In July, I was privileged to take part in the Jewish Federations of North America annual Campaign Chairs and Directors Mission. This year’s mission brought together representatives of more than 50 Federations from across the United States.

Our first stop was France, which sounds like a delightful destination for a junket of Jewish communal leaders. Paris was, of course, beautiful. But the beauty of the City of Light only seemed to heighten the contrast with the dark and foreboding days for the Jewish community of France.

In meeting after meeting, Jewish individuals and groups told us of their feelings of insecurity – and about the actual violent acts perpetrated against them. In Paris, we visited the Hypercacher kosher market, scene of a 2015 attack.

Postal service delivers letters to Western Wall

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Hundreds of letters addressed to “God,” Our Heavenly Father” and other monikers, as well as to the Kotel, were delivered to the Western Wall.

Israel Post Director General Danny Goldstein handed the letters over to the rabbi of the Western Wall and Holy Sites, Shmuel Rabinowitz, who then placed them in the cracks of the stones of the Western Wall.

Federation launches new PJ Library program designed for older kids

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio has partnered with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to bring PJ Our Way programing to the San Antonio Jewish Community. PJ Our Way is a new PJ Library program designed for area children ages 9-11. PJ Our Way started as a pilot program two years ago and is now available in more than 50 communities across the U.S. San Antonio will be a part of the third national cohort.

“PJ Library” serves Jewish children ages 6 months to 8 years of age. PJ Our Way provides for older children through age 11 to stay involved. All PJ Library “alumni” will receive a postcard from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and will receive local messages as well. All subscription costs are covered by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and PJ Alliance partners. PJ Our Way subscribers receive their own password and can visit the www.PJOurWay.org website to choose a chapter book each month based upon their interests.

Kids age 9-11 are encouraged to sign up for the “PJ Kids Committee” to plan future events. The goal is to keep families connected and to empower our next generation to love and cherish Jewish literature and work together to lead and strengthen our Jewish community.

For more information about PJ Library and PJ Our Way, please contact Lauren Abraham at the Jewish Federation of San Antonio offices at (210) 302-6960.
EDITORIAL SUBMISSIONS

The submission deadline for the NOVEMBER 2016 issue of the Jewish Journal is OCT. 12, 2016 at noon. All materials submitted after this date will be considered for the following issue.

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- Photos - Email high resolution images (300 dpi) in jpg attachments only.

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The Jewish Journal of San Antonio is a monthly publication created and paid for by the Jewish Federation of San Antonio. The Journal’s primary focus is creating awareness and engagement within the local Jewish community about activities, programs and issues with which the Jewish Federation is involved.
As a service to the broader Jewish community, area synagogues and organizations are invited to submit content relevant to the Jewish community at large for publication consideration.
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It’s our New Year, a time of reflection. A time to make a difference.

This New Year, let us bring hope to people in despair. Nurture and sustain our Jewish community in San Antonio, Israel and around the world. Your gift to the Federation’s 2016 Annual Campaign makes it possible all year long.


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From the Officers, Board of Directors and Professional Staff of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio

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I disagree with people who bemoan the Jewish commitment of younger generations. Because I work in the Jewish world 24/7, I have plenty of proof to challenge anyone who questions the vitality of future generations of Jewish community leadership. As partial proof, I present our new Pearl Society.

Launched last month by Darcy Hoberman and Amy Lerman, the Pearl Society is a division of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio geared towards younger women. It meaningfully engages women who make a commitment to contribute $1 a day to the annual campaign. Darcy and Amy, both full-time professionals who are also raising young children, are passionate about making a difference in their Jewish community. They are role models for their peers and children, supporting our important work and bringing others along with them. Darcy and Amy gathered a group of over forty women on a Sunday morning to share their commitment and to invite others to join them in the Pearl Society.

Trying to establish a career and raise children can be all-consuming. But never underestimate the power of women to expand their love and compassion and do more. That is what the Pearl Society is about – expanding the love and compassion that these young women have to better their own community. Instead of bemoaning how this generation is not as generous as its parents and grandparents, let’s celebrate how the many responsibilities they bear do not keep them from doing their part to help others and to build a strong Jewish community in which to raise their own families. Like the pearls after which the society is named, these women are sometimes-hidden treasures and need to be brought out into the open to shine. Bring a group of them together and you have something extraordinary.

Thank you, Darcy and Amy, for jump-starting what I hope to be a long string of “pearls” in our community. You are changing lives and making an impact!

Ronit Sherwin, Jewish Federation of San Antonio CEO

Looking for the community CALENDAR OF EVENTS?

The monthly calendar for the San Antonio Jewish Community is now available online on the website of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio. Keep up with the most up to date happenings at www.jfsatx.org.

Simply click on “Community Calendar” for a comprehensive listing of Jewish community events.

Submissions for consideration may be emailed to Caitlin Strayer at strayerc@jfsatx.org.
CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday, Sept. 30 Light Candles at: 7:02 p.m.
Shabbat, Oct. 1 Shabbat Ends: 7:54 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2 Eve of First day Rosh Hashanah
Light Holiday Candles at: 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 3 Eve of Second day Rosh Hashanah
Light Holiday Candles after: 7:52 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4 Holiday Ends: 7:51 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7 Light Candles at: 6:54 p.m.
Shabbat, Oct. 8 Shabbat Ends: 7:46 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 Eve of Yom Kippur
Light Holiday Candles at: 6:49 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12 Yom Kippur, Holiday Ends: 7:42 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14 Light Candles at: 6:46 p.m.
Shabbat, Oct. 15 Shabbat Ends: 7:38 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 16 Eve of First day Sukkot
Light Holiday Candles at: 6:44 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 17 Eve of Second day Sukkot
Light Holiday Candles after: 7:36 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18 Holiday Ends: 7:35 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21 Light Shabbat Candles at: 6:39 p.m.
Shabbat, Oct. 22 Shabbat Ends: 7:32 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23 Eve of Shemini Atzeret
Light Holiday Candles at: 6:37 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 24 Eve of Simchat Torah
Light Holiday Candles after: 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 25 Holiday Ends: 7:29 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28 Light Candles at: 6:32 p.m.
Shabbat, Oct. 29 Shabbat Ends: 7:26 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 4 Light Candles at: 6:27 p.m.
Shabbat, Nov. 5 Shabbat Ends: 7:21 p.m.

New signage: Have you seen it?

A new Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio sign and digital display has been installed at the former entrance of the Jewish Campus on NW Military Hwy.

The sign will inform the public of this hidden jewel, our Museum, and provide details on events, educational programming, and contact information.

The sign was made possible by the work of the fundraising committee of the HMMSA Commission, led by Don Walker and former Commission Chair Melbourne O’Banion.

Federation launches Pearl Society for young San Antonio women

Jewish Federation’s Women’s Philanthropy is pleased to announce a new society for young women of intention between the ages of 22-40ish. The Pearl Society, co-chaired by (pictured at left) Amy Lerman and Darcy Hoberman, was created to help young women in the community feel connected to one another and engaged with the Jewish Federation’s mission by giving just a dollar-a-day, $365 per year. More than 25 women attended the society’s recent kick-off event on September 11 where program recipients of Federation dollars were able to share their purpose and impact in our community.

For more information on the Pearl Society, to get involved, or to join contact Samantha Mazuz at mazuzss@jfsatx.org or (210) 302-6970.
YOUR FEDERATION DOLLARS AT WORK

Rick Recht rocks back to school concert

More than 250 community members enjoyed singing with Jewish rock star Rick Recht and his guest local vocalists, Vicki Levy Adelstein and Joel Swedlove, during a PJ Library Back to School concert at the Empire Theatre on August 28.

"PJ Library families and volunteers jammed with Rick, ate popcorn and Kosher snacks, and reconnected as we sang to Od Yavoh Shalom A’leinu (Peace will come to us) and other original Jewish music," said Lauren Abraham, San Antonio PJ Library Coordinator. "Special thanks to the Jewish Federation of San Antonio and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for supporting this concert and making it such a wonderful day for our children. We look forward to continuing this tradition with another Back to School concert next year!"

For more information about PJ Library programming, contact Abraham at (210) 302-6834 or visit the PJ Library San Antonio page on Facebook.
Federation’s Annual Campaign off and running

More than 70 community members gathered at The Well on August 23 to kick off the Federation’s 2016 Annual Community Campaign. David Brown, National Chair of the Israel and Overseas Operations Committee for Jewish Federations of North America, was the featured speaker. Brown spoke about our responsibility one to another Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh B’zeh, and how each of us, working together, can make a tremendous impact. Brown, a volunteer leader, has been involved with the Federation in Chicago and nationally for close to 30 years.

Lori Stockstiel spoke about her life-changing Israel experience this summer on the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project trip, thanking the Jewish Federation for its support of the trip. Lori traveled with 15 women from San Antonio and joined hundreds of women from across the United States. The 15 women made a special trip to the Western Galilee to visit San Antonio’s Partnership Together (P2G) region in the Western Galilee.

Jonathan Gurwitz, Board Chair of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, addressed the guests, shared vignettes from his own recent travels to Israel this summer, where he visited social service programs supported by Federation Campaign dollars. He thanked the campaigners for the successful achievement of the 2015 Campaign and encouraged everyone to get involved and help to raise additional dollars this year, as the needs of the community continue to grow. The goal for the 2016 Campaign is $1.6 million.

Israeli and country music filled the room at the end of the evening as guests enjoyed meeting each other. It was truly an evening of community…building a strong community together.

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MEMBERS OF THE EMERGING LEADERSHIP CLASS ENJOY THE CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF (L TO R): DEVRA HARDY, JEREMY ROSEN, SAM BUDIN, NOEMI SELLAS, RILEY GREENBERG
Meet the staff of the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio

Juana Rubalcava, Education Director, has a Bachelor of History degree with a focus in Human Rights and a minor in Latin American Studies. A dedicated educator, Juana has facilitated the Museum’s teacher workshops, including bilingual learning opportunities. She oversees educational programming at the Museum and staffs the Education Committee. She recently completed her Master of History with a focus on Human Rights and Genocide Studies, in May 2016 at UTSA.

Ellen Ollervidez is the Director of the Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio. In both roles, she uses the skills developed as an Educator to encourage, organize, and communicate the vision and purpose of those she serves. Her undergraduate degree is in Business Administration with a focus in Marketing and she holds a Master of Educational Leadership and Policy. “My heart has always been connected to community and dedicated to the education of our young people. As Director, I have the privilege of working for both.”

Matthew Faulkner is the Programs Coordinator for the Museum. In Spring of 2015, he received his Bachelor of Research History with a focus in European Studies at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, under the supervision of Dr. Edward Westermann. He works directly with the visitors of the Museum and is responsible for booking, finalizing, and scheduling tour groups throughout the year. Matthew also works with the Museum’s Events Committee to bring to the community relevant programming involving the Holocaust. Events include the Robbie Waisman presentation, and Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project.

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Kristin Hernandez has been with the Museum for just over one year as the Collections Manager. She recently graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio with a Bachelor of History and a Master of Museum Science from Texas Tech University. She interned as a graduate assistant to the registrar at the Museum of Texas Tech University. She also worked at the George Ranch Historical Park, in Richmond, Texas as an interpreter and worked with educational programming. As Collections Manager, she has accessioned and housed the Museum’s holdings to obtain documentary control and care of the current collection for future generations. Kristin staffs the Exhibits Committee and implements grants.

For more information about the HMMSA, visit www.hmmsa.org or visit the museum offices on the 2nd floor of the Jewish Campus. HMMSA is a program of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

Beldon Library News

The Beldon Library will host Bryan Edward Stone, PhD. on Sunday, October 30, 2016. Bryan Edward Stone is a Professor of History at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was also a Visiting Professor at the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Stone will be promoting his new book Memories of Two Generations, A Yiddish Life in Russia and Texas, which he edited for publication by preparing the text and authoring a critical introduction and footnotes. There are two copies of this book in the Beldon Library.

This is the story of Alexander Z. Gurwitz a Russian immigrant to Texas who arrived at Galveston in 1901 at the age of 51. Alexander and his family settled in San Antonio. His great-grandson is Jonathan Gurwitz, current Board Chair of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio. This event, co-sponsored by the Jewish Genealogy Group, will be held in the Beldon Library at 1:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call (210) 302-6805 or email waghalterl@jfsatx.org.

BelDon Library Hours are:
Mondays, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.;
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.;
Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Looking to network with other young professionals? JNet SA, the Jewish Young Professionals Network targeting ages 21-55, hosts regular events around San Antonio featuring inspiring local and national speakers.

In August, the JNet SA community visited with Dr. Evan and Linda Ratner at one of their Impact Urgent Care clinics. They spoke about urgent care and healthcare, sharing an insider’s perspective on the industry.

In September, JNet SA traveled to the Ferrari of San Antonio dealership to meet with Bobby Epstein. Epstein is the founding and managing general partner of Prophet Capital Management Ltd, a diverse hedge fund specializing in mortgage-backed securities, and a founding partner of Circuit of the Americas in Austin. Fifty people came out to hear Epstein speak and to see the Ferrari dealership, the largest JNet SA event this year.

Don’t miss the next event. Details coming soon at the JNet SA website, www.jnetsa.com and Facebook page.

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JNet SA members visited Dr. Evan and Linda Ratner of Impact Urgent Care in August.
By Ellen Ollervidez, Community Relations and Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio Director

Fran Vanecko and Valerie Katz knew each other from bridge club, but their friendship expanded and deepened when each found an intense connection to a book titled Life in a Jar, a story about a Polish Catholic woman named Irena Sendler, who rescued 2,500 Jewish children during the Holocaust. “I’m Jewish and Fran is Catholic,” said Valerie, and after discussing their love of the book, “she said she wanted to bring the play, and asked if I would partner with her?”

The book is based on the discoveries made by four, rural-Kansas, high-school girls who wrote and performed a play that would bring worldwide attention to Irena’s accomplishments and ultimately led to Irena being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. “I don’t think this would have gotten off the ground without Valerie,” Fran explained. Valerie contacted then Director of the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, Judy Lackritz, where she was welcomed and helped, and a plan was created for bringing the performance to San Antonio. Valerie adds, “Fran’s pursuit of planning, and her son’s generous help with designing and printing materials, supported our efforts tremendously”.

Val and Fran have tirelessly shared the powerful messages the story conveys. “Doing the right thing is an imperative. This is not just a Holocaust story, it is a story of bravery against all odds and how that can change the world. We must stand up to bullies; we must not let fear be our guide in life, but have a strong moral compass. These messages need to be instilled in our children, not just by telling, but also by doing,” explained Val. Working on this event has had a tremendous impact on Valerie and Fran. Val traveled to Kansas to visit the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Kansas, and Fran is now joining the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio Docent program, to help educate the community to the dangers of hate, prejudice, and apathy.

The Holocaust Memorial Museum is honored to be partnering with these extraordinary community organizers who have harnessed their many talents, friends, and resources to bringing this event to San Antonio. The program will include Norm Conard, the Social Studies teacher that worked with the high school students in preparation for National History Day. Mr. Conard is now the Executive Director of the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes. Also, Megan Stewart Felt, one of the students who wrote and originally performed Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project, will speak. The program will also include the actual performance prepared for National History Day. We invite you to experience an extraordinary evening, celebrate Irena Sendler, and see firsthand why audiences around the world have been touched by this story.

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- Lori Palatnik, co-founder and trip leader JWRP

The Jewish Women Renaissance Project (JWRP) seeks to inspire women to transform themselves, transform their families, their communities, and the world. Their flagship program is MOMentum, an eight-day journey through Israel. MOMentum is more than a tour of Israel; it is an opportunity to deeply explore ourselves. Thousands of women from 21 different countries have already experienced this life-changing trip, paying only their own airfare, and returning home with the best gift of all—a deep, eternal connection to Israel, a profound kinship with each other, and a heart filled with Jewish values.

This past July, seventeen San Antonio Jewish mothers from different walks of life, affiliations, observance and ages joined 400 Jewish mothers from all over North America in Israel on a JWRP MOMentum trip. In nine short days we shared a lifetime of indescribable experiences. “We cried until our eyes were dry, we laughed until our stomachs hurt, and danced more in nine days than we had in nine years. But above all that we went from being strangers to being sisters,” said Michal Scheinberg. “Instead of trying to describe the magic and inspiration that each of us felt here are some thoughts from some of the participants themselves:”

“As we approached the Western Wall for the first time, we all welled up with tears. It was a bonding experience, and at the same time, an individual experience, with each other, and with our Judaism. Although we come from different synagogues and backgrounds, we walked through this powerful experience together. We prayed, we danced, we sang, we wept.

We were long past our jet lag, our tears were tears of joy, tears of connection to Jews past, present and future, who have prayed at this sacred spot over centuries. We wept in gratitude for the freedom to be here, as Jews, as women, as Americans.”

- Danna Halff,
JWRP San Antonio 2016

“During my JWRP journey to Israel the sights, sounds, and smells of the market were like a big potpourri reminder of what Judaism can look like. A spice shop in Mechane Yehuda with sacks of many colors reiterated what I learned about Judaism on the trip. What I put in my sack does not have to be the same as everyone else’s, it is authentic and I don’t have to put a label on it. G-d accepts me as I am and that makes me strive to grow. So I took home to my pantry a little of this and a little of that, something sweet like new friends, and savory, such as my commitment to practice being thankful every day and complain less.

As I make tea out of the beautiful red herbs, the wafting scent in the air and the delicious taste speak to me of the teaching that both the inside and the outside of a person should match each other. I use these spices as I make challah with my own hands and connect to the earth and to G-d. I’ve come back working on being a better version of myself and being a more committed Jew.

It’s not easy to let go of the constantly accessible computer, phone and TV on Shabbat, but it makes me feel like I am working harder at making a connection to my version of Judaism and setting an example for my children. I talk to G-d a lot more, in my own way and judge a lot less.

I am thankful to the JWRP program and to our city leaders who through this program have made Judaism feel accessible for me as an individual without the expectation of a one size fits all. My cup is overflowing with the peace and love that I felt in Israel.

- Jennifer Ricciardi,
JWRP San Antonio 2016

“The JWRP trip to Israel this past July was incredibly meaningful to me. The trip has sparked my desire to continue growing as a Jewish person and to bring more Judaism into my home.

The personal connections that I made on the trip with the Jewish women from my community will be everlasting. Since I’ve been back in San Antonio I have found that being with the women from the trip fills my heart with the peace and love that I felt in Israel.”

- Marla Russell,
JWRP San Antonio 2016

“‘HP’ or hashgacha pratit, personal divine providence. The personal stories we learned on the JWRP trip was called ‘HP’ or hashgacha pratit, personal divine providence. The personal stories and ‘HP’ moments shared by our group of women from San Antonio, U.S. and Israel.

As I now light my candles on Friday nights, my thoughts go back to my Shabbat in Israel... amazed by the peaceful beauty of the city and how close I felt there to my religion. I will incorporate these ideas and feelings into my own Shabbats from now on, and am so thankful to have been given this opportunity from Congregation Rodfei Sholom and The Jewish Federation of San Antonio!!!”

- Amy Sokol,
JWRP San Antonio 2016

“What name do you give to describe life’s beautiful coincidences and chance meetings that lead you to important people in your life, opportunities, or save you from danger? Random events? Or something more deliberate? One concept we learned on the JWRP trip was called “HP” or hashgacha pratit, personal divine providence. The personal stories and “HP” moments shared by our new friends on the trip moved me to appreciate the order in disorder and enhanced my faith.”

- Bonnie Hartstein Shweiki,
JWRP San Antonio 2016

For more information log onto JWRP.org; or contact Michal Scheinberg at mich12a@gmail.com or (210) 323-9063, or Julie Schack at schackj@jfsatx.org.
IN THE COMMUNITY

JCC to honor Leading Ladies at Main Event

The JCC’s annual fall fundraiser, The Main Event, will take place Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the JCC, honoring Shari Pulman, Varda Ratner and Sharon Stern. These Leading Ladies have been an important part of the JCC’s success since the move to the Jewish Campus eighteen years ago, each serving a two-year term as JCC Board Chair between the years 2000 and 2010. In addition, they have all played leading roles chairing various JCC program committees, including Early Childhood, Youth and Camp, Marketing, Membership and Theatre in addition to major initiatives and events such as the JCC Maccabi Games*, The Main Event, strategic planning, and much more.

Beyond their involvement at the JCC, each of these individuals has made an impact on the wider Jewish Community through service to area synagogues and Jewish agencies.

The JCC invites the community to join in to recognize Shari, Varda, and Sharon at an evening of celebration and fun. Individual tickets are $50 and include food from various local restaurants, drinks, entertainment, a silent auction, and dancing. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to become a sponsor, visit www.jccsanantonio.org/mainevent, or call (210) 302-6820.

New in November: Accredited JLI Course How Success Thinks

Scientists were curious: Why are some people so much more successful than others? Here’s what they found. They’re mostly just like the rest of us. The only difference is how they think.

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning will offer How Success Thinks: Jewish Secrets for Leading a Productive Life at two different times: six Tuesday afternoons with Rabbi Chaim Block, beginning Nov. 8, Noon-1:15 p.m. at the Law Office of Golden Steves Cohen & Gordon, 300 Convent St., Suite 2600; and six Wednesday evenings with Rabbi Levi Teldon, beginning November 9, 7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd.

At the core of How Success Thinks are six key productivity concepts, from motivation and goal setting to creativity and relationship building—that explain why some people get so much done. Drawing on 3,000 years of Jewish wisdom from the Talmud and the Kabbalah—as well as the latest findings in neuroscience, psychology, and behavioral economics—this eye-opening course explains that the most productive people on earth don’t merely act differently, they view the world, and their choices, in profoundly different ways.

By learning how to cultivate your signature strengths, adopt a growth mind-set, access your inner well of creativity, deal with weaknesses, and overcome procrastination and other obstacles that lie in the way of your success, Jewish wisdom and positive psychology will help you get more of what you want and less of what you don’t.

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Temple Chai grows by more than thirty percent in 2016

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The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning will offer How Success Thinks: Jewish Secrets for Leading a Productive Life at two different times: six Tuesday afternoons with Rabbi Chaim Block, beginning Nov. 8, Noon-1:15 p.m. at the Law Office of Golden Steves Cohen & Gordon, 300 Convent St., Suite 2600; and six Wednesday evenings with Rabbi Levi Teldon, beginning November 9, 7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd.

At the core of How Success Thinks are six key productivity concepts, from motivation and goal setting to creativity and relationship building—that explain why some people get so much done. Drawing on 3,000 years of Jewish wisdom from the Talmud and the Kabbalah—as well as the latest findings in neuroscience, psychology, and behavioral economics—this eye-opening course explains that the most productive people on earth don’t merely act differently, they view the world, and their choices, in profoundly different ways.

By learning how to cultivate your signature strengths, adopt a growth mind-set, access your inner well of creativity, deal with weaknesses, and overcome procrastination and other obstacles that lie in the way of your success, Jewish wisdom and positive psychology will help you get more of what you want and less of what you don’t.

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Temple Beth-El welcomes nationally acclaimed artist to San Antonio

Temple Beth-El will host two special learning opportunities on November 3 and 4 with acclaimed artist Archie Rand. Rand’s work as a painter and muralist is displayed around the world, and his graphic works and books are in over 400 public collections. He also created the colorful mural displayed in the Oppenheimer Lobby of Temple Beth-El.

His most recent project The 613 was a culmination of investigations that Archie Rand had been conducting since the early 1970's. The New York Times describes the paintings as “rendered in the style of comics and pulp fiction book jackets, a dash of Mad Magazine, a spoonful of Tales of the Crypt, some grotesques, some super heroes, always action, emotion, drama.” Archie Rand’s career as an artist spans five decades and myriad themes and genres. Among his pioneering explorations, The 613 is surely one of his most ambitious feats yet. Without any idea where the work would be exhibited, Rand began transforming each and every one of the 613 mitzvahs, or commandments, into its own breathtaking painting, a series that took five years to complete.

Each of the gorgeous and perplexing panels features a vibrant, unexpected image that brings forth the heart of its law and commands our eyes to linger. Rand is startling and original in his rich color choices, bold characters, and extraordinarily expressive approach. The New York Times describes the paintings as “rendered in the style of comics and pulp fiction book jackets, a dash of Mad magazine, a spoonful of Tales of the Crypt, some grotesques, some superheroes, always action, emotion drama.” Whether grotesque or dramatic, each painting provokes a sense of wonder and self-reflection, making The 613 a book to be visited time and time again. Perfect for readers of art, religion, or popular visual culture, The 613 may be the most audacious and distinctive gift book of its kind.

The history of how contemporary art resisted and then grudgingly had to accommodate this uninvited encroachment - and eventual habitat - of blatantly Jewish subject matter will be illustrated with numerous visuals and will be discussed by Mr. Rand both on Thursday, November 3 at a 7 p.m. presentation entitled: The Evolutionary Arc of Archie Rand’s The 613, and a Friday Lunch and Learn at noon focused on the specifics of the Imagery's Development in 613.”

This program is brought to Temple Beth-El by the generosity of the Jean and Jesse Wulfe Religious Enhancement Fund.

Temple Chai offers complimentary membership to newly married couples

Temple Chai, San Antonio’s Reform congregation on the Northwest side, is offering a year-long complimentary membership to all couples whose weddings are officiated by its spiritual leader, Rabbi David Komorosky. The board unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the motion in August as a way to welcome unaffiliated couples looking for a congregational home.

“There are many obstacles to affiliation,” said Rabbi Komorosky. “I am often asked to officiate at weddings for unaffiliated couples and am pleased to be of service to them and, at the same time, welcome them to an engaging community of seekers. If a couple is getting married and wants a rabbi to officiate, they are often turned away for a host of reasons. Affiliation and cost are among the main obstacles. My philosophy is that if we welcome them at the start, we can encourage Jewish choices as they build their home together.”

Temple Chai is welcoming interfaith families, LGBTQ couples, non-Jews seeking to become Jewish, and anyone with a curiosity about Jewish life. For more information about its programs or to contact Rabbi Komorosky about an upcoming wedding, visit www.templechaisa.org or call (210) 340.2090.
IN THE COMMUNITY

Israel Bonds San Antonio to honor Harry Levy IV

On November 13, Israel Bonds San Antonio will honor Harry Levy at the annual community Israel Bonds reception. The dessert reception will take place at Temple Beth-El at 7 p.m.

Harry Levy is a past President of Temple Beth El in San Antonio. He is currently the Treasurer of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), a member of the URJ’s North American Board and the Oversight Committee. He is immediate past Chair of the URJ Camping Commission. Harry has been active in the Jewish Federation of San Antonio for many years and has been on the Executive Committee multiple times. He is currently the Planning and Allocations Vice President. Harry has been married to Mary since 1982 and they have three adult children. They have lived in San Antonio since 1987. He is the owner of the Levy Company, a highway construction firm.

Israel Bonds San Antonio Chairman Dr. Michael Ozer said “Harry is a perfect choice for Israel Bonds to honor. Not only has he been a consistently strong advocate for Israel; but he has also worked tirelessly for the Jewish Community in San Antonio and beyond.”

The guest speaker for the evening will be Gil Tamary, Washington Bureau Chief for Israel’s Channel 10. For more information, you can contact Steve Landis at (713) 360-3530 or steve.landis@israelbonds.com.

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Workshop on funeral pre-planning on October 30

Agudas Achim will present a workshop on funeral pre-planning on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

What Happens Next? is an all-encompassing program that will address questions concerning Jewish funerals and burial practices. The program will address how you can ease the financial burden on those you leave behind by making funeral pre-planning.

Guests will also learn about Tahara, the purification ritual and Chevra Kadisha, the Jewish Burial Society. Information on interfaith burial will also be available.

For more information, contact Lauren Abraham at abrahaml@jfsatx.org or (210) 302-6834.
Temple Beth-El offers groups for all ages

No matter your age, Temple Beth-El has a group for you. @TBE20s30s, for young adults in their 20s and 30s, gathers frequently for dinner, Torah on Tap, and other activities throughout the year. TBE30s40s+, for 30s and 40s+ plans a variety of monthly events, and TBE50s+ also gets together periodically just for fun.

If you’re a senior who’s young at heart, TBE60s+ Singles might be just the group for you.

To learn more about Temple Beth-El’s social clubs, contact Member Services Coordinator Geri Gregory at (210) 733-9135, ext. 120.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CORNER

The San Antonio post of the Jewish War Veterans post host its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9:30 a.m. in room 277 at the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community. A light breakfast will be included.

Next August 2017, the San Antonio post will host the JWV International Convention. This is a first for San Antonio. Members of Jewish War Veterans from around the United States will gather for five days of work and fun. Watch the Journal for more information in the coming months.

Remembering deceased Jewish military veterans

Jewish War Veterans of America Post 753 asks you to remember these Jewish military veterans whose yahrzeit (anniversary of individual’s death) occurs in the month of September and who are buried in a local cemetery. (If you know of a name that is missing please contact Herschel at 210-468-5598).

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Melish, Jacob
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Oppenheimer, Jesse
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Sapson, Samuel
Schreiber, Joseph
Shaenfield, Bernard
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IN THE COMMUNITY

Temple Beth-El and the Block and Dreeben School for Young Children launch new Shabbat experience geared to young families

Temple Beth-El and the JCC Block and Dreeben School for Young Children will begin offering a new program, Shabbat Shaboom, later this month. The program, geared toward newborns - 4 year olds and their caregivers, offers a Jewish parent and baby bonding experience to anyone in the community who is interested.

“We wanted to offer an interactive Jewish playgroup for young families whether they are Temple or JCC members or just starting to explore what it means to be connected to other young Jewish families around San Antonio,” explained Rabbi Mara Nathan.

The 90-minute class will explore Jewish values, build community and celebrate Shabbat. Each session will begin with informal fun as the children play and adults socialize. Cindy Berman, a veteran parenting expert, will discuss with parents how they can incorporate a different Jewish value into their parenting each week while the children engage in supervised play and a topic-related project. Rabbi Mara Nathan, Rabbi Marina Yergin and Cantor Julie Berlin will join the group at various times to share a story and songs and to help welcome Shabbat together.

The program will take place on Fridays from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. beginning Friday, Oct. 28 and will run for seven weeks initially. The cost is $54 for the series. The dates for the class include: 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16. Visit www.jccsanantonio.org/ece or call (210) 302-6846 to register.
IN THE COMMUNITY: SENIORS

GMJSS launches new program for seniors and caregivers

Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services (GMJSS) is expanding its educational and social programming with the launch of a new program called E.D.G.E., which stands for Engage, Discover, Grow and Explore. Implementing the results of GMJSS's REIMAGINE study conducted last year, GMJSS will be offering education for adults 55 and older focused on technology education, planning and preparing for life's transitions, information for caregivers, and providing opportunities for more social connections in our Jewish community. E.D.G.E. is also creating a resource guide for seniors and caregivers to be distributed at all the events.

Upcoming events include:
• October 18 at 7 p.m., Dr. Evan Ratner will speak about concussions and falls.
• November 1 at 7 p.m., Suzanne Huber will speak about exploring senior housing and service options.

Huber is a past Director of Golden Manor Home for the Aged, current Executive Director of the Boerne Morningside Ministries, and current Secretary of the Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services Board.
• November 8 @ 11 a.m., Anita Lemon (age 73) will discuss exercise for seniors.

All events will be held at the GMJSS offices on the 2nd floor of the Acropolis building (13409 N.W. Military Hwy.). There will be a small fee for these programs (scholarships available). To RSVP or arrange for transportation, call Lety Vargas at the GMJSS office, (210) 616-4811.

More sessions are being developed on topics such as bank fraud, elder fraud, de-cluttering your home, and taking care of your loved ones. If you know of anyone who would like to be a speaker, contact Daniel Laser, Executive Director at GMJSS at 210-616-4811 or DLLaser@GoldenManor.net

Seniors invited to join Rodfei Sholom’s L’Chayim Club for high holiday lunch

The L’Chayim Club will have their monthly get-together on Tuesday, Oct. 4 by participating in Rodfei Sholom’s annual Rosh Hashanah luncheon, immediately following services. Seniors are invited to attend at no charge, thanks to a generous grant from Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services and co-sponsorship of Rodfei Sholom. Anyone attending must RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 29 by calling the synagogue at (210) 493-3557 or emailing rodfeisa@gmail.com.

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YOUR CHILD CAN BE ONE HAPPY CAMPER

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio will “gift” $1000 to first time campers through One Happy Camper grants.

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Questions? Contact Lauren Abraham at the Jewish Federation of San Antonio offices at (210) 302-6960.

Need based scholarships are also available for new and returning campers through the Grants Distribution Committee of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

Contact JFSA CEO, Ronit Sherwin for further information at (210) 302-6961 or sherwinr@jfsatx.org
Chabad on Campus back in action

This semester, Chabad on Campus has hosted an array of activities including a Shabbat dinner for more than 30 area students, a kosher lunch social and Rosh Hashanah discussions along with pre-High Holiday events. The organization works to facilitate Jewish life for college students in San Antonio and now also in San Marcos. For more information or to get involved, contact Rabbi Ari Wein-}

New Jewish Aggies enjoy Gefilte Fish Camp

College Station, Texas - Thirteen new Jewish Aggies from across Texas and around the country, participated in the second annual Gefilte Fish Camp hosted by Chabad and Hillel. The new freshmen, student leaders, and Chabad and Hillel staff enjoyed an afternoon of getting to know each other by canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding at Lake Bryan.

“We love welcoming new Jewish Aggies to Texas A&M’s growing Jewish community,” said Josh Hirsh, president of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and a Gefilte Fish Camp attendee, “Gefilte Fish Camp is our fun way to welcome these new freshmen to the Aggie Jewish family!”

“As we continue to recruit the best Jewish students to A&M, we try to provide more opportunities for new or prospective students to learn about our warm Jewish community,” said Hope Beitchman, Hillel student board member.

The Aggie Jewish community will welcome prospective students to the annual Aggie Jewish Open House on February 10-11, 2017. This event lets high school students experience Jewish life in Aggieland combined with the campus-wide Aggieland Saturday.

For more information about Jewish life at Texas A&M or Aggie Jewish Open House, call Rabbi Matt Rosenberg at Hill, (979) 703-1856, email rabbimatt@tamuhillel.org, or visit tamuhillel.org.
WHAT’S HAPPENING

FIRST DAY AT INDA POSNER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Children’s voices rang out to announce the first day of Congregation Agudas Achim’s Inda Posner Religious School. Students, parents and teachers were welcomed by Rabbi Ariel Platt, Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham and Hazzan Jeremy Lipton to mark the start of the year. A special visit by “Menchie the Mench” taught everyone what it means to be a mench, and then the children were treated to a frozen dessert donated by Menchies Frozen Yogurt.

SUNSHINE CLUB EXPLORES ROSH HASHANAH FOODS AND TRADITIONS
On Tuesday, Sept. 6, members of the Sunshine Club enjoyed holiday foods such as tzipis, round raisin challah, apples and honey, and a cantorial presentation by Rabbi Yossi Marrus with high holidays melodies and details on their historical and spiritual significance. The Sunshine Club is a joint program of the Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning & Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services. All Sunshine Club events and activities are complimentary. Transportation is available. For more information please call (210) 764-0300 or visit www.ChabadSA.com/SunshineClub.

KIDS LEARN POWER OF GIVING AT MITZVAH MEET UP
Gavin, Dena, and Sari Valdez attended the Barshop Jewish Community Center’s Mitzvah Meet-up, where they had the opportunity to hear from Danny Siegel and then participate in several mitzvah projects, including making Rosh Hashanah gift bags for Jewish Family Service clients.

SWEET NOSHINGS BLOGGER VISITS JCC
Amy Kritzer, of the blog, What Jew Wanna Eat, visited the JCC on Thursday, Sept. 8, to share recipes from her first ever cookbook, Sweet Noshings: New Twists on Traditional Jewish Desserts. Attendees were treated to Black and Pink cookies (a twist on the famous New York City Black and White variation), Pumpkin-Pecan Cinnamon Roll Strudel, Baklava Spiced Rugelach, and Drunken Honey-Pomegranate Cake.
Babies, Bagels & Blocks and Toddlers Torah & Toys

Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham, Lauren Abraham and Hazzan Lipton led children ages 4 and under through songs and stories during Babies, Bagels and Blocks (BBB) and Toddlers, Torah, and Toys (TTT) on Sunday, Sept. 3. The program for children ages 0-4 years old is offered the first Sunday of every month from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Gurisky Family Social Hall. The next BBB and TTT will be on October 2 and November 6.

Gan Gani Preschoolers Learn About the Jewish Holidays

The children of Gan Gani Preschool are off to a happy and sweet new year. For more information about the school’s program, visit www.GanGani.org or call (210) 492-1085.

Hadassah Honors Scharf-Zeldes at Evening Event

At the San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah’s Make a Difference evening, August 24, honoring Barbie Scharf-Zeldes, dozens turned out to honor her and hear guest speaker Daphna Michelson-Jenet, author of It Takes a Little Crazy to Make a Difference.

Together We Can Change the World

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Becky Hoag, Docent Chair of the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio (HMMSA), hosted a social gathering for museum staff, HMMSA docents, and Holocaust survivors. Pictured from left to right are Anna Rado, survivor; Becky Hoag, HMMSA Docent Committee Chair; Rose Williams, survivor; Ellen Ollervidez, HMMSA Director; and Susanne Jalnos, survivor.
AGUDAS ACHIM FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY
On Sunday, Sept. 11, Agudas Achim members of all ages volunteered at the San Antonio Food Bank. The group packed 27,000 meals to be distributed in the San Antonio area.

SUNDAY FUNDAY FOCUSES ON HIGH HOLIDAYS
At Rodfei Sholom’s monthly Sunday Funday on Sunday, Sept. 11, (above) Emmanuelle Cahane with daughter Ella, and Ada Scheinberg with her grandmother Judy Scheinberg created Rosh Hashanah cards for seniors while (right) Sara Kisel with Sunny and Lyla Lerman made honey cakes in preparation for Rosh Hashanah.

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FROM MEMORIES TO MEMOIRS
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IN THE COMMUNITY: TEENS

San Antonio BBYO off to a great year

San Antonio BBYO, which has two local chapters – Sababa (BBG) for girls, and Erich Weiss (AIZ) for boys – has a calendar full of local events along with regional and international conventions planned. A complete listing of upcoming events may be found online at www.jccsanantonio.org/bbyo.

BBYO is the largest Jewish youth organization in the world, providing opportunities for Jewish youth to strengthen their Jewish identity, develop leadership skills, meet teens from around the world, form a connection with their community, and enhance their personal development. This popular “youth led” program allows members to have fun, learn life-long skills, and form lasting friendships at local events, weekend conventions, service projects, and Jewish leadership events.

BBYO is open to all Jewish teens in grades 9 through 12. For more information about BBYO, or how to join, contact Devin Billstein, BBYO City Director, at billsteind@jcc-sa.org or (210) 302-6869.

Dynamic year for teens planned with CTeens

The local chapter of CTeens—the famed program that has revolutionized teen programming throughout the world—began in early September. This social and empowering program allows teens to connect with other Jewish kids, learn about themselves, study, participate in Mitzvah projects and have a blast, all within a Jewish context and setting. For this inaugural year, 13 special programs and activities as well as 3 local, state and international Shabbatons have been planned. Each social program is comprised of fun, food and a Jewish theme. Programs include; the Kickoff Social, Biking on the River, Movie Night, Enchanted Rock and much more.

In addition to this new program, Rabbi Marrus’ Wednesday evening learning program from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. will continue for its fifth year. Some of the course offerings this year are Superjew: The Miracle of Jewish Survival; Sticky Situations: Solutions for Tricky Moral Dilemmas; and Jewish Revolutions: Building a Better World.

Close to 100 Jewish teens participated in the 2015-2016 school year studying a broad range of Jewish topics including; courses on Jewish history, Israel, modern psychology and more. “I believe that it is important and vital for teens to continue studying about Judaism, Israel and other relevant issues,” said Rabbi Yossi Marrus, coordinator of CTeens. “These young adults are the future of our people and when given the opportunity truly enjoy the discussions and study about their own heritage.”

For a full schedule of C-Teen events, please contact Rabbi Yossi Marrus at (210) 764-0300, email rabbimarrus@chabadsa.com or visit www.ChabadSA.com/Cteens.
Life in a Jar: 
The Irena Sendler Project

In the fall of 1999, a rural Kansas teacher encouraged four students to work on a year-long National History Day project which would extend the boundaries of a classroom setting to families in the community, contribute to history, and teach respect and tolerance to those around them.

A performance based on the story of a Catholic Polish woman, who rescued 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto.

Performance times
November 12th at 7:30pm & November 13th at 2:00pm
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“He who changes one person, changes the whole world”
Newly Revised
The Diary of Anne Frank comes to the Vex

Next at The Sheldon Vexler Theatre is The Diary of Anne Frank, on stage October 20 through November 13.

When the play was first written, Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, husband and wife writers who had written for a number of Hollywood films, used excerpts from Anne Frank’s diary, excluding a number of passages cut by Otto Frank. In this transcendentally powerful new adaptation by Wendy Kesselman, Anne Frank emerges from history a living, lyrical, intensely gifted young girl, who confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time with astonishing honesty, wit, and determination.

Directed by Eva Laporte, the cast of The Vex’s production of The Diary of Anne Frank includes Vex newcomer Jessica Salazar as Anne, with Jim Mammarella, Theresa Bishop, Andrea Tuszyński, Byrd Bonner, Lisa Fritschle, Isaac Oullette, Lynn Utley, Steve Zinkgraf, Bethany Ratliff, Rick Lukens, Myles Martinez and Andrew Roland.

Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling The Vex Box Office at 210-302-6835. Prices are $22 (General Admission), $19 (JCC Member, Seniors 65+, Military, Groups of 10+, SATCO), and $16 (Students). Visit www.vexler.org/anne-frank for more information.

Sunday afternoon Concert series at Temple Beth-El

November 6 at 12:30 p.m., Temple Beth-El students in Middle School and High School will present a concert which features each student on their own instrument. The concert, part of the congregation’s Sunday Afternoon Concert Series, will culminate with all participants playing a piece together.

Future concerts include a performance featuring the musical talents of adult Temple members on February 5, 2017, and, on March 19, 2017, a concert by Temple Beth-El member and prolific composer, David Pinansky.
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The letters, which usually arrive without a return address, are sent to the Israel Post Lost and Found Department. They are delivered before the Jewish High Holidays.

Written in many languages, the letters have come from countries around the world, including Russia, China, France, Nigeria, Spain, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Letters from around the world addressed to God, Our Heavenly Father and the Kotel are delivered to the Western Wall before the High Holidays and placed between the stones of the holy site. (Photo/ Ran Dickstein)

FROM THE COVER

Dr. Bryan Edward Stone
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016
@ 1:30pm

In the Beldon Library at the Jewish Campus
RSVP is suggested by calling (210) 302-6960, or email Lynn at waghalterl@jfsatx.org

In this talk, Dr. Stone will describe the preparation and publication of Memories of Two Generations: A Yiddish Life in Russia and Texas. The book was published by the University of Alabama Press in May of 2016.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Rodfei Sholom to host festive holiday meals

Rosh Hashanah luncheon
On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, Oct. 4, Congregation Rodfei Sholom will serve a traditional home-cooked holiday lunch including gefilte fish, round raisin challahs, apples and honey and more. All seniors are invited as guests of the synagogue. RSVP at (210) 493-3557 or rodfeisa@gmail.com.

Pizza In The Hut

Bonjour! All are welcome to attend Rodfei Sholom’s Pizza in the Hut on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will include kid- and adult-friendly food in the Sukkah. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 17, to rodfeisa@gmail.com or (210) 493-3557.

Sukkot Shabbat Dinner
Rodfei Sholom’s Kabbalat Shabbat Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21. Services will be followed by a traditional dinner with Persian flair catered by Manijeh Nathan. Join family and friends while performing the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah. Contact the synagogue office to RSVP.

Tashlich by the River

Congregation Rodfei Sholom will host Tashlich by the River on Sunday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. t’il noon at the Pearl Brewery Amphitheatre on the San Antonio River (located behind the Green restaurant - lots of free parking available). Brunch will be available including fresh bagels with schmear and jelly, juice and Starbucks coffee at $5 per person. RSVP to (210) 493-3557 or by email to rodfeisa@gmail.com.

Tashlich, which means “you will cast,” traditionally takes place between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. As Jews, we symbolically cast away our sins into a natural body of water (such as a sea, river, stream, lake, or pond), and resolve to improve our lives. Everyone will have the opportunity to write their “sins” on special paper and actually watch them disappear in the river.
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**Erev Yom Kippur/Yom Kippur Eve**
Shachrit - 6:30 a.m.
Minchah - 3 p.m.
Kol Nidrei - 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 12**
**Yom Kippur Day**
Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.
Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.
Torah Reading & Sermon - 12 p.m.
Yizkor - 1 p.m.
Minchah - 5:30 p.m.
Neilah - 6:45 p.m.
End of Fast - 7:42 p.m.
Annual Break the fast following services, RSVP 764-0300

**Sunday, October 16**
**Erev Sukkot**
Shachrit - 8 a.m.
Minchah & Maariv - 6:45 p.m.
Annual Sukkot Dinner following services, RSVP 764-0300

**Monday, October 17**
**Sukkot Day One**
Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.
Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.
Torah Reading & Sermon - 10:30 a.m.
Minchah & Maariv - 6:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 18**
**Sukkot Day Two**
Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.
Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.
Torah Reading & Sermon - 10:30 a.m.
Minchah & Maariv - 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 21-23**
**Chol Hamoed Sukkot**
Shachrit - 6:30 a.m.
Minchah & Maariv - 6:30 p.m.
High Holiday Services 5776-5777

CONGREGATION AGUDAS ACHIM
16550 Huebner Road; San Antonio TX 78248 (210) 479-0307 www.agudas-achim.org

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2 - 8:00 p.m.
Babysitting provided during service

First Day Rosh Hashanah
Monday, October 3 - 8:00 a.m.
Youth Services (birth – high school) 11:00 a.m.
Babysitting provided during service

Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, October 4 - 8:00 a.m.
Youth Services (birth – 8th grade) 11:00 a.m.
Babysitting provided during service

Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, October 7 - 6:15 p.m.
Oneg following

Kever Avot/Memorial Services
Sunday, October 9
Memorial Gardens - 9:00 a.m.
Palmetto Street - 10:30 a.m.

Tashlich Service and Pizza Picnic
Sunday, October 9 - 5:30 p.m.
Riverwalk at original Agudas Achim site
102 Aubrey St. 78204.

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11 - 6:30 p.m.
Babysitting provided during service

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12 - 9:00 a.m.
Youth Services (birth – high school) 11:00 a.m.
Musaf - 11:15 a.m.
Yizkor - 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Recess
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Avodah – 3:30 p.m.
Martyrology - 4:00 p.m.
Mincha – 4:30 p.m.

Neilah – 5:45 p.m.
Babysitting provided during services
Children's Processional - Final Shofar - Family Havdalah/4:48 p.m.
Break the Fast

Erev Sukkot
Sunday, October 16 - 6:15 p.m.
Oneg following
Family Dinner – Shawarma in the Sukkah

Sukkot First Day
Monday, October 17 - 9:00 a.m.
Kiddush luncheon in the sukkah

Sukkot Second Day
Tuesday, October 18 - 9:00 a.m.
Kiddush luncheon in the sukkah

Club Agudas Achim Supper in the Sukkah - 7:00 pm
Reservation required

Heintz Preschool's Pizza-in-the-Hut
Wednesday, October 19 - 5:00 p.m.
Reservation required

Young Couples Club of Agudas Sukkah in the Sukkah
Thursday, October 20 - 7:30 p.m.
Reservation required

Friday Night With Friends Musical Chol Hamoed Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck Dinner
Friday, October 21 - 6:15 p.m.
Family Dinner - 7:15 p.m.
Dairy/parve potluck

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot
Saturday, October 22 - 9:00 a.m.
Kiddush luncheon following service in sukkah

Teen Camp Out in the Sukkah
Saturday, October 22 - 7:00 p.m.

Reservation required
Hoshanah Rabbah
Sunday, October 23 - 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast following service in the Sukkah
Sh'mini Atzeret (Yizkor)
Monday, October 24 - 9:00 a.m.
Yizkor - 11:00 a.m.
Kiddush luncheon following

Erev Simchat Torah
Monday, October 24 - 6 p.m.
Family Hot Dog Dinner sponsored by Sisterhood
Reservation required

Simchat Torah
Tuesday, October 25 - 9 a.m.
Service & Dancing with Sifrei Torah
Kiddush luncheon following

Friday Night with Friends Musical Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, October 28 - 6:15 p.m.
Oneg following

Shabbat Bereshit
Saturday, October 29 - 9:00 a.m.
Kiddush luncheon following

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Congregation Beth Am will welcome Rabbi Barry Krieger to lead High Holy Day Services. Beth Am, the only Reconstructionist congregation in San Antonio, is known for its egalitarian, participatory services and warm informality.

All services, except Tashlich, will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the First UUC, 7130 IH-10 (across IH-10 from Wonderland of the Americas Mall). All are welcome; no fees are required except for the Break-the-Fast after Yom Kippur. For more information, call 210/492-2173, or check the congregation's web site, www.bethamsatx.org.
CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SAN ANTONIO
www.congregationisraelsatx.org / (210)387-2436 Fax (210)764 0859 / Conservative / Contact for service locations and contribution

Erev Rosh Hashanah
SUNDAY OCT. 2
Evening Service - 7:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah
MONDAY, OCT. 3
Morning Service - 9 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah-Day 2
TUESDAY, OCT. 4
Morning Service - 9 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur
TUESDAY, OCT. 11
Kol Nidre Service - 6:45 p.m.

Yom Kippur
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23
Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service - 12:30 p.m.
Mincha - 5 p.m.
Followed by Neilah
Concluding Shofar - 7:15 p.m.
Followed by Maariv, Havdalah and Break the Fast

CONGREGATION RODEFI SHOLOM
3003 Sholom Drive San Antonio, TX 78230 rodfeisa@gmail.com (210) 493-3557 www.rodeisholom.org

EREV ROZ HASHANAH
Sunday, October 2
Evening Services - 7:00 PM
Candle Lighting - 7:02 PM

ROSH HASHANAH
Monday, October 3
Morning Services - 8:00 AM
Shofar Service - 11:00 AM
Evening Services - 7:00 PM
Candle Lighting - 8:01 PM

Tuesday, October 4
Morning Services - 8:00 AM
Shofar Service - 11:00 AM
Followed by lunch

SHABBOS SHUVA
Shabbat of Repentance
Friday, October 7
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting - 6:56 PM

Saturday, October 8
Morning Services - 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv - 6:45 PM
Havdalah - 7:56 PM

TASHILICH
Sunday, October 9
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
*Venue TBD

EREV YOM KIPPUR
Tuesday, October 11
Mincha - 3:00 PM
Kol Nidre - 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting - 6:51 PM

YOM KIPPUR
Wednesday, October 12
Morning Services - 9:00 AM
Yizkor Memorial Service - 12:30 PM
Mincha - 5:15 PM
Neilah - 6:45 PM
Sounding of Shofar - 7:50 PM

SHABBAT
Friday, October 14
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting - 6:48 PM

Saturday, October 15
Morning Services - 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv - 6:45 PM
Havdalah - 7:48 PM

EREV SUKKOT
Sunday, October 16
Mincha/Ma’ariv - 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting - 7:07 PM

SUUKOT
Monday, October 17
Morning Services - 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv - 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting - 6:46 PM

Tuesday, October 18
Morning Services - 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv - 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting - 7:45 PM

YIZKOR/SHEMINI ATZERET
Monday, October 24
Morning Services - 9:00 AM
Yizkor Services - 10:30 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv - 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting - 6:39 PM

HOSANA RABBA
Sunday, October 23
Morning Services - 8:00 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv - 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting - 6:39 PM

HAKAFOT - SIMCHAT TORAH
Tuesday, October 25
Morning Services - 9:00 AM
Followed by lunch

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF THE HILL COUNTRY
held at Universalist Unitarian Church at 960 Barnett St. in Kerrville, Texas 78028 www.jchc-kerrville.org.

Rosh Hashanah
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, Sunday, October 2, 7 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Service, Monday, October 3, 10 a.m.
Lunch and Tashlich Service, October 3,
Taqueria Jalisco, 2190 Junction Highway, Kerrville

Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre, Monday, October 11, 7 p.m.
Yom Kippur Service, Tuesday, October 12, 10 a.m.
Break the Fast - China Town, 735 Hill Country Dr. Kerrville
**TEMPLE BETH-EL**

211 Belknap Place; San Antonio, TX 78212  (210) 733-9135  www.beth-elsa.org

**ROSH HASHANAH**

**Sunday, October 2**

6:30 pm—Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (early service)
8:45 pm—Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (late service)

**Monday, October 3**

9:00 am—Children’s Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
10:30 am—Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
10:30 am—Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (Barshop Auditorium)
12:30 pm—Tashlich at San Pedro Springs Park, after service (with apples & honey)

**KEVER AVOT - CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES**

**Sunday, October 9**

10:00 am — Beth-El Memorial Park (Austin Highway)
11:00 am — Temple Beth-El Cemetery (Palmetto St.)

**YOM KIPPUR**

**Tuesday, October 11**

6:30 pm—Kol Nidre Service (early service)
8:45 pm—Kol Nidre Service (late service)

**Wednesday, October 12**

9:00 am—Children’s Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
9:00 am to 5:00 pm—Meditation and self-study with music for adults (Oppenheimer Chapel)
10:30 am—Yom Kippur Morning Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
10:30 am—Yom Kippur Morning Service (Barshop Auditorium)
1:00 pm—Yom Kippur Symposium
2:30 pm—Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
4:30 pm—Yizkor-Memorial Service
4:30 pm—Program for school-aged children
5:30 pm—Neilah—Concluding Service
Following services, Break-the-Fast in the Barshop Auditorium, hosted by Temple Beth-El Sisterhood

**SUKKOT**

**Sunday, October 16**

6:00 pm—Erev Sukkot Service at the Nathan residence

**Monday, October 17**

10:30 am—Sukkot Morning Festival Worship (J.Y. Golden Sukkah)

**ATZERET-SIMCHAT TORAH**

**Sunday, October 23**

6:30 pm—Erev Atzeret-Simchat Torah Service and Consecration

**Monday, October 24**

10:30 am—Atzeret-Simchat Torah Morning Festival Worship Service with Yizkor (Wulfe Sanctuary)

**TEMPLE CHAI**

2121 Lockhill Selma, San Antonio, TX 78213 / (210) 340-2090 / www.templechaisa.org / Reform

All services will be held at the Temple’s new facility at - 2121 Lockhill Selma (NE Corner of NW Military Hwy) unless otherwise noted.

More information at www.templechaisa.org/hhd.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Sunday, Oct. 2
Service – 8:00 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah – Day**

Monday, Oct. 3
Service – 10:00 a.m.

**Shabbat Shuvah**

Friday, Oct. 7
Service – 6:45 p.m.

**Tashlich**

Sunday, Oct. 9
Ceremony – 10:30 a.m. (at Brackenridge Park, near Joske Pavilion)

**Erev Yom Kippur**

Tuesday, Oct. 11
Kol Nidre Service – 8:00 p.m.

**Yom Kippur**

Wednesday, Oct. 12
Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon Study with Rabbi David Komerofsky – 1:00 p.m.
Contemplative Musical Service – 3:00 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service – 4:00 p.m.
Neilah – Concluding Service – 5:00 p.m.
Break-the-Fast – 6:30 p.m.

**FORT SAM HOUSTON JEWISH CONGREGATION / JEWISH MILITARY COMMUNITY**

All services will be held at The Fort Sam Houston Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234

Call (210) 221-2754 for more information.

**Eve of Rosh Hashanah, First Day**

Sunday, October 2, @ 1915 HRS (7:15 PM)

**Rosh Hashanah, Second Day Tuesday,**

October 4 @ 0900 HRS (9:00 AM)

**Shabbat Shuvah**

Friday, October 7 @ 1930 HRS (7:30 PM)

**Eve of Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre**

Tuesday, October 11 @ 1845 HRS (7:45 PM)

**Yom Kippur**

Wednesday, October 12 @ 0900 HRS (9:00 AM)

**Yom Kippur ends @ 1942 HRS (7:42 PM)**
Forgiveness

(A free translation from the work of Rabbi Lior Engelman)

Forgiveness: Hard to Ask
It's hard to ask for forgiveness, but it's hard to admit a mistake. It's even harder when we are forced to admit that sometimes the evil that we did wasn't even done by accident. It's hard to admit that we are not wholly perfect—it goes against the conscientious image that we construct for ourselves. It's hard to ask forgiveness from a person whom we have hurt because the request for forgiveness may be taken as assuming complete responsibility for what happened, even though that might not be the case. Also, the person who asks for forgiveness is often considered to be the “loser” in the battle, while the person who is asked to forgive is taken to be the “victor.”

It's hard to ask forgiveness mainly because of the trait of pride, which makes it very difficult for us to see our faults and makes it very easy for us to identify weaknesses in others. It's especially difficult to ask forgiveness from someone whose standing is inferior to our own, and so we find it especially difficult to ask forgiveness from our children, our students, and from any other person who is beholden to us. It's hard to ask forgiveness because it's difficult to acknowledge that we are only human beings: limited, mistaken, at times willfully devious—mortals and not God.

Precisely because it is so hard to ask forgiveness this step is so much needed. Asking forgiveness is equivalent to many hours of studying ethics and to many years of working on one's character traits. Asking forgiveness puts a person in their true aspect as a human being—as lacking, as someone with weaknesses, as someone who is not perfect. It's practically impossible to enter the High Holiday period without sincerely asking forgiveness from a person whom you hurt. It's impossible to stand before the Creator of the Universe as if you did not have any deficiencies. In order to stand before God correctly, bent over and with modesty, we need the courage to admit wrongdoing and ask someone for forgiveness.

Forgiveness: Hard to Grant
It's hard to forgive. Very hard. It's hard because it's very tempting to nurse a grudge forever, to forever give the person who hurt me the feeling that he remains in a position of obligation toward me. It's hard to forgive because his hurting me immediately puts me above him—he is the bad one and I am the good one; I am the pious one and he is the evil one. It's hard to forgive because of my pride, which thinks that there is no price for my wounded honor. Because of my own exaggerated self-importance, I am convinced that nothing can atone for what was done to me.

It's hard to forgive because this means acknowledging that the person who hurt me is now acting with great bravery by asking for forgiveness. It's hard to forgive because it's comfortable to be the wounded and the unfortunate one. It's almost addictive to be discriminated against, the one whom the world crushes, because the unfortunate one can bask in self pity and not demand anything of himself. To forgive means to move forward and not bury oneself in the past.

Precisely because it is so hard to forgive we must forgive, because “a calm heart gives bodily health; jealousy is rot to the bones” (Proverbs 14.30). And as the commentators explain there, a person whose heart calmly forgives will live a long life, while a person who is filled with a jealous desire for vengeance will see his bones rot. The obsessive quest for the ruin of the other turns one's own life into a rot that does not heal.

Our ability to forgive gives us hope during the Days of Awe that God too will be forgiving and pardon us our sins. Shana Tova.

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Rabbi Chaim Block
Rabbi Yossi Marrus
Rabbi Levi Teldon

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Barshop Jewish Community Center
12500 NW Military Highway, Suite 275, San Antonio, TX 78231
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Executive Director: Saul F. Levshishin Email: jjc@jccsa.org
President: Stephen J. Kramer Website: www.jccsanantonio.org
A birth through life organization, JCC programs include a nationally-accredited nursery school, after school care and programs, summer camp programs, programming for adults and senior adults, plus cultural, educational and recreational programs open to the community.

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community
12500 NW Military Hwy, Suite 100, San Antonio Texas 78231
Phone: (210) 302-6801 Fax: (210) 408-2322
Director of Operations: Mike Griffin
President: Alice Viroslav Website: www.thecampustx.org
The Campus features a variety of spaces available to rent for small or large events.

Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services
12500 N.W. Military Hwy. Suite 260, San Antonio, TX 78231
Phone: (210) 302-6946 Website: http://www.goldenmanor.net
Executive Director: Daniel L. Laser President: Alice R. Troy
Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services (GMJSS) works to enhance the lives of Jewish seniors in the San Antonio Area by providing transportation and direct programming and through partnerships with other organizations for programs that benefit San Antonio area Jewish seniors.

Hebrew Free Loan Association of San Antonio
P.O. Box 78264 San Antonio, TX 78278 Phone: (210) 736-4352
Non-profit organization offering interest-free loans to members of the San Antonio Jewish community in need of temporary assistance.

Jewish Family Service
12500 NW Military Highway, Suite 250, San Antonio, TX 78231
Phone: (210) 302-6920 Fax: (210) 302-6952
Executive Director: M. H. Levine President: Marion Bernstein
Jewish Family Service (JFS) offers a wide range of professional counseling, social services, advocacy for victims of crime, and services for seniors including senior living and care options.

National Council Of Jewish Women (NCJW)
Website: www.ncjwsa.org
For Membership Information: Cathy Pottorf - ctpottorf@gmail.com
NCJW is a grassroots organization that advocates for women, children and family issues both locally and nationally.

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**Simchat Torah & Sukkot**

**Simchat Torah celebration at Agudas Achim**

Agudas Achim will celebrate Simchat Torah on Monday, Oct. 24, starting with a free family Hot Dog Dinner at 6 p.m. The meal will be followed by a spirited Simchat Torah service and Kinder Consecration at 7 p.m., singing and dancing with the Torah followed by dessert. Call (210) 479-0307 or email info@agudas-acim.org for more information. A vegetarian option is available upon request.

**Sukkot scavenger hunt at the JCC**

In celebration of ancestors wandering the dessert, the JCC will be hosting a Sukkot scavenger hunt for families in the community on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Festivities will begin with Havdalah outside, before families set off to their different destinations across the Campus. Families can expect to visit at least four stations throughout the course of the scavenger hunt that will include both team building challenges and creative activities. Be prepared so solve a riddle or two, as well! The evening will conclude with everyone making their own edible sukkah as a dessert the whole family can enjoy.

This event is geared towards families with elementary school-aged kids, but siblings are welcome to join. The cost is $15 per family and reservations can be made online at www.jccsanantonio.org/seasons or by calling (210) 302-6867.

**Chabad to host annual Sushi in the Sukkah**

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning invites the community to attend its annual Sushi in the Sukkah event on Thursday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd. The adult only event will be held in the center's spacious Sukkah and will feature an on-site sushi chef, a Kosher wine selection, and lots of socializing. Cost is $20 per person.

Kindly RSVP by calling Chabad at (210) 764-0300 or by emailing info@ChabadSA.com.

**Annual Sukkot Family Dinner to be held at Chabad Oct. 16**

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning invites the community to attend its Annual Sukkot Family Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd. Services will be held at 6:45 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The festive event will be held in the center’s spacious Sukkah and will feature a traditional holiday dinner, singing and L’cha’im. Cost is $20 for adults and $10 for children.

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At Issue: Kafka in Jerusalem

Franz Kafka's reputation as a master of modern fiction, the peer of William Faulkner, James Joyce, and Marcel Proust, rests on a few dozen stories and three unfinished novels – The Trial, The Castle, and Amerika. We would not be reading Kafka today; but, for the treachery of Max Brod. As he lay dying of tuberculosis, Kafka, a perfectionist who wrote: "I ought to be able to invent words capable of blowing the odor of corpses in a direction other than straight into mine and the reader's face," asked his best friend to burn his manuscripts. Brod agreed; but, then broke his promise. Brod spent much of the rest of his own life ensuring that the world would recognize Kafka's genius.

Kafka was a German-speaking Jew who lived in Czech-speaking Prague. Though fascinated by Yiddish theater, he was as conflicted about his Jewish identity as about everything else. "What have I in common with Jews?" he asked. "I have hardly anything in common with myself and should stand very quietly in a corner, content that I can breathe." However, during the final months of his short life, Kafka was studying Hebrew and expressing a wish to emigrate to Palestine. Had he not died at age 40 in 1924, though, he might well have shared the fate of his three sisters, who perished in the Holocaust.

Brod fled Europe for Palestine in 1939, taking with him a suitcase stuffed with Kafka's papers. Before Brod died in Tel-Aviv in 1968, he instructed his secretary, Esther Hoffe, to donate the Kafka papers. Before Brod died in Tel-Aviv in 1968, he instructed his secretary, Esther Hoffe, to donate the Kafka papers. Before Brod died in Tel-Aviv in 1968, he instructed his secretary, Esther Hoffe, to donate the Kafka papers. Before Brod died in Tel-Aviv in 1968, he instructed his secretary, Esther Hoffe, to donate the Kafka papers.

When Hoffe died in 2007, control of the Kafka papers passed to her daughters, Eva and Ruth. An investigative report in Haaretz exposed the deplorable condition of the papers scattered throughout the Hoffe apartment in Tel-Aviv. The National Library has pledged to maintain the highest archival standards as custodian of the Kafka papers. Kafka, who never left Europe, was buried in the New Jewish Cemetery in Prague-Žižkov. But, after a legal ordeal that even the author of The Trial could not have imagined, his papers at least have made it to the National Library.

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Hundreds protest vandalism of Budapest Holocaust memorial

BUDAPEST (JTA) — Hundreds protested in downtown Budapest against a vandalism attack on a memorial to the nearly 600,000 victims of the Holocaust in Hungary.

The unknown vandals tore photographs on display at Liberty Square and damaged or removed objects donated to the Living Memorial by survivors and their descendants.

The memorial is located opposite a statue commemorating Hungary’s time under the rule of Nazi Germany. Unveiled in 2014, the statue erected by the center-right government of Victor Orban shows an angel being attacked by a German eagle – a design that critics say glosses over Hungary’s active role in sending its Jews to their deaths during the Holocaust. The Hungarian government disputes the interpretation, arguing the figure attacked represents all victims of fascism and not only the Hungarian state.

Among the protesters on Sunday, Sept. 18 were Holocaust survivors, who worked to fix and re-exhibit their torn personal objects, documents of their past and pictures of their murdered families.

One was Aniko Heller, 88, who told JTA that she was deported in June 1944 from her family home in a Budapest suburb, Rakospalota, to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp with her family. She was the only one to return.

Heller said she again brought the photo of her family that was torn down, and will bring it again if vandals destroy it.

U.S. Senators urge Obama to veto anti-Israel UN resolutions

(JNS.org) A bipartisan group of 88 U.S. senators has sent a letter to President Barack Obama urging him to veto any anti-Israel resolutions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict brought before the United Nations Security Council before his term ends.

The pro-Israel lobby group, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), initiated and sponsored the letter with leading efforts by Sens. Michael Rounds (R-S.D.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.).

Hours after the statement was released on September 20, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) said he supported the “spirit” of the letter but did not sign it because he rejects the idea that a “two-state solution” is the “only” resolution.

The letter also reminded Obama about former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice, who vetoed a U.N. resolution that was one-sided in February 2011 as proof that “even well intentioned initiatives” at the U.N. could “risk locking the parties into positions that will make it more difficult to return to the negotiation table and make the compromises necessary for peace.”
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attack and siege in which an Islamic State inspired terrorist murdered four Jews.

Here, only a couple of miles from the Louvre, as well as at the oldest Jewish school in France located in the heart of Paris, and at a synagogue and another Jewish school in the suburb of Sarcelles, we found the same thing: security barriers and patrols of French military personnel – not police – carrying automatic weapons.

We met with Gilles Clavreul, the French government’s Inter-ministerial Delegate for the Fight Against Racism and Anti-Semitism. Clavreul expressed his dismay – authentic, I believe – that any Jew should feel unsafe in France, and described the government’s efforts to address extremism and anti-Semitism.

Many Jews are determined to stay, anchored by the ancient roots of French Jewry. But some, especially younger Jews, feel they have no choice but to leave. We participated in an aliyah ceremony for 50 families – a monthly event at the Lucien de Hirsch School in Paris.

In both cases, our Federation agencies and financial resources are there to help – providing security and support for Jewish institutions in France, and assisting those Jews who chose to find new homes in Israel, the United States and elsewhere.

From France we flew to Tel Aviv, which perhaps more than any other Israeli city demonstrates the hope and potential of the Jewish state. Hip and entrepreneurial, Tel Aviv has high-rise construction everywhere, prompting an oft-repeated play on words: The crane has become the national bird of Israel.

Across Israel, I witnessed our Federation dollars at work, supporting social programs for youth, job training for retirees who can’t afford to retire, and at a home for young men and women with disabilities. Perhaps nowhere was the impact of our support more inspiring than at the Western Galilee Medical Center, where people of all ethnicities and religions – including thousands of casualties from the Syrian Civil War – are treated.

In our own community, the impact of Federation is obvious, whether though the Holocaust Memorial Museum and Community Relations Council programming, or by supporting essential services at the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service. From PJ Library to professional networking to providing kosher meals to senior citizens, your support of Federation enables a continuum of programs that serve members of our community from birth to old age.

What I learned on the Campaign Chairs and Directors Mission is less obvious: that Federation dollars are at work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year supporting Jewish communities in need, here in the United States and around the world. Whether in flood-stricken Baton Rouge, in France, in the former republics of the Soviet Union or in Israel, your commitment to Federation helps to keep Jewish communal life thriving.

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UC Berkeley reinstates student course on Palestine and settlers

(JTA) — The University of California, Berkeley, has reinstated a student-led course about the history of Palestine a week after suspending it following an outcry from Jewish community leaders who called it biased, anti-Zionist and in violation of the university’s academic standards.

The course has been renamed “Palestine: A Settler Colonial Inquiry,” Jweekly reported, after originally being called “Palestine: A Settler Colonial Analysis.”

Carla Hesse, executive dean of the university’s College of Letters and Science, announced on September 20 that she had reinstated the course, saying that procedural issues in question had been resolved and that revisions had been made to the syllabus in response to concerns that the course was promoting a political agenda, according to Jweekly.

“I fully support and defend the principles and policies of our campus that protect the academic freedom of all members of our community, whether students, faculty staff or visitors, as well as the shared governance of our campus by the administration and faculty Senate,” Hesse wrote in a letter to department chairs in the division of social sciences and the divisional council of the academic senate.

Critics weren’t satisfied. “Our understanding is that the revisions to this disturbingly biased course are not substantive, and we reaffirm our belief that it violates University of California policy prohibiting political indoctrination in the classroom,” said Roz Rothstein, CEO of the pro-Israel group StandWithUs, in a statement. “Furthermore, we believe that denying the history, identity, and rights of any people in their homeland is a destructive act of racism which deserves condemnation – not acceptance into mainstream discourse.”

On September 13, the university suspended the course after determining that the student facilitator, Paul Hadweh, “did not comply with policies and procedures that govern the normal academic review and approval of proposed courses for the DeCal program” for student-led courses, said Dan Mogulof, the school’s assistant vice chancellor.

A day earlier, Berkeley Hillel and its international umbrella group had called on the university’s president, Janet Napolitano, and administrators to condemn the one-credit course in a strongly worded statement that called it a “one-sided course which puts forth a political agenda.”

“The course syllabus said it would cover the history of Palestine from the 1880s to the present and ‘explore the connection between Zionism and settler colonialism.’ Students were to be required to attend an event ‘relating to Palestine’ during the semester and make a final presentation proposing a ‘decolonial alternative’ to the region’s problems not restricted to the two-state solution.”

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Kallison to be inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame

Fort Worth, Texas — Francis Rosenthal Kallison (1908-2004), a long time San Antonio resident and member of the San Antonio Jewish community, is one of 4 women named to the 2016 National Cowgirl Hall of Fame – the only museum in the world dedicated to honoring women of the American West who have displayed extraordinary courage in their trailblazing efforts. The induction ceremony will take place on October 27 in Fort Worth. Kallison was born in Fort Worth, but spent most of her adult life in San Antonio, with her husband at their Diamond K Ranch and general store. The Diamond K Ranch was known for its award-winning Polled Hereford cattle as well as hosting Wild West barbecues through the USO for soldiers. In 1947, Kallison helped found the Ladies’ Auxiliary to the Bexar County Sheriff’s Mounted Posse, a precision horseback riding and mounted drill team, which performed for everything from charity events to cameos in John Wayne movies. She also had a passion for researching and documenting Jewish history in Texas, and contributed many scholarly articles to publications. She co-founded the Texas Jewish Historical Society, and oversaw the creation of an exhibit on Western Jews at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Kallison’s daughter, Bobbi Ravics, says the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame selection process is rigorous and lengthy. Out of a competitive list, which consistently grows with each new nomination, only four or five successful candidates per calendar year are honored with the prestigious distinction of becoming a National Cowgirl Hall of Fame Inductee. The Hall of Fame is grouped into several categories including: artists and writers, champions and competitive performers, contributors to the cowgirl legacy, entertainers, ranchers (stewards of land and livestock), and trailblazers and pioneers. Since 1975, over 220 women have been inducted.

The Induction luncheon and ceremony is the largest event for the Hall of Fame, and draws approximately 700-1,000 attendees each year. The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, located in Fort Worth, honors and celebrates women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience, and independence that helped shape the American West, and fosters an appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire.

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