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**Bill Mandating Holocaust and Genocide Education  
Sails Through Senate**

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**Due to the current  
state of emergency in  
New Hampshire,  
scheduled events may  
be postponed or  
cancelled. Please  
check with organizers  
to confirm up-to-date  
schedules.**

*By Board Member Dina Michael  
Chaitowitz*

Senate Bill 727 is on its way. On March 3, the Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee passed Senate Bill 727, a bill that, if passed into law, would mandate Holocaust and genocide education in New Hampshire schools. The primary sponsor of the bill is State Senator Jay Kahn. The Reporter has printed the bill as it currently stands.

On March 12, the bill passed, unanimously, in the Senate. It will go to the House on Crossover Day, March 26. This is the day when bills cross over to the other chamber. We anticipate that a hearing will be scheduled for sometime in April. Once the hearing is scheduled, we will need your support in advocating for this bill, which we believe will help create an informed and tolerant citizenry. Stay tuned for a legislative alert via email asking you to write letters and otherwise support SB 727.

In addition to the text of the bill, some of the letters that were sent to the Senate edu-



*Back row: Attorney Robert Dunn of the Diocese of Manchester, and Tom White of the Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies. Front row: Babette Rittmeyer of the Lantos Foundation; Laurie Kagan Medrek, daughter of Holocaust survivor; Dina Michael Chaitowitz, Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board of Directors member; State Senator Jay Kahn, primary sponsor of bill; Kati Preston; Jenna Kate Bisbee, assistant to Kati Preston; and Guo, Kati's son-in-law.*

cation committee are republished here. As you can see, we have great support from Federation members and the interfaith community. *Bill continued on page 3*

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**Our Choice for Tzedakah: JFNH**

*By Rick Sirvint*

Required giving of *tzedakah* is a fundamental principle of the Jewish religion. *Tzedakah* is often translated as charity, but it is more than that. Charity implies voluntary giving or an expectation of giving. All religions support charity. Our faith mandates it.

Even a poor person is expected to give *tzedakah*. There are verifiable cases of Jews in concentration camps giving away meager food rations as *tzedakah*. My wife and I are glad to be able to



*Rick Sirvint*

support Federation because of its support of our New Hampshire Jewish community. Jews are all part of one family, descendants of our Matriarchs and Patriarchs.

Jewish law is very reasonable. There are limits to our giving. We should never give away enough money to make ourselves poor and a burden to the community. The Talmud states that if you save one Jewish life, you save the whole world. However, Halacha, Jewish Law, encourages giving *tzedakah* to non-Jews also.

Money given to Federation is distribut-

ed according to our community's needs, regardless of levels of observance, political beliefs, or cultural practices. That's why we give to Federation.

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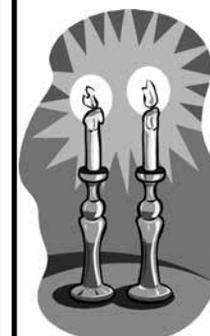
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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



April 3	6:57 PM
April 10	7:05 PM
April 17	7:13 PM
April 24	7:21 PM

## Chesed and Connection in Challenging Times

By Editor Hannah Boyd

Many of us who hadn't heard of self-isolation until a few weeks ago are now living it. It would be easy to feel helpless in the face of this pandemic, but there are things we can do to remain connected and help each other.

- Check in on vulnerable neighbors to make sure they're okay. Let them know they can call if they need help or to hear a friendly voice.
- Bring a trash bag on walks and collect the litter that's been hiding under snow all winter.
- Buy gift certificates to your favorite small businesses to help them stay afloat during this slow period.
- Ask your local nursing home if they are accepting letters for residents, or create cards for our troops to send [militaryholidaycardchallenge.com](http://militaryholidaycardchallenge.com).
- Clean out your closets and assemble

unwanted items that can be donated later.

- Consider finding a "virtual volunteer" position through [volunteer-match.org](http://volunteer-match.org) or [allforgood.org](http://allforgood.org).
- Write an article about your congregation or community for the May issue of the Reporter!
- If possible, make an online donation to a local food bank to help those struggling with reduced hours and medical bills.
- Don't be afraid to reach out if you yourself need help.
- Remember that the best way to protect those who must go out to work in person or are particularly vulnerable is to avoid spreading the virus. Please stay home if you can.

How are you staying positive and productive during this challenging time? Please email [thereporter@jewishnh.org](mailto:thereporter@jewishnh.org) to let us know.



Supplies collected by Kelly and Sara Zakar and daughter Elise Nordstrom (with the help of the HB Cucumber Club) to donate to the Brookline Food Pantry.

## New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival Postponed

By NHJFF Co-Chairs Pat Kalik and Ross Fishbein

After extensive consultations with local, state, regional, and federal agencies who are working diligently to combat the spread of COVID-19, we have made the difficult, but necessary, decision to postpone the 12th Annual NHJFF until a later date. We will continue to monitor the situation and will announce the new dates as soon as we can.

The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival (NHJFF) is about people spending time together—kibitzing, schmoozing, noshing, watching, and connecting—with familiar friends and making new ones. The power of a shared emotional experience is amplified when we laugh, cry, and/or reflect on Jewish and Israeli life, history, and culture together. Simply put: NHJFF is about community engagement powered by cinema.



As concerned and dedicated members of our New Hampshire Jewish community, we believe very strongly that we are all responsible for not only ourselves and our families, but for each other, and the wider community at large. We ask for your patience during this challenging time and request that you each stay in-

formed of recommendations and take all appropriate measures, including frequent hand washing, increased social distancing, and, where necessary, self-quarantining.

The silver lining of our decision is that the show will go on, just not now.

If you already purchased tickets to the 2020 NHJFF:

We will maintain a record of your purchased ticket(s) which may be used for the rescheduled NHJFF. However, if you do not want us to maintain your ticket for the rescheduled NHJFF, please consider converting your purchase to a charitable gift to the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

Alternatively, if you have purchased your tickets through the Federation Of-

fice and you prefer a full refund, please email [info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org), and we will refund any purchased tickets to the payment method used to make the purchase.

If you have purchased your tickets through Brown Paper Tickets and prefer a full refund, please contact Brown Paper Tickets within two weeks by emailing <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/about/locations>. Be sure to include your confirmation number, if possible.

Thank you for your patronage and support in past years, and for your understanding in this unusual circumstance. We look forward to celebrating the 12th annual NHJFF at a future date, and wish our entire community safety and good health.

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nity. A wonderfully diverse group of people testified at the March 3 hearing as well, including Holocaust survivor and educator Kati Preston; Coordinator for Educational Outreach Tom White and Professor Emeritus Paul Vincent from the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies; New England Regional Director for the Anti-Defamation League Robert Trestan; Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board of Directors Chairperson Sarit Itenberg; Reverend Jason Wells from the New

Hampshire Council of Churches; Attorney Robert Dunn, Director of Public Policy for the Diocese of Manchester; Rabbi John Jon Spira-Savett from Temple Beth Abraham; high school teachers Evan Czynowski and Ashley Eugenia Harbel; high school senior Mia Fishman; a parent whose child was the victim of an antisemitic incident while in middle school; Laurie Kagan Medrek, who had family members who both died in and survived the Holocaust; and a survivor of the Rwandan genocide.

*Yasher koach, friends. Now, onto the House!*

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# Statewide Calendar of Events

To submit Calendar items for the print and online JFNH Calendar and E-News, go to <https://jewishnh.org/community-calendar>, click the red "Suggest an Event" button, then fill in the form with your event information.

## Thursday, April 2

### Torah Study

10:30AM – 12PM, Phillip Porter Religious School at Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua  
Meets each Thursday until June 25th  
A weekly session studying the Torah. Led by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett and Education Director, Noreen Leibson. Come once or come many times!  
Please note, Torah Study does not take place when there is school vacation. Please double check the Temple Beth Abraham calendar if you are unsure.

### Was Jesus a Jew?

7 – 8:30PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry  
Rabbi Peter Levy and the Reverend Raymond Bonin will discuss this question. Jesus has a Jewish mother. What Jesus said, and what you will find in the Gospel is not new.

## Friday, April 3

### Family Shabbat Service and Potluck

6 – 8PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
Please bring a dish to share.

## Tuesday, April 7

### Temple Israel Portsmouth Book Club Discussion

1 – 3PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
The Temple Israel Portsmouth Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Shmoozatorium. Please see our website for the Book of the Month!

## Thursday, April 9

**Congregation Betenu Potluck Second Seder**  
6-8:30PM, Congregation Betenu, Amherst  
\$5 per person/\$18 maximum per family to cover the cost of seder plates, drinks, etc.  
Join us for a potluck second seder. Families should bring a Passover friendly main dish, singles bring a side. Desserts welcome from anyone! Setup begins at 5:30 pm and the seder, led by Rav Sam Blumberg begins at 6 pm. Contact the Betenu office at (603)886-1633 to preregister.

### Sisterhood Second Night Seder

6 – 9PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
\$5.00 per person  
Sisterhood Second Night Seder at Temple Adath Yeshurun.  
Advanced Paid Reservations by Thursday, March 26

### Community Seder

6 -8PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry  
Adults \$36.00, children 12 and under \$18  
Passover 2nd night seder with Sephardic, kosher style vegetarian meal catered by Amphora. Gluten free except matzoh. All welcome. Pre-register by April 2 at [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org) or call 432-0004.

### Temple Israel Passover Seder

6-9PM, Temple Israel, Manchester  
\$40.00  
RSVP link: <https://conta.cc/38C2ZG0>  
Please join us for a Passover Seder

## Wednesday, April 15

### Passover Service

7-9AM, Temple Israel, Manchester

## Thursday, April 16

### Mimouna Community Celebration!

6:30PM, JFNH Office, Bedford  
Cost: \$5  
Come celebrate the end of Passover Moroccan style!

Mimouna is a traditional North African Jewish celebration dinner, that currently takes place in Israel. It is held the day after Passover, marking the return to eating hametz (leavened bread, etc.), which is forbidden throughout the week of Passover.  
For more information email [shlichah@jewishnh.org](mailto:shlichah@jewishnh.org)  
Pre-registration is required. Please call the JFNH office at 603-627-7679 to reserve your spot and pay by credit card or mail payment to JFNH Attn: Mimouna 273 South River Rd. Bedford, NH 03110

## Saturday, April 18

### PJ Library Tot Shabbat

10:30AM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Families from New Hampshire and Maine with children 0-6 and their siblings are invited to a family friendly Shabbat celebration. Our service will include prayers, movement and songs and will end with a snack and chance to socialize.  
Pre-registration is required my April 15th by emailing [allyson.guertin@jewishnh.org](mailto:allyson.guertin@jewishnh.org)

## Sunday, April 19

**How to Avoid Needing a Cardiologist**  
9:30 – 11:30AM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

Steven L. Schwartz, MD, FACC will discuss how to live a Heart Healthy lifestyle that will hopefully result in your being able to avoid needing a Cardiologist visit. The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is proud to sponsor Dr. Schwartz's presentation which will start off with our Monthly Sunday Breakfast at 9:30 AM.

### Engaging Children through Jewish Read Alouds

10AM – 12PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry  
Allyson Guertin, PJ Library Coordinator, will start with adults by discussing ways to engage child through Jewish Read Aloud. Then the last 15 minutes children will join us and adults can read to their children.

## Monday, April 20

### Cohen Center Genocide Awareness Month Lecture: Does Terrorism Work?

7 – 8:30PM, Norma Walker Hall/Alumni Center Keene State College, Keene  
Free and Open to the Public  
Richard English is Professor of Politics at Queen's University Belfast, where he is also Distinguished Professorial Fellow in the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice. Professor English's research focuses on the politics and history of nationalism, political violence, and terrorism, with a particular focus on Ireland and Britain.

### Yom HaShoah Service

7 – 9PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester  
Rabbi Stephen Fuchs and Vickie Fuchs will present the program.

## Tuesday, April 21

### "Taste of Memories" in honor of Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day for fallen soldiers)

6PM, Bedford  
This year JFNH will carry on this this project by leading cooking sessions of a favorite food and share the story behind the fallen IDF soldier who loved the recipe and never returned home to enjoy it. Food serves as a universal language. Let's taste and never forget!  
This program is free but we ask each participant to sign up to bring one item needed for the recipe we will be preparing.  
This program is home hosted and the address will be shared after we receive your RSVP  
RSVP is required by emailing [shlichah@jewishnh.org](mailto:shlichah@jewishnh.org) or calling the JFNH office at 603-627-7679

### Yom HaShoah Presentation

7-8PM, Etz Hayim, Derry  
Etz Hayim Synagogue will hold its annual Yom Hashoah observance. Laurie Medrek will be sharing her family's experiences during the Holocaust. As the number of survivors continues to decline, it is up to us make sure their stories are told and re-told so the world will never forget.

## Wednesday, April 22

### "Taste of Memories" in honor of Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day for fallen soldiers)

6PM, Laconia  
This year JFNH will carry on this this project by leading cooking sessions of a favorite food and share the story behind the fallen IDF soldier who loved the recipe and never returned home to enjoy it. Food serves as a universal language. Let's taste and never forget!

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## Thursday, April 23

### Seniors Forever Young – Lunch at Windows on West

Windows on West is a student operated restaurant out of Milford High School  
Meet van at Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester at 10AM and lunch reservation is for 11:15AM  
Each person attending is responsible for the cost of their lunch.  
Please register for your spot on the van by April 16th by emailing [info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org) or calling the JFNH office at 603-627-7679



### "Taste of Memories" in Honor of Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day for fallen soldiers)

6PM, Durham  
This year JFNH will carry on this this project by leading cooking sessions of a favorite food and share the story behind the fallen IDF soldier who loved the recipe and never returned home to enjoy it. Food serves as a universal language. Let's taste and never forget!

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### An Evening of Remembrance: Honoring 'Unsung Heroes' of the Holocaust Era

6:30 – 8:30PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth  
Sandell Morse reads from her memoir, "The Spiral Shell: A French Village Reveals Its Secrets of Jewish Resistance in World War II," and Catherine Ruth Jones reads from her new release, "Quiet Courage: The Story of a World War II WAC." Event includes refreshments and a photo exhibit of "Jewish Weddings" from the Beit Hatfutsot Museum in Tel Aviv. This interfaith event is free and open to the public.

## Sunday, April 26

**AIPAC New England Leadership Dinner**  
Location details and official event time will be shared upon registration. Advance registration is required. Photo ID must be presented at check-in. Contact AIPAC at 617-399-2562  
Cost: \$300  
Please join community leaders, members of Congress, state officials and students for AIPAC'S largest gathering of pro-Israel activists in New England.  
Dinner Reception and theater-style program.

See what's happening in the community at [www.jewishnh.org](http://www.jewishnh.org)



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## A Message From JFNH About Coronavirus

The health and safety of the community are JFNH's highest priorities. Over the past several weeks, we have been closely monitoring local and national recommendations regarding Coronavirus. At this time, all community programming is cancelled until April 12. As the situation

continues to evolve, we will follow the recommendations of the CDC and the New Hampshire Department of Health.

Director of Outreach Allyson Guertin and Shlichia Avia Sagron are hard at work developing fun online programming to keep the community engaged, educated,

and entertained. Please follow us on Facebook and sign up for emails to receive updates.

We know this is a worrisome time for many. If you need support, please reach out to JFNH's social services case worker Mel Spierer at (603) 669-6769.

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## From Ashes to Ascent

In the month of Nisan, we celebrate three important days: Yom HaShoah (Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Day of Independence). It's not a coincidence that these three important days are mentioned almost together.

On April 8, 1959, the Knesset officially established the day when Yom HaShoah is held. The 27th of Nisan falls in April or May, a week after Passover, and eight days before Israel Independence Day. Following the 14th of Nisan, the day before Passover when the Warsaw Ghetto uprising began on April 19th, 1943. Like the Hebrew calendar, the days in Israel start at sundown and continue until the first stars appear the following day. Yom HaShoah opens with a state ceremony held in Warsaw Ghetto Square at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. During the ceremony, the national flag is lowered to half-mast. Holocaust survivors light six torches, symbolizing the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

By law, everything is closed — all businesses, restaurants and more. Radio stations and TV channels are allowed to present only programs that respect the

Avia Sagron

JFNH Shlichah



spirit of the day. Ceremonies occur in main places at every city\moshav\kibbutz in Israel. At 10 am, an air raid siren sounds throughout the country, and Israelis are expected to observe two minutes of silence. Since I was a very young girl, I remember those two minutes, and how everything stopped. Even people and buses that are driving pull over to the side of the road and stand together to honor the meaning of that moment.

Yom HaZikaron is always scheduled for the day preceding Independence Day. Yom HaZikaron is the national Remembrance Day for Israeli military personnel who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of the State of Israel or keeping her safe since. Commemoration has also been extended to civilian victims of terrorism. As of Yom HaZikaron 2019, that number was 23,741.

The day opens with a siren the preceding evening at 8:00 pm. As with Yom HaShoah, all businesses are closed. Reg-

ular television programs cease for the day, and the names and ranks of every soldier who died for Israel are displayed in a 24-hour television broadcast.

Israel has chosen the Dam Hamacabim, or Red Everlasting, flower as the national memorial flower. It represents the "Blood of the Maccabees." A two-minute siren is sounded at 11am the following morning, which marks the opening of the official memorial ceremonies and private remembrance gatherings at each cemetery where soldiers are buried. My family and I usually go to the ceremony in Kiryat Shmona, my home city. Each person honors the fallen soldiers and hugs their families.

For me, this day became even more meaningful after I served in the Zuk Eitan Operation during my military service. To hear about people that been injured and lost their lives when I was so close to the front, to see the effort of bringing them back home from Gaza, and to hear their friends crying through the communication systems made me realize how real it is, and that the numbers and names we see on TV are not only names. They are sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and loved ones of people out there. And I promise you — every Israeli feels the same way.

The day officially draws to a close at sundown (between 7–8 p.m.) in a ceremony at the National Military Cemetery on Mount Herzl, marking the start of Yom Ha'atzmaut — Independence Day, when the flag of Israel is returned to full staff.

Yom Ha'atzmaut was founded on



Avia Sagron with her brother Omri and friends at a Yom HaZikaron ceremony in Kiryat Shmona, Israel.

May 14, 1948, upon the declaration of the establishment of the State of Israel by Jewish leadership headed by future Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

During the ceremony on Mount Herzl, there is the ceremonial lighting of twelve torches, one for each of the Tribes of Israel. Every year a dozen Israeli citizens who made a significant social contribution in a selected area are invited to light the torches.

That evening, big events take place throughout Israel. Famous Israelis artists perform, and everyone goes out to celebrate. The day after holds the best Israeli tradition — family BBQs (known as *Al-Ha-Esh* — "On the fire").

Why do we move so fast from the sad and difficult days to this celebration, you ask? Great question. This is our way of showing that although the Jewish people have endured struggles and horrible times, we are strong. And we have a beautiful and successful country that we call - HOME.



Tom White, JFNH Board Chair Sarit Itenberg, Ashley Harbel, Evan Czyzowski, and Board member Dina Michael Chaitowitz.

## JFNH Hosts Experts on "Teaching the Holocaust"

By Board Member Dina Chaitowitz

On March 5, Tom White of the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College gave an absolutely fascinating talk on the topic

of "Teaching the Holocaust." Mr. White was joined by Ashley Eugenia Harbel and Evan Czyzowski, high school teachers who offer elective programs on the Holocaust in New Hampshire public schools.

## We Will Get Through This Together

JFNH Signature Program

By Alane Sabel, Preschool Director

I know these are difficult times for all of us. So, how do we as parents, not working and home with our children, cope? What kind of conversation do we have with our little ones? First and foremost, keep fear out of the conversation. Keep things simple and safe. Here at preschool, we talk a lot about germs, washing hands, and not sharing our germs with our friends. The germs are bigger now, and we are home because we don't want to share germs with our neighbors or the people Mommy and Daddy work with.

Make it fun. Sing the ABC's while

washing. Think of the positive in this very difficult situation. Reconnect with your children, really reconnect. Make a plan to take a walk every day. I know it's chilly, but we are hardy New Englanders! Read together, sing together, cook together, and above all, talk together. Your children will amaze you with all the wonderful things they have to say. Children take all their cues from adults. They are very resilient human beings. If you put on a happy face, so will they.

Here at the Jewish Federation Preschool, the staff and I will continue to send materials to do at home. Please remember we are all in this together, and together we will get through a very difficult time.

Sending virtual hugs to all.

## Honorable Mentschen

My father, of blessed memory, had a secret love of *Pirkei Avot*. This work, a tractate of *Mishna*, consists of seven chapters. The title is often translated interpretively as “The Ethics of the Fathers,” given that it’s a wonderful compilation of ethical teachings and sayings from the Rabbinic Era. Any time is a good time to delve into *Pirkei Avot*, but there is also a particular tradition to study its seven chapters during the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot.

Although my father presented himself as a relatively secular Jew, in his later years, his library cabinet in the basement began to fill with Judaic texts. My mother, of blessed memory, concerned with the proliferation of books in the basement, urged my father to give any “excess” Jewish books to me. On my periodic visits, he would find one or two volumes he could grudgingly bear to part with.

Upon his death, I inherited my father’s entire Jewish library. I was surprised to discover fifteen different translations of *Pirkei Avot*. A few of these contain his penciled underlines and comments. I bring these varied translations out for our congregational study from Passover onwards.

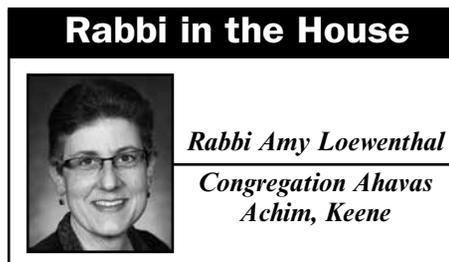
As we study *Pirkei Avot* from my father’s books, I appreciate this beautiful legacy, a conversation that continues. In memory of my father who was a *mentsch*, I invite you to dip into a sweet sample self-study of *Pirkei Avot* I’ll call “Honorable *Mentschen*.”

The Yiddish word *mentsch*, according to Merriam Webster’s Online Dictionary, is a cognate with the German word *mensh*, “human being.” “*Mentsch*” is generally understood to mean “a person of integrity and honor.”

In *Pirkei Avot* 2:5, Rabbi Hillel exhorts:

In a place where there are no men [*mentschen*], strive to be a man [*mentsch*].

Let’s compare this inspirational Mishnah saying with two other texts. One is the famous Rudyard Kipling poem, “If.” The second is a passage from Leviticus. Questions for reflection follow:



I.  
If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,  
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk

too wise:  
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build ’em up with worn-out tools:  
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,  
And—which is more—you’ll be a Man [*mentsch*], my son!

II.  
Leviticus 19  
(10) You shall not pick your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger...(11) You shall not steal; you shall not deal deceitfully or falsely with one another. (13) You

shall not defraud your fellow. You shall not commit robbery. The wages of a laborer shall not remain with you until morning. (16) Do not deal basely with your countrymen. Do not profit by the blood of your fellow... (18) You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your countrymen. Love your fellow as yourself: I am G-d.

Questions for Reflection:  
1) What, to you, are the main characteristics of a *mentsch*?  
2) What, to Rudyard Kipling, are some characteristics of a *mentsch*?  
3) What characteristics of a *mentsch* are reflected in the excerpt from Leviticus 19 (Kedoshim)?  
4) How are the ideas in Kipling and Kedoshim similar? How do they differ?  
I wish all you *mentschen* a happy, healthy, and meaningful Passover!

### A gift from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire



Sign up your children ages 6 months through 11 years old and enjoy the gift of Jewish children’s books and resources delivered to your home each month. Explore Jewish heritage and culture through PJ Library’s high-quality stories about Jewish values, traditions, and heritage.

Through the program your family will be enriched by experiencing the joys of Jewish life.

Funded by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, it’s a gift that will nourish a Jewish life from the start.



See what’s happening in the community at [www.jewishnh.org](http://www.jewishnh.org)

**SIGN UP** Ages 6 mos. through 8 [pjlibrary.org](http://pjlibrary.org)  
Ages 9 through 11 [pjourway.org](http://pjourway.org)

## A Season of Celebrations at the Early Learning Center at Temple Israel Portsmouth

By Tammy Labonte

Students at the Early Learning Center at Temple Israel Portsmouth spent the first part of January learning about Tu BiShvat, lovingly known as the “Birthday of the Trees.” The mitzvah of Shomrei Adamah, partnering with G-d to be guardians of the planet (and all physical surroundings), is easy for preschoolers to understand, especially when we have composting worms to take care of and plants to water in the classroom. Since we can’t plant a tree here in New Hampshire at this time of year, we planted an amaryllis bulb, parsley seeds, and zinnias.

We also put together a seder plate and said the Tu BiShvat blessings. We tried examples of different foods, some of which are grown in Israel. Our seder plate included oranges, bananas, grapes, raisins, dates, olives and almonds.



The Purim story as presented by the children of the Early Learning Center.

In February, the children learned about Esther and her story of saving the Jewish people in Persia when the evil



ELC children enjoying a Tu BiShvat seder.

Haman wanted to kill them for not bowing down to him. Esther was courageous to invite the king to a meal and confront Haman about his plan. The ELC students put on a play to present the Megillah to their families during our Purim Family Celebration. We then ate lunch together and had yummy hamantaschen they had made here in the kitchen at Temple Israel Portsmouth. We hope everyone had a fun and joyous Purim!

Summer Camp this year will be the week of August 17, from 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you would like more information or a registration form, please contact me.

The Early Learning Center is a unique preschool, the only place in the Seacoast area where Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum, along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community. If you are interested in joining us for preschool in the fall, please contact me at 603-436-5301 Ext. 23 or via email at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org.



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### “Taste of Memories”

This Yom Hazikaron  
(Israeli Memorial Day for fallen soldiers)

This year, the Federation will carry on this project by leading cooking sessions of a favorite food and share the story behind it of a fallen IDF soldier who loved the recipe and never returned home to enjoy it. Food serves as a universal language. Let’s taste and not forget together!

 April 21st Bedford	 April 23rd Seacoast- Durham	 April 22nd Laconia
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RSVP Is required for all events- Shlich@jewishnh.org or call 603-627-7679  
\*(Address and ingredients will send after RSVP)

## Allyson Guertin to Speak at Etz Hayim: Engaging Children Through Reading Aloud

By Steve Soreff, MD

Derry — Allyson Guertin, PJ Library Coordinator, will present a talk on “Engaging Children through Jewish Reading Aloud” on Sunday, April 19 at 10 AM at Etz Hayim Synagogue.

One of the great joys and privileges of parenthood is the opportunity to read stories with your children and grandchildren. It is a skill worth developing and leads to many satisfying experiences.

Allyson will start with adults by discussing ways to engage children with Jewish books through reading

aloud. This program provides ideas and insights about reading aloud to children.

At the end of the presentation, Allyson will have children join their parents and have the adults read to their children. This talk is done in conjunction with Etz Hayim’s Sunday Camp. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue’s Continuing Education Program called “Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff.”

For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.



PJ Library Coordinator Allyson Guertin.

## Finding Family at the CTeen International Shabbaton

By Bella Foroohar

During the final weekend of February, three thousand Jewish youths came together in New York City for a remarkable gathering. I couldn't imagine beforehand just how meaningful this event would turn out to be, or the extraordinary ruach that would fill Times Square. Yet as soon as I was home I was inspired with a new and intense love of my faith, pride in my heritage, and desire to learn more.

No sooner had we arrived in New York than our tiny New Hampshire chapter found itself in a sea of teens from all corners of the world. This was a new and exhilarating experience for me, but one that also brought about a profound sense of belonging. While language barriers made it difficult to carry on long conversations with some of the international visitors, we were able to connect on a much deeper level. With one arm around a friend from back home and another around the shoulder of a girl from the other side of the Earth, we sang and danced to familiar Jewish tunes, lighting up the room with our energy. Sometimes words don't reveal nearly as much about a person as the way they smile or readily grab your hand.

What makes CTeen so special for me is the way it enables me to make bonds with other Jewish girls and experience true sisterhood. Through CTeen I have met some of the most inspiring and strong women I have ever known, loving

sisters and friends who will one day be devoted mothers and resilient leaders. Being a Jewish girl comes with a lot of responsibility, but CTeen has introduced me to a network of like-minded girls who are striving to fulfill mitzvot and live an authentic Jewish life. I am not alone in this. I never will be. With Chabad, I have a home wherever I go — whether it be Israel, Russia, or Costa Rica. Surrounded by thousands of

Jewish teenagers, all determined to keep our faith alive and celebrate our beliefs and uniqueness, I discovered what mishpacha truly is.

The last day of the Shabbaton was bittersweet — I had had such an unforgettable experience and met so many amazing people that I didn't want to leave. Though parting from my friends was painful, I treasured the feeling of our collective Jewishness: the ruach generated by three thousand young men and women doesn't simply disappear after the closing ceremony. The fire kindled in the soul can not be put out so quickly. I am certain that with dignity and determination, the tefillin-wrapped arms and candle-lighting hands of our generation will guide the future of our people. And I am proud to be among them.

For more information on CTeen, please email Chanchie Krinsky at [Chanchie@ChabadofNH.com](mailto:Chanchie@ChabadofNH.com).

Bella Foroohar is a sophomore in high school. She lives in Warner with her parents and three sisters.



The New Hampshire Chapter of CTeen in New York's Times Square.



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## Senate Bill 727

Sen. Kahn, Dist 10  
March 2, 2020  
2020-0998s  
06/04

### Amendment to SB 727-FN-LOCAL

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to Holocaust and genocide studies legislation and establishing a commission to study genocide education.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Findings and Purpose. The general court finds that intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, and religious hatred and discrimination are incompatible with the fundamental principles of democracy, and that such ideologies and practices, when unchallenged, can lead to genocide. Recognizing that democratic institutions and values are not automatically sustained, but need active civic responsibility and engagement, the general court finds that it is necessary, as part of an adequate education, to ensure that students are taught the historical facts about the Holocaust and other genocides and how intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, and religious hatred and discrimination have evolved in the past, and can evolve, into genocide and mass violence. The general court further finds that through education about the Holocaust and other forms of genocide, their causes, the consequences of intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and hate, and the lessons to be drawn for the present, students will understand the fragility of democracy, the importance of democratic principles, and the power of individual choices in preventing genocide.

2 Criteria for an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 193-E:2, IV to read as follows:

IV. Knowledge of civics and government, economics, geography, ~~and~~ history, **and Holocaust and genocide education** to enable them to participate in the democratic process and to make informed choices as responsible citizens.

3 New Paragraphs; Adequate Public Education; Definitions. Amend RSA 193-E:3-a by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraphs:

II-a. "Genocide" means any of the following acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; or forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

II-b. "Holocaust" means the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately 6,000,000 Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

II-c. "Holocaust and genocide education" means studies on the Holocaust, genocide, and other acts of mass violence.

4 New Subparagraph; Instruction in National and State History and Government; Genocide Education. Amend RSA 189:11, I by inserting after subparagraph (i) the following new subparagraph:

(j) How intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred and discrimination have evolved in the past, and can evolve, into genocide and mass violence, such as the Holocaust, and how to prevent the evolution of such practices.

5 New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month. Amend RSA 4:13-t to read as follows:

4:13-t New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month. The governor shall annually proclaim the month of April as New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month and shall urge cities and towns throughout the state to observe this month in an appropriate manner commemorating the victims of genocides and educating the public about the ~~[evils of genocide and commemorating victims of genocide]~~ **importance of preventing intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, and religious hatred and genocide against any group of people.**

6 State Board of Education; Rulemaking. Following the receipt of the preliminary report of the commission on Holocaust and genocide education, established in RSA 193-E:2-f, the state board of education shall initiate rulemaking, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the recommendations of the commission.

7 New Section; Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education. Amend RSA 193-E by inserting after section 2-e the following new section:

193-E:2-f Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education.

I. There is established a commission to study best practices for teaching students how intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred and discrimination have evolved in the past, and can evolve into mass violence and genocide, such as the Holocaust.

II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The commissioner of education, or designee.

(d) One high school teacher, appointed by the governor.

(e) One middle school teacher, appointed by the governor.

(f) One school administrator, appointed by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association.

(g) One school curriculum coordinator, appointed by NEA-NH.

(h) The Roman Catholic bishop of Manchester, or designee.

(i) A representative of the New Hampshire Council of Churches, appointed by the council.

(j) A representative of the Keene state college Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide

Studies, appointed by the college president.

(k) Two members appointed by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, one of whom shall be a religious leader.

(l) Two survivors or direct descendants of a survivor of either the Holocaust or another genocide, one appointed by the president of the senate and one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(m) A representative appointed by the Anti-Defamation League, New England region.

III. The commission shall:

(a) Recommend model school district policies for Holocaust and genocide education.

(b) Recommend to the state board of education rules for fulfilling the Holocaust and genocide education requirement.

(c) Identify best practices for teaching Holocaust and genocide education and the appropriate number of hours of instruction at multiple grade levels.

(d) Identify existing teaching materials and curriculum as well as strategies and content for providing and enhancing genocide education to students.

(e) Identify in-service education opportunities for educators.

(f) Promote, within the schools and the general population of the state, implementation of Holocaust and genocide education.

IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eight members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over education, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the state board of education, the governor, and the state library. A preliminary report shall be submitted on or before January 1, 2021. An annual report shall be submitted on or before November 1, 2021 and each year thereafter. The commission shall monitor the implementation by grade, curriculum, and hours of instruction. A final report shall be submitted on or before November 1, 2024.

8 Repeal. RSA 193-E:2-f, relative to the commission on genocide education, is repealed.

9 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1-6 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. Section 8 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2024.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires Holocaust and genocide prevention education to be included in the criteria for an adequate education.

This bill also establishes a commission on Holocaust and genocide education.

# In the Community



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

March 2, 2020

Re: SB 727 (Holocaust and Genocide Education)

Dear Senator Kahn and Members of the Committee:

As Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, I write to express support for SB 727, a bill addressing Holocaust and genocide prevention education. I am grateful that Catholics in New Hampshire have this opportunity to stand in solidarity with all peoples who are the object of persecution and hatred, and especially with the Jewish people, who are, to use a phrase coined by Saint John Paul II, our elder brothers and sisters in faith. I thank Senator Kahn and the co-sponsors for introducing this bill.

That a bill like this is necessary is sadly evident. As Pope Francis noted in an address he gave in November, the world has "seen so many brutalities done against the Jewish people, and we were convinced that this was over. But today the habit of persecuting Jews is beginning to be reborn." Through time spent with my brothers and sisters in the Jewish community, I am aware that we have not been spared from this evil in New Hampshire.

And genocides are being carried out today, even now. The suffering include targeted populations in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Rohingya in Myanmar; and Christians in Iraq and Syria. It is undoubtedly true that, at this very moment, there are millions of people around the world who are targeted for death simply because of who they are or what they believe. We do not need much more in the way of proof that the lessons of the unprecedented atrocity that was the Holocaust have not been heeded.

It is fitting that this bill is brought forward in the year of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi extermination camps, because that connection shows the importance of remembering the historical events that occurred then and that continue to take place today. With issues as grave and broad as genocide and the Holocaust, it can be easy to become lost in generalities. The more that succeeding generations learn about the details of the historical record, though, the more they will understand the true realities of what happened in our past, what is happening in current events, and what could happen in the future.

In 1790, George Washington wrote his famous letter to the members of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, in which he stated that "the Government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." That letter closed with a prayer that I offer to you:

*May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants - while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.*

With deep appreciation for your service to the State of New Hampshire, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.  
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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

March 3, 2020

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development:

The New Hampshire Council of Churches is an ecumenical Christian body of nine diverse denominations: American Baptist, Greek Orthodox, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran, Society of Friends (Quaker), Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, United Methodist and Unitarian Universalist. All together, these denominations comprise nearly 400 congregations in the Granite State.

As the Executive Director of the Council, I stand with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire in urging you to support SB727. My urging is based on the beliefs and actions of the Council and its member denominations and our local congregations, for specifically these three reasons:

First, our member denominations oppose antisemitism, genocide and the Holocaust. This opposition takes various forms, including legislatively-approved position statements, endorsements of the Christian anti-Nazi document the *Theological Declaration of Barmen* and the repeated, spoken words of bishops and others holding an official teaching capacity.

Second, the NH Council of Churches hosted in 2019 and will again host this year teaching on the legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran pastor who led Christian resistance to Nazi rule. Bonhoeffer was killed at the Flossenbürg death camp on April 9, 1945. The Council has invited speakers to educate church members on Bonhoeffer's witness and the legacy of Christian resistance to the Holocaust. The Council also hopes to educate our state's churches on the dangers of Christian complicity and silence in the face of antisemitism.

Thirdly and finally, I urge support of SB727 because of the current witness of New Hampshire's churches. For many years, churches of all kinds have attended and supported the Holocaust memorial programs led by local synagogues. They have received with sadness the increasingly frequent reports of threats directed at their neighbor synagogues. They have expressed grief and solidarity during shared vigils following the Tree of Life synagogue murders and other antisemitic hate crimes.

With these three supports from our member denominations, from the state Council of Churches and from our local congregations, there is a foundation for Holocaust and genocide education already happening in New Hampshire. As good as this is, this needed education cannot be limited to our faith communities. I urge your support for SB727 which can bring this education into broader venues and prevent future silence and complicity in the face of such evils.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Jason Wells, Executive Director

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## A Better Future Requires Knowledge of the Past

Dear Senator Kahn (and other committee members),

My name is John Greabe. I teach constitutional law and direct the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service at the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law. I am sending this brief note because I teach tomorrow morning and will be unable to appear at the hearing to express my support for SB 727. The views I express are my own and are not those of the University of New Hampshire, the law school, or the Rudman Center.

I write in support of SB 727. I firmly believe that a lack of civic and historical knowledge has played an important contributing role in the corrosive dysfunction that we are currently experiencing in our public life. I also am a firm believer in the need for a renewed commitment to civics education. I have served for a number of years on the boards of two organizations devoted to

this purpose: the New Hampshire Supreme Court Society and the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education.

In my opinion, a sound civics education requires knowledge of the extent to which our institutions and culture--and the institutions and cultures of many other countries--are rooted in racism and its terrible effects. It also requires knowledge of the short and direct path from racism to genocide and the Holocaust. If enacted into law, SB 727 would ensure that New Hampshire students will possess this vital knowledge. Knowledge of the horrors of racism and genocide is indispensable if we are to avoid repeating the horrors of the past.

Many thanks for considering my views.

Sincerely,

John M. Greabe  
Director, Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service  
Professor of Law

## Educate Today's Youth to Prevent Tomorrow's Extremists

I write for the purpose of urging the Senate Education and Workforce Support Committee to support Senate Bill 727, the Genocide Education Act. As a former District Court Judge, now retired, I had several occasions to preside over cases involving hate based forms of vandalism, including swastikas burned into public roadways and ethnic and racial slurs, both on public and private property. The individuals involved were young adults and older juveniles. After a plea was entered, I felt that the incident required more engagement than imposing a fine and sending them to the clerk's window. I inquired, "why did you do this?" and the answer was generally, "we were just goofing around."

When asked what a swastikas was or represented, or how others might feel about the words they used, they did not know.

My sentence was either a large fine or a short reading list (including Elie Wiesel's *Night*) with a second court date, where the individual and I had a chambers conference where we discussed what had been learned. Not a one took the fine. Without exception, with sincere appreciation for what had been learned, each in his own way indicated that he would have never used the symbol or words that had been used, and actually thanked me for teaching him something. I never saw any of them again.

Our young people today have a weak grasp of history, and a genocide that occurred eighty years ago is as foreign to them as the Spanish American War.

Educating youth today may just serve to reduce the converts to future extremists groups.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Honorable Martha R. Crocker, Ret.



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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Sarit Itenberg, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH), a statewide umbrella organization that helps to foster a safe and healthy Jewish life here in the Granite State. In the past few years, we have witnessed a very significant and frightening rise in antisemitism. It has shifted our focus as an organization. Jewish people are simply feeling vulnerable. Federal funding for nonprofit security has been helpful but is only part of the solution.

Side by side with the ADL, JFNH is on the front lines of responding to victims of hate. Since 2017, 30 antisemitic incidents in New Hampshire have been reported to the ADL (that is a 64% increase over the previous 2 years). Additionally, there are countless more incidents that go unreported for fear of retaliation, or in cases of youth, fear of bullying. As we witness these acts of hate unfold in schools, parks, playgrounds, and in community, we are left to wonder what causes this special brand of ignorance? Why would someone do this? What can we do to stop it?

A swastika painted on a gazebo near a Manchester synagogue and dozens more painted on a new playground for children in Jaffrey, more symbols of hate on a public sidewalk in Portsmouth. Hate speared by white supremacists on social media ([Gab.com](http://Gab.com)). A YouTube video created by a NH teen stating that "all Jews should be killed" was seen by a Jewish peer. Middle and high school students bullied by hate speech and being told "go back to Hitler's ovens," and a student saluted by two different offenders with a "Heil Hitler." Federation was even informed that a teacher in our state who *did* teach the Holocaust to her classroom, got a late night phone call from a holocaust denying parent threatening her. These incidents are traumatizing to our children and the ignorance they breed should frighten us all.

The advancement of this legislation is critical to opening minds and shutting down this misguided hate. It is imperative that every NH student deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust and other genocides so that they can know the dangers of intolerance and bigotry in all of its forms. When children have this vital truth incorporated into their knowledge base, as my children have, they are more apt to embrace difference, and to speak out when this truth is challenged or used as a weapon.

The Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies and the ADL, as well as other organizations, offer *free* Holocaust and Genocide education curriculum to school teachers. We at JFNH will work to help the Department of Education and our teachers incorporate these resources for the benefit of NH's students. It is my hope that New Hampshire will join a growing list of states taking the lead in recognizing the importance of this mandate. Thank you for your time and your consideration of this very important bill.

Respectfully,

Dr. Sarit Itenberg  
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## Passage of This Legislation an Important Step in Battle Against Hate

I write for the purpose of urging the Senate Education and Workforce Support Committee in the strongest terms to support Senate Bill 727, the NH Genocide Education Act. A great number New Hampshire communities and individuals have been victimized by an ever increasing number of hate based acts. Even in my hometown of Jaffrey and the neighboring town of Rindge, we have experienced hate based forms of vandalism in recent years, including swastikas and other graffiti in our public playground – a place in our community where parents bring their young children on a regular basis and

which should be free from hate based messages. I believe that much of this problem is perpetrated by teens and young adults who have not been educated about the destructive consequences of hate, and historical events such as the Holocaust and other genocides which have resulted in the murder of millions of innocent people around the world because of their religion or ethnicity. Passage of this legislation that will educate our young people will be an important step forward in the battle against hate.

Jeff Crocker

## New Hampshire Students Don't Know Enough About the Holocaust

Dear Senators:

Good morning, my name is Mia Fishman.

I was born and raised in Bedford, New Hampshire and I'm currently a senior at Bedford High School and will be attending George Washington University next fall. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my story in support of this legislation. As one of the only Jewish students in Bedford, I have, unfortunately, been the subject of - or witnessed - Holocaust 'jokes' and anti-Semitic comments.

Briefly:

In 8th grade - during a Home Ec cooking class - a student laughingly told me I belonged in an oven.

In high school I saw a laptop, belonging to a fellow student, that used a swastika as the computer wallpaper.

And, as recently as this fall as a senior, I was told to go back to a Jewish concentration camp as I was walking down the hallway.

I have also heard students say that their teachers are "being a Jew" to describe their frustrations with their teachers on a given day. Having nothing to do with the teachers' faith.

Finally, I have heard boys exclaim gleefully, while playing video games with each other: "I killed you like a Jew."

I have no idea where these students above picked up their views on the

Holocaust and how they came to believe that it was something to make jokes about. I don't believe that my fellow students mentioned above are evil, I just think that they haven't received sufficient education to learn that the Holocaust is not a laughing matter. The only course that I took that mentioned the Holocaust at all was an IB history course I took in my junior year. I don't believe that I am exaggerating when I say that the entire Holocaust was not more than a page in our textbook and a 5 minute discussion in class. Because of this, students weren't given the information to grasp how bad this genocide was, or to understand its causes and the role that prejudice and stereotyping played.

Having been born and raised in Bedford, I never thought I would be looked at by others as someone who should be ridiculed or treated as "different". No student, regardless of his or her background and heritage, deserves to be subjected to that mindless prejudice.

It is my hope that the passage of this legislation will result in a more in-depth education in NH schools on the horrors of the Holocaust and the seriousness of genocide.

I thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Mia Fishman

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## Temple Beth Abraham Hosts a Sephardic Kabbalat Shabbat with Ahavat Olam

Nashua — Cantor Idan Irelander and his ensemble of Middle Eastern musicians will be bringing Temple Beth Abraham a very special Kabbalat Shabbat on April 24 at 8:00 pm. Cantor Idan, soon to be ordained a rabbi, grew up in Israel being exposed to the rich and varied musical traditions of the Sephardic, North African and Middle Eastern people there. As so little of that music is written, intensive research was required to collect the melodies, find the instruments, learn to play them and compose arrangements using the original melodies and instruments. Perhaps even more challenging was finding the master musicians who could play these instruments, some of whom are from countries that have difficult relationships with Israel. The original ensemble, formed five years ago, included musicians from Israel, Jordan, Syria, Iran, Palestine, and America in addition to Cantor Idan.



Cantor Idan Irelander

The visiting ensemble that will grace TBA's Kabbalat Shabbat includes musicians on oud, violin, Baglama Saz, Yaynei Tanbur, flute, guitar, and percussions. Idan was concerned that the musicians would refuse to participate as they

would be playing at a Jewish worship service and be directed by an Israeli; however, happily, that did not turn out to be a factor. All were very excited to participate in the project.

"This project has taught us," says Cantor Idan, "that music is a language of Peace," which is why he calls the ensemble Ahavat Olam, "World Love."

Cantor Idan, who will be playing acoustic guitar and saz (Turkish instrument), will be joined by musicians playing flute, violin, yaynei tanbur (Turkish instrument), percussion, and oud.

Cantor Irelander, a native of Netanya, Israel, began his musical journey as a bass player at the young age of 15. He played with several famous musical groups and singers, including Yoram

Gaon. He left Israel in 1997 to study at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, receiving awards for excellence in composition and film scoring. Since 1999, Cantor Irelander has fulfilled roles as cantor, spiritual leader, music director, and educator at Temple Emanuel in Andover, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of the Cantor-Educator Program and has earned a Masters in Jewish Education from Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. He will receive his rabbinic ordination on April 22, just two days before his visit to Temple Beth Abraham.

The musical program is sponsored by the Temple Beth Abraham Program Committee with the support of a mini grant from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

## A Family's Journey to Freedom: Temple Beth Abraham and Rivier University Observe Yom HaShoah

By Sheryl Rich-Kern

In collaboration with Rivier University, Temple Beth Abraham welcomes New Hampshire native Sonia Ascher to the annual Yom HaShoah observance on Monday, April 20 at the Dion Center on Clement Street in Nashua at 7 PM.

This event commemorates the lives and heroism of all people who died in the Holocaust.

Featured speaker Ascher is from Manchester, where her immigrant parents established a successful furniture business. Growing up, Ascher understood that her parents, Alfred and Edith Ascher, were Holocaust survivors; she knew they experienced trauma in Nazi Germany. But it wasn't until she began researching her parents' history over the last two decades that she learned the nuances of their multi-layered narratives. Her research, detailed in a 75-page self-published memoir, *Surviving the Holocaust: One Family's Journey*, chronicles the horrific night of Kristallnacht in November of 1938 when soldiers smashed the Aschers' elegant shoe store

in Chemnitz, Germany, her father's internment at Buchenwald, her parents' nine-month exile in Belgium, and their eventual journey by ship to America in 1940.

Ascher, who currently lives in Nashua, is a retired leadership and management consultant for the banking industry. She owns Sonia's View, a business offering note cards and other photo images. She is currently writing a second book, *How Far We Have Come: A Family's Holocaust Journey from Horror to Hope to Healing*, describing the impact of parents' trauma on their children and grandchildren.

In addition to Ascher's presentation and a question-and-answer session, there will be a candle-lighting ceremony memorializing victims of the Holocaust. Temple Beth Abraham's Zimria Choir will perform with the Nashua Community Interfaith Choir.

The event is free and open to the public. No RSVPs are necessary. For more information, contact Sheryl Rich-Kern at (603) 881-7264 or email her at sherylrichkern@gmail.com.

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## New Hampshire and the Coronavirus

By Alexander Granok, MD

By now, it's clear that COVID-19 (short for CORonaVirus Disease-2019) is a public health problem of unprecedented significance. In the span of a couple of months, it's gone from a mysterious illness in central China to a global epidemic. In the United States, our

first two patients fell ill on January 14, 2020 and as of March 10, we are up to 647 cases and counting. Although the majority of those who are infected will have a mild illness, older individuals and those with other chronic medical conditions have a higher risk of severe disease. Overall, 1-3% of those who get the infection will die from it. This is a small

number, but on the scale of the whole country, it's significant.

Things that you can do to keep from getting sick, to protect others, and to prepare include:

1. Wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers, regularly. Hand-to-face contact is felt to be the primary way that this disease spreads.



Dr. Alexander Granok,  
infectious disease specialist

2. Do not travel to countries currently experiencing high levels of infection. Currently, this includes China, Iran, Italy and South Korea.
3. Keep common household items, including food, in stock. Think of what you'd need if you couldn't get to the store for a couple of weeks. This is good general advice in an area that experiences severe winter storms.
4. Do not visit other people if you have a fever or an unexplained cough.

Wearing a mask in public is NOT recommended, except if you yourself are sick and coughing. Currently, there are no recommended restrictions on travel within the United States, or on public gatherings. Should the situation change, it's possible that public health authorities may start to close schools or recommend canceling events, but in general, that hasn't happened yet.

You can read more about the epidemic on the CDC website. They have a very good FAQ's page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>. You can also read the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human coronavirus page: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>. The situation has been changing nearly daily, so refer to these pages, often, for the most up-to-date information.

Dr. Granok is an infectious disease specialist with Infectious Disease Associates and Travel Medicine, in Merrimack. He is on the medical staffs of Southern NH Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital, Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center. He, his wife April, and their son, Eadric, have been Manchester residents since 2001.

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## TAY Hosts Yom HaShoah Service and Speakers

Manchester — On Monday, April 20 at 7 pm, Temple Adath Yeshurun will host its annual Yom HaShoah Service. Our speaker that evening will be Rabbi Stephen Lewis Fuchs. Rabbi Fuchs, scholar, speaker, and Rabbi Davidson's first boss, will share some of the experiences described in his latest book, ... And Often the First Jew.

Rabbi Fuchs and his wife Vickie are both children of Holocaust survivors. Rabbi Fuchs tells of the arrest and brutal treatment that his father, Leo Fuchs, received at the onset of Kristallnacht and how he was able to survive. Rabbi Fuchs writes about his opportunities to teach about the horrors of the Holocaust in the very place where the Nazi era began, and where listeners often have little knowledge of this tragic period in their own history.

As Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism wrote, "... Rabbi Stephen Fuchs takes us on a

journey of healing and hope to Germany... painful remembrances are framed with uplifting teachings that testify to the resilience of the human spirit...."

On Sunday afternoon, April 19, also at TAY, beginning at 2 pm, Vickie Fuchs will share her experiences teaching the Holocaust to German high school students. Ms. Fuchs holds a master's degree in education with an emphasis on counseling. From Breslau to Barcelona is based on her mother Stefanie Steinberg's experiences in Germany, her flight to the United States, and how her talent in the visual arts helped her.

This year, TAY's Lifelong Learning Committee has explored the question: "What is Jewish Art?" Sharing her mother's story will give Ms. Fuchs's listeners another opportunity to explore the power of art.

Both presentations are open to all; please call the TAY office at 603-669-5650 to RSVP if you plan on attending.

## Etz Hayim Hosts Yom Ha'Shoah Observance

By Stephen Soreff

Derry — On Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM, Etz Hayim Synagogue will hold its annual Yom Ha'Shoah Holocaust observance. As the number of survivors continues to decline, their stories must be told and retold so the world will never forget. Please join the members of Etz Hayim as Laurie Medrek shares her family's experiences during the Holocaust. Laurie will tell of her father's escape from Ostrog, Po-

land, her aunts' rescue by Righteous Gentiles, her uncle's survival of seven concentration camps, and the extermination of her extended family. She will explore the current uprising of anti-Semitism and its parallels to the past. She will also discuss the current status of Senate Bill 727, which would mandate Holocaust and genocide education in our schools. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Road in Derry. The Yom Ha'Shoah event is free and open to the public.

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## Only In New Hampshire: Appreciating the Possibilities of the Presidential Primary

By Ari Garnick

I've been immersed in the New Hampshire presidential primary since my infancy, wheeled in my stroller from campaign rally to house party well before I knew my red states from my blue states. Whether gleefully accepting balloons from Vermont Governor Howard Dean or having a meltdown in the arms of former NATO commander Wesley Clark, my earliest years in the political circus were spent having no idea what made any of these people so important.

My first 15 minutes of fame came when I was 9 years old, being featured on NBC's "Meet the Press" for asking 2012 Republican presidential candidates, "Which superhero would you want to be and why?" I learned that while Mitt Romney, Herman Cain, and Rick Perry may have had different ideas for running the U.S. government, they saw eye to X-ray-vision-eye when it came to being fans of Superman. I've been enthralled with the primary ever since, paying attention to issues of greater importance as I track down every candidate I can.

Living in New Hampshire is the only reason I've been lucky enough to see so many candidates in person. During the 2020 primary season, I listened to Bernie Sanders give his spiel as I stood in a crowded coffee shop in Merrimack, enjoyed a hummus platter as I watched Amy Klobuchar speak in Manchester, and took pictures with Elizabeth Warren outside a big red barn in Hollis. I've also seen Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg, and Tulsi Gabbard, but my most surprising experience was when I stumbled into attending this February's Democratic Debate.

Along with a handful of my friends from Camp Tevya, I headed to the campus of St. Anselm College a couple hours before the debate began. My plan was to see students gathering in support of their favorite candidates and, hopefully, bump into Vermin Supreme, a staple of the primary known for wearing a rubber boot on his head. But when we walked into the college's Institute of Politics, we were greeted by a woman who shocked us by kindly asking if we wanted to go to the debate. After a short ride in a shuttle van and a series of security lines, we found ourselves in a red-white-and-blue-spangled hockey rink turned debate hall. Our seats were just a few rows from the stage where seven of



Ari Garnick with Elizabeth Warren during the 2020 presidential primary.



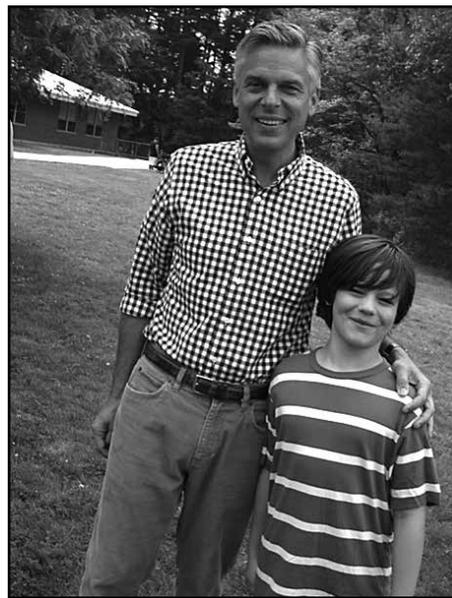
Ari Garnick with Camp Tevya friends Ethan Goodman, Max Woolf, Justin Lewitus, Jacob Nagel, and Zach Sherman with Vermin Supreme during the 2020 presidential primary.

the most prominent Democratic candidates would get the chance to tell America why they were the best choice for our next president.

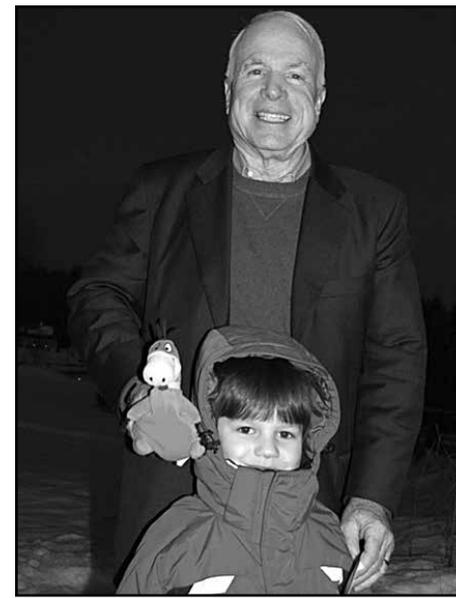
I was extremely grateful for the opportunity and enjoyed the spectacle of the debate. But I found that my friends, who hailed from Massachusetts, Maine, and Connecticut, were far more blown away than I was. Years of New Hampshire primary events had spoiled me, and I didn't find the debate to be all that much crazier than a typical town hall meeting.

That same week, I returned to Manchester for a years-later follow-up news appearance with NBC New York, discussing both my Superhero Primary of 2012 and my present-day political views. I spoke with reporter Melissa Russo about my belief that in a perfect world, voters would back the candidate that truly resonated with them, rather than strategize about who they'd consider the safest bet to be elected. Though interviews like this are a rare opportunity for any teenager, the New Hampshire primary gives every voter's opinion the attention usually reserved for a political pundit.

Throughout all of my experiences meeting candidates, I've found that it's easy to tell when someone's shtick truly resonates with me and I feel a natural connection to who they are. Every time voters make their decision to support a



Ari Garnick with Jon Huntsman during the 2012 presidential primary.



Ari Garnick with John McCain during the 2008 presidential primary.

candidate, they're choosing to support a person, not just a platform. When it comes to getting a close look at what kind of people we're electing, nowhere is better than New Hampshire – and I

can't wait to cast my first ballot when November comes around.

Ari Garnick is a senior at Souhegan High School in Amherst.

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## In the Community

### Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition to Speak at Temple Israel Portsmouth

Portsmouth — Do you know that close to 100 people are currently detained at the Strafford County Jail for issues related to their immigration status? Why are these people incarcerated locally and across the country? Where do these people come from? How long are they detained? What is it like for them in detention? What can we do to help?

The Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (SISC) is comprised of individuals and faith communities working together to ensure that sanctuary is available to immigrants in Seacoast New Hampshire. Members of the Coalition, as people of faith, stand

together for love, justice and solidarity.

Community members are invited to attend a presentation on the issue at Temple Israel, 200 State Street in Portsmouth, on Sunday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. SISC members Peggy Kieschnick and Charlotte Ramsey will lead a discussion about recent immigration policy repercussions in the Seacoast, the Coalition's work to help immigrants, and the community support network necessary to provide a safety net. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to the temple office by calling 603-436-5301 or emailing [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org).

### TBI's Jewish Food Festival's Online Store Opens for Business

By Barbara Katz

Laconia — Temple B'Nai Israel's 23rd annual Jewish Food Festival will take place on Sunday, July 13. Want to avoid the crowds? Want to be assured that you will get what you want in the quantities you desire? The online store opens for pre-orders on April 26.

Many of the homemade foods that have become Jewish Food Festival favorites are available only by pre-order from the Take Home Menu on the TBI website, [www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org). The online menu items are packaged and frozen to be reheated at home. The menu includes blintzes, beef brisket, meat and potato knishes (all new flaky crust with hand trimmed and hand ground beef brisket filling in the meat knishes and riced, seasoned potatoes in the potato knishes), latkes (potato pancakes), matzo ball soup, noodle kugel, stuffed cabbage, rugelach, and strudel. Also available for pre-order will be freshly packaged chopped herring, corned beef, pastrami, tongue, and chopped chicken liver. In addition, for the first time, order six packs of bagels and pints of cream cheese, all handmade by Winnepesaukee Bay Gulls of Gilford and Moultonborough.



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## In the Community

### SNHJMC Presents “How to Avoid Needing a Cardiologist”

By Paul Moverman

Nashua — Steven L. Schwartz, MD, FACC, will discuss “How to Avoid Needing a Cardiologist,” on Sunday, April 19, at 9:30 AM at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street, Nashua.

After graduating from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine 36 years ago, Dr. Schwartz continued his studies by completing fellowships at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the New England Medical Center in Boston. As a member of Foundation Cardiology in Nashua, Dr. Schwartz’s subspecialties are General Cardiology, Adult Congenital Heart Disease, and Cardiac Electrophysiology. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Electrocardiography. Based upon nomination by his peers in recognition of his professional activities and training, Dr. Schwartz is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He also is the cardiologist of several members of the SNHJMC.

Dr. Schwartz will discuss how to live a heart-healthy lifestyle that reduces the likelihood of you needing a cardiologist. We are all looking forward to a very interesting and informative presentation that may actually change your life!

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men’s Club is proud to sponsor Dr. Schwartz’s presentation, which will start with our monthly Sunday Breakfast at 9:30 AM. Our kitchen crew will be preparing a sumptuous feast of eggs, waffles, potatoes, bagels, lox and whitefish salad with veggies, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. The cost for breakfast is \$8.00 for Men’s Club members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, and to RSVP for breakfast (please), email [breakfastsvp@snhjmc.org](mailto:breakfastsvp@snhjmc.org).

Please note that our Board of Directors is aware of everyone’s concern surrounding the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and all of our events will be in compliance with Temple Beth



Cardiologist Steven Schwartz, MD, FACC, will speak at TBA on April 19.

Abraham’s preparedness measures, which you may read about at <https://www.tbanashua.org/coronavirus-advisory.html>. Any specific concerns that you may have regarding our Monthly Sunday Breakfasts may be directed to our President, Don Gorelick at [president@snhjmc.org](mailto:president@snhjmc.org).

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men’s Club was founded in 1982 and meets monthly for Sunday brunches. The club’s mission is to build a brotherhood of like-minded men who wish to share their commitment and values with those in the greater New Hampshire Jewish community. The SNHJMC has provided quality programming such as a town hall-style political event each fall and our annual children’s breakfast, which this year featured a science exhibit designed to both educate and entertain young minds. The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men’s Club is a non-profit organization serving all of southern New Hampshire’s Jewish communities, regardless of synagogue membership, for over thirty years. If you or someone you know would like to join our Men’s Club please contact our President, Don Gorelick, via email: [president@snhjmc.org](mailto:president@snhjmc.org) or visit our website at <http://www.snhjmc.org>.

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## Temple B'nai Israel Hosts We Care Benefit Concert

By Barbara Katz

Meredith — Returning by popular demand, Five O'Clock Shadow (focs.com) will perform on May 23 to benefit the Bridge House (tbhshelter.org) based in Plymouth. These guys love what they do, and their joy is contagious, as was evident in their nearly sold out We Care performance last May. The concert will take place at the Inter-Lakes High School. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for complimentary snacks and desserts. The show will begin at 7:45 P.M. Tickets are \$29.00 per person and are available online at WWW.TBINH.ORG. Students with ID pay just \$10.00 at the door, and children 12 and under will be admitted free with paying adults.



Five O'Clock Shadow is one of Boston's premiere vocal groups. What began as a simple a cappella group morphed into a vocal powerhouse. They started as street singers in 1991 with simple doo wop and jazz harmonies, and found ways

to mimic drum sounds and instruments like trumpets, harmonicas, and guitars. Five O'Clock Shadow is unlike anything heard or seen before. Their rock-solid leads and harmonies create unique vocal textures that excite, entertain, and inspire audiences of all ages.

Net proceeds from the concert will benefit programs and housing for the homeless provided by the Bridge House. The Bridge House believes in the worth and dignity of all individuals and provides services to help men, women, families and veterans build the skills needed for healthy independence. The Bridge House provides information, referrals, emergency shelter, food, job training, transitional living support, and after-care to over 175 individuals and families each year, representing between 5,000 and 7,000 bed nights plus countless support visits to the area. The 20+ bed facility is located on the Whole Village Family Resource Center campus in Plymouth and serves both single adults (male



A Capella group Five O'Clock Shadow will perform at the We Care Benefit Concert.

and female) and families. Services are statewide and beyond, with the strongest concentration in the North Country, Grafton County, and Lakes Region. Bridge House offers specialized services for veterans as well as financial assis-

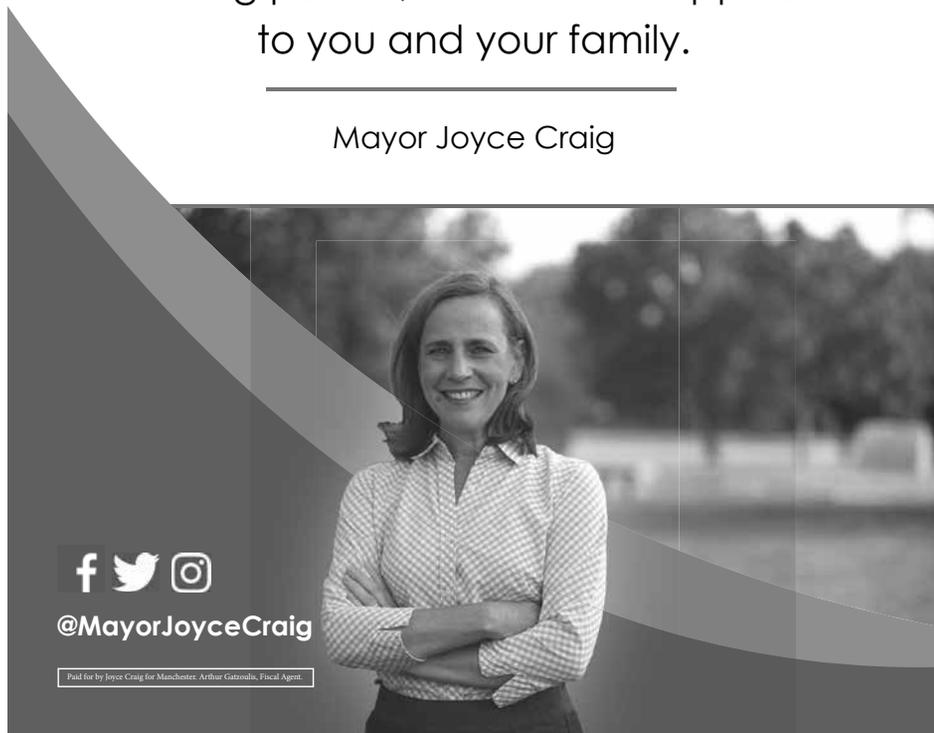
tance through "NH Funds 4 Our Vets." The Bridge House's goal is to end homelessness, one family at a time.

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## Stay Home and Explore the World with Free Online Tours and Classes

By Hannah Boyd

In addition to the streaming services and educational programming offered by New Hampshire congregations and JFNH, a number of Jewish organizations offer virtual tours and classes completely free of charge. Enjoy!

- JFNH's own Shlichah Avia Sagron will be offering fun, innovative, and community-building virtual programs like last week's streaming challah bake. Make sure you've registered for JFNH emails to hear the latest.
- Always wanted to go to Harvard? "Judaism Through its Scriptures" explores the diversity of Jews and Judaism, facts about the primary Jewish texts, and why these sacred texts still matter. <https://online-learning.harvard.edu/course/judaism-through-its-scriptures>
- You don't need to visit New York to tour the Jewish Museum: <https://tours.thejewishmuseum.org>.
- Sign up for a free online course through the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers. Topics include the "History of Zionism," "Jews Under Islam," "The

Inquisition," and the "Israeli Political System." <https://bildnercenter.rutgers.edu/online-studies>

- PJ Library is your kids' hub for story-time, sing-alongs, dance mixes, and family-friendly podcasts. <https://pjlibrary.org/listen>
- Yad Vashem offers free online courses about anti-Semitism and the Holocaust. <https://www.yadvashem.org/education/online-courses.html>
- Delve into the evolution of Yiddish theatre or learn about the rich history of Jewish life in Eastern Europe with YIVO's entertaining and enlightening Shine online courses, featuring an array of leading scholars and including nearly 1,000 archival objects. To register, go to [yivo.org/shine](http://yivo.org/shine).
- As social distancing becomes the norm for young people around the world, BBYO is offering
- *BBYO On Demand*, which will feature a variety of online programs including art classes, video game tournaments, book clubs, chapter meetings, coffee house/open mic performances, cooking demonstrations, community service projects, prayer services, Esports matchups, TikTok challenges, and more.

## Congregation Betenu Hosts Family-Friendly Golf Tournament

Jaffrey — Now that the snow has finally melted, golfers are invited to get in the swing for spring by joining Congregation Betenu at its Second Annual Golf Tournament in Jaffrey on Sunday, May 17.

Tournament organizer Scott Matson has been hard at work putting together a fun event for golfers of all skill levels, set within view of beautiful Mount Monadnock at Shattuck Golf Club. Prizes will be awarded for lowest team score, longest drive and closest to the pin honors, with a delicious steak dinner at day's end for all participants. Registration is open to individuals or foursomes at a cost of \$100 per person, with a May 1 deadline for entries.

Participants can expect plenty of laughs and fun in the spirit of last year's inaugural tournament, a Florida-style best ball scramble on the challenging Shattuck Golf Club course. Family-

friendliness is a key goal for Matson, whose two sons, Sam and Seth, attend Betenu's religious school in Amherst. While the boys are a year or two away from joining the field, the tournament's first multi-generational Betenu team is expected to return again this year in the partnership of longtime member Dave Spokane and his son Matt. Why not come out and join them?

Playing with family may be a good luck charm, as Spokane and his team won last year's tournament. He plans to defend his trophy, but welcomes more competition. "We have a winning attitude," he said, "and that will put us on top."

"The golf tournament has provided our Congregation with a fun new activity as well as a fundraiser. We look forward to sharing it with all our friends," said Betenu President Elsa Conrad.

For details and registration, visit Congregation Betenu at [www.betenu.org](http://www.betenu.org).

## Temple Beth Abraham Hosts CRASE Training

Nashua — Law enforcement officers and agencies are frequently asked by schools, businesses, and community members for direction on what they should do if confronted with an active shooter event. On Sunday, April 5, the Nashua Police Department will present CRASE, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, training at Temple Beth Abraham from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004, provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills.

As part of the classroom presentation

on "Civilian Response to Active Shooter," attendees will learn about proven strategies that can be employed in an active shooter/active threat situation to increase the odds of survival during the timeframe that exists between when an active shooter situation starts and when the police arrive.

During the "Emergency Casualty Care" portion of the training, attendees will receive classroom and hands-on instruction in bleeding control techniques that have proven to be effective during active shooter/active threat situations. The topics of tourniquets, pressure bandages, chest seals and other emergency casualty care treatments will be covered.

This event is free and open to the public, but there is a limit of 25 participants. To register, please visit <https://www.tbanashua.org/event/crase-training.html>



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## New Hampshire Council of Churches Presents *A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Derry/Berlin — The New Hampshire Council of Churches, an ecumenical Christian organization comprised of approximately 400 churches, was, along with JFNH, a strong supporter of Senate Bill 727, the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Bill. This support was inspired in part by their understanding of the legacy of Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a member of the Christian resistance in Nazi Germany. Bonhoeffer was executed at the Flossenbürg death camp on April 9, 1945.

Adapted and performed by Al Staggs, *The View From the Underside* is a one-person play set in the prison cell where

Bonhoeffer awaits execution. There will be two local performances, one on Thursday, April 16 at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Derry, and one on Friday, April 17 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Berlin. Tickets must be reserved in advance at <https://nhchurches.org/bonhoeffer>. The suggested donation is \$20 per ticket.

Reverend Jason Wells, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Council of Churches and an active participant in numerous interfaith activities, writes that he hopes the play will “educate our state’s churches on the dangers of Christian complicity and silence in the face of antisemitism.”

## An Evening of Remembrance at Temple Israel Portsmouth: Local Writers Honor Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust Era

Portsmouth — Temple Israel Portsmouth invites you to join us in the Shmoozatorium at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 for light refreshments, followed at 7:00 p.m. by presentations in the Social Hall by two Seacoast writers.

Sandell Morse is the author of *The Spiral Shell: A French Village Reveals Its Secrets of Jewish Resistance in World War II*. In this haunting memoir, Sandell discovers stories of bravery and resistance in a small town in southern France, and in turn finds deeper meaning and understanding of her own Jewish heritage, denied to her in her childhood.

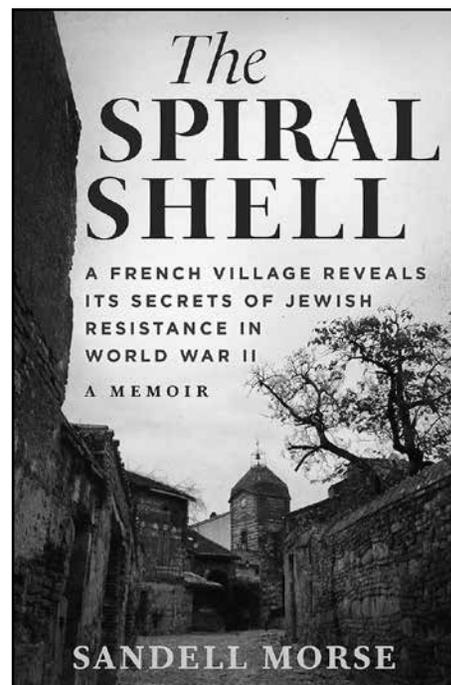
Catherine Ruth Jones is the author of



*Quiet Courage: The Story of a World War II WAC*. This is a true story, written from the heart, about the author’s mother, a brave woman who put her life on hold to enlist in the first company of the Women’s Army Corps to help defeat the Nazis in World War II.

The exhibit “Jewish Weddings” from the archives of the Beit Hatfutsot Museum in Tel Aviv will also be on display, along with congregant art and photos affirming Jewish survival and joy.

This interfaith community event is free and open to the public.



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## The Joke of the Month As told by Rabbi Levi Krinsky

Four guys — an Englishman, a Frenchman, a German and a Jew — go hiking and get terribly lost. First they run out of food, then out of water. “I’m so thirsty,” says the Englishman, “I must have tea.” “I’m so thirsty,” says the Frenchman, “I must have wine.” “I’m so thirsty,” says the German, “I must have beer.” “I’m so thirsty,” says the Jew, “I

must have diabetes.”

— A version of this joke appeared in *No Joke: Making Jewish Humor* by Ruth Wisse, but the origin is unknown.

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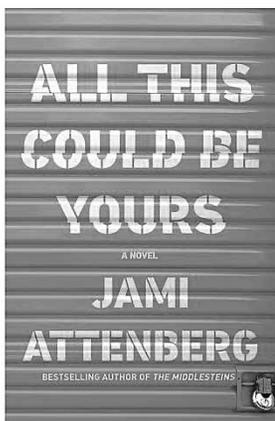
Reviewed by Merle Carrus

A Struggling Family Says Goodbye in *All This Could Be Yours*

Jami Attenberg, author of *The Middlesteins* and *All Grown Up*, brings readers another novel about dysfunctional families with *All This Could Be Yours*.

The plot is complicated by the number of characters and how they come and go throughout the book. Main characters are Barbra and Victor Tuchman, parents of Alex and Gary. The book opens with Victor being brought to the hospital by ambulance and his wife calling the children to inform them that their father is dying.

Of course, this is a dysfunctional family, so as we glance back into the past, we hear the story of family interactions from each of the main charac-



ters. Barbra reflects on her stormy marriage, how and why she stayed in the marriage, and how she feels now that it is ending. Her daughter Alex comes

back to see her mother, hoping for answers to the unsettled childhood she experienced and wants closure for. Her mother feels all this should be left in the past.

Gary avoids the whole situation by remaining unreachable in California, not wanting to confront the past or acknowledge the present. His marriage is in turmoil, and he is trying to figure out where to go from here.

Alex goes into the hospital room with her unconscious father and talks to him about their shared past. "I do not for-

give you for making me believe less in the possibility of good in the world. I do not forgive you for spitting on the notion of family."

Her mother tells her that if she makes peace with him now, she will have fewer regrets when he is gone. Alex thinks, "Who didn't want to get along with their father? Who didn't want their daddy's love? 'Everything is just business', he said. A claim with which she could not argue, she knew for him that was true. Still, it was then she knew, truly, he was bad. A bad capitalist."

As each family member wrestles with their own relationship to Victor and the results of his harshness toward them, we learn about Victor's history and how each affected person tries to move forward with the others, for themselves and for their children.

Then there are the outlying people

whom the Tuchmans encounter throughout their daily lives. These characters are brought in and they interact and float through the plot in various ways to move the story along.

The characters in this novel are Jewish, and there is a feeling about their Judaism throughout the book. Victor and Barbra are first generation children of Russian immigrants who settled on the East Coast. Attenberg said in an interview that she thinks of the Jewishness of her characters as a characteristic, not that they are particularly religious.

Jami Attenberg is a *New York Times* bestselling author. She has written seven books of fiction, including *The Middlesteins* and *All Grown Up*. She has contributed essays to the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Sunday Times*, and *Longreads*. She lives in New Orleans.

*Wishing you a peaceful and joyous Passover. Happy Pesach!*

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## Patriots Wide Receiver Julian Edelman Studying for Bar Mitzvah During NFL Offseason

By Shiryn Ghermezian

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New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman is spending some time during the NFL offseason studying in Los Angeles for his bar mitzvah, he told Los Angeles magazine on Tuesday.

“My dad is Jewish,” Edelman, 33, said at an event in Los Angeles hosted by the Ruderman Family Foundation. “I converted pretty much. I’m going to have a bar mitzvah here soon. I speak with a rabbi every Friday. He’s from out here.”

Edelman did not reveal the date of his bar mitzvah.

The three-time Super Bowl champion added that he had attended synagogue in Boston during football season, but noted, “I only go once a year.”

The Jewish athlete has traveled to



*New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman celebrates with team owner Robert Kraft after winning Super Bowl LIII, Feb. 3, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Mike Segar. Reprinted with permission of the algemeiner.*

Israel in the past and in 2018 wore customized cleats that honored the 11 people killed in the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre.

He wore different customized cleats this past December to support baseball in Israel.



*Dancers Emily Wozer and Haley McCarron. Photo courtesy of Mary Beth Marino.*

## UNH Dance Company Debuts Israeli Choreographer’s New Show

Jerusalem Dance Theater, Panov Ballet, and Israeli National Ballet Company veteran Assaf Benchetrit has helped choreograph an original performance that will run at the Johnson Theater at the University of New Hampshire from April 2 through April 5.

The show explores the impact of human pollution on the ocean ecosystem through ballet, tap, jazz, and aerial dance. Performers journey beneath the waves to swim with turtles and other sea creatures, only to encounter trash monsters created by the waste humans have left behind. They experience firsthand the devastation that plastics

have wrought on the fragile habitat.

A graduate of the Rubin Academy for Music and Dance in Jerusalem, Benchetrit received a “Remarkable Dancer” award from the Israeli government that allowed him to continue training during military service. He performed throughout Europe and the United States and taught at Yale, Barnard, and Rutgers before becoming an Assistant Professor of Theater and Dance at the UNH.

Tickets are available at [www.UNHArts.com](http://www.UNHArts.com) or by calling the Paul Creative Arts Center ticket office at 603-862-7222.



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## Sandy Koufax — One Of The Greatest Pitchers In Baseball History

By Paul Bieber

And Jewish, too. Sandy was born in December, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York, as Sanford Braun, but took his stepfather's name when his mother remarried. In the days when Brooklyn was the Jewish center of America, he lived for sports and Judaism. His next-door neighbor was Buddy Hackett, who went on to fame in movies and television.

Sandy was a star basketball player and a talented baseball player at International High School in Borough Park, Brooklyn, graduating in 1953 with a baseball scholarship to the University of Cincinnati. He worked out at the famous Polo Grounds Stadium, home of the New York Giants, hoping to catch the eye of the New York Yankees, the Giants, or the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The Dodgers finally signed Sandy in 1955 when baseball in America was the most talked about subject at home. Sandy was a "bonus baby," receiving an \$8,000 signing bonus. Rules of the game at that point required that he remain on the

major league team for at least two years before he could be sent down to the minors. He never made it to the minors.

The Dodgers moved to Los Angeles in 1957, taking Sandy with them. His career started weakly. He had a sub .500 record for a couple of years and struggled to keep his fast ball in the strike zone.

Sandy became half of a new record with Norm Sherry, his catcher, on May 7, 1960, when they became the first all-Jewish pitcher/catcher in a game. Norm went on to have a huge impact on Sandy's career. At spring training, 1961, Sandy was having control problems, again, with Norm's catching. He had walked the bases loaded. Norm went out to the mound and told Sandy to relax and just throw the ball to his mitt and not to worry about the batter. Sandy did and went on to strike out the side.

The rest, they say, is history. Throwing more curve balls made his fast ball even harder to hit, because the batters wouldn't know which pitch was coming. From that day forward, Sandy became

the best pitcher in baseball. He was given the nickname "the Rabbi" by the scholar Rabbi Brad Hirschfield.

You can see how his record changed: in three years as a Brooklyn Dodger, his record was nine wins and ten losses. As an LA Dodger, from 1958-1960, his record was 27 wins and 30 losses. Between 1961 and 1966, he won 98 games and lost only 47. During the last ten years of his career, he averaged 237 strike-outs per year, a record setting number. Still, he was loved by everyone in the league.

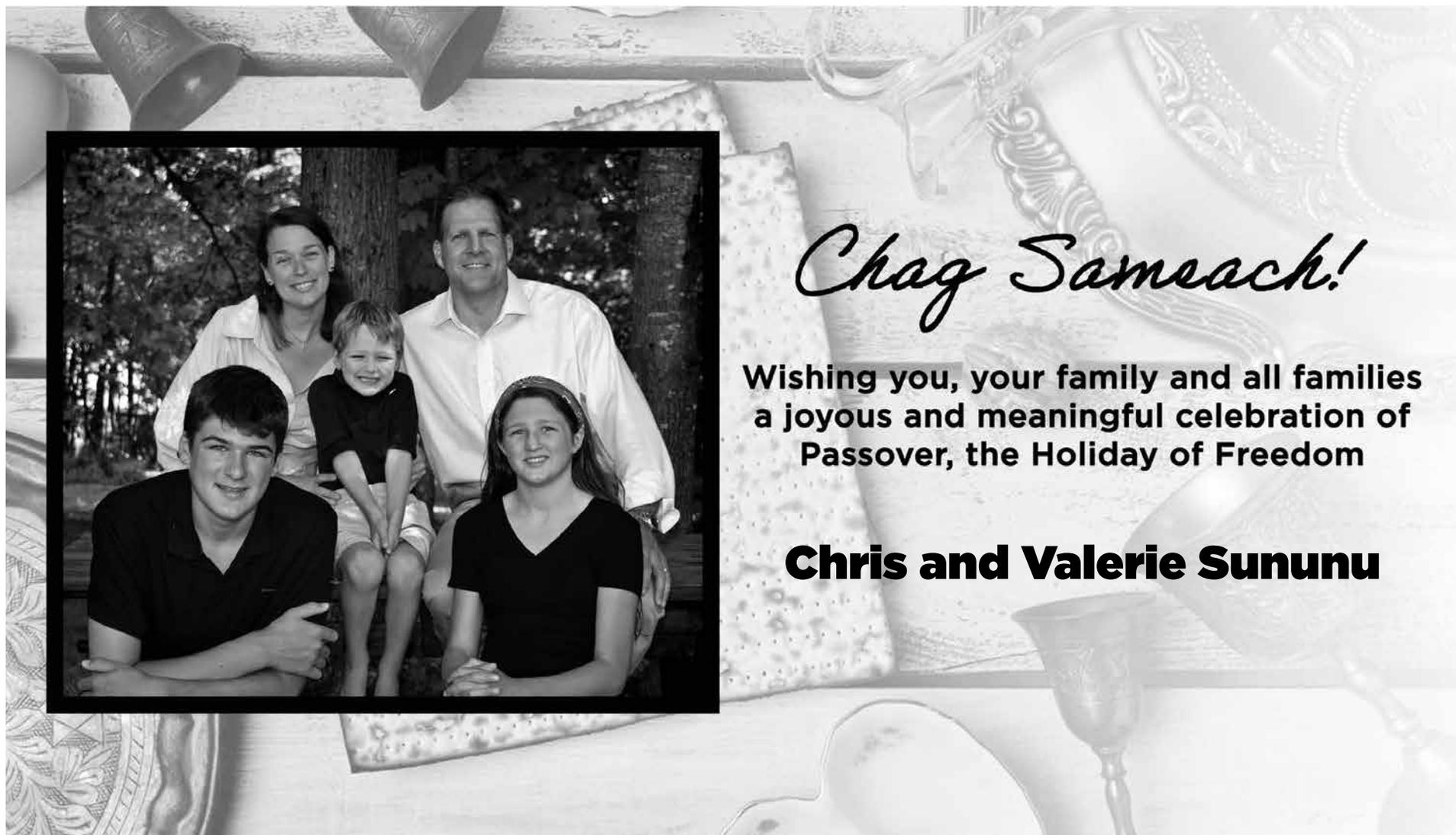
Sandy was, and still is, arguably the best left-handed pitcher in baseball. He threw four no-hitters and a perfect game against the Chicago Cubs in 1965, striking out the last six batters he faced. Sandy was a great pitcher, but what makes him stand out to all Americans is game one of the 1965 World Series where the opening game was scheduled for Yom Kippur. Sandy told the Dodgers that he was not available that day, but would gladly pitch on the second day of the series. Sandy earned the respect of his teammates and every Jew in the

world. He was proud of being a Jew, and also proud that the Dodgers honored his request. The Dodgers went on to win that World Series.

Sandy won three Cy Young awards for best pitcher in the league, one Most Valuable Player in all of Baseball, and one MVP for the National League. Twice, Sandy was named as the World Series MVP. He retired after the 1966 season due to severe arthritis, and was honored by being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York in 1972, the youngest member at age 36.

Sandy is a great ambassador for the game of baseball. He became a mentor to Dodgers pitchers while he played. Every spring training, since he retired, he has gone back to the Dodgers to help with rookie pitchers. He also began coming to the NY Mets camps as the Mets cover his old hometown of Brooklyn.

Jane Leavy, a noted Washington Post writer, said, "He was the New Patriarch: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Sandy." I agree.



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## Women of Valor: the Chabad Women's Conference

By Chanchie Krinsky

If you'd like to be surrounded by empowered Jewish women leading their communities with love and compassion, the annual Chabad Conference of *Shluchos* is chock-full of them. This year, over the weekend of Feb 14-16, approximately 3,000 Chabad women joined together for a chance to learn, network, meet old friends, and gain inspiration.

The timing of the convention always coincides with the anniversary of the passing of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, wife of the Chabad-Lubavitcher Rebbe. The Rebbetzin's influence on the Chabad-Lubavitch movement was enormous, but she deliberately remained outside of the limelight. An erudite and wise woman, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka carried the mantle of her revered and exalted position in a humble and unpretentious fashion — a lesson we can all take to heart in today's "selfie" culture.

This was my 4th year attending the conference, while my mom, Shternie Krinsky, Co-Director of Chabad of New Hampshire, attended for her 30th year this winter (missing a year here and there — she did raise nine children, after all).

The highlight of the weekend for me was being amongst so many powerhouses. While some are outgoing, and some are shy, some are serious and some hysterically funny, it is incredibly humbling to stand beside so many wise and selfless human beings. Every single

person there has a strong sense of purpose and truly lives with the goal of making the world a better place. No one would move away from a bastion of Jewish life, to a place with no kosher food, no Jewish education for their children, and no close family support without a true desire to serve a greater good. As Chabad emissaries, *shluchos* serve in many communal leadership roles, including counseling and mentoring community members, educating small and large student bodies, teaching and nurturing adolescent and adult students, directing and overseeing large institutions and programs, planning and creating community, and a whole lot more. And all with a uniquely feminine touch.

One of the many stories that touched me greatly at the culminating banquet was about a young woman named Maya Weiss. She was in Mexico a few months ago, on vacation, and planned a hike through the jungle with a friend. Her trip took a dangerous turn when she continued the hike without her friend and got hopelessly lost. She had only met the Chabad *shlucha*, Mrs. Mushkie Hecht of Puerto Vallarta, for a short period of time, but when Maya got a sliver of cell service, Mushkie was the person she called for help. Thankfully, the story ends well, and Maya was rescued after a few days lost and alone. You can watch her story here: <https://www.chabad.org/4650293>.

In life, we never know where, when, or how we might be able to be there for



Shternie and Chanchie Krinsky at the Chabad Women's Conference.

a fellow Jew, a fellow human. Most of the time, if we're lucky, there's not too much drama involved, ie. getting lost in a jungle. But the aim of *shluchos* around the world is to support the needs of their communities, be they physical, spiritual, or emotional. I am proud to

be a Chabad *shlucha* in our beautiful state of New Hampshire, where I was born and raised. My life has been enriched by leaps and bounds by all the incredible people I've gotten to know and love, and there's nowhere else I'd rather be.

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## Happiness Breaks All Boundaries

By Rabbi Berel Slavaticki and  
Rochel Slavaticki-Shanowitz

As we come out of an amazing Purim, a holiday all about joy, we should not have our spirits hampered by the news of schools and offices being temporarily shut down. There is a well known Jewish axiom, *simcha poretz geder*, happiness breaks down all boundaries. We encourage you to find ways to take this unexpected time away to meditate and focus on what brings you genuine happiness. By that we mean what fills your soul and gives you a feeling of inner contentment and fulfillment.

As the founder of the Chabad movement, Rabbi Shneur Zalman, taught, two people can be standing next to each other

but is as if they are worlds apart, and two might be standing on opposite ends of the globe, but it is as if they are next to each other. The difference is which direction they are facing. If they are next to each other but "back to back" they are worlds apart, but if they are far apart physically but have their hearts pointed at each other, they are next to each other. So even though you may not be in school or at work for a little while, we can assure that our hearts will be pointed at you.

Wishing you many blessings for continued health and vitality, both physically and spiritually.

*Rabbi Berel and Rochy are the directors of UNH Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center in Durham.*

## Don't be a Hoarder

By Donald Moskowitz

The Coronavirus outbreak has panicked people into hoarding food, paper products, and sanitizing compounds. Consumers across the country are conducting binge purchases of these products and most supermarkets are reporting bare shelves and difficulty in restocking these products. The bingeing activity is very un-American.

There is no need for people to be stocking up on food and other supplies that will last for a year or more. My wife

and I shopped twice last week and we went through the express line with 12 items or less both times, which is typical food shopping for us.

It is reported that some people have been receiving their paychecks and going to supermarkets to shop for food, but they find empty shelves.

Supermarkets should limit the purchase of some items so there will be enough to go around. As a country, we have to provide much better consideration for our fellow Americans. Everyone should be able to provide food and other essentials to their families.

## If This is War, US Manufacturing Must Rise to the Challenge

By Roy Morrison

In the tightening grip of the Coronavirus pandemic, the metaphor is that we are waging war against the virus.

At the same time, we are warned that there is a critical shortage of ventilators to save the lives of those afflicted most severely by Corona-linked pneumonia. States have been advised by President Trump to attempt to order ventilators themselves to bypass a slow moving federal bureaucracy.

If this is really a war and the lives of millions of Americans are at stake, what happened in World War II should inform what happens next.

Starting in 1941, the giant Ford River Rouge Plant in Detroit stopped producing cars and instead built war machines. In 1941 the United States had 3,000 mostly obsolete military aircraft. In a 2.5 year production run, 8,645 B-24s with 450,000 parts and 360,000 rivets in 550 sizes rolled off the assembly lines at the rate of one an hour, according to *Assembly Magazine*.

At first, some warned that making planes at River Rouge was folly. "You can't expect a blacksmith to make a watch overnight," said Dutch Kindberger of North American Aviation.

He was wrong.

The U.S. defeated the German, Ital-

ian, and Japanese fascist empires for two reasons. First, the sacrifice and bravery of millions of American soldiers, men and women, young and old. My wife's father, J.E. Herod, fought on one of those B-24s over Italy. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross. For a special treat as a kid, my wife could climb on her dad's lap and play with the shrapnel left in his arm. J.E. Herod was from a small town in the eastern Tennessee hills. He was a rock-ribbed Republican, a family man, a moral man, a professing Christian who did what needed to be done.

Second, the willingness and ability to use the U.S. industrial machine to defeat America's enemies. There were no computers or robots at River Rouge. This was the time of union labor on the assembly line, of Rosie the Riveter, who worked in three shifts to build the tools that won the war.

If the Corona pandemic is really a war, the U.S. will produce one million ventilators or more as needed, ASAP, to help save the lives of millions.

It's time for the U.S. government to call on people like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos to help do what needs to be done. Today.

*Roy Morrison builds solar farms. His next book forthcoming will be Ecological Economic Growth.*

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## Memories of Pesach in Israel

By Ashley G. Barajas, Israel Education and Engagement Committee

For this quarterly article from the Israel Education and Engagement Committee, I thought it would be fitting to take a look at Passover, or *Pesach* as they call it, in Israel. I'm sure many of us here in America have fond, funny, and maybe hungry memories of Passover. But what are the memories of those celebrating in Israel and how do they differ from our memories? I reached out to some of my Israeli friends to inquire about their most significant memories of Passover.

"My most interesting Passover memory is from a few years ago. My father stayed at home because his leg was hurt, while me, my mom, and my sister went to my family's dinner. It felt so weird suddenly that Dad is not there. By his lack of presence I felt the importance of being together. In my family, we read the Haggadah in two versions - Hebrew and French (my uncle used to live in Switzerland) ... And another Passover story — in 2013, it was during my army service and I had to stay at the base for Passover — there's always a need for some soldiers to keep the base protected. It was a deep, weird feeling knowing that the whole country is with its family and I'm here, having a four hour guarding shift alone in a

guarding tower...." Hadar G.

"Well, as you know, most of Israel is [secular], so everybody takes the part of the Seder they think is important or relevant and celebrates by that. We are Russians, but for some reason every year as we start reading, all my family loses count of their wine glasses (supposed to be four while reading and the fourth usually comes before we're supposed to be on our third) and I don't know, but tipsy reading at Passover is definitely one of my favourite [memories]." Ester. M

"For me, Passover is about family. It's a chance to see family members I don't get to see often. We have a really big and beautiful table, and everyone gets to read a part of the story. It always takes so long that I don't remember the last time I stayed for the whole thing. In Israel, we have a long Passover vacation, and as kids it's one of the most fun times of the year!" Avia S.

"So it's been a while since I've celebrated Passover in Israel. A few things I remember are, obviously, people start getting ready the morning of. The whole day feels really quiet and really slow. Nobody goes to work. We usually did [the seder] at my Grandma's, which is like 20 minutes away, which is far in Israeli terms. I remember everybody dressing up, taking showers, and then the stress starts, because there's a lot of traffic on Passover Eve. So the 20 minute

drive becomes like 50 minutes to an hour. So you get on the road, everything is packed, and you're trying to find ways that are quicker. Then getting to my grandma's, it's like a small house but somehow she stretches it to fit 20 to 25 people at the table. Then we start reading the Haggadah which nobody really follows. There are a few that try and a few that force the songs, but most people just sneak food under the table or try to count the pages until they actually eat. The kids always try to find the afikomen so they can win the prize at the end. When we get to food, everybody eats like pigs and we stuff our faces. Then you're supposed to start reading again, but nobody actually does that. It just breaks off into groups. You only see these people like once a year so it's always fun." Tom A.

"I am from a very secular family. So, basically, the dinner is the only thing we celebrate about it. We do the big seder, but nobody actually keeps Passover kosher after. If we can get our hands on bread, we do it. In the seder itself, we only read a very short part of the Haggadah. The best part is when the kids are trying to steal the *afikomen*. My grandfather sits on it. He wraps it in a kitchen towel and puts it under a pillow and he sits on it. Then you have to try and steal it. So every time he gets up or tries to reach something on the table you

have to try and steal it. When I was little I would try and steal it, and I was very good at it. But he had a rolling pin and he would say, 'If you try and steal it I will hit you on your hands with the rolling pin.' But he never did. It was just to scare the kids...." Noam W.

"When I was really young, between the ages of 5 and 8, we would go to Grandma and Grandpa's and the seder was a lighter version for the family. After finding the *afikomen*, all the kids below 7 or 8 would get a really nice toy car or something fun. But the older kids would get something that sucked, that was probably a little miniature decorative statue or something I don't know what to call it. I don't want to even think about it because as a kid, to get this for like the second year in a year ruined my holiday. I went and told the adults that and they decided to make fun of me in front of everyone. They laughed at me because I wanted the toy car even though I was still like a kid. But that's one of my most significant memories of Passover." Avi R.

Thank you to all of my Israeli friends for sharing your memories. It reminds me that I'm now creating new and different memories with all of my young adult friends and the ways we celebrate Passover. Here's wishing all of you *chag sameach* as you create your own Passover memories!

## News from Hadassah

By Michele Bank

In March, President Michele Bank attended a brunch/discussion with Dr. Alex Greenberg, an orthopedic surgeon at Hadassah Hospital. He discussed the latest orthopedic research and accomplishments at Hadassah. He explained that in 1956, the hospital had only four orthopedic beds, and surgery was only performed by general surgeons. By 1983, orthopedic surgery had become a separate department with orthopedic surgeons performing surgery. Today, Mt. Scopus and Ein Kerem see more orthopedic patients than all other departments combined. The department focuses on patient care, education, and research. Dr. Greenberg stated that Hebrew University in Jerusalem ranks 35th in the world

Dr. Greenberg went on to explain that the 20th century dealt with surgical

concepts, implants and techniques. Orthopedics became more invasive, but implant longevity was limited. In the 21st century, they realized the need for biologic solutions and utilized technology to help biology. Robotic navigation began and 3D printed models were utilized to aid in spinal surgery accuracy. The carbon fiber nail was developed in Israel and is utilized to join bones together and enable bone regrowth, sparing a limb. Mini robots developed in Israel are also utilized during surgery, assuring 98.9% accuracy.

The Hadassah book club will be reading *Cilka's Journey* by Heather Morris. Please check the Federation's calendar for April's meeting date

The next chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM. The address is 1400 Front Street, Manchester. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, June 14, the chapter is

planning its annual fundraiser at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford. Carol Clingan, Research Projects Coordinator of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Boston, will be the guest speaker, and there will be a silent auction.

For more information about Hadassah or chapter programs, please contact Michele Bank at [michele.bank@gmail.com](mailto:michele.bank@gmail.com). Work is almost completed on the annual Ad/Membership Book. If you would like to submit a greeting or ad, please contact Michele.

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## Israeli Marathon Runner Smashes Tokyo Course Record

Lonah Chemtai-Salpeter cut nearly two minutes off the prior record, posting the sixth-fastest women's marathon result of all time.

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Israeli long-distance runner Lonah Chemtai-Salpeter became one of the fastest women in the world on Sunday, [February 29] when she won the Tokyo Marathon with a time of 2:17:45, smashing both the course record for the prestigious marathon and the previous Israeli women's marathon record of 2:19:46, which Chemtai-Salpeter herself set at the Prague Marathon in 2019.

Her Tokyo time makes her the sixth-fastest female marathoner of all time.

Following the race, the champion said she was "very pleased" with the results.

"My preparation allowed me to improve my personal best. I feel that today's result is a return for all the hard work of the last few months. Unfortunately, in my last two marathons,



Lonah Chemtai-Salpeter. Credit: Israel Athletic Association. Printed with permission of the Jewish News Syndicate.

I wasn't able to express myself on the day of the race, but today the conditions here in Tokyo were perfect," she said.

In September 2019, Chemtai-Salpeter set a new European women's record for the 10 kilometer distance, running the Tilburg Ten Miles race in 30:04, 17 seconds faster than the previous record, which legendary British runner Paula Radcliffe set in 2003.

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*Celebrating Purim at the Temple Beth Jacob Religious School with whole-school hamantaschen baking, tzedakah alphabet Bingo, and an incredible magic show by MagicFred!*



*Attendees at Chabad's 'Purim in the Sixties' enjoyed an energetic drum circle with Theo Martey, of the Akwaaba Ensemble.*



*Purim revelers — young and old — from New Hampshire and Vermont gathered at Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation for a rollicking Purim celebration and delectable potluck.*



*Magic Fred performing at the Temple Beth Jacob Religious School Purim party.*



*Children enjoyed making (and eating) hamantaschen at PJ Library and Temple Israel Manchester's Purim celebration.*

# Recent Events



Temple B'nai Israel religious school students celebrated Purim with shalach manot for families at the Belknap House in Laconia.



Temple B'nai Israel celebrated Purim with a Persian dinner, readings from the Megillah, and a wonderful program presented by Shlichah, Avia Sagron.



That's one way to ensure a minyan! Rabbi Dan Danson reading the Megillah at Temple B'nai Israel.



These young ladies spent a groovy evening with their Chabad friends at the 'Purim in the Sixties' party.



The Seacoast community enjoyed a magic show, a caricaturist, and a delicious dinner at the UNH and Seacoast Chabad Center.



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