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**HIGH HOLIDAYS**

**Update on Holocaust and Genocide Education in New Hampshire**

By *Dina Michael Chaitowitz*

On July 23, Governor Sununu signed into law HB 1135, which amends New Hampshire's criteria for an adequate education to require education about the Holocaust and other genocides. Specifically, by amending RSA 193-E:2, IV, New Hampshire's criteria for an adequate education now mandates that students are provided with Holocaust and genocide education, in addition to "knowledge of civics and government, economics, geography, and history," to enable them to participate in the democratic process and to make informed choices as responsible citizens." The statute also amends RSA 189:11, I, requiring that not later than the beginning of the eighth grade and continuing in all high schools, students receive instruction in "[h]ow intolerance, bigotry, antisemi-

tism, 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." The statute takes effect on September 21, 2020.

The statute establishes a Commission that will include representatives from Keene State College's Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the Anti-Defamation League ("ADL"), the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, and the



*Governor Sununu signing the Holocaust Education Bill into law with survivor and advocate Kati Preston at his side. Photo courtesy of Governor Sununu's office.*

educational community, among others, "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." This Commission is tasked to, among other things, "recommend model school district policies for Holocaust and genocide education," "identify best practices for teaching Holocaust and genocide education and the appropriate number of hours of instruction at multiple grade levels," "identify existing teaching materials and curriculum as well as strategies and content," and "identify in-service education opportunities for educators." The Commission must begin its work within 45 days of the passage of the statute.

The Federation has embarked on planning some training of its own. There is a wealth of free, high-quality resources for educators provided by experts in the field such as the ADL, Echoes & Reflections, and the Holocaust Education Resource Project. *Holocaust continued on page 3*

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**Weaving the Fabric of Jewish Life in New Hampshire**

By *Chanchie Krinsky*

Growing up in Manchester, the Jewish Federation played a central role in my life. For starters, my siblings and I attended the preschool on Beech Street with Alane Sabel, Gail Cohen, and Andi Kushner as our teachers. Though I was a shy kid, I have memories of feeling safe and cared for during my time there. 25 years or so later, when the preschool moved out of the building on Beech Street, I went to look at some furniture to move to the Chabad Center. There I found the names of a few of my siblings on some labeled cubbies. As much as we quite literally left our imprint on the furniture, the JFNH Preschool left an even bigger imprint on our lives. Growing up as an observant Jew in New Hampshire could seem like a challenge, but at the preschool, we were part of a loving Jewish family.

Today, my life's work is with Chabad. Going back 30 years, the Jewish Federation and Chabad have always had a mutually supportive relationship, and over the last few years it's only strengthened. When collaborating with Allyson Guertin, I see how hard she and the team work to bring programming to all corners of the state. Some would say it's not easy being Jewish in New Hampshire, but what you put in is what you get out. Thanks to programs like the *shlichah* initiative, PJ Library, lectures, the *Jewish Reporter*, Momentum, camperships and more, there is so much to take advantage of. I recommend getting in-



*JFNH Board Member  
Chanchie Krinsky*

involved; it's hugely rewarding! As I conclude my first year on the board, I have seen firsthand the dedication and hard work of so many individuals behind the scenes. The members of the board are quite literally creating change in the very fabric of New Hampshire life. As is surely featured in this issue, the passing of HB 1135, requiring Holocaust and genocide education in New Hampshire schools, will have major positive effects on our future. I support the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire because it is a source of education and support for every Jewish person in our state. Do yourself a favor, and get involved.

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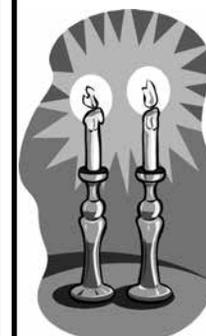
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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)

September 4 6:56 PM  
September 11 6:44 PM  
September 18 6:31 PM  
September 25 6:19 PM



## JFNH Thanks Retiring Board Members

As the new year begins and new volunteers join the board, four dedicated board members — Pat Kalik, Rachel Kurshan, Julia Kay Preis, and Steve Soreff — are stepping down. All four have made invaluable contributions to JFNH and the Jewish community of New Hampshire. They brought unique and extraordinary skills to the board, and gave generously and tirelessly of their time and energy. While they will be missed, we won't say "goodbye" — just a sincere "kol haka-vod," and "todah rabah."

### Pat Kalik

Pat Kalik has served on the Board since 2011. Pat has been part of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival for the past 11 years and has acted as co-chairperson since 2012. Pat also served on the Executive Board as Secretary for 2 years. In addition to the Film Festival, Pat has been part of the Preschool Committee, the Annual Meeting Committee, and the Executive Director Search Committee. "Serving on the Board has been a joy. I have met and worked with so many dynamic individuals who as a team are working together to enhance Jewish Life in New Hampshire."



Pat Kalik

### Rachel Kurshan

"I am completing a two year term on the Board. While on the Board, I volunteered for the Film Festival and served on the Governance committee. I decided to become involved because, prior to joining the Board, I enjoyed

meeting fellow Jews from other areas of New Hampshire through my work on the film screening committee. I'll miss getting together with Board members at our monthly meetings. Every meeting invariably included some inspiration, some laughter, some challenging decision making, and an obvious appreciation and regard for all in attendance."



Rachel Kurshan

### Julia Kay Preis

"What I'll miss: Listening to Noam sing a David Broza song at the Shir Jazz concert, watching a Momentum video at a board meeting of moms having their lives profoundly changed by a trip to Israel, having dozens of kids sing Chanukah songs in our home, cooking and eating *shakshuka* together...those moments a donor said yes, when I was told I wrote something that meant something to someone, when Allyson called to tell me we won the security grant.



Julia Kay Preis

I would also like to thank our board chair and my dear friend Sarit Itenberg for recruiting me to JFNH. I wrote this blurb about her for the annual meeting last year, and it still rings true: Sarit, your extraordinary efforts and dedication to this organization have not gone unnoticed. We are all busy, and we all have a choice in how we spend our time

- and I think it's incredibly revealing that you, a physician with a busy practice and beautiful young family, have chosen to dedicate so much of your energy to our New Hampshire Jewish community. This matters to you. And what you do matters to all of us - and we thank you for your dedicated and inspiring leadership."

### Stephen Soreff, MD, aka "Doc Steve"

I joined the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board in 2012 because I want there to be a Jewish Voice for New Hampshire. I hoped to make it grow from its Queen City beginnings to a king-sized, statewide organization. And it has! The area JFNH now encompasses stretches from Bethlehem to Nashua, from Manchester to Portsmouth, and from Laconia to Derry. The JFNH tree has branched out to Israel with the *Shlichah* Program, a sister city connection to Hof Ha Carmel, and the Momentum program. Meanwhile, other branches and activities of the JFNH tree have grown and become stronger, including the PJ Library, social service initiatives, individual grants, the fight against anti-Semitism, Holocaust education in the New Hampshire school curriculum, the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, campership programs, Young Mensch and Young at Heart programs, and the *Reporter*. I am proud to have been a part of that growth. Go JFNH!"



Stephen Soreff, MD

JFNH greatly appreciates everyone who has supported us generously throughout the year. An updated and revised Campaign Honor Roll List will be printed in the October issue of the *Reporter*.



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flections (a partnership of the ADL, the USC Shoah Foundation, and Yad Vashem), and the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. While the Federation will leave the task of educating the educators to those best suited for the job, we are excited to be working with these organizations to provide you some guidance as the Commission gets up to speed.

Stay tuned for more news on our programming. As always, please feel free to contact Allyson Guertin, the Federation's Outreach Director, for any thoughts you have on programming.

## JFNH Welcomes New Board Member Kerry Hansen

Kerry Hansen has joined the JFNH Board for a three year term. Kerry is a registered nurse and psychotherapist with double Master's degrees in Social Work and Nursing Education. She has completed all but the practicum to obtain a Doctorate in Nursing Practice.



Kerry Hansen

Kerry is married to Hal and they share two adorable feline brothers and

one completely spoiled dog.

In her spare time, Kerry enjoys walking and hiking in nature, reading, playing the World of Warcraft video game, discovering new things to do, and taking classes on reading Biblical Hebrew and other Jewish topics. She often asks for recommendations on Jewish Literature, and says she would love to learn Yiddish.

JFNH appreciates the enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity Kerry brings to the Board and knows she will be a wonderful addition!

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# Statewide Calendar of Events

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## Thursday, September 10

**An Evening of Remembrance: Honoring Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust Era**  
4:30PM, Temple Temple Israel, Portsmouth Outdoor Book Signing and Reception with Sandell Morse, author of *The Spiral Shell*, a book about "Unsung Heroes during the Holocaust era in France."

Attendance limited to 20 participants. Please RSVP to the Temple Israel Office at 603-436-5301 or [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org)

## Sunday, September 13

**ADL Presents Words to Action**

4:30PM, Via Zoom

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is excited to welcome the ADL back for Words to Action. This program is approximately 1 1/2 hours and is for **students in Middle School (Grades 6-8)**. The program is designed to help students increase their understanding of anti-Semitism and the way it manifests itself, including anti-Semitism that is fueled by anti-Israel sentiment; increase their awareness of incidents of anti-Semitism in their environment; improve their ability to address specific incidents of anti-Semitism and/or anti-Israel bias and to select appropriate responses; develop and use a variety of preventive and reactive responses to challenge incidents of anti-Semitism and/or anti-Israel bias; increase their ability to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to address anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias; and enhance their leadership skills by developing a willingness, motivation and commitment to take personal action against anti-Semitism. Whole group and break out rooms will be used to allow students the opportunity to share and discuss as well as reflect.

**This program is for the student only. Parent programming will be announced soon!**

This will be a virtual program run on Zoom - You will receive the link and password once we receive your registration.

To register please visit <https://forms.gle/BWJE41F3HXoEjBsf9> or call the JFNH office at 603-627-7679

Please register by September 9th

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# Federation Voices

## Picture of His Life Review/Dani Menkin Interview

By Zach Camenker, New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival Committee

If you were sad to see this year's virtual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival end, or have yet to see the film *Picture of his Life*, expertly directed by Dani Menkin and Yonatan Nir, you should do yourself a favor, find the biggest screen that you can, and partake in underwater photographer Amos Nachoum's incredible adventure as he tries to fulfill his mission of capturing the polar bear in its natural habitat!

Scheduled in the Wrap Party slot at this year's New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, *Picture of his Life* is available online at <https://www.pictureof-hislife.com/virtual-cinema>. If you scroll down the page to "New Hampshire Jewish FF" and click on "Watch Now," you will have the option to rent the film for three days at a cost of \$9.99. For just \$10 more, you can have unlimited access to this superb documentary and enjoy it with multiple family members as many times as you want! A portion of each purchase or rental benefits the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival.

The story of Amos Nachoum, an Israeli immigrant who served in the 1973 Yom Kippur War and eventually become one of the greatest underwater photographers of all time, *Picture of his Life* focuses on the nearly 70-year-old Nachoum as he faces the ultimate challenge of his career: photographing a polar bear up close and with no protective gear. Despite having been face to face with leopard seals, crocodiles, great white sharks, and many other sea creatures, Nachoum has never faced one of the Earth's most fearsome carnivores. This film chronicles his journey to complete that task in the Canadian Arctic, and takes the audience along.

Perhaps the most beautifully photographed documentary that I have ever seen, *Picture of his Life* is 75 minutes of riveting, visual storytelling that follows Amos as he prepares to fulfill what he feels is his life's destiny.

Much in the same way that the 2018 film *Free Solo*, winner of Best Documentary Feature Film at the Academy Awards, depicts one daredevil's unbelievable desire to complete a monumental task, *Picture of his Life* takes the audience on an adventure that few, if any, have ever seen before. It is unique and



Director  
Dani Menkin



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special, something that few audience members will be able to relate to.

The film is extremely effective in balancing the story of Amos photographing the polar bear and that of his own past, that led him to his career. Doing this in just an hour and 15 minutes is no easy feat, but the filmmakers do it incredibly well.

Balancing the gorgeous cinematography and amazing story with Amos's own complicated past as an Israeli soldier, Menkin and Nir depict some of his past traumas and how he overcame them through his art. In addition to that, they expertly detail his complicated family relationships and upbringing, which offer some fascinating explanations as to why he sought the highly unique field of underwater photography as a career.

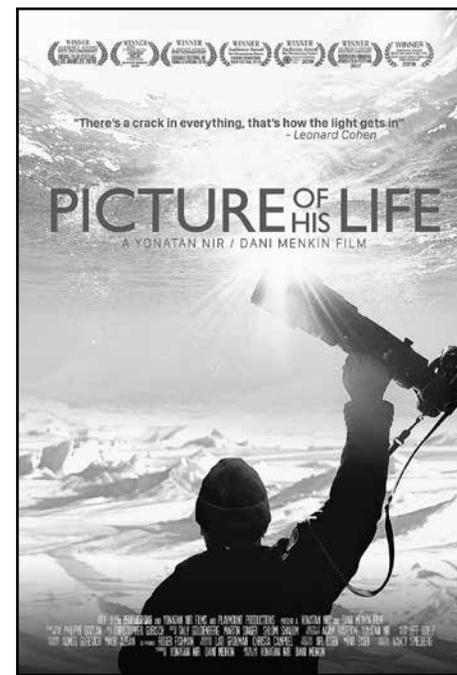
In speaking with Dani Menkin, one of the film's talented directors, I was able to learn a lot about what drew him to Amos's story, as well as how Amos's daring factored into the making of the film.

Menkin's long-time collaboration with the film's co-director Yonatan Nir and their making of the 2011 award-winning documentary *Dolphin Boy* led them to meeting Amos. Menkin and Nir had been approached by a studio in Israel to make a movie about Amos's career, and both wanted to tell the story.

A long journey that was 10 years in the making and involved the production of *Dolphin Boy* before returning to Amos's story, filming *Picture of his Life* was no easy task. Menkin mentioned challenges that he and Nir had in raising a budget, finding the right story to tell, and having the means to film in the Canadian Arctic.

Along the way, Menkin came across some other aspects of storytelling to highlight.

"We thought that maybe there was another story aside from what it means to



be human," Menkin said. "The idea of mother/nature and the father/son relationship also were important."

If you watch the film, you will see exactly how all those themes play out with beautiful balance, all the while using a prosaic style of storytelling on film.

"We wanted to tell the story of the journey he was taking to get the picture of his life, and also go deeper into his life relationship with his father," Menkin said.

When it came to photographing the film, Menkin

and Nir had high hopes as well.

"When we knew we were making a movie about a great photographer, we felt cinematically we wanted it to look as great as it could," Menkin said, adding that voices and images were extremely important to help tell the backstory and let Amos express his feelings.

Menkin and Nir ultimately took a unique filmmaking approach, solidifying their respect for Amos's career and desire to photograph beautiful images. Menkin mentioned that neither of them wanted it to feel like an ordinary documentary, a goal they certainly achieved in that the experience itself is so unique that one would be hard-pressed to find another film quite like this one.

In discussing how Amos exemplifies what it means to be a daredevil, Menkin cited Amos's past expeditions, all of which show his lack of fear and chronicle an "unbelievable experience."

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Wildlife photographer  
Amos Nachoum

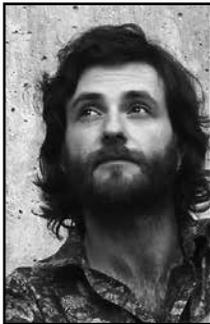
## A Letter from the Editors

By Hannah Boyd

No, that's not a typo; as the year draws to a close, I am stepping down as editor and Nicholas Conley is stepping up. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the community as the editor of the *Reporter* and to get to know so many interesting, impressive people. I am extremely grateful to JFNH board members and staff, whose kindness, tireless hard work, and can-do spirit are inspiring. I have been touched by the warmth Sarit Itenberg, Ken Litvack, Allyson Guertin, and so many others have shown me. The Jewish community of New Hampshire may be small, but it is wonderful.

It would be extremely difficult to let go if I didn't know the *Reporter* would be in such great hands. Nicholas is a published writer, an experienced editor, and a member of the community. His most recent novel, *Knight in Paper Armor*, is a dystopian sci-fi book starring the Jewish grand-

son of a Holocaust survivor. He and his family live on the Seacoast, and we met him (virtually!) through longtime *Reporter* editor Fran Berman. I can imagine no higher recommendation.



Incoming editor  
Nicholas Conley

Nicholas says, "I'm absolutely thrilled to be joining the team of the *Reporter*. The paper itself is such a perfect embodiment of all the strengths, heritage, and bonds that so closely link all of New Hampshire's Jewish community together, and so it's truly an honor to play my role in this history as the new editor."

He will be joining the established and hard-working Publication Committee, helmed by regular book reviewer Merle Carrus. Merle, Sheila Salenger (who writes the Volunteer Spotlight,) Michele Bank (who covers Hadasah,) Mara Friedman, and ad sales representative Michelle Harrison all work hard to keep the newspaper interesting and informative.

We both wish all of you a sweet and healthy new year filled with peace and joy.

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"I think Amos is someone who dedicates his life to his mission, which is so inspirational and moving," Menkin said, adding how important it was for him to capture those moments of Amos fulfilling his mission on film.

Just as the film shows, Menkin and Nir had only five days in the Canadian Arctic to film Amos as he tried to photograph the polar bear. I won't go any further than that, so as not to give away what those five days ultimately looked like for Amos and the film crew.

For Menkin and Nir, they were challenging, in large part due to the expenses, but according to Menkin, everything came together really beautifully, just as they had intended.

Check out *Picture of his Life*. It is some

of the most engrossing 75 minutes I have ever spent watching a movie, and is by far one of the best films I have seen this year. Not only that, but it would be perfect for the whole family. I can guarantee it will not disappoint! And if, like me, you were impressed by what you saw, check out Dani Menkin's other films currently available on Amazon Prime: *Je T'Aime, I Love You Terminal*; *On the Map*; and *Is That You?*

We at the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival thank everyone who tuned in for our virtual summer series, which included just five of the 17 films we had intended to show in person this year. Thanks to your generosity and engagement, we were successful and can continue planning for the future of the Festival. Stay tuned for more information on the 2021 Festival as the planning commences. Happy film viewing and be well!

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## Home Sweet Home

I'm writing this in my mom's home in Kiryat Shmona, and my flight back to New Hampshire is a few days away. The time is flying by! I started this visit with a very warm welcome from my family, although I had to spend two weeks in quarantine. My parents took care of me and made my favorite foods every day, and I had an amazing view of the Kineret (Sea of Galilee) the whole time! It was strange not to hug my family and my friends after such long time apart, but you can imagine the reunion we had afterwards.

I didn't know what my time in Israel was going to look like with the Covid-19 reality, but I was very determined to see my closest friends and spend as much time as I could with my family. I enjoyed my niece Adele and nephew Shoam so much!

It was very important to me to visit my aunts and uncles on both sides (not all of them because it would be impossible, there are so many!). It felt so good to see them. My family is very proud of me and encouraged me to continue doing what I love.

As you know, I was born and raised in Kiryat Shmona, and I spent most of my visit there, close to my family. I love the view of the Hermon Mountains and what nature has to offer. I visited the Laguna in Kibbutz Dan, and I also spent

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lots of time in the Banias and the Hatzbani rivers.

I spent a few days in Tel Aviv as well. I planted myself on the beach and told my friends that they were welcome to join me while I got some Israeli sun...it was perfect. I also went to a special curly hairdresser, got a new pair of glasses, and had a fun visit at the dentist (not). The food was a very big part of my visit. (I know you asked yourself when I'd say something about the food!) I went to all my favorite restaurants. My parents are kind of a restaurant as well because I ask them to make different dishes especially for me. I enjoyed every second of it!

It's important to me to say that several things are going on in Israel right now. People are using their democratic rights and demonstrating outside Bin-yamin's Netanyahu house on Balfor Street in Jerusalem almost every day. My visit was so important because I got the chance to speak with my friends and family and hear their opinions and



Avia Sagron with niece Adele.



Catching up with friends in Israel.

points of view about the reality in Israel these days.

My visit reminded me the "fire" of Israel — how everything is a little bit loud and messy. Everyone wants to know everything and share their opinions and passions about the world. Even when the reality is not perfect and there is a worldwide pandemic that changes our lives and political and security issues, we still find things to joke about and reasons to smile at each other.

It's been a journey and I'm excited about the upcoming year. I told my family and friends about my amazing community in New Hampshire and how lucky I feel to have the opportunity to spend two years with you sharing my love for Israel. I feel so inspired and I have a lot of new ideas. It really is unbelievable how a place so far from home can become another one.

My friends told me that in Israel, I am the *Shlichah* of New Hampshire.



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## Sanctity of You

We are approaching Rosh Hashanah, which marks the birth of the world and mankind.

Such a day surely begs deep thought about the world's creation, about the intricacies of each piece of the universe.

When we look into the Torah, in the book of Genesis, to study the verses in which it discusses the creation of the universe, the creation of the entire cosmos, the greatest project ever undertaken, it uses 31 verses.

In the book of Exodus, when the *Torah* describes the construction of the building of the tabernacle, the temporary sanctuary used in the desert, the *Torah* uses a whopping 371 verses.

How do we understand this?

The universe is the most incredibly complex creation; the galaxies, the planets, the black holes, the endless wonders on earth, we haven't even begun to scratch the surface of the secrets embedded in a tiny cell! The tabernacle, on the other hand, was 150 feet long and 75 feet wide. Sure, it was very impressive, and magnificently beautiful, but it was essentially a tent.

Why would the *Torah* spend so much time, and go on for so many pages, about this temporary tent, and so few on the creation of the cosmos?

The answer is simple. The universe is the home G-d made for man, but the sanctuary is the home man made for G-d. It might be smaller and simpler, but it's so much more significant to G-d. It is the purpose of G-d placing us on earth – for us to make this world a welcome place for G-dliness and spirituality. So the *Torah* stresses this importance, shows that beyond what He has done for us, He values what we can create for Him.

Yet! There is something even greater than this holy tabernacle, something that required all work to be suspended on the tabernacle. What could this possibly be, that supersedes the tabernacle, which in turn supersedes the entire universe?

It is the holy Shabbat.

Even to construct the tabernacle, we could not desecrate Shabbat, because the sanctity of Shabbat was even more sacred than the tabernacle. This tells us about the infinite greatness of Shabbat, when even the home for G-d on earth is not as holy as Shabbat!

This year, the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls out on Shabbat. Although we blow the shofar every year on Rosh Hashanah, we won't be blowing it on Shabbat, because the holiness of Shabbat overwhelms the holiness of one of

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the holiest days of the year!

But wait...

There is something even holier than Shabbat.

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What is that?

You.

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sanctity of one individual, the sanctity of YOU.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, and begin thinking about the creation of the universe, it is imperative to travel down this road, to recognize that above all, the human individual is what we are celebrating on Rosh Hashanah. The power of the individual, the sanctity of a single human being. The shofar is sounded on Rosh Hashanah to awaken the souls of the people, to remind them of their infi-

nite greatness, their potential and their power, to continue making this world a deeper, more meaningful, more whole earth for all of mankind.

May the high holiday season this year usher in healing to our world, and to each of us as individuals. May we never underestimate the power of "You."

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## No Child Left Behind at Chabad Hebrew School

All of life's obvious decisions now require charts, graphs and spreadsheets to work out. To attend a wedding, to go to the beach, to get that unnecessary but very much desired item from the supermarket. We weigh the risks and the benefits. The pros and the cons. The essentials vs. non essentials.

A major decision for families, as I write this in early August, is whether to go back to school in person or stay at home with remote learning. The same question applies to Hebrew School. No one would argue that school is not essential. By the same token, I hope they'd agree that a Jewish education is essential. When thinking about Hebrew School for this coming year, perhaps more than ever, we have a unique opportunity to teach our children the importance of their Jewish education.

The hard hitting question is, do we go back to in-person classes or stick with virtual classes this fall? The answer for us at Chabad Hebrew School was both!

After a successful, limited group-sized, socially distanced summer program at

Chabad called the CKids Summer Club, we felt that with the proper protocol we could offer in-person Hebrew School classes. The mitzvah of keeping ourselves healthy is at the forefront of our minds as we head into a new school year. The accompanying chart displays Chabad Hebrew School's Covid-19 Guidelines. Limiting class size, wearing masks, and distanced seating are all part of the game plan. Before all else comes our personal health and the health of our community.

We fully recognize that attending in-person classes is not possible for many, and not comfortable for others. So to leave no Jewish child behind, we will have an equally robust virtual offering. On Mondays we will hold our virtual track, with live teachers, and on Tuesdays we will hold our in-person track.

While the circumstances this year may not allow for the most ideal Hebrew School setting, we will be giving our children a chance to connect with their Judaism, consistently, in-person or online, and will be imparting to them the mes-

sage that their Jewish education is of utmost importance.

If you are interested in hearing more

about either CHS track email Chanchie@ChabadofNH.com or visit ChabadofNH.com/hebrewschool.

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### Chabad Hebrew School COVID-19 Guidelines

*Chabad of NH is excited to be offering in person youth programming this year. The safety and wellbeing of our participants is our number one priority. In accordance with CDC guidelines, local health authorities and medical experts, we are implementing a three tiered approach to help mitigate risk of COVID-19 spread and exposure:*

<p><b>1. Health Screening</b></p> <p>Prior to sending children to Hebrew School, parents will be required to complete a health check to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as possible exposure. Participants who are showing symptoms or who have been exposed will not be allowed to attend.</p>	<p><b>2. Mask Wearing</b></p> <p>Students ages 7+, as well as all teachers and staff, will be required to wear facemasks while in the building. When possible, programming will be held outdoors to allow for mask breaks (while still maintaining proper physical distancing).</p>	<p><b>3. Physical Distancing</b></p> <p>Seating will be set up to accommodate proper physical distancing. Students will sit either at individual tables, with each seat being positioned at least six feet apart from one another, or at the same table but with adequate spacing between each participant. Individual supply kits will minimize shared materials.</p>
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**Hand Hygiene:**

In addition to the above three-tiered approach, participants will hand sanitize upon entering the building, as well as prior to leaving. A hand sanitizing station will be installed at the entrance of Chabad. Participants will be reminded about the importance of hand hygiene, and proper hand washing will be reinforced.

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## Etz Hayim Invests in Technology for Virtual Learning

By Lisa Adams and Mike Schloss

Etz Hayim has made online learning a priority as we get ready to enter the new school year. We have invested in new camera and wifi equipment to enable our school program, High Holiday, and Shabbat services to be shared virtually.

Our youth education program will begin on Tuesday, September 8 at 6 pm for students ages 7 to 18. We will begin our program online via Zoom, which will enable our teachers and students to communicate virtually until we are able to move classes back to our building.

Our Aleph and Bet teachers have worked through the curriculum to enable students to learn the basics of Hebrew letter recognition and decoding in order to begin to learn to read. Our students will also learn about holiday observance, *tzedakah*, and Jewish living.

Similarly, our Gimel, Dalet, *b'nai mitzvah* and confirmation teachers will teach

virtually until we are back in our classroom buildings. The curriculum for these classes starts with building Hebrew reading skills and works up to leading prayer for our older students and learning Jewish ethics, history, and Judaica.

We will also start our Sunday Camp program online. This program is for ages 4 to 6 years old and begins on Sunday, September 13. Our Sunday Camp teacher will use a mix of music, crafts, and virtual games to introduce students to the Jewish calendar, prayer, *Torah*, and Hebrew. This class meets one Sunday per month from 10 am to 12 pm.

We welcome you to register for all programs online at <https://www.etzhayim.org/learn>. You will need to fill out the registration form as well as the liability form below it.

For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Road in Derry, NH.

## What's Going on in Our Schools? We Need Your Help!

By Dina Michael Chaitowitz

What is your children's school teaching them about Israel?

We have founded a group to promote factual source material on Israel, Judaism, and the Middle East in our schools. The group decided to meet after discovering that some problematic material, obtained from an opinion media site, was disseminated to students as part of a lesson on the conflict in the Middle East.

We need your help to monitor the information presented to our children and grandchildren on this topic. If you encounter material that you think is factually incorrect or possibly anti-semitic, or if you are unsure, please contact Dina Michael Chaitowitz at [dmichaelchaitowitz@gmail.com](mailto:dmichaelchaitowitz@gmail.com).

We are also interested in discovering those schools that you feel are doing a good job in teaching this subject matter. Thank you for your help.



Members of a new group promoting factual education on the Arab-Israeli conflict in New Hampshire schools met via Zoom. Pictured here are (top, left to right): Pat Kalik and Dina Michael Chaitowitz; (bottom, left to right): Michael Miller, Linda McGrath, and Linda Gerson.

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## Temple Israel Manchester Welcomes New Religious School Director; Hebrew School Registration Open

Temple Israel of Manchester welcomes Marc Stober as the new Director of the Temple Israel Hebrew School. Marc brings with him a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience. He recently completed his Master of Jewish Education degree at Hebrew College's Shoolman School of Education and is continuing studies toward cantorial ordination. He says, "as a New England native who's lived in Connecticut and the Boston area, I'm excited to be a part of this new-to-me yet nearby community. I look forward to getting to know everyone at Temple Israel and building meaningful Jewish experiences!"



Marc Stober,  
Director of the Hebrew  
School at Temple  
Israel Manchester

Registration is now open for Temple Israel's Hebrew School, which meets on Sunday mornings. This year, our program will be a hybrid of occasional small group activities starting outdoors in the fall (individual and community conditions permitting) that will supplement our core program of Hebrew and Judaics taught online by our experienced and loving teachers. Our mission is to be a warm, welcoming community that creates life-long learners with a foundation for connecting to Jewry throughout the world. For more information, visit [www.templeisraelmht.org](http://www.templeisraelmht.org) or e-mail [school@templeisraelmht.org](mailto:school@templeisraelmht.org).

## Something New at Temple Beth Jacob

By Noreen Leibson

*Shalom v'kulam.* My name is Noreen Leibson. Some of you may know me from Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua. But as of July 1, I am the new principal at Temple Beth Jacob. I am so very excited to join TBJ in the beautiful and historic community of Concord, our state capital.

I have been a Jewish educator for most of my professional life. I have a Master in Social Work from Boston University and a Master in Jewish Education from Hebrew College. I spent 24 years as the education director at TBA. I also worked as the Faculty Leader at Brandeis University in the DeLeT program for 6 years. There my role was to lead and teach in a graduate program for people who aspired to teach in a Jewish Day school. In both positions, I was able to teach and administer all aspects of the program. This included curriculum development, assessing student learning, programming for students and families, bringing in special guests to teach and entertain. I have the experience of creating and leading children's services for both Shabbat and the High Holidays as well as family learning.

I take a strong stand as an educator who is a mentor and colleague to the faculty. My own educational philosophy includes generating questions, rather than answers, among my students and faculty. When a student is compelled to ask a question, it is an opportunity to explore deeper into the content. I want our students and their parents to discover

awe and wonder in their lives. This happens when we open the doors and let the light in. Light is more than what comes from the sun or a light bulb. Light is knowledge and inspiration. It includes insight – that which we see not just through our eyes but through our relationship with others as well. It's a precious gift to give a child a moment to ponder and wonder. It helps them to build a connection to not only each other but to the world. It is an awesome moment when you see an idea light up a child's face.

I hope this small bit gives you a sense of who I am, a lifetime teacher and a lifetime learner. As such, I am really looking forward to meeting my students and their families. I am also very interested in meeting and getting to know our faculty and staff at TBJ. I feel fortunate to be working with both Rabbi Robin and Cantor Shira. I am especially excited to work with a long time friend, EJ Cohen. In regard to the schedule for the coming year, I am still uncertain whether our building will open for school in the fall. If we are unable to open the building due to social distancing, classes will continue virtually. Keep your eyes open to the emails as we will be in touch once we have something to report to you.

If you would like to meet me, I invite you to write me at [principal@tbjconcord.org](mailto:principal@tbjconcord.org). I am happy to speak with you by phone or FaceTime. It would be a blessing for us to get a chance to know a bit about each other before the school year begins.

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## Jewish Food Festival at Temple B'nai Israel an Unexpected but Triumphant Success

This year's Jewish Food Festival was a true labor of love from the members of Temple B'nai Israel for the state of New Hampshire. With the outbreak of COVID-19 and continued risk of exposure, it was difficult to find ways to engage in good works for the community. The dedicated and creative members of the TBI Food Festival committee came up with an online version of this popular annual event. A plan and strategy were put in place to offer some of the most popular items from the onsite festival to make this 23rd year of the Jewish Food Festival a reality and an outstanding success.

Once the TBI website opened on July 27, there was an amazing response from the community, which led to many items selling out before the official closing date on August 10. The take home menu included cheese blintzes, New York style meat and potato knishes, dairy rich noodle kugel, flaky rugelach, matzo ball soup, homemade chicken broth with fluffy matzo balls and carrots, traditional Jewish style brisket, and braided challah. Many freezers across the state were filled

with these homemade "comfort foods," ready to cook, bake, or simply reheat at home for a sumptuous meal. Matzo ball soup was by far the most ordered item, followed by brisket and noodle kugel. Although matzo ball soup has always been on the Jewish Food Festival menu, the number of requests for this "Jewish penicillin" certainly was a big surprise to festival organizers. According to TBI president Ira Keltz, "we can't rule out matzo ball soup as an actual cure for COVID until we get everyone to try it." This may be the year to find out.

In order to comply with state guidelines, a system of contact-free, pick-up by appointment was used to insure everyone's safety. Clients were assigned to a specific date and time in August to drive by the temple in Laconia to get their orders. Inside the temple, teams of two volunteers, masked and gloved, picked the specific items. Once the order was packaged, it was placed outside on a table for the client to take away. Appointments were set about 10 minutes apart to be sure there would be appropriate distanc-



Marsha Ostroff offered to make challahs for the festival, since there was no way to have a bakery table. The demand was huge, so this is how she spent several 90 degree July days!

ing and time for cleaning,

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## Congregation Ahavas Achim Welcomes New Rabbi

Congregation Ahavas Achim, the Greater Monadnock Region's synagogue and Jewish resource, is proud to announce that Rabbi Daniel Aronson has joined the CAA community as full-time Rabbi beginning this month.

"We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Daniel Aronson back to his native New England and into our growing Jewish Community," expressed Synagogue President Randall Carmel. "Ahavas Achim has a 100+ year history of serving our region's Jewish community and we are looking forward to the ways that Rabbi Dan's leadership will help us to grow and thrive. Our entire community is excited to welcome him and to see how his leadership will open up new opportunities to engage the community in Jewish life at a time when these connections are most critical."

A student for more years than he can count, Rabbi Dan was almost a theater major in college, but ultimately his education was focused on all things Jewish. He holds a BA in Judaic Studies from Brown University, as well as master's degrees in Jewish Communal Service and Jewish Education from Brandeis University and the

Jewish Theological Seminary, respectively. With rabbinic ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Dan was especially fortunate to receive a coveted Wexner Graduate Fellowship to attend RRC and continues to be engaged in the Fellowship's alumni association. In addition, he enjoys sharing with those in his care the varied skills he has developed through training in Clinical Pastoral Education, Bibliodrama and an innovative approach to Hebrew instruction called "Hebrew through Movement."

Rabbi Daniel Aronson is excited to be returning to his native New England from Houston, Texas, where he lived since 2013, to lead Keene's Congregation Ahavas Achim. Born and raised in Portland, Maine, Rabbi Dan comes to Keene with his wife, Dr. Beth Aronson, a psychologist who has been hired as the Assistant Director for clinical operations at Keene State College, and their daughter, Katie.

"I am so excited to be taking the reins



Rabbi Daniel Aronson

of spiritual leadership at Ahavas Achim! Since we arrived in Keene in July, the community has embraced us with open arms, which I have learned is the New Hampshire way of doing things. I look forward to working with and caring for the CAA community, as the community has been caring for us and also extending that loving

embrace to others throughout the spectacularly beautiful Monadnock region," remarked Rabbi Dan about his new role.

In addition to Portland and Houston, Rabbi Dan has resided in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Oregon, Boston, Philadelphia, and Jerusalem, either for education, work, or both. He has held a variety of positions in the Jewish community and beyond, including visiting/interim rabbi, Hillel professional, health care chaplain, Dean of Admissions and Recruitment at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Director of Annual Giving at RRC, director of congregational learning, director of youth and education, and coordinator of b'nai mitzvah and Hebrew programs. Rabbi Dan is passionate about Israel, Jewish education and caring for all God's creatures.

A central theme of Aronson's rabbinic life is "b'tzelem elohim," which is Hebrew for "in God's image." Just about everything he does in life is informed by the idea that each of us is created in the image of the Divine. Since Godliness looks very different from person to person, Rabbi Dan truly believes that as a community we need to create not just a big tent but enough discrete -- and sometimes overlapping spaces -- inside that tent where everyone can find their place, where each unique image of the Divine can truly shine. For Rabbi Dan, helping

create those discrete spaces in a way that is welcoming and non-judgmental is the most appealing part of being the rabbi at Ahavas Achim. Rabbi Dan is eager to build a relationship with each member of the congregation, regardless of his, her or their beliefs, practices, or worldview, and learn how he can help each person shine.

In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, walking in nature, playing games, reading, eating ice cream, and making puns! In addition, while Rabbi Dan has been a fan of sports teams in Philadelphia and Houston, his primary allegiances have always remained with New England's teams, and he is thrilled to be back in their broadcast area.

Synagogue members are invited to set up a call video chat to meet Rabbi Dan through the office. Rabbi Dan welcomes members of the wider community to reach out by phone as well as he settles into his new role so that he can become a source of spiritual, emotional, and intellectual support for all who seek it. He also is eager to make unique contributions to the wider communities of beyond Keene, and into the Monadnock Region.

Rabbi Dan is excited to connect with congregants by phone and Zoom and is leading "virtual" Shabbat services each Friday beginning at 7 pm and leading a Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 am. All services, adult programs, and our weekly religious school, are currently held via private Zoom link. For information about our services, Religious School, and information about how to join us, contact Daniella at (603)532-6747 or via email at secretary.ahavas.achim@gmail.com. You may also learn more about our rabbi, our community, and all that we have to offer via our website [www.keenesynagogue.org](http://www.keenesynagogue.org) or by liking our page on Facebook.

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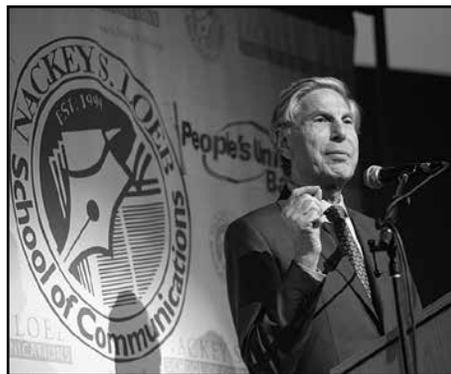
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Howard Brodsky, chairman and co-founder of CCA Global Partners, has been named Business Leader of the Decade by *Business NH* magazine, the third individual in the magazine's history to receive the award.

"Howard's visionary leadership has helped foster innovation and expand opportunity by supporting entrepreneurs and family businesses across the country through the cooperative business model," U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan said in a statement, responding to Brodsky's recognition.

CCA Global Partners was founded in 1984 when Brodsky and business partner Alan Greenberg established Carpet Co-op of America. They launched Carpet One in 1985 with 13 members and doubled that by the end of the year, reaching \$25 million in sales. (Greenberg died in 2007.)

CCA, headquartered in Manchester's Millyard, has since expanded to 14 other sectors, including home furnishings,



*Manchester native Howard Brodsky, chairman and co-founder of CCA Global Partners has been named Business Leader of the Decade by Business NH magazine. File photo, reprinted courtesy of the New Hampshire Union Leader.*

business services and sports retail stores.

Brodsky said he hopes the award will shine a light on how successful the cooperative business model can be.

"While business awards and rankings often favor big corporations with powerful investors, this recognition is proof that business success and strong leadership can live harmoniously with a passion for doing good and empowering others," he said in a statement.

## A Safe and Easy Way to Vote: Apply for Your Absentee Ballot Now!

*By Elders Stand for Fair Elections New Hampshire*

Now's the time to apply for an absentee ballot to vote by mail. A new law, HB1266, makes it easier to vote by absentee ballot. With the Covid-19 health crisis, completing an absentee ballot will allow you to stay healthy and let your voice be heard in the coming election. The first step is to complete an application for an absentee ballot. Download the absentee ballot application at <https://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx> or call and

request it from your town clerk.

If you have not registered to vote, an application to register will also be sent when you request an application for an absentee ballot. With that one application you will receive absentee ballots for both the primary (9/8) and general election (11/3). New Hampshire now allows you to select "Concern About Covid-19" as a valid reason to vote absentee. Counting of absentee ballots takes place on election day, after the polls close. Your secret ballot, as always, remains confidential.

## New Hampshire's Only Kosher Hotel Closes

*By Hannah Boyd*

The Arlington Hotel in Bethlehem has been sold to the Giri Group and is now operating as the Chandler at White Mountains. Once catering to Hasidic travelers from the New York area, the resort offered all-inclusive getaways featuring Jewish entertainers like singer Lipa Schmeltzer, comedian Pester Rebbe Yoely Lebowitz, and magician Schlo-mo Levinger.

Bethlehem, the home of the Hebrew

Hayfever Association, became a magnet for urban travelers with allergies in the 19th century; the crisp mountain air was rumored to provide relief. Many local hotels wouldn't accept Jewish guests, so separate boarding houses and hotels were built. Recently, the hotel had been fined for labor violations, and Covid has impacted the whole tourist industry.

Although the Arlington had a long history of Hasidic ownership and glatt kosher food, the Chandler will not be kosher.

## Tisha b'Av: Transforming Grief into Hope

*By Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman*

In the days leading up to Tisha b'Av, the Temple Israel Portsmouth community was invited to build a public community cairn in the courtyard at the site of the bronze Hands of Hope sculpted by Sumner Winebaum. Members were asked to bring a stone, as one would bring a stone to mark a visit to a grave and place it, or stack it, somewhere on the sculpture. Over time the sculpture was transformed into a collective expression of grief over the condition of our world.

On Tisha b'Av itself, community members gathered at the site of the sculpture, in person and on Facebook Live as Eicha/Lamentations was chanted by candlelight. Attendees were then invited, once again, to stop by the courtyard after Tisha b'Av, in their own time and take home a stone from the sculpture to decorate with a word or pattern expressing a hope for our world, and then bring it back to the sculpture in the courtyard. In this way, the TIP commu-



*Community members collected blank stones and returned them, transformed, in Temple Israel Portsmouth's ongoing collective art project.*

nity is creating a living monument to inspire and support us all in the journey from grief to comfort and hope.

## UNH and Seacoast Chabad Opens Kosher Market

UNH/Seacoast Chabad is excited to launch the first and only kosher mini market in New Hampshire! Shoppers can now purchase everything from glatt kosher meat, chicken, and jerky to Israeli spices, Swiss chocolates, and kosher wine right here in New Hampshire. Stop by the Chabad Jewish Center at 72-1 Main Street in Durham to browse, or contact them at 205-6598 to set up an appointment.



*A section of Israeli groceries and kosher snacks at UNH & Seacoast Chabad's new mini-market. The store also carries fresh kosher meat.*

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# L'Shana tova u' metuka!

**Shana Tova U' metuka,  
may we all have a sweet  
and healthy year!**  
- *The Carrus Family*

**Wishing our New Hampshire  
Community a sweet and  
healthy New Year!**  
- *The Guertin Family:  
David, Allyson and Max*

**L'Shanah Tovah and best wishes  
for 5781.**  
- *Elsa Conrad,  
David and Ben Conley*

**May what we have learned from  
the health crisis lead us to a  
better New Year.**  
- *The Soreff Nation: Sasha, Ben,  
Heather, Westley, Foster, Matana,  
Daniel, Barak, Peggy and Steve*

**L'Shana Tova From Kol Ha' Emek**  
- *The Upper Valley  
Jewish Community*

**Best Wishes to All for A Happy  
and Healthy New Year**  
- *Marc Rubenson*

**May this New Year be filled with  
health, happiness, and sweet  
moments for you and your  
family. L'shanah Tovah!**  
- *The Harrison Family*

**From our family to yours, Have A  
Happy and Healthy New Year.**  
- *Ken and Bertha Litvack*

**Best wishes for a happy and  
healthy New Year!**  
- *The Cohen Family: Tiffany,  
Daniel, Skylar, Flynn, William and  
Arabella*

**Happy, Healthy New Year**  
- *The Kalik Family*

**May the fruits of joy and  
happiness be yours at Rosh  
Hashanah and always**  
- *Renee Brenner*

**May the New Year be sweet,  
joyful, inspiring, healthy,  
meaningful, and happy all  
throughout 5781**  
- *The Jolton Family*

**Shannah Tova!**  
- *Liliane Sznycer and Abner Taub*

**May 5781 be a year  
of good health, good deeds,  
and peace for all.**  
- *Sidney and Eileen Regen*

**L'shana Tovah and best wishes  
for a healthy, joyous and  
sweet New Year.**  
- *Michele and Michael Bank*

**L'Shanah Tovah**  
*from the Kushner family*

**May the New Year find  
your family and friends  
healthy and safe.**  
- *Elaine and Paul Bieber  
Happy New Year!*

**Best Wishes:  
Stay safe. Stay well.**  
- *Roberta Silberberg*



# Happy New Year!

# High Holidays

## New Hampshire High Holidays Service Guide 2020

Contact your local synagogue (listed on page 2) for more information and to reserve tickets where required. Note that this year in particular, scheduled events may be subject to change. Some times (e.g. Shofar blowing, Taslich, sermons, Yizkor) are approximate and may vary from the published schedule.

### AMHERST

#### Congregation Betenu

Services are online. Contact the Betenu office to get information and join codes at [office@betenu.org](mailto:office@betenu.org) or 603-886-1633.

**Friday, September 18:** Rosh Hashanah evening, 7:30 PM. **Saturday, September 19:** Rosh Hashanah morning, 10:30 AM. **Sunday, September 20:** Kol Nidre 7:30 PM. **Monday, September 21:** Yom Kippur services begin at 10:30 AM and continue throughout the day.

### BETHLEHEM

#### Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

All services will take place via Zoom.

**Saturday, September 12:** Slichot, 8:00 PM. **Friday, September 18:** Erev Rosh Hashanah, 7:00 PM. **Saturday, September 19:** 9:30 AM: Rosh Hashanah. 11:15 am Torah study; children's service and tashlich TBD. **Sunday, September 20:** 9:30 AM. Rosh Hashanah. **Saturday, September 26:** 10:30 AM (11 am Torah study), Shabbat Shuva. **Saturday, September 27:** 7:00 PM, Kol Nidre. **Sunday, September 28:** 10:00 AM, Yom Kippur, Yizkor 12:00 PM, Mincha 5:00 PM, Neila 6:30 PM, Final Shofar 7:15 PM. Erev Sukkot, **Friday, October 2:** 5:00 PM Sukkot (2). **Sunday, October 4:** 10:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat. **Friday, October 9:** 5:00 PM Shemini Atzeret. **Saturday, October 10:** 10:00 AM Yizkor: 11:30 AM. Simchat Torah. **Saturday, October 10:** 7:00 PM.

### CONCORD

#### Temple Beth Jacob

**Saturday, September 12:** 7:00 PM, S'lichot Service via Zoom, with Rabbi Robin and Cantor Shira; includes a discussion on making our homes into Holy Spaces. **Friday, September 18:** 7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, live streamed from the TBJ website. **Saturday, September 19:** 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah I Service, live streamed from the TBJ website. 10:00 AM CONTY Service for 4th-7th grade religious school students, via Zoom. 12:30 PM Family Service (for children 3rd grade or younger), via Zoom. **Sunday, September 20:** 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah II Service, live streamed from the TBJ website. **Friday, September 25:** 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Shuvah Service, via Zoom. **Saturday, September 26:** 10:00 AM Shabbat Shuvah morning service, via Zoom and on Facebook. **Sunday, September 27:** 9:00 AM Memorial Service at TBJ Cemetery, available via Zoom. **Sunday, September 27:** 7:30 PM Kol Nidrei Service, live streamed from the TBJ website. **Monday, September 28:** 10:00 AM Yom Kippur morning Service, live streamed from the TBJ website. 10:00 AM CONTY Service for 4th-7th grade religious school students, via Zoom. 12 PM Livestream camera will show the open ark at TBJ; we invite you to offer private prayers before the ark as if you were in the building. 12:30 PM Family Service (for children 3rd grade or younger), via Zoom. 1:30 PM Yom Kippur Healing Service, via Zoom. 2:30 PM Adult learning session, "Being Jewish and Anti-Racist," via Zoom. 4:00 PM Afternoon Yizkor-N'ilah Services, live streamed from the TBJ website. **Friday, October 2:** 7:00 PM Erev Sukkot/Shabbat Service, via Zoom. **Saturday, October 3:** 10:00 AM Shabbat/Sukkot morning service, via Zoom. **Friday, October 9:** 7:00 PM Shabbat/end of Sukkot Evening Service, with Yizkor, via Zoom. **Saturday, October 10:** 10:00 AM Shabbat Morning/Simchat Torah Service, TBD.

### DERRY

#### Etz Hayim Synagogue

All services will be via Zoom. Please contact [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) for a link.

**Saturday, September 12:** Selichot 8 PM Program, 9 PM Services. **Friday, September 18:** Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:15 PM. **Saturday, September 19:** Rosh Hashanah Day 1 at 9:30 AM, 1 PM Family Service. **Sunday, September 20:** Rosh Hashanah Day 2 9:30 AM. **Sunday, September 27:** Kol Nidre 7:15PM. **Monday, September 28:** Yom Kippur 9:30AM. 1 PM Discussion group - "What does a synagogue mean to you?" 2 PM Family Service. 4 PM Afternoon Service. **Friday, October 2:** Erev Sukkot 7:15 PM. **Saturday, October 3:** Sukkot 9:30 AM. **Saturday, October 10:** Yizkor/Shabbat services 9:30 AM. **Sunday, October 11:** Simchat Torah 7:15 PM.

### DURHAM

#### UNH/Seacoast Chabad Center

Outdoor High Holiday Services. Please make reservations so we can prepare accordingly. No Membership Fees or Tickets. Mask & Face Shields Provided. Traditional and Inspirational Services. Hebrew/English Prayer-Books. Warm and Friendly Atmosphere. Special Children's Program & Service. **Friday, September 19:** Rosh Hashanah begins. **Sunday, September 27:** Yom Kippur begins. For more info and reservations, call 603-205-6598 or email [Office@JewishSeacoast.com](mailto:Office@JewishSeacoast.com).

### HANOVER

#### Kol Ha'Emek, Upper Valley Jewish Community

Check [uvjc.org](http://uvjc.org) for Zoom information and times.

**Friday, September 18:** Erev Rosh Hashanah Service. **Saturday, September 19:** Rosh Hashanah Morning Service. **Sunday, September 20:** Rosh Hashanah 2nd day Morning Service. Tot and Family Services, and Tashlich. **Sunday, September 27:** Kol Nidre service. **Monday, September 28:** Yom Kippur Morning Service, Yom Kippur Tot and Family Services, Afternoon Study Session, Mincha, Neilah and Havdalah. **Saturday, October 3:** Sukkot Day 1 Service. **Sunday, October 4:** Sukkot Day 2 Service. **Saturday, October 10:** Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor services. **Sunday, October 11:** Simchat Torah Service.

### KEENE

#### Congregation Ahavas Achim

All services will take place via Zoom.

**September 12:** 7:30 PM Selichot with Brattleboro Area Jewish Community and Cantor Kate Judd. **September 18:** 7 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah service. **September 19:** Rosh Hashanah Day 1. 9-10:45 AM Morning Service, 11 AM Torah Service, 12:30 Musaf. **September 20:** Rosh Hashanah Day 2, 9-10:45 AM Morning Service, 11 AM Torah Service, 12:30 Musaf. **September 27:** 6:30 PM Kol Nidre.

### LACONIA

#### Temple B'Nai Israel

Temple B'Nai Israel will observe the High Holy Days virtually via Zoom meetings. Our Rabbi, Dan Danson, and Cantorial Soloist Melody Funk will celebrate at least some services from our historic sanctuary. Please visit our website [www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org) for more information.

### MANCHESTER

#### Chabad Center for Jewish Living

All services will be taking place outdoors in a tent. Prior reservations are required to ensure social distancing. Children over the age of 11 are welcome to join. There will be no children's program during services. Rosh Hashanah dinner – Although we would love to host Rosh Hashanah dinner for our friends and community, due to Covid-19 we are unable to do so. We do not want everyone missing out on the delicious holiday meal, so in lieu of our annual Rosh Hashanah dinner at Chabad, we are delighted to offer a take-out option this year. Orders must be placed by September 8th. Curbside pick-up is Thursday, September 17. Visit [www.ChabadofNH.com/roshhashana](http://www.ChabadofNH.com/roshhashana) to place your order.

**Friday, September 18:** Ma'ariv 7:00 PM. Shabbat, **September 19:** 10:00 AM (No Shofar Blowing.) **Sunday, September 20:** 10:00 AM, Shofar blowing at approximately 12:15. **Sunday, September 20** at 5:00 PM: Shofar in the Park. Shofar blowing, Rosh Hashanah activity for children + sweet treat! Stark Park, River Road, Manchester. Email [Chanachie@chabadofNH.com](mailto:Chanachie@chabadofNH.com) to let us know you'll be at the Shofar in the Park. **Sunday, September 27:** Kol Nidrei, 6:15 PM. **Wednesday, October 9:** Morning services at 10:00 AM. Yizkor, a special memorial service, will take place at approximately 12:30 PM. Shofar Blowing and "Break-fast to go" at 7:14 PM.

#### Temple Adath Yeshurun

Most Services are virtual unless otherwise noted. For guest access to holiday services, please contact the office by e-mail.

**Saturday, September 12:** Temple Adath Yeshurun Selichot Services with Temple Israel (virtual) at 7:00 PM. **Sunday, September 13:** Temple Adath Yeshurun Hebrew Cemetery Service, Beech Street, live

at 10:00 AM. **Friday, September 18** Rosh Hashanah Services (virtual) at 8:00 PM. **Saturday, September 19:** Rosh Hashanah Morning Services, (virtual) at 10:00 AM. Children's Services (virtual) at 2:00 PM. Tashlich and Shofar at Dorr's Pond, live, at 4 PM. Havdalah (virtual) at 7:00 PM. **Sunday, September 20:** Rosh Hashanah Morning Services, (virtual), at 10:00 AM. Shofar at 4:00 PM, location TBA. **Sunday, September 27:** Kol Nidre Services, virtual at 8:00 PM. **Monday, September 28:** Yom Kippur Morning Service (virtual) at 10:00 AM, Children's Service (virtual) at 2:00 PM, Study Group (virtual) at 3:00 PM. Afternoon Service (virtual) at 4:00 PM. Yizkor (virtual) at 5:30 PM (approximate), Neilah (virtual) at 6:15 PM.

### Temple Israel

TI Manchester congregants must pre-register to reserve social distanced, in-person seating for High Holiday Services. The Temple Israel Manchester High Holiday services will also be streamed online and open to the public. Link to be announced!

### NASHUA

#### Temple Beth Abraham

See our website at [tbanashua.org](http://tbanashua.org), e-mail [office@tbanashua.org](mailto:office@tbanashua.org), or call us at (603) 883-8184 for updated High Holy Day service times, pre-recorded services, and to request shofar blowing.

**Friday, September 18:** First Night of Rosh Hashanah, Online service.

**Saturday, September 19:** First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Morning Services by Zoom, in our Sanctuary and parking lot, and at various outdoor locations. ReNewYEAR services by Zoom with Eliana Light. Afternoon outdoor gatherings, Afternoon Family Service by Zoom with Eliana Light. **Sunday, September 20:** Second Day of Rosh Hashanah. Morning services by Zoom, in our Sanctuary and parking lot, and at various outdoor locations. ReNewYEAR services by Zoom with Eliana Light. Afternoon outdoor Tashlich (riverside) gatherings. Afternoon Family Service by Zoom with Eliana Light. Community outdoor Shofar service. **Sunday, September 27:** Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur Evening Online and in-person services. ReNewYEAR and Family Service with Eliana Light. **Monday, September 28:** Yom Kippur Morning services by Zoom, in our Sanctuary and parking lot, and at various outdoor locations. ReNewYEAR services by Zoom with Eliana Light. Afternoon outdoor gatherings, Afternoon Family Service by Zoom with Eliana Light. Reading of Jonah and Concluding Ne'ilah Service.

### NORTH CONWAY

#### Kehilat Har Lavan

Kehilat Har Lavan Mt Washington Valley-North Conway will be hosting High Holy Day services via Zoom. For information on service times and log-in link please email [harlavancommunity@gmail.com](mailto:harlavancommunity@gmail.com).

### PORTSMOUTH

#### Temple Israel

Plans for outdoor and live-streamed services and events are in development; please contact the temple office or see the website for current details including start time, location, and registration information. **Sunday, September 6:** 11:30 AM TI Cemetery Memorial service. **Sunday, September 13:** 1:00 PM Pine Hill (Dover) Cemetery Memorial service; 2:00 PM Forest Glade (Somersworth) Cemetery Memorial service. **Sat., September 12:** Selichot observance. **Friday, September 18:** 6:29 PM Candle Lighting, Erev Rosh Hashanah Seder (virtual). **Saturday, September 19:** Rosh Hashanah Day 1 (live stream) service led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munroe. **Sunday, September 20:** Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (live stream) morning service led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munroe; Outdoor Shofar Service and Tashlich at multiple locations. **Sunday, September 27:** 6:13 PM Fast begins, Kol Nidre service (live-stream) led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munroe. **Monday, September 28:** Yom Kippur Morning service, Yizkor and Afternoon Service, Neilah Service, all live stream with live outdoor elements, led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munroe. Final Shofar blast at 7:28 PM.

# WINES FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR

We feature a variety of kosher and meshuval wines to help you celebrate—from traditional favorites to contemporary brands.

Stop by a store near you or see the list of stores that carry our complete selection of kosher wines at [LiquorandWineOutlets.com/wine/kosher](https://LiquorandWineOutlets.com/wine/kosher).

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**As much as ever, we need the High Holy Day season this year.**

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur --  
and Elul, the month of reflection right before,  
and Sukkot, the festival of rebuilding right after.

We need this season to rediscover hope and joy.  
And to rediscover each other, because we're in this together.

We'll start the Jewish New Year differently this fall.  
But we can do it together. No matter what your relationship is to God.  
Or to Zoom.

Through Beth Abraham, we're learning in small groups and with partners  
throughout Elul.

We'll be Zooming traditional services led by Rabbi Jon and Cantor Stan Juda,  
our third annual ReNewYEAR alternative services with musician-educator  
Eliana Light, and family services with Eliana.

We'll be praying in our parking lot and our Sanctuary.

We'll be gathering by rivers for small group services,  
before and all through the holy days.

We'll be blowing the shofar in the largest parking lot we can find  
where we can all drive to be together.

We'll be bringing the sound of the shofar to anyone who asks for it.

As much as ever we need these High Holy Days, and each other.

**See our schedule at [tbanashua.org](http://tbanashua.org)  
or reach out to Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett at [rabbijon@tbanashua.org](mailto:rabbijon@tbanashua.org)**



# High Holidays

## Return, Renew, Reset: Temple Israel Portsmouth Offers Many Paths for the New Year

By Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

At Temple Israel Portsmouth, the High Holiday season begins one month before Rosh Hashanah in the month of Elul. Jewish tradition gives us this month as a period of preparation for entering into the High Holidays with awareness and motivation. To engage all of our senses in this process of restoration, TIP is offering a series of events throughout the month of Elul that nourish body, mind, heart, spirit, and hands. Highlights include “Yoga and Meditation; Text Study with Rabba Kaya,” “A Conversation with Yiddish Vocalist, Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell: Thoughts and Meditations on the relationship between the Jewish American and African American communities,” and an interfaith *Selichot*

gathering at the African Burying Ground Memorial Park with our African American and Native American neighbors.

TIP High Holiday Services and events will include a combination of live-streamed services from our sanctuary as well as outdoor experiences. Erev Rosh Hashanah begins with a Rosh Hashanah Seder led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. Participants will receive a prayer guide to use during this event as well as instructions on how to prepare and what foods to have available for the seder. Together, we will bless the new year with familiar High Holiday tunes, prayers, and culinary delights.

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 begins with a guided meditation followed by a modified sanctuary service live-streamed through Zoom, led by Rabba Kaya

Stern-Kaufman and Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munroe. Parts of the service will include pre-recorded segments highlighting our community members. Day 2 of Rosh Hashanah will include a shorter morning sanctuary service (again, live-streamed), followed by outdoor gather-

ings for a Shofar Service and *Tashlich*.

Yom Kippur services will include similar elements of Zoom Services and outdoor events during the day. Please check our synagogue website for updated program information including links to virtual services and registration details.

## Etz Hayim Gets Technical Upgrades

By BJ Wechsler

As we struggle with the Covid crisis, some generous Etz Hayim members have adapted our technology to allow synagogue members to fully participate in services and programs while preparing for the High Holy Days ahead. Hazan Al Sandler and Jill Pelunis generously donated money for upgrades to wifi equipment and cameras that have allowed greatly improved visual and audio quality. Jay Madnick, with assis-

tance from Wayne Kurtzman, provided the expertise in researching what was needed and installing and testing. The results allow for almost flawless delivery of our Shabbat services, a wonderful Bat Mitzvah, and a variety of adult education programs. Services have been well attended via Zoom, and we have increased our capacity for the High Holidays to allow all who wish to participate. If you wish to participate in Etz Hayim services and programs, please contact office@etzhayim.org for links.

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

## Shanah Tovah!



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## Music To My Ears: Two Novels About Songs and Silence

Music and silence are juxtaposed in the voices of both these beautifully written stories.

Each of these novels employs instruments and singing as the rhythms of these very different, but similar, stories of the Holocaust. Each of these stories also emphasizes the silence that is enforced from the experiences and inner loss. Sometimes the music can be re-found, and sometimes it is lost forever.

*The Yellow Bird Sings*, written by Jennifer Rosner, is the story that so many survivors tell from both the mother and the child's perspective. This story, though a creation of the author's imagination, combines some of these tales into a story from both the child's perspective and the parent's experience. The camps and the crimes committed there are alluded to as the backdrop for this plot, but in this novel we focus on a mother and her five year old daughter, who have escaped as their family was killed in their small Polish town. Now they are hiding in a barn for the night, hoping that the man who had

shopped in their family's store will be kind when he finds them there.

Hidden in the hayloft as days and nights turn into a year, Roza and Shira stay hidden and silent, protected for a while by the farmer Henryk and his wife, Krystyna. When it becomes too dangerous to stay any longer, Krystyna offers to help get Shira to an orphanage. Roza, fearing that she and her daughter cannot survive in the woods together through a cold, harsh winter, agrees.

Roza, stays out in the woods and the elements, surviving on mushrooms and thistles that she cooks into soup, until she meets up with some other Jewish partisans in hiding. Life is hard. She misses Shira and is always searching for her. She is always conflicted about whether she did the correct thing sending her to the orphanage. The rest of her life will be spent searching for her daughter.

*Exile Music* is a beautiful, symphonic novel written by Jennifer Steil, taking the reader through the lives of a family that flees the Holocaust to Bolivia. Again, we are exposed to another piece of history

that has not been exposed before.

Divided into the movements of a musical work of art, this novel follows the Zingel family from Vienna as Hitler is coming to power, at a large pace in the slow moving first movement. Told from the point of view of Orly, the youngest member of the Zingel family, a musical family in Vienna, she lives in a building owned by her grandparents and is, from birth, best friends with the upstairs neighbor, Annalise.

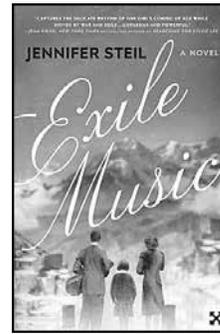
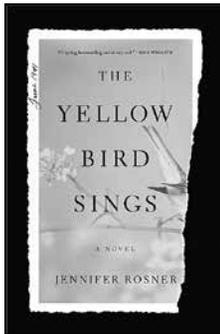
As Orly's parents, her father a violist with the Symphony and her mother a treasured opera singer, realize that their music and popularity will not save them, they prepare to take their family out of Austria. Leaving behind her older brother, Willi, who will escape through the underground, they finally book passage to Bolivia. Steil takes us into a crescendo building up to the boat passage out of Austria and their introduction to life in Bolivia. Life was hard for the displaced Jews who were able to escape there during the war. So the next section of the musical piece assumes more of an agitated pace, quickly changing direction as the family

jumps from a full life of connection to a life of confusion, loss of language, and the loss of familiar foods and traditions.

These stories are touching, at times heartbreaking, stories from different perspectives. There is good and evil, but these stories and so many others show that in the end, though there are not always perfect endings, there can be happiness, kindness and love. People did help others, some more altruistically than others. Each story is unique and incredible.

Jennifer Rosner is the author of *If A Tree Falls: A Family's Quest to Hear and Be Heard*, a memoir about raising her deaf daughters in a hearing, speaking world and discovering genetic deafness in her family dating back to the 1800's. The *Yellow Bird Sings* is her debut novel. She lives with her family in Western Massachusetts.

Jennifer Florence Steil is an American author and journalist currently living in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She is also the author of *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky*, a memoir about her tenure as the editor-in-chief of the *Yemen Observer* in Sana'a, Yemen.





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a healthy and sweet  
New Year.

— Senator Maggie Hassan

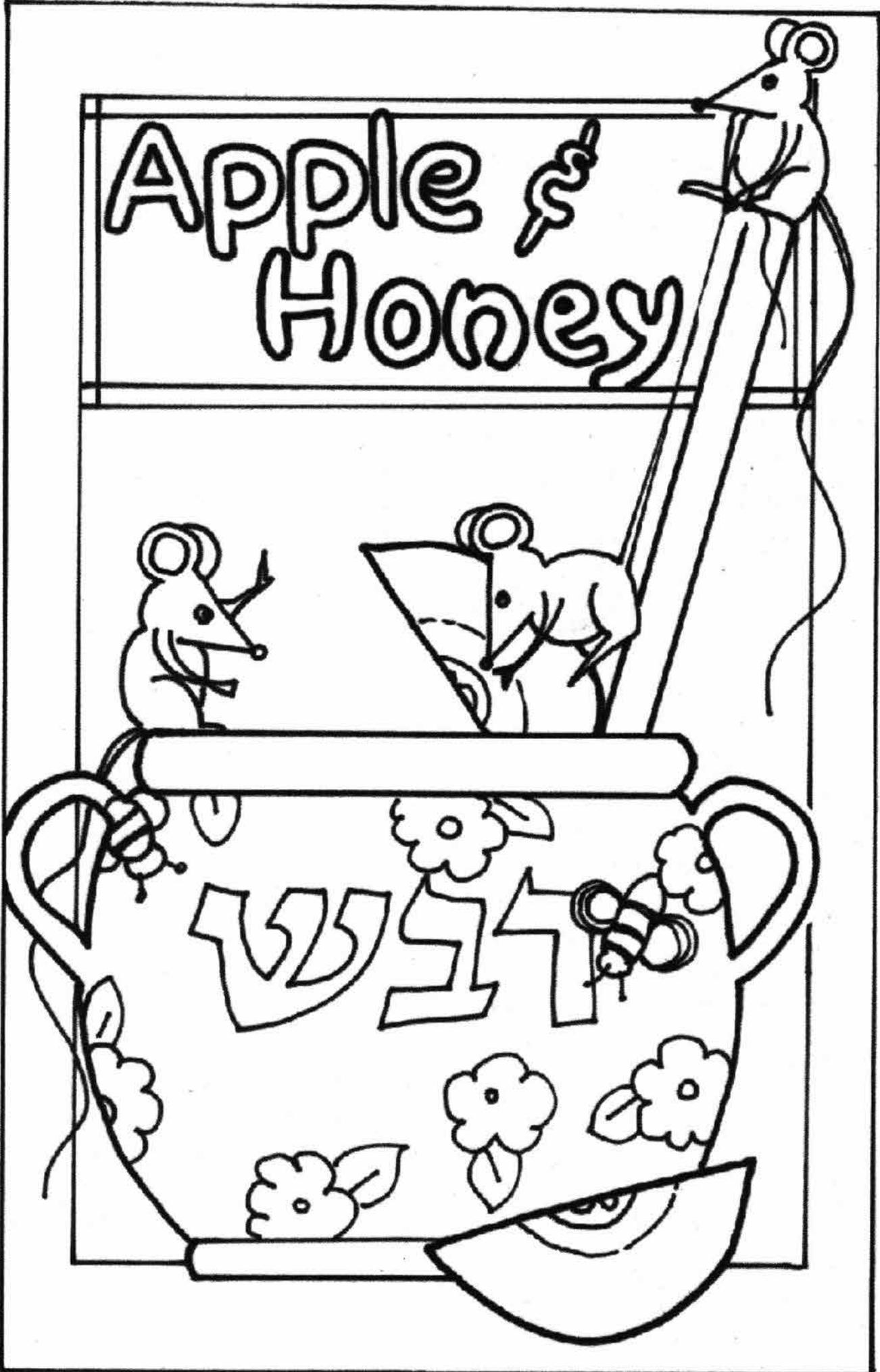
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# Mitzvahs

## Chanukah Cards in September? For one Local Organization, it's Never too Early!

As we enter the busy season for Jewish holidays, most of us are thinking about apples dipped in honey, the sound of a shofar, what to eat for break-fast, and maybe, if we're planners, where to put the sukkah. Dr Laura Landerman-Garber is thinking a little further ahead; she has to, in order to get the 175,000 cards her organization, Holiday Cards for our Military, boxes and ships to the Troops in time.

Cards should be addressed to "Dear Warrior," respect the religious diversity of the American military, and be signed with first names only. Homemade cards, children's drawings, and personal messages are welcome. Envelopes aren't necessary, but should be unsealed if included. Donations of blank cards or money for postage are also appreciated.

Donations may be left in the touch-free dropbox outside the Hollis Pharmacy, or mailed to: Laura Landerman-Garber, Holiday Card Challenge, Box 103, Hollis, New

Hampshire 03049 by October 31. (Later donations will be saved for next year.)

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## Joke of the Month

*as told by Rabbi Berel Slavaticki, UNH/Seacoast Chabad*

There was once an American citizen who made Aliyah to Israel. One day he took a walk and saw a beautiful garden with beautiful apples growing on the trees. So he walks inside and he starts eating the apples. The owner comes out and says, "Hey! Why are you stealing my apples?"

The guy ignores him and continues eating the apples.

The owner yells at him, "you know you're stealing and you know we're told in the holy Torah, if you steal you need to come back and repay the guy you stole from!"

The guy continues eating the apples. And as he continues to eat, he says, "How lovely is Israel! You can enjoy beautiful apples, and hear a beautiful Torah thought as well."

# L'Shana Tova



Wishing you, your family and all families a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Chris and Valerie Sununu



## Manchester Jewish Cemetery Committee Wins Prize for Historic Restoration

By Michael Sydney

As the High Holiday season approaches, I hope all of you and your families are healthy, safe, and enjoying the summer months as much as possible. As you're aware, two Manchester synagogues (Temple Israel and Temple Adath Yeshurun) jointly own and maintain the Manchester Jewish cemetery for the Manchester Jewish community and beyond.

Over the past three plus years, the Cemetery Committee, composed of Rabbi Beth Davidson, Sue Niederman, Michael Litvin, Larry Eckman, and Michael Sydney, has raised \$350,000 to rebuild, restore, and enhance both the chapel and cemetery grounds. Many New Hampshire families and organizations, including the Jewish Federation, generously contributed to the project. The committee was thrilled that they were able to use these contributions to restore the cemetery to its former beauty and grandeur as the final resting place for members of the Jewish community.

The chapel project entailed installing a new roof and new insulated windows, insulating the attic, replacing both restrooms, repairing the heating system, replacing and painting the sheetrock in the chapel along with an acoustical ceiling, lighting, and a sound system. A new electrical service and internet connectivity was also brought into the building. We are also very proud that we were able to make the chapel completely handicap accessible.

On the grounds of the cemetery, all of the tree and shrub overgrowth was either pruned or removed. All of the headstones were pressure washed and cleaned, a new sprinkler system was installed, as well as security lighting and video surveillance. The roadways and parking area were redesigned and repaved to be easier to navigate.

All of this significant work was recognized and brought to the attention of the Manchester Historical



After cleaning, the stones are legible and lichen-free.



Before the restoration, some stones were covered in lichen.

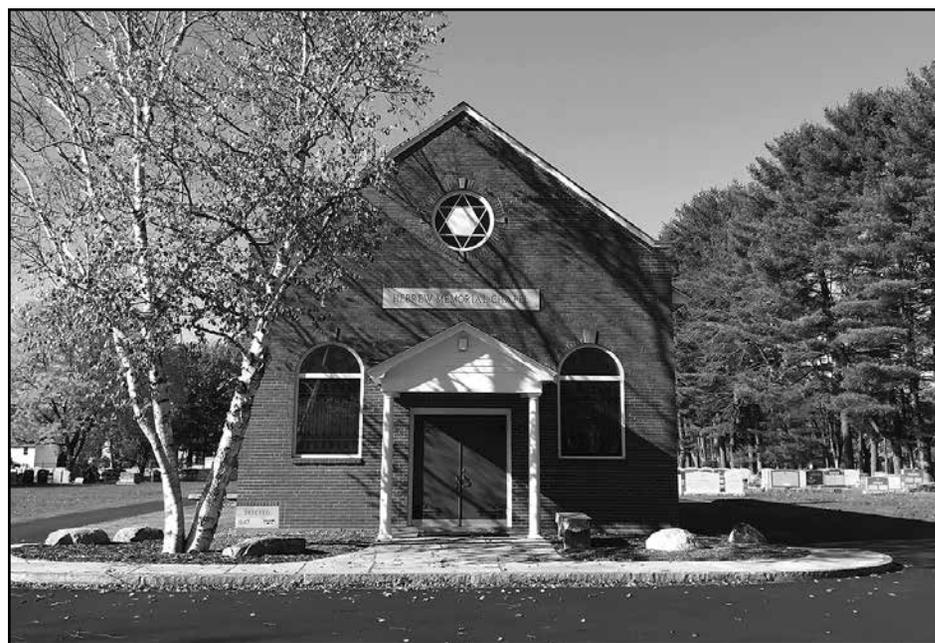
Association. Our beautiful cemetery was nominated for one of the five prestigious historic restoration awards given by the Historical Association.

We submitted an application highlighting the scope of the work, and it was selected as one of the five winners out of more than 25 submissions. The event was supposed to be a city-wide celebratory event with a presentation at St. Anselm's, but due to Covid-19, the celebration and presentation were modified.

Instead, the presentations were made at the Manchester Historical Museum, and a video was created highlighting the purpose of the awards. Each recipient was given a time to accept its award and make their remarks while socially distanced. Michael Sydney from the



Michael Sydney accepting the award from John Clayton, Executive Director of the Manchester Historical Association.



The freshly renovated chapel and improved grounds at Manchester's Jewish Cemetery.

Cemetery Committee accepted the award from John Clayton, Executive director of the Manchester Historical Association.

Our award will be on display in the Cemetery Chapel. Here is the link to the video presentations: <https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.manchesterhistorical.org%2Fevents%2F247-28th-annual-historic-preservation-awards-2&data=02%7C01%7Cmichaelsydney%40merchantsfleet.com%7C6cfd7b26b5b24fd8750608d83d30eca8%7C74e16038e7dd4392b38a5a2b6d6e3a25%7C0%7C0%7C637326627635308614&sdata=eTt091GrRmdnXXIe5%2FCevXM6ekCIZPxZ%2F1ZENtFhdqw%3D&reserved=0>

Our work is not done. We must continue to maintain the chapel and cemetery in its beautiful state for eternity. As the High Holidays approach, we think and reflect on our loved ones who have passed. I am asking you to please consider making a donation to the Manchester Jewish Cemetery. Contributions can be made payable to the Chapel Restoration Fund and sent to Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect Street, Manchester, NH 03104. We are so grateful to all of you who have participated in this wonderful and important mitzvah. Mazel tov on a job well done. Wishing all of you and your families a very healthy, happy, and sweet New Year.



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Wishing you health and happiness in the New Year."  
-Congresswoman Annie Kuster  
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## Cards from Afar Make 101st Birthday Special — Even During a Pandemic

By Jeni Smith

Just wanted to thank any of you who sent a birthday card to our Thelma. Between those sent from here and the "From The Heart" Facebook group, she is still opening cards! She celebrated 101 years last Friday, and is overjoyed with all the cards received. You can't imagine the happiness these cards bring our seniors that have been isolated during this pandemic. Thank you for caring!

If you're interested in "adopting" or sending cards to seniors who need companionship, check out the "From The Heart" page. And Thelma would always welcome a random card now and then! She keeps every one in a binder and rereads them often!

Cards may be sent to Ms. Thelma Wacks, Landow House, 1799 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland, 20852.



Ms. Thelma Wacks

## Nahar Yoga's Gentle Yoga for a Cause Benefits Camp Tevya Sustainability Fund

By Arielle Eckhaus Welch

I have spent 39 months, the equivalent of 3.25 complete years of my life, at Camp Tevya. It is my summer home! Were it not for COVID-19, this would have been my 23rd summer. I started as a camper in 1984, and continued on to become a CIT, counselor/swim instructor, Assistant Head of the Waterfront, and Head of the Waterfront. I worked as the Program Director in 2007, but longed to be on the beach. I enjoyed being invited to lead Shabbat Yoga for the annual Shabbat-o-Rama from 2014-2017. I credit Yoga for bringing me back to Camp Tevya. As my kids grew old enough to return with me, I was invited back in 2017, after a 9 year hiatus, as Head of the Waterfront – one of my favorite jobs ever! Summer 2020 would have been my 10th summer with a waterfront office!



Arielle Eckhaus Welch led a fundraiser for Camp Tevya.

COVID-19 not only cancelled my family's summer plans at Camp Tevya, but also forced me to transition my yoga classes to a virtual format on Zoom. I have now been teaching Vinyasa Yoga, Chair Yoga and Prenatal-friendly Gentle Yoga classes virtually for 5 months, reaching more people than before, when

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## Etz Hayim Synagogue Forms Caring Committee

By Laurie Medrek

Etz Hayim Synagogue has formed a new caring committee, *Chavurat Ezrah*. *Ezrah* means "help" in Hebrew, and the name means "Team Ezrah." The founding members are all from Rabbi Peter Levy's first adult B'nai Mitzvah class this past December. The group felt they would like to give back to the community by offering their services to those in need of short-term help.

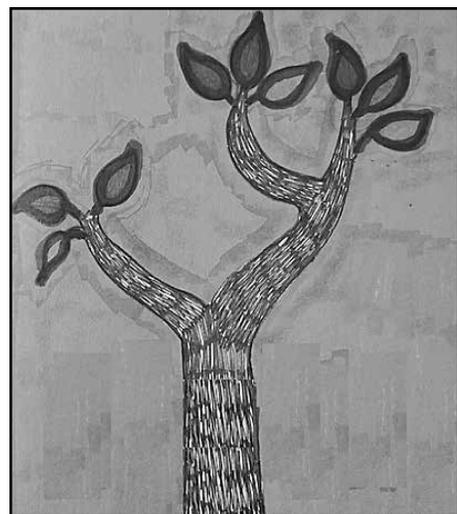
A mitzvah project is an important component of Bar/Bat Mitzvah rituals. It re-emphasizes Jewish



B'nai Mitzvah celebrants and Chavurat Ezrah founding members Ray Morton-Ewbank, Connie Morton-Ewbank, Midge Goldberg, Stephanie Kuligowski, Martha Tomanelli, Adam Barvenik, Rabbi Peter Levy, Beverly Barvenik, Nancy Rotkowitz, Jody Terry, Marcy McWilliam, Leslie Kirshman.

principles of *tzedakah* (righteous giving) and *tikkun olam* (world repair). One of the most important mitzvahs in the Torah is loving your fellow man as yourself, or *chesed* (kindness). The great sage Hillel once famously said, "This is the entire Torah, the rest is commentary."

The group currently offers short-term caring services to the Etz Hayim community, including picking up groceries, running errands and cooking and bringing meals to members' homes. Rides to doctor's appointments and light household chores will not be offered until the pandemic subsides.



Artwork by Hannah Compeanu.

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and your family  
have a blessed  
New Year!

*Shanah tovah um'tukah*



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I was limited by the physical space of a studio. As Nahar Yoga transitioned to Zoom, schools were closing, and Camp Tevya began offering virtual activities to bring the Camp Tevya community together online for support.

Initially, my children, Jonas and Mirabel, helped me lead camp-themed Kids' Yoga classes through Facebook Live on the Camp Tevya page (scroll back to spring to find them). We covered camp electives, trip day, and the Hebrew *Alef Bet*. It felt right to give hope in such a way during those initial times of uncertainty. After doing the Facebook Live Kids' Yoga classes for Camp Tevya, I also wanted to offer a healing class for adults. Parents and adults were also going to need some healing energy, an opportunity to tap out and practice self-care.

As the summer months progressed, it became evident that fundraising was necessary to save the camp. Since open-

ing my studio, Nahar Yoga (*nahar* is Hebrew for river), in Derry in 2009, I have offered a Yoga for a Cause benefit class quarterly. It has always been important to me to give back to my community. Every spring, our benefit class is for Jayme's Fund for Social Justice. Caren Rifkin, Jayme's mom, is a family friend; I led my first Yoga for a Cause in partnership with her before I opened my studio. Other non-profits Nahar Yoga has supported include Emily's Place — the YWCA's emergency shelter for women and children, The Upper Room — a family resource center, and the ALS Association, supporting ALS research and patient support.

I proposed a virtual Yoga for a Cause idea to Ben Portnoy and Lauren Fishman, Camp Tevya's Director and Assistant Director, respectively. We ran a Bedtime Yoga session on August 2 via Zoom, with participants from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, including members of

my Camp Tevya family, my Nahar Yoga family, my own family, and family friends. One participant recalled my singing to her camp bunk at bedtime 20 years ago. I was also blessed and supported by the presence of members of the Shabbat Yoga group I used to hold at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry.

Yoga really brought me back to my faith. I am so grateful to Rabbi Louis Reiser zt"l for this! Shortly after opening my studio, he enthusiastically suggested that I teach a Shabbat Yoga class. Having recently participated in a Shabbat Synaplex on the North Shore, he was excited about offering alternative ways to pray. I was hesitant at first, but he offered much support and guidance.

He shared resources such as [www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com) and shared with me the teachings of Rabbi Bradley Arson. Rabbi Reiser and I would meet in advance of a scheduled Shabbat Yoga and discuss the overarching themes of the Torah portion. I would look for yogic threads that aligned, and I learned to see the Torah in a whole new way. I was able to let go of the details of a long-ago world and understand the timeless lessons. My initial yoga teacher training required reading options included the *Torah*, the *Bible*, and the *Bhagavad Gita*, among others. What was important was that they were all life guides. As a yoga teacher in training, I chose the *Bhagavad Gita* because of its influence on yoga, but Rabbi Reiser helped me see the connections among them from a broader and more spiritual perspective. We ran the Shabbat Yoga and Share for many years and cultivated an intimate group who enjoyed getting together monthly to pray with our whole body and whole being. It was always a gentle practice, often inspired by a Rabbi Bradley Arson piece. We would continue the celebration after yoga, sharing tea and a healthy nosh in a comfortable community circle. Participants would share their thoughts/reflections from the practice and Rabbi Reiser would add a light Torah-study style twist. I am so grateful for those enlightening times.

The August 2nd event was a benefit for camp, but not just a fundraiser. It was about creating positivity and healing for the world. In order for camp to return next summer, we need more than money. We need healing. I am not the only one who has experienced anxiety recently with the return to school decisions. The

whole world is feeling uncertainty right now. My goal is to help others reduce some of that stress through yoga. Together the 18 of us, of varying abilities, created a wave of positivity for the world, originating from the northeast corner of the U.S. We had 17 registered, and with generous 50% matching donors matched raised \$395 for the Fund. Every little bit counts. If you would like to contribute, please go to: <https://www.camptevyva.org/support-camp/>.

I shared with the class that Rebbe Nachman of Breslov encouraged his followers to practice "solitude." Solitude, as defined by Reb Nachman, means setting aside at least an hour a day to be alone and converse with our Creator in private. This yoga practice was our opportunity to take solitude on our mats. This was our chance to commune with the Divine. Our yoga is a moving meditation. As we flow, we remind ourselves that 60% of the human body is water and 75% of the Earth is water. Movement should be fluid .... Invite a smile to creep across your face, for Reb Nachman also forbade sadness. He taught that we have this moment, this world — this moment, and the future is uncertain. We place our hands together at the heart center and fill that space with positivity. Together we are working to create positivity, healing, love, peace. The teachings are woven in between the physical poses, creating an opportunity for the body to marinate in the wisdom.

I also shared this mantra that I learned from Rabbi Reiser, "Breathing in that which you need, breathing out that which no longer serves you." It's all optional. Everything in yoga is optional as long as you are listening to your body, listening to your intuition. Honoring where you are right here and now. Then that is right. It is just right. You are right where you need to be. Breathing in. Breathing out.

*Arielle Eckhaus Welch is a former teacher (and student!) at the Federation Preschool. She currently teaches Hebrew at Etz Hayim Synagogue and Temple Israel Manchester, works at Camp Tevya, where her children Jonas and Mirabel are campers, and is an alpine ski racing instructor. She is the owner of Nahar Yoga in Derry, where she teaches yoga and barre. She and her husband Mike are enjoying exploring New Hampshire with their children this summer.*



### Emergency Relief Funds Available

To help the needs of our community during these trying times the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire has established a COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund. This fund will be overseen by JFNH Social Worker Mel Spierer and has been designated to help those impacted financially by the pandemic for services such as the purchase of food and medications; utilities; and/or rent/mortgage.

Regular social services are still available and Mel will continue to help connect community members with other programs that provide aid, but with budgets strained across the state, JFNH recognizes the need to offer bridge assistance.

There are limited funds available for the Pandemic Emergency Relief Fund and each request will be assessed on a case-by-case need basis. Emergency relief funds will be given per household. Those who are in need of assistance as a result of the pandemic are encouraged to contact the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire at 603-627-7679 or [info@jewishnh.org](mailto:info@jewishnh.org). All requests are kept strictly confidential, and decisions will be made by JFNH committee members.

*To donate to the COVID Relief fund, please send a gift marked "COVID Relief fund" to the JFNH Office or donate online at [www.jewishnh.org/give](http://www.jewishnh.org/give)*



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## After 43 Years of Marriage, a Trip to the Chuppah

By Jim and Ellen Prendergast

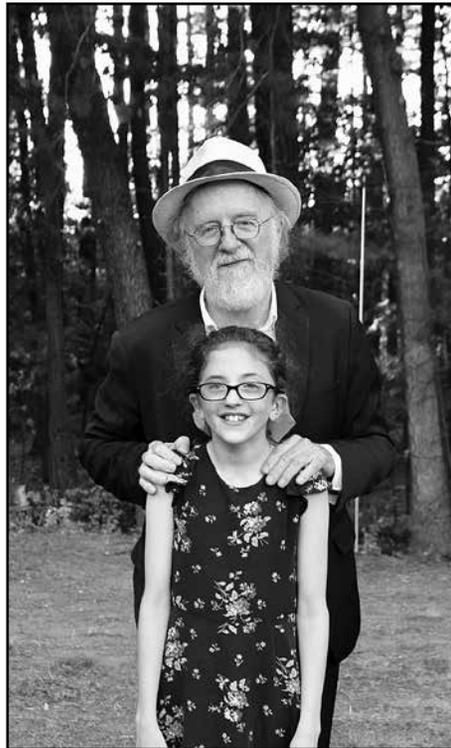
The long June day was twenty years in the making, a whirlwind morning with a few *Halachic* necessities followed by a momentous dip in the *mikvah* at Chabad of Newton, Massachusetts, where Jim, under the auspices of the Boston *Beit Din*, emerged a Jew, one in a hurry to get back up to Manchester's Chabad Center for a date under the *chuppah* with his wife of 43 years, Ellen. Rabbi Levi Krinsky, who had shepherded Jim through the process of conversion over the course of the previous several years, was there with a substantial showing from his legendary family, along with a few brave, masked souls to make up the required minyan. Their spouses and a few friends and family, for most of whom this was the first semblance of a party since the "lockdown," cheerfully made the extra effort of chattering across 6-foot social chasms, enjoying Chanchie Krinsky's luscious catering.

It was roughly 20 years ago when, one *Shabbos* morning, Ellen brought Jim "kicking and screaming" into Nashville, Tennessee's only Orthodox synagogue, Congregation Sherith Israel, just a block or two from where they lived, in a peaceful historic neighborhood not far from Vanderbilt University and Music Row.

Not that Jim wasn't interested. His father was a foreign correspondent for *Time* magazine, and Jim grew up abroad in an American expatriate world which included many Jewish families. Looking back, there was something magnetic in the attraction he felt to these families, from which he found close friends and mentors.

Later, Baltimore's huge Jewish community proved an irresistible source of friendship, comfort (and food!) to the Johns Hopkins University student from across the ocean, and it was there Jim met Ellen. An unlikely couple they were, a nice Jewish girl from Pikesville and a WASP from Paris, Tokyo, Johannesburg, London, etc. But the 60's and 70's were "searching" times and their journey, geographical and spiritual, took them to Boston, Vermont, and eventually to Nashville, where Jim, a guitarist and producer, worked for thirty years in recording studios, orchestra pits, and concert halls.

A few years before that first *Shabbos* morning at Sherith Israel, Ellen woke up on Rosh Hashanah morning wondering



Jim Prendergast with granddaughter Lillian at the wedding.

if they would go to services. Daughter Sarah had just left home for college. She had been the family's main connection to the Jewish community in Nashville, having attended Sunday school at The Temple all of her growing-up years. She worked as a counselor at the JCC camp and spent a summer in Israel. Jim unexpectedly volunteered, "you'll feel better if we go to services this morning."

Go they did. Returning with questions, a series of talks by the half-dozen diverse rabbis in the community caught their attention and introduced Ellen and Jim to Rabbi Zalman Posner. Well, not exactly for the first time; they had often seen his distinguished figure walking in

their neighborhood in his black hat and coat, and knew he led the congregation at nearby Sherith Israel. His witty, erudite, incisive introduction to Hasidic thought, his clear and wise perspective on socio-cultural issues and their intersection with Judaism left them wanting more.

Ellen sought more, and soon found herself re-connecting with the observant Judaism of her youth and taking Hebrew lessons with Sherith Israel's Cantor, George Lieberman. She started attending services. A bridge too far, though, for Jim: intellectual stimulation was fine, but services? Orthodox services? His memory of services was of itchy gray flannel trousers and droopy eyelids. And more, he'd be walking alone into the men's section, while Ellen had the company of a few friends in the women's.

He found a hiding place in the back row. Nervousness turned to terror as he felt a tap on his shoulder. He turned to face the severe expression of Rabbi Posner, who gestured with his thumb across the *mechitza*. "You with her?" Jim's faint "yes" was met by twinkling eyes, a dazzling smile, a warm handshake, and a hearty, "Welcome!"

Thus began a 10-year immersion in the congregation, hundreds of hours of study with the renowned Lubavitcher scholar, and the making of close friends in that charming "shalom y'all!" community. Ellen held various leadership roles in the Sisterhood, Jim became the Shul's music director, taught the Cheder kids to play Jewish music on their instruments, and created a highly successful teenage band, Nashville's beloved Klezmer Kidz.

Still a non-Jew, Jim was famously chided by his buddies at the Kiddush Club, "You're getting all the benefits of being Jewish without the responsibilities and obligations."

Fast-forward to New Hampshire another ten years later, when, with the indispensable, energetic help and friendship of Rabbi Krinsky, things were made right. The challenges of a *Halachic* conversion can be daunting and the bar high, and Rabbi Krinsky's good-humored confidence in Jim, now aka Shlomo Chaim, has left him with profound gratitude.

Ellen and Jim's move back to New England to be close to their daughter Sarah, son-in-law and *chuppah*-holder Mark, and granddaughter Lillian (now a happy camper at the Chabad Center's Gan Izzy, thank you, Chanchie!) came with hurdles to overcome. The forty miles from the Seacoast to Manchester at first kept the couple from engaging with Rabbi Krinsky's community, but the pull was strong, as was the warm welcome from Rabbi Krinsky, Shternie, their family, and the congregation. Those miles started seeming shorter and shorter, and the way to the *mikvah* and *chuppah* opened wide.

For many years, *kashrut* and *Shabbos* have been a way of life for the couple, but the rhythms of Jewish life now seem more steady, the harmony more true.

May the "bug" be vanquished soon, as Jim looks forward to his first Aliyah.

*Jim Prendergast continues to produce and record music for a wide range of clients at his Mill Pond Music Studio in Portsmouth. He is a Life Member of the Nashville Musician's Union.*



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## House Approves Pappas Amendment to Fund COVID-19 Research Partnership with Israel

July 30 — Today Congressman Chris Pappas (D-NH) passed an amendment to a Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations

package designating funding at the NIH Office of the Director for a joint program with Israel to support research and

development of effective treatments and responses to COVID-19. The amendment was co-sponsored by Congressmen



*NH Representative Chris Pappas urged Congress to fund a research partnership between American and Israeli scientists fighting COVID-19.*

Lance Gooden (R-TX), David Kustoff (R-TN), and Tom Suozzi (D-NY).

“American doctors, scientists, and researchers aren’t alone in racing to unlock treatments, vaccines, and other life-saving developments in the fight against COVID-19,” said Congressman Pappas. “Their counterparts in Israel are making groundbreaking advancements as well. That’s why I offered this bipartisan amendment to fund a new partnership between the U.S. and Israel to bring leading researchers from both countries together to defeat this devastating disease. Through this partnership, we can deepen our expertise in the development of drugs, vaccines, AI solutions, respiratory assist devices, diagnostic tests, and telemedicine in order to save lives.”

Congressman Pappas introduced similar standalone legislation in May. HR 6829, which has almost 200 bipartisan co-sponsors, would authorize a bilateral grant program with Israel to jointly develop new approaches to combating COVID-19, including cutting-edge health technologies.

Israeli scientists are currently developing 6 different vaccine candidates as well as more than a dozen different treatment options for the deadly lung inflammation caused by COVID-19.

AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, said, “Thank you, Congressman Chris Pappas, for leading a bipartisan effort with Lance Gooden, Rep. Tom Suozzi, and Congressman David Kustoff to bring American and Israeli researchers together to defeat this virus.”

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## Jewish, Pro-Israel Groups Welcome News of UAE Peace Deal

By *Algemeiner Staff*

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Jewish and pro-Israel groups praised on Thursday the news of the normalization deal reached between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations stated, “The Abraham Accord, as it is being called, is the most significant diplomatic development in the Middle East since the 1994 peace agreement between Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In taking this historic step, the UAE is paving the way for additional Arab and Muslim states to normalize their ties with Israel, which can help transform the region and enhance the prospects for a true and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians. This agreement is a bulwark against the forces of extremism and radicalism in the region.”

The American Israel Public Affairs



*The Tel Aviv municipality building is lit with the United Arab Emirates national flag following the announcement of a deal*

Committee said, “The establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and the UAE represents a historic breakthrough for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East. We greatly appreciate the efforts of President Trump and his administration in facilitating this major diplomatic achievement.”

“We applaud Israel and the UAE for their constructive and productive

diplomacy in reaching this momentous agreement,” it added. “The UAE joins Egypt and Jordan in paving the path to peace through recognition and engagement rather than seeking to isolate and boycott the Jewish state.”

“With this announcement, Israel and the UAE are joining the United States in launching a Strategic Agenda for the Middle East to expand diplomatic, trade, and security cooperation,” AIPAC went on to say. “We urge other Arab states and the Palestinians to follow their lead. The Palestinian leadership, in particular, should end its boycott of Israel and America and return to the negotiating table.”

World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder said, “The World Jewish Congress enthusiastically welcomes the normalization of relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, a tremendous step forward for these states, the region, and the peace process. This is an historic moment, facilitated in great part by the Trump administration, that demonstrates that diplomacy and dialogue can lead to progress and cooperation.”

American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris said, “This is an electrifying moment. Its importance for the entire region cannot be overstated. First, the potential for UAE-Israel cooperation in many spheres is vast. Second, it adds to the architecture of peace, following the 1979 treaty with Egypt and the 1994 treaty with Jordan. Third, it sends a powerful, uplifting message to others in the area of what the future of the Middle East can look like. And fourth, it is a welcome reminder of America’s unique capacity to facilitate such outcomes.”

Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said, “I commend Israeli and Emirati leaders for being willing to buck the hardliners today to make real concessions toward Arab-Israeli peace. This is a reminder of the positive role that the US uniquely can play on the global stage, helping to broker historic agreements and advance the cause of peace around the world.”

The Simon Wiesenthal Center said, “All Americans, Democrats and

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## Hadassah Medical Organization Honored for Ground-Breaking Research

By Michele Bank

Hadassah Medical Organization is proud to be the recipient of six of eight awards and research grants this year presented by the Israel Science Foundation, the Israeli agency that, similar to the National Institutes of Health in the US, supports breakthrough basic science in various fields of knowledge.

The grants, which provide money for research, time and materials, went to physician-scientists who, in addition to taking care of patients, work tirelessly in laboratories to uncover the causes of and potential cures for the diseases they treat.

"When we conduct thorough, original, fact-based research and build intellectual and physical infrastructure that will last for years, the success speaks for itself," says HMO Director General Prof. Zeev Rotstein. "These are busy physicians who spend a full day seeing patients and then engage in the basic research necessary to change the understanding of the diseases they see for all humankind. We are rightly proud of them."

The six physician-scientist grants were in the following areas of research: thoracic surgery, targeting malignant pleural mesothelioma; neuro-oncology, using computers for precision medicine; cardiac insufficiency, studying stomach bacteria and inflammation in heart failure; oncology, investigating DNA fragments and colorectal cancer; psychiatry,

investigating altered neural connections and PTSD, and last, oncology, investigating cancer epigenetics.

Thirteen additional awards were presented to Hadassah staff. Among them are two COVID-19 investigators. One received a grant to further investigate the impact of blood clots, and the other is working on the impact of the virus on the placenta and the risks for pregnant women.

Some of the other grants were given for research in type 1 diabetes in children, tumor destruction, lung cancer, liver infections leading to liver cancer, and inherited retinal disease.

"This success in basic research stands alongside the significant increase in clinical trials over the last few years," says Professor Rotstein, who adds that Hadassah is committed to "the best treatment for patients, fighting the virus with all our strength, and simultaneously researching in various medical fields for a better future."

Members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah contribute to the success of the medical care and research at Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). Let's keep Hadassah strong. Annual membership to Hadassah is only \$36 and lifetime membership is \$250. If you are not a member of Hadassah, please consider joining us. Donations are always welcome. For additional information, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com.

## Save the date for the Spotlight on Israel Film Series Debut!

JFNH Signature Program

By Linda Gerson, Israel Engagement and Education Committee

The JFNH Israel Engagement and Education Committee is pleased to announce its newest program initiative: the Spotlight on Israel Film Series, which will debut virtually in fall 2020.

The Israel Engagement and Education Committee's mission is to engage, educate, and connect New Hampshire's Jewish community to Israel and to our brethren in the Jewish State. Our mission

is accomplished in a myriad of ways.

This JFNH signature committee is chaired by Evelyn Miller, with a team of active members dedicated to creating a variety of programs on all matters Israel. Our programs are presented throughout the year.

Our work includes Federation's key initiative, bringing an Israeli shlichah to New Hampshire. Our committee works with the Jewish Agency in Israel to identify, interview candidates, and select a shlichah to come to New Hampshire. JFNH is proud to have chosen Shlichah

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## OBITUARIES

### Benjamin Jonathan Freedman

Ben Freedman passed peacefully Saturday evening, June 20, at home. He was surrounded by his wife Eileen, daughter Rebecca, and son-in-law, Thomas Driscoll.

Ben was born Benjamin Jonathan Freedman on April 19, 1954 in Steubenville, Ohio, son of Henrietta and the late Joseph Freedman. He was a graduate of Ohio University in 1976 with a BA in Fine Arts.

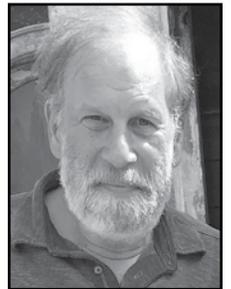
Soon after, he moved to New Hampshire, where he fostered his career, pursued many creative interests, raised his family, and impacted many peoples' lives. Prior to his retirement in 2018, he was the Technical Publications Manager at GL&V in Nashua.

Ben had a passion for photography, especially nature, and many of his beautiful pieces are displayed in his home. He loved music, attending concerts, and had a wealth of musical history knowledge. Another one of his passions was cooking. His Friday evening Shabbat dinners were delicious and shared by many.

He was an active and key member of Temple Beth Abraham. For over 35 years, he held many leadership positions. Ben always wanted to help others and volunteered at the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter several days a week. He was recently awarded the "Rockstar of the Year" volunteer award.

Ben is survived by his mother Henrietta Little Freedman, sister Marilyn Freedman, wife Eileen, daughter Rebecca (and Thomas) Driscoll, and step-children Adam (and Alison Bory) Levine, Julie (and Eric) Benson, Rachel Beckhardt (and Aaron) Hinchliffe, Jonathan Beckhardt, nephews, and many friends, who were like family to him. A highlight of his life was being "Papa Benny" to his grandchildren, Marty and Nathan Benson, and Theo, Eden, and Mara Hinchliffe.

A graveside funeral service was held on Monday, June 22 at the Temple Beth Abraham Cemetery in Nashua. Donations in his memory may be made to Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, and Home Health & Hospice Care.



#### How to submit an obituary

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 In Honor of Irma Wallin's passing from Joseph Peppe and Ulises Rosa  
 In memory of our dear friend Irma Wallin from Ed and Judy Siegel  
 Bernice Taube in memory of Irma Wallin  
 Pamela and Jay Cohen in memory of Irma Wallin  
 Madelyn Taube in honor of a lifelong friend Irma Wallin  
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 In memory of my dear friend, Irma Wallin. She will be missed. From Gina Koppel  
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 Arlene Kershaw in loving memory of Irma Wallin  
 Melanie and Scott Chismody in memory of Irma Wallin  
 Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation in Memory of Irma Wallin

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Pamela and Jay Cohen in memory of Ruth Granoff

### PJ Library

Carl and Martha Tomanelli in honor of Jay Madnick

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Avia Sagron, who has been living and working in New Hampshire since August, 2019. Avia, a trained Israeli Emissary, came to New Hampshire for a two year commitment. Avia has traveled throughout New Hampshire in her first year to meet, greet, and bring Israel programming directly to Jewish communities statewide.

Please join her and participate in the many exciting new Israel initiatives she is planning for 2020 -2021 for all segments of our statewide Jewish population, from children to adults.

This fall, we are proud to introduce our newest program, the Spotlight on Israel Film Series. Our committee will present a curated group of three compelling Israel-themed films, each with a post-film

speaker or discussion program. All films will be available from the comfort of your own home. Mark your calendars to see these special screenings: Film #1 on October 18, Film #2 on November 15, and Film #3 on December 20.

The Spotlight on Israel Film Series will be presented free of charge to our community. Donations to our committee for its programs are welcomed. The Spotlight on Israel Film Series sign-up information will be available and announced soon.

We look forward to your participation and valued support for the ongoing mission and program plans of the Israel Engagement and Education Committee to engage, educate and connect with Israel. We enthusiastically look forward to sharing ahavat Yisrael with our community!

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Republicans alike should hail today's Abraham Agreement. Today is a historic day — two allies of the US now become open strategic partners in the region to thwart Iran and other jihadists. It also signals further dramatic normalization between Arabs and Jews in the region."

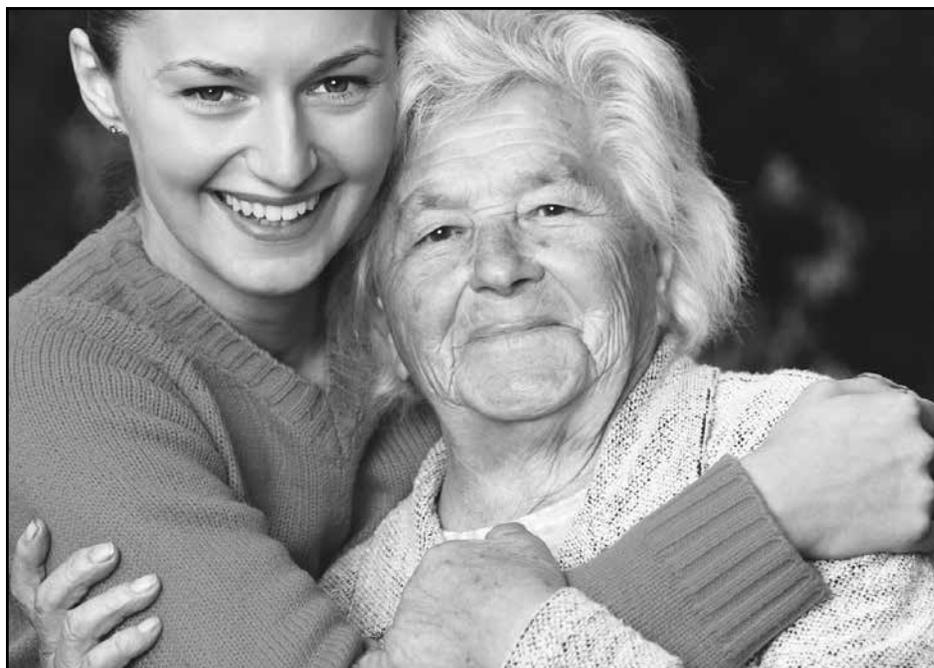
"Today's announcement is sending a message to the Palestinian people," it noted. "The peace train has left the station. Peace with Israel is within reach but only if Palestinians have leaders who are prepared to forever forswear violence and terrorism. Today, the Palestinian Authority no longer has veto power over

regional relations between Arab and the Jewish nations. It's time for the Palestinians to come to the peace table and directly negotiate with Jerusalem."

Board of Deputies of British Jews President Marie van der Zyl said, "I warmly welcome the normalization of ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates. This is a historic development and an important step for prosperity, peace and security in the region."

Pastor John Hagee, founder and chairman of Christians United for Israel, said, "This is an historic announcement. We consistently pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and today those prayers were answered in a big way."

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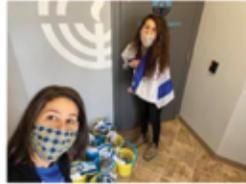


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For over 70 years, in times of triumph and times of despair, the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign has sustained our community. In addition to the investments we are making to directly assist people impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, we continue to offer support to anyone in need of social services.

- Stand up, speak out, educate and advocate against anti-Semitism
• Send children to Jewish summer camps and trips to Israel
• Program and educate with our Shlichah Avia Sagron
• Help families bring Jewish customs and values into their homes with PJ Library
• Present our Annual Jewish Film Festival (this year virtually!)

We can only continue to do this because of the Annual Campaign.

Now, more than ever, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is HERE FOR GOOD.

As you consider your level of support for the 2020-21 Campaign, please know that we are sincerely grateful for your gift. Every gift is important, and every dollar makes a difference. By making your pledge now, you are helping us maximize the resources we have available to invest into the community.

With Gratitude,

Judith, Tracy and Ken

Judith Jolton, Tracy Richmond and Ken Litvack
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