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### JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS

The Barshop JCC's Annual Film Festival begins February 17 with the award-winning Hungarian film, 1945.

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### HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS AND MORE!

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## PARTNERSHIP CORNER

### SA welcomes delegates from Budapest

By Lauren Abraham,  
Jewish Federation of San Antonio

During the week of January 7-10, the San Antonio Jewish community will welcome a young adult delegation from Budapest, Hungary.

Budapest is one of the newest cities to join our Western Galilee Partnership consortium and we look forward to welcoming this delegation during their American tour. This group will include two leaders, Marton Tordai



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and Hedi Pusztai, who have both rediscovered their Jewish heritage through travel to Israel on birthright. They have become leaders in the Jewish community in Budapest.

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### Jewish women gather to *Shower the Community with Love*

On Monday, Dec. 11, The Jewish Federation of San Antonio's Women's Division hosted the 3rd annual *Shower the Community with Love*, benefiting seventeen local Jewish families in need. *Shower Co-*

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### Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith observances

As part of the Martin Luther King events, the community is welcome and encouraged to attend a series of interfaith services across the city.

A Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Shabbat Service will be held at Temple Beth-El on Friday, Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wulfe Sanctuary. Antioch Baptist Church's Rev. Dr.

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### Area women journey on JWRP trip to Israel

For the third year in a row, and with a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, Congregation Rodfei Sholom partnered with the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project to take ten community women on the trip of a lifetime to Israel, led by Rodfei Sholom's Michal Scheinberg.

Participant Dalia Rosenberg describes the trip, "During my JWRP trip, every moment was part of a whole experience that brought me closer to our land, our roots and our people. I have grown richer from deeply valuing



See **JWRP**, page 27 A JFSA grant helped fund the recent JWRP trip to Israel.

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**TEASER PHOTO:** TASA middle school student reads to children at Heintz Preschool of Congregation Agudas Achim.

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

**Friday, Jan. 5, 2018**

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**Shabbat, Jan. 6, 2018**

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**Friday, Jan. 12, 2018**

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**Friday, Jan. 19, 2018**

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Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio

Jacob Kluger | YAD Board Chair

## What's in store for 2018

2018!!! It seems crazy to me that we are now in 2018. I must be getting older, as I now find myself saying things like "time sure flies by quickly!" At the same time, I am very excited for 2018, as we have some fantastic things happening in our Jewish community.

We begin 2018 with our annual MLK celebrations on Sunday and Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Jewish community will once again be represented in the interfaith service on Sunday and also in the city-wide march on Monday. Please join us in representing the Jewish community in honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**Letter from our CEO**

**RONIT SHERWIN**

and all that he represented and accomplished for civil rights in our country.

We have two special events taking place in 2018 as well. The Jewish Federation will be sponsoring our second *For Hope for Humanity* benefit for the Holocaust Memorial Museum on March 7, 2018 at the Mays Family Pavilion at the Witte. We are thrilled to have Linda and Phil Hardberger and Rene and Marty Wender as our honorary event

chairs. Our guest speaker, Jennifer Teege, will be joining us from Germany to share her story of identity and conflict as it relates to her family's Nazi past. We are also excited to be launching the Maxine Cohen Educator award in honor of the great Maxine Cohen, life-long educator and role model to many in our community.

And in April the excitement continues with the coinciding of Tricentennial events in the city of San Antonio and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State of Israel. The Jewish community will host *Shindig SA* on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, a Jewish cultural street

fair that celebrates the rich history of the San Antonio Jewish community in light of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city. There will be food, entertainment, a special appearance by Mayor Ron Nirenberg and guests from our Partnership region of the Western Galilee in Israel.

We have so much to look forward to in 2018, as well as so much to be proud of as a Jewish community. We also have much that unites us as one people and as one community. I wish for us, the Jewish community of San Antonio, that we can focus on unity in 2018 and appreciate what brings us together.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

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## Upcoming January fun with PJ Library San Antonio

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(l to r) Jeremy Rosen, YAD Board Chair Jacob Kluger, Riley Greenberg, Eva Laporte.

# Young Adult Division statewide volunteer day

The Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio joined volunteers from across the state on Sunday, Nov. 19 to join Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in the Houston community. Young Adult Board Chair Jacob Kluger, along with board members Jeremy Rosen, Riley Greenberg, and Director of Women's Philanthropy & YAD, Eva Laporte, joined teams from Austin, Ft. Worth/Tarrant County, and Houston to work on homes hit by the hurricane. The new Chief Executive Officer of Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, Avital Ingber, met with volunteers to cheer them on as well.

Upcoming events in the Young Adult Division include monthly happy hours, the Purim Bash on February 28, and Tikkun for Troops on July 8. To learn



more and get involved in YAD events, follow @YADSanAntonio on Instagram, Young Adult Division of San Antonio on Facebook, or contact Eva Laporte at [laportee@jfsatx.org](mailto:laportee@jfsatx.org) or (210) 302-6965.

### Interfaith Service January 14, 2018 4pm San Fernando Cathedral



On Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, San Fernando Cathedral will host the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Martin Luther King Interfaith Service. This service will be a gathering of various faiths standing together to display the unity and diversity faith leaders believe is needed for a just and peaceful future. Led by area clergy, choirs, and dancers, this year's guest speaker is San Antonian and writer Cary Clack. Service begins at 4 pm followed by a reception, with food, drinks and music hosted by the interfaith community at the San Fernando Cathedral Café and Plaza de la Cruz.



### Community Unity March Honoring the Legacy of MLK, Jr.

Monday, January 15, 2018

The CRC is organizing our ENTIRE Jewish community, regardless of congregational affiliation, to march together under a single banner. Visit **JFSATX.ORG** for more information or to reserve your place on the bus.



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Having grown up in this unique and wonderful Jewish community, contributing my time and a meaningful financial donation to the Jewish Federation of San Antonio makes me feel proud of doing my part to ensure the longevity and continuity of our great community! —*Riley Greenberg*



I contribute to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign to sustain our local Jewish agencies, support Israel, and provide continuity to the Jewish people of San Antonio and *Klal Yisrael*. — *Mike Ozer, MD*

The Jewish Federation supports our community and is able to reach out and facilitate many programs and help those in need. —*Marty Wender*



### Why I give...

I give because I believe my donation to the Federation's Annual Campaign dramatically improves the lives of Jews in San Antonio and abroad. —*Amy Benedikt, MD*



We are the future of our people and it's our obligation to continue building community, helping those in need here, locally and all over the world. I'm proud to support our Annual Campaign and make a difference in our community! —*Samantha Mazuz*



The Jewish Federation brings together different Jews with different interests – it is the bonding DNA of our community. Through its meaningful and engaging programs, I've met people who have really changed my life. With old friends and new, the Federation brings us closer together. That's community. That's Federation. That's why I give. —*Jacob Kluger*

**Thank you for your donation to the 2017 Annual Campaign. If you haven't made your gift, it's not too late! Dollars raised will be allocated to our agencies & programs this spring. Call Ronit Sherwin, at 210.302.6961 to make your donation today!**

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## Beldon Library News

There are great books for all ages here at the Beldon Library. Beldon Library hours are: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The Beldon Library will begin a Music Appreciation class with the Charlie Pearl Senior Adults on Jan. 15, 2018. This class will take place on the third Monday of each month from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the Senior Activity Room.

Local author, Madeline Bradley, will be at the Beldon Library on Sunday, February 11th, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. She will be promoting her children's books, *Please Take Us Home!* and *Please Don't Sneeze on My CHEESE!!!*

The Mitzvah Project that the Beldon Library has with the Vilna/Vilnius Jewish Public Library in Lithuania is ongoing. They are building up their children's section.

Donations of new or gently used children's books with Jewish content are being accepted. Contact Beldon librarian Lynn Waghalter at [waghalterl@jfsatx.org](mailto:waghalterl@jfsatx.org) for more information on this humanitarian project.

## Painting survivors of the Shoah from around the world

**Ellen Ollervidez**

David Kassan is an award-winning artist whose work has hung in the National Portrait Gallery (London) and the Smithsonian (Washington DC), to name a few. Kassan is also the founder of the Edut Project, an initiative to creatively bring a personal face to the Holocaust through life-sized figurative paintings and videotaped conversation. The Edut project has partnered with the USC Shoah Foundation in Los Angeles and the Fisher Museum of Art to exhibit his paintings all together and will debut in the fall of 2019. The exhibition will then travel to other museums nationally. A book of these portraits will eventually be published.

Kassan will be visiting San Antonio in January with his videographer to film, interview, and eventually paint portraits of local Survivors in San Antonio and Austin for this national art exhibition.

During his stay in San Antonio, Kassan will be hosting a drawing demonstration at The Coppini Academy of Fine Art on Sunday, Jan. 14 where he will draw a local survivor. Students and other attendees will hear survivor testimony while he draws.

When Kassan received the William Draper Grand Prize at the 19th annual The Art of Portrait awards ceremony, he stated "...I share this award with the Survivors, whom have all shared their sometimes painful, but mostly

glorious and inspiring lives with me."

He will be discussing the Edut Project in San Antonio on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7 pm in the Holzman Auditorium at the Jewish Campus of San Antonio. To learn more about Kassan's work, visit [www.davidkassan.com](http://www.davidkassan.com). To reserve a ticket for his lecture, *The Journey to Paint Resilience*, visit [hmmsa.org](http://hmmsa.org), call Amber at (210) 302-6807, or email [info@hmmsa.org](mailto:info@hmmsa.org).

*The Journey to Paint Resilience* is made possible through the generous donation to the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio by Francine Garza-Vale and the Light One Candle/ Dr. Gregorio M. Canales Memorial Education Fund.

## Hispanic & Jewish leaders gather for *One Table, Two Families*

*One Table, Two Families*, a special event to gather Hispanic and Jewish leaders around the table to strengthen old friendships and make new ones, was recently held in San Antonio.

The evening was sponsored by the Community Relations Council (CRC) of Jewish Federation and the Israel Consulate in Houston. Present were Israel Consul General Gilad Katz and Mexican Consul General Reyna Torres Mendivil.



(L to R) Kevin Epstein, Lisa Epstein, Nora Nestel, Howie Nestel, Ramiro Salazar, Xitlalt Herrera-Salazar, Mexican Consul General Reyna Torres Mendivil, Israeli Consul General Gilad Katz, and CRC Director Ellen Ollervidez



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## Emerging Leadership Course for Young Adults

The goal of the Emerging Leadership Course, a program of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio's Young Adult Division, is to identify future leaders in the San Antonio Jewish community and share knowledge and tools to prepare them for their future successes.

The 2017-18 ELC class includes Allison Abelow, Garrett Boroda, Hannah Cramer, Avi Cohen, Jordan Davis, Amanda Hernandez, Zachary Levin, Maxwell Massey, Max Wolk, and Brette and Jeff Wurzburg.

The participants applied, or were nominated by community leadership, in the summer of 2017, and eleven students were selected to start the year-long program. Each month, the ELC meets with

leadership in Federation and community agencies along with experts in leadership development. In June 2018, the students will graduate and share a capstone project of their choosing; the project will include a design challenge to identify areas of need in community's agencies and a planned solution.

Riley Greenberg, this year's ELC Chair, participated in the program last year and sits on the YAD Board of the JFSA. "This year we redesigned the curriculum to give participants a robust leadership development experience in addition to detailed, diverse insight into the Jewish Federation of San Antonio," she says about the course. "Through this approach, we're hoping to



empower the participants with tools and resources they need to become the next great leaders of our great community."

Ronit Sherwin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, believes a course like the ELC is integral to our community's future.

"Leadership development courses like the ELC are critical to building a strong Jewish community," she says. "These participants will be guiding the decisions of our community and determining the priorities of the Jewish community in the future. We need to invest

in our leaders. They are the future!"

To learn more about the ELC or to find out how to apply for the 18-19 cohort, contact Eva Laporte, Director of Women's Philanthropy & Young Adult Division at [laportee@jfsatx.org](mailto:laportee@jfsatx.org) or (210) 302-6965.

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The delegation, along with representatives from our Israel partnership, will meet with San Antonio Religious School students, they will present at the

Community Relations Council luncheon, and explore the historic Pearl and have lunch with the women of Hadassah.

A highlight of their trip to San Antonio will be their teaching of the Educational Leadership Class (ELC) of

the Jewish Federation, and a night out to schmooze and bond with local Jewish young adults.

The goal of this visit and connection will be to share the current state of Judaism in Eastern Europe and for both Tordai and Pusztai to showcase what they are doing to lead the Jewish community of today and to secure a better future for the Jews of Budapest.

If you have questions, or would like to learn more about this delegation and/or the Jewish community in Budapest, Hungary, please contact Lauren Abraham at [AbrahamL@jfsatx.org](mailto:AbrahamL@jfsatx.org).

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## SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

### Stevie Weissman



Stevie Weissman has lived in San Antonio for over 45 years, following a journey from Kansas City, to Chicago, before settling in San Antonio. She made a name for herself professionally through What's In A Name, a shop that specialized in personalized gifts. The store was a gathering place, "more like a party in itself." Stevie's customers became friends, and today many are her current clients, along with their now grown

children. Stevie has now been in the party planning business for about 35 years. She plans Bar Mitzvahs, weddings, and more, all over the city. Currently, Stevie is a co-chair, along with Tina Alvarado and Rikko Ollervidez, of the 2018 *Shindig* Tricentennial 300 event of the Jewish community which will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

*What is her strongest Jewish memory?*

Stevie's mind instantly took

her back to Kansas City where she had such an amazing Jewish family connection. Her favorite part of this was the "cousins club," four generations celebrating Jewish holiday together. Although not everyone lives in the same city anymore, she remembers the Hanukkah celebrations with latkes, and the great aunts and uncles that rented out party rooms for the festivities. All of this fun and festivity has inspired her love for celebrations today.

*What volunteer activities*

*does she find the most rewarding?*

Stevie is very passionate about children's charities and generally tries to commit her giving to help children have a better life, with clean water, school desks and nourishing meals. She is very thankful for her four healthy children and thirteen grandchildren, one of whom is a cancer survivor. Instead of giving her grandchildren Chanukah presents, she makes donations in their honor to various children's charities. She looks forward to watching the next generation grow.

*What is her favorite Jewish holiday and why?*

Stevie loves all of the Jewish holidays, and especially enjoys the Fall season and Sukkot. Hanukkah is also ranked among her favorite Jewish holidays. Hanukkah is her

favorite, not because of the gifts, but rather the beauty of the light and the light that it brings into your home. During the darkest time of the year, Hanukkah brings light and passion to us all.

*A hope or aspiration for the SA Jewish community?*

Stevie hopes that young people from all of the congregations will come together in unity. The idea of division troubles her the most. Her dream would be to see teenagers attend more city-wide mixers. She wants all young people to join together and make friendships that develop into adulthood, and to keep the idea of community moving forward. Stevie is proud of the current Jewish community of San Antonio and strives to see us make even more improvements for the future.



*David Kassan, Self Portrait*

## David Kassan

**Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm**

Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Campus of the Jewish Community  
12500 NW Military Hwy, Holzman Auditoriums

Award winning portrait artist David Kassan will be discussing his collaborative work on *The Shoah Foundation's, Edut Project*. This project is an initiative that showcases the life journeys of Holocaust survivors and was created to protect, promote and defend human rights today. Kassan believes the painting of these survivors offers viewers a more personal connection to the Holocaust. For more information or to make a reservation, please visit [hmmsa.org](http://hmmsa.org).



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## MLK

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Kenneth R. Kemp will speak, and the Antioch Baptist Church Choir will join Temple's *Kol Simcha* choir and lift all of our spirits in song.

On Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. Antioch Baptist Church will host its Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Worship Service at the church, located at 1001 N. Walters. Temple Beth-El Rabbi Mara Nathan will speak, and the Temple volunteer choir, *Kol Simcha*,

### MLK EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Shabbat Service

Friday, Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. @ Temple Beth-El

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Worship Service

Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. @ Antioch Baptist Church, 1001 N. Walters

will sing with the Antioch Baptist Church Choir.

The 31st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Interfaith Service will take place on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m. at San Fernando

Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza. The service includes members of the Muslim, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Sikh, Buddhist, Hindu, and Baha'i communities.

The 31st Annual Martin

#### 31st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Interfaith Service

Sunday, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m. @ San Fernando Cathedral

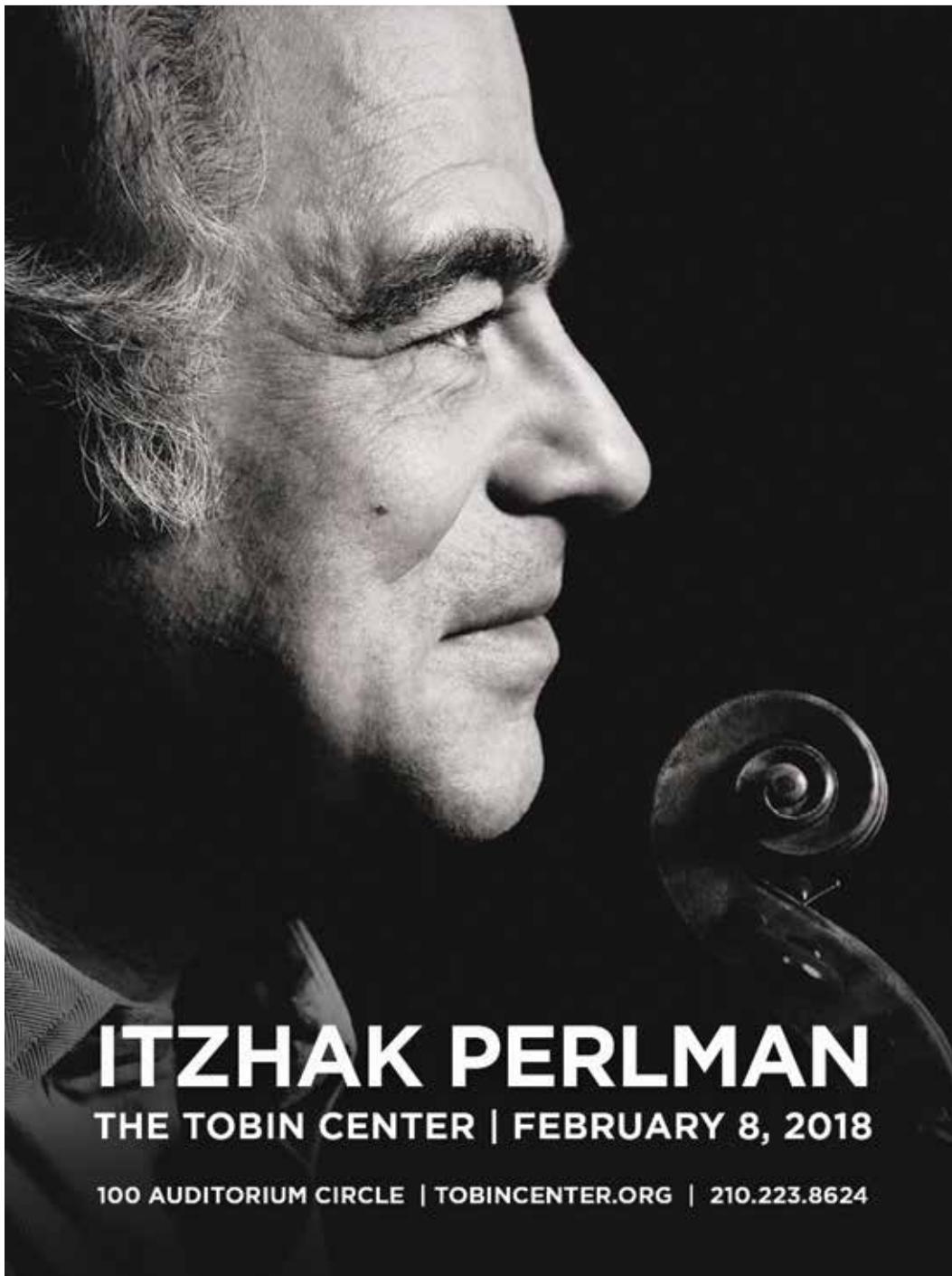
#### 31st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. March

Monday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. - Bus pickup at Temple Beth-El and JCC at 8:30 a.m.

Luther King Jr. March takes place on Monday, Jan. 15. The march will begin at 10 a.m. at the MLK Academy located at 1801 MLK Drive and end at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa.

Buses sponsored by Temple Beth El and Temple Chai will be leaving from the Jewish Campus and Temple Beth El at 8:30 a.m. You must reserve a spot in advance to ride the bus. Reservations may be made by calling (210) 302-6960 or online at [jfsatx.org](http://jfsatx.org).

Free park and ride services are also available from the Freeman Coliseum parking lot. Participants should meet at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club under the bright blue banner.



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## Civil Rights Shabbat at Temple Chai

Temple Chai will begin the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend with a Civil Rights Shabbat service on Friday, Jan. 12 at 6:45 p.m. at its Lockhill Selma location.

"Reform Judaism has a strong and vibrant history with the Civil Rights Movement, and our congregation will kick off the weekend's activities with a service highlighting Jewish responsibility for universal rights," said Rabbi David Komerofsky. "The message

that Dr. King brought to the American consciousness, and the sacrifice that he made to ensure that message's future, is a fulfillment of the best of the visions of the Hebrew prophets."

All are welcome to participate in this interfaith service and to bring their friends. The congregation is sponsoring a bus to the MLK March on January 15. To RSVP for the bus, visit [www.templechaisa.org/mlk](http://www.templechaisa.org/mlk).

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## JFSA CEO to participate in All-Faith SoL Center program on Jan. 8

The SoL (Source of Light) Center of University Presbyterian Church, in partnership with *DreamWeek*, which coincides with Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day, presents two panels exploring ways to seek justice and foster the common good within our community on Monday, Jan. 8, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., at University Presbyterian Church, 300 Bushnell.

An economic and socio-cultural panel, from 4 p.m.- 6 p.m., representing business, academic and non-profits, moderated by Dr. Doshie Piper, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Incarnate Word, features Kiran Kaur Bains, Chief Equity Officer for City of SA; Dr. Patton Dodd, Editor-in-Chief, Folio Media; Dr. Christine

Drennon, Director of Urban Studies at Trinity University; and Graciela Sanchez, Director of the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center.

Ronit Sherwin, CEO of the San Antonio Jewish Federation, joins Rev. D. Leslie Hollon, Senior Pastor at Trinity Baptist Church, and Imam Omar Adib Shakir, resident Imam at Masjid Bilal Ibn Rabah, in a panel addressing bridge-building across religious differences within our city. This panel runs from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

The public is invited to participate in these free programs and to share refreshments at a SoL Center reception between panels from 6 p.m. -7 p.m. For more information, call (210) 732-9927 or visit [www.upcsa.org/about-sol/](http://www.upcsa.org/about-sol/).

## Temple Beth-El celebrates Cantor Berlin's 10 years of service

Temple Beth-El will celebrate Cantor Julie Berlin's 10 years of sacred service on *Shabbat Shirah*, January 26 and 27.

On Friday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m. *Shabbat Shirah*, the Sabbath of Song Service, will include music by musician in residence, Israeli flutist and composer Mattan Klein. On Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. the community is invited to Havdalah, a Mattan Klein concert, and a special celebratory reception.

If you would like to be a Supporter of this event, go online to <https://tinyurl.com/CantorBerlin10>. If you would like to be a Sponsor of this event, go online to <https://tinyurl.com/CantorBerlin>.

After studying voice and piano as a teenager, Berlin studied at the University



of Illinois where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education. During her undergraduate studies, she also served as a student teacher in music at several elementary and Jr. High schools in the Chicago area.

Berlin began her studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Jerusalem in 1992 and continued at the New York campus in the fall of 1993. She earned a Master's of Arts in Sacred Music and was ordained as Cantor in 1996, and earned a Master's of Arts in Religious Education in 1997.

Berlin worked with Temple Solel in Paradise Valley, Arizona prior to joining Temple Beth-El in 2008.

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## AIPAC and Rodfei Sholom to host Rabbi Steven Weil at a Shabbat dinner

Rabbi Steven Weil, Senior Manager Director of the Orthodox Union and Congregation Rodfei Sholom's Scholar in Residence, will speak about *The Greatest Challenges Facing the Jewish Community in the 21st Century* during a special Shabbat dinner co-sponsored by AIPAC and Rodfei Sholom on Friday, January 12.

Prior to Rabbi Weil's talk, AIPAC leaders will give an update about the current developments in Israel and the Middle East.



The Friday night program includes Shabbat services at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., followed by Rabbi Weil's talk at 8 p.m.

Reservations are required for the dinner. Babysitting is available.

Saturday night after Shabbat there will be a *Malaveh Malka* program (accompanying/escorting the Shabbat) with *Havdalah* service and a lecture by Rabbi Weil. He will speak about *Hidden Miracles and Open Heroism*.

Rabbi Weil is a popular teacher and lecturer, having delivered invocations for former President Bush, Governor Schwarzenegger as well as Speaker John Boehner

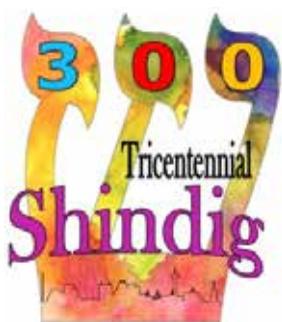
and the House of Representatives, among others. He has served internationally as scholar-in-residence on land and on sea, and is a passionate advocate for Israel and for Jewish education.

Cost of the dinner Adults: \$18. College Students & Ages 0-3: No charge. Ages 4-18: \$12. Seniors: \$12. Family Maximum: \$60. For more information and to RSVP, contact Rodfei Sholom at [rodfeisa@gmail.com](mailto:rodfeisa@gmail.com) or (210) 493-3557.

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name of owner, if they are not the same. Most important, if you have any photos of the business could you please send a copy of those to Geri Gregory at [GERI@BETH-ELSA.ORG](mailto:GERI@BETH-ELSA.ORG)

## Temple Chai to explore Zionism today

Temple Chai, San Antonio's small Reform congregation, will offer a two-week class on *Zionism Today* on Wednesdays, Jan. 17 and 24. Taught by Rabbi David Komerofsky, the class will meet at 2121 Lockhill Selma and is free and open to the public.

More than a century since the birth of modern Zionism and almost seventy years since the creation of the State of Israel, Jewish identity and its connection to the Jewish state and homeland is increasingly complex. As politics and religion continue to polarize, there are fewer spaces in which Jews can ask questions without being judged for being too pro-Israel or anti-Israel. Old

assumptions are driving Jews away, and new realities are frustrating established Jewish organizations.

This course will help participants understand why we can no longer take Zionism for granted amongst all quarters of the Jewish community, how to talk civilly and openly about questions, and how to engage or re-engage disenfranchised Jews in conversation about the centrality of Israel to the Jewish people.

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## New adult education program: *Agudas Achim University*

Congregation Agudas Achim is ready to kick off its new Adult Education opportunity beginning Jan. 28. The classes will be led by five different college professors and each class will be two sessions, meeting on consecutive Sundays.

The professor line up includes: Brad Root, Assistant Professor of History from St. Mary's University teaching about "Revolutionary Movements", Chad Spigel, Associate Professor of Religion from Trinity University leading his classes on "Visions of Jerusalem", Betsy Tonitplahol, Associate Professor of English at Trinity University teaching a class called "Judaism & Judgement in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*", Sara Ronis, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Mary's University leading her sessions about "Who Tells Our Story? Narrating Jewish History in Text and Tradition", and finally Orit Eylon, Associate Professor of Music from the University of the Incarnate Word teaching "Israeli Folk Songs and Songs in Hebrew". The classes are open to the public and are \$36 for each 2 week session.

Registration for all meetings costs \$162. The classes will meet on Sunday mornings at Congregation Agudas Achim from 10am-11am. To register or for more information, please contact the Director of Congregational Learning, Samantha Mazuz at [s.mazuz@agudas-achim.org](mailto:s.mazuz@agudas-achim.org) or call (210) 479-2689.

## JLI Course to explore *Communication: Its Art and Soul* at Chabad

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- Six Sunday mornings Starting January 21, 2018 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd.
- Six Tuesday afternoons Starting January 23, 2018 • 12 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Law Office of Jackson Walker



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• Six Wednesday evenings Starting January 24, 2018 • 7:30-9 p.m. Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd.

"In Jewish philosophy, communication is more than just a tool: it is who we are. Humans are defined as communicative beings with a communicative soul, and aligning

ourselves with this soul is our *raison d'être*," explains Rabbi Levi Teldon. "The course distills ancient Jewish wisdom and couples it with the latest developments in psychological research in the quest to find the secrets behind healthy and effective communication."

Interested students may call (210) 764-0300 or visit [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com) for registration and a course overview.

## Congregation Rodfei Sholom to host Scholar in Residence

Sarah Fineman, an educator who teaches and lectures on a wide variety of Jewish topics, will be the Scholar in residence for Shabbat at Congregation Rodfei Sholom on January 26-27. Fineman has become known as a speaker that leaves her audience

feeling inspired and yearning for more knowledge and spiritual connection.

In addition to lecturing, Fineman teaches the laws and philosophy of family purity to both brides and married women of all religious backgrounds. She has written for

several Jewish publications including *aish.com* and *Binah* magazine. Fineman and her family live in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

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## Jewish Family Service Executive Director Levine retires; Interim director announced

M.H. Levine, who has served as Executive Director of Jewish Family Service (JFS) for 13 years, announced his retirement in December. Levine guided the organization through sustained growth, positioning JFS as an effective and highly regarded mental health organization. Levine cared very deeply about the people in our community. Under his leadership, JFS has grown into an effective agency serving thousands of clients in need of vital counseling and social services, expanded its programs and increased community awareness.

A nationwide executive search

is underway to fill the Executive Director position.

During this time of transition, JFS has named Tim Plant, LCSW, MBA, as Interim Executive Director. Plant brings over 25 years of successful experience as a CEO/Executive Director in a variety of human services and health care settings. He has guided the strategic growth and stabilization of a number of leading non-profit organizations.

Plant, who holds master's degrees in both social work and business, recently led Rise Recovery, home of the Palmer Drug Abuse Program in San

Antonio, through a successful executive transition.

He previously directed HealthStar Home Health's diversification through the addition of Medicare accreditation and the development of mental health services for children and adults, and led St. David's Center for Child and Family Development through a challenging financial turnaround and strategic re-positioning.

Earlier in his career he led the expansion of Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation's continuum of chemical dependency recovery services.

## Mah Jongg Tournament in support of senior programs at JFS

Jewish Family Service (JFS) will host its annual Mah Jongg Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community, 12500 NW Military Hwy.

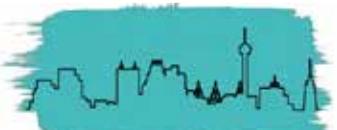
The entry fee is \$75 for individual competitive play, or \$275 for a social table. The event includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and a full day of Mah Jongg with the chance to win cash prizes, and door prizes.

The funds raised at the event will help JFS continue to provide vital services to hundreds of seniors who may be having medical crises, financial difficulties, the loss of a loved one, or the need to relocate to another residence.

For reservations or more information on event sponsorship opportunities, and rules go to <https://jfs-sa.org/mahjongg>. Space is limited. The deadline to register is January 22. For more information, contact Marie Angelicchio at JFS [angelicchio@jfs-sa.org](mailto:angelicchio@jfs-sa.org) or (210) 302-6954.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## WINTER WONDERLAND SA STYLE

TASA Students weren't about to let a rare "snow" day on December 8 pass them by.



## JEWISH NATIONAL FUND CEO VISITS AGUDAS ACHIM

Congregation Agudas Achim was honored to host Russell Robinson, CEO of the Jewish National Fund, and rated one of the top 50 Most Influential Jews by the Jerusalem Post, for an informative and inspirational night. Robinson taught those who attended about the work JNF is doing throughout Israel today to make a positive impact and difference in the Jewish Homeland.

## PJ LIBRARY DELIVERS THANKSGIVING CHEER

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, San Antonio Jewish Senior Services, PJ Library, and the Jewish Federation of San Antonio teamed up to deliver an early morning of giving thanks to the seniors at Adante Senior Living. The intergenerational program included craft tables and edible treats. Musician Allie Braley led the group in Thanksgiving songs in Hebrew and English, and Director of Congregational Learning at Agudas Achim, Samantha Mazuz, read a new PJ Library Thanksgiving book. The children and seniors bonded and enjoyed a morning full of gratitude and fun, a perfect prelude to the Thanksgiving week.



PJ Library children with Marge Present at Adante Senior Living.



## RODFEI GIVES BACK ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Congregation Rodfei Sholom continued its annual tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals to our community's first responders. For more information on Congregation Rodfei Sholom community service projects and other programs, call (210) 493-3558.

## TEMPLE BETH-EL HONORED AT URJ BIENNIAL FOR INCLUSION PROGRAMS



At the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial Convention in Boston in December, Temple Beth-El was recognized as a URJ Disabilities Inclusion Exemplar Congregation. The URJ and the Ruderman Family Foundation held an Exemplar Congregation Breakfast at the Biennial, in which the Temple Beth-El delegation was presented with a certificate.

(at left) Temple Beth-El delegation with URJ President, Rabbi Rick Jacobs and a representative of the Ruderman Family Foundation.



Suzanne Karfiol (above) is Temple Beth-El Religious School's Inclusion Specialist, and a key member of the school staff.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



**BETH-EL CONFIRMATION RETREAT**  
Temple Beth-El confirmation students, pictured with Rabbi Marina Yergin, held their Confirmation Class retreat at Camp Young Judaea from December 1-3.



## RODFEI GUEST LECTURER DISCUSSES COUNTER TERRORISM

Steve Gar (Pictured on right with Rabbi Aryeh Scheinberg) was the latest speaker from the Congregation Rodfei Sholom Lecture Series, Gar gave an insightful talk on Counter Terrorism and understanding the Israeli Counter terrorism from a personal perspective as well as challenging the media perception of the Israeli Military. Contact Rodfei Sholom for more information on upcoming speakers from the Lecture Series.



## MULTI-GENERATIONAL THANKSGIVING AT HEINTZ PRESCHOOL

Heintz Preschool of Congregation Agudas Achim celebrated Thanksgiving with all generations through their Yad B'Yad Intergenerational Program thanks to a generous grant from San Antonio Jewish Senior Services. The entire school hosted a Thanksgiving themed morning for Jewish seniors that started with celebrating Shabbat and then included, yoga, arts and crafts, and snacks.



## MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Agudas Achim Men's Club & Jew Boys Night Out watched the Cowboys vs Redskins football game while enjoying hamburgers, hotdogs, beer and lots of great schmoozing and bonding together.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING: HANUKKAH



## HANUKKAH AT CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Students at Chabad Hebrew School enjoyed wiring electric Menorahs, peeling potatoes and frying latkes, Hanukkah games and decorating their own Menorahs. For more information please visit [www.ChabadSA.com/HebrewSchool](http://www.ChabadSA.com/HebrewSchool) or call Rochel Teldon at (210) 764-0300.



## AGUDAS ACHIM HANUKKAH CELEBRATIONS

Congregation Agudas Achim celebrated Hanukkah in full force throughout the holiday. Agudas began with Story Time at Barnes & Noble led by Rabbi Abraham, Hands on Hanukkah at Vineyard Whole Foods, Hanukkah Hullabaloo with a circus themed evening which included balloon artists, face painters and a stilt walker, and a performance by the Heintz Preschool and Inda Posner Religious School, sponsored by Camp Young Judea, and as well as Donuts and Dreidels at Shipley Do-Nuts to round out the holiday.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING: HANUKKAH



## CHOCOLATE GELT DROP

Close to 120 children enjoyed an afternoon with a Chocolate Gelt Factory & Chanukah Gelt Drop with help from the San Antonio Fire Department on Dec. 3 at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning. The next cKids event is on Sunday, Feb. 4 and will feature a Junior Babkallah Bake. For more information, visit [www.ChabadSA.com/cKids](http://www.ChabadSA.com/cKids).



## HANUKKAH TIME FOR LITTEST LEARNERS

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING: HANUKKAH

## HANDS ON CHANUKAH AT BARSHOP JCC WITH PJ LIBRARY

The Barshop JCC presented their annual *Hands on Chanukah\** event partnering with PJ Library. The event was free with support from the Jewish Federation of San Antonio. Over 200 community members had the opportunity to begin celebrating Hanukkah early as they indulged in their first potato latke. Children of all ages participated in a variety of activities including dying wax Hanukkah candles, bean bag latke flipping, edible dreidel making, several games including Hanukkah Memory, and making cards for families and Jewish Family Service. New to the event this year was an interactive game of *Pin the Flame on the Menorah* (pictured above) and a giant menorah that was decorated with loose parts and art supplies and placed on display at the Jewish Campus.



\*Editor's Note: In Hebrew, the word for Hanukkah is not easily transliterated into English. That's why there are so many spelling variations. The Jewish Journal uses the spelling "Hanukkah" unless official events use a different spelling in their titles.



## TELL ME A STORY!

Gan Gani Preschool students are treated to an interactive Hanukkah drama experience with Miss Jesse. For more information, call Rivkie Block at (210) 492-1085 or visit [www.GanGani.org](http://www.GanGani.org).



## SUNSHINE CLUB HANUKKAH

Fifty seniors enjoyed the December Sunshine Club luncheon at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning. The Sunshine Club is a grant recipient of San Antonio Jewish Senior Services. For upcoming luncheons, call (210) 764-0300 or visit [www.ChabadSA.com/SunshineClub](http://www.ChabadSA.com/SunshineClub).

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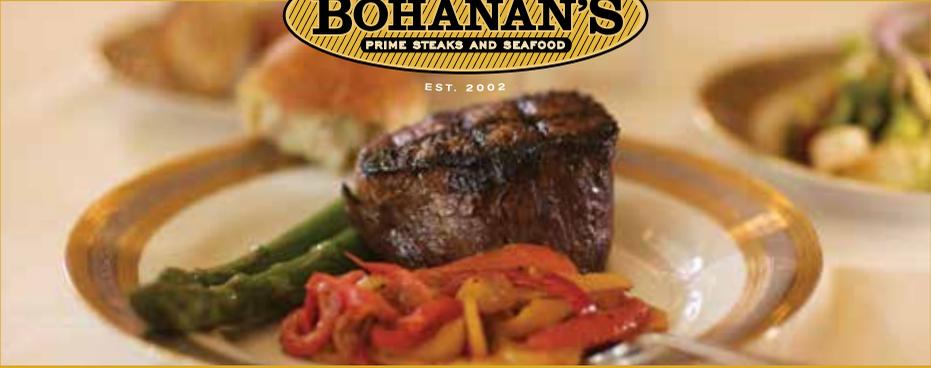
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## IN THE COMMUNITY



# Temple Chai welcomes third Torah scroll

Temple Chai, now in its thirteenth year, has received the long-term loan of another Torah scroll from San Antonio Jewish Senior Services, formerly Golden Manor. This Torah scroll joins two others in the congregation's ark, one of which was an earlier loan from SAJSS.

SAJSS is a deeply-rooted

organization with a new name and focus, directing resources to aid Jewish people in San Antonio who can look back with pride on what they've achieved and rely on SAJSS to bring aid and comfort during their second-half. Temple Chai is a reform congregation, now coming of age as a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* and growing

into adulthood, taking on bigger responsibilities and projects.

"Like a grandchild who is nurtured by a loving grandparent, Temple Chai is indebted to San Antonio Jewish Senior Services for standing with it through its earliest years and helping it to become self-sufficient," said Temple Chai Rabbi David

Komerofsky.

Temple Chai and SAJSS share several past presidents, including Temple Chai founders Jimmy Toubin and Dr. Elliot Weser.

Temple Chai unrolled the new scroll as part of its Simchat Torah celebration, and is using it this year for the weekly Torah reading.

# NCJW gives party dresses — and hope — to young women

With support from National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), 30 young women attended a Christmas party on December 14 decked out in beautiful party dresses, high heels, satin evening bags and sparkly jewelry. In November, the teens from Seton Home, George Gervin Center and the Hector Garza residential treatment program "shopped" at the NCJW Christmas Party Closet, where members helped

them select the perfect outfit for the holiday event.

"In addition to generous clothing donations from our members, we were able to purchase a wonderful variety of evening wear and accessories at the Agudas Achim sisterhood rummage sale. We are grateful to sisterhood for setting aside a wonderful variety of evening wear for us to purchase for this event" said Lee Markman, who chairs

the NCJW Transitions project.

NCJW volunteers Danna Half, Courtney Silver, Janet Neuenschwander, Dee Carduner, Linda Nevelow, Joyce Sheiness and Lee Markman helped the teens choose their dresses and accessories. Cindy Rodriguez and her daughters helped the young women with their make-up for the Christmas party at Sunset Station, while stylists from Julie and Company hair salon did the

girls' hair.

The Christmas Party Closet is an annual event of the NCJW Transitions Project, which involves members mentoring and offering practical information and guidance to young people aging out of foster care. Anyone interested in this project or any other NCJW activities can contact membership chair Linda Levy at (210) 340-5174 or [llevy@satx.rr.com](mailto:llevy@satx.rr.com).



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## Temple Beth-El to host Mystical Tu B'Shevat seder

Temple Beth-El will host a Mystical Tu B'Shevat seder on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.

*Tu B'Shevat* is the New Year of the Trees, the moment of ascent from the depth of winter into a new life of spring time renewal and growth. It is a celebration of the gifts of nature, our responsibility to the earth, and to sustainability. A Tu B'Shevat seder, like a Passover *seder*, follows a specific order. It is divided into four parts, representing the four worlds of the mystics.

As in the Passover *seder*, we drink four cups of wine, each cup here changing

color to correspond to the changing seasons. Unique to the Tu B'Shevat seder is the ritual consumption of fifteen types of fruits and nuts, with special significance for the first three of the four worlds. According to the Jewish mystical tradition of *kabbalah*, the four worlds are: *Assiyah* (action—our world of physical reality), *Y'tzirah* (formation), *B'riah* (creation), and *Atzilut* (emanation).

The cost for the seder is \$5 per person; your payment is your reservation. Reserve online at [tinyurl.com/y8d4lurx](http://tinyurl.com/y8d4lurx) or by calling Dollie Closna at (210) 733-9135, ext. 126.

## BBYO brings teens together for Hanukkah/Global Shabbat celebration

By Kelsey Bradshaw, Advisor to San Antonio BBYO's girls Chapter, Sababa

Latkes, brisket, and Shabbat candles brought dozens of Jewish teens from San Antonio's BBYO chapters together December 8 for a mega-event, combining Hanukkah, Shabbat, and a gift exchange. The night marked BBYO'S Global Shabbat event where Jewish teens all over the planet celebrated Shabbat together. Although Hanukkah was a few days away, the event served as a potluck for the holiday and everyone exchanged fun gifts.

"It was amazing to come together as a whole



community with my Jewish brothers and sisters to celebrate the holiday that is typically overshadowed by Christmas, but is at least eight times more fun!" said Neely Kasanoff, who helped plan the event. "The Hanukkah party was a fantastic bonding experience

and way to kick off the holiday season!"

If you would like to find out more about BBYO or other citywide Jewish Teen programs, contact Devin Billstein, BBYO City Director, at (210) 302-6869 or [billsteind@jcc-sa.org](mailto:billsteind@jcc-sa.org).

## WELCOME TO THE LONE STAR STATE!

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# IN THE COMMUNITY: YOUTH

## Tu B'Shevat at Barshop JCC

As a continuation of the holiday-inspired *Hands On* series, the Barshop Jewish Community Center will host Hands on Tu B'Shevat Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will feature arts and crafts activities, story time, holiday-specific snacks, and an opportunity for families to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, (commonly referred to as the birthday of the trees) together.

Families with children of all ages are welcome to attend. The event is free and open to the community, although reservations are appreciated. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Rachel Rustin at [rustinr@jcc-sa.org](mailto:rustinr@jcc-sa.org) or (210) 302-6969.

Additional information about holiday and family events taking place at the JCC may be found online at [www.jccsanantonio.org/family](http://www.jccsanantonio.org/family).

## Heintz Preschool's 15th Annual Movie Night

Heintz Preschool of Congregation Agudas Achim will be hosting its 15th annual Movie Night on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. with a viewing of Disney's *Moana*. The movie night, where all are encouraged to wear pajamas will also include arts and crafts related to the film. This is on top of pizza, popcorn, cotton candy and other snacks which are also included. Dairy free or gluten free options are available with advance notice. The cost is \$10 for individuals 12 and up and \$5 for those

11 and under.

"We are so excited to host not only Heintz Preschool students and their families, but the entire community for this fun filled movie night extravaganza!" said Heintz Preschool Director Taryn Bretado.

For more information on Heintz Preschool's programming, including Winter Camp and Movie Night, contact Preschool Director Taryn Bretado at (210) 479-0429 or [t.bretado@agudas-achim.org](mailto:t.bretado@agudas-achim.org).



## CAA raises funds for SAUSY youth group at Brews & Schmooze event

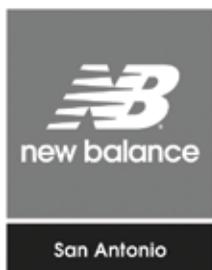
Congregation Agudas Achim will host a Brews and Schmooze for all ages at Big'z Burger Joint on January 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. This event

is open to the entire Jewish Community. A portion of the proceeds from each meal will benefit SAUSY, San Antonio's United Synagogue

Youth chapter (pictured). In addition to beef burgers, fish sandwiches and veggie burgers will be available.

United Synagogue Youth (USY) is an International Conservative Movement Youth Group for teenagers from 6th through 12th grades. The local chapter in San Antonio recently won the Regional Chapter of the Year for the Southwest Region.

Funds raised from this event will help the local San Antonio chapter with events and scholarships for members to attend conferences. No reservations are required. For more information on the fundraiser or joining USY, Contact Youth Director Eric Steitz at [usy.advisor@agudas-achim.org](mailto:usy.advisor@agudas-achim.org) or Youth Advisor Jessica Peden at [j.peden@agudas-achim.org](mailto:j.peden@agudas-achim.org).



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# YOUTH NEWS



TASA 3rd and 4th grade students get ready to present as a living history museum.

## TASA presents Living Historical Museum at Thanksgiving Breakfast

Torah Academy of San Antonio held their second annual *Pancake Breakfast* for grandparents & special friends in honor of Thanksgiving. Together with other grade level performances, third and fourth grade students presented a Living Museum, featuring modern and historic famous Jewish men and women. The third and fourth graders served as “living museum” exhibits, presenting the stories, achievements and contributions of notable Jews -- both from recent and



TASA students dress up as Selman Waksman (a Nobel prize winning bio-chemist & micro biologist); Jonas Salk (inventor of Polio Vaccine); Lazlo Biro (inventor of the ball point pen) – at TASA’s Living Museum.

historical times. The roving exhibits were a high point of the day’s program.

Other presentations included poetry perspectives on the original Thanksgiving

meal, and a multilingual multimedia presentation by the middle school students on Thanksgiving and “*Hakarot HaTov*”, thankfulness.



### TASA MIDDLE SCHOOL & HEINTZ PRESCHOOL CELEBRATION HANUKKAH TOGETHER

Torah Academy of San Antonio 7th and 8th grade students joined the Redbird and Bluebird classes at Heintz Preschool for some pre-Hanukkah activities including a morning of PJ Library Hanukkah stories. The children and their *Book Buddies* also decorated PJ Library picture frames with Hanukkah stickers, and made a Shamash candle snack, dipping giant pretzel sticks in white chocolate and sprinkles topped with a candy corn “flame” for an edible *shamash* treat.



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## JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 753 CORNER



Audie Murphy VA Hospital has awarded Jewish War Veterans San Antonio Post its highest Volunteer Service award for the post's volunteer contributions in behalf of the hospital for 2017.

Recent volunteer events included post members walking the wards of the hospital distributing ice cream and cookies on December 25 (the cookies were baked by Faye Swidler in honor of her deceased husband and past post commander Leo Swidler).

On Saturday Jan. 20, the post will install 2018 officers. The speaker will be Greg Philipson. For information contact Jeffrey Hoffman (210) 492-4980. There will be no post meeting in January as installation of officers are in lieu of meeting.

There are two programs for Veterans which the SA Post is involved in: Free rides for those in need of getting to essential appointments, for information contact (210) 616-4811 at San Antonio Jewish Senior Services. Interest free are available for veterans through Hebrew Free Loan. For information, call (210) 736-4352.

## Barshop JCC Jewish Film Festival returns February

The Barshop JCC's 17th annual Jewish Film Festival returns February 17-21 at Santikos Palladium IMAX. The line-up includes fourteen films at eleven screenings.

"The Festival is book-ended with two extraordinary films," said Alan Petlin, Co-chair of the event along with Susan Blumenthal. The Hungarian drama *1945* will open the Festival Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m., and the Festival will close with the drama *A Quiet Heart* Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

In between, the Festival will present a variety of



documentaries, short films, and feature length films, including *Alone in Berlin*, starring Emma Thompson and Brendan Gleeson, and Sunday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Two films appropriate for children ages ten and up will also be featured Sunday and Monday at 2 p.m. both days.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Thursday, Jan. 4 online or by calling the JCC at (210) 302-6820. Individual tickets are \$15 for opening night, \$10 for all other screenings, and \$5 for children under 18. A Film Pack for \$105, which includes one admission to each screening, will also be available. All tickets will include reserved seating.

Complete information with links to online purchasing is available at [jccsanantonio.org/filmfestival](http://jccsanantonio.org/filmfestival).

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## Texas Jewish Historical Society to meet in Gonzales

One might ask, "Where is Gonzales, Texas?" Also, "Why would a society of Texas Jews want to meet there?" Gonzales is located along Hwy. 90 near Interstate 10. It is perhaps best known as the site where in 1835, the "first shot for Texas liberty was fired." There is also a significant amount of early Jewish history here, with two Jewish cemeteries, one dating from 1861, although there was no synagogue. A couple of the most colorful and well-known characters of the Texas Revolution were here, and happened be Jewish.

The community is invited to join members of the TJHS from January 12-14, as Jewish history is presented in interesting and sometimes surprising ways, including cemetery visits where ghostly "inhabitants" might appear. Participants will also hear about the Jewish man who escaped the fighting at the

Alamo, not generally considered a hero, but perhaps the smartest man there, who could predict the outcome based on previous battle experience in Europe. Learn about another Jew from Holland who started the fledgling Texas Navy and wrote of his miraculous battle survivals.

Meet former Jewish residents who grew up in Gonzales and hear about their formative years here. There are also hints of Crypto-Jewish families who were inhabitants, perhaps drawn to the area because of the Portuguese-spelled name of the town. Tour the history museum, the unique jail museum, and see homes of former Jewish residents.

For more information, contact Barbara Rosenberg at [bcr219@aol.com](mailto:bcr219@aol.com) or fill out the membership registration form, accessible online at the TJHS website, [www.txjhs.org](http://www.txjhs.org).



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## Steampunk Hamlet coming to Vex Theatre

A steampunk adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, directed by Ken Frazier, opens next month at The Sheldon Vexler Theatre.

Patrons have pondered what is meant by a "steampunk version" of the Middle Ages-set piece. Steampunk is a genre, artistic endeavor, or inspired movement of creativity and imagination with its foundation in Victorian England or America's Wild West. It is, however, an "alternative-world" or "alternative-history." Simply put, it re-invents a possible history. The "steam" portion of the term comes from the technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery. The

"punk" portion comes from going against convention.

The story remains the same – Hamlet's father has died. Learning of his family's tragedy, the prince comes home to find his uncle married to his mother and installed on the Danish throne. Consumed by grief, Hamlet struggles aboard the airship *Elsinore* to exact revenge with devastating consequences.

The show runs February 10 to March 4, with performances Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$23-15, and may be purchased beginning January 10 online at [www.vexler.org/hamlet](http://www.vexler.org/hamlet), by calling The Vex Box Office at (210) 302-6835, or in person at the Barshop JCC.

## San Antonio Jewish Senior Services names new Executive Director

The Board of Directors of San Antonio Jewish Senior Services (SAJSS) has hired



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Stacey Kline Schwartz as the agency's new Executive Director. Schwartz and her family have deep roots in San Antonio. She comes to SAJSS from LiftFund, the largest nonprofit micro lender in the country, where she was Executive Vice President for Advancement. Her professional experience includes key positions in both for-profit and nonprofit organizations, including Director of Women's Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, Director of Development for KIPP San Antonio Public Schools, Regional Marketing Manager for the Medical

Education Network in New York City, a medical sales rep for MURO Pharmaceutical, and Communications Associate for the Jewish Community Federation in Cleveland, OH.

"We are extremely confident in Stacey's ability to expand on programs and services that enrich the lives of San Antonio Jewish seniors," said Suzanne

Huber, president of SAJSS' Board of Directors.

"The Board thanks Mike Kelne, who has been SAJSS' interim executive director since July 1," Huber said. "He has made several significant contributions to the agency's growth and well-being, and we're glad that he will be assisting Stacey as she steps into her new role."



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## SAJSS welcomes Information & Referral Program Manager

San Antonio Jewish Senior Services has hired Danielle Roberts as its new Compass Information & Referral Program Manager.

Roberts joins SAJSS with over 20 years of experience in business administration, data and project management, and event coordination. Her non-profit experience began in 2007 working with the Medicare



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enabled her to learn more about senior health care and the struggles that seniors, their families, and caregivers face due to various gaps in the system.

Danielle gained additional non-profit experience and a strong

population and CMS compliance in New York City. This

experience

connection to our San Antonio Jewish community through her service with the Jewish Federation of San Antonio over the past 6 years. She says she has a passion for learning and for working to ensure that people have access to resources they need to maintain a good quality of life.

Her role will be to develop and grow the Compass I & R Program as a resource for San Antonio Jewish seniors.

## A Great (Tu B'Shevat) Day at the Garden

The San Antonio Jewish community is invited to a free intergenerational program at the San Antonio Botanical Garden on January 21, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Activities and art stations, a taste & smell station, and interactive entertainment will take place in the new Discovery Complex. Guests can have lunch with a view, and also explore the brand new 8-acre addition to the garden as part of their free admission.

San Antonio Jewish Senior Service's Caring Community committee, a collaboration of area congregations and organizations that includes

San Antonio Jewish Senior Services (SAJSS), Congregation Agudas Achim, Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning, Congregation Rodfei Sholom, Temple Beth-El, Congregation Beth Am, PJ Library, Heintz Preschool and Hebrew Free Loan of San Antonio, is organizing the event to tie into Tu B'Shevat celebrations.

The number of free admissions is limited, so an RSVP is a must to reserve your entry. Register at: [gardengreatday.paperform.co](http://gardengreatday.paperform.co).

For more information, call Mindy Cohen, SAJSS Program Director, at (210) 616-4811.



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Chairs Margaret Gofman Klein and Elisa Reinsmith welcomed the crowd to the event at the Campus of the Jewish Community and shared a message of the impact women make in San Antonio.

Families in need were nominated by Chabad, Congregation Agudas Achim, Congregation Rodfei Sholom, Jewish Family Service, Ohr Lanu Foundation, San Antonio Jewish Senior Services, Temple Beth-El, and Temple Chai. Women purchased gifts, supplies, and gift cards for the families.

At the event, guests mingled and enjoyed food and wine while they shopped vendors in the Holiday Market. Women bid in an auction worth more than \$10,000, all proceeds benefiting the families. The Women's Philanthropy Board, 2017 Shower Committee, and volunteers helped distribute the gifts to families through the congregations and agencies.

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Philanthropy volunteer event will take place in February in collaboration with Morgan's Wonderland and Academy. For more information on the Women's Division and volunteer opportunities, contact Eva Laporte, Director of Women's Philanthropy & Young Adult Division [laporte@jfsatx.org](mailto:laporte@jfsatx.org) | or (210) 302-6965.



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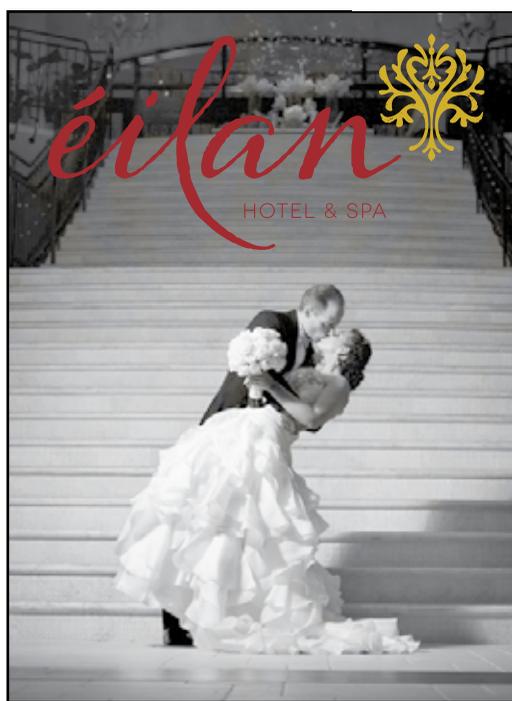
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the treasure we have in our Jewish heritage, wiser by connecting with amazing teachers and bonding with women who have opened their hearts and became special friends; and stronger by stepping outside of my comfort zone to discover unknown courage that flourished and allowed

me to face life from a new perspective.”

Dubbed as Birth Right for Moms, JWRP trips aim to educate and inspire mothers to reinvigorate their families and communities with a renewed sense of their Judaism and love of Israel. Traveling through Tsfat, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, every stop on the itinerary came with

a seminar on developing Jewish identity, Jewish parenting or Israel advocacy. Participant Elizabeth Glazier describes “The JWRP trip was more than an opportunity to meet amazing women from all over the world, or was more than a sightseeing trip, it was more than any of us could have imagined. It was a mission to remind us that as Jewish women have done for thousands of years before us, we have the power to inspire others, to enhance our lives of those around us by instilling Jewish values in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in our communities. It was also a trip to reestablish our love of Israel and to be touched by the spirit and optimism of



the Israeli people.

“The JWRP Momentum trip was an incredible gift to myself and my family. Through my first trip to Israel, I received the gift of connection; connection to a deeper understanding of Judaism, connection to amazing women from San Antonio and all over the world, and connection to the land of Israel itself” Temple Beth-El member Cindy

Berman explains.

United with four hundred Jewish women from around the world, the San Antonio group spent Shabbat singing, dancing and praying at the Kotel, enjoyed home hospitality with an Israeli family and singing Havdala on a beautiful roof top overlooking the old city of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. Even with the gorgeous scenery and touring, Temple Beth El member Tory Richmond says, “what may have been most impactful for me was how women from all over the world knew and sang the same Hebrew songs. Many of us spoke different languages and weren’t able to communicate, but we were able to connect through Hebrew song and dance.

JWRP also offers men’s trips. For more information on upcoming trips for men and women, or to hear more from any of this year’s participants or group leader Michal Scheinberg, please contact the Rodfei office at (210) 439-3558.

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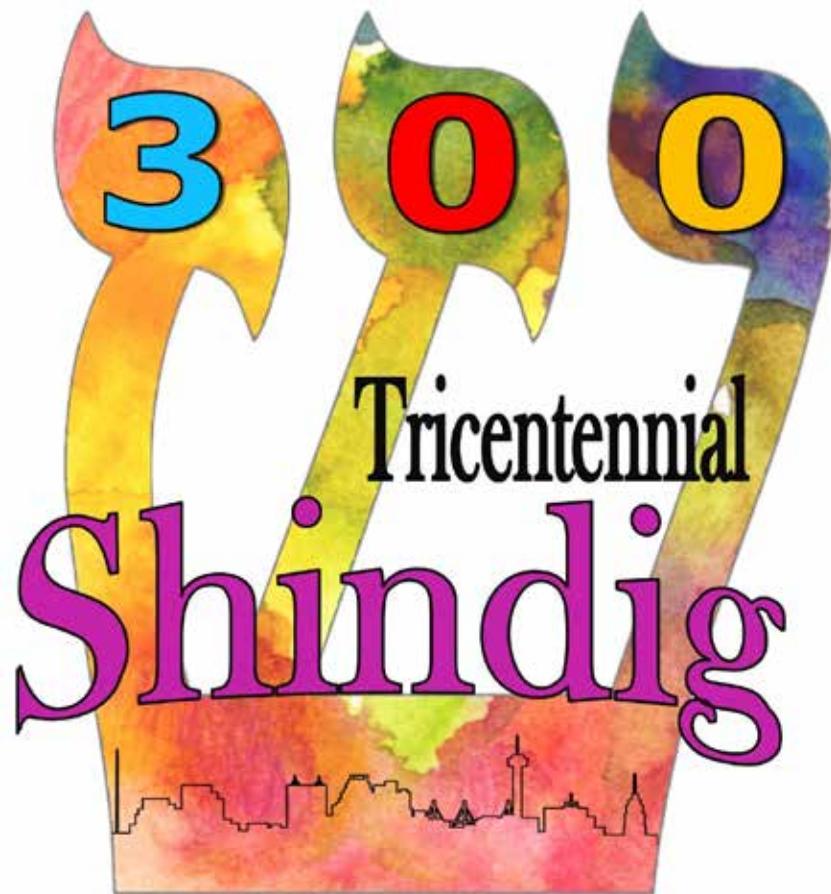


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