijah-James Hagins (Kimberly Nicole Brown, not pictured)



B'nai Zion confirmation students recite prayers with Rabbi Stephen Leon

J Center for Learning Stats

- 55 students enrolled
- 7 classes
- 18 teachers, specialists, and staff
- 2 spots left in 2-year-old and kindergarten classes for fall
- Pre-K class is full: new class will be added for next year
- Fall semester starts August 13

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Jewish education in El Paso: One student's experience

How do Jewish educational opportunities make a difference in a young person's life? To find out, we asked Rebecca Shiloff, a 2018 El Paso High School graduate with a one-of-a-kind El Paso Jewish learning background. When she enrolls at Oberlin College this fall, she takes a special perspective shaped by three years at El Paso's JCC pre-school, seven years at El Paso Jewish Academy, four summers at Jewish camps, a history of leadership in local and regional Jewish youth organizations and Tikkun Olam activities, and a lifetime of involvement in Jewish worship at different congregations.

"My Jewish school education definitely helped me establish my Jewish identity," says Rebecca, daughter and granddaughter of long-time leaders and role models in the Jewish community, Nancy and Stuart Shiloff and Sara and Bob Shiloff. Rebecca recalls that being born into an active Jewish family that criss-crossed denominational lines sometimes meant going to services at more than one synagogue in a day for high holidays, but those experiences all contributed to making Rebecca the individual she is today.

JCC Pre-School

For more than a generation of Jewish El Pasoans, the Jewish Community Center Pre-School off Wallenberg Drive was the place to be for loving care and interactive lessons that made a child's first educational experiences positive ones. Both Rebecca and her younger brother, Asa Shiloff, followed that same path.

"I loved it and we all have fond memories of the JCC," recalls Rebecca. "I remember that the classes were so fun, that it didn't feel like learning. At the JCC, I also had my first memories of Jewish life outside my family." She remembers the teachers

especially, long-time educators including Desiree Ainsa, Becky Myers, Debby Robalin, and Carol Teplitz.

It was also at the JCC, the precursor to today's successful J Center for Early Learning at Temple Mount Sinai, that Rebecca began making fast friends with other Jewish kids, including three friends – Sydney Reiter, Elan Goldstein, and Ethan Katz, who she expects will always be part of her life. "We are already making plans to visit each other at our colleges in Boulder, Austin and Nashville."



JCC Preschool Graduation with Ethan Katz, Sydney Reiter, Elon Goldstein, Rebecca Shiloff

El Paso Jewish Academy



Rabbi Stephen Leon and Rebecca in front of the beautiful ark at Congregation B'nai Zion

From first grade through seventh grade, Rebecca attended the El Paso Jewish Academy (formerly the El Paso Hebrew Day School) when it was under the direction of Ilisa Cappell and known for its strong instructors including Stacy Leeper and Dina Thomason. "I cherish those years," she says. "I had amazing secular teachers and in Judaics we went into more detail about Judaism, Jewish holidays and Hebrew. Attending the Academy helped me establish and explore my Jewish identity in greater depth."

The students studied both liturgical and conversational Hebrew, which helped when the seventh-grade class took an eight-day trip to Israel. "My first trip to Israel was transformative. You have to experience it to understand the immediate connection you feel to our people and our land."



Asa, Rebecca, Nancy, and Stuart Shiloff pause with the Torah at the bima for Rebecca's bat mitzvah

El Paso High School

While there had been a small core group of her peers starting at the Jewish Academy, by eighth grade, Rebecca was the only student in her class, so she spent that year at St. Mark's School and then went on to El Paso High School, in part because of the sense of community and academic tradition. The oldest high school in El Paso was once the alma mater of many Jewish graduates, but when she enrolled in 2014, there was only one other Jewish kid out of 1,200: Kyle Goldfarb. "It's sort of hard being a Jewish teenager in El Paso because there aren't that many of us," she comments.

At high school, she would sometimes hear unkind remarks from fellow students, some of whom may have thought they were joking about Jewish people, but the comments baffled her. "I am so grateful that I did not have to experience that until high school," she says. "Regardless, I have never felt like I had to hide who I was because growing up in such a strong environment has made me very proud of being Jewish."

Rebecca maintained a busy academic and extracurricular life, including

competing on the school's High Q and Academic Decathlon Team; working on both the school newspaper and yearbook; serving as a class officer and student council officer; and playing both Varsity Tennis and running Varsity Track for four years. She also took part in the El Paso Symphony Debutante Program, the El Paso Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership program, and West Point's Summer Leadership Experience.

As a freshman, Rebecca also found time to launch a program that was close to her heart and commitment make the world a better place: an annual food drive called "Kids Can Kick Hunger." After lobbying the school district to allow students to collect canned food in the schools and reaching out to other student councils, Rebecca organized the new program and coordinated the drop off and retrieval of collection bins each September (National Hunger Awareness Month). In the first year, more than 20,000 meals were distributed to area food banks; by 2017, seven schools collected more than 75,000 meals to feed those in need.



Rebecca with her grandparents: Miriam Spitz Domnitz, Sarah and Bob Shiloff

Jewish community involvement

In her last year of high school, Rebecca served as president of Mount Sinai Temple Youth (MSTY) and regional historian of National Federation of Temple Youth Southwest (NFTY-SW). After her sophomore year, she took part in the national L'Dor V'Dor program, which took her to Europe to see firsthand the concentration camps and learn about Jewish culture there for a week and then

to Israel for four weeks. Because she had long been interested in joining the Israel Defense Forces, she spent one week in an IDF training program. Although the experience encouraged her to sign up, she decided that continuing to college made sense.

After visiting campuses across the country, she chose Oberlin College, a well-known liberal arts school with about 2,800 students, where she plans to study neuroscience and computer science. With a 28 percent Jewish student body, the college features very vibrant Hillel and Chabad groups. It is safe to say that with her strong Jewish educational roots and commitment to her faith, Rebecca Shiloff will be an integral part of that Jewish community in Ohio – and wherever she lives in the future.

Cindy Graff Cohen
Editor, *The Jewish Voice*



High school graduates have come a long way since the JCC



COMMUNITY

Camp Shamayim has begun!

Camp Shamayim is underway! The J Center for Early Learning is so excited to reunite Camp Shamayim with the preschool for the first time in ten years. This year, also for the first time in a decade, the camp will last a full eight weeks – the entirety of June and July. Recently when members of The J’s Board of Directors were discussing camp for this summer, those who had attended Camp Shamayim broke out in a spontaneous chorus of “on the line, on the line . . .”. Camp Shamayim was a beloved institution for so many years and we are so glad to be able to help restore this much-missed program that created so many fond and lasting memories.

There are lots of great activities this

summer including tennis, swimming, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) projects, fencing, yoga and more! Older children go on exciting field trips every week, and for the youngest campers the special programs come to them. Each day is jam-packed with opportunities to learn, play and discover. We’re sure your children will love every minute.

Our bunks are filling up but it’s still not too late to join the fun! For more information, contact Belinda Saylor at 915-534-1234 or belinda.saylor@thejelpaso.org. To enroll log on to www.thejelpaso.org.

*Caren Szanton
J Center for Early Learning*

With arts and crafts projects, students will exercise their creativity



Kids will have plenty of outdoor recreation at Camp Shamayim

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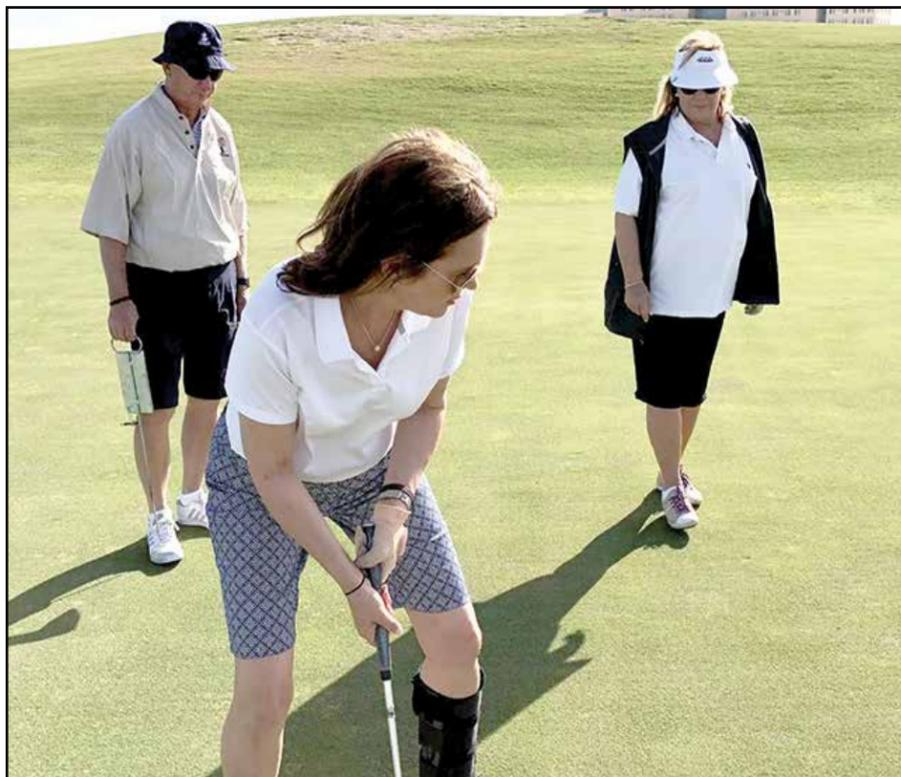
COMMUNITY

BZUSY visits Vegas



B'nai Zion USY enjoyed a Shabbaton in Las Vegas with the Oklahoma USY SOONER chapter. They visited the Mob Museum where they learned about the start of Las Vegas and the Jewish impact through the Mob and facilitating various vices during the years of Prohibition. At the University of Nevada – Las Vegas, they also learned about the Southwest

Jewish Heritage program that linked the Jewish community back to the founding days of Las Vegas. In addition they spent a meaningful Shabbat attending services in Las Vegas. Many thanks to Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso for making this Shabbaton possible and to Robin Krasne and her team for all their work preparing the grant application.



More than 100 people attended the El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center's Annual Henry Kellen Memorial Golf Open at Butterfield Trail Golf Club on April 29. With perfect weather, great prizes, warm hospitality from the club and delicious food, the golfers and their guests had a wonderful day at the fundraiser. Leslie Beckoff, who bravely played in spite of an injured foot, gets ready to hit the ball while Leslie Rockey waits her turn.



With over 100 attendees, Congregation B'nai Zion's "Best of the Old West" Casino Night was a fun night and a successful fundraiser. Everyone agreed that it was a great opportunity to have fun, socialize, enjoy a live band, dance, and of course, play all the different casino games. Suzi and Michael Aaronson danced the night away! Many thanks to Leslie Beckoff, event coordinator, and all of the volunteers and supporters who contributed to the event and made it possible.

UTEP Jewish Studies students visit Germany and Poland

In March, Dr. Ezra Cappell, director of the Inter-American Jewish Studies Program at UTEP, led a group of students to Europe to retrace the Nazi path from Berlin to the Final Solution. The course, "Confronting the Holocaust in Germany and Poland," was an upper division literature course that attracted students across all disciplines. Each student brought a unique perspective and

and visited the site of the Wannsee Conference, a beautiful villa where craven horrors of the Holocaust were approved in elegant rooms of gleaming wood. We visited concentration camps and were horrified by the magnitude of the suffering that took place where we stood: Sachsenhausen, Auschwitz, Treblinka.

Life has not been the same since this trip to Europe. Every student has said



UTEP group at the entrance gate to Auschwitz

set of experiences to the course that challenged our existing knowledge of the Holocaust.

Prior to departure Dr. Cappell covered Holocaust history extensively in class and students read such books as Raul Hilberg's "Destruction of the European Jews" and Primo Levi's "Survival in Auschwitz." Students were armed with knowledge of facts, figures, and geography, but nothing could have prepared us for what we learned in Europe.

The class's first stop was in Berlin to see where the Holocaust began in Europe. We took a day trip to Papestrasse, one of the earliest SA prisons that housed "criminals,"

he or she has become a better scholar, more thoughtful person, and informed advocate of Holocaust education. My classmates and I have big plans for our futures. Some hope to attend law school in order to combat social injustices, while some hope to instill Holocaust education in their students, and others plan to disseminate Holocaust knowledge from the trip to their peer groups and social circles. Dr. Cappell may have led his students on a trip halfway around the world, but the knowledge and compassion he instilled struck home.

*Erin Coulehan
Student,
UTEP*

Jewish War Veterans present award at UTEP

Allen Goodman, past Department Commander of Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, and Oklahoma (TALO) of Jewish War Veterans, past Post Commander Maurice Kubby Post 749, and Quartermaster Maurice Kubby Post 749, presented the JWV Americanism Award from the Maurice Kubby Post 749 of El Paso to one student at the UTEP Fighting Miners ROTC Award Ceremony.

The award recipient was Cadet Cristian Sandoval, who graduated from Del Valle High School in El Paso and serves as the UTEP Mascot "Paydirt Pete."

Cadet Cristian Sandoval is majoring in criminal justice with a minor in Military Science and maintains a 4.0 GPA. He plans on serving his country on active duty as an Infantry Officer.

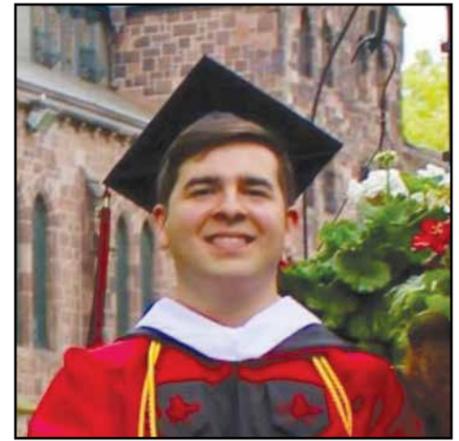
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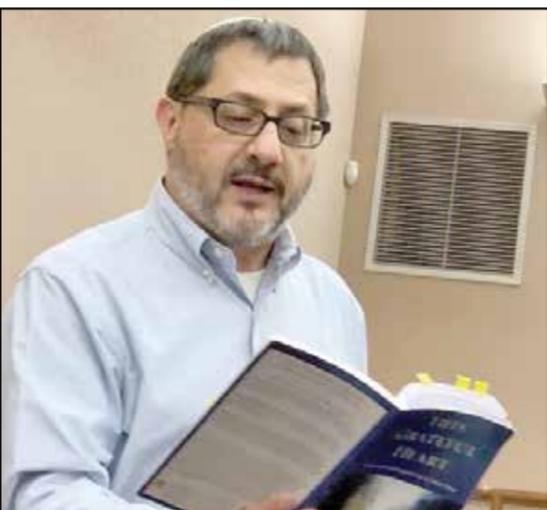
Julian Gonzalez Herrell, member of the board of JFED of Greater El Paso, Judge Advocate for JWV Post 749 and a member of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC), was vested as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Business Administration by the Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua (Autonomous University of Chihuahua).



Myrna Blanchard, the daughter of Julian Gonzalez Herrell, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education in Administration and Leadership, at the University of North Texas in Denton in May. An educator with more than 16 years of experience as a teacher, administrator, and university instructor, Myrna completed her dissertation on identifying and encouraging Latino students ready to enroll in advanced mathematics courses at earlier grades. She lives in Fort Worth with her husband and two children.



Thomas Krapin graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers University, majoring in psychology and business entrepreneurship and minoring in Jewish studies with a focus on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Before attending Rutgers he completed a gap year on the Nativ College Leadership Program in Israel. He also completed three internships in Tel Aviv in the summer of 2015, two of which were medical internships in the field of psychology and the third was with a startup company. This summer Thomas begins a paid research assistantship with the school of applied psychology at Rutgers. The 2012 Coronado High School graduate attended the JCC of El Paso kindergarten and graduated with the class of 2000... "Watch us sparkle, watch us glow – We're the class of double O."



Scholar Alden Solovy read a prayer from his new book, *This Grateful Heart*, at Temple Beth-El Las Cruces during his April 30 presentation, "The Art and Act of Prayer."



Israeli track star Etamar Bhastekar, a UTEP freshman from Mizpe Ramon, Israel, had a successful first semester at the university with high rankings in the pole vault and high jump at a number of track and field events throughout the region and nation. In the 2013 Maccabi Games, he won a gold medal in pole vaulting and a silver in the long jump; earlier he set an Israeli record in the decathlon for his age group. After serving in the IDF from 2014 to 2017, Etamar spent time training in Europe before enrolling at UTEP in January. Although he had no relatives in the United States, he chose UTEP for his studies in psychology and education and his athletic career in part because of the approach of the university's track coach for jumps and multi-events, Paul Benavides.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9: Jewish War Veterans

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July 8: Chabad Lubavitch

For a different Sunday night supper and a chance to get together and enjoy good food, come out and enjoy an "all-you-can-eat" Kosher sushi buffet and salad bar at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, at Chabad Lubavitch, 6615 Westwind Drive. Admission is \$18; RVSP is required. Email chabad@chabadelpaso.com with the number of people in your party.

July 9-13: El Paso Holocaust Museum

The El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center invites students ages 8 to 12 to a morning summer camp during the second week in July. The camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; cost is \$50 per child (\$40.00 for additional children in same family or museum members). Cost covers snacks, supplies, camp T-shirt, and a pizza party on the last day. To register, visit elpasoholocaustmuseum.org or contact Jamie Flores at 915-351-0048 or jamie@elpasoholocaustmuseum.org

Coming soon: BZUSY

Congregation B'nai Zion's BZUSY will hold a summer event for all teens and pre-teens at Top Golf. Interested parties can call Erin at 915-479-9920 for more information.

Coming in September: Cardozo Society

The El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center will team up with the Federation's Cardozo Society to bring in noted legal scholar Paul Finkleman.



Col. Clement Coward (left) at Fort Bliss with two members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 749, Ron Weingarten and Scott Stevens

June 10: Hadassah

Learn more about new treatments for Alzheimer's disease from Hadassah during an afternoon tea on Sunday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Monte Vista retirement community at 1575 Belvidere. Please RSVP to Debbie Cohen 249-6505 or debcoh@aol.com by Wednesday, June 5.

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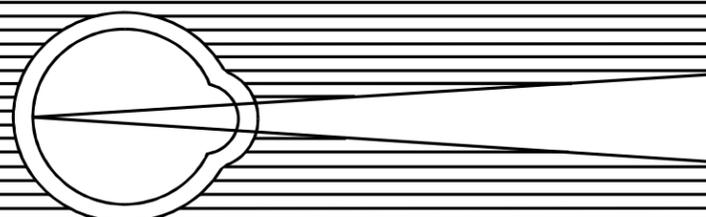
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Thanks to the generosity of many donors across our region, last month's two "dialing for dollars" evenings at our Jewish Federation offices brought in pledges of \$86,000 for the 2018

Campaign. Callers had the chance to chat with men and women and share the ways in which the Federation stretches their contributions to bring the community together, promote Jewish education, to help Jews in need around the world, and much more.

Sue Bendalin, the Federation's full-time campaign director, along with campaign chairs Janet Wechter and Leslie Beckoff, are very grateful to the nearly three dozen volunteers who helped over two nights in May. Many were volunteers from organizations that are receiving Federation grants in 2018.

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